



• 47 YEARS OF LGBTQ+ PUBLISHING IN LAS VEGAS

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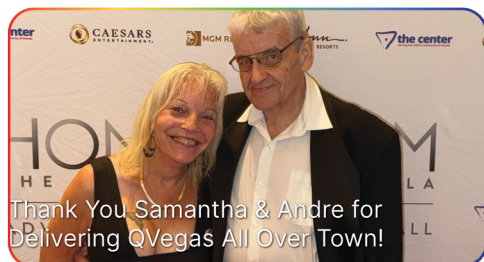
The longest continuously operating LGBTQ+ publication in Las Vegas history. A magazine. A community. A movement.
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With a proud publishing legacy that dates back to 1978, QVegas has been at the heart of Las Vegas' LGBTQ+ community for over four decades. What began as a grassroots newsletter has evolved into a dynamic weekly publication that informs, celebrates, and amplifies queer voices across Southern Nevada. QVegas is available in print at over 30 LGBTQ+ establishments, community nonprofits, and partner advertiser locations, making it a vital part of the local scene.

Beyond the printed page, QVegas connects with readers through a robust digital presence—on the web, across all major social media platforms, in our dedicated iOS app, and through weekly email blasts that keep the community in the know. Our coverage spans nightlife, entertainment, politics, health, advocacy, and the everyday stories that make up the diverse LGBTQ+ experience in Las Vegas.

As an advertiser-supported publication, QVegas is the most effective way to reach LGBTQ+ locals and visitors alike—offering unparalleled access to one of the city's most loyal and engaged audiences. In an era where equality rights are under attack nationwide, QVegas stands as a strong and unwavering community partner, committed to visibility, representation, and celebrating the power of queer voices.



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We Didn't Just Redesign a Website. We Built Infrastructure for a Community.

We started with a simple question: what does a community publication look like when it grows up? Not grows up in the sense of becoming corporate, or sanitized, or less ours. Grows up in the sense of becoming everything it was always meant to be — a full-service platform for LGBTQ+ life in Las Vegas, built by and for the community it serves.

QVegas has been publishing since 1978. Forty-seven years. Seven names. One unbroken commitment to visibility, information, and connection for LGBTQ+ Southern Nevada. What began as a grassroots newsletter passed hand to hand has evolved into the bi-weekly print edition you're holding right now — and, as of April 2026, into something far more powerful.

Welcome to the new QVegas.

The new qvegas.com and our completely updated iOS app represent the most ambitious evolution in our history. We've rebuilt from the ground up around five pillars: a comprehensive, community-curated LGBTQ+ Business Directory; a searchable Magazine Archive that will preserve nearly five decades of our community's story; a Pride 2026 events hub; online Articles covering news, culture, health, and everything in between; and now QVegas Wellness — a private, encrypted health platform built specifically for our community's needs, from medication tracking to mental health screenings to affirming provider search.

To help you get the most out of everything we've built, we've created this issue as our QVegas User Guide — a complete walkthrough of every feature, every tab, and every tool across the website and app. Think of it as your orientation to a platform that's designed to work for you on day one and get more useful every day after.

The print edition continues — stronger than ever, distributed across 30+ locations in the valley and at Harry Reid International Airport through QVegas Arrivals. But now it lives inside a digital ecosystem that works around the clock.

Download the app. Explore the directory. Browse the archive. Set up your wellness dashboard. And if you know a business that belongs in our directory — or one that doesn't — hit that Suggest Info button. This platform belongs to all of us.

We were here before. We're here now. And the best is still ahead.



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Darling, April is YOUR moment to snatch the crown! Venus has you serving looks and charisma—relationships ignite with passion, honey. Career-wise, strut into that promotion conversation; Mercury's got your back. Personal growth? Channel that fierce energy into setting boundaries, queen. Trust your instincts absolutely. Mid-month brings unexpected romance. Remember: you're not just living, you're PERFORMING your best life. Werk it, legendary creature!

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SAT APRIL 11
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1:30 AM at PIRANHA



FRI APRIL 17
SASHA COLBY

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MEET & GREET | 12:30 AM at GIPSY



SAT APRIL 18
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From 1978 to 2028: The Archive That Holds Our History

Nearly five decades of LGBTQ+ Las Vegas publishing will be preserved in a searchable digital archive — and the 50th anniversary collection is underway.

What did queer Las Vegas look like in 1985? What organizations existed in 1993? Who was fighting for our rights in 2004? What did we celebrate, what did we mourn, what did we advertise, argue about, and dream of?

The answers are in the pages.

The QVegas Magazine Archive, launching with the new website, starts with over 5 years of past issues, and will eventually make nearly five decades of LGBTQ+ community publishing available in digital form for the first time. It's a flipbook experience that lets you page through complete issues — cover to cover — organized by year from the present day back through every era of the publication's history.

