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Spring has sprung! We hope that you're enjoying Las Vegas is best time of the year. As the weather changes and pools start to open, make sure you check out Citrus, the new pool at the Downtown Grand.

On the cover we feature French hottie Alex Goude. He's brought his family to Las Vegas and opened a new show called Twisted Vegas.

Michael Barbieri takes us on a Chinatown Adventure and gets you thinking ahead for Mother's Day next month—but feel free to pamper yourself any time!

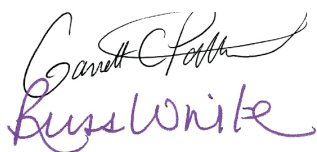
And don't miss Monday's Dark featuring songs from Billy Joel—all ticket proceeds benefit The Foundation Assisting Seniors.

Sister Loosy and Sisters want you to "make it werq!" with Project Nunway! The call for entries is open now for the runway event this fall.

AIDS Healthcare Foundation has named Dr. Michael Karagiozis as the new Medical Director. Dr. Mike has been helping patients with HIV/AIDS in Nevada for over 17 years.

Which reminds us! AFAN AIDS Walk is this month! Grab your Nikes, Keens, Vibrams or flip flops and register at <http://afanlv.org>.

This month also kicks off our 13th year as QVegas! With a 38 year history in Las Vegas, we've been published under The Bugle, The Bohemian Bugle, Nevada Gay Times and Vegas Gay Times since 1978. We're celebrating with a totally re-launched website—check it out at <https://www.gay.vegas/qvegas!>



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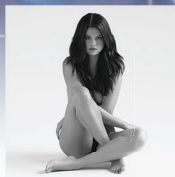
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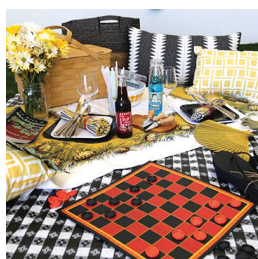
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Project Nunway Call For Entries

The Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, SON Studios and QVegas Magazine announce a call for entries for Project Nunway Las Vegas. The original Project Nunway was created by Sister Baba Ganesh of the SF House and inspired by the late Fellini film “Roma” and Bravo’s Project Runway as an annual fashion fundraiser that pairs Sisters with designers to create a high fashion look based on a theme—but these couture outfits are constructed from recycled materials.

This year’s contest, a first for Las Vegas, will be themed Seven Deadly Sins, Vices, and Virtues. Hosted at SON Studios, the event will raise money for the Sisters’ AIDS Drug Assistance Program and bring public awareness to up-and-coming designers, design and fashion students, and avant grade local designers.

Since 2007, the Sisters have paid over \$600,000 back to the Las Vegas community through their fundraising events. Project Nunway: Seven Deadly Sins, Vices, and Virtues will be held in October. Designers, students and artists will fight for the Top Designer Award, Top Student

Designer Award. The always outrageous Sisters from Las Vegas and around the US, along with guest models, will be draped in original designer creations and take to the fashion runway in a show that celebrates extravagance, outrageousness, and thought-provoking imagination and visionary prowess.

Sisters have opened a call for entries now, challenging participant to begin creating a look that celebrates Queer Nuns and creative vision. Participants will be featured in the August issue of QVegas Magazine. To enter, visit <http://sinsitysisters.org>

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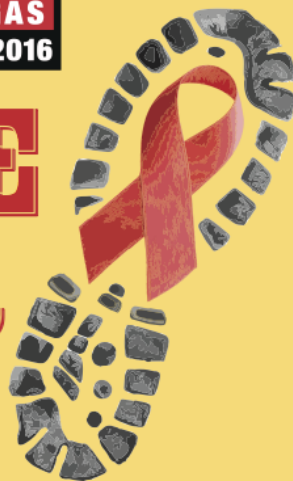
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AHF NAMES NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR

AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), the largest global HIV/AIDS organization, is proud to welcome Dr. Michael Karagiozis as a full-time medical director for the AHF Health Care Centers in Las Vegas and North Las Vegas. As medical director, Karagiozis will treat HIV patients while providing guidance and leadership to AHF physicians and staff. His addition to the AHF team in Las Vegas will help expand services in the region and build partnerships with relevant providers and organizations.

“We are very excited to have Dr. Karagiozis on board as a full-time medical director for our Las Vegas AHF Health Care Centers,” said Dale Gluth, AHF’s Regional Director for Las Vegas. “His wealth of experience in treating patients with HIV and educating physicians will make him an excellent addition to our team.”

In addition to his role as a medical director, Dr. Karagiozis hopes to initiate a certification program to educate residents and medical students on the proper care and treatment of HIV patients. He is an experienced educator, having taught a course in primary care to osteopathic medical students at Touro University Nevada,

established the first accredited fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Medicine in Southern Nevada and founded the Certified Medical Investigator program for the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute. Karagiozis senses a troubling lack of confidence in family physicians and internists when dealing with HIV patients, due to stigma as well as lack of awareness about regular testing parameters and treatment options. The unwillingness to address the disease, according to Karagiozis, results in a lack of HIV diagnoses and inadequate care.

“Nothing destroys fear, ignorance and disempowerment like education,” said Dr.

Photo: Jon Carmichael.com



Karagiozis. “If we can educate people about HIV and demystify it, then it will just become another disease to be treated.”

During his final year at the Western University of Health Sciences in 1986, Dr. Karagiozis was assigned to work in a hospital outside Hollywood where his floor contained all HIV-positive men. He could do little to alleviate the patients’ suffering, a powerlessness that left a “significant and indelible mark.”

His passion for fighting this disease come from the encouragement he received from a patient who helped him come out of the closet as a med student. He vowed to continue helping fight the disease.

When Karagiozis arrived in Reno for his residency, he was one of few family physicians with prior HIV experience. Years later, he was placed in charge of Nevada’s State HIV program for the Department of Corrections.

Dr. Karagiozis has now been practicing in Las Vegas for over 13 years. From campaigning to get prison inmates on HIV treatment, to spending the last several years providing hospice and palliative care for terminally ill patients, Karagiozis thrives where most family physicians fear to tread. As a medical director for AHF, he will continue to serve disadvantaged populations in Las Vegas and diminish the stigma surrounding HIV. With the likely addition of his educational certification program, Karagiozis aims to establish AHF as a leading authority on care and treatment strategies

for HIV patients.

Las Vegas continues to defy national trends in HIV infection rates. “The entire Vegas experience is the place to play, so you see a lot of unprotected sex here. That’s just the way it is,” said Dr. Karagiozis in an interview with QVegas. “It’s a major problem.”

AHF offers testing, but many patients come to the healthcare center already diagnosed and seeking care. Some physicians are uninformed or misinformed about HIV/AIDS, so patients also turn to AHF when they are looking for a physician to take over their care.

“When I sit down with a patient for the first time, I ask them to tell me what they know. Education is the most important part of fighting this disease,” said Dr. Karagiozis.

