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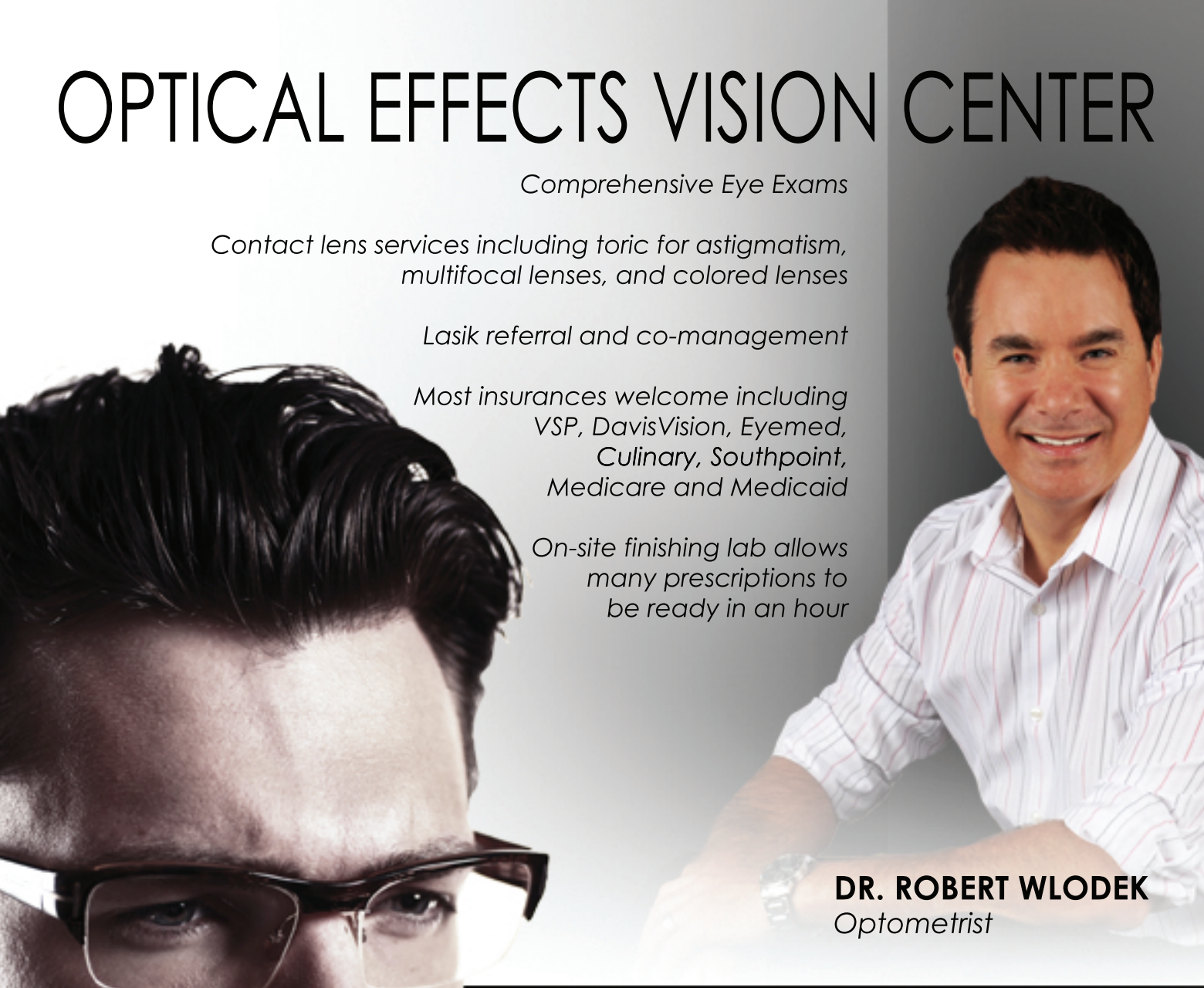

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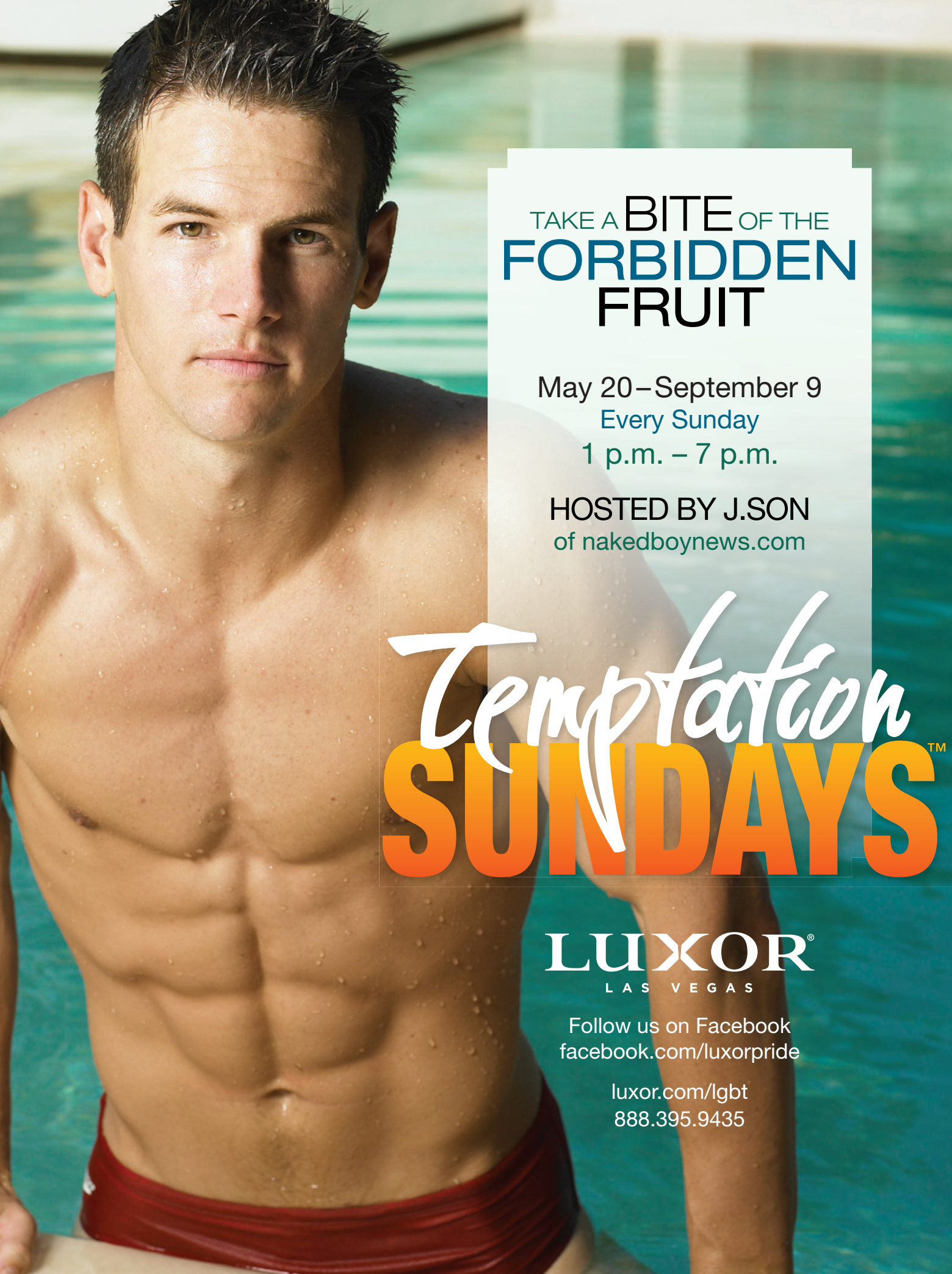
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a note from our EDITOR

Spring in Vegas is here! Well, for the natives, the best part of summer is already here. That is, before the searing 110s and scorching 120s. Two years ago in May, I came to Vegas for the first time. I left a 50 °F Philadelphia in a sweat suit and arrived in Las Vegas to find that the swimsuit I buried at bottom of my suitcase a very appropriate article of clothing for the temperature in Vegas. Two years later and Vegas is still my new home. I love Spring in Vegas, though the cactus and palm trees are year-round, you can feel the new season blooming. The sky turns bluer, and the city starts to buzz as the holidays taper off and the Pool Parties Begin!

