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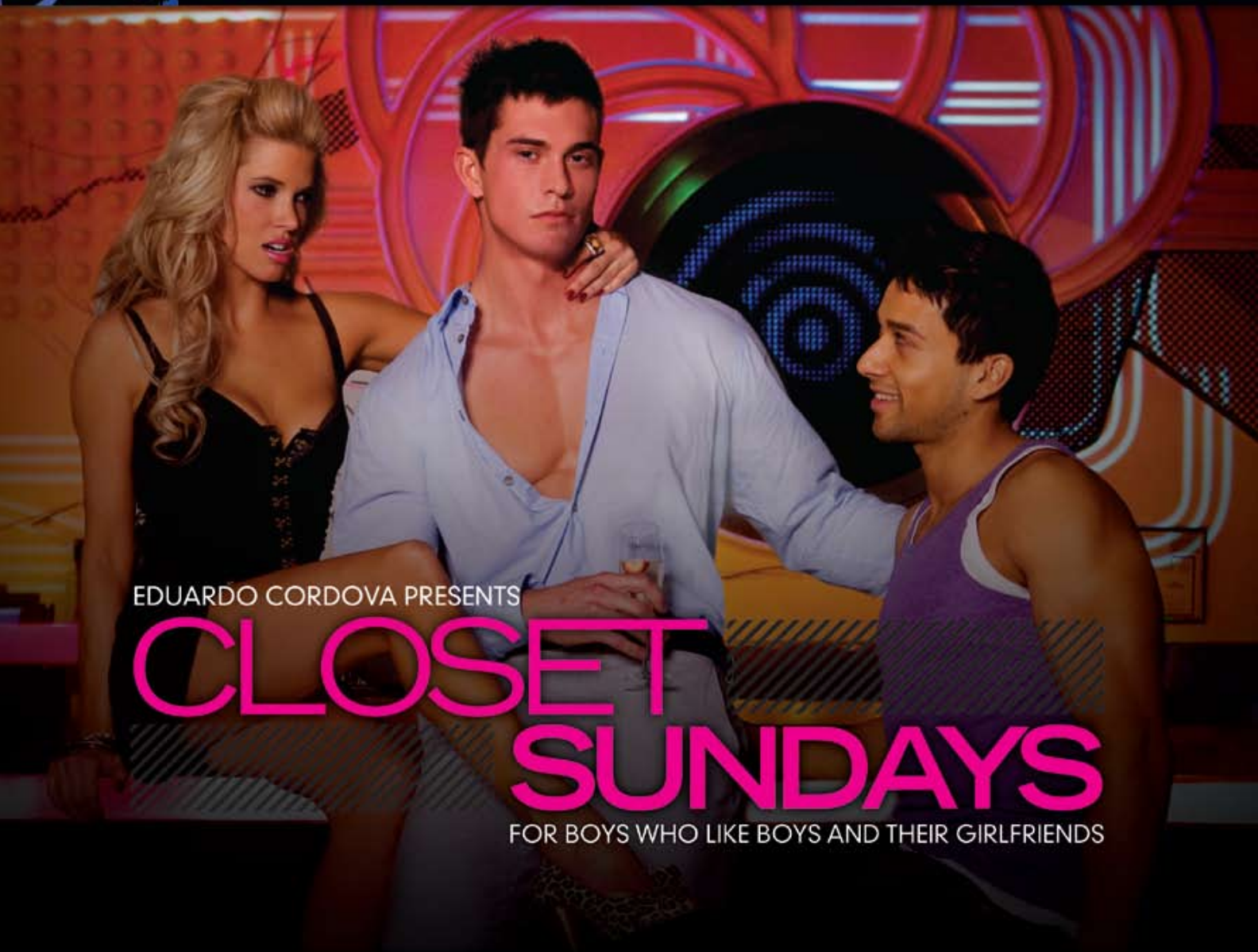
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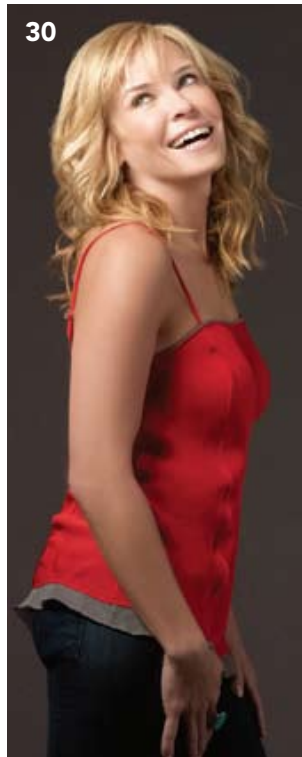
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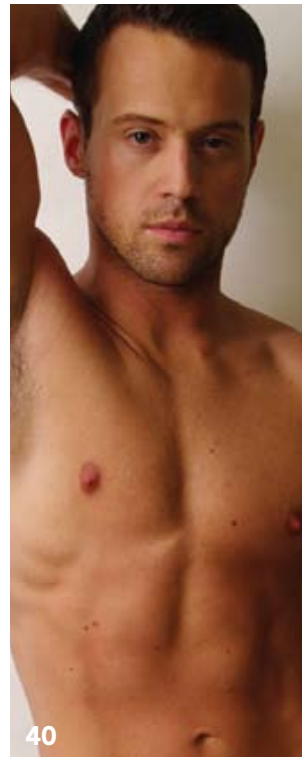
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A special note of thanks from Kelly

Thanks, Nick San Pedro; all the exercise and no sugar has at least paid off in the illustration you made of me. I look fabulous!

Speaking of fabulous, thanks to all who participated in the *QVegas* Rockstar NCOD Street Festival in the Commercial Center on October 3. Because of our sponsors, vendors, volunteers, non-profits, entertainers and the community "coming out" in huge numbers, the Las Vegas community raised \$5,000 for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada. This was our 8th year producing the festival. For those who are not aware, NCOD is "National Coming Out Day," a day created to commemorate the second march on Washington D.C., October 11, 1987, with the first NCOD events being celebrated in more than 18 states.

Thanks goes out this year to Rockstar, (\$10,000 donation); Wells Fargo and Findlay Cadillac Saab (\$2,500 donations); Little Darlings and Paul G. DiVido (\$1,000 dollar donations), as well as the vendors who purchased a booth so our non-profits could attend at no cost to them. This event is further made incredible by people like James Mann, who donates all his electrical expertise and equipment; DeeJay Danny G and his dance tent; Kitty Litter and her trailer; Hawks Gym with the blow up toys; volunteers who set up, tear down, direct and pick-up trash; our talented emcees and entertainers, guest speakers and entertainment coordinators; and Showcase Sound, who travels all the way from Arizona to provide sound and lighting so cheap it is almost free. I also want to thank the staff of *QVegas*, who have volunteered their time to make this event happen each year since its creation in 2002.

The first event coordinated in the Fruit Loop—with Freezone, Gipsy and Ikon—was created to celebrate the grand opening of the new Gay and Lesbian Community Center facility in the Commercial Center. Every year since 2002's NCOD "Being Out Rocks" festival, 100 percent of the money raised (after the expenses of tents, stage, sound, lighting and licensing), has been donated back to The Center and, twice, Las



Vegas Pride. That's a total of more than \$65,000 in eight years! This year Pride tended bar for NCOD and kept 100 percent of their profits, which will help produce another Pride event in May. I do hope everyone enjoyed NCOD, and I can't thank this community enough for all the help we have received to make it a reality for the past eight years. I am looking forward to everyone "coming out" again for next year's festival.

I am also so very excited to be kicking-off our *QVegas* Business Alliance (QBA) in this month's issue with our new business directory on page 38. Our mission is to get more businesses involved in the community and more of our readers aware of gay and gay-friendly businesses in our city, as well as offering networking opportunities for businesses and individuals to become more involved with our non-profits, who are the backbone of this community. QBA will be hosting a monthly luncheon, evening social, Web directory, and a consumer VIP program providing our readers with specials and discounts for products and services.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEWELL/FRANKLIN

Dr. Shaun E. Sewell and Mr. Ric H. Franklin are happy to announce their domestic partnership, which became legal in the state of Nevada on October 2, 2009. Dr. Sewell is the Marketing Director for the UNLV Performing Arts Center and Mr. Franklin is a student at the College of Southern Nevada focusing on a degree in Theater Design.

Dr. Sewell and Mr. Franklin are both proud members of the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association and the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire, Inc. The couple met at Big Horn Rodeo in Las Vegas in September 2008.

The parents of Dr. Sewell and Mr. Franklin are also proud to announce their engagement on Sept. 18, 2009. The grooms to be plan to wed May 29, 2010 in Council Bluffs, IA. They currently reside in Las Vegas, NV where they will continue to reside after their nuptials in May. ●

If you and your partner are becoming legally married or are holding a commitment ceremony and wish to have an announcement printed in QVegas, please e-mail to Editor@QVegas.com and submit a photograph if available. Ceremony announcements will be printed whenever space is available.

CONGRATULATIONS

The staff of QVegas wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes to the following readers who have registered for domestic partnership in the state of Nevada. We hope you have many more years of happy, legally partnered bliss ahead of you:

JAMES HJELLMING & GEORGE SIMON
CHARLES STRACHAN & RICARDO ROSE

If you and your partner have registered to legally become domestic partners in the state of Nevada and you are not having a ceremony you wish to announce in QVegas, please submit both names to Editor@QVegas.com to have them printed in our congratulatory list in a future issue.

READER SURVEY

For the next couple months, you'll find a QVegas Reader Survey printed in our pages, which we request you fill out and submit either online at www.QVegas.com, by postal mail, or by fax. The survey serves a two-fold purpose, allowing us to learn the demographics of our readers and also find out what you need and want from the magazine. Thanks in advance for your greatly beneficial participation.



READER SURVEY

To help us learn more about **who our readers are** and **what they want to see in our magazine**, please complete and submit the following survey. All information you provide may remain confidential and anonymous. However, if you choose to provide your e-mail address, you will be entered into our **e-mail newsletter** database and will be eligible to **win various exciting prizes** from gift certificates to merchandise such as movies and music. If you provide your mailing address, you will receive a **complimentary monthly subscription** to QVegas. Your assistance with this survey will help us better serve our LGBT community in the future.

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Berkley speaks out in Congress against Don't Ask, Don't Tell

Below are some of the things Congresswoman Shelley Berkley from Nevada, said in a speech to Congress on September 29, 2009:

"As a cosponsor of the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, I fully support the repeal of the unjust, unnecessary, and unsound 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy. I believe we must reject current practices that have institutionalized discrimination against many valuable members of our armed services for too long. Instead, we must establish a new policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"The 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy is also completely unnecessary. The vast majority of

Americans believe our troops deserve the opportunity to serve with honesty and honor. And most importantly, a majority of servicemembers have said they would have no reservations about serving alongside gay and lesbian troops, proving the problems this policy supposedly prevents are not, in fact, problems at all.

"Ultimately, 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' does nothing to contribute to our national security. In reality, it only undermines the strength and integrity of our military system. I believe this practice should be repealed immediately, not only for the benefit of our armed forces, but for the safety of Nevada and our Nation as a whole." ●

AFAN Now Accepting Donations for Annual Holiday Toy Drive

Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN) is gearing up for its annual Holiday Toy Drive and encourages the community to lend a hand by donating a new, unwrapped toy (excluding stuffed animals), which will benefit the organization's children affected by HIV/AIDS. Donations are being accepted through December 14 at AFAN's office, 701 Shadow Lane, Ste. 170.

Other ways the community can help is by sponsoring a child or making a monetary donation. For additional information or to request a child's wish list visit www.afanlv.org.

