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Congratulations to the newly elected members of the 2009 AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors. Each will play a key role in designing the future and carrying forward the strategic plan for the Chapter. While the new board will not officially take office until January 1, 2009, our mid-year elections provide time for new board members to become familiar with the planning and objectives for the coming year. President Sean Coulter, AIA has already begun to determine the theme and the programs that will be implemented in 2009.

As for the remainder of this year, the Chapter still has a number of outstanding and important meetings and events planned. The Open House for our new downtown offices will be held on Monday, September 22nd, 6PM in Suite 175, Historic Fifth Street School. This year's Product Show is being held in conjunction with the StonExpo 2008 at Mandalay Bay on October 16th. The first annual AIA Nevada Design Conference, titled TRIPTYCH, will be held on November 7th and 8th at the beautiful Resort at Squaw Creek, Lake Tahoe. Also in November we will be joining with the USGBC to host a meeting for our combined memberships. And, on December 17th we will hold our annual End of the Year Holiday Celebration in the beautiful new auditorium in the Historic Fifth Street School, where the 2009 Board of Directors will be inducted into office.

Make your plans to support the Chapter and attend all these important events – RSVP to Kelly at [klavigne@aianeveda.org](mailto:klavigne@aianeveda.org)



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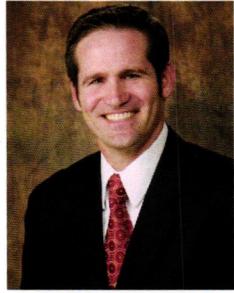
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**AIA LAS VEGAS  
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**The AIA Olympics**

So, what really comprises the AIA? Well, it's not just your local president, or the new downtown chapter office, or our cool AIA Logo or even Marshall Purnell, our national president. No...it's actually YOU. Ok... it's you, me, and the other 83,000 architects, associates and allied members in our organization. We make up the AIA -- what it is and what it stands for.

Our organization is just one example of how each member can make a society strong and viable, and is very reminiscent of how our country's athletes join together each Olympics to represent the pride of our great nation. It always inspires me how obvious this camaraderie is during the Olympics. Watching the games last month made me so very proud to be an American. My only problem was that I was sleep deprived for those two weeks being unable to turn off the TV each night and, unfortunately, going to bed around midnight or 1:00 a.m. But, if you're like me, you had to watch the "live" telecast. It just wasn't the same watching the tape delayed or DVR versions.....it had to be live, maybe because I wanted to enjoy the moment right when it happened and to feel like I was there with the medal winners.

I vividly recall back in 1976 when Bruce Jenner won the gold medal in the Decathlon and was crowned "the world's greatest athlete". For my ten-year old classmates and me, we were all Bruce Jenner wannabes. I daydreamed about being an Olympian and changing my name to Bruce "Decathlon" Hobaica. On the other hand, during those same Olympics, my wife believed that she and Nadia Comaneci were one and the same. I've heard the stories several times of when she and her girlfriends performed balance beam gymnastics on a wooden fence in her front yard.

Watching Michael Phelps win his record eight gold medals was mesmerizing. I think Mark Spitz summed it up best when he called his performance "epic". Michael has now been given the title "the greatest Olympian of all time". I agree that his performance was magnificent and very special not only for him but for you, me, and the other 300 million Americans who probably watched his world record feats on television.

I'm a little embarrassed to admit this, but just last week, I caught myself imagining that I was Michael Phelps while swimming in my backyard pool.....well maybe I'm missing the 6'-4" swimmer's body and his 0% body fat, but in my mind (with my eyes closed and no one watching), I am a swimming champion.

OK.....enough about the Olympics for now, but in a round-about way this all does relate to our AIA Chapter. If you aren't already aware, our own Olympic contest and deadline is the 19th of this month for all entries to be considered in the 2008 AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards Program. I encourage you to demonstrate your AIA spirit and submit your best projects in the competition. I hope you get involved in the program and allow your talent to shine.

Then in October we'll find out who designed "Nevada's greatest architecture" for the year. If it isn't already apparent to you, I do revel in your success, just like I did in Michael Phelps gold medals.....even more so when you and your firms design such great projects in Las Vegas or in the City of Henderson, where for some reason, I always seem to take extra pride and ownership.

As a reminder, make sure you come to the "Open House" event this month at our new AIA Las Vegas headquarters in the Downtown 5th Street School. You'll have a great opportunity to see what historic architecture is all about. This exceptional complex, originally designed and built over 70 years ago, has recently been revitalized and delicately modernized with the help of the talented individuals at **KGA ARCHITECTURE**.

I hope you all had a great summer and I'm looking forward to seeing each of you on September 22nd.....5:30pm.

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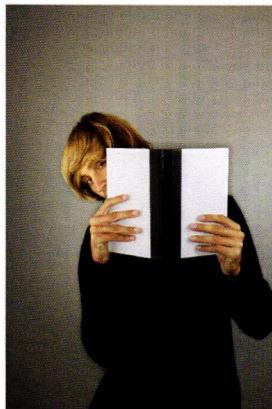
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## VEGAS VALLEY BOOK FESTIVAL

The City of Las Vegas Cultural Affairs Office will host the Vegas Valley Book Festival this fall, November 6-8. The UNLV Downtown Design Studio and AIA Las Vegas are supporters of the event.

The focus of this year's festival will be on 'architecture' and the three-day event will feature nationally known authors, book signings, exhibits, lectures, films and round-table discussions.

The festival events are scheduled to be held in a number of locations around the downtown area including the Fifth Street School, Clark County Library, The Arts District and Centennial Plaza.

For a full listing of events, authors and speakers please check the October issue of this newsletter.



