

## Partners

(Continued from Page 1) headlined the afternoon's events, providing slide shows, reports, and growth analyses to illustrate the estimated growth of the Las Vegas culinary, hospitality and gaming industries over the next 15 years along with the need for the 50,000 qualified professionals needed to fill those positions.

The ceremony, which took place in a restaurant-styled ballroom, housed more than 200 guests. During the elaborate presentation, guests were served a three-course lunch that included soup, sea bass and soft shelled crab.

Cooking for and serving each guest, students involved in the culinary program showed their skills.

"I was very pleased with décor of the ballroom, the food, and the service," said Anne Rose, who attended the day's event.

"I know the students will be great at whatever they do. They've presented themselves well and they appear to be prepared to enter into their respective fields."

"Over the past 15 years,

the CTA has trained an estimated 25,000 students for entry-level positions with participating employers along the Las Vegas Strip," Horsford mentions while reading through his annual report and presentation entitled "An Appetite for Success."

"This academy is one that will encompass many things. There will be a 600-seat community banquet room, a 120-seat bistro-style training restaurant, custom hospitality training rooms, vocational English training courses for immigrant students, and investment/money management courses sponsored by Money Tree."

"They'll learn more than culinary and hospitality techniques here. Those facets are our main focus," said Lou Collins, "but we are trying to equip our students with worldly skills, as well as those that will help them make a living. Many of our students are immigrants and/or come from low-income areas, so we do what we can to properly equip them as opposed to teaching them a skill and hoping they'll be

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successful when they leave our facilities."

Chief Culinary Officer Sterling Burpee will essentially train each culinary arts student, preparing them for their roles in the culinary industry.

"At the [CTA], you can enter as a fry cook or no cook and leave a sous chef. I've worked in Washington, D.C., New York City, and here in Las Vegas. I've been a chef for over 35 years, and it has been amazing to see the many changes in the culinary industry over the years. I'm teaching these students what I know, what I've been taught. And I see great prom-

ise in many of them. I know they'll do well."

The academy enjoys an 85.2 percent placement rate with its graduates, ensuring a consistent stream of skilled hospitality workers to the participating employee partners. The academy trains students to be specialized chefs, housekeepers, bartenders, room attendants, just to name a few.

"We not only hope to open up more jobs with the expansion of the academy, we want to give workers family-sustainable wages. This academy is not only about training but service to the community," Horsford said.

One way they'll assist the community, besides creating jobs, is through the Three Square program.

This program, in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas, helps to feed the hungry, in an attempt to end hunger in southern Nevada.

Rappaport, who is also the president of the Luxor Hotel and Casino, said, "I can relate to these young people. I wanted to succeed in youth more than anything. I grew up with nothing, so I was determined to become something. In this business, as with many others, attitude is everything. These students want to succeed. And I believe them to be very employable."

"At any given time, there are 200 to 300 positions available at various Strip casinos. You can't find enough good people. If they're trained before they enter their respective field, they're

ahead of the game. This academy works hands-on with students to ensure success. They are ready when they leave our program. They are trained in state-of-the-art kitchens, by experienced trainers. This program is a true American success story. These students win because they gain careers and can go anywhere to work."

Horsford made it known that without the support of so many, this project could not have come to fruition.

"I want to thank so many. Without my wife, the community, the students, Congresswoman Shelly Berkley, Commissioner Lawrence Weekly, the Bank of Nevada, U.S. Senator Harry Reid, the 100 Black Men of Las Vegas, and SH Architecture and Urban Architecture & Design, this project would simply be an idea. We've accomplished something great here and cannot wait to view the inevitably pleasing outcome."

## Tisdale

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called The Fruit of Islam (FOI) to protect my paper. He's done that several times. The Klan kept machine gunning the office until I had to move. This was during the 1990s. They tried to shoot me! They stood in front of my office and machine-gunned away. Blem! Blem! Blem! Blem! Blem! Blem!"

Reportedly, some 3,000 rounds were shot into Tisdale's building.

The story continues, "Mr. T." said the men who were part of the Klan were finally caught.

"As they were driving down Hamilton Street, a prostitute asked them if they were looking for a girl? They said, 'No.' She took down the tag number and they were caught. They had a great number of machine guns and automatic weapons with them when they were caught. From there we moved on Farish Street.

"...Someone burned that building down. The FBI had a camera on my place all the time. I saw it! So I know they had a camera on my building. They made someone who had robbed a bank plead to the burning of my building. I know he didn't do it. They also burned down the house next door to me be-

cause they thought that was mine, too.