Seven Names, One Continuous Thread

The publication you're holding has been known by seven names across its history. Vegas Gay Times and Nevada Gay Times in the late 1970s and early 1980s, during the scrappy, brave infancy of LGBTQ+ publishing in Las Vegas. The Bohemian Bugle from 1985, when the publication stabilized into regular, consistent circulation. Bugle from 1993 through 2004, building a loyal readership across a decade of growth. QVegas from 2004 to 2016, a name that announced its identity and its city in three syllables. QLife from 2017 to 2020, when COVID silenced the presses. And QVegas again, reborn and running, first weekly and now bi-weekly, and QVegas Arrivals greeting tourists at the Las Vegas airport.

Every name change reflected a moment in the community's evolution. The archive preserves all of them.

How to Browse the Archive

Visit qvegas.com/issues and you'll find the archive organized by publication era and year. Tap any year to see a grid of issues with their cover images and publication dates. Tap any issue to open the full-page flipbook reader.

The flipbook experience is designed to feel like paging through a physical magazine. Every page is rendered at high resolution, readable on screens from phone to desktop. Swipe or click to turn pages. Zoom in on advertisements, event

listings, letters to the editor, and the thousand small details that capture a moment in time.

The archive currently spans over 5 years of QVegas with over 200 complete issues digitized and available. Earlier eras — QLife, QVegas Magazine, the Bugle, the Bohemian Bugle, and the original Vegas Gay Times — are being digitized from physical copies and will be added progressively as they're scanned and processed.

Why Archives Matter

A community's archive is its proof of existence. In a world that has repeatedly tried to erase LGBTQ+ history — from literal book bans to the quieter erasure of simply forgetting — a complete, searchable record of nearly 50 years of queer community life in Las Vegas is more than a nice feature. It's an act of preservation.

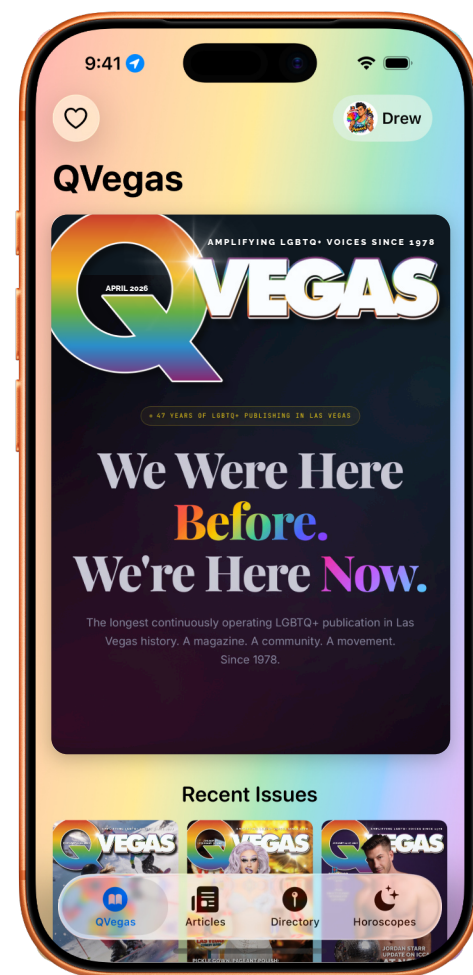
The advertisements in a 2006 issue of QVegas tell you which businesses supported the community when it wasn't as fashionable to do so. The event listings in a 2010 issue tell you who was organizing, who was showing up, who was building the infrastructure of queer life in the desert. The letters to the editor tell you what people were angry about, hopeful for, and arguing over.

This is primary source material. Researchers, historians, journalists, students, and community members can use this archive to understand the full arc of LGBTQ+ Las Vegas — not a summary written after the fact, but the real-time record as it happened, issue by issue, page by page.

The 50th Anniversary Vision

In 2028, QVegas turns 50 years old. The golden anniversary of LGBTQ+ community publishing in Las Vegas — one of the longest-running LGBTQ+ publications in the United States.

The vision for that milestone is ambitious: a fully digitized archive spanning every issue ever published, from the first mimeographed pages of Vegas Gay Times in 1978 to the current bi-weekly edition. Full-text search across the entire collection, so you can find every mention of a person, a business, an event, or a



topic across five decades. A living timeline of community history, integrated with the modern directory, events calendar, and editorial coverage.

The archive launching today is the foundation for that anniversary project. Every issue digitized now is one more piece of the puzzle in place.

In the App

The iOS app includes a magazine reader with an immersive cover display. Browse issues, tap to open, and read complete magazines on your iPhone or iPad. Save your favorite issues with the heart icon for quick access later.

The Record Stands

There's something powerful about being able to point to a shelf — physical or digital — and say: this is our history. It's documented. It's preserved. It's real.

For 47 years, through every name change and every challenge, this publication has been that record for LGBTQ+ Las Vegas. The digital archive ensures it endures for at least 47 more.

