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"Like, What Planet Are You From?"

Find out along the Delmar Loop Planet Walk, St. Louis' new interactive model of the solar system. The 2,880-foot long walk, which starts with the sun at the Moonrise Hotel and concludes with Neptune down the road at Cicero's, gives visitors an appreciation of just how "far out" Earth's neighbors really are. At this 1:5 billion scale, the sun is only 10 inches in diameter, and Mother Earth is a mere speck located about 95 feet away. Wow, talk about feeling insignificant (oops – sorry Pluto). Plot your course at www.loopplanetwalk.com.

Girl Power

St. Louis is featured in the most recent issue of Group Tour Magazine, an industry pub distributed to 15,000 top group tour buyers throughout the good of US of A and Canada. Pretty cool, eh? The article offers a three-day, female-focused itinerary that's chock full o' things we womenfolk like to see and do, including tours of historic homes, arts and culture options, spa time, and – of course – shopping. See for yourself here.

Chattanooga Choo-Choos St. Lou

"St. Louis Is Action-Packed This Holiday Season" – so says the travel page on Chattanoogan.com. The online article details all sorts of festive festivities taking place in the Gateway City, including the Macy's Holiday Festival of Lights (Nov. 20), the Wild Bird Sanctuary's "Christmas is for the Birds" (Dec. 5), and First Night®-Saint Louis in the Grand Center Arts & Entertainment District (Dec. 31). Find out what all those east Tennesseans are talkin' about here: www.chattanoogan.com.

2 Years x 4 Seasons = 3 A's 5 Diamonds

Missouri's only Four Seasons Hotel seems to have the right mathematical equation. The luxurious property, which was awarded AAA Five Diamond status for the second straight year, remains the only hotel in the state with the distinction. The hotel was secretly graded on 228 service benchmarks and 75 physical benchmarks by secret AAA evaluators – sounds very Cold War/double naught spy-like, doesn't it? Check it out at news.moneycentral.msn.com.

MAC 'n' RAC - And Kaiser

The Missouri Arts Council and the Regional Arts Commission present "Arts in Crisis: A Kennedy Center Initiative with Michael M. Kaiser." Kaiser, president of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, will speak at the Sheldon Concert Hall on Tuesday, November 17. The free event is open to the public and kicks off with a coffee hour from 9 - 10 a.m. Registration is free and available via www.artsincrisis.eventbrite.com. Wait – did somebody say "free coffee?"

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