May is the Home & Garden Issue. We are featuring a review of a local artist with beautiful art that can be found near in downtown Las Vegas. Our Fashion Director, Troy Patruno takes us through a tour of some of the home collections of the World Market Center.

You don't have to wait until June 21st to start summer because Vegas has lots of sizzling events that ooze with summer treats, I mean heat. Early in the month we have the Gay Rodeo and its sultry celebrity Grand Marshall, Kristen W and The FreeZone invites the entire community to come celebrates its 15-Year Anniversary in the Fruit Loop with 3-Days of Partying.

I could go on and on with the Gay Events coming to Vegas but instead invite you to enjoy this issue of QVegas. I'd like to close by thanking my staff for their hard word this issue. There are many new faces at QVegas so be sure to visit the "Meet The QCrew" page online at www.qvegas.com.

I am honored and excited to be the new editor of QVegas Magazine. When I first came to Vegas, I found this magazine over at Get Booked in the Fruit Loop. Through networking and a little investigation I applied and became the "Web Guru" and I revamped QVegas.com. In this new role I hope to bring more visibility to our community and continue to deliver the LGBT Magazine that has been the Voice of the community since 1978. Thank you for reading my first issue, I hope you enjoy it as I much as I enjoyed producing it. I look forward to meeting you pool side this spring.■

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Editorial Corrections

Chad Martinez wrote *HRC Gets New President* and *Meet Tim Evans*
Tonya Harvey was the amazing photography of the Pen & Teller Cover Photo

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Golden Rainbow's Ribbon Of Life To Be Held In The Smith Center

Golden Rainbow's Ribbon of Life will be presenting this year's production at The Smith Center for the Performing Arts on **June 24th, 2012 at 1:00 pm**. This year will mark their 26th year raising thousands of dollars for those infected with HIV/AIDS. *"Ribbon of Life"* is an original production unlike any other in Las Vegas, featuring custom production numbers from preeminent singers, dancers and performers from leading shows on and off the Las Vegas Strip.

Showcasing new acts and talent, each year's *"Ribbon of Life"* audience is always surprised, thrilled and inspired by performances that are exclusive to the event. Tickets for this year's event start at $38 and can be purchased at ***thesmithcenter.com***. For more information on Golden Rainbow visit ***GoldenRainbow.org*** ■

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Las Vegas Pride will be teaming up with Clark County Parks and Recreation for this year's STRUT Your MUTT event on Sunday, May 5th at 10 AM at Desert Breeze Park. The annual event is loaded with fun contests like "howl at the moon", "doggie/owner look-alike", and puppy love kisses. The event is designed for a fun day out with your best friend and in coordination with Las Vegas Pride Pets.

A host of vendors will be on hand to introduce your pet to the latest in doggy style, healthy food, treats, clothing, vet services, and ,while your pet may protest, grooming and training. Tickets are $2.00 if you bring a doggy donation. For more information on STRUT Your MUTT visit ***strutyourmuttlv.com*** ■

GAY DAYS & SHARE RAISE $5,000 FOR THE GAY & LESBIAN CENTER

GAY DAYS LAS VEGAS 2012 activities kicked off last month with a "Half-Way to Gay Days" celebration at SHARE Nightclub. The real reason for the event was a presentation by Gay Days Orlando founder Chris Manley, presenting a check in the amount of $5,000 to Executive Director Candice Nichols to benefit The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada. A percentage of sales from sponsorships will directly benefit the G&L Community Center. "The Las Vegas business community has embraced Gay Days Las Vegas more in our first year than Orlando has in our twenty-two years doing Gay Days Orlando. We're happy that both GLBT communities have been equal in their support," said Manley. Gay Days Orlando, one of the largest LGBT events in the U.S., reaches attendance numbers of over 160,000 and is celebrating it's 23rd year.

Gay Days Las Vegas will be held in conjunction with Las Vegas Pride Festival from September 3rd to 9th, 2012 with a daily expo at Tropicana Hotel, concerts, age 18 and over pool parties and nightclub venue events at SHARE and Piranha nightclubs. Community Sponsors include SHARE Nightclub, Piranha Nightclub, QVegas Magazine, Divas Starring Frank Marino, MGM Resorts International, VisitLasVegas.com, Table 16 and Merrill Lynch. For more information about becoming a sponsor contact Luanne Sanchez at 702-650-0636. For more information on Gay Days Orlando, **May 28rd-June 3rd** or Gay Days Las Vegas visit **QVegas.com** for hotel, events and tickets. ■

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Remember when you were in high school and had to face your school's Prom? Were you able to invite the person you really wanted to? Were you able to wear the prom attire that made you feel most comfortable? LGBTQ youth are still facing bullying, discrimination and ridicule for bringing a same-sex date and for wearing prom attire that corresponds with their gender identity. That is why The Center has provided a safe environment for over a decade for our youth to have the "prom experience" so many of us have been denied.

Our 12th Annual LGBTQ Prom, the only prom for and by LGBTQ youth in Southern Nevada, will be held on May 12. Last year, we had the highest attendance to date—201 area youth attended, and we expect more to join us for this year's Once Upon a Time LGBTQ Youth Prom. The Center really needs your help to cover the expense of this affirming and important event for our youth.

This year, even though we have some items donated, we still need your financial support. Give someone the chance you never had. Make sure LGBTQ youth get a chance to go to prom—the kind of prom where all young people feel welcome.

Based on previous LGBTQ Proms, we estimate The Center's expense is $50 a person / $100 a couple. Any size donation will make an impact here for Las Vegas' youth. To make a donation to the Once Upon a Time LGBTQ Youth Prom, contact Mel Goodwin at mel@thecenterlv.com.

Vegas Mpowerment Project is a social gathering for young gay, bisexual and transgender men 18-29 years old. The project creates another option for young guys to meet other guys outside of the bar scene, bathhouses and bookstores. Vegas Mpowerment Project mobilizes young gay, bisexual and transgender men to shape a healthy community for themselves, building positive social connections and supporting safer sex.

