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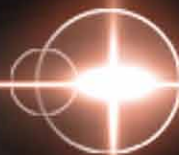
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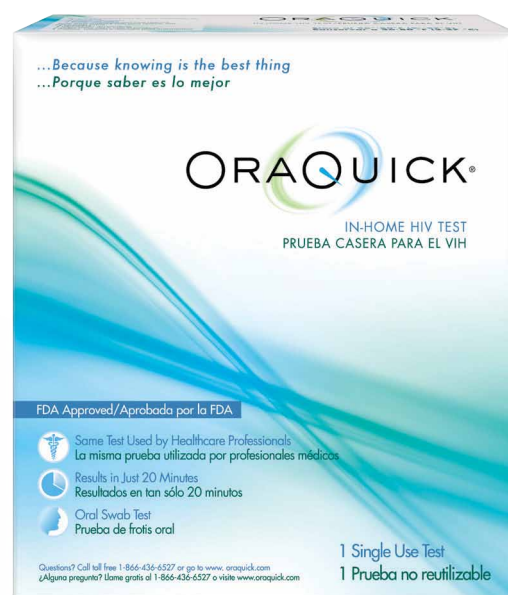
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We're almost there! Spring is right around the corner and I can't wait for the smell of a charbroiled hot dog and Sunday brunch right before heading out to Vegas' hottest gay pool parties. Congratulations to J.Dot Son and the Luxor for winning Best of QVegas Readers' Choice Award for Best Gay Pool Party. Browse to page 38 for a full list of all the Best of QVegas winners.

March is our RED issue and it is dedicated to HIV/AIDS awareness. As an LGBT voice, QVegas does not confine its platform for HIV/AIDS awareness around a single event but it is used year round through editorials, in-kind donations and unwavering support to HIV/AIDS non-profits. We paint this issue RED with features dedicated to (Product)Red and the M.A.C AIDS Fund to share with you ways you can help make an HIV/AIDS free reality in this generation, even as a consumer.

A special thank you to Stitched inside The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas for styling our cover guys, Justin Mortelliti and Mark Shunock. This month's cover story is an interview with these two talented studs who are setting the Strip ablaze in Broadway's Best Party – "Rock of Ages" – a resident show inside the Venetian Hotel & Casino. They are two of three leads in an outrageous production full of big hair, big guitars, and a rocking, rolling good time. The two share their experience playing characters who are opposite their own sexuality as well as the challenges starring in a full production that requires over-the-top energy.

For small business owners, in a time where banks are lending



less and maxing out credit cards at high interest rates is not an option, crowdfunding has become the latest tool you can take advantage of to fund your business. Turn to QInc. on page 40 to read founder and owner of SoMoLend Candace Klein's synopsis on the benefits and ease of application of crowdfunding. Last April President Obama signed the JOBS Act and now crowdfunding's multi-platformed structure has become key in many businesses growth initiatives.

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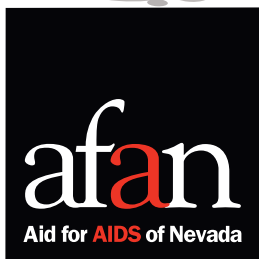
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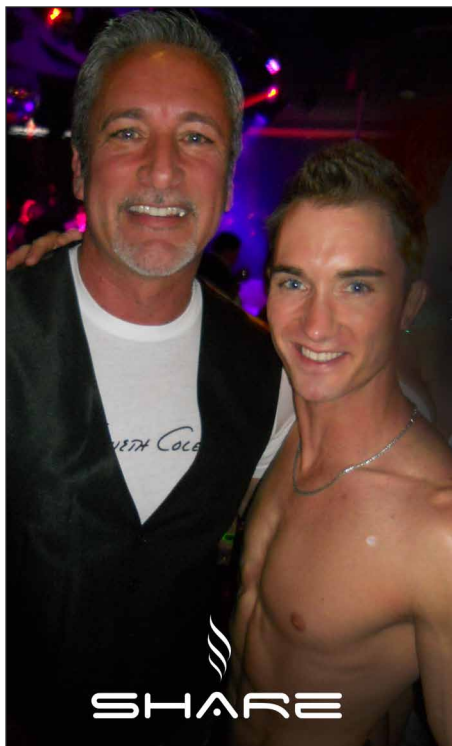


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COMMUNITY TIES

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SHARE NIGHTCLUB TO HOST FUNDRAISER FOR COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER (CCC)

MARCH 30, 2012

Share Nightclub one of the hottest night clubs in Las Vegas will be hosting a fundraising event on Saturday March 30, 2012 located at 4636 Wynn Road, Las Vegas Nevada. The fundraiser will consist of drawings, a best chest contest, and more. Proceeds will benefit Community Counseling Center (CCC) of Southern Nevada. Founded in 1990 by Ronald Lawrence, Community Counseling Center (CCC) was formed to address the need for affordable mental health services. Since its inception, CCC has helped thousands of individuals and families by providing quality mental health and substance abuse treatment. CCC counselors help families stay together, prevent homelessness and work with clients to maintain sobriety, develop coping skills and improve their well-being. We invite you to come join us at this event. For more information Contact Marco Flores 369-8700 x278 OR Jorge Castillon 369-8700 x234 . ■

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

LAS VEGAS RESTAURANT WEEK

Kicking off Friday, March 8 and continuing through Friday, March 15, spring Las Vegas Restaurant Week returns providing locals and tourists the opportunity to help out by dining out at some of the city's best restaurants while supporting Three Square Food Bank.

Taking part in Las Vegas Restaurant Week is simple. Diners can visit any participating restaurant during the specified dates and enjoy a multi-course, prix fixe menu specially created for the one week event. Each restaurant will craft their own delicious menu offered at price points ranging from \$20.13 to \$50.13, with a fixed portion of the proceeds benefiting Three Square and the fight against hunger in Southern Nevada.

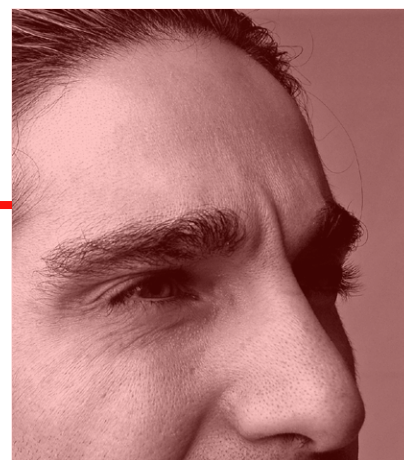
Visit www.helpoutdineoutlv.org for an updated list of spring Las Vegas Restaurant Week participants and menu details. The easy-to-navigate, mobile-friendly site allows diners to search by type of cuisine, restaurant location or donation amount.

