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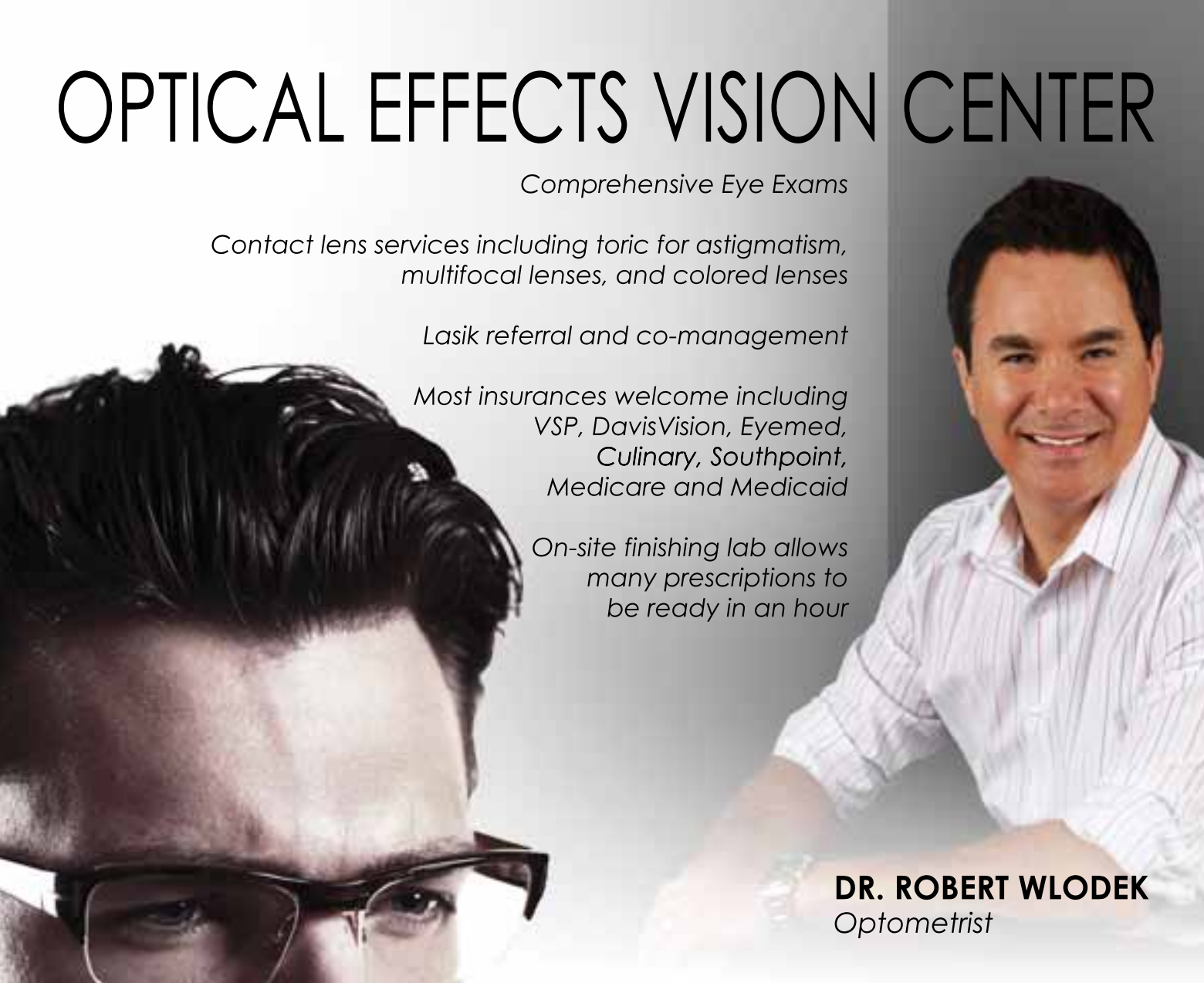
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a note from our EDITOR

Winter is just around the corner, but in Las Vegas it's never a time to hibernate. The last of the pool parties may have simmered down but there are shopping extravaganzas waiting to be had! Whether you are shopping for loved ones or splurging a bit for yourselves you may find just what you're looking for in the QVegas Holiday Gift Guide. We took the time to peruse locally and scoured the Internet for some unique gifts. If your looking for something specific be sure to grab the QVegas Yellow Pages and see what the best of Las Vegas has to offer.

