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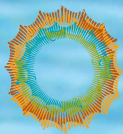
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a note from our EDITOR IN CHIEF

Nevada is now one of thirteen States that will have a law on the books outlawing transgender discrimination. The amendment specifies that employers cannot discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation as well as their race, sex, color, gender identity and expression.

QVegas applauds Assemblyman Paul Aizley, the Nevada Assembly and Senate, as well as Gov. Sandoval and the ACLU for forward thinking and addressing the continued issue of discrimination in our State.

We also applaud the four Republicans who voted for SB211, Ed Geodhart, John Hambrick and Kelly Kite in the Assembly, and John Kieckhefer in the Senate. With that said, we are disgusted that more of our elected officials continue to side with hate, ignorance and discrimination when it comes to basic human rights of equality. I would suggest to those who voted against SB211, get to know the Nevadans they discriminate against, want to have lunch?

Thank you HRC and The Center for sponsoring Equality Days. Your efforts made an impression on our State Government and we would like to believe it changed our future.

As we go forward our community must also stop the discrimination amongst ourselves and embrace those that make us LGBT.

I hope you enjoy our swimsuit issue and hope to see you around town this month at some of the incredible summer events lined up!

 Kelly McFarlane Smith



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

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 and may be edited for clarity or length.



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ARTrageous

The Center's ARTrageous Vegas Is Looking for Artists The Center's 8th Annual Art Show ARTrageous Vegas is looking for new and original artwork. This exhibition gives the Gay and Lesbian Community the opportunity to present their finest artists and artworks to the Las Vegas public. The Annual Art Show, Silent Auction and Reception will be held on July 23rd at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas to introduce the community of Las Vegas to The Center. This LGBT Center event serves as a major fundraising opportunity to procure funds that allow for programs to be provided to the community it serves. Artists can submit up to 2 new pieces (not previously exhibited) and are encouraged to offer their work for sale. Sales are 50% to the artists, 50% to The Center. An entry fee of \$25 is required. They are also invited to donate one piece of work (separate from the entries) for a Silent Auction to benefit The Center. The application deadline is June 15, 7 p.m. For more information, or to obtain the entry form and full details, please visit The Center's website (www.TheCenterLV.com) or contact them directly at ArtShow@thecenterlv.com ■

CAMP COURAGE

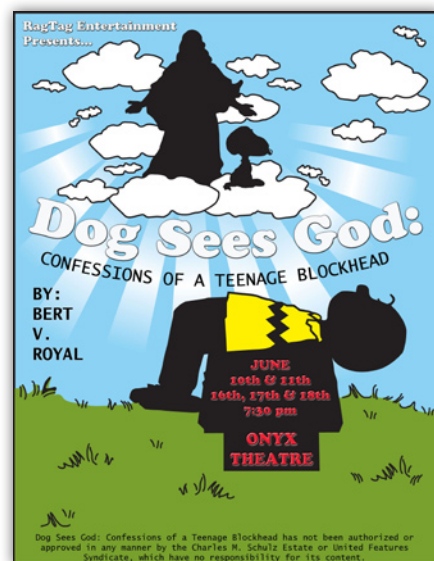
Camp Courage is a cost-free, summer camp program for children (ages 6 to 17) infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS, provided by Aid For AIDS of Nevada (AFAN). The mission of Camp Courage is to help children overcome the isolation and depression associated with HIV/AIDS by providing a therapeutic, cultural experience that fosters self-confidence, social interaction and social support.

AFAN's Camp Courage will be partnering with Camp Laurel in Pasadena, California again this year and it will be hosted at Big Bear. We are currently seeking corporate sponsors for \$1,000 to provide camp to a child or personal sponsors starting at just \$10 up to \$500 to assist with cost of camp, purchasing gear, food, transportation, clothing and necessities for the campers. Give the gift of this awesome camp experience to a child TODAY! Contact Theresa at 702-383-8067 theresa@afanlv.org or visit afanlv.org ■



DOG SEEDS

RagTag Entertainment presents the hit Off-Broadway dark comedy, Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead by Bert V. Royal. Directed by Tobie Romzek, the production officially opens on June 10th and will run through June 18th at The Onyx Theatre.



Hailed by critics and audiences since its New York premiere, Dog Sees God is an unauthorized parody about the characters from the Peanuts comic strip during their teenage years. CB's dog is put down after he contracts

rabies and kills "a little yellow bird", leaving his owner to ponder the afterlife and his place in the world. CB's sister, his best friend, Van, and other characters are too absorbed in their own teenage predicaments to offer much help, but a neglected and bullied student provides the comfort and candor that CB seeks. Dealing with a variety of issues, including teen pregnancy, drug abuse and teen suicide, this show proves that no matter who the storyteller is, the Peanuts Gang is truly timeless. A portion of all proceeds will benefit The Trevor Project (www.thetrevorproject.org).

June 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th and 18th All Performances at 7:30pm Onyx Theatre 953 East Sahara, Suite 16B, Las Vegas, NV 89104 ■

CHANGING THE WORLD

Metropolitan Community Church of Las Vegas is "Spreading the Light and Changing The World" locally they are working to end homelessness in Las Vegas by increasing staff numbers for project Homeless Connect. Las Vegas MCC is helping mothers who are seeking shelter from domestic violence with their successful Mother's Day "Panty Raid" where they collected 1,000 new undergarments and participated in the clean-up of the local neighborhood changing the lives of those who live in the Gateway District.



MCC Las Vegas offers three different workshop services in three different styles: 5:30 Rainbow Service on Saturday, 9 a.m. Joyful Morning Service on Sunday and 11 a.m. and NewSong Service on Sunday. All services are held at 1140 Almond Tree Lane with Rev. David Gillentine, Associate Pastor, Rev. George Bagan, Chaplain, Bill Robinson, Choir Director and Tony Arias, NewSong Music Coordinator. For more information of MCC please visit MCCLV.com ■

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PIG OUT!

Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN) invites community members to adopt a piggy and 'fatten it up' with coins now through World AIDS Day on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011. Five-inch ceramic piggy banks, each personalized with a birth certificate, may be adopted by completing a form online or at the AFAN office or received by mail. On World AIDS Day, families are encouraged to bring back their piggy banks with full stomachs, and all money raised will benefit those affected with HIV/AIDS in Southern Nevada. Businesses are asked to become monthly sponsors of the Piggy program and this month's sponsor is QVegas. Their company sets a goal of at least \$250 for the month encouraging employees and family members to adopt a pig and feed him or her daily. To get your company involved contact Blair Stirek, Blair@afanlv.org or 702-382-2326

World AIDS Day is important in reminding people that HIV/AIDS affects millions of people and impacts humanity on a global scale. World AIDS Day is an effort to link countries together to increase education and eradicate the fatal disease. For more information about AFAN visit afanlv.org ■

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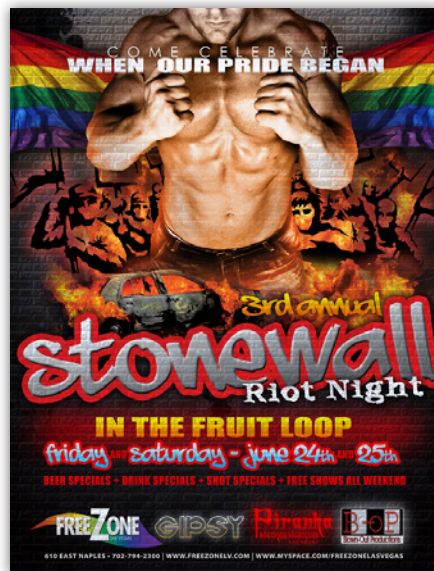
Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada's Charleston health center is now open seven days a week to better meet the needs of its clients. The move reflects PPSN's commitment to open earlier, stay open later and even see clients on weekends in an attempt to bring our affordable and now, more convenient services to our clients on a regular basis. It also provides our clients with the ability to access our services on an emergency basis so individuals who need emergency contraception, forgot to buy another pack of birth control, or who have an infection that needs immediate attention will be able to get peace of mind, and immediate attention to their needs seven days a week. Additionally, many of our other health

centers are making strategic changes to their hours to better serve their communities and clients. "We are pleased to now offer Sunday hours at our Charleston location! Based on client feedback, there is clearly a need for our services that isn't being met," said Stephanie Roberts, Charleston health center manager. To make an appointment or to learn more about PPRM, please visit our [website](http://www.pprmm.com). ■



THE STONEWALL RIOTS

The Stonewall riots, which occurred on the night of June 27, 1969, remains to be an important date within the LGBT community across the states—it was the day pride among individuals began. Designated as a hot spot for gay men and lesbians, the Stonewall Inn in New York City underwent a raid by police officials which, back then, wasn't out of the ordinary.