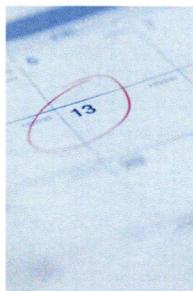
## ATTENTION EMERGING PROFESSIONALS, ASSOCIATES AND INTERNS

The AIA Las Vegas Emerging Professionals / Young Architects Forum has been organized for the purpose of addressing issues of particular importance to recently licensed architects and those aspiring to be licensed architects (Interns taking ARE exams or going through IDP).

The EP/YAF is very excited to announce the appointment of Jennifer Turchin with Energy and Environmental Solutions as the Vice Chair, and Michele Haynes with Gary Guy Wilson Studios as the Marketing Manager for the Forum. Please note the change in meeting time & location. The monthly meetings are now held on the Last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM at the Yard House at Town Square Mall. For EP/YAF sponsorship opportunities, please contact Deepika Padam, EP/YAF Chair.

The winners of EP/YAF Logo Design Competition will be announced in the AIA Las Vegas monthly meeting on September 22. The voting for People's Choice Award will also be held and announced then.

The forum is open to licensed architects, associates, interns, students, and even allied members! But, being an AIA member is not a requirement. Membership in the Young Architects Forum is for all who are interested in the profession. The next scheduled YAF meeting is for Wednesday, September 24th at the Yard House in Town Square. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Deepika Padam, AIA at 702.456.3000 or dpadam@tatesnyderkimsey.com.



## CONFIRMATION OF YOUR RSVP

The AIA Las Vegas policy on RSVP's for meetings is as follows: When you make your RSVP for the meeting (by phone or email), you will receive a confirmation from Kelly. If you are bringing a guest, please let us know the guest's name.

If you simply show up at the meeting without a confirmation, and you are not on the RSVP list, you will be charged for the meeting and will receive an invoice. Also, if you do RSVP for the meeting and then don't attend, you will be charged for the meeting.

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## HISTORIC FIFTH STREET SCHOOL

Were it not for **GEORGE GARLOCK, AIA**, the Las Vegas Chapter would not be settling into our beautiful new offices in the Historic Fifth Street School and preparing to launch a great new era for our members. At George's recommendation the City of Las Vegas invited the local AIA Chapter to be a tenant in the historic property along with the Nevada School for the Arts, the UNLV Downtown Design Studios, and the City of Las Vegas Cultural Affairs offices. **KGA ARCHITECTURE** was the firm selected to handle the renovation project and to work collaboratively with the Las Vegas Redevelopment Authority in restoring the school's original architecture, and the adaptive re-use of the building.

Back in 1936 when the school was built, Las Vegas Boulevard was known as Fifth Street. So when the original architects, Orville L. Clark and George K. Thompson, designed and built the Mission/Spanish Revival-style building to serve as the city's first permanent grammar school, it was named the "Fifth Street School". After years of service it was closed in the late 60's, and over the following years used by both Clark County and the City of Las Vegas for municipal offices. In 1988 the building was finally added to the National Historic Register and with the completion of KGA's renovation this year the school is now officially called the "Historic Fifth Street School".

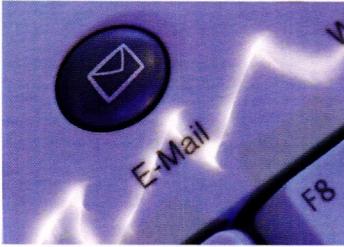
The original school consists of approximately 27,500 s.f. of space in multiple buildings connected by common roofs and breezeways. The primary goal of the project was to return the exterior of the structure to the same general appearance as its original 1936 design, but to incorporate the latest in technologies and materials and create interior spaces that are functional and meet tenant requirements as well as current building codes and design standards. New mechanical, electrical and plumbing equipment were incorporated into the plan and since the building is listed on the National Historic Register, the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse requirements, set by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, had to be met.



The exterior of the building's elements were rehabilitated to the original color and appearance, including the re-

creation of the doors and windows and roof tiles that were adapted to utilize contemporary materials, including low-energy glass, modern locking hardware, etc. In addition, modifications were made to comply with current structural, life safety, ADA and other code and regulation requirements.

KGA Architecture and the City's Redevelopment Office have provided our community with a beautiful, historic and cultural treasure. Help us to celebrate the dedication of the building and the AIA Open House on Monday, September 22nd.... At 5:30PM in the AIA Las Vegas Offices – Suite 175, 401 S. Fourth Street, Las Vegas, 89101 – RSVP to attend to Kelly Lavigne at [klavigne@aianevada.org](mailto:klavigne@aianevada.org).



## COMMUNICATING & CONNECTING

The keys to any successful organization are communication and connections. To maintain a strong connection to our members AIA Las Vegas increasingly relies upon e-mail as a primary communications

vehicle. We are also employing many online and email resources in order to be certain that we are reaching our members and providing vehicles through which they can communicate with us. To be effective, members must be aware of how AIA information will be sent to them, so that they can respond as needed. Check out the following tools:

**ZOOMERANG** – Surveys, ballots and questions that need quick response may be sent to you via zoomerang. Watch for and respond quickly to these emails. *Please do not “opt-out” as it is not possible to reverse an “opt-out” and you will then not receive any future updates/communications sent using this site.*

**CONSTANT CONTACT** – This tool allows us to send event reminders to you and will assist us in keeping our members informed of current happenings in the chapter. *Please do not “opt-out” as it is not possible to reverse an “opt-out” and you will then not receive any future updates/communications sent using this site.*

**EMAIL NOTICES & REMINDERS** – Membership meetings, C.E programs, and events that require RSVP response will be sent to you via email so that you can share this information with others in your office, and can RSVP your attendance.