While some of us spent last spring toning up for the summer, I spent the summer preparing for a delicious holiday. Serve up the gravy, and I'll take a double on the baked mac and cheese. Traditional Thanksgiving not your T'? Then turn to Michael Barbieri's review on the local sensation Hot 'N' Juicy Crawfish. The photos are enough to make your mouth water!

It's an exciting time of the year and putting together this issue of QVegas was equally exciting. I am looking forward to attending the OUTMUSIC awards in Las Vegas for the first time, and I am rooting for our boys (Jaymes Vaughan and James Davis) in the Amazing Race.



Join QVegas & HRC November 15th for our monthly 3rd Thursday Mixer. SNAPI and LVCVA have combined efforts to produce the 2013 Men of Las Vegas PRIDE calendar to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Las Vegas PRIDE. Enjoy for cocktails, a runway show, and more at The Fashion Show Mall. Find more details online at QVegas.com.

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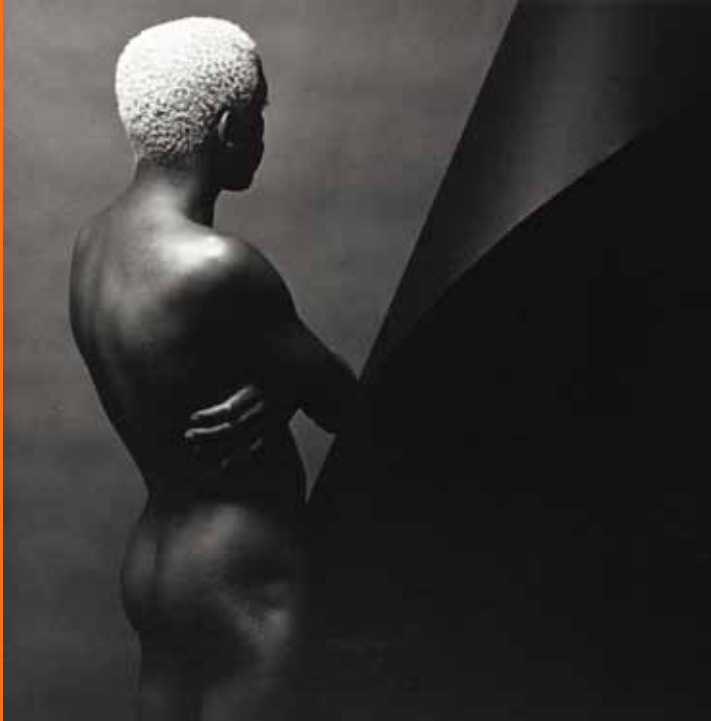
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The Identity of Justice: Trans Women in Cochabamba

Lucas Waldron is a 21 year old transgender (FTM) senior at the University of San Francisco studying film production and international politics. He spent the summer of 2012 working in Cochabamba, Bolivia working for an NGO based in HIV prevention.

After learning about the prevalence of HIV transmission in the transsexual (MTF) community and the community's proximity to sex work, Lucas decided document the experience of transsexual women in Bolivia with the support of his host organization, the Institute for Human Development. Lucas worked closely with several transsexual activists during the production process, connecting with the community based on his own transition.

The 14-minute documentary *La Identidad de Justicia: Mujeres Trans en Cochabamba* (The Identity of Justice: Trans Women in Cochabamba) addresses legal and medical discrimination against the transsexual community and the movement to fight transphobia in Cochabamba. The film will screen at the San Francisco Transgender Film Festival in November. ■

WORLD AIDS DAY DEC. 1

Various Las Vegas HIV/AIDS Organizations to benefit from Fallen Guardian Angels World AIDS Day Performance

On World AIDS Day, December 1, 2012, Las Vegas will again join thousands of other theatre companies and schools in an international benefit for their local HIV/AIDS organizations by staging "Fallen Guardian Angels" by Edward D Padilla. AFAN, Golden Rainbow, and other organizations will have admission tickets available, with each organization receiving the proceeds from ticket sales for their own use. The production starts at 7:30pm at The Center for Spiritual Learning – 1420 E Harmon Ave (1 block west of Maryland). ■



Lucas Waldron, creator of The Identity of Justice: Trans Women in Cochabamba

GAY AND LESBIAN RODEO HERITAGE FOUNDATION

First Paladin Award Dinner

Attend the 2012 Paladin Award dinner to support the Gay and Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation November 12, 2012 at 6:30 Pm at the Tuscany Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The term Paladin, has long been used to recognize the "hero of a cause" and in this case it has a western heritage theme. The Paladin Award will be presented annually. This year has special significance as the inaugural award presentation.