The raid sparked an uproar among patrons, possibly due to the death of Judy Garland, leading guests to fight back against police who according to The New York Times, often arrested transvestites and harassed customers. It is said that either a "butch" lesbian or drag queen instigated the riot, encouraging more of the Inn's patrons to stand up for themselves.

As years passed, "Stonewall" has become an identifying word among the LGBT community, reminding everyone that there is absolutely nothing wrong with being gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender.

Freezone, 8 1/2, Gipsy, Pirahna and Nevada Beverage are once again hosting the 3rd Annual Stonewall Riot Night in the Fruitloop on June 24 and 25 with live entertainment, beer, drink and shot specials all weekend long. For more information visit events on qvegas.com and celebrate Pride Month. ■

WASHINGTON BLADE

Veteran Washington Blade reporter Lou Chibbaro, Jr. will be inducted into the Society of Professional Journalists DC Pro Chapter's Hall of Fame on June 14th, 2011. Chibbaro has covered the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community in Washington with distinction for more than 30 years as a reporter with the national's oldest LGBT newspaper, the Washington Blade.

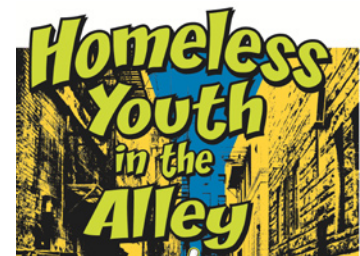
The induction of Lou Chibbaro, Jr. into the Society's Hall of Fame on June 14th will mark the first time ever that a member of the LGBT community's press has been chosen for such an honor.

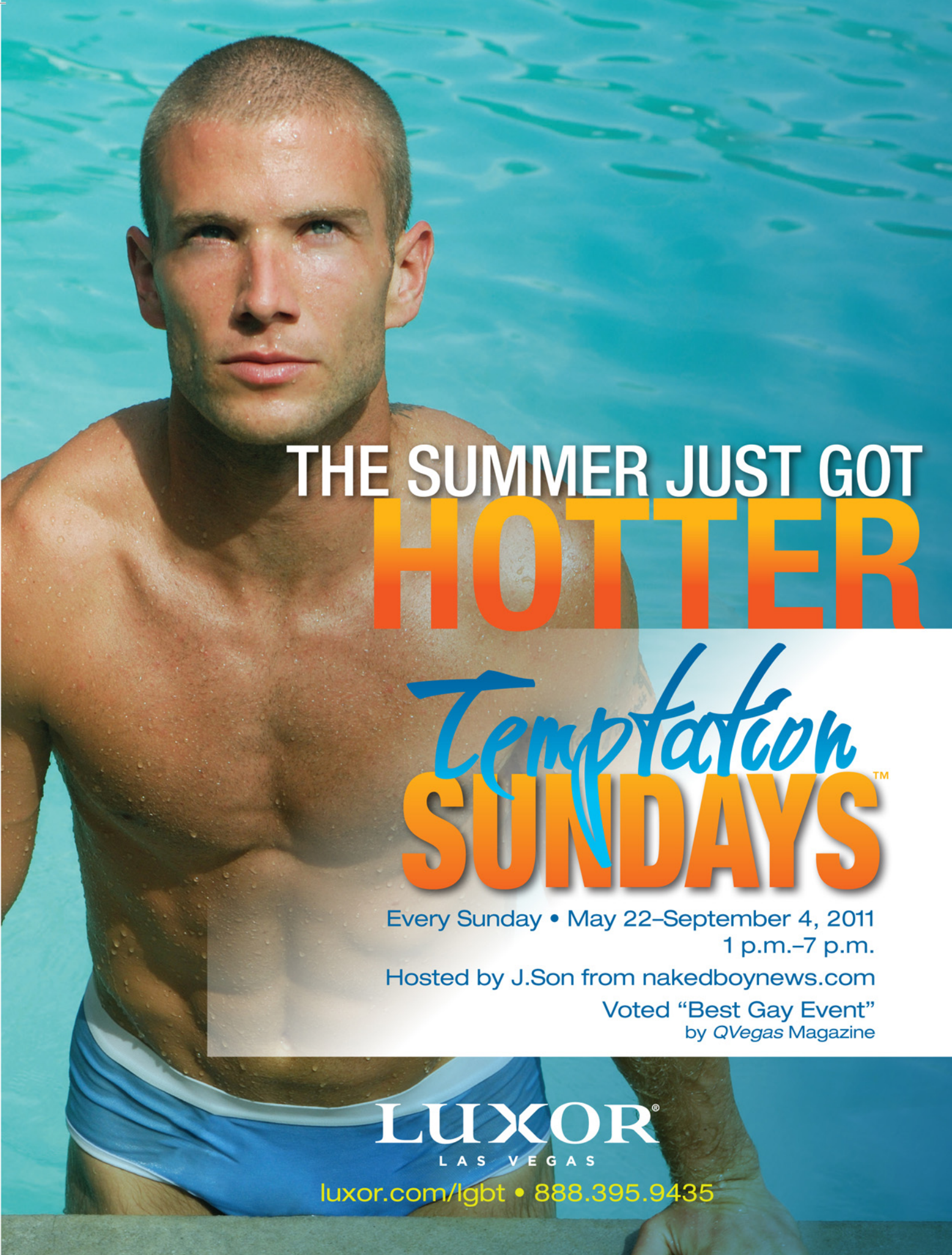
To read the Washington Blade report on Chibbaro's remarkable achievement, visit its newly redesigned website at: <http://www.washingtonblade.com/2011/05/16/blades-chibbaro-to-be-honored/> ■

HOMELESS YOUTH IN THE ALLEY

Here is your chance to meet several MTV *The Real World* Las Vegas, Roommates and have a ball. Grab your bowling ball and shoes and raise money for Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth on Saturday, June 11th from noon to 3 p.m. at Strike Zone Bowling Center inside Sunset Station for Homeless Youth in the Alley bowling tournament.

Register to bowl as a 5-member team or come as an individual for \$40 per bowler and you will receive 5 games of Baker style bowling, shoe rental, T-shirts, gift bags, buffet lunch and a chance to win prizes and 100% of the \$40 bucks goes toward helping clients of Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth. For more information visit events at QVegas.com ■





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NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

Monday, June 27, 2011 is National HIV Testing Day (NHTD). The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) is the lead agency for this event in its 16th year. The United States Centers for Disease Control estimates that one out of five people living with HIV in the US are unaware of their status. NHTD is an opportunity for people nationwide to learn their HIV status and gain knowledge to take control of their health and their lives. In honor of NHTD, The Center would like to remind the community that our free HIV/STD Testing clinic is open from 1:30 – 6:00 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. We offer Rapid HIV screening (same day results), Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia screening (results in two weeks) and Twinrix Hepatitis A/B vaccinations as an incentive for the screening. **All services are Free, but participants must provide proof of Clark County Residency.** For more information, please contact Chris Reynolds at The Center at 702-733-9800 or Chris@thecenterlv.com

Remember: Take Action - Take Control - Get Tested

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL GUY ZONE @ SKY ZONE EVENT!

The Vegas Mpowerment Project would like to thank all of those who stopped by our second quarterly event, Guy Zone @ Sky Zone. We hope you had a great time and learned a lot about safer sex. Vegas Mpowerment Project meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7pm at The Center. If you're a gay, bisexual or transgender man between the ages of 18-29 and want to be a part of a social group that is about creating a safer community for ourselves and others, please join us! We promote safer sex and encourage others to be a part of this change to decrease the number of new HIV Infections in Las Vegas. Please follow us on Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter and Meetup.com to stay informed about our upcoming meetings and events, and please stop by The Center to meet other guys like you.

