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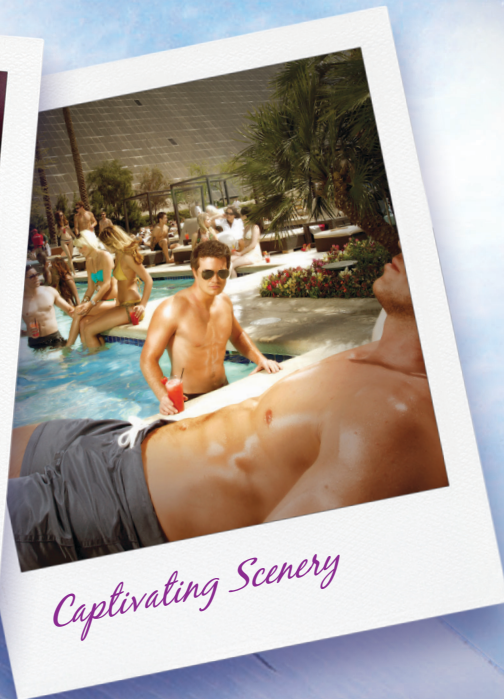
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a note from our Editor

Last month we were so anxious for the Supreme Court's ruling on DOMA and Prop 8. We'd hoped to hear a ruling before press but inevitably it happened sometime after. So this issue we celebrate those wins with an issue dedicated to relationships. On the cover, Las Vegas headliner Frank Marino shares the news that he and his partner of 20 years will tie knot. It's about time.

A win is a win but for some of us in states where gay marriage is banned or not yet legal, including Nevada, we recognize the court fell short of recognizing same-sex marriage. Section 2 of DOMA still absolves states from having to recognize same-sex marriages that happen in other states. I am no legal buff so we've enlisted the help of our friends James M. Davis, Esq. and John Cereso, Esq. to outline exactly what the Courts rulings mean for lovers in Nevada.

The count down to turn the city out has officially begun. The annual Southern Nevada Association of PRIDE kicks off 30 years of Las Vegas PRIDE at Charlie's Las Vegas on August 31. But first, we will be honoring community champion Phyllis James, community pioneers Kelly & Michael Smith, and heart of the community



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Rounding out this issue CJ scored an interview with R&B singer Ciara on her self-titled album *Ciara*. Michael Barbieri activates his sweet tooth Lakeside at Wynn and our publisher Russ White shares his vision one year after purchasing *QVegas* in the "Last Word."

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DAY OF EQUALITY

by James M. Davis, Esq. and John E. Cereso, Esq.

June 26, 2013 is a date that all Americans should celebrate as the Day of Equality. In two landmark decisions from the United States Supreme Court, the LGBTQ community took a huge leap towards marriage equality. In a nutshell, the Court upheld two lower court decisions that recognized marriage equality. First came the decision in *United States v. Windsor* (DOMA), in which the Court ruled that Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was unconstitutional under the Fifth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause. Then, just minutes later, the Court held in *Hollingsworth v. Perry* (Prop 8) that the proponents of California's Proposition 8 lacked standing to appeal a federal court's decision that to ban marriage equality was unconstitutional under the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause. Celebrations in hundreds of communities across America began, while anti-LGBTQ factions screamed foul. Within minutes, if not seconds, questions arose regarding the impact of the decisions on all LGBTQ Americans. We will attempt to answer some of those questions in this article; however, a brief explanation of the difference between the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments and of the two cases is in order.

FIFTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Without getting bogged down in what constitutional legal scholars around the country have been debating for over a hundred years, it is important to know the differences between the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. In general, the Fifth Amendment prevents the federal government from depriving "person[s] ... of life, liberty or property, without due process of law." The Fourteenth Amendment expanded those protections to state and local governments and included that, "No State shall ... deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." Of note is that both amendments include the term liberty, which over the years has included the fundamental right to marry. To summarize: every government body in the United States must treat everyone equally under the law; this includes everyone's fundamental liberty interest including their right to marry—although the Supreme Court went to great lengths in their ruling to specify that they were not ruling on state-based DOMA type laws.

UNITED STATES V. WINDSOR (DOMA)

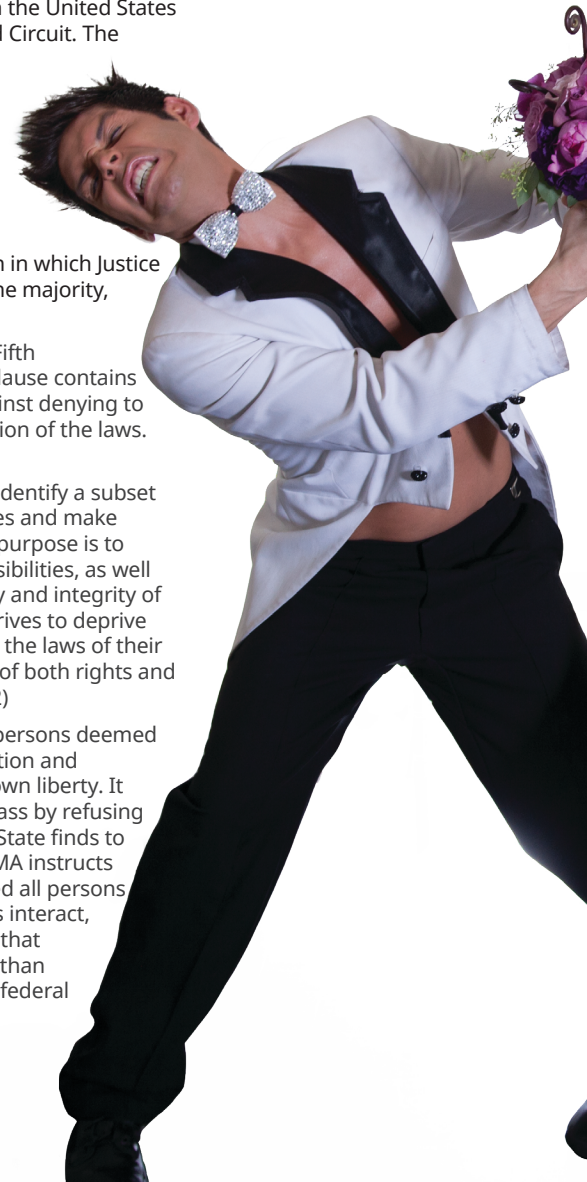
In 2007, Edith Windsor and Thea Spyer decided to solemnize their 45-year long-term relationship by getting married in Ontario, Canada. The couple resided in New York, where they were unable to get married, but the state did recognize marriages that were validly entered in other jurisdictions. In 2009, Thea Spyer passed away leaving her entire estate to Edith Windsor. Under the federal estate tax law, married couples do not have to pay an estate tax when one of the spouses passes away unless the size of the estate exceeds a certain threshold value. However, DOMA prevented the federal government from recognizing Edith and Thea's marriage, resulting in Edith owing \$363,053 in federal estate tax.

Edith filed suit in Federal Court, contending that her Fifth Amendment right to equal protection was violated by DOMA. The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York agreed, prompting an appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The Second Circuit upheld the lower court's decision that DOMA did violate Edith's Fifth Amendment rights. This Decision was appealed to the Supreme Court, resulting in a landmark decision in which Justice Anthony Kennedy, writing for the majority, stated:

The liberty protected by the Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause contains within it the prohibitions against denying to any person the equal protection of the laws. (page 25)

DOMA's principal effect is to identify a subset of state-sanctioned marriages and make them unequal. The principal purpose is to impose inequality, ... Responsibilities, as well as rights, enhance the dignity and integrity of the person. And DOMA contrives to deprive some couples married under the laws of their State, but not other couples, of both rights and responsibilities. (page 22)

DOMA singles out a class of persons deemed by a State entitled to recognition and protection to enhance their own liberty. It imposes a disability on the class by refusing to acknowledge a status the State finds to be dignified and proper. DOMA instructs all federal officials, and indeed all persons with whom same-sex couples interact, including their own children, that their marriage is less worthy than the marriages of others. The federal statute is invalid(page 25)



The decision held that Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was unconstitutional, requiring the Federal Government to extend the same benefits to all married couples regardless of gender or sexual orientation. President Obama, almost immediately, instructed all federal agencies to revise their policies and practices to comply with the decision thus extending the over 1,100 federal benefits of marriage to everyone that has validly entered a marriage. Interestingly, in the short time since the ruling was handed down, most federal agencies have diligently begun the transition process, and in fact, the first press release from a federal agency was from the Department of Defense, stating that they would begin providing same sex married partners military spousal benefits almost immediately.

HOLLINGSWORTH V. PERRY (PROP 8)

In November 2008, the people of California passed a ballot initiative known as Proposition 8. This proposition amended the California Constitution to limit marriages to those between a man and a woman only. The California Supreme Court held that the Proposition was properly enacted under California law and added that, since domestic partnerships in California bestowed all of the

same rights of a marriage except for the designation of "marriage," same-sex couples were not deprived of any rights.

Two same-sex couples filed suit in federal court claiming that the proposition violated their equal protection rights under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. The State of California decided not to defend the law in court but the proponents of Prop 8 intervened (joined the suit) to defend the proposition. After a lengthy trial, Federal Court Judge Vaughn Walker concluded:

Proposition 8 fails to advance any rational basis in singling out gay men and lesbians for denial of a marriage license. Indeed, the evidence shows Proposition 8 does nothing more than enshrine in the California Constitution the notion that opposite-sex couples are superior to same-sex couples. Because California has no interest in discriminating against gay men and lesbians, and because Proposition 8 prevents California from fulfilling its constitutional obligation to provide marriages on an equal basis, the court concludes that Proposition 8 is unconstitutional.

Thus, marriage equality existed in California. The proponents of Prop 8 appealed the decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which eventually upheld Judge Walker's decision, stating:

Proposition 8, in the court's view, violated the Equal Protection Clause because it served no purpose but to impose upon gays and lesbians, through the public law, a majority's private disapproval of them and their relationships.

The case was then appealed to the United States Supreme Court, where the Supreme Court determined that the proponents of Prop 8 (interveners) were not harmed by the Walker decision and therefore they had no right (standing) to appeal. This decision essentially nullified the Ninth Circuit's decision and restated marriage equality in California. A few days later, after the Ninth Circuit lifted the stay on marriages, marriages of same-sex couples resumed in California.

