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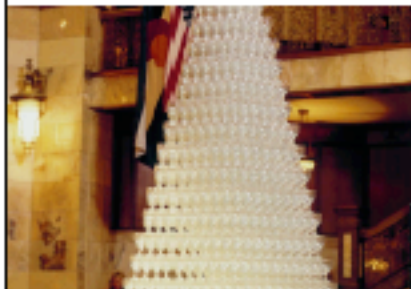
WHAT: It may be impossible to overdo luxury, but the Brown Palace comes close, offering the royal treatment with the Butler Brigade equipped with a concierge who will serve, indulge and amaze.

WHY: Before your stay, your butler will tailor your quarters to fit your unique room temperature, turn down and music preferences. Upon arrival, you'll be whisked to the top of the Brown guest room or suite where you'll be greeted with refreshments of your liking and your steadfast steward. The top-notch bennies of the Butler Brigade service take this Palace experience to a super-luxe level, complete with Mercedes and driver, express shoeshine service and so much more.

**MACHINE GUN TOURS**12550 WEST COLFAX AVENUE
303.993.8361
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WHAT: Let's face it, if the apocalypse is coming, then you damn well better be ready. And, even if 2012 isn't the end of the world, it doesn't hurt to sharpen your shooting skills.

WHY: Machine Gun Tours of Lakewood offers more than just a full firearms retail store. Live out the secret agent fantasy of your choice during the Spy Master Tour (\$255/person), and take aim with a variety of pistols, shotguns and machine guns. Or, trade your Xbox controller for the Gamers Fantasy Tour (\$525/person), complete with pistol, Uzi, AK-47, M-16, belt-fed weapons and chocolate milk, Funtuns and a TV dinner for lunch.

**BUCKET LIST**

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**SCUBA WITH THE SHARKS**700 WATER STREET
303.789.7450
DIVEDOWNTOWN.COM

WHAT: It's hard to get your feet wet when you're landlocked, but aquatic adventures are still within reach. Venture to Denver's Downtown Aquarium to scuba with the sharks.

WHY: If you're a fanatic for the finned-phenomenon—but the closest you've ever been to Shark Week is within a few feet of your TV—then it may be time to earn your diving certification. A-1 Scuba offers classes in both the Under the Sea and Sunken Shipwreck exhibits. Swim with sand tigers, sandbar sharks, zebra sharks, saw fish and even the occasional green sea turtle while sifting through the sand floor for shark teeth. Or, opt for a more mild marine experience and brush up on your snorkeling skills.

**QUANTUM PSYCHICS**1001 EAST 7TH AVENUE
720.203.2934
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WHAT: We made it through the millennium without a mishap, but 2012 has us wondering: mirror, mirror on the wall, will the world end after all? For those fearing the future, psychics Richard Hartnett and Cookie James predict it won't be the end of the world, but rather, a turning point in how we participate in life.

WHY: Crystal balls may be antiquated, but the clairvoyant is alive and well. Hartnett, certified by the American Association of Professional Psychics, specializes in tarot, astrology, palmistry and dream interpretation, and James specializes in palmistry, crystal oracle, tealeaf readings and aura readings. You may be sans one crystal ball, but that doesn't mean you're not meant to know it all.

BUCKHORN EXCHANGE1000 LOSAGE STREET
303.534.8005
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WHAT: The classic initiation into true Colorado status—Rocky Mountain oysters—served hot and sexy at Denver's oldest restaurant, Buckhorn Exchange.

WHY: Mile High folks have always led the pack in both health and penny-pinching—even if that entailed fancying the eastern end of a westbound bull. Today, many continue to march into Buckhorn Exchange eatery to lose their bull-fry virginity and get a personal taste of this notorious delicacy. For those unprepared for an intimate encounter, Buckhorn complements this bull with an ironic cocktail sauce or house-made horseradish. Whether you take it solo or bang balls with mates, sample this ballsy dish for yourself. Balls.

