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a note from our EDITOR



Last month, Vegas 'went gay' for more than two weeks. Legendary icons like Margaret Cho, Joan Rivers, and Kathy Griffin joined the party. I was so exhausted with the parties and events all over the city that I almost wished PRIDE and Gay Days were a bit separated just so I could keep up. Special thanks to artist Cazwell, for helping QVegas celebrate its 34 years by honoring 34 People with Pride at the Revolution Lounge. I also would like to welcome and thank my amazing staff & volunteers CJ, Jesse, Joey, Stephan, Brandon, Tonya, David W., Christian, and Justin for surviving Pride & Gay Days. My favorite event at pride had to be the parade! Danny Escobedo joined the QCrew with his megaphone shouting, "Hey girl hey!"

October is our "Coming Out" issue and the production has been something fierce. It has also been kind of hectic as we have simultaneously moved offices. Skin City Body Painting produced this month's cover and the photo shoot was remarkable. Jimi, Carlos and crew certainly served us 'fish and trade' for this month's QStyle, so much so that I had to extend the layout a few extra pages. "2 Steps Forward and 1 Step Back" returns this month, along with a word from Meghan Stabler from the President Obama's 2012 LGBT Leadership Circle in Political Q. The Real L Word's Canadian Kiyomi McCloskey of Hunter Valentine also weighs in on the U.S. election and shares her coming out story.

For those of us already out, every October 11 means celebrating what it means to be true to ourselves. Many of us never seem to go long without coming out over and over again. Whether it's to our new co-workers, new friends, extended family and every random person that enquires about our significant other, coming out never ends. The key, however, is that by accepting ourselves more and more we learn to accept others. Which brings me to a point I believe we all recognize as family: we must remember to support and accept each other. There's a young group out of Texas, Studology

101, created to help diminish fear and rid the world of discrimination due to lack of education. Studology 101 pioneers a very inspirational movement titled 'We All We Got.' Everyday the LGBT community is joined by sincere straight allies, and we should embrace them, but we have to continue to raise the bar of acceptance amongst ourselves because at times, we are 'all we got'.



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Set for Sunday, Oct. 7 the Fremont East Entertainment District is donating a portion of registration proceeds to Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN). AFAN is southern Nevada's largest AIDS nonprofit organization, providing support and advocacy for adults and children living with and affected by the disease. GlowRun festivities begin at 6pm with the race starting at 7pm. Following the 7K race, illuminated and costumed participants will make their way to the AfterGlow block party, featuring a live performance by international music sensation Girl Talk. Teams and individuals interested in participating can pre-register by visiting www.glowrun.com. GlowRun is produced in partnership with Insomniac Events and Seven Magazine. ■

APLA LA AIDS WALK 2012

AIDS Walk Los Angeles will take place on October 14, 2012. Taking off at 10AM, this fun-filled 6.2 mile walk will start and end in West Hollywood. Since its inception in 1985, AIDS Walk Los Angeles has benefited AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA). APLA runs the country's largest network of HIV prevention programs in LA. Long recognizing that no single organization can meet all the critical needs that arrive from HIV/AIDS, APLA invites other vitally important AIDS organizations to be co-beneficiaries of the event. There is no fee to register, but everyone is encouraged to raise funds. Last year, the average walker raised more than \$272! Help

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ALA 2012 FIGHT FOR AIR WALK

The American Lung Association in Nevada invites you to walk with your community in the 2012 Fight For Air Walk on Saturday, October 20, at Floyd Lamb State Park. Walk registration opens at 8 AM and the 3km Walk starts at 9 AM. "Big Tobacco has targeted the LGBT community and more LGBT people suffer and die from preventable tobacco-related causes than from AIDS and breast cancer combined," said Richard Davis, Adult Lung Health Program Coordinator with the ALA in Las Vegas. He said, "When we walk for the work and mission of the American Lung Association we are supporting our community's fight for air—please join us." Major Walk sponsors include Levi Strauss, Frias Transportation, IGT and Kindred Healthcare. Walk registration is \$10. Form a team of ten and get a Walk tee-shirt. Enjoy free refreshments and enter to win raffle prizes. Sign up online at www.lungnevada.org. Floyd Lamb State Park is located ten miles north of Las Vegas, via US 95 to Durango and then Tule Springs Road. The beautiful park is the site of an old Nevada "divorce" ranch and features two natural spring-fed ponds and wild peacocks. ■



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AFAN BLOODY ENGLISH

Celebrate Halloween for a cause at Bloody English inside Body English at Hard Rock Hotel and Casino on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 6 PM. The event will benefit AFAN with \$2 from every ticket sold benefitting Southern Nevada's largest AIDS/HIV nonprofit organization. Tickets are available starting at \$15 through AFAN and the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, and those who purchase tickets through AFAN will also receive a \$2 discount. Individuals interested in attending can purchase tickets at <http://bloodyenglish.wantickets.com/Events/112149/Bloody-English-Haunted-House> (use discount code 4AFAN for \$2 ticket discount). Bloody English, in association with Monster Mayhem, is a horrific haunted experience presented by Body English inside the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino from Oct. 12 through Oct. 31. ■



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Additionally, there are still opportunities to name a space within the Robert L. Forbuss Building. If you are interested in a naming opportunity, they begin at \$10,000 with benches and tables to be placed in the beautiful courtyards that will grace the front of the building. To discuss these opportunities, contact Diana Morgan at diana@thecenterlv.com or 702-733-9800.

Every gift counts. Your gift counts. Thank you!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Have you seen the fence? Have you noticed the dumpsters full of stuff? Demolition on the interior of the building is complete! We are on our way to a new home in the heart of Las Vegas! Keep your eyes peeled for a flurry of activity between now and the end of the year.

Here are some facts and figures about the Robert L. Forbuss Building:

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- Youth and Empowerment Center: 1,420 square feet, drop-in center, modular furniture for a flexible, functional space
- The first gender-neutral restroom, that we know of, in Las Vegas
- 2 conference rooms with built-in technology and communications capabilities

In 2013, The Center will celebrate the opening of the Robert L. Forbuss Building, a beautiful, modern, and sustainable new home. We will also celebrate our 20th anniversary of service to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community, and its allies in Southern Nevada. We are proud of and excited about both of these milestones. Thank you for being there every step of the way – we could not do what we do without your support!

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Thank you for a successful *Let's Get Physical* (A Family Skate Night)

The Vegas Mpowerment Project would like to thank PRIDE for allowing us to do a joint event with them during Pride week on Monday, September 3, 2012. VMP would also like to thank everyone for coming to this event as everyone was having fun and it is our biggest event yet. We had 252 participants with 191 being new participants. The Southern Nevada Health District tested 23 individuals for HIV & Syphilis that evening. Vegas Mpowerment Project meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7pm at The Center. If you're a gay, bisexual or transgender man between the ages of 18-29 and want to be a part of a social group that is about creating a safer community for ourselves and others please join us! We promote safer sex and encourage others to be a part of this change to decrease the number of new HIV infections in Las Vegas. Please follow us on Facebook & Twitter to stay informed about our upcoming meetings and events, and please stop by The Center to meet other guys like you.

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Man of The Year – Todd VonBastiaans



"This is kind of amazing!" blogged Perez Hilton. Todd VonBastiaans feels the same way, and more, about being named Man of The Year. Perez was commenting on pancake sculptures VonBastiaans and his partner, Bryan McCarthy, created for Trifecta Gallery in the Arts District last summer. VonBastiaans has had an amazing year: he loaned a work of art to the Smithsonian, he trended globally on the internet, and he was asked to tell a story for "The Tell" at El Cortez.