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SAVE THE DATE – ARTRAGEOUS VEGAS RETURNS!

The Center's second annual ARTrageous Vegas event will be held on Saturday, July 23rd at The Cosmopolitan. There will be a juried art show and reception from 6-7pm, followed by an evening of live art and performance – a true celebration of art in its many forms. Check The Center's website (www.thecenterlv.com) for more details. We look forward to seeing you there! ■

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DRAG!

DRAG is about to get a whole new makeover when the world premiere of a new musical comedy revue plants its very high-heels firmly at the Onyx Theater on May 27. Conceived by Christopher Kenney and Jamie Morris, DRAG! or "Dressed As Girl", features six triple-threat drag performers singing and dancing their way through an all-original score of fierce new songs. They are the ultimate showgirls...if they were girls.

The cast features local drag queens Syren Vaughn, Ginger Grant and Vivian Beaumont along with Aaron Neely and Jesse Highly, both currently starring in Tony n Tina's Wedding at Planet Hollywood, and Charlie Logan from NYC where he has danced with Radio City for the last five years.

With music and lyrics by Hank Bones, DRAG! is directed and choreographed by Christopher Kenney, best know to Las Vegas audiences as EDIE, the Mistress of Sensuality in Cirque du Soleil's "Zumanity" at the NY-NY Hotel & Casino.

DRAG! plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8PM, Sundays at 5PM for two weekends only, May 27-June 5. Tickets for this limited run of six performances only are only \$20 and may be purchased online at onyxtheatre.com or by calling 702-732-7225. The newly renovated Onyx Theatre is located at 953. E. Sahara inside Commercial Center ■



FRESH52 AT TIVOLI VILLAGE

The fresh52 farmers market is a diverse marketplace where 52 Sundays out of the year, Southern Nevada can experience everything that local farmers and artists have to offer. Beginning in May, Fresh52 Farmers & Artisan Market will be at Tivoli Village every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fresh52 Farmers Market is a crossroad where culture, people, and food come together. Food connects everyone. "It captures mo-

ments" said Carrie Hogan, founder of fresh52 farmers market. , "We have provided the community with options to create a healthier food system, and we are bringing families together again. One of our goals at fresh52 is to educate our locals about conscious consumption and to provide a better tomorrow for future generations. When I say future generations, I mean our children and our pets. Pet Health is equally as important to us." For vendor space or more information on Fresh52 other locations visit fresh52.com ■



TEMPTATION

Voted the 2010 Best Gay Event by Q Vegas, Temptation Sundays at Luxor kicks off another year with a splash featuring additional deluxe amenities and VIP seating. This enticing LGBT pool party invites all guests to give in to temptation with captivating themes, cool drink specials, hot bodies and even hotter music every Sunday starting May 22 at Luxor's North Pool.

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the pool with high-energy music, games and drink specials. To welcome guests and keep the party going, J.Son and new resident DJ Matt Lucio host Temptation Sundays every week.

New this season, guests can party like rock stars in upgraded cabanas complete with new furniture, LCD TVs and refrigerators. These ultimate poolside cabanas are available for reservations starting at \$200 with a \$100 food and beverage minimum. Guests also can lounge in luxury and tempt other partiers in Luxor's new daybed and VIP seating areas. Guests are encouraged to join in the fun with themes like Christmas in July, 90s Dance Party and Glam Sunday hosted by J.Son. Plan on spending 4th

of July weekend at Luxor! Summer heats up when Temptation Sunday brings the beat of Pepper Mashay as she returns for another stellar poolside performance.

Temptation Sundays occurs every Sunday through Labor Day weekend (September 4), 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Luxor's North Pool. General admission is \$20; Las Vegas locals and Luxor and Excalibur guests receive discounted admission of \$10. For more information including upcoming Temptation Sundays themes, visit www.luxor.com/lgbt. ■

SUMMER OF 80'S

Fremont Street Experience Hosts The music and culture of the 1980s will take over downtown Las Vegas this summer as Fremont Street Experience hosts "Nina Blackwood's Absolutely 80s" concert series and festival.

Original MTV VJ Nina Blackwood will be guest host to a series of free headliner concerts at Fremont Street Experience. "Nina Blackwood's Absolutely 80s" welcomes the following featured '80s artists: Terri Nunn & Berlin on May 28; Dale Bozzio & Missing Persons on June 4; ABC on June 18; Colin Hay of Men at Work on July 2.

The nightly lineup of Viva Vision shows will include custom productions remembering the decade of the '80s. Also featured on Viva Vision during "Nina Blackwood's Absolutely 80s" will be "KISS Over Vegas" highlighting 1983 hit Lick it Up, "George Thorogood & the Destroyer's Bad to the Bone" including aforementioned 1982 hit and a homage to 1980's chart toppers Queen with "A Tribute to Queen". Also throughout the summer, a 1981 DeLorean DMC-12 will be on display for photo opportunities.

For complete information on the lineup of headliner concerts and nightly entertainment, visit www.vegastexperience.com





RUMOR BRUNCH

Here is the gossip – Sunkissed Gay Pool Party and Addiction, Rumor’s intimate and eclectic restaurant will be hosting the gayest Brunch in Vegas. Every Sunday this Brunch that will either cure the party from the night before or get the Sunday party going! Featuring multiple all-you-can-eat brunch stations for just \$19, the selections include: **Old School Breakfast** featuring Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage and Potatoes; **Omelet Fire Station** with made-to-order creations adding in the freshest meats and vegetables, as well as the **Addiction Station**

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Guests are invited to rent a cabana or just come and enjoy the sights, sounds and libations. For VIP reservations at *Gossip – The Pool* at Rumor, contact (702) 743-2657 or visit www.rumorhotel.com. ■

The community is invited to celebrate the opening of Artifice Bar & Lounge, located downtown next to the Arts Factory, on Friday April 1 during Las Vegas Arts District’s monthly First Friday festivities. Located in a cleverly re-purposed 3,400-square-foot 1950s style workshop space, Artifice brings a new nightlife hotspot to the area. Featuring whimsical decor by local artists, large windows providing views of the neighborhood, and a music room that will feature DJs and live bands in addition to the lounging room, conversation pit, and first impressions room. The bar will be open nightly from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. and offers six beers on tap, a specialty cocktail menu and boutique wines.

Artifice Bar & Lounge is one of several re-development projects made possible by the Urban Lounge incentive that waives the \$50,000 licensing fee for bars opened within the Arts or Entertainment Districts. Artifice was completely designed and built by long-time friends and business partners Brett Wesley Sperry (software designer, photographer, and owner of nearby Brett Wesley Gallery) and Trinity Schlottman (general contractor and manager at Urban Lofts). A grand opening celebration will be held later in April. For more information, visit artificebar.com. *Artifice Bar & Lounge* 1025A First Street (North of intersection of Charleston Blvd. and Casino Center Blvd/Art Way.) ■



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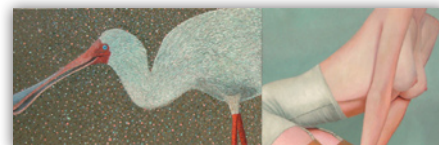
Featuring outdoor theatre under the stars within the breathtaking scenery of Red Rock Canyon, Super Summer Theatre is entering its 36th year of being a favorite local activity. The 2011 season of Super Summer Theatre begins with performances of the classic musical "Annie" on Wednesday, June 8, at the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park. Based on the Tribune Medial Service Comic Strip, "Little Orphan Annie, Annie is coming," the timeless tale of Little Orphan Annie is back, giving a whole new generation the chance to experience this classic musical about never giving up hope. Boasting one of Broadway's most memorable scores, including "It's the Hard-Knock Life," "Easy Street," "N.Y.C." and the ever-optimistic "Tomorrow," Annie is produced by Stage Door Entertainment. Opening night: Wednesday, June 8, with Performances Wednesday through Saturday for three weeks. For more information visit events at QVegas.com ■



BRETT WESLEY GALLERY

The Brett Wesley Gallery located in the heart of the 18b Las Vegas Arts District re-defines the gallery experience and exhibits works that are bold, relevant and of the highest quality. It also reflects Brett's desire to "Share the unique power of art, the joy of ownership, and the enduring value of owning original works." "Plumage" will run from June 2 to July 30 featuring local artist Kevin Chupik as he unveils a new series of paintings in his second solo show. Within each diptych a tapestry of carefully painted dots and dashes explore the formal elements of design and the resultant larger images and symbolism of the human female form and exotic plumed birds.