Opening New Doors Campaign Update

Community Open House:
Robert L. Forbuss Building
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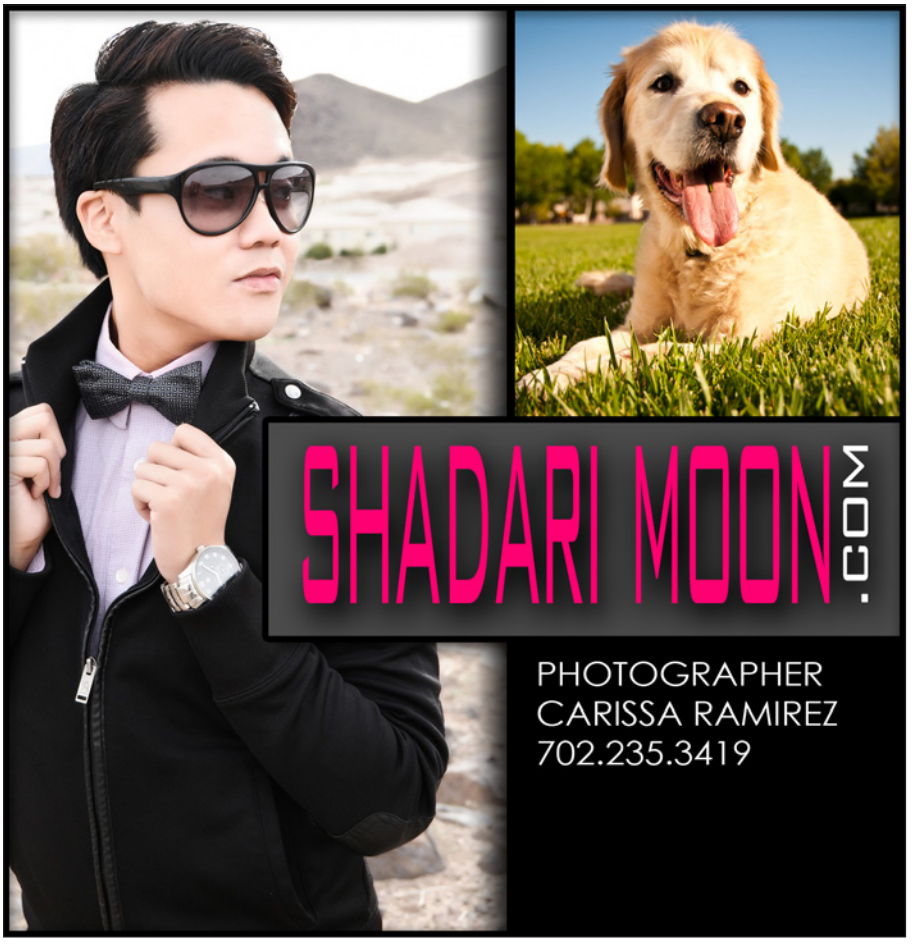
Bring your family and friends for a guided tour!

The Center's capital campaign, Opening New Doors, is designed to replace our current aging and overcrowded facility with a permanent home that ensures the stability of our vision and mission. The Robert L. Forbuss Building will significantly enhance our ability to provide the critical programming and services we have been delivering for almost 20 years. In August 2011, we purchased a free-standing, 16,000 square foot building on 1.1 acres of land in downtown Las Vegas. Upon completion of renovations at the end of 2012 The Center will move into a new home featuring flexible spaces for meetings and events, room for growth, energy efficiency, and dedicated space for a Health and Wellness Center. The new Center will allow visitors, for the first time ever, to have a truly beautiful, modern community center that will feel like and act as the central space for our community to meet and come together. We invite you to visit and see our vision for the future of The Center.

For information about The Center, this event, or the capital campaign, contact Diana Morgan, Director of Development, at diana@thecenterlv.com or 702-733-9800.

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada is a community-based organization which supports and promotes activities directed at furthering the wellbeing, positive image, and human rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community and its allies in Southern Nevada.



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HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

The Las Vegas HRC Gala will be held on May 19th at the Wynn Las Vegas, and its organizers are confident that this year's event will be the best so far. "We've set ourselves some very ambitious goals in terms of attendance and fundraising" says Tom Kovach, one of the Dinner Committee Chairs, "and I think all of the elements are there to achieve these. We have stellar entertainment on deck, a great speaker, and we are recognizing some very special individuals whose contribution to our community is substantial."

The annual gala serves as a celebration and recognition of the LGBT community and its supporters who have played a significant role in the quest for equality.

Rossi Ralenkotter, president & CEO of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), will receive the Vanguard Award for making a difference in promoting equal rights for LGBT people. Under Ralenkotter's leadership, the LVCVA has been an innovative and creative force in LGBT marketing for the last several decades. The organization's strong commitment to positioning Las Vegas as a destination of choice for LGBT tourists has been a catalyst for expanded equality for employees in the gaming and hospitality industry and for all LGBT Nevadans.

Known for his groundbreaking role in ABC's Modern Family, Jessie Tyler Ferguson will be on hand to accept the HRC Visibility Award for his support of the LGBT community. In addition, Joe Solmonese, who has served for seven years as HRC president, will be the featured speaker of the gala, his last as he passes the reigns over to incoming president Chad Griffin.

"Joe Solmonese has been a pivotal figure in the equality movement," said Melissa Morgan of HRC Las Vegas. "We are so pleased that he will be joining us to celebrate our many hard-won battles, especially the important victories that we have seen in just this past year."

The evening will also include a performance by the amazing cast of LE RÊVE - THE DREAM, presented exclusively at Wynn Las Vegas.

As reported in the April QVegas issue, Desiree Duncan, Mel Goodwin and Gaby Jurica will receive the Las Vegas Equality in the Community Award.

The 7th annual HRC Las Vegas Gala is sure to be a great event. Purchase your tickets today online at http://www.hrc.org/events/entry/hrc-las-vegas-gala-dinner ■

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A U.S. federal grand jury in London, KY returned a three-count indictment charging David Jason Jenkins, 37, and Anthony Ray Jenkins, 20, with a hate crime.

The case is the first federal hate crime charging a violation of the sexual orientation provision of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

According to victim Kevin Pennington, accomplices Mable Ashley Jenkins and Alexis LeAnn Jenkins tricked him into getting into a truck where the two defendants awaited him. They then drove him to a park where they proceeded to assault him while the two women cheered on.

On April 10th, Lambda Legal filed a federal lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for Nevada on behalf of eight same-sex couples challenging the State's constitutional ban on marriage equality. The couples represented in this case are glaring examples of why marriage discrimination laws are unfair and uphold a double-standard meant to lock same-sex couple out of socially sanctioned relationships.

"We think we have a phenomenal argument to take to the federal courts," said Marek Bute, who's part of the legal team moving forward with the lawsuit.

Embattled beauty queen Jenna Talackova won the right to compete in the Miss Universe pageant next year. Talackova will be representing Canada in the contest, and after much debate the Miss Universe Organization (MUO) announced that their decision to include non-naturally-born females is in line with their support of *"equality for all women."* Thanks to Talackova the Miss Universe Organization joins a growing number of organizations that support gender equality.

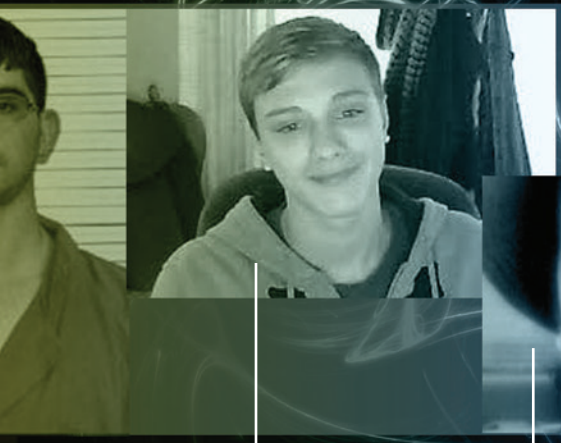
Last month the National Organization for Marriage (NOM) experienced first-hand just how influential pro-gay consumers can be. After launching a boycott targeting Starbucks gay-friendly policies, NOM's anti-gay boycott backfired- helping the coffee giant reach record profits in April when their stock started trading at an all-time high of nearly $62 (SBUX, Fortune 500). NOM also incurred the ire of unknown hacktivists who took over their Facebook, Twitter and blog accounts - unblocking hundreds of people and posting friendly marriage equality posts.

