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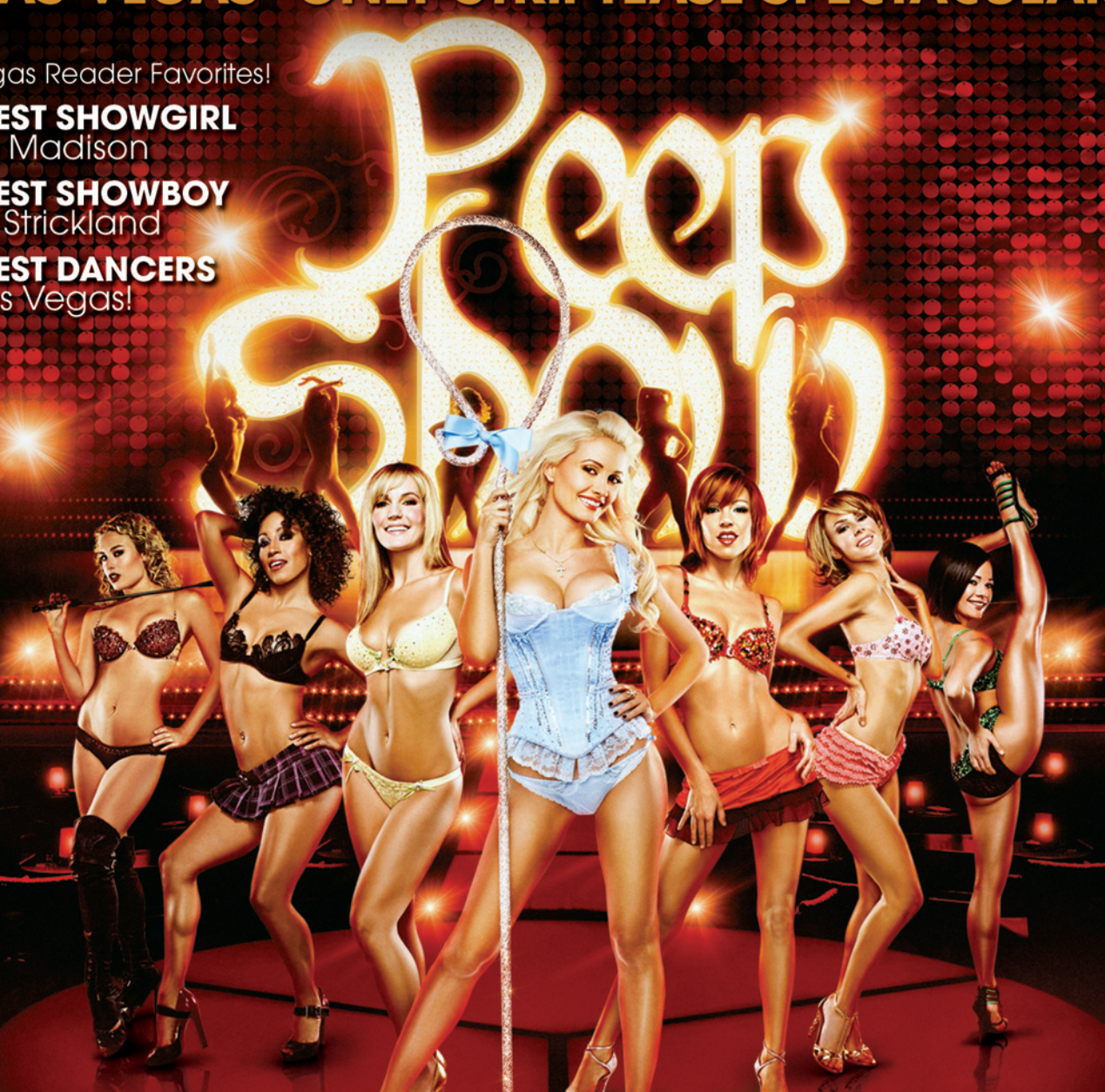
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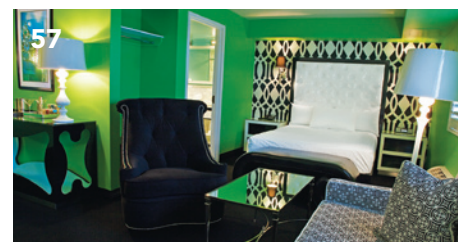
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Greetings, loyal readers. Is everyone well-rested now that a few weeks have passed since the always-exciting Las Vegas PRIDE Week? The rest of May was pretty slow and relaxing, but that sure didn't stop quite a few of you from e-mailing us with your concerns regarding our political endorsements we ran in the May issue (and have included again this month).

Since I personally don't get too heavily involved in political discussions or debates, I was thrilled when Rob Schlegel submitted his response to the feedback we received. You see, Rob got most of the flack for the endorsements since his name was on them, but Rob wasn't the one who single-handedly chose them. Each year, a group of people — several of whom have participated for many election years — gathered to discuss the hundreds of candidates and choose those we would recommend to our readers as the best allies for our community.

Numerous people this year, many of whom were of the Republican persuasion, strongly disagreed with our choices. We unfortunately didn't have space available to reprint the letters, many of which exceeded our own feature stories' word counts! Read Rob's words in our Quid Pro Quo this

month (see page 70) and hopefully understand the variety of valid reasons behind the choices made by our endorsement committee. Keep in mind the recommendations are just that, and you are certainly welcome to vote for whomever you choose.

On a much lighter note, this is our annual Women's Issue. Members of the female gender are depicted in many of this month's ads, and nearly all of our feature stories are for or about women. Holly Madison and co-star Josh Strickland tell us about their reality TV show, *Holly's World*. The producers and stars of the upcoming film, *Queens of the World*, give us some insight into the flick. Kristine Kuzemka discusses her candidacy for Justice of the Peace. The Lilith Fair passes through Vegas on its first tour in 11 years. Plus, we share the details on new resources that help our lesbian community make new friends and just have fun. Men, it's okay to read this issue, too. We know many of you already read *Vogue*, *Seventeen* or *Ladies' Home Journal*!

M. Cory Burgess
Editor/Creative Director

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Do you have something on your mind? Do you have something to say about an article in QVegas or any topic of interest to our readers? Do you have an idea for a future story? We want to hear from you! Simply send an e-mail to Editor@QVegas.com. Letters to the Editor may be printed in a future issue if signed.



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The parents of Dr. Shaun E. Franklin-Sewell and Mr. Ric H. Franklin-Sewell are proud to announce the marriage of their sons.

Dr. and Mr. Franklin-Sewell were married May 29, 2010 in a legal ceremony in Council Bluffs, Iowa. They have been legal domestic partners in the State of Nevada since October 2009.

The happy husbands will continue to reside in Las Vegas, where Dr. Franklin-Sewell is the Director of Marketing and Patron Services for the UNLV Performing Arts Center and Mr. Franklin-Sewell is a student currently at CSN where he is studying for his Associate of Arts. Both are proud members of the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association and the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire, Inc.

Dr. and Mr. Franklin-Sewell vacationed for their honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

The newlyweds will be hosting a small reception for their friends and family in the Las Vegas area that were unable to attend the ceremony. The reception is scheduled for Sunday, June 13 from 3-7 p.m. at Badlands Saloon in the Commercial Center. ●

LGBT WEDDINGS & COMMITMENTS

If you are legally marrying in a state that allows it, or if you are becoming domestic partners and holding a commitment ceremony, we are interested in printing an announcement of the event along with a photograph in a future issue.

If you are registering for domestic partnership in Nevada and are not holding a commitment ceremony, please submit the first and last names of both parties, and you will be included in a congratulatory list of registered couples we'll print in each issue.

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HRC co-hosts Faithful Call to Justice

On June 4-5, 2010, the 2nd annual Faithful Call to Justice Conference will be held at the Clark County Theater located at 1401 E. Flamingo Rd. As always, the event will focus on issues of diversity and acceptance and, more specifically this year, on the transgender community with a program geared to reflect the event's theme and mission: Awareness Through Education.

"Since the inaugural inception of the Las Vegas production, we have kept the focus on diversity, rather than on any race in particular. This year, we are turning the spotlight on educating the public on the acceptance of our transgendered brothers and sisters," says Rev. Wilfred Moore, pastor at the Abundance Peace Church and Diversity co-Chair on the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Las Vegas Steering Committee.

The event, sponsored by the National Black Coalition, Abundant Peace Church and HRC — as part of the many diversity programs through which the latter articulates its direct community involvement — will feature roundtables gathering clergy members, community members and the general public. Of note, Franzetta Houston, Director of the Arc of Refuge under the leadership of Bishop Yvette Flunder in San Francisco, will moderate a panel discussion on the clergy's role in creating and maintaining a welcoming environment for the transgender population at large as well as within the clergy. Rev. Harry Knox will provide the HRC curriculum, "Gender Identity and Our Faith Communities," for local clergy to provide training to their congregations and be introduced to Clergy Call 2011.

Furthermore, the organizers will take advantage of this great gathering to salute the active community members who, through their extraordinary and everyday actions, have made

a significant difference and affected positive change. The We Care Awards will be given to two outstanding role models and people of influence. The inaugural recipients of the We Care Awards are Mel Goodwin and Angela Harvey, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the Las Vegas LGBT Community and sustained efforts as community activists and educators, to provide encouragement to all facets of our community.

"I can't tell you what it means to be receiving it from such prestigious organizations," said Ms. Harvey, upon finding out about the award. "This award comes on the heels of some very important life, spiritual, emotional and professional transitions in my life and I'm just giddy with excitement. What a celebration this will be!"

A great celebration it will be indeed, but there will be no losing sight of the mission set forth by the organizers of the event. "It is vitally important that the public's viewpoint of the transgender community change," says Rev. Moore. "Change as we know it first comes through education. It is via education that we can begin assisting the general public in abandoning the fears and realizing that stories told about our trans family are only myths, the same lies and inaccuracies that once described the lesbian, gay and bisexual community of the LGBT effort. LGBT means we are one!"

HRC represents a grassroots force of over 750,000 members and supporters nationwide. As the largest national LGBT civil rights organization, HRC envisions an America where LGBT people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community. For more information please visit the Las Vegas HRC website at lasvegas.hrc.org. ●

Ribbon of Life show coming June 13

Las Vegas-based HIV/AIDS charity Golden Rainbow presents its 24th annual Ribbon of Life fundraising production show on Sunday, June 13 at 1 p.m. inside the Hilton Theater at the Las Vegas Hilton.

The 24th annual Ribbon of Life is an incredible, all-original production show featuring hundreds of singers, dancers and other performers from numerous Las Vegas shows and theatrical organizations. Easily the biggest show of the year, Ribbon of Life is a theatrical event for all ages that leaves audiences breathless, on their feet and cheering for more. The show contains all original content that can only be seen at the event.

Performers from *Jubilee!*, Studio 54, *Viva Elvis*, *Peepshow*, *Phantom—The Las Vegas Spectacular*, *Jersey Boys*, *Zumanity*, *Love, K&A* and *Le Reve* are scheduled to appear, with additional performers being announced soon. Everyone participating in the 24th annual Ribbon of Life has donated their time and talents to the cause.

Tickets are priced at \$200, \$150, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25 and are available now at www.goldenrainbow.org, at the Las Vegas Hilton box office, or by calling (702) 384-2899. All proceeds benefit Golden Rainbow's mission to provide housing and direct financial assistance to southern Nevadans living with HIV/AIDS and to support prevention education. ●

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Royal Court hosts three June events

The Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire is pleased to announce three events in the month of June.

