

AMPLIFYING LGBTQ+ VOICES SINCE 1978



APRIL 10-16, 2024



**QVEGAS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS
OF PRIDE, PROGRESS, AND PIONEERING
LGBTQ+ MEDIA IN LAS VEGAS**



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Whether you're a local or tourist, we always feature our favorite spots along with all the new and exciting things our city has to offer.

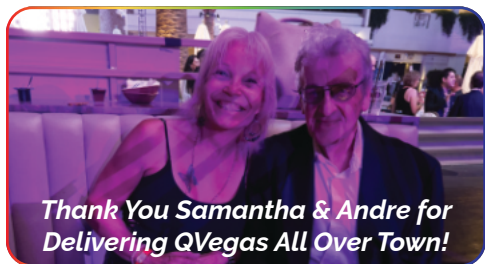
This month, QVegas celebrates two decades as a cornerstone of LGBTQ+ media in Las Vegas, charting an impressive journey of growth, resilience, and community engagement. Part of the lineage of LGBTQ+ publications dating back to 1978, QVegas transitioned from The Bugle in 2004, and has continued to evolve, meeting the digital age's demands while preserving a platform for diverse voices.

This milestone underscores QVegas's commitment to innovation and its pivotal role in amplifying LGBTQ+ narratives, reflecting on its past achievements with an eye towards a hopeful future.

As the stewards of the QVegas brand for the past 12 years, we thank our readers, our advertisers, our community partners, our friends, and our families for their continued support.



Russ White & Garrett Pattiani
Publishers, QVegas & QLife Media



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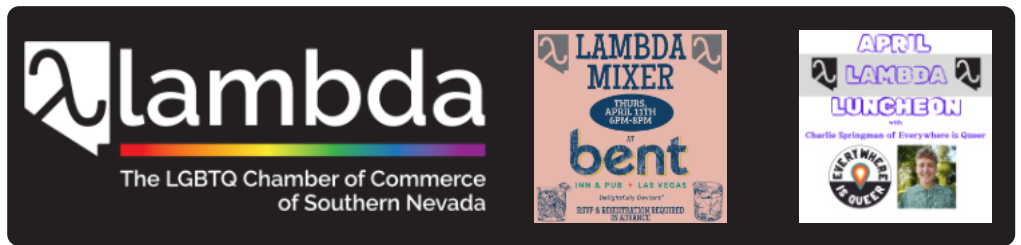
View this week's horoscopes at qvegas.com/horoscopes-are-a-drag.



GEMINI

April 2024

Hey, darling Gemini, listen up because April 2024 is going to be all kinds of fabulous for you, honey! The stars are literally throwing cosmic glitter your way. You've got love and passion doing the cha-cha in your personal sphere, so expect some spicy encounters that would make even a seasoned queen blush. Work? Oh, you better werk! Opportunities are strutting down your career runway, so sashay them into success. But, darling, remember, balance is key. Don't let that dazzling spotlight make you forget your self-care rituals. So, slap on that metaphorical face mask and keep your glow on. It's your time to shine, but don't you dare let anyone dull your sparkle! Mwah!



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ENTERTAINMENT



THE VENETIAN RESORT
LAS VEGAS



MGM RESORTS
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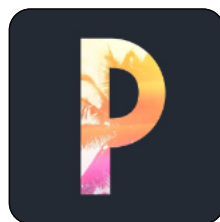
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Paris
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BOX OFFICE

SHOW OF THE WEEK

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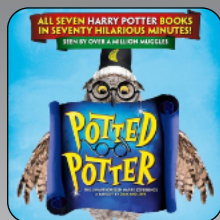
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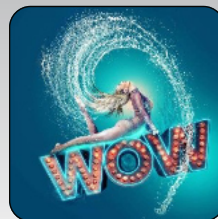
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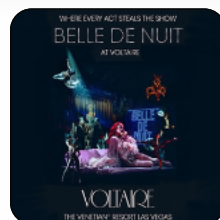
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Exclusive Local Guides: Explore the best of Vegas with recommendations for LGBTQ+-friendly bars, restaurants, and hotspots.