VonBastiaans moved to Las Vegas in 1996 to work in commercial construction lighting and electrical. He founded Alios in August 2001 and proudly celebrates the 11th anniversary of the lighting agency. Alios lights the Las Vegas Strip from entertainment to retail to restaurants to casinos to those amazing Vegas bathrooms! Lighting has always played a part in Todd's commercial, civic and artistic success. VonBastiaans has been active in the Arts District since its early stages. Nevada Public Radio's Desert Companion in Fall 2009 named VonBastiaans the 7th reason to believe in the Arts in Las Vegas. "Mr. Versatility" they called him for his ability to cross many different disciplines in art, community, and business. VonBastiaans has produced an indoor artist-created mini golf course, designed a bus stop, held art openings, and done anything that would further his education and help him grow into a more locally and artistically involved member of the community.

VonBastiaans is the Vice President of the local Illuminating Engineering Society and board member of the 18b Arts District. He is also a former board member of First Friday and has been on many planning committees. A graduate of St Mary's University of Minnesota, VonBastiaans continues to support the students there through scholarships that allow senior theatre majors to attend professional conferences and meet with the leaders of entertainment and hospitality design.

VonBastiaans and Alios have generously supported The Center, The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association, First Friday, The Imperial court, Illuminating Engineering Society, The Neon Museum and Boneyard, LVam, and many small focused projects. Contributions to The Center include supporting the Vegas Mpowerment Project, sponsoring the softball team, and helping in many, many other ways.

Woman of the Year – Kris McGarry



 **ENGELSTAD FAMILY FOUNDATION**
Ralph & Betty's Legacy of Giving

Kris McGarry has philanthropy in her blood. Her parents, Ralph and Betty Englestad, were influential players in the development of Las Vegas into a world destination. Ralph became the owner of the Thunderbird Airport in the 1960's, eventually selling the facility and surrounding land to Howard Hughes. This hefty transaction with Hughes helped solidify Ralph's real dream of building and operating a new kind of hotel & casino.

In 1979, the Imperial Palace opened its doors as one of the largest privately owned hotels in the world. Following the success of the IP, Ralph also opened a second location in Biloxi, Mississippi. But as they experienced greater and greater luck, they became more aware of those in the community who were down on their luck. It was at this time that the couple began giving hope in small ways. Relatively unheard of at the time, Mr. Englestad hired mentally disabled individuals to work at Imperial Palace. This also began the family's involvement with Opportunity Village. The giving continued to grow as Ralph, an avid reader, began to learn about people in other states needing help. He would find ways to give it to them, even if it meant letting the person in need live with his family.

Their daughter Kris was soon brought more into the fold, when her father began sending her out and about to meet with people whom her father had read about. Always as an incognito representative, Kris began to truly understand what her parents had been doing so quietly for so many years. In 2001 the Englestad Family Foundation was formed. Betty and Kris continue to expand upon the work that Ralph began before he left us.

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada is proud and honored to have been chosen by the Foundation to receive substantial funding for our new exciting new venture, The Robert L. Forbuss Building. This is an historic opportunity for The Center to own a new home and create a state-of-the-art facility that is both environmentally responsible and cost efficient as we prepare for the future. It is through the great generosity and foresight of people like Kris McGarry that this is possible.

Volunteer of the Year – Desirée Duncan



Desirée Duncan is a native of Nashville, TN and moved to Las Vegas in 2006 to become a Correspondent and Producer for Vegas PBS' weekly news magazine series, Inside Education. While at Channel 10, she produced, wrote, and/or hosted local documentaries, When Our Families Are Deployed; Fit Kids, Healthy Families; Her Profile in Courage: Refugees and was awarded a Las Vegas Electronic Media Award for her work on the series, Fit Kids, Active Families.

Earlier this year, in pursuit of taking a major step in her career in public broadcasting, Desirée accepted the position of Manager of Production and Content at WCTE Upper Cumberland PBS in her home state of Tennessee. In this position, she oversees the direction, production and coordination of all phases of video content both on-air and online. Desirée is Executive Producer for WCTE's flagship series Live Green Tennessee and serves as the new host of the series Bryan Symphony Orchestra Backstage.

Over the course of her six years in Vegas, Desirée was very active in the community. She sat on the Executive Board of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada (The Center) where she created and chaired ARTrageous Vegas. Desirée was a founding member for the Human Rights Campaign Las Vegas' Women's Empowerment Network (WEN) where she chaired the inaugural Support Women Artists Now (SWAN) Day Las Vegas. She was also a founding sub-committee member of BlaQ, a HRC People of Color initiative. Desirée also served on the Executive Board of the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN). Because of her active involvement in Las Vegas she received the Equality in the Community Award from the Human Rights Campaign earlier this year and is truly humbled to be accepting The Center's Volunteer of the Year award in the same year.

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2 STEPS FORWARD...

[by Chad Martinez]

IS BRENDON AYANBADEJO, NFL'S MOST ENLIGHTENED PLAYER?

The testosterone fueled culture of the NFL isn't known for its gay friendly atmosphere. In fact, it has been called the "last closet" — but attitudes inside the NFL may be changing. In September, Maryland state lawmaker Emmett C. Burns Jr. wrote Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti urging him to restrain player Brendon Ayanbadejo from publicly supporting gay marriage after he became the first NFL player in history to do so. In response, Minnesota Viking's punter Chris Kluwe wrote an open letter to Burns condemning his attempt to silence a fellow player. Kluwe told the associated press that Minnesota's proposed ban on gay marriage, "would permanently change the state constitution. Who are we to say we should decide what our children should do on this subject?"



WALK WITH PRIDE

West Hollywood, known for its LGBT friendly community, approved the addition of permanent rainbow crosswalks marking the city as a major tourist destination for LGBT folks. The crosswalks promise to be a vibrant reminder of West Hollywood's acceptance of diversity and a colorful addition to the cityscape. The West Hollywood City Council hopes to have the new crosswalks installed by AIDS Walk and Halloween.

NEVADA IS ON THE FRONTLINE OF THE MARRIAGE EQUALITY FIGHT

Early in September Democratic Assemblyman Elliot Anderson announced he will introduce a bill in February aimed at ending Nevada's constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. Nevada passed a domestic partnership bill, recognizing same-sex couples in 2009 despite a constitutional ban on full marriage rights passed in 2002. Anderson believes that public opinion has swayed since 2002 and is confident the majority of Nevadans now support marriage equality. A recent Public Policy Polling survey suggest he may be right.

DADT, WE TOLD YOU SO!

September marked the one year anniversary of the repeal of "Don't Ask Don't Tell," the military's ban on gay people. Surprise, surprise — the world didn't end and the US military is still intact. According to the Pentagon, repealing the ban had absolutely no adverse effects on morale, recruitment or preparedness. Of course this news will fall on deaf ears of the anti-gay alarmist that, last year, insisted the sky would fall if gay soldiers were allowed to serve openly. The repeal is being heralded by the LGBT community as one of Obama's signature accomplishments.

GAY ACTOR THINKS GAY MEN MAKE BAD PARENTS

Rupert Everett, a gay British actor from the films "My Best Friend's Wedding" and "Shakespeare In Love," recently told the Sunday Times Magazine that he, "can't think of anything worse than being brought up by two gay dads." Everett's comments seem strange coming from a gay person unless you consider his mother's statements, made in the same article, that she still wished her son was not gay. Is this a case of British self loathing or bad parenting, you decide.

