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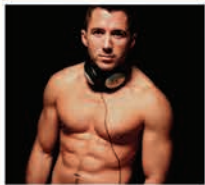
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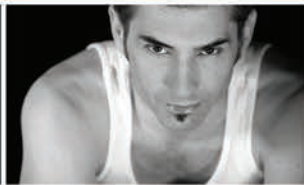
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a note from our EDITOR

YUM, what a month! As the Q-crew worked ever-so-diligently on this super-sexy issue, we've simultaneously been working on the launch of our new iPhone app. The folks over at Questionable Apps are just awesome. (Side note: I miss you, Justin!) Everything has come along exceptionally well and for you iPhone lovers, you don't have much longer to wait. July 15th from 1-7pm, QVegas will host a special edition of Temptation Sundays: Sinq or Swim with special performances by The Ribbon of Life entertainers of Golden Rainbow.

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What is Art? Find out at The Center's annual ArtRageous, set to return to the Cosmopolitan July 28th. Get your tickets now because you don't want to miss this great opportunity to help The Center and enjoy the arts of Las Vegas.

Now boys, real fish may not be your cup of T, but you must get into this! Vegas ladies are makin' moves for the Qmmunity. From the air-waves to the runway, ladies across Las Vegas and beyond are bringing down the house. What better month for the Women's issue than July? Lynda Carter and k.d lang coming to town are just a few reasons. We hope you enjoy this year's Women's Issue, and I urge you to visit www.qvegas.com for Everything Gay Vegas!



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SNAPI is pleased to call the newly renovated Circus Circus home for PRIDE Family Bingo. The monthly LGBT "straight-friendly" event has partnered with Circus Circus and several other organizations for what is expected to be not only a great gay/straight event, but also raise money for the LGBT community. When Hamburger Mary's closed, this iconic event closed with it. Circus Circus has partnered with SNAPI to revive this community favorite. With its return, Bingo fans will discover some of the favorites that made PRIDE Family Bingo a huge success. ■



PENTAGON MARKS JUNE GAY PRIDE MONTH IN RECOGNITION OF LESBIAN AND GAY MILITARY PERSONNEL

Ronald Lawrence, Executive Director of Community Counseling Center of Southern Nevada, applauded the Pentagon and Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta, for marking June as Gay Pride Month in recognition of Gay and Lesbian military personnel. "This constitutes a huge act of emotional support that will mean a great deal to those who serve," Lawrence declared. "It is yet another step to full equality after the demise of the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy."

Lawrence, who has had significant experience at working with military personnel in supportive psychotherapeutic intervention, explained that prior to the demise of the policy there were significant problems that affected gay and lesbian

troops. Lawrence shared that as a psychotherapist, he became part of an underground referral network to support gay and lesbian troops.

Lawrence related that he explained these problems succinctly to Senator Harry Reid from the standpoint of addition trauma and the lack of fundamental fairness in the situation. "The Senator heard me loud and clear," Lawrence explained, "And kept his word in regard to bringing the issue before Congress." The situation has moved dramatically and quickly from invoking fear to recognizing the heritage of gay and lesbian troops. "It's a commendable and celebrative step," Lawrence declared. ■

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We want to hear from you – what are you looking forward to the most in the new Center? Is it the gorgeous space, the garden, the café, or the downtown location? Is it the promise of new and innovative programs, or the permanent home for the LGBTQ community of Southern Nevada?

The Center extends sincere gratitude to all of the individuals, families, and corporations who have given their time, expertise, and financial support to the Opening New Doors campaign. We would not be where we are today without each and every one of you. **Thank you!**



Vegas Mpowerment Project's Spart-A-Gays: A Huge Success

Vegas Mpowerment Project would like to thank all of you who showed up at their 2nd Quarter Event called Spart-A-Gays. The event was a huge success having a total of 57 participants, with 29 new participants. Most people arrived in Toga wear and fun was had by all. We would like to send out a special thank you to the Sin City Sisters and Todd VonBastiaans for all their love and support to the project. Keep your eyes and ears open as we will be doing a Roller Skating Event in early September.

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When Jamaican women Nicole Dennis and Emma Benn celebrated their recent marriage (performed legally in New York) by having a wedding reception on their home island, they didn't expect the media attention that ensued. Once the story broke, many religious conservative residents responded negatively. Gay marriage is illegal in Jamaica, and the island is notorious for anti-gay crime and religious intolerance but public opinion may be changing. Just a few months prior, Jamaicans were entrenched in the debate over gay rights when their current Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller shocked the nation with her remarks that she would hire any competent person to serve in her administration - regardless of their sexual identification. Simpson-Miller then went on to win her election by a landslide.



2 FIRSTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT CHIEF OFFICER:

Fatou Bensouda made the history books when she became the first woman and first African as chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC). She is the second person to hold that title and joins the newly formed court at a time when several of its staff members are being detained in Libya on charges of spying. She was sworn in on June 15th at The Hague. The purpose of the court is to prosecute individuals that have been accused of crimes against humanity and genocide. Bensouda and the ICC are facing a controversial trial of former president of the Ivory Coast, Laurent Gbagbo - the first head of state to come before the court. Gbagbo is a divisive political figure and was ousted by pro-Western forces led by France. Many look to this trial as a defining moment in the court's history.

CHINA'S FIRST WOMAN IN SPACE:

In June fighter pilot Liu Yang became China's first woman in space. Yang was aboard the Shenzhou-9 spacecraft, launched to carry out her country's first manual orbital docking test. After completing a rigorous selection process and two years of intensive training, Yang earned the privilege and joined two other crew mates as they made history. In China, female astronauts are required to be married and preferably mothers due to concerns over high level of radiation in space that might "harm their fertility." While in the military Yang logged 1,680 hours of flight time and earned the rank of major. China's Twitter was buzzing with the news of Yang's flight and her courage and skill are being praised by the state-run media. That's one small step for women everywhere!

OUT AND PROUD ON THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

In an overwhelming win, Rev. Patricia Spearman unseated incumbent Democrat Sen. John Lee of District 1 in North Las Vegas. Spearman is the first openly gay woman to serve in the Nevada Legislature and, despite being outspent by Lee, won by double digits. Lee had drawn criticism from his party for his conservative voting record, including a vote against domestic partnerships in 2009. Spearman's victory offers a bright spot in a larger national political landscape that increasingly moves to the far right. The defeat also sends a powerful signal to the Democratic Party that their progressive base will not be ignored. Spearman, who is also a veteran, will now face off with Independent American Party candidate Gregory Hughes in November.

1 STEP BACK

STOPPING WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE SERVICES:

With so many bills targeting women's health, it's hard to keep up with the numerous politically motivated attacks. In Pennsylvania, Republican lawmakers turned up the assaults on poor and low-income women in July. This time, 35 conservative Representatives are going after women by sponsoring House Bill 2405 ironically called the "Whole Woman's Health Funding Priorities Act." This bill proposes to stop state funding from going to providers of women's health care services, such as Planned Parenthood, if they also perform abortions. The bill is not about restricting the use of government funds to pay for elective abortions because that is already prohibited by state and federal law. This bill is about hurting Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers.



BLOCKING THE PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT:

Early last month the Senate blocked a bill that would have given women a valuable tool in the fight against income inequality. The Paycheck Fairness Act would have addressed the ineffectiveness of the 45 year old Equal Pay Act of 1963. Since the 1968 bill was enacted, pay has narrowed by only 18 cents. American women who work full time, year-round are paid, on average, only 77 cents for every dollar a man makes. The vote came down strictly along party lines with Republicans voting against the bill. A lot has changed for women since 1963 and many women are head of their household incomes, but the archaic practice of paying women less for doing the same work as men has remained virtually unchanged.

THE WORD VAGINA UPSETS MICHIGAN'S STATE HOUSE:

Michigan lawmaker Lisa Brown was barred from speaking in the state House after she used the word "vagina" during a debate on an anti-abortion bill. Republicans who control the chamber said that Brown violated decorum while speaking against the massive bill that would severely limit women's access to health care. It seems that Republicans have a fundamental aversion to women's biological needs and differences, so perhaps they should leave the legislating to those who can at least talk about women's health?