IMPACT ON NEVADANS

So what does this mean to those of us that live in Nevada? The answer to that question, like most questions posed to an attorney, is that depends. First, the impact on those that have entered domestic partnerships in Nevada and have not entered a valid marriage in another state or country: the decisions will have very little impact on you. Your domestic partnership in Nevada is still valid and you maintain all of the rights, duties and responsibilities of a married couple (except for spousal benefits from employers),

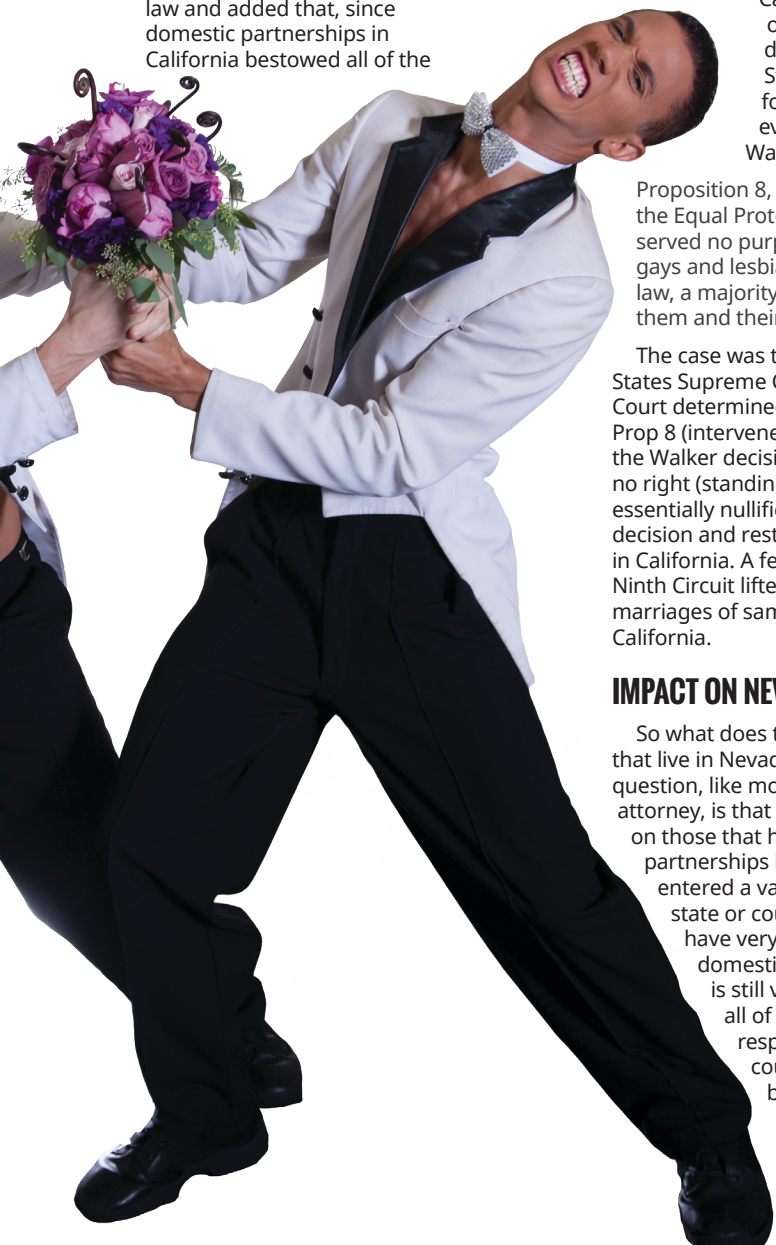
but without the designation of "marriage." Since the Federal Government does not currently recognize domestic partnerships or civil unions, you are still not entitled to the over 1,100 federal benefits bestowed upon married couples.

However, David Boies, Esq., one of the lead attorneys in the Prop 8 case, recently stated on CNN that since Judge Walker's decision was based on the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, and since that decision was not overturned, then marriage equality is the law of the land (legal in all 50 states). Unfortunately, since a ruling in the Federal District Court is only binding on that district's laws, as much as the authors would like it to be true, only those states which have true marriage equality (12 plus Washington, D.C. at the time this article is written) will derive those federal benefits. As the perspective of Mr. Boies is not shared by all, it has already prompted a law suit in Arkansas that challenges a provision in the Arkansas State Constitution, which limits the recognition of a marriage to that between a man and a woman (Wright et. al. v. State of Arkansas). It is without a doubt that more lawsuits are to follow across the country.

On the other hand, if you were married in a state or country that recognizes marriage equality, then your marriage will be recognized for the purposes of federal benefits unless those federal benefits are triggered by a designation of marriage from the state. Whether or not you receive state benefits will depend on where you reside or visit. This has an enormous impact for Nevadans that are federal employees or members of the military. If you are in this class, then you are entitled to retirement benefits and eligible for health insurance benefits, just to name a few.

Also, for those bi-national couples, you are now allowed to sponsor your spouse for immigration purposes. The Department of Homeland Security has already begun processing sponsorship requests. As for Social Security benefits, those benefits are based on your domicile (where you live) and may not be extended to you if you were married elsewhere but reside in Nevada. Of course the Social Security Administration, under the President's directive, may change this policy at any time.

And finally: Taxes, Taxes, Taxes. As a married couple you will need to file a joint federal tax return. This may be beneficial to some legally married couples but may also increase the tax obligation for those who are in domestic partnerships but are not legally married. It is imperative that you consult with a tax attorney or an accountant that is familiar with domestic partner income reporting obligations. That being said, it is also important that you not let the "dollar" tail wag the dog; marriage, just like a domestic partnership, carries with it enormous rights, duties and responsibilities, and should not be entered into lightly.



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True marriage equality will not be realized in Nevada until either the voters of the state eliminate the language in Article 1, Section 21 of Nevada's Constitution which limits the recognition of a marriage to that between a man and a woman, or such a provision is deemed unconstitutional by the Court.

The process has already begun.

In this year's legislative session both the Nevada State Assembly and Senate passed Senate Joint Resolution 13. This bill would not only eliminate the language denying marriage equality, it would also recognize marriages validly formed elsewhere, while providing protections for religious organizations and clergy that refuse to solemnize a marriage. In order to amend Nevada's Constitution, this bill would have to be reintroduced and passed in the next legislative session in 2015. Once passed, the measure will be put on the ballot for a statewide vote in 2016.

The second avenue for true marriage equality in Nevada is by court action. That process has also already begun. In 2012, Lambda Legal, on behalf of eight same-sex couples, filed a lawsuit, *Sevcik v. Sandoval*, in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. The complaint alleges that these couples were denied their due process rights conveyed by the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. Four of these couples were denied marriage licenses in Nevada, while the other four couples were legally married elsewhere but their marriages will not be recognized by the State of Nevada.

Without a trial, Federal District Court Judge Robert C. Jones issued a scathing decision which denied that the plaintiffs' due process rights were violated under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. This decision was appealed and is currently pending in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals with a companion case from Hawaii. It will be interesting to hear from the Ninth Circuit since Judge Jones' decision could not be more of a polar opposite to Judge Walker's decision in Prop 8 or Supreme Court Justice Kennedy's decision in DOMA.

There is no telling when the Ninth Circuit is going to issue a decision in *Sevcik v. Sandoval*; regardless, the decision is sure to be appealed to the United States Supreme Court. It is likely that we are going to see a tremendous amount of litigation, both on the state and federal level, regarding marriage equality in the

next couple of years. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, considered by many to be the Court's conservative voice, admitted in his dissent to the DOMA decision that even though they—meaning the Supreme Court—were taking great pains to point out that their ruling did not reach state-level DOMA laws, if the equal protection arguments are valid for the federal level, they are almost certainly valid for the state level. As more states begin to recognize gay marriage, and as lower courts rule in favor of marriage equality, we will reach a tipping point wherein the U.S. Supreme Court will be virtually forced to take up the issue nationwide on the constitutionality of state-level DOMA laws and the associated equal protection arguments they run afoul of. How long this will take is anyone's guess, but Supreme Court decisions generally take years to come to fruition; so we will all have to be patient.

In the meantime, the only thing to do is to stay vigilant. Support your legislators that support marriage equality and stay active in the community. Marriage equality, and equality in general, will not be realized without your participation, your voice, and your actions. Get active and stay involved. Equality will be realized by all with your voice. ■



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Here we highlight some of the accomplishments achieved over the past month. This is but a taste of all the progress made and all the victories won by LGBT and Ally individuals and organizations constantly striving for full equality and an end to discrimination.

AG Won't Defend Marriage Ban

"I cannot ethically defend the constitutionality of Pennsylvania's version of DOMA as I believe it to be wholly unconstitutional," said Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane (D). The statement comes after a lawsuit was filed by the ACLU on behalf of 23 plaintiffs representing same-sex couples, the children of a same-sex couple and a woman who lost her partner of 29 years. The suit comes after DOMA was declared unconstitutional by the US Supreme Court and is one of several similar cases the ACLU and other organizations and individuals have brought across the country.



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Equality in England

The nations of England and Wales voted to allow equal marriage. The Marriage (Same-Sex Couples) Bill was approved by both houses of Parliament and received the backing of Prime Minister David Cameron as well as the leadership of the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat parties before being given to Queen Elizabeth II for her official assent. Remarking on the bill's passage, Women and Equalities Minister Maria Miller said, "This is a historic moment that will resonate in many people's lives. I am proud that we have made it happen, and I look forward to the first same-sex wedding by next summer."

MLB Enhances Discrimination Policy

Major League Baseball announced that additions will be made to sexual orientation anti-discrimination policies that were originally put in place in 2011. The new code of conduct will be distributed to all major and minor league players and staff, and education programs will be introduced. MLB Commissioner Bud Selig wrote, "We welcome all individuals regardless of sexual orientation into our ballparks, along with those of different races, religions, genders and national origins. Both on the field and away from it, Major League Baseball has a zero-tolerance policy for harassment and discrimination based on sexual orientation."

Victory for Trans Employment

The federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has ruled in favor of a transgender woman who filed suit last year after she was physically and verbally harassed at her job with a federal contractor in Maryland. The victory, an historic first for trans citizens, is based on a previous decision that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act applies to transgender individuals who face discrimination on the basis of sex. Tico Almeida, president of the LGBT organization Freedom to Work said, "This case shows that the EEOC takes very seriously its role in protecting LGBT Americans' freedom to work."

Couple Attacked in Chicago

In the neighborhood of South Austen on Chicago's West Side, two women were walking down the street when they were assaulted by as many as ten men forcing them against a parked car, physically attacking them and shouting slurs. "It was punches, kicks, everything being thrown at us," said one of the women, 23. "We just held each other until somebody said, 'Here come the police.'" One man has been arrested in connection with the attack. The women were left with torn clothes, cuts and bruises but no broken bones.

[By Miranda Boyd]

1 STEP BACK

As we move ever forward, we must pause to acknowledge the backslides. Here we show the defeats suffered recently at the hands of adversaries and the misguided who continue to deny the rights, respect and beauty of us all.



More Russian Homophobia

At a Pride Rally in St. Petersburg, gay rights activists were confronted and outnumbered by nationalists opposing homosexuality as the activists marched in direct defiance of a Russian law banning what the Russian government calls homosexual propaganda. Several members of each group were arrested by police.

Also, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a new law banning the adoption of Russian children by any homosexual couples or unmarried individuals in countries where same-sex marriage is legal. According to the Kremlin, "The measure is aimed at guaranteeing a harmonious and full upbringing for children in adoptive families."