AID for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN) was founded in 1984 and is the oldest and largest AIDS service organization in the state of Nevada. 2009 marks AFAN's 25th anniversary of practicing its unyielding commitment to the community by providing unparalleled health expertise, support and advocacy for adults and children living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in southern Nevada. ●

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NGRA selects rodeo beneficiaries and holds two November events

The Nevada Gay Rodeo Association (NGRA) is pleased to announce that the Gay and Lesbian Community Center and the Sin City Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program will share the proceeds from BigHorn Rodeo. The NGRA Board of Directors approved the Rodeo Planning Committee's recommendation to switch beneficiaries after being informed that Finding Our Clients Useful Solutions ceased operations in October.

Hosted by Kimberli Foxx, NGRA's next fundraiser is "Don't Ask, Don't Tell: A Salute to Our Troops!" at Charlie's on Nov. 14 beginning at 9:30 p.m. Bring toiletries and anything non-perishable that NGRA can send on to our troops in the field, and you'll get a raffle ticket

for a wonderful prize basket. All entertainers are invited (patriotic themed entertainment).

Starting at 9:30 on Nov. 28, everyone is invited to come on down to Badlands to relax with NGRA after a hectic Thanksgiving with a beer bust and Jell-O shots.

Also, the board is pleased to announce that four candidates are running in the royalty competition this year: Joel Castillo (for Mr. NGRA), Pup Ric Franklin (aka Kimberli Foxx for Miss NGRA), J.D. Jensen (for Mr. NGRA), and Bill Trunzo (aka Katrina for Miss NGRA). The royalty competition will be in mid-January.

To learn more about NGRA and its activities, visit www.ngra.com. ●

UNLV hosts anti-bullying and inclusion education conference

The Come Out Community Resource Fair and Conference will be hosted by UNLV on Nov. 13-14. This event will be an opportunity to work with the educators and students of the Clark County School District on issues concerning Clark County's LGBTQ youth. It will be a full day of workshops, training sessions and new educational experiences that will assist teachers, counselors, and administration when working with youth and students who may be questioning who they are in this world. A separate session will be hosted for students and parents with training in areas such as leadership development, youth suicide prevention and peer empowerment.

An opening reception which will kick-off the event on the evening of Friday, Nov. 13 to provide participants with an opportunity to network and gather information about services and organizations that are available right here in Las Vegas. This event will host community outreach groups, social organizations, community service providers and much more. That same evening,

UNLV will be hosting the Las Vegas premiere of the new movie, *The Sensei*. This is the exciting and heart touching story of a martial arts instructor who takes a young, gay high school boy under her wing and teaches him to find his own humanity in their darkest hour. This special family film will be presented by its director and producer, Diana Lee Inosanto.

All of these events will be taking place at the UNLV Student Union located directly off Maryland Parkway. The Come Out Community Resource Fair will begin at 5 p.m., with the premiere of *The Sensei* to begin promptly at 7 p.m. after Inosanto's special introduction. These events will be completely free of charge to anyone who wishes to attend.

If you would like to register to attend the Come Out Conference that follows on Saturday, Nov. 14, or if you are involved with a group that would like to reach out to the community at the Come Out Community Resource Fair on the previous day, you can do so online at <http://get-involved.unlv.edu/comeout>. •

Spectrum and SODA hold Gays of Our Lives talk show

"That's gay." We all know someone who uses this phrase, but do they really know what they're saying? They're just words, they can't hurt, right? Wrong.

As if the LGBTQ culture doesn't have enough stereotypes to contend with, popular culture has successfully created a new one.

The cultural programming board, Students Organizing Diversity Activities (SODA), in conjunction with the student organization Spectrum, created the event Gays of Our Lives to bring some of the stereotypes that the LGBTQ community faces to the forefront.

This event was held Tuesday, October 20 in the UNLV student union.

The Gays of Our Lives event was set up as live talk show, co-hosted by Amir Hamza, Solonge Beevers, Mallory Cyr, Caleb Kelley and Sybrina Bernabei, community leader from Aid for Aids of Nevada (AFAN).

The main topics of Gays of Our Lives were gays in the media, the don't ask, don't tell military policy, coming out stories and a special performance by Xuanito, an English and women's studies major. A key aspect of this event was interactive texting to get the audience involved

in the talk show.

The first segment showed a montage of how the gay community is portrayed in the media. Then the hosts discussed how these media stereotypes are contrary to how the gay community truly lives.

The following segment dealt with the don't ask, don't tell military policy. Co-host Amir Hamza, a medically discharged Marine, stated that "A soldier is a soldier and a gay man can do it just as well, but with more style."

During the next segment, two guests were brought up to share their coming out stories. The last segment featured stories and poetry performed by Xuanito.

The purpose of this event was to not only challenge the stereotypes against the LGBTQ community, but to build allies not only in the community, but at UNLV as well.

"It is not a GLBT issue; it's a human issue in the sense that the this community is not treated equally, so if you want to be an ally, it is our responsibility to make sure this community is supported equitably throughout society," said Mallory Cyr. •

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Customers have the opportunity to receive a \$2 discount for reusing or returning a dozen cupcake box, a \$1 discount for a Cupcakery shopping bag and 50 cents for any small plastic container or the half-dozen box. The offers can also be combined for an even greater discount. Regular prices are \$3 per cupcake and \$32 per dozen.

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Garth Brooks signs with Wynn

Country superstar Garth Brooks recently announced that he has come out of retirement to perform a series of concerts in the intimate Encore Theater at Wynn Las Vegas starting Dec. 11.

"Steve Wynn has done what I thought was impossible. He has given me a chance to sing again for the people, while at the same time never missing a day with my children," says Brooks. "I am naturally nervous, but it feels good to be out from under the low ceiling of 'retirement' I put on myself."

Steve Wynn describes the first time he saw Brooks perform in the intimate Encore Theater: "For a single performer to lift an entire audience emotionally to the point where they pray it doesn't end, is an extraordinary and unique thing that only a few gifted people

can do. But that is what I experienced when I saw Garth on stage, alone with his guitar, doing a history of his personal journey in music," says Wynn.

Confirmed concert dates are Dec. 11, 12 and 13; Jan. 1, 2, 3, 22, 23, 24; and Feb. 12, 13, 14, 26, 27 and 28. Showtimes Friday-Sunday are at 8 p.m. with an additional 10:30 p.m. show on Saturdays.

Tickets are \$143 (including a \$5 service charge and \$13 tax) and may be booked by calling (702) 770-7469 or online at www.wynnlasvegas.com/boxoffice.

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Society of Seven returns off-Strip

Formed in Hawaii and perfected in showrooms throughout Las Vegas and the Islands, Society of Seven brings its lively variety show to the Gold Coast Showroom for an extended run beginning Nov. 6. Joined by season three *American Idol* finalist Jasmine Trias, Society of Seven is scheduled to appear every Friday, Saturday and Sunday with two shows daily—3:30 and 7 p.m.

Society of Seven, the famed Hawaiian-bred group, offers an energetic variety show that combines comedy sketches, celebrity impersonations, dance and live music performances, including popular standards, Top 40 and Broadway.

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In partnership with New York-New York Hotel & Casino, *Zumanity* will be one of the first to offer the LGBT community the opportunity to acknowledge their unions with a special Commitment Package created to honor and celebrate their love.

Couples looking to enter into a domestic partnership in Nevada can book this special LGBT Commitment Package, which includes

a commitment ceremony at the Luxor Las Vegas Wedding Chapel; two-night hotel stay at New-York New York Hotel & Casino; spa treatments for two at The Spa at New York-New York; two VIP tickets to *Zumanity, The Sensual Side of Cirque du Soleil*; and entry to ROK Vegas nightclub inside New York-New York Hotel & Casino.

Weekday packages are priced at \$637.99, and weekend packages are available at \$858.01 (including taxes and fees). Partnerships recognized during these ceremonies will also be valid in Maine, Wisconsin, California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, District of Columbia, New York, and Rhode Island.

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LGBT wedding expo to be held at JW Marriott in Summerlin

The national gay and lesbian wedding resource, RainbowWeddingNetwork.com, is producing its latest Gay & Lesbian Wedding Expo in Las Vegas, in celebration of the recent veto-override in Nevada regarding domestic partnership legislation. "Domestic partnership status may seem like a small step in terms of full marriage equality," states RainbowWeddingNetwork founder, Cindy Sproul, "but for the LGBT citizens of Nevada it remains a milestone."

The Same Love, Same Rights LGBT Wedding Expo will be hosted by the elegant JW Marriott Resort & Spa in Summerlin, 12:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15. Over 50 gay-friendly businesses will be spotlighted, including those in wedding planning industries such as event coordinators, officiants, ceremony and reception venues, cake decorators, musical entertainment and floral designers. Also in attendance will be travel planners, legal professionals, gift companies and parenting resources. Each exhibitor will be specifically selected for their support and encouragement of marriage equality. The event is free to the public.

"This is an important time for the LGBT minority in America," continues Sproul. "De-

spite the heartbreak of Proposition 8 in California last November, the momentum toward equal marriage and family rights for gays and lesbians remains intact throughout our country. We believe the conversation about domestic partnerships in Nevada, and the strong stance taken by the state legislature to overturn the governor's prior decision, marks one more historic step toward true respect and tolerance for all American families."

Launched in 2000, RainbowWeddingNetwork.com (RWN) has grown to become the most extensive wedding resource for the gay and lesbian community in the United States. Following the success of its first LGBT Wedding Expo in Minneapolis in 2003, RWN has produced over thirty such events in fourteen states throughout the nation. In 2006, the company began publication of the first wedding magazine specifically dedicated to gay and lesbian weddings. An updated version of the main Web site, offering a high degree of social networking and other interactive features, was launched in 2009.

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THE CENTER PAGE

Reflections upon the center exec. dir. summit

Recently I had the opportunity and pleasure to attend a summit in Philadelphia for Executive Directors of LGBT Community Centers. Over 70 directors and board members attended the summit hosted by CenterLink, which is a national association of LGBT centers and The Center here in Southern Nevada is a member.

Attending such a conference always puts in perspective where we stand in our life cycle of growth in the community center movement. We certainly are not the biggest fish in the pond, but definitely we are not the smallest. Centers come in all shapes, sizes and budgets, and we are somewhere in the middle of our growth, an adolescent so to speak. But as I sat in the many workshops, this year my sense of where our Center fits into the scheme of centers nationwide felt different than it had in previous years.

The main theme of the summit this year was about the issues facing Centers in this economic crisis: what we have had to sacrifice and cut to survive, to keep our doors open and continue to serve those in our community that need us most. In one workshop in particular, when we were asked to answer by show of hands who has cut staff, the majority of the room raised their hands. Who has had to cut salaries, programs and health care benefits? Once again the majority of the room raised their hands. As I sat there with my hands in my lap, I couldn't help being overwhelmed with a sense of pride in not only our Center but our community.

I sat there and reflected on the past year and

thought, we have increased our staff, hiring a Youth and Volunteer Services Director as well as an Office Manager/Administrative Assistant. We have increased our programming adding Trans. lation group for transgender individuals and their loved ones, Bisexual Support Network, We Are Family and Stand OUT for Equality (our advocacy program which worked so hard for the passage of SB283 and launched the first ever LGBT grassroots lobby days in Carson City). Salaries were maintained at the previous year's level. More people accessed our services than ever before and our meeting rooms are at capacity nearly every evening.

I'm not saying it has been an easy road this past year for The Center; it has been a struggle at times and we have had to make difficult sacrifices in order to meet the increased demand for our services. It has not been business as usual without stress or strain. But with the tenacity of our staff and board and with the continued support of the community, we have stayed true to our vision and have persevered. I have never been as proud of our Center and community as I was in Philadelphia sitting in that summit. I am so grateful to all of our donors, sponsors, groups and organizations who support us and see us as the vital resource needed to maintain a healthy LGBT community.

I look forward to The Center's continued growth and prosperity in the coming years. Thank you Las Vegas. We should all be proud!