1 STEP BACK



REPUBLICANS DRAFT HISTORICALLY ANTI-GAY PLATFORM

September was the launch of both the Democratic and Republican campaign conventions and, while the democratic platform was historically pro-gay [affording civil rights and dignity to gays] the Republican platform was quite the opposite. President of the anti-gay group Family Research Council, Tony Perkins told BuzzFeed "you should read the entire plank on marriage, which I wrote. I feel very happy about it." A section of the approved draft reads, "we believe that marriage, the union of one man and one woman must be upheld as the national standard, a goal to stand for, encourage, and promote through laws governing marriage."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER KICKED OFF FOR BEING GAY

Jamie Kuntz, an 18 year old North Dakota State College football player was kicked off his team after he was spotted kissing his boyfriend at a game. Compacting the controversy is the fact that Kuntz's boy friend is 65 years old, more than three times his age. Kuntz received support from a lot of people as well as much criticism. He is now adjusting to a life in the spot light but refuses to apologize for who he is. Although he is no longer on the North Dakota College team he still wants to play football, a sport he loves.

JUDGE REFUSES NAME CHANGE FOR TRANSGENDER PEOPLE

NewsOK reported that an Oklahoma District Judge, Bill Graves, refused to let two transgendered people change their names to fit their gender identities. Citing "scientific" reason, Graves told reporters that the name changes were for "a fraudulent purpose." The judge denied the first name change last year then again in August writing a lengthy explanation that included a Biblical quote from Genesis. Graves also wrote that he did not want to be "complicit in legitimizing sex changes."

COMMUNITY TIES

POLITICAL Q

THE LGBT MOVEMENT IN FOCUS FOR THE 2012 ELECTION

[Op-Ed by Meghan Stabler]

Never in the history of the LGBT movement have we seen a president, administration, justices, legislators or businesses as focused on our issues as we do today.

Whether for us or against us, from State Houses to the White House, from the boardroom to the pulpit one does not have to step far to read or hear a meme about LGBT people, LGBT families and LGBT issues. That is why this is likely the most pivotal election cycle ever. With the right votes, we will continue to see progress made for our community. A vote in another direction has promises from a candidate who states that under his watch, marriage will remain 'traditional', between a man and a woman, and that he will not only defend the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), but he will look to put a U.S. constitutional amendment in place to ensure and enshrine traditional marriage as the only valid and recognized marriage of the land.

Our community is just asking to be able to lead normal lives like the rest of the citizens of America, to form families with those we love and to be free from discrimination because of who we are, how we express ourselves and who we love.

We have seen advances in state marriage, only to be held at the finish line by ballot-box referendums to be voted on in November. We have seen tremendous advances in workplace equality, and at the same time, high profile business leaders speak out against our families and marriages. We have seen increases in our family unit recognition, and at the same time adoption limitations for loving same-sex couples. We have seen, for the first time, a U.S. president fully support marriage equality, and our foes work to undermine it.

Wherever you sit on the political fence, we now live in a unique time where the actions you take on November 6th will not only impact your future, but that of the rest of the community.

The impact of a strong voting turnout will truly set the course of equality for the next 20 years. Yes, 20 years at least because whomever the sitting president is, will be able to appoint the next three Supreme Court justices. A number of court decisions will likely come before that esteemed panel, ranging from marriage equality to workplace discrimination, and second parent adoption.

This election vote counts beyond four more years. Yes, the economy must be turned around, and jobs along with it. But we also have our more personal future at stake. Continuing the current administrations focus on equality and civil liberties is a priority for me versus an administration that stands to oppress the LGBT community.

Unfortunately, some of the candidates both at the national level and the state level resort to stretching truths, distorting facts and often ultimately lying in order to attack their opposition. Look close to home to see this taking place in Nevada's U.S. Senate race. One candidate on the rise is *pro-LGBT, pro-growth, pro-jobs, pro-clean energy, pro-women and pro-choice, for small business*, and likely to pass the alternate party candidate who is *anti-LGBT, anti-middle-class, and pro-Big Oil agenda*.

This is the time to make your decisions, and if you feel strongly about a candidate

volunteer with their campaign, they need you, and will thank you for your support. It could be in phone banking, putting boots on the ground going door-to-door, etc. Whatever you do, be willing to do the work that needs to be done until the campaign is finished. Every vote counts; every vote is needed. Whatever you do, and however you do it, don't ignore the rural counties. Get your candidate's message out. Combine your personal story of how having that candidate, as a representative of your shared values, will be of a benefit. Remember that time, money and distance make it very difficult for the federal candidates to be everywhere in the state, so consider volunteering, putting in some hours and be prepared to work hard.

Ultimately whatever you do, make your vote count on November 6th, 2012, as its impact will last longer than one more term.



Meghan Stabler is a business executive, member of the HRC Board of Directors and an Obama 2012 LGBT Leadership Circle



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THAT'S SO VEGAS

Tidbits from the Strip & Beyond

LE RÊVE – THE DREAM

Since its world premiere in 2005, Wynn Las Vegas and Dragone Entertainment have redefined the traditional theatrical experience with *Le Rêve – The Dream*, the evocative aqua spectacle in-the-round. The show features an ambitious blend of aerial acrobatics, captivating choreography and beautiful imagery that leave guests wanting more. *Le Rêve – The Dream* is a unique entertainment experience with elaborate effects and powerful performances that conjure an imaginary world, at once intensely beautiful and breathtaking.

The international cast of more than 90 athletes and entertainers captures the imagination with their strength and agility. From a thrilling high-dive to synchronized swimmers doing the tango in red high heels, *Le Rêve – The Dream* is mesmerizing from beginning to end. Throughout the show, comedy and dance interweave with athleticism for an awe-inspiring experience.

Ticket prices are \$105 (Splash Zone), \$129 (Premium Seating), \$155 (Dream Seating) and \$199 (VIP Indulgence Package), plus service charge and tax. *Le Rêve – The Dream* performs Friday – Tuesday at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The show is dark (no performances) on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information please visit www.wynnlasvegas.com or call 702-770-WYNN.

GEORGE BALANCHINE'S "JEWELS"

Oct. 13 & 14th the Smith Center presents for the first time ever three internationally recognized companies to come together to perform George Balanchine's three-part masterwork "Jewels," inspired by the everlasting beauty of Emeralds, Rubies and Diamonds. With special permission from the George Balanchine Trust, and a sponsorship by the jewelers who inspired the piece, this will be a true tribute to Balanchine and a monumental occasion for the city of Las Vegas.

IMPERIAL PALACE TO HOST FIRST-EVER "FRANK MARINO'S DISCO DIVAS BINGO"



To kick off Halloween week in style, Imperial Palace will host the inaugural "Frank Marino's Disco Divas Bingo" in the property's showroom on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Superstar female impersonator Frank Marino will host the evening, along with a deejay and "Divas Las Vegas" cast members, who will hustle and jive to Disco music throughout the game.

"This isn't your grandmother's Bingo game!" said Marino. This Bingo will be anything BUT a drag!" The session will consist of 12 games, with prizes ranging from \$100 to \$500 in Reel Rewards. Registration begins at 5 p.m. at the special events desk in front of the Imperial Palace Showroom. Those who sign up for new a Total Rewards card up to 48 hours before Thursday, Oct. 25 will receive one free book, and may buy-in for an additional three books.

VIP booths are available for purchase. In celebration of Halloween week, guests are encouraged to dress up in their favorite Halloween costume and can sign up for a costume contest at the showroom doors upon entry.

Frank Marino and Caesars Entertainment will determine the top three Best Disco-Themed Costumes, who will be awarded with Reel Rewards ranging in value from \$50 - \$300.

