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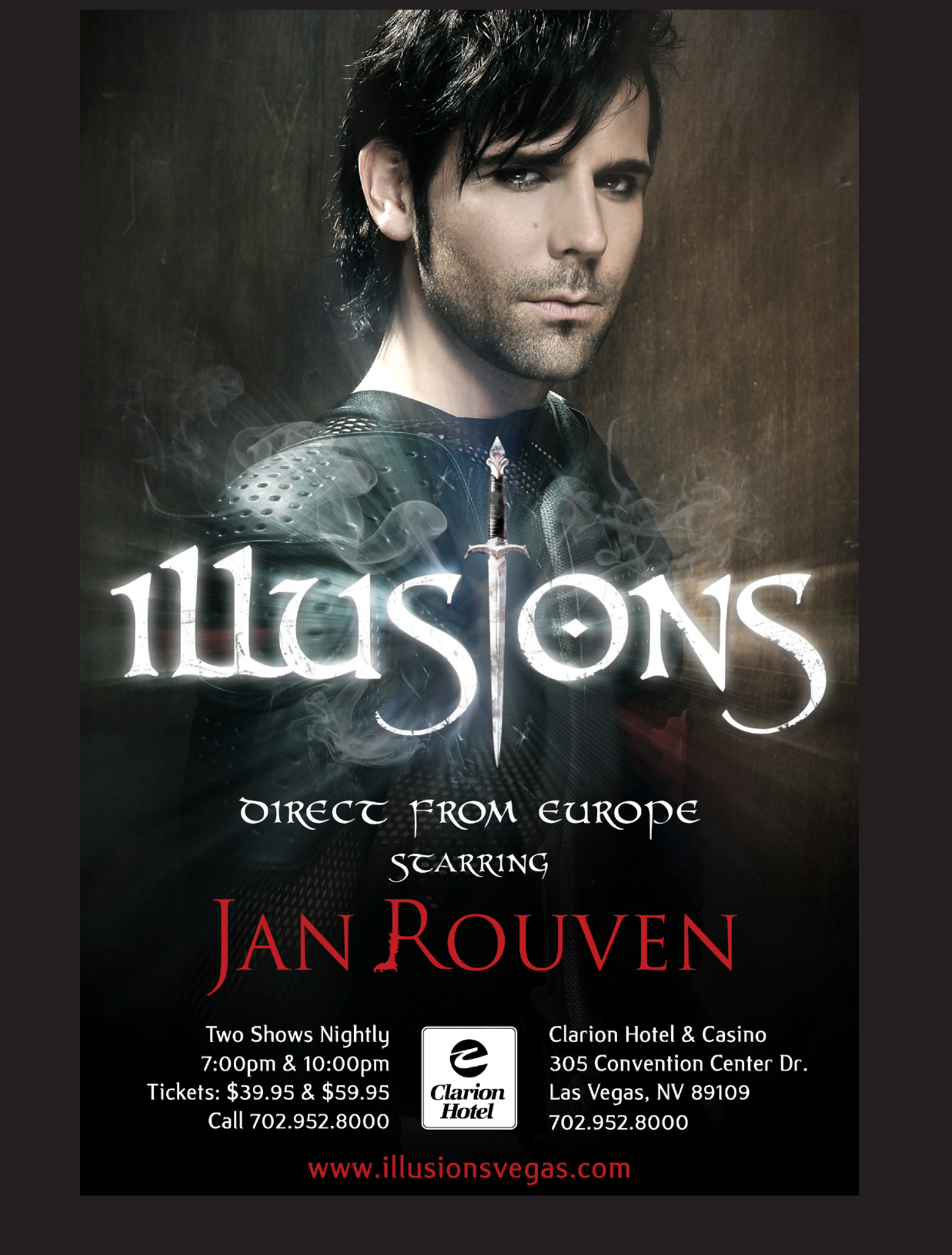
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Our Women's Issue cover needed to be just as colorful and unique as all the women in our amazing community. I wanted to create a beautiful piece of art that would capture the essence of a strong and confident woman, that would make the women in our community proud. I hope I succeeded.

-Benjamin Lemke, Creative Director



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We Can Do It. The infamous poster of Rosie the Riverter represented a shift in culture - one in which women played an imperative part in the war effort by producing munitions and war supplies. Nearly 67 years later women are raising hell in the fight against inequality and making strides to break stereotypes imposed on them from a society that simply disregards women as "complicated" or "indecisive". In this issue, we give a voice to a diverse group of women whose small changes in living their everyday life makes big waves in a struggling world.

The journey here at QVegas has been amazing and I couldn't have asked for a better issue to help create. I have had the pleasure of getting to know mothers, feminists, transitioning individuals, educators; so many different types of women and all leaders in their own rite. The everyday life of a multitude of diverse women was my goal to emphasize in this issue. Most are women just like you and me, all are doing something different to change the world for the better - one person at a time.

Personally, I have so many hopes and desires for this community and I have faith that the change begins with you for reading this. With open hearts and minds we can move mountains together and create a culture where sincerity, generosity and humbleness are ingrained in human nature. Together as a community, there are people who make many strides and stand in their own circles in order to make a difference. I know this may be the "womyn's issue", (thank you sisters), but guys, I hope you will find a little bit of you in these articles, too. Don't get me wrong, there is some sensual stuff in here, like how two women get down and the sexiest places in Vegas to have a good time. Yet, nothing can be sexier than feeling empowered yourself. Note: I said feeling empowered and not feeling yourself. If I had only one thought to leave you it would be to remember we are all on the same team. Lesbian, Bi, Gay, Straight, Trans; we are all fighting for one thing, Equality.



-Karen Plowden

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The 2011 Las Vegas PRIDE Parade Committee is proud to announce their choice for the 2011 Las Vegas PRIDE Parade Celebrity Grand Marshall—Josh Strickland. The celebration will take place with the parade September 16th and the festival September 17th in downtown Las Vegas.

“I feel so honored and privileged to be chosen as the 2011 PRIDE Celebrity Grand Marshall,” said Strickland. “I’m so proud to be a part of the Las Vegas GLBT community, and this year’s PRIDE will be the best yet!”

We are very excited to have Josh as our Parade Grand Marshal for 2011,” said Las Vegas Pride President Ernie Yuen. “Josh loves Las Vegas and his GLBT community, he is all about giving back and doing what he does best—being fabulous. I am positive Josh will do an amazing job.”

Josh Strickland currently stars as the lead male role in the Las Vegas favorite, PEEPSHOW at Planet Hollywood Casino & Resort. He is also one of the stars in E! Channel’s hit reality show, “Holly’s World.” Strickland recently has taken the music world by storm with the release of his first two solo singles, “Report to the Floor” and “Last Dance,” which he collaborated with Grammy Award winning producer Damon Elliott and by Norwegian pop/dance producer Axident. Both songs have burned up the music charts; “Report to the Floor” reached the top ten of the iTunes dance chart within the first week of its release. ■

GOLDEN RAINBOW RIBBON OF LIFE

Local HIV/AIDS nonprofit Golden Rainbow hosted its 25th annual “Ribbon of Life” fundraising spectacular at Paris Théâtre inside Paris Las Vegas Hotel on Sunday, June 26. Prior to the show, guests were greeted at the theatre entrance with fancy feather boas to celebrate the show’s silver anniversary. This year’s “Ribbon of Life” drew a record-setting crowd with 1,158 people in attendance including Siegfried Fischbacher from Siegfried & Roy. Hosted by 8 News Now anchor Chris Saldaña and Edie the Entertainer, each number left the audience curious for more. Hit acts included “Big Spender” by Fantasy, “The Color Purple” by THE LION KING, Tarzan’s “Everything I Am” by PEEPSHOW headliner and co-star of E!’s “Holly’s World” Josh Strickland, “Footloose” by Human Nature and Clint Holmes’ rendition of “West Side Story” which earned a standing ovation from the crowd, just to name a few.

Following the spectacular, show attendees enjoyed an after-party at Chateau Nightclub and Gardens and celebrated with a silent auction, music, cocktails and a cake designed by Freed’s Bakery of Las Vegas. The benefit raised more \$151,000, surpassing the previous year’s goal by \$20,000. Money raised during the event directly supports Golden Rainbow’s mission to provide housing and financial assistance to individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. ■



NEW FARMER'S MARKET

Las Vegas’ newest farmer’s market launched on July 14. The Downtown FEED (Fremont East Entertainment District) Farmer’s Market will feature more than 15 growers, along with music and just a great atmosphere to buy the area’s freshest products. Also, the event will take place weekly and will be indoors.

Downtown FEED was founded by [Project Dinner Table](#), the popular dinner series that features local growers and purveyors for a one-night-only multi-course menu at served at one, continuous table



seating 150 guests. Project Dinner Table’s founder and spoonbender Gina Gavan helped to created Downtown FEED to fulfill the city’s need to be able to purchase from local growers and famers.

Downtown FEED is open to the public and entry is free and features the following farmers Herbs by Diane, Gilcrease Orchard, UNCE Orchard, McLeod Ranch, Blue Lizard Farm, Colorado River Coffee Roasters, L.A. Specialty, Bloomin’ Desert Herbs Lincoln Co. NV Producers Co-Op, Sweet Tomato Test Garden, Valley Farms, Crossfire, Ranch Produce, California Family Farms, Hy-Desert Produce, Bon Breads

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CASE DE ESPERANZA AND JARDIN DE ESPERANZA

On August 1, Aid for AIDS of Nevada will open the doors to its new housing development, Case de Esperanza and Jardin de Esperanza, an affordable social living environment for those with HIV/AIDS in Las Vegas. The recently renovated property will house 20 residents within single cottages and a group home that have been completely furnished and stocked with living necessities.