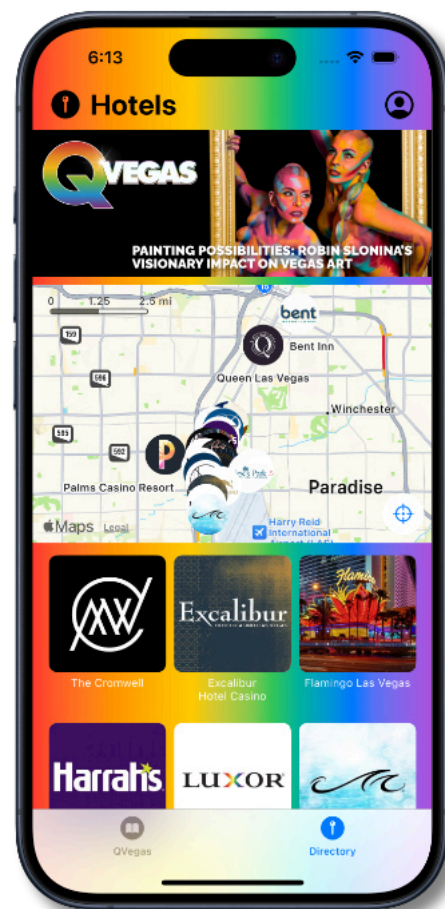
Interactive Maps: Navigate the city with ease, finding the hottest spots with just a few taps.

Tourists and Visitors: Discover the hidden gems of Las Vegas' LGBTQ+ scene.

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This election season, the QVegas website will host a comprehensive and insightful webpage dedicated to the 2024 elections for the state of Nevada, offering a treasure trove of information tailored to the LGBTQ+ community.



This page aims to serve as a one-stop destination for voters seeking clarity on the electoral process, key dates, candidate profiles, and important issues at stake within the state. Emphasizing inclusivity and accessibility, it will provide resources on voter registration, polling locations, and methods to vote, ensuring every voice in the community is heard.

To receive updates about the Voter Guide, please register at QVegas.com/vote.

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AND ALL STARS SEASON 8



SATURDAY **APRIL 13**

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SATURDAYS

MORPHINE
LOVE DION

FROM

RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE
SEASON 16



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SATURDAY **APRIL 13**



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SUNDAY
APRIL 14

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FROM
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QVegas at 20: LGBTQ+ Resilience and Innovation in Media

By Russ White

The remarkable journey of QVegas, from its legacy dating back to 1978 to celebrating its 20th anniversary,

encapsulates more than just the life cycle of a publication. It tells a compelling story of resilience, community engagement, and the pivotal role LGBTQ+ media plays in an ever-evolving digital landscape. My personal association with QVegas began somewhat serendipitously but quickly evolved into a deep-seated commitment to not only sustain but also to flourish this vital community resource in the heart of Las Vegas.

My foray into the Las Vegas community began in 2008, initially as a regular visitor, which then transitioned into a more permanent fixture when I moved here in 2010. The subsequent years saw me weaving myself into the local fabric, with QVegas being a significant thread. The trade of ad space for app development was a catalyst that not only provided my fledgling iPhone software company with its much-needed portfolio but also steered me towards an unforeseen opportunity. The offer from Kelly Smith to purchase QVegas was both an honor and a challenge I accepted, recognizing the potential impact I could make within the LGBTQ+ community.

The transition from The Bugle to QVegas in 2004 marked a significant evolution in LGBTQ+ media, moving from newsprint to a high-gloss magazine format that has endured. This change was more than

aesthetic; it represented a commitment to providing a platform for a broad spectrum of voices within the community, from volunteers and civic leaders to international celebrities. The covers of QVegas, especially those that resonate personally with me, including the nostalgic April 2004 issue, the bold statement of my first issue in October 2012, and the innovative February 2, 2022 issue, each mark pivotal moments in the magazine's history. These covers not only highlight significant community milestones but also reflect the magazine's evolution and its ongoing commitment to diversity and representation.

The digital age has posed considerable challenges for niche publications like QVegas. The dominance of Google and Facebook in the advertising space, capturing 80% of ad dollars, has significantly impacted the financial sustainability of LGBTQ+ media. However, QVegas's legacy, deeply rooted in a rich history of publications since 1978, showcases a resilience and an ability to adapt that is truly remarkable. As we witness the decline of similar publications, the importance of QVegas within the community only grows, underlining the necessity of local LGBTQ+ media in providing a voice and visibility for the community.

Our approach to publishing has evolved to meet the changing needs of our readership. We recognize the importance of print as a tangible link to history and a bastion of First Amendment rights. However, we also understand the need to embrace the digital frontier. Our hybrid

publishing model ensures that we reach our audience through various channels, including print, web, social media, email, and our app. The shift to a weekly publication post-COVID is a testament to our commitment to innovation and our dedication to serving the community's needs, ensuring that we remain relevant and accessible.

As QVegas celebrates two decades of publication, we not only commemorate the milestones and achievements of the past but also look forward to the future with optimism and determination. Our investment in digital properties and technologies underscores our belief in the enduring value of LGBTQ+ media and our role in it. The challenges are many, but the opportunities to make a difference, to provide a platform for those voices that might otherwise be marginalized, and to continue to serve as a beacon for the LGBTQ+ community in Las Vegas are what drive us forward.