On June 4, join the Court for its annual Mr. Big, Bold & Bear and Miss Big, Bold & Beautiful competition at Badlands Saloon. The beer bust will begin at 8 p.m., and the competition will begin at 9. The Big & Bold pageant is the fifth in a series of competitive camp pageants hosted by the Court to raise money for our community. Contestants are welcome — contact Vivianne DuMonde at reyandmatt@aol.com for more information.

Join the Court for a High Fructose, High Energy Night at Spotlight on Saturday, June 19.

The beer bust will begin at 8 p.m. and the show will begin at 9. The show promises to be an exciting one since performers will have to perform High Energy numbers (No Ballads). They'll also have some sweet Jell-O shots and raffle prizes, to boot.

Finally, the Court is proud to present the first Las Vegas Bling Bling Ball, Friday, June 25 at Charlie's Las Vegas beginning at 9 p.m. The Bling Bling Ball is a tradition imported from Arizona. There will be prizes for the most blinged-out attendees, along with a great show, beer bust, Jell-O shots and raffle prizes.

For more info on the Court's activities, visit www.desertempire.org. •

Cox Communications is named Community Ally

Cox Communications Las Vegas has received the PRIDE Night Parade Community Ally Award from Las Vegas PRIDE in recognition of the company's support and service to the local LGBT community, as well as the company's outstanding corporate LGBT-related policies and Corporate Equality Index rating of 100 percent and efforts to respect the rights and dignity of all LGBT individuals.

In late 2009 it was announced that Cox Communications, Inc. had earned 100 percent — a perfect score — in the 2010 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), the annual survey administered by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. Cox joined the ranks of 305 other major U.S. businesses that get top marks for their treatment of LGBT employees and consumers. Cox has also been recognized as the top operator for women by Women

in Cable Telecommunications and has ranked among Diversity-Inc's Top 50 Companies for Diversity.

"We are honored to receive the Community Ally Award from SNAPI," said Marilyn Burrows, senior vice president and general manager of Cox Las Vegas. "Inclusiveness is a core value at Cox and our embrace of diversity links directly to our success. We're proud to foster an environment where everyone from our employees to our customers are valued for who they are."

For the last two years, Cox Las Vegas has served as the official broadcast partner for the PRIDE Night Parade, and also as the main stage sponsor for the PRIDE Festival. The 2010 PRIDE Night Parade is being rebroadcast on Cox Channel 96, and will also be available free via On Demand. •

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NGRA celebrates the Tony Awards

NGRA is proud to announce its two fundraisers in June: A Tribute to the Tonys and Life's a Beach.

On June 12, join NGRA at Charlie's Las Vegas for a Tribute to the Tonys, beginning at 9:30 p.m. NGRA will host a Tony Award-themed show and beer bust (with the usual raffle prizes and Jell-O shots). It's also Miss NGRA 2010 Kimberli Foxx's birthday, so she's letting NGRA help her celebrate!

On June 26 at Badlands Saloon, NGRA kicks off the hot Vegas summer with Life's a Beach, beginning at 9 p.m. NGRA's 4th Saturday fundraiser will include beach-themed fun and a show, beer bust, raffle prizes and Jell-O shots.

The proceeds from both fundraisers in June will go to support NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo 14, which is currently scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend, 2011.

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The following groups and productions will be featured: "Life Under Water" by Richard Greenberg, produced by Las Vegas Little Theatre; "Soil" by Charles E. Drew Jr., produced by Absolute Theatre; "Ptolemy had a Silver Nose" by Sean Critchfield, produced by Endless Productions; "Great Falls" by Lee Blessing, produced by Found Door Theatre;

"White Girl" by Maythinee Washington; "Unfinished" by Ernie Curio, produced by Zzyzz Kid Productions; "Perturbed" by Ernie Curio, produced by Born and Raised; "Arthur and Ester" by Ross Howard, produced by Taylor Hanes; "The Last of the Las Vegas Magicians" by Fin Keegan, produced by Butcher Block; "Bondage" by David Hwang, produced by Throbbin' Gristle Productions.

Tickets are \$12 for individual shows, \$55 for a five-show pass, or \$90 for a nine-show festival pass. Tickets and information for the Vegas Fringe Festival are available at www.lvt.org or by calling the theatre box office during regular box office hours (Mondays 4-8 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m.) at (702) 362-7996. ●

Vegas resident Steven F. Dansky presents photo exhibit and lecture

For nearly a half-century, Steven F. Dansky has been a political activist, writer, and prize-winning photographer whose work has been exhibited in galleries in New York and in Las Vegas at the Brett Wesley Gallery.

Dansky was a formative member of the modern gay rights movement in 1969 after the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City. His work has been influential in the LGBT movement since its beginning, and he has been cited in nearly every early book on gay liberation.

In Public: Studies from the Street is a photography exhibit of portraits culled from several years of exploring city streets and photographing its inhabitants. The exhibit, on display from June 3 to August 8 in the Enterprise Library (25 E. Shelbourne Ave.) contains images of people Dansky encountered voyaging through the public spaces of Fremont Street, Las Vegas, to Greenwich Village, New York. Some of the subjects in the images are known — others remain anonymous, but not unknown because images eliminate anonymity bringing subjects into full disclosure. A gallery reception will be held on June 3, 5-7 p.m.

Also this month, Dansky will present a lecture and slideshow of vintage photographs from his well-received photography exhibit, *On Bearing Witness: Images & Reflections from the LGBT Movement (1969-1971)*, on Monday, June 7 at 7 p.m. inside the Sahara West Library (9600 W. Sahara Ave.).

Dansky's writing has been reviewed in *The New York Times* and *The Village Voice*. His essays have appeared in the magazine *The Gay and Lesbian Review* (2009-10), and "The Effeminate Moment" was published in the anthology *Smash the Church, Smash the State!* (City Lights, 2009). A short story, "Broken Gender" was published in *Gertrude: A Journal of Voice & Vision* (2006).

He wrote two books, *Now Dare Everything: Tales of HIV-Related Psychotherapy* (Haworth Press, 1994) and *Nobody's Children: Orphans of the HIV Epidemic* (Haworth Press, 1997).

On May 17, 2004, Dansky was married in Williamstown, MA — the first day that same-sex marriage became legal anywhere in America. He lives with his spouse Barry Safran in Las Vegas. ●

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MAN OF THE YEAR — Roger Thomas is Executive Vice President Design for Wynn Design and Development. He created the interiors of Wynn Las Vegas and Encore at Wynn Las Vegas, which opened December 2008. He led the interior design of Wynn Macau, which opened to the public September 5, 2006, and is currently directing the interior design of Encore at Wynn Macau.

While a recognized leader in interior design for the hospitality industry, Roger also designed corporate offices and aircraft interiors for Mirage Resorts Inc., as well as the private residences of Steve Wynn, then chairman of Mirage Resorts.

An avid supporter of the arts, Roger is the founder of the Bank of America Nevada Fine Art Collection, the largest art collection in a financial institution in Nevada. He served on the boards of the Nevada Museum of Fine Arts, Neon Museum in Las Vegas, Nevada Institute for Contemporary Art, Nevada Ballet Theater and the Wheelwright Museum Santa Fe, New Mexico. He was a Trustee of the Las Vegas Art Museum and is currently a member of the Las Vegas Performing Arts Center Foundation Board.

Born in Salt Lake City, he has lived most of his life in Las Vegas, where he still makes his home.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR — Gwen Migita joined Harrah's Entertainment in 2004 as the Manager of Market Research. She is now the Director of Corporate Social Responsibility & Executive Associate, where she drives the development and implementation of Harrah's corporate integrity strategy, policy and programs, including Harrah's corporate charitable giving policy, which consists of nearly \$80 million in annual contributions.

She is also the Executive Development Associate, advisor, and Chief of Staff to the senior executive of Communications and Government Relations. In this role, Gwen manages the divisional compliance programs, budget management and supports senior management initiatives.

Gwen is also currently a Las Vegas Steering Committee member for the Human Rights Campaign and past executive board member at The Center.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR — Arlene Cooper hails from Memphis, Tenn. She came to Las Vegas in 1990. In her 20 years in our community, she has been the quintessential volunteer for many organizations including, but not limited to: Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire, Inc.;



Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence; Nevada Gay Rodeo Association; Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada; Southern Nevada Association of Pride, Inc.; QVegas Foundation; Special Olympics; and ReachOut (a day care program for children affected by and infected with HIV). She has also served as a foster parent for hard to place HIV-positive children. One thing that can surely be said about Arlene is that she never says no and is always there to lend a hand.

EQUALITY AWARD — Jane Heenan has worked as a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice since 2000, and has taught in the Department of Human Behavior at the College of Southern Nevada since 2001. Her social advocacy in support of transgender and other gender non-conforming persons began in the late 1990s as ze pressed for inclusion of "gender identity and expression" in AB311 (adding "sexual orientation" to Nevada employment non-discrimination statutes).

Ze has been a part of successful efforts to introduce the first trans-inclusive legislation in Nevada, AB184 (an employment non-discrimination bill); to create the first trans-specific advocacy organization, Equality Nevada; and to provide transgender persons with the right to change the gender marker on driver licenses prior to genital surgery. Jane lives with her partner of over 19 years, and their family includes four dogs: three Basset Hounds and one honorary Basset (actually, a Cocker Spaniel). ●

Editor's note: "Ze" and "hir," used in Jane's profile above, are just two of several gender-neutral pronouns preferred by many in the transgender community.

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BY J.SON

NAKED BOY NEWS

Ready for pool season?

Pool season has arrived and Las Vegas is the pool party capital of the World. Are you ready to take a dive in the pool? I'll be hosting Temptation Sundays at the Luxor pool every Sunday this summer and hope you come take a dive into the pool with me. It's not too late to get the look you want for summer.

It seems to me that every guy I know wants to be fit for pool season and think they have to work out every day to achieve success. Lets start by telling the naked truth right off the bat... not everyone can get a six-pack and not every guy can gain muscle. Focus on your good features and go from there. So with that said, here are a few tips to look your best for the pool.

If you still want to loose a little belly fat the number one rule I can say is stop drinking soda. I have stopped drinking it regularly and not only has it helped in belly fat, I feel all-around better too. I have seen many friends work out in the gym and see little result; only when they stopped the sugary drinks did they see results.

Are you fit but for some reason don't look it? Sometimes guys and gals can work out and be fit but they don't look it. I know for me personally a tan always helps. So what if the pool party is tomorrow? There are always spray tans. And they are a lot better for your skin than actual sunlight. I recommend Nurture Spa at Luxor; they use a vegetable based spray and it's airbrushed on and looks great (it runs \$60-\$70 but totally worth it.)

Feeling bloated? Eat healthier on the day before and the day of a pool party. A good healthy way to eat so you stay and feel fit is a meal plan of lean protein like chicken and some fish (some meal ideas are listed on my site NakedBoyNews.com — click on the "pool party" page). Make sure to eat fresh veggies, and a good addition to any meal is brown rice. If you can't make food at home or find yourself on the run a lot, I recommend Subway and Tropical Smoothie Café. Both have very healthy options that wont make you feel or look bloated when you



strut your stuff on the pool deck.

