Jack Burke Jr. wins the Masters and the PGA Championship. His Masters win comes after Ken Venturi blows an 8-shot lead on the final day.

Peter Johnson, one of the many great Australian golfers, wins his 3rd straight British Open.

Billy Cooper, who would win 51 times on the PGA Tour gets his first Tour victory at the Labatt Open.

The USDA address the yardage guides used to determine par thusly: par-3, up to 250 yards; par-4, 251-470 yards; and par-5, 471 yards and over.

The Masters is televised for the first time.

Club pro Jim Russell, managing a tournament at Walla Walla (Wash.) Country Club, disperses players around the course to start play simultaneously from different tees; he fires off a shotgun to signal start of play given rise to the term "shotgun start".

Budweiser Brewery introduces Busch beer.
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AIA LAS VEGAS
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Wade Simpson, AIA

“Architecture Week” or “The Meadows in Bloom”

With spring asking us to spend more time outdoors this year we held our first Architecture Week in high style. The Publication Celebration for the sixth edition of Architecture Las Vegas was held April 14th at the Mormon Fort. Eric Strain’s award winning design was the perfect setting for this celebration. It provided a venue to discuss many architectural happenings in our community along with the success of the magazine.

We presented an AIA Nevada Livable Community Award to Lamar Marchese of Nevada Public Radio, KNPR - for the value he has brought to our community in leading KNPR as a voice for thoughtful discussion.

Architecture Week was scheduled by the AIA for next year as a part of the 150 celebration. We in Las Vegas decided to begin it this year as part of our 50th. This week was put together with the intent of connecting AIA and our members with the community at large and to enhance the visibility of what benefits architects provide to the community. We also gave KNPR something valuable to discuss as an option to the G-Sting trials.

The Art by Architects exhibit at Café de Tout was another event highlighting the quality of our talented members.

Combining CEFPI School Building Week with our High School Design Awards program is more successful each year. Our AIA members really came through with donating more than $6,000.00 to the Awards program. Our members also provided an all time high number of mentors to the high schools in our valley. These mentors give the high school teachers the ability to call on our expertise and provide additional feedback.

We also presented the Dale Scheideman, AIA School Award at the April meeting. AIA Las Vegas established this award in conjunction with the AIA High School Design Program in order to recognize the school(s) that produced the best master plan(s). The master plan portion of the program was added this past year at the request of the High School instructors. Last summer they requested part of the program to be a group effort. This would teach the students a part of what they can look forward to if they pursue this profession. When we lost Dale Scheideman earlier this year it seemed natural to name this award in honor of him. The award money will be used by the instructor to benefit that school’s program.

What we do in and for our community, if we do it genuinely, will eventually come back to benefit us. This is true for any professional, business owner or individual.

Our members do many things to benefit and give back to the community. Architecture week can only highlight some of the great things we do. Each year we must look for additional, unique opportunities to bring further community awareness to the value of Architects and Architecture.

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. Please help us by providing your RSVP as soon as possible after you receive the first newsletter or email notice.
WORKFORCE HOUSING:
WHAT EVERY ARCHITECT SHOULD KNOW
MAY 31, NOON – 2PM – GOLD COAST HOTEL

Architects have the answers when it comes to designing Workforce Housing... but before we can get to the design solutions... Many other factors get in the way. We have to consider all the changes and issues that are at work in the Southern Nevada. Understanding what has happened in our valley over the last two years that has influenced land prices, property values, growth and the strain on natural resources, the financial process and the factors that impact land availability, zoning, development, the related costs of improvements, entitlements, deed restrictions, and shortages of labor and materials is necessary before we can begin to consider how to make the most of workforce housing. How do we work directly with developers to create communities that are sustainable and provide affordable housing options?

As a first step in understanding the process, AIA Las Vegas will host a special workshop for AIA members. Presented as a “mock” planning commission session, this interactive exercise will help architects to understand everything that is involved and how they can move beyond the impediments to providing real, valuable Workforce Housing in our valley.

Presented by Clifton Marshall, AIA, Clark County Planning Commissioner; Craig Galati, AIA, former City of Las Vegas Planning Commissioner, both of whom have extensive experience in building affordable housing here and in other states; and spokespersons and representatives from all related governing entities in the valley. This special session will be registered for AIA CE and HSW Credits.

Scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, from 11:30AM to 2:00PM with lunch provided, in the 2nd Floor Ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel. Registration Required – Contact R. Lavigne at 895-0936 or rlavigne@aianevada.org

AIA LAS VEGAS 33RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
MONDAY, MAY 22ND
SPANISH TRAIL GOLF COURSE
REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST – 7:30AM
SHOTGUN START – 9:00AM

Let’s celebrate this 50th Anniversary year by going back to the 50’s. Jump into your kickers, and argyles, bring your sticks and make like Slammin’ Sammy Snead... or Ben Hogan! We’re celebrating our Chapter’s 50th Anniversary with a 1956 style Golf Tournament. Teams are selling out quickly so better use the sign-up form in this newsletter to reserve yours today.

WE NEED SPONSORS: We have a several sponsorship opportunities still available. Benefits include great exposure and visibility to the key architects and decision makers in the architectural community, ...PLUS... your company name on the item you select, signage at the tournament, announcement of your support at the “Awards” luncheon, inclusion in the sponsor booklet and lots more.

Help support the Golf Tournament and your Chapter by selecting one of the sponsorships below and Call Kelly Lavigne today at 702.895.0936.

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**CHAPTER EVENTS**

**MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**CHANGE IS NOW: INTEGRATED PRACTICE & BUILDING INFORMATION MODELING**

Technological evolution coupled with owner demand for better, faster, less costly construction and more effective processes are driving major changes in the practice of architecture. Change that is revolutionary in nature...change that is transforming the profession. Have you heard the terms Building Information Modeling (BIM), Integrated Practice or Interoperability? Our meeting in May will provide an excellent opportunity for you to catch up with these fast moving changes and what they mean to you.

WMR Regional Director, GLENN FELLOWS, AIA will speak at the May meeting, and will provide a brief video on how this new vision for practice will support and engage architects and designers while expanding the value they can provide throughout the project lifecycle. Glenn Fellows is senior principal and President of SMPC Architects, Albuquerque, N.M. He is a member of the Integrated Practice Discussion Group, which is charged in 2006 to help identify changes in AIA contract documents, business practice, and risk management that will be needed by AIA members as the practice of architecture evolves with the advent of BIM.