Browse the archive at qvegas.com/issues. And pick up the print edition at any of our 30+ distribution points across the valley — because some things are still best held in your hands.

The Directory: Finding Your Community, One Business at a Time

QVegas launches the most comprehensive LGBTQ+ business directory in the Las Vegas valley — and the community helps keep it current.

There's a moment every LGBTQ+ person knows: you're in a new neighborhood, or you've just moved to town, or you're visiting Las Vegas for the first time, and you need to find your people. Not just a bar — a dentist who gets it, a mechanic who won't look at your rainbow bumper sticker sideways, a nonprofit that can actually help, a gym where you can be yourself.

The new QVegas Directory is built for that moment. It's built to become the most comprehensive listing of LGBTQ-owned and LGBTQ-friendly businesses, organizations, and services in the Las Vegas valley, and it's designed to be as useful on your first day in town as it is on your thousandth.

How It Works

Visit qvegas.com/directory or tap the Directory tab in the QVegas app. You'll see a searchable, filterable listing of organizations across Southern Nevada.

Filter by organization type — businesses, nonprofits, advocacy groups, government services, media outlets, and chambers of commerce. Combine filters to narrow results: show only LGBTQ-owned nonprofits, or only verified businesses, or only featured listings.

Near Me is where the directory comes alive on mobile. Tap the compass icon and the directory uses your location to show what's around you, sorted by distance. On the website, an embedded Apple Maps view shows color-coded pins across the valley. In the app, an interactive map lets you zoom, pan, and tap markers for instant details.

The Badges Tell the Story

Every directory listing carries badges that tell you exactly what you need to know at a glance.

The rainbow flag badge means LGBTQ-Owned or LGBTQ-Friendly — verified as welcoming and affirming. These distinctions matter. Knowing whether a business is queer-owned versus allied gives you the information to support your community the way you choose.

Community-Curated

Here's what makes the QVegas Directory

different from a Google search: the community helps maintain it.

Every listing includes a "Suggest Info" button. If you know something has changed — a business has moved, a new LGBTQ-owned shop has opened, a previously friendly business has shown its true colors — you can flag it. The suggestion form lets you indicate whether a business is LGBTQ-owned, LGBTQ-friendly, anti-LGBTQ, or closed. Optional notes let you add context.

These suggestions go to QVegas for review. It's community intelligence at work — thousands of eyes keeping the directory honest and current in a way no automated system can match.

Claim Your Page

Business owners and authorized representatives can claim their listing through the new "Claim This Page" feature. A floating button appears on every directory detail page. Tap it, sign in, and submit your claim with your role and verification details. Once approved, you'll be able to update your listing directly — hours, photos, description, contact information, and more.

This puts business owners in control of their own presence on the platform. No waiting for someone else to update your holiday hours. No outdated phone numbers lingering for months. Your listing, your data, your community presence.

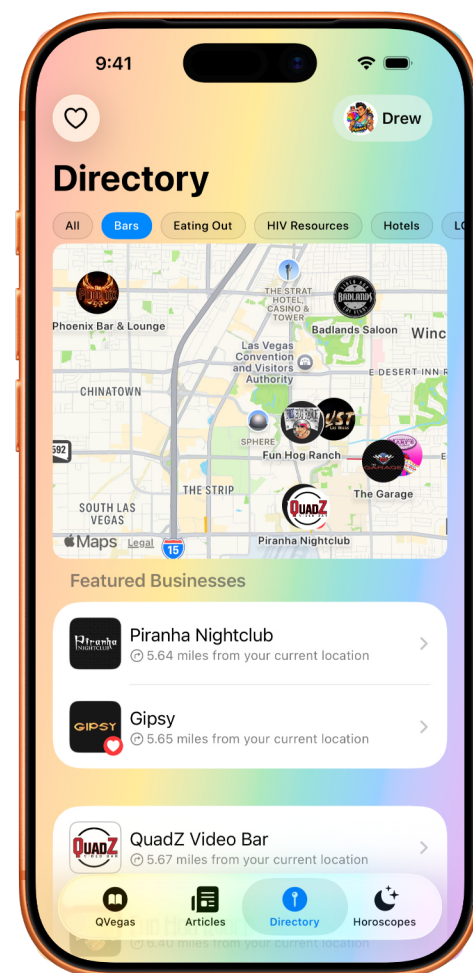
The Detail View

Tap any listing to see its full profile. The detail page shows everything: logo, photos, full description, address with map, phone number, email, website, social media links, hours of operation, year established, and price range. Badges are prominently displayed, and for businesses with coordinates, an embedded map shows exactly where to go.

For organizations that serve the community — health clinics, nonprofits, advocacy groups — the detail page also shows the specific services they offer, from HIV testing to legal aid to case management.