Esperanza de Casa, meaning House of Hope, will offer group style living to 12 residents. The property’s floor plan has three identical wings with four individual bedrooms and shared



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Esperanza de Jardin, translating to Garden of Hope, features eight one-bedroom cottages. Each resident will have a full kitchen styled with neutral granite countertops and matching floor tiles that spill into the living area, featuring vaulted ceilings allowing for generous amounts for natural light. The bedroom has an attached full bath including a large closet space for storage.

Separating the group home from the individual cottages is a community patio furnished with a table and chairs as well as a stainless steel propane grill for barbecues. AFAN plans to incorporate sustainable gardens within the outdoor space that includes organic fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices. A community entertainment building is located between the cottages that has an additional kitchen, laundry facility and recreational room perfect for social events.

Over the last year, AFAN has seen a significant increase in its clientele in need of affordable housing options. Esperanza will help clients cope with this burden by providing a social living environment that meets all the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in the Las Vegas community. ■



STEELZ RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE OPENS IN AUGUST

STEELZ Restaurant and video poker bar to open in August. Business partners Rick Santora and Noah Baker are busy working on the renovation of the newest alternative in Green Valley... STEELZ. A combination of dining, drinking and gaming, STEELZ will provide a unique and welcoming option to the southern part of the valley. Changes from the existing Santoras Sunset Bar and Grill include a contemporary décor throughout the restaurant and bar, an enhanced menu that includes a wide variety of appetizers, specialty burgers, sandwiches and entrees. This will include a weekend brunch that will offer a fantastic variety of breakfast and lunch items, in addition to bloody marys, mimosas and peach bellinis. For those that need a little relaxation and refreshment later in the day, the happy hour will consist of an extensive martini and wine list with delicious appetizers for one, two or more. STEELZ will be a welcoming addition for those looking for something fun and exciting to do after work or anytime. Perhaps the biggest change is the addition of the new outdoor patio seating

area. STEELZ is a complete dining, drinking and gaming experience. For more information visit www.steelznv.com and sign up email alerts. Set for an August opening, STEELZ will provide exciting addition to Green Valley area. STEELZ will be located at 4401 E. Sunset Rd in the Green Valley area of Henderson. ■



BOYS NIGHT OUT

The Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire, Inc. - Reign 13 with Empress Katrina, are raising money throughout the year with many themed shows and fundraisers. The net proceeds from these fundraisers will be split amongst The Center, The Sin City Sisters, The St. Therese Center, and The American Diabetes Association. These funds are to be dispersed in January 2012. August events include Boys Night Out at Badlands on the 5th, 8 p.m. and The King Midas & Golden Goddess Pageant at Spotlight Lounge on the 26th at 8p.m. ■

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The Hotline is for victims and survivors of sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, and stalking. It's funded by UNLV's undergraduate student government, CSUN, and housed within the Jean Nidetch Women's Center (JNWC).

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The hotline is open to anyone who is part of the campus community: undergraduate and graduate students, staff, and faculty. Further, JNWC recognizes that these crimes do not discriminate based on gender or sexual orientation. Advocates understand that LGBTQ people are just as likely to experience domestic and dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking as straight people. In some cases, LGBTQ people may be more likely to experience such violence

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You can reach our 24 hour hotline by calling (702) 895-0602 beginning September 1, 2011. For any further questions you can contact our Hotline Coordinator, Karoline Khamis at Karoline.khamis@unlv.edu. ■

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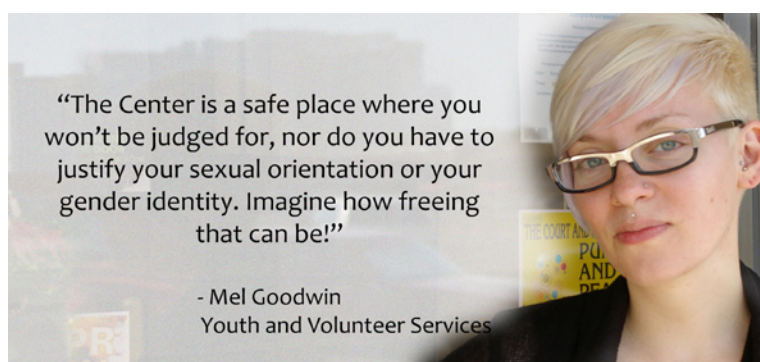
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To gauge the impact of The Center, one only needs to look at the numbers. In 2010, more than 30,000 people utilized the programs, resources and services of The Center. It has provided close to 6,200 people with computer access and Internet connectivity. The Center's programs attract youth and seniors alike: 2,200 young people participated in youth programming; 190 LGBTQ youth attended the 10th annual Youth Prom. The Center's combined senior programs had 1,600 participants.

And when it comes to the HIV prevention and STD testing programs of The Center, the numbers are staggering: The Vegas Mpowerment Project has 2,256 participants. Last year, 11,550= safer sex kits were distributed, along with over 17,000 condoms. The Center's Southern Nevada Health Department Clinic tested 2,950 individuals for HIV and 3,855 for STDs, identifying 55 and 201 positives, respectively.

The Center provides for a much broader segment of the population than its official name would imply. It's not just for gays and lesbians, but for all the letters of the LGBTQ. In 2010, Trans.Lation, a support network of transgender individuals and their loved ones, had 557 participants. Out of the (Gender) Box is a bi-weekly discussion group on gender identity.

At the heart of The Center there are people who have pledged their time, talent and resources to ensure that it fulfills its mission, which in turns put The Center at the heart of our community. ■



A portrait of John Eisele, a man with short, dark hair, wearing a dark suit, a dark shirt, and a red and white striped tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

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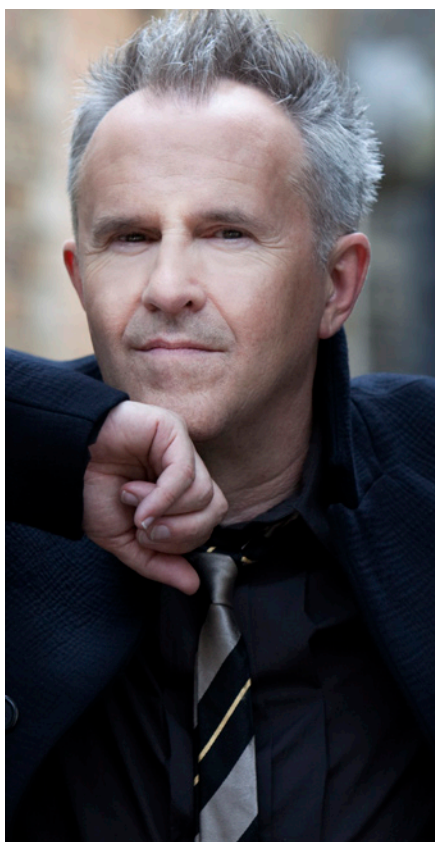
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HOWARD JONES BIOGRAPHY

It was in 1983 that Howard Jones first burst upon the contemporary music scene and brought his very English song-writing and pioneering synthesizers to an unsuspecting world. Anyone who was around in the mid to late eighties will remember those high energy gigs and his first two albums *Human's Lib* and *Dream into Action*. They lived in the higher reaches of the album charts in the UK, USA, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Canada, Australia and many other countries in the 1984-86 period and the hits kept coming... *New Song*, *What is Love?*, *Pearl in the Shell*, *Hide and Seek* (which he performed at Live Aid in 1985), *Like to Get to Know You Well*, *Look Mama, Things Can only Get Better*, *Everlasting Love* and the quintessential *No One is To Blame*, which reached No.1 in the US.

Now Howard Jones has re-mastered those first two classic albums '*Human's Lib*' and '*Dream into Action*' and played them both live in their entirety for the first time on November 6th 2010 at the Indigo2 in London's O2 Arena Complex. The re-mastered albums are available as a box set with a third bonus CD of rare material from the eighties. (www.howardjones.com)

A classically trained pianist, Jones applied his technique to the early synths particularly the Roland Juno 60, the Jupiter 8 and the Moog

Prodigy. He also pioneered the classic Roland 808 drum machine and the Sequential Pro-One. In the early days he was triggering sequencers live on stage whilst playing and singing, something that no one had done before.

These days he still operates on the cutting edge of today's technology and has been one of the leading exponents of the Roland Fantom G8 and the Roland V-piano.

Jones continues to tour extensively and will be playing multiple dates and festivals in 2011 with Robbie Bronnimann on live sequencing/sampling and effects using Ableton Live and various controllers, and Jonathan Atkinson on electronic drums.

Always one to take chances, Jones continues to write great songs inspired by his Buddhist beliefs as is evident on his latest studio album '*Ordinary Heroes*' which features a string quartet on every track and one of the best Welsh male voice choirs in the world The Morriston on the song '*Soon You'll Go*'.

But 2011 will mark the return of one of the true eighties icons and godfathers of modern electronic dance music in full electric mode. If you were too young the first time around it'll be a chance to find out where all those beats and sounds came from, and if you were around it'll bring all those memories flooding back. Contact David Stopps davidstopps@fmlmusic.com ■

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DJ DUO SEX PANTHER

Club Nikki at the all-new Tropicana Las Vegas hotel and casino has signed Los Angeles' hottest up-and-coming DJ duo, Sex Panther, as the new resident DJs for Club Nikki's Industry Nights on Wednesdays. Comprised of Hotroxx and Aaron Cool, Sex Panther engages the audience with a high-energy performance complete with electronic dance music, Champagne spraying and other antics that have to be seen to be believed.