Diners are encouraged to 'show us their food' by posting photos of their Restaurant Week meals on social media. Patrons can also be a part of the conversation on Twitter by following @threesquarelv and using the hash tags #LVRW2013 and #helpoutdineoutlv, and on Facebook by 'Liking' the Las Vegas Restaurant Week page. ■



Grotto at Golden Nugget: Grilled Salmon with Shrimp Roasted Tomatoes, Mushrooms and a Caper Lemon White Wine Sauce

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ACTIONRED HOSTS MEN OF COLORS



DISCUSSION GROUP EVERY MONDAY AT 6P

Abundant Peace United Church of Christ in association with The Community Counseling Center of Southern Nevada and Human Rights Campaign-Las Vegas Proudly Presents Men of Colors. A Multi-Cultural Men's Discussion Group Asian Pacific Islanders, Hispanic-American, African-Americans, Japanese-Americans, Puerto Rican, Mexican-Americans, Filipino, Samoans, Canadians.

The groups discuss topics affecting communities of color in the greater Las Vegas Community. Pastor Wilfred Moore, Senior Pastor of the Abundant Peace United Church of Christ will serve as one of the facilitators for the group. Pastor Moore states, "This group will be unique to the community as it is quickly becoming a place where men of color can come together and safely express their views. The topics we discuss are relevant to those of the 21st Century Man of Color. It is our desire to assist those who attend the group to embrace all of who they are, thus becoming whole individuals who can better serve themselves and others in today's society."

Marco Flores and Marcus White both from the Community Counseling Center of Southern Nevada will also serve as co-facilitators of the discussion group. Everyone is welcome. For more information you may contact Marco Flores or Marcus White at 702-369-8700. Action Red is located 1110 Fremont Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. ■

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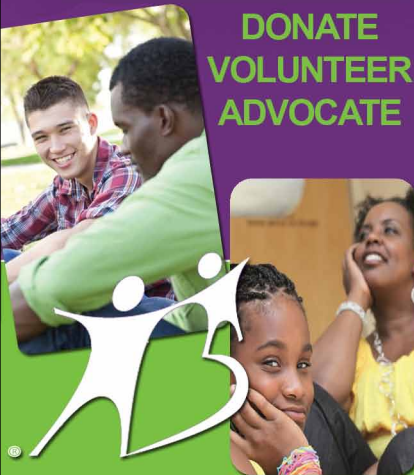
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Michael Floyd & Ramiro Mejia

We had the chance to sit down with Michael Floyd, a Las Vegas native who has been involved in the community since he was 20.

How did you first become a volunteer within the community? I started donating my time as a volunteer many years ago because of Candice [Nichols]. Later, life intervened and I became busy with work and my relationship, so it's been a while since I've been really active in the community. Last year I attended one of the early functions to tour the new site for The Center and I was inspired seeing all the possibilities.



How do you see the new Center making an impact?

I see the new Center as a place that will unify the community, as an anchor and simultaneously will help the larger community. The youth programs are very important to me and I see our youth especially being impacted with having a newer and safer, comfortable place to gather. I also think having the separate entrance for the Health & Wellness center is important, it provides privacy, and remains an important part of The Center. Also, watching the transformation of the new building has been incredible.

What influenced your decision to donate to the Opening New Doors campaign? It was when I first saw the new building it was a big open space inside. I saw the potential of having a new home for The Center. I am grateful Candice presented me with a way that I could make a meaningful gift by making monthly payments. This great opportunity has allowed me to make my lasting impression on the future of our Center in the community and it made a lot of sense to me as something I can do to make a difference. It's good to again be able to give back to the community. This Center is ours and by making a gift I feel more empowered that I am a part of it. Every gift counts and we all have a chance to be a part of something important.

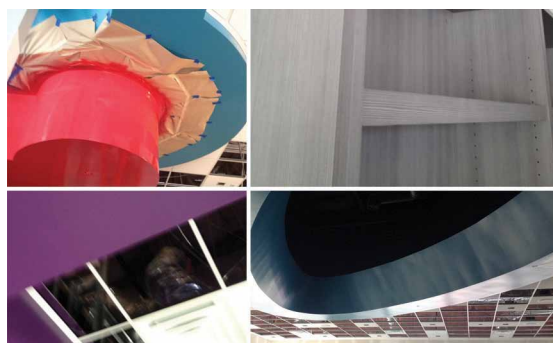
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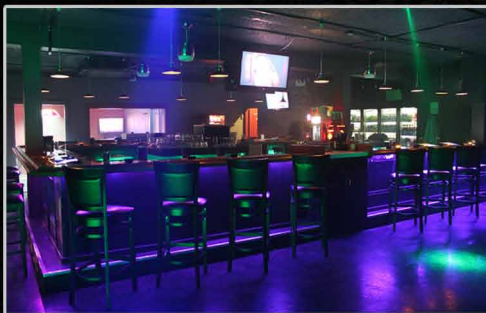


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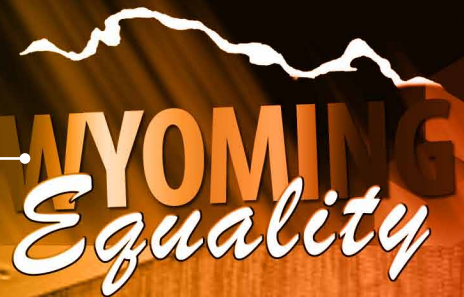
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2 STEPS FORWARD...

Progress in Wyoming

Historic progress was made this week in the movement for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender equality in Wyoming as two pro-equality bills were passed by legislative committees. Legislation to allow same-sex couples all the state rights and responsibilities passed the House Corporations Committee by a vote of 7 to 2, with 5 republicans and 2 democrats voting for the bill. Legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing and public accommodation passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 4 to 1, with 3 republican Senators and 1 democratic Senator voting in favor. "This year, rather than playing defense we played offense and made historic progress," said Wyoming Equality Chair Jeran Artery. "To witness the advancement we made this year is tremendous."



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NBA's Athlete Ally Ambassador

Denver Nuggets star Kenneth Faried has joined the group Athlete Ally as an ambassador, making him the first player in the NBA to join an LGBT rights support organization. Athlete Ally combats homophobia in sports. "Becoming an Athlete Ally gives me the opportunity to spread a message of inclusiveness throughout the NBA and our country," said Faried. "I have two moms and I love them both very much. I respect, honor and support them in every way. The bond I have with them has made me realize that I want all members of the LGBT community -- whether they are parents, players, coaches or fans -- to feel welcome in the NBA and in all of our communities."

