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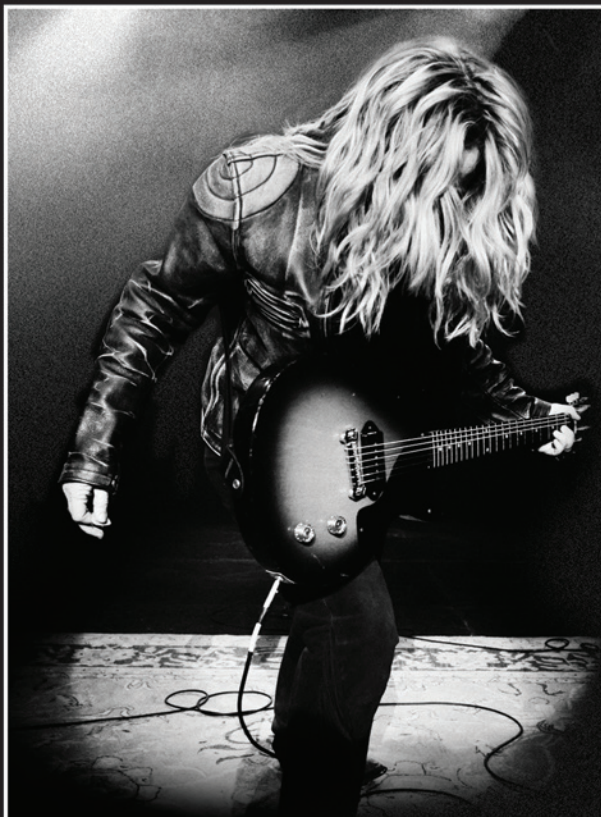
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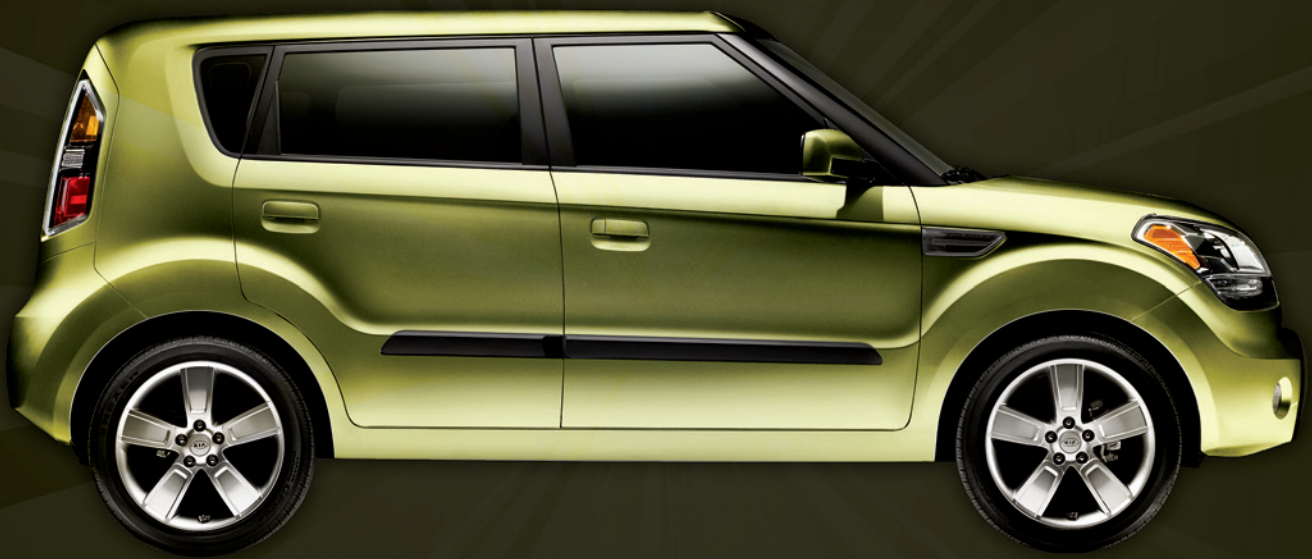
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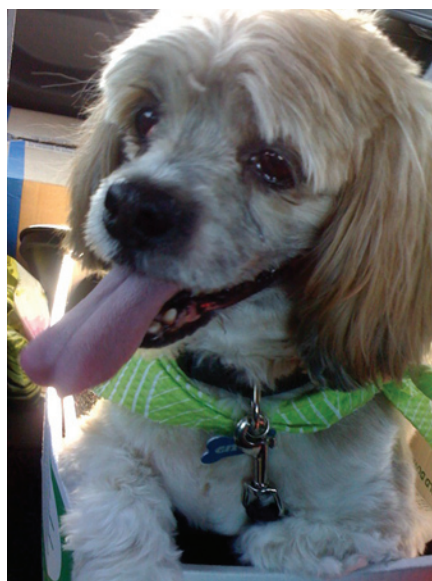
A DOGGONE GOOD ISSUE

Hewwo everyone. I'm Gizmo. You all know my daddy, Cory. I'm giving him a paw this month since he's busy putting together this month's issue, my favorite: the Pets and People Issue. I'll keep this short since my paws are too big for the keyboard and he has to take dictation and translate my dog-speak.

Yesterday was Daddy's Day, and I love my daddies, both of them. I'm lucky to have two nice people who'll feed me, walk me, rub my furry belly and let me nuzzle up next to them and lick them. I like licking. They're salty. My daddies are really good to me, so I make sure I go potty on the Pet Park they bought me. Last night I made a little mess, though. I'm sawwy daddy. I'll love you forever!

Lots of you have your own furry best friends like me, too. Several of you sent in your own photos, and I have to say some of your doggies are deeee-licious. Want to come over and bury a bone with me sometime?

See that picture of me up there? Daddy took that with his iPhone, the old one. I was just too cute for him to pass up the photo op. I was so doggone tired, though. I had just spent all day at Camp Bow Wow, and I can't wait to go back to my new home away from home when my daddies go on vacation soon. I'll get to play



with all my new friends, since I don't get the chance too often.

We hope you all enjoy the magazine this month. Kathy Griffin's in this issue. She has a dog, too. And then there's a story on AFAN's Black and White Party. It must be for dalmatians! Oh wait, Daddy just told me it's not. They have another dog-friendly event earlier in the year when we get to walk with our owners, but this one's a party just for the grown-ups.

My friend Willy B. barked several words about my boy O-bowwow-ma in this issue. He's the new dog on the block and has had a ruff time in office. A lot of you don't think he's mastered all the tricks you've expected, but he's like any young pup: he may piddle on the carpet from time to time, but it doesn't mean he won't grow to be big and strong and everything you expected him to be. Just be patient and you may be surprised by the smile he'll put on your face!



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READER LETTERS

Hello *QVegas*,

I've lived in Las Vegas since 2001, and recently I've noticed a few venues in Las Vegas casinos having a "gay or lesbian" night. Even some of the pools have done so.

Now the reason why I'm writing is because back in 2006, my girlfriend and I had decided to go out to a nightclub on the Strip. As we were out having a wonderful time, drinking and dancing, I had kissed her. Right way a bouncer came up to me and said we were not allowed to kiss each other, and if we continued we would be asked to leave. I was furious, so I said, "I've seen many straight couples doing such and more, are you going to tell them to leave?" Of course he said no. I left it at that, and we left, and this was not the last time this happened.

Now, is the recent trend with the "gay and lesbian pools/nightclubs" at casino venues a sign of the Las Vegas community coming together and accepting the gay and lesbian community, or is it another way for Las Vegas to make money through the rough economy off our community, and pretending to accept us? Maybe you can decide?