Activist Killed in Cameroon

Eric Ohena Lembembe, a gay rights activist in the African nation of Cameroon, was killed in his home. When friends found him his body appeared to have been tortured. Lembembe was one of Africa's most prominent gay rights proponents working as a journalist and as the executive director of CAMFAIDS, a human rights organization based in Cameroon's capital city, to spread equality in a nation where homosexuality is punishable under the law. According to Neela Ghoshal, a senior LGBT rights researcher with Human Rights Watch, "Eric was an inspiring activist whose work was deeply appreciated by human rights activists in Cameroon and around the world."

Bullied into Suicide

Carlos Vigil, a 17-year-old from New Mexico, took his own life after reportedly being bullied by fellow classmates for years. Vigil was taunted for being gay and having glasses. In an emotional Twitter post prior to ending his life, Vigil reiterated the pain he'd experienced and the negative self-image that resulted. After reading the post, his father attempted to rush home to comfort him, arriving too late. After taking Carlos off life support, his family tweeted on his account, "Carlos is finally at peace! Thank you everyone for your support and prayers. Please don't forget what he wanted STOP THE BULLYING."

THAT'S SO Vegas

Tidbits from The Strip & Beyond

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- Showtunes High Tea @ FLEX Cocktail Lounge
- The Affair @ The Boulevard Theater
- Pride Pajama Brunch Bingo (bi-monthly)
- Charlie's Amazing Drag Show @ Charlie's LV
- "She's Dope" Ladies Night (1st Sun.) @ FreeZone
- Burgers & Boys @ Blue Moon Resort
- REVO Sundays @ Revolution Lounge

MONDAYS

- Speak Easy Monday with Jessica Rabbit @ Piranha
- Karaoke Night @ FreeZone
- Sin Monday's @ The Garage LV
- Liquor Bust @ Spotlight Lounge

TUESDAYS

- Karaoke Night @ FreeZone
- QSocial Ladies Event (Every 2nd Tues.)
- Drag Queen Bingo @ Charlie's LV

WEDNESDAYS

- QBA Luncheon (Every 1st Wed.) qvegasba.com
- Confidential @ Bond
- Pride Bingo @ Circus Circus (Every 1st Wed.)
- Skin/Underware Night @ Charlie's LV
- Gay Men's Mpowerment Groups @ The Center
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THURSDAYS

- Dark & Double Thursdays @ Entourage Men's Spa
- POP Thursdays @ Share Nightclub
- Nothing But Country Thursdays @ Charlie's LV
- Prism @ The Artifice (Every 2nd Thurs.)
- Boys Night @ FreeZone
- Lei'd Back Thursdays @ Drink & Drag
- Big Gay Thursdays @ Krave Massive

FRIDAYS

- Stripper Circus @ Share Nightclub
- 3D Fridays @ Piranha
- Drag Madness @ FreeZone
- flamBoyance @ FLEX Cocktail Lounge

SATURDAYS

- SNAP! Saturdays @ Charlie's LV
- Porn Stars in Vegas @ Share Nightclub
- Goddess Saturdays with India Farrah @ Piranha
- What A Drag @ FLEX Cocktail Lounge
- Drag Madness @ FreeZone
- CumUnion @ Hawk's Gym

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 23-25

AFAN 27TH ANNUAL BLACK & WHITE WEEKEND

Revered as one of Las Vegas' signature social events, Aid for AIDS of Nevada's annual Black & White Party returns to The Joint at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 8 PM to 1 AM.

Black & White Party boasts a unique experience of festivities, celebrations and revelry complete with gourmet food, beverage samplings, eye-catching atmospheric entertainment and live stage performances. As the largest non-profit supporting the HIV/AIDS community in Nevada, 100 percent of proceeds from the evening go to support HIV/AIDS services.

"It's been nearly three decades of incredible Black & White Party memories," said Earl Shelton, director of development for AFAN. "We're looking forward to making this year one to remember. It's an honor to have Hard Rock Hotel as our invaluable host for the second consecutive year and we can't wait to create another evening for the history books."

"We're pleased to support AFAN by participating as the host venue for the second year in a row and 10th overall," said Jody Lake, Chief Operating Officer of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. "This year's expanded activities will make Hard Rock Hotel a great destination all weekend long."

For the first time, a roster of official events will surround the main Black & White evening to create an unforgettable weekend. During the day on Saturday, August 24, Breathe Pool Lounge at Hard Rock Hotel will host the official pre-party from 11 AM to 4 PM.; \$5 cover for locals. Following the Black & White Party, the after-party will be held at FreeZone and Piranha Nightclub located in the "Fruit Loop" beginning at 1 a.m. To cap off the weekend, 35 Steaks + Martinis at Hard Rock Hotel will host a delicious brunch for \$45 per person beginning at 11 a.m. featuring stuffed French toast and mini chicken & waffles among other dishes. Unlimited mimosas are available for an additional \$15 per person.

Billy Stritch Rolls in the Velvet Fog

[by Miranda Boyd]

Superb music shines through time with a light that brightens as others fade. Whether it's the raging riffs of blues legends, the stolid strums of rock and roll pioneers, or truly genuine jazz arrangements; the classics earn their status. Singer and musician Billy Stritch understands that level of quality, and he'll belt it to everyone this month when he sings the Mel Tormé songbook at the Smith Center in Las Vegas.

Stritch found a love and talent for music at an early age. "I was never an athletic kid, so I found out at about age eight that being able to play the piano and pick out tunes by ear was a great way to get attention," he says. That attention has granted him an honored career playing music and

composing and arranging for artists like Reba McEntire and Liza Minnelli. It also allowed him the opportunity to work with one of his musical heroes, Mel Tormé.

"Most of the 80's for me were spent working with a jazz vocal trio called Montgomery, Plant and Stritch, and the first time I met Mel was when we were invited to open for him at the JVC Jazz festival at Carnegie Hall back in 1988. We met him on the afternoon of the show during our stage rehearsal, and he couldn't have been nicer or more interested in the music we were to perform that night." That adoration for a true jazz legend has blossomed into a performance of Tormé's greatest pieces.

Mel Tormé, the Velvet Fog as he's affectionately known, was a renowned singer with a voice as warm as his nickname. The composer of such eternal classics as "A Stranger in Town" and "Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)" with Robert Wells, Tormé was also an accomplished journalist and writer—features that aided him in music. "It's the perfect marriage of melody and lyrics," Stritch says. "But

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mainly it's the lyrics that give these songs their timeless quality." With all his accolades, the music he created resounds beyond his memory—an endearment Stritch explains quaintly.

"His lasting legacy is the wonderful music he recorded over the years, most of which is still available today. He recorded over 60 albums and was working right up to the end, either with his own small groups or with big bands. He also had a twenty year collaboration with the pianist George Shearing, resulting in 16 amazing CDs that are still readily available. No one chose better material to sing or worked with better arrangers and musicians than Mel. ... There will always be a desire to hear these great songs of the golden era and I do know audiences truly appreciate hearing good music."

Billy Stritch will sing selections from Mel Tormé at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts on August 23 and 24, 2013. Stritch will express Tormé's legacy through music—the only way deserving. As Tormé himself put it, "Oh, jazz and love are the hardest things to describe from rationale." ■



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EATING OUT

LAKESIDE AT THE WYNN

[by Michael Barbieri - www.myvegobsession.com]



It's 7:30 pm. Dusk in Las Vegas. The sun has gone down behind the mountains to the West. My dining companion and I are led through the restaurant, out onto the patio, to our table just a few feet away from Wynn's Lake Of Dreams. A lovely, cool breeze is blowing. It's a great evening for dining alfresco and here we are: literally Lakeside! This is perfection!



Located inside the Wynn Resort, Lakeside is a large, modern space, with a playful decor featuring bright red-orange hues, gold tones, and chocolate browns, combined with sleek white walls and furniture. It sits on the Lake Of Dreams, a three-acre, man-made lake surrounded by lush vegetation which hides it away from the Strip. Starting at 8:30, the lake comes alive with shows that feature music, LED lighting, projections, huge puppets and more. All of this, however, serves as a backdrop for Executive Chef David Walzog's take on popular American cuisine.

The menu at Lakeside focuses mostly on seafood and steaks, but includes a selection of vegetarian offerings as well. The combination of high-end ingredients and Walzog's relatively simple techniques - meat and fish dishes are either poached, braised, oven-roasted, grilled, or charbroiled - have resulted in a selection that should please foodies and everyday diners alike.

For this meal, Lakeside created a tasting menu for us, showcasing dishes they felt best represented the restaurant. We began with the King Crab and Guacamole - sweet, delicate king crab salad, atop layers of guacamole and a flavorful cilantro salsa. A foamy orange emulsion dusted with cayenne pepper surrounded the layers, and a crispy plantain chip jutted from the top. Cool and fresh, this was the perfect summertime starter, like a mini picnic. The crab was outstanding and the orange foam brought everything together harmoniously. Next up was the White Asparagus with Black Summer Truffle - poached white asparagus, topped with shaved black truffle and microgreens,

all in a luscious beurré blanc. The aromatic truffle gave the dish a nice earthiness which played well off the bright hint of lemon in the sauce. Rounding out this trio of starters was the Pan Roasted Hudson Valley Foie Gras - a timbale of melt-in-your-mouth foie gras, accompanied by decorative smears of fig and basil preserve, red pepper coulis and a bit of aged sherry. The excitement of this dish was seeing how differently the flavor of the foie mixed with the herbal sweetness of the fig and basil, the warmth of the red pepper, and the drizzle of sherry.

By now, the Lake Of Dreams was doing its thing, with a giant frog puppet appearing above the 40-foot-high waterfall at the back, singing Louis Armstrong's rendition of "What a Wonderful World". A stunning moment occurred when the entire lake lit up in rainbow colors with the lyric "The colors of the rainbow are so pretty in the sky..." Very touching!

Our entrees began arriving. First, the Alaskan Halibut - a succulent piece of pan-roasted halibut; light and clean, with a touch of a golden sear on the outside. The fish, resting in a delicious, velvety tomato veloute, was accompanied by fregola pasta prepared as a risotto, rich, nutty morel mushrooms, and English peas, which added a surprising vegetal pop. The last offering was the 16 oz. New York Strip Steak - expertly chargrilled and very juicy, it was served with an ancho chili pesto coating and a smoked potato cake. To make the steak even more special, it came with one of the "add-ons" - the Roasted Lobster Tail. What a treat! Now, my steak, while tasty and perfectly seasoned, did have two or three substantial bits of gristle, which was surprising, but hardly a problem. Hey! It happens! I just deposited them on the side of my plate and that was that. Otherwise, this makeshift surf and turf was absolutely spectacular!