Violence Against Women Act Passed

The United States Senate passed the Violence Against Women Act, an inclusive landmark bill that would reauthorize funding of programs for survivors of violence and provide needed improvements to the law, including LGBT-inclusive protections. In response to this development, NCTE Executive Director Mara Keisling issued the following statement: "Today's Senate passage of VAWA is the first step to ensuring that every person in need, including LGBT people, immigrants, and Native Americans, have access to programs that serve survivors of violence. Now we need swift action from the House to pass this bi-partisan bill that protects all survivors of violence."

LGBT SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 2007, AFW (Aqua Foundation for Women) has offered scholarships for LBT women to attend colleges and universities in South Florida. Over the past year they presented fifteen scholarships for a total of \$53,000. Executive Director of AFW, Robin Schwartz, shared that the organization was "inspired by the model set by the Point Foundation [another scholarship program for LGBTQ students]." She also named what Aqua Scholars have in common: "the desire for higher education, proven success in previous endeavors, and a past experience and present interest in being part of the greater LGBT community through service."

1 STEP BACK

Man Murders Partner

23-year-old Lleyuel Garcia of Hamilton Heights in Manhattan was charged with the murder and robbery of his alleged partner, 54 year old Joseph Benzinger. A police source says that Garcia stole the victim's wallet and cell phone, which detectives used cell phone records to track the suspect down. Benzinger is the third gay man strangled in recent weeks. David Rangel, 53, was killed in his Jackson Heights, Queens, apartment Jan. 26, and Charles Romo, 48, was slain in his Hamilton Heights apartment two days later. Both killings remain unsolved. The NYPD's Hate Crime Task Force is investigating all three slayings, but none of them appears to be a bias crime. Investigators do not believe the murders are connected.



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Don't Say Gay Bill

You may remember last year that Dennis Shepard, Matthew's father, had taken a trip to Tennessee while the State Legislature was discussing a 'Don't Say Gay' bill that would have barred elementary school teachers from discussing anything that had to do with homosexuality. The bill is back this year with an even more insidious addition that teachers and counselors would be required to out LGBT students to their parents.

Detroit Hate Crime

After pleading guilty to committing a hate crime Everett Dwayne Avery, 26, of Detroit, was sentenced serve 18 months in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release. Dwayne admitted to assaulting a man because of his sexuality on March, 7, 2011. Avery used anti-gay slurs toward the victim as Avery and the victim waited in line in the convenience store. Shortly after the first slurs, while still in the store, Avery used another anti-gay slur and punched the victim in the face, fracturing the victim's eye socket. Avery pled guilty to violating the federal Hate Crimes Protection Act on Aug. 29, 2012.

Traditional Prom to Ban Gays

A group of students and teachers at Sullivan High School in Indiana are fighting to ban gays from the Sullivan High School Prom. And if that's not possible, they want a separate, "traditional prom." The students are getting support from a special education teacher, Diana Medley, who doesn't believe people are born gay. "If we can get a good prom then we can convince more people to come and follow what they believe," said student Kynon Johnson. And now they want everyone to know where they stand. "We want to make the public see that we love the homosexuals, but we don't think it's right nor should it be accepted," said a local student.

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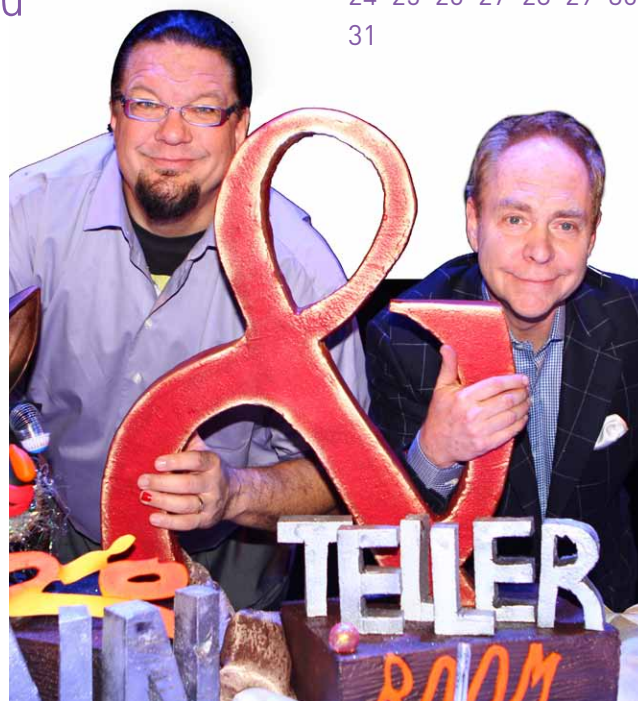
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To celebrate 20 magical years of performing in Las Vegas, Penn & Teller have extended their show through 2018 at Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, making the twisted duo the longest-running headliners at the same property in Las Vegas history.

"When we first moved to Vegas, our hoity-toity New York art and theater friends all screamed in horror. Now they are all regular Vegas visitors and headliners. We've loved every minute of our 20 years in Vegas and are wicked excited we get to spend another six at the Rio in the best theater in town. I hate to hurt our next negotiations with Caesars Entertainment, but we have no plans to leave. We intend to die in office," stated Penn Jillette, the larger and louder half of Penn & Teller.

"It is always exciting when we are able to do something to make Las Vegas history, and the announcement of Penn & Teller's contract extension is no different," said Gary Selesner, president of Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino and Caesars Entertainment Las Vegas Region. "Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino is very honored to be the property that Penn & Teller call home, and we look forward to many more successful years with these talented entertainers."

Penn & Teller landed in Las Vegas in 1993 and began a headlining engagement at Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in January 2001. In addition to entertaining audiences for the past 20 years with their daring trademark wit and magic, Penn & Teller have been huge supporters of local Vegas charities such as Aid for AIDS of Nevada, United Blood Services and Opportunity Village.

