

Did You Know May Newsletter

Book Donations ALMOST hit 100!

Two Companies and two individuals donate 99 books

Last month Chase Bank got their entire office involved in donating books to the Hughes Center's adopted school, Lewis E. Rowe. In order to dress casual on Fridays, individuals had quotas to meet. If not met, they paid for the privilege to dress casual. All money collected went to purchase 41 brand new books to go along with the gently used books Chase also donated. Thanks for the innovated way to help benefit the school!

Gensler of Nevada also got involved by collecting books from their employees adding to the total with new and gently used books. To top off the total, Sally Giovanetti from KKBR&F, and myself, donated 14 new books, making the grand total to the students of Rowe Elementary...99 books! Thanks everyone!

Costume Jewelry Donations Hit The Mark

All 650 students at Rowe Elementary Make a Selection

On Monday, May 4 the students from Rowe Elementary in single-file fashion entered into classroom P4 and stood quietly next to tables filled with jewelry. As teachers recited instructions on the selection process, the young students, wide-eyed, pointed to sparkling pins of gold, necklaces of pearls and other jeweled items in every imaginable color. Given the "okay", students, grade by grade, carefully searched for that one item that would make the perfect Mother's Day gift for the important woman figure in their lives; mother, sister, grandmother, step-mom or foster mom. Thoughtful in their process, they chose wisely before bringing the selection to me to be placed in a gold gift pouch for Sunday mornings presentation. However, I noticed one little boy who stood in the doorway at the top of the stairs and wouldn't enter the portable classroom. I called him over to me and as he approached, I inquired as to why he wasn't selecting a piece of jewelry. "My mom won't be home for Mother's Day, she won't be home for 368 more days!" His arms folded across his chest, his glance dropped to the floor. "She's in Iraq so she won't be home to get my gift anyway." So, I told him that even more important than Mother's Day, would be the day his mom comes back home, in 368 days from Iraq, and a "Welcome Home" gift would be even better, especially from him! With that, the young boy turned and slowly began to look for and select a "welcome home" piece of jewelry for his mom...which is exactly what he did. And, as he stood in line, this time with his classmates along the wall of the portable classroom getting ready to exit, I heard him tell the little boy standing next to him as he held up his gold pouch, "Mine's a Welcome Home gift for MY mom!"

So, to the 19 individuals, the ladies from Lawry's, the employees from Chase Bank and my fellow concierge associates who all donated jewelry for the event, thank YOU for making 649 students very happy for Mother's Day and 1 little boy's wait for his mom just a tiny bit easier.

Free Movies

Summer's here and that means movie nights

Did you know there are free movies in the main theatre of the Clark County Library at 1401 E. Flamingo Road? Free tickets are required for admission and are available 1 hour prior at the box office. May events are as follows:

5/10 2pm "Mulan": A Chinese maiden disguises herself as a young man and enters the army to help fight against an enemy of her country, becoming one of China's greatest hero's. (youth, rated G)

5/12 1pm "The Old Man & The Sea": Ernest Hemmingway's classic story of man versus nature is transferred to the screen, with Spencer Tracy starring as the elderly Cuban fisherman who hooks the catch of a lifetime and is determined to bring his prize marlin in. (1958, not rated)

5/19 1pm "Billy Rose's Jumbo": The script from Sidney Sheldon is a mixture of laughs and heart-tugs in this musical with Doris Day, Jimmy Durante and Martha Raye. Day even does her own stunts on the trapeze. (1962, rated G)

5/19 7pm "Delicatessen": Set in post-nuclear Paris, a war breaks out between a group of innocents, cannibals and militant vegetarians. Directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro in French with English subtitles. (1991, adult, not rated)

5/23 3pm "High School Musical 3": Follow a group of high school students through their senior year. (youth, rated G)

5/24 2pm "Bolt": The canine star of a fictional sci-fi action show believes his powers are real and embarks on

Concierge Desk:

With the new construction of the 3800 Building lobby, the concierge desk has moved to the Property Management Office in Suite #150. Until the brand new and beautiful remodel of the concierge area is finished in approximately 1 month, I am still accessible either by phone at 697-6805 or you are always welcome to stop by my temporary office. The publications: Luxury, Where and In Business are currently available in the Property Management Office and 944 is in a rack in the Galleria. Check out the website at www.hughescenter.com and don't forget, I'm still here for you!

