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Looking for a spring break getaway? The Eldorado Hotel Casino in Reno is offering a sweet deal for spring – 10% of the prevailing room rates, two free breakfast buffets and a free upgrade to a Deluxe room (based availability at the time of check-in). Offer valid for stays April 1 through May 31.

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For more details, visit [www.eldorado.com](http://www.eldorado.com) or call 800-648-5966 and mention "Spring Deal." The latest updates and information can also be found on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or the Eldorado's iPhone and Android Apps, available for free in the Apple Store and Android Market.

**Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch**

The 2013 Sierra Nevada Film Festival on Saturday, March 23, 5:30 PM at Black Bart Playhouse in Murphys. The following feature films will be shown:

**Desert Dreams:** immerses viewers in a world pulsing with life and beauty year-round. Using no voice-over, the film combines natural sounds with a kaleidoscope of flute and percussion vignettes by Gary Stroutsos. Thomas Wiewandt | 2012 | 52 min. | USA

**Go Ganges!** sponsored by OARS - Two friends on a quest to travel the ultimate river by any means possible. Emmy nominated and multiple-award-winning filmmakers Josh Thomas and JJ Kelley take their survival skills to a natural wonder, which hosts a population of 400 million. J.J. Kelley, Josh Thomas, Ben Gottfried | 2012 | 83 min. | USA/India

**Neve & Sons** In 1922, a newly-arrived Italian immigrant started growing and selling flowers in San Francisco. Four generations later, facing the mounting pressures of a globalized industry, his great grandsons struggle to keep the Neve family in the flower business. Laura Green | 2012 | 9 min. | USA [www.lauragreenfilms.com](http://www.lauragreenfilms.com)

**Snow Guardians** An immensely visual documentary on the life and work of Ski Patrol at several Rocky Mountain Ski Resorts as well as the Search and Rescue teams that respond to winter emergencies in the backcountry. The hard work and passion of Ski Patrol and snow science experts as they work in challenging, dangerous, yet beautiful locations. Carson Garner | 44 min.

**Ode to the Color of Life**

Amber is tens of thousands of years old  
Semi precious, petrified wood resin  
Orange, brown, yellow, green, white, red and gold  
From pines in the epoch of the Eocene

Fifty million years old, it holds in time  
Fossils and fragments of old landscape pests  
To be found by laborers in a mine  
And traded at markets in Bucharest

From under Russia to Catherine's great room  
Hewn, lined, and panelled to create – pillaged,  
A wonder, looted in WWII,  
And remade to remember heritage

Worn to heal, worn to match, worn to burn,  
Placed between jiva-atma and Brahman,  
A thing to hold back and show souls in turn  
That the best in us is that we are human.

When the Greeks pronounced it as electrum,  
Namesake of Olympic medals alloyed:  
White gold, not stone. Was it a fortunum?  
Knowing these coins would shape our society?

Did Tesla study amber's attractions?  
Its nature to charge when rubbed together?  
Electricity in the cities and towns  
From golden circuits and tree blood heather?

This is so and we follow the trail,  
We end up in deep underground forests  
Finding ore to sell in jeweler's mail and black hills to dig  
up for more bracelets.

Amber is my daughter, just se'en years old  
Precious, Fresh, shimmering like poplar leaves  
In the wind of her wake I've just followed  
Her life and opened the doors she believes

A beautiful, perfect daughter, like all  
Shaped from genes and spliced by environment  
She lets us know that playing with her dolls  
Is the way to learn what all the rules meant

Her hair wavy and dark in mild winter  
Wet with rain, dusted by pollen in spring,  
Bleached by pools and tangled up in summer  
Then next in warm hats and hoodies with strings

Her skin olive and italianesque  
Cut into on the knees by fun falls, red  
When cold, hair risen on tiniest gooseflesh  
When hot, kicking the covers from her bed

Upside down eyes make the color brown proud  
Runoff in the Grand Canyon isn't as deep  
Nor as full and not nearly as so loud  
As their beauty when lidded and asleep

**The Story of Broke:** Why There's Still Plenty of Money to Build a Better Future The United States isn't broke; we're the richest country on the planet, and a country where the richest among us are doing exceptionally well. But the truth is, our economy is broken, producing more pollution, greenhouse gasses and garbage than any other country.

"The Story of Broke" calls for a shift in government spending toward investments in clean, green solutions—renewable energy, safer chemicals and materials, zero waste, education. Free Range Studios, The Story of Stuff Project | 2011 | 8 min. | USA

Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch, Arnold, is proud to be the host of Film Festival for the ninth consecutive year. Check [www.sierrafilmfest.org](http://www.sierrafilmfest.org) for a schedule of upcoming films. EPFW promotes responsible, sustainable timber harvest prac-

tices through public education, legal action, and coordination with other conservation groups. BLACK BART PLAYHOUSE | MURPHYS | March 23, DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM. 6pm Welcome and Introduction, 6:10 Neve & Sons; 6:23 Desert Dreams; 7:15 Intermission; 7:35 Short film (to be announced); 7:45 Go Ganges! -- sponsored by OARS; 8:55 Intermission; 9:10 Snow Guardians; 9:55 Raffle and Closing. Tickets, Advance Door Type \$8.00, \$10.00 Adult - Black Bart Playhouse or Columbia College, \$5.00, \$6.00 Student Admission - Black Bart Playhouse \$14.00 \$17.00

Adult Admission to Black Bart Playhouse and Columbia College (save \$2-\$3 on multi-day ticket) Order online at: <http://www.sierrafilmfest.org/tickets.html>

*Have a Wonderful Easter Celebration!*



Her dreams breach the walls of her homes and mind  
To become a dancer, baker, and vet  
While riding ponies, fairies fly behind  
To see exactly how far she will get

From Gerran's to Golden's she's two rooms  
Cleaned, messed, and comfortably ornate  
Enough to wonder and weave thoughts in looms  
And hang on the walls when she'll decorate

Crayony triangle-dressed girls stand  
In so many papers tacked in Sheetrock  
Best friends from school holding each other's hand  
And say "I love you"s in their balloon talk

With these same friends sharing colds, flus, and worse  
And after the wiping, steaming and rest  
Returning to school, snackies in her purse  
Raring to play and feeling at her best

Dresses stained and worn, stockings holed and run,  
Magic rocks in piles, new books on the shelf,  
Whatever she has, all these things her own,  
She has my love. May she stay in good health.

Happy Birthday, One-One!  
From Daddy

*"Photo and hairstyle by Aunt Nonnie."*

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**May 4 - Spring Birds Hope Valley**  
**May 18 - Galaxy Slideshow/Starwatch**  
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