I hope those tips help, and here is to a fun and safe summer of pool parties. If you would like to get on my guest list for Temptation Sundays just send me an email to TemptationSundays@live.com and include your name. I look forward to seeing you in your swimsuit and looking fierce! ●

J.Son is the host of the popular web series Naked Boy News and has been seen on CNN, A&E and MTV. He also hosts Temptation Sundays pool party every Sunday at the Luxor. For the latest Naked Boy News visit www.NakedBoyNews.com

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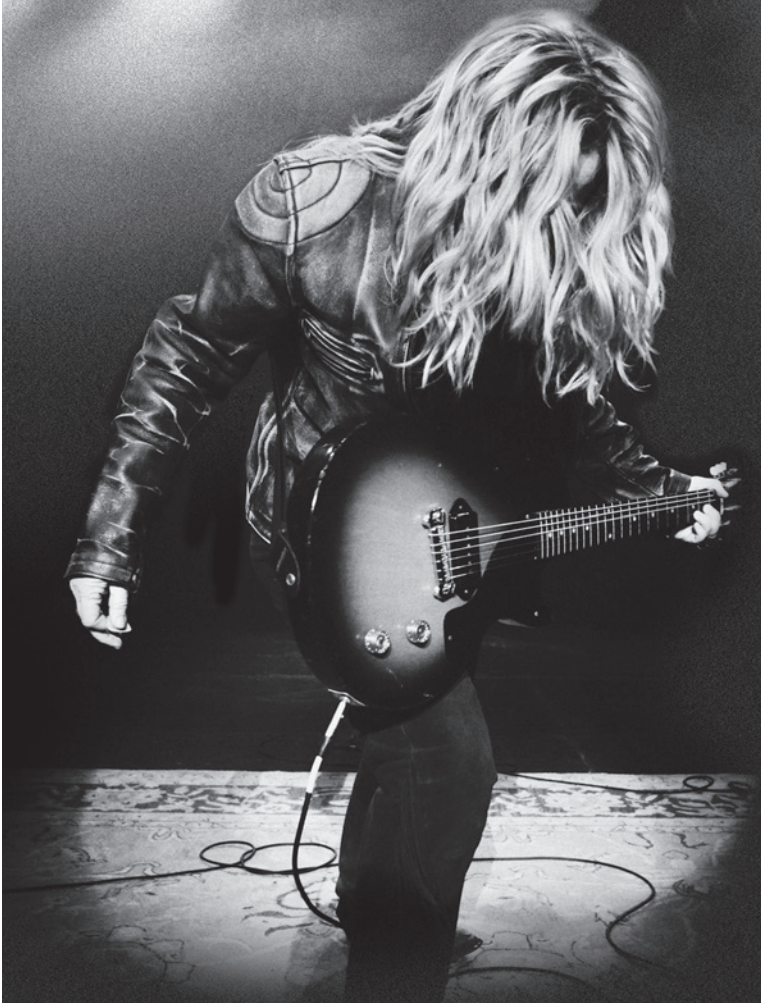
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Primary Election Endorsements

By ROB SCHLEGEL

Former Publisher, Las Vegas Bugle (1986-2002)
Special to Las Vegas Night Beat and Q Vegas

Pride – yes, LGBT Pride – isn't about parties, parades and looking sexy. It's about equal rights and the politics it takes to gain on that equality. If LGBT citizens don't vote, they've really no right to celebrate.

While we want you to enjoy the pride festivities, please take a fraction of that energy and vote – or we'll soon have less to celebrate. Let's continue the progress we've made and then celebrate that we're part of the modern day fight that began with Stonewall on June 28, 1969 – the day we stood up to persecution.

Each election cycle, a group of civic-minded individuals with intense interest in Southern Nevada politics, gathers to endorse candidates for various offices up for election. This year for the primary, early begins May 22 and runs through June 4 with regular voting taking place on Tuesday, June 8. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

These endorsements will be available online at www.NevadaImpact.com, published in both QVegas and the Las Vegas Night Beat.

This list of endorsements is published to help the LGBT community be better informed about candidates and to impact the outcome of the election. Our panel has the best interest of the LGBT community at heart, but your priorities can best be voiced and voted by doing your own research.

Please understand that many races are not listed because there is no primary. Other races may only have a Republican or a Democrat primary. In many cases, we may endorse one party's candidate in the primary but endorse an opposing party's candidate in the general.

Races which do not appear on this endorsement list will appear on the general ballot.

U.S. Senate

✓ Harry Reid, Democrat

While the Senate moves at its own pace, we'll never get equality without Sen. Reid. He was instrumental in passing the Mathew Shepherd Bill, ENDA and he kept the Constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage from ever reaching the Senate floor.

✓ Sue Lowden, Republican

While we're endorsing Sen. Reid, if it came down to a choice of a Republican, throw in a chicken and Sue Lowden would get our vote.

Representative In Congress Dist. 1

✓ Berkley, Shelley, Democrat

There isn't a primary in this race because every Republican with any intelligence will be voting for Shelley Berkley. We have no endorsement in the Republican primary.

No Republican Endorsement

Representative In Congress, Dist. 2

✓ Nancy Price, Democrat

If you know Nancy Price, without question, you would give her your vote. Very happy to see

she joined her husband, Bob Price, as a Dem.

✓ Dean Heller, Republican

Vote for Heller if you want two more years of obstructionism and if you think the Constitution should treat you like a second class citizen.

Representative In Congress Dist. 3

✓ Titus, Dina, Democrat

She's always been a true friend and stands for what is right.

No Republican endorsement

Governor

✓ Rory Reid, Democrat

He did endorse Question 2 back in 2000-2002 but otherwise, he's been a great friend of our community.

✓ Brian Sandoval, Republican

Again, he signed the pledge against same-sex marriage but he did support domestic partnerships.



Lieutenant Governor

✓ Paul Murad, Democrat

✓ Robert S. Randazzo, Democrat

✓ Jessica Sferrazza, Democrat

Can't go wrong with any of the three above.

✓ Brian K. Krolicki, Republican

Krolicki is a good choice.

Secretary Of State

✓ Ross Miller, Democrat

Were you one of the lucky ones who received their domestic partnership certificates directly from Ross Miller? Great guy, let's keep him.

State Controller

Kim Wallin, the Democrat incumbent, doesn't have a primary and there's not a Republican qualified for the job.

No Republican endorsement.

Attorney General

✓ Catherine Cortez Masto, Democrat

Catherine Cortez Masto is doing a fine job. Let's keep her in office.

No Republican endorsement.

State Senate, Dist. 5 (Seat B)

No Republican endorsement

We're going with Joyce Woodhouse in the general.

State Senate, Dist. 7 (Seat B)

✓ Manendo, Mark, Democrat

✓ McClain, Kathy, Democrat

Take your pick. Both are good on our issues

✓ Marsh, Trish, Republican

Good on our issues

State Senate, Dist. 8

✓ Peterson, Tammy, Democrat

State Senate, Dist. 9

✓ Yerushalmi, Benny, Democrat

Would make a supportive State Senator

✓ Nolan, Dennis, Republican

Good on our issues and was the lone Republican to vote "yes" for domestic partnerships.

State Senate, Dist. 10

✓ Augustine, Dallas, Republican

State Senate, Dist. 12

No Republican endorsement

Face it, they're all bad candidates. We're going with Aaron Ford, the Democrat, in the general.

State Assembly, Dist. 1

✓ Kirkpatrick, Marilyn, Democrat

✓ Trudeau, Mark, Republican

State Assembly, Dist. 2

No Republican endorsement

...but we'll tell you John Hambrick is a jackass (even though he's an elephant).

State Assembly, Dist. 3

No Republican endorsement

We love Peggy Pierce, the Dem, but she has no primary.

State Assembly, Dist. 4

✓ Fisher, Gary, Democrat

Incredibly progressive and not afraid to voice his opinion.

State Assembly, Dist. 5

No Republican endorsement.

State Assembly, Dist. 7,

✓ Essex, Carolyn J., Democrat

Great on our issues ... and you'll see her everywhere.

State Assembly, Dist. 8

✓ Frierson, Jason, Democrat

No Republican endorsement.

State Assembly, Dist. 11

No Democrat endorsement.

State Assembly, Dist. 13

No Endorsements in this race.

State Assembly, Dist. 14

✓ Carlton, Maggie, Democrat

Another favorite. SB-283 (DP law) wouldn't have made it out of committee without her. Thanks!

Primary Election Endorsements

State Assembly, Dist. 15

✓ **Anderson, Elliot T., Democrat**

Progressive, veteran and great friend of our community.

State Assembly, Dist. 16

No Republican endorsement

State Assembly, Dist. 18

✓ **Considine, Venicia, Democrat**
Enwright, Lon West, Democrat

Both good on our issues but we're giving the nod to Considine

No Republican endorsement.

State Assembly, Dist. 19

✓ **Smith, Meghan, Democrat**

Known to be supportive on our issues.

State Assembly, Dist. 20

No Endorsements in this race.

State Assembly, Dist. 21

✓ **Sherwood, Mark, Republican**

Mostly okay on our issues but we're supporting Ellen Spiegel, the Democrat, in the general.

State Assembly, Dist. 22

No Democrat endorsement.

No Republican endorsement.

But we'll tell not to vote for either Calanit Atia or Lynn Stewart

State Assembly, Dist. 28

No Republican endorsement.

No Democrat primary but the two Republicans are perennial candidates.

State Assembly, Dist. 42

✓ **Bustamante Adams, Irene, Dem.**

✓ **Christos, Sam, Democrat**

We'll tell you that both Irene Bustamante Adams and Sam Christos are strong supporters on our issues.

County Comm. Dist. F

No Republican endorsement.

County Comm. Dist. G

✓ **Parks, David, Democrat**

Many people helped advance the cause of LGBT rights in Nevada, but no one has done more through the legislative process than Senator David Parks. Assy.man David Parks passed the state version of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act in 1999. This past year, Senator Parks, nurtured SB 283 through the legislature — giving LGBT Nevadans the legal rights if domestic partners. From protection to People Living with HIV to the rights of women to choose what happens to their bodies, Senator Parks has been a tireless advocate for the rights of all human beings. We endorse him enthusiastically! No responsible LGBT advocate would think of endorsing anyone else.

Clark County Assessor

✓ **Shafe, Michele W., Democrat**

No Republican endorsement.

Clark County Clerk

✓ **Alba, Diana, Democrat**

She's doing a good job. Let's keep her. Gloria Bonaventura is a "big zero."
No Republican endorsement.

Clark County Recorder

✓ **Conway, Debbie, Democrat**

Conway is the incumbent and she's doing a great job.

No Republican endorsement.

Clark County Treasurer

No Republican endorsement.

Clark County Public Admin.

✓ **Cahill, John J., Democrat**

No Republican endorsement.

Constable, Boulder City Township

No one is qualified in this race.



Constable, Las Vegas Township

No Endorsement in this race.

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 26

✓ **Sturman, Gloria, Nonpartisan**

Fair minded and will do a great job.

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 28

✓ **Howard, Jack, Nonpartisan**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 30

✓ **Palm, Patricia "Trish", Nonpartisan**

Dist. Court Judge, Dept. 31

✓ **Dabney, Phil, Nonpartisan**

✓ **Kishner, Joanna, Nonpartisan**

✓ **Kunis, Josh, Nonpartisan**

You can't go wrong with any of the above three.

Dist. Court Judge, Family Div. B

✓ **Sanchez, Gloria, Nonpartisan**

Dist. Court Judge, Family Div. C

✓ **Pifer, Denise A., Nonpartisan**

The incumbent should only be in front of the bench for domestic violence. Let's go with Denise Pifer.

Dist. Court Judge, Family Div. E

No Endorsement in this race.

Dist. Court Judge, Family Div. F

No Endorsement in this race.

Dist. Court Judge, Family Div. S

No Endorsement in this race but don't vote for Tony Liker or Vincent Ochoa.