RESTRICTING A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE:

The Michigan House has passed HB 5711, the nation's most restrictive anti-choice bill, which combines some of the worst attacks on women's access to abortion care, into one bill. The lengthy 45-page legislation drastically limits when a woman can have an abortion, and puts unnecessary burdens on abortion providers. The bill was introduced on May 31st by House Republicans and was passed with overwhelming Republican support. Some of the limitations include: restricting abortions after 20 weeks (even in the case of rape and incest), restricting medical services to women in rural areas, requiring doctors to purchase additional costly insurance, and requiring new over-reaching regulations that threaten to regulate abortion clinics out of business completely.



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**RETURNS TO THE
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by Charles Béraud

WHAT IS ART? A question as universal as the answers are varied. Civilizations have pondered this for generations and have used art to illustrate their relatively brief time on earth in the grand scheme of things. ARTragous Vegas, benefitting The Center, looks at this question but from a different angle, looking not to define ART on an institutional level, but rather on a personal one: What is ART to you? That is the question.

The event returns to the Cosmopolitan hotel this year and will once again feature a juried art show and reception showcasing the works of local visual artists, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. That is the portion of the evening that's been on The Center's calendars for years and was the base idea around which ARTragous Vegas was created three years ago. From a starting point of visual arts - which is already subjective - why not broaden the question to "what is art to you" and broaden the sample?

Those of you who have been to ARTragous Vegas before know what to expect: an unexpected mixture of genres and experiences presented in an interactive, participatory way- from the varied programming on the main stage that included live musical performances, avant-garde fashion, spoken word, drag kings and more, to the various salons featuring music, body painting, and more. The programming for the 2012 version of ARTragous Vegas promises to be as varied as in the past, but differs from last year by bringing new elements to the main stage and the salons, while putting a different spin on returning components including the fashion component and the silent auction.

MAKE A NIGHT OF IT

This year, the programming for the evening has been designed to enhance the ARTragous experience. The main stage programming will be divided into two blocks, bookmarking the post- art reception portion of the event.



This will make it easier for all attendees to either take part in the activities offered in the salons - music stations, improvisation, avant-garde fashion, etc. - in between both main stage sets, or to go grab a bite to eat. ARTrageous Vegas is partnering with The Wicked Spoon on a dinner and event package available through advance sales only, extending the celebration and exploration of art in all its forms to culinary arts, beautifully and deliciously rendered by the Wicked Spoon, a unique food experience. With priority reserved seating and expeditious service, dining at the Wicked Spoon will be the ideal companion to ARTrageous, timed just right so that you don't miss a thing.

AN EVENT BENEFITTING THE CENTER

ARTrageous Vegas, along with the annual Honorary, is a cornerstone of The Center's fundraising. Proceeds from this event support the programs and services that are vital to our community.

BE A PART OF ARTRAGEOUS VEGAS

There are many ways you can get involved with ARTrageous Vegas. There is always a need for volunteers who are simply essential to making the event possible. You've got a talent that you want to share with the world? There might just be a

place on the ARTrageous Vegas stage for you as well. For more information, check out the ARTrageous Vegas Facebook page (facebook.com/ARTrageousVegas) or email us at (ARTrageousVegas@gmail.com).

ARTrageous Vegas 2012: A celebration of art in all its various forms, July 28th at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$35.00, \$40.00 at the door. ARTrageous Vegas Wicked Spoon Dinner Package is \$60.00 (advance sales only). Benefitting the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada [The Center] - thecenterlv.com

UMC

Marks 25th Anniversary as one of the oldest dedicated HIV inpatient units

Summary By Jerry Cade

On July 5, 1987, University Medical Center (UMC) opened its dedicated HIV inpatient unit as a means of ensuring that people living with HIV had the medical care they needed as well as the social and psychological support they deserved. July 5, 2012 will mark the 25th Anniversary for UMC's devoted HIV inpatient unit. It is one of the oldest dedicated HIV inpatient units in the country.

When UMC's HIV inpatient unit opened in 1987, it was the first HIV inpatient unit in a community with less than a million people. Of course, the community has grown; but, UMC has continued its mission of ensuring that HIV-infected Southern Nevadans are well taken care of. UMC's HIV inpatient unit is complemented by the Wellness Center, UMC's HIV outpatient clinic, which opened a few months earlier in December 1986.

For the first four years of the AIDS crisis in Southern Nevada, infected individuals, their friends and their families had to confront this then fatal disease without much support. Medical personnel did not know what to do. There were no social support agencies. In fact, most people were afraid to even be around people with HIV.

There were a total of 15 cases of HIV in Clark County from 1981 through 1985.

But then, the epidemic began to grow exponentially.

Fortunately, a number of groups jumped in to fill this void. The initial idea for coordinated medical care for HIV-infected individuals began in August, 1985 with the dedicated staff

of Ward 5-North at UMC. At that time, the outpatient care for HIV patients was provided by Drs. Jerry Cade and Mel Pohl; and, UMC housed HIV-infected inpatients on Ward 5-North. However, as the need for medical care exploded, these solutions were no longer sufficient.

In December, 1986, UMC opened its HIV outpatient clinic in a converted hospital room on Ward 5-North with five patients. The clinic opened as a means for providing HIV patients with the first drug released for treating HIV—AZT.

UMC has a long and distinguished record for embracing its mission of "serving the community by providing quality patient centered care in a fiscally responsible and learning-focused

environment." **When the AIDS crisis began, many entities, including health care facilities chose to look the other way. UMC's reaction was just the opposite.** They dived in, embraced their responsibility as a health care provider and did everything possible to ensure that people living with HIV in Southern Nevada had the most enlightened care available. That commitment has only grown stronger over time.

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'New UMC AIDS Facility Shows Foresight'

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Center Social Services Department, Clark County Social Services, Clark County Health District and numerous other local, state and federal agencies.

The new unit will contain an outpatient treatment center where patients will be able to receive much of their care, thus maximizing the time they may spend at home and minimizing the time they will ultimately have to spend in the hospital.

"The outpatient clinic will be the fulcrum from which new and inevitable experimental drugs are used, studied and worked with in an effort to hopefully and eventually come across some agent which will eradicate or control the AIDS disease," said Cade.

"Administration officials at University Medical Center should be commended for their foresight and concern. Identifying a specific unit at UMC for AIDS patients will offer additional advantages. Patients will be staffed by a small group of nurses who will continually endeavor to keep abreast of the ever changing treatment modalities that come with AIDS," continued Cade.

"It will offer patients a chance to better interact with one another, sharing ideas, thoughts, concerns and cares about their diseases."

Pohl explained, "The staff is a volunteer group of nurses, aids, laboratory technicians and housekeepers, whose willingness to staff such a unit will provide the opportunity for our patients to receive the highest quality and most compassionate care." The facility will be located on One-South, a section of the Medical Center, previously used for other purposes, now devoted specifically to AIDS patient care and treatment.

"Jerry and Mel should be commended for their work in establishing this center," remarked Wes Davis, Executive Director of AFAN. "I doubt most people will ever realize how much work went into this project and without them, the AIDS unit would never have happened. Hospital administrators have shown great foresight and courage in tackling the AIDS care and treatment in this decisive manner," Davis concluded.

"I have been appalled by some of the reports about AIDS patient treatment at several local hospitals but I've only heard good things about UMC," stated *Bohemian Bugle* publisher, Rob Schlegel. "Every hospital has a medical person in charge of infectious disease control. Thanks in part to Jerry Cade, UMC has learned a lot about treating AIDS patients. I've heard discouraging reports — both about the attitudes and education level

— at three other area hospitals and I hope they will learn from UMC," Schlegel concluded.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DOCTOR JERRY — Jerry Cade, M.D., will be one of the co-directors for the new AIDS unit at UMC. Jerry (right) is shown at his recent birthday party hosted by his patients and friends at the Gipsy. Shown enjoying the party with Jerry, is a close acquaintance, Glenn Trowbridge. *Bugle Photo*

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FRANK MARINO CELEBRATES TAKING HIS CLOTHES OFF 350,000 TIMES

Even though Frank Marino is the Longest Running Headliner in Las Vegas, has done over 20,000 shows to over 10 million people and has changed costumes over 350,000 times (which mean he has taken off his clothes more times than Paris Hilton), on Saturday, July 21, 2012 Divas will celebrate their 1,000 performance at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino.