Bringing clarity to BIM is RUSS SANDERS, AIA – noted virtual building guru. Russ is chairman of Phoenix-based Orcutt Winslow’s Virtual Building Task Force and pioneered the first fully-modeled Virtual Building (BIM) project for the firm in the early 90s. A world leader, Russ has been partnering with companies like Graphisoft and their ArchiCAD software, to provide input from the design community. This has allowed building information modeling to take major steps towards advanced efficiency, interoperability and accuracy. Russ Sanders is Orcutt/Winslow’s in-house “virtual building expert.” He participated in Graphisoft’s worldwide key users meeting in Budapest, Hungary in 2000 and again in June 2005. He discussed efforts made by the firm in the area of Building Information Models (BIM) and the specifics that led to the firm’s receipt of one of the first three major national awards at the Technology in Architecture Practice (TAP) Conference at this year’s AIA Convention. Sanders is one of the most knowledgeable supporters of BIM and will provide specific information on how his firm is leading the way in the use of this new technology.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th in the 2nd floor meeting at the Gold Coast Hotel. Don’t forget to RSVP two days in advance. Reception begins at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 and the program at 7:20PM. RSVP to Kelly Lavigne at 895-0936 or klavigne@alanevada.org. AIA CE Credits will be given to those who sign in at the beginning of the meeting, and sign-out after the presentations are completed. Platinum Sponsors are C.M. Reprographics, Lightoller, and Nevada Sales Agency. Sponsors for the May Meeting include Visual Motion, Inc. The 2 Group, Fixtures & Harter, and Omni Block Group, LLC.

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**JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**CODE CHANGES, ZONING AND WHAT’S HAPPENING IN LAS VEGAS**

Rapid growth, in technology and in Southern Nevada, is bringing changes in zoning and in code requirements. Keeping up with these changes and with the planning and development in our communities is a real challenge. The AIA LV June Meeting will give us a chance to learn first-hand about what to expect.

FLINN FAGG, Manager of Current Planning for the City of Las Vegas is going to give us a quick update on planning and development for the city, followed by a panel discussion and Q&A on the new zoning and code requirements by local building officials including RON LYNN, Director, Clark County; MICHAEL BOUSE, Director and MOHAMMAD JADID from the City of Henderson Building Department; PAUL COGGIN, Director and YOLANDA ACLEO, Plan Check Supervisor from the City of North Las Vegas, and a representative from the City of Las Vegas Building Department.

Since the 2006 edition of the International Building Code was published by the International Code Council earlier this year and the 2006 editions of the International Residential Code (IRC) and the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), as well as the 2006 editions of the Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC) and the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) were made available in March, this meeting will provide a chance to discuss the changes and learn from Southern Nevada Building Officials (SNBO) how these new codes and changes will affect zoning and local codes in Southern Nevada.

Plan to attend this important meeting on Wednesday, June 21st, in the 2nd floor ballroom at the Gold Coast Hotel. Reception begins at 5:30PM, Dinner at 6:30PM, and the program begins at 7:20PM. AIA CE Credits will be given to those who sign-in at the beginning of the meeting and sign-out after the presentation is completed. Please RSVP at least two days in advance to Kelly Lavigne at 895-0936 or klavigne@alanevada.org. Platinum Sponsors are C.M. Reprographics, Lightoller, and Nevada Sales Agency.

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**ART BY ARCHITECTS**

Architects create in many mediums and this exhibit features sketches, drawings, paintings, sculpture and photography by AIA Las Vegas architects, associates and other members of the architectural community.

The exhibit will remain at Cafe de Tout (In Village Square, 9330 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 160 • 702-267-9844) through June 30th.

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**2006 AIA LV PRODUCT SHOW**

Exhibitor booth space is now available for the 2006 AIA Las Vegas Product Show. Booth space is limited and sells out fast, so call Kelly at 702.895.0936 or klavigne@alanevada.org to reserve your space. The show is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th at the Stardust Hotel.

Thank you to our Product Show Sponsor MODERNFIELD OF NEVADA for their continued support.
SERVICE ON THE BOARD

NOMINATIONS FOR 2007 ELECTION

Do you want to join the leadership of the Chapter? Do you want to help to determine the future of the AIA in Las Vegas? Do you know someone who wants to help the Chapter to continue to grow and prosper? Nominations are now being taken for election to the 2007 AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors.

To make a nomination please contact Randy Lavigne at 895-0936 or rlavigne@alanevada.org

We are accepting nominations for the following positions on the Board:

- President-elect (President 2008)
- Director of Scholarships (2 Year position)
- 1 Two-Year Director Position
- 2 One-Year Director Positions
- 1 Director of Interns Position (1 Year)
- 1 Director of Emerging Professionals (1 Year)
- 1 Allied Director (1 Year)

The success of our Chapter depends upon having strong leadership and a board that is composed of those who are willing to commit the time and the resources necessary to make it a success. The following outlines the requirements for service on the Board.

Service on the Board requires a commitment of personal time and resources from each member. Each Director, in accepting their position on the Board, has made this commitment and accepts the requirements of service as a priority.

Directors are required to attend and participate in each monthly Board Meeting. Each Director is the “Chair” of a Chapter Committee or Event Area and is responsible for accomplishing the goals set by the Board.

As a member of the Board and a leader of the Chapter, Directors are required to attend all AIA Membership Meetings, special events and social functions and to support the Chapter’s efforts in all programs.

Directors are required to read, review and be prepared to discuss all items on the meeting agendas, minutes of meetings, financial reports, calendars, special reports and all information provided prior to the meeting so that they can act in the best interest of the membership. Directors are required to read and understand the by-laws of the Chapter and the policies of the Institute, and to act in accordance with these by-laws. Directors are responsible for seeking information and utilizing resources (AIA Web sites, publications, etc.) and for keeping themselves informed and updated so that they can best represent the members of the Chapter at all times.

Each Director is responsible for helping to generate sponsorship income for the Chapter by securing Sponsors for events and activities. In addition, each Director is assigned a membership meeting and is responsible for securing and confirming a minimum of five sponsors for that particular meeting. Directors are also encouraged to work together to provide sponsors for all Chapter meetings and events.