CASA 0101 THEATER'S 2ND ANNUAL BROWN & OUTFEST

Josefina López, Artistic Director, will present Casa 0101's 2nd Annual Brown & Out Theater Festival (BAOTF), featuring a collection of 11 World Premiere short plays celebrating the Latino/a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning/Queer experience. Executive produced by Miguel Garcia, the Festival will be presented on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 5:00 p.m., September 28 – October 21, 2012 at The New Casa 0101 Theater, 2102 East 1st Street (at St. Louis Street), Boyle Heights, CA 90033. The Festival's production team is also collaborating with participants from Jovenes, Inc., a facility for homeless youth in East Los Angeles, to develop an additional short play to add to the current collection that will highlight the needs and experiences of their homeless young people. The play is a devised theatre piece based on the writings of three LGBTQ young men from Jovenes, Inc.

4TH ANNUAL OKTOBERFRIGHTFEST

Get your scream on at Fremont Street Experience this Halloween as the Asylum comes downtown for the Fourth Annual OktoberFrightFest. The wildly popular, nationally ranked haunted house Asylum, now in its 14th year of operation, has a new home on Fremont Street Experience's 3rd Street North area.



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"What better way to put the fright in OktoberFrightFest than to bring one of Las Vegas' most terrifying attractions downtown,"

said Jeff Victor, president of Fremont Street Experience.

"OktoberFrightFest is about combining two great holidays, Oktoberfest and Halloween, creating the ultimate month-long celebration. With the addition of the Asylum, our guests can enjoy beer and drink specials, nightly ghoulish entertainment and a nail-biting, terrifying haunt all under one canopy. This is just the beginning of what we have planned for our guests this October."

Known nationwide for pioneering the trailer-haunt concept, Asylum takes you on a terrifying journey through the story of the Meadview Asylum, headed by Dr. Vander and his son Adriane. Legend has it that Adriane Vander took on a friend of the family, Mortimer Feoray, as a patient. After deeming him cured, Feoray returned to the hotel his family owned only to kill everyone. Now he lurks in the shadows where he and the inmates have taken over the "Asylum," terrorizing anyone who steps foot inside. Patrons must navigate the dark hallways alone through a terrifying series of fright-inducing rooms including: admitting area, nurse's station, patients' rooms, therapy room, the morgue and much more.

ROSS MATTHEWS TO EMCEE CENTER STAGE BENEFIT

The 3rd annual Center Stage benefit concert headlined by Megan Mullally & Supreme Music Program, with special guest emcee Ross Mathews, at the Palm Springs Convention Center, on Thursday, November 1, 2012, at the Palm Springs Convention Center. Fans of award-winning actress Megan Mullally, best known for her hysterically funny role as "Karen Walker" from the hit NBC series Will & Grace, will be in for a delightful surprise when she sings with her band, Supreme Music Program, and performs songs from her recent albums. The Center is also pleased to announce that Dr. Woody Baldwin of Austin, Texas, founder of the Prime Timers Worldwide, will receive the Founder's Award, and Senator Sheila Kuehl of Los Angeles, and currently the Founding Director of the new Public Policy Institute at Santa Monica College, a Distinguished Policy Fellow at the UCLA School of Public Affairs and a Horizon Institute Fellow, will receive the Leadership Award. "The support for this line-up and the work of The Center is overwhelming. Eisenhower Medical Center, The Center's Health Partner, along with Wells Fargo, have signed on to be a Presenting Sponsors."



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CHINA POBLANO

[by Michael Barbieri]
www.MyVegasObsession.com

Located on the second floor of the chic Cosmopolitan Hotel, Chef Jose Andres' innovative eatery combines the flavors of China and Mexico, and does so brilliantly.

Many people are bound to ask how such a combination came about. Well, according to the menu, the Spanish galleons that sailed the Pacific in 1565, brought Asian spices to Mexico and New World peppers to China. They also brought the legend of an Asian girl kidnapped by pirates and shipped to Mexico. She was known as La China Poblana. Latin and Asian flavor combinations have been around for years, and here, Andres truly makes those flavors shine!

To start your meal off right, choose one of their interesting cocktails like the Green Tea Sour, garnished with an edible micro-marigold flower, or my favorite, the Margarita Sal De Gusano, served with a special salt rim - ask the server to explain!

For appetizers, choose from their Dim Sum section - the steamed pork buns, listed as When Pigs Fly, are light and delicious. I'm not a fan of pork buns in general and I enjoyed them tremendously. I'd also recommend the Lucky 8 Sui Mai -

an assortment of their bite sized steamed dumplings, two of which are garnished with edible gold leaf. Or go a little more Mexican - choose from their unconventional tacos: the Lengua taco, filled with braised beef tongue and salsa pasilla, the Viva China, with soft beef tendon and a Kumamoto oyster, or the one that seems to get the biggest reaction, the duck tongue taco known as Silencio, which is explosively ducky! For less adventurous eaters, they also have barbecued pork tacos (Cochinita), roasted chicken with mole sauce (Pollo con Mole Poblano) and Barbacoa de Res, a delicious taco filled with barbecued beef, guajillo chile and pickled cactus paddle.

The Noodles & Soups section of the menu provides some wonderful entrees, including the Swallow a Cloud wonton soup, with Hong Kong style wontons, shrimp, pork and bok choy. There's also The Unruly Monk - hand cut noodles, wood ear mushrooms, and a perfectly poached egg, swimming in a lightly spicy beef broth, and garnished with a crispy rice cracker. Another favorite of mine is the Huitlacoche Noodles-knife shaved noodles topped with a combination of wild

mushrooms and Huitlacoche, a traditional Mexican ingredient also known as corn smut. It's earthy, a little bit tart and incredibly tasty!

Lastly, if you have a taste for dessert, try China Poblano's innovative take on Mango Sticky Rice. Chunks of fresh mango, mango granita and a touch of lime zest are topped with rice and coconut milk which have been pushed through a strainer, creating a sort of "rice cream". It's topped with toasted puffed rice and is the best mango sticky rice I've ever tried.

The vibe at China Poblano is casual, relaxed and fun. The decor has surprising touches everywhere: bicycle wheels and red lanterns on the ceiling, Chinese masks and carved Mexican wooden animals on the walls, and shifting projections of notable Chinese and Mexican personalities. The staff are all knowledgeable, helpful and friendly. They're also all very cute - one busboy, in particular, made me lose my capacity for rational thought! And as it turns out, he's also very sweet! Surprise!

At any rate, if you're interested in experiencing a meal that features unexpected, yet delicious ingredients which combine the best of the Mexican and Chinese cultures, China Poblano will surprise and delight you!



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BOTTOMS UP

VAN GOGH VODKA SHOWS ITS TRUE COLORS WITH THE GIVE A DAMN CAMPAIGN

Van Gogh Vodka, the flavored vodka pioneer, kicked off its partnership with the Give a Damn Campaign, a project of the True Colors Fund, in 2011. The association was formed through the dedication of two like-minded individuals: Cyndi Lauper, the co-founder of True Colors, and Norman Bonchick, Chairman and CEO of Van Gogh Imports, who both cite their lifelong belief in the importance of respect and equality for every member of the human race as the guiding principal drawing them to support Give a Damn's mission to encourage everyone, especially straight people, to get informed and get involved in advancing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality.



The Give a Damn Campaign launched in 2010 to inspire straight people to "give a damn" about LGBT equality. The campaign's signature public service announcements have featured many prominent celebrities including Whoopi Goldberg, Elton John and Susan Sarandon.

