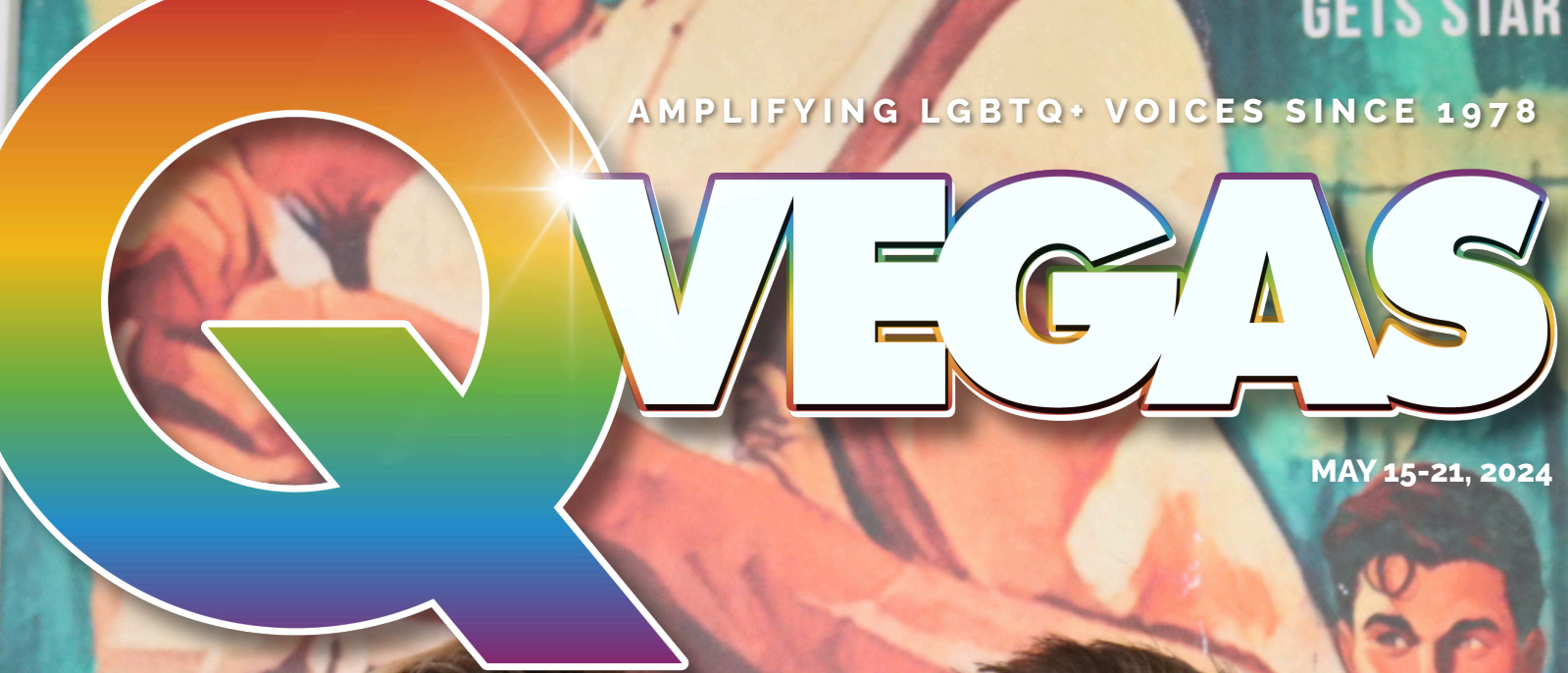


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Temperatures are rising! Shania opened her new residency, Temptation Sundays kicked off another season, Drag Race All Stars is back, Miz Cracker hosts Ultra Brunch at Gipsy, and Henderson Pride is just 2 weeks away!



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May 2024

Alright, darlings, listen up, because Mama's about to spill the cosmic tea for all my fabulous Gemini babes out there! This week, starting on May 5th, 2024, y'all better buckle up your sequin belts because the universe has a glittery rollercoaster ride planned just for you. Honey, the stars are throwing shade and light in equal measure, meaning your creativity's about to be off the hook! It's time to let that inner diva shine, strut your stuff, and remember, in the world of love and passion, you're the headliner! Communication's your secret weapon, so use that silver tongue to charm your way through any storm clouds. Opportunities are knocking, so sashay away from the negativity, and embrace everything with arms wide open. Yes, Gawd! Remember, what you put out into the universe always sashays back to you. Keep those heels high and that head higher, because this week, you're not just reaching for the stars, you're dancing with them!