Dist. Court Judge, Family Div. T

✓ **Nathan, Gayle, Nonpartisan**

Regent, State University Dist. 3

✓ **Lange, Ken, Nonpartisan**

Regent, State University Dist. 7

No Endorsement in this race.

Regent, State University Dist. 12

✓ **Chesnut, Dwayne, Nonpartisan**

Regent, State University Dist. 13

No Endorsement in this race.

Trustee, Clark Cnty School Dist. D

✓ **Trujillo, Javier, Nonpartisan**

Trustee, Clark Cnty School Dist. F

✓ **Edwards, Carolyn, Nonpartisan**

Trustee, Clark Cnty School Dist. G

✓ **Dupalo, Martin Dean, Nonpartisan**

Clark County Sheriff

✓ **Bisch, Laurie P., Nonpartisan**

We're going with Bisch, who may be a long shot but she's good on our issues. If she's not successful, we encourage the incumbent to start reaching out to the LGBT community, especially in recruiting and public appearances.

Justice Of The Peace, Las Vegas Twنش Dept. 2

✓ **Sciscento, Joseph S., Nonpartisan**

Justice Of The Peace, Las Vegas Twنش Dept. 3

No Endorsement in this race.

Justice Of The Peace, Las Vegas Twنش Dept. 6

✓ **Kuzemka, Kristine, Nonpartisan**

No primary here but just a reminder to elect one of our own in the general.

Justice Of The Peace Las Vegas Twنش Dept. 13

✓ **Coumou, Frank, Nonpartisan**

Justice Of The Peace Las Vegas Twنش Dept. 14

No Endorsement in this race but don't vote for Bernie Zadrowski.

Justice Of The Peace, Searchlight Twنش

No endorsement in this race.



PEEP INTO *Holly's* WORLD

BY MARK ADAMS

Recently packing her bags in the City of Angels with her sights set on the City of Sin, Holly Madison now calls Las Vegas home. And soon, you'll get to see what this "Girl Next Door" really has been up to on her new reality show, *Holly's World* on E!

"It's a really fun, dramatic look into Vegas during the daytime," Madison said of the reality series, set to premiere June 13 at 10:30 p.m.

So what does the star do at night? She stars in *Peepshow*, the burlesque review at the Planet Hollywood Resort. Madison landed the job shortly after seeing former Spice Girl Mel B and soap star Kelly Monaco perform in the production. "I was looking to do a guest spot in a burlesque show out here for fun," Madison said. "I just thought the Bo Peep role was absolutely perfect for me. I've been happy here ever since."

Filming during the day and performing at night, the busybody headliner stated she loves being able to dance on-stage six nights a week.

"It probably couldn't be a better match," stated *Peepshow* costar and male lead Josh Strickland.

He added, "She just exudes what Bo Peep should exude. She has a sense of innocence and beauty."

Strickland is also one of Madison's costars on *Holly's World*. Rounding off the posse are *Playboy* playmate Laura Croft and Vegas native Angel Porrino. The show will follow the gang around town as they experience the Las Vegas valley and all it has to offer. Strickland shared that the show will dive deep into the city, venturing off the Vegas reality cliché that is Las Vegas Boulevard. "I think that a lot of people are not going to expect to see what we come up with here in Vegas. You know it's not just the Strip. There's a lot more to Vegas than just that," he said.

With a vast city to explore, Madison has taken on another task: writing a travel guide specific to Sin City. "I'm trying to explore as many spots as I can. I love taking locals' recommendations and seeing what's out there," she said.

The star also admitted that staying home can be enjoyable as well. "I just bought a house, so lately we've been liking to barbecue and lay out by the pool and just enjoy this nice weather,"

she said.

The *Holly's World* cast can often be found at her permanent residence every weekend. "We have Sunday barbecues and we call it 'family Sundays' and 'family time' and you know what? It's a lot of fun!" stated Strickland, Madison's "boy BFF."

Fans of *The Girls Next Door* would be pleased to know that the show will also feature some extended members of Madison's family. A road trip from Los Angeles with Madison's longtime friend Bridget Marquardt will be featured, and the *Peepshow* star also visits Kendra Wilkinson-Baskett for pitching tips before throwing the first ball at a Las Vegas 51's game.

Madison is making a name for herself in Las Vegas and has some big plans in store.

"Vegas is definitely home," states the blonde bombshell. She added, "I want to explore the entertainment industry a little more but hopefully get involved with city politics someday, too."

So can we expect to see Holly for Mayor signs downtown soon? Madison is hopeful. "Maybe someday. Yeah." ●

"Vegas is definitely home. I want to explore the entertainment industry a little more but hopefully get involved with city politics someday, too."

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On Friday, July 9, the following ladies will take over Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas: Elizaveta, Sarah McLachlan, Miranda Lambert, Susan Justice, Queen Latifah, The Bangles, A Fine Frenzy, Emmylou Harris, Marina & the Diamonds, and the Winning OurStage Artist. To vote for your favorite local musician for the OurStage Local Talent Search visit: www.ourstage.com/go/lilith.

Lilith '10 has also joined forces with Involver, the fastest growing social media technology platform, to launch "Choose Your Charity," an audience engagement campaign run exclusively through Facebook. The multi-round contest will allow local citizens in each city that the festival will visit to have a voice in the selection of the local women's charity that Lilith will support in each market. Fans of the Lilith Facebook page can vote for the charity they'd like and the Lilith founders — Sarah McLachlan, Terry McBride, Dan Fraser, and Marty Diamond — will hand pick the local winner from the top three charities in each city. The tour promises to donate \$1 from every ticket sold in each city to the chosen local charity and Sarah will personally present the check for the amount raised to charity representatives in each city. The original Lilith Fair was widely known for its philanthropic commitment, raising over \$10 million dollars for various women's charities over its 3 year run and the 2010 Lilith Tour promises to keep this spirit alive. To participate in Choose Your Charity visit www.facebook.com/lilithfairtour.

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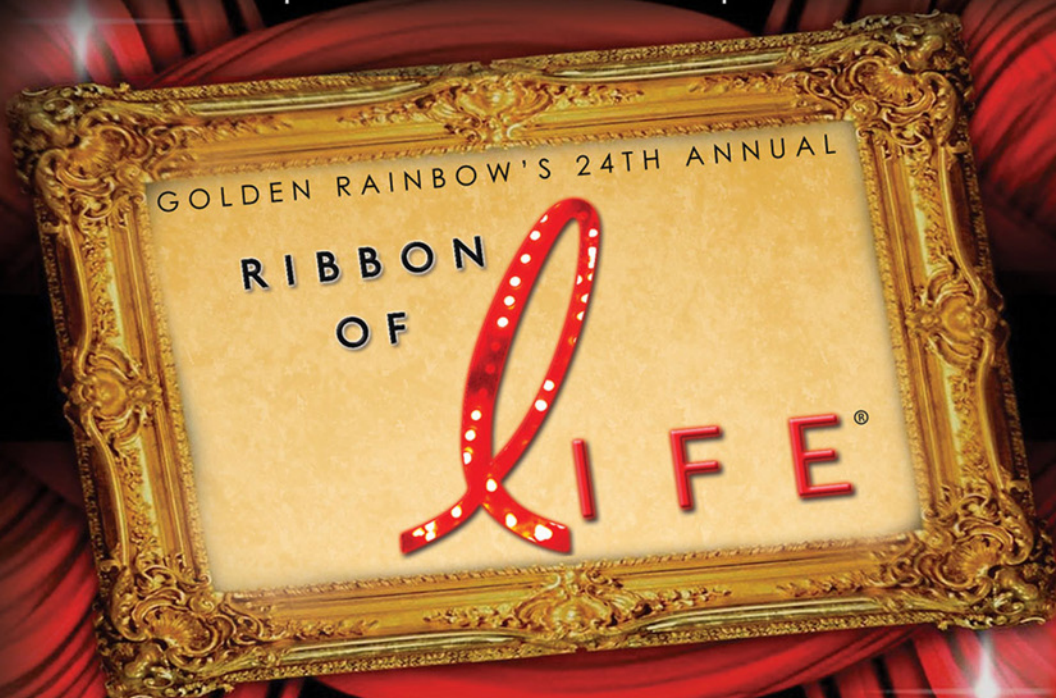
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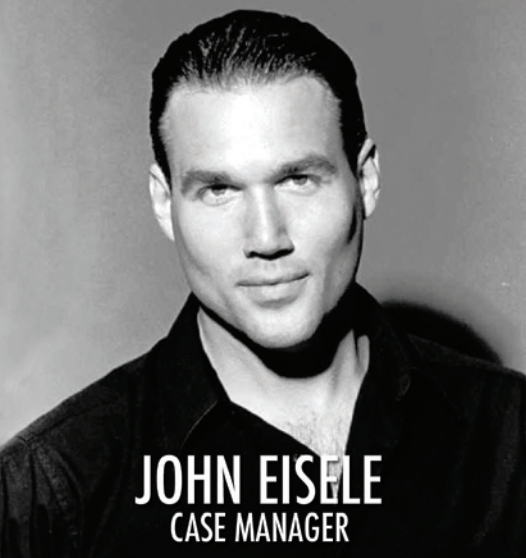
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Ladies

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Since our last Women's Issue, several new social options for lesbian and bisexual women in Las Vegas have popped up. This resource guide will help point you to the new nights and sites to meet ladies in your age bracket or with similar interests.

COMPILED BY SHANE COLLINS AND ANI BIESADA

Hot Flash Dances

Hot flashes take on a whole new meaning when you mix retro and contemporary music and a sexy dance party. Every month, Hot Flash Dances brings together women who are too old for the 20-something club scene but still like to get down on the dance floor.

"The inspiration for Hot Flash Dances came from my own personal need to find a community of women who were a little older, but still wanted to have a social life in a club environment," said creator Lisa Lake.

After Lake's 10-year relationship ended, she wanted to get back into the dating scene but didn't want to hang out with 20-somethings in clubs and couldn't find her groove in gardening groups or potlucks. She started a speed dating event, at which she found that many older women wanted to dance—that's when Hot Flash Dances was born.

Women in attendance are typically between 30 and 45 years old. Dancing starts early in the night, at 6 p.m., and takes place inside Piranha nightclub, central enough for women to continue their fun late into the night. These once a month dances are restricted to women and transgender individuals. Lake's two sons are female-to-male transgender, and she found that it was hard for them to move into straight society.

"I feel it is important that [transgender individuals] continue to be supported by the community that they have been a part of for a large portion of their lives when they need it," Lake said.

Hot Flash Dances are also currently held in the Pacific Northwest region, from Seattle to San Diego. The next Las Vegas Hot Flash Dance will be held June 19. ●

www.hotflashdances.com

Down

For ladies who are down with each other, down for a crazy night on the town or just down to support the lesbian community, Down at Ghostbar in the Palms Casino is the nightlife scene for you. Created by Rachel Wenman and DJ Lisa

Pittman, Down attracts lesbians, bisexuals and "curious" women alike.

"The name 'Down' simply refers to girls who are down. It can have different interpretations for different people," Wenman said. "It could mean a girl is 'down' all the time (lesbian), a girl who is 'down' just for the night or, for our straight supporters who come to the party, it could just mean 'down' for the cause."

Down is held at trendy Ghostbar because of its beauty, sexiness and funky vibes, Wenman said. The intimate setting makes for a sexy night of fun for Vegas lesbians. "A night like this in the Palms Casino Resort is huge for our community. It shows that big venues are opening their doors to us and welcoming our business."