In the App

The iOS app takes the directory mobile in the best possible way. The map view fills



the top of the screen with your location centered, surrounded by pins for nearby businesses. Scroll down for the list view, or expand the map to full screen for a bird's-eye view of LGBTQ+ Las Vegas.

Category chips let you filter with a tap. Heart icons let you save favorites. And because the app uses Apple Maps with MapKit, you get accurate, up-to-date map data with satellite and standard views, zoom controls, and compass orientation.

More Than a List

A directory might sound simple — names, addresses, phone numbers. But in a community where knowing who's safe, who's ours, and who's genuinely welcoming can affect everything from your haircut to your healthcare, a curated directory is infrastructure.

The QVegas Directory isn't trying to list every business in Las Vegas. It's listing the ones that matter to us — the ones that welcome us, the ones we own, the ones that stand with us. And it's trusting the community to help keep that list honest.

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Battle Born and Ballot Ready: Nevada-Built BallotWatch Launches Nationwide

The duo behind 2Vegas is making it easier for every American to know exactly what's on their ballot — from U.S. Senate to school board.

When most voters walk into a polling booth, they know the top three names on their ballot. The president, maybe their senator, possibly their congressional representative. But what about the state assembly race? The county commissioner? The school board trustee who will shape their children's education? The justice of the peace who will handle their traffic ticket?

That knowledge gap is exactly what BallotWatch was built to solve.

Launching this week in public preview at **ballot.watch**, the non-partisan election platform covers every race on every ballot across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories — nearly 10,000 races and 7,000 candidates for the 2026 midterm elections and growing daily.

Built in Las Vegas, Built for Everyone

BallotWatch was born right here in Southern Nevada, where we know firsthand how confusing a ballot can be. Nevada's unique mix of partisan primaries, nonpartisan judicial races, township justices of the peace, and county constitutional officers makes it one of the most complex ballots in the country.

"We started with Nevada because if we could make sense of a Nevada ballot, we could do it anywhere," says Russ White, the platform's co-creator. "Then we kept going — state by state, county by county, all the way down to school boards and constables."

The platform now tracks races at every level of government: federal offices like the U.S. Senate and House, statewide races for governor, attorney general, and secretary of state, state legislature seats, county commissions, sheriffs, district attorneys, circuit court judges, school

board trustees, and even township constables and water district boards.

More Than Just Names on a List

BallotWatch is not just a candidate directory. The platform offers a suite of tools designed to turn passive voters into informed ones.

My Ballot lets users enter their address and see exactly which races they will vote on. No more guessing which state senate district they live in or whether their county commission seat is up this year. Users can mark their picks and carry a personalized ballot checklist to the polls.

Candidate profiles go beyond party affiliation. Where available, profiles include policy positions, endorsements from organizations, campaign website and social media links, and the latest news coverage aggregated from hundreds of sources nationwide.

Favorites let users star the races and candidates they care about most, creating a personal watchlist that persists across devices throughout the election season.

Key Dates tracks every critical deadline — filing periods, primary dates, voter registration deadlines, early voting windows, and ballot mailing dates — customized for each state.

Headlines aggregates candidate news from across the country, updated multiple times daily, with each article linked directly to the relevant candidate profile.

Preview Mode: Help Get It Right

BallotWatch is launching in "early preview mode" — fully functional but with an open invitation for you to help improve the data.

"With thousands of races across 56 jurisdictions, accuracy is everything," White explains. "We have automated data pipelines pulling from secretaries of state, county election offices, and official filing

records, but we also rely on our users. Every page has a flag icon where anyone can report an error."

The platform's data is sourced from official state election boards, the North Carolina State Board of Elections candidate database, county clerk filings, Ballotpedia, and direct research. New candidates and race updates are added daily as primaries conclude and filing deadlines pass.

Free, Non-Partisan, No Ads

BallotWatch is free to use and carries no ad network advertising. The platform is not affiliated with any political party, campaign, or advocacy organization. Revenue comes from optional donations and premium features for campaigns and civic organizations — never from selling user data.

"Your ballot is between you and the voting booth," says Garrett Pattiani, co-creator of Ballot Watch. "We just want to make sure you know who's on it before you get there."

The platform is accessible from any browser on desktop or mobile. Users can create a free account to save their ballot picks and favorites, or browse anonymously without signing in.

What's Next

We are actively developing additional features for the 2026 cycle, including election night results tracking, expanded candidate position data, and tools for civic organizations to create voter guides. A mobile app is planned for later in the year.

For now, the message is simple: visit **ballot.watch**, enter your address, and find out what's actually on your ballot. Every race. Every candidate. One place. BallotWatch is available now in public preview.



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to participate fully in American democracy.