Charity:

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life takes place Friday, May 15 at 6pm and ends Saturday morning at 6am at the Boulder City High School Track & Football Field. There is a \$10 registration fee and everyone receives an ACS t-shirt. Camp-out, walk and enjoy the festivities which last all night with games, music and events. Call Marcie at 374-5977 for more information.

The Blind Center of Nevada is hosting it's 9th Annual Old Fashioned BBQ on May 14 from 5-8pm. Featured will be a silent and live auction, entertainment and a BBQ dinner to benefit the Center. The \$75 donation will help support the blind and visually impaired who have lost the precious gift of sight. The Blind Center of Nevada is located at 1001 N. Bruce Street. More information is available on their website at www.blindcenter.org or call Elsa at 642-6000. The Center will also take your old computer and cell phone donations.

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a cross country trek to save his co-star from a threat he believes is real. (youth, rated PG)

5/26 1pm "The Birds": Don't sit near the "monkey bars" in the school yard! Who doesn't remember when the residents of Bodega Bay are suddenly confronted with a malicious, full-scale attack by birds of all shapes and sizes? Alfred Hitchcock's purest expression of an arbitrary universe is a prodigious technical achievement. Under the guidance of bird trainer Ray Berwick, Hitchcock used thousands of real birds and his own ingenuity to create the most terrifying aspects...even in B&W! (1963,adult, not rated)

5/26 7pm "Strictly Ballroom": Directed by Baz Luhrmann (Moulin Rouge, Australia) this comedy from Australia centers on the world of ballroom dancing when a young dancer is forced to find a new partner because of his improvising on the dance floor. His klutzy novice is transformed into a first-class dancer. (rated PG)

5/31 2pm "Twilight": A teenage girl falls in love with a vampire.(teen, rated PG-13)

Did you know that movies are presented at sundown the first & third Thursday at Town Square? May's movies are "Cars" on May 7 and "National Treasure" on May 21. June will feature "Bee Movie" on the 4th and "Jumanji" on the 18th.

Did you know free outdoor movies are back at The District in Green Valley complete with free popcorn? Screenings are every Friday & Saturday at dusk. May's movies are the following:

5/8 "Wall-E"

5/9 "High School Musical 3"

5/15 "Toy Story"

5/16 "Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian"

5/22 Disney's "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs"

5/23 Disney's "Bedtime Stories"

5/29 "Kung Fu Panda"

5/30 "Seven Pounds"

6/5 "Space Chimps"

6/6 "Iron Man"

6/12 "Horton Hears a Who"

6/13 "The Longshots"

Did you know Montelago Village at Lake Las Vegas will begin Thursday movie nights in June? The first feature will be "Marley & Me" at 8pm on June 4. "Legend of the Crystal Skull" will be the following Thursday, June 11.

Things to do with Children

Keep cool indoors with library events

Did you know the local libraries have programs for children that provide great learning opportunities? Check out the list below for ideas.

5/11 4pm Summerlin Library: "The Road to Mandalay" celebrates Asian American Heritage Month with an Indonesian shadow puppet show, the chance to try your hand at Chinese tangram puzzles and to hear tales from the Orient. Sign up by calling 507-3865.

5/16 2pm Sunrise Library: "Under the Sea" presents stories, games and songs about the sea and it's fascinating creatures.

5/23 11am Summerlin Library: "The Ancient Art of Origami" Learn paper folding projects perfect for little hands while hearing a story about ancient origami. Space is limited, register at 507-3865.

5/27 10:30am Spring Valley Library: "Luau Celebration" gives children the opportunity to learn the hula, listen to stories and learn songs to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Aloha!

5/30 11am Clark County Library: "It's Magic!" Explore magic through stories and learn cool tricks to become a magician.

5/31 3pm Enterprise Library: "Fancy Nancy Tea Party" presents an opportunity for children to dress up in their fancy clothes and enjoy a tea party with stories and a fancy craft to make.

Dance & Theatre

One Season Ends and Another Begins

Did you know the season finale for Nevada Ballet Theatre will be presented at the Judy Bayley Theatre on the campus of UNLV? "New Works '09" will feature three works by choreographers of this generation including a piece commissioned by James Canfield. Performances are Friday, May 15 at 8pm, Saturday, May 16 at 2pm and 8pm and the final performances on Sunday, May 17 at 1pm and 4:30 pm. Ticket prices range from \$35-\$75. Call the UNLV box office at 895-2787 for tickets.