The first Paladin Award recipient will be the Autry National Center in Los Angeles, California.

In May of 2009, the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) voted to donate its archives to the Autry for permanent inclusion in the Autry Library rodeo collection, making the Autry the first major western history institution anywhere to formally recognize the contributions of the GLBTQ community to the history and culture of rodeo.

The thirty-five year archives were personally delivered by IGRA historians. Through a grant-funded project awarded by the National Historical

Publications and Records Commission, the Autry is currently processing approximately 50 linear feet of archival IGRA records.

As a result of this historic cooperative effort with the Autry, the IGRA story is now assured for use by scholars, historians and students of rodeo in perpetuity. With the blessing of Mrs. Gene Autry herself, this bold, courageous and proper step by the Autry has paved the way for other western history museums to follow suit.

More information on the Foundation and the dinner event is available at: www.glrhf.org. Individual, couple or group tickets may be purchased on the IGRA Convention Website at www.igra.com or by email request to bhelander@me.com. ■

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Army Veteran Allyson Robinson to Lead Newly Combined LGBT Organization

On the heels of the first anniversary of the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) and OutServe announced the selection of Army veteran Allyson Robinson to lead the newly combined organization at the organization's OutServe International Leadership Conference in Orlando.



As someone who graduated from West Point, deployed multiple times and has dedicated her life to advancing social justice, she will relate to service members and supporters and lead this organization to a new level.

"I am honored to lead the new OutServe-SLDN into this next phase of advocacy and action on behalf of our brave LGBT service members, veterans, and their families. Until they are guaranteed equal opportunity, recognition, support, and benefits, our mission is incomplete. We cannot and will not leave them behind," said Robinson, who departs her position at Human Rights Campaign (HRC) to take the helm of the new organization.

A native of Scranton, PA, Robinson is a 1994 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, where she majored in physics. After an internship at Los Alamos National Laboratory, she was commissioned as an officer in the Army and commanded PATRIOT missile units in Europe and the Middle East. She also served as a senior trainer/evaluator for NATO and as an advisor to the armed forces of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar. Robinson resigned her commission in 1999 to pursue a calling to Christian ministry, serving as pastor-teacher to churches in the Portuguese Azores and central Texas. She earned a master of divinity degree in theology with a capstone emphasis in social justice from Baylor University in 2007.

Most recently, as the first Deputy Director for Employee Programs of the HRC Foundation's Workplace Project, Robinson drove the design and delivery of HRC's broad portfolio of training and curricula for corporate leadership and employee audiences to improve LGBT cultural competence and inclusion in the workplace. She lives with her wife

of 18 years and their four children in Gaithersburg, MD.

"Allyson Robinson is exactly the right person at the right time to be our leader and voice in Washington in the fight to achieve full LGBT equality in the military. She comes with an exemplary military background, strong political and policy acumen, and a deep commitment and vision for bringing about the changes needed to carry forward the work we began with the repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,'" said April Heinze, retired Navy captain and co-chair of the SLDN Board of Directors.

"The repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' taught us that to be victorious, we must fight inequality on multiple fronts – in the courts, on Capitol Hill, and in the public square. It's time to pass the Respect for Marriage Act, revise laws that prevent the military from honoring the service of all of our nation's men and women in uniform, and end marriage discrimination for our service members and their families once and for all," Robinson said.

Robinson, who is transgender, also vowed to continue the important work necessary to bringing about full LGBT equality in the military.

"We cannot stop until we reach the day when all qualified Americans who wish to wear the uniform of our armed forces have the opportunity to do so with honor and integrity – and without fear of discrimination or harassment – whether they are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender," Robinson said.