1 STEP ... BACK

Ohio resident Jennifer Tyrrell was banned from serving as den leader of her son's Cub Scout chapter by the District Council. The Boy Scouts of America is one of the last institutions with an open ban on LGBT members.

Bob Drury, a scout executive for the Ohio River Valley, told WTOV-TV: *"We do not grant membership to individuals who are open or avow homosexuals."* He continued: "The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to develop character and leadership skills and [for] the youth of today to become the leaders of tomorrow. And anything that distracts from that mission, distracts from what our program is."

In an online petition Tyrrell pleads, "My name is Jennifer Tyrrell. I am a devoted partner, mother, friend and community leader in Bridgeport, Ohio. I'm also a former Tiger Cub den leader with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). I was recently removed from this volunteer position, and my membership was revoked after nearly a year of service – just because I happen to be gay."



Another teen falls victim to the systemic homo-hate that is so pervasive if this society. Kenneth Weishuhn, 14, took his own life after being bullied for coming out as gay. The Iowan teen received an onslaught of death threats on his cell phone, and was the subject of cyberattacks on Facebook from his classmates.

His sister Kayla tried to defend him to her friends that were part of the bullying, "I tried to stick up for him a couple of times but I guess it wasn't enough," Kayla told ABC 9 KCAUTV. Posts on his Pinterest page included wedding cake toppers with two grooms, and a quote from "Glee" actor Chris Colfer: *"There's nothing wrong with you, there's a lot wrong with the world you live in."*

Republic of Chile- 24-year-old Daniel Zamudio was killed in March because he was gay. The attackers reportedly beat him for an hour, burned him with cigarettes, and carved Nazi symbols on his body. He was declared brain dead soon after and later died from his injuries.

The men were identified as Raul Lopez Fuentes, 25, Patricio Ahumada Garay, 25, Alejandro Angulo Tapia, 26, and Fabian Mora Mora, 19. They are thought to belong to a neo-Nazi group.

Bullying is a divisive issue in this country, but the steady stream of recent hate-motivated crimes is a reality worldwide. Dehumanizing political rhetoric only adds fuel to the fire. The fact that there are people, elected officials, claiming that anti-gay rhetoric doesn't harm people is simply WRONG.

Well know gay activist Raymond Taavel, 49, was killed while attempting to break up a fight between two men in Halifax, Canada. Taavel died at the scene and the suspect, Andre Noel Denny, was later found in a nearby alley and arrested. The police have not ruled out the possibility that the crime was escalated by anti-gay sentiment. Taavel is remembered by friends and family as a loving and passionate man who stood up for his beliefs and always helped others in need. The LGBT community in Canada has lost one of its brightest advocates.

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BY KEYSKA DIVA

Hey gurl hey! This is Keyska Diva and this is my little korner on the pages of QVegas where I get to tell you what's the T! Plus, if you have an embarrassing story about your friends, or even your enemies (I LIVE for this Diva Drama!) send it in to me.

Let's get started- Honey we all know pool season is coming up so if you're not exactly, ahem, pool ready (and trollop you know who you are!)… keep your bikini in the closet because I don't need my bronzed body to be overcasted at the pool by your fupa walking past my rays. Rude! Cause daisy dukes can be...daisy don'ts!

Speaking of rude, I attempted to get you nosey ladies some "T" on the upcoming Matinee events hitting the Vegas scene Memorial Day weekend, however, producers Jake Resnicow, Patrick Crough, and Paul Nicholls refused to comment. I think it's because I am a lady! However, I did get the inside scoop that this year's headliner will be a performer who has made a comeback this year… Could it be…Whitney?

Oh! Oh! Vegas you have to check out Wednesday nights at Share Nightclub. QVegas and "Edie" from Zumanity have brought you "The Biz". I had the pleasure of attending this event a few times and I must say she is quite fishy! It's every Wednesday night from 10PM-3AM, and for all you cheap drinkers out there they do have drink specials! You know who you are!

GayVegas- Is everyone excited about GayDays coming to Vegas September 4-10? Chris Manly, founder of GayDays, is bringing this festive event to GayVegas for an entire week! I want to be sure to get all the T on this festive little gathering. So, for June's issue I will be on a mission to get the deets!

So, on a sweeter note- For all you queens who were unable to go with your special "someone" during your prime to prom, myself and Share Nightclub are teaming up to bring you a night of "Sunshine and Lollipops" on May 12th, so dust off your powdered suit or your pastel party dress. We need a cute drink idea for the prom so you have time to get it into me! Write me your favorite drink, and it could be featured at the prom!

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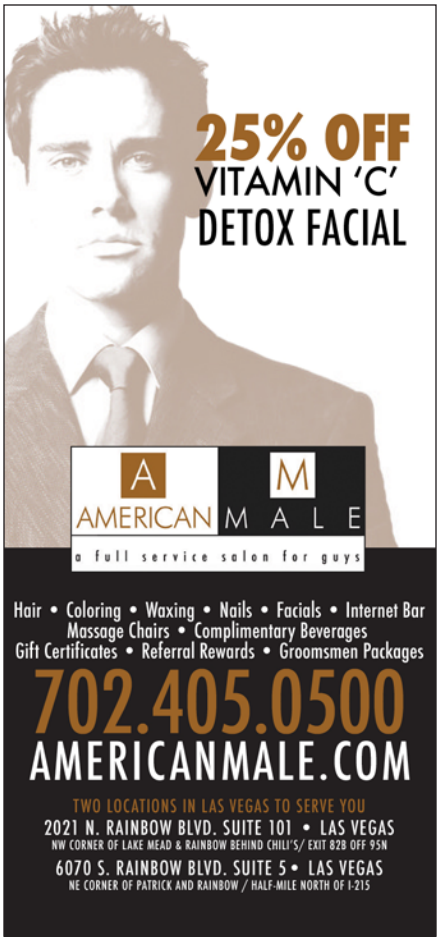
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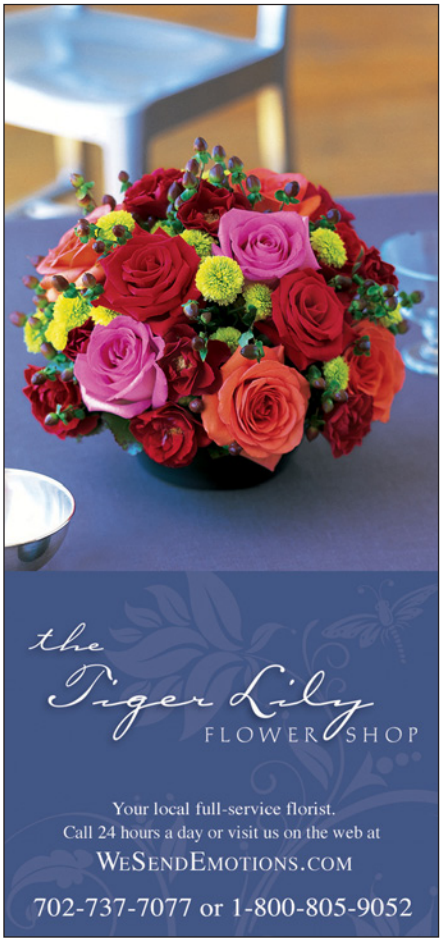
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THE RETURN OF MATINÉE!