We were given dessert menus, but decided to pass. However, our server soon returned with The Sweet Cart Named Desire!! (Pause for dramatic musical STING!!) Created by Executive Pastry Chef Kimberly Valdez, the cart featured a selection of bite-sized desserts in four categories: Chocolatey, Creamy, Nutty, and Fruit. We were told to choose six. Giving into temptation, we chose the Tiramisu, the Blueberry Tart, and the Milk Chocolate and Banana Truffle -



these included a touch of passion fruit for a vivid burst of flavor. My companion told me he loved them despite the fact that he doesn't care for milk chocolate OR banana! The Strawberry Shortcake Pops were another standout - a light strawberry mousse, layered with a strawberry gelee, rolled in white chocolate and formed into a lollipop. We rounded out our sinful selection with the Nutella Profiteroles, and the Vanilla Mango Mousse - light, airy mango mousse, topped with vanilla cream and mango gelee. This tiny, perfect cake had a sunny, tropical flavor that was nicely offset by a garnish of micro-basil on top. As stuffed as we had been, we enjoyed dessert very much.

After dinner, we sat back and remarked on how much we had enjoyed Lakeside - not just the food, but the service, the entertainment, the entire dining experience. The staff had been amazing - not only did they serve our table, describe the dishes, and answer the MANY questions we had about the food, but they had other tables to deal with as well. Still, any time we had a request or question, someone was right there for us.

As a final treat, we were given a tour of the kitchen and had a brief chat with the Chef de Cuisine. We assured him that we'd had a fantastic meal and a fabulous time.

With its creative, yet simply prepared American fare, excellent service and whimsical water shows, Lakeside is sure to enchant you in every way. For a really special experience, call ahead and reserve an outdoor table. When you dine on the Lake Of Dreams, it is truly a wonderful world! ■

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BOTTOMS UP

@ CULINARY DROPOUT

BY RUSS WHITE

As Vegas converges on the social event of the year, I headed over to the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino to scout out cocktails in advance of AFAN's Black & White Party on August 24th. Reluctant to do a failsafe vodka drink, I stepped out my comfort zone and explored a few concoctions at Culinary Dropout.

Presented with three recommendations, I started with the After School Special. A simple assembly of tequila, lime, and beer takes on unique, complex flavors as Culinary Dropout reveals their "culinary" ambitions. The tequila isn't well and isn't top shelf. It's a house-infused raspberry tea Sauza Silver. Instead of a simple syrup, ginger agave adds a savory component but the fresh squeezed lime and the Modelo Especial beer keeps you in a cocktail mood. A definite raspberry flavor comes forward with the beer balancing the sweetness.

Served in a pint glass, you wouldn't know this no frills drink was a tequila-based, but the salted rim is better as decoration than cutting the harshness of a straight tequila. The drink is presented with the rest of the Modelo can, so you can choose to dilute the drink with beer or enjoy the rest of the beer when your food arrives.

The After School Special would pair well with Culinary Dropout's Fried Chicken, but I was in a noshing mood and enjoyed my beverage with white shrimp from the raw bar and the tete de moine cheese from the antipasta menu. The tete de moine is a very stinky cheese. Not pungent. Stinky. Shaved into a presentation that resembles a carnation, this cheese is deep and earthy, but still mild flavor. A very deceptive cheese that takes on the beer very well. The nose says sharp but the tongue says otherwise.

My second cocktail was the Clown Punch. Unlike the After School Special where beer and raspberry mask the tequila, you can definitely taste the peach-infused brandy. While the peach holds back the brandy's punch, the St. Germain carries a whiff of lychee. The punch is topped with a pomegranate foam that is light and fragrant. The fresh squeezed orange juice keeps this from being one really awesome shot. I asked the bartender for a taste of the brandy and the St. Germain. The peach brandy does not stand well alone. It needs the sweet elderberry flavors to let the peach escape from behind the brandy. I didn't expect the Clown Punch to pair well with my cheese plate, but the gorgonzola appreciated the sweetness of this drink.



After School
Special

The final drink of the evening was the El Matador, a simpler drink made with Hornitos anejo tequila, St. Germain, ginger agave, and orange bitters. It was hard to distinguish the individual flavors in this drink, but you get a hint of everything except the tequila. The stand-out feature of this drink, however, is the orange-peel garnish. The bartender sets the drink in front of you but hasn't served it yet. Pulling out a match and a sliver of orange peel, he lights the match and smokes the peel. After a few flashes as the fire combusts the tequila, he drops the orange peel into the drink, and the fresh oils from the citrus skin add a rich flavor.

Most appealing about these drinks was that the flavors melded together very well, yet your palette can discern each individual flavor. Culinary Dropout goes to great lengths to ensure these rich flavors by producing them in-house. From the infused liquors to the flavored syrups, the quality of these drinks is made possible by the artisanal ingredients. If you're looking for me the morning after the Black & White party, chances are I will be at Culinary Dropout enjoyed a Bloody Mary made with bacon-infused vodka. ■



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At last, I finally got to get the 411 from the princess of R&B, the super sexy Ciara. Unless you live under a rock where beautiful women don't exist, you should already know that Ciara recently released her fifth album, self-titled *Ciara*. If you haven't heard it yet, you need to stop reading this now, go purchase it, and then come back to finish reading "Ask CJ." This is definitely one album that you don't want to sleep on. Every single song has a different feel to it. Some songs set the grown and sexy mood, while others make you want to enter a twerking contest.

Compared to her earlier work, we can definitely tell that Ciara has evolved into a confident and successful woman. According to Ciara, her



"booty's so soft," she "got her cake up," and she wants it "ALL the time." It's no surprise that she's always spoken for. Her debuting single title, "Body Party," is one of the sexiest, most sensual songs that I've ever heard. Much like the song, the video had a touch of that old 90's school feel, that would make you want to go to a house party. "When creating 'Body Party,' it was made purely off of an organic energy that felt right. The energy and love that everyone has been showing is so sweet and motivating. I feel like we are just getting started, and 'Body Party' was the party starter!"

Her latest single, "I'm Out" featuring Nicki Minaj, is also taking over the radio. But as awesome as the song is, unfortunately it doesn't mean what I was hoping it would. Either way, we're still getting married in my mind. After Zoe Saldana's androgynous coming out incident, interested to know, I asked Ciara how does she identify with the LGBT community. Ciara told us, "I am all about individuality. I am all about people that stand for who they are. ... Everyone should have the right to make their own decisions, especially in love."

Ciara is one of the few people I can watch dance all day for pure entertainment. I asked Ciara, if she could have a dance battle with anyone in the industry, who would it be. "Beyonce! I respect her very much! (In fun! She is great!)" That answer completely surprised me, but she couldn't have given a better answer if you "Ask CJ." That's definitely a show that I'm sure most people would pay good money to see. So Jay Z, we need to make that happen, please and thank you in advance. :) ■

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BEYOND THE SUN

Chris Isaak Brings the Classics of Sun Studio to the Smith Center

[by Miranda Boyd]

"Acoustics are great, but it's even greater to hear the crowd sing and shout!"

Certain songs and artists have created legacies that affect the entirety of the American soundscape. Some of the finest have lasted from the shutter beats of artists like Johnny Cash and Carl Perkins to the rocking strums of contemporary influences. Singer, songwriter and musician Chris Isaak has assembled a set of those cherished melodies to prove the classics never die.

"I think music always takes you back to where you were when you first heard it, so for some people it's just part of them. When you play songs like 'Can't Help Falling in Love' by Elvis Presley, or 'Oh, Pretty Woman' by Roy Orbison, I can look out at the audience and see people just smile." That reverence for the tunes so many of us grew up sharing is something Isaak delivers with the same impassioned ease with which he belts out the songs comprising his latest album *Beyond the Sun*—a collection of music hand-picked from the catalog of the infamous Sun Studio in Memphis, Tennessee.

Throughout the decades, Sun Studio has been the recording home to artists like Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and enough other legendary names to fill this entire book. In the beginning, Sam Phillips, the self-taught producer at Sun, took the artists that came to him, cranked up their amps, mixed their genres of classic country and folk with the blues, and cut their records with more passion and fun than many producers do today.

The sound that still emanates from that historic space carries with it the memory of the earliest days of what would meld into rock and roll. All that emotion, honesty and genuinely great music was captured superbly by Isaak and his band on *Beyond the Sun*. And it's something he hopes to embody when

he brings those classics, and some new originals, to the Smith Center for the Performing Arts in August.

"We always try to get the audience to cut loose. We get off the stage and get out in the crowd. We get people on stage. We have a piano that bursts into flames! We put on a show, and the audience is part of this band!" Along with the enjoyment of seeing a group of such talented performers, Isaak shows with this record a side of celebrity life to which we can all relate. "People think rock and roll is all wild parties, but really the coolest part of spending your life making music is that you eventually get to meet your heroes. And I gotta say, it's been all I hoped."

While possibly best known for his own hits "Wicked Game" and "Baby Did a Bad, Bad Thing" among others, Isaak can see the reverberating value in the music that inspired him and his band for years. "It's a lot of fun to sing

"Wicked Game" or "Baby Did a Bad, Bad Thing" but when you kick into Johnny Cash's *Ring of Fire*... you need to be examined or investigated if that song doesn't move ya!" That movement is undoubtedly what allowed Isaak to lay down over 40 songs in his few days at the studio, including the 25 that made it onto *Beyond the Sun*.

The history present in modern music can be traced back to the artists of Sun's genesis. From that beginning sprang sounds that today we can look on with gratefulness and perform with joy. Isaak brings the appreciation of the past and the enjoyment of the present to the Smith Center in a show sure to remind everyone what they still love about music—its capacity to connect us across time and air. "You never know where music goes or who it finds. It really is like putting a message in a bottle. I love that, because really it finds the people it was meant for!" ■

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Meet these six Las Vegas couples sharing their lives together with pride, some together for over 20 years and a few soon to be newlyweds.

Frank & Alex



Just two days before their 20th anniversary, Alex proposed to Frank. They attribute their longstanding relationship to having similar interests and constant communication. They both feel lucky to be in a relationship with their best friend. Frank considers themselves fortunate to have the means to lead their exciting lives and do the things they enjoy together. While each have large families, the immediate family consists of Frank, Alex, and their little dog Cherie. The DOMA and Prop 8 rulings were just the spark Alex needed to propose to Frank. Surrounded by friends and family in the audience, Alex dropped to one knee after interrupting the finale of Frank's show. Frank Marino's Diva's performs Saturday through Thursday at The Quad. ■



Greg & Freddie

Greg and Freddie have been together for 13 years. They met on a Sunday afternoon at Backstreet Saloon (now Charlie's). The thing that keeps them together and strong is their continued honesty. But most importantly, they both bring their whole selves to the relationship. With that, they also bring the fact that they are still becoming their best selves. The support has to be for the whole of each individual as well as the couple.

Their family is one that includes not just them and their dogs, Grace and Berkeley, but also the family and friends that they bring along—all very supportive.

It is said that their relationship together could be a Broadway musical as the couple sings to each other. While Freddie is making the morning coffee, he is often singing to some made up tune, "I'm making coffee for you..."