SUNDAYS

- *REVO Sundays* at Revolution Lounge inside Mirage Hotel & Casino
- *Showtunes High Tea* at FLEX Cocktail Lounge
- *PRIDE Pajama Brunch Bingo @ Circus Circus (bi-monthly)*
- All new *Ladie's Night* at FreeZone

MONDAYS

- *QSocial Ladies Event* (Every 2nd Monday) hosted by Tatiana Lewis
- *Boys Night* at Entourage Men's Spa
- *Stache Mondays* at Piranha Nightclub
- *Liquor Bust* at Spotlight Lounge

TUESDAYS

- *Ladies Night* at FreeZone
- *QUESDAYS* at db's Pool and Pong
- *Latin Night* at Entourage Men's Spa
- *Neo Soul* at Blue Martini

WEDNESDAYS

- *Underware Night* at Charlie's LV
- *"Fly" with Duwwopros and DJ Lord Q* at Insert coin(s)
- *Gay Men's Mpowerment Group* at The Gay & Lesbian Center
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- *Drag Queen Bingo* at Piranha Nightclub
- *Ntoxxxicated- Diva Toxxx Drag Show* at FreeZone



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Adele Joins Frank Marino's "Divas Las Vegas" Line Up At The Quad Resort & Casino

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Sammy Gonzales, who also impersonates Liza Minnelli and Mariah Carey, performs a disco mash-up of Adele's top hits including "Rolling in the Deep" and "Rumor Has It." Gonzales is joined on stage by some of the Strip's hottest dancers dressed in disco-inspired costumes.

Frank Marino's "Divas Las Vegas" performs six nights a week (dark Fridays) at 9:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$39 to \$79 (plus tax and fees) and are available at The Quad box office, online at www.thequadlv.com or by calling (888) 777-7664. For more information on Frank Marino, visit www.frankmarino.com.

THURSDAYS

- *Industry Night* at HAZE Nightclub inside ARIA
- *POP Thursdays* at Share Nightclub
- *QVolution* Youth Group meeting at The Center
- *Dark & Double* at Entourage Men's Spa
- *Prism* at the Artifice

FRIDAYS

- Scottish Country Dancing
- *Stripper Circus* at Share Nightclub
- *The L Group* at The Gay & Lesbian Center
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- *Addicted to Drag* at FLEX Cocktail Lounge



SATURDAYS

- *SNAPI Saturdays* at Charlie's Las Vegas
- *E-Rock Saturdays* at HAZE nightclub inside ARIA
- Ladies Hip-Hop Night at Gipsy's Nightclub
- *Share Saturdays/ Porn Stars in Vegas*

ROCKHOUSE TO BRING LUCK OF THE IRISH TO LAS VEGAS STRIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Rockhouse, located at The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian, will get lucky this St. Patrick's Day with drink specials.

The ultra-dive bar will be serving lads and lassies draft beers for \$5, 64-ounce Super Beers for \$20, 80-ounce beer guitars for \$35, 100-ounce Super Yards priced at \$38 and a special St. Patty's Day frozen Piña Colada, all in the holiday's signature green hue.

Whether you are 100 percent Irish or only Irish for the day, the Strip-side hot spot will offer Irish Car Bombs priced at \$5, all day during the green-loving holiday.

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LAS VEGAS PRIDE FAMILY BINGO IS EXPANDING!

After 8 very successful months of Las Vegas PRIDE Family Bingo, Las Vegas PRIDE is proud to announce an expansion of their Las Vegas PRIDE Bingo events with a Sunday Las Vegas PRIDE Pajama Bruch Bingo.

We are pleased to call the newly renovated Circus Circus our home for Las Vegas PRIDE Pajama Brunch Bingo. Ernie Yuen Las Vegas PRIDE President/Bingo Chairperson is spearheading the bi-monthly LGBT/"straight-friendly" event. "We all remember Sunday Brunch at Hamburger Mary's. Sunday is a great day to host this event. The guys and girls love to do brunch while sipping on Mimosa's and Bloody Mary's. Now, just add in Bingo, some fun and festive entertainment and you've got a party," Yuen says.

Las Vegas PRIDE has teamed up with Circus Circus to produce this unique event. Las Vegas PRIDE Pajama Bruch Bingo will be very festive, with a 2 hour "\$20.00 All-You-Can-Eat Brunch". You can also order a "\$6 Bottomless

Mimosa". The bar will have a \$4 Bloody Mary drink menu and some very unique \$4 drink specials will also be offered. If you're all about the bubbles, "\$15 Champagne Bottle Service" will also be offered during brunch.

The theme for all Pajama Brunch's will be "Let's Make A Deal". Yuen say's "we did "Let's Make A Deal" in January and the crowd really loved it. So we are going to do it at every Pajama Brunch Bingo. This won't be your traditional casino bingo! We will be playing special Bingo games, raffling off fantastic prizes, and celebrating throughout the afternoon with "O-69" shots."

Join the Southern Nevada Association of PRIDE. Inc. at the wonderful Circus Casino Las Vegas for the kick-off of PRIDE Pajama Brunch Bingo on St Patrick's Day, March 17, 2013, at 11a.m.. Bingo start at 1:00pm and will be held in Ballrooms A, B, C and D in the Skyrise tower on the north end of the property.

KATY PERRY DEBUTS HER MADAME TUSSAUDS LAS VEGAS WAX FIGURE

"Whenever I have to go do something particularly that I don't necessarily want to do, I'm just sending her cause she's a great identical version of me," remarked Perry.

The figure of Perry is featured in Madame Tussauds Las Vegas' Music Room. Guests have the opportunity to get up close and personal with their favorite music icons. Turn the volume to ten by interacting with figures such as Katy Perry, Rihanna, Lady Gaga, Beyoncé, Tupac Shakur, Snoop Dogg, Michael Jackson, Prince, James Brown and many more. Guests can move like the King of Pop at a smooth criminal photo experience, get behind the turntable at an interactive DJ booth and channel their inner rock stars while enjoying a karaoke area.



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EATING OUT:

JALEO

[by Michael Barbieri]
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Chef José Andrés has done it again with Jaleo!! Once again, the scene of this culinary excitement is The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. Head up to the third floor, follow the intoxicating aromas coming from Andrés' bustling, open-front restaurant and put yourself in the hands of a master! Jaleo is where you'll find a modern take on traditional Spanish tapas and paellas.

Touches of red abound in this modern, comfortable space - from the red seat cushions, to the hanging red-orange lamps, the bright red menu covers and the long, vivid red curtain - actually an art installation based on Spanish house curtains - toward the rear of the restaurant. Even the red aluminum Coca-Cola bottle that came with my Cuba Libre cocktail was a fun touch.

Now, you may ask "Why red?" Well, red has always been considered a warm, welcoming color, which of course is very desirable in a restaurant, as the owners want the patrons to feel at ease. Beyond this however, is the fact that the color red has been proven to stimulate the appetite, prompting many restaurateurs to incorporate the color into their decor. So go ahead - grab yourself a red cushioned chair, open the red menu, and let your appetite be stimulated by the large selection of delicious, often playful dishes you'll find inside!

A good many of the selections on the menu here are tapas - small appetizer sized dishes which evolved from the bar

culture in Spain. Patrons would gather at a favorite bar to socialize, chat, drink and snack on these traditional small plates, often heading out to other establishments to sample their tapas, creating a meal along the way.