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CORRECTIONS

Our June 2010 Women's Issue has had one of our quickest pick-ups ever, and that's due largely to the hot photo of Nikki Caster that graced the cover. We mistakenly omitted the name of the photographer, Logan Alexander, and apologize for the oversight. See more of his work online at www.loganphotos.com. ●

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International Drag Day coming July 16

Where's My Lesbian, an international LG-BTQ artist website, is celebrating International Drag Day in Las Vegas at the Erotic Heritage Museum on Friday, July 16. All funds raised will benefit The Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

International Drag Day recognizes the contributions drag culture has on society today. Several locations are participating, including Brazil, Australia, United Kingdom and United States. This is the second year International Drag Day has been in existence thanks to Adam Stewart, who followed through with this vision. This will be the first year Las Vegas will celebrate this occasion. All over the world on July 16, drag kings, queens and allies are invited to celebrate this day by going out in drag with their friends or creating a show to benefit their community.

This is not strictly an LGBTQ event. "This is our way of bringing together the gay and straight community to raise awareness for a global event and local cause," states Karen Plowden, developer and owner of Where's My Lesbian. "It seemed a shame to have this great event and not benefit anything. So, we decided to ask The Sin City Sisters to be the beneficiary of our show, especially because they use drag to benefit

our community."

Kim Vonganakasame, CFO of Where's My Lesbian, said, "We wanted to give back to the community by donating to the Sisters' SADAP Program." This program is designed to assist individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Southern Nevada with both short-term and long-term acquisition of prescribed medications necessary for their continued physical health and mental well-being. The program will allow these individuals to remain adherent to all their prescribed medications needs and will alleviate much of the emotional stress of monthly financial dilemmas.

International Drag Day Las Vegas on Friday July 16 will consist of raffles, prizes and incredible performances from drag kings and drag queens from the Las Vegas community and even a guest performance from a neighboring state. International Drag Day Las Vegas will be held at the Erotic Heritage Museum from 9-11 p.m. with a \$10 cover charge. Doors open at 8 p.m., with a pre-show consisting of singing, comedy, burlesque and more. The event is for ages 18 and over with wristbands for those over 21.

For more information on the event, visit www.wheresmylesbian.com or send an e-mail to thepuzzleboard@gmail.com. ●

2500 softball players descend on Vegas

The 2010 ASANA Softball World Series will take place for the first time in Las Vegas the week of November 1-6. Women's softball teams from 26 member cities across the United States participate in this event, and Amateur Sports Alliance of North America (ASANA) expects more than 85 participating teams representing 2500 participants.

The ASANA Softball World Series is the largest annual lesbian single sports event in the United States bringing together players, coaches, umpires and fans for five days of sports competition and six nights of partying and social networking. This year marks the event's 25th anniversary.

ASANA's mission is to organize and promote participation of its member cities dedicated to the promotion of amateur athletics for all persons regardless of age, race, creed, religion, sex, national origin or sexual orientation, with an emphasis on participation from the lesbian community. The ASANA Softball World Series takes place on an annual basis

hosted by different U.S. cities and is comprised of four divisions of play based on team skill level.

Created in 2007, the Amateur Sports Alliance of North America is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Previous to the creation of ASANA, since 1985, the women's division of softball was a part of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA).



ASANA is pleased to partner with Co-Tittle National Sponsors Coors Light and Olivia. Other partnerships include American Airlines, Enterprise Rental Car, Miken Sports, Worth Sports and QVegas.

For more information on ASANA, visit www.asanasoftball.com or send an e-mail to asanaseries@gmail.com. ●

August 8 Waldrop/Williamson concert planned to benefit Golden Rainbow

Las Vegas residents William Waldrop and Robert Williamson will present an afternoon concert at the Clark County Flamingo Library Theater on Aug. 8 at 1:30 p.m., with a silent auction and reception beginning at noon. The concert is presented by SinCityQSocials and will utilize actors and musicians from *Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular*. All proceeds from the concert, as well as the preceding silent auction, will benefit Golden Rainbow, the local non-profit organization that provides housing and financial assistance to Southern Nevadans living with HIV/AIDS.

The concert, with music by composer William Waldrop (Assistant Conductor, *Phantom*) and lyricist Robert Williamson, is a revue of original material the songwriting team has collaborated on since meeting on the national tour of *Cats* three years ago and includes music from projects currently in development—*Red Rover*, *Oktasha: A Legend*, and *Pandemic! A Mini Flusical*. The cabaret-style concert will feature a cast of ten singers and dancers and an eight-piece onstage band.

Waldrop and Williamson say of the concert, "The revue is a fun, light-hearted show, with material that may even veer to the edge of the outrageous, but it is also introspective and serious, with both heartfelt and bitter-sweet moments."

Williamson says, "I found out I was going to have most of the summer off, and I was

excited for William and I to try and complete a lot of unfinished material." He went on to say, "At *Phantom*, William has access to some of the most talented performers in Las Vegas, all of whom are always eager to support a wonderful charity like Golden Rainbow."

Waldrop, who will serve as the concert's musical director, will also provide arrangements and orchestrations for the 90-minute concert. Choreography is by Courtney Combs.

Golden Rainbow is a local charity known for their tireless efforts in helping to support the Strip's varied and diverse performers. Executive Director Lea Clayville says, "Clark County is facing a crisis with cuts in federal funding to HIV/AIDS support services. Now is the time for Golden Rainbow to step up and fulfill our mission: when no one else can, we can. However, we can't do it without the support of our patrons, and we invite everyone to *Listen To Our Song* for an incredible afternoon of entertainment for a great cause."

Waldrop and Williamson's songs have been heard most recently at the Las Vegas Composer's Showcase (Liberace Museum), *We Go Together* (BC/EFA Benefits in St. Louis and Pittsburgh) and The Center's ARTrageous Vegas fund-raiser (Aruba Hotel). Their song "Beyond" was performed by the Las Vegas Men's Chorus in their recent concert *I Gotta Feeling*.

Purchase tickets online at www.waldrop-pandwilliamson.com. ●

Adopt and fill a piggy bank to support AFAN

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 Wednesday, Dec. 1. Five-inch ceramic piggy banks, each personalized with a birth certificate, may be adopted by completing a form online at www.afanlv.org or at the AFAN office (701 Shadow Ln., Ste. 170) and may be picked up 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.

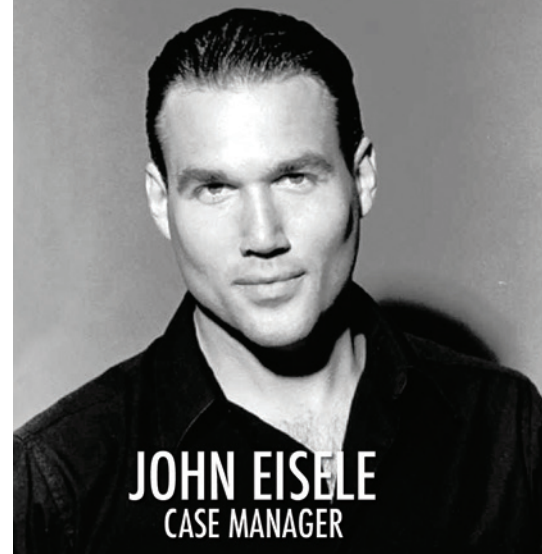
AFAN understands that by keeping

AIDS issues in the forefront during AIDS awareness events such as World AIDS Day, the global community can continue to work together to combat the disease and its effects. World AIDS Day started in 1988 and has since been observed every year on December 1. The day is about raising money, increasing awareness, fighting prejudice and improving education. 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. ●

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HRC announces 2010 Gala honorees

The Las Vegas Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is proud to announce the 2010 HRC Gala Award Recipients. This year HRC will honor Candice Nichols with the Community Leader Award and Tom Skancke with the Pioneer Award.