As representatives and leaders of the Chapter, Directors are expected to be ambassadors and to be familiar with information regarding AIA membership benefits, programs, sponsorship opportunities, scholarships and procedures and must be active diplomats for the Chapter in recruiting new members, sponsors and supporters for the Chapter.

PROJECT HERO

MAKING A DIFFERENCE BY VOLUNTEERING

AIA Las Vegas has been asked to be the first Chapter in the country to support Project Hero. This special program is designed to assist veterans in making their homes more livable. This is a nationwide effort that includes AIA National, the American Institute of Building Designers (AID), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), the International Code Council Foundation (ICCF) and the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). The plan is simple. We identify one veteran (each year) in our community who needs help...and we help him/her.

Locally AIA LV has partnered with the Clark County Department of Development and the local chapters of the other groups. They have identified a veteran of World War II who needs help. His name is Joe Schwartz and he was awarded three purple hearts in WWII. Joe is handicapped and wheelchair bound. He needs to have his doorways widened, hallway widened and a bathtub/shower installed in his home. The plans for making these changes are underway and several AIA members have already volunteered to help by either making a financial donation, or contributing their experience and expertise behind a hammer or a saw, or helping to locate or provide materials.

This is a great way to say thanks and to give back to someone who gave a lot for our country. So, if you’d like to be a member of the Project Hero team, contact Ron Lynn or Ellen Quiroz at the Clark County Building Department at 455-8040.

DESIGN FOR LEARNING FOUNDATION

REMEMBERING E. DALE SCHEIDEMAN, AIA

The Design for Learning Foundation was established by AIA Las Vegas in 2005, as the Legacy Project, for the Chapter’s hosting of the 2005 AIA National Convention. This effort was led and championed by E. Dale Scheideman, AIA, with the purpose of establishing a Foundation that would fund research into the design and construction of educational facilities and would research and report upon how design impacts a student’s ability to learn and to achieve. The Foundation Board hopes to carry this work forward.

In remembrance of Dale Scheideman, the Foundation has also established a special section in the UNLV Architecture Studies Library to be known as the Dale Scheideman Collection. This special collection will contain Dale’s personal books and papers, as well as an additional bibliography of materials that are specific to the design and construction of schools, libraries, museums and all learning facilities.

If you would like to support the work of the Foundation or the Dale Scheideman Collection, donations can be made to the Design for Learning Foundation, c/o AIA Las Vegas, UNLV Box 454018, 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154.
AIA LAS VEGAS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
1956 TO 2006

How different was life in Las Vegas, and the practice of architecture, 50 years ago? As we celebrate our 50th year as an AIA Chapter, we are pleased to devote this column to the remembrances of some of our senior members. This month George Tate, AIA will share his special memories of the early days of the Chapter and his personal experiences of practicing architecture in Las Vegas. If you would like to share your memories please contact Randy Lavigne at rlavigne@alanevada.org.

name of Jim McDaniels went on to become one of Las Vegas’ premier designers. Jim was my age and took the state board exam the same time I did. He later opened his own office and designed numerous prestigious projects, such as the original UNLV library, the original UNLV Student Union building, the Artemus Ham Concert Hall and many others. Unfortunately, Jim was struck down by cancer at a young age, cutting short a remarkable career.

Just before I arrived on the scene at Zick & Sharp’s, another young draftsman by the name of Gerald Moffitt worked there but had left to do some work on his own for a builder-developer by the name of Bob Bugby. Unbeknown to Zick and Sharp, Ed Hendricks who was still working in their office, often helped Moffitt on the side. When Ed had his big blowup with Rhetta, he left, I’m sure, with the intention of teaming up with Moffitt and establishing a regular firm of their own. Not long after that, I got a call from Ed suggesting I come over and work for them. So the firm of Moffitt and Hendricks was established with a modest office on East Charleston where Gas Intersected at an angle. I was their sole employee for some time. One of their clients was attorney Elwin Leavitt, for whom they designed a new two-story office on Fifth Street just south of Bridger Ave. That building is still there, occupied by one of Leavitt’s attorney descendents. Part of the deal was that Moffitt and Hendricks would occupy part of the second floor. During construction, Ed told me to go over to the construction site of the new building and check out the work. At that time, I was using a motor scooter to get to and from work, so I jumped on my scooter and rode to the construction site. Some of the concrete workers looked with disbelief as I got off my scooter and proceeded to give them directions about the project.

Work at Moffitt and Hendricks was a blast. A real architect’s office, built just as we had designed it – not a makeshift layout like so many other architect’s offices. And Ed and Jerry...What a pair! They argued all day long about things like Ed’s bald head and Jerry’s “birds nest” hair. Ed was meticulous and somewhat uptight. Jerry was relaxed and kind of philosophical about everything. Jerry would do an entire drawing and then notice that he had taped the preprinted sheet upside down. Or he would drive his big Pontiac into the parking lot, neglecting to apply the brakes as he plowed into the air-conditioned units on the ground next to the building. Nothing seemed to bother him when these things happened. It drove Ed nuts. Ed was pretty good at cranking out a preliminary design in just a few hours, then placing the drawing in the drawer so that the client would not think it was easy and that he was being overcharged. Those were good days in many ways. I enjoyed their weird humor, and really got to like both of them, even though I wasn’t so sure they really liked each other. During my time there, my wife and I had an unfortunate experience in that our first instant son had a breathing condition following a tracheotomy that required our constant 24-hour a day care. Taking shifts around the clock took its toll and I appreciated Ed and Jerry’s understanding throughout that six-month period before we finally lost our son.

As Moffitt and Hendricks grew, we needed a full-time secretary. They hired a young, rather naive girl to sit at the front desk and do what little paperwork was required. One late afternoon, just about quitting time, she left her desk which we could see from the drafting room. Thinking she had gone home Ed and Jerry proceeded to describe something about her in very colorful and uncomplimentary language – liberally sprinkled with words not usually spoken in the presence of a lady. What they didn’t realize was that she had not left but had simply moved to a seat out of sight but closer to the drafting room. When she got up and they saw her, there was lots of throat clearing and mumbling. Today it would be called sexual harassment, but back then it was just an embarrassing moment, later to be laughed about.

