

BUSINESS LEADER MARYKAYE CASHMAN AND SENATOR MICHAEL SCHNEIDER PRESENTED WITH THE AIA NEVADA LIVABLE COMMUNITY AWARD

In 2006, the Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) established the AIA Nevada Livable Community Award, designed to recognize those individuals, outside the architectural profession, whose dedication, commitment and contributions to the beauty, arts and culture, safety and livability of our communities have made Nevada a better place to live.



On Monday, April 13th at the AIA Las Vegas Kick-Off Celebration for Architecture Week, MaryKaye Cashman and Nevada State Senator Michael Schneider were each presented with the AIA Nevada Livable Community Award.

Ms. Cashman, owner of Cashman Equipment, was recognized for her commitment to building a better community. She currently serves as President of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Las Vegas. Her support and advocacy for education on all levels is also demonstrated by her work with the UNLV Foundation, and the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering. As an example of her commitment to the sustainability of our community,

MaryKaye was also recognized for the design elements of her newly relocated business, Cashman Equipment. "As a respected business leader, MaryKaye increased the awareness of sustainability in the workplace, and has championed its benefits for our community as well as for workers and employees" states Curt Carlson, AIA, President of AIA Nevada. "Her belief in the benefits of building sustainability is beautifully demonstrated in the design and construction of the new Cashman Equipment headquarters as a LEED Gold building. It is an excellent example of what can be done to create a healthier and more sustainable workplace."

State Senator Michael "Mike" Schneider was honored with the AIA Nevada Livable Community Award due to his tireless efforts to enact laws that protect and enhance the quality of life for all citizens. Says Carlson, "His vision with regard to transportation, housing and renewable energy is leading the way to a better Nevada and his advocacy on behalf of homeowners has set a higher standard and benefitted all communities throughout Nevada." Adding, "Senator Schneider is an excellent role model, a great ambassador for Nevada and a true humanitarian who gives back to the community through deeply heartfelt and meaningful actions."



Past recipients of this award include: Lamar Marchese (founding president of Nevada Public Radio), Hal Rothman (Professor of History at UNLV), Elton Dale Scheideman (Former Director of New Schools and Facility Planning for CCSD), Senator Harry Reid, The Andre Agassi Foundation, Congresswoman Shelley Berkley, The Junior League of Las Vegas and Mayors James Gibson (Henderson) and Oscar Goodman (Las Vegas).

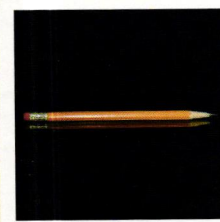
If you know, work with, or are affiliated with an individual, organization or firm that you think should be recognized for their efforts to make our community a better place, please submit their name and the reasons for your nomination to Randy Lavigne at rlavigne@aianeveda.org. The AIA Nevada Executive Committee will review the nominations monthly, and will select individuals or organizations to be recognized.



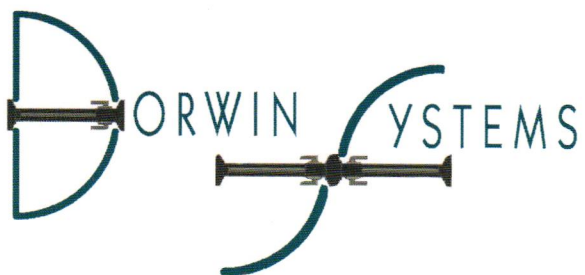
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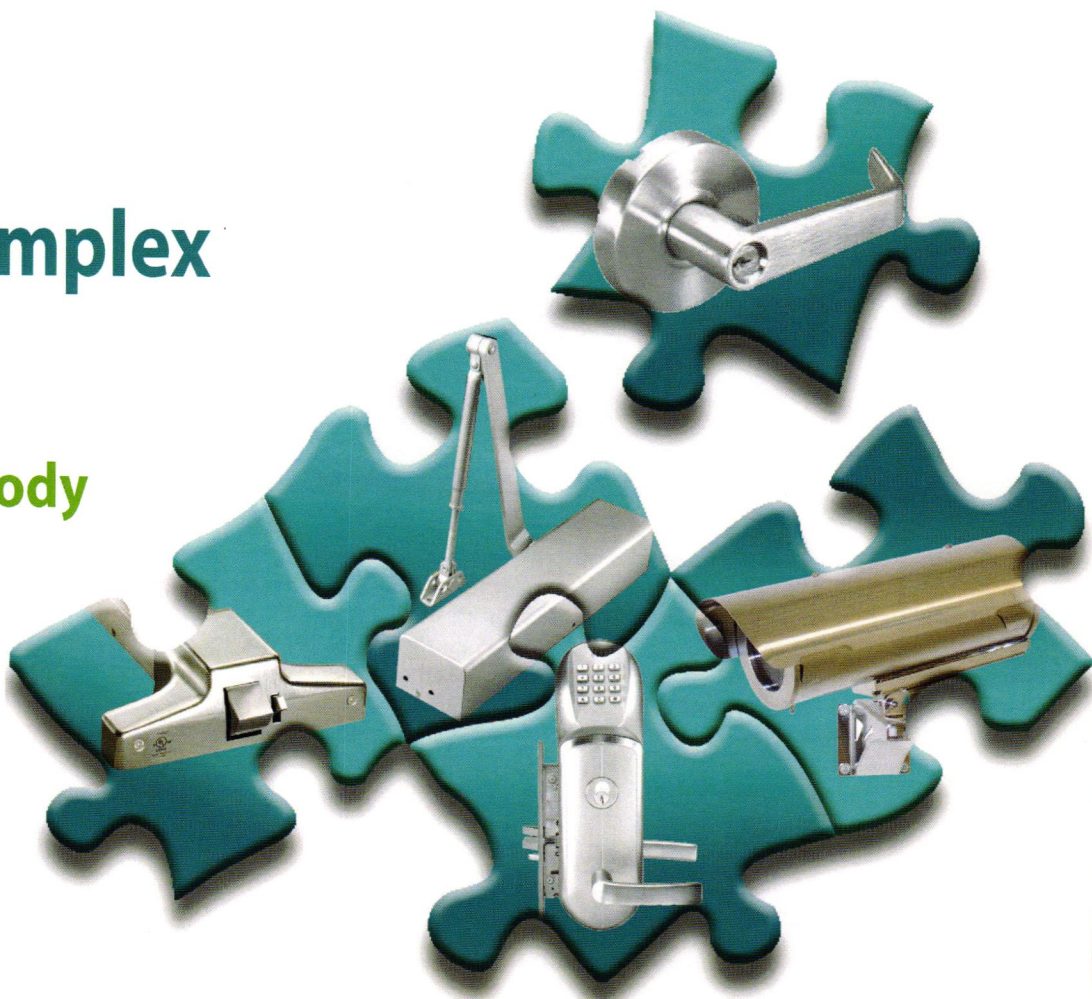
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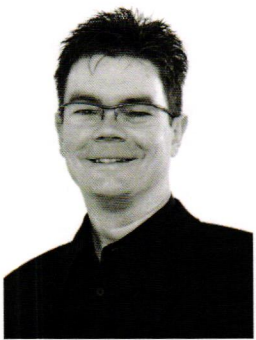
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**AIA LAS VEGAS
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**
SEAN COULTER, AIA