In reflecting on the journey of QVegas, it's clear that the magazine has been more than a publication; it has been a movement. From its rebranding from The Bugle to becoming a beloved fixture within the Las Vegas LGBTQ+ community, QVegas has navigated the turbulent waters of media evolution with grace and tenacity. The magazine's ability to adapt, to innovate, and to continually serve its community is a testament to the enduring importance of LGBTQ+ media. As we celebrate this 20th anniversary, we do so with gratitude for the past, enthusiasm for the present, and unwavering hope for the future.



April 2004 - the first issue is one of my favorites. While the design is simple, it's nostalgic and kicked off the brand. Much would change over the years.



October 2012 - My first issue. A bold statement that has since become a viral photo. The issue is one of four covers created by Robin Slonina and Skin City Body Painting, including last week's cover.



February 2, 2022 - As RuPaul's Drag Race Live took the stage after the pandemic, they announced 9 new cast

A few of our favorite covers along our journey...



QVegas: A Journey Beyond Imagination

By Garrett Pattiani

Growing up in the small town of Tonopah, Nevada, I could never have envisioned the incredible journey that owning QVegas Magazine would take me on. My early years were characterized by isolation and a narrow understanding of the world—a world I could hardly imagine existed beyond the quiet streets of my hometown. Yet, in the most profound way, QVegas has been the key to unlocking a reality far beyond my childhood comprehension.

Becoming a part of QVegas was like stepping into a broader universe, one rich with diversity, history, and unspoken narratives. Each issue of the magazine, with archives stretching back to 1978, was like a treasure trove, offering glimpses into the vibrant heart and soul of the LGBTQ+ community. Holding these archives, I wasn't just touching paper and ink; I was touching history, feeling the pulse of decades of struggle, triumph, and evolution in my very hands.

What began as a business venture quickly evolved into a profound journey of self-discovery and community service. Over the years, QVegas has been more than just a publication; it has been a lifeline, connecting dots between past and present, celebrating the milestones of the LGBTQ+ community in Las Vegas and beyond. We've chronicled the harrowing days of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, celebrated victories for equality, and mourned losses with a resilience born of solidarity and love.

The true essence of QVegas, however, lies

in its role as a beacon for the community. It has become a platform to highlight the tireless efforts of individuals, organizations, and businesses dedicated to uplifting and advancing LGBTQ+ rights and visibility. My pride swells when I consider the impact of our collective work, not just in chronicling history but in shaping it, guiding public opinion, and supporting pro-equality candidates into office.

The evolving landscape of media, with its shift towards digital platforms and social media, poses significant challenges for queer publications worldwide. Many have succumbed to these pressures, but QVegas has stood resilient, adapting and evolving. We've embraced digital editions, email campaigns, and social media, expanding our reach and engagement. We've also taken an active role in the community, creating events and partnering with local organizations to keep our connection alive and vibrant.

Our adaptability is not merely a business strategy; it's a testament to our commitment to the community we serve. We love this community with every fiber of our being, and this love drives us to innovate, to reach out, and to continue our legacy of representation and advocacy. The magazine is more than just a publication—it's a living, breathing entity that evolves with the community it serves, striving to reflect its diverse voices and stories.

Looking forward, my dream for QVegas is not just to maintain its legacy but to expand it—to widen our footprint, to touch more lives, and to be an even more potent force for diversity and representation. The

power of media to inspire, to offer role models, and to foster a sense of belonging cannot be underestimated. In a world where representation in media is increasingly crucial, QVegas stands as a beacon of hope, inspiring individuals to reach for their dreams and to see reflections of themselves in the stories we tell.

Owning and shaping QVegas has been the journey of a lifetime, far beyond anything I could have imagined as a boy in Tonopah. It's a journey that has changed me, challenged me, and given me a purpose I hold dear. Through the pages of QVegas, we've lived, loved, and learned together, and I am immensely proud of what we've built. As we continue to evolve with our community, my commitment remains unwavering—to serve, to celebrate, and to champion the LGBTQ+ community with every edition we publish. This isn't just my story; it's our story, and it's one we will continue to write together, with pride, love, and an unending passion for the truth and beauty in all our diverse experiences.



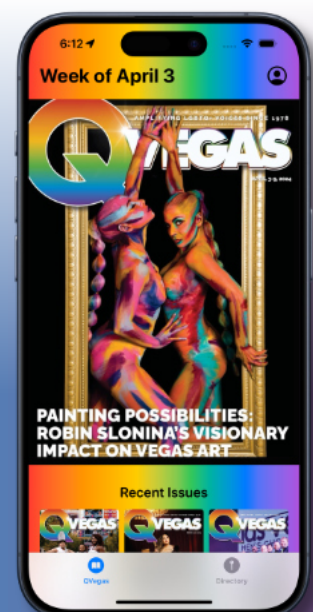
June 1978 - Whenever I look back over the 46 years of archives, the very first LGBTQ+ publication in Las Vegas always brings me great pride. The **Vegas Gay Times** was a simple photocopied newsletter that started the legacy of what has now become QVegas.