Did you know theatre under the stars at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park begins in June? Opening night for "The Buddy Holly Story" is Thursday, June 4 and performances continue June 5,6,10,11,12,13,17,18,19 and closing night, June 20. Gates to the park open at 6pm and performances start at 8pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance on line at UNLVtickets.com or \$15 at the door, if not already sold out. Call 895-2878 for more information. Hear the hits made famous in Buddys 3 short years like "Peggy Sue", "That'll Be The Day", "Maybe Baby" and "Everyday". The Ranch is very popular with locals, so get your tickets early! Coming in July

it. To view the list of partners and to register, go to www.albertsons.com (thanks Jill).

Environment:

With Mother's Day this weekend, I thought I would take this opportunity to suggest some environmentally concious gift giving ideas. Items that are listed as organic are produced, grown or made in a socially responsible and sustainable manner using no chemicals to threaten people, wildlife or the environment. You can search the "net" if you have time, but if not, here are 5 quick ideas. Donate to her favorite cause, buy organic chocolates, hemp tote bags for grocery shopping, or organic flowers. If you need to order flowers to be sent, try www.organicbouquet.com where the prices are in line with those pesticide-soaked blooms you find on conventional sites. Lastly, visit local Henderson residents Tiffany Parks' eco-friendly clothing website at www.weartheearth.com. Happy Mother's Day.

Vegas Fun Facts:

Did you know the top-secret Air Force facility located 110 miles northwest of Vegas has always been a secret? It wasn't until 1990 that the U.S. government finally acknowledged the base even existed. Locals knew it was always there, many even worked there and were flown to Area 51 from McCarran Airport in those unmarked white planes with the red stripe and no aircraft numbers. I remember dispatching planes at the old Howard Hughes Airport...all planes had ID numbers, like 515PA (Papa Alpha)for Paul Anka's lear jet. But, not these big jets, no markings at all. So, they are actually called JANET when they take off and land. What's the acronym stand for? Just Another Non Existant Terminal. So, next time you see one flying overhead...now you know! As for the aliens at Area 51, well, that's another story!

is "West Side Story", August presents "Once on This Island" and the season closes in September with "Working".

Events Throughout The Valley

Lectures, Art Fairs, Wine Walks, Hikes and More!

Did you know the Planetarium on the campus of the College of Southern Nevada presents programs every Friday at 6pm and 7:30pm and Saturday at 3:30pm and 7:30pm for \$6? Current programs are "Bad Astronomy & Stargazing" and the matinee is "Molecularium and Stargazing". After each 7:30pm performance the telescopes will be open for viewing when the weather permits. "Bad Astronomy" offers a fun approach to learning about the cosmos, taking a critical look at popular myths and misconceptions to show the audience how science can be used to evaluate questionable claims. Have aliens landed on Earth? The program is 40 minutes and suitable for grades 4 to adult. "Molecularium: Riding a Snowflake" is an award-winning experience, science lesson, thrill ride and musical adventure into the world of atoms and molecules with Oxy, a precocious atom and Hydro & Hydra the hydrogen pals. Ride the atomic structure of a snowflake to the far reaches of space. The program is 23 minutes and suitable for ages 3 and up. Opening on June 5 will be "Two Small Pieces of Glass" tracing the history of the telescope from Galileo's modifications to a child's spyglass, using 2 small pieces of glass, to the launch of NASA's Hubble Space Telescope and the future of astronomy. It explores the discoveries made by astronomers throughout the last 400 years. The 25 minute program is suitable for all ages.

Did you know the Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art is currently presenting "Lichtenstein, Warhol & Friends...art from the 60's and 70's?" Hours are Sunday-Thursday 10am to 6pm and Friday & Saturday 10am to 7pm. Admission for Nevada residents is \$12 and children 12 and under are free. The exhibit is on view until September.

Did you know Friends of Red Rock will present an astronomy program on Saturday, May 16 from 6:30pm to 10:00pm? Explore the Southern Nevada sky from the Red Rock Visitors Center. Contact BLM ranger Kate Sorom at 515-5353 for more information.

Did you know the chefs from Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts will be on hand at the Summerlin Library on May 21 from 3:30-5pm to share their secrets and recipes? The event is free, but bring a recipe to share. Call Lexi at 507-3866 for details.

