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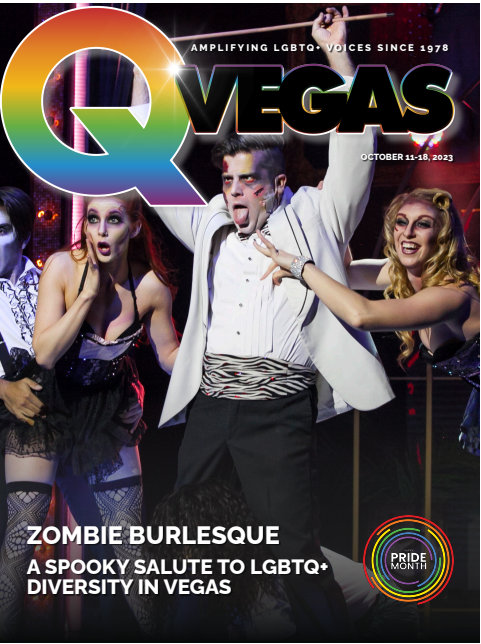
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Whether you're a local or tourist, we always feature our favorite spots along with all the new and exciting things our city has to offer.

Experience a unique blend of eerie allure and dazzling performances with **Zombie Burlesque at the V Theater in Las Vegas. Set in 1950s Vegas with a macabre twist, the show celebrates both Halloween and LGBTQ+ History Month, offering a thrilling fusion of undead narratives, captivating dance, and inclusivity..**

From **Dominique Jackson's** personal struggles as a transgender woman to **Hallie's** poignant "Big Brother UK" revelation and the global health challenge posed by the U.S. Congress's hesitance on PEPFAR reauthorization, underscore the ongoing battles for acceptance, rights, and health within the queer narrative.

From the haunting transformation of the **Sand Dollar Lounge** with its horror-themed cocktails for "Nightmare on Spring Mountain" to spooky parades in **Summerlin** and family-friendly trunk-or-treat events, the city promises a memorable Halloween experience for both locals and visitors.



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The LGBTQ+ Tapestry of Strength, Resilience, and Triumph

In an era where representation, rights, and recognition are at the forefront of the LGBTQ+ agenda, stories emerge that shine a light on our community's strength, resilience, and the undying spirit to triumph against all odds.

The Resilient Journey of Dominique Jackson

Dominique Jackson, the star of the acclaimed series "Pose," stands as a testament to the resilience many in the LGBTQ+ community demonstrate in their daily lives. Recounting her experiences with violence as a transgender woman, Jackson opened up a conversation that is often sidelined. Violence, both physical and emotional, disproportionately affects transgender individuals, with many experiencing discrimination and harm.

Jackson's story, however, doesn't just highlight the traumas; it also underscores the resilience and spirit of the LGBTQ+



highlighted the systemic barriers many transgender individuals face in accessing necessary medical care. In countries worldwide, even ones as developed as the UK, transgender healthcare remains exorbitantly expensive and inaccessible for many, driving home the point that the fight for LGBTQ+ rights doesn't end with acceptance; it extends to equity in all realms of life.

Caitlyn Jenner Faces LGBTQ+ Criticism; Seeks to Be Example, Not Activist

Caitlyn Jenner, transgender TV personality and former Olympian, has faced criticism from the LGBTQ+ community for perceived harm to the trans rights movement. Since her 2015 transition, Jenner has made controversial decisions including supporting restrictions on trans athletes and criticizing "woke" culture. In an interview, she emphasized her wish to be

community. Despite suffering through such harrowing experiences, she emerged with an even firmer resolve to advocate for herself and others. Her journey, while personal, resonates with countless others in the community, showing that even in the face of adversity, strength can be found, and healing is possible.

Hallie's Big Brother Breakthrough

Reality television has always served as both a mirror and a magnifying glass to society. "Big Brother UK" gave us Hallie, an 18-year-old youth worker who, in a heartfelt revelation, shared her identity as a trans woman with millions. The outpouring of support from fellow housemates and viewers alike was overwhelming. This was more than just a TV moment; it was a reflection of the broader societal shift towards acceptance and understanding.

But beyond the headlines and the television drama, Hallie's story had another layer. Her candid conversations about her transgender journey and her aspirations to use potential prize money for gender-affirming care were heart-wrenching. They



an example rather than a "trans activist" and highlighted her \$2.5 million donation to trans organizations. Black trans reality star Ts Madison accused Jenner of benefiting from "white privilege" and criticized her actions post-transition. Jenner's interactions have made her a polarizing

figure within the LGBTQ+ community.