A Favorite pick for QVegas not only because the show is fun, incorporates the newest and hottest characters like Lady Gaga, Rihanna, and Katy Perry, the cast of Divas is extremely community-minded. Frank Marino alone has donated thousands of dollars and hours to local non-profits benefiting the LGBT community. QVegas salutes Frank Marino and the incredibly giving and talented cast of Divas as they celebrate their 1,000 performance at The Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino.



KD LANG AND THE SISS BOOM BANG

Friday, July 13, 2012 at 7:30 pm k.d. lang's tour with her new band, the Siss Boom Bang arrives in Las Vegas in a style for an incredible evening of music spanning her entire career, featuring classics like "Constant Craving" and songs from her new album Sing It Loud. Named "Album of the Week" by Sydney's Daily Telegraph, Sing It Loud is lang's first studio album since 2008's "Watershed" and her first record made entirely with a band of her own since her early albums with the Reclines. Sydney's Daily Telegraph also hailed it as "back-to-basics lang recorded as a band, mostly in one take, just like the old days: raw and immediate."

>>> CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW FOR DIVAS

- 17 brand-new costumes
- \$80,000 in new sets
- New finale "It's Raining Men"
- Changes to Madonna, Dolly Parton, Cher and Tina Turner
- New character Katy Perry introduced
- Let's not forget the 8 HOT male dancers, who lap dance for you after the show! ...just kidding.





LYNDA CARTER'S 'WONDER'FUL VOICE COMES TO VEGAS

BY CHAD MARTINEZ

Singer Lynda Carter, most known for her role as Wonder Woman in the 70's TV series of the same name, is coming to Las Vegas to perform songs off her new album, *Crazy Little Things*.

"There's always a reason why I do the songs I do," said Carter. "It's because I love the lyrics or I love the feel and I love the song and now we've changed it and made it uniquely ours - but still recognizable."

Carter plans on opening the show with an Adele song and does a ballad version of "Stop In the Name of Love," made famous by the Supremes.

"We treat any song like a new song and we approach it from a new perspective," said Carter. Audiences can expect everything from country to jazz to pop music, backed by world class musicians. Accompanying Carter is a long list of Music Hall of Famers and Grammy award winning musicians, including Kyle Lehning, one of the music industry's top producers.

"Everyone has a voice in my band; we've been together since 2007," Carter said. "There's not a diva in the bunch."

Crazy Little Things is Carters third

album but she started performing live at an early age and has continued to this day. She admits that she prefers performing live, outside the safety of the recording studio.

"For me I have a lot more experience performing live than I do in the studio," said Carter. "They both present different challenges, but there are many people who prefer the studio because there are do-overs."

Carter is no stranger to Las Vegas, either. She started performing here at the age of 17 at the Sahara Hotel, and later went on to win the Miss World USA 1972 title. She has shared the stage with many legendary celebrities. The list of film and TV appearances she has made is impressive by any standard and she doesn't shy away from her Wonder Woman past.

"I talk about Wonder Woman in the show," said Carter. "It's as much a part of me and the reason why I even have the opportunity to bring people in."

She also embraces the fact that she has become somewhat of a gay icon. "I didn't know I was [a gay icon] for a while, but I was thrilled when I found out" said Carter.

Lynda Carter is performing at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino July 14th and 15th.

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WHATS' THE T?

BY KEYSKA DIVA

Hey Girl Hey! So last month this Diva was a busy lil' bee. Let me tell you... I had a blast partyin' at Matinee over Memorial Day Weekend (that i can remember) and even managed to get some rays while kiki-ing at Luxor for J.Son's Temptation Sunday pool party, but HONEY one of my highlights was meeting the ever-so-adorable and pocket-sized Joey Lawrence at Chippendales. All I can say is "WHHOOAA!". However, as I was out doing my rounds of the hot and the not, a few of you wrote me and ask for some advice, so i decided I'm gonna take the time and help a girl out this issue...

Hey Keyska:

I love to go to drag bars and drag shows, but recently my boyfriend of 5 months admitted to me that he wanted to do drag. When I met him I didn't sense anything feminine about the guy. Now I have no trouble watching drag, but I like my men to be men...all the time.

I'm terrified of the day that he wants to come to bed in full blown drag.

What should I do; he is really a good guy, a hot one at that. Please point me in the right direction!

-M4M in Seattle

So you both love to go to drag shows but you're scared ya man is gonna wanna come to bed in full blown drag? Sorry to giggle a lil' at this one honey, but can't help myself. For starters, if you're into your boy the way you think you are, then you'll stand by him no matter what he wants to do. I have a handful of friends living in the same situation and they're going strong after many years of it. Have you stopped to think that maybe it's you that has issues with your own feminine side, or is it that you're scared he's gonna look stunning and steal your thunder? Honey, maybe you should go out with him in drag one night, then come home and kiki with him; I know a handful of people that do that also... haha

Well my lil' T-party readers, I hope I was able to help you girls out with this, if I didn't get to your letter this month who knows; maybe you'll be my cup of T next month. Anyhow, my vodka soda is about empty, so it's time to hit the town so I can keep y'all posted like a post-it note!

Until then, this is the way Keyska calls it!

Email keyskadiva@qvegas.com to get your questions answered next issue!



TWEETS

If homosexuality is a disease, let's all call in queer to work: 'hello. cant work today. still queer.'

@Jamster83

Don't use the word 'faggot' if you're a gay man. There's no "reclaiming" going on there.

@JordanBach

#MostAskedGayQuestions can I watch?

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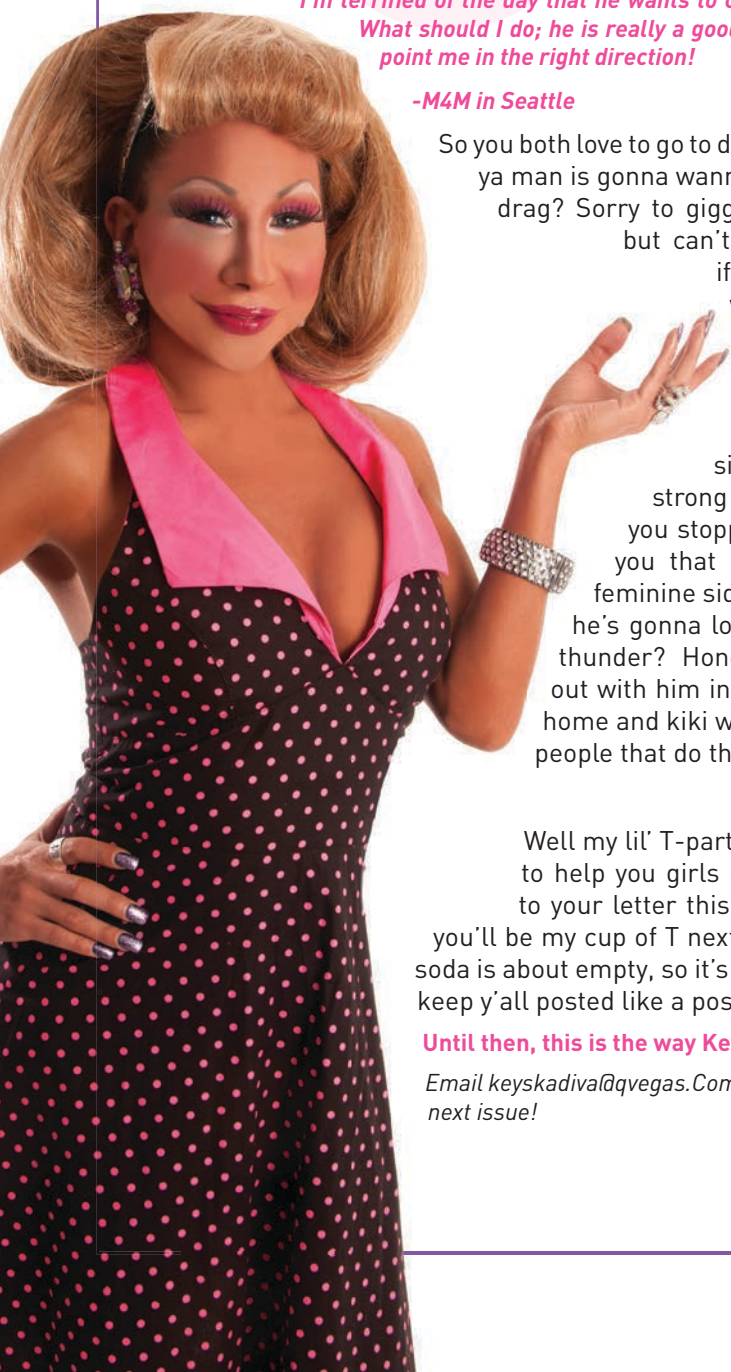
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THINK PINK