Club Nikki is open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays beginning at 10:30 p.m. On Wednesdays, Las Vegas locals with valid Nevada identification receive free admission. For table reservations and more information on upcoming events, please call 702-739-2648 or visit www.nikkibeachlasvegas.com. ■



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The world-famous Las Vegas extravaganza, will bring its glitz and glamour to the Four Queens Hotel & Casino starting July 13. The show has been on hiatus from Vegas since it closed at the Riviera two years ago and is now refreshed and ready to take its place again as the premier show of its kind.

An Evening At La Cage features the most amazing female impersonators, celebrity look-alikes and tribute artists alive today in a top-notch performance of nonstop music, dance and comedy.

Norbert Aleman, La Cage will star Jimmy Emerson, the internationally known comedian and impressionist who was the comedy lead and backup host for the show's previous Las Vegas incarnation. He is famed for outrageous characters that bring the house down, including his wicked Wynonna Judd and the queen of country-western trailer-trash Tammy Spraynette.

Emerson has appeared in movies and TV and around the world in his own shows as an actor, singer and dancer in addition to being a comedian and impersonator in the international casts of An Evening at La Cage, including the highly acclaimed London production.

Show times are 9 pm, Wednesday through Sunday. For tickets, buy online at tickets.fourqueens.com or contact the Four Queens box office, 1-800-634-6045 or 702-385-5175 ■



SEXY BUBBLES AT SIN CITY GALLERY

Mod enthusiasts are going art-crazy with Bobby Logic's new series "Sexy Bubbles" at Sin City Gallery. Logic paints a color-drenched dream world that is modern, sexy and hip. The gallery is filled with an explosion of neon-bright cityscapes such as Tokyo Rush and mod women like Double Agent. Logic's paintings capture emotion as vibrant and real as life itself. His work is deceptively simple, giant canvases whose riot of color is energizing rather than overwhelming because of Logic's skill with the paintbrush.

"Sexy Bubbles" will be on exhibition at Sin City Gallery from August 4 through August 27, 2011. Artwork is priced from \$600 to \$2500 for original acrylics on canvas. Gallery Director Laura Henkel says, "People are already calling to see what is available. It's really groovy that his work touches so many in such a positive way!"

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by Jinda Tran

Dating in Las Vegas...what can I say about this subject? I would say it's a joke, but when you find the right partner it can be a great experience! I have dated three girls here in my hometown and I can say only one out of the three was a success.

There is everything here that you need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you want to be romantic, you can take your partner to the chocolate factory like I did at night. Ethel M Chocolate factory has a cactus garden that lights up. Or you can take her to Red Rock or Mount Charleston to look at the stars or to watch a meteor shower. You don't even have to get a passport to go out of the country. Other countries can come to you! For example, Paris. Only minutes to the strip (or half an hour depending on traffic), you can go to Paris and go up the Eiffel tower to watch the fountain show at the Bellagio from above. I bet you can't do that in France! There's also the Venetian and Caesar's Palace...and NO IT IS NOT HIS REAL PALACE!

If you want to dance your sexy tail off, there is Freezone, Kitty Bar, Booty Bar or - bring your cowboy hats - the Revolver will get your boots a knockin! This is a 24/7 town, so you can eat at Denny's or IHOP at 2 in the morning if you are hungry. But it doesn't have to be those two restaurants in particular, there's Olive Garden, and every

casino has a café or a buffet if you two can't decide what to eat.

Need to answer the call of nature? Hiking at Red Rock Canyon, camping or hiking up in Mount Charleston would be the best route to go. There's a path up on Mount Charleston that leads to a great water fall. However, if you are not practicing safe hiking during the Winter/Spring months you will fall on your bosom from the slippery ice! It's worth it at the end; you can trust me on that! Alternatively, you can always go to Lake Mead to fish or go boating, its best during the summer. If you love the country life, like I do, Bonny Springs will make you feel like you are in the Wild Wild West! Yeehaw! Get along lil' doggies! (In a Western voice). Horseback riding is my thing. You and your date can ride a horse and go on a trail ride. And then stick her behind bars later! Just kidding! Haha! If you don't mind

getting dirty then I say go for it! But just make sure she is not that dolled up for you if you are going.

Unfortunately we are separated due to timing, but if the right girl comes along, I always have something up in my sleeve to wow her every chance I get! There's everything you need in this city, take advantage of it because I'm sure there's no other city like this one! Cheap or expensive, big or small, Las Vegas has it all! ■

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PAHRUMP HAS PRIDE

The Board of Directors of the Southern Nevada Association of Pride, Inc. (SNAPI) announced the debut of the first Pahrump Pride. The Pride event will be hosted at Saddle West Hotel, Casino and RV Park Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20, 2011. Saddle West is located less than one hour west of Las Vegas on Highway 160. This two-day festival will include dance party and light show, T-dance and pool party, Bingo, and live entertainment. For more information visit lasvegaspride.org or 800-433-3987 for hotel reservations mention rainbow package for \$99, 2 guests, 2 nights, 2 buffett, 2 drinks Pride special. ■

UNLV MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Maryland Parkway/UNLV Music Festival takes place Labor Day weekend, September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. This end of summer, multi-day event will feature music, art, poets, vendors, exhibits, demonstrations and more! The festival will take place up and down Maryland Parkway as well as around the historic University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) corridor. The festival will feature over 75 local and touring bands and musicians, Rolling Stone Magazine favorites, Frontier Ruckus will be one of the headliners! The festival is being sponsored in part by Music Connection and Performer Magazine. If you are interested in being a sponsor, media sponsor, performer, vendor, volunteer, or for more information contact:
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ADOPTION SUCCESS STORY

When Vegas residents Gerardo and Masae saw an ad for The Animal Foundation in a local publication last New Year's Eve, it was a sign! The pair had been discussing adopting a dog for weeks. When they arrived at the shelter, it was getting dark and very cold. Gerardo was sick with a cold, but that didn't stop them - they knew today was the day they would find the perfect dog! The pair immediately hurried in to the first adoption bungalow, where they saw a very cute, friendly pup with his paws tapping on the glass. Masae recalls, "It was as if he was saying 'hey, look at me! I like you guys...take me with you!'" . They looked at a few other puppies, but couldn't get the first little guy out of their mind - they knew he was "the one."



Masae and Gerardo adopted the puppy and named him Kuma - "bear" in Japanese because he "looks like one of those teddy bears you see in Harrod's in London," says Masae. Kuma has been a perfect addition to the family, traveling with Gerardo and Masae on hiking adventures near and far. "He is an incredible companion and a great dog," adds Masae. "We are so grateful that he is very healthy and has brought so much joy to our family." Gerardo and Masae encourage anyone looking for an addition to their family to adopt a shelter animal.

More information can be found online at animalfoundation.com ■

SMITH CENTER SEASON TICKETS



The smith Center is preparing for opening celebration on March 10, 2012. And on In just July 26, 2011 season tickets for Broadway Las Vegas series will go on sale. For The Smith Center, is excited about season ticket sales as it marks the moment The Smith Center becomes a physical reality for the public. It's the moment residents/visitors are able to "touch" and "feel" tickets and truly become part of the excitement that will be the cultural centerpiece of Las Vegas – The Smith Center for the Performing Arts.

Tickets for this four-show series begin at \$99 (no other fees apply). This price includes all four, full-length, fully production Broadway shows.5, Season ticket prices: \$99, \$139, \$229, \$309 and the shows will include: "The Color Purple," Disney & Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins," "Million Dollar Quartet," and "Memphis." Ticketing information: www.TheSmithCenter.com 702.982.780 ■



CIRCLE OF ROSES FOR SAINT THERESE CENTER

Father Joseph announces in its outreach to the HIV/AIDS Community in Southern Nevada the annual award dinner and fundraiser will be held Friday September 23 6:00 p.m., hosted by Riviera Hotel and Casino, Grand Ballroom.

This year **Circle of Roses** will be Supporting the work of the Center and honoring the Brother Frederick Narberes, O.P., celebrating 50 years as Professed Religious, St John the Baptist Mission Church; Green Valley Presbyterian Church, Michael Caprio: Caprio Design; Sandy Valley Farms; Ryder Truck Co; all for their work, contribution and support in the HIV Community, living in Southern Nevada. Individual Color Rose Awards to be presented to outstanding members of the community.

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From multitudes of conversations, interviews and questionnaires, one of my findings have been that womyn don't need to hold a position in office to change their community. It can be as simple as just being open about your sexuality and holding a high head when others judge you with their eyes - or having the passion and desire to work with younger students and help them exceed as young citizens knowing the value of truth, justice, love, loyalty and acceptance. It takes creation, willingness, passion and drive to make a difference, and that formula can be applied in any aspect of life.

Following your dreams and desires to be a painter or singer, working with charities using your skills and talents, stepping up to allow yourself to shine - not only empowers us womyn as a whole, but improves our cul-

ture just a little bit more. There is strength in numbers and the womyn culture makes itself stronger by standing against the destruction, realizing what it takes to create a better tomorrow.