**WEBSITES** – AIA Las Vegas and AIA Nevada have new websites, and each provides an abundance of information on the chapter. Please visit the [www.aianeveda.org](http://www.aianeveda.org) site for information on Design and Service Awards Program, Legislative issues, Blueprint for Nevada and other statewide activities. Due to be completed/updated by the end of August, [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org) provides information on purchasing documents, publications (most importantly our online Directory and Resource Guide), sponsorship & advertising opportunities, and an updated calendar of events including the product show, membership meetings and CE luncheons.

**THE FORUM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** – The main method of communication is mailed to members each month, and will also be available online at [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org) when the new site is completed later this month. Advertising and editorial content welcomed. Go to [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org) for more information.

**ARCHITECTURE LAS VEGAS MAGAZINE** – This annual publication is a key communications tool with members, affiliated organizations, related design professionals and the whole Las Vegas community. Go to [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org) for more information.

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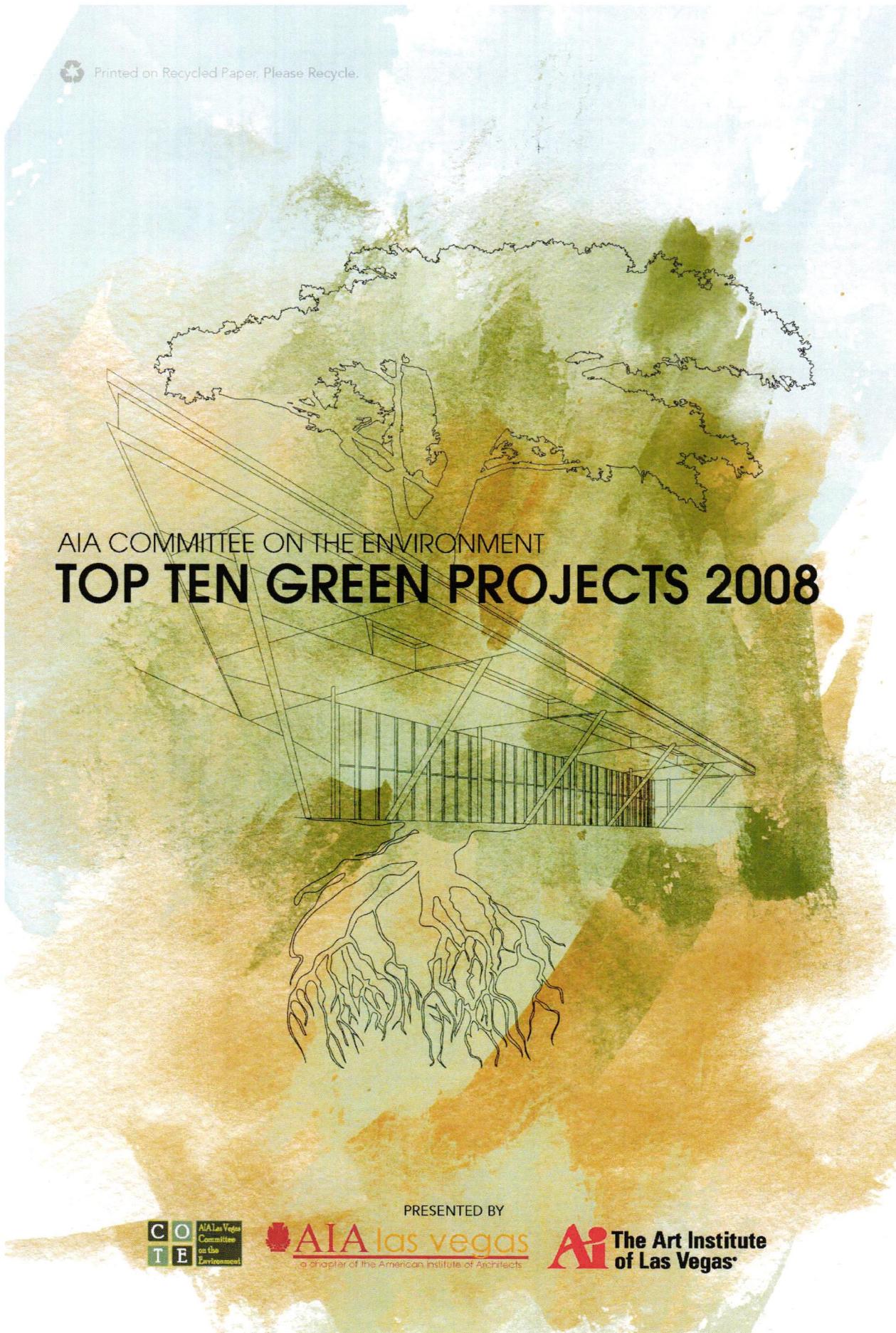


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## SCHOOL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DESIGN ADDED TO LAS VEGAS 2020 MASTER PLAN

The Las Vegas City Council adopted two elements to its master plan Wednesday. The School Facilities and Community Design Elements are two of 18 master plan elements that are required by state of Nevada statute.

The School Facilities Element describes the school systems and facilities located in the city of Las Vegas and sets forth goals, policies and programs that encourage decision-makers to provide support for these facilities and ensure that they are easily accessible to the public.

The School Facilities Element encourages a joint planning effort between the city of Las Vegas and the Clark County School District. The city will coordinate the notification of a proposed school's neighborhood prior to its design and development to ensure community involvement. The city's zoning code, Title 19, is proposed to be amended to require a special use permit and site development review for primary and secondary schools located within the city. Lastly, the city supports the design of community schools to enable public use of school recreational facilities and open space.

The Community Design Element of the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan replaces the original Urban Design Element which was adopted in April 1992. Since 1992, the city has implemented several programs considering urban design matters in the city's zoning and subdivision regulations, and development and design standards.

