



Notes from RENO

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Celebrate Easter with Champagne Brunch at the Eldorado Hotel Casino

The carving station is serving up hot Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus, Roast Turkey and Honey Mustard Ham.

For hearty tastes, sample entrées such as Italian Style Roast Leg of Lamb, Broiled New York Steak with Wild Mushroom Garnish and Slow Baked Game Hen. The Eldorado's famed Mushroom Ravioli with Porcini Cream Sauce, Stuffed Pork Loin with Italian Meats and Pesto and Blackened Grilled Filet of Salmon with Corn Salsa round out the abundant menu. Peel and Eat

Shrimp, Italian Antipasto Platters and Smoked Salmon with Cream Cheese are also included in the 200-foot buffet line. A wide variety of specialties, salads and an array of delicious bakery fresh desserts are yours for the choosing. Easter Champagne Brunch will be served from 8am to 3pm. Buffet prices are \$20.99 for adults, \$9.99 for children under 10 and \$17.99 for Gold Card members and above.

Roxy offers a gourmet Easter Egg appetizer of Poached Duck Egg, Croutons and Duck Confit on a Frisee Salad. Roxy's main Easter entrée is a Slow Roasted Leg of Lamb served with Braised Cabbage and Rosemary Potatoes. The Easter special at Roxy is available for \$30. Roxy is open for dinner from 5pm.

Indulge in an Italian Easter Dinner at La Strada starting at 5pm. Appetizer specials include In House Cold Smoked Swordfish Carpaccio with Sicilian Caponata (\$12) and Dry Cured Beef Bresaola, Grilled Asparagus, Arugula and Pecorino Toscano Dressing (\$8.) Entrée choices include Linguine with Cream of Broccoli, Toasted Pinenuts, Smoked Swordfish and Lemon Oil (\$15.) Grilled Wild Striped Bass with Lime and Rosemary served with warm Borlotti Bean Salad (\$24) and Wood Oven Roasted Rabbit, Fresh Herbs and Garlic served with Mediterranean Potatoes Gratin (\$22.)

The Prime Rib Grill offers an Easter special of Braised Lamb Shank served with Mashed Potatoes, Sugar Snap Peas and Mint (\$19.) Tivoli Gardens is serving Roast Colorado Leg of Lamb with Roasted Peppers, Asparagus and Rosemary potatoes (\$13.50) and The Brew Brothers offers a Roast Leg of Lamb Sandwich of Thinly Sliced Lamb, Goat Cheese, Roasted Peppers and Arugula on Eldorado Focaccia with Rosemary Fries (\$9.)

The Eldorado family wishes you a very Happy Easter. Make reservations for your celebration today! Call the Eldorado at 800-648-5966 or 775-786-5700 in Nevada. Visit us online at eldorado-reno.com.

Play Treasures of the Eldorado today for your chance to win one of 40 flat screen TV's valued at up to \$20,000 in the Treasures of the Eldorado Gift Giveaway. The event is on Saturday, April 4 at 7pm at Vito's Lounge on the Eldorado casino floor.

Play Treasures of the Eldorado for drawing tickets into the giveaway and other daily prizes. Guests can head over to the "Treasures of the Eldorado" Pyramid and insert their Club Eldorado

card in the game kiosk; X marks the spot for a free treasure won with every swipe of a player's card. Instant prizes include cash from the Treasures progressive jackpot; restaurant, show and gift shop discounts; souvenir gold treasures and now, entries into the \$20,000 Gift Giveaway, April 4.

Club Eldorado members are eligible to play every two hours, and win up to six prizes daily. Be the first to close a path and win \$500 instantly plus, one entry into the \$100,000 Raider Slot Tournament, August 29-31. The winning doesn't stop there, if you close a path that has been closed before, you will still win one entry into the \$100,000 Raiders Slot Tournament, August 29-31.

How can you get in on the fun? Sign up today for Club Eldorado - membership is easy and free. Just stop by the Promotion Center on the casino floor for more details or call the Eldorado at 800-648-5966 or 775-786-5700 in Nevada. Visit the Eldorado online at eldorado-reno.com.

The Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco will once again conduct its "Consulate on Wheels" program in Reno, Nevada on April 18-19.

During that weekend, officials from the PCGSP will be at The Rose Garden Restaurant (1255 Stardust St.; beside Starlight Bowl) to assist Filipino and foreign nationals with their passport applications, issuance of visas and other documentation, and dual citizenship applications and swearing-in.

Consular staff will be on hand at the Rose Garden from 9am to 5pm on April 18, and from 9am to 12noon on April 19.

For more information and to inquire about required documents needed for passports, visas and other documents, please call (415) 433-6666.

Please visit this website for everything Pinoy - www.filamusa.com. From *pasalubongs* to your loved ones, to affordable places to stay in Reno, to information on marriage and divorce, we have the answers. Or call (775) 303-4433.

Also, please visit The Rose Garden Restaurant at 1255 Stardust Street in Reno, which serves Asian, American and Italian cuisine. The Rose Garden features a Filipino Buffet from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 2pm (lunchtime) and 5pm to 10pm (dinnertime), and Sunday from 10am to 3pm. On Fridays and Saturdays, The Rose Garden features ballroom dancing and karaoke.

See you in Reno!
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How foreclosures...

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much for our house so we are resigned to the fact that we are losing this house. We will just have to rent an apartment again," she said.

Jennifer, a Fil-Am who has lived in the same house she grew up in at Eagle Rock, has lost their home of 2 decades when her father died unexpectedly last year. Over the years, her father has taken advantage of home refinancing to start and maintain a small business. When the business failed, his health failed. After his sudden death, the family could not afford to pay the monthly mortgage and so they lost their home.

Other Fil-Am organizations which offer free assistance to homeowners are Mabuhay Alliance and the National Federation of Filipino American Federations. Many attorneys are also offering their services to help Filipinos cope with the crisis. A number of these law firms' contact information is available at the Asian Journal.

Although all states have agencies offering free counseling programs for those threatened with foreclosures, many are not taking advantage of these

programs. A foreclosure prevention clinic, specifically targeting Filipinos, can be a valuable help for those in the Fil-Am community. Housing counselors, mortgage counselors and volunteer attorneys are present in these clinics who can give attendees valuable information to assist them in making needed decisions.

"I was so distressed," revealed Tony, who has lost his job before Christmas. "I haven't missed a house payment yet, but I'm afraid I might, once my savings are gone.

But my faith in God has been my anchor thru these hard times. His promise to never leave us nor forsake us gives me peace," he added.

Truly, the key to survive tough times is to have the proper perspective. "This, too, shall pass," is one good thing to remind ourselves. And it truly will. This is the 14th recession the US has endured since the crash of 1929. And you'll be happy to know that most were short and were followed by long periods of prosperity. Only 3 out of the 10 lasted more than a year. Some experts say we're bound to bounce back by next year. Meanwhile, we can count on the Filipinos' proven spirit of resiliency, optimism and sense of humor to help him ride the tide and come out better, not bitter; foreclosure or not. ☐



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