During this time, Jerry built his first house. When it came time to move in, the washer/dryer wouldn’t fit through the doorway, so Jerry took an axe and battered the opening bigger – quite a recommendation for our highly competent architectural firm. Later Ed took over the DMJJ firm that designed the Las Vegas City Hall, and then eventually moved to Denver to manage their International operation, but Jerry stayed in town and is still around. He is an intelligent and articulate person and would be a tremendous source of information about those early days in Las Vegas.

SOME THOUGHTS ON ARCHITECTURE LAS VEGAS, PAST AND FUTURE
BY GEORGE G. TATE, AIA EMERITUS
CONTINUED FROM APRIL “FORUM”...

During the 1950’s, Zick & Sharp received a sizeable commission from the Corps of Engineers to design an entire housing project for Nellis Air Force Base. About the same time a pudgy, middle-aged fellow who claimed to be an engineer came to town looking for work. Because he came directly from the Corps office out of L.A., Zick and Sharp snapped him up and put him in charge of the Nellis project. It didn’t take long for everyone in the office, including Zick & Sharp, to realize that he was a total phony and didn’t have any capabilities at all, so they fired him. It wasn’t the last time they saw him, however, because one day he walked back into the office and stated that the Corps of Engineers had hired him back and put him in charge of overseeing the architect on the Nellis project. (What goes around comes around.)

While I have referred to the offices of Jack Miller and Zick & Sharp as the main firms in town, there were several other architects practicing who should not be overlooked. These would include Jack Belcher, who with the financial resources of a fortuitous marriage, bought the yacht once owned by the Hollywood actor, Errol Flynn. This resulted in his leasing the yacht for south sea tours, with him as the captain, and a career that took him away from Las Vegas and architecture forever as far as I know. Another architect of some significance was Julius Gabriel. Julius designed some good schools for the Clark County School District, one that I still often pass on east desert Inn. He also did most of the original work on VOTEC located on the top of the mesa overlooking Green Valley. A young man who worked in Gabrielle’s office by the name of Jerry Hendricks.

During my time at Zick & Sharp, Jerry Hendricks had an assistant named Robert Moffitt who would become one of Las Vegas’ premier designers. Jim was my age and took the state board exam the same time I did. He later opened his own office and designed numerous prestigious projects, such as the original UNLV library, the original UNLV Student Union building, the Artemus Ham Concert Hall and many others. Unfortunately, Jim was struck down by cancer at a young age, cutting short a remarkable career.
AIA150

The members of The American Institute of Architects will mark the AIA’s 150 years of service to the profession and the nation by working in their communities to create a better future by design. We are not just celebrating the longevity of our organization. Our goal is to create a lasting legacy that will revitalize the AIA, the profession and will be of specific value to our individual communities. We hope to increase awareness and understanding of the AIA’s rich history and our enduring commitment to work with communities to design better places for people.

The focus of our efforts is entitled The Blueprint for America. This initiative will engage architects, citizens, mayors, other professionals and local government officials to collaborate on a community service program that addresses that communities distinct needs with the goal of producing a shared vision for a more livable future. Blueprint for America initiatives are guided by and based on the issues outlined in the AIA Public Policies and the AIA’s Ten Principals of Livable Communities.

In Nevada we have designated two AIA150 Champions to lead our efforts. J. Windom Kimsey, FAIA for AIA Las Vegas, and Ric Licata, AIA for AIA Northern Nevada. Led by Windom and Ric, each of our chapters will work to determine specific programs that outline and illustrate a path for creating healthy, safe, livable and sustainable communities in Reno and Las Vegas.

All members are invited and encouraged to become a part of the AIA150 Blueprint for America, and to help us to celebrate through our efforts here in Nevada. Additional information will be provided via email and in this newsletter each month.

Please contact Randy Lavigne at rlavigne@aianevada.org to join the AIA150 Celebration team.

AIA150

BLUEPRINT FOR NEVADA

AIA Nevada and both local Chapters have developed a plan to celebrate the AIA150 and to make both Reno and Las Vegas more sustainable and more livable.

AIA Nevada will initiate a statewide effort that will result in the creation and public presentation of a “Blueprint for Nevada: Creating Livable Communities in 247 Towns”. This publication will be presented to the Governor, the Mayors and the City officials in both Reno and Las Vegas, and will provide a guide for the positive steps that can be taken to enhance the livability and sustainability of each city.

Throughout 2006 and 2007, each local Chapter will provide programs and events that specifically support this program. Included in these are:

The AIA Nevada Livable Community Award

This special award recognizes individuals and organizations, outside the architectural profession, whose dedication, commitment and contributions to the security, beauty, and sustainability of our communities have made Nevada a better place to live.

First Award Presented

The first of these awards was presented to Lamar Marchese, Founding President and General Manager of Nevada Public Radio, on Friday, April 14th, to recognize his dedicated effort over the last 27 years... to bring quality radio programming and an enhanced awareness of arts and culture to our communities. Through the process of making Nevada Public Radio among the best in the country, Lamar has made this Las Vegas much more livable, enhancing our sense of place.... and providing an intelligent, entertaining and informative dialogue with the citizens of Las Vegas. We are extremely pleased to recognize Lamar Marchese for all he has done to better our community.

Liviable Community Awards will be presented throughout 2006, 2007 and into the future. If you would like to nominate an individual or an organization for this award, please contact Randy Lavigne at AIA Nevada – 702.895.0936 or rlavigne@aianevada.org

Governor Candidates Forum

The leadership of our state has a great impact on how livable communities are created. In this election year, each Chapter will host a Governor Candidates Forum, so that AIA members can speak directly to each candidate and learn their plans for improving the sustainable and livability of our cities.

AIA Las Vegas will host the Governor Candidates Forum on Thursday, May 25th (location to be announced) and AIA Northern Nevada will host the Forum on Thursday, June 22nd. All candidates for Governor have been invited to participate – Lt. Governor Lorraine Hunt, Mayor Jim Gibson, Congressman Jim Gibbons, Senator Dina Titus, and Bob Beers. Watch for time and location to be announced and come prepared to discuss the future of your community with the candidates, one of who will be the next Governor of the state.