Whether soaking up the sun, dining in your favorite restaurant or dancing the night away, mixologists at MGM Resorts have crafted healthy alternatives to sugary concoctions that pack on the pounds.

"Typically, alcohol contains 70-90 calories per ounce," said Michelle Zornes, Beverage Manager at Luxor Hotel & Casino. "The key to creating low calorie drinks is to combine alcohol with low calorie mixers."

The "Think Pink," featured poolside at Luxor and Excalibur Hotel & Casino, has less than 150 calories and is made with fresh ingredients. With a combination of Patron Silver Tequila, agave nectar, lemon and pink grapefruit juices, this citrus libation bursts with flavor and vitamin C.

"We like to create low calorie drinks with flavored alcohols like TY KU Citrus Liqueur, to avoid the need to add sugary mixers to achieve flavorful beverages," said Zornes. "For example we make cocktails with Veev Acai liqueur that can be mixed with club soda instead of Sierra Mist to cut back on calories without sacrificing flavor."

Low-calorie beverages like the Think Pink are so delicious and refreshing, you'll never miss the calories. Here's how to make your own to enjoy poolside this summer:

Think Pink

- 1.5 oz Patron Silver tequila
- .25 oz Agave nectar
- .25 oz Lemon juice
- 2 oz Pink grapefruit juice
- Splash of club soda
- 2 slices of grapefruit

Line the inside of an 8 oz. glass with 2 slices of fresh grapefruit. Fill the glass with ice. Shake all ingredients except club soda in a cocktail shaker and strain over ice. Top off with a splash of club soda and serve.





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The Cupcakery's Ricardo Gudino by Jill Roth

A pungent mixture of sugar, spice and everything nice is just the beginning in a long list of ingredients that make the mouthwatering and eye catching delights at The Cupcakery(9860 S. Eastern Ave. Suite 100/ 7175 W. lake Mead Blvd. Las Vegas, NV) the most mouthwatering treats in town.

Company baker and decorator extrodinare, Ricardo Gudino, came to Vegas from the Bay area where upon graduating from the Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts made a name for himself as a renowned local baker in the Las Vegas area and now the cupcake king explains how cupcakes are more than just dessert, they are little dreams come true.

"Cupcakes are fun, convenient and tastefully delicious- and the possibilities are endless," says Gudino.

"Customers know that they can trust us to make their cupcake dreams come true... Our reputation is amazing and customers know that at The Cupcakery, you not only receive the very best customer service but also the tastiest treats in town."

Now dessert is just dessert unless its gets a little love, and as Gudino explains, the love is not only in the detail given to each design adorning the petite treats but in also in the careful selection of the ingredients, which are the building blocks for a sweet success.

"Our secret is in our ingredients meaning we use only the freshest and finest ingredients that we can find and make sure that they come across in every bite...a good example is one of my personal favorites, our Southern belle, which is our red velvet cake mothered in our signature cream cheese frosting- it's amazing."

Cupcakes, perfect size, perfect fit, like the dessert worlds little black dress and for the folks at The Cupcakery, their little black dress will dominate over the competition and keep all hungry eyes on them.

"The Cupcakery can proudly say that it is the original cupcake bakery in Las Vegas," says Gudino.

"We opened before the cupcake craze started and as a company, we haven't changed! We still have the same amazing ingredients and superior customer service since day one and have been leaving smiles on our customers faces going on seven years now...competition? HA! We think not."

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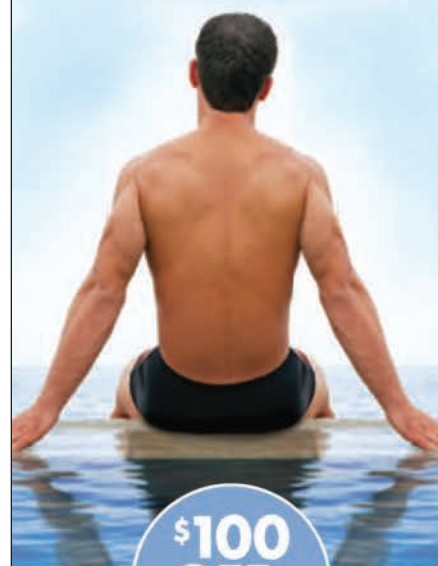
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Very popular with the locals is the European style sunbathing at the Bare Pool Lounge presented by the Light Group at the Mirage. Looking to start the week relaxed? Well, this tropical atmosphere is the perfect, intimate getaway from the often chaotic Las Vegas Strip. When indulging in this seductive environment be sure to stay cool with their specialties - flavored Mojitos and spicy Bloody Marys.

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This Asian-inspired destination is just as sensual and detailed as the nightclub it sits on. With 18,000 square feet of pool club, there's plenty to be excited about in this tropical getaway. Food and drink service from TAO Asian Bistro pulls out all the stops to provide all sorts of libations for your palate. Sunset Sundays and other various nights allow party goers to continue their escapades far into the evening.

>>>INSIDER TIPS

Look for Facebook Check-in Specials the day BEFORE you want to attend a pool party.

ALWAYS bring flip-flops or other water footwear; the Vegas sun lights the ground on fire (well, not really, but only go barefoot if you dare!).

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RAINBOW NOISE



MAKING NOISE

BY ADANDE

From lesbian executives to gay male models, this combination of family talent is being used to pioneer an entertainment enterprise.

Hip Hop heads these days constantly discuss the lack of legitimate and consistent female rappers in the game. The 90's Golden era for hip hop is long gone with the likes of Mc Lyte, Queen Latifah, Lil Kim, Foxy Brown, and several more underground sensations like Ladybug, Rah Digga and Lady of Rage.

Enter Rainbow Noise Entertainment, based right here in Las Vegas. This woman-owned and operated music label is not only bringing new female talent to the forefront of Hip Hop, but five incredibly lyrical lesbians!

Most notably known for the rap collaboration *Da Noise*, and members Cee Smith, Stud Phamous, Jay Squared, Kickz and Hart (videographer and beat producer), this label is challenging the status quo of gender and presentation in today's recording industry. Because their dominant stud aggressive butch personas embody masculinity in a very frank manner, the perspectives on making money, hustling, big dreams, sex and women found in their lyrics might very well mirror your favorite straight male rappers. However, they are well rounded wordsmiths both fresh and insightful with a complete awareness of their female-ness.

The unique combination of masculine and feminine balanced with unbridled confidence and sexiness make these women stand out whether they are jet setting to shows and appearances across the country, shopping for outfits at your local mall, or chillin' at a kick back with fans and supporters. Fashion forward and swag for days, these charismatic personalities appeal to men and women regardless of sexuality. "We just want to prove to the world that being gay has nothing to do with our talent" says Stud Phamous, rapper and promoter extraordinaire.