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GAZILLIONAIRE PUTS DOWN \$319 BAR TAB

Celebrates Absinthe's 5th Anniversary

Over the past five years, one star of The Strip has delighted more than 1M inebriated guests with 2,500 lap dance competitions. The one-of-a-kind show, ABSINTHE, celebrated an against-all-odds fifth anniversary show March 31.

"Five years in Vegas," said ABSINTHE producer and emcee, The Gazillionaire. "Really? Feels like f%#^ing 20. Feels like we have been here since Robin Leach was drinking real champagne and filming 'Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous.' Please stop coming to the show and giving us all these stupid awards. Yeah, sure... Best Show in Vegas. Compared to what? Vegas Nocturne?

Thanks a lot, Vegas!"

Voted "Best Show" by several outlets, including the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Las Vegas Weekly, and Vegas SEVEN, ABSINTHE has survived despite The Gazillionaire continually cutting the production's budget to pay off debts. ABSINTHE has been hailed as "refreshingly raw" by UK Daily Star and dubbed "love at first sight" by Vegas Tripping.

ABSINTHE's celebrity freeloader base has continued to grow exponentially since its inception in Spring 2011. Recent audience members have included DJ and producer Steve Aoki, actress Melissa McCarthy, Las Vegas headliner Pitbull, Aerosmith front man Steven Tyler, actors Channing Tatum and Christopher Lloyd, and many others.

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Did you know Las Vegas has a Chinatown? None of my out of town friends knew this, and were surprised when I spoke of it. Granted, it's not very close to the big hotels, and it's not a quaint, clearly delineated tourist locale, like the ones in New York or San Francisco, but some intrepid visitors and eaters have discovered Vegas' Chinatown - roughly two and a half miles of Spring Mountain Road, lined with strip malls, tea shops, karaoke clubs, and Asian-themed eateries, just west of the Strip.

My first trip to Chinatown was about three years ago, when I reviewed Hot N Juicy Crawfish. That visit was kind of an "eat and run" affair - we took a taxi to the restaurant, had our meal, then went right back to the Strip. This time, however, my friend Rhiannon was my guide. She had told me of a couple of places I might enjoy, so we got in her car and away we went!

Our first stop was a true, out of the way, no-frills, hole in the wall called Diamond Chinese Restaurant. This hidden gem was tucked away under the I-15, in a rather seedy looking strip mall at the intersection of Industrial Road and Mel Torme Way. Hard to spot, it was hidden behind

Sonny's Saloon and Casino, a divey little joint at the corner of the mall. Still, Rhiannon knew where to go, and we pulled into the parking lot and headed inside. Diamond Chinese is a family owned and operated eatery, with a small staff - one, maybe two servers at most. The decor was simple - gussied up fluorescent lighting, linoleum floors, formica tabletops - many with Lazy Susans, a few pieces of Chinese art on the walls, and nooks containing Asian vases. In the corner, a glowing fish tank was home to some lobsters and perhaps a Dungeness crab.

The menu was fairly extensive, and featured mostly Cantonese dishes, along with a few

Szechuan offerings to round it out. We ordered quite a few dishes to share - a good decision, as everything was served family style. We started with the Potstickers - nine tasty, pan fried dumplings filled with a mixture of minced pork and scallions. Golden brown on the outside, not too doughy, and not greasy at all, they came served with a biting vinegar soy mixture. Next came one of my favorites, the Hot and Sour Soup. I've tried many versions of this classic over the years, but I can safely say that this was the most nuanced, layered, insanely delicious hot and sour soup I've ever tasted. Lighter in color, and loaded with mushrooms, big chunks of tofu, delicate ribbons of egg white, and strips of roast pork, this soup was rich, hearty and flavorful, with a hint of vinegar, and a gentle heat that bloomed at the back of the palate with every spoonful.

Our main dishes arrived next. We had ordered the Lemon Chicken, for which Diamond Chinese is well known, but the server goofed, and brought us the Orange Flavored Chicken. Rather than be difficult, we told him we'd try that dish instead. As it turned out, it was terrific! Chunks of wok-fried chicken coated in a bright red sauce, with dried chiles and bits of orange peel, it had a spicy punch balanced out by the bright citrus note of the orange, and we were more than happy with our "mistake." The Spicy Szechuan Shrimp, which I ordered extra spicy, was tongue-tingling perfection - a mound of good-sized prawns in a zesty sauce filled with sliced green onion and red pepper flakes, finished off with slices of fresh jalapeño peppers. Finally, I had always jokingly thought of our last dish as a food myth, but here it was: the House Special Egg Foo Young - eggy, oniony little omelets, in a thickened pork gravy, served with shrimp, chicken and pork. Although I can't remember ever having tried the dish before, the subtle, slightly salty porkiness of the gravy gave it a homey flavor that was comfortably

familiar, and very, very tasty!

After dinner, Rhiannon suggested a drink at a local bar, so we headed deeper into Chinatown, to 3939 Spring Mountain Road, the location of the fabulous Golden Tiki! This ultra-hip, fun, colorful bar was an immersive experience echoing the tiki bar culture that flourished in the 1940's, 50's, and 60s'. Conceived by Branden Powers, and designed and built by Danny Gallardo and Billy "The Crud" Toney, this tropical paradise was a feast for the eyes - a "lava cave" entrance, tables under palm frond roofs, an enchanted waterfall with giant clamshells, colorful lamps that looked like island drums, and gorgeous hand-carved tiki idols everywhere. There were three distinctive areas in which to sit: at the Golden Idol bar, in the Pirate's Cove, or in the skull-strewn Headhunter's Village. There was even a giant clam banquette, where partiers sat to take "shell-fies!"

The staff contributed equally to the retro-cool ambience. Rex Dart, the resident DJ, was spinning fun, often silly novelty records like Sheb Wooley's "Purple People Eater," to which we sang along gleefully. The bartenders were mostly local musicians, and the waitresses were pin-up girls and burlesque performers with names like Ms. Red, Asia DE Vinyl, and Buttercup!

There were numerous potent tropical drinks from which to choose, including the classic Mai Tai, the Polynesian Haze, with a flaming shot glass of 151 proof rum stuck inside, or our choice, the delicious Painkiller, made with rum, orange juice, coconut cream and Dole pineapple whip! YUM!

I'm already planning my next visit to The Golden Tiki, and I highly recommend you do a little off-Strip exploring as well, especially if you're looking to experience a different side of Vegas. So when you come to Las Vegas, take a little side trip to Chinatown and have an adventure of your own.

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53X (yes, it looks like SEX) opened this month at Paris Las Vegas, and is the new “must-see show” on the Strip. Shangela hosts a sexy and raucous show that will attract all (adult) audiences.

Created by the Producers of Chippendales, 53X leverages the company’s “sexpertise” in delivering high-energy fun leaving audiences “turn’t up and turned on.” The show’s dynamic cast, a provocative ensemble of four men, five women and one drag queen.