When I arrived at Jaleo, the hostess led me past the Paella Grill - the centerpiece of this restaurant and the first of its kind in the U.S., to a nice corner table with a fantastic overview of the entire place. I started with a cocktail - the Cuba Libre, which went way beyond your typical rum and Coke. Sitting in the tall stemmed glass was an ice sphere, a cinnamon stick and a good sized splash of Angostura bitters, all of which lent the drink a light, tropical, floral aroma and taste. One of the fascinating aspects of eating here, is that you can "customize" your entire meal. I first ordered two dishes that seemed more like true appetizers: the **Pan De Cristal** - a light, crispy bread brushed with fresh pureed tomato, and at my request, topped with Serrano ham. The ham was a lovely, deep red color and was absolutely the sweetest I have ever tried. Next came the **Stuffed Olives**

and **'Ferrán Adrià' Liquid Olives** - tiny, beautiful Manzanilla olives stuffed with anchovy and red piquillo pepper, accompanied by "liquid olives" - delicate, deep purple spheres of Kalamata olive juice enrobed in an alginate skin. You scoop one up with a spoon, pop it in your mouth and the outer layer simply vanishes, flooding your mouth with the pure, delicious essence of olive! These little treats are named for their creator, Ferrán Adrià, a Spanish chef, often associated with the molecular gastronomy movement.

Next came the **Trigueros Con Romesco** - grilled asparagus on a bed of Romesco; the sweet, nutty tomato sauce from the Catalan region, topped with a shaved cucumber salad, radish sprouts and edible flower petals. I also sampled the **Gambas al Ajillo** - lightly sauteed shrimp with garlic, pepper and a bay leaf in a vivid red tomato based sauce that was perfect for dipping. One of the friendly bussing staff told me that customers have jokingly threatened to cut off her hand were she to remove the sauce before they'd finished! My server suggested I try one of the most popular dishes on the menu, the **Bikini Sandwich** - a lightly pressed sandwich with Ibérico ham, Manchego cheese, and truffles on delicious slices of brioche. Salty, buttery and addictive!

Having heard of the amazing quality of Spanish tinned seafood, I decided to try the **Ensaladilla Rusa con Atún en Conserva** - a good sized bowl of potato salad, served with a creamy house-made mayonnaise, carrots, peas and imported canned tuna. Yes! Canned! The firm, full bodied chunks of tuna were much like what is found in American supermarkets, but without that over processed, vaguely aluminum-tinged undertaste. I did worry that this dish might be a bit heavy, but it was actually light, delicately flavored, and well worth ordering. As an extra treat, I had them "make it José's way" and add dollops of Spanish trout roe. A bright red roasted pepper rosette topped off the dish.

I finished off my meal with not one, but two desserts! It sounds gluttonous, I know, but my server promised she wouldn't tell anyone. I had my mind set on the **Olive Oil Ice Cream with Grapefruit** - a beautiful greenish-yellow scoop of ice cream with a subtle yet captivating flavor, balanced atop a scoop of red grapefruit granita and supremes of fresh red grapefruit. The delicate ice cream played well off the slight bitterness of the fruit. My server then told me I absolutely must try the **Flan with Espuma of Catalan Cream and Oranges**. Now, I've never cared for flan - I grew up with it and it always seemed too eggy and custardy, but she sold me on it. I'm glad she did. The flan itself was delicious and creamy, with no trace of the texture of the bad flans I had experienced as a kid. It came served over fresh orange segments, with a Catalan cream espuma, or foam, that had just the right touch of sweetness. The cream was topped with candied orange bits which added a nice crunch. I'm now a fan of flan!

If tapas aren't your thing, there are some large plates - **Grilled Lamb Ribs with Romesco Sauce**, a **20 Ounce Grilled Bone-In Ribeye**, or a variety of paellas, which can be served as small plates or in larger portions for parties of 6 or more. Still, with so many amazing tapas from which to choose, I'd bet you can find something you'll enjoy!

The word Jaleo has many definitions. Two in particular - "*revelry*" and "*a large and noisy party of people gathered together for pleasure*", fit this restaurant perfectly. So whether you're with a large group or just that one special someone, order a few small plates at Jaleo, revel in each other's company, then go out and paint the town RED!





NOTHIN' BUT A GOOD TIME!

*Written by Randy Slovacek
Photography by Denise Truscello*

After almost four years on Broadway and touring the country, the hit musical "Rock Of Ages" has opened at The Venetian for what's sure to be a long and rocking run in Las Vegas.

The creative team for the show describes the experience as "a full-out, blast-off, hold-onto-your-hairspray celebration of the great rock music of the 80s" and features great rock songs such as "Every Rose Has Its Thorn," "I Wanna Know What Love Is," "I Can't Fight This Feeling," "Don't Stop Believin'" and more.

QVegas recently sat down with two of the show's stars, Mark Shunock ("Lonny") and Justin Mortelliti ("Drew"), to talk about the show, living and working in Las Vegas and how a gay storyline can fit in a show about 80s rock.

QVegas: Congratulations on the great reception the show has had in Las Vegas. Are you having fun with the show now that you've settled in to the run?

Mark: I don't know if you can do the show we're doing and not have a good time. It's all 80's rock, head banging and boob jokes.

QVegas: Neither of you have appeared in "Rock Of Ages" prior to this production, correct?

Mark: I was approached about the show 3 years ago to do the national tour company but passed at the time. Fortunately this opportunity circled back around.

QVegas: What do you do with your free time now that the show is open?

Mark: I always explain to people that I basically do everything that people with day jobs do but at night. Or vice versa. Workout, run errands, pay bills then go to work at night.

Justin: We also help each other a lot in terms of L.A. auditions because now so much is done through taped auditions. So we'll get together, help each other with taping for casting directors.

QVegas: Don't you love technology?

Mark: It saves a lot of time. Plus basically, you're in control of what casting people see now. You can do a few takes, make sure you're sending the take you think represents you, and feel good about it.

QVegas: Technology has really changed the casting/audition process in just a few years, hasn't it?

Mark: I had a beeper back in the day. I was the first person in my acting class in NYC to have a beeper.

Justin: I had a beeper in high school, but since "only drug dealers had beepers" my mom had to write a note to explain I was an actor and had to know about auditions.

QVegas: Have you had time to explore Las Vegas yet?

Justin: Early on, because "Rock Of Ages" is so vocally challenging, I was afraid to go out much. It was only just a couple of weeks ago that I started checking out clubs and restaurants, and realizing that I'm going to be ok. Last week I went downtown and the vibe reminded me of New York or L.A. There was a cool art gallery that was connected to a bar; a performance space connected to a production office.