Matinée Invades Sin City For Memorial Day

By Sebastian Bahr

Patrick Crough and Jake Resnicow pride themselves on elevating the party experience. Their Matinée events don't just pump dance music; these provocateur architects re-imagine and craft an elaborate experience, complete with blazing pyrotechnics and production by Cirque du Soleil and Matinée Ibiza. Coming off sold-out events at Miami's Winter Party Festival and their Matinée New Year's bash in New York, the duo are joining West Hollywood party producer Paul Nicholls for their next production, MATINÉE LAS VEGAS FESTIVAL. Taking place Memorial Day Weekend, Friday, May 25th thru Monday, May 28th, MATINÉE LAS VEGAS FESTIVAL promises to be the biggest dance festival of the summer, with eight amazing parties.

"Part of our mission is to show people that a Matinée party is all about awe and extravagance," explains Patrick Crough, one half of the production team behind Matinée North America. "Once again, we are teaming with the hottest and most cutting-edge acts from around the world."

Matinée launched fifteen years ago in Ibiza. Since then, it has evolved internationally, gaining notoriety for its lavish, over-the-top events, including CircuitFestival Barcelona. It made its Las Vegas debut last summer with five thrilling parties that included a surprise appearance by pop singer Natasha Bedingfield and jaw-dropping spectacles. One stunt, involving synchronized swimmers performing in a glass pool of water set on fire, is still talked about today.

"The first Matinée Las Vegas Festival was an event never seen before on the west coast," remembers Jake Resnicow, Crough's partner at Matinée North America. "The party set a new standard for nightlife."

Raising the bar on nightlife is exactly what the Matinée brand was built to do. Whether in the heart of Manhattan or on the beaches of Miami, a Matinée event is meant to take revelers out of body, and beyond the confines of their imagination.

Crough's first Matinée experience was while studying abroad in

Barcelona. “I started attending the parties over there,” he says. “They called me the ‘Blue-Eyed Rubio de America’. I was captivated immediately and convinced I wanted to be a part of it.” He joined Matinée as a performer in Europe. When Matinée decided to expand its brand into North America, they asked Crough to join Jake Resnicow in overseeing and producing all the parties in the US and Canada.

The duo’s first Matinée event was Pride in New York. “Our US debut was truly magical,” remembers Resnicow. “We were determined to do something very different and outside-the-box.”

They organized a party where 4,000 people loaded into water taxis, sailing from Manhattan to Governor’s Island at the center of New York City’s East River. The island was transformed into an extravagant dance arena, with explosive music and thrilling light shows. Then at sunset, a surprise fireworks display ignited the skyline.

Crough and Resnicow work seamlessly together because both bring something different to the table. While Jake Resnicow is the operations man, “I bring the creative touch to the production,” explains Crough. “I make sure the stage remains a creative outlet for everyone involved.”

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the success of Matinée, says Paul Nicholls, producer of popular West Hollywood parties like "Stripper Circus", "Hooker Casino" and The Factory's "Hype". "Stripper Circus" is now in Las Vegas at Share Nightclub. "I feel as though everyone who attended the party last year has become a sub-promoter of sorts. They all had such a good time they can't wait to come back and share the Matinée Vegas experience with their friends."

Jake Resnicow points out it would be remiss to not credit the many people that work behind the scenes to make the majesty of Matinee happen: the lighting technicians, the sound engineers and the props crew, among others.

Building on their reputation for presenting the best cutting-edge and breakthrough talent, Resnicow and Crough plan to exceed expectations even higher this Memorial Day. Last year's event had five parties. This year's weekend features eight events over four days and nights, including main events and after-hour parties at the city's hottest clubs, as well as pool parties at the weekend's host hotel, Rumor. Each party will feature original themes designed to take revelers on an extravagant weekend-long journey.

The DJ line-up includes some of the world's most innovative icons in dance music, including Billboard #1 remixers/producers Hector Fonseca, Taito Tikaro, Joe Gauthreaux, Alyson Calagna, DJ Theresa, Brazil's Rodolfo Bravat, and red-hot rising stars Nina Flowers, Justin Dawson, Billy Lace, and more.

Resnicow hints the Sunday Night Main Event at The Palms Hotel "will be the party everyone talks about for months." Featuring their trademark BOOM!! brand, the team will take over the legendary Rain Nightclub with Spanish dancers, blazing pyrotechnics and live acts and shows by Cirque Du Soleil.

Weekend passes start at $99. The exclusive and luxurious Rumor Hotel (455 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas) is the host hotel for MATINÉE Las Vegas Festival. Suites start at $129/night. Rumor will also provide guests with complimentary shuttle service to all weekend events.
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Taurus
(April 20-May 20)

This month should find you on the go in a non-stop sort of fashion. Wear comfy shoes and keep that day planner glued to your hip. Scorpio Full Moon on the 5th illuminates close friendships and relationships that are about to form. Financial aspects look good, if not spectacular. Don't neglect that health regimen you've been following. You've been feeling too good to abandon it now.

Leo
(July 23-August 22)

Though you aren't running for public office, you still tend to excel at charming a crowd, shaking hands and kissing babies/butt. Nobody can possibly resist Leo's dazzling charisma. Just be sure not to get overconfident or greedy. Out of town getaway from the 13th-15th highlights your romantic nature. In fact, you may need a vacation after this trip.

Scorpio
(October 23-November 21)

Of all twelve signs, none is capable of keeping secrets more than yourself and Capricorn. That's because you're both good listeners whose opinions are greatly valued. Please resist coming off as a "know it all" when counseling others. It's far better to keep that ego in check.

Aquarius
(January 20-February 18)

It seems that "love is in the air" and like some rich, seductive perfume, it's proving to be intoxicating and so hard to resist. Point one, why resist? It's called "Spring Fever" and it happens every year like clockwork. Point two, be responsible and fully prepared for any "dream dates" or last minute "sizzling exchanges".

Gemini
(May 21-June 21)

So many parties and events to attend and so little time it seems. Quite the social butterfly, aren't we Gemmy? That's all fine and dandy. But, please remember that even butterflies need to perch and rest occasionally. A good friend who's constantly in serious need and denial, might be best avoided this month. Too much drama is draining for you.

Virgo
(August 23-September 22)

How wonderful that your sign craves: exactness, neatness and adhering to set schedules. Alas, Virgo. The planet in general (not to mention half of the Zodiac) don't subscribe to these qualities. Trying to change others is a thankless and frustrating job. Just do the very best you can and learn to be more tolerant of those who don't match up to your standards.

Sagittarius
(November 22-December 21)

This looks to be a banner month on many levels. Not the least of which will be regarding financial aspects. Incoming cash flow increases ten fold. You'll be kept constantly on the go, but all of those lovely greenbacks (especially Mr. Franklin and Mr. Grant) will makes your efforts far more tolerable.

Pisces
(February 19-March 19)

It's far better to get on with life, than grieving/stewing about what didn't go your way. Sometimes we tend to remember events that are best left buried and forgotten. When clutter from the past is cleared, the chain reaction is that the future looms brighter and carefree. Avoid arguing with a sibling who's mostly "hot air". It's not worth the effort. Trust us.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)

Continuing to bide your time and move at a deliberate/safe pace eliminates 93% of potential pitfalls, especially where financial matters are concerned. Don't pay attention to well-meaning friends who try to hurry you along. Try to avoid a "town gossip" on the 22nd. You'll be much better off.

Libra
(September 23-October 22)

Until the 9th or 10th, you're likely to feel somewhat stuck, like a car locked into a bumper to bumper traffic nightmare. After that, it'll be mostly green lights and open blacktop roads. So, it might be smart to take your vehicle in for some much needed maintainence. Planetary aspects on the 18th highlight games of chance. If your left palm is itchy that day, get thee to a casino! You really can't lose.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 19)

Many documents and contracts will cross your desk during May. We suggest that you get a proofreader in order to avoid any costly embarrassment or blunders. Pay the extra money for this, Cappy. It'll turn out to be cash well spent (plus it's a tax write off). Be sure to get at least three estimates before repairing that roof.