Wenman said that Down is a lesbian night but open to the straight community. Down is a monthly event held on a Thursday night. Text "down" to 313131 to gain VIP access. ●

www.thedownparty.com

Bootybar

A place designed for beautiful women to come play, the best in entertainment and a convenient, sexy location makes Bootybar one of the hottest new lesbian nights in Sin City. Created by DJ Lisa Pittman, Bootybar opened Memorial Day weekend to provide Vegas lesbians a sultry party.

"The thing that makes Bootybar different from other lesbian nightlife is definitely the personalities of the people working there," Pittman said.

"From the bartenders, to the go-go dancers, to the DJs—it's all about interactions between the guests and the entertainment," Pittman assures that Bootybar will have the hottest lesbian entertainment in Las Vegas, from reality stars to seductive dancers.

Held at a venue behind the historic restaurant that played host to old-Vegas talents, Bootlegger (7700 Las Vegas Blvd. S.), Bootybar's atmosphere can only be described as sexy. "The location is very convenient for locals, so I think Bootybar will have a bigger presence [than previous bars I opened]. The atmosphere is beautiful and ►



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◀ after the party the girls can grab a great meal at Bootlegger."

Pittman said Bootybar is important to the lesbian community because the girls always have to play with the boys. "Bootybar gives lesbians their own place to hang out and have a good time. It was created for good old fashioned hot girls and hot fun."

Bootybar will be held the second Saturday of each month, with the next event on June 19. Also this month, Pittman opens the first lesbian pool party at Tao Beach called Kitty Dip on June 16. ●

www.bootybarlv.com

Girl Bar

Hailed as one of the most famous lesbian events ever, Girl Bar has a reputation for providing exciting events in the most elegant settings. After a hiatus from the Las Vegas nightlife scene, Girl Bar is back at Krave and ready to bring in the hot women.

Started in 1990 by Robin Gans and Sandy Sachs in Los Angeles, Girl Bar is one of the largest dance and entertainment groups for lesbians in the United States. Gans and Sachs saw a need to make the lesbian community more visible and bring the community together. They launched the weekly event to help lesbian women feel safe, comfortable and empowered.

After the success of Girl Bar at their West Hollywood venue, the duo began Girl Bar Las Vegas in 2004, which opened to rave reviews. The events brought in some of the hottest DJs and go-go dancers, and they plan to do the same again. The concept was simple: to bring the hottest lesbian entertainment to one of the sexiest venues in Vegas.

Back by popular demand, this weekly event is held every Saturday at Krave. ●

www.girlbar.com

Where's My Lesbian

Las Vegas-based social network Where's My Lesbian is an online location where LGBTQ artists can funnel their creativity.

Karen Plowden started the site in 2008, after receiving a phone call from her ex-fiancé.

"I actually used to be engaged to a guy; he called me one day because he was having bad luck with girls. And he asked me to do him a favor, and make him a website on how to spot a lesbian," Plowden said.

After ample thought about that conversation, she came to a conclusion.

"There's not just one way to tell what a lesbian looks like. I came up with a concept of a website to prove to the world, basically, that there is not one way to see a lesbian," she said.

This site encourages participants to showcase their artwork that symbolizes their own uniqueness. Painters, poets and performers converge and contribute their works.

"I wanted people to have a place where they weren't judged on how they looked, or worried how they'd fit in," Plowden said.

The relationships built online grow even stronger when the community can gather face-to-face. Where's My Lesbian has events to do just that.

The next big event that Where's My Lesbian is hosting is International Drag Day. The day is held in honor of drag queens worldwide, encouraging the entire LGBT community to participate.

"We want to make it so that the community can get involved, and make sure the gays support the lesbians and lesbians support the gays, and straight community supports us," Plowden said.

This is not a dating site. It is a place where the artwork can act as a conversational piece when creating meaningful relationships with one another. "Trying to actually bond, by taking it off-line is where we can foster more of a community, where people meet face to face," Plowden said. ●

www.wheresmylesbian.com

LVL Connection

LVL Connection is a social network specially tailored for lesbian women to connect.

Co-founders Roxan and Lezlie Smijohn spawned the project when they found a shortage of lesbian social networks in Las Vegas.

"We couldn't find any type of events or organizations with our interests in mind," Lezlie Smijohn said.

This lack of a communal bond fueled their interest in starting something of their own.

"Initially, we started this as a Meetup.com group, to meet some people because we were new to the city. After the first event, it grew and grew and has turned into what it is now," she said.

LVL Connection is not just the run-of-the-mill social network; it emphasizes an embracement of diversity. The website encourages an openness to communicate and reach out to others within the lesbian community.

"We wanted to create something that accepts women of all walks of life," Lezlie Smijohn said. "We didn't really have anything out there for our community. It gives a voice to a population of woman, who I think feels isolated."

From a bowling league and Las Vegas PRIDE participation to mixers and volunteering, there is something for everyone. And the events are not restricted to queer-concentrated locations, either.

In fact, there is thoughtful effort made to make the lesbian community's presence felt. Some of these events are booked at mainstream venues like Blue Martini and the Palms Casino Resort.

"When we are out together, we find strength and comfort within our own community. And we've been received well in these places," Roxan Smijohn said.

The future of LVL Connection is moving towards the direction of a nonprofit, with a central focus of charity. "We know we can get together and party; now let's give back to the community," Roxan Smijohn said. ●

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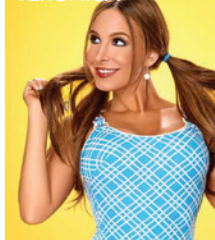
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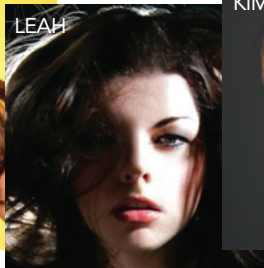
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Battle on the Dance Floor ...FOR SONG OF THE SUMMER

BY MATTEO BLANCO

Rihanna's "Please Don't Stop the Music." Kelly Rowland's "When Love Takes Over." Pepper Mashay's "Dive in the Pool." What do all these songs have in common? Each defined a summer in the first decade of the new millennium. As we enter the first summer of a new decade, music insiders are all abuzz over what diva and song will go down in gay history as the song for summer 2010. A lot is riding on it: prestige, honors, and most of all, money. We chatted with four of this summer's strongest contenders — Kristine W, Veronica, Leah Driscoll, and Kim Davis — about their new dance tracks and why they feel theirs will be the *song of the summer*.

Why will your track be the dance floor song of the summer?

Veronica: "If You Wanna Fly" is about letting go of your security blanket and taking the plunge into the unknown. I think we all wanna fly. We all want to leave inhibitions behind.

Leah: "If This Is Love" is relatable. I think we've all experienced that moment of empowerment where we walk away from a love that's not right.

Kim: "Twist of Love" is a throw your hands in the air dance floor anthem.

Kristine: "The Power of Music" is all those things. A throw your hands in the air dance floor anthem with an important message about how music fuels our souls.

Is dance music enjoying resurgence today?

Veronica: Definitely! Hip Hop did its thing. It was a huge movement that no one could stop. It will always be around, but it has moved into another sphere. Dance has taken the limelight.

Who is to thank for making dance popular again?

Leah: The internet is to thank. Dance has always been huge in Europe but it never really found a mainstream pop home in the US until it became so easy to get a hold of.

Kristine: We also have the current economic and political climate to thank. Dance music is

uplifting with powerful and often times spiritual messages. We need the extra encouragement in stressful times such as what we are living in today.

How does today's dance music compare with dance music 5 and 10 years ago?

Leah: Dance music today is crossing into other genres of music much more so now than it did before — perhaps because it has become mainstream.

Kim: Before it was more about dance artists breaking into mainstream. Now its mainstream artists breaking into dance.

What do you say to people who feel there would be no Ke\$ha without Lady Gaga?

Veronica: There would be no Ke\$ha without Luke or Flo Rida. There would be no Lady Gaga without Akon.

Leah: There'd be no Leona Lewis without Whitney, and there'd be no Whitney without Aretha...

Veronica: Ultimately, I think both Ke\$ha and Gaga borrow from Madonna's image. Ke\$ha took her grungy beginnings and Gaga incorporates her love for theatrical performances. So there would be no Ke\$ha or Lady Gaga without Madonna.

What's next for each of you?

Kim: Touring!

Veronica: I launch my promo tour this summer and my *Saint Nor Sinner* album releases in the fall.

Leah: I'm on the road promoting my new track. I'm also planning to get back into the studio to record new material.

Kristine: I have a Jazz album coming out called *Straight Up with A Twist*. It's a double album project that I started in 2006. This baby has been in my belly a while and is ready to come out!

Kristine, as the senior diva, what advice do you offer your colleagues?

Kristine: My advice to all singers is to stay positive and realize that your voice is a gift that you give to others. Yes, we all want to sell music but when creating music comes from honest feelings and a good heart, magic happens. You may not get rich but you will change lives. ●

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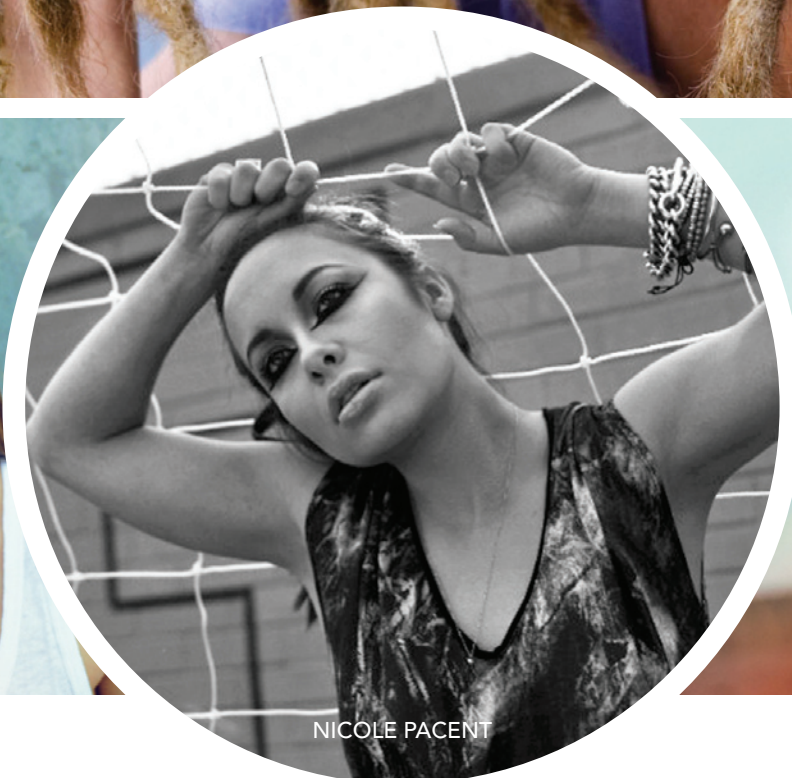


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Queens

OF THE SCREEN AND SOCCER FIELD

BY KATHERINE FERNELIUS

Nearly 34 years after the 1976 cinematic masterpiece *Rocky* was brought to the big screen, another film is taking this genre into the modern age. This film is *Queens of the World*, produced by Las Vegas-based Tomboy Productions. In the same vein as the classic, *Queens* incorporates sports, love and hope, with its tag line: "On the pitch of life, there is no game without love."

The story: a high school girl, Maggie, eats, breathes and lives soccer. It's her passion; it's her everything. Her dream is to play at the Women's World Cup, and she is determined to get there — which to her means no distractions just practice, practice, practice. A new girl, Niko, joins the team and turns Maggie's world upside down.

