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**Insurgo moves
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BY DAVID MCKEE In a break with casino-entertainment tradition, the Plaza Hotel & Casino downtown has announced a business relationship with Insurgo Theater Movement — a far cry from casino staples like Rat Pack tributes. Insurgo won't be going into the Plaza's first-floor showroom but a 75-seat, third-floor space, currently "being developed," according to a Plaza [...]

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More retro beardo

The long-haired Beardo quintet of Greensky Bluegrass plays some of the most authentic -- and stupid-fast -- bluegrass coming out of the Midwest right now. Our favorite track, "Radio Blues," sounds like it should be in a car chase between two Model A Fords with wooden wheels. It's images like that singer Paul Hoffman sinks his teeth into: rural life. "We use the rural images more than city images," he says. "Farming has always been appealing to me for being a simple, you-get-what-you-give lifestyle. There's something poetic about it. Or maybe it's because we travel around the country, and that's all I see."

But the most admirable part of the band is its free-trade policy when it comes to music. Besides encouraging the audience to film at their shows (when was the last time you heard that on the Strip?), you can find Greensky's upcoming album, *Hand Guns*, sampled for free online over the summer. "We don't want people to have to wait for it or pay for it," Hoffman says. "We want everyone to hear it now."

It's when you take the money sign out of an equation that you get the most fun music. Maybe because people are cheapskates. Or maybe because Greensky's just here to enjoy the seeds it has planted. MAX PLENKE

Greensky Bluegrass Tuesday, Aug 2, 8 p.m.; *Hard Rock Cafe (The Strip)*, 4475 Paradise Road, 733-7625, \$12-15

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