PEPFAR: A Global Health Imperative

Stepping onto the global stage, the recent inaction of the U.S. Congress regarding PEPFAR (U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) was alarming. An initiative that has been pivotal in the fight against HIV/AIDS seemed to be on the verge of being politicized. PEPFAR's achievements are notable; with the State Department highlighting that the program has been instrumental in saving 25 million lives through a committed investment of over \$100 billion for the global HIV/AIDS response.

The challenges faced in reauthorizing PEPFAR serve as a stark reminder that LGBTQ+ issues, even ones as universally acknowledged as health, are still prone to becoming political battlegrounds. The program, initiated under Republican President George W. Bush in 2003, enjoyed bipartisan support until recently. The



contention now revolves around reproductive rights, with some opposing the program unless it explicitly restricts any association with organizations providing or promoting abortion services.

This tug-of-war over PEPFAR underscores the broader challenges the LGBTQ+ community faces. The fight isn't just about identity or acceptance; it extends to ensuring that health and well-being are prioritized, devoid of political wrangling.

From Dominique Jackson's personal trials to Hallie's revelations about transgender healthcare, and the global implications of PEPFAR's reauthorization, the LGBTQ+ tapestry is rich, varied, and profound. These narratives, while diverse, are bound by a common thread: the continuous journey towards acceptance, equity, and the well-being of all members of the queer community. They remind us of our shared struggles, our collective strengths, and the importance of standing united in the face of adversity.

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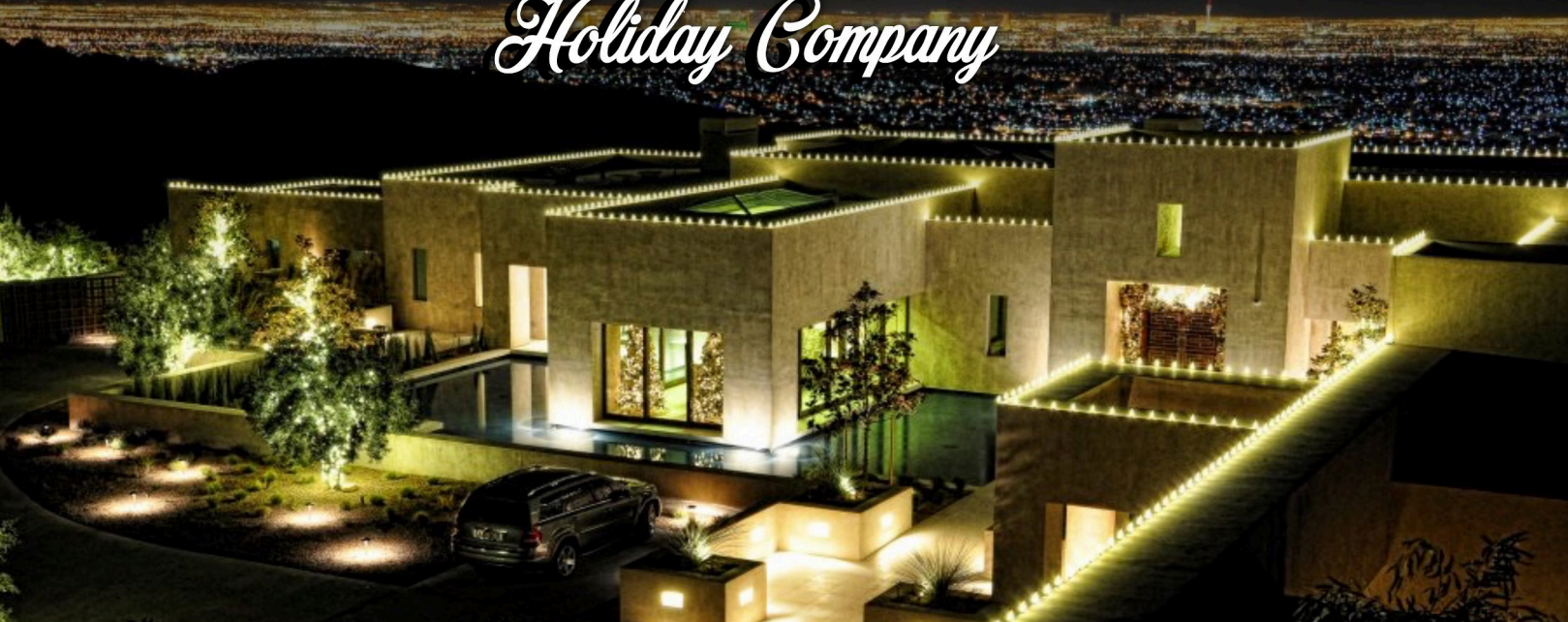
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As the leaves turn crimson and the air takes on a brisk chill, October brings with it an air of mystery and excitement. In the heart of the glittering Las Vegas Strip, amidst the neon lights and bustling crowds, there's a show that perfectly captures the spirit of Halloween – **Zombie Burlesque at the V Theater inside Planet Hollywood**. This October, as we celebrate diversity and embrace the LGBTQ+ community, let's delve into the world of undead entertainment that awaits you in Sin City.