From their plethora of vodka flavors allowing for complete cocktail personalization to their award-winning "You, Unbottled" campaign, Van Gogh Vodka has always encouraged consumers to be themselves, which makes this relationship a natural. "The True Colors Fund's mission has always been a cause of utmost importance to me personally. All people were created equal and should be treated as such. Discrimination toward someone because they are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender is no different than persecuting a person for their religion, race or political views – none of which should be tolerated," says Bonchick.

For Cyndi, the inspiration for the campaign sprang from her music. "With True Colors, I did not fully understand the impact the song had until I was home pregnant with my son and had the time to read a lot of my fan mail. Every other letter was from a gay person tell me how much the song meant to them ... It served as a wake-up call to me that I needed to do even more. Equality for all is important to me; it is the ideal that this country was

built upon. No one deserves to be treated as less than. If one of us is not equal, then none of us are equal. Whether it is because of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or for whatever reason a group of people are identified as "different", we as a society have to stand up and say that isn't right."

"I am so appreciative that Van Gogh Vodka has joined with the Give a Damn Campaign in support of our work to inspire everyone to become an advocate for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality," Cyndi continues. "We both believe strongly in the mission to ensure that everyone is treated with dignity and respect."

After joining forces with the non-profit, Van Gogh moved quickly to create programs to help promote and spread the word for the foundation including Cocktails Without Prejudice™: a program designed to feature drink recipes inspired by the Give a Damn Campaign. The Give a Damn Martini was created and debuted at Van Gogh's first event with True Colors: a star-studded sold out "Home for the Holidays" benefit concert on December 4, 2011, at New York's Beacon Theatre. In addition to Cyndi Lauper, the event featured appearances from Norah Jones, Carson Kressley and Alan Cumming. During the event, the first Give a Damn/Van Gogh Vodka t-shirt – designed by Cyndi, was unveiled. Fully funded by Van Gogh, 100% of the proceeds from these t-shirt sales go to the foundation.

On June 15, 2012, in celebration of LGBT Pride Month, four additional celebrities -- Emmy Award-winning actress Jane Lynch, Tony Award-winning artists Alan Cumming and Idina Menzel and comedian Chelsea Handler – joined with Cyndi to create their own t-shirts in support of Give A Damn, also fully financed by Van Gogh. (Consumers can visit www.wegiveadamn.org to purchase.)

Van Gogh is also excited about the expansion of the Cocktails Without Prejudice™ program, which was created to support the Give a Damn Campaign through the participation of bars and restaurants across the U.S. "Our first promotion took place last March and the second followed in August," says Norman. "Altogether we had over 100 accounts sign on. Plus, we are matching the donations from the program. It's really gratifying to see so many of our partners join us to fight the good fight for 'Give a Damn.'"

For Cyndi, the Give a Damn Campaign is the best way to creatively express her dedication to the cause. "The campaign was created to help educate my fellow straight people about the many issues impacting the gay and transgender community and to give them opportunities to get involved in moving equality forward," she says. "I believe that most people are fair-minded and once they learn about the inequality faced by gay and transgender people they will want to help. I am grateful for every supporter – and especially for companies like Van Gogh – who show every day that they will go the extra mile."

Needless to say, Norman agrees: "As a company, Van Gogh is committed to a long-term partnership with the Give a Damn Campaign. It's an important way for us to give back and we look forward to working on new initiatives in 2013 and beyond. Like Cyndi, I agree that most people – once they understand the problem – will become believers in our cause. I'm personally committed to making sure that the Give a Damn mission reaches as many minds and hearts as possible."

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COMING OUT TODAY

The Closet Door Has Been Opened. Will You Step Out?

[by Jazzmin Awa-Williams]

It's poetry slam night in a small warehouse behind a tiny cafe. An emcee steps up, a taller than average girl wearing an old sweater. She may be a college student, she may even be homeless, but the crowd is expectant.

As she speaks, she spills her soul. She tells about her sexuality, about her bad breakup and subsequent torment of others, heartbreak and breaking hearts. She comes to terms with it all, not only in front of a crowd of nameless strangers but also with herself.

Jenna Robinson's story on the surface may not be familiar, but at its root it's one that plenty of members of the LGBTQ community can relate to. Coming to terms with yourself and your sexuality, more popularly known as "coming out of the closet."

"I felt the poem sounded so good and it felt so free to say it on so many levels," said Robinson, a 22-year-old University of Hawaii graduate student and artist. "Not just because it was about who I was but it was also about getting off the guilt I had. It was beyond just being gay."

National Coming Out Day, an annual holiday observed worldwide every October 11 since 1988, evokes a plethora of stories of LGBTQ individuals living their lives truthfully and openly, along with the process that it took them to get there.

A friend she had told about her bisexuality encouraged Robinson to take her story to the stage. She credits her stark honesty for the success of her spoken word, allowing her to be more comfortable discussing her sexuality, even with conservative family members.

"Once I was able to do it on a stage it was so much easier to be who I am now," Robinson said. "It's difficult being bisexual, especially being bisexual [and] biracial ... Once I finally came to terms with it, it's a beautiful thing to be unique, and people love me more that way."

Robinson's decision to "come out" through a public forum was a personal one, but is not typical of a majority of members of the LGBTQ community. Christopher Villalba, 23, came out to friends and classmates first in college. Then at 19, while already in a committed relationship, Villalba told his mother over the phone.

"I never had the guts to tell my mother," Villalba said. "When I did she told me she knew when I was in first grade. I would watch Miss Universe, wrap myself in a throw blanket, and pretend I was one of the contestants. When she said that, my childhood flashed before my eyes and everything came full circle."

Villalba, who is happily civil unionized with his partner of 2 years, said that after admitting that integral part of himself to his mother their relationship became closer. His older brother was equally accepting and told him that having a gay brother and being raised by a single mother prepared him for relationships with women.

"I have the family support that a lot of other people long for," Villalba said. "I consider myself blessed in the life I have."

According to the Northern Illinois University (NIU) LGBT Resource Center, coming out is not a single explosive event, as many not familiar with the process might envision it. Rather, it is a life-long process that can start at any age depending on the individual. There are different levels of being "out" and a person can range from being completely

A close-up photograph of a person's face and hands. The person's face is painted with vertical stripes of rainbow colors: green on the left, yellow in the center, and orange on the right. Their hands, also painted with rainbow colors, are raised to their mouth, with fingers spread, as if they are about to speak or are in a state of surprise or secrecy. The background is dark and out of focus.

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closeted, to being open to only friends or family, or even being unabashedly open and public about their sexuality.

"It used to be two different processes, realizing it yourself and coming to terms with it, then being public about it," said Ruth Mahaney, lecturer at San Francisco City College in the school's famed LGBT studies department. "Some people were never public about it. But the separation has changed somewhat."

A recent study found that the average gay and lesbian teenager first self-identifies at 16. Compare that to the 1980s, when the average age for a gay man to self-identify was 19 to 21 and 21 to 23 for lesbians. This younger age may indicate youth having more outlets to meet others like them and promote confidence, such as the Internet and social networking, as well as an influx of positive public role models. Sadly, it can also mean additional prejudice encountered by students from their younger peers, classmates and family members before they are old enough to leave the household.

To promote a more inclusive and accepting environment in schools, the Equity and Diversity Board of the Clark

County School District is spearheading programs to train, educate and enlighten educators on how they can support and encourage students. Beginning in November, a seminar will be available for educators, administrators and counselors on how to help LGBTQ students in the junior high and high school setting and let them know it is a safe environment for them to express themselves.

"Whenever I went to a training or seminar or workshop that was supposed to be dealing with LGBTQ issues, it always ended up being basically a vocabulary lesson," said A.J. O'Reilly, M.Ed.