This month we are doing something a bit different for our monthly membership meeting. We will be going on a walking tour of downtown Las Vegas seeing what the city has to offer with the old and new. This will be interesting as we will see older buildings such as the Fifth Street School and Post Office and newer ones, such as the Federal Courthouse across the street from 5th Street School and many other projects around the downtown area. It is somewhat sad for me to say but in our car centric city, this will be a welcome repose that will temporarily change our daily perspective of the

downtown "experience"; at least for the people on the tour that don't work downtown. I hope that this will be a different and exciting experience for those that chose to let their feet do the walking!

This brings up an issue that has been discussed many times, and yes, I want to bring it up again, what is it with our obsession with the car? I will be the first to admit that I would find it very difficult to do my job without my own means of transportation. But doesn't the city somewhat dictate the need for private automobiles; with its sprawling suburbanite density and large vacant spaces? Distances are too great and destinations too diverse to have a truly efficient mode of public transportation that is time effective, but I think that can change. I once taught a studio at UNLV that examined scale and the city. One group of students was tasked to overlay a map of New York City (Manhattan in particular) on the top of a map of Las Vegas. Manhattan meagerly engulfed an area from The Strip to Pecos and Tropicana to Sunset, roughly 1x4 miles. This is with a population greater than the entire Las Vegas Valley. Keep in mind that I have to drive 25 miles from Henderson to my mother-in-law's house near Aliante (I'm not necessarily saying that is a bad thing!). Though this is an extreme comparison, this does start to show how our suburban lifestyle needs a lot of space to exist. Wouldn't it be nice if we could start to see some density in the valley that began to create some synergy and an urban lifestyle? Well, some people are working on solving this dilemma.

I believe this is a great time to re-examine our city and how it will grow from this point forward. As we wait out the recession, we should be thinking about the future and what that means to Las Vegas. We should be examining ways to bring density to the city; yes, it will be a while before new dense development is needed, but that shouldn't stop us from laying the groundwork for a city in the 21st century. Las Vegas can be a city that is sustainable (in all senses of the word) and one where design truly matters and impacts us on a phenomenological level. We should be getting the word out on our Blueprint for Nevada and what it means to be in a livable community and we should be educating the public about the importance of architecture and the need for meaningful sensitive design.

So before I went off on a rant about cars and the city, I was talking about events this month. The last event I want to mention is a biggie, the AIA National Convention in San Francisco. We will have a good turnout from our local chapter as the conference is somewhat close to us and it's San Francisco, you can't beat that. This year's theme is The Power of Diversity: Practice in a Complex World. As with all AIA conferences, it's a great time to catch up on your learning units. I hope to see you in San Francisco, it should be groovy!

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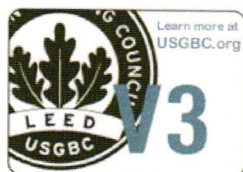
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MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

ART AND ARCHITECTURE IN DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS

When is the last time you took a walk downtown? The City of Las Vegas has great plans and you've probably never simply walked around some of our most impressive structures. In May, when the weather is nice, you'll get a chance to have a relaxing walk with friends around the city and get caught up on how our city is developing. We'll meet at 5:00PM on Wednesday, May 20th at the Historic Fifth Street School for a brief reception. Then, everyone will be given a "Walking Tour Map" highlighting interesting sites in the downtown. You'll be on your own to plan out your personal tour and you can stroll at your leisure around the Regional Justice Center, the Federal Courthouse, the Morelli House, the Las Vegas High School, City Hall, . Just be sure you end up at the old Post Office (Post Modern) on Stewart Street by 7:00PM, where we'll get a special tour of the facility by Sam Tolman, AIA. Project Manager for the Redevelopment Office project. You'll need to RSVP by going to the www.aialasvegas.org website. Wear comfortable shoes and we'll see you there.



JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

LEED V3

In June, we've invited the members of USGBC to join us as we learn more about the LEEDv3 program.