Why are these womyn inspirational? Because in the face of adversity a lesbian marched in crowds of thousands in NY to fight for Marriage equality. Because our bisexual sisters continue to live open and hopeful about the true meaning of love, despite facing scrutiny from both the straight and lesbian community, who accuse them of being fence sitters or greedy. They continue to follow their hearts; continue to allow people into their lives, because they are capable of loving the person without favor of a gender. Because there are those lesbians who grew up with the struggle their entire lives; a struggle that caused them to lose the family they grew up with - yet still emerged with a beautiful 3 year old daughter and domestic partner of her own. When the environment became unequal and male dominance prevailed, the womyn culture stood their ground and continued to fight for the opportunity to perform, cook, sing, teach, live in relms that are considered a "man's world". All have continued to find their happiness despite how their environment threw trouble their way.

No two womyn are alike. There are womyn who feel content and empowered that their home life is of the upmost fulfillment - while others feel like the PHD is what aids them in their success, past contentment. Some womyn are gammers, programmers, quilters, writers, swimmers, musicians, talkative, shy, artistic, extremely family oriented...but the



by Suki & James

one thing we all are are womyn. It is the mindset that makes us a culture, the mindset that we are beautiful in our own rite and our strength is our own. We have the chance to reclaim our power in our communities and deserve to not be held down or punished for recognizing the greatness within ourselves.

We live in a society that emphasis the masculine roles of men and submissive roles of women. The way of thinking gets passed on from generation to generation and widens the rift between men and women. It's important to let all genders and non-genders know how these portrayals cast such a negative shadow on how men and women are supposed to behave. For instance, it is commonly portrayed that men have more power. More power equals more confidence, pay, and a sense of right that has always been denied the womyn culture. While a multitude of facts and statistics can prove this true, this does not mean that womyn aspire to become men or that all men are jerks, believing they are entitled to that power. It just means that womyn are still rising into positions of power that can make a vast difference. Until we have reached that level, it starts with making the small steps in our own communities. It starts with education, so people understand there is no reason to have the mindset that womyn are inferior. Educate them on the rich history womyn have and the strength we silently carry.

For all the world is a stage and there are no small parts – only small actors. Every part womyn play in our culture creates a butterfly effect – affecting the people surrounding her, directly or indirectly.■

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3

Eat for fuel! Would you put unleaded fuel in a race car? No! The same goes for your body. Tell yourself you're a performance machine and eat accordingly. Which foods do what, and when should I eat them, and why? Those are nutrition questions you should ask yourself daily.

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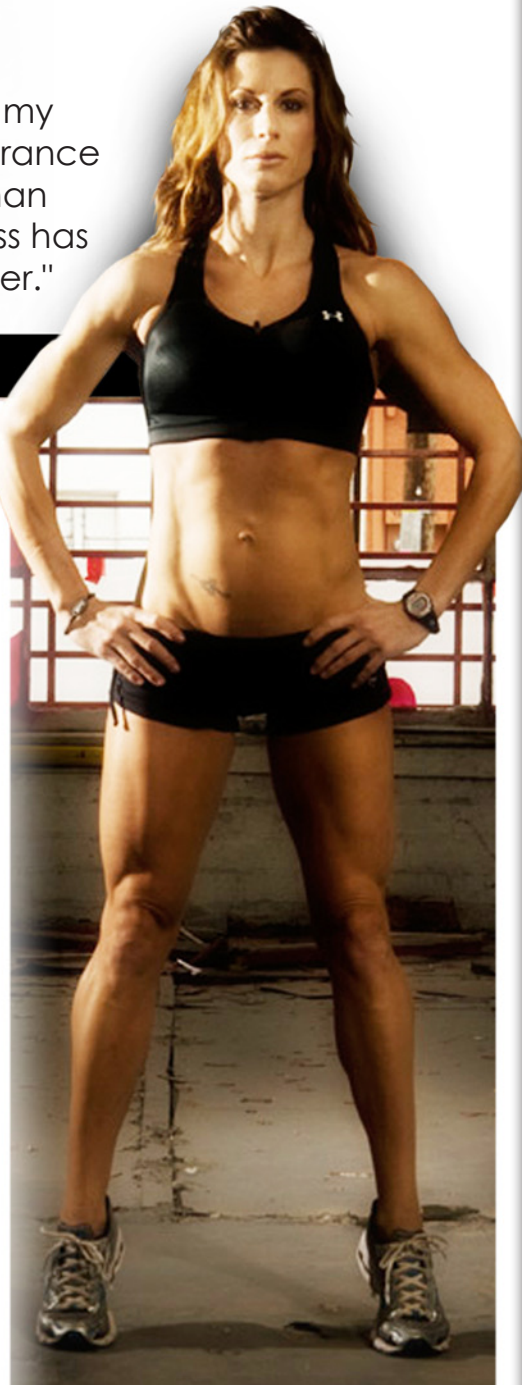
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"Balancing family life with my career with my own endurance training is nothing other than chaos and utter joy. Fitness has held all the pieces together."

Like many others, I also only planned on 'trying out living in Las Vegas for 6 months.' 11 years later I'm still bicycling the edges of our valley and splashing around in Lake Mead. Originally from Southern California and Santa Fe, NM, I've manifested quiet comforts of home in Boulder City and grown some deep roots for loud mayhem that is Corehore Fitness, in Vegas.

I have been training people to live fit and to a higher standard for 10 yrs and have recently had great success sharing my love of endurance training (swim, bike, run) on both a recreational and triathlon race level. I'm a nationally ranked long distance triathlete preparing for a World Championship. Still, that accomplishment pales in comparison to how I see my clients change their lives on a daily basis and the hard work they embrace to be in control of their wellness. A large portion of my life/business is dedicated to rehabilitation in the form of stretching people whether they are athletes, seniors, hard working parents or any individual in need.

My muse and my purpose is my 4 year old son, Luke. He gives me wacky ideas for exercises and ensures that I never know what it's like to rest so that I'm never really missing it. He gets me through anything from races to long days and brings me back to a place of joy any time I find myself out of that place. Balancing family life with my career with my own endurance training is nothing other than chaos and utter joy. Fitness has held all the pieces together. I long to share that gift with as many people as I possibly can, for the rest of my days. ■



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BLACK GIRL @ THE GAY CHANNEL

BY DARLYN BAUGH

Summer is for reading by the pool. Right? Let's be honest, no one sits by the pool at Rumors reading Proust or the "War Diaries of Winston Churchill". We want designer label dropping, bitchy snipe-fests followed by a little bit of drunken office frothage with the hot boss or janitor who's secretly an heir to a huge cosmetics fortune. Or something like that. The best summer novels make you laugh as you empathize (and sympathize) with the lead character. "Black Girl @ the Gay Channel" by Darlyne Baugh is the perfect summer read for those lazy summer days poolside. Grab some sunscreen and that big hat you've been dying to sport over your (Fake) D&G sunglasses and dive in to the rolling and rollicking world of "The Gay Channel".

Our heroine, Charlene Thomas, is a single mom from New Jersey in need of a job who inadvertently ends up at the most glamorously Gay place in New York City, "The Gay Channel". After sending out more resumes than she can count to escape the grind-

ing poverty staring at her after her divorce, Charlene gets a reply from her application to "The Gray Channel". Only upon arriving for the interview does she realize that she hasn't signed for any Senior Citizen network. Charlene is now right in the middle of the launch of America's first ever channel for and by "The Gays".

The Gay Channel is filled with exactly the type of characters that one would expect to roam the halls of America's first Gay network. "Clueless Tenderoni" Jesse suffers at the hands (and loud mouth) of "America's most famous Lesbian", Kathleen Pendle. A mean faced woman with a "Betty Rubble" bob, Pendle bares more than a slight resemblance to a certain Lesbian former talk show hostess with a noticeably loud mouth we all know and love (?). Charlene's boss, Lily Essex, is the classic "power Lesbian" dealing not only with recalcitrant Gay stars, but, a male ego driven work environment as well. The rest of the staff of The Gay Channel are those guys and gals you know all too well if you've ever worked in media or cruised the streets of Chelsea, WEHO or Dade County. Sharp dressers, they're like Barracudas in Prada. No chance to rise to the top is missed. Even if it means lowering themselves to all time

new lows. Getting ahead and up the proverbial ladder is all that matters. The characters are the type you can identify with. If you were born to Wolves.

At home our heroine Charlene is dealing with life away from the Glam. Her deadbeat ex is around, or not, just enough to give her fits of exasperation. Though he has never exhibited an ounce of fatherly care or concern, he's found a new interest in getting custody of their children once Charlene starts working at The Gay Channel. A virulent homophobe, he's determined to make his children's mother go through every fire ringed hoop he can to display his disgust with her new found happiness.

In addition to being a mom to her two kids and working her way up the ladder, Charlene also is helping a friend get through the ultimate "Oprah Moment" the "Down Low Brotha!". She is called upon to try and comfort her buddy while trying to understand herself how someone could betray a partner with such an important and life altering secret. Charlene helps her through this while not quite understanding it herself.

"The Gay Channel" has to be "loosely based" on the life of its author, Darlyne Baugh. In addition to time spent at "Nickelodean", "Spike TV", "Showtime at the Apollo and "Oz", Darlyne also cut her teeth at "LOGO". Where she truly was "The Black Girl at The Gay Channel". ■ -DEREK WASHINGTON

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the American Dream

by Jill Roth

"I know we are very far from ideal conditions. However, I am grateful for the efforts that have led us to the present protections which were not available to previous generations."