Brett Wesley Gallery is located at 1112 S. Casino Center Blvd., Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 12 - 6 p.m., for more information visit, BrettWesleyGallery.com ■



RENT

RagTag Entertainment's production of "Rent" raised over \$10,000 for [Golden Rainbow](#) through four performances at [Green Valley Ranch Resort](#) in March. The show also raised a generous amount of money for The Jonathan Larson Grants. Due to the show's success, "Rent" will return to Green Valley Ranch Resort in May and June with proceeds benefiting Golden Rainbow. In addition to "Rent," Rag Tag Entertainment debuts "Secret Show" in July and "Sweeney Todd" in October and November with plans to present "Chicago" in 2012. Tickets for "Rent" are \$15 and all proceeds benefit Golden Rainbow. All performances start at 8 p.m. every Tuesday in May and June. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit the [Green Valley Ranch Resort website](#) or call the Golden Rainbow office at 702.384.2899. ■



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YVETTE FLUNDER

By Charles Béraud

Bishop Flunder is a woman of conviction. Her impressive bio reads as follows: “She was licensed in the COGIC and later ordained by the Bishop Walter Hawkins of Love Center Ministries where she served as Associate Pastor and administrator for the Oakland-based Love Center Church. In 1984 Bishop Flunder began performing and recording with ‘Walter Hawkins and the Family’ and the Love Center Choir. Bishop Flunder is also an ordained Minister of the United Church of Christ and a graduate of the Ministry Studies and Master of Arts programs at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. She received a Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo California.”

In 1991, she founded San Francisco’s City of Refuge, a “thriving inner-city congregation that celebrates the radically inclusive love of Jesus Christ”. In 2000, she founded The Fellowship, a trans-denominational coalition of Christian churches and ministries, which will convene in Las Vegas July 4-10th, for their annual Convocation, “Surviving the Storm”.

It’s a recurring theme: “the radically inclusive love of Jesus Christ”. That concept is in stark contradiction to the argument of those who, spouting chapter and verse, claim that we are heathens bound for eternal damnation. “Well, for one thing”, says Bishop Flunder, “most people who have an issue with the LGBT community, or the same-gender-loving community as I like to call it, don’t really have a great love for same-gender loving people, because people tend to vilify or demonize anything they don’t really understand. Consequently, when people already have a hatred of people, they go to the bible to find a way to spin their hatred. That’s been true of women, that’s been true of black people, it’s been true of people who are Muslim, people who are foreign to our country – just anybody that people hate, what they want to do is go to the bible and get God to hate them too. But that is not a part of our reality. For one thing, it’s not consistent with scriptures and it certainly is not consistent with the heart of God”. In other words, they conveniently select and interpret portions of the bible to fit their beliefs. “Preconceived Pejorative Assumptions”, Bishop Flunder calls it. “If I have a really visceral response to certain people and I hate certain people, then God has to agree with me. (...) I think that people visit their prejudices on God in order to galvanize their already existing prejudices”.



In response, The Fellowship aims “to support religious teachers and laity in moving towards a theology of radical inclusivity which, by its very nature, requires an equally radical social ministry, reaching to the furthest margins of society to serve all in need without prejudice and discrimination.” In short, a ministry that welcomes everyone – each and every one of us.

Bishop Flunder once said: “I ask this question everywhere I go. How is it that so many gifts are disproportionately in the same gender loving people? Who in the world would do our hair, decorate our rooms, write and sing our gospel music? Where would we get beauty and color, dance, poetry, preaching and teaching? In fact, if it had not been for the God-given gifts [in homosexuals] the whole world would be blue.” And she feels that Las Vegas, which she compares to an artist colony, epitomizes just that and more. “It’s a place where spirituality does exist. It definitely was a home for Native Americans spiritualists and spiritual people. We just feel at home there. That’s the best way I can put it.”

For more information about The Fellowship 2011 Convocation & Leadership Gathering, visit their website at <http://www.radicallyinclusive.com> ■

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Celebrating the opening of its second Las Vegas location, BRIO Tuscan Grille inside Tivoli Village at Queensridge partnered with Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN) to host a charity reception, which raised \$8,000 in ticket and raffle sales to help AFAN's fight against HIV/AIDS on Wednesday, April 27.

More than 400 guests were treated to the beautiful Tuscan inspired décor of the new restaurant as well as signature menu items at stations located throughout the restaurant. Providing guests with a variety of appetizers to enjoy, Executive Chef Chris Horning dished up small plates, which included BRIO crab and shrimp cakes, beef carpaccio, displayed on marble sheets, a variety of margherita and BBQ chicken flatbread pizzas, the crisp field of greens salad as well as the ravioli caprese. BRIO also offered guests various complimentary martinis, which are served on Thursday nights at \$5 martini night starting at 4 p.m. Located at 420 S. Rampart, suite 180 inside Tivoli Village at Queensridge. ■

ARTRAGOUS VEGAS!

ARTragous is back for another extravagant year of music, culture and mind-blowing art. The 2nd Annual ARTragous Vegas! will be held at The Cosmopolitan Las Vegas. The party kicks off Saturday, July 23rd with an Art Reception at 6pm, followed by the main event at 7pm. ARTragous Vegas! is an art extravaganza benefiting The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada. This

year they ask "What is ART to you?" One thing's for sure: we are expanding the realm of art and there will be something there for everyone! ■



BETTYS OUTRAGEOUS ADVENTURES

Bettys' Outrageous Adventures has finally become an official non-profit! "The Community Out Project" is an artistic collage of courageous men and women who are proud to be out. This project will not only benefit the Lesbian and Gay Center of Southern Las Vegas Nevada, it is designed to give strength to those in the community who need a little more courage to stand up on their own.

For a donation of just \$5, The Bettys' will take your picture and have you sign your photo along with the date you came out. When the project is complete, they will reveal the coming out collage wall at The LGBT Center of Southern Nevada. Catch the Bettys at any of the community events this year to participate in this community-wide art project. ■



LVGA3

Upcoming Las Vegas Sports activities. On **June 2, 2011** LVGA3 along with Stupak Community Center (351 W. Boston, Ave., Las

Vegas, NV 89101) will be offering a 4-man "King of the Court" style league. In order to make this happen we will need a minimum of 32 players, so we encourage to sign up. Registration will be \$25 per person for the 8-week session. contact lvga3vball@gmail.com. Softball inter league tournament June 5, 2011 at Doc Romeo Park, starting at 10:00 am., and on June 12, 2011 the League will be holding its award Ceremony for information on location contact lohalloran@lvga3.com If you have interest in other sports contact info@lvga3.com ■

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2011-2012 marks a season of change for the Las Vegas Philharmonic and the Nevada Ballet Theatre as they anticipate their moves into the newly completed Smith Center for the Performing Arts in 2012. But don't wait for their Smith Center debut concerts to experience the excitement of Las Vegas' premier performing arts institutions.

Maestro David Itkin opens his 5th season with the Las Vegas Philharmonic this September with a concert at UNLV's Artemus Ham Concert Hall that concludes with Beethoven's 5th. Other works in the opener feature viola soloist and National Public Radio music commentator, Miles Hoffmann.

The LV Phil continues the 4th year of its Pops series in October with a reprise tribute to Frank Sinatra and the great American songbook, featuring Vincent Falcone, Sinatra's former musical director and pianist.

The Masterworks series resumes in November with the audience favorite, "Appalachian Spring" by gay composer Aaron Copland and two, more complex pieces, a violin concerto by Glazunov featuring the lovely soloist Rachel Barton Pine, who made her solo debut at age seven, and Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 3, the "Rhenish."