Owner and CEO of Rainbow Noise Entertainment, Cee Smith is a visionary with a plan that doesn't involve taking over commercial music; rather creating a new

lane for a genre of music that caters to a specific audience. Ms. Smith clearly states that Rainbow Noise is "not trying to force gay and lesbian artists on straight listeners; [but] make music that is relevant for gay people with the same quality and production as mainstream music."

"I want our community to be able to turn on the radio and have an artist like myself that they can identify with" says Kickz. From lesbian executives to gay male models, this combination of family talent is being used to pioneer an entertainment enterprise. Anyone paying attention to their growing popularity via Twitter and Facebook is sure to be impressed with the daily expanding viewership and fan base. After storming their way into households nationwide with the almost viral video for single "Imma Homo," Rainbow Noise found themselves at the forefront of LGBTQ Hip Hop. Bragging rights now include over a million video views on YouTube and other websites worldwide, mentions in major magazines, and countless online blog sites. "We have already started a movement" notes Jay Squared with her usual high energy, "I hope to show other rappers that studs can do it just as well, if not better!"

This LGBTQ entertainment label has created a buzz in today's Hip Hop that stands to alter the impact of women in contemporary music forever. Da Noise will debut their highly anticipated mixtape this summer after completing their third Pride Tour with the whole Rainbow Noise crew. "It's been a long journey but my team is strong and hungry" says Cee Smith of all the Rainbow Noise artists, "It's our time", she believes, "people are ready for us in hip hop and I'm the woman to prove it."



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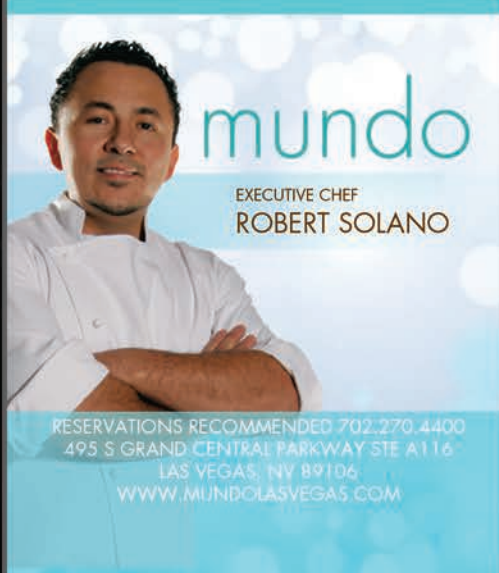
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Leo (July 23-August 22)

Being a natural born leader has its drawbacks. Avoid being overly bossy to prevent hurt feelings at the workplace. Throat problems may plague you on the 11th & 12th. A sibling needs a helping hand, not criticism.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Financial condition should remain solid, provided you avoid any impulse buying. It's best to butt out of a close friend's relationship problems. Impromptu getaway from the 13th-15th turns out to be "heaven sent".



Libra (September 23-October 22)

Momentum is with you for most of this month. Aspects dictate you can call in "old markers" and favors quite successfully. Full Moon on the 14th activates your passionate nature. So avoid tacky hangouts, OK?



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

You'll experience a very up and down energy pattern until the 10th or so. After that, look for "smooth sailing". Take full advantage of a superior's generosity on the 25th. The 30th is best for gambling.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Be smart and use at least half of that recent cash windfall to pay off some nagging debts. That dental work simply can't be put off any longer, so "bite the bullet" (no pun intended) & get it done.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

July (in general) should prove to be a gratifying time. That'll help to erase the unsettled memories of April-June. That ongoing romance appears to be right on track. Congratulations!



Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

Keeping secrets is hardly your "strong suit", but is vital to ongoing success (& your reputation). That means, listening is your safest bet. Especially when it comes to any "office gossip".



Pisces (February 19-March 19)

You'll stay "busy as a bee" throughout the month. So much so that relationship issues will need to take a back seat. Not to worry though. There's major fun to be experienced on the 3rd, 9th & 21st.



Aries (March 20-April 19)

An unsettling, bumpy start gives way to a glorious and rewarding rest of July. Almost everyone shall be in your "cheering section". This means, of course, that so much more is requested of you.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

All of that previous hard work finally pays off like a garden that's finally come into full bloom. Accept the compliments and praise with humility. Take time on the 15th to really "smell the roses".



Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Don't take on any new projects at this time. Your plate is way too full as it is. Attention to details is so vital where contracts are concerned. Be sure to have any important papers proofread, by a pro.



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Miss Joy gained national exposure when she performed in a Pepsi commercial with the world-renowned hip-hop group "The Black Eyed Peas." She took 1st Place in the largest DJ competition in Las Vegas - the \$10,000 National Lampoon Tours DJ Battle at Tabu Ultra Lounge inside the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino. Currently her residencies are at Bond inside the Cosmopolitan, Mix at THE Hotel at Mandalay Bay, Insert Coins downtown, and a monthly residency at Cream, an all-ladies event at Oracle Mansion. Miss Joy is passionate about philanthropy. She is an Ambassador/Music Director/DJ for the Jump for Joy Foundation. She is also the founder of Human Experience, an open mic-based community which provides volunteer opportunities for the community and helps raise awareness about non-profits. For more information about her work, visit www.djmissjoy.com

ANGIE!

Angie O. attended both CSN and UNLV, where she dual majored in Commercial Photography and Theater Studies. Since graduation Angie has found herself in a spectrum of professions.

"I had much interest in many things that made me quite indecisive on a career path. From starting out as an actress and a dancer, to a photo technician, a bartender, to a social media director and a photographer; I definitely had my options open from entering college wanting to be a high school theater teacher".

Angie's artistic vision in photography is a blend of creative perspective and bold imagery. A "creative addict" of dimension and space, her powerful lighting techniques capture the alternative perspective, revealing the true essence of a subject ignored by other photographers.

"I love creating vibrant imagery; commercial ads, headshots, concerts, weddings, family portraits, even real estate, every shoot is a unique challenge, with endless possibilities."

Chrissy B!

Up and coming DJ Chrissy B is fairly new to the ones and twos, but she's no rookie. DJ Chrissy B was born in Los Angeles, California, but was raised in Moreno Valley, along with her older brother and older sister. DJ Chrissy B (aka Christina Banks) realized she had a fervent love for music when she began playing the drums at age 12. Banks took a brief hiatus from music and after college, she decided to follow her heart and headed to the City of Bright Lights, Las Vegas, Nevada, to make her big dreams a huge reality. With DJ Diamond Kuts as an influence, Christina Banks bought her first turntables. She is self-taught and her natural talents opened the opportunity for employment at Las Vegas' number one radio station in hip-hop and R&B, Hot 97.5. DJ Chrissy B has been surrounded by some of the biggest names in the game such as 50 Cent, Kelly Rowland, Lloyd, Trey Songz, Wiz Khalifa, Lupe Fiasco, Trina, Method Man, Red Man, and Mac Miller. The mixmaster's first sets were done at Hot 97.5 events such as UNLV tailgates and high school take overs, and by now has spun throughout the Las Vegas Valley. In such a short amount of time, DJ Chrissy B has come so far. She's working harder than ever and there's no stopping her.



MYRIAH!

Born and raised in Las Vegas, Myriah Quintela has always dreamt of becoming a successful make-up artist. Myriah began practicing and recreating make-up fashion styles at an early age. Currently, Myriah works at Sephora as a senior make-up artist, where she continues to refine and improve her talent. "I use every client as a challenge to take me to the next level. Each client is a learning experience to sharpen my eye and skill."

Myriah has been recognized by Sephora's pro team members and was chosen to help start Sephora's Senior Artist program. Myriah will try out for the pro team as early as this year.

Myriah also works

as a freelance make-up artist for amazing talented photographers in the greater Las Vegas Valley.

"I have always been fashion forward, remaining open to trends and styles, yet understanding the fundamentals of make-up and beauty."



DUWOPROSE!

DUWOPROse The Vinylist of High Definition has opened up for Kool Herc, Ice T, Grand Wizard Theodore, Melle Mel, Grand Master Caz, KRS-One, Nas, Canibus, Keith Murray, Akrobatik, Das EFX, Dilated Peoples, Dannu of the Visionaries and Gift of Gab of Blackalicious... just to list a few.