Did you know the Clark County Library will present local authors Tena Thompson, Morgan St. James, Linda O'Connor and Darlien Breeze from the popular "Chicken Soup for the Las Vegas Soul" as they discuss their book on May 27 at 6:30pm in the Jewel Box Theatre? Books will be available for sale and signing after the presentation. Call 507-3458 for more information.

Did you know the Clark County Library Exhibit Hall is featuring "Shanghai Bright Artworks" an exhibit of contemporary paintings created by Chinese artists as part of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month? The exhibit is on loan from Shanghai Bright Artworks Gallery of China.

Did you know you can enjoy an evening of wine tasting, "Vino di Lago" at the Montelago Village at Lake Las Vegas? Up to 20 stations at different shops and restaurants will provide a variety of wines for tasting on May 16 with the \$25 ticket price benefitting MDA of Southern Nevada.

Did you know the Artfest of Henderson takes place every Mother's Day weekend? This year on Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10 from 10am-5pm the entire Water Street District will be blocked off and more than 200 artists will display paintings, watercolors, pottery, jewelry, sculptors, glass and other crafts. The event is free.

Did you know Tracey Long will present her introductory class to learn how to start a family tree history on May 14 at 7pm at the Clark County Library? You can begin to climb your family tree, get a leg up and branch out to see the forest through the trees. Learn the essentials to heritage hunting and go out on a limb!

Did you know a Las Vegas tradition since 1934 is returning May 14-17 to the Valley? Helldorado Days recaptures the spirit of the old west and features a PRCA rodeo, parade, western village, carnival and concerts. This year's event sponsored by the Elks Lodge will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters. The 75th Anniversary Helldorado Days Parade will begin at 7pm on May 16 in Downtown Las Vegas and concludes with fireworks. Fremont Street Experience will be home to two stages of musical entertainment nightly from 7pm-10pm and the carnival will be at the Downtown Rodeo Arena. One of the most visual and fun Helldorado events is the "Whiskerino Contest" with judging held on May 15. For more information check out www.elkshelldorado.com.

Did you know Bicentennial Park in Boulder City is host to the Nevada State H.O.G. Rally? On May 14-16 the annual convention open to the public takes place all day. If you're into bikes, don't miss Saturday nights Biker Block Party.

Did you know on Saturday, May 16 from 9am to 3pm you can "Dash for the Cache at Equestrian Park?" GPS users can participate in this challenging adventure game hosted by the City of Henderson. Participation is \$10 per family for this treasure hunting adventure game via GPS. You will locate 25 strategically hidden containers throughout the park using latitude and longitude readings. These geocaches will contain items such as City of Henderson fitness room passes, swim passes, outdoor related items and items provided by REI Stores. For additional information about this outdoor activity blended with modern technology, call 267-4060.

Did you know over 50 fine artists will be displaying at Lake Las Vegas on May 16 & 17 from 10am to 5pm? Admission is free. <http://villageartfestivals.com> for more information.

Did you know St. Rose Hospitals and Sunset Racing will present a day full of fun health and fitness vendors and activities at MonteLago Village Lake Las Vegas? The event will be Saturday, May 30 from 9am to 12 noon. For information call 564-4785.

Did you know the 9th Annual Vegas Cruise will roll into the Downtown Fremont Street Experience on June 5-7? An estimated 200 pre-1972 show cars will be on display to bring back those good old memories! Dance the night away to free concerts featuring the music of the 50's & 60's. Check out <http://www.vegasexperience.com> for more information.

Did you know the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park leads weekend evening hikes? On May 16 from 7-9pm sign up for the Ash Grove night hike or try the New Moon Sandstone Canyon hike on May 24. Call 875-4141 for details and reservations.

Did you know the Clark County Library will host an evening with Laurell Hamilton in their main theatre on June 5 at 7pm? The New York Times best selling author will discuss her 17th novel in the "Anita Blake" series. This one has a Las Vegas connection! Join Hamilton as she talks about her characters and takes questions from the audience. Book signing will follow the talk. Call 507-3459 for more information.