Shangela, an effusive and sexy host from RuPaul’s Drag Race, orchestrates the evening at Chateau Nightclub and sets the audience at ease through her witty humor and innate magnetism.

“We are so excited to bring this innovative new concept to Las Vegas,” says Kevin Denberg, Managing Partner of Chippendales. “53X takes the infectious energy of the Chippendales show and re-imagines it for men, women, and couples to enjoy together. It’s an adult adventure that has yet to be seen all in one show.”

53X is the creative vision of the show’s artistic

director, Bryan Cheatham. “This is the perfect show to bring a date, or find one,” says Cheatham. “You can be a voyeur or a participant - either way, everyone gets exactly what they came for!”

While the show is definitely adult-only and sexually suggestive, there is no nudity (*though we can confirm that the entire cast apparently had Brazillian waxes for opening night*). Both men and women provocatively keep their privates private. The show is produced by the Chippendales, so the men gratuitously expose their derrieres and there’s plenty of side boobs to keep your BFF’s husband glad he came along with you. This isn’t a Cirque show, a drag show, or a strip show. It’s new, up close, sensual, playful, erotic.

It is one hell of a fun night hosted by an effervescent, sharp tongued, witty drag queen as she introduces the procession of 53xy dancers throughout the night.

Photo: Eric Ita



Shangela hits Vegas this month as hostess of 53X at Paris and Drag Brunch at Treasure Island



NASHVILLE IN CONCERT

Due to the overwhelming success of sold-out tours in 2014 and 2015, the stars of ABC's "Nashville" will take the show on the road again this spring with a concert tour across the U.S.

The Vegas tour stop will feature cast members Clare Bowen, Chris Carmack, Charles Esten, Jonathon Jackson and Aubrey Peeples performing original music as well as songs from the hit television series. ABC's Nashville in Concert will take the stage of The Venetian Theatre at The Venetian on Friday, April 15.

"It is truly extraordinary how demand has grown over these past three years," said Steve Buchanan, President, Opry Entertainment. "We have added several new major markets this year so that we can reach as many of our dedicated Nashville fans as possible all across America.

Audiences have been consistently blown away by the performing and songwriting talent of our cast."

"It's so great to see the cast have an opportunity to take their show on the road again," said Russell Ziecker, Executive Vice President, TV Music, Lionsgate. "The spirit and energy they bring to the stage is infectious. They've all become Country Music evangelists and ambassadors of Nashville, both the show and the city. It continues to amaze me – how many ways life-imitates-art-imitates-life on this show and with this cast."

Tickets are available at any box office at The Venetian or The Palazzo, online at Ticketmaster.com or Venetian.com/Nashville or by calling (702) 414-9000 or (866) 641-7469.

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Australia's HUMAN NATURE, one of the world's greatest vocal groups and a true Las Vegas success story, has set the Strip on fire and kept sold-out audiences dazzled and dancing during their internationally celebrated "MOTOWN Show," which premiered at The Venetian in 2013.

"JUKEBOX" will see HUMAN NATURE'S foursome, Toby Allen, Phil Burton and brothers Andrew and Mike Tierney, backed by a dynamic seven-piece band and world-class dancers, as they celebrate a mix of pop classics with doo-wop, boy band with Bandstand, soul standards with Motown... and even some "Uptown Funk." "JUKEBOX" is not only a playlist of the group's influences, but some of the most-loved hit songs from the best vocal artists and groups of all time, including "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," "Stand By Me," "Unchained Melody," "Dance To The Music" and "Under The Boardwalk."

"Over the past three years, Andrew, Mike, Toby and Phil have become wonderful additions to The Venetian family. We couldn't be more thrilled about HUMAN NATURE 'JUKEBOX'. Their talents extend further than simply Motown

and we can't wait for guests to experience this new show," said George Markantonis, president and chief operating officer of The Venetian, The Palazzo and Sands Expo Convention Center.

HUMAN NATURE'S "JUKEBOX" will explode with not only the Motown hits they have famously reinterpreted such as "Dancing In The Street," but also soul standards like "Gimme Some Lovin'" and "(Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher," plus old and new pop hits in "Twist And Shout" to today's chart toppers such as "All About That Bass" and "Shake It Off." They show that this "JUKEBOX" plays everything from The Temptations to Taylor Swift, from The Beatles to Bruno Mars.

One of the world's seminal "Boy Bands," HUMAN NATURE will include hits from



their own music catalog, as well as a host of fan favorites, while still paying homage to past pop masters. Audience members can expect to hear the songs from Backstreet Boys and the Bee Gees alongside The Beach Boys and Boyz II Men, among others.

“We’ve always been incredibly focused on HUMAN NATURE and on our live shows and how we are represented as artists,” explains Phil Burton. “We pinch ourselves as four Australians to be so heartily embraced by American music fans. To have such incredible support from The Venetian and the US music industry is humbling and it motivates us to bring our best five nights a week. We’ll be playing music from all eras, and we’ll throw in some Motown and some music from our pop career and the ‘boy band’ days. We’ll be highlighting what ‘boy bands’ have been like through the ages - not only a guilty pleasure of great songs, but a jukebox unto themselves.”

The “JUKEBOX” residency is another high for a group that has been together since school days and are now celebrating their 26th year together. HUMAN NATURE has previously hit the top of the charts in Australia and the UK and have a staggering 25 platinum awards to their credit. Career highlights include playing to a global

audience at the Sydney 2000 Olympics. HUMAN NATURE was handpicked to travel the world opening for Michael Jackson and Celine Dion and have collaborated frequently with the likes of American icon Smokey Robinson. “The members of Human Nature are extraordinary vocalists who truly know how to entertain,” said Smokey Robinson. “If you haven’t seen them perform you need to, it’s a real treat.”

HUMAN NATURE “JUKEBOX” performs Tuesday through Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at any Venetian or Palazzo box office or by calling 702-414-9000 or 866-641-7469. Tickets are also available at HumanNatureLive.com or Venetian.com.





ALEX GOUDE: TWISTED VEGAS

Las Vegas has long been home to some of the biggest names in entertainment: Britney Spears, Celine Dion, Elton John, Jennifer Lopez, Elvis Presley...the list goes on.

Now, a new face is poised to take over: Alex Goude. Like Sir Elton, Goude is an out-and-proud gay man who is further diversifying Las Vegas' entertainment offerings.

Goude is a massive celebrity in France, but he recently uprooted his life in Paris to call Las Vegas his new home. He's the producer, director, writer and host of Las Vegas' newest sensational show, Twisted Vegas. Performing live at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino every night at 7 p.m. (excluding Mondays), the show has seen audience numbers grow dramatically in a short amount of time.

"It was a really crazy bet at the beginning, but people are laughing from beginning to end," said Goude about his new show. "It's really rewarding

and I couldn't be more proud of my cast and team, they are the best in the world."