The Hauntingly Unique Show

Zombie Burlesque, located at the V Theater, is a one-of-a-kind theatrical experience that combines the sultry allure of burlesque with the spine-tingling thrills of a zombie apocalypse. With a cast of incredibly talented performers, this show manages to be both eerie and irresistibly entertaining. As you step into the theater, you'll be transported to 1950s Vegas, but with a macabre twist.

The Performance

The show kicks off with the creation of zombies through nuclear testing, and with a peace treaty in place, the Zombies have opened up their club to the living! But don't worry; there's a dash of comedy woven into the eerie narrative. The performers, many of whom are members of the LGBTQ+ community, dazzle the audience with their exceptional talent, charisma, and wit. From seductive dancers to captivating vocalists, Zombie Burlesque offers a diverse and inclusive performance that is sure to appeal to a wide range of tastes.

A Spooky Celebration of LGBTQ+ Diversity

October is not just about Halloween; it's also LGBTQ+ History Month, a time to celebrate and recognize the rich tapestry



of identities within the community. Zombie Burlesque aligns perfectly with this spirit of celebration. The show embraces diversity, creating a space where individuals of all orientations and backgrounds can come together to enjoy a unique and unforgettable experience.

A Taste of Las Vegas Glamour



Las Vegas is renowned for its glamorous entertainment, and Zombie Burlesque delivers on this promise. The cast's extravagant costumes and mesmerizing choreography bring the glitz and glamour of the Strip right to your seat. Each performer brings their own style and charisma to the stage, making every act a captivating spectacle.

Audience Engagement:

One of the standout features of Zombie Burlesque is its incredible audience engagement. From witty banter with the crowd to interactive segments that have you dancing in your seat, this show truly makes you a part of the action. The LGBTQ+ community, known for its inclusivity and openness, will find a warm and welcoming atmosphere at the V Theater.

In the heart of Las Vegas, where diversity



and entertainment collide, Zombie Burlesque at the V Theater inside Planet Hollywood stands out as a must-see show this October. As we celebrate both Halloween and LGBTQ+ History Month, this production offers a fantastic blend of

spooky fun and glamorous performances. Whether you're a Vegas local or just visiting, Zombie Burlesque promises an unforgettable night of entertainment and a chance to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in style. So, don your best

costume, grab your friends, and head to the V Theater for a night of thrilling, undead delight – because in Las Vegas, every night is a celebration.

Ticketing Information

Showtimes are Monday Saturday at 8pm. Box office special offers start at \$49.99, making it an accessible and delightful option for everyone. For reservations, visit the V Theater website or contact their box office directly. With the show playing 6 nights a week, you'll have no trouble finding a slot that fits your schedule.

Zombie Burlesque is more than just a show; it's an experience that combines the thrills of Zombies with the celebration of LGBTQ+ diversity. So, gaur friends, family, or partner, and immerse yourself in the captivating world of the undead this October, all while embracing the importance of National Coming Out Day.

Get ready to "come out" of your comfort zone and experience a night of entertainment that's out of this world!





The Sand Dollar Lounge Brings Back the Halloween Fervor with “Nightmare on Spring Mountain”



The spirit of Halloween is set to make a grand entrance once again as the renowned Sand Dollar Lounge readies its doors for the much-anticipated “Nightmare on Spring Mountain.” This haunting extravaganza, returning for its fourth consecutive year, is all set to provide patrons with an immersive Halloween experience like no other, blending the eeriness of the season with the charm of live music and ingenious specialty drinks.

When and Where to Experience the Haunting?

From Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, all the way to Halloween on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023, the Sand Dollar Lounge at 3355 Spring Mountain Rd., Ste 30, Las Vegas, NV 89102 will don its eerie best. With over \$10,000 invested in bewitching Halloween décor and lighting alone, it’s a transformation

worth witnessing. And if you find yourself entranced till the wee hours, worry not! The lounge stays open from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m., every day of the week.

Elixirs to Die For

While the ambiance promises to be spectacular, the drink menu is where the Sand Dollar Lounge really ups the ante. This October, the Lounge’s acclaimed craft cocktails will undergo a spooky makeover, inspired by classic songs and served in ghostly glassware. Here’s a sneak peek into what awaits:

I Fink U Freeky: A refreshing Fernet Grasshopper, reminiscent of Die Antwoord’s 2012 hit.

Hellboy: A tribute to Lil Peep’s 2020 track, this is a hot honey cranberry old-fashioned delight.

Wait and Bleed: A tantalizing concoction

that celebrates Slipknot’s 1999 classic.

Poison Apple: An ode to Uncle Acid & The Deadbeats from 2013, this martini promises a wild ride.

Soul Sacrifice: A fan-favorite from Santana’s 1969 number, this mule comes with a haunting twist.

Santeria shot & Soul Bleach shot: Powerful shots inspired by Sublime’s 1996 and Parkway Drive’s 2022 songs, respectively.

For cocktail enthusiasts and Halloween aficionados, this is a rendezvous not to be missed. To delve deeper into what the “Nightmare on Spring Mountain” holds, and to make your reservations, head over to TheSandDollarLV.com. With the season of witches and goblins upon us, Las Vegas is set to be the destination for spooks and spirits, both in the glass and around!

When one thinks of Las Vegas, the immediate images are of dazzling lights, high stakes, and endless entertainment. However, come October, the city transforms, embracing the eerie, the spooky, and the downright fun aspects of Halloween. This year, the Las Vegas Valley is set to offer an array of events that promise to bewitch residents and visitors alike.

In the heart of the Central Valley, the Winchester Dondero Cultural Center is crafting a unique experience. Instead of the usual scares, they’re hosting a Halloween Craft Workshop, where children can channel their inner creativity to create charming gnome creatures. Meanwhile, for those looking for a more gothic experience, The Wall at AREA15 will become a haven. Their Goth and Glampire gRAVE event promises not just music but an immersion into the world of goth and vampires, beckoning all to don their most haunting attires.

The West Valley is combining the innocent with the spooky. The Desert Breeze Community Center’s Hall-O-Breeze: Tots & Treats is all set to be a carnival extravaganza, ensuring that the little ones don’t miss out on the Halloween fun. For

those looking to cool off from the desert heat, the Aquatics Springs Indoor Pool’s Spooky Springs offers an aquatic twist to the festivities, merging the thrill of a haunted house with the fun of a splash in the pool.

East Valley is blending tradition with spooky fun. Seniors can revel in the Halloween spirit with a costumed bingo session at the Parkdale Recreation Center’s Ms. Brenda’s Bingo Boo Bash. Meanwhile, families can gather under the stars for a spooky cinematic treat with the Monster Mash Movie Bash at Lewis Family Park.

Henderson is not to be left behind in the Halloween race. They’re adding an educational twist to the mix. The Spooky Birds event at the Bird Viewing Preserve offers a chance to learn about our feathered friends in a Halloween setting. But for those who prefer their scares a little more traditional, they can dive into the haunted depths at the Henderson Multigenerational Indoor Pool’s Cosmic Swim Freaky Friday or take a Haunted Bus Tour, exploring the city’s most haunted spots.

Up north, North Las Vegas is doubling the fun with two Harvest Fest Trunk or Treat events. These will be hosted across two

different venues, ensuring that residents get their fair share of music, games, and of course, candy.

A Christmas mainstay, the Magical Forest at Opportunity Village transforms for HalloVeen.

Finally, Summerlin is parading its Halloween spirit, quite literally. The Parade of Mischief at Downtown Summerlin promises spooky floats and some unexpected surprises. They’re also hosting the Night of the Witches, blending the charitable with the spooky, all for a good cause.

In essence, this October, Las Vegas promises more than just its usual glitz and glamour. It’s offering a blend of the eerie, the educational, the fun, and the fantastical, ensuring that this Halloween will be one for the books.





NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

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National Coming Out Day traces its origins back to 1987. It was birthed from the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, where half a million individuals gathered in a monumental show of solidarity. One year later, activists Robert Eichberg and Jean O'Leary envisioned NCOD as an annual event, a day for LGBTQ individuals to publicly declare their identities and, in doing so, foster an environment of acceptance and understanding.