Candice Nichols began working in Southern Nevada's non-profit community in 1989. In the early 1990s she was the Director of Public Affairs at Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada, and during the height of the AIDS epidemic, became Director of Prevention Education at Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN). After 11.5 years at AFAN, she accepted the position of Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada (The Center). During her tenure at The Center, she has expanded programs, added staff and increased the budget threefold. As she moves into her sixth year, she looks forward to increasing visibility and awareness for The Center and also the new challenges we face as a community in the social justice movement.

"No individual in Southern Nevada has had a more significant impact on the lives of young LGBT Nevadans than Candice Nichols. First, as an outreach worker for AFAN and now as Executive Director of The Center, Candice has worked tirelessly to create a safer environment for LGBT youth and young adults," says Tom Kovach, HRC National Board of Governor Co-Chair and Las Vegas Steering Committee

member. "The Center is the hub of LGBT life in Southern Nevada, with young people routinely coming from as far as Arizona, providing a safe and welcoming place, and Candice is the 'mother' to many of these young people. Under her leadership, The Center has reached new levels of programming and outreach to youth, seniors, and the trans community to name just a few of groups within the LGBT community for whom The Center now offers more than ever before. Every day, Candice is working to foster a more inclusive environment, ensuring that The Center, and our movement more broadly, is affecting more people throughout our community."

"In my work with the non-profit world, as a corporate partner and board member of various organizations, I have rarely come across a leader such as Candice Nichols," says Gwen Migita, HRC Las Vegas Co-Chair and Board of Governor. "The spectrum of human issues she deals with on a daily basis, many times life threatening or life changing, is astounding. To conceive of what she must manage through while growing the LGBT Center to what it is today takes a rare leader. Her life of service and the humility in which she leads has left a legacy of organizations in the Las Vegas Valley: Planned Parenthood, AFAN, Equality Days and Stand Out for Equality, and the LGBT Center."

In 2003, Tom Skancke invited a group of six people to his home to explore the idea of starting a Steering Committee for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) in Las Vegas. Skancke worked long hours recruiting friends and colleagues who would be committed to making Las Vegas one of HRC's strongest communities. He was successful and HRC Las Vegas was formed. Skancke never stopped his mission to mentor and grow the Las Vegas LGBT community. As a result of his own career dealing with local and national government, he became the "go-to person" for political advice and counsel. Skancke has not only been the "pioneer" of HRC Las Vegas, but has served on the HRC's National Board of Directors for four years.

In March of this year, Skancke officially retired his post on the National Board of Directors of HRC. He will always continue to be a cherished mentor and advisor to both the National Headquarters of HRC and more importantly to the family of HRC members and the Steering Committee that he started here in Las Vegas.

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this award than Tom Skancke. This creative genius is a true 'pioneer' in the fight for LGBT Equality both locally in Las Vegas and nationally," says AJ Jenveja, HRC Las Vegas Dinner Co-Chair. "I would be content to accomplish in my lifetime just a fraction of what he has accomplished for the LGBT community over the past seven years. Tom will always be an inspirational role model for many people, including me."

"I was President of SNAPI when Tom took me to dinner and within minutes convinced me to embark on the journey of starting HRC Las Vegas. Because of Tom's vision, many of us have experienced life-changing events," says James Healey, HRC Las Vegas, Governor. "Tom motivates locally and nationally, pushing everyone to fight hard to achieve total Equality. Tom is a mentor, an inspiration, and a dear friend! Tom is a true Pioneer."

The 5th annual HRC Las Vegas Gala will be held on August 28 at the Paris Hotel. Ticket prices range from \$250-\$275. HRC Federal Club member tickets are \$185. Please show your support for HRC and the honorees by attending this year's event. Tickets can be purchased online at lasvegas.hrc.org.

The Human Rights Campaign represents a grassroots force of over 750,000 members and supporters nationwide. As the largest national



TOM SKANCKE

lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender 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. ●

Nichols represents Las Vegas at White House

The White House hosted a reception on June 22 for LGBT Pride Month. It was the second time that LGBT leaders have been invited to the White House since the new administration has taken over. This year, Candice Nichols, executive director of The Gay and Lesbian Community Center, was invited to attend.

"It is an honor and privilege to receive such an invitation, and I am so proud to be present at this historic event to represent our community and the great state of Nevada," Nichols said.

Nichols is on the Board of Directors of CenterLink, the national association of LGBT community centers, and several board members were selected to represent regional LGBT community centers. Invited guests include elected

officials, state and local community leaders, and LGBT Americans from communities across the country—including many youth—who have stood up for equality.

"This is such a decisive time for the LGBT movement, with critical bills being heard, such as the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell passing the House and now in the hands of the Senate, and the Uniting Americans Families Act, which would finally give LGBT couples and families a path to sponsoring partners and keeping LGBT families together.

"It is an immense and exciting opportunity to be at the White House among the top leaders and representatives in the LGBT social justice movement, not to mention the President and First Lady," Nichols said. ●

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Fremont Street celebrates Summer of the '70s

The music and culture from the decade of the 1970s returns to downtown Las Vegas this summer as Fremont Street Experience presents the "Summer of the '70s" festival and free concert series. The 102-day promotion kicked off Memorial Day Weekend and will run through Labor Day Weekend.

"This year, as a follow-up to last year's successful 'Summer of '69,' which drew record nightly crowds to downtown Las Vegas, we decided to move to the next decade and focus on the 1970s," said Jeff Victor, president of Fremont Street Experience. "Throughout this summer, we will present headliners and tribute bands who will bring back the diverse music of the '70s, everything from classic rock to disco."

To open the "Summer of the '70s," Fremont Street Experience hosted disco diva Gloria Gaynor for Memorial Day Weekend. The Little River Band will be featured on July 3, Blue Oyster Cult will play Aug. 14 and Jefferson Starship will rock Sept. 4 during Labor Day Weekend.

Jefferson Starship's return performance from last summer is part of the band's 40th anniversary tour.

Along with the free concerts, "Summer of the '70s" will present a free stage show—"Fremont Street Fever"—performing Thursday through Monday at 9:15 p.m., 10:15 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. on the 1st Street Stage. Fremont Street Experience will also host 10 weeks of tribute bands that will showcase legendary groups like The Rolling Stones, STYX, Eagles, KISS, Deep Purple, Fleetwood Mac, Journey, Heart and AC/DC. The tribute bands will play Tuesdays through Saturdays nightly on the 3rd Street Stage. ●



Kreloff exhibits works in Henkel gallery

East meets West iconic pop culture sizzles when Martin Kreloff presents his "Stars and Sumos" collection to the Laura Henkel Fine Art Gallery, July 1-2. The exhibition will run until Aug. 21.

Kreloff studied under the giants of Warhol and Lichstein. He is best known for his portraits of classic iconic Hollywood celebrities whereby he equalizes the two extremes of fame and obscurity to present them with equal fanfare. His artwork is profoundly influenced by Miami's Art Deco tropical noir of Technicolor patterns. "Stars and Sumos" reflects Kreloff's witty and whimsical, contemporary style.

Gallery owner, Dr. Laura Henkel, states that "Kreloff's portraits are the 'must haves' by elite clientele as he is able to capture the essence of his subjects with bold use of vibrant colors." He recently completed a portrait of Senator David Parks, which will be utilized in the Senator's campaign for his reelection.