Additionally, urban design guidelines have been developed for street, highway, trail, transit and parking facilities, housing programs, historic districts and sites. Finally, landscape standards have been developed for public and private projects. The practice of urban design has evolved to embrace provisions for citizens' health and safety, and environmental sustainability through sound resource conservation and management practices.

The elements key will be accomplished by amending the Las Vegas Zoning Code Title 19 to:

- Create development standards for Transit Oriented Design to improve transportation connectivity to reduce the use of automobiles, fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions, foster a healthy lifestyle and minimize the amount of land used for development.
- Create a form-based code, a type of zoning code that utilizes graphics to illustrate zoning regulations, with an emphasis on the form and scale of buildings to improve community design standards, establish neighborhood identities and context, and enhance the appropriate mix of uses and connectivity within and between neighborhoods and/or districts.
- Establish guidelines and standards for infill and new development that support sustainable growth through resource conservation and management.

For more information about these elements, contact Planning Manager Flinn Fagg, Planning & Development Department at (702)229-6301. The elements will be posted on the city Web site, [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov), in the near future.



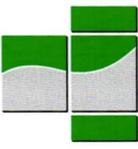
## WATERSMART INNOVATIONS CONFERENCE & EXPO

Registration for the WaterSmart Innovations Conference and Exposition, scheduled for October 8-10 at the South Point Hotel and Casino is \$390.

Las Vegas locals can receive an additional \$50 discount off the full conference registration by using the code "local50" when registering. Locals also can receive an expo-only admission of \$35 (a savings of \$40) by using "localexpo" when registering.

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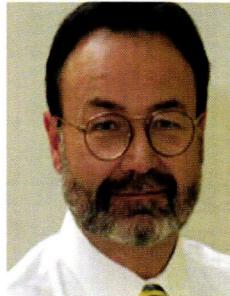
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**AIA Nevada at the National Clean Energy Summit**

Hosted by Nevada Senator Harry Reid, Las Vegas was home to the first annual National Clean Energy Summit on August 18th and 19th. Sponsored by Senator Reid, the Center for American Progress, and the University of Nevada Las Vegas, the focus of the summit was on policy issues that promote clean energy production in the United States, to a great degree, with Nevada at the epicenter of this vision.

During the first evening of the summit Senator Reid shared some opening remarks, after which President William Jefferson Clinton addressed the approximately 2,000 attendees. For the most part of two hours President Clinton spoke to the necessity of changing our present course of energy production to the creation of a low-carbon economy. Point by point Mr. Clinton addressed the audience, primarily of energy experts, addressing them on their own turf citing facts and outlining a ten point policy program. The President spoke for the need to capture the public's imagination by creating a vision which they can hold, much like the race to the moon in the 1960's. He shared his vision of 100% self-sufficient pockets throughout the world with "Nevada as the Saudi Arabia of renewable energy."

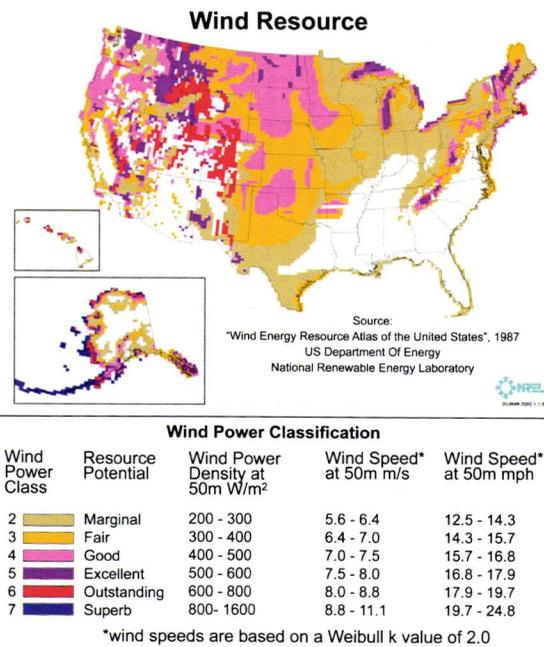
Day two of the summit continued the high profile affair with oil billionaire T. Boone Pickens sharing his rationale as to his recent change of heart (and as he put it, no he's not terminal) and the "Pickens' plan. Based on natural gas as a bridge, and a focus on wind energy, Mr. Pickens believes we can rid our country's dependence on foreign oil within a very short time frame and create an economy based on renewables (pickensplan.org).

A common theme of the summit certainly was the environmental benefits of a carbon neutral economy, but an overarching concern was the United States increasing need for energy and the fact that we now import over 70% of oil, purchasing it mainly from hostile nations or countries supporting terrorist activities.

The many speakers and panelist during the summit, which included the Governors of Arizona, Colorado and Utah, also see the new green economy as the path to future economic growth and stability. Economist Robert Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury during the Clinton Administration, cites the current energy crisis as creating a "global wealth shift" generating political instability around the world. Further, many representatives from business and labor see the green economy as a path for growing greater number of more diverse jobs, requiring technology based training and education, returning \$6 to local economies for every one dollar of investment.

One of the highlights of the summit was the plea by Mr. Van Jones for us not to lose sight of the social inequality which exists, in part, from the disproportionate distribution of wealth created by high energy costs. As President and founder of Green for All, an environmental organization based in Oakland, California, Mr. Jones is a champion of "green collar" jobs creating opportunities for disadvantaged people, focusing on a pathway out of poverty while greatly expanding the coalition fighting global warming.

Architect Edward Mazria, AIA presented Architecture 2030 and the great possibilities for a carbon neutral future while creating opportunities in the renewable energy and construction industries. Mr. Mazria also presented Architecture 2030's compelling science against reliance



on coal power for our nation's future energy needs. It was good to see that architects are viewed as a primary component of the future energy and economic solutions by a group made up of politicians, economists, scientists, and business leaders.