Sports

Local baseball team offers group discounts for Hughes Center

Did you know the Las Vegas 51's baseball team has created a special offer for the offices at Hughes Center? For groups of 20 or more, reserved seat tickets are \$9 and Plaza seats are \$11 with every person in the group receiving a free Las Vegas 51's baseball hat and your groups name up on the scoreboard. The ballpark has also discounted their soda & hot dog package to \$5 and if you purchase a parking pass in advance, it will be just \$3 per car. The two remaining May games are Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23 at 7:05pm against Oklahoma City. Friday night's game is 51's Fleece Blanket Night where the first 2,500 fans through the gates get a 51's fleece blanket and Saturday night is fireworks after the game night! For group reservations call Jaci at the concierge desk 697-6805.

Did you know Saturday, May 9 is the AFLAC Iron Girl Triathlon at Lake Las Vegas? Beginning at 6:30 am the event will feature both an Olympic 1.5K swim, 40K bike, 10K run and a Sprint .5 mile swim, 10 mile bike and 3.1 mile run triathlon event.

Music, Music and More Music

Free Concerts to Cash Concerts

5/8 7pm The Free Friday Night Lakeside Music Series at Lake Las Vegas presents the "Drifters Tribute Show." The remaining May schedule is "Acoustic Soul" on May 15, "The Wedge Brothers" on May 22 and May 29 presents local favorite Tommy Rocker.

5/9 7pm The Free Saturday Night Jazz on the Lake concert series at Lake Las Vegas presents Ronnie Foster. On May 16, Rocky Gordon entertains and on May 23 are the "Brothers Ali". Concluding the May schedule is Darrin Michaels on May 30.

5/10 2pm The Clark County Library presents classical guitarist Peter Fletcher in the Jewel Box Theatre. Returning from his nationwide tour, Fletcher will present songs written by Bach, Handel, Weiss and other celebrated composers of the past 400 years. His newest CD will be available for sale and signing after the concert. For more information call 507-3458.

5/11 2pm Peter Fletcher (see above) will present his concert at the Centennial Hills Library.

5/13 7pm The UNLV Jazz Concert Series concludes with a free performance at the Clark County Library Theatre featuring students, professors and guest artists.

5/15 8pm The Henderson Pavilion presents Grammy Award winner and country music artist Travis Tritt. Tickets are \$60, \$45 and \$35 and available at the box office at 250 S. Green Valley Parkway, at www.hendersonlive.com or by calling 267-2171 for more information.

5/16 8pm UNLV Masterworks V presents the Las Vegas Philharmonic at Artemus Ham Concert Hall performing "Beethoven's Ninth". Tickets are \$75, \$50, \$35, \$30 and \$25. Call 895-2787 for more information.

5/16 7:30pm Boulder City presents "Art of the Desert Blue Grass", a free concert at the amphitheatre in ABC park.

5/22 8pm Master Series IV by the Henderson Symphony Orchestra is presented free of charge at the Henderson Pavilion. Closing out the season under the baton of Taras Krysa, the concert will feature violinist Jeremy Rhizor performing Elgar's Enigma Variations and Sibelius' Series. Don't miss the performance of Gustav Mahler's Symphony #2 in C-Minor.

5/22 7:30pm The Annual Memorial Day Concert is performed by the Desert Chorale at Artemus Ham Concert Hall. Admission is free.

5/23 8pm "Jazz in the Park" presents trombonist Delfeayo Marsalis at the Clark County Amphitheater. The concert is a free event and picnics are welcome.

5/23 7pm Summer Jam 2009 presents Jesse McCarthy with Asher Roth, HardNox and more at the Henderson Pavilion. Tickets are \$25.

5/24 2pm The Winchester Cultural Center presents Bulgarian Music, A World Vibration Concert with Angel Gadzhev and his 4 musicians and 3 dancers. Gadzhev performs on the gadulka, a 3-stringed instrument while band mate Trifonov plays the Bulgarian flute and Zhelyazko performs on bagpipes. In 2005, Zhelyazko competed against 10,000 musicians in Italy at the Grand Pey and won first place. The final musicians are Kirilov on accordian and Nedev on percussion. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Center located at 3130 S. McLeod Drive. Call 455-7340 for more information.

6/6 8pm Jazz in the Park presents "The Sax Pack" featuring Kaswhiwa, Waters and Cole and their individual sax styles of jazz, funk and R&B. The event is free at the Clark County Amphitheatre.