The Laura Henkel Fine Art gallery is located at 107 E. Charleston, Ste. 100, in the heart of the Las Vegas Arts District. For further

information, call (702) 952-9656 or contact www.laurahenkel.com. ●



Military men and admirers join forces for Deployment Vegas annual gathering

Who doesn't love a man in uniform? Hope Nevada LLC is organizing its annual gathering in Las Vegas for gay military men and their admirers called Deployment Vegas. Military men will converge Aug. 13-15 at the Blue Moon Resort (2651 Westwood Dr.).

Events include a BBQ mixer at the clothing-optional pool on Saturday, Aug. 13. Later that evening is the Camouflage Ball, the weekend's main event featuring special guest Reichen Lehmkuhl, who's an *Amazing Race* winner, actor, author and former Air Force Captain. A "Recovery" pool party on Sunday

wraps up the weekend.

The weekend is open to all. Most attendees are reserve and retired military men who miss the camaraderie they experienced in the service. Not military? Not a problem. Deployment Vegas is for anyone who enjoys the company of military men.

Enjoy the weekend events, along with everything Las Vegas has to offer—great shows, incredible restaurants, and non-stop nightlife.

For more information, visit www.deploymentvegas.com or send an e-mail to info@deploymentvegas.com. ●

Blue Man Group still going strong at Venetian



Wildly popular around the world, Blue Man Group defies simple description. A musical feast? Yes. A rollercoaster of comedy? Absolutely. A stunning mix of technology and raw imagination? You bet. It's all that and so much more.

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Inspired by a hot flash and a bottle of wine,

writer/producer Jeanie Linders created the show as a celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived "The Change." The Las Vegas cast includes Paige O'Hara, who was the voice of Belle in the Disney classic *Beauty And The Beast*, as well as local favorites Laura Lee O'Connell, Skye Miles, Annette Verdolino, Sandra Benton, Lori Legacy and Cheryl Spencer.

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Celebrate the red, white and blue

It's July and time for us to celebrate the birthday of our great country. I usually give you the naked truth about the news or hot topics. However this month I want to give you the naked truth about the best places to go and celebrate July 4th.

This is, after all, the best time of year to enjoy a weekend getaway; the summer has just begun and you need a little time to relax and have fun. Here are my tips for things to do in Vegas as a "stay-cation" and weekend trips close by.

Looking for something to do close to Vegas this month? I recommend the cabins at Mount Charleston. When the heat of the desert gets too hot, take the 35-minute drive to Mount Charleston. Rent a cabin at the lodge and stay overnight, enjoy the stars in the sky and hike in the morning.



Another idea for a stay-cation is the Strip. We do, after all, live in the Entertainment Capital of the World. Try out the updated tower rooms at Luxor or the posh rooms at Encore. And head over to Temptation Sundays LGBT pool party on Sunday afternoon and join in the games for a chance to win fun prizes every weekend. As the host of this event I promise July 4th at the pool will be an incredible time as we welcome the hotties from Body Boyz United.

Maybe you want to get out of town for a weekend getaway. Have you thought of the Grand Canyon? It's so close and an amazing national park; you should take the drive to Arizona and go camping near Grand Canyon Village. Make sure to book early, as this is peak season for the park.

For more ideas and places to check out in Las Vegas over the July 4th weekend check out the events page of my website—Naked-BoyNews.com. Make sure to share photos with me of your celebrations; I'll post some of the best photos on the site.

Remember to have a fun time and always be safe and never drive drunk.

Have a NAKED July 4th! ●

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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Griffin.

The infamous, two-time Emmy-winning, and all-around funny Kathy Griffin has become the talk of the nation thanks to the previous seasons of her show, *My Life on the D-List*.

With an upcoming new season and a Vegas show at The Colosseum, she has a new kind of comedy in store, as well as very interesting new episodes. It's no wonder Griffin does her own "twats" on Twitter, where she can reach her fan base on a very personal level with something witty always on her mind.

"Well, first of all, bring an open mind because it's more swearing and inappropriate language—I'm hoping to offend as many people as possible, especially groups of people," Griffin said of the upcoming show at Caesars Palace on Saturday, July 10.

Griffin reminded us of the shows from which she is banned for being too outrageous (but that's why we love her, right?) like *Regis and Kelly* and, of course, *Ellen*. She doesn't need shows like those since season six of her own show has just premiered on Bravo; it airs every Tuesday at 10 p.m. She is excited for her new episodes with a combination of reality TV and the usual Griffin comedy. Her assistants, Tiffany and Tom, are also back for some more Griffin action.

The show will have special guests like *Law & Order: SVU* star Chris Meloni and, in that same episode, "Liza-Fucking-Minnelli." She said she couldn't believe it. She's had so much fun on her show but has experienced great opportunities. The new season is filled with comedy and amazing celebrities.

In one of the new episodes, Griffin visits

Washington D.C. She meets protesters on Capitol Hill to become part of a rally against Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Griffin is very proud of this episode. She experienced the excitement live as well as met the real people affected by this policy.

"I hope the gay community watches it and contacts their representative and tells them how they feel about this policy," she said. "Obviously it's a very antiquated policy and really harms a lot of military members and their families."

She learned a lot from this episode when she also attended her first Senate hearing (and got kicked-out as well) and had a confrontation with Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann.

On June 11, her stand-up show, *Kathy Does the Bible Belt*, premiered on Bravo (and warned the audience it's not for kids). Griffin loves to do shows like this one, and that's why she travels to 130 cities a year. And this year, Sin City was one of them.

Griffin jokingly said anyone can be game for the show, from Scientologists to Lady Gaga's appearance on *Larry King Live*, which she laughed and said, "is of those unexpected gems that I thought, oh my gosh I can't get to a microphone fast enough. That's the one thing about celebrity culture; really it's the gift that keeps on giving."

What does Griffin *really* think of Las Vegas? She said the great thing about Vegas is not knowing who will appear in her audiences, from the high-rollers sitting in the front row to the people who obtain tickets for free. Once they see Griffin on stage, they have a disappointed look on their faces. She is thankful

for having "her gays," soccer moms and open-minded straight guys in the audience, because in Vegas you never know what you will get.

Griffin not only supports her gays, but she is an animal lover. She recently lost her 13-year-old dog, Chance, which was difficult for her. Having a second dog named Pom Pom made her want another dog. So, she rescued an emaciated dog from Taiwan. She jokingly said they told her he was 5-years-old and trained, but they lied to her. Her new dog is about a year old, and weighs 100 pounds.

"I don't know what I was thinking," Griffin said. "I love them as watchdogs. Second of all, it's that unconditional love. I'm on the road so much that the only thing that really want is, one, my mom, but number two I just want to see the doggies, and that's the first thing I want to do."

She has been one busy bee. On June 17 she appeared on *The Howard Stern Show* and has many upcoming events "twatted" on her Twitter. Make sure to follow her @kathygriffin.

So with the success she is having, will she ever have a permanent Vegas gig? "If I were going to pick a city, I would certainly pick Vegas." ●

Everyone's favorite reality TV mom, Maggie Griffin, just released her own book, *TIP IT! The World According to Maggie* on June 29, in which she details what it's like to play the spotlight-stealing mother to her hilarious, loudmouthed "D-List" daughter.



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Nearly anyone active in the Vegas gay nightlife scene in the past few years has heard of Eduardo Cordova. He's the mastermind behind Closet Sundays, which originated at Cathouse inside Mandalay Bay but has moved to—and has been a smashing success at—The Beatles Revolution Lounge at The Mirage.

Cordova's latest successful effort is Heaven, a Saturday night party held at the Bare Pool Lounge, also at The Mirage. The Light Group, which owns both these venues, has been an indispensable force in increasing nightlife options for LGBT patrons on the Strip and helping grow the Eduardo Cordova Presents brand.

Closet Sundays and the new Heaven event both draw a young, fun-loving crowd thanks to the assortment of well-known celebrities, DJs and entertainers who appear week after week. What Cordova has in store for July is no exception.