O'Reilly, a member of the Equity and Diversity Board, created a program that was presented at both the College of Southern Nevada and Nevada State College before being accepted by the Clark County School District.

"My goal was to create a workshop that not only addressed the best terms and vocabulary for teachers to use, but was

also a self-exploratory program where they could explore their own feelings and issues that they're dealing with as far as students who are LGBT, or even questioning," O'Reilly said. "Also specific instructions and tactics that they could use to talk to these kids on a day-to-day basis."

Coming out continues to be a deeply personal decision, and can be explained differently by every individual. Even with the advent of prime-time television shows with lead gay characters, and high-profile hip-hop artist Frank Ocean coming out as bisexual, there are still deeply rooted perceptions of the gay community held by their heterosexual counterparts that have yet to be dispelled.

With every person, young or old, that comes out, some of those perceptions are washed away and attitudes slowly change. But the choice is life-changing and can be difficult.

"You don't have to make it a big show. You don't have to come out shitting rainbows or anything like that. Just to tell one person will be such a relief, and to find that honesty within yourself first," Robinson said.

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CLARK COUNTY QUESTION NO. 2

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IMPORTANT DATES:

OCTOBER 6:

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OCTOBER 20–NOVEMBER 2:

early voting

NOVEMBER 6:

general election

In an effort to provide readers with bi-partisan choices, QVegas invited the Nevada Republican Party and Nevada Log Cabin to provide candidate information in support of LGBT issues, but no response was provided by either organization by press time. Ballots are unique to the area in which you live. Your ballot will not contain all candidates in this guide and not all races are covered.





Kimora - Alice & Olivia by Stacey Bandet Dress at Neiman Marcus at Fashion Show Mall, Vintage Fur Coat at the Gypsy Den, Shoes from Topshop at Fashion Show Mall And Necklace from H&M at Miracle Mile Shops.

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Jocelyn Fur Vest at Neiman Marcus at Fashion Show Mall, Haute Hippie Fur at
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Shops and Boots from Bebe at the Miracle Mile Shops

T.J. - Chadburry Shirt at STITCHED at the Cosmopolitan, J.S. Blank & Co. Tie at
Stitched at the Cosmopolitan, Chiari Pants at Stitched at the Cosmopolitan, Dunamis
Watch from Jason Of Beverly Hills at the Cosmopolitan. Belt from Calvin Klein at the
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Kimora- David Meister Dress at Neiman Marcus at Fashion Show Mall, Graham Spencer Fur Jacket at the Beckley Boutique at the Cosmopolitan, Shoes from Bebe at the Miracle Mile Shops, Belt from American Apparel at the Miracle Mile Shops and SLJ Italy Braclet from Monogram at the Cosmopolitan.

T.J. - Chadburry Shirt at STITCHED at the Cosmopolitan, J.S. Blank & Co. Tie at Stitched at the Cosmopolitan, Chiari Pants at Stitched at the Cosmopolitan, Dunamis Watch from Jason Of Beverly Hills at the Cosmopolitan. Belt from Calvin Klein at the Premium Outlets Mall, Shoes from Steve Madden at Fashion Show Mall.



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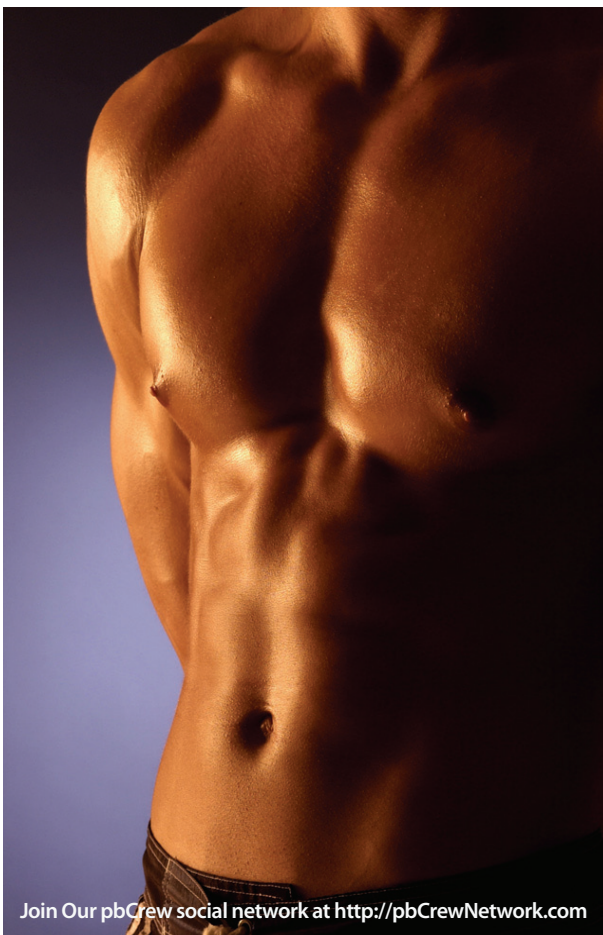
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HUNTER VALENTINE

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AN INTERVIEW WITH KIYOMI MCCLOSKEY OF HUNTER VALENTINE

While summer may have left you sunburnt and jet lagged there's no need to pull out those sweaters just yet. Hunter Valentine is heating up right along with the political climate and you bet they have a campaign worth watching for. The queer community and fans alike have watched the band on the TV show "The Real L Word" as they push

through issues in personal relationships, celebrate successes as soulful musicians and vivaciously fly through speed bumps as they tour across the U.S.

The bands' lead singer, Kiyomi McCloskey, is no loose cannon to her political opinions regarding issues in the

community. The band may be Canada based but Kiyomi supports the future, "we hope the U.S. can find a middle ground on things like free health care, I believe it is really important. Marriage equality obviously is going to be our very stand out issue at the moment and I believe that I should be able to get married but, really, I want equal rights for the rest of the nation."

We look to our politicians to make changes for human equality but look even closer to Hunter Valentine and you'll see the support their views and music provide when you are struggling with the reality of inequality. October 23 will bring their newest album *Collide and Conquer* featuring the song 'Nowhere To Run' which is intended to send a strong support system through speakers across the nation. "It's our 'it get's better' anthem. We basically wrote it for the kids coming out, whether they live in a small town or a big urban area, it's our words of advice to the queer youth out there." Kiyomi appreciates the importance of having the song on the album stating "I was lucky and had a good experience coming out...so I feel like because I had that experience I should share it with people who are not



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by Leslie Van
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having such a good time. It's to let them know, it gets better on the other side."

Kiyomi's own coming out experience was as public as the in-your-face political ads gracing every form of press around us. At 15 years old Kiyomi was in high school and being outted, "we were running around the high school being girlfriends hiding it from people." Even while hiding they stayed proactive about showing their support for the community by going to their first dyke march. "A journalist thought it would be a great idea to take a picture of us when we were about to kiss, and the next day I woke up and there were so many missed calls telling me to go down and look at the most wildly distributed newspaper in Toronto. On the front cover was a picture of me embracing [my girlfriend] and it said 'quiet moment kiss of pride, two young lesbians embrace.' That's basically how I came out to the world, I didn't really have a choice."

Some may cringe at the thought of being a spokesperson for the queer community before being comfortably out but Kiyomi was instinctually a forerunner for the community. Without hesitation she recalled it as "a blessing in disguise" reinforcing her genuine grasp on what it means to support your community. "I think that the queer community is doing a great job getting on equal plane with the rest of the world. I don't think that we separate ourselves so much as were standing up for what we believe in and being firm behind that stance. I think we need to do what the LGBT community has always done, fight the good fight and eventually they won't be able to ignore what were asking for which is basic human rights and equality."