March 2022 - Transgender Day of Visibility featured many faces of our community and served as the guide for Genderfest 2022.



June 2022 - We produced a special series for Pride Month, Transforming historical figures from black & white photos and re-telling the stories from history, like Marsha P. Johnson and Stonewall allow us to remember our past and honor those that paved the way for equality



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SATURDAY

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APRIL 13

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LGBTQ+ Resources

THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
thecenterlv.org

ACLU
aclunv.org

ADL
lasvegas.adl.org

ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER
alcoholicstogetherlasvegas.com

BEARS LAS VEGAS
bears.lv.org

COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
cccfsn.org

HENDERSON PRIDE
hhendersonpride.org

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN
hrc.org

IMPERIAL ROYALE SOVEREIGN COURT OF THE DESERT EMPIRE
desertempire.org

LAMBDA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
lambdalv.com

LAS VEGAS MEN'S CHORUS
lvmenschorus.org

LAS VEGAS PRIME TIMERS
lasvegasprimetimers.com

LAS VEGAS TRANSPRIDE
lasvegastranspride.org

LEATHER UNIFORM CLUB OF LAS VEGAS (LUC OF LV)
lucoflv.com

LEGACY COUNSELING
legacycounselingandworkforceconnections.com

MAMA DRAGONS
mamadragons.org

NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION
ngra.com

THE PRIDE TREE
thepridetree.lv.com

SILVER STATE EQUALITY
silverstateequality.org

YOUNG: EQUAL
youngequal.org



HIV Resources

AID FOR AIDS OF NEVADA (AFAN)
afanlv.org

AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION (AHF)
aidshealth.org

GOLDEN RAINBOW
goldenrainbow.org

HORIZON RIDGE WELLNESS CLINIC
hrc.lv.org

SIN CITY SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE
sinscitysisters.org



STI Testing

THE ARLENE COOPER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
thecenterlv.org

AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION (AHF)
aidshealth.org

HUNTRIDGE FAMILY CLINIC
huntridgefamilyclinic.org

SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT
southernnevadahealthdistrict.org

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umcsn.com

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BAR & NIGHTCLUB GUIDE



VENUE OF THE WEEK



Nestled in the vibrant heart of historic downtown Las Vegas, **Bent Inn Las Vegas** introduces an unparalleled adults-only experience, particularly famed for its exceptional bar and pub. This unique establishment stands out not just for its exclusive LGBTQ+ and straight-ally friendly atmosphere but for the unparalleled hospitality offered at its 24-hour bar and onsite gastropub. The Bent Inn, while a boutique hotel at its core, transcends the typical lodging experience by creating a lively social hub for both locals and travelers alike.

The heart of Bent Inn's social life beats at its round-the-clock bar, a space designed with the idea of continuous celebration in mind. Whether you're an early riser seeking a refreshing morning cocktail or a night owl looking to mingle until the early hours, the bar's welcoming glow and eclectic mix of patrons make for an unforgettable experience. Expert bartenders craft everything from classic cocktails to innovative creations, ensuring there's something to suit every palate. The ambiance is vibrant, making it the perfect backdrop for making new friends or simply soaking in the eclectic energy of Las Vegas.

Adjacent to the spirited bar, the Bent Inn gastropub stands as a culinary delight, offering delicious dishes crafted by the renowned Chef Julianna. The menu is a testament to creativity and quality, blending traditional pub fare with gourmet flair. The gastropub's casual yet sophisticated environment invites guests to enjoy their meals either indoors amidst the lively atmosphere or outdoors in the serene garden and pool area, where dining under the stars becomes a magical experience.

While the hotel itself offers a variety of rooms and luxury amenities, it's the bar and pub that truly capture the essence of Bent Inn's ethos: a place where joy, acceptance, and the freedom to be oneself are paramount. This ethos extends beyond the physical space, as the Inn is situated a mere 10-minute walk from the Downtown Fremont Street Experience, placing guests at the crossroads of iconic casinos, trendy eateries, and the pulsating heart of Las Vegas's nightlife.

Bent Inn Las Vegas thus emerges not just as a stay but as an experience—a beacon for those seeking the vibrancy of Las Vegas nightlife coupled with a sense of community and inclusion. It's here that every drink served and meal shared is a celebration of diversity, creativity, and the joy of living.



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