It's summer time in the valley. With the blazing heat comes the backyard barbecues with friends, family and loved ones- the buzzing serenade of cicadas high overhead in the treetops bringing with it that familiar feeling of being free to live and love in America, but for some Americans- the season is a reminder that certain freedoms still remain illusive.

Is the American dream of loving openly, sharing a life with someone and raising a family no matter sexual orientation, race or creed truly be a reality in the land of the free? The American dream in the eyes of two very different- newly single gay men, would make it seem as if it is the very definition of faith: The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things, not seen.

"A former instructor I had once said, 'You can't fulfill a dream unless you first have a dream.' The American dream - what the heck is that? In the definition of the American Dream by James Truslow Adams in 1931, 'life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement' regardless of social class or circumstances of birth. The idea of the American Dream is rooted in the United States Declaration of Independence which proclaims that 'all men are created equal,' says, Daniel Bakley, coordinator in training for AFLAC and valet at the Aria Hotel and Casino, who sheds some light on what it is like trying to find a partner to live the dream with him and the trials and tribulations that come with the search.

"In the realm of dating, it seems that most of us (gays) have been guilty of falling into the stereotypical 'trap'. Friday you go on your first date (or to a club) and hit it off with this guy. Saturday you hang out again. Monday you're figuring out who is moving in with who. I've been guilty of this too, once or twice, but have learned that I'd prefer to slow that process, get to know a person, and make sure they have the

qualities I'm looking for before they get a key."

For single parent, Jr Zingg and his two children (ages 14 and 10), the American dream is defined as putting family first which takes patience and with love in the mix, becomes a delicate balancing act which requires trust and time.

"As far as dating, well let me just say, it's slim pickings to find a guy who has enough respect for himself and for me and for my kids to make a relationship work. To even contemplate letting someone into my life and into my kids lives is something I don't see happening just yet. My ex-husband and I chose to part ways recently, so as a gay parent, I face the same challenges as many other parents do- just making sure our kids are good with their teachers and that the parents of their friends understand that we are a gay couple."

For heterosexual couples, a weekend outing to the local Wal-Mart is just another check mark off the daily list of 'American' must-dos however, is it just as easy to traipse into your friendly neighborhood store holding the hand of your transgender girlfriend or drag-queen boyfriend? According to Bakley, bring on the gawking because he isn't stopping and if you stare too long- you may get an eye full.

"I know it's cliché, but if they are looking, I feel they want a show. So as long as they are not looking at us like they are about to attack us, I'll give them a show! A little pinching of the cheeks, some full on making out, sure! This is not my typical behavior, but if someone is gawking? Really? It's 2012! If I am in love, the world knows it, and respectfully so. I don't go out groping my man in public and don't really see heterosexuals doing it either - so what's wrong with a little hand holding, or the occasional skipping down the aisles?"

The American dream, culture, literature, media and fundamental religious foundations for centuries have all been solidly built on the premise that when two people meet and a relationship is well-formed, marriage is the next logical step.

Today, the fight for equal marital and property rights continues for gay men and women in Las Vegas as well across the country who want to live this portion of the American dream for themselves, and according to Bakley, there is no reason to lose hope.

"I feel that the increased publicity of new LGBT rights is a tremendous first step in our

equality rights - DADT, Marriage Equality, Trans-gender Workplace Recognition, etc are all paving the way for us to live the life like those of our heterosexual counterparts," says Bakley.

"I know we are very far from ideal conditions. However, I am grateful for the efforts that have led us to the present protections which were not available to previous generations. As far as a marriage, the Domestic Partnership opportunity in Nevada is lacking in many things that a traditional (heterosexual) marriage would allow. For example, a filed Domestic Partner in Nevada doesn't allow for the partner to have joint property rights or allow for automatic assignment of assets to the Partner after the others death. The only value I saw for this is that this opportunity allows same-sex partners to share in some employee benefits. My (ex) partner and I were married in Vancouver, Canada, but other than possessing a Canadian marriage certificate, it didn't add any value to our rights here in the U.S."

The American dream holds no singular definition, it has no concrete target audience, it is a dream that to each is individual and a god given right to define and achieve in any way, shape or form. Same-sex rights whether is be marriage, property, adoption or right to benefits has been making headlines is just one piece of that fine American pie.

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THE MISINTERPRETATION OF THE *Sapphic Phylum*

by Danaeca D. Scott

Growing up, it was understood that lesbian women simply had two classes: masculine and submissive, butch and femme. This was the way I always understood our Sapphic Community to be. I remember going into the "gayborhood" in my area and really soaking it all in; the culture, the pride, as well as everything that being a homosexual lesbian encompassed and had to offer.

The lesbian couple, with its simplistic phylum and easily comprehended masculine-feminine gender roles was, as I stated earlier, understood, and up until that point the only lesbian unit I had seen or known. Speaking from the perspective of a lesbian woman who identifies as "femme" I grew into my Sapphic self; with the full belief and understanding that only one type of lesbian relationship existed.

Naturally, as is to be expected with the evolution of my full transition into lesbianism, I would soon realize the relationship and sexual proclivity of our community is more of a riddle than I would have imagined.

Dyke on dyke love, sex, and relationship are not as uncommon as my early years would have me believe. There was a time when you would be unable to convince me, of any other type of relationship between two lesbian women existing as prevalent; other than the pairing of the butch and femme duo. This fact is no longer one of accuracy or viability in my sapphic world.

Dyke women, are not only having sexual rendezvous and relations; the butch/dyke blend are also in sustaining, committed relationships! Again, let me reiterate to simply eliminate the tone of harsh candor and callousness that be inferred as one would read this; I am a lesbian woman who identifies as "Femme. I am a woman who is predominantly interested in the gender role of femme in the butch/femme relationship, so I ask that you position yourself to view this from an angle within 300 feet of where I observe.

The other day, I went out (in a city that will remain anonymous) and witnessed PDA between a "Birkenstock" and a "Stone butch" to my hearts flutter of intrigue, I walked past them as their stout, firm bodies emeshed in an embrace that would make the biggest porn star blush; while my face turned its own beet red.

As I walked past, the wind caught my movement and the gently masculine smell from one; if not both of them tickled my nose. I inhaled so deep, I actually coughed and then I looked back at them and thought to myself..."They are really going for it!"

That would only prove to be the beginning of things to come. Later in the evening I went on a girls night out; which is a rare occasion in itself. My girlfriends dragged me to Drag Nights, which is a local Drag Queen show in the previous state in which I formerly resided.

Too many cocktails later, I stumbled to a small table by the dance floor to hide in my intoxicated shame, only to find a butch stud couple, paired in a tentative sexual embrace.

The dance floor was full of them, butch, stud and masculine types; gyrating with one another; sharing the beat of drum to base as house music blared from the speakers above. The smell of amber, sandalwood and primal sweat filled the air of the dance floor.

I watched their bodies move suggestively against one another, in a paired embrace that would offer solace and a visceral yearning to even the most timid femme lesbian. My heart quaked with desire, confusion, and angst and my mind; it reeled and cornered on rails.

I stood up from my table, and had a brief moment of clarity that felt as if time would actually hold the world still for me. In that moment, I thought to myself "everything I thought, knew, believed and understood about the lesbianism and the Sapphic Phylums was not only a mirage, but also a complete fragment in inaccuracy. I realized then you cannot put a face on what love, interaction, or sexual yearning is; because well... its just IS.

As I gathered myself to leave the club and call it an evening for the night, I took one last look around the dance floor, inhaled deep as if that breath was my very last, looked around one more time and said simply, "There really going for it." ■

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JYL AGUSTIN

What are you doing to make a difference?

Well with my recent endeavors with International Drag Day, I hope to entertain and form stronger bond with Kings as well as Queens. A lot of my fellow kings would agree; we're tired of explaining what a drag king is. I also hope with drag, more women can discover the power of showing off a masculine side, and men can become comfortable with exploring their feminine side.

What do you love most about being a woman? I do not fully identify as a woman. I'd like to think I am an equal balance of both male and female. I believe gender and sexuality is fluid. Sure, my birth certificate say female, and given my past and present relationships, most would label me as a lesbian. The greatest advantage I have being a woman is having the freedom to say whatever I want. Once, I was riding my bike, someone almost ran over me in the intersection. I screamed out a four letter word that began with the letter C. He proceeded to make a very illegal U turn and start a fight with me. When he realized I wasn't a boy, he drove away very perturbed.

KIM SCHJANG

What are you doing to make a difference?

I'm making a difference by being different. Being not what someone expects and saying what people don't expect grabs their attention. And while I have their attention, I deliver the message through podcast (Ethnic, Lesbian & Random), music, preaching, service, computer technology and MMA that, though we are within the LGBT community, we are also part of the greater community known as humanity. We have talents and interests

that are not just about equality and rainbows. We are normal every day people that are also unique, just like every human being is created to be.

What do you love most about being a woman? Well, besides the fact that we look so good, I love being a woman because American society forces expectations on men. When men meet these expectations, they are just "being a man" in America's eyes. When a woman meets and exceeds these expectations only placed on men, no one knows what to make of us. Meeting expectations are boring and gender roles are played out.

LYDIA TOSCANO-CORBETT

What are you doing to make a difference?

I wear a few different hats, wife, mother, businesswoman, activist, and volunteer and community leader. All are part of who I am and what I would like to see for our collective future. I want a better community for my children and that is why Stavan (my husband) are so involved with Las Vegas. I truly believe that in helping others, we are helping ourselves.