Aries
(March 20-April 19)

This month it would behoove you to not seek out advice and not offer it, unless it's specifically requested. You'll find that many people will be a bit "thin skinned" and way oversensitive to criticism. Money that's been owed you for quite a spell finally gets repaid. that alone is reason to celebrate. Screen all calls carefully on the 29th. Please!

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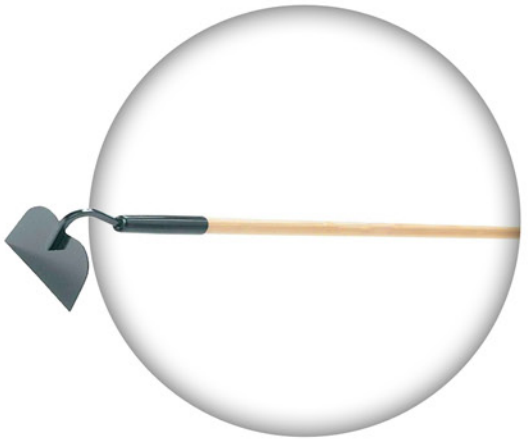

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DJ Theresa

Saturday, May 26th @ Body English

From the country that brought the world Shakira and Erick Morillo, Colombia's DJ Theresa is the perfect amalgamation of the two superstars - a talented musician and a dangerously energetic DJ. Named Best Female DJ, it's to no surprise that she is the resident DJ for MATINÉE -- the biggest party in the world direct from Barcelona and Ibiza. "I will do anything to make you move...anything," says DJ Theresa. Both a lyricist and musician, her infectious, chart-topping mixes are played by top DJs all over the world.

ERIKA JAYNE

Friday, May 25th @ Share Nightclub

There comes a time in an artist's career where the stars are all perfectly aligned and you achieve not only commercial success, record-breaking chart feats, and critical acclaim, but also a deep sense of creative satisfaction that, like any true artist, only makes you want to strive to give the world more. For Erika Jayne, that time is now. The artist hit the dance club scene with 2007's "Rollercoaster," which quickly hit #1 on Billboard's Hot Dance Club Play chart followed by "Stars," "Give You Everything," "Pretty Mess" and "One Hot Pleasure," doing the same in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011, respectively, on various Billboard dance charts, including the Hot Dance Club Songs chart.

Billy Lace

Friday, May 25th @ Share Nightclub

Hailing from NYC, DJ/Producer Billy Lace has carved out a distinguished spot amongst the elite with a signature, high-energy sound that blends vocals and driving bass lines. In a time when deejays play so much of the same music, Billy's commitment to creating and delivering an innovative sound has been well received. Known for his legendary marathon sets that pack dancefloors throughout the night, Billy is highly regarded as one of the hottest rising stars in the electronic music scene.

Taito Tikaro

Saturday, May 26th @ Body English

Resident DJ at the best global club in the world Amnesia (Ibiza), Taito Tikaro is considered one of top European artists in the global electronic scene. Matinée All-Star Deejay and superstar producer, Tikaro has released more than 100 chart-topping remixes and original productions, including "Automatic", "Today Is My Day", "Addicted", and "Superstars". He recently released the best-selling LaLache! and Matinée Ibiza CDs. Taito is currently in-demand at the world's biggest parties, including Space of Sound (Madrid), Matinée Summer Festival (Barcelona), and Circuit Festival.

Amannda

Saturday, May 26th @ Body English

Brazil's #1 singer, Amannda comes to Matinee Las Vegas Festival direct from Sao Paulo to headline the Saturday Night Matinee Main Event. Her new single "The Only One" is rising fast in the Billboard "Hot Dance Club Play" alongside Madonna, Rihanna, and David Guetta.

Kimberly Cole

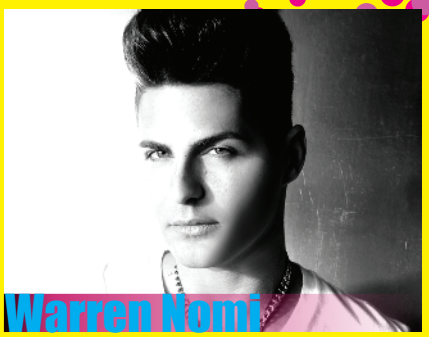
Sunday, May 27th @ Rumor Pool

MTV christened her "Buzzworthy." Clear Channel's iHeart Radio called her "One to Watch." With over 1.5 million Twitter followers, it's clear that audiences are indeed watching, and listening to, rising dance music artist Kimberly Cole. Following the breakout success of her first single, "Smack You," which Seventeen magazine called an "incredibly addictive dance-pop tune," she recently teamed with DJ/remixer/producer Eddie Amador and up-and-coming artist Garza on "Arrow Through My Heart," which cracked the Billboard Dance Chart's Top 20, and reteams on "U Make Me Wanna" (Big Beat/Atlantic Records), released March 13, 2012.

Hector Fonseca

Sunday May 27th@ Rain Nightclub

Named Best International DJ/Producer by EDGE – the largest gay publication in the world – this international DJ superstar and coveted celebrity remixer charted 5 Official Billboard #1 dance remixes in 2011 for Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, and Beyonce. His passion in the studio and DJ booth has earned him fans around the globe in addition to respect amongst his peers as a highly skilled trendsetter with a sound which is full of chic urban style, sex appeal and youthful enthusiasm. Hector has headlined parties worldwide including MATINEE (NYC, Miami and Las Vegas), Alegria (NYC), Black Party (NYC), White Party (Palm Springs and Miami), Circuit Festival (Barcelona), Amore (Italy), The Week (Brazil), Prism Pride (Toronto), Rapido (Amsterdam) and Scream! (Paris). He released 2 top selling compilation albums in "New York Anthems" Vol. 2 and 3 to rave reviews. He has also given back to the community that has made him a star by doing benefits for "It Gets Better", Task Force, Care Resource & Lifeball (Vienna)!



Warren Nomi

Monday, May 28th @ Rumor Pool

There aren't many personas, names, and sounds that Singer/Songwriter Warren Nomi hasn't experimented with. Born and raised in a Long Island, New York, he sang in competitions as a young child, worked as a commercial print model in his teen years, and decided to leave home at 14 to pursue a career as a full time musician in NYC. He began experimenting with Dance music, and it wasn't long before radio stations started playing his records, and Manhattan DJ's started giving them spins. In support of his independently released singles that were creating a buzz, he took his show on the road landing in LA. Dance music industry veteran Orlando Puerta signed Nomi to a singles deal on his new dance label Citrusonic Stereophonic. "The Rush" was released on March 6, 2012 and available on iTUNES now with a stellar remix package in the works. "The Rush" is a soulful electronic pop anthem that crescendo's in the chorus reminding you of the days of George Michael's "Freedom" & Depeche Mode.