Twisted Vegas is a mash-up of all things Las Vegas: part spoof show, part variety show, part tribute show, and a whole lot of fun. Blending together a cast of world-class talent, audiences are transported from one side of the Strip to the next as Twisted Vegas presents its own takes on other shows in town, buffets, spas, weddings and more. Even the Bellagio Fountains get the Goude treatment!

QVegas attended the show's Grand Opening on Feb. 18 – and it was a riot. However, it looks like we need to go back again, because Goude has made some significant changes!

"It's almost a completely different show now," said Goude. "I changed some of the French jokes that didn't seem to be working and put in other jokes that cater more to American humor. Everything has been fine-tuned, the rhythm of the show is 10 times better, and we switched up some of the acts. I definitely recommend seeing the show now, especially if you saw it already in our first two months since the opening! You'll

Photo: Denise Truscello



love the changes.”

Goude isn’t just a wildly famous entertainer; he’s a family man as well. When he came out publicly in France, the reception he received was remarkably supportive. But after marrying his husband, Romain Taillandier, the adorable pair decided to have a baby. Unfortunately, surrogacy is not an option in France, which is one of the reasons they decided to move to the United States.

“My husband and I were not able to have a kid in France through surrogacy, but it’s possible here. So we decided to move,” said Goude. “Having a baby changed everything for us.”

Their child, Elliott, is one-year-old, and he’s just as cute as his fathers.

“When you have a kid, you forget your own goals and want to make the baby happy. The first couple of months are tough because you don’t sleep at all. Then after a few more months, that’s still the case,” said Goude with his infectious laugh. “But it’s so amazing and I wouldn’t change our decision to have Elliott for the world.”

Before Elliott arrived, Goude and Taillandier were madly in love with each other. But they didn’t always have that kind of relationship.

“The story is pretty funny,” said Goude. “Romain manages a gossip website in France. He outed me on his website a long time ago. I called him and told him if he didn’t remove the article then I would sue. That was our first contact.”

Wait – so how did they end up happily ever after?

“Later on, he created another website to help young French comedians raise money. He was looking for a director for the website. I found the idea interesting, so we decided to meet and began working on it together. I had to face the facts: even if I was really upset with Romain for outing me, I couldn’t resist working with his brilliant mind and amazingly good looks. Fast forward, and we got engaged!”

Goude and Taillandier fit the “opposites attract” notion. They love the same movies and TV shows, but differ in many other ways.

“I’m really into video games, Romain isn’t at all. He loves shopping, I hate it. He drinks alcohol, I don’t. He loves the gym, I loathe it. Our relationship works because we are very open-minded and these differences make us better,” said Goude.

Surprisingly, Goude has been visiting Las Vegas ever since he was a kid. But now that he and his husband live in Las Vegas full-time with their baby, they’re starting to get acclimated to our flourishing gay community.

“The gay culture here isn’t very different from France’s gay scene actually,” said Goude. “The biggest difference is that here people seem to be shy compared to the LGBTQ community in France. When I go out to clubs from time to time, I notice that people here sometimes struggle to

talk to each other in person.”

Goude notes his appreciation for Las Vegas’ “open arms” mentality. He loves that no matter how you identify, you’re able to find a supportive community here.

“Everybody lives happily in this town, whether you are straight or gay,” said Goude.

While work seems to consume his life (spoiler alert: Twisted Vegas isn’t the only show he’s got under his belt right now), Goude loves exploring the city with his friends and family.

Some of his favorite restaurants include Sushi Samba, DB Brasserie, L’atelier de Joel Robuchon, Lago, Benihana, Miko’s Sushi, Yardhouse, Le Belle Terre and Jean Philippe Patisserie.

When he’s got a day off, you can usually find him fitting in some retail therapy at Town Square, hiking at Red Rock, or checking out luxury cars at Exotics Racing.

To check out Las Vegas’ newest gay star, snag your tickets for Twisted Vegas at www.twisted.vegas. Right now, kids under 12 are free with purchase of an adult ticket, and locals can see the show for just \$20. For out-of-town guests, Twisted Vegas is accessible starting at just \$39 per ticket.

Be sure to stick around after the show. Goude makes a point to meet audience members outside the theater. With his big personality and animated facial expressions, you won’t want to miss out on the opportunity to take a selfie with him.



After Finding Superstardom in France, Gay Celebrity Alex Goude Makes His Las Vegas Debut

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Host hotels for 2016 are the Flamingo Resort and the newly remodeled and contemporary LINQ Hotel. Both are located in the NEW LINQ corridor, perfect for shopping, socializing, dining and gambling, next to the fabulous LINQ pod Ferris wheel.

Dinah Vegas has become the “must attend” event of lesbians from around the globe. In 2016, women from everywhere - including Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, France, Germany, Mexico and New Zealand, will enjoy all the non-stop entertainment, world-class dining, 24/7 gaming and fantastic weather that only Dinah Vegas offers in “the City that never sleeps” and where there is no “last call!”

“Las Vegas has more to offer visitors than ever before, and so does Dinah Vegas,” said Dinah

Vegas Producer Sandy Sachs. “Through our fabulous long-term partnership with Caesars Entertainment, our patrons can always enjoy Vegas’ newest hotels and hottest locations. Year in and year out, they keep coming back for more and bringing their friends.”

Once again, Dinah Vegas takes over some of Caesars’ exclusive and most sought-after venues for its world famous events, created by lesbians specifically for lesbians. New for 2016: Thursday’s OPENING PARTY happens at Flamingo Hotel’s Beach Club Pool. Friday night’s GLITTER II is back at the famous and extremely popular VOODOO Lounge at Rio Las Vegas. Both decks are for the gals alone - for dancing, socializing and enjoying breathtaking views of Las Vegas at night. This year, our COCKTAIL PARTY for VIP guests and sponsors happens at the Rio Las



Vegas Wine Cellar. The event features a hosted fine wine tasting with selections from their extraordinary cellar.

The Flamingo Hotel's sprawling GO Pool will be the setting for Saturday's INFINITY POOL PARTY, featuring VIP cabanas, canopy beds, daybeds and over 300 pool chairs. West Hollywood Lifestyle Magazine will present a poolside fashion show and a soon-to-be-announced National Recording Artist will perform live.

DJ roster this year includes DJ Whitney Day NY/LA; Dawna Montell, resident DJ at The Abbey LA; DJ Kurty, resident DJ at Rich's in San Diego & San Francisco and international DJ DuJour from Sydney, Australia.

THURSDAY APRIL 28

WELCOME PARTY at Flamingo Hotel Beach Club

9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

New location for 2016! Get the weekend off to a great Las Vegas start at the Beach Club. Meet up and mingle with food, cocktails and music from DJ Dulour – direct from Sydney, Australia.

FRIDAY APRIL 29

COCKTAIL PARTY for Weekend Package guests at RIO Hotel Wine Cellar

8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

NEW for 2016 - Weekend Package guests enjoy a hosted tasting at the best wine cellar in Vegas. This is an experience you will never forget!