Candice Nichols
Executive Director

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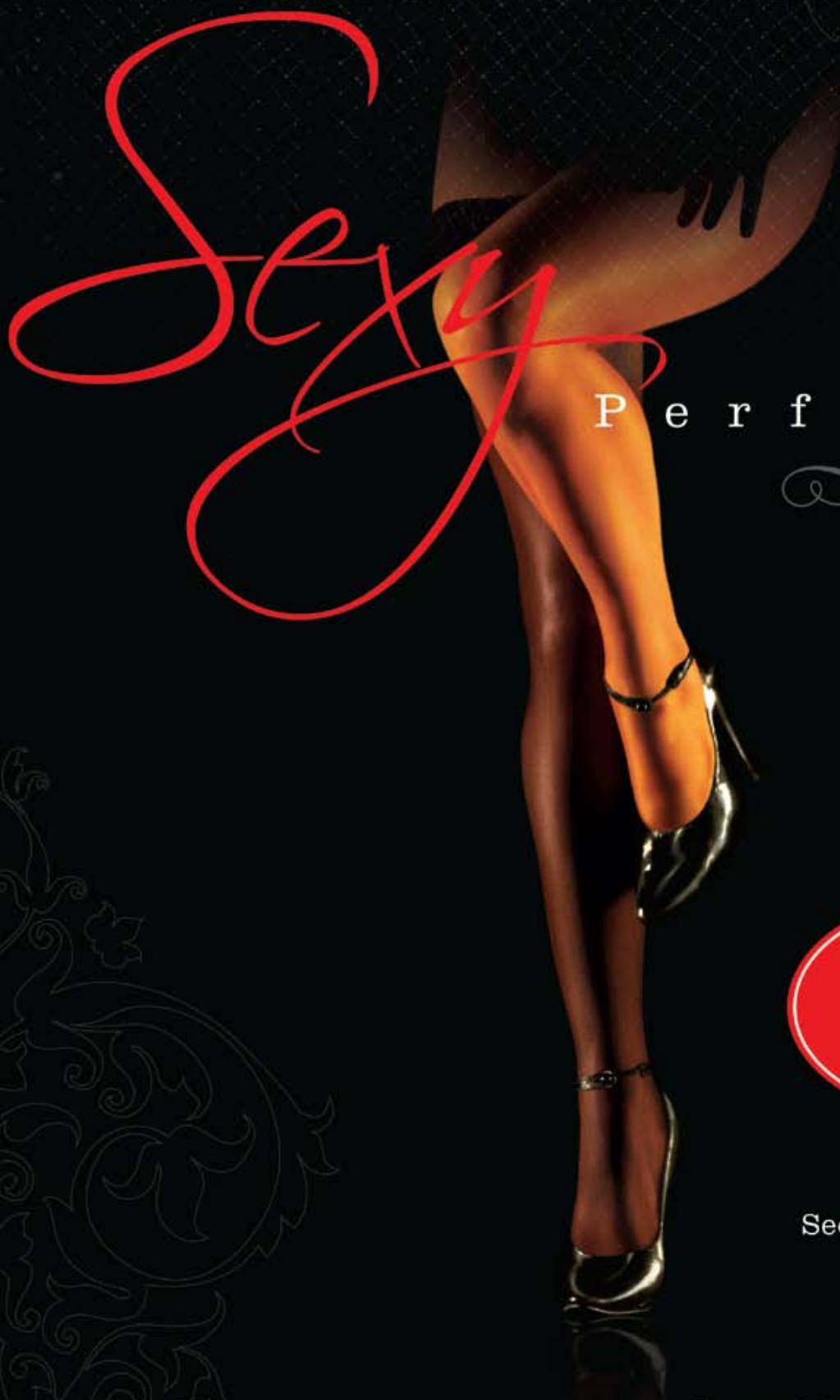
On Nov. 19, The Center will host its second annual community Thanksgiving dinner to benefit LGBTQ youth. This event will provide a home cooked, family-style meal for approximately 75 young people in The Center's community room. Volunteers are sought who can contribute homemade food items (from the turkey to the pie) for attendees, participate as servers throughout the buffet line or donate other items, such as plates, cups, utensils, tablecloths and decorations to make this a special and successful event. Contact Mel Goodwin at mel@thecenterlv.com or (702) 733-9800.

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What exactly should you be jumping up and down with joy for? You may think you have it rough this year, but be thankful you are not these people:

Be thankful you're not David Letterman and caught in a very public sex scandal; well then again, the man loves his sex and has it often with random staffers, so maybe you would want to be him.

Be thankful you're not Barack Obama and, although you may have not done anything so far, you get awards like the Nobel Prize and then have any one complaining about you. But he is the President of Hope! Hope for what? Does he want to win a Golden Globe or Emmy Award next? To me it seems that he just likes to be seen on TV like his gal-pal Oprah. I know Bush was very secretive and rarely gave a press conference, however Obama is on TV so much sometimes I forget he is actually our President and think he just plays president on TV.

Be thankful you're not Rush Limbaugh, who doesn't know if it's time for his Percocet or time to drink his beer, or is it time to judge a beauty pageant right after trying to buy a



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football team. Seems like Rush will do anything for attention, while the world just wishes he would stop and go hide in a cave with Bin Laden somewhere in the Middle East.

Those are just a few people, yet there are many people who I am thankful I am not. I am however thankful to have a wonderful and caring family. I was talking to my Grand"mo" the other day about the holidays and what she thought I should be thankful for. She laughed and said, "I'm not sure but at my age I'm just thankful to have real teeth." That made me laugh and I realized then that even in a bad economy the simple things are the real things to be thankful for. We too often place our happiness on material objects that have no real value to our emotions. But when you take a good look around you, it's the friends and family you have that make each day worth being thankful for.

In this holiday season I wish each and every one of you the very best. Be thankful for your friends, family, co-workers, etc. Be thankful that you live in a place where you can be naked, and by that I mean you are free to be yourself, not having to hide behind a mask, just be free and be yourself. Live Life NAKED! Happy Thanksgiving! ●

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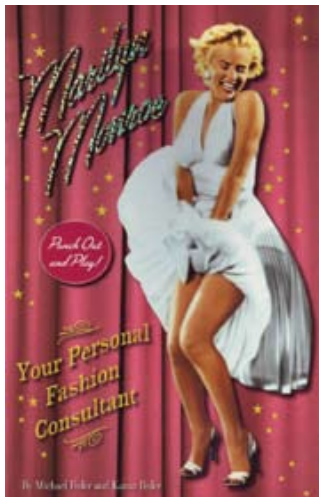
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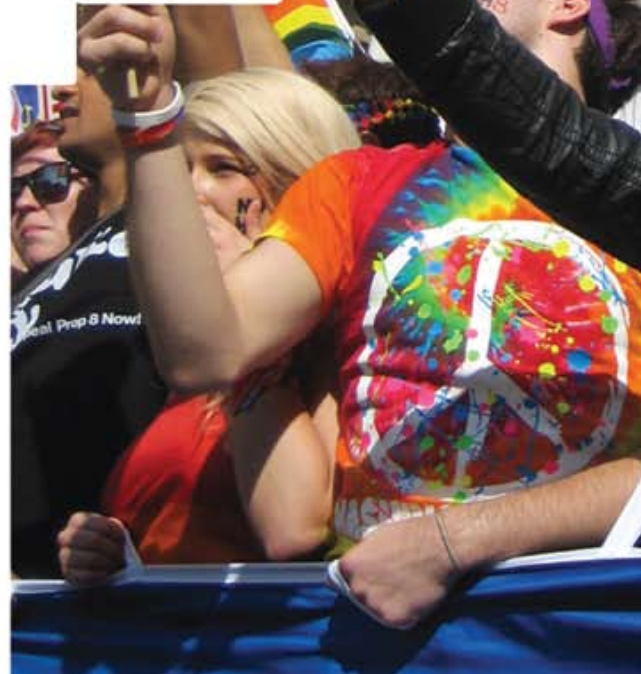
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PUTTING MORE THAN PRESSURE ON THE GRASS

BY LEO MURRIETA
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Was the National Equality March in Washington, D.C., the evolution of Stonewall? Was it the explosive fiery flames of passion after Prop 8 was upheld in California? Was it the dishonorable discharge of more than 13,000 soldiers under the tyranny of don't ask, don't tell? Or was it the manifested fear the majority of us have that we may get terminated from our jobs just for being gay?

It was about all of those things and so much more!



The entire weekend was a call to arms for the LGBTQQIA (a new one for me too, Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender-Queer-Questioning-Intersex-Allies) community, and there were many valuable lessons learned in D.C., over those three days.

Hundreds of thousands of LGBTQQIA persons and their allies descended on the capital on Sunday, Oct. 11, but many hundreds of thousands more watched in awe as the nation saw what grassroots truly looks like. This march gave our community the energy and motivation it needs in order to get focused on

the task at hand: full equality under the law.

This call to arms didn't end at the march; this call to arms was intended to follow each participant to their home districts and their local communities so we can continue to pressure Congress to grant us full protection that the Constitution calls for. Equality Across America is the national organization that was created earlier this year just for this purpose. Its group of activists, organizers, and leaders came together in four months to put this entire thing together.

Passion, determination and hope are what seemed to be driving those men and women, because we saw each of them embracing the other as we saw the multitudes march into the grounds for the rally.

The air was alive with electricity from all of the people ready to make themselves heard and seen. The young LGBTQQIA's were there in droves, armed with the vigor and vivacity of youth! Their cries for equality drowned out the hate-speech from the protestors that showed up with giant pictures of aborted fetuses, proclaiming some sort of relation between abortion and gay equality as a master plot by the President.

One thing that no one had counted on was the gorgeous rainbow that appeared overhead as the march gained strength and moved past the protestors!

As the march approached the White House, we could feel the tension in the air, you could feel the angst, and you could feel the anger! Everyone held up signs, shouted at the top of their lungs, or just stood in protest against the powers that hold us in second-class status. The raw emotion was overwhelm-

ing for some as they were moved to tears, me included, but we moved onto the Capitol and our final destination!

But before I take you to the rally, I want you to know what happened the previous day in Washington, D.C. The morning brought thousands of people into seminars, meetings and vigils in support of the LGBTQQIA community.

Taboo topics like race, HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, and faith were brought to the foreground, forcing us to face them as a community. The rally to end AIDS was grand, with thousands in attendance, and the seminars and vigils across the city were widely popular as evidenced by the additional thousands who attended. Our community learned that this march was about continuing the work after the weekend, and that the true goal wasn't to simply walk up and down streets, but to learn how to work together to support mutual goals, and to force Congress to listen!

You're not going to hear about those stories on CNN or C-SPAN, but that's what this weekend was all about.

Our community is full of stories, and you could read some of them on the signs being held. "First-class tax-payer, second-class citizen," "Equal rights for my friends," and "I never said I'd be good at marriage, just give me a chance" were some of the more moving signs for me. Our stories are what make us the thriving community that we are, and our struggles are what have united us over the course of a weekend.

Action is needed now more than ever to

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BY
KATHERINE
FERNELIUS

OF THE VALLEY

WHEN INTERVIEWING LILY TOMLIN, A CHARACTER COMEDIAN, IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT. WILL HER CHARACTER ERNESTINE TAKE OVER THE INTERVIEW? WILL THE INNOCENT CHILD, EDITH ANN, MAKE AN APPEARANCE? WILL SISTER BOOGIE WOMAN FEEL THE BOOGIE AND GO INTO A TRANCE?

But what makes Lily Tomlin a unique character comedian is that she doesn't feel that she is playing these fictitious characters; she speaks of these characters as if they were real people.

"These characters were real to me, and they still are in many ways. I mean they do have their own lives. So many people imitated Ernestine, that I used to say that she was like Betty Davis, and I was just one of the people who imitated her."