To join the AIA150 Committee and help to organize our efforts contact the AIA150 Champions:

J. Windom Kimsey, FAIA – Champion for AIA Las Vegas - 702-456-3000
Ric Licata, AIA – Champion for AIA Northern Nevada – 775-856-4200
**AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**  
**LARRY MACIAS, AIA**

The other day as I left work on my way to teach at the local community college I made a stunning discovery...the trees in Reno are in bloom. I can recall shoveling that fluffy white stuff recently and I did notice my back returning to normal. What happened? How did time get away from me? What was so important then that I can't remember its significance or importance now? For the past several years, for whatever reasons or excuses I can come up with, I seemed to have missed that part of spring. The world, my life and time continue and I really hadn’t noticed or paid much attention to those little details. I have an appointment book; maybe next year I should make it a point to schedule this event for viewing along with some free time.

Here it is the May newsletter, and where has the time gone? As I am writing this I’m thinking of all the “things” I need to coordinate, schedule and complete in that well orchestrated balancing act of family, work, teaching and that little free time I might carve out to tie a fly or two for that “up-coming” fishing trip. My daily routine is all about priorities, values and what is important. Values are not my problem...priorities and importance’s are. Those seem to be set or dictated by others outside of my control such as clients, my wife, and commitments I’ve made. For instance, I am keenly aware when the 15th of every month arrives without a reminder or consulting the calendar. It is the due date of the President’s newsletter to Randy. This date starts a sequence of priorities, commitments and events for which she and her staff are responsible. Add AIA Las Vegas and AIA –NN Chapters to this process and it quickly becomes a tremendous undertaking.

Requirements, commitments and resources have to be balanced; time scheduled and events planned/supported and coordinated. This is a monthly ritual, executed by the staff with exacting precision and attention to detail. Unlike the blossoms it doesn’t just happen by chance. Though Randy, Kelly and Debi do an outstanding job, they [we] need your support, commitment and involvement to make everything work and come together.

With summer rapidly approaching; we’ll attend graduations, weddings, family reunions and plan our vacations. As a reminder, as you are scheduling and balancing priorities and your time, please make it a point to review the dates of various AIA events and mark them in your calendar early.

In May AIA LV will host the Integrated Practice & Building Information Model meeting scheduled for May 17, the AIA LV golf tournament on May 22 at the Spanish Trail Golf Course and the Candidates Forum for Livable Communities scheduled for May 25. Also, don’t forget to make your plans for the AIA National Convention from June 8-10 in Los Angeles. Your support, commitment and involvement are important and you do make a difference.

Don’t forget, take time outs and enjoy.

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**CONTRACTS FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION IN THE STATE OF NEVADA FEBRUARY 2006**

McGraw-Hill Construction today reported on January contracts for future construction in the state of Nevada. An authority on the construction market, the firm produces Dodge Reports and Sweets Catalog files. According to the Research and Analytics unit of McGraw-Hill Construction, the latest month’s construction activity followed this pattern:

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-Nonresidential buildings include commercial, manufacturing, educational, religious, administrative, recreational, hotel, dormitory and other buildings.

-Residential buildings include one and two family houses and apartments.

-Nonbuilding construction includes streets and highways, bridges, dams and reservoirs, river and harbor developments, sewage and water supply systems, missile and space facilities, airports, utilities and communication systems.
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2006 AIA WESTERN MOUNTAIN REGION DESIGN AWARDS

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June 14, 2006 – Submittals due
June 28, 2006 – Late submittals due with $75 late fee per entry
Late July, 2006 – Jury Meets in Seattle
Late July/Early August 2006 – Winners notified
August 31, 2006 – Display Boards due from winners
September 23, 2006 – Architecture Banquet & Awards Presentation

WMR HONOR AWARDS

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Graham Downes Architecture is providing planning, schematic design, design development, construction documentation and administration services for the $40 million project. Las Vegas-based ADG Development is the project developer, and is in the process of completing the Loft 5 project located on a 10-acre site immediately east of the project. Loft 5 will include 289 condominium units within five six-story buildings. The residential units are built on a ground-floor podium over a submerged parking level covering almost the entire site.

The project's contemporary design focuses on environmentally responsive façades fronting a series of courtyards between the buildings. Each building will feature a combination of single-story, live-work garden units at the podium level; double-height loft units in the middle levels; and three-story penthouse suites with expansive glass façades and sweeping balconies on the upper levels.

The Graham Downes Architecture design team includes GRAHAM DOWNES as principal-in-charge, VAKI MAWEMA as chief designer and project manager, and PAZ MARTINEZ as designer. Construction is scheduled to begin in September, with completion scheduled for September 2007.

Graham Downes Architecture is also designing the mixed-use master plan for an 11-acre parcel of land at the corner of Main and Washington streets, adjacent to the 15 and 515 freeways, on the northern edge of central downtown Las Vegas.

Graham Downes Architecture is providing full design services for the master plan project, with the design firm's Las Vegas office, HCA Architects, as architect-of-record, working in association with Las Vegas design firm ASSEMBLAGESTUDIO. BLOKAUS, a development company founded by Graham Downes, is the developer. TONY SUSTATIA and GRAHAM DOWNES are the property owners. JIM TORTI is the development director for BLOKAUS.

Plans propose entitlement for nearly 500 condominium units geared to house the growing local workforce. Truly a mixed-use development, the program includes office and retail uses for a new micro-community with its own lifestyle character. Design completion is scheduled for the end of the year, with construction slated to begin in 2007.

ROGER MORONES, formerly with CORE CONSTRUCTION, is now with DANOSKI AND CLINTON.

It was announced that Gateway Las Vegas, a new, mixed-use tower planned for the Downtown Arts District has received final approval by the Las Vegas City Council in a unanimous vote. The project, designed by PERLMAN DESIGN GROUP is a 39-story tower that includes 236 condominium units, 75 condominium hotel units with a ground floor of retail. It stands at a height of 460 ft.

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Wearing a hard hat and driving a bulldozer, CHANCELLOR TOM COLLINS joined the seniors of Coral Coleman Senior Center Wednesday for the groundbreaking of the new 10,500 square foot expansion to the Senior Center.

This expansion adds an indoor swimming pool for senior water aerobic exercise, locker/shower facilities and a new 800 S.F. Dance Room with cushioned natural wood floors to accommodate the expanded programs offered by the senior center. The $3,025,000 addition, which almost doubles the size of the current building, has an expected completion date of December 2006.