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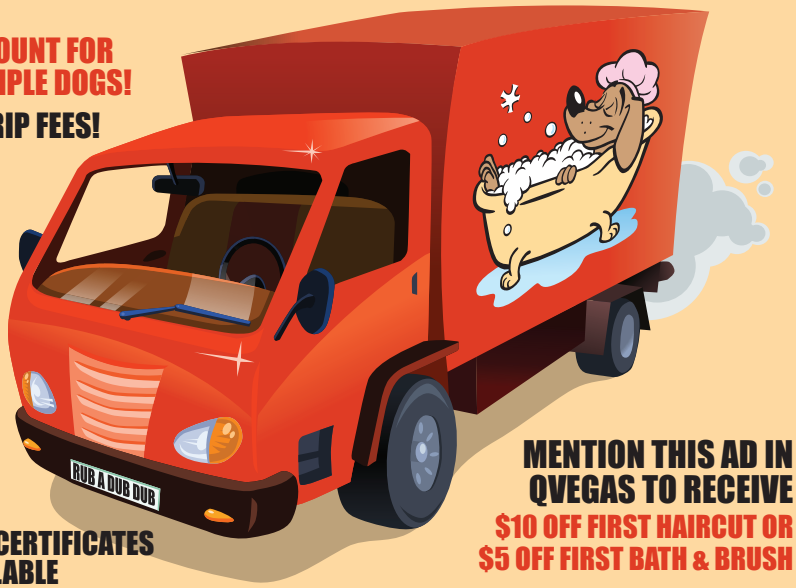

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13 	14 @ Entourage	15 PSY by Steven Fingers @ Smith Center 	16 Booty Bar @ Share Nightclub
20 @ LUXUR pool	21 LVGR Volleyball (every Monday)	22 @ the Smith Center	23
27 	28 Cottontail Monday @ SHARE - Nightclub	29 	30

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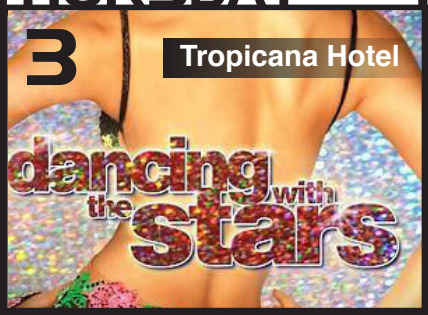
	3 Tropicana Hotel 	4 Stripper Circus @ SHARE Nightclub	5 Necada Ballet 40th Anniverary Gala at eh Smith Center
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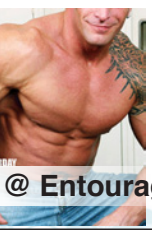 @ Entourage	31 Cupcakery BUY 1 GET 1 with Qvegas AD 		

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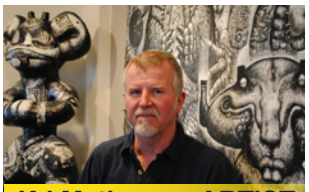


Kd Matheson, ARTIST

by: Chad Martinez

If you have lived in Las Vegas for a while now, you may have already seen the art of Kd Matheson. Maybe you've seen one of the power boxes he painted for the ZAP Project? Or maybe you've been to The Smith Center and seen his painting on one of the giant outdoor heart sculptures? A few years back, you may have even ridden in a bus that was draped in his art? These public art works peppering the city provide a small glimpse into the imagination of artist and native Nevadan Kd Matheson.

"I love the desert even when I've traveled around to other places; I've always felt completely connected to the desert landscape," **Matheson said.**

At first glance, the desert influence may not be apparent in Matheson's work but look deeper, past the fantastic dream-like images, and you may see some familiar desert creatures or landscapes unique to this region.

Not in an obvious Georgia O'Keeffe way, but through a hyper-real lens. A glimpse into some of the unseen forces at work in the desert.

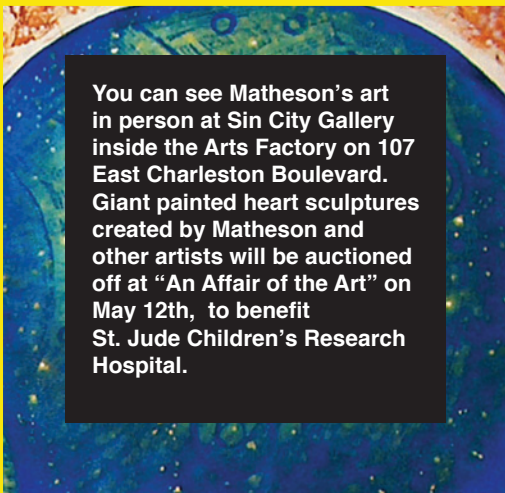
"I think that there's a real unusual energy within this region, and its very different and its very unique and it's not like this anywhere else," Matheson said. Matheson is one of those rare successful local artists that resisted the urge to move on to the greener pastures of other cities' established art communities.

"At one point in the 80's I almost did [move to LA], but I changed my mind and from that point on, I just felt that this is where I grew up - there's a need for an art scene here."

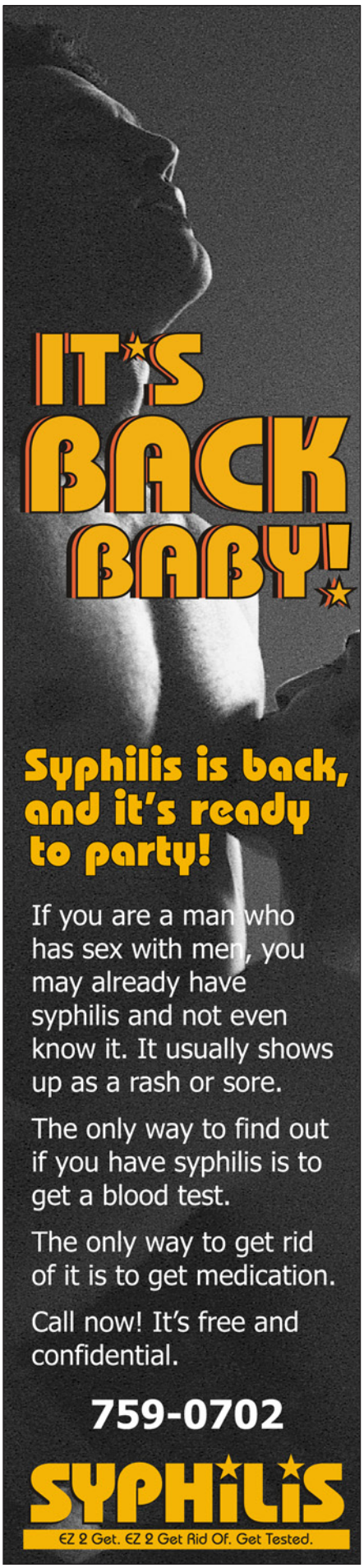
Although Matheson has made Las Vegas his home, his art is known worldwide. In April his work went on display in the world famous Museum of the Fantastic in Vienna, Austria with the Society for Art of the Imagination, a worldwide network of visionary and surrealist artists. In June his work will be on display in New York.

When describing his art, Matheson speaks in terms of the ethereal. He is fascinated with the universal images that appear in unrelated, distant cultures and thinks this may be evidence of a universal dialog of imagery. Matheson sees art and dreaming as ways of tapping into this collective consciousness. Not unlike the role of a Shaman granting access to unseen worlds.