Every Saturday night in July, Heaven will be hosted by the ladies of the popular reality competition, *RuPaul's Drag Race*. Kicking off the month, on July 3, is season one's Ongina, who is hosting and performing during the Big Top Circus party. The night will feature several specialty acts as well as an Andrew Christian fashion show.

What led Ongina to help Cordova bring the *Drag Race* girls to Vegas? "After the run of season one, I was lucky enough to perform in Las Vegas at Krave Nightclub! I had an amazing time! See for yourself on YouTube," she says. "I didn't return until recently when Eduardo from Revolution contacted me because his significant other made sure I was the best bet, and before you know it, I was on a flight to Vegas to serve the children once again! It was an amazing night! It was an intimate evening and one that I definitely remember. But, what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas!

All Good Drag Queens Go To Heaven

"Now Vegas is about to have five amazing queens come for the the month of July including Jujubee, Raven, Tyra, Pandora and yours truly at Bare Lounge for Eduardo's party, Heaven! I kick it off on July 3, and I promise to put on a show!"

Jujubee, from season two, will appear the following week on July 10. Subsequent performers appearing at Heaven throughout the month are Pandora Boxx (July 17), season two winner Tyra Sanchez (July 24) and season two runner-up Raven (July 31).

It's not on every reality show that the contestants from different seasons have had the chance to cross paths, but Ongina says, "The amazing thing about this whole thing is that season one and season two girls are building a friendship since there are many places cross-booking girls from both seasons. I've had the great pleasure of working with some of them, including Morgan, Raven, Pandora, Sahara and, of course, Jujubee. I've also met Tyra, Jessica, Tatiana, Mystique and Shangela, and I can honestly say that the pressure of filming and the competition definitely adds to their cattiness, but in person, it's a different story."

Several cast members from both seasons of *RuPaul's Drag Race* crossed paths again during the filming of the new show, *RuPaul's Drag U*, which premieres July 19 on LOGO.

"*Drag U* is going to be an amazing show!" Ongina says. "It empowers women to find their inner diva and get the chance to shine on stage, with the help of season one and season two *Drag Race* queens of course! I can say that it will show a side of me that people have never seen before."

Come out July 3 to see, live and in person, the side of Ongina so many enjoy: the performance side, sure to delight, entertain and amuse the crowd. Then follow it up every week with another trip to Heaven. Cordova is pulling out all the stops to ensure a great time will be had by all.

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Frank Sinatra. Dean Martin. Elvis. These names are iconic elements of Las Vegas entertainment history and are now being remembered in *Vegas! The Show*, featuring Eric Jordan Young.

The triple-threat performer has taken up residence in Sin City to be a part of the new stage production, returning to the neon lights from a run with the Public Theater in New York City. Though this is not Young's first time in Las Vegas.

The entertainer became a part of Las Vegas entertainment history himself, appearing in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Starlight Express* at the Las Vegas Hilton from June 1994 to Sept. 1996.

After national tours and residencies at stage shows across the United States, Young says he is excited to be back in America's playground.

"I love that Vegas is always reinventing itself," Young says. "Vegas is a place that you can do anything. It competes with so many other cities in the world now."

Also part of Young's allure to Las Vegas is that he gets to honor its history nightly at the Saxe Theater in the Miracle Mile Shops at Planet Hollywood.

"*Vegas! The Show* isn't going to be something that is just for tourism, it's a show that celebrates the history of this town and this city," Young says.

The show pays tribute to some of the city's most influential performers and will be complete with a big band orchestra and a lineup of showgirls.

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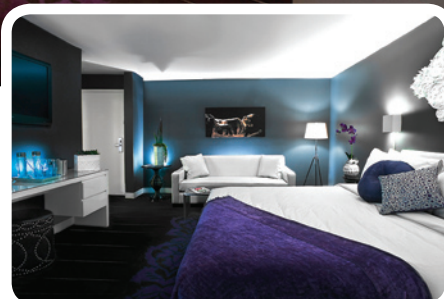
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It seems that every decade, Las Vegas produces a few genuine mavericks with the vision to take a new path and veer from the status quo. The '90s saw Steve Wynn, Peter Morton and George Maloof change the way things were done. Now, in 2010, the Las Vegas landscape has changed; business is different and the old paradigm of building bigger and larger no longer works. Today, it is about being different and unique—new ideas, new concepts and that is what makes the timing right for Stephen Siegel, founder and president of The Siegel Group, to jump into the game and create a new category of Las Vegas lodging—the Boutique Chic Retreats.

The Siegel Group, the Las Vegas and Los Angeles-based hotel, real estate and business development company, is now setting a new standard by creating the ultimate Las Vegas escape destinations with five distinctive Las Vegas boutique hotel properties: Rumor, The Artisan, Gold Spike Hotel & Casino, Oasis at Gold Spike and The Resort on Mount Charleston.

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Do you have your shiny new **iPhone 4** yet?

As this issue was making its way to the printer, most of the QVegas staff were heading to the store to pick up our new iPhones, and we're so excited! Unfortunately, not a lot of case options were available on launch day. Fortunately, most major iPhone accessory manufacturers are racing to get their new merchandise on the shelf. The cases below are expected to be available in July or soon thereafter.



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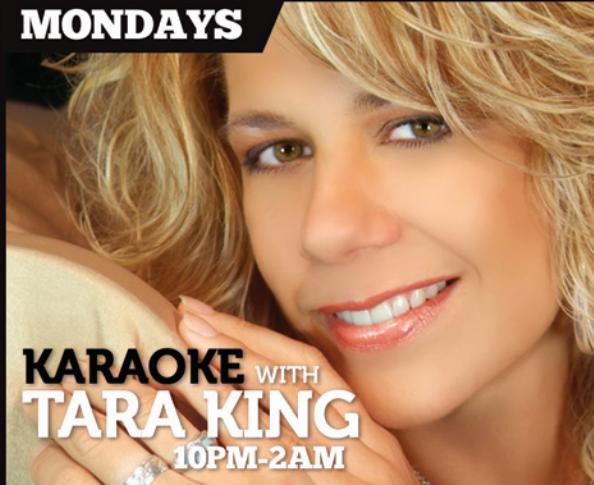
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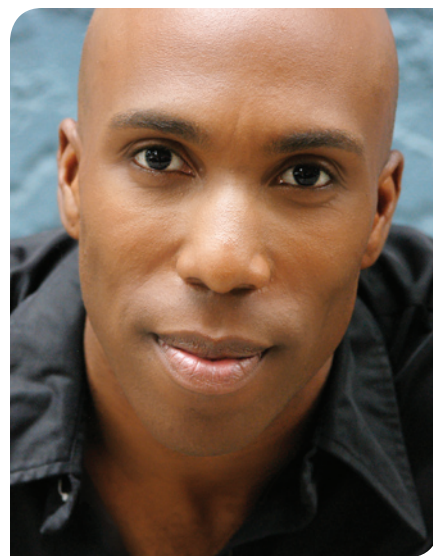
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Young states there are more than a few segments of the show that he loves to perform, though confirms he most enjoys the moments he musically salutes the "World's Greatest Entertainer" Sammy Davis, Jr. with "What Kind of Fool Am I?"

The performing artist will soon give homage to Davis, Jr. solely in his one-man show *Sammy & Me* at the Tony-award winning Alliance Theater in Atlanta. After the Oct. 1-24 run, Young commented he would like to return to the Saxe Theater.

"I'm going to be with *Vegas! The Show* as long as I can, up until I need to jump in rehearsals for *Sammy & Me*. I'm hoping that the show will have me back to stay here in Vegas after I complete my run."