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The addition is designed to blend harmoniously with the existing building. The indoor swimming pool is surrounded by large windows that allow plenty of natural daylight into the room. The daylight not only increases the beauty and comfort of the room but by bringing daylight into a building to supplement and/or replace electrical lighting, the building’s maintenance costs remain low year round.

BRIEFS

JVC ARCHITECTS, a Las Vegas-based architecture firm currently celebrating 15 years of business in Southern Nevada, has relocated its headquarters to 5385 South Cameron St., Suite 15.

"With the new office, we will be able to provide even better service to our clients," said JVC Architects President JIM VAN COMPENOLLE, AIA. "The space really promotes teamwork and allows our clients to experience the inner workings of our firm and its team members. It also provides us with more room to expand the business."

Graham Downes Architecture has design underway for the new construction of L5, a 441,000-square-foot, multi-family residential development located on a five-acre site in Las Vegas, within minutes of the Las Vegas strip.

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BRIEFS CONT.

LESLIE BURTON, P.E. Electrical Engineer, and LAWRENCE BLACK, P.E. Mechanical Engineer recently passed the Professional Engineer licensure exam. They were welcomed into the growing ranks of P.E.'s at HARRIS CONSULTING ENGINEERS with company-wide recognition for their recent licensure achievements.

Leslie Burton, a five-year employee of Harris Consulting Engineers (HCE) passed her P.E. exam in the State of Nevada. Burton graduated Cum Laude from UNLV with a B.S.E.E. and has specialized in the electrical design of commercial build outs. Burton said, "To have earned the final accreditation as a P.E. in electrical engineering is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream."

Lawrence Black achieved his P.E. licensure in the State of California. Black, who has been with HCE for the past three years said, "It would not have been possible for me to gain my P.E. licensure without the support of everyone here." Black has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from St. Martin's University in Lacey, Washington. He specializes in mechanical and plumbing building system design at HCE.

PROJECT NEWS

Projects featured in our "Project News" section are scheduled for completion in the later half of 2006 or later and are currently in the initial stages of planning, design or construction. If your firm has such projects and would like to be considered for inclusion in this section please forward your project image (rendering or computer generated) along with descriptive information to Debi Raff at draffl@alanevada.org.

Project Name: Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital
Location: 1650 Community College Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89146
Owner: State of Nevada, Public Works Board
Project Manager: Sunny Kamath, AIA, NCARB, LEED-AP,
Using Agency: Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Architects: HMC Architects of Nevada, Reno
Project Manager: Thomas Casazza, AIA
Contractor: Stelten Construction of Nevada, Inc
Project Size: 117,000 SF, 11 Acres, 190 Psychiatric Beds
Construction Contract: $34.6 million
Project Description: This project consists of Four (4) “Pods” of 40 beds each and a 30 bed Psychiatric Observation Unit for a total of 190 psychiatric beds. The project also houses Administration offices, Psychiatric ambulatory services, Pharmacy area, Medical Records, Dining area, Gymnasium, Arts/Crafts room and other support areas. Buildings form a central courtyard and is used by the patients for recreation. The project incorporates clerestory lighting and non-institutional appearing finishes to create an atmosphere that is more calming and promotes psychiatric healing.

CODES – THEY ARE A ‘CHANGING

The 2006 International Building Code was published earlier this year as well as the 2006 editions of the International Residential Code (IRC) and the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). These codes must be reviewed and amended to reflect the codes that are applicable to Southern Nevada.

William "Bill" Amor, NCARB, AIA, CFEI, has volunteered to head the committees that are reviewing the codes, and welcomes all AIA members to assist with this task. Please contact Bill with any suggestions, comments, recommendations relating to the new 2006 IRC. Contact him at 702.413.6005 or bamor@aaclv.com

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ETHICS AND THE EDUCATED AIA ARCHITECT

BY THOM LOWTHER AND MARIA SIGILITTO

To maintain membership in the AIA, architects are obligated to comply with the Institute's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. Another highly visible element that sets AIA members apart in clients' eyes is the AIA mandatory continuing education program that convention delegates voted into the AIA Bylaws and Rules of the Board more than a decade ago. What may not be as well-known, though, is that fraudulent reporting of continuing professional education learning units is a violation of professional ethics.

The AIA Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) maintains an honor system for members recording continuing education. This means that AIA/CES record keepers accept both the accuracy of what is submitted on a Self-Report Form as stated and that a member who signed his or her name on an attendance sheet at the beginning of a seminar actually did attend the entire seminar.

There are also mechanisms in effect that recognize that violation of the professional code of ethics are possible. It was initially the medical and accounting organizations that recognized that fraudulent reporting decreased credibility within and outside of the fields and consequently increased restrictions on reporting. In July 2005, for instance, an article in the Washington Post reported a physician in Maryland who was caught falsifying his professional continuing education records. The State Board of Medicine's response was to fine the physician $20,000 and suspend his license for five years for ethical violations.

A hypothetical: who is responsible?

An architect walks into a seminar, and signs in with an AIA-member number. The architect has to “answer a call” after 20 minutes into the seminar and does not return. The absence of the architect is noticed by the provider and peers. In fact, it is noticed by many that this architect has to “answer a call” often during MCE seminars. What are responsibilities of AIA staff and CES providers?

The situation should end before it becomes a problem, and the architect's name should be deleted from the course attendance list. If the scenario continues unaddressed, this could become a serious problem. At the very least, this is a breach of ethics. The State of Texas has already stated that if an architect is caught falsifying his or her continuing education records, it will lead to the immediate forfeiture of his or her license. Should the states begin to find serious fault in the AIA Continuing Education Systems, rest assured those states will adjust and tighten their requirements of reporting.

The AIA/CES record keepers can take two possible actions. First would be to refuse to accept the course credit for the architect. AIA/CES can simply refuse to list the event on the architect’s AIA transcript. Second, if the architect is from a firm or chapter that is a CES Provider, and the AIA/CES administrators know that the firm or chapter is aware of the improper ethical situation, they can suspend that CES Provider. Firm’s offering in-house programs can save themselves thousands of dollars and billable hours by monitoring diligently attendance at their qualified in-firm programs. In some firms, unethical reporting can get an employee dismissed.

