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Cake, champagne & \$10,000 giveaway mark Eldorado's 36th year celebration

WE'RE celebrating 36 years! The Eldorado Hotel Casino brought you Reno's best food, events, entertainment, casino action and Reno's best employees! Back then, and now, the Eldorado is #1! Join us for a spectacular 36th Birthday Celebration Wednesday, May 27 to Friday, May 29.

Enjoy a one-of-a-kind birthday meal at The Buffet, where prices are being rolled back to what they were in 1973. Breakfast at The Buffet will be just \$4.99 and lunch will be just \$5.99. Guests can enjoy birthday cake prepared fresh in the Eldorado bakery and champagne everyday on the casino floor from 2-4pm.

On Friday, May 29, there will be a \$10,000 drawing on the casino floor from 4pm to 8pm. The drawings, held every five minutes, include four \$1000 prizes, five \$500 prizes, six \$200 prizes, 11 \$100 prizes and 24 \$50 prizes.

Don Carano, who was told the casino was on the "wrong side of the tracks," founded the Eldorado Hotel Casino in 1973. The Eldorado of 1973 included a lobby, registration area, coffee shop, cocktail lounge, specialty dinner house and gaming area.

Now, 36 years later, the Eldorado Hotel Casino is Northern Nevada's premiere property boasting eight award-winning restaurants, including the recently renovated restaurant, The Buffet, a Broadway style showroom, 80,000 sq ft of gaming, over 800 rooms and suites, live entertainment in several bars and lounges.

Search for untold fortunes when The Mansion at Silver Legacy debuts on May 22, 2009. Located on the East side of the casino, next to the Sports Book, this grand mansion is the old home of the Baron and Baroness Fairchild. The Mansion features the

Baron's Vault filled with cash and prizes waiting to be unlocked by you!

Guests can swipe their Club Legacy card at one of the Mansion kiosks and step into the world of Fairchild's Mansion! Club Legacy members can play every two hours, up to four times daily; the more you play, the more you win!

Players will pick the room of their choice to search for hidden riches inside. Rooms include the parlor, wine cellar, game room and the library. Then choose from three spots in the room to uncover Fairchild's riches. Prizes include instant "Mansion Money", Mansion souvenir items, comps and discounts for Silver Legacy restaurants and gift shops and a chance at 30 seconds in the Baroness' Money Machine.

While in The Mansion, Club Legacy members can also try to crack the combination to the "Baron's Vault" and unlock riches inside. Guests can try once per play to lock in one of five numbers to the "Baron's Vault." Each player that locks in all five numbers wins the "Baron's Vault" progressive jackpot, which begins at \$5,000 and increases \$200 daily.

The Mansion's elegant, luxurious style, reflects the parlors and salons of old. The Mansion is adorned with turn of the century items such as mirrors, pictures and antiques collected by the Baron and Baroness on their trips around the world.

Guests can join Club Legacy today

to play for riches in The Mansion! Just head to the Club Legacy Desk and sign up; it's easy and free. For more information about Club Legacy, visit us online at www.silverlegacy.com or call (775) 325-7401.

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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.

Finally, I would like to thank all patrons of The Rose Garden who have supported the restaurant despite the economic downturn. The Rose Garden celebrates its first anniversary this month, and has continued its operations despite the difficult financial climate in the US over the year. To my friends, business associates and to The Rose Garden Restaurant clientele, my sincerest thanks and appreciation!

See you in Reno!

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'Rizal is My President': The hero is in the heart

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Ninoy, in their private little mutual admiration society, whip out treasured "pictures" of the other in a one-peso coin and a five hundred-peso bill, and then give rise to a new denomination—a life lesson hits home.

In the midst of his reflections, Rizal is haunted by his mother, the OFW mother, the motherland. All three incarnations have been held hostage at some point—wrongly accused, wrongly treated, wrongly judged—and yet all three just kept on giving, never asking for anything in return, except maybe steadfast love. "*Tunay nga na maliban sa Diyos, ang ina ang lahat-lahat sa atin,*" he muses. Indeed, aside from God, it is our mother who is everything to us.

For the love of his mother, of his motherland, of who and what had so generously poured into him every magnificent thing that he was, Rizal makes his decision: Like a superhero—I kid you not!—he would fly back to his *patria adorada, his perla del mar de oriente, nuestro perdido Edén*, to meet that boy who, like many of us Filipinos, is clinging on to that seemingly impossible dream of a hero.

Rizal meets boy. Boy is terrified (and not to mention thinks he's a drug-crazed maniac who'd broken into his house). Rizal convinces boy. Boy begs Rizal to stay (and send those real power-drunk political maniacs away). Rizal, for all his self-awareness in his place in history, gently but firmly refuses an active role in another generation's story. I gave you my life, he seems to say instead, now use it to be your own hero.

It is at this point that musical morphs into mission, into movement. *Rizal is My President* is a project of the OCCI Fullness of Life Foundation, which seeks to awaken the leader in each and every Filipino. Based on the book *Rizal is My President, 40 Leadership Tips from Jose Rizal* by Napoleon Almonte, it was adapted for the stage by Joshua So and directed by PETA's Raffy Tejada. De La Salle University's Harlequin Guild students star in it, performing original, heart-stirring songs by Noel Cabangon.

The musical satire premiered early this May at Ateneo Loyola Heights. It will transfer before the end of the month to St. Scholastica's College Manila, and then move on to other schools and venues, spreading the news that, yes, he was shot dead by a firing squad in Bagumbayan, but Dr. Jose Rizal can stay alive in us in so many ways—forty to be exact.

The 40 leadership tips from the book figure prominently in the musical. Nearing its end, The Marangals fan out in the audience area, spreading pieces of papers bearing these tips to a noble, heroic life. Know your country. Rise above the heartbreak. Face the bullet. Know how to say goodbye.

Musical morphs into mission, into movement, and Rizal is alive. Now we know that, with the legacy of his life, you don't have to die to be a hero. These days, it is quite the opposite, actually. For this nation to soar, you have to love. So, you have to live.

Rizal is My President, the book, would soon be available in the United States

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