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AN ANDROGYNOUS MODEL WITH INTEGRITY

QVegas caught up with up and coming model AzMarie Livingston from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. AzMarie was the androgynous and provocative model featured in cycle 18 of America's Next Top Model (ANTM). AzMarie is laid back but very serious about her work. This out and proud model has experienced struggles and triumphs but she fuels herself forward with confidence and faith.

QVEGAS: What is your favorite thing to do when you're in Las Vegas??

AzMarie Livingston: Ride roller coasters in the hotels, drink & "Rehab" on Sundays at HardRock

Q: What was it like to have the cameras follow you around 24/7 on ANTM?

AL: After a while it wasn't so bad but talk about lack of privacy. There isn't one thing you can do that the cameras will not catch and can potentially use the footage.

Q: What would you say is your proudest achievement?

AL: Traveling to Europe for work in London, Germany & Paris

Q: What was it like moving from California, to NYC to London?

AL: Moving to NYC & London the 1st time was a little scary because I knew no one in each location but my heart grew to love each place for the culture, people and environmental surroundings.



© Pottle Productions Inc. AzMarie in Philip Treacy by Nigel Barker

Q: Did you have a favorite photo shoot on ANTM?

AL: My favorite photo was shot by Nigel Barker. I had on a black couture hat with a red gown standing in front of a low-rider.

Q: What is your contribution for the LGBT community?

AL: My contribution to the LGBT community is participating with feeding the homeless when I'm able.

Q: Can you share with us a little about the non-profit organization GGR?

AL: Gay Girls Rock & Gay Guys Rock are lifestyle brands that fuse apparel and donation. With suicide and homelessness in the LGBT community at an all time high, GGR is giving back. Gay Teens Rock was created to help aid and mentor our youth whom are bullied, abused, homeless, and without family. Through Gay Teens Rock we would like to help bring hope to teens in need for someone to talk to and giving hope to teens who feel they can't take "living" anymore.

Q: What does living an androgynous lifestyle mean to you?

AL: Living an androgynous lifestyle to me means one is in touch with both their masculine and feminine sides living in a balanced energy of both "sexes".

Q: How have you learned to deal with the criticism over the years?

AL: I've learned that everyone has their own truth and that all are taught a way of being sense youth whether it be true to them or not. Not all beings are going to like my decisions but it is not for me to take personally. I'm also not going to assume one does or doesn't like me as long as I am comfortable with myself.

Q: Your tattoos are such a huge part of you. How do you decide what to get and where to put it?

AL: I only have tattoos on my arms & wings on my hands so it's not hard to decide where to put them. The tattoos I've added in the last year have more spiritual meanings to them.

Q: Is your house surrounded with pictures of yourself, LOL?

AL: My place is surrounded with art and spiritual messages i.e. "Live, Laugh, Love" stones.



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Craig founded the firm with a belief that the client should always come first. Unfortunately, not all law firms practice that belief. All too many times attorneys tend to treat their clients like a number. Craig has made a lifelong personal commitment to providing the best legal customer service for all of the firm's clients.

The reason for Craig's passion for helping people stems from major tragedies in his life. In February 1962, his brother Michael was walking across the street in the crosswalk with his older sister Shirley. A truck went through the stop sign and hit him. He died forty five minutes later. Michael was three years old. In February 1976, his brother Dale was a passenger along with two other high school students in a four-seater Cessna airplane that was piloted by his Sophomore English teacher. After being in the air for approximately one hour, the plane crashed. All four of them were killed instantly. Dale was

fifteen years old.

Following both tragedies Craig's parents (both blue collar immigrants) retained attorneys. Both times the attorney's attitude was "I'm the attorney, you're a stupid immigrant," and "please don't call me because I'm too busy to call you back and even if I did you wouldn't understand anything anyway." Craig grew up believing that attorneys were horrible people who were only out for themselves. He decided when he was in high school that someday he would become an attorney and be better than the fools that had represented his parents. He is proud that his younger brother Bradley has joined him in his vision.

Craig has worked hard to grow his law firm and has been quite successful in his mission. The firm prides itself on the fact that they do not advertise, instead building their client base through word-of-mouth referrals. His office has been located in the downtown area since its opening,

and he's very excited about the continued expansion of downtown Las Vegas. Craig contributed to this expansion early on by breaking ground in 2009 on his firm's current office building on the corner of Clark and 8th Street, just blocks away from what will be the new location for The Community Center.

Craig P. Kenny & Associates has always been a proud supporter of the LGBT Community. They've participated in the PRIDE Festival for several years, and are a charter member and Corporate Sponsor of the QVegas Business Alliance. Two of their representatives are always on hand at monthly luncheons. Kenny feels that their favorite part of the luncheons is the speed networking. "It is such a great way to meet everybody!" says Craig, "We have also gotten several referrals by being a member of QBA. We look forward to continued success and membership with QBA; they have always been a great business ally."

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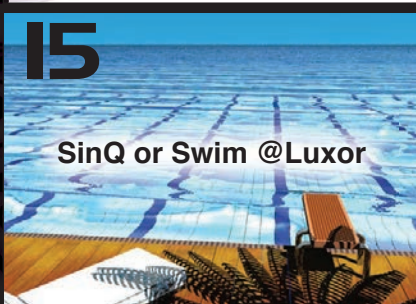
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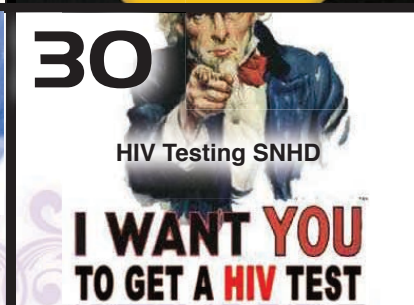
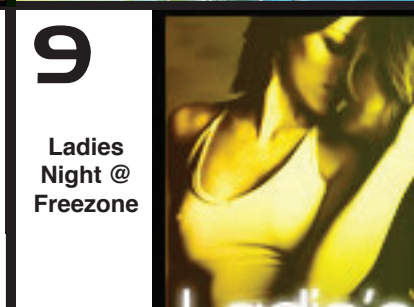
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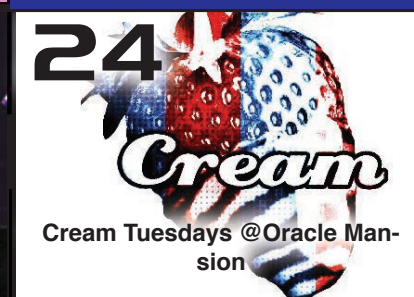
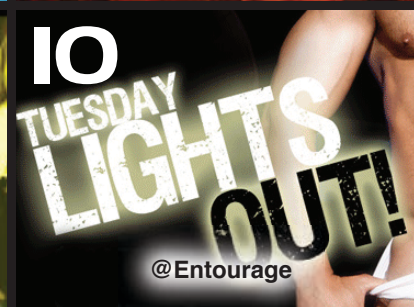
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Conversation with Dr. Corwin

Q. I just met a woman I'm very attracted to and hope to go out with, but I'm nervous about sex. I don't have much experience, and have the impression she does. Any tips?

A. The best tip for anything sexual is—go slow! The more time and conversation you have with her, the more you can guess how she'll react to your level of experience. I'd guess she wouldn't be bothered at all (might even like it!), and you could just talk to her about feeling nervous (most women are). If for some reason you suspect she'd criticize or disapprove of your "performance," take that as a sign to Beware! Criticism doesn't help anyone's self-esteem, especially in the bedroom.

Q. Can you re-light a passionate relationship after it's already died down? It's been a couple years for us, and I wonder if it's worth even trying. Should we just accept that this is the next phase in long-term relationships?