The Phil's annual Pops Holiday Celebration in December will leave the crisp desert winter sparkling with the sounds of

Christmas and Hanukkah performed by "Phantom: Las Vegas Spectacular" star Kristen Hertenberg and "Jersey Boys" star Travis Cloer, backed by the magnificent Las Vegas Master Singers. And if we're lucky Maestro Itkin will step behind the keyboard to share his debonair baritone.

Rising star, 21-year old Hoachen Zhang, winner of the 2009 Van Cliburn competition, will perform Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor as the climax of a February 2012 concert that includes bi composer Leonard Bernstein's Dances from "On the Town" and Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet Suite.

Finally, on March 24, 2012, Maestro Itkin will baptize the Reynolds Hall stage at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts by conducting nearly 300 musicians and singers in Gustav Mahler's astounding Symphony No. 2, the "Resurrection." Mahler was the closeted subject of William Mann's famous gay novel, "Death in Venice."

The season hits a delightful light note with Broadway star and LV Phil favorite Lisa Vroman singing the hits of George Gershwin, with UNLV jazz studies professor, David Loeb at the piano, in April.

The Philharmonic will conclude its historic season in May in solemn hope and celebration with Dvořák's Symphony No. 9, "New World," Beethoven's "Consecration of the House," and



Respighi's "The Pines of Rome," featuring the Phil's shining brass section trumpeting throughout Reynolds Hall.

The Nevada Ballet Theatre (NBT) will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary Season Gala and its official debut at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts on May 5, 2012. Artistic Director James Canfield said, "Our gala will celebrate the genius of Tchaikovsky, Petipa and Balanchine, as we acknowledge a monumental moment in history that honors the individuals who have supported and brought dance to the City of Las Vegas for 40 years and have gifted all of us and our new home, the Smith Center for the Performing Arts."

NBT's 2011-2012 season will open in October at the magical Paris Théâtre at Paris Las Vegas with NBT sharing the stage with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, performing works by NBT's Artistic Director James Canfield's mentor George Balanchine and a reprise of the 2010-2011 season's stirring "Petite Mort" by choreographer Jiri Kylian, performed to live music. The company will stay at Paris in December for Las Vegas' favorite holiday tradition, the Nutcracker Ballet, the only full-length story ballet one is likely to see while NBT stretches to keep its budget in balance in tough financial times. Canfield credits his board for keeping the ballet financially sound while other arts organizations

falter.

Canfield takes advantage of local talent and the brilliant creativity of artists from both NBT and Cirque du Soleil for the annual Choreographers' Showcase in March on a Strip casino theater stage. This audience pleaser, now in its fifth year, is "designed to stimulate and encourage artistic growth," said an NBT press release. NBT moves to the Smith Center's new Studio Theater for the return of its popular Studio Series, an intimate performance experience that brings NBT up close and personal in works choreographed by the dancers.

Thin wallets mean we look for the best arts bargains for our bucks and both the Las Vegas Philharmonic and the Nevada Ballet Theatre offer world-class performances at affordable prices. Season tickets are now on sale and guarantee you a seat for the debut performances of the LV Phil and NBT at the Smith Center in 2012. Buy your LV Phil season subscription before July 1st and you'll save 10%. LV Phil packages that include both Masters and Pops series, eight performances in all, start at just \$274—less than \$35 a concert. Introductory subscriptions to the NBT are available for as low as \$20. Call the UNLV Performing Arts Box Office at 702-982-7805 for tickets. ■



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This past decade has seen an explosion of social networking, thus negating old fashioned face-to-face networking and geography as key determinants in how we interact with others. Unfortunately, many of these services are limited to *people we already know*. Facebook, for instance, provides a microcosm for people and their current friends or people they meet through other mediums, as opposed to people they may not have met yet. So, what other mediums are there for one to meet new people? Until now, the only way to meet new people would be in a room, either real or virtual, both of which require a basic introduction and a modicum of small talk, all the while with no guarantee that this individual lives anywhere nearby.

Enter Grindr, the location based social networking service that eliminates all of these problems. Where location used to be a hindrance to meeting new people, with Grindr it is an asset. Using the GPS location software embedded in iPhone and Android devices, Grindr allows gay men to essentially meet other men based on where they are, as opposed to what room they are in, or who's friend introduced who at the club. Joel Simkhai, founder and CEO of Grindr, created the company two years ago after – like so many successful entrepreneurs – an idea struck him.

"There was no grand master plan," Simkhai explains. "I just thought to myself, wouldn't it be nice if I could see the guys who are right here in the room with me, or on the same block as me, right around the corner, or even when I go to a new town... I can see who's there; I don't have to go to my computer. So, the idea came about when they announced the second generation iPhone and said that there would be a GPS chip and an app store. I knew then that this was the moment I was waiting for. So, I approached a developer to develop the software and a friend of mine to help me with the branding and the logo; it took us about six months to launch and everything was self funded."

Of course, many may be quick to dismiss Grindr as simply a quick way for gay men to hook up, but Simkhai disputes this fact, and sees a greater purpose for this service. "The reality is that people are meeting friends, they are using it as a travel tool, and they are using it to find love," he asserts. "These are all facts... I can tell you that over 80% of our users have made at least one friend on Grindr. It's multi-dimensional; life is never black and white, especially in the gay world. I'm content to let our users decide how they want to use the service."

With the gay world conquered by Grindr, this begs the question as to what is next, perhaps a lesbian, or straight, Grindr? Simkhai has plans. "We recently started Project Amicus," he begins, "and your readers can go to projectamicus.com to read about it. What we are planning is a mainstream version of Grindr, in that it will show you other users in your area, and tell you more about the world around you. This will be for everyone, straight people and gays and lesbians as well. We want to help you make new connections, meet new people, and make new friends."

If the future of meeting people and interacting with friends is social networking, then the future of social networking will be integrated location based services working alongside the standard "microcosm of friendship." Will Grindr be at the forefront of this potential revolution? Maybe, maybe not, but one thing Joel Simkhai will tell you is that they are grinding away at it, day by day. ■



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The club's operators, Joaquin Trujillo and Matt Chavez, say that the origins behind the club's atmosphere and particular brand of comedy is what entices some of the best comedians in the biz to their stage night after night. "This is not your grandma and grandpas comedy club. Our motto is simple: Live, Love and Laugh. Having the right atmosphere sets the stage for a great comedic experience," says Trujillo.

As 14 year veterans in the entertainment industry, Trujillo and Chavez created the club for the next generation of comedy lovers. "We look for comedy that is both current and relevant to the times and believe that in today's world everyone could use a quality laugh at an affordable price," says Chavez. He goes on to say, "We are lucky to have newcomers as well as experienced comedians from HBO, Comedy Central and Showtime performing on our stage, like comedian Azis Anzari, who sells out even larger venues like The Pearl."

This year, Trujillo and Chavez are pushing their creative chops to new heights and branching out to create themed shows for locals and tourists alike through a new partnership with local E7 entertainment and Gipsy. "We believe there is a niche market for themed shows that center around different cultural and alternative lifestyles," says Trujillo. "By partnering with E7 and Gipsy, we feel it is a natural progression allowing us to achieve our personal goal of bringing great comedy to Las Vegas - Funny is funny."

Speaking of funny, these two men have a keen ear for knowing the goods when they hear it. For locals who long for their moment in the spotlight the L.A. Comedy Club is where you can become a star. "Over the years we have seen a lot of comedians," says Chavez, adding "If you are funny and relevant and clever we have a place for you. We always keep a host spot open so local talent can get up there and spread their wings and, maybe, we get to discover the next generation of star comics."

Great drinks, great crowds and great laughs are not the only elements that keep L.A. Comedy Club packed, it's the overall experience and commitment to their patrons that make them the "It" choice for some much needed comedic relief. "We really cater to our locals you are treated like family, same goes for the talent," says Trujillo. "We offer drink inclusive packages, VIP specials and local specials weekly so feel free to come down and see for your-self or check us out online for details."