Getting all these characters to come together at the same time and the same place is close to impossible but will soon be a reality for Las Vegas audiences.

For the first time ever, Lily Tomlin will be setting a Las Vegas stage for some of these classic characters to make an appearance. From Nov. 10-18, the actress and comedic genius will be performing at the MGM Grand's Hollywood Theater and will be taking the Las Vegas audience on a blast to the past, with some of Tomlin's most famous characters.

Tomlin shared that the Las Vegas show will be different from some of her other shows

because she has so many days here. "Being there for so many days allows you to be more elaborate with the sets and backgrounds, and Vegas is the perfect stage for that," Tomlin said.

"When you come and watch, it's like a roller coaster ride. You don't know what's going to happen next. And you want to tap all different kinds of feelings in people and responses, but heavy on the laughter."

Even after 40 years in the business, Tomlin admits that she still gets butterflies when performing. "I always get nervous. You get nervous because you want it to be really special for the audience. Sure, you want it to go really good. It's like going out on a blind date or something. Like someone has fixed you up. It's a living thing. You go out there and you do it and you want to give something to the audience that they feel is worth coming for."

One of Tomlin's most Vegas-worthy characters is Tommy Velour, the jazzy lounge singer. Unfortunately, Tomlin said Velour probably won't be making an appearance during this show, because it's his look that really pulls off the character. Not only is he a man, but a black man with an afro. This character was one of the first times a woman dressed in male drag, and not only did Tomlin change genders, she changed races as well.

For some this role was controversial, but for others it was no surprise. "Hollywood never questioned my sexuality. It was always pretty well known," Tomlin explained. She has been in a relationship with Jane Wagner, writer for

much of Tomlin's work, since 1971. However, at the time, her sexuality was a big deal in the media.

"That kind of thing just wasn't discussed in the press."

But, in 1975, Tomlin was asked to be on the cover of *Time* magazine and officially announce her homosexuality. Tomlin rejected the offer and felt insulted. "As a performer, I wasn't going to trade my personal life to get on the cover just because it was convenient for them to have a gay person. That's how I felt at the time. I was very rigid about my artistry and wanted to be known for my art rather than my sexuality."

Although Tomlin wasn't afraid to talk about her sexuality, she was fearful that if she came out in a public way, she would forever be identified and recognized as a gay woman, instead of for her work. "I always talked very openly to the press," she stated. But she knew she was not meant to be the gay poster woman in Hollywood. Despite that, she has always been involved and very active in the gay movement—participating in her local community and working on gay projects like *The Celluloid Closet*, a documentary that looked at Hollywood's portrayals of homosexuals.

Tomlin and Wagner are currently involved in a project based off the old Beebo Brinker book series. The premise of the novels was

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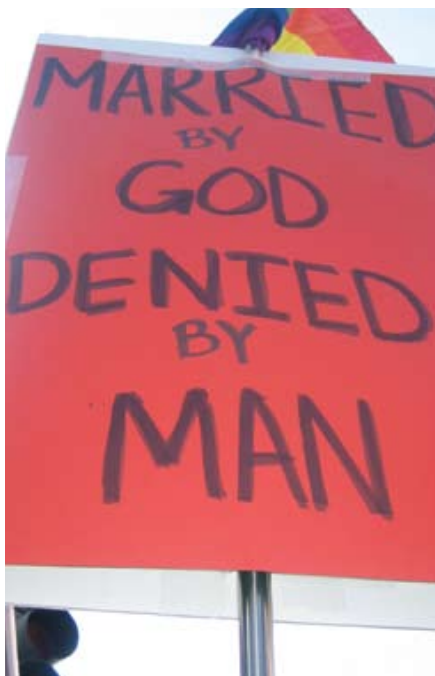
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This weekend sparked a fire in the LG-BTQQIA community, and already there are movements forming in the spirit of Equality Across America. Large cities like Dallas, Boston, and New York City have already taken up initiatives to advance the movement beyond the march, but the question is whether or not the rest of the country will follow their lead.

The short answer is that something needs to be done on behalf of the LG-BTQQIA community quickly, because the time for action is now!

Federal Judge Vaughn Walker has shown a sliver of hope for LG-BTQQIA's in California. Meanwhile we assemble and mobilize to support our brothers and sisters both in Maine and Washington, the time for apathy has passed, and the time for quarrels has come and gone!

The call to arms has sounded, and the LG-BTQQIA's have been called on for support of our brothers and sisters; will we answer that call? Or will we lose two more states to ignorance and discrimination? Every time I become ensnared in this question, I remember the palpable sense of love and community that I felt as I walked through the ocean of people on the streets of D.C.

I'm reminded of the speakers that called for our strength in their speeches. I remember the tens of thousands of young activists ready to fight. I remember the emotions that moved me to tears, and I am energized again, confident now that our community will be triumphant in our battle for full equality.

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LATE NIGHT'S LEADING LADY

BY MARK ADAMS

Chelsea Handler will soon be joining the ranks of gay icons such as Celine Dion, Cher, Elton John and Bette Midler. Late night television's newest comedy queen will be getting her Vegas fix on this month, as she is set to perform in the Colosseum at Caesars Palace on Nov. 14.

Handler is no stranger to the Vegas stage and has performed to sold-out venues across the country. The stand-up comic recently performed to a packed house in New York City's prestigious Carnegie Hall.

The E! Network star keeps her viewers in-the-know and in stitches nightly when starring in her late-night program, *Chelsea Lately*.

The show first broke onto the air in 2007, amidst a late-night line-up bursting with testosterone. Since then, *Chelsea Lately* has enjoyed a steady increase in viewers and was recently renewed to run through 2012.

"I was hoping to retire in 2010 so this really screws up my plans," Handler joked, in response to whether America will see a female late-night leader.

Handler does exactly what we all want to do. That question that you never thought anyone would ask? Fair game. Walking the thin line of what is appropriate and what is, well—hilarious? All the time!

Those who have seen her show know this is exactly what she does.

"I like to be able to call people on their shit, especially when they're so full of it," Handler explained. She also believes this is why she tends to resonate with the gay community so well.

"I'm a loud mouth and I just kind of say whatever comes to the top of my head. I think gay people appreciate that," she commented.

Handler was recently honored with the Human Rights Campaign Ally for Equality Award. She also served as grand marshal for the Los Angeles Gay Pride Parade in June.

Progress towards equality may be in the near future. President Obama announced Oct. 10 he will end the don't ask-don't tell policy. When

asked of this announcement, Handler stated she is waiting to see action.

"I'm not sure what to think about that. I have to really wait until something finally actually happens, so until anything gets passed I'm not going to worry about it," Handler stated.

Handler shared that somewhat similar circumstances as gay youths experience while growing up helped her become the ally that she is today.

"I lived in a neighborhood where my father was the biggest joke of all, so I kind of have a feeling of being left out," she joked.

"If you've ever gone up and been left out of the cool crowd or made fun of for any reason you kind of always are partial to other people who have been through the same thing," she explained.

Handler will not be traveling to Las Vegas alone this time around. Her assistant Chuy is along for the ride and will perform with the comedienne on the night of the 14th.

Handler commented on the shenanigans Chuy became involved in the last time the two traveled to Sin City for a show.

"Last time we were in Vegas, Chuy ended up with three different girls in his hotel room in a two-hour period and all of them left topless," Handler remarked.

Clearly, what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. The comedian also commented on what she hopes to accomplish while in town this time.

"We're at Caesars; I don't know what kinds of rules and regulations they have there but hopefully we'll be able to break them soon," Handler joked.

A few other celebrities have broken some rules and regulations in recent years. America

"I'm a loud mouth and I just kind of say whatever comes to the top of my head. I think gay people appreciate that."



has even witnessed public meltdowns by their favorite TV stars.

Handler commented on a recent target of the news media, recording artist Britney Spears.

"I think we should always be on a lookout for Britney just depending on what elixir of meds that her father is giving to her. So if he forgets to give her her medication for a couple of weeks, which is always a possibility, then I'm sure there would be another episode involving a different color of hair, or weave."

Handler also mentioned who she would guess is going to be next in this tradition of celebrity breakdowns.

"I'm hoping for it to be Maddox or Zahara," Handler jested.

She also had something to say about their parents, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie. "I don't really know if they speak to each other," Handler stated. "You have six kids from six different countries and land in a different country every year, you kind of have to fake it for the rest of the world."

Handler gets the opportunity to interview many of the faces we see gracing her network's programs. She shared that of all who she has interviewed, rappers are her favorite to converse with.

"They'll pretty much say anything or talk about anything and tell it like it is. Plus, you never know how many children they have from different relationships," Handler shared. She added, "Usually they've never been married and I always find that incredibly amusing."

Aside from dishing her take on celebrity culture on *Chelsea Lately*, the comic has also written two books that are still enjoying time on the *New York Times* Best Seller List.

Fans of Handler's readings can look forward to this upcoming March. Her third book, *Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang* is set to debut then.

According to Handler, fans of her books can anticipate "a story about me when I was eight years old and learned how to get the feeling, which is code for masturbation, which is code for three humiliating years of my life while I masturbated on the monkey bars at my elementary school."

Handler fans will have to await the arrival of the third book to see if this story ends positively. As for whether or not Handler is a pessimist or optimist, that remains to be seen.

Handler was asked if her life would be half-empty or half-full if it were one big bottle of Ketel One. The performer answered, "It would be half empty and the other half would be filled with Belvedere." ●



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Lily of the Valley

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lesbian culture during the 1950 and '60s, but Tomlin and Wagner are writing it so it includes more of the gay and lesbian lifestyle. The pilot is done and the ladies are pitching it to HBO, but Tomlin wasn't sure what the future was at the time of the interview. "I hope it goes," she said. "But you never know. Things can change on a dime."

Along with working on this project, Tomlin has other projects in the works. She has been a guest on the ABC-hit series *Desperate Housewives*, and a spin-off with Kathryn Joosten is in the works. Additionally, a network is interested in a series starring Edith Ann. "People are always interested in my characters, especially Edith Ann," Tomlin said. "I really hope she gets a job."

With stage performances, television, online writing and other side projects, balance is something Tomlin has had to master in her life. "[I'm] lucky," she said. "Here it's been 40 years that I've been working in the business, and it's gratifying to perform and make up stuff and have an audience that enjoys it or reciprocates and you share ideas and you validate them and in turn you are validated. It's a good thing."

The MGM Grand is lucky to have such a

talented, hilarious act come to town for eight nights. Tomlin has been performing for the past four decades, yet she still loves it like she was a child making her debut. "Even as a kid, I was putting on these shows. If I thought something was funny or interesting or moving, then I wanted other people to see it. I thought it was important. Here I was eight or nine years old, and I thought it was important that they learned what I was thinking about. But just to entertain them and that connection I must have wanted it or needed it in some way. And I've continued feeling that way."

"It's like starting over each time. You don't know what's going to happen ... I just want to have fun and impart that fun to the audience, and resonate in some way on a deeper level, to feel more human ... I like all different colors. I like it to be outrageous and zany and crazy and I like it to be soft and illuminating and tender."