What do you love most about being a woman? Having an open heart and mind and living with compassion. I love that I have so much emotions and that those emotions help to guide me to do what's best...OH WAIT! I also love all the cute clothes and shoes that I can wear as a woman! (LOL)

BRENDA HERMAN

What are you doing to make a difference?

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What do you love most about being a woman? I love being a woman. I love being a mother. I love being a sister. I love being a daughter. I like the fact we are caring, loving, strong, and independent. We are the glue to any family. It is hard to explain the bond woman have and our sisterhood. We are protective of all our loved ones.

ANITA TIJERINA REVILLA

What are you doing to make a difference?

My commitment in my personal work as well as my professional work is to create a society of inclusion versus exclusion; one that is focused on love rather than fear and hostility. We're living in a time of change, but we have a long way to go. I teach about social justice with the intention of making the changes necessary to live in an environment free of discrimination. This is why I teach Women's Studies, because it is a field of study that interrogates relations of power that systematically disadvantage many groups of people. We challenge those power dynamics and offer different approaches and theories for ensuring equal access, respect and human dignity. I am also an activist in the community who defends the rights of women, people of color, working class people, immigrants, queer people, and our allies. ■

1 GENDER DISCRIMINATION:

We all have a sexual orientation and a gender identity, and this means that discrimination against members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community, based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity, is an issue that transcends the community and affects all of us. Discrimination and its role in fostering violence based on gender identity affects all aspects of women's lives, regardless of their sexual identity. The human rights violations non-gender conforming queer womyn face, is integrally connected not only to their sex and sexual orientation, but also to factors such as appearance, demeanor and behavior.

In some communities, which can include

religious institutions, family and cultural networks, there are regulations for women's sexuality and gender expression and punishments for women who do not comply. Such women include lesbians, bisexual women, women who appear "too masculine," women who try to freely exercise their rights and women who challenge male dominance. Although many of these regulations are more prevalent in other countries (i.e. Nigeria and South Africa where "corrective rape" is used) the United States has had many black eyes in its history of treatment of queer womyn (i.e. the rape and murder of Brandon Teena). The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crime Prevention Act adds two new categories to the FBI's list of biases—actual or perceived gender and gender

identity- when hate crimes are reported. This is integral in keeping accurate data about these heinous crimes. For more information or to become more involved as an advocate consider these great organizations:

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (thetaskforce.org) works to create a nation that respects the diversity of human expression and identity and creates opportunity for all.

LAMBDA's Anti-Violence Project (lambda.org) provides victim services to survivors of hate crimes, domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes. ■



2 THINGS QUEER WOMYN SHOULD CARE ABOUT NOW!

By
Sybrina
Bernabei

It's absolutely incredible that queer women have been at the forefront of so many social justice issues for the past few decades. Did you know there were lesbians at the Stonewall Inn when it was raided over 30 years ago (thus beginning the gay pride movement)? Did you know that queer women were a driving force when women were fighting for equal rights in the 1970s? Since the beginning of time (and inequality), queer womyn have been fighting for what is right. We have been protesting and we have been trying to change the world. We have definitely come a long way (thanks to Barbara Gittings the American Psychiatric Association dropped homosexuality as a mental illness in 1972. Her self-described life mission was to tear away the "shroud of invisibility" related to homosexuality that associated it with crime and mental illness). However, we still have a very long way to go.

2 VISIBILITY:

The gay community needs more queer women to live, come out and be seen. The subtle contributions any queer woman makes in her own circles, in the workplace, within her family and so on, are as valuable as the contributions of large queer organizations. Every little bit helps. Let's not forget that one of the main reasons more and more women are coming out as gay, bisexual or transgender, receive partnership benefits, are able to adopt and live openly and honestly, etc., is because of all the people before them. What is even more important than women coming out and telling their stories is the concept of those women representing different ages, cultures and genders. The Caribbean-American poet Audre Lorde once said of her gender and culture, "I am a Black Feminist. I mean I recognize that my power as well as my primary oppressions come as a result

of my blackness as well as my being a woman, and therefore my struggles on both of these fronts are inseparable."

The Audre Lorde Project (named after her) is an organization for queer people of color. The organization concentrates on community organizing and radical nonviolent activism around progressive issues. Our community needs more Audrey Lordes. We need more people of color, of all ages, of all socio-economic backgrounds and of all genders to speak out and be heard. It is, however, also very important to consider the reasons why people cannot be such activists. In coming out, LGBTQ people- especially in minority communities- risk alienation from their families and peers. Before we come out, we must assess the risks. ■

For more information or to become more involved as an advocate consider these resources:

1. The Pipeline Project (lgbtpipeline.org) is a recruitment, retention, and leadership advancement initiative which hopes to increase the number of queer people of color working within the nation's LGBT organizations.

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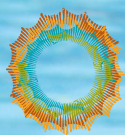
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Male to Female BEYOND THE GENDER

BY JUDY DAHLEM

A mixture of shock, disbelief, anger and betrayal: my initial reaction on July 11, 2010, to my husband Jim's announcement that he needed to transition and would live the rest of his life as a woman.

I was confronted with the fact that Jim was dealing with late-onset gender identity disorder. He explained that this had caused his bouts of deep depression, inconsolable sadness and feelings of worthlessness. In light of our having spent the past 24 years as each other's best friend, shared 20+ years of marriage, reared our 6 collective children (think Brady Bunch), built a family-owned business together and were accustomed to spending virtually 24/7 together for 19 years, I was left speechless. A few moments later, I was able to respond with "I'm out of here!" which I quickly amended to "No, YOU'RE out of here!"

The next few months were filled with long periods of silence interrupted by emotional outbursts and filled with stress, great sadness and buckets of tears. We sought therapy and were fortunate to find a clinical psychologist specializing in transgender issues. Through attending both joint and separate sessions, we were able to find some solace. With the birth of our youngest granddaughter in October, 2010, and the holidays following soon after, we made a pact to put our problems on the 'back burner' and try to make the best of what we each believed was certain to be our last holiday season together, ever.

Both Thanksgiving and Christmas were bittersweet, but I'd had nearly 3 months to think things through. When the time came for us to make decisions, it was easier than I had anticipated. I told Jim that the life we'd built together was far more important than whether he lived our future as a male or as the female, Jamie, who he knew he must become. Ironically, I voiced my decision on January 11, 2011, exactly 6 months to-the-day after having learned his news.

In late March, we undertook a multi-city journey to inform our 6 adult-children of the changes which were to come. Our 3 sons, eldest daughter and their families were very accepting, wanting only to be certain that we know we have their unconditional love and support. Our younger 2 daughters have been very judgmental; failing to understand that this was not a choice that their dad made. The decision to

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transition was a must-do for his very survival. We still have hope that time will bring understanding and that we will no longer be denied access to five of our granddaughters.

Beginning in April, Jim started living as Jamie. Clothes, hair and make-up were but a small part of our period of adjustment. I discovered that fewer than 5% of the marriages of male-to-female transgender people survive. Most lose their spouses, children and friends when their transition comes to light. And, until recent legislation here in Nevada (laws take effect October 1, 2011), transgender folk were risking loss of jobs and could be denied housing without recourse. With few exceptions, our friends have been loving and supportive. Those who felt uncomfortable are no longer in our lives; we can't waste time on those who generate only negative energy.

By no means has my decision to stay with Jamie, f/k/a Jim, been an easy one. We face challenges on a daily basis. Some as innocuous as who will drive; others as serious as the decision to forego public displays of affection. Petty and insignificant – perhaps – but not when you've been a hetero couple for 24 years and are now the same gender.

And, of course, there's the issue of sexual intimacy.....which shall remain private and personal.

We are both interested in becoming active within the LGBTcommunity. Through The Center, we have come to know a group of 20-25 transgender people, each of whom have their own set of circumstances which led to their transition. Each has a story unique to them, but with one common thread: virtually no programs exist to truly aid transgender people, their families and friends. To that end, I, along with a few friends, am working to establish a clothing bank geared to provide transgender women and men with appropriate apparel for daily life and most particularly for job interviews. We'd also like to provide hairstyling and make-up help. In addition, I plan to provide information to The Center and to establish a web page accessible to other wives. There are literally -0- sources of support here in the Valley for the wife of an M-t-F person. I can unequivocally state that I am not the only one. We each have a story to share; this is mine. ■



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Las Vegas has known its share of outsized magicians, and the scene is getting crowded again, with a host of big and small name acts adorning the Strip. With the arrival of Jan Rouven, from his native Germany three weeks ago, add one more to that list, though Rouven's show, Illusions, isn't exactly on the Strip. Illusions makes it's home sitting slightly off the Strip at the Clarion Hotel and Casino on Convention Center Drive (formerly the Greek Isles). Still, in a prime location and headlining the Fame Theater, Rouven's show is a fast-paced hour and-a-half of death defying illusions, young dancers, modern music, and enough personality to go around.

With a healthy list of accomplishments and awards in Europe, Rouven has every intention of putting in the work necessary to make it big in the States. "It's always constant work," Rouven says. "You know, things change and years ago you would just have a TV show and then you can sit at home and relax and watch the TV show. Now you have everything online and Facebook, and Twitter, and all the social media, a ton of TV stations. So, it is always a lot of work, you can never take a rest, always pulling and reinventing yourself. Especially in Vegas where there is a lot of competition."