The State of Nevada was also well represented by State Senators Randolph Townsend and Dina Titus. Senator Townsend led a panel of business leaders in a discussion of efficiency and renewable energy in the private sector. Senator Titus shared her vast knowledge and experience as a leader in energy policy and legislation.

Looking to the election this fall and beyond to next year's state legislative session some of the primary policy points that permeated through the summit were:

- The passing of the continuation of the federal tax credits- this has to happen, call your congressmen and senators-I've written about this one in the past.
- The time extension for tax credits extending them from two years, to eight to ten year periods.
- The passing of a cap and trade system, or some type of carbon tax levied on carbon producers.
- Low interest loans and loan guarantees for renewable energy products and applications. These loans can be secured as performance based on savings on utility bills, underwritten by utilities.
- Support utility de-coupling and peak use pricing to allow utilities to benefit from conservation measures, and to bill those high demand low conserving energy users appropriately.
- The support of a high transmission green energy grid across the nation-this is seen as a necessary requirement for an ultimate national green economy.
- No taxes on green energy products' profits for a period of ten years.
- Development of national standards for green energy products-a must for product compatibility.
- Tax breaks for hybrids, electric and hydrogen vehicles, and more funding for the R&D of these types of vehicles.

Closing remarks were given by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, sharing a vision of sustainability for his city. Mayor Bloomberg strongly encourages all cities to follow in NYC's commitment to greening their communities. Mr. Bloomberg expressed disappointment in past policies and current leadership, but paints a bright future for his city; a future based on a green economy creating a vibrant livable community.

In closing, this dialog should be led by architects as political leaders. We are the ones that see the whole vision of what can be. We in the AIA and the architecture profession must accept the challenge in educating all we come in contact with, in developing the green designs and taking the lead in the new green/carbon neutral economy. We must contact our political leaders and demand they embrace this vision for the good of our country; for the good of our planet; for the future of our children, grandchildren and generations beyond. The opportunity is tremendous, the time is now.

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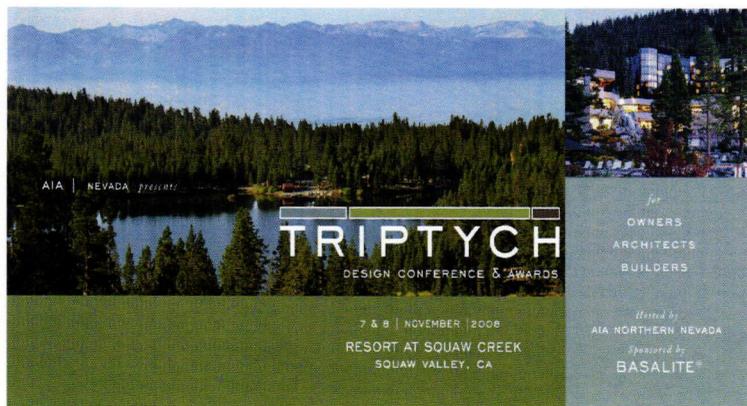
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If you haven't already registered for TRIPTYCH, now is the time to do it. Make your plans now to attend AIA Nevada's first annual Design Conference, and take advantage of the excellent opportunities to secure those valuable AIA C.E. and HSW credits before the end of the year.

This year's conference is hosted by AIA Northern Nevada Chapter and the theme..... "TRIPTYCH".....means the power of three.... owner / architect / builder – working in unison -- each contributing their creative skills and visions in order to achieve excellence in the completed project. The conference will explore the power of the collaborative effort in the design and construction process, and investigate the contributions of each team member and the cohesive alliances that result in excellence.

TRIPTYCH will be two days of valuable AIA approved courses providing 8.5 CE credits, and culminating in the 2008 AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, November 8th. The conference also offers excellent networking and social events including tours of the famous Thunderbird Lodge, designed by Fredrick De Longchamps, one of the first great architects of Nevada. Special Guest Speakers and programs include "Beyond Sustainable Design" presented by David Edjidi of The Weidt Group; "Integrated Project Delivery" by Robert J. Hartung, DBIA; Buildings Under Extreme Loads – Energy and Impact", by John D. Osterass, Ph.D., P."E. "Project Practice Relationships" with HDR Architecture, Steven Ehrlich Architects and Sundt Construction; and "Design Driven and Excellence Is Possible" by Eddie Jones, Jones Studio, Phoenix, AZ.

November 7 and 8, at the Resort at Squaw Creek located in the beautiful Olympic Valley, CA. – on the west shore of Lake Tahoe, NV. To register for the conference go to [www.aiann.org](http://www.aiann.org) or [www.aianeveda.org](http://www.aianeveda.org).

**2008 AIA NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AWARDS**

Enter your firm's projects in the 2008 AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Award. Entry Forms and Submittal Instructions are available online at [www.aianeveda.org](http://www.aianeveda.org). This year's Excellence in Design Awards program will follow the criteria established by the Institute's Honor Awards program. Categories include Architecture, Interior Architecture, Regional and Urban Design and Collaborative Achievement. There is no limit to the number of projects that may be entered by a firm, however entries must be submitted by the Firm of Record, or the Architect of Record and must have been completed since January 1, 2003. Entry fee is \$200.00 per project and the timeline will be as follows:

**DEADLINES FOR DESIGN AWARDS**

Deadline for Submittal Binders & Boards – September 19, 2008  
 For an additional fee of \$100.00 per entry you can purchase a late submittal which will be due on September 23, 2008

Design Awards Jury – September 26, 2008

Award Recipients Notified during the week of September 29, 2008

Design Conference & Awards Banquet – November 8, 2008 – 6:00PM – Resort at Squaw Creek, located in Olympic Village on the west shores of Lake Tahoe, NV.