AIA Code of Ethics

It is always good as well to revisit the AIA Code of Ethics for edification: in this case, as it might pertain to continuing professional education. (A copy of the Code is contained on the AIA Ethics Web page: [http://www.aia.org/about.ethics]) For instance, the preamble to the AIA’s Code of Ethics describes the principles upon which the Code is based and includes a brief summary of the document. It provides that:

"Members of The American Institute of Architects are dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and competence. This Code states guidelines for the conduct of Members in fulfilling these obligations."

Within the Code of Ethics are Ethical Standards and Rules of Conduct. (Some pertinent ones are listed below.) Ethical Standards (E.S.) are goals toward which members should aspire in professional performance and behavior. Rules of Conduct (Rule) are mandatory. Violation of a Rule is grounds for disciplinary action by the Institute.

Rule 1.101: In practicing architecture, Members shall demonstrate a consistent pattern of reasonable care and competence, and shall apply the technical knowledge and skill which is ordinarily applied by architects of good standing practicing in the same locality.

E.S. 1.2 Standards of Excellence: Members should continually seek to raise the standards of aesthetic excellence, architectural education, research, training, and practice.

E.S. 4.1 Honesty and Falsity: Members should pursue their professional activities with honesty and falsity.

Rule 4.103: Members speaking in their professional capacity shall not knowingly make false statements of material fact.

Rule 4.2 Dignity and Integrity: Members should strive, through their actions, to promote the dignity and integrity of the profession, and to ensure that their representatives and employees conform their conduct to the Code.

Rule 4.201: Members shall not make misleading, deceptive, or false statements or claims about their professional qualifications, experience, or performance and shall accurately state the scope and nature of their responsibilities, in connection with work for which they are claiming credit.

A deliberate abuse of the AIA/CES by an AIA member could result in a complaint being filed with the National Ethics Council. If the Council were to find a violation of the AIA Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct by the member, he or she would be subject to appropriate disciplinary sanctions described in § 5.14 of the Rules of Procedure governing the disposition of ethics cases.

To uphold the high standard recognized for AIA members, the AIA Board elected continuing education requirements as did 34 state licensing boards. Although the requirements may differ depending on the governing agency, all of these agencies recognize the need for continual learning to uphold and better the standards of the architecture profession. Subverting these requirements is held in a similar light to taking shortcuts in design.

Thom Lowther is senior director, AIA/CES. Maria Sigilitto is program manager AIA/CES.

A copy of the AIA Code of Ethics is available on AIA.org.

[http://www.aia.org/about.ethics]
A NEW TAX BREAK FOR ARCHITECTS

On October 11, 2004, the U.S. Senate passed the "JOBS" tax bill, which includes a $358 million tax cut on architectural and engineering services performed in the U.S. for construction projects by sole proprietors, partnerships, LLCs, subchapter S corporations, and C corporations.

HOW THIS WORKS FOR YOU

Qualifying architects can deduct 3% of their net revenues from projects in the U.S. for tax years 2005 and 2006. The deduction increases to 6% for tax years 2007, 2008, and 2009, and then to 9% after 2009.

Because the JOBS legislation was focused on creating incentives to increase employment, the deduction is limited to 50% of the amount of W-2 salaries paid out by the taxpayer.

As with many tax matters, the provision is complex and has several limitations on its use. Architects and their accountants are encouraged to review this brief guide when preparing returns.

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ARCHITECTURE LAS VEGAS represents a great accomplishment for our Chapter and provides a wonderful way to enhance public awareness of architecture in our city. It is the only publication that addresses the issues of design and architecture in Las Vegas, and it has helped to bring national awareness to our city.

This year the magazine was distributed not only across the valley to business and industry leaders, KNPR subscribers, and public officials, but across the country to 10,000 top architecture firms nationally, and available in bookstores and newsstands as well.

We have many people who are responsible for this accomplishment, including our Editor, Phil Hagen and our Art Director, Sonda Anderson Pappan. We would also like to acknowledge our 2006 Editorial Board and thank them for their service. (We will be announcing the members of the 2007 Editorial Board in the near future.)

Most importantly, we would like to give a special “thanks” to our advertisers. Those firms and individuals who saw the value in advertising in our pages and speaking to our readers, thank you for your support!

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The 2006 issue of the AIA Las Vegas Directory & Resource Guide has been distributed to our members through McGraw-Hill Publishing.

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WWW.AIILASVEGAS.ORG
AIA Las Vegas launched its new website in April. With a new look and more information posted, we believe you will find the new site more user friendly. For any questions regarding AIA LV events, sponsorship opportunities, advertising, publications, documents or member searches, please visit our cyber office for a fast answer!
The following firms have posted job openings on our website. If you would like to get more information including job descriptions and requirements, go to www.aialasvegas.org/career.htm

Carpenter Sellers Architects
Carpenter Sellers Architects is seeking individuals who share our passion for architecture and design to fill the positions of PROJECT MANAGER and PROJECT COORDINATOR.

In addition to the positions noted above, CSA is always looking for talented individuals to join our team. Qualified applicants should fax resumes to Carpenter Sellers at 702-251-8876 or e-mail to mail@csaarchitects.com.

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The University of Nevada, Las Vegas is currently recruiting for the position of PLANNER. The Planner will report to and assist the Assistant Director of Planning. The Planner will provide support for planning efforts on campus. Planning efforts may include Capital Improvement Program planning, campus planning studies and reports, organizing planning meetings, assisting with coordination with public agencies and other planning activities. The Planner will assist the Assistant Director of Planning with a wide range of planning efforts including: updating campus facility master plans; producing campus planning studies and materials using word processing, spreadsheet and computer graphics tools; preparing space management and space inventory reports; and developing and maintaining data for facility reports.

To view a more detailed job announcement, visit http://www.unlv.edu. Application materials shall be submitted on line at https://hrsearch.unlv.edu. For assistance with UNLV's on-line applicant portal, contact Jen Feldmann at 702-895-3886 or hrsearch@unlv.edu.