With hopes to return, Young says making the Mojave desert his home is something he would enjoy doing.

"I would love to make Vegas home for a while. I love the energy here, I love the people here," Young says. Originally from Buffalo, New York, the Ithaca College graduate commented on his aversion to blizzards and affection for what Las Vegas is also known for, it's temperature. "A lot of people complain about the heat here, but I actually love it."

The Buffalo native also comments he enjoys the activities that Las Vegas and the surrounding area has to offer, specifically Red Rock National Conservation Area and the Grand Canyon.

"I love Vegas," he says. "I love the heat, the passion and the curiosity that people have of this town and how it's always investigated."

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AFAN's 24th Annual Black & White Party will be held this year on Saturday, August 21, inviting partygoers to join the fight against HIV/AIDS with an evening of unique entertainment, exquisite cuisine and fresh libations from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

What began around a backyard pool with canned goods and good intentions has evolved into one of Las Vegas' signature fundraising events. Once again, AFAN teams up with Hard Rock Hotel and Baskow & Associates to embellish The Joint with black and white decor (with hot pink accents), filled with an avant-garde crowd ready to party for a cause.

Guests will receive a full sensory experience, with a non-stop entertainment line-up including: the mash-up of renowned DJ Axis; celebrity impersonators; appearances by Las Vegas headliners including longtime AFAN supporters Penn & Teller; co-hosts Mary Murphy of *So You Think You Can Dance* and local TV anchor/reporter, Chris Saldaña; Dawn Wells of *Gilligan's Island* and more.

Guests will be treated to tastings from some of Las Vegas' premier restaurants, including: Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's

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Tickets to the 24th Annual Black & White Party are \$35 per person (\$40 at the door), which includes complimentary drinks and cuisine. Special weekend room rates and dinner packages at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino are also available.

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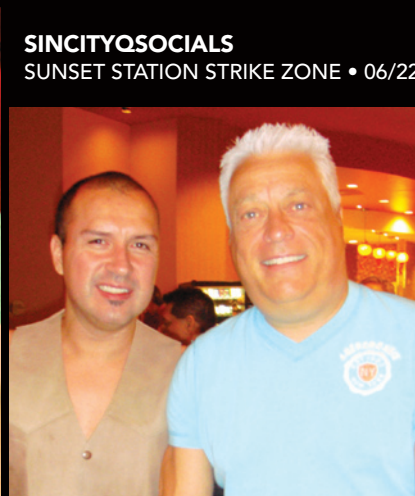




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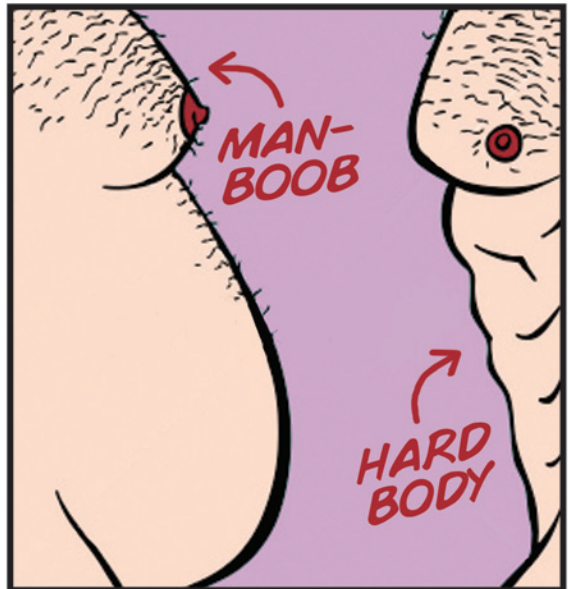
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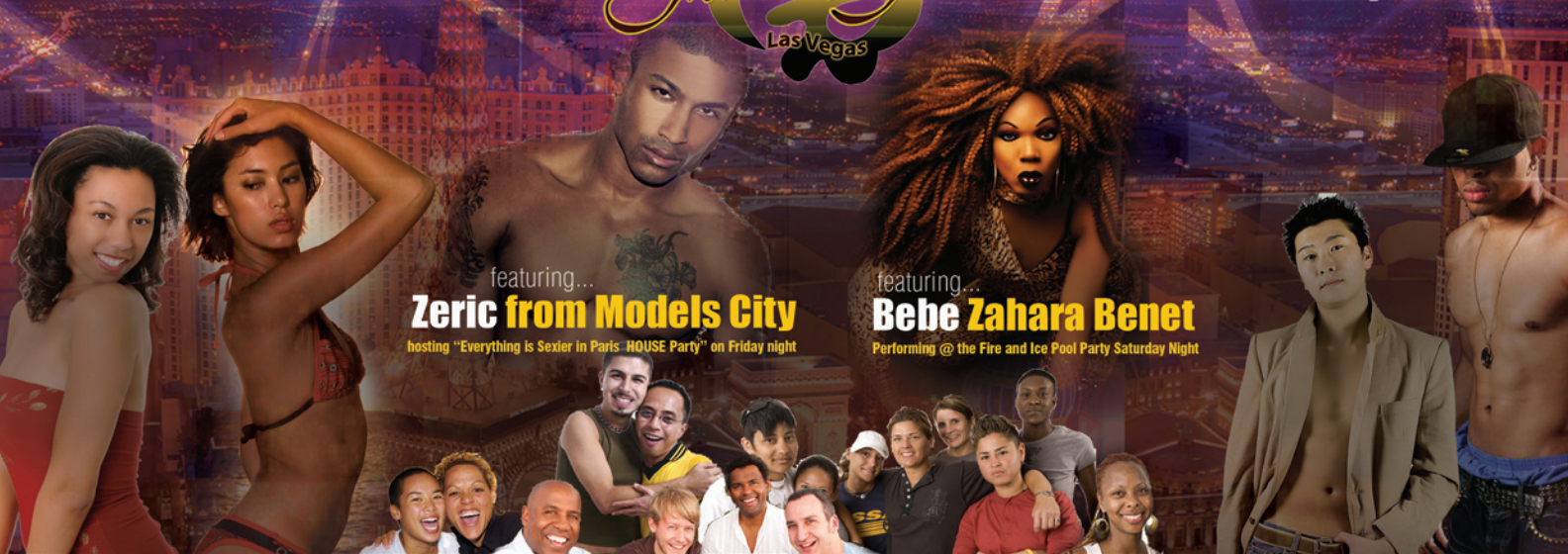
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BY ANN FEISTER

Planning a vacation is stressful enough to make some of us cringe at the thought of having to scour the web for the best deals on flights, hotels, rental cars and a slew of other necessities. And if you're a pet owner on top of all of the stress of planning your trip, you also have to plan for your fuzzy little friend's needs while you're away. If the thought of leaving Fido or Fluffy home alone or at a kennel is adding more worry than relief to your planning, then bring them along for the fun.

Traveling with your pet is so commonplace now that airlines, hotels and restaurants are all changing their policies towards pets to make the trip easier not only on your nerves but also your budget. Flying with pets is easier than

ever. Southwest Airlines no longer requires that you have a certification of good health for your pet to fly, saving you a trip to the veterinarian's office before travel. Almost all airlines charge a fee to fly with a pet, though. Virgin America allows pets for a fee of \$100 each way, JetBlue also charges \$100 and Southwest charges \$75. JetBlue sells a pet travel kit that includes a blanket, a bone, a bowl and a carrying bag as well as offering their JetPaws travel guide, which can serve as a handy reference when looking for a dog park or pet-friendly hotels and restaurants in your destination city. You will always have to call when booking your flight to make sure that your pet can fly with you; be certain to get a copy of the airline's policies on carrier sizes and required paperwork for traveling with pets when booking.