A. No, I don't think you should just accept this as the inevitable next phase. It's true that it's hard to re-kindle romance after a couple years of cold storage...but if you both want this it's very possible. For most couples, it helps to remember the early stages of your relationship, what you enjoyed doing together, what helped you feel more physical yourself. That part is

straightforward. The complication is that you probably need to talk with each other about how each of you really feels about this. It definitely takes teamwork!

Q. The woman I've been seeing for a few months keeps telling me she really likes me but isn't sure she's over her ex- yet. We've had some great weekends together, but this seems to keep coming up. It kind of hurts my feelings, but then again I don't want to walk away from a good thing.

A. Do you think getting your feelings hurt is a good thing? Dating one person while saying you miss another is really not a very nice thing to do. Think carefully about how much to invest in someone who's not really investing in you.

Q. I've been single a couple years. My friends keep telling me I should try online dating, but it seems scary. How do you know if you're meeting up with someone who's got big problems, or is going to hurt your feelings later?

A. It's a good idea to be a little scared, or at least cautious, when you connect with someone online. You really don't



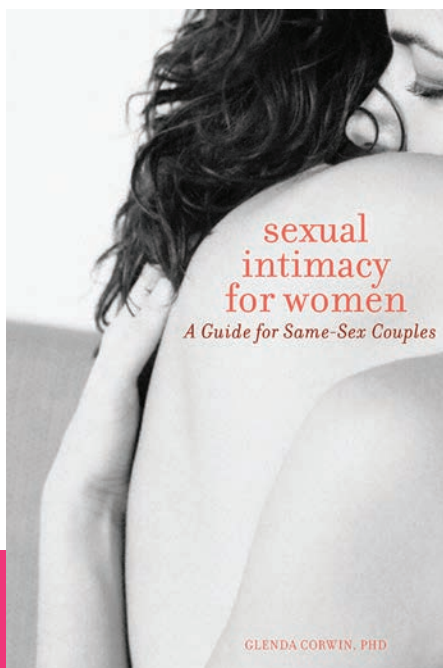


know who they really are, so there are basic safety guidelines: arrange to meet for morning coffee or a quick lunch in a busy place, let a friend know where you are, don't give out personal information too quickly (or online). Just focus on a friendly low-key conversation at first and see how you feel afterwards. And talk to your friends about her too. Sometimes they can see warning signs because they're not so emotionally invested. It's good to be cautious, but at the same time remember—most women online are just like you, wanting to connect and nervous about it. So try to be cautious AND courteous to each other.

Q. My partner and I argue a lot about our sex life. We don't really have one, except maybe a couple times in the last year. She thinks we should work on this, but sex has never been that big a deal to me. Why should I have to change?

A. You don't have to change—but if you want to stay with your partner, you may want to. Sounds like you're asking her to change, to not be interested in sex just because you're not. A conflict like this can end your relationship, often because

someone else comes along who is interested in sex. And BTW, you don't have to work up a big "sex drive" in order to have more sexual intimacy. You just need to be open to learning about female sexual desire, how to re-create feelings you had for her in the beginning, how to meet her halfway with this. It's not as hard as you think! And I think you'll like the bonding feeling that sexual intimacy can bring.



Glenda G Corwin is a clinical psychologist and author of *Sexual Intimacy for Women: A Guide for Same-Sex Couples*. For more information please visit: <http://www.drglendacorwin.com/>

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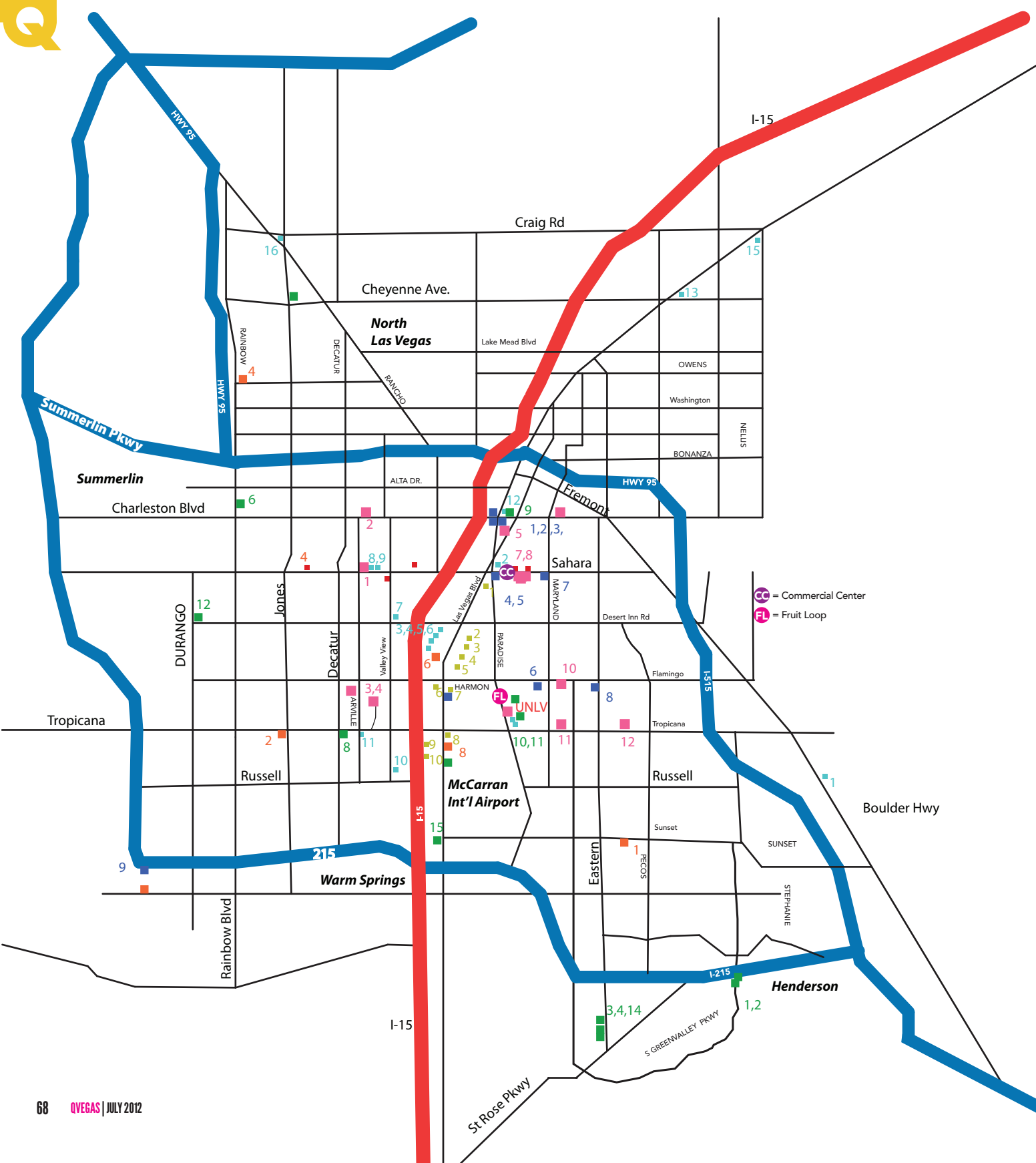
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- 3 **Funk House** 1228 S Casino Center Blvd 89104
- 4 **Paradise Mini Mart** 2242 Paradise Rd 89104
- 5 **Rick's Smoke Shop** 2595 S Maryland Pkwy 105 89104
- 6 **Sam Ash Music** 2747 S Maryland Pkwy 89104
- 7 **Buffalo Exchange** 4110 S Maryland Pkwy 1 89119
- 8 **Zia Records Exchange** 4225 S Eastern Ave 17 89119
- 8 **FCUK Planet Hollywood** (Mircle Miles Shop) 3663 Las Vegas Blvd 240 89109
- 9 **Glazier's Marketplace** 8525 Warm Springs Rd 89113
- 10 **Halloween Mart** 6230 S. Decatur Blvd. 101 89118

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- 1 **Blush Salon** 6360 S Pecos Rd 89120
- 2 **Showtime Car Wash** 5893 W Tropicana Ave 89103
- 3 **Arcs Salon** (Mandalay Place) 3930 S Las Vegas Blvd 89109
- 4 **American Male Salon** 2021 N Rainbow Blvd 101 89108
- 5 **Bronzed** 4480 Paradise Rd 425 89169
- 6 **Wax Hair Removal Bar** 9809 West Flamingo 160 89147
- 7 **Kim Vo Salon** (The Mirage Resort & Casino) 3400 S Las Vegas Blvd 89109
- 8 **Alexandria's Salon** (Flamingo Hotel) 3555 S Las Vegas Blvd 89109
- 9 **Mandara Salon** (Paris Resort & Casino) 3655 S Las Vegas Blvd 89109



A Word From Randy Slovacek

On my blog, The Randy Report, I cover entertainment & political news that impacts the LGBT community. Getting into the nitty-gritty of politics isn't always an uplifting endeavor, but part of my "mission statement" is to also look for positive stories every day; reasons for us all to keep moving forward.