"After they burned down the office on Farish Street, we moved on Mill Street. Alice found the place we're in now."

Tisdale was diagnosed as a diabetic in 1991 and subsequently lost eight toes due to poor circulation.

Born Nov. 5, 1926, in Athens, Ala., Tisdale is the father of three children: Charles Jr., Beverly and DeAnna.

Thomas-Tisdale says although her husband was fierce on civil rights, he also had a soft side. "He liked to bake biscuits, watch football and listen to his daughters sing," she said warmly. But, mostly, he'll be remembered for his courage. In the words of Congressman Thompson:

"When shots were fired into his home, and even when members of the Ku Klux Klan fired over 3,000 rounds of ammunition into the offices of the weekly newspaper, he never stopped pursuing the truth. He took the lead in publishing articles on civil rights violations and he was unrelenting in his fight against racism, injustice, discrimination and corruption by government officials. He never gave up on a story, and, in the end, the truth would come out."

## Your Horoscope Says... July 12-18

### ARIES

Ask for second opinions and shop around this week; it will be worth the time in savings. Something at your workplace may cause you a momentary qualm, but it's really nothing but high spirits from co-workers. Don't look for trouble! The present moment is rich with romantic promise.

Soul Affirmation: I change who I am by changing where I am going.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 17, 20

### TAURUS

During the next few weeks, you'll find yourself wanting to rush around. Try to take it easy instead. Everything will happen according to plan, and you'll feel much calmer and happier with yourself and with others!

Soul Affirmation: I let myself experience my true ambitions this week.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 24, 37

### GEMINI

Get any negative energy out of the way quickly by turning a situation into a solution. Your mind will intuitively find the best answer if you focus on a resolution instead of a problem. A partner or best friend brings an extra glow to you, as your thoughts and feelings are in harmony.

Soul Affirmation: Being true to others is the way to be true to myself.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 13, 50

### CANCER

Keep focused. Your attention is likely to be distracted by someone's foolishness. Your concentration is likely to be pulled in many directions. Don't let yourself be seduced by something that looks a whole lot better than it'll turn out to be.

Soul Affirmation: I love who I am and rejoice.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 23, 44

### LEO

You'll need all the expertise you possess to deal with the distractions that will come into your life this week. Float on the surface of things. If you go deep you could get lost chasing after clarifications that are not going to come. Seek compensation from a relationship that has a long history.

Soul Affirmation: Forgetting past injustices is my key to a happier future.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 21, 50

### VIRGO

Some people around you may be a little grumpy, but you are still in the mood to behold the glad tidings that you feel in your heart. Let the positive predominate. Your family is happy and well, and so are you. Think about it, and enjoy a lovely, loving week.

Soul Affirmation: I smile as I think about far away paces.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 19, 40

### LIBRA

Take care of a number of minor matters this week; you'll feel as if you've happily accomplished the tasks of Hercules when they are all cleared up and put tidily away. Your ideas and words are very well received; speak your mind this week. You are the social one!

Soul Affirmation: Appreciation leads to recognition.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 44, 55

### SCORPIO

"Happy-happy joy-joy..." You'll have a song on your lips this week as you make your way easily through a thicket of tasks and obligations. This week brings a surprise from a partner, so anticipate it with a glad heart!

Soul Affirmation: I open myself up for a glad surprise.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 31, 46

### SAGITTARIUS

Steer clear of argumentative folks this week, and let yourself flow with the energy that is spectacularly positive for launching new project plans. Happiness at home is almost a given this week. You may be feeling festive at a late-night social gathering.

Soul Affirmation: New insights create new directions and a new cast of characters.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 20, 54

### CAPRICORN

Watch for surges in energy that encourage you to overdo it this week. You are brimming over with energy, most of it very positive. Take a walk to burn some of the other kind of energy off and to keep your mind free and clear. Harmony rules at home this week.

Soul Affirmation: I get joy from giving good things.

Lucky Numbers: 33, 42, 51

### AQUARIUS

It's a very pleasant and wonderful week of the year for you, Money matters go well, and there is a very sweet harmony between friends and family. Have fun in the present moment, but don't go overboard, okay?

Soul Affirmation: I let my spirit light my path this week.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 13, 46

### PISCES

Lots of happy reasons for goofing off this week. You'll be in a luxurious state of mind, expansive and dreamy. Ideas and dreams seem very real this week. Enjoy them, and let yourself think about how wonderful it will be when your dreams come true this year.

Soul Affirmation: I focus on long-range financial security this week.

Lucky Numbers: 22, 43, 50