

Work That Body

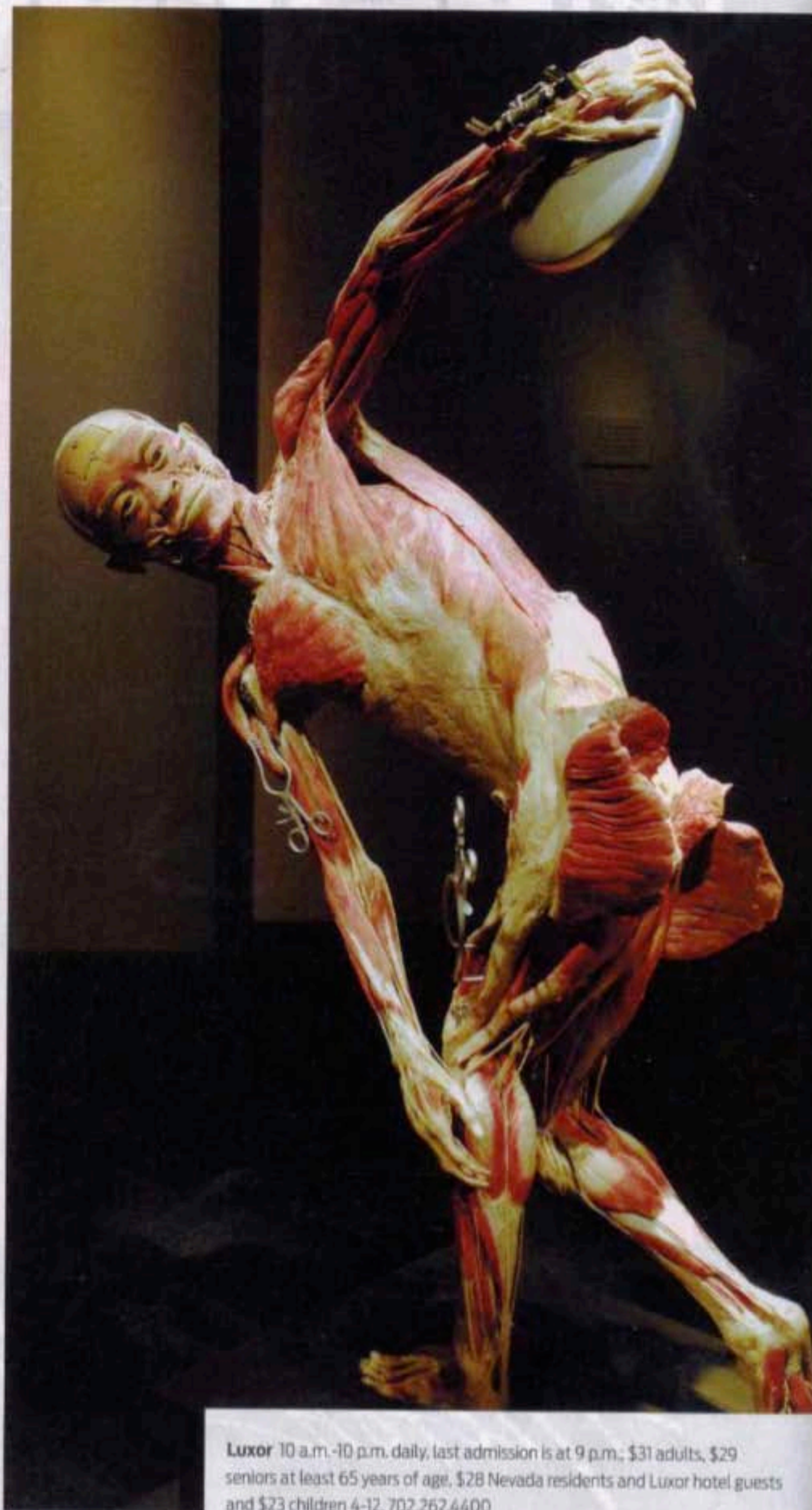
Everything you want to know about that skin you're in

Written on the wall at the entrance to Bodies ... The Exhibition are the words, "Your body is the only thing you can carry with you from the moment you are born until your very last breath." How fitting for the path visitors are about to embark on. Perhaps in no place, other than medical school, will you learn so much about that body you're carrying around—inside, outside and everything in between.

Each room in the exhibit deals with specific body systems—respiratory, digestive, reproductive and urinary. Human bodies have been preserved through innovative polymer preservation and put on display. One of the mantras of Bodies is "to see is to know." This exhibition is your in-depth guide.

View cross-sections of the brain or glimpse a full spinal cord with dozens of nerve endings that shoot out from its base. One display that gathers many lookie-loos holds a healthy lung and a smoker's lung. Another feature of the attraction are the human bodies erected on stands. Visitors can see what the human body's muscles, tendons, bones and organs look like in motion, without the skin on. It might be an odd sight at first, but it's ultimately fascinating to study. The optional fetal gallery is also vital in learning about the human body, showing fetal growth from eight weeks to 32 weeks. The disease-curious can check out organs affected by cancer or Parkinson's disease.

As part of Bodies' Wellness Series, Dr. Lawrence Gardner of The Breast Center at Sunrise speaks on the myths of breast cancer on Oct. 24. Visitors can enjoy the lecture and tour the exhibit for only \$16. —Kiko Miyasato



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