Hunter Valentine has a way of passionately welcoming people of all kinds to come out, whether it be to friends and family or fans that come out to experience their guaranteed incredible live show. While we interviewed Kiyomi, the band was already on the road after their first show in Alabama the night before. There was no disappointment for Kiyomi in the small crowd of 100, "that person who traveled 3 hours to get from their small town to the city to see the band deserves to see the same kind of show whether it's in a 200 capacity venue or 6000 capacity, it's just the way that it should be." The consistency that they strive for is just a part of what makes up this powerful group of musicians. Their vision for the band that is quickly radiating through their strong supportive efforts and outstanding presence on stage is "[for fans] to see us for ourselves, you know? That we are loud expressive, real people."

On top of their touring, making music and influencing fans, Hunter Valentine gives fans a little drama and something to drool over as we watch them on 'The Real L Word.' They all agree that it's done only good things for the band and the fans it enables their music to reach. "With the L word, we get the opportunity to [encourage people to come out and just be themselves] that much more, bring out that many more people. It's been a very moving experience." By showing the reality of what it takes to keep their music alive and growing, their pride and passion for the community, as well as how they keep their loving relationships going all contributes to the message they are hoping to send to communities around the world. "The message is that there isn't just one message. There are so many people within the queer community and we represent a certain part of it, that's the whole thing. Ignorance comes from thinking that queer people are just one way and there are so many different colors, and faces, amazing things within that community. Were just here to contribute our little part."

Some viewers of the show may not see the bigger picture when the drama is sounding over the music.

While it's been a "moving experience" for the band, there is always a swarm of backlash surrounding the big blow ups that people tend to tune in for. "A lot of people criticize 'The Real L Word' for being trashy or not addressing social or political issues but they don't know how many people reach out to us on a daily basis and thank us for sharing our personal side of the story with the community." The ignorance of the critical ignited the spark we see in the writing of McCloskey as she joked, "Yeah, I mean it's a fuckin' reality show, there are a bunch of people that hate me in person, cause they know me so well right?"

The number of layers to Kiyomi is innumerable. Keep a look out for the personal projects she is engaging in to widen her artistic range. She is currently writing some acoustic music for future albums and possibly trying her hand in writing fiction stories. Michele Abbott, co-creator of 'The L Word' Drama series produced the short film 'Hector' that will be hitting the festival circuit with Kiyomi as the lead. She could not have had more genuine things to say about her life and plans with her second half, Lauren Russell, who also appears on the show. "We're soul mates and best friends...the band is busy and Lauren is busy working on her own goals. I think that's one of the reasons why

we mesh so well because we have a true respect for each other's careers." As far as settling down? "I would love to get married and to have kids...I would like to have all those things with [Lauren]."

With their newest record coming out in October and a tour already on the way, fans of all faces will get their fill of Hunter Valentine and the personal projects of Kiyomi McClosky. The future of Hunter Valentine in the community is solid, "we've been a band for 8 years so there have definitely been some dips in our career but I think that's what makes our band so interesting, the evolution of how we kept going." With influences like Hunter Valentine in all communities alike, this evolution is one that is sure to make history.





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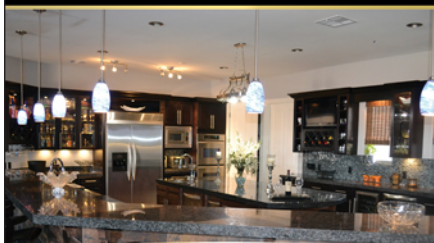
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GEMINI (MAY 21-JUN 21)

As for Gemini, most of them have permanent "rose tinged" contact lenses. Which makes them both hopeless & hopeful romantics. This also makes it so hard for them to settle down. You know that the "grass isn't always greener, Gemmy. Try searching for quality instead of quantity (Baskin-Robbins 31 flavors owns bragging rights to that title). Let the heart (not the libido) guide you. It's much better.



CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22)

Redecorating that already fantastic dwelling really puts your neighborhood in the spotlight. Let's just hope the designers of the Taj Mahal don't find out about it (we sure won't blab). Vibration wise, the 20th looks terrific. Even the wealthier will cooperate (it wouldn't dare rain). Send invites ASAP.



LEO (JUL 23-AUG 22)

Why is the mighty lion/lioness so down? Do we detect some jealousy regarding Cancer's newly refurbished palace? Not to fret, Leo. You still (and always will) have the most wonderful vehicle, which is of course admired by the masses. That late month dream vacation will exceed your wildest expectations (and that's pretty wild). That "bod" is rockin', so slink into those speedos.



VIRGO (AUG 23-SEP 22)

That investment portfolio is in amazing shape. So, don't go searching for quick, risky results. It's a nice dream, but dreams and money usually don't go well together. Use some of that cash reserve to buy real estate. You literally can't go wrong with a land purchase. Don't lend an unreliable sibling a significant amount of cash, no matter how much they whine or complain.



LIBRA (SEP 23-OCT 22)

Your self-confidence reaches amazing new heights throughout October. Some of this shall surely rub off onto friends and fellow employees. If poker is your game, bluffing will become second nature. Financial aspects continue to look quite strong. We suggest that you splurge for some classy formal wear. That social calendar will be booked solid. How nice to be so popular.



SCORPIO (OCT 23-NOV. 21)

Study Libra's message. All of that hard work heightens your reputation considerably. However, the ability to "schmooze" with clients, thereby closing the deal, still needs some fine-tuning. Leo and Libra know about all of the best bistros (wine, cuisine & ambiance). This sort of research is both challenging and fun. Lunar aspects on the 13th bode well for playing games of chance.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22-DEC 21)

The opportunity to purchase a swell new dwelling comes your way around the 9th. Please "look before you leap", as this "dream home" may have hidden flaws. Be sure to get it inspected by a certified structural engineer. Though you want one badly, a new love relationship isn't in the mix before early December. Just keep "playing the field" and enjoying yourself. You charmer!



CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Don't look for too much quality "down time" this month. Not with all the various projects you'll be juggling. Force yourself to lay low on Sundays; otherwise your normal sweet disposition could sour a bit. Like Sag, a relationship isn't in sight and actually should be avoided until the holidays approach. Contract negotiations on the 20th & 21st go amazingly well. That's reason to celebrate.



AQUARIUS (JAN 20-FEB 18)

Virtually every major planetary aspects shower you with means, motives and opportunities. Kind of like an all you can eat buffet. Except instead of food, you'll be partaking of career "golden nuggets". Watch your lower back and neck on the 24th & 25th. Don't act like Superman by trying to "heavy lift", or pain will manifest.



PISCES (FEB 19-MAR 19)

That fairly recent "trouble in paradise" on the home front has thankfully calmed down quite a bit. But, it's not over just yet. Keep talking things out. Constant communication is vital, in order to arrive at a happy "safe port". That part time job really has brought valuable new contacts. Like any natural resource, these should be farmed/mined. The profit margin is up to you.



ARIES (MAR 20-APR 19)

All the world knows that natives of your sign love to travel at "light speed" with very few interruptions. Sorry to say, that lovely pattern will be missing in action. In fact, you're likely to experience more stops and starts than a crosstown bus. So, cool those jets and adjust to the energy shift. It'll be nice to "smell the roses" for a change. Surprisingly, small treasures shall await.



TAURUS (APR 20-MAY 20)

The planet Venus (which rules your sign and Libra) will be doing her merry dance of love all month long. The joy and optimism will be downright contagious (sort of like wearing "rose colored" glasses). It's a wonderful feeling, but those lovely/magical lenses shouldn't be worn for great lengths of time. Their spell could confuse reality with fantasy, if overused. Be invisible on the 11th.