**AIA WEBSITES**

AIA Nevada has a brand new website – Check it out at [www.aianeveda.org](http://www.aianeveda.org).

A new site for AIA Las Vegas is currently under construction and will be available this summer. In the meantime stay updated on all Chapter news at [www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org).

AIA Northern Nevada is a busy chapter these days, preparing for the upcoming 2008 Design Conference and Awards. Check out the activities in the North at [www.aiann.org](http://www.aiann.org).

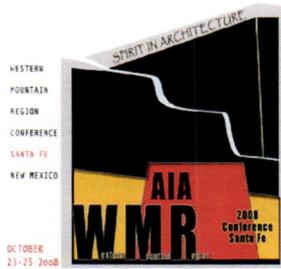
**BLUEPRINT FOR NEVADA AVAILABLE ONLINE**

AIA Nevada's resource guide for enhancing and improving our communities -- Blueprint for Nevada – has been published and your copy is now available for downloading from the [www.aianeveda.org](http://www.aianeveda.org) website. Copies of the book are being distributed to the policy makers across the state in an effort to provide information and resources that will help them to create a more livable and sustainable state.

To register for the conference go to [www.aiann.org](http://www.aiann.org)

**CALL FOR ENTRIES**

Enter your firm's projects in the 2008 AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Award. Please go to [www.aianeveda.org](http://www.aianeveda.org) for information on categories, criteria, entry forms, fees and deadlines.



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will include Travis Price, AIA, Richard J. Jackson, MD MPH and Marshall Purnell, FAIA, national AIA president. Registration, hotel and travel information will be e-mailed and is posted to the [www.aianewmexico.org](http://www.aianewmexico.org) website.



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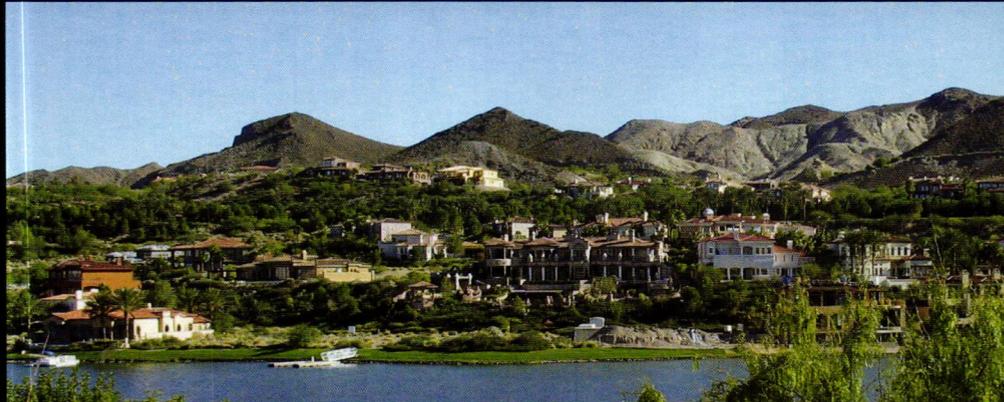
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The AIA national advertising campaign "Walk the Walk" positions architects as the "go-to" experts on sustainability to help affect change and improvement for the environment. In support of the campaign and to equip members with an informational tool, GreenStep, a series of twelve Webisodes on the benefits of green architecture and choosing an AIA Architect, launched the first episode at the beginning of July and will feature a new one bi-weekly until December 8. To view, go to the "Walk the Walk" homepage.

## WHY HAVEN'T YOU TAKEN THE PLEDGE YET?



At the beginning of the year, AIA Las Vegas issued a challenge to all AIA Members asking them to go to the [www.architecture2030.com](http://www.architecture2030.com) site and take the pledge to work toward building a more sustainable world.

We want to be the first AIA Chapter to have all members take the pledge and several have already done so. But not all. We're wondering why? Is it because you do not believe your commitment will make a difference? Do you believe that together we can achieve carbon neutrality by 2030? Whatever the reason won't you please let us know. Perhaps there is some clarification or information we can provide.

There are almost 1,000 AIA members in Nevada .... Let's join together and take the pledge. It's good for all of us.



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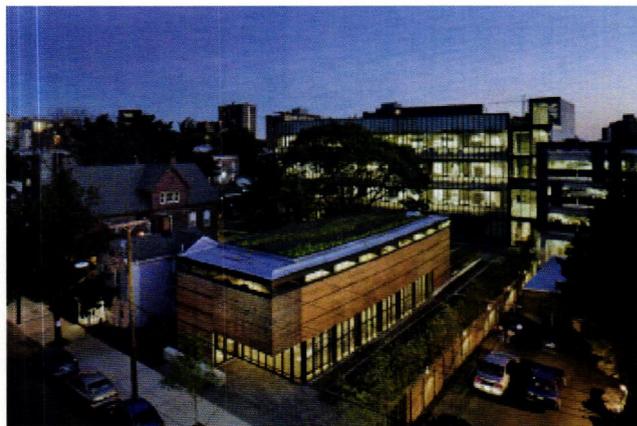
**AIA COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT TOP TEN GREEN PROJECTS 2008**

Join us to celebrate the AIA Committee on the Environment's Top Ten Green Projects of 2008, on display at The Art Institute of Las Vegas Gallery (2350 Corporate Circle Henderson) from September 8 - October 20. Gallery hours Monday - Friday, 8am to 8pm Saturday, 9am to 4pm. Opening reception Thursday, September 11, 6:30pm - 8:30pm For more information, call 702.369.9944

This year's selections are a showcase of sustainable design approaches that balance functional aesthetics with environmental consciousness. Each winning design has been evaluated under a comprehensive list of measures from community connectivity, to energy efficiency, to longevity of purpose. Those that have risen to the top of the AIA/COTE list for 2008 are examples of successful programs that, through extensive collaboration, have achieved low-impact structures that fuse architectural excellence with environmental stewardship.