Mark: I like the relaxation that the show now offers. When you're unemployed as an actor, you're constantly searching for that next gig. Even when you get the gig, it's usually a guest spot or co-star, so you shoot for a day or two and then you're done and off hustling for the next one. So jobs like "Rock Of Ages" offers the chance to come to Las Vegas, have a great place to live, and focus on projects near and dear to me.



Justin Mortelliti playing Drew

WHEN MY CHARACTER "LONNY" COMES OUT IN "ROCK OF AGES" IT'S A TOUCHING MOMENT; IT'S A FUNNY MOMENT. BUT IT'S NOT A HEAVY MOMENT. IT HAPPENS, AND WE MOVE ON. - MARK

Justin: I've also been spending time on my music. I released an EP of songs a few years ago, "The Fall and Rise" (available on iTunes). I was fortunate to get some of my songs placed in a movie and a web series. Recently, I did an interview with Highway Radio for "Rock Of Ages" and they played a clip of my song "The Fall." A week later I got a call from their programming department that they received a lot of requests and questions about the song, so they added it to their regular rotation. I heard my song on the radio and I didn't know if I should be screaming, crying or dancing. And now they're submitting it to other FM stations. In a weird way, it's like my "Rock Of Ages" character who moves to L.A. to become a rock star and live his dream.

QVegas: Only in this instance, you moved to Las Vegas to play a "pretend" rock star, and now you're becoming one...

Justin: Hopefully it's on the way. The wheels have started turning, so we'll see.

QVegas: Speaking of "pretend," Justin, you're the romantic leading man of "Rock Of Ages" but in life you're openly gay. Did you have any qualms about being "out" in the entertainment business?

Justin: You know, in this industry people "warn" you about what to do or what to say about who you are. At this point, as someone who is now in the public eye, I think it's important for the American public to see being gay as normal, something "every day" and get used to it. I think it's good when people are open about it because it's not that serious. It's been made to be such a big deal. I think the more actors, singers and people in the public eye are open about it, the better it gets for everyone.

QVegas: And Mark, you're straight but have played several gay characters. Was there ever a hesitation about playing a "gay" character?

Mark: When my character "Lonny" comes out in "Rock Of Ages" it's a touching moment; it's a

funny moment. But it's not a heavy moment. It happens, and we move on. The relationship is handled in such a way that it's just about two people. It's not made to be a "gay" thing. I don't look at whether a character is gay or straight when considering a script. All I care about is how I can bring my life to it.

QVegas: A few years ago, there was a controversy over a Newsweek article about Sean Hayes (of "Will & Grace" fame) being believable playing a straight man on Broadway in "Promises, Promises." Do you think audiences have an issue believing known gay actors playing "straight?"

Justin: It's difficult because, a lot of time, the less you know about an actor's personal life the more you believe them. And that's with any actor. For instance, Leonardo DiCaprio. Everyone knows who he is, but you don't know much about his private life. There's not much in magazines and newspapers about his life, but when he takes on a role, he sinks into it and you believe it. But at the same time, it's (being out) is a very important thing – more important than acting, more important than movies – it's people's lives, people's loves, and equality. So it's kind of a tender back and forth with the issue because as an actor you want to step into the role and really become it. Playing a gay role, a straight role, it doesn't matter – you're falling in love with the person you're playing opposite.

Mark: I was very blessed to be a part of the play "The Temperamentals" in L. A., where I played a gay role, and it was a great story. I played "Saul" in "As Is," which is one of the deepest plays I've had the privilege of playing. The last three or four shows I've done, I've played gay characters. As an actor, my job is to bring characters and their relationships to life. Whether it's a relationship with a woman or a man is irrelevant. The stakes and everything involved are the same. Gay or straight, it doesn't matter.

Mark Shunock playing *Lonny*



QVegas: Speaking of scripts, "Rock Of Ages" would technically be called a jukebox musical. A few years ago when the idea first hit it big with "Mamma Mia" there was some backlash towards the "jukebox musical" trend. Since then, we've seen some very big Broadway hits that fit the genre. Do you think the negative views towards the "jukebox musical" have fallen by the wayside?

Mark: I think the animosity towards the concept is pretty much done. You don't even hear the term very much anymore. Things are being done and conceived differently. People are thinking

outside the box about how they stage new shows. What's so great about "Jersey Boys" is the staging and the book. The music? That goes without saying. But the direction and book are what make that show great. And I think the same goes for "Rock Of Ages." The book is very tight. And our story is what really sells it, in addition to the great rock anthems featured in the show.

Justin: I think in the beginning, some creative people in the industry thought of the concept as "cheating" maybe. But then, as time has gone on, we've seen how these shows bring theater into the lives of people who may not go to the theater on a regular basis. But they hear "Frankie Valli? Oh, let's go see that" or "80's rock? I love those songs." It brings them into the theater and gives them an experience that they wouldn't normally have. I think because of that – they've chilled out.

QVegas: Anything else you'd like to share about the show?

Mark: I think people just need to come see us. It's a party. It really is. If you're a fan of 80s music you'll love it. The creative team has been really positive in feedback about this production, and I think there's something very special about this company. A lot of people who know the show really well have seen us and said "Wow, I don't think I've seen a company of 'Rock Of Ages' like this before." And I think that's a testament to the cast.

Justin: And I would like to say – I grew up in New Jersey perfecting my fist pump, and I take great pride in getting to use it every night in "Rock Of Ages."

You can follow Justin Mortelliti on Twitter at @JustMort and Mark Shunock at @MarkShunock

"Rock Of Ages" can be seen Tuesdays through Sundays at The Venetian.

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QSTYLE BEAUTY TIPS

“I’m new to makeup, what should I get?”

M.A.C *made easy*

[by Lana Reiss]
[Professional Makeup Artist]

You’re not alone out there. Buying makeup can be intimidating. Especially when you’re in a store filled with an endless supply of makeup, and beautiful artists showcasing products you’ve never seen, or heard of before.

Not to worry though! Here are some MAC essentials that will get you going through the day while boosting your love for makeup products.

Of course you will have to cater to your taste. Do you want sheer makeup, or do you have a lot to hide? A M.A.C Artist will help you decide which products to get but here is a guideline that you can follow. I recommend that you try on the products before you buy them so you can see what shades best suit you!

TOOLS:

Having the right tools is what can make or break your look. Here are the 4 basic brushes you will need.