Since its pilot testing in April 1998, LEED has evolved to become the nation's benchmark for high-performance green buildings, providing third-party verification and continually raising the bar on the way buildings are designed, built and operated. On April 27, the U.S. Green Building Council launched LEED's next major evolution: LEED version 3. The three advances within LEED v3 consist of LEED 2009, changes in LEED Online, and Certification process. This introductory presentation will cover these changes and USGBC's relationship with GBCI (Green Build Council International). The new Tier system of LEED Accreditation credential will be discussed.

The program will be presented by Deepika Padam, AIA, LEED AP and an Architect with Tate Snyder Kimsey. She is the current President of USGBC Nevada and President-Elect of AIA Las Vegas. The reception will begin at 5:30PM on Wednesday, June 17 with the program at 6:30PM in the auditorium. Don't forget to RSVP online at www.aialasvegas.org

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

JOIN THE AIA LV DESIGN COALITION



The design and construction industry in Las Vegas has a great many affiliated professional associations. While each has a different stated mission, in the final analysis they are all working serve their membersand build a stronger industry in Las Vegas. AIA LV thinks it's time we started working collaboratively.

Affiliated organizations such as the ACEC, AGC, ABC, CEFPI, NAIOP, USGBC, SDA, ULI, and dozens of others share common objectives and face common challenges. By opening communications and sharing ideas and resources, each can be a stronger more efficient organization. With this thought, AIA Las Vegas has established the AIA LV Design Coalition. All affiliated organizations are invited to join. The idea is that we will meet on a regular basis to share information and support efforts that will help the industry.

If you are a member of any affiliated organization, or if you know someone who is, tell them about the Design Coalition and encourage them to join. Contact Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA – at 702-895-0936 or rlavigne@aianeveda.org.



FIRST AIA LV DESIGN COALITION
MEETING HELD DURING
ARCHITECTURE WEEK

AIA LEADERSHIP**NOMINATIONS FOR SERVICE ON THE 2010 BOARD**

Architects, perhaps more than any other profession, are best equipped to lead their communities. AIA members are afforded unlimited opportunities through their AIA affiliation to participate as leaders. If you are committed to elevating the profession, expanding and improving the Chapter and building a more sustainable and livable community Your Chapter needs you. In accordance with our strategic plan the Chapter is committed to taking a more active and visible role in our community's future. There is great work to be done and we must rely on our greatest resource – AIA Members – to lead the way.

Nominations for service on the 2010 Board of Directors are now being taken and this is one of the most important contributions a member can make. AIA Las Vegas has a "working" Board that aligned with our mission statement, core values and goals. In addition to representing all AIA members and guiding the future of the chapter, each Director also serves as the champion of one of the Chapter's Core Values.

Nominations may be made for the following Open positions: President-elect (Nominee must have served at least two years on the Board of Directors) Treasurer, Secretary, and Director. All positions are for two years of service.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is to advance design and the built environment through education, public awareness and by empowering its members.

CORE VALUES

- To provide strong leadership and advocacy on behalf of the community and the members.
- To be active stewards of the environment.
- To support and promote design excellence.
- To encourage and advance life-long learning.
- To adhere to and support ethical behavior.
- To promote diversity in our membership.
- To encourage and advocate a spirit of collaboration.
- To promote community enhancement.

A 2009 Nomination Form for service on the Board is included with this newsletter. It shows the structure, and indicates those 2009 positions that are open for election (or re-election). To make a nomination, please use the Nomination Form or contact Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA at 702-895-0936 or rlavigne@aianeveda.org.

CHAPTER ECONOMIZING EFFORTS

AIA members already know, from first-hand experience, how tough these economic times have become. Firms all across the valley have had to downsize, and economize in an effort to simply stay in business. The same is true for the AIA Las Vegas Chapter. Due to the economy, lack of projects and work, AIA LV has suffered a significant loss in membership renewals and sponsorship commitments. As you know these income sources are necessary in order for the Chapter to operate. We want all members to know that in AIA Las Vegas is making every effort to trim operational costs and keep expenses to a minimum in order to continue to offer member services and benefits.

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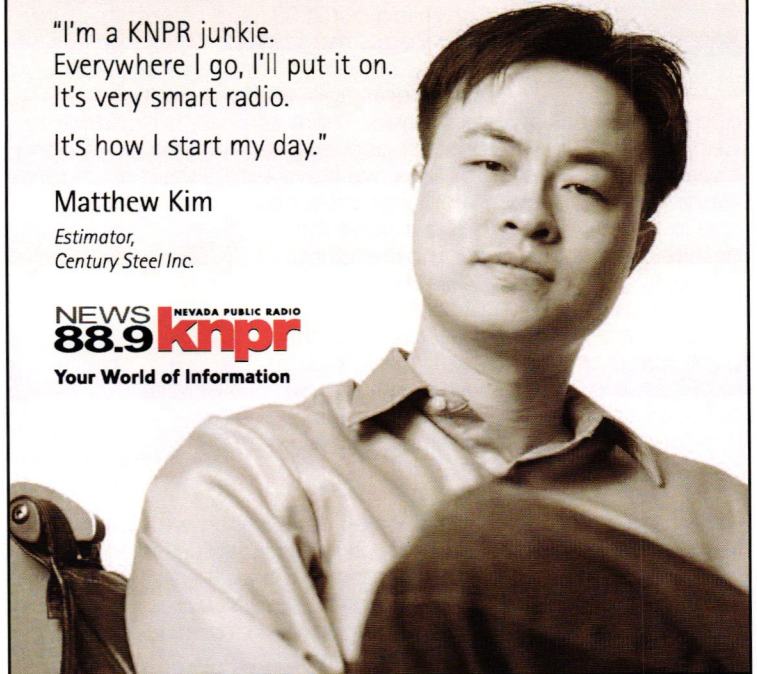
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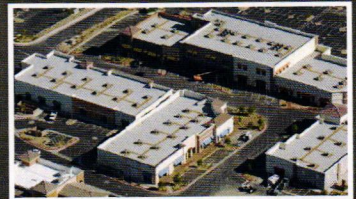


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LOOKING BACK TO ARCHITECTURE WEEK

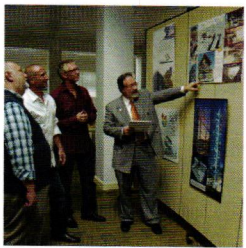


We officially started our Architecture Week celebrations with the official proclamation by **MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN**, a great advocate for the art and architecture of Las Vegas. After a wonderful heartfelt speech by the Mayor, AIA President **SEAN COULTER, AIA** unveiled our 2009 issue of Architecture Las Vegas magazine.