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The capital campaign has been about much more than just a building; it's always been us – as a community – coming together to availing ourselves of a center we deserve, one that's welcoming and safe. One where we have the spaces and resources at hand to continue – and build on – the work that's so crucial to our community:

- ✦ Expanded youth programming to give LGBTQ youth the opportunity to socialize in a safe place, build self-confidence, and gain life skills;
- ✦ Sufficient meeting rooms for all community organizations who chose to make The Center their meeting space;
- ✦ A community event hall to enable lectures, professional networking events, cultural performances;
- ✦ A new Health and Wellness Center providing our community a private and safe environment.

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For more information, please contact Diana Morgan, Development Director, diana@thecenterlv.com or (702) 733-9800

LGBTQ Youth Thanksgiving

On November 13th, The Center will host its fifth annual community Thanksgiving dinner to benefit LGBTQ youth. The event provides a home cooked, family-style meal for approximately 100 young people in The Center's community room. We are seeking volunteers who can contribute homemade food items – from the turkey to the pie (and vegan options too!) – for our attendees, participate as servers throughout our buffet line or donate other items, such as plates, cups, utensils, tablecloths and decorations to make this a special and successful event.

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[by Chad Martinez]

A LOOK BACK AT LGBT HISTORY MONTH

In 1994 October was designated LGBT History Month in the United States. Events and celebrations take place marking the contributions and struggles of LGBT people. Events like National Coming Out Day on October 11th that highlights the unique challenges facing LGBT youth. Also, October 19th marks "Spirit Day," a holiday created in 2010 to combat bullying - an issue facing many LGBT youth. National LGBT History Month provides opportunities for education and fundraising. It's a reminder of how far we have come but also of how far we still have to go. As we bid farewell to National LGBT History Month, we look forward to more progress and even bigger celebrations next year!

DOMA LAW RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY FEDS IN NEW YORK

One more victory for marriage equality as a Manhattan federal appeals court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act as unconstitutional last month. After weeks of hearing arguments on a lower court's finding that the law was unconstitutional, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the finding in a 2-1 ruling. The case centered around a law suit that was brought by Edith Windsor in 2010 when she was told to pay \$363,053 in federal estate taxes after her partner of 44 years, Thea Spyer, died. Writer of the majority opinion, Judge Dennis Jacobs, wrote "even if preserving tradition were in itself an important goal, DOMA is not a means to achieve it."

CALIFORNIA BANS GAY CURE THERAPY

Early last month California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law a ban on therapies targeting gay teenagers with the intent of turning them straight. The controversial therapy, known as "reparative therapy" or "pray the gay away" (because of its backing by mostly religious groups), has been disavowed by the majority of mental health professionals as extremely harmful to patients. The American Psychiatric Association has long condemned the practice as having no basis in science and no longer classifies homosexuality as a disorder. Immediately following the passage of the new law, religious and anti-gay groups vowed to appeal and overturn the new law. Several law suits have been filed against the ruling at the time of this writing.

N. IRELAND ALLOWS GAY COUPLES TO ADOPT

A North Ireland judge ruled that same-sex and unmarried couples should be allowed to adopt children despite a 1987 adoption law that discriminated against gays. In doing so North Ireland joins several member nations of the United Kingdom that already allow gay couples and single parents to adopt. The challenge to this discriminatory law was brought by the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission prompted by an unnamed woman, who wanted to adopt her partner's son. Northern Ireland's Health Minister, Edwin Poots, vowed to "urgently appeal" the court's decision.

FARMER SAYS NO TO GAY WEDDING

In rural New York the owners of Liberty Ridge Farm refused to host a wedding after they found out it was between two women. The couple had their hearts set on a farm wedding and they found the perfect place that fit their budget. Or at least they thought it was perfect. "I think it's our right to choose who we market to, like any business," owner Robert Gifford said.

Unfortunately for Gifford that is not necessarily true. The state's human rights law bans "places of accommodation" from discriminating based on sexual orientation. But because gay marriage is so new in the state, the laws are still undefined. If this case goes to court it could have long term effects in the form of legal precedent.

1 STEP BACK



ANNE COULTER, CYBER BULLY

Republican mean girl and Skeksis stunt double, Anne Coulter, raised a few eyebrows when she Tweeted a joke in response to National Coming Out Day. Coulter wrote, "Last Thursday was national 'coming out' day. This Monday is national 'disown your son' day." The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) was quick to respond, pointing out that Coulter was in fact proving their point, that family rejection is a 'normal' occurrence when LGBT youth come out. This and other factors contribute to a high suicide and homelessness rate among LGBT youth, which many people don't find funny. Early last month Coulter offended many African American leaders by suggesting she understood the civil rights struggle better than the majority of blacks, who vote for Democrats.