Foundation Brush (#187)

Powder Brush (#129)

Small Blending Brush (#217)

Flat Angled Brush (#266)

Shader Brush (#242)

MAKEUP:

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Moisturizer - It’s important to keep your skin hydrated!

Foundation - Pick a color that will best suit the overall shade of your body.

Concealer - For those troubled areas, this will be your lifesaver.

Powder - This will set your makeup, and get rid of the shine.

Blush - It’s good to have a soft, matte color on your cheeks.

3 Eye Shadows - (1 Light, 1 Medium, and 1 Dark) Stay with neutral, matte colors. You can branch off to shiny or frosty finishes once you get used to the products.

Eyeliner - This will define your eyes.

Mascara - This will make you look youthful and alive. I refuse to leave home without it on.

Lip (stick, gloss, or balm) - The final touch! Don’t be afraid of a little color. If you pick something too light, you can end up looking washed out and sick.

Recommended MAC products: Studio Fix Fluid Foundation, Sketch eyeshadow, and VIVA GLAM VI lipgloss.

For video details about this article, please visit: YouTube.com/VivaGlamLana



photographed by Gabe Ginsberg

Lana Reiss is a beauty guru whose been in the industry for over 10 years. Also known as VivaGlamLana, she launched her web series, “My Life”, in December 2012 on Youtube. Having been in the entertainment industry as both a performer and makeup artist, Reiss is now driven to give a platform to women affected by HIV/AIDS with the goal to both disbar the negative connotation surrounding HIV and its carriers and make women feel special and pampered. Book or follow Lana Reiss at www.lanareiss.com.

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MICROLENDING GOES SOCIAL

By Candace Klein

Founder & CEO of SoMoLend

Crowdfunding is the latest innovation to combine technology, social media and finance to help small and medium sized businesses (SMB) fund their growth initiatives. In April 2012, Obama signed the JOBS Act (Jump-start Our Business Start-ups), which allows average Americans not just the wealthy to fund small businesses via crowdfunding. This innovation is very timely, because banks are lending less and less to small businesses, and often a the only other option for them is to max out credit cards at high interests rates.

It is important to understand the different types of crowdfunding platforms available today and the business and payment models for each, as well as guidelines. Based on your business or project objectives and funding goals you can determine the right platform to utilize. The four main types of platforms are: donor, reward, equity and debt. The first two do not provide a financial return.

As of today, if a SMB owner offers a return that has a monetary value such as an interest payment, or gift card in exchange for money to fund an initiative, he/she can only seek funding from a crowd that he/she has a personal relationship with such as customers, friends or family. The SEC ruling on the rest of the crowd, or people unknown to a company owner, is not yet defined. This is to ensure the safety of non-accredited individual investors.

BENEFITS

There are several benefits of crowdfunding, and even more if you target your fundraising efforts to your customer base, compared to a more traditional fundraising approach such as getting a loan from a



bank or other financial institution, or giving up equity. These benefits include the following:

Lower cost of capital – Interest rates via crowdfunding are typically less than a traditional lender, and if a SMB utilizes rewards in conjunction with interest it may be a way to reduce the interest rate.

Faster / easier process – SMB's complete one online application via a crowdfunding platform and then get matched to lenders, or target their customer crowd. Campaigns can typically be funded within 30-45 days or even sooner. This is much faster and easier than the traditional process of visiting multiple banks, completing multiple loan applications and having at least one follow up face-to-face meeting with the bank.

Leverage – Funding a smaller amount successfully via the crowd can give a SMB leverage to fund a larger amount either through the crowd again, or a traditional lender.

Eliminates anxiety over rejection – Crowdfunding

is done via an online platform, and it's fast and easy. This reduces the stress and anxiety that come with face-to-face rejection interactions with the banks.

BENEFITS OF CUSTOMER CROWDFUNDING:

Customers make money – Customers earn a return on their investment through the interest payment while helping their favorite businesses grow.

Strengthen customer loyalty and drive referral business – Customers feel more loyalty towards a business they have invested in, they want you to succeed, and they will be more likely to refer their friends and family to your business.

Publicity – A fundraising campaign is a great public relations and marketing tool to highlight a new product/service offering or new initiative ahead of time. The media love to hear stories that involve customers; and crowdfunding is a very popular media topic today, because it is new and positive and supports SMB and job growth.

Local community development – As a SMB grows and becomes more successful the local community's economy gets stronger. There is a community pride factor in knowing you have invested money in a local business to help fuel its growth.

IDEAL CROWDFUNDED PROJECTS

In the case of a SMB with a growth initiative than can be positioned as a service/product benefit for its existing customer base, a debt-based crowdfunding

platform is ideal, because it creates an opportunity to build loyalty and drive referral business through its customer base at a more competitive interest rate and easier and faster process than a traditional lending source.

In the case of a start up that has no product/service on the open market yet, and no customer base, an equity based crowdfunding platform might make more sense.

In the case of a person or group that isn't a business, but has a single project they want to develop, or activity they want to accomplish a donation or reward model crowdfunding platform would work well. Several platforms were originally launched to support creative artists and volunteer projects. Others who have tried to launch a product on their own with limited or no capital have also had success with these types of platforms by pre-selling the product through crowdfunding.

A social lending fundraising campaign targeted to your customers doesn't have to end after you reach your funding goal. The fact that your initiative was customer funded is a powerful message to include in all of your marketing communications. It tells your marketplace that your customers believe in your product or service, and it must be good, which will motivate others to try it. Additionally, you can go back to your customer base for another fundraising campaign next time you have a growth initiative and apply the tactics that worked well again, and try new ones.

Candace Klein is the founder & CEO of SoMoLend (www.somolend.com). SoMoLend is a debt financing company that connects business borrowers seeking loans with investors looking to make a return on investment.



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FRIDAY - SPLASH POOL PARTY

The weekend heats up poolside at the Renaissance Hotel as men arrive from around the world for the first sun-splashed pool party of the weekend featuring a tidal wave of music from DJ extraordinaire, **Ryan Kenney**.

FRIDAY - BULGE UNDERWEAR PARTY

Show off your Tightly Whities or your sexiest underwear as we officially kick off the weekend in epic style at Friday night's Bulge Underwear Party, sponsored by Andrew Christian. Don't miss the music from **Dave & Gerardo** (NYC) and **Dani Toro** (Barcelona), Don't miss the chance to meet and hang out with the sexy Andrew Christian Underwear Models. As a special treat, Andrew Christian's collection of hotties from viral WP 2013 underwear videos will be hitting the stage live to bring their sensuality to life in all their barely clothed glory. Arrive in *your* favorite undies or take advantage of the secure clothes check upon arrival. Either way, this party will surely jump-start your weekend fun!