GLITTER II at VOODOO Lounge and Nightclub atop RIO Las Vegas Hotel

10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Back by popular demand, on two decks! Be there for an evening of the best views overlooking the fabulous Las Vegas skyline. Live DJs pump out red-hot tunes on the dance floor and Go-Go Girls will be shaking it all night.

SATURDAY APRIL 30

INFINITY POOL PARTY at the Flamingo Hotel GO Pool

9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Once again the Flamingo Hotel's sprawling GO Pool is all ours, all day long. Hang out, catch some rays, enjoy a cocktail or take a refreshing dip in the crystal clear water! DJs spin the sounds on our new, expanded sound system as Girl Bar's Go-Go's rock your world. West Hollywood Lifestyle Magazine will present a sexy fashion show. In addition, a soon-to-be announced National Recording Artist will be performing live. Gaming tables, full bar and menu are all available poolside. Cabanas and daybeds sell out fast, so make reservations now!

VEGAS WHITE PARTY under the Eiffel Tower at Chateau

10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Be a part of the weekend's most dazzling event filled with gorgeous women and white-hot style. This is the time to sparkle with red carpet photo opportunities, performance art installations, non-stop burlesque performances, Go-Go girls and dancing under the stars with our best DJ's. The party goes until the early morning hours as there is NO last call in VEGAS! This is the must-attend event everyone will be talking about.

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SUNDAY FUNDAY POOL PARTY Location TBD

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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CITRUS

Kicks off Summer with Goldboot

The first of many new additions to come in 2016, Downtown Grand Las Vegas Hotel & Casino, debuts a new pool this season. Featuring skyline views of downtown Las Vegas, Citrus at the Grand Pool Deck will feature fresh new décor, entertainment, outdoor games, and an all-new menu with weekday specials from 4-7 p.m., doubling as downtown's newest outdoor happy hour spot. Welcoming the downtown community and all locals, Citrus at the Grand Pool Deck will be open to the public and free to hotel guests and Las Vegas residents age 21 and over.

Citrus kicks off the summer season with a grand opening celebration with DJ Atom followed by special musical guests Big Heir, and a headlining set by local favorite Goldboot. Drink specials from the all-new specialty menu will be offered throughout the night.

Boasting 35,000 square feet, Citrus at the Grand Pool Deck is a unique urban rooftop pool retreat featuring an infinity pool, private cabanas, full bar, dining, a fire pit, and grass seating area where guests can lounge or enjoy a variety of activities including foosball, corn hole, table

tennis and more. The Citrus concept combines vibrant summer décor in splashes of yellow, green and orange with ornamental verdant trees and foliage, citrus-inspired staff uniforms and new organic herb gardens. An all-new lineup of live entertainment will include weekend DJs, concerts and special events.

Guests can quench their thirst and satisfy their cravings with refreshing new dining options at Citrus at the Grand Pool Deck, served to shaded tables, cabanas or poolside. The menu will feature grilled items as well as light offerings

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and sweet fare like Minted Frozen Citrus treats and Citrus Signature Slaw, made with fresh ingredients grown poolside in one of 12 organic herb gardens designed in partnership with Desert Urban Homesteading. The entire patio-length bar has been transformed into a massive lemonade stand, featuring freshly squeezed spirit-infused lemonades and signature refreshers, such as the 90 Miles Away, made with lime, mint, grapefruit and white rum; and the Seedless and Spicy, featuring watermelon and tequila with lime and spice. In addition, a special happy hour menu will be available weekdays from 4-7 p.m.

Locals and guests can celebrate a special occasion or beat the heat with a private cabana rental, which can be reserved through Concierge Services by calling (702) 719-5170 or via email at concierge@downtowngrand.com.

Citrus at the Grand Pool Deck is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., with extended hours during special events and featured programming. Hotel guests and local residents receive free admission. Downtown Grand is located on 3rd Street between Ogden and Stewart. For more information, call (702) 719-5100 or go to <http://www.DowntownGrand.com>.





SEÑOR FROG'S HOPS ON DRAG

...with the premiere of Drag Brunch: Las Vegas

[by Phil Bessimer]

Señor Frogs began hosting Drag Brunch in its Times Square Manhattan location last January. It was so wildly popular, they're now introducing it across the chain's many locations, beginning with Las Vegas.

Premiering Saturday, April 23rd at 3300 S Las Vegas Blvd (inside the Treasure Island Hotel), the brunch will feature Rupaul's Drag Race alums Coco Montrese, Shangela and Yara Sofia, along with local queens. The festivities begin at 12pm and one low price includes food, unlimited cocktails and hilarious drag entertainment until 4pm.

"Drag queens are in right now," says producer Brandon Voss, best known for his high concept celebrity parties for Lady Gaga, Cher, and Caitlyn Jenner. He originally conceived Drag Brunch at Señor Frog's as an event where Manhattan's glitterati could kick off their heels and let down their hair—while wearing balloon hats! The weekly brunch became a destination for out-of-towners and straight allies and Señor Frogs asked him to replicate the fun in other cities.

"It's more than just having a drag queen lip sync onstage," Voss explains. "The show centers around production numbers and comedy routines. The queens perform two revue-style shows, beginning with a big, choreographed number featuring the entire cast."

Each queen gets her moment to shine in a solo performance, and the show closes with another ensemble performance. Shangela will MC Drag Brunch Las Vegas.

Señor Frogs' Drag Brunch Las Vegas opens Saturday, April 23rd, 12pm – 4pm, at Treasure Island (3300 Las Vegas Blvd). For more information and to book a table, visit VossEvents.com.



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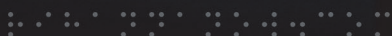
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The Las Vegas Strip hit show, “50 Shades! The Parody,” is celebrating its first anniversary at Bally’s Las Vegas. Over the past year, the 69-minute “50 Shades! The Parody” has been performed nearly 350 times for over 50,000 audience members in Las Vegas.

Based on the best-selling “Fifty Shades of Grey” trilogy, the show is a hilariously naughty satire created for audiences 18 and over that explores the steamy relationship between Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele, as seen through the eyes of a trio of girlfriends

reading the novel at a book club meeting. As the women devour the novel, the character’s delicious affair comes to life before their eyes.

The exuberantly talented cast includes acclaimed singer, actress and entertainer Maren Wade, along with Sabrina Sia, Adriana Lomysh, Christine Hudman, Philip Drennen, Matt Donnelly, Paul Mattingly, Mark Romain, Marlana Dunn, Chris Hodgson and James Simpson (locals will also recognize cast-member and QVegas cover model Curtis Goodman). The accomplished and experienced cast has performed in numerous theatre, Broadway and off-Broadway productions and tours worldwide.

“People come to the show not knowing what exactly to expect, but walk out with the biggest smiles. I absolutely love being part of such a well-written and hysterical musical with such a gifted cast, who keeps the audience laughing the entire time,” said Maren Wade, who plays the role of Anastasia Steele.