6/13 2-11pm Raggae in the Desert is back! The Clark County Parks & Rec are bringing back Vegas' largest Raggae festival featuring the music, food and arts & crafts of the Caribbean Islands. Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door for the general admission event at the Clark County Ampitheatre. Performers this year are Ky-mani Marley, Gregory Isaacs, Third World, Yellowman, One Pin Short and DJ Rhamma.

Springs Preserve Events

The Springs Preserve is located at 333 S. Valley View Blvd. For more information on any of the events call 822-7700. General admission to the preerve is \$14.95 for adults and \$6.95 for children, or an annual individual pass is \$40 and a family pass is \$75. Events listed below are either free with admission/annual pass or will have a small fee with admission/annual pass. Hours of the Springs Preserve are 10am-6pm daily. The listings below are Saturday & Sunday events only. For weekday events, check the website at www.springspreserve.org

5/9 10am Culture and History Fair. The Springs Preserve partners with IMPACT (Imagine Museums, Performance, Art and Culture) to provide one-stop access to all the organizations and people that make up the cultural and historical fabric of Southern Nevada. Explore culture, performing arts, visual arts, archaeology, historic preservation and more treasures than you can imagine! Free with general admission/pass

5/9 2pm Sustainable Living: Green Living-Alternative Energy. The presenter of this class knows what they're talking about, living in a net-zero home with a monthly electric bill of \$8! Gain a greater understanding of the role of energy systems, the importance of renewable energy systems and learn how they can be adapted to your home or workplace. Current tax incentives and rebates will be reviewed. Reservations required for this popular talk at 822-7786. Cost is \$7 non-members and \$5 members.

5/10 11am-3pm Mother's Day Brunch. The Spring's Cafe by Wolfgang Puck presents a special brunch accompanied by live music to start the day's memories! Reservations highly recommended at 822-7705. Brunch is \$39.95 adults and \$14.95 children.

5/16 8:30am In The Gardens: Garden Tour-Roses. Water-efficient roses in the desert? You bet! With the right selection, preparation and care roses do well in Vegas. Learn the many aspects of cultivating roses in the desert as well as maintenance and pruning. Free with general admission/pass.

5/16 1:30pm Solar Cooking for Families. Learn how easy it is to cook with solar cookers, then build your own to take home with you to use. It's fun, too! I cooked bread in mine 200 miles from the North Pole! If there's sun, there's cooking! Non-members \$8 and members \$7, children's fee \$2 off. Reservations required at 822-7786.

5/23 10:30am Archaeology & History Exhibits Tour. An indoor version of the popular Springs Preserve walking tour since it's too hot outside! Explore Las Vegas' 5,000 year history at the Springs Preserve through innovative and interactive exhibits in the Gallery. Special emphasis placed on the archaeology of the Preserve and the cultural-history traditions of the Las Vegas Valley. Free with admission/pass.

5/23,24 & 25 12 noon A Taste of Shakespear. This Memorial Day weekend, the Springs Preserve becomes dramatic. Six shortened Shakespearean plays will run continuously on 2 stages starting every 1/2 hour. Visitors can drop in and out of performances, sample local cuisines, taste fine wines, listen to live music and stroll the trails. View versions of "Hamlet", "Macbeth", "King Lear", "As You Like It", "Romeo & Juliet" and "Much Ado About Nothing." Accompanying music will be provided by the Henderson Symphony Orchestra and Green Valley High School Orchestra. Free with admission/pass.

5/30 3pm Sustainable Living: Tour. Learn about the many ways you can adopt a more sustainable lifestyle from architecture to interior design to water-smart landscaping. Free with admission/pass.

5/31 10am-8pm Ice Cream Festival. Happy 2nd Birthday Springs Preserve! Enjoy all-you-can-eat ice cream, live music, comedy and more. Explore the museums and galleries and special events for the day throughout the park. Tickets for the event are \$10 non-members and \$7 members.

6/13 1pm Living Collections: Behind the Scenes Tour. Learn what it takes to keep all of the Preserves exhibit critters healthy and happy. Learn about the care and feeding of all the animals. Join the staff zoologist and see what few visitors get to see. Space for this one is very limited so register early at 822-7786. Free with general admission/pass

6/13 2pm Sustainable Living: Homeowners Guide. Regardless of your budget or your homes age, size or condition, there is a sustainable solution to living more "green". The fun thing about "greening" an existing home is that it can be done in small steps to improve our lives and the world around us. Non-members \$7 and members \$5. Reservations required.