Vegas is in for a wild ride. Lily Tomlin will be performing at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino's Hollywood Theater from Nov. 10 through Nov. 18. Tickets are on sale now, starting at \$58.50, and may be purchased by calling (702) 891-7800. ●



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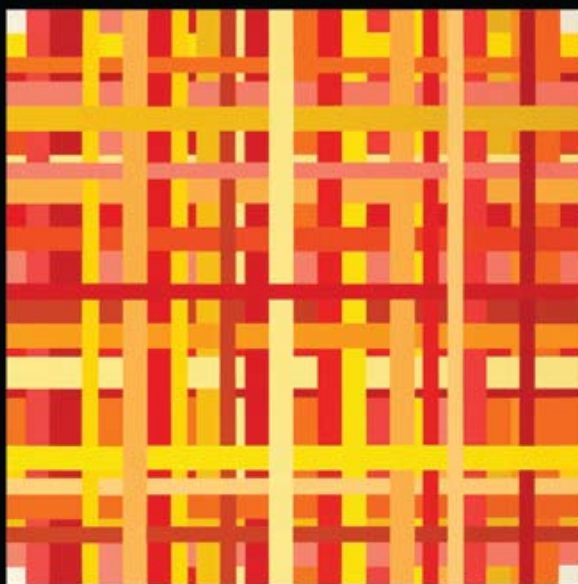


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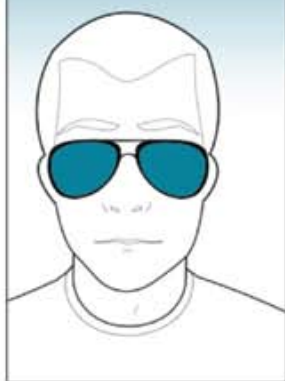
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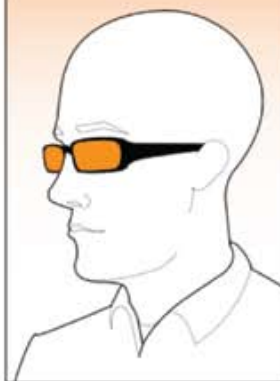
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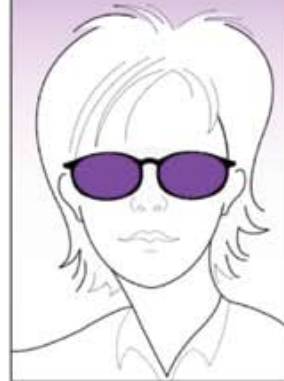
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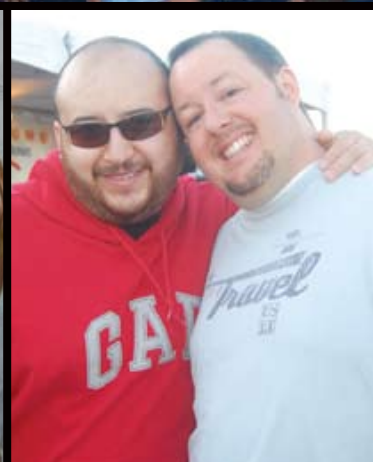
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The cast of *Eating Out 3* delivers the  dish on their riotous new film

Three newcomers—Daniel Skelton, Michael E.R. Walker and Chris Salvatore—make their feature film debut in *Eating Out: All You Can Eat*, the third installment in the raunchy rom-com franchise from creator Q. Allan Brocka.

Like its predecessors, “EO3” finds an unlucky-at-love newbie pining for the affection of the series’ resident hunk who has his sights set on the maybe-gay hottie who gets caught in the middle of a quirky—and often unsanitary—love quadrangle.

Confused yet? So are they.

But while the movie has plenty to offer in the way of cheap laughs (from Leslie Jordan and Mink Stole, no less) and a scantily clad climax, it’s these three homigos—all gay and friends in real life—who take this otherwise unseasoned sequel from dinner to dessert.

In a recent interview, Skelton, Walker and Salvatore open wide about their first time (on screen), love and sex on and off set, disrobing for the camera, and how showing off their soon-to-be-famous nether regions could affect their budding careers ... and their parents.

Order’s up!

Chris, let’s start with you. This is your second film, the first being the acclaimed short *Misplaced*. Coincidentally, in both *Misplaced* and *Eating Out 3*, you play characters who troll online for sex. How much research went into preparing for these roles?

CHRIS SALVATORE: That is a coincidence, isn’t it. I was never into trolling online for sex, if that’s what you mean by “research,” but I did meet a few of my ex-boyfriends on the Internet. I think it’s a lot easier for gays to meet online. I even met Michael on MySpace. It’s very life imitating art, or, in this instance, the other way around.

Daniel and Michael—you’re newcomers as well. *Eating Out 3* is the first film for both of you. What was the audition process like, what intrigued you about the role you accepted, and how do you feel about your very first on-screen performance?

MICHAEL E.R. WALKER: I was the last actor to audition for *Eating Out*. I know they had a few actors in mind, but it just ended up working out that I got the role. I had always wanted to play a straight guy in a film. Growing up Mormon and gay, I feel like I’ve been researching this role my entire life, as I’ve tried to cover up my homosexuality. I was even engaged twice to girls before coming out. I’m proud of

the work I did on this film, and I think that I pulled off the whole straight thing.

DANIEL SKELTON: I was actually approached by a casting director at a restaurant, so it was kind of just a matter of luck being on my side that day. The role initially intrigued me because the character of Casey is so relatable and honest that I think a lot of guys will find they have something in common with him. So I suppose just the way the character was written was enough to get me excited to flesh him out. I feel good about what we’ve created.

So we’re all Facebook friends now. And I’m excited that you’ve each allowed me to be part of your growing online communities of people you don’t actually know. It seems, however, that all three of you are real-life friends. Were you friends before or after *Eating Out 3* came along?

CS: I met Michael a year and half ago in NYC. We dated for six months then he moved to Los Angeles. I moved out to L.A. a few months ago and we reconnected through this film. Daniel and I became really close friends during filming. He is such a little comedian. Now we are all good friends and hang out all the time!

DS: We all became really close during filming—I hang out with those two on a pretty regular basis and I’m so happy to have made such good friends. Then there is Rebekah Kochan, who I’m obsessed with. She is so hilarious on and off screen. Everyone in the cast was really easy to get along with.

Michael and Chris—I stalked you for a few minutes on your profiles—you know, for research—and I noticed a suspicious amount of pictures of you two scantily clad and very close together. Spill it—are you bumping uglies?

MW: Chris and I are dating.

CS: [Laughs] Isn’t it obvious? But, yes, I’m smitten by Michael Walker.

As luck would have it, you two have been officially inducted into the *Eating Out* hall of fame—or shame, whichever you prefer. And I think you know what I’m talking about here. First, *Desperate Housewives* hottie Ryan Carnes, then Marco Dapper. How does it feel to be among this group of fine-lookin’ actors who have bared it all in the name of raunchy comedy?

CS: Baring it all in a comedy is the way to go, in my opinion! That way if the audience

laughs, you can blame it on the jokes.

MW: It’s the one thing about the movie I didn’t really want to do. But it’s over and as soon as all my friends have seen the movie and I’ve moved past it, I’ll be over it. But I’m still a little unnerved by this...

Considering that this is the first major project for you three, I’m sure your parents want to see the work you’ve done. Will you let the family watch? Will you watch it with them? And if you do watch it with them, can I sit in and enjoy the awkward silences?

CS: [Laughs] I wouldn’t mind watching the movie with my parents. It’s a really funny movie with a great message at the end. My mom will probably cry ‘cause the ending is so touching.

MW: My parents do not know about this project and I don’t think they ever will. They’re 60, Mormon and live in Utah.

DS: Of course. I love my family and they think it looks very funny. I might insist they watch the edited-for-cable version though!

You’re all gay, which is great, but there’s always talk in the industry that openly gay actors have a hard time finding work. What’s your take on that? Do you think it’s true, or are people making this stuff up?

CS: This is a hard question. I think there are so many people with opinions about this topic who are not educated enough to form one. I hear people say to me all the time the same exact thing, that it is hard to find work if you’re out. But what they don’t realize is I am happy being who I am. I don’t want to hide that from the world. The closeted people who do, yeah, maybe they are famous actors who are getting work left and right, but I bet they are living an internal hell. I don’t mean to get all sappy and dark, but if you had to ask yourself on your death bed, “Am I proud and happy of the life I led?” what do you think the answer would be? So before people express their opinions to gay men and women on being out in the media and all the ‘negative’ effects it may have on one person’s career, they should think about how it may make someone feel to have to lie about who they are. Just be yourself, I say.

MW: It’s true to a certain extent, but it shouldn’t be. I play a straight guy in this film and I think I did the role justice. If straight guys can play gay guys, why shouldn’t it be perfectly all right the other way around? It’s sad that it’s that way in the industry, but I think it’s changing and will continue to change as our

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community makes more and more advances and progress with marriage and mainstream culture.

DS: To be honest, I'm not concerned in the slightest. I love acting, but there are so many other things in the industry I'm excited to get into, particularly screenwriting. That being said, I do think there is a problem with sexuality in this industry, and I hope that films like this can help open people's minds and help the gay community to continue making progress until the issue is no more.



MICHAEL E.R. WALKER

Where do you go from here?

CS: Definitely up! And I can only thank all the people involved in *Eating Out: All You Can Eat*, especially the director, Glenn Gaylord, for giving me this opportunity! I can't wait to do more. Right now I am recording my second album. One of the songs will be featured in the film.

MW: I am going to wait until the film has come out and then go hunting for a smaller agency and try to get work. I loved being a part of this process and I can't imagine it being the first and last film I do. I don't think I'll be doing any more full frontals any time soon, but I would love to keep going.

DS: I have a couple of possible projects that are still in talks and I'm finishing up a script I've been working on over the last year, so I'm looking forward to the possibilities that await. ●

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"I am so excited to be working at the Imperial Palace and to be a part of the Harrah's family. After all, doesn't every queen need a palace to call home?" said Marino.

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Divas is co-produced by Adam Steck, CEO of SPI Entertainment. Steck also produces the hit Motown tribute show, *Smokey Robinson Presents: Australia's Human Nature – The Ultimate Celebration of the Motown Sound* at the Imperial Palace.

"I'm thrilled to join with Las Vegas entertainment icon Frank Marino in co-producing one of the biggest and best drag shows of its kind," said Steck.

Marino is an accomplished author, newscaster, columnist and spokesperson and often refers to himself as "America's Favorite Male Actress." In Marino's 25 years of show business, he has performed for more than ten million people, and in 2005 Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman declared Feb. 1 "Frank Marino Day."

Frank Marino's Divas Las Vegas performs six nights a week (dark on Fridays) at 10 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$69 (plus tax & fees) and VIP \$79 (plus tax & fees), available at the Imperial Palace box office, online at www.imperialpalace.com or by calling 888-777-7664.

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Style...

Are you included? A review of the should-be obvious.

BY ANTHONY DAVID

I live for fashion and the flashing of cameras. Nothing excites me like the untouched glossy pages of *Elle* (U.K. edition, please), shopping at Barney's New York each season, and deciding what to wear to an event. Despite living in a small suburban town outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the first 22 years of my life, I absorbed any taste of glamour that I could grasp. My uber conservative and sheltered upbringing forced me to hide the monthly issue of *Vogue* that I purchased from the town's news stand while on my newspaper route. I could feel my heart beating faster as I raced up the stairs of our house to my bedroom with the magazine hidden between the pages of the sports section. Its final resting place was under my mattress, where most teen boys hide *Playboy* and *Hustler*. It was a clear indication of the path my life would follow.

So exactly what are my qualifications for being a couture whore? My name is Anthony David—model, wardrobe stylist, socialite. After winning a model search and being named one of Pittsburgh's most beautiful people, I began a conquest of shameless self-promotion. Soon there were commercials, editorial spreads in magazines (most recently *Caesars Player*), gigs with Burberry, MAC, and runway shows for Goldwell of London. My proclivity towards powerful and fearless fashion generated plenty of attention and soon I was dressing more than mannequins—styling photo shoots, and working with celebrities. From Nikki Hilton and Wayne Brady to Andre Agassi, I've had a role in dressing some amazing individuals and well-known faces. No doubt, there will be more to come.