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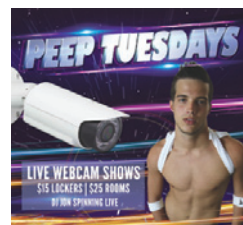


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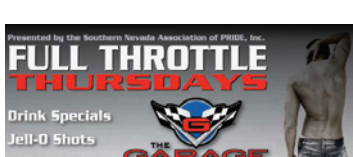
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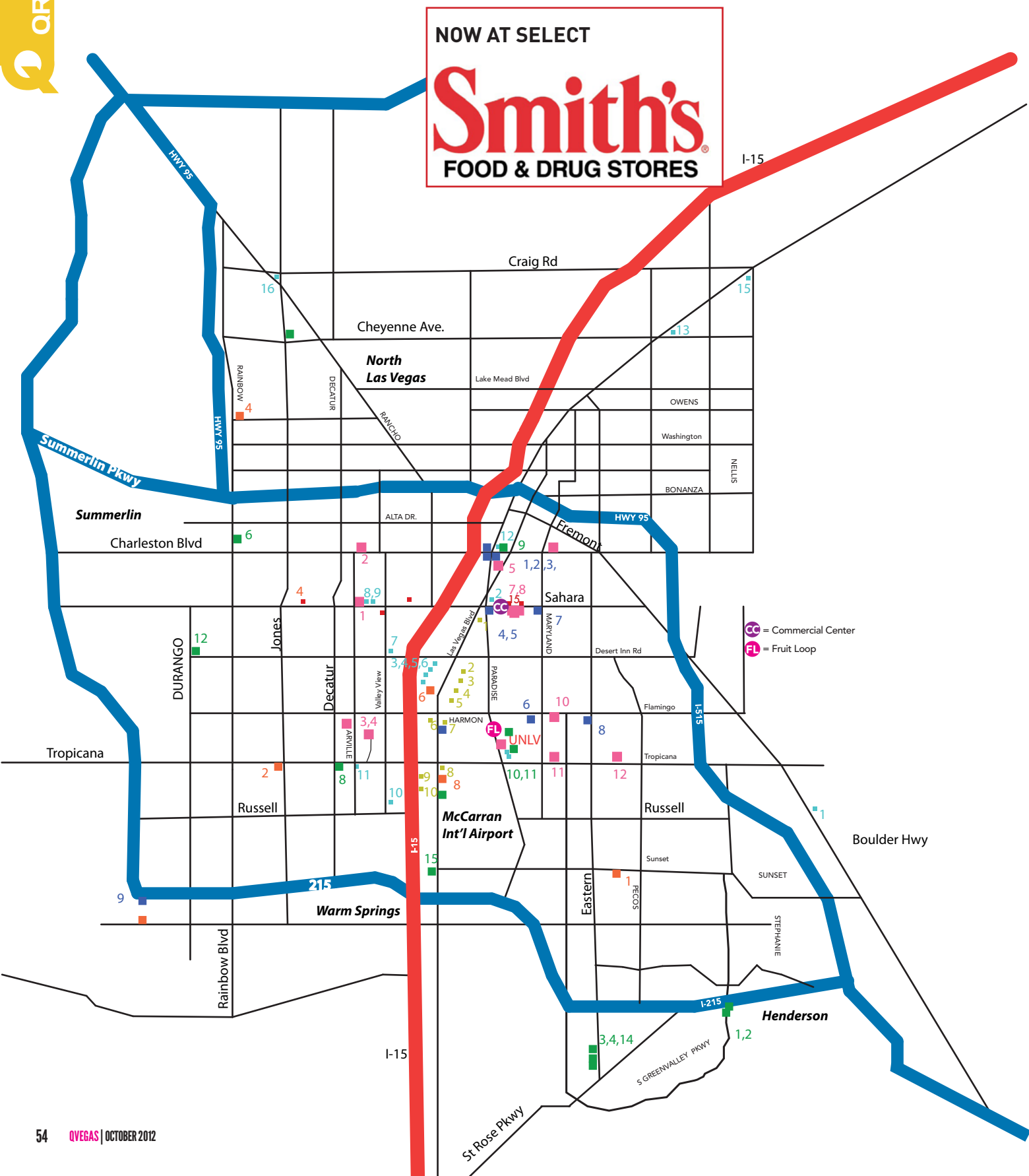


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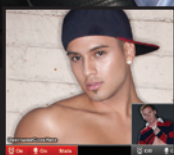
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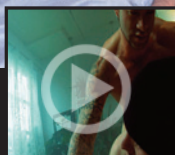
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The Last Word:

COMING OUT A STRAIGHT ALLY

The summer Pride season can be a wonderful time. Amongst parties and parades, there are tons of activities waiting to be had. But for some, it may be a difficult and challenging time. After the festivities end and we move into fall, National Coming Out Day presents the opportunity to tell your friends and your family something special about you. This conversation can be very stressful for those that haven't shared their sexual orientation, whether it means coming out to your parents, your siblings, or to your friends. I'm here to tell you not to sweat it. Granted, that is a lot easier said than done. People often worry about how society will view them if they aren't the person everyone else was expecting. Our society has such a strong influence on the way we think as individuals that it eventually holds us back from doing certain things in life. Society uses labels as a major tool to control us.

Don't get me wrong, your life is going to change in more ways than one, but I can promise you that it will be worth it. You will find you are a happier person doing what (and who) you love.

Numerous friends have come out to me. I often hear phrases such as "People are going to call me gay" or "what if so-and-so doesn't like me anymore?" Well I present this challenge to you: forget the world for one day. For once, do what you want to do and don't think about anyone else but yourself. Too often we find ourselves focusing on others needs at the cost of our own. FORGET THEM. Be true to yourself and do what makes you happy. If you want to come out, DO IT!

Whether you are a gay, lesbian, bi,transgender, or questioning all of it, you are still a human being and nothing will change that. Don't get me wrong, your life is going to change, but I can promise you that it will be worth it. You will find you are a happier person doing what (and who) you love. How can people judge you for making a decision to be happy? Isn't that what we all want in life? It's a decision that you have to make on your own, so don't let anyone persuade you into not doing what you feel and know is right for you.

Being a straight man (I know, ironic) that is very involved in the gay community, has been a challenging learning experience. I cannot tell you how many times my sexuality has been questioned. Most of the time it didn't affect me. I knew who I was and who I was not. Having the confidence to be comfortable in your own sexuality, whether gay or straight, is one of the most important qualities you can have as a human being. Being comfortable in your own sexuality is like having a metaphorical wetsuit. No matter how cold the ocean of life is, how many jelly fish are in the water waiting to sting you, or how rough the waves are, you will always be protected because you have a second layer of skin that is protecting you. Without your wetsuit you leave yourself wide open and vulnerable to the elements of the world.

So as we observe National Coming Out Day this month, I want you to join me and many others in not only a celebration of one's decision to be true to themselves, but also to liberation and freedom. Support for the gay community

is growing by the numbers, nationally and worldwide, and it is only going to get bigger until it is no longer an issue. You are not alone. Don't be afraid any longer. You owe it to yourself. As William Shakespeare once said, "God has given you one face, and you make yourself another." Why try to portray yourself in such an shrouded manner just to please others? Put on the face you were born with! You have so many people willing to take this journey with you. So go out there and have fun. Live the life you know deep down inside you are supposed to be living. And remember, closets are for clothes, so I'll see you on the outside!



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