Fellow Tenants Recommend Area Restaurant

Mr. Beijing

Located just a few blocks from Hughes Center is a strip mall on Flamingo Road. Actually, there's a few strip malls but this one is across the street from the Atomic Testing Museum. (If you haven't been to the museum, now's the time to go because they have a local's discount). I have received several e-mails from people at Hughes Center who recommend Mr. Beijing, located at 730 E. Flamingo Road. So, I tried it for myself and have to agree that it is a good value for the price! Best of all, they deliver! For a minimum order of \$18 they will deliver for a \$2 charge, and you even get a free soda! Lunch specials, available from 11am-3pm are only \$5.95 and include your choice of entree, soup and rice. Most entrees are chicken, beef or shrimp but they will substitute a vegetarian dish of mixed veggies, eggplant or beans. If you would like a menu of their 16 choices for \$5.95, stop by the concierge office or e-mail me and I will fax one to you. So, thanks to KKBR&F staff and Michael at AGS for the recommendation!

Specials Around Town

New website to benefit locals....finally!

Did you know the Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority has partnered with the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce to create a website for Clark County residents? As a concierge in this town for over 25 years, I can't tell you how many times I got laughed at when I asked if there were any local deals for my customers, let's just say I've gotten a thousand laughs and I'm not even a comedian! Finally, it's being recognized that when times get tough, the locals are the ones you can count on and the deals are coming our way! The website, www.stayandplayhere.com, offers deals to locals in Las Vegas, Boulder City, Mesquite, Laughlin and Primm. So, get ready to flash your Nevada drivers license and collect those discounts! Currently there are over 100 listed including restaurants, spas, show tickets and nightclubs. I can't wait to finally check out the Boulder City Bootleg Canyon Flightlines! (thanks Caro)

Best Hotel Discount: The Four Seasons is offering locals rates beginning at \$129 per night until May 31. The offer also includes a \$25 savings on spa treatments, 20% savings on dinner at the Verandah restaurant, complimentary parking, comp use of the health club and no resort fee. Call (877) 632-5000 and ask for the Nevada Locals Rate.

Lawry's Lunch Combo: The new lunch combo available for \$9 is a 1/2 sandwich and your choice of a salad, cup of soup or prime rib chili. The special is available Monday-Friday, 11:30-2pm and you can choose to dine in or take it to go. Add to this, Lawry's Prime Rib Mondays Special. Between 11:30am and 2pm you can get a prime rib sandwich, whole not half, for \$10 AND earn double points on your VIP card. Call Jaci at the concierge desk for your lunch or dinner reservations at 697-6805.

Country Club at Wynn: Enjoy a 3-course power lunch at the Wynn Country Club for \$28 prepared by Chef Rene Lenger. Appetizer choice of salad or corn chowder, entree of braised short ribs, salmon or chicken breast and finish with a slice of strawberry cheesecake. Reservations must be made through the concierge desk at 697-6805.

Wynn & Encore: Both hotels are offering prix fixe menus in many of their fine dining restaurants. Please make your reservations through the concierge desk only as they have to "track" the response. Some restrictions do apply so call the concierge desk for more information or a copy of the menu. Participating restaurants are Okada for \$59, Bartolotta \$75, Wazuzu \$29, Switch \$59, Daniel Boulud \$36 2-course and \$42 3-course, Country Club \$59, Stratta \$45, Alex \$95 and the Imperial Peking Duck Tasting at Wing Lei for \$69.

Lewis E. Rowe Elementary Box Top Campaign

Clipping box tops earns cash for school

There are hundreds of products at the grocery store with "Box Tops For Education" coupons on them. You've probably seen them and wondered how they work or what to actually DO with them. Each coupon is worth .10 cents to our adopted school for Hughes Center and if you bring them with you to work, you can put them in the drop box at the concierge desk or call me and I'll come pick them up at your office. Box Tops for Education can be found on Betty Crocker baking mixes, cereal boxes like Cherrios, Cascadian Farms, Chex, Total and others, frozen foods such as Green Giant, Pillsbury breads & cookies, Yoplait yogurt, Nature Valley snacks, Huggies baby care, Ziplock bags, Cottonelle paper products, and Hefty items. For a faxed copy of the complete list, contact the concierge. Help the students at Rowe Elementary earn money for field trips, books and lunches. Visit boxtops4education.com for more great ideas.