Nine years ago, we took on the publishing of our own magazine. There are only a handful of Chapters who have done this and even fewer who have done it successfully. Since that time, we have established an award-winning annual publication that is the only one in the southwest that discusses the architectural issues of this most exciting and extraordinary city. The theme of this year's issue is "Public Art in Las Vegas". We are extremely proud of this publication and are deeply appreciative to all of the advertisers who (in this most difficult of economic times) found it in their budgets to support this issue. We could not do it without them!

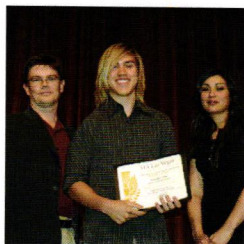


As a part of our Architecture Week celebration we opened the "Unbuilt Las Vegas" exhibit – a juried exhibit of theoretical, academic and unbuilt projects. The jury for this year's Unbuilt Awards included **RIC LICATA, AIA** – National Director for the Western Mountain Region, nationally recognized sculptors **NEIL SHIGLEY** and **JON KOEHLER**; and **STEVE VAN GORP, ASSOC. AIA** and Deputy Director of Business Development for the City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency. (The winners of the Unbuilt Awards can be found on Page 6.)



On Wednesday, we held our annual High School Design Awards. We are extremely proud of the fact that many of the students who have participated in this program over the years have gone on to attend architecture school at UNLV and at other respected universities, to be awarded AIA scholarships at UNLV, have become licensed architects and practicing professionals right here in Las Vegas. We are proud of this tradition and of the success of this program. This year, **YISSA RENTERIA, ASSOC. AIA** served as Chair of the AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards Program, and did a wonderful job.

We had 121 students from 7 schools who participated in this year's High School Design competition and AIA Las Vegas was proud to be able to present \$3,000 in Cash Awards to the winning students with the Honor Award going to **ALEXANDER CHAN** from **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY**.



We want to thank everyone involved in making this year's celebration very special. In addition, we want to applaud our special partner – **NEVADA PUBLIC RADIO** for the week-long special programming to celebrate Architecture Week. If you would like to hear a pod-cast of any of the recorded interviews, go to www.aialasvegas.org or www.knpr.org.

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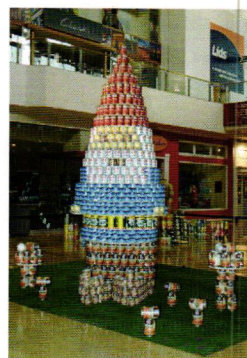


On April 16th, AIA Las Vegas partnered with The Society for Design Administration (SDA) for the 2009 CANstruction design competition. This year there were a total of 11 structures using over 18,000 cans of food. All materials were donated to Three Square Food Bank with approximately an additional 2,500 cans collected by retailers and shoppers at Fashion Show Mall.

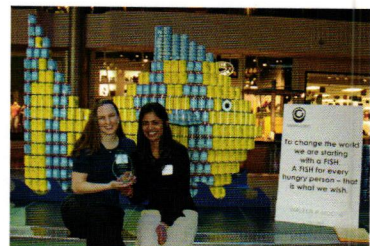
CANstruction is a design/build competition held in cities throughout North America.

Teams of architects, engineers, and students compete to design and build giant structures made entirely from full cans of food. The results are displayed to the public as magnificent sculpture exhibits in each city where a competition is held. At the close of the exhibitions all of the canned food used in the structures is donated to local food banks for distribution to emergency feeding programs that include pantries, soup kitchens, elderly and day care centers. Since its inception, ten million pounds of food has been donated to aid in the fight against hunger.

Eleven local firms from the design/engineering community participated in this great event.

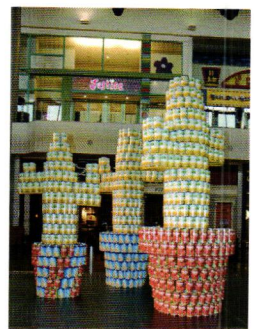


The esteemed judges were Ron Frye of Echelon Resorts, Flo Rogers of KNPR, Gustav Mahler of Gustav International, Todd Avery-Lenahan of AB Design and John Livingston of Three Square Food Bank. The jurors selected the winners of the design competition with honors going to the following:



- Structural Ingenuity – Cactus - YWS Architects
- Best Use of Labels – The Gnome – KGA
- Best Meal – Opitmus Prime – JMA Architecture Studio with De Simone
- Honorable Mention – Hoover Dam – Gensler with Thor Construction
- Honorable Mention – Nemo - Harris Consulting Engineers with Gragson Elementary School
- Juror's Favorite – Fish - Walter P. Moore
- People's Choice - Opitmus Prime – JMA Architecture Studio with De Simone

We would like to say "thank you" to all the firms that participated, the local retailers who donated the canned food and the judges who took time out of their busy schedules. A very special "thanks" to Maggie Allred who organized this amazing event. Great job everyone!