Fortunately, I don't have to look much farther than my own backyard to see a stream of good news coming to the LGBT community here in Las Vegas. Even as we climb out from under the "tsunami wow-wow" of the economic recession, I look around Las Vegas and see positive developments happening every day that impact the gay and lesbian community in a good way.

Let's start with the opening of the Smith Center: Las Vegas now has a terrific venue to attract world class entertainment like national touring companies of Broadway shows, plus concerts and special events. In the past few months I've already seen the national company of THE COLOR PURPLE, as well as LGBT favorites like the brilliant Lily Tomlin and Tony Award winner Idina Menzel. In July we can see LGBT artists like k.d. lang and Broadway legend Stephen Sondheim making appearances at the Smith Center along with the hit Broadway musical MEMPHIS. This kind of line-up never could have happened without the opening of the Smith Center.

Also, adding to the numerous options for nightlife for the LGBT entertainment, earlier this year we saw the opening of what I consider to be the best gay nightclub in town, SHARE. This new venue has quickly become a staple for those of us who like to get out, be social, see and be seen. And later this year, the LGBT Community Center will move to a new, modern facility that will offer even more services to Las Vegas gays and lesbians. I encourage you to get involved and explore the many programs the Community Center has to offer.

On the political scene, it looks like Las Vegas just elected its first openly lesbian legislator: Pastor Patricia Spearman recently won her Democratic primary for the Nevada State Senate. Her victory in the Democratic primary means that she will serve representing Senate District 1 as there was no Republican entrant in the heavily

Democratic district. Pastor Spearman is also only the second African American woman elected to serve in the Nevada State Legislature. Diversity takes another step forward.

The summer season adds even more special events to the list of choices for gays and lesbians when it comes to enjoying the city. Gay Days Las Vegas will take place September 4th-10th and will offer, among other things, "Taste Of Gay Days." This evening of food, drink, and music will be held at the Gay Days Host Hotel, the Tropicana Las Vegas. Numerous restaurants, vineyards, chefs, and other food and beverage related businesses will take part in this delicious event. Plus Gay Days Las Vegas will offer special packages to Divas Las Vegas and DJ Randy Bettis at the Circus Circus Adventuredome.

And in June there's the fantastic "Ribbon of Life" event, which brings the community together each summer in a way that can only be described as "so Las Vegas." The 'one of a kind' stage spectacular raises thousands of dollars for Golden Rainbow, which helps those impacted by HIV/AIDS here in Nevada.

By the way - that economic downturn? While unemployment is definitely still too high, it is working it's way down. Nevada's slowly improving economy has produced \$58.9 million more in state tax revenue than expected and should add 10,000 to 15,000 workers this year, a state committee recently reported.

I could go on, but the point is this: Las Vegas continues to get better and better in terms of quality of life for gays and lesbians. So look forward, move forward and take part in the many new things happening in Las Vegas for the LGBT community. To paraphrase Auntie Mame: Life is a buffet, and most poor suckers are starving to death. And when it comes to buffets, Las Vegas knows a thing or two.



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Randy Slovacek is a happily-married gay man living in Las Vegas, NV. In addition to entertainment and political stories that impact the LGBT community, he is always looking for positive and inspiring moments to make us smile. The Randy Report is his "sassy American Soapbox." You can find him online at www.therandyreport.com.



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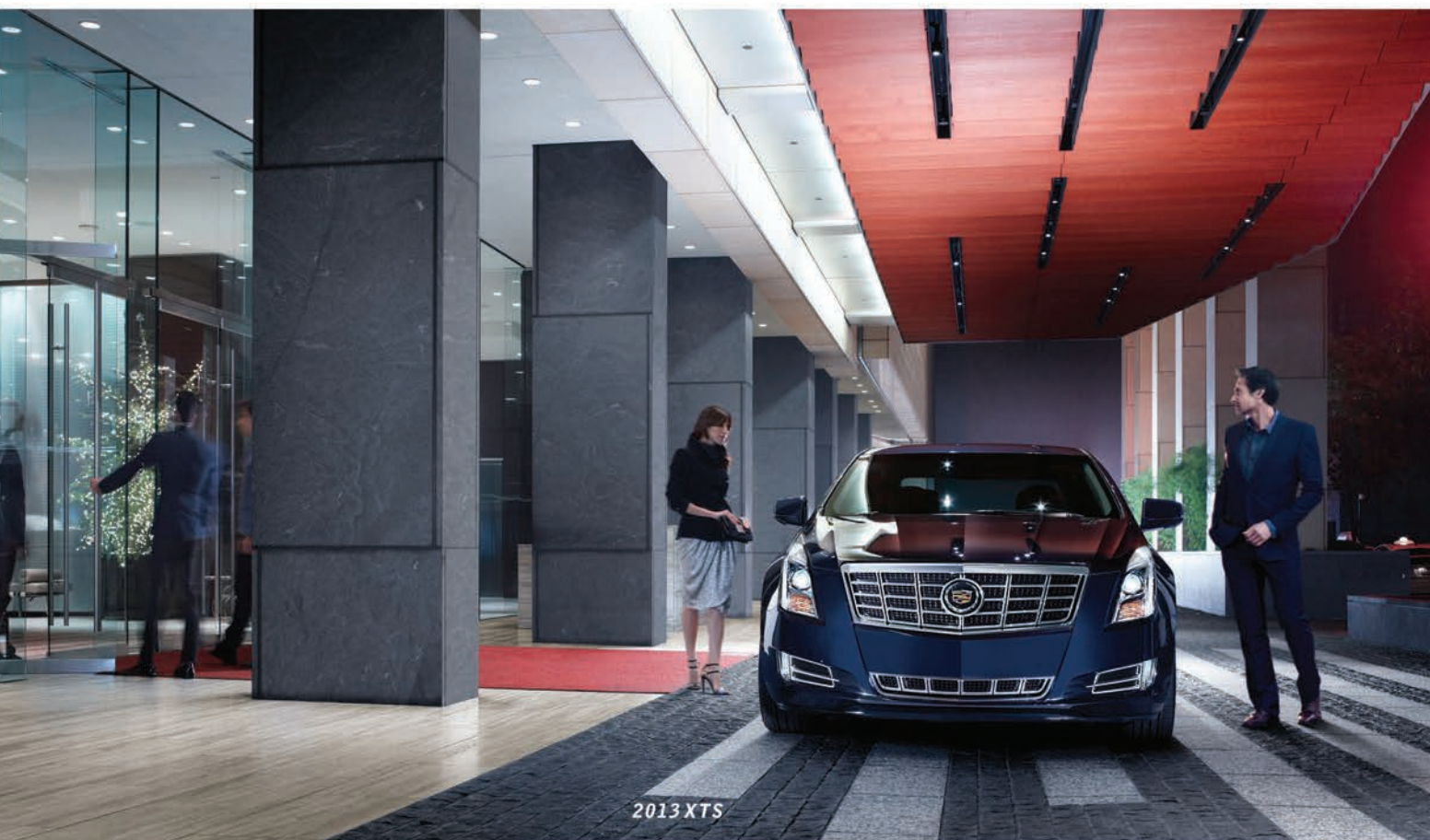
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