Am I Tyson Beckford or Rachel Zoe? Clearly not. Not yet. But I am here to address the subject of fashion and style with equal parts sincerity, humor, and sting. Perhaps you're a style maven already aware of the small gems of wisdom I'm about to impart. Indulge me anyway. The audience I'm attempting to reach is either content in his/her ignorance and disinterested, truly confused and misguided but teachable, or arrogant enough to believe that they are infallible. The latter is most dangerous as pride cometh before a fall. We all F up. Review or learn, kids:

■ A wardrobe full of designer duds is fantastic! Hell, I'd be at a loss without all my Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Prada, Etro, and Dolce&Gabbana. But relying solely on these names is costly and often unattainable. Filtering in inexpensive pieces from American Apparel, Marc by Marc Jacobs, and Zara is a fantastic way to add balance.

■ Small. Yes, it's a size and it may be the size sewn into the tag on your shirt. However, that doesn't make it the size you ought to be wearing. If you're holding your breath, sucking it in, or hear the seams tear, you need to go up a size. Wearing a large isn't shameful. Wearing a small when you should be wearing a large is.

■ You're how old? All of the eye firming cream

in LA won't make you look 18 in your Abercrombie and Fitch or Hollister T-shirt. My intolerance of blasting cheesy brands across oneself isn't even the issue here. This is directed at the 45-year-old man dancing at Krave to Beyonce's "Single Ladies" in his yellow Aeropostale T-shirt and American Eagle camouflage cargo shorts. You sir, are a hot mess. Minus the hot.

■ Square-toed black dress shoes were a big hit. So were the Spice Girls and the year was 1997. Take a close look at your footwear. If they are the same pair that your ex-girlfriend gave you years ago from Kenneth Cole's Reaction line and they are clunky and anything but sleek, it's time for a sole search. Also take note when wearing flip-flops. A pedicure is key as is seasonal appropriateness.

■ I get it. Designer accessories can be costly. That said, your desire for them should not cause you to part with your dignity or ethics. Fakes are never fashionable and truly stylish people can always spot a wannabe. You'd be better off opting to find a stylish piece by someone less known than support human trafficking and terrorism by buying fakes. I'm most horrified by Coach knock-offs. Why would you even want to appear as though you had a real one?

■ Ed Hardy. I'm so sick of these tool bag shirts that look like the brain child of Debbie Gibson's bedazzler and a free tattoo. Maybe you want to look as cool as Jon Gosselin or any over-tanned meathead with an equally cheesy blonde stripper girlfriend. Include Affliction, Monarchy, etc.

■ While we're all glad you had the decency to wear an undershirt, it should not be visible under your unbuttoned dress shirt. Either button another button, opt for a dark color, or select a tank-top style for its lower neck line. Should you decide to show off that chest, keep the hair trimmed or waxed. If you need validation for that advice, you're beyond my help.

■ Just because it's a designer item doesn't mean it's good. There have been numerous designs that have caused me to wonder whose lack of sleep produced such a tragic look.

■ If you have your belly button pierced, please don't tie your T-shirt up in a knot so that we can all see it. Guess who thinks you look cute. Nobody. And keep that thong inside your low-rise jeans from the girls' section of Macys.

■ Additional mishaps to avoid: Tommy Bahama, knee socks, tie dye, denim shorts, braided belts, pleated pants, dark underwear beneath light clothing, lip gloss, and Old Spice.

Am I a bitch? Maybe a bit. But I don't apologize for my strong opinions based in subjective truths. Every time you walk out your door you project an image that you can control. Take a leap and challenge yourself to wear something unusual for you, but know what's flattering and avoid embarrassing yourself. Find inspirations for your look and be conscious of your body type. Carry yourself with class and dignity and wear the clothes. Never let them wear you. ●





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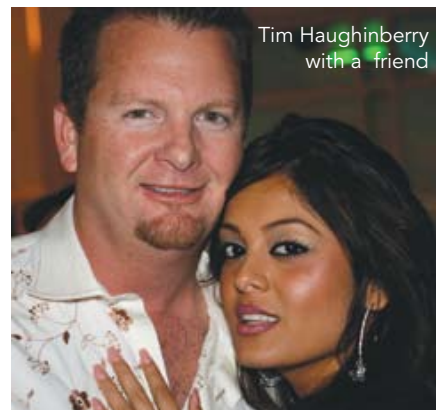
Tim Haughinberry is at it again, this time using his many years of experience in the hospitality industry to start yet another business, Captiv8, an LGBT marketing and promotions company. "I just saw an opportunity to fill a void," Haughinberry says. "Las Vegas has the best hotels, restaurants and clubs in the world. All this amazing design, state of the art equipment and, man, the entertainment is off the hook!" With 2.5 million gay visitors a year and about 10,000 active gay and lesbian locals, Haughinberry knew not everyone wanted to hang out in a dark, smoky bar or laser-lit dance club. There is another gay Las Vegas experience, one we can all be proud of, so he started Captiv8 Wednesdays at Rhumbar inside the Mirage.

Captiv8 hosts a weekly party that starts at 8 p.m. on the Strip. It is a night of cocktails, fashion and culture. The sponsors are amazing and the guests love the laid-back feel and opportunity to actually talk to one another. "It's just a great night where Las Vegas' gay professionals and hard working men, women and community leaders hang out and catch up. We started the night one month ago, and now we have 150 people reserving tables and signing up for the guest list. It's different from most parties. Rhumbar is a lounge and patio. Its focus isn't bottle service; its great cocktails, ambience, entertainment and service."

Haughinberry moved to Las Vegas to study hotel management and marketing at UNLV in 1987. Twenty-four years later, he is one of the most recognizable and successful gay entrepreneurs in Las Vegas. In 2001, he set his sights on the premium rum market and concocted the highly rated and very successful Montecristo Rum. Haughinberry collaborated with industry experts and business associates to form a dynamic partnership. He directed every phase of the development, from finding a product worthy of the Montecristo brand to bottling, marketing and successfully launching throughout the United States, where it is now available in 75 percent of the nation and is considered one of the best rums in the world.

In late 2006, he ventured into the Las Vegas

Rhumbar at the Mirage hosts Captiv8 Wednesday featuring the finest in fashion and design, while enjoying innovative handmade cocktails and an entertainment Strip-side. Visit www.captiv8lv.com.



Tim Haughinberry
with a friend

gaming market with B&T Gaming. Haughinberry obtained his gaming licence in the state of Nevada and purchased the Gold Mine Tavern, a landmark building located on Historic Water Street in Henderson, Nevada. The Gold Mine Tavern is a down and dirty biker bar with 45 years of its own history and now one of the leading properties in the quickly expanding redevelopment district.

Today, Haughinberry shows no signs of losing momentum. With creator and owners Michael Frey and Craig Gilbert, Haughinberry recently opened Rhumbar at the Mirage Hotel. He is now a partner in his first business venture on the Strip, ironically just across the hall from California Pizza Kitchen where he once worked as a bus boy. Haughinberry's consulting company, Backbar USA, continues to grow with clients such as Pure Management Group, Drive This Entertainment and the upcoming Munch Bar at Caesars Palace. The company focuses on corporate beverage branding, promotion, marketing and product placement; it was the perfect segue into the formation of Captiv8.

Haughinberry has his own recipe for success: loyalty, integrity, and expertise in the market place. Along with his entrepreneurial businesses, he is also involved with and serves on the board of trustees as vice-president for Aid for AIDS of Nevada.

Haughinberry believes in Las Vegas, this community and the gay men and woman who keep it running 24 hours a day. It won't be his last business on the Strip; he says he won't stop until he opens up a gay lounge and restaurant in one of the major Strip properties. Hopefully with ideas and men like Haughinberry, this will happen sooner than later. ●



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If you could make a commercial highlighting the qualities that make you a good partner, what would be your top three? Where do I start... there are so many... the top three? I need some time to cut down the list; can I call you back on this? Ok, let me give it a shot.

1. Communication, or should I say direct communication. My partner would never have to think "I wonder what he was really saying."

2. I am certainly not one of those people who won't commit to a party invite until the last minute in case something better comes along. The here and now is much more appealing to me. My partner would never doubt my commitment to our relationship or him.

3. Empathy and compromise. I try to feel what the other person is feeling and can compromise to work towards making both of us happier.

If there were a movie to be made about

your life story, what actor would you want to play you and why?

I don't know if a story of my life can be done; it will probably make *Gone with the Wind* look like a B-movie thriller. Hmm... actor? John Barrowman. He played Captain Jack Harkness in *Torchwood* and in *Dr. Who*. Did I mention I was a big sci-fi fan? He is a gay American actor most famous in Britain. Visually I think he best represents me. He basically has that Midwestern build and looks. His characters have always been no nonsense, straightforward and always the hero. I like to think of myself as being that way also.



JIM

What is the most spontaneous thing you have done in your life?

Life is full of many spontaneous opportunities; it's the ones you take advantage of that are the most memorable. I love a road trip, and once I jumped in a car and drove alone to a city I had never been to for the weekend. I just looked at the map and said where I can get to in the allotted time. I ended up meeting someone and spending the whole weekend sightseeing and well, you know, doing "other stuff." It was the gay version of the movie *Before Sunrise*.

What do you enjoy most about Autumn here in Las Vegas? Able to be outdoors more, take long walks. Maybe to try camping with someone special.

How do you embrace every morning? Wake up and thank god for another beautiful day. Then I walk the dog and get my day going.

If you could make a commercial highlighting the qualities that make you a good partner, what would be your top three? I am truthful and honest in a relationship. I am outgoing and love to have fun. I can be a couch potato by staying home with my girlfriend and have a quiet romantic night with dinner, TV and fun.

If there were a movie to be made about your life story, what actress

would you want to play you and why? Sophia Loren. Because she is sexy and would do things that I do.

What is the most spontaneous thing you have done in your life?

Frequently, I get up on my day off and decide to take a trip to either Laughlin, Mesquite or California. No plans, just get up, pack and go.

Do you consider fitness an important part of your life?

Yes. I work out regularly, eat good food (Cuban), and get lot of exercise walking the dog.

Do you consider yourself a good cook? If so, what is your specialty? I am a fair cook. When I do cook, I love to cook Cuban food.

What will you be most thankful for this Thanksgiving? Being home with family and friends for the holidays. If I had a girlfriend, she would definitely be a part of that, too.