Welcome to the New QVegas: 47 Years of Community, Reimagined for Today

In 1978, a scrappy publication called **Vegas Gay Times** emerged from a community that had every reason to stay hidden but chose instead to be seen. It was printed in small runs, distributed hand to hand, and carried a simple, radical message: **we are here.**

Nearly five decades later, that same spirit powers QVegas — and on April 1, 2026, we're opening the doors to the most significant evolution in our history. The new QVegas website and completely updated iOS app represent more than a redesign. They represent a reimagining of what a community platform can be.

From Print to Platform

QVegas has never been just a magazine. Through seven name changes — from Vegas Gay Times to the Bohemian Bugle, from QVegas to QLife and back again — the publication has adapted to every era while holding firm to its founding purpose: serving LGBTQ+ Las Vegas with visibility, information, and connection.

The new digital platform extends that mission into every corner of daily life. The bi-weekly print edition you hold in your hands continues, stronger than ever. But now it's backed by a living digital ecosystem that works for you around the clock.

What You'll Find

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Pride 2026 gathers every Pride event worldwide into one place.

The Magazine Archive opens years of LGBTQ+ Las Vegas history. Page through complete issues in a digital flipbook, organized by year. Every issue since January 2020 with more of our archives added over time. This is your community's living memory, preserved and searchable.

QVegas Wellness is where we break new ground. More on that in a dedicated article in this issue, but know this: QVegas now offers a private, encrypted health and wellness platform built specifically for LGBTQ+ people. It's unlike anything else in community media.

Horoscopes delivers daily, weekly, and monthly readings for every zodiac sign. Save your sign for quick access anytime.

Articles is where we cover the stories that matter: news, culture, health, travel, food, fashion, real estate, relationships, and everything that touches LGBTQ+ life in Southern Nevada.

One Account, Every Platform

Sign in once with Apple, Google, or create your own account. It works everywhere — on the website, in the iOS app, and across devices (an Android version of the app is coming in 2027). Your favorites, your profile, and your wellness data follow you seamlessly. QVegas uses the same secure authentication used by banks and healthcare systems, built with end-to-end encryption.

The 50th Is Coming

In 2028, QVegas turns 50. That milestone will arrive with a fully digitized archive spanning every issue ever published — a searchable, browsable record of LGBTQ+ Las Vegas across five decades. The platform launching today is the foundation for that anniversary and everything beyond.

For the Community, By the Community

The new QVegas isn't built by a tech conglomerate. It's built by us — the same small, independent company that has published this magazine through recessions, pandemics, and every challenge a community publication faces. We own our own printer. We distribute to 30+ locations across the valley and at the Las Vegas airport through QVegas Arrivals. Every line of code, every page of print, every decision is made with one question in mind: does this serve our community?

We were here before. We're here now. And the best is still ahead.

Welcome to the new QVegas.



47 Years of Showing Up

Every era in LGBTQ+ American history since 1978 has a corresponding chapter in Las Vegas. We were there for all of it.

1978 • The Founding

The Vegas Gay Times begins publishing in conjunction with the ACLU's Human Rights Committee — the first community-wide gay newspaper in Las Vegas. That same year, Nevadans for Human Rights forms as the city's first gay political organization. A community that had survived on whispers starts finding its voice in print.

1981 • The AIDS Crisis

Gipsy nightclub opens on Paradise Road. That same year, the AIDS crisis begins. Las Vegas loses dancers, choreographers, designers, musicians, and singers by the hundreds.

1983 • First Las Vegas Pride

The Gay Academic Union, Metropolitan Community Church, and Nevadans for Human Rights organize Las Vegas's first

Gay Pride celebration — seminars at UNLV, a banquet for 200, and bar events across the city. On March 10, the first AIDS death is recorded in Southern Nevada. The community celebrates and grieves in the same breath.

1984 • AFAN Founded

Aid for AIDS of Nevada is founded by Rev. Rusty Carlson, Wes Davis, and others — the oldest and largest AIDS service organization in Nevada. Will Collins organizes the first outdoor Pride rally at Sunset Park, financing it with money he'd saved for a house down payment.

1985 • The Bohemian Bugle

The publication stabilizes under a new name and begins regular, consistent printing. At UMC, Drs. Mel Pohl and Jerry Cade establish an unofficial AIDS inpatient unit with 10 nurses — treating 90% of Southern Nevada's AIDS patients while the rest of the medical establishment looks away. The Bugle becomes the bulletin board, the obituary page, and the rallying cry.

1986 • The Black & White Party

The first Black & White Party is held as an AIDS fundraiser — the beginning of what becomes AFAN's signature annual event. In a city that knows spectacle, the community turns grief into generosity: black tie, white tie, and a room full of people who refuse to let their friends die in silence.

1987 • Golden Rainbow

After entertainer Chris Carter dies of AIDS alone on a cot in his brother's garage — because his family wouldn't allow him elsewhere — Golden Rainbow is born. Its first benefit show at Bally's Ziegfeld Theatre launches what becomes the Ribbon of Life, one of the largest annual HIV/AIDS fundraisers in Nevada.