In a town where the competition is fierce and there are a lot of big names to go up against, sometimes it can be hard to differentiate yourself, but Rouven may have found his niche. "I think what's different is some of the acts, death defying acts like going underwater," he explains. "It's a very physical show, and I think that is the advantage. It's not a classical Vegas illusion show with rhinestones, feathers, a tuxedo, and a top hat, what you may expect. It's also modern, we use contemporary music, modern pop hits, with a young cast of dancers, and that makes it different. Just last night I had a family say after the show, 'You know, we wanted to see Copperfield, but Copperfield was just too expensive for us, so we purchased tickets to your show and... and we really ended up liking it.'"

Now that Rouven has begun the process of building his name, he still has greater goals in sight. He knows that the ultimate prize in Las Vegas is headlining a show on the Strip. "When we first started talks with people to bring a show to Vegas, we had very good meetings with people at the Venetian because of the European connection," Rouven says. "They loved the show, we talked business and figures, but in the end they said the problem is 'you don't have name recognition here.' They have David Spade and all these headliners, but I don't have a big name in the US. People know me in Germany and Europe, but not here. That was, in the end, the problem. We realized then that we have to start off the Strip, we have to build up a name, invite people, create a buzz, and then we can start on working to get a show on the Strip."

With the capability to evolve, Rouven's show is sure to quickly work towards that goal. He explains that he loves the weather in Las Vegas and has made a home here. With possible new additions to the show, levitation being one such that he discussed, the buzz around Illusions is sure to grow and further success, culminating in a Strip appearance are strong possibilities. For more information on Jan Rouven and his show Illusions, visit www.illusionsvegas.com ■

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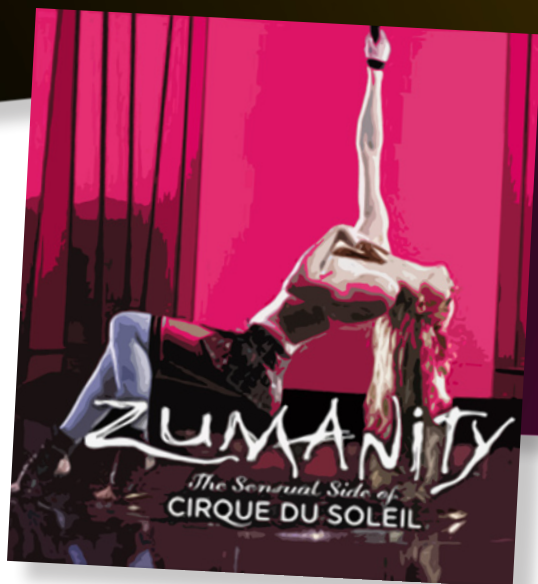
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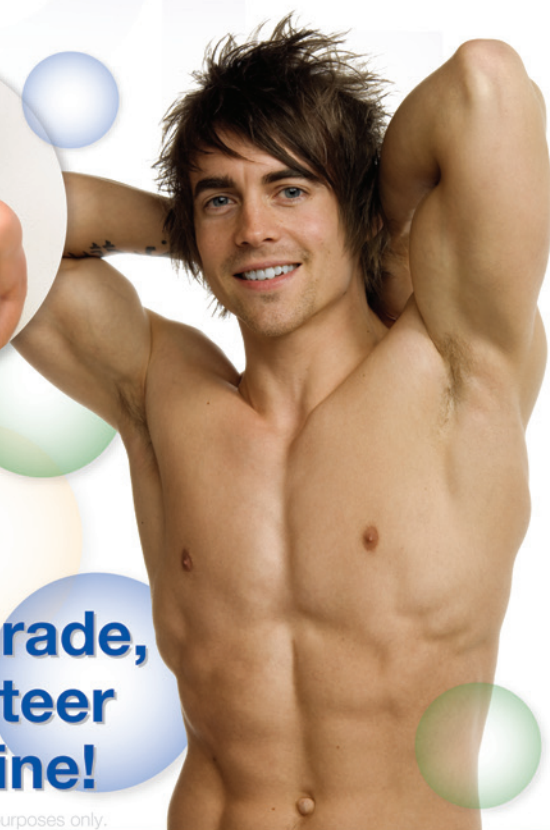
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BADLANDS SALOON 953 E. Sahara Ave. 702-792-9262	\$5 Beer Bust 9pm - Midnight	Happy Hour 2-4-1 Drinks 4pm - 7pm	Happy Hour 2-4-1 Drinks 4pm - 7pm	Happy Hour 2-4-1 Drinks 4pm - 7pm	Happy Hour 2-4-1 Drinks 4pm - 7pm	2-4-1 4pm-7pm \$5 Liquor Bust 9pm - 12pm	\$6 Beer Bust 9pm - Midnight
CHARLIE'S LAS VEGAS 5012 S. Arville St. 702-876-1844	\$1.75 Well&Dom. 2a-10a \$5 Beer Bust 4pm-7pm \$2 Long Islands 7p-12a	Dance Lessons 7p-9p \$1.75 Well 2am-10am 2-4-1 Well 10am- 6pm	Drag Queen bingo 9ish \$1.75 Well 2am-10am 2-4-1 Well 10am- 6pm	Underwear Night \$1.75 Well 2am-10am Karaoke 12pm Free Pool 9pm	1/2 Price 9p-12a Dance Lessons 7p-9p \$1.75 Well 2am-10am 2-4-1 Well 10am- 6pm	Dance Lessons 7p-9p \$1.75 Well & Domestic 2am-10am & 7pm-9pm \$10 Liquor Bust 9p-12a	\$1.75 Well & Domestic 2am-10am & 7pm-9pm \$5 Beer Bust 9pm -12am
CREWS'N 1000 E. Sahara, Ste. 105 702-934-0951	Happy Hour 2-4-1 Well & Draft 2p-7p \$15 Brunch Buffet 4p	Sing along with pianist Piermarini 4p-7p Happy Hour 2p-7p	Happy Hour 2-7p Karaoke 8-11p Every other Tuesday	Happy Hour 2-7p 2 for 1 Well and Draft	Happy Hour 2-4-1 Well & Draft 2pm - 7pm Roll The Dice Price 7p- 9p	Happy Hour 2pm-7pm Kitty Litter Show 11pm & 1am	Happy Hour 2-4-1 Well & Draft 2pm - 7pm Richard Villa 10pm
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FREEZONE 610 E. Naples Dr. 702-794-2300	Karaoke 10pm Free Beer Bust 8p-1a *w/ a shot purchase	Karaoke 10pm Free Beer Bust 8p-1a *w/ a shot purchase	Ladies Night LickHerBust \$7 Beer Bust \$5 8p-1a	Risque Bingo 8pm iNTOXXICATED w/ Diva Toxxx Drag Revue 11pm	BUSTED \$7 Liquor Bust & \$5 Beer Bust 8pm-1am	Queens of Las Vegas Drag Revue 10pm DJ BC 11pm	Queens of Las Vegas Drag Revue 10pm DJ BC 11pm Beer Bust 4p-8p
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SOUTHERN DECADENCE IN NEW ORLEANS

by Joshua Miller

Southern Decadence is by no means, a new party weekend. It has been around for almost 40 years and has become one of the nations biggest and most decadent gay celebrations. People from all over the world fly in to New Orleans Labor Day Weekend to let loose, have fun, dance to great music and meet new people.

Whether from a big city or a small town, all enjoy the hospitality, camaraderie and inclusiveness that "Big Easy" provides. I was able to chat with Sandy Sachs, owner of New Orleans largest gay club, "The Bourbon Pub," on how Southern Decadence has progressed over the years and what she plans to do to make this year more "Decadent" than ever.

What was your first Southern Decadence like? My first Southern Decadence was amazing but a little overwhelming. So many men, so little time. It was one of the biggest ever since Katrina, so I was very pleased with the turnout.

Do you have any tips for first timers? Pace yourself. Most places don't party 24 hours a day, but down here in New Orleans we do! You won't want to miss anything so take it easy.

How has Southern Decadence changed over the years? It has really grown. It used to be a small event for regional crowd and now guys come from all over the world to experience the largest block in the country.

What can we expect this year at Southern Decadence? There will be some great entertainment, great DJs and great MCs like Rhea Litre'!

What is it about a gay party in New Orleans and in the French Quarters so special for visitors and locals alike? New Orleans and especially The French Quarter is really great adult playground. Not only can you party all night long, but the food and restaurants are among the best in the world. It's the birthplace of Jazz and there is just so much culture that it makes New Orleans one of the most interesting cities in the country. The combination of it's European feel and it's easy lifestyle, it's a perfect place to get away and just let loose. ■