Niko comes from a broken home and had a rough childhood. She doesn't really have a family network. Soccer is her outlet. It's a chance for her to be a part of something, and she puts her all into it, just as Maggie. But she is also a free spirit. She is experimental and enjoys having fun and being social — something that Maggie knows nothing about and has no interest in.

The girls end up striking a friendship that eventually develops into a deeper love and relationship. But the girls are ripped apart in a very traumatic way, and the audience then watches as they try to move on without each other both still fighting all odds to play their way to the Women's Professional Soccer arena.

"You don't see a script like this everyday," said Lory Ambrosini, executive producer of *Queens of the World*, and cofounder of Tomboy Productions. "It's Rocky for women."

Dramatic, yes. Love story, yes. Sports themed, yes. It's easy to see the comparison. And although many movies have incorporated these themes, *Queens* is different. The fact that the love story is between two females cannot be ignored. Even if this relationship is seen more and more in movies and on TV, it isn't as mainstream as it should be in our culture.

But Tomboy Productions hopes that it will appeal to the masses. "It's the kind of story that gets every demographic in the seats: men, women, mothers, fathers, teenagers, etc. You name it, it's there," said *Queens'* writer and director and cofounder of Tomboy Productions, Mel Robertson.

And Tomboy Productions is making it perfectly clear that the film is not centered on this theme. It's just a very natural part of the story.

"I wouldn't call *Queens* a lesbian film," Robertson said. "It's a sexually fluid film. It just so happens that the two main characters fall in love."

Ambrosini continued: "Tomboy Productions' mission is to portray real stories and real people. They will be female-led and sexually fluid. Every gay movie doesn't have to be about a traumatizing story of someone coming out of the closet or getting a sex change. Everyone will be able to identify with *Queens*. It's inspiring. It's dramatic. It's adventurous. And when it comes down to the love story, it's just two human beings falling in love with each other. There's no labeling."

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It's because of this story line and the fluidity of the characters' sexuality, that the movie has garnered so much support. *Queens*, while still in the preproduction stage, has received tremendous positive feedback from the sports community, the film industry and the LGBT community. *Queens'* website allows people to download a copy of the entire script. They can see "pre-game" interviews with cast members and get a general sense of the movie. The film also has its own fan page on Facebook with nearly 1,000 followers representing 32 different countries.

"So many people are asking, 'How is this getting this so much hype when it hasn't even been filmed yet?'" Robertson said. She believes it's more

than just the script, "I think it has a lot to do with the cast."

Queens will star Nicole Pacent (*Anyone But Me*) as the main character Maggie. Nikki Caster (*Cherry Bomb*) will play Niko. Elizabeth Keener (*The L Word*) and Michelle Clunie (*Queer as Folk*) also join the cast as well as Tanya Roberts (*That '70s Show*), who just recently signed on to the project.

For Pacent and Caster, *Queens* will be their first leading roles on the big screen, and they are both nervous but excited.

"I'm actually a little intimidated," Pacent admitted. "This is not a lesbian-focused film; it's a film about soccer, so I have to know what I'm doing out there on the field." But other than the harsh training and diet regime the girls will be put on, they couldn't be more ready to get started.

"This is a big fantasy come to life in so many ways," said Caster, who really identifies with her character, Niko — not only as a soccer player, but as someone who grew up in a home with many hardships and someone who is free spirited and open to all kinds of relationships and experiences.

"I'm so proud to be a part of this project," Pacent said. "Life is about so many things, and it really doesn't matter who you fall in love with. It's about your passions and pursuits. I think people will walk out of the theater inspired and will have this go get 'em attitude. And I am as much along for the ride as everyone else."

Queens is slated to start production this coming August in New Hampshire. It will then move to Dallas or Las Vegas and will finish up in Los Angeles. The goal is for it to have an international premiere in June or July 2011 — around the time of the sixth FIFA Women's World Cup.

Queens of the World most definitely has the ability to be the modern day *Rocky*. Just as people remember that movie, quote that movie and re-watch that movie for that feel-good feeling, *Queens* will be able to deliver the same experience.

"I really hope audiences will allow this movie to really affect them," Caster said. "I hope they walk away a little more open and appreciative of women, women's soccer and women's sports in general. After all, women are badass!" ●

To learn more about the film and its cast, visit the official site at www.queensoftheworld.com.

Judging our Judges

BY WILLIAM BESSETTE

Kristine Kuzemka is an attorney running for Justice of the Peace, Las Vegas Township, Department 6, which handles criminal, civil and traffic matters. This is a non-partisan race in which there are no primaries and Kuzemka faces only one opponent, career prosecutor William Kephart.



The difficult thing about interviewing and writing about judges, or people running for election to a judgeship, is that getting solid answers to questions is like wringing blood from a stone. There is always a certain measure of trepidation that comes with knowing your next answer may not be an answer at all, but rather a response that precludes the individual from answering. The reason? The question may relate to a topic that could come before them in a future case. How convenient. So how do we judge who should be our judges? This is an answer that Kristine Kuzemka herself ponders.

"It's knowing how to get your qualifications across to the electorate," she says. "Quite honestly, you should not be electing judges based on their

personal position on any particular issue. The fact is, if you're a good judge, you're going to look at the law and the particular facts of that case from both sides. You're going to come to a decision based on what the law is, whether you agree with it or not. If you're a good judge, that's what you are going to do; one's personal opinion really has no place in coming to decision based on the law."

Qualifications are extremely important, and Kuzemka does not have them in short supply, as one can see from her website, but how does that stack up against her opponent? "My opponent is a career prosecutor," she flatly says. "I, however, worked in the private sector, business as well as social work. In the legal field, I was a law clerk

for David Wall in District Court, Department 20, when 95 percent of his cases were civil. I practiced civil litigation at Marquis & Aurbach in business and real estate matters. I was also a law clerk in the district attorney's office in their appeals division, and I am currently a lawyer in the public defender's office. So if you look at my qualifications, they are certainly more diverse than my opponent's."

An argument that can be made when comparing the two resumes is the question over whether someone in the field of criminal defense will be as tough on crime as a career prosecutor. "Well, wait a minute," Kuzemka says. "Community safety is of the utmost importance. Of course, you also don't want to be biased and you want to make sure one's constitutional rights aren't being trampled on. There are certain laws to be followed regarding bail and each case is unique. For example, bail on a robbery is going to be far more significant than bail on a petty larceny. I believe in firm, solid sentences and community safety is my priority," she finishes.

Although these races are non-partisan, it is such a hard thing to avoid. As most people don't pay close attention to judges races, many end up voting based on party alone. "I go to certain forums and people come right up to me and ask me what my party affiliation is," says Kuzemka. "I can tell you if you ask me, but I can't put it on my campaign literature. If I say I belong to a particular party, sometimes people will give me back my literature and say, 'Well I'm not voting for you.' That's their right and I can't argue with that, however this is a non-partisan race where one's political affiliation should not factor into a decision."

Even in a non-partisan race for something as supposedly neutral as a Justice of the Peace, mud flies. It doesn't seem that anything "elected" is immune, as Kuzemka's opponent has demonstrated. "I went to a large dinner," Kuzemka begins, "and someone told me 'He's telling people that you're gay.' If this is true, it is unfortunate, because it would mean my opponent believes someone's sexual orientation is a qualifier or disqualifier to holding judicial office. What's encouraging is that the person who told me this said it's not a factor in how they vote. My qualifications, as enumerated, also include numerous endorsements from labor, law enforcement, veterans, and other community groups. Hopefully people will get my message of community safety first, reducing the wait times of witnesses in court, and unbiased and fair treatment for all people who come into court.

"I've been involved with community service for the past twenty five years," she continues. "Because making my community a better place is a rewarding endeavor. Ideally a judge is going to be learned in the law, a good listener, and with an even temperament. An important role of a judge is to keep order in the court, especially when dealing with people that are trying to cope with highly emotional situations. The judge is the one who will kind of have to referee and make sure that cooler heads prevail at the end of the day." ●

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Campaign for District 15

BY WILLIAM BESSETTE

Elliot Anderson is a decorated Marine running for the Nevada Assembly, District 15, which runs north and south from Sabara to Tropicana and east and west from Nellis to Eastern. He is running to replace Kathy McClain, who held the seat for 12 years before deciding to run for State Senate this year. Also in the race are three other Democrats, a Republican, and an Independent.

What are your plans for District 15, were you to be elected? I think everybody is going through the same things right now. Everybody is under water on their homes. Everyone knows people that are laid off, if they're not laid off themselves. Everybody is wanting the same thing. They are wanting to see the economic situation improve. The other big thing they want to see is a government that is actually out there visibly working for them. People are so frustrated with government right now. It transcends demographics, it really does. The great thing for me, in the older, established areas you will always have a higher percentage share of veterans, and for me that's huge. I've looked it up, and out of the 1,500 people I've talked to personally at the door, I have talked to over 200 veterans. That demographic will be rock solid for me.

You said you were a moderate. Where are you left and where are you right on the issues? I really wouldn't consider that, I wouldn't take that label now. Not at all.

You're more left... I'm progressive. I'm very progressive on social issues. Last session, I was going around getting cosigners for the ERA. [On] LGBT issues especially, I'm a big friend to the community. My parents were firmly progressive Democrats and that's where I grew up. My parents always told me, just because someone doesn't approve of something somebody does in somebody else's life doesn't mean the government should ever be restricting rights. Rights are rights.

Where do you feel you fit in with your opponents in the crowded Democratic Primary? I've been out walking since December 15 for three hours a day in the district, and everybody loves to go to these events. I see a lot of candidates going to events. But for an assembly race, the key to victory is through your districts. It's not by going to meetings or talking



to people who can't vote for you. That's been my strategy, to hit up the district. A lot of candidates go to meetings and when they take straw polls at meetings, obviously they're going to do that, and maybe none of those people can vote for me. My time is spent in the district.

Do you feel like not being originally from Vegas, only being here five years, is a potential handicap? No, because if you think about it, it's the first place I ever chose to live, the first place where I've ever bought a home. It's one thing if I lived for 20 years as an adult and then moved here and ran for office. This is the first place that I've ever lived and I've got the endorsement of the current assemblywoman in the district, Kathy McClain, who has represented it for 12 years.

What are some ideas or proposals you have regarding our budget crisis and the job situation? For the budget crisis, we have to get off our one-track idea: taxes. We have it all on one industry, and that's gaming. We have to expand our revenue base or else we're going to continue to have these disastrous boom and bust cycles. We need to broaden our tax base.

How do we expand the revenue base? We've got to take a look at a lot of options. Everyone is going to have to come to the table in good faith because the situation in this state is dire. I've worked on ways and means in assembly taxation with Kathy last session. That was my whole session, taking a look through the budget, taking notes on the budget, doing research on different taxes that the state could do. I'll tell you what, we've got a ton of work to do to broaden that base. That's going to require that everybody in the state comes to the table next session in good faith. It can't be business as usual. It just can't. ●

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Just as Las Vegas heats up to excruciating temps near or even into the triple digits, the beautiful gem of the Pacific Northwest — Seattle, Wash. — settles into its extremely comfortable summer highs of around 70 or so degrees. It's perhaps for this reason that Seattle holds its annual PrideFest in late June.

This year's festival in the Emerald City (a nickname given to Seattle for its evergreen landscape) takes place around the world-famous Space Needle in Seattle Center on Sunday, June 27, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Leading the crowd toward the festival is Seattle Out and Proud's annual parade, which begins at Westlake Center also at 11 a.m. and heads down 4th Avenue.

Produced by One Degree Events, Seattle PrideFest has chosen Lambda Legal to be its sole 2010 beneficiary. More than 150 non-profit, corporate and food vendors will be set up at the festival.