Hotels that allow pets to stay with no additional fees are hard to find, but both the Westin

and La Quinta Inns let pets stay free of charge, and the Westin provides a "heavenly" dog bed, a welcome bag and treats.

The Four Seasons in Las Vegas will allow pets under 25 lbs., but if you leave the room, they insist that you arrange with the concierge to have a pet sitter come and keep an eye on your pup at a going rate of \$80 for the first 4 hours.

Some hotels will charge a small, non-refundable cleaning fee. The Loews at Lake Las Vegas, for example, welcomes pets of all sizes but they do require you to pay \$25 for cleaning, and you do have to sign a pet agreement that states that if your dog is barking while you're out of the room, the hotel has permission to remove the dog from the room. All-in-all not a bad deal if your pet is well-behaved. ●

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GAY RIGHTS & THE OBAMA PRESIDENCY: A LOOK BACK

By William Bessette

The election of Barack Obama to the presidency in 2008 marked a tectonic shift in many ways, as the country lurched back to the left from the rightward track it had been on under George W. Bush. For many, this was seen as inevitability after eight disastrous years under Republican rule. For the LGBT community, it looked to be an opportunity it could not afford to miss.

While the LGBT community usually always votes for the Democrat, in 2008 it was even more pronounced, as we voted overwhelmingly for Obama. He fanned the fires and made a lot of promises on the campaign trail, eager to get as much of that vote as possible. Thus far he has received mixed reviews for his efforts, with some saying he hasn't done enough and others saying he's doing everything he can considering the circumstances. So where does he stand on the issues today?

GAY MARRIAGE

Promise Broken

Sure, Obama never promised to make gay marriage a reality, and I initially would have given him a pass on this one, considering nobody expects him to come out swinging on gay marriage in an election year (or any other year, really) but when the administration issued a legal brief on June 16 defending the law that prohibits federal recognition of same-sex marriage, that went too far. Sure, America "might not be ready" and the voters have indeed banned gay marriage in many states, including this one, but to be actively supporting the Defense of Marriage Act, something he opposed during his presidential campaign, he deserves a serious "Promise Broken." Prediction: No movement at least within his first term, as they hope that domestic partnerships and civil unions adequately placate the LGBT community.

MARRIAGE RIGHTS

Promise Kept

There has been quite a bit of movement on marriage rights since Obama's election, though quite a bit of it has happened at the state level. Still, I give Obama a "Promise Kept" because he has been using the bully pulpit of his office to push for marriage rights for people in same-sex unions, possibly at the expense of actual gay marriage, however. This year he even expanded certain benefits for gay or lesbian federal employees and their spouses, though actual health care benefits remain restricted by congress. Prediction: Will progress slowly, mostly at the state level, with Obama doing some helpful, but minor, changes at the federal level throughout his first term. Ultimately, the question will come before the Supreme Court.

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In Progress

There was quite a bit of clamor in the first year of Obama's presidency, as many activists felt that he should have addressed this issue immediately. Though it has taken longer than some would have liked, there has been movement on this in 2010. The Pentagon is currently reviewing the policy, a process that should be complete at the end of the year, and both the Senate and House have passed a measure that would change sections of the law 60 days after the military's review. What does all this mean? Maybe we haven't gotten to gays and lesbians being allowed to serve openly, but they certainly won't be getting kicked out for it once these changes go into effect in 2011 and beyond. Prediction: Promise Kept by the end of his first term.

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In Progress

The ENDA bill has been floating around in various forms for quite some time. Most recently it was introduced in both the House and the Senate and has a large number of sponsors and co-sponsors. Obama has voiced support for the bill and has signaled that he will sign it into law upon its passing. The most notable recent development

surrounding ENDA was the inclusion of "transgender" within the bill, which had not been the case prior to its most recent incarnation. Unfortunately, Federal Employees are still not covered in ENDA and do not face any sort of protections. Prediction: Promise Kept by the end of Obama's first term, perhaps by the end of this year if it passed congress.

This argument can cut both ways, of course, but it is hard to dispute that Obama has done a lot more incrementally to benefit the LGBT community than many of his predecessors. They include, but are not limited to, to:

-  Signed the UN Declaration on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
-  Endorsed the Baldwin-Lieberman bill, The Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2009, to provide full partnership benefits to federal employees
-  Signed the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act
-  Lifted the HIV Entry Ban effective January 2010
-  Released the first Presidential PRIDE proclamation since 2000
-  Hosted the first LGBT Pride Month Celebration in White House history
-  Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harvey Milk and Billie Jean King
-  Appointed the first transgender DNC member in history
-  Issued diplomatic passports, and provided other benefits, to the partners of same-sex foreign service employees
-  Made changes at HUD's core housing programs to ensure they are open to all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity
-  Conceived a National Resource Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Elders—the nation's first ever—funded by a three-year HHS grant to SAGE
-  Signed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act
-  Eliminated the Census Bureau policy that kept same-sex relationships from being counted
-  Instructed HHS to require any hospital receiving Medicare or Medicaid funds (virtually all hospitals) to allow LGBT visitation rights
-  Appointed Chair Feldblum one of the four Commissioners of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

So, is it enough? Has Obama been the champion for gay rights that you had hoped he would be? Can he even be that champion in an election year, and furthermore, can *any* politician really be the champion we need when more than 40 states have laws banning gay marriage in some form? Do we settle for what we can get or fight for what we deserve? History will be the judge. ●

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MERVAT BERRY INDUSTRY PM, LLC

How did Mervat Berry get to where she is today? Berry always had a magnetic force pull her towards the entertainment industry, long before age 21. Hosting her own events since age 17, directing model agencies in Detroit, and working with VIPs, nightclubs and events in Miami, California and fabulous Las Vegas, Berry has built an extensive network and a positive reputation for creating unique events. Her networking skills have lead her to become a prominent, well-known figure in Las Vegas and through her experience, organization and creativity, she successfully launched Industry PM, LLC, an events, marketing and VIP company.

Berry's biggest strength lies within the LGBT community. Starting in 2008 with Banana Hammock Sundays at the Blue Moon Resort, she came across a unique and fun opportunity to launch the first mainstream gay pool party in Las Vegas. The following year, she moved on to launching Sunkissed Sundays at the Luxor Hotel, which was the first and only gay pool party on the Strip. After two successful seasons, Berry was determined to climb the ladder higher and set her goals above her own expectations. Industry PM hosted the Official Nightclub & Bar Show event at Tabu Ultra Lounge in March 2010 with an amazing turnout.



"I am very motivated to excel and continue to surprise the LGBT community," Berry says. "I urge you to see what I have in store for this summer."

Her latest event, Plunge: The Ultimate Gay Pool, launched June 20 and will continue every Sunday at the Mandalay Bay South Lagoon Pool from 12-7 p.m. Plunge offers exclusive "Boy Services" and a season packed with excitement. As soon the season ends, keep your ears open because Berry assures you she will have another unique LGBT event in store soon.

"I could not be where I am today without the support. I sincerely thank everyone who has helped me, sponsored me and attended my events. The LGBT community has been my pleasure to serve," she says.

