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Bassist Zach Teran, a senior in the jazz and improvisational music program; David Ake, associate professor of music and dance and this year’s winner of the F. Donald Tibbits Distinguished Teacher Award; Eric Wang, associate professor of mechanical engineering and this year’s winner of the Regents’ Teaching Award; and Ann-Marie Vollstedt ’02 (mechanical engineering), ’05M.S. (mechanical engineering), ’05M.S. (secondary education), and a doctoral candidate in mechanical engineering, all pose in Nightingale Hall with a Steinway grand piano and the robot designed by a team of engineering and science students to compete in the 2009 Mars University Rover Challenge. The Nevada team took third place. Art direction by Patrick McFarland, photography by Theresa Danna-Douglas assisted by Tyler Keck and lighting by Mark Gandolfo.

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Gatherings – More photos from Spring Commencement, Golden Reunion and Alumni Skate Night.

University News – Straw-bale house survives violent shaking at earthquake lab video.

Home Means Nevada – For full interview with Randy Gener ’92.

Remembering Friends – For the full obituaries.

Corrections: In the Spring 2009 Honor Roll of Donors issue, inside cover spread, an incorrect name and bio was attributed to the photo of Charles E. Scripps. The correct information is: The Scripps Howard Foundation was incorporated in 1962 as the philanthropic arm of The E.W. Scripps Company, a media company that operates daily newspapers and network-affiliated television stations throughout the United States. Charles E. Scripps (left) was the foundation’s first chairman, and Jack R. Howard (right) was its first president. The complete bio can be found at: www.unr.edu/nevadasilverandblue/archive/2009/spring/NSB_Spring_2009_WEB.pdf

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