Welles Pugsley Architects
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Applicants should fax or email resumes to Welles Pugsley Architects 702-435-7699 or wpa@wellespugsleyarchitect.com.
PUBLIC TRAINING TITLE 30 ORDINANCES

Comprehensive Planning staff will be holding training sessions to discuss recent changes to Title 30. These free training sessions are open to the public and are designed for developers, engineers, consultants and anyone who is already familiar with Title 30, but would like clarification on recent ordinances or specific topics. The schedule is as follows:

Fridoy, May 26
2:00 - 4:00 PM
ODC Room 3

Fridoy, June 30
2:00 - 4:00
PM ODC Room 3

Fridoy, July 28
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Pueblo Room

Fridoy, August 25
2:00 - 4:00 PM
ODC Room 3

While the session is scheduled for 2 hours, there will be times where the session may be shorter depending on the number of ordinances/information to cover; if more time is necessary we can accommodate that as well.

Please RSVP to Chuck Pulsipher, at chp@co.clark.nv.us, if you would like to attend.

Friday, September 29
2:00 - 4:00 PM
ODC Room 3

Friday, October 20
2:00 - 4:00 PM
ODC Room 3

Friday, November 17
2:00 - 4:00 PM
ODC Room 3

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CLOSINGS

Monday, May 29, 2006 (Memorial Day)
Tuesday, July 4, 2006 (Independence Day)

REFERENCE TITLES RECENTLY RECEIVED

The 2006 International Building Code (K3538 I57x) and 2006 International Fire Code (K3674 I58) are available for consultation in the library. They are in the reference section.

2006 Means Cost Data titles are also in the reference section.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TITLES

With all the AIA LV activity on affordable housing, and with the ongoing community interest in the topic, you may be interested in the following resources in the ASL:

Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset [Urban Land Institute; National Building Institute, 2005]. HD7287.96 U6 A34 2005


Front to Back: A Design Agenda for Urban Housing by Sally Lewis. [Elsevier, 2005]. HD7287 L49 2005

Lawrence Scarpa lecture video, from the April 7 lecture in the ASL [http://www.library.unlv.edu/arch/events/charretteApril7to9_2006.html], which has a component on affordable housing. [Ask at the check out desk to view the video].
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THE PATH TO LURE ARCHITECTS INTO THE BENEFITS OF PHOTOVOLTAICS HAS COME, WITH THE RELEASE OF ENERGY-10™ VERSION 1.8

The Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC) has just released Version 1.8 of the award-winning ENERGY-10™ software. For the first time, building designers will have an easy-to-use tool to help them integrate Photovoltaics and Solar Domestic Hot Water in an energy efficient building. These solar features were added to ENERGY-10™ Version 1.8 at the urging of the solar industry. Version 1.8 offers many new features including:

- Photovoltaic module that provides the ability to model and simulate the performance of a PV system that is either stand-alone or integrated with the building.
- Solar Domestic Hot Water module provides a new solar domestic/service hot water modeling capability.
- A new library ([ASHRAE®]) is included defining constructions (wall, roof, window, etc.) as spelled out in ASHRAE 90.1-2004.

Thousands of building designers and many more thousands of students currently use ENERGY-10™ to make informed decisions about the energy performance of the smaller commercial buildings and homes they are designing. The software helps identify the best combination of nearly a dozen energy-efficient strategies, including daylighting controls, passive solar heating, and high-efficiency mechanical systems to name a few. It usually takes less than an hour at a project's outset to produce a simulation, but that small investment of time can result in energy savings of 40-70%.

Norm Weaver, a professional engineer from Steamboat Springs, CO, involved in the development of ENERGY-10™ since 1999, is excited about this release. Among the many updates in Version 1.8, the biggest feature is the introduction of integrated PV and Solar DWH modeling. With the growing interest in "net zero" buildings, ENERGY-10™ can be used to rapidly close-in on workable alternatives.

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- Has multiple levels of technical support, including free or hourly direct support for professionals seeking assistance with beginning through advanced simulations, and SBIC's free ENERGY-10™ NetForum, which allows users to discuss the program and share ideas. Visit www.Energy-10.com for details.

ENERGY-10™ Version 1.8 is now available for purchase online through SBIC at: www.Energy-10.com. Upgrades, academic and professional site licenses are also available for purchase on-line.

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Get your AIA C.E. Credits by attending these luncheons throughout the year. Many titles and locations are TBA.

NEW May 11th - "Vapor Barriers / Retarders: Nuisance or Necessity?" Hosted by Mark Prosser, CSI, CDT of Stego Industries, LLC.

May 25th - The program will be hosted by Paul Davis of Western Technologies, Inc. at Memphis BBQ located at 1401 S. Rainbow Blvd. (just south of Charleston).

June 22nd - Hosted by Dana Burt of Stone Age Design

NEW - July 13th - Hosted by AIA Las Vegas COTE Committee

July 27th - Hosted by Rich Gesteland of Hufcor Nevada

August 10th - Environmental and Geotechnical Services Performed for Construction Projects - Hosted by Langan Engineering and Environmental Services.

August 24th - Location is the Tuscany Room in the Tuscany Suites on Flamingo - Hosted by Lynn Campbell of Assurance, Ltd. and Christine Drage of Weil and Drage

NEW - September 14th - Hosted by AIA Las Vegas COE Committee

September 28th - Hosted by Dale Roberts of Custom Building Products

October 26th - Location is Semco Showroom - Hosted by Sam Semco of Semco, Inc.

NEW - September 9th - Hosted by John Helmer representing Solatube

November 30th - Hosted by Kathy Kaiser of Schirmer Engineering

December 7th - OPEN

Please RSVP to Kelly Lavigne at 702.895.0936 or klavigne@alanevada if you wish to attend. Please do not RSVP if you are not sure you will be able to attend as space is limited.
May
9  AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – Stego Industries, LLC
17 AIA Membership Meeting – Integrated Practice & Building Information Modeling
18 AIA Nevada Executive Committee Meeting
22 33rd Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament
25 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – Western Technologies
   Governor Candidates Forum
31 Workforce Housing: What Every Architect Should Know

June
8-12 AIA National Convention - Los Angeles
13 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
15 AIA Nevada Executive Committee Meeting
21 AIA Membership Meeting – Code Changes, Zoning and What's Happening in Las Vegas
22 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – Stone Age Design
25 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – Western Technologies

July
11 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
13 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon - Hosted by AIA Las Vegas COTE Committee
20 AIA Nevada Executive Committee Meeting
27 AIA LV Continuing Education Luncheon – Hufcor Nevada

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