Entertainment will be spread across two

stages, the main stage and the dance stage. Headliners this year are *American Idol* alum Kimberley Locke, comedienne/singer-songwriter Julie Goldman, and a face many of you know quite well from her several years performing in Las Vegas: Shannel. Shortly after appearing in season one of *RuPaul's Drag Race*, Shannel moved to Seattle to star in *Le Faux*, a show at Julia's on Broadway, which we recommend you see if you head to the northwest.

The days leading up to the parade and festival include a few exciting events, including the PrideFeast at numerous restaurants throughout the city on June 24 and RED, a hot men's party at Nuemo's (925 E. Pike) on June 26. Near the end and right after the festival, enjoy the MoMo Pride Street Party from 4 to 9 p.m. with sounds from DJ Lee Decker in front of Noemo's. A Pride Closing Party follows that night inside of the club.

While in Seattle, we strongly suggest visiting many features of the city that you won't find



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here in Las Vegas, such as Seattle's own gayborhood, Capitol Hill. Also be sure to check out the ever-popular Pike Place Market, full of fish, flower and gift vendors as well as several floors of shops below. For the more touristy sights, we recommend buying a CityPass, which gives you access to six major attractions for just \$59 per person. An incredible public transit system will easily help you get around town. ●

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Tell me one thing about yourself that you think makes you a great catch. I am easy. People think I am a control freak, because I am a New Yorker with a strong personality, but all my



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exes say that living with me was so easy compared to whoever they are with now. I am also generous, a good friend and a character for sure — oops, there she goes again; that was four things!

What three qualities or characteristics must a girl have for you to date her? Well, I actually try not to pre-judge someone, but she must have friends, a personality, be spontaneous and full of *joy de vivre*, and doesn't appear to have too much emotional baggage. Oh my god, now that is five things. Will she ever shut up?

What is your definition of love? For me, love definitely grows stronger during the length of the relationship. Although I had a reputation for being on the five-year plan, I am a Gemini, and I need lots of diversity and change. Love has to be a two way street with a very special someone who makes your heart beat rapidly and your stomach feel like it is falling into your G-spot, even after the hard times. She has to be a friend and loyal to the bone.

Do you believe in love at first sight? I do! I believe that there is a certain chemistry that takes place and regardless of that person's role in your life, albeit a lover or a friend, it is there for a reason.

As we head into summer, how do you survive the desert heat? I like spending time indoors watching movies and playing games. We have lots of pool parties and drink lots of cold beverages too.

What is your favorite cold beverage? First and foremost water and then Pinot Grigio!

What is your favorite Las Vegas thing to do? Las Vegas are fortunate enough to have some of the top restaurants in the world, so dining out with friends is high on my list.

On the cell phone, do you prefer talking or texting? I actually prefer

talking, but texting is much more convenient and to the point!

We all fantasize about dates with celebrities. Who is your fantasy date? Give details. My ultimate fantasy has

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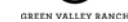
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8½ and PIRANHA 4633 Paradise Rd. 702-491-0100	El Seseo Latin Night DJs Vago & Auner Las Sirenas 12a	Circus DJ Mikey Swift \$10 Liquor Bust	La Noche w/DJ Vago Sirenas Show 2a	Lingerie & Lace A Ladies Only Event	Boystown Liquor Bust DJs Mikey Swift & Chris Adams	Visit piranhavegas.com for details	Sex Saturdays DJ/VJ Scott K & DJ K Drag Show 11:30p
BACKDOOR 1415 E. Charleston Ave. 702-385-2018	Noches Nortenas (Latin Country Night) 9p - 2a	Karaoke Night 2-4-1 Drinks 10p - 4a	Happy Hour 2-4-1 Drinks 10a - Noon	Underwear Night 2-4-1 Drinks 10p - 4a	Happy Hour 2-4-1 Drinks 10a - Noon	Noches Latina (Latin Night) 10p - 6a	Noches Latina (Latin Night) 10p - 6a
BADLANDS SALOON 953 E. Sahara Ave. 702-792-9262	\$3.50 Beer Bust 9p - Midnight	Happy Hour 2-4-1 4p - 7p	Happy Hour 2-4-1 4p - 7p	Happy Hour 2-4-1 4p - 7p	Happy Hour 2-4-1 4p - 7p	\$5 Liquor Bust 7p - Midnight	\$5 Beer Bust 7p - Midnight
CHARLIE'S LAS VEGAS 5012 S. Arville St. 702-876-1844	\$5 Beer Bust 4-7p \$2 Long Isl. 7p - Mid Sunday Show 9pm	Beginner Dance Lessons 7-9pm and Ginger Grant 10pm	Happy Hour 4-7p FREE Drag Queen Bingo	Happy Hour 4-7p \$1 Mini-Pitch. 7p-2a Retro Night w/Trivia	Happy Hour 4-7p Line Dance Lessons Bear/Bare Chest Nite"	NGRA Apprec. Night 75¢ Happy Hour 7-9p \$10 Liquor Bust 9p-1a	75¢ Happy Hour 7-9p \$5 Beer Bust 9p-1a
ENTOURAGE VEGAS 953 E. Sahara Ave. 702-650-9191	Open 24 Hours Salsa Sundays Latin music & videos	Open 24 Hours Boys Night Ages 18-21 in free	Open 24 Hours Dark Night All lights are off	Open 24 Hours Wise Wednesdays Ages 40+ get in free	Open 24 Hours Inked Show off your tats	Open 24 Hours Freebie Fridays Exciting giveaways	Open 24 Hours Packed House Our busiest night
ESCAPE LOUNGE 4213 W. Sahara Ave. 702-364-1167	\$2 Wells/Dom 8a-4p Happy Hour 3-5a/5-7p Karaoke 9p-1a	Poker Tournament 6, 7:30 & 9p No buy in!	\$2 Wells/Dom 8a-4p Happy Hour 3-5a and 5-7p	\$2 Wells/Dom 8a-4p Happy Hour 3-5a and 5-7p	\$2 Wells/Dom 8a-4p Happy Hour 3-5a and 5-7p	\$2 Wells/Dom 8a-4p Happy Hour 3-5a and 5-7p	\$2 Wells/Dom 8a-4p Happy Hour 3-5a and 5-7p
FLEX 4371 W. Charleston Ave. 702-385-FLEX	Dirty Sanchez Sundays \$5 Beer Bust 5-9p \$2 Long Islands 9-11p	Karaoke with Tara King 10p-2a	Underwear Island with DJ Nutzz 10p-2a	The Grand Tea Room Desirae Penda'vis Midnight	The Boom Room with DJ K Midnight	Confessions with JewDi Vine and DJ Ricoche 11pm	Ntoxxicated with Diva Toxxx 11p
FREEZONE 610 E. Naples Dr. 702-794-2300	Karaoke Happy Hour 4 - 8p Beer Bust 8p - 1a	Karaoke Happy Hour 4 - 8p Beer Bust 8p - 1a	Ladies Night Happy Hour 4 - 8p Beer/Lick-Her-Bust 8p - 1a	Beer Bust 8p - 1a Wicked Wednesdays 11:30p-1:30a	Naked Boy Frat Party Beer Bust 9:30p - 2a \$7 Liquor Bust	Queens of Las Vegas Show/Dance Party Beer Bust 8p - 1a	Queens of Las Vegas Show/Dance Party Beer Bust 8p - 1a
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SPOTLIGHT LOUNGE 957 E. Sahara Ave. 702-696-0202	\$1.50 Bloody Marys 8a - 4p \$5 Beer Bust 4 - 7p	\$5 Beer Bust Noon - 4p 2-4-1 9p - Midnight	\$5 Beer Bust Noon - 4p 2-4-1 9p - Midnight	Hump Day \$1.50 Well Screws or Margaritas 8a - 4p	Come hang out at the Spotlight Lounge	\$5 Liquor Bust 1 - 4p \$5 Beer Bust 8 - 11p	\$5 Beer Bust 12 - 3p Couples Night 6 - 9p Jock Night Mid - 3a

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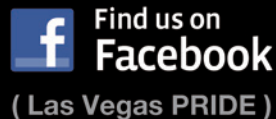
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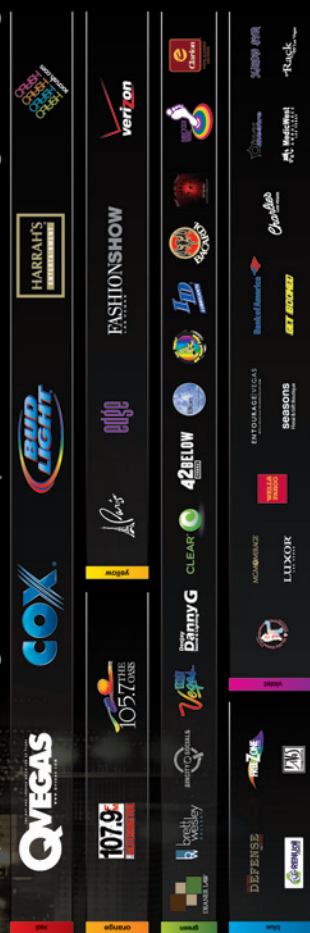
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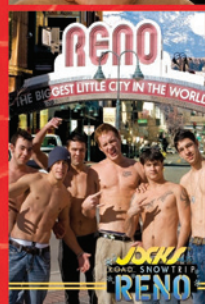


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LVPT Casino Buffet Luncheon
Fiesta Northwest Casino, 11:30am
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THURSDAY, JUNE 3

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FRIDAY, JUNE 4

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Blue Moon Resort
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2nd Annual Faithful Call to Justice
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Spider Baby Musical
Onyx Theatre, 7:30pm
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Badlands Saloon, 8pm
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Naked Boys Singing
Onyx Theatre, 10pm
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SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Tracy Morgan
The Joint at Hard Rock, 9pm
www.ticketmaster.com

Rocky Horror Picture Show
Onyx Theatre, Midnight
www.onyxtheatre.com
Repeats on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Blue Moon Pool BBQ
Blue Moon Resort, 11am
www.blumoonlv.com
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Temptation Sundays Pool Party
Luxor South Pool, 1pm
www.nakedboynews.com
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MONDAY, JUNE 7

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Improv Vegas
Onyx Theatre, 8pm
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West Flamingo, 6:30pm
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THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Cats
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SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Reno, NV Coronation
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NGRA's Salute to the Tony's
Charlie's Las Vegas, 7pm
www.ngra.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Golden Rainbow's Ribbon of Life
Las Vegas Hilton, 1pm
www.goldenrainbow.org

Senior Connection Movie Matinee
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Ryan O'Connor Eats His Feelings
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TUESDAY, JUNE 15

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

SNAPI Board Meeting
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FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Pride in the Pines
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Blue Moon Resort
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SATURDAY, JUNE 19

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MONDAY, JUNE 21

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TUESDAY, JUNE 22

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

LVPT Cocktail Night
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THURSDAY, JUNE 24

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FRIDAY, JUNE 25

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Brad Garrett
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SATURDAY, JUNE 26

LVPT Casino Brunch
Eureka Casino, 11:30am
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LVPT Committee Meeting
The Center, 1pm
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Star of the Desert Arena, 8pm
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SUNDAY, JUNE 27

SinCityQSocials Champagne Brunch
The Broiler at Boulder Station, 10am
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MONDAY, JUNE 28