THERESA

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BADLANDS SALOON 953 E. Sahara Ave. 702-792-9262	\$3.50 Beer Bust 9p - Midnight	Happy Hour 2-4-1 4p - 7p	Happy Hour 2-4-1 4p - 7p	Happy Hour 2-4-1 4p - 7p	Happy Hour 2-4-1 4p - 7p	\$5 Liquor Bust 7p - Midnight	\$5 Beer Bust 7p - Midnight
CHARLIE'S LAS VEGAS 5012 S. Arville St. 702-876-1844	\$5 Beer Bust 4-7p \$2 Long Isl. 7p - Mid Sunday Show 9pm	Beginner Dance Lessons 7-9pm and Ginger Grant 10pm	Happy Hour 4-7p FREE Drag Queen Bingo	Happy Hour 4-7p \$1 Mini-Pitch. 7p-2a Retro Night w/Trivia	Happy Hour 4-7p Line Dance Lessons Bear/Bare Chest Nite	NGRA Apprec. Night 75¢ Happy Hour 7-9p \$10 Liquor Bust 9p-1a	75¢ Happy Hour 7-9p \$5 Beer Bust 9p-1a
ENTOURAGE VEGAS 953 E. Sahara Ave. 702-650-9191	Open 24 Hours Salsa Sundays Latin music & videos	Open 24 Hours Boys Night Ages 18-21 in free	Open 24 Hours Dark Night All lights are off	Open 24 Hours Wise Wednesdays Ages 40+ get in free	Open 24 Hours Inked Show off your tats	Open 24 Hours Freebie Fridays Exciting giveaways	Open 24 Hours Packed House Our busiest night
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FLEX 4371 W. Charleston Ave. 702-385-FLEX	2-4-1 Bloody Mary's	2-4-1 Mixed Drinks 4 - 7p	Underwear Island with DJ Semaj 10pm-2am	Welfare Wednesday Desirae Penda'vis Midnight	cheapPLASTIK! performing at 11pm	Confessions with JewDi Vine and DJ K 11pm	\$1 Wells 9-11pm Ntoxxicated with Diva Toxxx 11p
FREEZONE 610 E. Naples Dr. 702-794-2300	Karaoke Happy Hour 4 - 8p Beer Bust 8p - 1a	Karaoke Happy Hour 4 - 8p Beer Bust 8p - 1a	Ladies Night Happy Hour 4 - 8p Beer/Lick-her-Bust 8p - 1a	Happy Hour 4 - 8p Beer Bust 8p - 1a	Naked Boy Frat Party Beer Bust 9:30p - 2a \$7 Liquor Bust	Queens of Las Vegas Show/Dance Party Beer Bust 8p - 1a	Queens of Las Vegas Show/Dance Party Beer Bust 8p - 1a
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GOODTIMES 1775 E. Tropicana Ave. 702-736-9494	Happy Hour 24/7 with VIP Card Pool tables & Slots	Performers from La Cage 10p Liquor bust 10p-2a	Happy Hour 24/7 with VIP Card Pool tables & Slots	Karaoke with Sheila	Club Cyanide 11p - 3a	Fantasia Fridays \$10 Liquor/beer bust 10p-2a	DJ Papi Chulo Noche Caliente 10p
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SPOTLIGHT LOUNGE 957 E. Sahara Ave. 702-696-0202	\$1.50 Bloody Marys 8a - 4p \$5 Beer Bust 4 - 7p	\$5 Beer Bust Noon - 4p 2-4-1 9p - Midnight	\$5 Beer Bust Noon - 4p 2-4-1 9p - Midnight	Hump Day \$1.50 Well Screws or Margaritas 8a - 4p	\$5 Liquor Bust 8 - 11p	\$5 Liquor Bust 1 - 4p \$5 Beer Bust 8 - 11p	\$5 Beer Bust 12 - 3p Couples Night 6 - 9p Jock Night Mid - 4p

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

HIV and Hepatitis A/B Testing
The Center, 1-6:30pm
www.thecenterlv.com

Las Vegas Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Community Lutheran Church, 7-9pm
3720 E. Tropicana Ave.
www.lvmenschorus.org
Repeats every Monday evening

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

IRSCDEI Court Meeting
The Center, 7pm
www.desertempire.org

SinCityQSocials Trendy Tuesdays
Game Works, 8pm
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Foundation Room at Mandalay Bay, 11pm
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

LVPT Casino Buffet
Orleans Buffet, 11:30am
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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The Center, 1-6:30pm
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Nevada Outdoors Death Valley Fall 2009
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www.nevadaoutdoors.org
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Kelly Clarkson
The Joint at Hard Rock Hotel, 8pm
www.ticketmaster.com

Fundraiser for Miss NGRA 2009
Charlie's Las Vegas
www.ngra.com

NGRA Appreciation Night
Charlie's Las Vegas, 10pm
www.charlieslasvegas.com

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

The Center's 15th Annual Honorarium
Caesar's Palace, 6pm
www.thecenterlv.com

November Men of Charlie's Contest
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

HRC – Faith and Religion Group Mtg.
The Center, 2pm
lasvegas.hrc.org

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

HIV and Hepatitis A/B Testing
The Center, 1-6:30pm
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Lily Tomlin
Hollywood Theatre at MGM Grand, 8pm
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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The Laramie Project
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www.samelovesamerights.com

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

SNAPI General Meeting
The Center, 6:30pm
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Double Helix Bar, 8pm
The Shoppes at The Palazzo
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

LVPT Cocktail Lounge
Escape Lounge, 6pm
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Stonewall Democrats Board Meeting
The Center, 6:30pm
www.stonewalllv.org

SinCityQSocials Trendy Tuesdays
Captiv8 at Rhumbar, 8pm
www.sincityqsocials.com
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

HIV and Hepatitis A/B Testing
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Onyx Theatre, 7-9pm
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

SinCityQSocials Champagne Brunch
Broiler Room at Boulder Station, 10am
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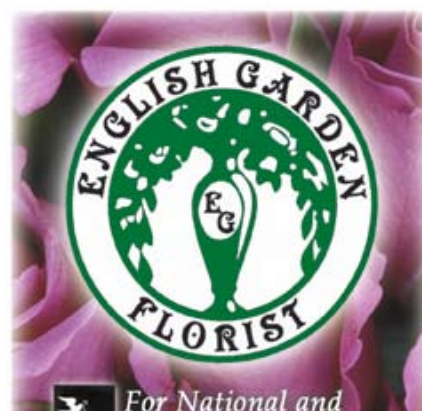
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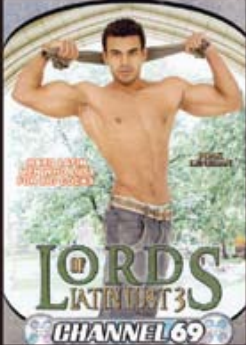
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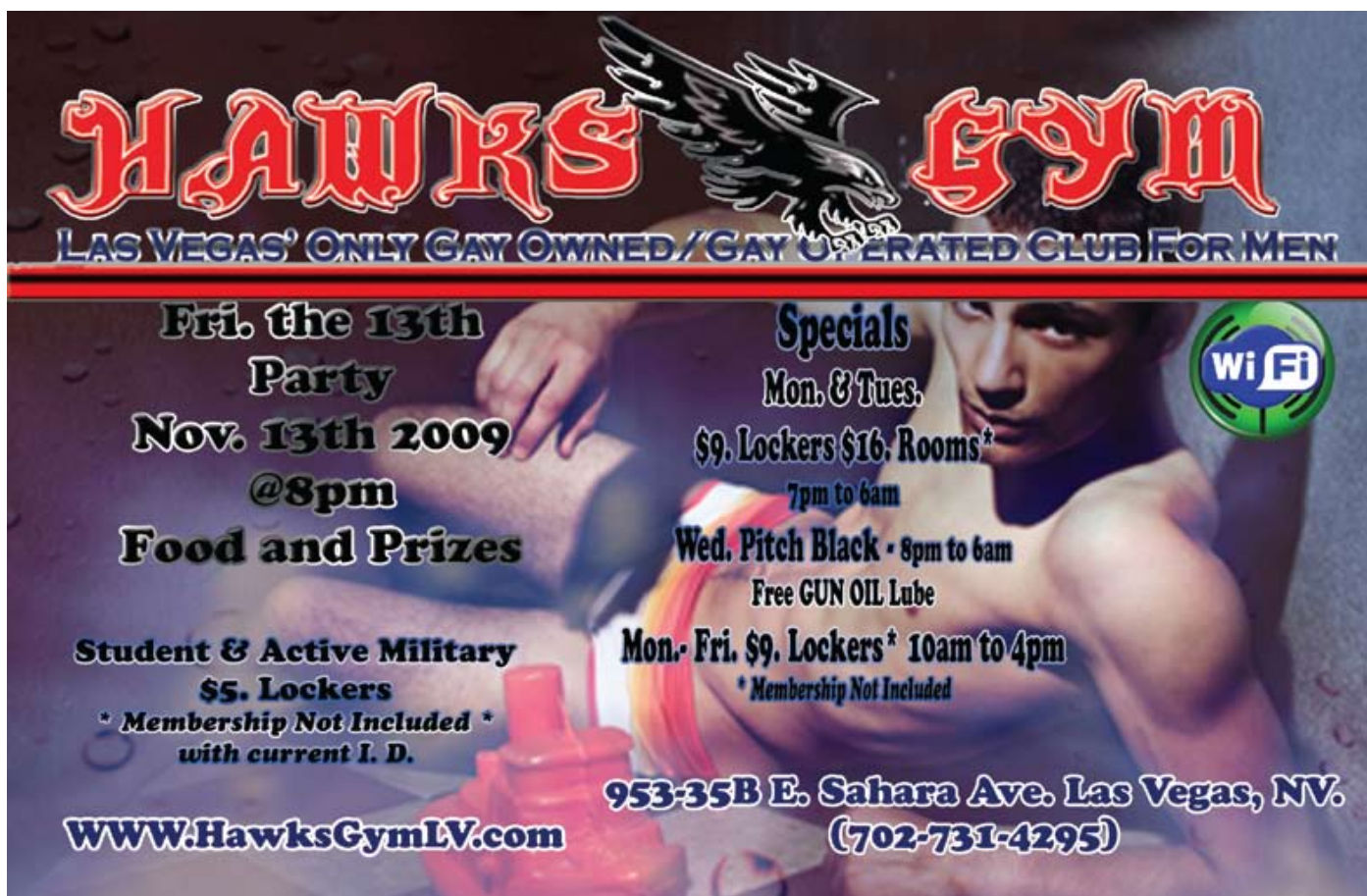
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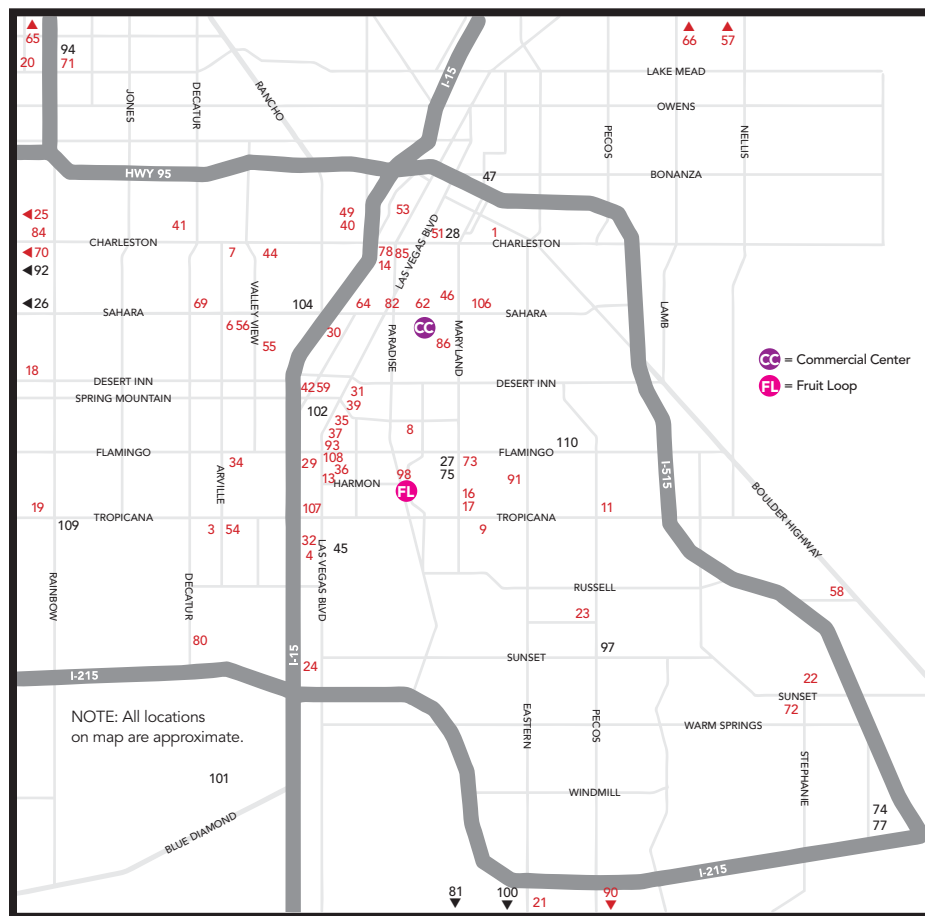
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SCORPIO 10/23-11/21

Powerful/annual Full Moon on the 2nd gets the month off to a rip roaring start. Nothing or no one shall be able to stop your momentum (except yourself of course, when it's necessary). Pay close attention to financial details on the 12th. Someone may be taking chickens from the hen house if you know what we mean. Wait until after the 19th to sign any leases or major contracts if possible.



SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21

Every good thing that happens this month will come in pairs (like a little Noah's Ark). The 4th and 5th look especially rich for helping to pay off some of those nagging bills. There won't be much cash to play with until Turkey Day on the 26th. Until then, watch that impulse buying and you'll be fine. A recently made friend might have stronger feelings than you realize. Let them down gently.

CAPRICORN 12/22-01/19

As the month begins, that cross to bear feels quite heavy, but by the New Moon on the 16th, most of the weight shall have been lifted. Don't borrow or lend any money this month, as it will only fan the flames of stress. Physical energy levels will increase nicely after the 9th. Won't it be nice to actually get back to a regular workout routine? Thanksgiving weekend looks like a happy frenzy.

AQUARIUS 01/20-02/18

Early November brings you everything you seek and more. Put some of that financial gain aside, please! Because, from the 11th-18th, it'll feel like you're at the center of a tornado. Those eight days all you can do is hang on for dear life. After that, the winds of chaos die down and there's much joy to be experienced. It'll be a welcome respite and put you in a fine mood for that holiday feast.

PISCES 02/19-3/19

Most of the good news you receive this month comes either from a distance or by starting a long delayed new project. Don't be afraid to put your toes back in the water. It'll be necessary to tell the unvarnished truth on the 15th. Don't feel bad about hurting someone's feelings. Remember that your needs and desires must come first. That's always been a hard pill to swallow for your sign.

ARIES 03/20-04/19

Not too many worries or cares to fret over for most of the month (unless you count cooking Thanksgiving for 20 a hassle). The proverbial winds will blow at your back far more that get in your face. Time tables and important meetings come into play on the 23rd and 24th. Make sure to be a half hour early on those days and you'll avoid 95 percent of any major catastrophes. Update that day planner, okay?

TAURUS 04/20-05/20

Work related matters and out of town business trips shall take priority until the 20th. There's just no way around it, Taurus. But, the future bounty of crops it delivers will be more than worth the efforts. Imagine being able to put some money aside for a rainy day (or for a special toy). The 22nd to 30th provide you with a restful and soulful respite (quite well earned we might add).

GEMINI 05/21-06/21

Career and financial matters look strong and appealing for November. The down side is that your social/romantic life must take a back seat in order to accomplish these amazing goals. Some close pals may think you've gone missing in action. So, please make a few phone calls to explain. That way you'll have a choice of several invites on the 26th (Turkey Day).

CANCER 06/22-07/22

Study Gemini's message. All work and no play makes for a grumpy and lonely individual. Full Moon on the 2nd heightens the urge to socialize, so don't resist it. On the other hand, that New Moon on the 16th demands that you keep that nose to the grindstone and give career matters 101 percent of your time and energy. We promise that it'll all even out in the end, Cancer.

LEO 07/23-08/22

Everyone knows that most of what you touch turns to gold. That's lovely, but please don't go about bragging about it or some tender feelings will be trampled upon. It also wouldn't hurt to spread the wealth around a little more to help those less fortunate. The month comes to a lovely and beautifully realized conclusion, with a new sweetheart we believe.

VIRGO 08/23-09/22

Though your views often differ from those of your comrades, it doesn't prevent amazing friendships from being made (many will be life long). That gentle and caring manner of yours is absolutely magnetic. This talent shall come in quite handy during a tense time when mutual friends are at odds. Make holiday plans by the 22nd to guarantee the best deal.

LIBRA 09/23-10/22

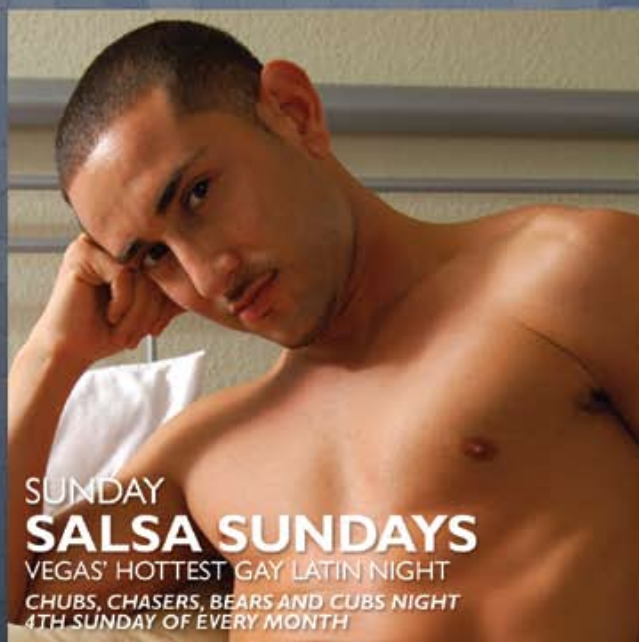
Most of the month looks like an extended comfort zone and few other signs deserve it more (considering what you've had to put up with these last these months). Bask in the glow and allow those close to you to become even closer. Don't let a well-meaning but misguided acquaintance influence you in areas involving real estate or finance.

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This commitment has long ago transpired to Harrah's commitment to the LGBT community—as customers, employees and our partners, friends and families, and the greater community.

It is colleagues like Michael Weaver, who has lived the Code through his journey as an openly gay executive and one of the most successful marketing executives in our industry—from starting in Shreveport, Louisiana, 15 years ago. This month the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada will be honoring Michael as Man of the Year.

On a broad scale commitment to communities and businesses, Harrah's has long-time relationships in supporting organizations such as the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association; the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation; International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association; and the Human Rights Campaign—organizations that advance LGBT equality through fair and accurate images in the media, legislative work, and enhancing the global LGBT travel industry.

Harrah's commitment to employees has been tremendous. Three years ago we became the first perfect scoring company on HRC's Corporate Equality Index, making Harrah's a Best Places to Work company for LGBT persons. Several years ago, I was given the support to form EQUAL, the industry's only LGBT Employee Business Resource Group. Through steadfast leadership from the team, we recently won the prestigious Chairman's Award for our work to create a more inclusive environment, support diversity and marketing programs in the Las Vegas region. That year, we became the only gaming company to publicly support the passage of the Employee

Non-Discrimination Act on a Federal Level.

In this year's Nevada legislative battle, EQUAL members were activated to contact elected officials in an effort to overturn Governor Gibbon's veto. Harrah's leadership brought together employees and our community in doing what's right for our citizens. In protecting our employees benefits, and advancing the rights of Nevada residents, we also sent the right message to millions of our guests who visit our ten Nevada resorts.

Las Vegas Pride and AFAN AIDS Walk are two great examples of how Harrah's employees, guests and communities come together. Cumulatively, a few hundred employees—many of them straight allies—walked in the Pride Parade and with Harrah's HERO volunteers in the AFAN walk; sold AIDS ribbons in front of employee dining rooms to fund-raise thousands of dollars for AFAN; volunteered to work in the Harrah's Pride and AFAN booths; and attended Pride events at Paris Las Vegas with local guests—as the host property and signature sponsor of Pride.

I often surprise people when I mention that my LGBT work is a small piece of my portfolio of responsibilities. Harrah's is overwhelmingly supportive of enhancing my life as an individual citizen and a professional. As a result I have been given increased responsibilities to lead national relationships and co-lead an LGBT Strategy Team.

I'm more often a face in the community as a member of the HRC Board of Governors, Equality Days participant, LGBT Center volunteer, Women's Empowerment Network advisor – and one of thousands in a crowd at Stand Out for Equality rallies and the National Equality March. I'm fortunate that my employer, and particularly Jan Jones, is supportive of my passion as an active member of the LGBT community—while Harrah's Entertainment, I think, benefits from having one of its own with an ear to the ground and a peer at the table of the pro-equality movement.

Prior to coming to Harrah's, I would not



have imagined being as forthright and open about my core beliefs and true character in the workplace. In fact, I believed that I could and must clearly delineate between my core self and my work life. However, through trial and tribulation, I learned that my career must fit into my life in order to live a satisfying and happy existence.

I happen to be an executive who is passionate about my career, and as an executive who leads Code of Commitment programs in a Fortune 300 company. As head of Corporate Social Responsibility, I am a corporate advocate, and policy manager of community, volunteer, environmental, and LGBT strategies and initiatives within the corporation. And, I just so happen to be an Asian-Pacific Islander, a female, and a lesbian. My rainbow of color inside of Harrah's is embraced with authentic interest and support, to treat me as an equal, as an executive who happens to have a lot of "boxes to check" with my interests and diverse background. This is life within Harrah's, bringing to life a corporate ethos, under the Code of Commitment. ●

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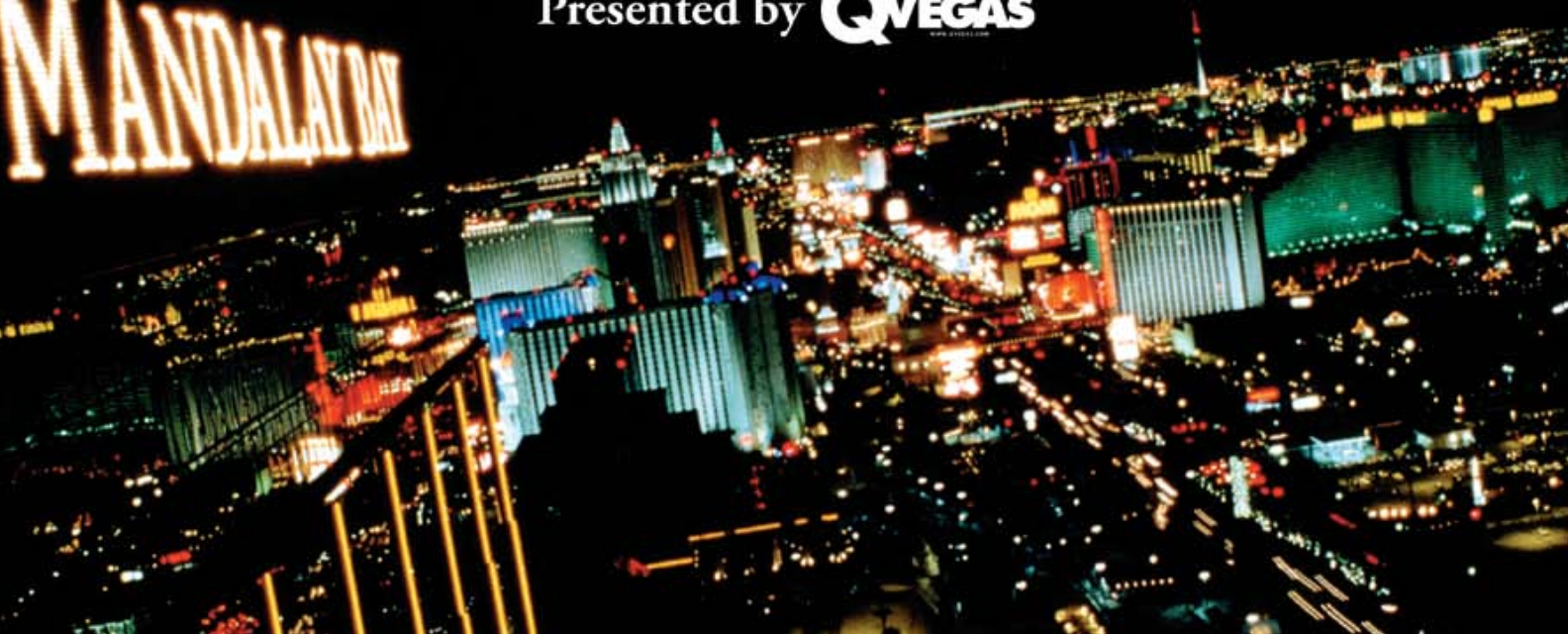
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