The “Fifty Shades of Grey” trilogy has shattered sales records around the globe with more than 100 million copies sold worldwide and was developed

into a feature film in 2015. The musical followed in its footsteps with sold-out audiences across the country left begging for more, and it continues to receive rave reviews with audiences rolling on the floor and dancing in the aisles. Proclaimed “filthy and funny” by New York Daily News and “clever and wildly entertaining” by Variety. “50 Shades! The Parody” features a sassy original score, including the popular songs “Open Your Book,” “I Don’t Make Love,” and “There is a Hole Inside of Me.” “50 Shades! The Parody” is on tour across the United States and has had international success in Germany, France, the Netherlands and several additional countries.





IN-N-OUT BURGER COMES TO THE LINQ

The LINQ Promenade – Caesars Entertainment’s open-air shopping, dining and entertainment district located at the center of the Las Vegas Strip, is proud to announce the newest restaurants and retail stores to open in 2016. The new LINQ Promenade restaurants include In-N-Out Burger opening its first location on the Strip. Additionally, seven other diverse, appealing restaurants and retailers will be opening: Gordon Ramsay Fish & Chips, Canter’s Deli, Virgil’s Real BBQ, Amorino, Basin White, Purple Zebra and C&E Studio Tony Vegas.

In-N-Out Burger

Open for lunch, dinner and late night dining, In-N-Out Burger will feature its deliciously fresh burgers, hand-cut french fries and its signature shakes. Slated to open this fall, the burger chain will be located near the fountain stage, between Sprinkles and Flour & Barley.

This iconic brand offers a “Vegas must-do” dining experience that won’t be found anywhere else on The Strip.

The LINQ Promenade was the first open-air space in Las Vegas that offered a shopping, dining and entertainment district to guests with many

first to the market outlets. Caesars Entertainment can also reveal new details for previously announced restaurants and retail stores opening later this year.

Gordon Ramsay Fish & Chips

Gordon Ramsay Fish & Chips opens late summer. The takeaway-style British restaurant will feature Ramsay’s signature fish and chips, bangers and mash, chicken planks and hearty seafood chowder. Located near the Strip entrance to The LINQ Promenade, guests will be able to view the chefs in action as they prepare the made to order dishes.

Canter's Deli

Canter's Deli is expected to open in late summer and will be located near the High Roller entrance, across from Yard House. The Jewish-style delicatessen will serve fresh, homemade specialties such as hot pastrami, corned beef, roast turkey and authentic matzo ball soup and its world-famous chocolate chip racetrack cake. The family run business will be open 24-hours and offer a full service bar.

Virgil's Real Barbecue

Alicart Restaurant Group, the team behind Carmine's in The Forum Shops at Caesars, will expand the company's presence in Las Vegas with the addition of Virgil's Real Barbecue, with an anticipated opening in late summer. Boasting locations in New York City and at Atlantis in the Bahamas, Virgil's will expand west, featuring world-famous BBQ tastes of Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, the Carolina's and Missouri. Virgil's Real Barbecue will also feature live music entertainment every night.

Basin White

Guests can be pampered at home with decadent soaps and lotions from Basin White, a signature line of luxury bath and body products. Opening near the Strip entrance to The LINQ Promenade, the store will offer a wide variety of custom, chemical-free recipes, and exclusive, high-end fragrances shoppers won't find anywhere else.

Amorino

Amorino, considered the best European gelato brand, is expected to open its flagship U.S. location at The LINQ Promenade in May. The store will boast 24 gelato options as well as new and delicious seasonal flavors, available in Amorino's flower-shaped cone. Guests can also pick from a selection of breakfast pastries, gelato-filled macarons and artisanal chocolates.

C&E Studio Tony Vegas

C&E Studio Tony Vegas is "Where the Magic of Art Begins." It's expected to open in April next to Brooklyn Bowl; the studio will offer pop, urban and trendy art pieces, including spray paints, 3D prints, artistic designed garments and other unique one-of-a-kind Las Vegas art souvenir pieces. Two resident artists will perform live art creation in front of the store space, offering a dynamic, entertaining and fun show experience for all the visitors to The LINQ Promenade.

Purple Zebra

A self-serve daiquiri bar, The Purple Zebra plans to reopen at The LINQ Promenade in early summer. Guests can mix and match daiquiri flavors, candy and toppings to create their one-of-a-kind drink. Purple Zebra offers 30 different daiquiri flavors and include both alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks.

The opening of In-N-Out Burger is the perfect addition to the growing array of restaurants and eateries creating a one-of-a-kind experience at The LINQ Promenade for the tens of thousands of guests who visit the property each day,

Bob Morse, president of hospitality
at Caesars Entertainment





Get ready to “Make Your Mark” at the 26th Annual AIDS Walk Las Vegas on Sunday, April 17 at Town Square starting at 8:30 a.m. with some of The Strip’s top performers showing support.

AFAN’s largest fundraiser of the year, AIDS Walk Las Vegas saw 6,000 walkers in 2015 raising more than \$400,000 to directly benefit supportive services to stabilize and empower the 3,000 clients living with or affected by HIV.

Penn & Teller will serve as grand marshals for the 15th consecutive year and leaders of the Penn & Teller Challenge, offering five tiers of fundraising incentives including complimentary show tickets to Frank Marino’s Divas and Rock Of Ages, plus VIP backstage passes to Blue Man Group. The top challenger will be awarded with complimentary show tickets, a photo opp and exclusive meet & greet with Britney Spears. For every \$250 raised by a challenger, Penn & Teller will match the donation dollar for dollar. Mercedes and JC from Mercedes in the Morning on Mix 94.1 will host the opening ceremony, kicking off with Rachel Tyler of Steve Wynn’s

Showstoppers singing the National Anthem. Las Vegas entertainers will show their support with performances from Melody Sweets of Absinthe, VEGAS! The Show, Twisted Vegas and Human Nature and Steve Wynn’s Showstoppers.

Several politicians will address the crowd, including Councilman Stavros Anthony, Mayor Pro Tem Steven Ross, Senator Kelvin Atkinson and Senator Harry Reid.

“Las Vegas community members donate their time, money and talents every year and show tremendous support to AFAN and its mission but there is always more work to be done,” said AFAN Executive Director Antioco Carrillo. “HIV/AIDS is everyone’s public health issue and does not discriminate by gender, race or socioeconomic status. It is through this sense of community and duty that we can come together to truly make a difference.”



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JONATHAN LEWIS: CHRONIC TACOS

I was born a twin in San Diego, California. My parents owned a McDonald's franchise, so growing up in McDonald's certainly wasn't your average childhood.

I remember my mom picking us up from elementary school and taking us back to the restaurant in Hillcrest where my sister and I would open all the happy meal toys, peel all the monopoly pieces off of french fry boxes, and kick all the other kids out of our ball pit.

At a young age I discovered an interest in art, mainly drawing and painting. By high school, I was taking life drawing classes three times a week. It was then when I realized I had a talent and wanted to develop it. My parents had a relationship with nationally acclaimed artist Kadir Nelson who worked with me to help me develop my skills. I went on to have several shows to display my work and sold numerous pieces, including a few to some celebrities.