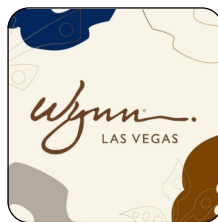
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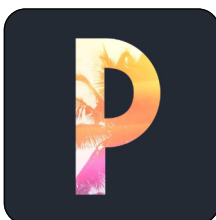
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SHANIA TWAIN

Shania Twain made a triumphant return to the Las Vegas stage with her latest residency show, "COME ON OVER." Celebrating the 25th anniversary of her renowned album of the same name, Twain wowed audiences at the Bakkt Theater at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino. With Twain serving as creative director, the show featured chart-topping hits like "Man! I Feel Like A Woman!," "From This Moment On," and "That Don't Impress Me Much." Twain expressed her joy at being back in Las Vegas and sharing the experience with her devoted fans. The residency promises an unforgettable journey through Twain's illustrious career.



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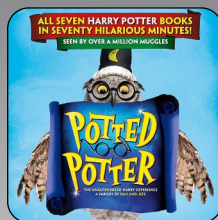
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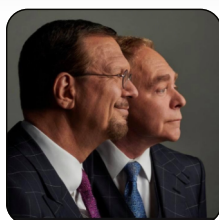
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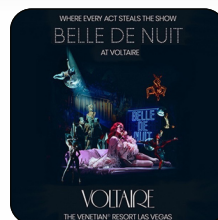
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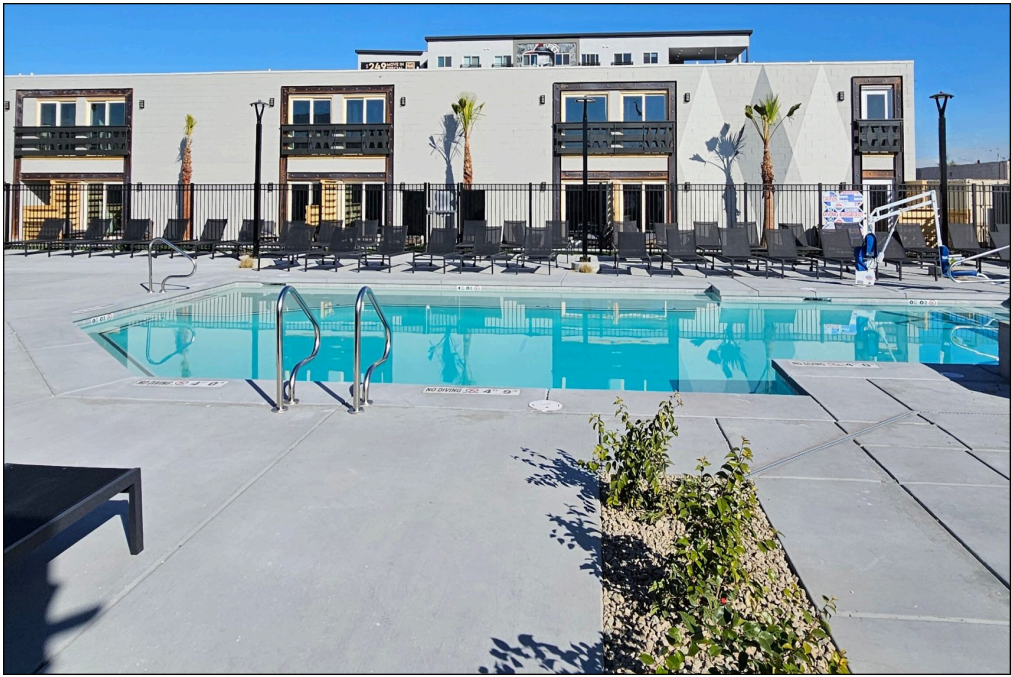
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BENT INN COMES TO DOWNTOWN

Mark Hunter & Greg Kafka Create Inclusive Oasis in Downtown Las Vegas

Mark Hunter and Greg Kafka are the visionary entrepreneurs behind Bent Inn & Pub, a groundbreaking property that's making waves in Las Vegas for its LGBTQ ownership and inclusive atmosphere. As we sit down to discuss the journey that led them from Palm Springs to Vegas, their passion for creating a welcoming space for everyone shines through prominently.

The motivation behind their move from Palm Springs was driven by a desire for expansion and to offer a more comprehensive resort experience that goes beyond just providing accommodation.

In their previous ventures in Palm Springs, where they owned properties like Escape Resort, they catered exclusively to a niche market. These establishments were sanctuaries of relaxation and community but on a smaller scale, nestled against scenic backdrops offering an intimate escape.

However, the duo longed to create something with greater impact, a resort that includes a hotel, bar, and restaurant to offer guests a fuller, more immersive experience.

Las Vegas, surprisingly lacking in LGBTQ-specific accommodations, presented itself as an ideal canvas for their aspirations. Finding a location downtown that resonated with their love for mid-century design aesthetics felt like serendipity, propelling them forward.

Their ambition wasn't just to fill a void in the market—they aimed to establish a central hub that would draw the community together, offering a sense of belonging and connection.