The essence of NCOD is not just about making grand declarations. It's about the personal journey of recognizing, accepting, and sharing one's truth. Each story is as unique as the neon lights that illuminate our city. For some, coming out is a celebration; for others, it's a quiet conversation with loved ones. The power of NCOD is in its collective voice—a voice that says, "You are not alone."

While NCOD is undeniably a day of celebration, it's also a day of reflection and advocacy. Despite significant strides in LGBTQ rights, many still face discrimination, prejudice, and ignorance. Young people, in particular, grapple with issues of identity, acceptance, and mental health.

In this light, NCOD becomes even more crucial. It's a beacon for those who feel isolated, a testament to the fact that there's a vast, supportive community waiting to embrace them. Las Vegas, with its mix of residents and transient visitors, plays a pivotal role in this. By celebrating NCOD with fervor and open-heartedness, the city extends its arms to those seeking acceptance.

As the lights shine bright on the Las Vegas Strip this National Coming Out Day, let them be a metaphor for the luminosity and brilliance of the LGBTQ community. Each bulb, unique and distinct, contributes to the breathtaking panorama, much like every individual story adds to the rich tapestry of our community.

For our readers, whether you're coming out for the first time, supporting a loved one, or merely standing as an ally, remember the essence of this day: love, acceptance, and authenticity. Here's to celebrating every color of the rainbow, in Las Vegas and beyond.



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Diva Royale is the very best in celebrity impersonation drag queen show entertainment in Las Vegas; with a variety of your favorite celebrity greats, new and classic, we're sure to have entertainment for everyone to sing along to!



Notoriety Live



Rouge

The provocative cast of 18 stunningly gorgeous topless women and men will stimulate your senses, as well as please and tease your inner voyeur.



The Strat



Chippendales

Chippendales is more than just a show it's an experience. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or just looking for a fun night out with friends, our show is the perfect way to let loose and have fun! With stunning stage design, high-energy music, and interactive elements that get YOU, the audience, involved you'll feel like you're part of the action.



Rio



Spice Wannabe

After performing to a SOLD OUT crowd for their very first show in Las Vegas, the cast is taking the production on the road to wow audiences across the States and Worldwide. Equipped with professional tribute artists, musicians and back up dancers who are the best in the business, "Spice Wannabe" is an experience not to be missed!



Excalibur



Empowering **ALL**
to live authentic lives.



LGBTQIA+ Programs & Services
Health Services: HIV & STD/STI Testing, PrEP Navigation
Youth & Family Services
Recovery Support Groups
Community Groups & Programs
Special Events

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LGBTQ+ Resources

THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
thecenterlv.org

ACLU
aclunv.org

ADL
lasvegas.adl.org

BEARS LAS VEGAS
bearslv.org

COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
cccofsn.org

ENCIRCLE
encircletogether.org

HENDERSON PRIDE
hhendersonpride.org

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN
hrc.org

IMPERIAL ROYAL 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

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
sinsitysisters.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

UMC
umcsn.com

Email info@qlifemedia.com to add your organization to our directory.

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WAS
Windmill Library, October 26



ABANDON,
The frightening new theatrical experience

Opening at Vegas Theatre Company in October, a portion of all proceeds from tickets sold to performances on Friday, October 13, 2023 will be donated to The Center

"The Marquis de Sade is considered by LGBTQ+ scholars to be one of the first authors to write about homosexuality as being as 'normal' as heterosexuality, long before Oscar Wilde's time," said Jana Wimer, ABANDON co-writer and director. "The ABANDON cast has several remarkable members of the LGBTQ+ community and it's truly an honor to work alongside an amazing organization such as The Center to help empower the community and further promote inclusion for all."

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- Entertainment
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- Karaoke
- Gaming
- Non-Smoking
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THE BACKDOOR



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THE PHOENIX



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CHARLIE'S LAS VEGAS



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PIRANHA NIGHTCLUB



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FLEX COCKTAIL



QUADZ LAS VEGAS



bit.ly/3lLOzaj



FREEZONE



bit.ly/3oeJgLy



QUEEN LAS VEGAS



bit.ly/3rgNDWT



FUN HOG RANCH



bit.ly/3odG7a9



THE GARAGE



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THE GARDEN LAS



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Bath Houses



ENTOURAGE

entouragevegas.com



KUMA

kumacublv.com