After graduating the burden of high school, I

decided to attend LCAD (Laguna Beach College of Art and Design) where I lasted a year and a half. I decided I had what I needed from school and wanted to make some money.

While I was in college, my parents decided to sell their restaurants in San Diego and relocated to Las Vegas, purchasing six new McDonald's restaurants, which later grew to ten. I followed them to Vegas and entered the "next generation program" to become an owner-operator myself.

After seven McJuicy years of that, my parents decided they wanted to retire, leaving my sister and I to decide what we wanted to do. We had been running our parents entire organization and felt we were ready to take on more, but felt McDonald's was no longer a good fit for us and wanted to pursue something more in line with what we wanted our future to look like.

We did some "soul searching" and found Chronic Tacos.

We fell in love with the brand and of course who doesn't love tacos?

We really felt this was a brand we could grow



with and a message we could stand behind. Growing up in one of the largest and most famous franchise systems in the world had given us the knowledge and know how needed to pursue our own venture like Chronic Tacos.

Being the great success story that they are, our parents have also been able to pass down a great deal of knowledge and laid the foundation for us to run a successful business.

So my twin sister and I bought our first Chronic Tacos franchise inside the Palms Resort & Casino this past October. Being involved in the community was something that was instilled in us early on.

Back in San Diego we were heavily involved in Ronald McDonald House Charities, Toys for Tots and several other charitable organizations. So naturally sponsoring AFAN was something we wanted to benefit as Chronic Tacos.

Being gay was never something I think I was ever uncomfortable with. If anything I was most bothered by trying to understand why others



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took so much offense to it. I've always been comfortable in my own skin and told myself that neither my ethnicity nor my sexuality would ever be a hindrance to my success.

I'm gay and I'm proud, but my being gay has never affected my ability to be a successful business owner. You can be straight and lazy just as you can be gay and lazy. No matter your ethnic background or sexual orientation, great work ethic is the best recipe for success.

All you have to do is want it.

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PAMPERING MOM

(and you)

[by Michael Barbieri
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Mother's Day will be here soon, and I think it's safe to say that most Moms love a little pampering. If you're lucky enough to have a close relationship with your mother, and happen to be in Vegas for her big day, why not treat her to a day of luxury in one of Las Vegas' fabulous spas?

Almost every major hotel in Vegas has its own spa, and I've tried most of them. I also have female friends who've experienced the spas. And while each spa has its own ambience, decor, and rules, I've found most of them to be relaxing and enjoyable. Here are a few I think your Mom might enjoy...

The Spa At Aria

For sheer relaxing bliss, Mom couldn't do much better than The Spa at Aria. At 80,000 square feet, the space is expansive, and includes a spa boutique and a salon for hair styling and coloring, make-up services, mani-pedis, and more. Finally, there's the spa itself - bright and airy, with blonde wood digital lockers, a comfortable lounge, and the wet area, which features showers, sauna, steam, and hot tubs. Beyond the attendant's desk

is a unisex waiting room, where couples can await treatments together. This area also includes the Ganbanyoku Room, where Mom can relax on a tile bed warmed by heated black mineral stones, and the Shio Salt Room, where she can snooze in a cradle-like gravity seat, while walls made of pink sea salt blocks, infuse the air with healing vapors. Past the wet area, a door leads out to an infinity edged therapy pool on a balcony overlooking the Aria's main pool area. Finally, if you really want to splurge, book a private Spa Suite, where Mom can unwind as she waits for her treatments in her own lounge, complete with a hot tub. At the Aria spa, Mom's sure to feel special.

Spa Mandalay

Spa Mandalay at the Mandalay Bay Resort, is quite possibly my favorite spa on the Strip.

I've been there countless times, tried many of their treatments, and have become friendly with most of the staff. The spa is located on the pool level, under the casino. Day passes are only sold to guests of Mandalay Bay, but if you're not a hotel guest, and book a treatment, use of the spa is included. The facilities are bright and comfortable, with a large locker room, soaring ceilings, chaise lounges for snoozing, and a plush waiting room. The wet area includes a spacious steam room, sauna, showers, three hot tubs, and a cold plunge - the tubs are divided by water features, with spouting fish-shaped fountains, and the sound of the running water can lull you to sleep. The treatments at Spa Mandalay are all fantastic - I've experienced their deep tissue massages, body scrubs, foot massages, facials, and pedicures. Several years ago, I brought my friend Dana, who booked a full day of beauty - massage, facial, body scrub, and mani-pedi, and she was in heaven! So whether Mom wants a full day of relaxation, or just a nice massage, try Spa Mandalay.

The Spa At The Mirage

It's smaller than many of the other spas, but the Spa at the Mirage will pamper Mom the way she deserves! It's fronted by a shop with a large selection of bath products and women's athletic wear, but once you get past the front desk, you'll find a pleasant space with a minimalist Asian inspired decor. Where the men's locker room has black lacquered lockers, the women's side has a lighter feel, with white ones. There's overstuffed, comfortable furniture in the lounge, and a vanity area reminiscent of a make-up studio. Plexiglas stools in the showers facilitate leg shaving, and the wet area has a small sauna and steam room, along with four small hot tubs and cold plunges. The spa treatments are excellent. I've had the

full body, deep tissue massage - the masseuse was very attentive, asking me at regular intervals if the pressure was okay. I've had their foot massage, as well, which was helpful after a full day of walking around Vegas. Finally, if Mom enjoys a good facial, the treatments at Mirage are top-notch. My esthetician was amazing, explaining each step of my facial as we went. I was left with a glowing complexion and visibly tighter pores. Ask about their spa packages, too! The Spa at the Mirage proves that bigger isn't necessarily better!

The Spa At Excalibur

If you're on a budget, but still want to treat Mom like royalty, try the Spa at Excalibur. The spa spans 13,000 square feet and looks out over the hotel's pool. With bright, cheery locker rooms, and comfortable lounges, the spa alone is worth the price. Mom can decompress in the whirlpool, the eucalyptus sauna, or the steam room, and the individual showers have small, private changing cubicles just outside the stalls. The treatment rooms are quiet and relaxing - I had a wonderful Swedish massage and facial, myself. If you're planning on treating Mom, check out their many packages, from the Pamper package - a 25 minute Swedish massage, a 25 minute Refresher facial and a classic manicure and takes about an hour and a half, to the Day at the Spa package - a 50 minute massage, 50 minute Self-Renewal facial, 25 minute Scalp Treatment, and 25 minute Body Wrap! There are also monthly specials to be had, mid-week pricing from Monday through Thursday, discounts for U.S. Troops, and even a locals discount! You don't have to spend like a king to make Mom feel like a Queen!

Remember, even in a town of crazy excess like Las Vegas, you can still treat your mother to a lovely day of relaxation. And wish her a Happy Mother's Day from Qvegas!