SATURDAY - SPLASH POOL PARTY

Dive right into the sea of hot bodies at THE largest pool party in the desert at the Renaissance host hotel. Spend a day in the sun and make friends with thousands of the world's sexiest men as they oil up for a day of fun in the sun! Presented by the indulgent all male FLEX SPA retreats from coast to coast, this party will feature music from **DJs Pornstar** and **Grind** and live performances throughout the day. VIP Cabanas are available for your lounging enjoyment, as well as a bevy of hot bodied cabana boys, attending to your every whim.

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Arrive early as the excitement begins out on the lawn, under the stars, at the **Grindr Outdoor Lounge**, the ultimate place meet and connect. Once inside, explore and enjoy the amazing **White Party Xtreme Dance Lounge**, featuring infectious European grooves from critically-acclaimed international DJ/Producer **Leonardo GloVibes** in a completely re-designed dance lounge. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements of White Party's highly-anticipated surprise performer!



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SUNDAY POOL PARTY

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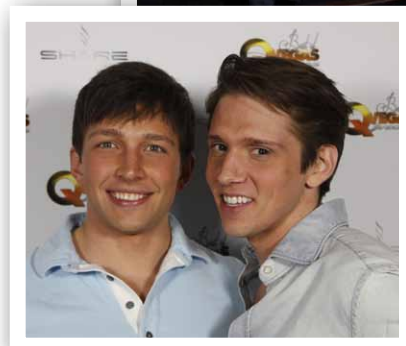
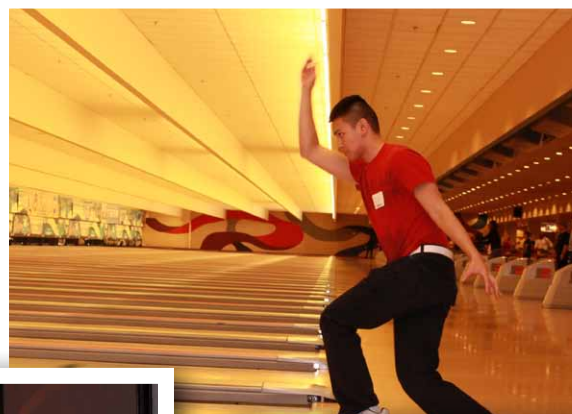
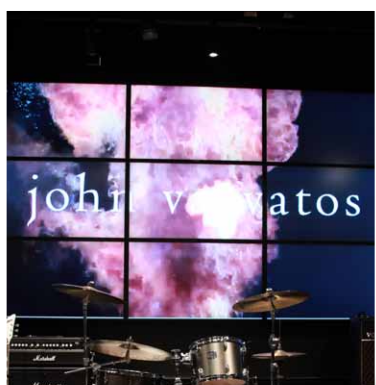
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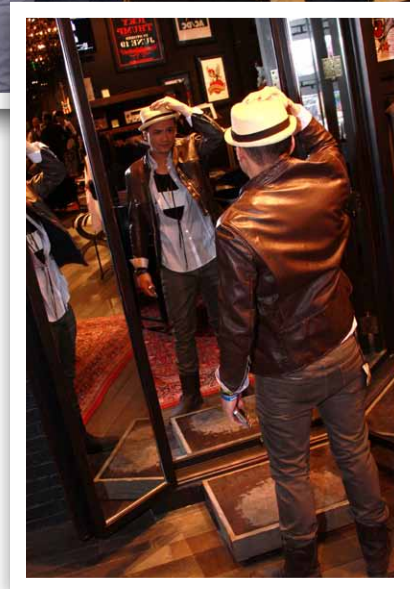
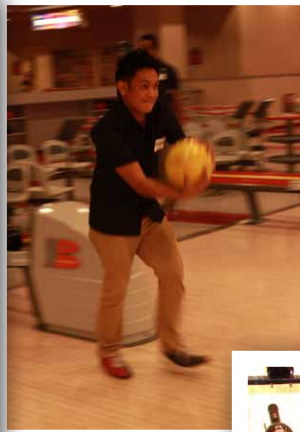
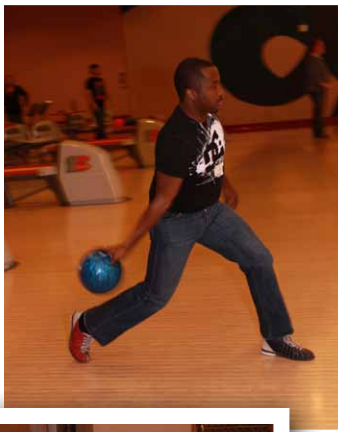
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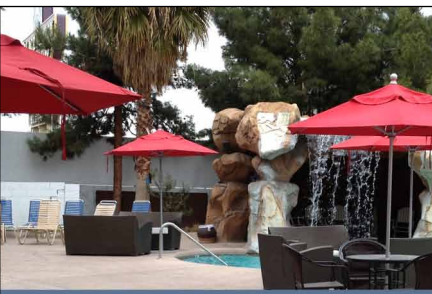

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The Black & White Party is truly a community event. The small staff at AFAN could not put on an event of this magnitude alone. It requires the help of our amazing volunteer committee that joins us for bi-weekly meets to help ensure that it continues to stay current and continues to grow, about 80 day-of volunteers who help us in every facet of the event, and the continued community support to make it one of "the can't miss events of the year."

Every year our goals are the same: raise awareness that HIV/AIDS is still affecting thousands of people in Southern Nevada, raise money to continue our client programs, and offer support and assistance until the day we can finally say there is a cure. It is the way we achieve these goals that continues to evolve. In the last few years AFAN has created new programs within its agency which include our housing unit "Casa de Esperanza" and monthly Kids' Campus events for children 5-15 years old affected by HIV/AIDS, as a result of the needs of our growing client population. Most of us have felt the tightening of our belts and with the depletion of funding for HIV services, your support of AFAN is crucial now more than ever to ensure the continuation of our vital client programs. The Black & White Party offers our supporters an amazing value. For \$35 guests get to sample amazing tastings from some of the valley's best restaurants, libations from the top liquor sponsors, and entertainment from shows all over the strip who come together for one night to create an unforgettable party for our cause.

I, along with my staff and our fantastic board of directors are eternally grateful to our supporters for continuing to participate and attend our events. The funds for this year's Black and White Party will help us to continue to fund our programs through this rough economic patch and your attendance not only allows you to come and enjoy the party but also to remember the reasons you support people infected and affected with HIV/AIDS. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, at August 25th at Hard Rock Hotel! Let's enjoy our Las Vegas community coming together and celebrating life with "style."

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