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TUESDAY, JUNE 29

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

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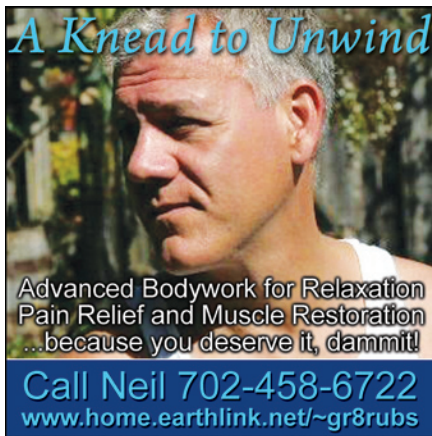
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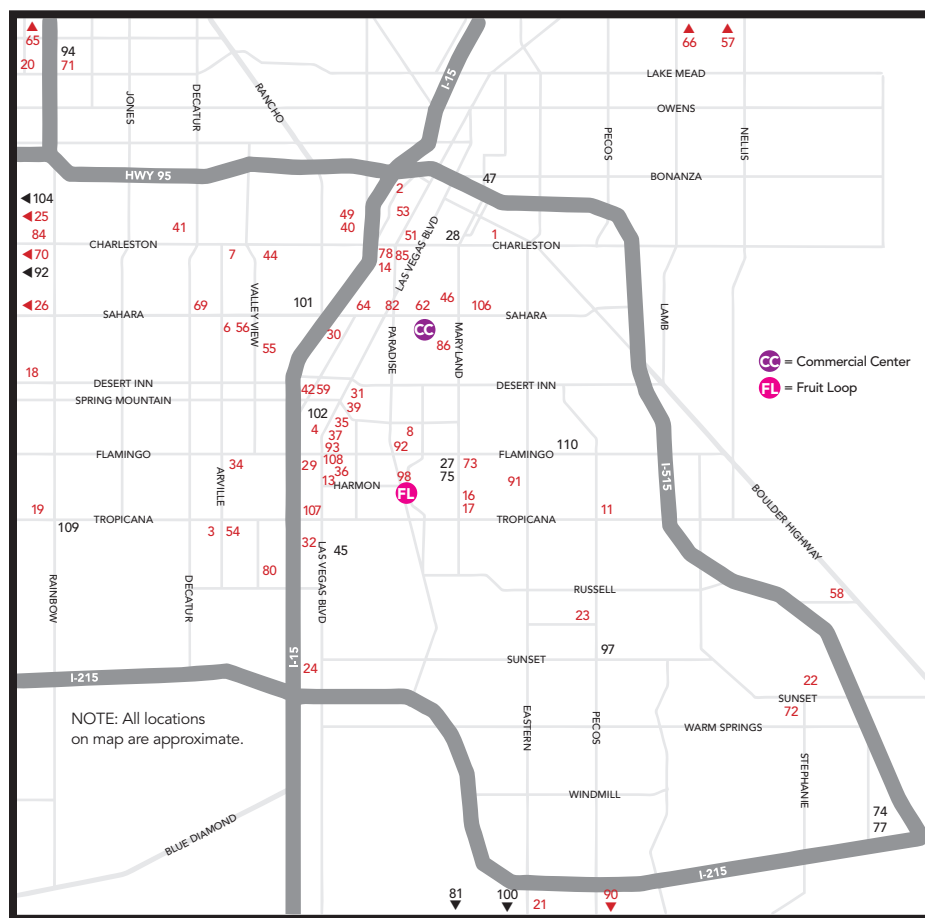
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GEMINI 05/21-06/21

June looks to be filled with magic moments, especially up to the 20th. It'll be nice to have so many people actually agreeing with you for a change. Annual New Moon in your sign on the 12th provides a potent opportunity to expand upon that current client base. Turn on that charm super bright on the 27th.

CANCER 06/22-07/22

Unlike Gemmy, there won't be quite so much magic to work with. But, hard work and focus reaps very nice rewards. Be sure to pinch pennies this month so you can splurge on that super July vacation. The 19th looks best for hosting a dinner party. Make sure to give your sweetie a heads up on it though, okay?

LEO 07/23-08/22

Dreams do come true, Leo. All that planning and diligence will pay off nicely over the next three months. Keep to yourself on the 8th and 9th if possible. An amazing bash/pool party on the 13th simply sizzles with romance. Full Moon on the 26th triggers a solid real estate opportunity. All signs say to grab it.

VIRGO 08/23-09/22

Money will remain a bit tight until mid-July, so keep on clipping coupons. There's plenty of cheap fun to be had, Virgo. You just have to look for it. Keep that wallet and cell phone glued to you on the 16th. Visit from an old acquaintance on the 21st may have a hidden agenda. Please keep those eyes peeled.

LIBRA 09/23-10/22

It hasn't been the smoothest ride for you over the last few weeks. That energy begins to fade after the 14th. Then you'll encounter many more green lights than red ones. Sleep patterns should improve as well. Some extra cash heads your way on the 25th. We suggest you save half and splurge on the rest.

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21

Many times this month you'll feel as if you're the only sane/rational person on the planet (and you'll be partly right). Scorp tends to weather storms better than most signs (except Cappy). Planetary vibes calm down after the 20th. Until then, it's business as usual. The real fun comes later this month.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21

Multiple sources of income bring much needed and deserved cash your way. Two nagging debts shall be paid off and you'll actually be able to save some money (don't faint; the Blu-ray player can wait til Xmas). The 23rd looks amazing for a hot romantic encounter. Fluff yourself for it.

CAPRICORN 12/22-01/19

Contractual and legal issues take center stage up til the 14th. After that, there's more of an ease and flow to your life. It's a good month to mend some fences where a cherished friendship is concerned. Let someone else do the driving on the 26th. Get a massage that day as well, okay?

AQUARIUS 01/20-02/18

Looks like you'll need to dip into that savings account by mid-month. Hey, isn't that what it's for? All of us experience rainy days. At least you had the sense to put some cash aside. The 12th looks like an extremely joyous day. It could have to do with a surprise visitor from out of town. Cherish this time.

PISCES 02/19-03/19

Both your mental and physical stamina shall be put to the test this month. Keep yourself in optimum shape with good nutrition and lots of sleep. You can go back to being a party dude next month. Opinions should only be offered if they're requested. Some solitary/alone time will help recharge those batteries big time.

ARIES 03/20-04/19

So many great opportunities heading your way could send your mind into overdrive. Calmly and rationally consider each one before making a choice. The two choices that involve relocation may prove hard to resist. Lunar aspects on the 21st put you in an extremely romantic mood. Please, act on it!

TAURUS 04/20-05/20

Make a wish and it's sure to be granted by month's end. Just be careful what's wished for, because at some point it will manifest. Watch those lower back muscles on the 11th and 12th. That vehicle will need a checkup before the 20th. A parental figure calls with good news on the 29th.



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Behind the endorsements

Politics is life, as I am fond of saying, but in the LGBT community of southern Nevada, it appears politics only comes to life when someone disagrees or is offended. Such is the case with the recent joint effort by *QVegas* and the *Las Vegas Night Beat* when they published their endorsement list in the May issues of their respective publications.

That stated, let me once again explain what these two, privately-owned publications have attempted to do — perform a valuable service for their readers.

Southern Nevada has never sustained a non-partisan, political organization. Were such an organization to exist, both publishers would most likely defer endorsements to a community group, rather than write their own.

In 1979, we had Nevadans for Human Rights (NHR), an LGBT political group that responded to Nevada's version of the Briggs Initiative, which would allow school teachers to be fired simply for being homosexual. Later that year, Nevada's US Senator Paul Laxalt introduced the anti-gay Family Protection Act. NHR disbanded in 1987.

The anti-gay Minority Status and Child Protection Act threat came along and we formed Nevadans for Constitutional Equality, which was disbanded upon the defeat of that initiative. We then organized the Equal Right to Marry Coalition, later resurrected Nevadans for Constitutional Equality to repeal the state's sodomy laws, followed by Equal Rights Nevada which fought the anti-gay Question 2.

Win or lose, our community lost interest after the battles, and the groups disbanded. No one seemed to care about elected offices.

It's the Nevada State Legislature and Congress that have the most effect on equal rights for LGBT persons. It's the US Senate that decides if we have fair-minded justices on the Supreme Court. If we want equal rights, we need to be concerned with who is elected and which political party has a large enough majority to effect change. But typically, we do nothing unless attacked and then it's usually too little and too late. The one exception has been endorsements offered by the LGBT press.

When I published the *Las Vegas Bugle* (1986 through 2002), I was constantly besieged by readers wanting to know my recommendations prior to each election. I sought advice from a group of friends, who met informally, and drew up a list which was published by the *Bugle* prior

to each election. I was criticized for not sending out questionnaires and for not having an editorial board meet with every candidate. While I appreciated my capability being compared with a major daily newspaper, the reality in the LGBT publishing business is we don't have dozens of staff members or editorial boards. We don't have the resources to do candidate questionnaires and interviews. Currently, there are over 425 persons running for office in Southern Nevada. Even the most vocal, partisan political group, which is angry more of their candidates weren't endorsed, admits to interviewing only 70 of the candidates.

We always have candidates (and supporters) who complain we didn't give an endorsement when there is no primary. In the most popular races, we have taken to mentioning some candidates without primaries but mostly to reduce the complaints from readers who don't understand how the primary races are conducted (i.e., not all races have primaries).

There are many factors in deciding who to endorse in a race, and it's not always who we agree with most. As an example, I happen to be the one person whom I agree with 100 percent of the time. If I were running for US Senate, I would never endorse myself for the simple reason I wouldn't stand a chance of winning. The endorsement committee for *QVegas* and the *Night Beat* would endorse someone else, not wanting readers to waste their vote. Likewise, this committee understands political parties vote in near-unison, once its members get elected — it's how political parties work and the job of the whip to bring members in line with their party. If the best candidate were a Republican, but if elected would change the balance of power and prevent our issues from being passed, we might go for the Democrat. Occasionally, we must endorse a lesser candidate because they are more electable. The alternative could be supporting the most perfect candidate, throwing the election to an even lesser, third candidate — and then, what have we accomplished?

The best example of party-voting rather than voting for an individual would be the current US Senate race. With 58 Democrats and 40 Republicans, the minority party can essentially neuter the majority party by threatening a filibuster. It's happening now and that's why nearly 300 bills passed by the House are awaiting action by the Senate. Even if Sue Lowden (Rep.) was with us on 100 percent of our issues, it will simply be worse gridlock if Sen. Harry Reid (Dem.) is



defeated. While the Democrats haven't passed much of our desired reform, there's no chance we'll ever get any reform passed if the gridlock worsens. Yes, we want "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repealed but until the majority party has a super majority (60 or more), the Republicans will most likely kill the bill. Perhaps Sen. Harry Reid, as Majority Leader, isn't your favorite but reducing his majority from 58 to 57, 56, 55 or less, will end any chance — no matter how remote — of getting any type of reform specifically for the LGBT community. The same argument can be put forth for the House of Representatives.

Partisan politics can get ridiculous but one must operate with the knowledge of how those politics can work in our favor or work against us. Partisan politics can't simply be ignored.

As for those who complain about our endorsements, both publications and the endorsement committee stand by them. The arguments, pushed mainly by a local gay Republican group, offer plenty of criticism of our choices, push various Republican candidates but fail to mention which Democrats they would support. It's true some politicians haven't lived up to their promises, but Republicans have been the primary stumbling blocks to reform sought by Democrats. Nearly every anti-gay ballot initiative, constitutional amendments against same-sex marriage, efforts to kill SB-283 (the Nevada Domestic Partner bill in the State Senate and the governor's subsequent veto), laws against LGBT parents adopting children, and more, have been primarily pushed by Republicans.

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