Matheson's art utilizes traditional, almost ethnic, imagery in a way that is contemporary and surreal. Urban and primitive. The giant stone faces of Easter Island (which could also allude to the limited resources of desert living?) become futuristic monuments in an alien context. Matheson - in true surrealistic fashion - mixes the believable and impossible, the familiar and the fantastic, the conscious and unconscious. The result is amazing art that challenges the viewer to look past their perceived constructs of reality and ethnicity to the world of dreams and imagination. ■



You can see Matheson's art in person at Sin City Gallery inside the Arts Factory on 107 East Charleston Boulevard. Giant painted heart sculptures created by Matheson and other artists will be auctioned off at "An Affair of the Art" on May 12th, to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.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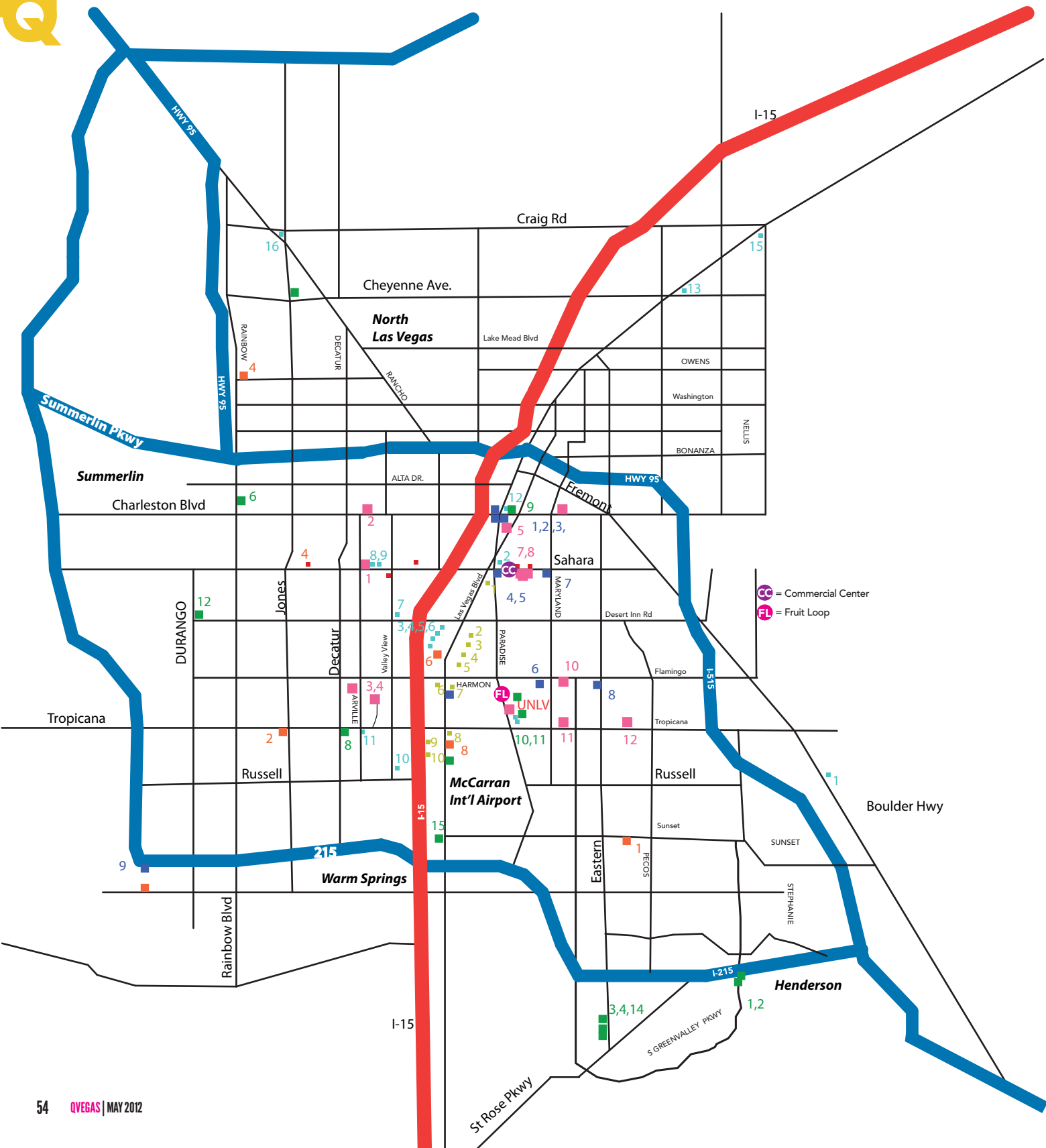

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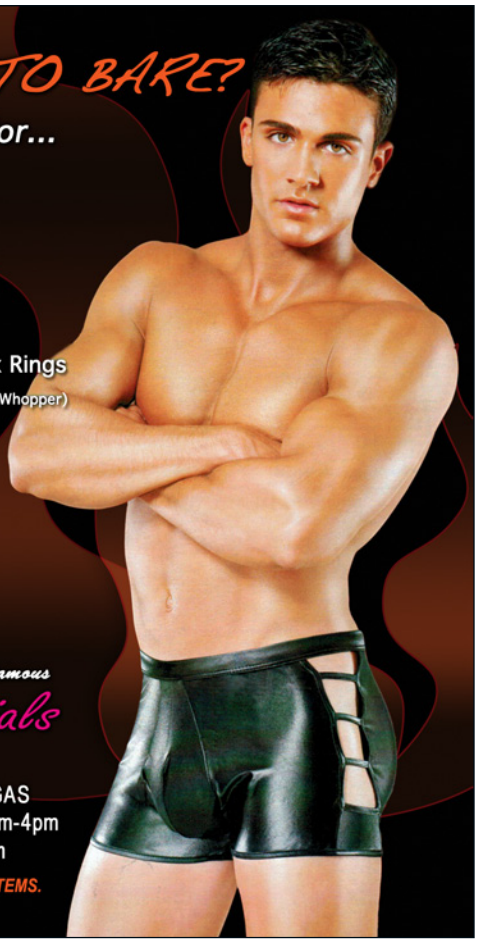

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Saving Nevada Homes

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After 62 consecutive months, the state of Nevada continues to lead the nation in home foreclosure rates. If you live in Nevada, you either have first-hand knowledge of this crisis or likely know someone who has experienced a foreclosure, been forced to sell their home through a short sale, or currently own a home that is underwater. This crisis is all too real for our state and while some progress has been made, the reality is that the housing market will not recover overnight.

During these challenging times, Nevada homeowners should be aware that there are many federal and local programs in place that may benefit them. If you are currently behind on your mortgage or at risk of imminent default, workout options may be available. Most major servicers are participating in federally-sponsored programs such as the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP), a program created by President Obama in early 2009 to assist homeowners in obtaining loan modifications from their servicer or investor.

The State of Nevada administers the Hardest Hit Funds (HHF) program, created specifically for Nevadans after President Obama and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) secured close to $200 million dollars for Nevadans in need of housing assistance. HHF has programs in place to assist with principal reductions, second lien removals, short sale/relocation assistance, and unemployed or underemployed mortgage assistance. Don't meet any of the federal or state government program requirements? Don't let that stop you from requesting help, as most servicers offer internal loan modification programs or workout options for which you may qualify.

If you are current on your mortgage but struggling to make ends meet, and your house is underwater, there are new programs that may help you. This year, the Obama Administration announced HARP 2.0, a new program designed to help homeowners who are current on their mortgage by allowing them to refinance their loan, thus lowering the homeowner's interest rate to the current market rate. In addition, on April 3, 2012 a federal judge approved a $25 billion dollar settlement between 49 states, including Nevada, and the five largest servicers in the country: Bank of America, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo and Ally Financial. As part of that settlement, these banks have agreed to use part of the settlement money to reduce their customer's principal balance. To find out if you qualify for a principal reduction under this settlement, the homeowner must contact their servicer.

This is a brief highlight of some of the resources available for homeowners. Working directly with a lender can be stressful and confusing. The growing frustration can often lead homeowners to turn to law firms or fee-for-service companies for assistance. If you are one of those homeowners, it is important for you to know that there are Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved housing counseling agencies in Nevada that provide free assistance in working with your lender. A homeowner should never pay for service when working with their lender/servicer.

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