When—not if—Nevada joins the other 13 states who recognize it, then Greg and Freddie probably will get married. But no piece of paper solidifies them with each other and with God more than their commitment to each other, to support each other in all things, and to love honor and cherish above all others. ■

Candice & Suzanne, Savannah & Brieanna



Candice and Suzanne have been together five years and agree that the most important factor in their relationship is communication. Being able to talk about anything and everything leaves no room for fear, jealousy, or doubt. Their family is a blending of their children from lives before they met. They believe that families are a blend of what you inherit and what you create, which means families are different for everyone in our community. Candice and Suzanne keep their relationship fresh and alive through spontaneity—always up for something new and different. And in Las Vegas, that keeps their options wide open. They look forward to four and a half years of planning a majorly fantastic wedding in 2017 when same-sex marriage becomes legal in Nevada.

It's not that often that you come across two generations of lesbian couples, but later this Fall, Candice will officiate the wedding for Suzanne's daughter. Savannah and Brieanna have been friends for over ten years, but entered into a relationship over two years ago. Through communication and compromise, they have overcome the "bumpy roads" that have led to the demise of their previous relationships. They are part of a strong and proud family. There are no hidden displays of affection. Holding hands while at family outings, at the store, or even in the movie theatre no longer draws awkward stares. Crazy work schedules require a go with the flow attitude, but they spend time away from careers together doing all kinds of things such as a nice dinner downtown, hiking, bowling, or just catching up on their daily TV shows while making dinner together. ■



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Fletcher & Greg

Partners for over 15 years, Fletcher Whitwell and Greg Flamer fill their family time with swimming, gymnastics, long walks, and tennis with their 2-year old daughter Hudson. Fletcher and Greg keep their relationship strong by building a strong family unit and having a good work-life balance, particularly during Hudson's awake hours. The couple is participating as plaintiffs in the Lambda Legal Nevada case to overturn the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage in Nevada. They are domestic partners and look forward to getting married when legal in the Silver State. ■



Derrick, Nick & Mackenzie

A strong foundation of loyalty, respect, and an unwavering commitment to one another keeps this "trouple" together. A formidable team, they are constantly uplifting, loving, and supporting each other's individual and united endeavors. Derrick and Nick have been together since March 2007. Mackenzie entered into the committed trinogamous relationship, also known as a trouple (triple + couple), in March 2012.

One of the most unique things about their relationship is that they are all in different fields of the entertainment industry. Mackenzie is passionately pursuing and moving up in his modeling career. Nick creates artwork for some of the biggest names in entertainment today. Derrick stars in Divas Las Vegas and travels the world impersonating Britney Spears & Lady Gaga. They help each other take their individual projects to the next level and together celebrate every accomplishment. They hope one day that the SCOTUS rulings on DOMA and Prop 8 will evolve to allow their relationship to be recognized with the same benefits as marriage. ■

Thinking Out Loud:

Still Waiting for a Great Lesbian Movie

28 years after Desert Hearts, lesbian cinema hasn't changed much

[by Abby Dees]

Now that the excitement of the DOMA case has mellowed, my thoughts have turned to the second most important LGBT pride moment of my life: the release of *Desert Hearts* at my local movie theater in 1985. I'd never seen so many lesbians standing in one line as there were that night, buying tickets because they'd all heard that a real lesbian movie was here at last. What I mean by a "real lesbian movie" is: There were no vampires, no suicides, no one running back to men, and no psychopaths in the movie. Up until then, that's pretty much what you got if you wanted to see a movie with a bit of lesbian in it. A simple, stylized, and otherwise unremarkable film, *Desert Hearts* hit it out of the park with every lesbian I knew because the romantic leads were likeable and they stayed together in the end. Years later, one of the actresses, Helen Shaver, remarked that she will never have to fear becoming homeless, as there are thousands of grateful lesbians who would happily take her in.

In fairness, two years earlier the gentle and cerebral lesbian-themed film, *Lianna*, beat *Desert Hearts* to the punch by two years, but that film suffered from one key problem: Director John Sayles, a straight man, bent over backwards to be sensitive to lesbians, right down to the gauze over the lens during the sex scenes. At least it was a click up on the passion meter from 1980's *Personal Best*, which presented lesbian intimacy as nothing more than a naked tickle game (and especially notable for Mariel Hemingway's whining), so I applaud Sayles for the effort.

By contrast, *Desert Hearts* was made by a lesbian, and captured a certain lesbian sensibility, humor and even some sweaty sex. What a revelation. Thus began the golden age of lesbian cinema.

I'm sorry. I meant to say, thus began a random trickle of cringe-worthy lesbian indie films, and the occasionally redeeming art-house flick. It seemed that ever after, most so-called "lesbian films" functioned as a kind of home-made ther-

apy device, typically telling coming out stories with such heavy-handed earnestness that all irony got smothered with a lavender pillow, leaving only two-dimensional fantasy versions of lesbian lives. I mean, how many esteemed closet-case professors can there be out there just waiting for a sexy, brilliant free-spirit to pull them out of their ivory towers?

For many years I dutifully saw each new lesbian flick, hoping for something fresh and challenging, and then nearly always forgot the film moments after tossing my popcorn tub into the trash. Don't even get me started on *Clare of the Moon*.

Today I watched a 2013 Outfest film called, *Who's Afraid of Vagina Wolf* [sic] I can't say it was bad, because it had cool lines like this: "I don't like improvisation. It's like leaving an open window into your soul and all the little squirrels can crawl in and raid your panties." At least there's some room for edginess in lesbian cinema now. That's an improvement. But I was still too aware of a self-conscious "Hey kids, let's make a movie!" quality throughout, which was unfortunate, as the film is about a bunch of people doing just that.

I want a lot more after all this time, which may just be too bad for me. In another unwittingly apt line from *Vagina Wolf*, a film producer quips, "Gays and lesbians have the same s%#tty taste as everybody else." Movies rarely equal art. Back in '85, I was a newly out baby dyke and desperate to see my most ridiculous lesbian romance fantasies projected on a big movie. I must have seen *Desert Hearts* five times the week it came out, but frankly it wasn't a great film. I didn't care, because how could I resist an escapist romp with a sexy ingénue who enters the film driving backwards in a convertible, full-speed, to say hello to the brilliant female professor that's just come to town?

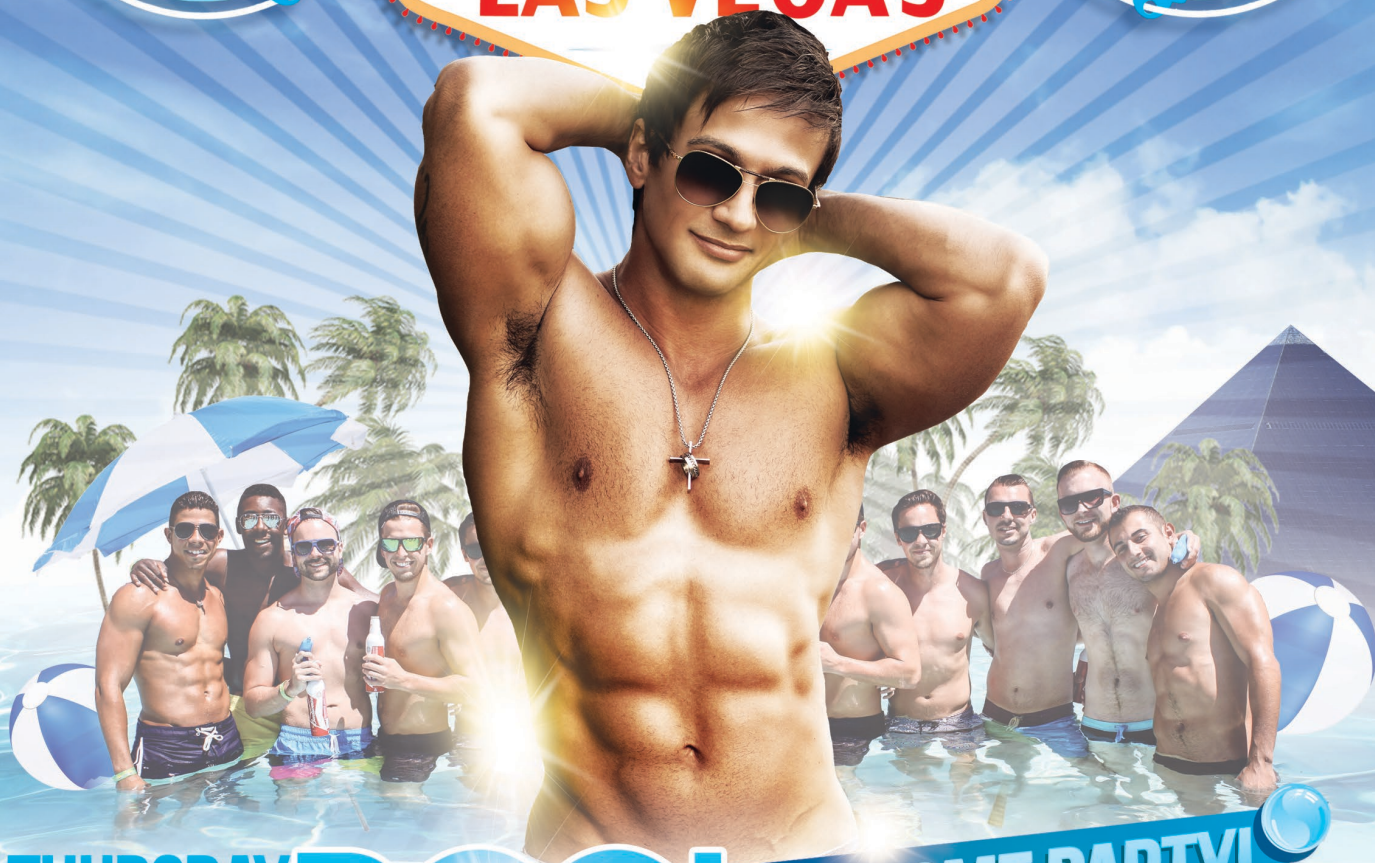
Carry on, all you makers of "lesbian films." There's always going to be an appreciative lesbian audience, but can you aim high every now and then? ■



Abby is a civil rights attorney-turned-author who has been in the LGBT rights trenches for 25+ years. She can be reached through her website: queerquestionsstraighttalk.com



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THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT

[by Edward Padilla]

With the impending rollout of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), have ADAPs (AIDS Drug Assistance Programs) become obsolete in the USA? QVegas posed this question, and, while some answers were available, there was much more to explore.

ADAPs provide free medications for the treatment of HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections. ADAPs help people with partial insurance or who have a Medicaid spend-down requirement. As we see the ACA rollout, government agencies will redirect people living with HIV/AIDS to Medicaid which will include broader eligibility requirements. To assure all Americans will see the benefits of the ACA, the government fully funded the ACA for the first three years. This funding will help many states with a waiting list for ADAP assistance.