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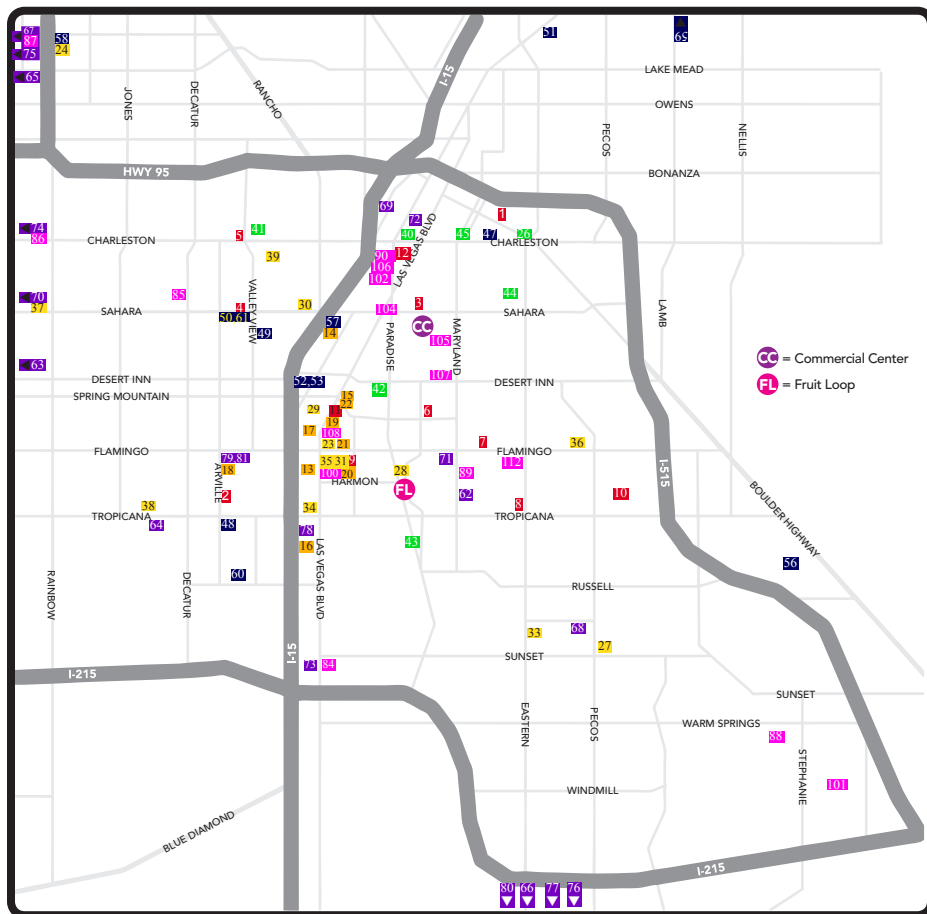
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CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

Study the Sag. Message closely. Except, the vast majority of your popularity shall come from business and financial matters. Most of them look rock solid. Not that Cappy would have it any other way. It's wise to listen carefully before offering up opinions on the 17th. This reduces the chance of a "paus faux". Physical energy levels are stronger and those shoulders won't be nearly as achy. Keep that I phone charged & close on the 30th.



AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

The month starts out at an extremely slow pace (which your sign hates), hits a "cruise control" speed around the 14th and finally hurtles toward "warp drive" on the 21st. This gives you plenty of time to make and fine tune plans before you're launched. News from a distance brings relief and a smile on the 12th. Rock solid financial opportunity presents itself on the 22nd. Check it out of course, but it looks & feels like a giant "gold nugget".



PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 19

Most of those pre set goals for August shall be met and a few even exceeded. But, many of them shall feel like you're "pulling teeth". Translation: very little will manifest easily or smoothly. It's as if the powers that be are testing you. Next month proves to be much nicer and rewarding. So, your mindset is very important, Pisces. View the glass as half full" and you'll be fine. Better yet, have fine champagne in the cup and just drink it down. Okay?



ARIES

MARCH 20 – APRIL 19

An old expression states that in order to get things done, it's often comes down to "who you know". That shall be so true during August, Aries. Don't hesitate to call in any favor, marker or promise in order to keep the momentum on your side. It'll even be alright to end up owing out a favor or three. The 20th looks promising for completing the "final blueprint" of that awesome business proposal. Be careful who you tell though. The walls do "have ears".



TAURUS

APRIL 20 – MAY 20

Financial influences for the next two months look extraordinary. This has been a long time in coming, so savor every moment, Taurus. Getting backing will prove to be no problem whatsoever. Isn't it nice to finally be back in the "cat bird seat"? Why not throw a party to celebrate? The 20th looks best and you do so deserve a few moments in the spotlight. On that note, some new clothes might be in order. Unless of course bell bottoms are back in vogue.



GEMINI

MAY 21 – JUNE 21

Travel indicators are very much highlighted during the month. They look to be equal parts business and pleasure (which is always a nice balance). Like Taurus, there's a great deal to look forward to and savoring each morsel is the only way to go. With all that travel, some new luggage would nce a good idea. Yours looks like something off of the "Hindenburg" blimp. While you're at it, buy a pair or two of designer sneakers (with a name brand-please!).



CANCER

JUNE 22 – JULY 22

Pacing yourself during the month is important, as physical energy level will tend to fluctuate. This isn't a time for "burning the candle at both ends" (that's next month). Being focused and detailed shall bring about the desired results. Friends will be more than willing to help on the 18th. A bit of extra cash makes the 26th-28th somewhat of a delight. Keep dishy gossip to yourself on the 30th. Wait until someone passes it onto you-then confirm it. No harm done.



LEO

JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

Planetary energies shall be mostly on your side all month long. That doesn't mean that extreme risks or unnecessary chances should be taken (especially on the 6th & 7th). Make it a point to give praise where it's due on the 11th. Full Moon on the 13th make you "toast of the town", Leo. You'll be beating off admirers with a stick (by Gucci of course). New Moon in your sign on the 28th indicates that things should be done in a big fashion. What a surprise!



VIRGO

AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

Lunar influences could cause you to daydream or just drift off more than usual. True, this is a very un Virgo like thing, but all of us need to be in a "fantasy mode" once in a while. Believe it or not, that's where the best ideas come from. At work, you'll be absolutely "on fire" come the 3rd (and yes the boss will notice). The 13th & 14th are best used for a much needed "R & R" trip. Be sure to pack that hot new bathing suit. Gotta show that bod off, right?



LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 22

Leave the past be and please don't restart a relationship that was on "life supports" for so long. There are many sweet and hot memories, but you deserve something new and better, Libra. Accept that invite for a barbeque/pool party on the 6th. It'll be one for the record books (make sure that cell phone "cam" is charged up. Arguing with difficult people on the 19th proves to be a waste of time. The month ends with a long sought but not expected victory.



SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 – NOVEMBER 21

Four planets will be in a square/stress aspect throughout August. Think of it as a challenge, Scorp. And everyone knows that natives of your sign never back down from one. Your strength and fortitude is capable of moving mountains. Keep away from negative people on the 15th. When advice is needed on the 22nd, seek out an expert. There's no shame in not having all the answers. Financial aspects brighten significantly as the month ends.



SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

Happily, you'll get to call most of the shots during this month. Just the way a Sag. likes it. Mostly green lights, few delays and almost everyone on your side (remember we said ALMOST). My, but you'll be the social butterfly, so much in demand. Isn't that a nice change from the last 2 months when people thought you were MIA? Now the balancing act of juggling work and play becomes tougher. But, you'll still experience wine, sex and song.

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Helmbold invented the first Women's Studies course at SJSU, and with the growing curiosity on campus, women's studies became an institutionalized course.

In 2002, Lois Helmbold became chair of the Women's Studies department at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Since then, Helmbold said she has built the originating 12 Gender, Race, and Class sections to 36, and guess what? Even as a retired education professional, her accomplishments are not stopping there. In fact, she's got quite a few under her belt already.

From the biography of Helmbold, "She has published widely in historical and women's studies interdisciplinary journals, including Labor History, Feminist Studies, Frontiers, Reviews in American History, Women's Review of Books, and in the award-winning Black Women in America: a Historical Encyclopedia. Among her honors are Phi Beta Kappa, Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Teaching Intern, Rockefeller Humanist in Residence, and Fulbright Senior Lecturer in Japan."

Coming from the University of Michigan in 1969, Helmbold taught at a Historically Black College and University in rural Mississippi. White northerners and black southerners mainly founded HBCU's in the late 19th century, Helmbold said. She noted that the experience changed her life as economic inequity and racial segregation stared her in the face.

"I was this idealistic white girl from the north," Helmbold said. "The student center sold cigarettes by the cigarette, which sort of says an enormous amount." Helmbold taught black studies while in Mississippi and stemming from a talk with colleagues, who all agreed that yes, African American studies should be taught, they concluded "well, if there's black studies there should be women's studies."

So, in 1970, while teaching in an interdisciplinary program, Helmbold invented the first Women's Studies course at SJSU. She taught the class during her first semester at the university and worked with students and faculty to create a women's studies program. With students yearning for more knowledge and the same sort of questions being asked all around, tenured professors began offering courses students

wanted and with the growing curiosity on campus, women's studies became an institutionalized course.

Nine years ago, when the former chair of Women's Studies at UNLV was retiring, Helmbold started her career as chairwoman with a promise by the dean of having open tenured positions for staff. This, according to Helmbold, was a great opportunity that did not come often, and so she took the position and started to build a Women's Studies department.

During the 2009-2010 school year, women's studies went up for elimination. Luckily, with the department and students fighting to keep the program, it was spared. However, this is not yet a happy ending. During the following school year, women's studies entered the chopping block once again. Helmbold decided she needed new plans for the 2011-2012 school year, being that the department would be facing a cut, and so she applied to the Fullbright Program.

"At the same time last summer, I visited Turkey for the first time and fell in love with it," Helmbold said. "I thought, I know, I'll apply for a Fullbright in Turkey."

Fullbright is a sponsored educational program by the U.S. government which offers student and teacher exchanges in over 155 countries. Specifically, Helmbold is a part of a program where college professors teach what they teach in other places around the world. "I did one in Tokyo and I loved it!" said Helmbold.

The application process to participate in the Fullbright Program is a very tedious process; applicants must apply more than a year in advance, Helmbold stated. She is set to teach this coming September for one year.

When Helmbold returns from her Fullbright experience, she plans on moving to the Bay Area where she lived before moving to Las Vegas. "I'll be doing more political activism, become a textile artist and of course keep writing," Helmbold said. ■

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