**2008 Top Ten Award Winners**

- Yale University Sculpture Building and Gallery (KieranTimberlake Associates, LLP) New Haven, CT
- Queens Botanical Garden Visitor & Administration Center (BKSK Architects) Flushing, NY
- Pocono Environmental Education Center (Bohlin Cywinski Jackson) Dingmans Ferry, PA
- Nueva School Hillside Learning Complex (Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects) Hillsborough, CA
- Macallen Building Condominiums (Burt Hill with Office dA) Boston, MA
- Lavin-Bernick Center (VJAA) New Orleans, LA
- Garthwaite Center for Science and Arts, Cambridge School of Weston (Architerra, Inc.) Weston, MA
- Discovery Center at South Lake Union (The Miller | Hull Partnership) Seattle, WA
- Cesar Chavez Library (Line and Space, LLC) Laveen, AZ
- Aldo Leopold Legacy Center (The Kubala Washatko Architects, Inc.) Baraboo, WI



**YALE SCULPTURE BUILDING AND GALLERY**

**Overview**

- Location: New Haven, CT
- Building type(s): Higher education, Interpretive Center
- New construction
- 62,000 sq. feet (5,760 sq. meters)
- Project scope: 3 4-story buildings
- Urban setting
- Completed September 2007
- Rating: U.S. Green Building Council LEED-NC, v.2/v.2.1--Level: Platinum (52 points)

The Yale Sculpture Building and Gallery complex includes three new buildings: the four-story Sculpture Building, the one-story storefront gallery, and a four-story parking garage. The Gallery and parking structure reestablish the perimeter block, while the Sculpture Building acts as a lantern, illuminating the core. The Sculpture Building provides three floors of individual and group studios above a ground floor and basement of classrooms, machine shops, and administrative spaces. The Gallery will be used for year-end shows, ongoing exhibitions, and lectures. The parking garage features retail, restaurant, and Yale Security Services space and will rent out space on the ground floor. The Sculpture Building and Gallery comprise 62,000 square feet; with the parking structure (including retail space) the total project floor area is 197,000 square feet. This project was chosen as an AIA Committee on the Environment Top Ten Green Project for 2008. It was submitted by KieranTimberlake Associates, LLP, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Additional project team members are listed on the "Process" screen.

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas are pleased to work with the following Affiliated Organizations

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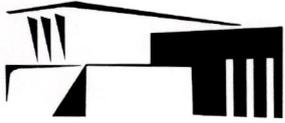
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The ASL has purchased licensing that allows access to the International

Building Code online! If you are not a UNLV student or faculty however, you will have to be in the library in order to access it. We only purchased licensing for five simultaneous users until we get an idea how many people are interested in using the online version.

**NEW LIGHT BOX PURCHASED FOR STUDENT USE**

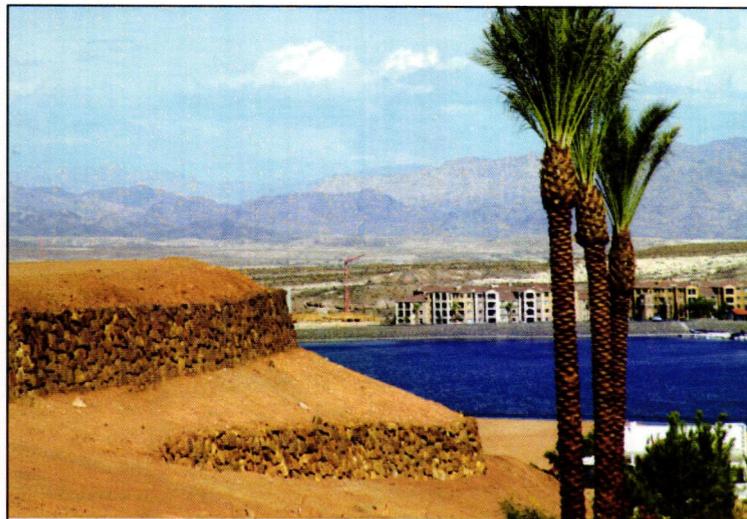
At the request of the students, we've purchased an 18" x 24" light box. It can be used for viewing slides or tracing projects. (The light box is on a table near the stairs, right behind our small media viewing station.)

**RECENT DVDs**

We have obtained Architects at Work (NA712 A73 2006) and Pritzker Prize-Winning Architects (NA2335 P755 2001) as well as many other DVDs. We have set up a the display in the Architecture studies Library to give you a sampling of our DVD collection.!

**FALL EXHIBITS**

Currently our schedule shows the Spring Best of Jury up until September 10, the Student Art Show exhibit up September 11-October 20, the COTE Green Projects exhibit up October 22-November 30, and the Fall Best of Jury from December 15-Jan. 31. Events and Exhibits are listed on our web site <http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/events/>.



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**To register for TRIPTYCH or get more information, go to [www.aiannn.org](http://www.aiannn.org).**

**AGC LAS VEGAS OFFERS CE ON HVAC SYSTEMS**

"The Basics of Commercial HVAC Systems" CE Class will be held at the AGC Las Vegas on September 16th from 8am - Noon. The class provides architects with an overview of commercial HVAC systems, how they work, and why they are selected for various building types. Includes how to obtain LEED points from the HVAC system. Class is approved for 4 hours of CE/HSW. Please see "classified and Seminars" at [www.agclv.org](http://www.agclv.org) or call Linda Gibson at 702.796.9986 for more information.