"There is no current waiting list for ADAP in Nevada," Yvonne Charles from Access to Healthcare Network stated. "We also see the ACA as a great way to keep us away from having to implement a cost-containment strategy." When asked about the current number of Nevadans on the state's ADAP there was not a definitive answer, but the amount is "slightly less than 1000." She also adds, "Depending on their ACA enrollment metallic level, our ADAP will continue to help, although federal funding will consistently decrease over the next six years."

The ACA establishes four levels of coverage based on the concept of actuarial value, which represents the share of health care expenses the plan covers for a typical group of enrollees. Actuarial value measures the relative generosity of benefits covered by a health insurance plan. Under the ACA, a health insurance plan's actuarial value indicates the average share of medical spending that the plan pays, as opposed to out of pocket expenses. The calculation takes into account a plan's various cost-sharing features, such as deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, and out-of-pocket limits. As plans increase in actuarial value—bronze, silver, gold, and platinum—they would cover a greater share of enrollees' medical expenses

overall, though the details could vary across plans. Bronze will cover up to 60% of essential benefits; silver, 70%; gold, 80%; and platinum, 90%.

The drug benefit program will include the above percentages. For Example: An individual who has a monthly prescription drug cost of \$100 has a deductible of \$40 under the Bronze plan. Personal insurance, if available, can compensate for this cost, and may cover the gap to 100%. Individuals without additional insurance are solely responsible to cover this deductible, and after 2020, when full federal funding ends, many may enroll for ADAP assistance.

The levels of coverage provided with the ACA are central to the coverage people receive, and how people understand how the ACA affects them. However, an actuarial value is not as discerning for people as specific deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs. Additionally, the Congressional Budget Office did not release estimates of deductibles and other coverage features during the legislative debate.

Other countries with national healthcare have described the government slowly removing itself from all medication resources. Many countries add a cap on the amount a pharmaceutical company may charge for its medication. Representatives attending the 2013 International AIDS Society (IAS) conference in Kuala Lumpur gave their insight as to how their National Healthcare programs are able to keep antiretroviral medications (ARVs) in the hands of people who need them.

Canada altered their drug benefit program, and is now looking for the means to resuscitate their ADAP. "Canada fell into a false security that there wouldn't be changes to national healthcare," Gainer Frost, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, said. "Although there is now a rise in deductibles and co-pays, government funding to ADAPs did not keep up. Their current ADAPs face underfunding and are now needing to reach out to the private sector to help individuals living with HIV/AIDS meet their medical costs. Medication costs are stable,

but the resources to cover deductibles and additional costs are dwindling."

Jyan Rhimer, Queensland AIDS Council (QAC), saw a huge decrease in ADAP needs after adding ARVs to the National Drug Benefit list in Australia. "The importance of health isn't only preventative care," Jyan said, "But in life-sustaining medications. Our states vary the deductible by population and resources, which is the supposed average income for all households. By our income mean, if a person falls below a determined poverty level, the DB program adjusts so their out of pocket expense is minimal (less than \$50). However, it is often the services of ADAP which pay any deductible."

Daren Whittal, Western Australian AIDS Council (WAAC), adds that in Perth the state manages the ADAP, not individual groups. "The state is able to oversee any medical emergencies. We do not have the red tape associated with help that you often find up north. The person receiving medication has the easiest part of disbursement. Our assistance programs issue a recipient number. Once the medication is available, the pharmacy sends a generated list to the assistance program and they receive credit. Removing stress from people living with HIV/AIDS is a big concern."

"We also take into consideration the children," Jyan added. "A child born with HIV or who contracts it at an early age takes their medication without question. Their guardian assures the dosage and schedule. Our organizations offer classes for these children once they reach a certain age. As they mature, and learn the importance of these medications, they are also able to transition into caring for themselves. Based on the adult tier of care, the children grandfather into that level until their own income level stabilizes." When asked about the primary need for the organizations, Jyan said, "We help with necessities. Medicine is one of those necessities, but it is not our central focus."

Local HIV/AIDS organizations in Las Vegas reflect those goals. Asked about their ADAP, Antioco Carrillo, AFAN, said, "We have

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not had an ADAP for the last three years... The state of Nevada transitioned the ADAP to another entity." AFAN lost its ADAP prior to Antiocho Carrillo becoming AFAN's Executive Director. "It is currently administered by the state through a contract they have with...Access to Healthcare. Network" AHN is Nevada's current ADAP administrator. Antiocho adds, "However, the state of Nevada has assured us that there will be some version of the ADAP after the enactment of the ACA. After 2014, the contract negotiations for the ADAP will be reopened and AFAN will apply for that contract again."

Antiocho also adds that the importance of AFAN in the Southern Nevada Area will continue. "Providing that pre-existing conditions are a 'non-issue', we will see a transition of clients into Medicaid. However, case monitoring, case management and implementation of social work strategies to keep people healthy will continue to be provided at AFAN. This will keep us in the forefront in the provision of services, which will continue since the spread of HIV has no signs of stopping at this point."

Golden Rainbow does not have an ADAP, and refers people to Access to Health Care as well. Yet, "Golden Rainbow acts as the safety net for the HIV/AIDS community. We believe our services will continue to be vital to those affected by the disease. Golden Rainbow provides housing to the HIV/AIDS community and we believe that housing is the key factor to adherence," said Lea Carrasco-Zanini, Executive Director. Lea also adds that the new pre-existing condition exemption, which will now cover people diagnosed with HIV or AIDS before ACA takes effect, will not change their usefulness to the community. "Golden Rainbow does not anticipate seeing a drop in clients due to no pre-existing conditions. We provide assistance to low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Pre-existing conditions have no bearing on whether or not a client can receive services from us."

Financial independence is one of the key factors in determining ADAP eligibility. Access to Healthcare Representative Yvonne

Charles says, "starting in 2014, states will have the option to include individuals with income below 133% of the federal poverty line as well as single adults without children who were previously not eligible for Medicaid. As a result, in many states, a person living with HIV who meets this income threshold will no longer have to wait for a positive diagnosis to become eligible for Medicaid."

She adds, "Our ADAP program will help those who fall below poverty, but also include those with health coverage that does not completely cover the gap in medical costs. Some of our enrollees use Medicare Part D for their medications. The ADAP will be more effective in helping them reach what is termed the 'catastrophic level.'"

The health care law causes ADAP benefits to be considered contributions toward Medicare Part D's True Out of Pocket Spending Limit (TrOOP). This is a huge relief for ADAP clients who are Medicare Part D enrollees, since they will now be able to move through the "donut hole" more quickly, which was difficult, if not impossible, for ADAP clients to do before this change. Medicare Part D has different benefit levels based on your income and the money you have in the bank. Currently, according to the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), people in the highest income group or standard benefit category will pay a \$320 deductible plus 25% of the first \$2,610 in drug expenses. Once total drug expenses reach \$2,930 (the \$320 deductible plus \$2,610 for drug expenses) Medicare does not cover the next \$3,727.50 in medication expenses—the "donut hole" gap. Once the individual and Medicare spend \$6,657.50 in drug expenses, they reach the "catastrophic level."

From this point to the end of the year, Medicare pays 95% of the individual's drug costs. Drug costs, deductibles and/or co-payments paid by ADAP will count toward the \$6,657.50 in total expenditures needed

to get through the donut hole and reach the catastrophic coverage level.

The ACA closes the Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit donut hole, giving Medicare enrollees living with HIV and AIDS the peace of mind that they will be better able to afford their medications. Beneficiaries receive a 50 percent discount on covered brand-name drugs while they are in the donut hole, a considerable savings for people taking costly HIV/AIDS medications. In addition, in the years to come, they can expect additional savings on their prescription drugs while they are in the coverage gap until it closes in 2020.

"I do not see Nevada phasing out its ADAP program in the foreseeable future," Yolanda said, "It will be an integral part of keeping people living with HIV/AIDS healthy. There will be need for additional funding because more people with access to life-saving medication will live longer, healthier lives, and need our assistance for many years to come. As the government funding decreases, we will also be looking at private funding and outreach."

Taking into account that there will still be deductibles, although at a manageable scale and that some people will need to transition through the donut hole, it is apparent that ADAPs will not fade away. As our neighbors in Canada and Australia discovered, ADAP usefulness and lifeline support will remain a necessary commodity until we find a cure for HIV/AIDS. While government funding decreases, we must continue our efforts to reach out to you, the person reading this, hoping that you reach into your wallet or purse, and continue to support the great work of our ADAPs. ■

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Meet The Center's New Youth Resource Specialist:

FELICIA JEFFERSON

How does a preacher's daughter from the Bible Belt of the Midwest journey from Oklahoma City to New York, the gateway of the world, and land in the belly of the desert of Las Vegas? I'll start by saying this: through the grace and destiny of God. My mind's compass had no idea that Vegas would be in the plans. Since being named Youth Resource Specialist at The Center, it is apparent that this move was meant to be.

I was reared in Oklahoma City to a family lineage steeped in esteemed preachers, singers, writers and musicians of substantial gospel legacy. My mother was a gospel singer whose ensemble was frequently commissioned to open performances for legendary artists such as Andre' and Sandra Crouch, Tramaine Hawkins, Bee Bee and Cee Cee Winans. I grew up in an eclectic incubator watching creative and progressive thinkers all my life.

If you are wondering if I felt the pressure to succeed, the answer is yes! I was a mama's girl and the first daughter of four girls. My duty was to impress her then go beyond. It felt natural to be a leader and strive for excellence.

My musical skills are innate (writing and composing on the piano at the age of seven) and my formal education includes being selected



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to attend the prestigious Northeast Academy for their competitive Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center Bio-Medical program. I established myself as one of the top athletes in the state with records still in place to this day. While playing AAU Olympic basketball, I won a scholarship to play for St. Gregory's University.

Nonetheless, there was always a battle of the career fork in the road for me to pursue music or minds, as psychology was my major. Eventually, fate sent me a map for passion and direction. I entered my group in the NAACP Talent Show sponsored by legendary activist Clara Luper and won with an original song that I had written. Destiny struck the day I delivered a tape to a studio where the producers of Color Me Badd's crew

worked. I introduced myself and they said, "You're that girl that we've been hearing about." Soon after, they said they were moving to New York and wanted to take the top talent they could recruit. I made the cut so we packed up the U-Haul and left.

My focus and drive was to continue to build my career in New York, and for over 15 years I worked in some of the most complex, creative, ground breaking progressive companies including Sony-BMG, GameTrust and Nitro Advertising providing mentoring for the professional and creative growth for state schools and government programs.