UNBUILT LAS VEGAS

A Design Awards Program for Unbuilt Architecture

As a part of our 2009 "Architecture Week" celebration, AIA Las Vegas presents the second annual "Unbuilt Las Vegas" Exhibit. This year's contributors included students, interns, associates, architects, AIA Las Vegas members and non-members alike.

We had a total of 60 projects submitted featuring architectural design work (theoretical, academic and contracted projects) that to date remains unbuilt.

Unbuilt Las Vegas is a very special exhibit. Some may question why we have an "unbuilt" awards program and exhibit and the answer is because it stimulates the imagination, expands the horizon of what is possible and generates new thinking – besides it's fun.

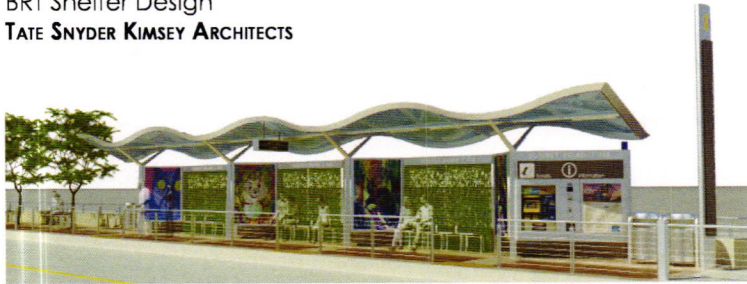
The jury for this year's Unbuilt Awards included Ric Licata, AIA – National Director for the Western Mountain Region, nationally recognized sculptors Neil Shigley and Jon Koehler; and Steve Van Gorp, Assoc. AIA and Deputy Director of Business Development for the City of Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency.

Twelve projects were recognized as being award worthy and they include:

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AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CURT CARLSON, AIA, LEED AP

It seems like, once again, I am consumed by the economy. I promised I was going to quit harping on this subject, but someone posed a question to me that brought it back to light again. I was asked: "When are you going to start hiring again?" The obvious answer is: "When we start getting more projects." That made me think a little bit about a number of things and what it really made me think about is - what are we going to be looking for when we hire again.

The profession will change a little bit as we move out of this cycle and this will require other attributes from potential employees. The profession has not stopped developing, expanding and growing into other areas, even as the economy slowed, and the workforce will need to keep pace. Some things that have not slowed down within the profession (that will be important to re-enter the market):

1. BIM. Unfortunately, for architects and interns that are not working now, firms are still expanding and developing BIM. Coming back into the workforce will require that an individual's knowledge has kept up with the new advancements and technologies associated with it. If someone has a little extra free time, I would encourage them to expand their knowledge in this area. Take a class, do some independent research on applications, download a trial copy, practice. Be prepared to come back into an office with this as a honed skill.
2. Sustainability. There is an even greater movement in sustainability and how it applies to energy conservation and (more importantly) cost savings. Solar, Wind, Geothermal and BioMass are becoming mainstream topics. I would be impressed by a candidate coming to me with a case study of individual research they had done on the benefits of wind versus solar versus geothermal systems in new or retrofit construction. New products and technologies are knowledge that people re-entering the workforce will have to be up-to-date on. There are tax incentives and grants available for research and applications - it's all on-line. Products are constantly being developed and refined - some more applicable and more sustainable than others.
3. Something Extra. There will be a lot of people on the market as things slowly start to recover. Competition will be very tough. A candidate will have to have something really special to differentiate themselves from the masses. I would like to see that, even though unemployed, a person is still vested in the profession. Show me something besides a tan and a 6 month gap on a resume. Show me photography, research, a fantasy project, or (God forbid) a sketchbook. Write a book, write a case study, hone a skill.

Believe it or not - now is a great time to grow. It seems like when we are working 10-12 hour days, there is never enough time to do the professionally related extras. (I can't keep up with my reading of 10-12 professional magazines every month.) Take a breath and look at the big picture of the profession. What is going to re-establish architects as the experts on sustainability? What technologies are going to reshape the profession? How is the practice of architecture going to conduct business in the future?

This is also a great time to grow personally. Volunteer at a non-profit. Do community work. Coach a little league team. Be a Big Brother/Big Sister. Start a personal exercise program. I know it's a little tough sometimes to be public and social when unemployed (due to the perceived stigma of it), but there are a lot of others in the same situation. Sometimes the contacts made through these other areas can lead to something greater in the future. And if you want to make yourself feel good for 15 minutes, just watch the Susan Boyle video on YouTube. It still works watching it every day.



The Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

For Election to the 2010 AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors

Write in the name of Nomination for the 2010 Open Board Positions

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To make a nomination for any of these positions, please write the name of your nominee(s) in the blank(s) spaces and fax this Nomination Form to **895-4417** or contact Randy Lavigne at 895-0936 or rlavigne@aianeveda.org Please be sure that the person(s) you are nominating will accept, and that they have the time and interest to serve as a leader of the Chapter. Candidates must be AIA members in good standing. Each Board Member also serves as the champion of one of the Chapter's Core Values.

PENCIL READY DAY – SUPPORT THE EFFORT

On April 22nd, leaders of AIA Nevada's legislative efforts returned to Carson City (for the second time this year) to once again call on policy makers and impress upon them the importance of generating jobs in the design and construction industry. With unemployment at 60% + in the industry, that is six times worse than the overall unemployment rate in the state. This is a strong indication that Nevada's economy cannot recover unless more jobs are generated in design and construction, and in order to generate those jobs projects need to be initiated in the design phase and carried through to completion. Shovel ready projects do little to encourage long term economic recovery. Pencil Ready projects fill the pipeline with ongoing work that extends into the future and gets all segments of the industry back on the job.