**TRACK YOUR C.E. CREDITS**

Last year, through membership meetings, lunchtime learning, and various events, AIA Las Vegas provided 33 different opportunities for members to get their required LU's and HSW's. If you had attended them all you would have accumulated 42.5 LU's and 33 HSW credits. That is more than sufficient to maintain your AIA membership and to meet the requirements of most states for licensure renewal.

In 2008, we have planned several more events to provide more C.E. opportunities. AIA Las Vegas makes it very easy for you to meet your requirements. All you have to do is sign-in (and sign-out) at each of the C.E. programs just to verify your attendance. Your attendance is then registered with AIA National and your credits are recorded.

All of the programs provided by the Chapter are registered with the AIA Continuing Education Division. You can easily check the progress of your credits by going to the [aia.org](http://aia.org) website, select the continuing education button, enter your member number and you will have a complete listing of your C.E. and HSW Credits.

And don't forget.....*You should keep a record of each one of the C.E. programs you attend so that you can compare it with your online record at AIA National.* That way you'll always know exactly how many credits you have earned.

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**SCHEDULE:**

October 8th – Mechanical – Presenter: Karl Petroff, PE, LEED AP  
 October 15th – Mechanical – Presenter: Karl Petroff, PE, LEED AP  
 October 22nd – Electrical – Presenter: David Rushforth, PE, LEED AP  
 November 5th – Electrical – Presenter: David Rushforth, PE, LEED AP  
 November 12th – Fire and Acoustics – Presenter: TBA

**TIME:**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

5th Street School Auditorium/Gallery  
 401 S. 4th Street, Downtown Las Vegas

**RSVP:**

Deepika Padam, AIA at [dpadam@tatesnyderkimsey.com](mailto:dpadam@tatesnyderkimsey.com)

**CE'S BEING OFFERED AT THE AIA LAS VEGAS**

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We've created even greater learning experiences for you this year by partnering with the StonExpo 2008. The AIA Las Vegas Product Show will be held on Thursday, October 16th in the South Pacific Ballroom at Mandalay Bay Conference Center.

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**ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS & RECENT GRADS LOOKING FOR INTERN OPPORTUNITIES**

AIA Las Vegas has received several calls from UNLV students who are seeking firms that have intern positions available. If you have intern positions currently available and would like us to refer these inquiries to your firm, please contact Debi Raffi at [draffi@aianevada.org](mailto:draffi@aianevada.org) or call 702.895.0936.

**2008 CE LUNCHEONS**

September 25 - Date Cancelled

October 30 - "Prefinished Steel Door Frames"  
 Presented by Roger Mcguire of Dunbarton Door & Entry Security  
 - Location TBA

November 13 - Hosted by Schirmer Engineering. Program and Location TBA

December 12 - Hosted by Nathan Emens and Terracon.  
 Program and Location TBA

**FALL 2008 KLAI JUBA LECTURE SERIES**

All lectures will be held at the new UNLV School of Architecture Downtown Design Center at the Fifth Street School, 401 South 4th Street, Las Vegas, NV. Reception 6pm | Lecture 7pm

**SEP 3 | MICHAEL MINER**

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**SEP 17 | ROBERT DORGAN**

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**OCT 1 | STEVE VAN GORP**

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - LAS VEGAS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**OCT 15 | KENNEDY LAWSON SMITH**

DIRECTOR - COMMUNITY LAND USE ECONOMICS GROUP (THE CLUE GROUP), ALEXANDRIA, VA

**OCT 29 | RONALD H.L.M. RAMSAY**

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN - NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

**NOV 6 | MATTHEW COOLIDGE**

DIRECTOR - CENTER FOR LAND USE INTERPRETATION, CULVER CITY, CA

**NOV 7 | CHRIS WILSON**

J.B. JACKSON PROFESSOR OF CULTURAL LANDSCAPE, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

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**THOMAD ENGINEERING** announced the completion of their 5th Findlay Auto Dealership. Findlay Toyota was completed in June 2008 and is located



on Auto Show Drive and Eastgate Road in Henderson. THOMAD Engineering was the structural engineer for the 125,000 SF Auto Dealership located on 15 acres. This state of the art dealership consists of a one story showroom with loft and customer lounge, two story administrative offices and a one hundred bay service garage with parts storage. The structural system is cast in place with aluminum panels, type II steel and concrete construction. **YWS ARCHITECTS** served as project architect and Addison Construction was the general contractor.



**DIANE M. FIORELLI, P.E.**, Geotechnical Engineer, has been promoted to Project Engineer at **LANGAN ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**. She has been at Langan for over 8 years, and is a Professional Engineer in NV, CA and NY. Ms Fiorelli's experience includes foundation design and analysis for commercial retail developments, private residential high rise and low-rise structures, park facilities, public and private schools, interchanges, and waterfront structures. Ms. Fiorelli has an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

**NICHOLAS GURA, P.E.** and **ERIK MAYR, E.I.T.**, of Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, attended the Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards (FEMA 154) and Postearthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings (ATC-20) training seminar. They are now prepared to help our community or neighboring communities in the event of an earthquake by assisting in a safety evaluation for damaged or suspected damaged buildings, homes as well as other structural or non structural elements.

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- 12  
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- 17  
SERVICE AWARD LETTERS OF SUPPORT DUE
- 19  
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DESIGN AWARD SUBMITTALS & BOARDS DUE
- 24  
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- 26  
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- 24  
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## OCTOBER

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AIA NV Ex COM MEETING
- 14  
AIA LV BOARD MEETING
- 16  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING/PRODUCT SHOW  
MANDALAY BAY CONFERENCE CENTER  
SOUTH PACIFIC BALLROOM
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