I had won awards and worked at the top gospel labels in the world, so surely by now I felt Mama was proud. I was feeling the momentum of total success then out of the clear



“My goal here is to not focus only on orientation, but to guide and encourage them to completely be themselves in order to love themselves first.”

blue I was diagnosed with breast cancer at the peak of my career. OK, no problem. I had a loved one that had the intellect, compassion and strength to assist me with the extensive regimens. My only focus was to spiritually and mentally stay strong. I knew we could get through it and we did. Then just when I thought the coast was clear, the call came that Mama was diagnosed with cancer.

I returned to Oklahoma City to stay by her side. Unfortunately, she did not win her battle and I began the biggest battle of my life. I had to then ask myself, what was this all for? Now that my biggest motivation for living out these dreams was gone, who was I really doing this for? Was it for me or was it to prove to my mother that I could do it? Who am I now?

As God always had protected me with angels, I was blessed to have another mother, Janice L. Hamilton, retired Federal Aviation Administration Fleet Management Branch Manager, who was a tremendous force of inspiration, encouragement, support and love.

She knew I was grieving tremendously and needed an anchor for a fresh start. She allowed me to come to the desert to begin my new journey where I was able to replenish my soul. She advised me to broaden my scope for a career. I listened and sure enough, the opportunity came

for me to score an entire movie and I landed the position of Site Director for National Youth Sports (for basketball). Then I kept digging, hoping to target another passion. Then, I saw the Youth Resource Specialist position and my mind said, “Go ahead and go for it, why not?”

I never expected that all the experiences that I had would lead to The Center. But that’s exactly what was needed. What time better than now to impart all the passions, experiences and skills that I have to enhance and broaden their dreams and ideals? My goal here is to not focus only on orientation, but to guide and encourage them to completely be themselves in order to love themselves first. That in return will give them the confidence and foundation to conquer any challenge, mend any heartbreak, erase any doubt to soar to their own successes. They must also understand diversity and to be able to visualize and live outside of their own worlds to have empathy for all human kind.

What a tremendous feeling of satisfaction I feel now to know that I am aware of myself and touching the lives of those who will be painting the future of tomorrow. I intend to develop innovative programs relevant to their interests and future needs, so that they can become the greatest people they decide to be. ■



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The Emerging Leader Track is designed for entry to mid-level supervisors, managers, or administrators in their organizations. They may not supervise a team but they lead certain projects in their departments. They will be inspired to network and learn new skills that will help them reach the next step in their careers. The track will focus on a variety of topics including how to leverage social media and how to lead movements that have meaning and

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The Executive Track is designed for vice-presidents or above in their organizations. Their ability to influence across their organizations is paramount. They will work on honing those skills and focus on continuous growth which is critical for their career progression. Topics include how to identify your own S.W.O.T. (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) and exploring how to develop smart goals to accomplish exactly what you want. Attendees in this track will learn 15 ways to influence how other people think so they make better

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LEO (JUL 23 - AUG 22)

Just because you're paranoid, doesn't mean that they are not out to get you. Enjoy the experience of being human while double-checking what is real vs. imagined. Push yourself out of your own way to engage the pleasurable experiences awaiting you this month.



VIRGO (AUG 23 - SEP 22)

You've wrongly pinned your happiness to people, places, and outcomes for far too long. You've stressed about losing them and went into grief when change knocked at your door. As your floor falls out this month, a spiritual lesson is learned. You've held onto not what is best for you, but simply what was most familiar. Truth reveals that you are only held back by fears of the unknown. Let go, trust, and jump off. Synchronicity is then enabled and draws the people, places, and experiences aligned with your soul.



LIBRA (SEP 23 - OCT 22)

Untruths, half-truths and everything but the truth has been told to you. As your own intuition sees flags, your mind calls your sixth sense illogical. Trust yourself more deeply this month as you consider new directions. Your own intuition receives information back from all this month that foretell of their alignment/misalignment to your soul in the future. A simple feeling of calm identifies all that are in alignment with your soul. Intuition is the gateway to the soul. Trust yours.



SCORPIO (OCT 23 - NOV 21)

Don't be premature in celebration or letting others know too soon what you hope to achieve this month. Allow more time to pass prior to sharing the good news. There is more work to be done and therefore, don't count your chickens before they're hatched.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22 - DEC 21)

Needs to look at situations in completely different ways arise this month. Old ways of thinking are put aside as subconscious wisdom is at work. No need to rush to decisions. This month is a time to pause to seek answers from within.



CAPRICORN (DEC 22 - JAN 19)

You've got your feet too permanently placed on the ground preventing you from reaching the stars. Logic has become an anchor keeping you in stagnant waters. Unleash your imagination this month. You've got to have a dream if you want to have a dream come true.



AQUARIUS (JAN 20 - FEB 18)

Manage all despairing situations in the best possible way. As you avoid the truth by attaching to false hope, know that this month is a clearing out of what no longer serves your soul.



PISCES (FEB 19 - MAR 20)

The relationship patterns that were established through interaction with your parents/caregivers are ripe to finally be broken forever. You've sacrificed far too much for far too long in hopes of returned love that never materializes. You've tolerated narcissists in your life, simply because you have outmoded relationship patterns with others that need to change. The gift that interaction with a narcissist brings, is self-understanding. Know that your only obligation in this and any other lifetime is simply to be true to yourself and true to your soul.



ARIES (MAR 21 - APR 19)

An awareness that modern culture has misprogrammed you to overvalue money, image, and status becomes apparent this month. As you look back, consider how additional money above your basic needs did not equal additional happiness. As you switch from following externally programmed values to those inspired from within, a new road map and identity emerges. Intentional behavior of choosing activities based on personal growth, relationships, and a desire to help others unlocks your soul's inspiration, magic, and happiness.



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CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 22)

Financial problems finally begin to draw to a close. Abundance on both material and emotional levels occurs. Time to enjoy simple domestic comfort, security, and protection. Rest and heal knowing all is moving in the right direction.

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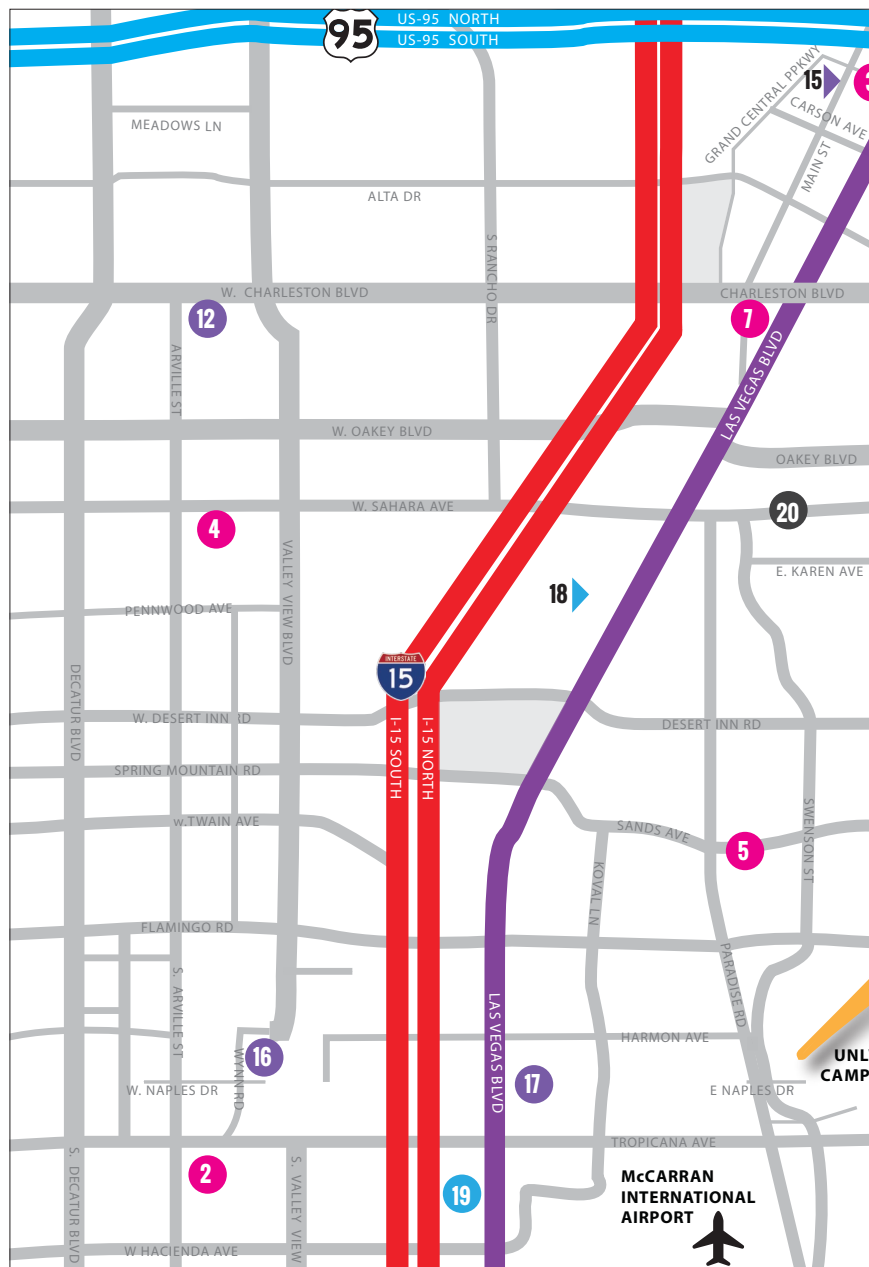
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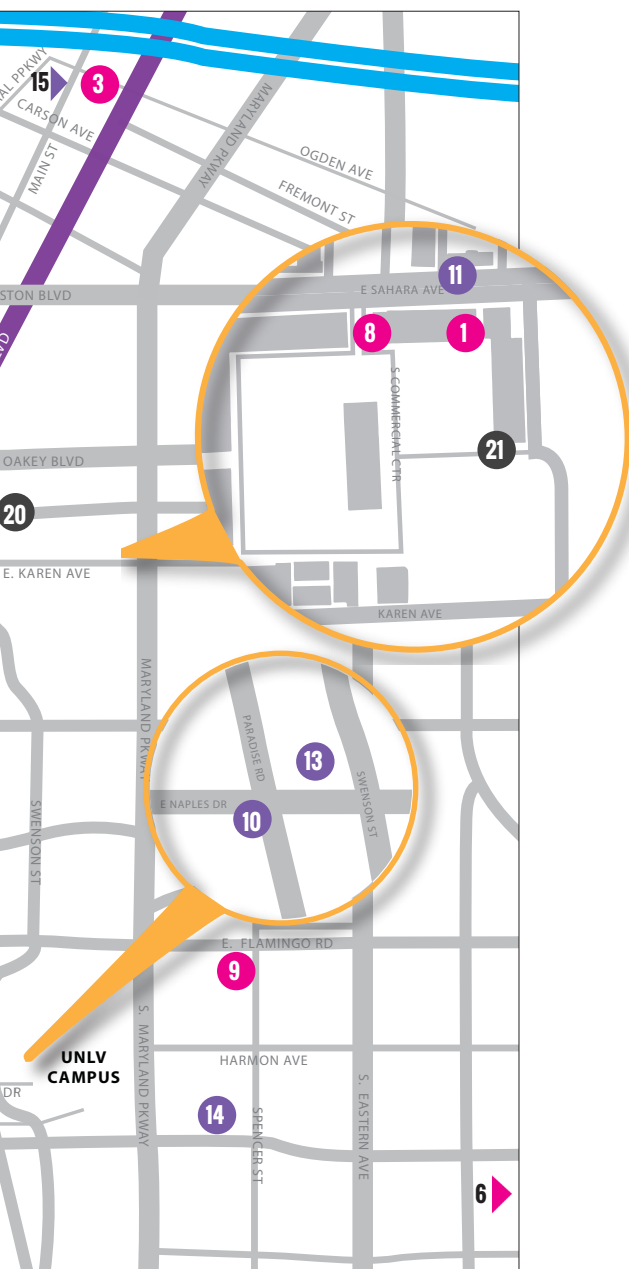
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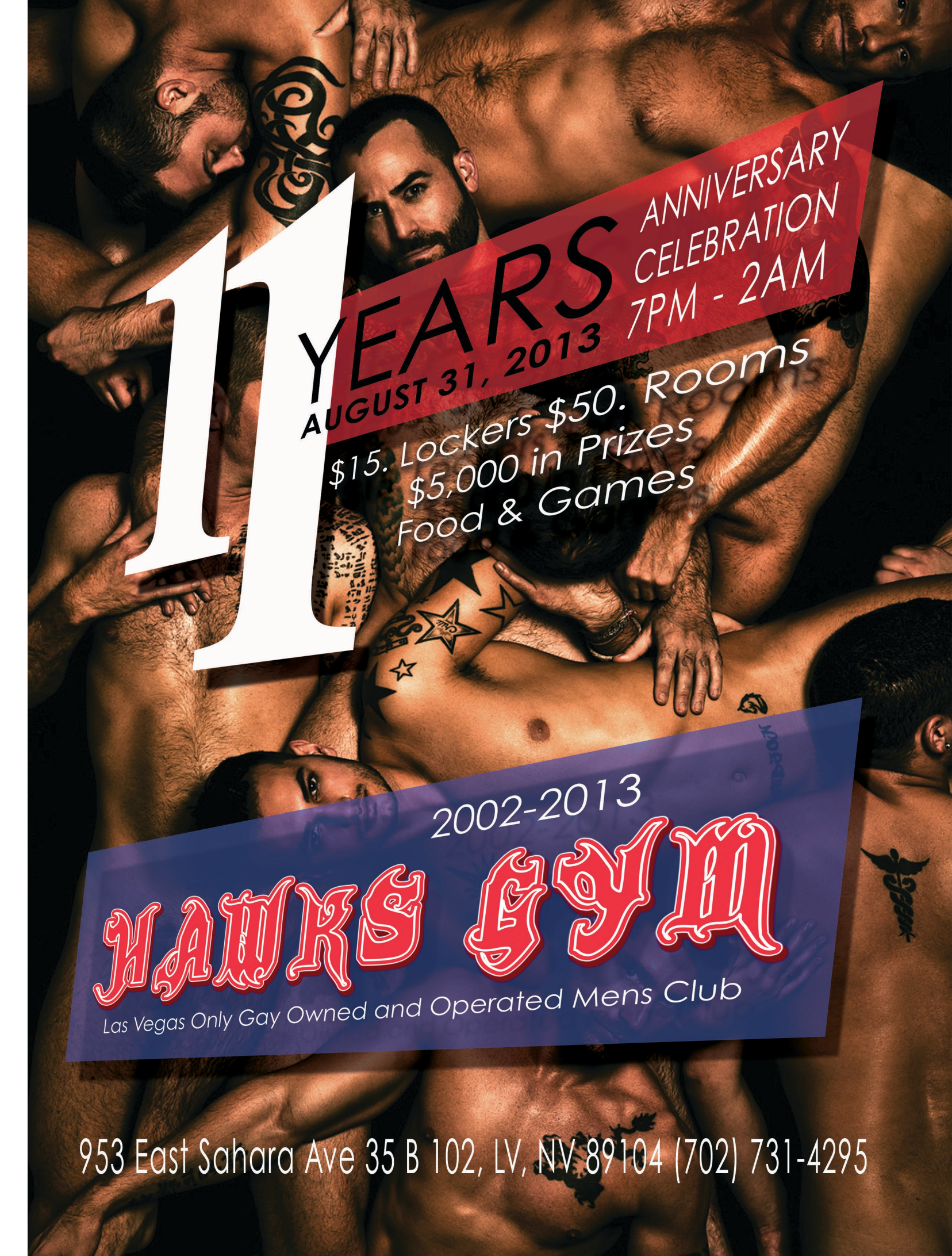
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THE VISION