We're asking all AIA members in the state to help spread the word. **Call your representatives – city council members, county commissioners, planning commissioners, state legislators – and help them to understand that our economy will not recover unless we get the design and construction industry back to work.**

SUPREME COURT DECISION IN FAVOR OF ARCHITECTS

On March 26th, the Nevada Supreme Court issued its decision in favor of Weil & Drage's architect (Klai Juba Architects) and structural engineer (Lochsa, LLC) in a case involving \$60m in damages and the Mandalay Bay Hotel (and thus MGM and its legal advisors who purchased Mandalay before this matter went to the Supreme Court.)

Attorney Jean Weil argued the matter extensively before the Nevada Supreme Court with the following question at issue: "Does the economic loss doctrine apply to preclude negligence-based claims against design professionals, such as engineers and architects, who provide services in the commercial property development or improvement process, when the plaintiffs seek to recover purely economic losses?"

The Supreme Court answered: "Yes. Purely economic loss has been defined as 'the loss of the benefit of the user's bargain... including...pecuniary damage for inadequate value, the cost of repair and replacement of [a] defective product, or consequent loss of profits, without any claim of personal injury or damage to other property. After examining relevant authority and contemplating the policy considerations behind the economic loss doctrine, we have determined that the doctrine's purpose – to shield defendants from unlimited liability for all of the economic consequences of a negligent act, particularly in a commercial or professional setting, and thus to keep the risk of liability reasonably calculable – would be furthered by applying it to preclude the professional negligence claims at issue here. Thus, we conclude that the economic loss doctrine bars professional negligence claims against design professionals who provided services in the process of developing or improving commercial property when the plaintiffs' damages are purely financial."

The oral argument of this matter by Jean Weil before the Nevada Supreme Court, as well as the legal briefing by the lawyers at Weil & Drage, resulted in this very important decision in favor of design professionals involved in high-profile projects on the Las Vegas strip. The timing could not be more perfect in light of the potential claims brewing against the design professional community and their insurers in Nevada.

See the official decision on the www.aianevada.org website; menu option Legislation/State Issues.



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For every \$100M of capital funds invested in our state's building infrastructure, we create jobs for 10,000 Nevadans. We cannot fix our problems with "shovel ready" solutions alone. We need to think on a larger scale and create "pencil ready" projects that will benefit all Nevadans. And by the way...those pencils need to be green in order to build a strong, sustainable economy for our state.

For more information on AIA Nevada's Pencil Ready Projects plan, visit our website at www.aianevada.org.

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The Teacher EXCHANGE is a re-use resource center for all Southern Nevada public school teachers. Donations of new and reusable materials are collected from community businesses and individuals and provided at no charge to teachers to support classroom instruction.

Each year the Teacher EXCHANGE collects and recycles thousands of pounds of electronic hardware, paper and other surplus materials that would have been disposed of in local landfills. These re-usable items are then offered to Southern Nevada's public school teachers to aid in the creation of vibrant and innovative projects and curriculum in their classrooms. Donations to the Teacher EXCHANGE help teachers save approximately \$1,500.00 which they typically spend out of their own pockets on classroom materials each year.

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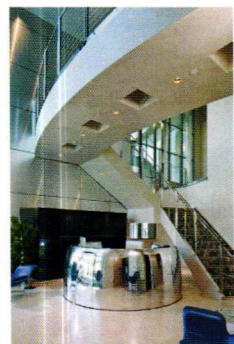
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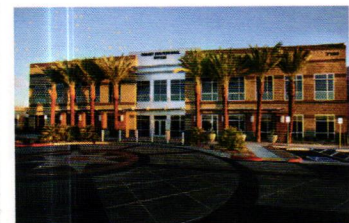
12TH ANNUAL SPOTLIGHT AWARDS HOSTED BY NAIOP SOUTHERN NEVADA



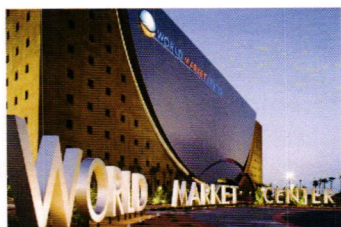
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The 12th Annual NAIOP Spotlight Awards held March 14 honored the best in the real estate industry and development. The ceremony brought together more than 600 attendees from the commercial real estate industry to celebrate the best commercial real estate projects and professionals of 2008.

The awards show was hosted by NAIOP Southern Nevada with the chapter receiving more than 70 entries during this year's call for entries with awards going to several local firms. **JMA** announced that they received three Honor Awards, **MARTIN-HARRIS CONSTRUCTION** (MHC) announced that they were the general contractor of four Honor Awards projects and **CORE CONSTRUCTION** and **CRISCI BUILDERS** each stating that they received awards as well.



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Special Recognition: World
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Industry award winners include **JOHN RAMOUS, HARSCH INVESTMENT PROPERTIES** as Principal Member of the Year and **CHRISTOPHER W. LARSEN, AIA, DEKKER/PERICH/SABATINI, LTD.** as Associate Member of the Year Award.

EJM DEVELOPMENT Co. received the award for Development Firm of the Year.

DEKKER/PERICH/SABATINI received Architecture Firm of the Year honors.

UNITED CONSTRUCTION was recognized as the General Contracting Firm of the Year.

WRG DESIGN, INC. was named Engineering Firm of the Year.

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HMC ARCHITECTS is contributing more than \$100,000 in cash plus professional services over the next two years to the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology (Calit2). The gift will expand the institute's multidisciplinary research into human responses to the built environment.

Calit2 at the University of California, San Diego is the home of the StarCAVE virtual-reality environment, a 360-degree, 16-panel, 3-D immersive environment that enables researchers to interact with virtual architectural renderings in three dimensions, in real time and at actual scale.

"This technology ultimately allows us to put the 'evidence' into evidence-based design," said **RANDY PETERSON, FAIA, LEED AP** and president and CEO of HMC Architects.