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IRSCDEI Court Meeting

The Center, 6:30pm
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SATURDAY, JULY 10

Lilith

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Las Vegas Prime Timers Day Trip

Shark Reef Aquarium, 10am
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BoBo the Clown

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MONDAY, JULY 12

Free HIV and STD Testing

The Center, 1-6pm
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NGRA Board of Directors Meeting

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The Center, 7pm
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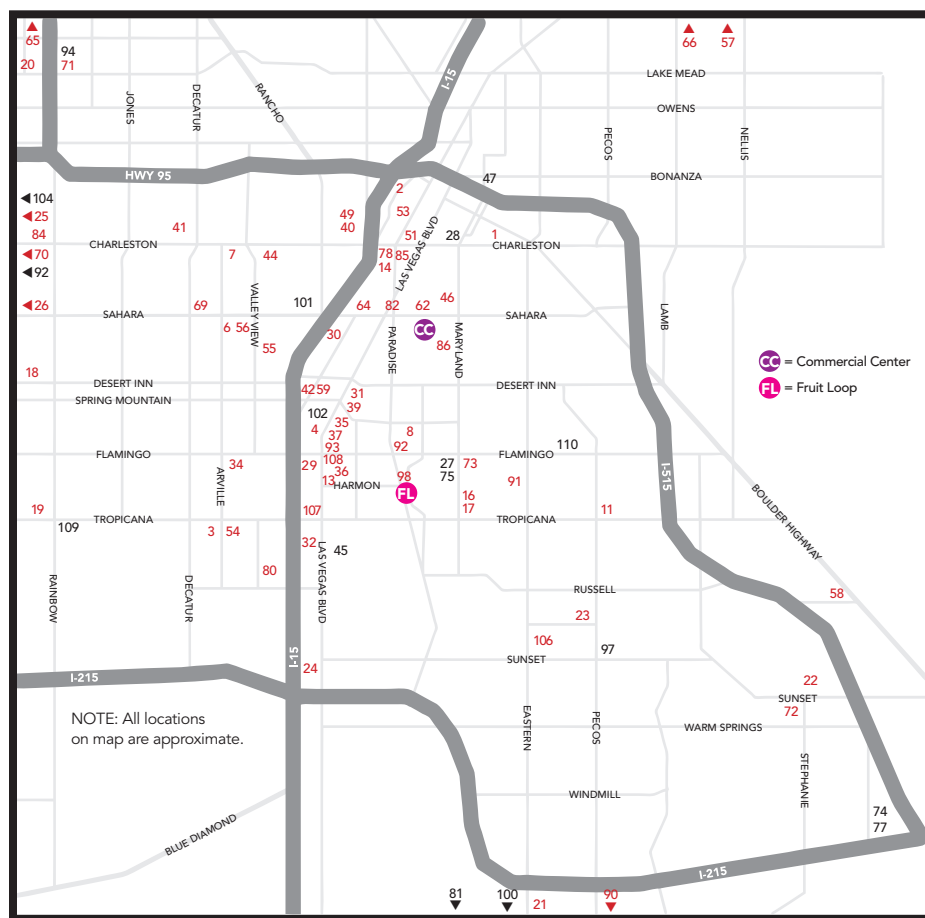
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LEO 07/23-08/22

The month's pace will seem to drag until that New Moon kicks in on the 11th. After that, it's warp drive all the way for you. Health matters look very much improved, but don't push those lower back muscles too much. An overseas trip around the 24th turns out to be a sublime experience.

VIRGO 08/23-09/22

For the time being, it's best to stick with what you know, Virgo (which is a lot, by the way). Wait until late Fall to be adventurous. Cash may be a bit tight from the 13th-21st, but using restraint shall get you through it. The 24th looks best for holding a yard sale, perhaps with that hot neighbor.

LIBRA 09/23-10/22

The yard sale you had last month yielded more than extra cash. You devil. Exactly how many phone numbers did you end up with? It must have been those tight cut offs. Save a little time for some actual work, ok? The 18th looks especially lucrative. It involves a benefit.

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21

It looks to be a month of extremes for you. A perfect mix of rainbows and lightning bolts. At least you'll see the bolts coming and will have time to duck. Planetary aspects on the 11th and 19th suggest that you spend time alone. Then, after the 22nd you can once again soar.

SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21

Career-wise, you'll be extremely motivated all month long. It's finally time to try projects that have on the back burner. A few will bring financial magic, but it's the sense of accomplishment that'll be the most valuable treasure. A business/pleasure getaway from the 21st-26th turns out to be a life-altering event.

CAPRICORN 12/22-01/19

With your career/life plate already so full, this is one of the worst times to take on any new projects. Work on the current ones and tie up a few loose ends first. Contract negotiations may get a bit heated on the 15th. Take a break so that calmer heads prevail. Then, everyone benefits.

AQUARIUS 01/20-02/18

The ambitious side of your nature kicks into overdrive for the next two months. That's all well and good, but don't step on too many toes, ok? Also remember that today's enemy/rival could end up being tomorrow's friend/ally. Listen to that gut feeling on the 26th.

PISCES 02/19-03/19

So much drama is going on all around, it seems you're at the eye of the storm. That's really the safest place to be. Don't get caught up in other people's stuff and you'll be just fine. The 9th-12th looks dandy for a mini getaway.

ARIES 03/20-04/19

Lace up those track shoes and prepare for a 31-day marathon. It's not like the one in Boston, Aries. It's just that your work schedule will leave you little time (except Sundays) for much of a social life. However, the benefits far outweigh missing a party or 12. Expect a sizzling encounter on the 25th.

TAURUS 04/20-05/20

Study Aries' message. But, you'll be able to take off for the whole weekend. That new beau has certainly added spice and joy to your life (isn't it about time). Not so much travel as usual is indicated until mid-August. Take some time to smell the roses and that exotic sun tan oil.

GEMINI 05/21-06/21

Questions get answered and mysteries are solved during the month. Your social life moves into a higher gear. A special new friend adds luster to an already happy routine. Good news from a distance brightens your day on the 27th. Plan a celebration for the 31st. It'll be perfect.

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We have some creative new ways for you to get involved and support our mission in the HIV community of Southern Nevada. During these tough economic times, our agency—like many—is encouraged to be more creative in our fundraising efforts. So, we are asking the community to adopt a Piggy! They may be adopted by completing a form online at www.afanlv.org or in the AFAN offices (701 Shadow Ln., Ste. 170). Adopted piggy banks may be picked up at the AFAN office or can

be shipped anywhere by mail. The five-inch ceramic banks are each personalized with a birth certificate—just put the Piggy in a visible place (they love attention). Fatten them up with coins (they love paper money too), and on World AIDS Day, December 1, bring them back with a full tummy. All money raised will benefit those affected with HIV/AIDS in Southern Nevada. AFAN understands that by keeping AIDS issues in the forefront during AIDS awareness events such as World AIDS Day, the global community can continue to work together to combat the disease and its effects. World AIDS Day started in 1988 and has since been observed every year on December 1. The day is about raising money, increasing awareness, fighting prejudice and improving education. 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.

Once a month we also plan to host a Pig Out at a local restaurant. Simply bring your Piggy by to be emptied out and get a discount coupon for the restaurant. We will keep track of the funds turned in so your Piggy gets credit and may be a Top Piggy—the top five donors will be listed on our website. We will

also have orphan Piggies on hand and available for adoption.

Discounted tickets to our annual Black & White Party are also available at all Pig Out locations! The Black & White Party is going to be held back inside The Joint at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on August 21, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Regular tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. This year our co-hosts will be the very energetic Mary Murphy from *So You Think You Can Dance* and our very own Chris Saldaña from Channel 8 News. As always, we will have sample tastings from some of Las Vegas' premier restaurants and spirit vendors, plus lots of music and great entertainment.

Some things that are happening later this year include: A Night of Cabaret that will be held in October and our Kids Holiday Toy Drive in December. We will be announcing this year's Night of Cabaret info later this month. For the toy drive, gift cards are always a great way to donate any dollar amount to support buying gifts for children ages 0-15 so they can all receive something during the holidays. Our largest fundraiser, AIDS Walk Las Vegas, is held in April and our Camp Courage for kids ages 6-15 is during the month of July. Donations can be made online or by stopping by our office. All donations are tax deductible.

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