August has always been a milestone month for me. Starting at Apple. Buying a home. Vacationing in Europe. Buying *QVegas*. If I had the time to ponder further, I know more would pop in my head, but the past year has been a whirlwind since acquiring *QVegas*.

While I would not publish my first issue until October, all the behind-the-scenes activity started last August. There's a lot that happens in a business acquisition, but swift, efficient, and smooth are not proper adjectives to associate with the process. Spontaneous, on the other hand, described my decision when the offer was made to buy this magazine. That spontaneity gives little opportunity for planning, so the first few months were reactionary.

As the new QCrew took shape, so did my vision for the publication. Over the past few months, the team has been following through on that vision. So as we look back over the past 12 months, I wanted to share some of our accomplishments and the direction we are heading.

QVegas evolved from a four page newsletter in 1978 to a high gloss magazine in 2004 and has become a lifestyle and entertainment guide for the LGBT local, traveler, and business traveler. We produce incredible original content, including our "Eating Out" and "QStyle" features. We showcase local and emerging talent, not only in the magazine, but in producing the magazine.

In May, we launched the new *QVegas.com* website, integrating the print magazine with the web. As our local readership moves online, we've balanced our print distribution and now deliver over half of our magazines outside of Las Vegas. With readers in Long Beach, West Hollywood, Orange County, San Diego, Palm Springs, Phoenix, and San Francisco; *QVegas* has become a broad regional resource for attracting the LGBT traveler to Vegas,

positioning us as a leading driver of LGBT tourism to Las Vegas.

Restoring economic vitality to Las Vegas is a core value of mine. Recently ranked as the 46th worst state to do business, restoring that vitality is essential to the long term success of Las Vegas. In November, I spun off *QVegas* Business Alliance as a non-profit organization, partnering with the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce to become the local affiliate for Southern Nevada. Bringing LGBT business certification to Las Vegas offers significant economic advantages to supplier diversity programs at major corporations, including MGM Resorts International and Caesars Entertainment. In less than a year, we had 7 member businesses representing Las Vegas at the NGLCC National Conference in Dallas at the end of July.

QVegas continues to give back to the community. Through our sponsorships of Pride, The Center, Golden Rainbow, AFAN, the Sisters, and more, *QVegas* provides over \$150,000 each year in support to local non-profit organizations. This giving is only possible through the continued support of our loyal advertisers. When you support our advertisers, let them know you appreciate their support of *QVegas*. If your business or your employer isn't advertising, ask them to show their support for the LGBT community by advertising with *QVegas*.

We have also listened to our advertisers and readers when it comes to the *Las Vegas Gay Yellow Pages*. The Internet and mobile devices have decimated printed directories. Advertisers are not seeing the same return on investment in printed directory advertising as they see with other print advertising. Consumers can easily look to the web or their smart phone for faster and more accurate information.

But the LGBT consumer still desires to know what businesses support the community. Instead of printing a

directory, we have invested in a robust website we have branded *QVegas* Yellow. Our yellow.qvegas.com website offers SEO-optimization, social media integration, maps, photo galleries, reviews, and comments at an affordable cost that allows businesses to reach LGBT consumers. Yellow is also the new home of our community calendar and classified ads. Posting events on Yellow is free, and events appear on *QVegas.com* for even greater exposure.

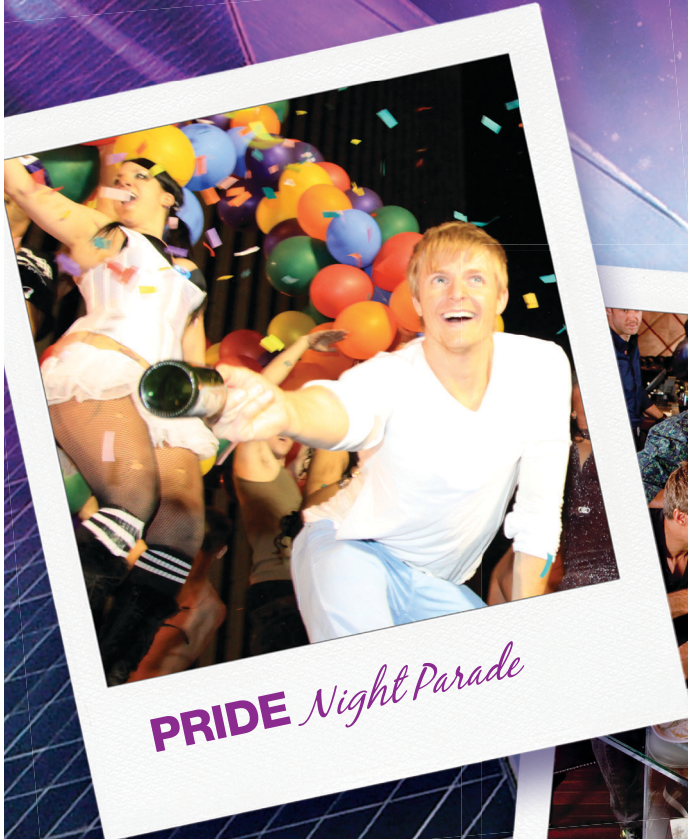
Starting with our September issue, we will begin printing two versions of *QVegas*—one for Las Vegas and one for everywhere else. While the content will be the same, this strategy allows our advertisers more options in reaching our readers. Advertisers wanting the benefits of a yellow page directory now have the best of both worlds with a strong online directory and lower-cost print advertising to reach local readers.

Also in May, we moved into The Center as a temporary tenant. As we look for more permanent accommodations, being in-residence at The Center offered us a way of connecting more deeply with the community and our new location won't be too far from The Center. The QCrew has taken the opportunity to engage with the community in very unique ways. Last month we started hosting writing workshops with the youth group and look forward to doing more. I wish to thank Tom Kovach and the Board of Directors for allowing us to share this wonderful space.

Going into Pride season I enter my second year as Publisher of *QVegas* and look back on some great accomplishments in a short time. I also look forward to the coming year. This year will bring more rich content, an emphasis on web and social media, and a deeper push into mobile. We won't forget our roots as a local LGBT publication, but we will continue to reach out to the visitors that support our regional economy and the community we serve. ■

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