The transition from Palm Springs to Las Vegas was not without its challenges, especially with timing. Purchasing property right before the global onslaught of COVID-19 meant facing unforeseen hurdles, impacting the project's timeline and their spirit.

Yet, despite the delays and the hurdles brought on by the pandemic, their resolve remained unshaken.

The focus of Bent in goes beyond catering exclusively to the LGBTQ community. It's about inclusivity and welcoming allies.

The owners stress the importance of creating a space where everyone feels welcomed, a move that both challenges the status quo and builds bridges within the community. Their approach to hospitality eschews exclusivity in favor of embrace, with planned cabana additions by the pool and ongoing improvements reflective of the feedback they've received from guests.

They pride themselves on the design of Bent Inn, which marries mid-century modern aesthetics with an industrial flair, a homage to the neighborhood's character and a testament to their attention to detail. This dedication was recently recognized with the mayor's award for the best renovation, a validation of their efforts and vision.

Community feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, reaffirming their belief that what they have created was indeed needed. From welcoming locals with open arms to tourists seeking a unique Vegas experience, Bent in has found its footing as a cherished establishment. The sense of community and acceptance it fosters is a beacon for those looking for a safe haven where they can truly be themselves.

To sustain interest and engagement, Mark and Greg have curated a roster of weekly events ranging from trivia nights to karaoke, ensuring there's always something to draw both locals and tourists alike.

Their ambitious ideas for the future, like envisaging a year-round pool experience speak to their commitment to innovation and enhancing guest experiences.

Reflecting on their journey, the duo acknowledges their diverse backgrounds—Mark's in marketing and design, and Greg's

in finance and energy—as pivotal in shaping their approach to hospitality. Their shared dream, kindled on their first vacation together, steadily evolved into a concrete plan through years of research and experiences gathered from visiting gay resorts around the world. This extensive groundwork laid the foundation for Bent Inn, encapsulating best practices and lessons learned along the way.

Their story is not just about the challenges of opening a new property in the throes of a pandemic or navigating the steep learning curve of entering the hospitality industry. It's a narrative of resilience, of a couple driven by a shared vision to create a resort that not only accommodates guests but also nurtures community and fosters inclusivity.

Bent in currently boasts 33 rooms, free parking—a rarity in downtown Las Vegas—and plans for continued improvements and additions. Mark and Greg are open to feedback, constantly seeking ways to enhance the guest experience. They see Bent in as a living project, one that evolves with its guests and the community it serves.

The journey of Mark & Greg, from their early days in Palm Springs to their current venture in Las Vegas, is a testament to their dedication to creating spaces that celebrate diversity, foster community, and offer a sanctuary for all.

Bent Inn & Pub stands as a beacon of progress in the hospitality industry, challenging conventions and setting new standards for inclusivity and welcome.

Their story is far from over, with many more chapters yet to be written, but what remains constant is their unwavering commitment to creating a space where everyone is welcomed, valued, and celebrated.

A shirtless man with short dark hair and a serious expression is leaning against a textured, grey concrete wall. He has a large, colorful tattoo on his left arm. The text 'U UP? (TO VOTE)' is overlaid in large white letters.

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Established in 1994 and earning accolades as one of America's top 10 BBQ restaurants, Virgil's commitment to authenticity shines through in its culinary methods. Their meats are smoked for up to 10 hours over indirect heat, utilizing a distinctive blend of hickory, oak, and fruit woods to infuse the meat with rich, complex flavors. This meticulous process highlights the dedication to tradition and quality that Virgil's Real BBQ is renowned for.

The inception of Virgil's traces back to the spring of 1993, born from the vision of restaurateur Artie Cutler. Following the resounding success of Carmine's Italian Family Style restaurants, Cutler ventured to diversify his portfolio with the introduction of an authentic barbecue eatery in Times Square, New York City. This endeavor resulted in the creation of the original Virgil's Real BBQ. Over time, Virgil's has blossomed into a cherished gathering place, celebrated for its tender ribs, chicken, brisket, and pork, along with an array of comfort foods and regional specialties that extend beyond traditional barbecue to include Mexican dishes, and Creole and Cajun classics, ensuring an inclusive menu that caters to a variety of tastes, including vegetarian options.

Complementing the savory selection of mains, the in-house bakery at Virgil's delights diners with freshly baked hot buttermilk biscuits, cornbread, and an assortment of dessert specialties, providing the perfect finale to an indulgent meal.

For those looking to enjoy Virgil's Real BBQ without leaving the comfort of their own space, the Las Vegas location offers convenient online ordering for delivery. Furthermore, the restaurant boasts BBQ catering services, private dining, and banquet rooms, accommodating both walk-ins and those who prefer to make reservations, inviting everyone to experience the soulful allure of Southern barbecue right on the Las Vegas Strip.



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