The groundbreaking architectural research unfolding in the StarCAVE seeks to demonstrate how evidence-based design can become a method for creating buildings that may save lives and money or improve learning outcomes. By bringing a research-based approach to the art of architecture, designers can learn about the architect's most discerning critic—the human brain.



ARCHITECTURE STUDIES LIBRARY

EXHIBIT:

Starting in May and continuing through the summer is the School of Architecture student Best-of-Jury exhibit.

NEW BOOKS:

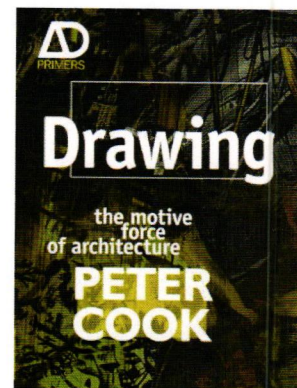
ARCHITECTURE OF CHANGE : SUSTAINABILITY AND HUMANITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT / Kristin Feireiss, Lukas Feireiss (eds.). Berlin : Gestalten, 2008.

NEW APPROACHES TO HOUSING FOR THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE / Andreas Huber (ed.). Basel ; Boston : Birkhauser ; Zurich : ETH, 2008.

DRAWING : THE MOTIVE FORCE OF ARCHITECTURE / Peter Cook. Chichester, England ; London : Wiley, 2008.

DESIGN DISASTERS : GREAT DESIGNERS, FABULOUS FAILURES, & LESSONS LEARNED / edited by Steven Heller. New York, NY : Allworth Press, c2008.

RETROFITTING BUILDINGS TO BE GREEN : selected references. Washington, DC : Urban Land Institute, 2008.



STAY UP TO DATE ON CITY CODES

The City of Las Vegas Planning & Development Department has scheduled customer training sessions about updates and revisions to the city's zoning codes and master and special area plans.

All of the sessions will be held at 5 p.m. at the Development Services Center in Conference Room 2B located at 731 S. Fourth St. The 2009 sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, May 5; Tuesday, August 4; and Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Planner II Robert Summerfield, AICP at 702-229-4856 or rsummerfield@lasvegasnevada.gov.



PARKING UPDATE

The City of Las Vegas has removed the parking meters from the Historic Fifth Street School parking lot, which means that members attending events or visiting the AIA office no longer have to pay for parking in the lot. It is still necessary to feed the meters when parking on the street or in the city garages.

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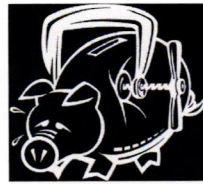
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2009 AIA CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHEDULE

*** Currently Most Programs and Locations are TBA unless otherwise noted.**

If you are interested in providing a CE Luncheon program, please contact Kelly Lavigne at klavigne@aianeveda.org or 702.895.0936. **Please note, you need to be an AIA National Registered Provider and complete the program registration process before your C.E. lunch can be scheduled (go to the AIA website at <http://www.aia.org/confed> become provider for more information.)**

Thursday, May 14, 2009 – OPEN
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 Thursday, December 10, 2009 – OPEN

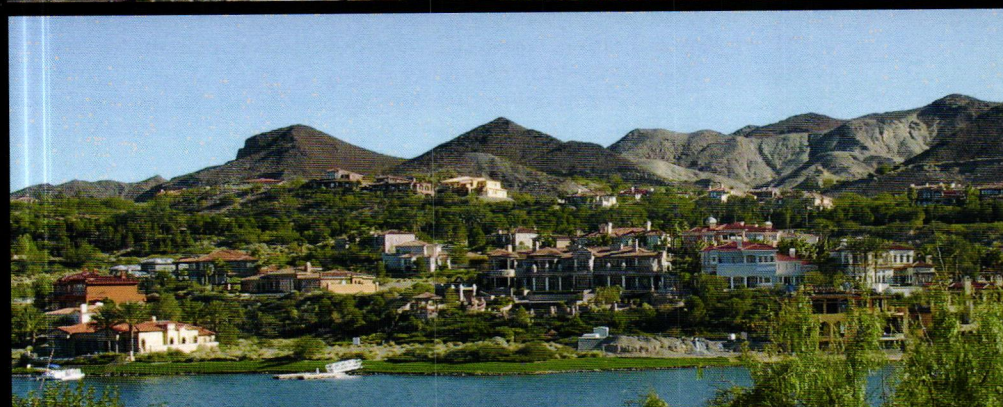


CURRENT ECONOMY AFFECTING CE LUNCHEON OPPORTUNITIES

We have received a few questions lately asking why we are offering fewer CE Luncheons this year. Unfortunately, with everyone suffering budget cuts due to the weak economy, we are having trouble finding providers. In the meantime, please remember that you can get your CE's by attending the AIA Las Vegas Monthly Membership Meetings, visiting the AIA National Site at www.aia.org, Ron Blank Associates at www.ronblank.com or Lorman Educational Services at www.lorman.com to find online courses.

Don't forget that at the end of April, you can attend the AIA National Convention in San Francisco to get CE's and in September, AIA Las Vegas will be hosting the AIA Nevada Design Conference where you will be able to receive even more CE's.

Please be assured that AIA Las Vegas is aware of your licensing issues in other states and we are working to get more CE Luncheons in the pipeline. **If you are a provider and are interested in hosting a CE Luncheon**, please call Kelly Lavigne at 702-895-0936 or email klavigne@aianeveda.org.