1993 • Nevada Decriminalizes

Senator Lori Lipman Brown introduces SB 466 to repeal Nevada's 132-year-old sodomy law. No court forces it — Nevada becomes the first state legislature to voluntarily repeal. Kenny Kerr makes the largest single donation to the effort. That same year, the Gay and Lesbian Community Center opens its first building on East Sahara Avenue.

2004 • The QVegas Era

The name becomes QVegas. We establish ourselves as the definitive voice in Las Vegas LGBTQ+ media. We cover the marriage equality movement from the ground up — local couples, local lawyers, local activists making history.

2008 • Closet Sundays & Revo Sundays

Closet Sundays opens at CatHouse inside Luxor — the first gay night in a

mainstream Strip casino nightclub. Within six months it's the busiest night at the venue. In 2009 it moves to the Beatles Revolution Lounge at The Mirage, triples in size, and becomes Revo Sundays — proving the Strip has an LGBTQ+ audience it's been ignoring for decades.

2009 • Nevada Domestic Partnerships

The legislature passes SB 283 granting same-sex couples domestic partnership rights. Governor Gibbons vetoes it. Both chambers override him. Not marriage — not yet — but legal recognition that our families exist and deserve protection under state law.

2010 • Temptation Sundays

The only LGBTQ+ pool party on the Las Vegas Strip launches at Luxor's Oasis Pool, created by Tim Evans and J. Son Dinant. It starts with a few dozen mostly local guests and grows into a thousand-

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plus weekly institution — the longest-running LGBTQ+ pool party on the Strip.

2013 • The Center Finds a New Home

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center moves into a free-standing building at 401 South Maryland Parkway — the Robert L. Forbuss building. Twenty years after opening in a former dental office on East Sahara, the community finally has a permanent, visible, purpose-built home. Not a back room. Not a borrowed space. Ours.

2014 • Marriage Comes to Nevada

The Ninth Circuit strikes down Question 2, the constitutional ban Nevada voters passed in 2002. Same-sex marriage becomes legal in Nevada — nine months before the rest of the country. The wedding capital of the world finally lives up to its name for everyone.

2015 • Marriage Equality Nationwide

Obergefell v. Hodges. The Supreme Court makes it the law of the land. We published the day it happened. Some of us cried writing it. We started covering the next wave: trans rights, bathroom bills, religious exemption laws.

2016 • Pulse

49 people murdered at Pulse nightclub in Orlando — the deadliest attack on the

LGBTQ+ community in American history. Las Vegas mourned its own. We covered every vigil, every name, every call to action.

2020 • RuPaul's Drag Race Live!

RuPaul's Drag Race Live! opens at the Flamingo — a full-production drag residency on the Las Vegas Strip. What Kenny Kerr started at the Silver Slipper in 1977 and Frank Marino built over decades transforms into a full-spectable production. Drag isn't underground anymore. It's on the billboard.

2020 • COVID, Constitution, & Closure

The pandemic shuts down Las Vegas. QVegas ceases production for the first time in our history. But Nevada voters pass Question 2 with 62% approval, enshrining marriage equality in the state constitution — the first state in America to do so. The bars close, the shows go dark, but the law catches up to what this community always knew.

2022 • Equal Rights in the Constitution

Nevada voters pass Question 1, adding sexual orientation and gender identity to the state's Equal Rights Amendment — the most inclusive ERA in the nation. What started in underground bars on Paradise Road is now written into Nevada's founding document.

2023 • Gipsy Reopens

Gipsy reopens in a new building at its historic location on Paradise Road. Demolished during COVID, rebuilt from the ground up — the glittering anchor of the Fruit Loop returns three decades after opening in 1981, the name still means something. The Fruit Loop still has a heartbeat.

2025 • The Fruit Loop Historic District

The Nevada Legislature passes Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, recognizing the Fruit Loop — the LGBTQ+ district along Paradise Road — as a historical landmark in Clark County. What began with Le Cafe in 1970 is now officially part of Nevada's history. Commemorative signage and tourism promotion will follow.

2026 • The Relaunch

Armed with 47 years of community trust, an owned press, an airport distribution channel, and a digital vision no predecessor could have imagined. The next era begins.

2028 • The 50th Anniversary

Fifty years of uninterrupted LGBTQ+ publishing in Las Vegas. A milestone no competitor can claim. The biggest celebration in Las Vegas LGBTQ+ community history.

Your Guide to the QVegas App: Everything You Need in Your Pocket

The QVegas app has always been the quickest way to connect with LGBTQ+ Las Vegas. With the April 2026 update, it becomes something far more powerful: a personal dashboard for your health, your community, and your city. Here's your complete guide to what's new and how to make the most of it.

Getting Started

Download QVegas from the App Store and sign in with your Apple ID. That's it — one tap, no passwords to remember, no forms to fill out. Your QVegas account is automatically created with a secure profile, and it syncs with the website so your favorites and preferences follow you everywhere.