The L.A Comedy club is not just a place to go to get your chuckle on, it's a place where you leave your worries at the door, get a drink in your hand and put a smile on your face that lasts that whole night through. For more information on ticket pricing and local specials visit the L.A. Comedy Club online at: www.lacomedyclub.com or visit them on Facebook at "Vegas Best Comedy Club". ■

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They bend their bodies in ways that baffle the human mind, they propel themselves from soaring heights in a crowded theatre as if gravity is only a theory and glide through water like mythical mermaids with power and strength bordering on the super-human. The Le Reve Performers at the Wynn Hotel make the heroes of Grecian folklore seem weak at best.

For the past 6 years, 30 year-old original (and single) cast member and Canadian generalist, Ryan Lyons, has been performing for audiences of over 1500 every night. Patrons from all over the world flock to the Wynn theatre to see this hard bodied performer and his fellow cast mates mystify and overwhelm the senses with their incredible acrobatics.

According to Lyons, being a performer in a major show on the Strip and making 10 shows a week feel less like work and more like play takes discipline, a healthy diet and a good sense of humor. "A majority of the cast of Le Reve are Generalists, like myself," says Lyons. "It means we are trained for just about all the acts in the show and have to be ready for anything including running throughout the enormous theatre, taking elevators, running up and down stairs and being soaking wet for every part of it!"

Fellow cast mate, Generalist Miguel Andres Garcia, illuminates on what exactly makes performing in a show like Le Reve both challenging and rewarding. "The beauty of the show is that it is always changing and evolving allowing us to do different shows every night but what can be a real challenge is working around the constant flux in routines," says Garcia. "It forces us to be adaptable and respond to changes that can happen at any moment."

Endurance levels are key in allowing the performers to withstand the multiple costume changes, harness work, swimming and back stage antics without getting winded. A rigorous workout routine is, apparently, the secret. "We have a team of athletic trainers, conditioning coaches and Pilates instructors who we all



MIGUEL GARCIA - RYAN LYONS - BENOIT BEAUFILS - ERIC CHAMBRAY



work with in and out of our daily rehearsals,” explains Lyons. Lyons can also be found outside the theatre hitting the local LVAC gym or racing in the occasional triathlon to keep workouts fresh. “You could say we are well oiled machines.” He quips.

A healthy diet and fitness go hand and hand, and popular media would have us believe that a performers diet consists of just carrots, a piece of celery and maybe a diet coke. However, Lyons and his cast-mates explain that performers do eat normal food- they just eat smart--rumor squashed. “There is no special diet specifically designed for us,” says Lyons. “But nutrition is a big part of a performers daily regime. For me personally, I tend to lean towards eating smaller meals throughout the day and a diet consisting of a high protein, low carb and low sugar- but I do have my cheat days on the weekends!” Fellow cast mate, Eric Chambray, agrees with Lyons that in order to get through the rigors of the show he requires fuel. “I eat a lot of food! I just make sure to choose healthy options.”

With booming cheers from the crowd and the glare of hot lights and the organized chaos of the stage, you would think that aside from a healthy diet and exercise, the cast of Le Reve would perhaps feel, Anxious, overwhelmed even exhausted Nope. “We make sure to have a good time backstage,” says Benoit Beaufils, French synchronized swimmer and generalist for Le Reve Beaufils and Lyons explain how laughing and getting your mental state in check is how to keep the nerves at bay. “I’m in dressing room D with Ryan, Miguel and about 12 other people,” says Beaufils. “We brought a strobe light and disco ball into the room and at about 5 minutes to the start of the last show of the week, the whole cast meets up and we turn room D into what we call, ‘Club D’ and just start dancing!” Lyons adds, “Having performed in the show so many years, I am pretty level minded before hitting the stage, but yes, our metal game is really important to focus on since it can become grueling given the number of shows we do a week.”

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by Karen Plowden

Hurray for the LGBT progress in the Las Vegas community! This is all great except one problem – we have had incredible focus on the “L” and “G” but not so much on the “T”. Transgender is a word that invokes two main emotions: confusion or fear. Because of these emotions, bills like AB211 were introduced to help discourage discrimination. Other assembly laws include the creation of SB180, SB368 and SB331. With the introduction of these bills, Nevada leans closer to achieving equality within our borders.

Transgender persons experience discrimination from all angles – from the “straight” community and even from the “gay” community. A lot of this discrimination occurs in the workplace. Latest studies from “Injustice at Every Turn”, a report of the national transgender discrimination survey, Forty-seven percent (47%) said they had experienced an adverse job outcome, such as being fired, not hired or denied a promotion because of being transgender or gender non-conforming. It is the lack of understanding that breeds fear and hate towards these individuals, which leaves the Nevada State Senate urged to pass AB211. With the protections extended, AB211 will add “gender identity or expression” to the list of characteristics an employer may not discriminate against.

AB211, sponsored by Assemblyman Paul Aizley, D-Las Vegas, was introduced to extend discrimination protections in the work place to Transgender. The status quo on the current state law states that violation of the protections of “special classes” (gays and lesbians) are punishable by law. AB211 was approved in the State Senate on April 18th with a 29 – 13

vote. That breaks down to all 26 Democrats and 3 Republicans. If this law is signed, it would make Nevada the 14th State in the nation to provide protections based on “gender identity and expression”. Remember, most jobs require appropriate work dress including proper grooming, uniforms or a strict dress code based on the gender you outwardly express. So, your performance is evaluated based off your skill set and not your looks. Over one-quarter (26%) reported that they had lost a job due to being transgender or gender non-conforming and 50% were harassed, according to the same report.

Discrimination doesn’t just stop at the workplace. 53% of respondents reported being verbally harassed or disrespected in place of public accommodations, including hotels, hospitals, restaurants, buses, airports and government

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agencies. SB331, which prevents such discrimination at places of public accommodation, is also on Senate floor, along with SB368, a bill that “prohibits discrimination in housing and certain other transactions involving real property on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression”. It has been reported that 19% reported having been refused a home or apartment and 11% reported being evicted because of their gender identity/expression. In the state of Nevada, the law allows a landlord to serve a no cause eviction notice.

Bill SB180, sponsored by David Parks D-Las Vegas, would add harassment and assault against Transgenders to the list of hate crimes. The bill was sadly stricken down with the bias that protections already extend to “special classes”. If SB180 would have passed, it would make sure Transgenders are not an excluded special class, but part of a regular human right.

So what’s next? At the publishing of this article, Bill AB211 awaits the approval of the State Senate and to be signed by Governor Brian Sandoval. These laws would make the discrimination against Transgender persons actual punishable offences. It is sad that this even has to be a law and even worse to think that the law won’t prevent employers from finding alternative reasons to fire or even not hire persons based on how they feel the person across from them should look or behave. At least, this is a step in the right direction – a disciplinary step – to enforce mankind to be tolerant and accepting. Until the day when we no longer need rules to tell businesses to behave and don’t have to slap them on the hands or punish them because they were being mean to their fellow man, bills like AB211 need all the encouragement and support from all sides of the community. Not just for Transgender advancement, but for the advancement of all mankind. ■

We want to hear your thoughts. Since this article published before any more rulings on the, AB211 bill, we invite you to join in the discussion on:

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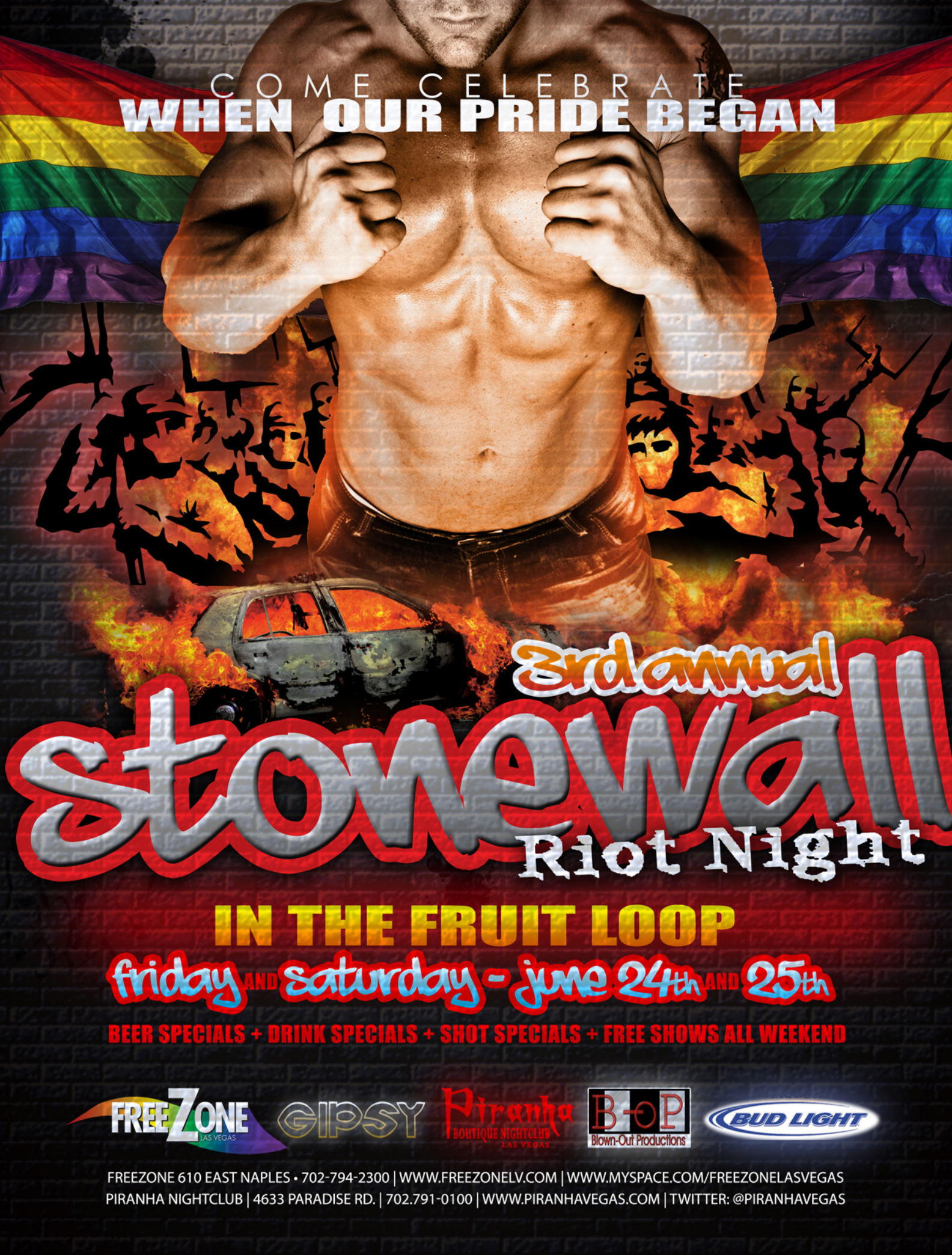
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Peter Jobson is no stranger to the scene. For many years he has been exercising a private interest in organizing events but now he is becoming a force majeure in the industry and people are starting to take notice. I sat down with Peter to find out what makes this modern day impresario tick. So why do you call your business "Blown Out Productions". "Easy really, whatever I do I try to blow you away, I will take your space and work within your budget to create something to blow your event away." No arguments there, your reputation for doing precisely that brought me here. So how did it all begin?" "Well, a buddy of mine (Marc Garcia), and I used to get involved in small time events and it grew. I started doing things at my job, Freezone and I guess we got a good reputation and grew from there." You have a strong identity with non-profits what are

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DALE BACA*POKER OFFICE COORDINATOR, MGM GRAND*

His favorite summer event is Temptation Sunday's at Luxor where he can shed the long pants and dress coat for a day. What makes Dale "So Vegas"? He is an avid volunteer! He believes the value of volunteering keeps our community strong. His favorite non-profits are Community Counseling Center and HRC. Dale was MGM Grand Employee of the Year and MGM Resorts International Volunteer of the year in 2010.

ANGI ORTALIZA*PHOTOGRAPHER, BOOTY BAR GOGO DANCER*

Angie is getting ready to celebrate her summer birthday! Her favorite thing to do in the hot Vegas Summer is Gay Pride, hanging poolside, and the EDC. Angie is the Industry Night Queen of "So Vegas" as she bartends at Minus 5 Ice Lounge, dances at Bootybar and is a "Liqueur Girls Bartender". She graduated from UNLV with a B.A. in Theater Arts and is the owner of photoaddikt.com.

PAUL BOULON*PHOTOGRAPHER AND DANCER*

Paul has a huge list of summer favorite events starting with Vegas pool parties, Heaven, Temptation Sunday and Sunkissed. Yes, he likes all three and can't decide which is the best. You will also find Paul at Pride and the EDC. Paul has danced on the "Strip" with Donny & Marie and, as a fashion photographer, he loves making people look glamorous. That is "So Vegas"!

COLLEEN RAGUE*SPORTS NUTRITION REPRESENTATIVE*

Adorable in her bikini, Colleen can be seen doing her favorite summer thing every Sunday at Sunkissed in her Cabana at Rumor with all her peeps after they enjoy the morning Brunch. She is big on fitness and loves helping others reach their fitness goals. She is also a social, passionate person who meets everyone with a smile and hug making her cheerful self "So Vegas".

MATT FORGIONE*HOUSEKEEPING MANAGER THE M RESORT*

After a long work week, Matt likes to start his summer day weekends by hanging poolside with his close friends. But, he didn't say which pool you could find him lounging under the sun. It just might be the pool at M since Matt used to oversee pool and front desk operations. He loves his career because of the many diverse people he has met through the years and would not change his "So Vegas" life for anything.

KEYSKA DIVA*LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINER*

Miss Keyska, the Diva herself, is "So Vegas" with her beauty and boobs! She loves to cruise the hot summer nights out under the stars! Especially when hanging and dancing the night away with her entourage at Saturdays' Heaven in the Bare Pool. Keyska loves to entertain and has earned a name for herself throughout the community in both gay and straight bars. She is at her best when performing for charity.

T.J. DEGNHARDT*BARTENDER & SERVER D.W. BISTRO*

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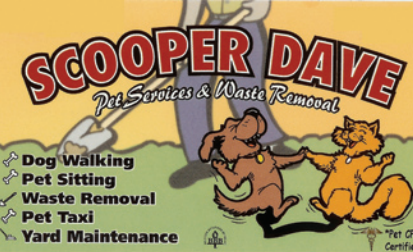
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DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

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AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

Once that "CD" matures come mid month, apply a portion toward that overseas dream vacation (the Greek isles are lovely in the Fall). Splurge for the really good tires when shopping for your "mechanical baby". Don't let a difficult relative spoil an otherwise awesome social gathering on the 18th. It's time to scout for a new financial planner. Look for someone who's not afraid to diversify.



PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 19

Study Sag's message! Financial aspects look quite terrific and should remain so until the Fall. Listen to what experts (in whatever field they may be in) have to say, especially on the 14th & 20th. Stay away from all online dating sites. We don't want a repeat of last Winter, do we? Take 25th-27th for some serious R & R (plus a few "happy hours"). Leave the car keys in the hotel room please of course.



ARIES

MARCH 20 – APRIL 19

June looks calmer than last month was, but you have to be more open minded and listen to your sweetie. Don't try to work too many shifts or a physical burnout is possible. Spend the 13th working on that tan line (or the lack of one-evil grin!). If partying down on the 21st, let someone else do the driving. Good news from back home makes you smile on the 26th. It's much better to listen than talk on the 29th.



TAURUS

APRIL 20 – MAY 20

As baseball players would say, this month looks like a "grand slam home run". It's almost as if you can do no wrong (we said almost!). Keep that "day planner close at hand, to avoid the tendency to overbook). The 12th & 13th look fine for wooing new clientele. Lots of highway driving makes the 22nd & 23rd a bit more tense than usual. Speaking of which: resist the urge to "floor it" on the 26th & 27th, okay?



