

VEGAS BUZZ

Hip Happenings Not to Miss

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Retro Vegas: The newest vintage store to grace downtown, **Retro Vegas** is the brainchild of trio **Bill Johnson**, a former director of the Atomic Testing Museum; **Ben Nation**, of *VeryVintageVegas.com* and *Monster House* fame; and collector **Marc Comstock**. The items on display are eclectic, to say the least, from a statue of *Zelda* (which was separated from its "healthier" twin at an auction from the corporate offices at Mandalay Bay and the only item not for sale) to a complete pink kitchen from the 1960s that comes from a Rancho Circle estate and includes a freezer, two ovens, one hanging two-door cabinet and a stove with four burners. Also on hand are a booth from *Elvis-A-Rama*, a Bacchanal sign from *Caesars Palace*, a metallic Halston gown, and two coffee tables handmade for *Siegfried & Roy* (above). 1211 South Main Street, 702-384-2700.

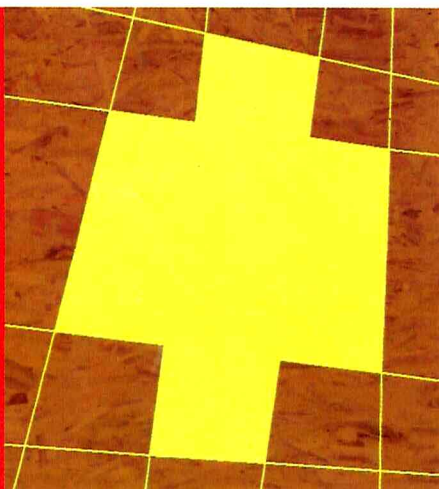


Alchimie Forever: Alchimie Forever, the Swiss antiaging beauty-care line that is currently experiencing a boom at Sephoras all over Europe, has arrived in Las Vegas, exclusively at *Omni Chemists*. The dynamic duo of physicians **Barbara** and **Luigi Polla** (who also own the avant-garde gallery *Analix Forever* in Geneva) have come up with a line that relies on botanicals and powerful antioxidants to control aging. It uses laser-related names (another passion of the Pollas) like *Alexandrite*, a gel for neck and décolletage that tightens and firms via green tea and rosemary, or *Superpulse*, a rejuvenating eye balm with active ingredients including alfalfa, jojoba and blueberries. At *Omni Chemists* at Fashion Show mall, 3200 Las Vegas Boulevard South, 702-731-1162.

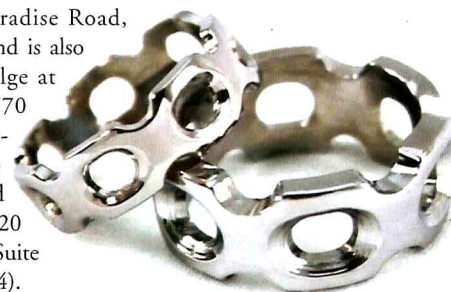


Aliante Station: Station Casinos is betting on the renaissance of North Las Vegas with the much awaited **Aliante Station**. The 202 guest rooms will offer amenities such as 42-inch plasma televisions and the contemporary flair from hipper-than-thou sister property *Red Rock Casino Resort Spa*. It will also feature a 16-screen *Regal Cinemas* movie theater, a 600-seat concert venue and six restaurants. **Aliante's** opening is scheduled for November 11th at 11:11 p.m. Reservations are available now and will be honored starting January 1st, 2009. 7300 Aliante Parkway, 702-692-7777.

"The Difference Between Making a Living and Making a Killing": Armed with a stellar reputation from her New York past, art-advisor-cum-gallery-owner **Michele C. Quinn** is currently in charge of acquisitions for *CityCenter's* Fine Art Collection. The August exhibit at her **Michele C. Quinn Fine Art Advisory** gallery is a group show with works by mostly Las Vegas-based artists, among them *Chad Brown* and his paintings that reconstruct experiences of time and place through line, contour and color, welder *nonpareil J.W. Caldwell* and Texan *R.C. Wonderly III*, whose minimalist work combines hardwood flooring, Sheetrock and plywood (shown right is his *Untitled*, 2008). *MCQ* recently exhibited works by lensman *Kevin Lynch*, whose high-gloss tome, *Octagon* (*powerHouse*, 2007), is a photographic narrative of the *Ultimate Fighting Championship* universe. Copies of the limited-edition \$2,500 book may still be available at www.octagon-book.com. *MCQ Fine Art Advisory*: 620 South Seventh Street, 702-366-9339.



Skeletal Metal: Who would have thought that orthopedic surgery, not exactly the most soothing procedure, could produce an edgy jewelry line? Such is the adventurous (and surprisingly aesthetic) proposition **Skeletal Metal**, from Henderson surgeon **Mike Crovetti**. The rings, earrings, bracelets and necklaces are based on reconstructive plates used to mend broken bones. The line will debut at the *Hard Rock Hotel & Casino* retail store this month (4455 Paradise Road, 702-693-5003), and is also available at *Indulge* at *Monte Carlo* (3770 Las Vegas Boulevard South, 702-262-1621) and *Broken Leash* (8820 West Charleston, Suite 103, 702-202-1284).



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