The app is built for iPhone, iPad, and Apple Vision Pro, and it adapts beautifully to each screen size.

The Five Tabs

Articles

Your feed of LGBTQ+ news, culture, and features from the QVegas editorial team. Articles appear in a clean grid — two columns on iPhone, three on iPad. Tap the heart icon on any article to save it to your favorites. Pull down to refresh, and use the filter button to show only your saved articles when you want to revisit them.

Directory

The LGBTQ+ business directory comes alive on mobile. At the top, an interactive Apple Maps view shows businesses near you with color-coded pins — pink for LGBTQ+-owned, cyan for LGBTQ+-friendly. Below the map, browse the full list with logos, badges, and category tags.

Tap a category chip to filter: businesses, nonprofits, advocacy organizations, government services, media outlets, and chambers of commerce. Every listing shows ownership status, verification badges, and a direct link to full details including hours, phone, website, and directions.

The heart icon lets you save your favorite businesses for quick access later.

Favorites

Everything you've hearted across the app lives here in one place: favorite businesses, articles, magazine issues, and zodiac signs. It's your personalized QVegas — the places you love, the content that resonates, and the readings you follow. Sign in is required to sync favorites across devices.

Wellness

This is where the QVegas app goes beyond anything else in LGBTQ+ community media. The Wellness tab is a complete health dashboard — private, encrypted, and designed specifically for the health needs of our community. It deserves its own section.

The Wellness Dashboard

Open the Wellness tab and you're greeted by name with a time-appropriate message — "Good Morning," "Good Afternoon," or "Good Evening." Below your greeting, a daily summary card shows today's date and your current health snapshot.

Activity tracks your daily steps with a visual progress bar toward your goal. It syncs with Apple Health to pull in workouts across 55+ activity types — everything from gym sessions to yoga to swimming.

Vitals shows your resting heart rate, blood pressure, and body composition metrics, all pulled from Apple Health in real time.

Sleep displays last night's duration and quality score with detailed analysis of your sleep patterns.

Medications is purpose-built for the medications our community relies on. Track PrEP, ART, HRT, mental health medications, and supplements. Set reminders, view your schedule, and monitor adherence over time with a calendar view. A disclaimer reminds you that the tracker supplements — never replaces — your healthcare provider's guidance.

Mood & Journal offers quick emoji-based mood check-ins on a five-point scale, free-form journaling with timestamps, and validated behavioral health screenings including the PHQ-9 (depression) and GAD-7 (anxiety) instruments. Crisis resources with direct links to the 988 Suicide Lifeline, Trevor Project, and Trans Lifeline are always one tap away.

Find Care opens a provider directory pre-filtered for health and wellness services. Filter by service type — testing, mental health, gender-affirming care, or general practice — and see providers on a map with badges showing whether they offer free testing, sliding-scale fees, walk-in availability, or case management.

Privacy and Security

Every piece of wellness data is encrypted with AES-256 encryption — the same standard used by the federal government



for classified information. Your medication names, dosages, journal entries, mood scores, and screening results are encrypted before they ever leave your device. QVegas cannot read your health data. No one can, except you.

The app integrates with Apple Health through Apple's own privacy framework. You control exactly what data is shared, and you can revoke access at any time in Settings.

Horoscopes

Browse all twelve zodiac signs in a visual grid with their glyphs and date ranges. Tap any sign to read its horoscope, then use the segmented control at the top to switch between daily, weekly, and monthly readings. The date picker lets you browse horoscopes from previous days.

Save your sign as a favorite for one-tap access to your reading every morning.

Coming this Fall – Apple Watch

A companion watchOS experience puts key wellness metrics on your wrist. Check your steps, heart rate, and medication schedule with a glance at your Apple Watch complication.

The QVegas app is free on the App Store. Download it today and bring LGBTQ+ Las Vegas with you everywhere you go.

Wellness Built for Us: Why QVegas Created an LGBTQ+ Health Platform

Let's be honest about something: most health apps aren't built for us. They don't account for PrEP adherence. They don't understand HRT schedules. They don't include validated depression and anxiety screenings alongside crisis resources for LGBTQ+ youth. They don't know that "find a provider" means finding someone who won't misgender you, someone who understands the specific health needs of queer and trans people, someone who won't make you educate them before they can treat you.

The new QVegas Wellness platform is built to fill that gap. Available on the website at qvegas.com/wellness and through the Wellness tab in the iOS app, it's the most comprehensive LGBTQ+ health resource ever integrated into a community publication.

The Crisis Resources Come First

Open the wellness page on the website and the first thing you see isn't a fitness tracker or a medication reminder. It's a row of crisis resources with direct-dial phone numbers: the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, The Trevor Project for LGBTQ+ youth, Trans Lifeline staffed entirely by transgender people, Crisis Text Line, the SAMHSA National Helpline for substance use, and The Center Las Vegas.