GEMINI

MAY 21 – JUNE 21

Annual Full Moon in your sign on the 1st gets the month off to a terrific start. You'll be absolutely magnetic when speaking to groups of people. Watch that Gemmy temper on the 8th, as you will have the urge to speak before thinking. Most people will be supportive of your ideas on the 23rd but not all. Listen to what a rival has to say on the 29th. It could prove to be a life altering situation. Spend the 30th in solitude.



CANCER

JUNE 22 – JULY 22

We know how much your sign craves order and having things go about on an even keel. In that sense, you won't exactly love June. However, most of the goals that are set shall be met by month's end. If you feel the urge to turn left, please turn right on the 12th. Important documents finally arrive (in order and complete) by the 18th. New Moon on the 15th really heightens that libido of yours. Lord, help the pool or paper boy.



LEO

JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

The month looks to be action packed and fast moving across the board (Leo's favorite speed of course). Delays/obstacles will be few and far between. That amazing charm should come in handy when dealing with grumpy clients on the 17th. Remember to kiss up to the boss (maybe a 3 martini lunch) on the 24th. Have that vehicle's fluids checked out by the 26th. Agree with your sweetie, no matter what, on the 28th.



VIRGO

AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

There's much to celebrate throughout June. Specific projects that are begun now come to fruition in September. Make the most of an unexpected financial windfall around the 11th. Wait until August to redecorate. That way there's less chaos. Watch that lower back on the 16th & 17th. Let someone else do the lifting. Make sure to not offer unsolicited opinions on the 25th. It could rock the boat.



LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 22

Good fortune seems to rain upon you all month long. Games of chance look strongest after the 11th. Don't allow a sibling to "guilt" you into doing a favor at mid month. It's not worth the aggravation. The 18th & 19th looks best for a much deserved mini getaway (pick somewhere with amazing/exotic cuisine). Atay off those dreaded highways on the 22nd if possible. Get a massage on the 27th, okay?



SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 – NOVEMBER 21

The ability to communicate directly and to the point is one of your strongest assets. Make good use of it during June. Don't waste words! Talk in that natural "shorthand" if need be. You'll find people may be very impatient on the 9th & 10th. Cut them some slack. Your intuition serves you nicely on the 20th. Potential real estate deal around the 25th is a potential "gold mine". Just don't hurry it along.



SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

Incoming cash flow (from at least three sources) looks quite powerful for the next four months. Remember to actually SAVE some of it for a rainy day (remember how it poured last August?). New Moon in your sign on the 15th increases that already powerful urge to get horizontal and naked. That local vacation getaway for late June will prove to be a boost in more ways than one.



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But here are the facts and this is where reality hits the road. Most of the blogs, like local LGBT newspapers, were started with a purpose — some political, some fun and some to further a viewpoint. But few were started with actual journalists or writing professionals, and fewer with media business savvy. They operate with very little expenses and very few employees. You would think that with low overhead and few salaries to pay, they'd make enough money to survive and thrive. But many of them keep their material fresh with volunteers or by pumping the comments section.

The real problem is that, with little staff and volunteers, what they generated for the most part were the same stories being run by most other websites. They might have a different angle on the story, but it still was the same. The other problem was lack of sales to allow them the time to develop to sustain themselves in a changing business environment. It's not easy to have a business plan when your platform is constantly changing. But you cannot underestimate the impact of a lack of professional standards, which can lead to legal problems. This was not only a problem for websites: It was also a contributing factor in the demise of Window Media, the former parent company of Washington Blade and HX magazine.

The publication you are reading now, along with Bay Area Reporter in San Francisco, OutFront Colorado, Dallas Voice, Georgia Voice, L.A.'s Frontiers and a few others, all have something in common. We've been around long enough

that our communities know and trust us and know what to expect from a professional publication. We are also a vibrant part of the community, something hard to do in a virtual world. All those publications mentioned have more than 10 full-time employees apiece, which adds to the local economy. Some of us have more full-time employees than the national blogs combined. Many of them are seasoned

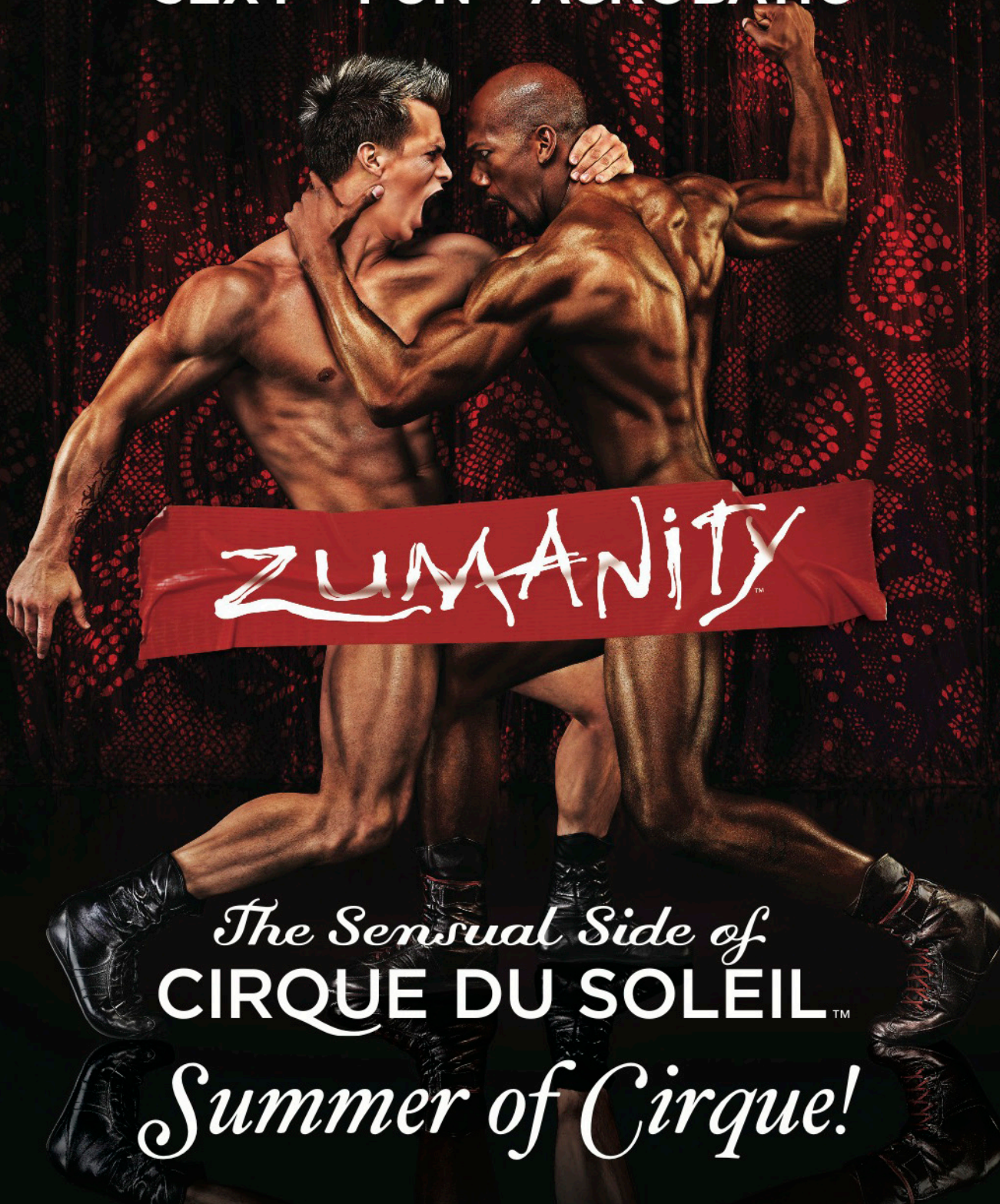
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This column comes as news of the demise of Queerty, one of my favorite sites, breaks, and talk that two others of national renown are considering closing their portals. That continued evolution also has print attempting to find its niche on the web. The New York Times is trying one way while The Wall Street Journal tries another. Web media, LGBT or mainstream, is now the most competitive media there is since literally thousands are created each day. Here's a detail that few seem to realize: It's a competitive world out there and the most competitive business environment is not print but the web. There is no competition for LGBT local print media from the web. The web competes with itself. ■

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