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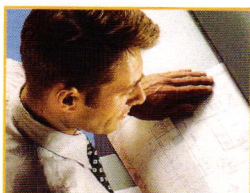
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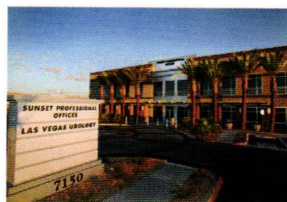
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Site restoration services will include identifying the exact location of all native plant material and boulders, before they must be moved during the construction of the project. These indigenous elements will be salvaged and returned to their original locations, after the project is complete. The ultimate goal is to preserve the natural landscape in such a way that it is not apparent an engineering project of tremendous magnitude lies just beneath the surface.



CORE CONSTRUCTION announced the general contractor has completed construction on Sunset Professional Offices and the interior build out of Las Vegas Radiology at 7150 W. Sunset Road.

LAS VEGAS UROLOGY contracted **CORE** to complete ground-up, shell construction of the 31,876-square-foot, two-story medical office building. **CORE** also completed a 5,000-square-foot build out within the building for Las Vegas Urology. Construction included HVAC, plumbing and electrical work for the office's waiting and exam rooms. Las Vegas Urology is leasing out the remaining building space.

Construction of the building began on October 2, 2007 and the tenant improvement on December 30, 2008. **VEDELAGO PETSCH ARCHITECTS** served as architect of record for both projects, which totaled \$4,436,630.

CRISCI BUILDERS announced the general contractor has completed tenant improvement services for Pinnacle Entertainment, a developer, owner and operator of casino gaming resorts throughout North and South America.

MARGEL/PARKWAY POINTE, LLC contracted Crisci Builders for the 7,200-square-foot, one-story project in the Parkway Pointe professional building at 9555 Hillwood Drive, Ste. 140 in Summerlin.

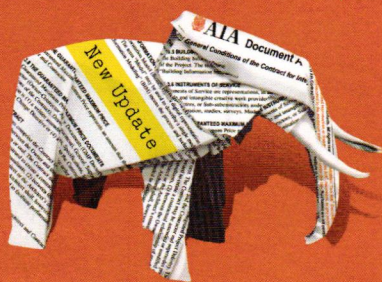
Construction began on December 29, 2008. **DEKKER/PERICH/SABATINI** is the architect of record for the \$680,000 project.

BURKE & ASSOCIATES announced that they have completed construction of the new 39,000 sq. ft. **WESTERN TECHNOLOGIES** office building off of Sunset Road and Rainbow Blvd., in Las Vegas.

This \$3.8 million dollar, two story office building also included a state of the art laboratory testing facility. This project, designed by **GK3 ARCHITECTURE**, was built with a masonry structure, steel columns and flat roof.

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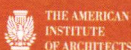
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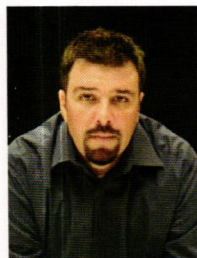
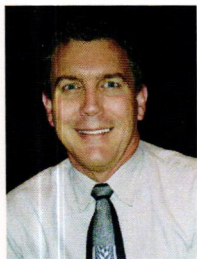
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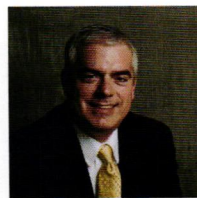


NEWS BRIEFS



AIA Las Vegas members **ALAN HEINRICH, AIA, NCARB** and **DARRYLL BRANDWINE, ASSOC. AIA** announce their newly established architecture firm **d3 DESIGN STUDIOS**. Joined by **DANA WISEHART** and **KENDRA CROSIER**, d3 design studios offer a fresh take on defining architecture and interior spaces. Says Alan, "Our company offers experienced architecture and interior support for all your building needs whether it be a ground up building or just a remodel of an existing space." Their projects and expertise are primarily in commercial projects including: hospitality & gaming, office suites, healthcare facilities, restaurant and mercantile spaces with residential work specializing in single family dwellings.

THE RICHARDSON PARTNERSHIP, INC., a Las Vegas-based architecture firm has added one more LEED Accredited Professional to the firm's credentials. **CHRISTOPHER RICHARDSON** recently re-joining the firm, passed the LEED exam bringing the total number of the firm's LEED AP's to four. The firm's three other LEED AP's are **KASEY BAKER, ASSOCIATE AIA**, **AMANDA TWITCHELL, ASSOCIATE AIA** and **STEVEN A. RICHARDSON, AIA**, the firm's principal.

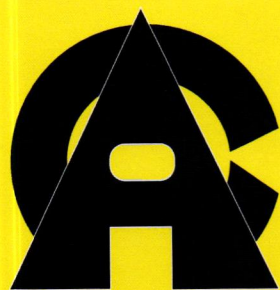


After helping design nearly 20 major healthcare facilities in southern Nevada, including the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Las Vegas, **LARRY H. STAPLES, AIA**, has joined **HMC ARCHITECTS** as a principal to oversee the expansion of the firm's Las Vegas practice.

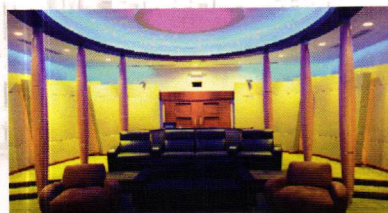
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EcoWall is proud to announce that **ERIN OLSON**, Director of Operations & Marketing at EcoWall, has received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accreditation (LEED AP) from the US Green Building Council.

WRG DESIGN announced they have changed their name to **CARDNOWRG**. Says **DARREN WELBORN**, President of CardnoWRG, "We look forward to realizing the full potential this merger offers and discovering new and exciting benefits for you and us every day. Our leadership remains unchanged and our business continues to perform well."



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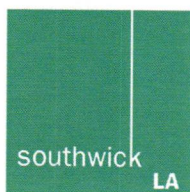


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