DOMINIC PACIFICO PLAYS HARD ON SCREEN AND IN BOOTH

[by Mike Bahr]

Many adult entertainers have followed in his footsteps and some have even tried to mimic his work, but there is only one DJ Pornstar.

Dominic Pacifico began DJing for the San Francisco underground dance scene in 1998, but it wasn't until 2004 when his career behind the booth really took off.

A big shift in music had occurred. The circuit scene that had dominated gay dance floors for much of the late nineties and early turn of the century had fallen out of favor. Electro-clash was now blasting from club speakers, being played by a new crop of young DJs who had abandoned the hefty crates of records and CDs used by their predecessors, using computer generated music instead. All of a sudden, every gay clubber with an iPod was calling himself a DJ. Pacifico needed something to separate himself from the pack.

He had already made a name for himself in gay adult films. His close friends called him DJ

Pornstar. It was meant as a joke but Pacifico embraced it, often spinning party gigs shirtless or in fun outfits; even jock straps. For the first time, however, he considered making 'porn' his brand.

His manager, at the time, was adamantly opposed to the idea. He warned Pacifico that promoters and bookers viewed spinning music as serious business and wouldn't hire a DJ who billed himself as DJ Pornstar. He said Pacifico would lose all the music cred he had worked so hard for.

Pacifico disagreed. He recognized the sweeping change taking over the club industry. The promoters and bookers that the manager said would denounce the name change were the same ones who just a few years ago condemned the mp3 DJs. Now, they were hiring them. Their main goal was packing bodies on their dance floors and Pacifico was certain that branding himself as DJ Pornstar would attract crowds.

He wasn't ashamed of his film work. Even today, he views both his work in front of the camera and behind the booth as forms of artistic expression. Pacifico was confident that once promoters and bookers heard his music and realized he was a

Photo: Anthony Meade



consummate professional, they would look past any concerns they had with the name.

And they have. Since parting ways with his manager over the name change disagreement, DJ Pornstar has performed around the world on five continents, in some of the biggest gay clubs and festivals. He headlines the “Pornstars In Vegas” party at Share Nightclub on Saturday, April 16.

He describes his music as Techie/Tribal with an emphasis on pop vocals. It’s happy and fun. “Sad songs are for the car radio or at home,” he says. “They have no place on the dance floor.” He’ll take a somber song like Adele’s SkyFall and bring it to life with a vibrant, high-energy remix.

His crowds don’t want anything too serious or dark, he explains. “Great Latin beats and familiar pop vocals go a long way. Mix that with hot dancers, cheap drinks, great lighting, and voila,

you have yourself a fun night out!”

Taking inspiration from the big DJ superstars like Calvin Harris – those who produce, sing, and collaborate with pop artists – Pacifico is preparing to release his first EP of original production work, beginning with his first track, “Earth From Here”

featuring Jeb Havens, out now from Pump Records.

“My adult persona is just one of my many layers,” he continues. “DJing is another and when my new album comes out, I believe people will see that producing is still another.

“Whether I’m Dominic Pacifico, DJ Pornstar, or now, PACIFICO, my artistry

stems from a love of play. I live to play... and I will play for life.”

DJ Pornstar spins the “Pornstars In Vegas” party at Share Nightclub (4636 Wynn Road, Las Vegas) on Saturday, April 16, featuring a live performance by Cake Moss. Visit djpornstar.com.



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Aries: The King of Wands. Happy Birthday and with this King of Change in the house of The Ram, get ready for some major moves! Now that spring has sprung look for major opportunities for growth, move forward and don't shy away from new experiences or adventures. Not happy with your old job, a new one may appear on the horizon. Time to spice up the love life or find a new flame!

Taurus: The Empress. This is the BEST card to land in your house! Spring is here so, make your intentions clear time to reap all the good things you have sown. Stand up for yourself and be sure to take credit where credit is due. This card brings you the luck and good fortune to make things happen. There may be a raise or promotion this month, good times for those in a relationship! Happy Birthday!

Gemini: The Scales. When the card of Justice lands in your house you are encouraged to seek balance. Saying what you mean and meaning what you say is paramount this month. Keep an open mind and listen to those around you, think before you speak, remember that once you have everyone has learned something. Be sure that what they learned was the lesson you intended to teach!

Cancer: The 2 of Wands. Remember my dear care taker that compromise is very important in life. You cannot continue to count yourself out of the equation and expect to remain happy! Sometimes it's not about what they want but also about what YOU want. This card encourages you to find your voice so that balance can be achieved, give us a chance to make YOU happy. Let someone help you for a change!

Leo: The 10 of Swords. Not everyone that gets you into trouble is your enemy and not everyone that gets you out of trouble is your friend! Be aware of the company you keep, and take responsibility for your actions. You might feel people are ganging up on you when actually you just need to be a better friend to yourself. Remember if you lay with dogs you may just wake up with fleas!

Virgo: The Lovers. The choice is finally yours to

make, there is no right or wrong here. Remember when confronted with making a choice the only bad decision is stalling or not making a choice, for that IS making a choice. Choose as wisely as you can, move forward with joy in your heart and don't look back! To Love or not to Love, this may be a question; if so don't let others answer for you.

Libra: The Page of Wands. Spring has sprung and you may find yourself feeling feisty! Don't forget to nurture your inner child this month, take that trip, go on a hike, or have a staycation! You may wish to make a purchase to brighten your home or pay a visit and spend time with your favorite niece or nephew. Or maybe you'll just want to spoil yourself and have your way, just have fun!

Scorpio: The 9 of Swords. Be sure to take time to relax this month as stress levels may be running a bit high. Feeling remorse over past actions could put a damper on current affairs. Now is the right time to make plans on how to move forward, as looking back does little good. It may be hard to say sorry but if you truly are, then say so for there is no shame in trying to heal or resolve a situation.

Sagittarius: The Temptation. You're riding high this month, just be sure not to over extend yourself. You may find yourself with a strong desire to "Bite off more than you can chew." Just remember all that glitters is not gold, focus on

what you really want and what is truly necessary. You may find after doing so that all those other things weren't actual opportunities at all, just shiny objects.

Capricorn: The King of Swords. Great Ideas can lead to great things, but only if you put them into action! You know what you want to do, now you just need to decide; is the wind at your back or in your face? If it's at your back grab this moment and go for it! If it's in your face then maybe a bit more planning is needed or maybe delegate things which would be better left to others?

Aquarius: The 6 of Coins. Have you been getting a little ahead of yourself? Have you really done everything on your own or are there others who helped? Have you stopped to smell the roses in your life? If so have you stopped to thank them? Take this month to make sure you've been fair to those who have supported you in your efforts. Volunteering can also be a wonderful outlet as well!

Pisces: The 2 of Swords. This is not the month to let emotions get in your way, but to let logic rule the day! You might feel at a loss regarding what to do, if so why not seek advice from your elders before jumping into whatever you'd like to do? Seeking advice is a sign of wisdom, jumping to conclusions only makes waves that may drown out a chance at success. Take time to think with your head.

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