This was a deliberate design choice. In a community where LGBTQ+ youth are more than four times more likely to attempt suicide than their peers, where transgender adults face disproportionate mental health challenges, and where substance use disorders intersect with social stigma in devastating ways — immediate access to help must come before everything else.

In the iOS app, crisis resources appear in the Mood & Journal section, always one tap from any wellness screen.

Medication Tracking That Understands Our Medications

The medication tracker isn't a generic pill reminder. It's organized around the medication categories our community actually uses: PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention), ART (antiretroviral therapy), HRT (hormone replacement therapy), mental health medications, and supplements.

Each medication can be tracked with its name, dosage, form (tablet, capsule, injection, patch, and more), scheduled times, and refill dates. The adherence calendar gives you a visual history of

whether you took your medications on schedule — important for PrEP effectiveness and critical for ART and HRT protocols.

On iPhone, reminders integrate with your notification system. Later this Spring, our Apple Watch app shows your medication schedule right on your wrist.

Mental Health, Not Just Physical Health

The Mood & Journal feature combines three approaches to mental wellness.

Quick mood check-ins let you log how you're feeling on a five-point emoji scale. Over time, this creates a pattern you can share with your therapist or simply use for your own awareness.

Journaling provides a private, encrypted space to write freely. No prompts, no structure — just a timestamp and your words. Every entry remains encrypted throughout our ecosystem.

Validated screenings go further. The PHQ-9 (Patient Health Questionnaire) screens for depression severity. The GAD-7 (Generalized Anxiety Disorder scale) screens for anxiety. These aren't quizzes from the internet — they're the same clinically validated instruments your doctor uses. Your scores are encrypted and visible only to you, but they can help you recognize when it's time to seek support and give your provider concrete data when you do.

Find Care That's Right for You

The wellness provider directory is curated for LGBTQ+ healthcare needs. Filter by service type — HIV/STI testing, mental health, gender-affirming care, or primary care — and the results show providers who serve our community.

Each provider listing includes practical badges: FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center, meaning income-based sliding-scale fees), free testing, walk-in availability, sliding scale, case management, and emergency aid. These aren't marketing labels — they're the real-world details that determine whether you can actually access care.

On the website, the Community Health Partners section highlights anchor organizations. In the app, providers appear on an interactive map so you can find care near you.

Apple Health Integration

The QVegas app syncs with Apple Health to bring your activity, vitals, and sleep data into one dashboard. Steps, workouts



across 55+ activity types, resting heart rate, blood pressure, body composition, and sleep quality all appear in real time.

You control this integration completely. Grant access to only the data types you're comfortable sharing, and revoke it anytime. The data flows one way — from Apple Health into QVegas — and is never sold, shared, or used for advertising. Ever.

Privacy Is Not Optional

This is worth emphasizing because it matters more in healthcare than anywhere else: every piece of wellness data in QVegas is encrypted. Your medication names, your dosages, your journal entries, your mood scores, your screening results — all encrypted before they're stored.

This is a HIPAA-aligned approach to data privacy, implemented not because a law required it for a magazine app, but because our community has earned the right to control its own health information.

Wellness as Community Infrastructure

QVegas Wellness isn't trying to replace your doctor, your therapist, or the organizations doing the frontline work of LGBTQ+ health in Southern Nevada. It's trying to be the connective tissue — the platform that helps you track your own health, find the right providers, and access crisis support when you need it.

It's health infrastructure for a community that deserves better than generic apps built for someone else.

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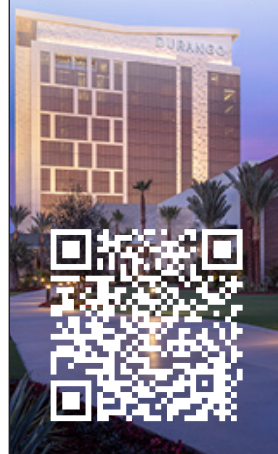
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MAMA DRAGONS
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THE PRIDE TREE
thepridetreelv.com

SILVER STATE EQUALITY
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YOUNG: EQUAL
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cccfsn.org

FARABI WELLNESS CENTER
hplv.com

HUNTRIDGE FAMILY CLINIC
huntridgefamilyclinic.org

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parcsdentistry.com

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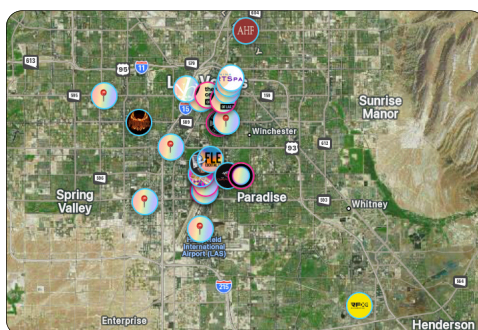
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