PAY THE GAY AWAY

With several big marriage equality battles taking place in Maryland, Washington and Maine - people are gearing up and the money is pouring in on both sides. In October, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) reported that the Catholic Church is now the top donor in the fight against marriage equality - having donated over one million dollars to opponents of same-sex marriage. Most the money comes from the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal organization within the Catholic Church.

Despite recent polls showing many Catholics support same-sex marriage, the Church continues its crusade against the 21st century and LGBT rights. "Perhaps most disturbing is the number of local parishes redirecting the hard-earned dollars of its members in the name of discrimination," Chad Griffin, President of the HRC said.

JERSEY SHORE'S ANGELINA PIVARNICK

Skanks For the Memories In a foul-mouth tirade, former "Jersey Shore" cast member Angelina Pivarnick voiced her severely misinformed opinion about marriage equality. In a bizarre video exchange with entertainer Adam Barta, Pivarnick made a string of ridiculous excuses why she doesn't think gays should have the same rights as straights. Her reasoning was so fallacious that the video is hard to watch without bursting into laughter. She cites everything from her love of the Catholic faith to her not wanting another girl to "go down" on her. The good thing is that she admits she doesn't care about voting. Wish all people as intellectually-challenged as her wouldn't vote. "you want to have your little flings with your gay partner when you're younger to see how it is that's fine or whatever but when it's time to marry you should marry a male if you're a woman and if you're a woman marry a male," Pivarnick said.



EATING OUT:

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[by Michael Barbieri]
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The menu is simple. There are several main items to choose from, including raw oysters by the half-dozen or dozen, dungeness crab, blue crab, king crab, snow crab legs, lobster, clams, shrimp, and of course the crawfish. The server asks you to pick a seasoning - Louisiana style, Cajun, lemon pepper, garlic butter or the Hot 'n' Juicy Special, which is basically a combination of all of them. Finally, you're asked to select a spice level - anywhere from less than mild to extra spicy. The food is ordered by the pound, and after a short wait, arrives at your table tied in a plastic bag - the better to steam the flavor into the food, and served in a galvanized metal bucket. Most of the shellfish is prepared in a typical "seafood boil" style - boiled up in large pots filled with a spicy "broth" of sorts. When it's ready, it's placed in metal mixing bowls, where more spice is added, depending on the level

chosen, then it goes into the bag and bucket and is brought out to the diners.

I was in town with my friend Danny, and one afternoon we decided on a late lunch at H 'n' J. We grabbed a cab and headed to Las Vegas' Chinatown district, several miles west of the Strip, and eventually found the place. The place was nicely busy, but not packed, and we were shown to a table. The tables are covered in plastic tablecloths and topped with a sheet of plain white paper and every diner is given a plastic lobster bib, so we knew we'd be making a mess!

Danny ordered a pound of shrimp, seasoned with garlic butter and with a spice level of less than mild - he's not a big fan of spicy food, as I am. I did try Danny's shrimp and it was excellent - the flavor of the garlic never overpowered the shrimp itself, but I wanted heat and spice, so I chose the crawfish - they're Red Claw Crawfish, flown in fresh from Louisiana every day. I ordered them with the Hot 'n' Juicy special seasoning and was advised by our server to order them spicy, as opposed to extra spicy, as I normally would anywhere else. She told us that the extra spicy level is too hot even for most spicy food lovers. I took her advice and was glad I did. The seasoning was delicious, but very, very intense - fiery and wonderfully garlicky! One of the slight drawbacks with crawfish, however is that they're a lot of work and you don't get much



meat from them. You twist the bodies apart and if you're an adventurous eater like me, you suck all the juice and gunk out of the head - a lot of spice and flavor accumulates there and then you pinch the tail and pull the meat out of the lower body. The tail meat is sweet, spicy and amazing. My advice for you if you're ordering crawfish, is to ask for two pounds. You'll get more of a meal that way. The shrimp is messy to peel and quite a bit of work, too, but well worth your money, as you get more actual shellfish to eat!

One of my favorite aspects of the food here, is the combining of cultures. If you want traditional Louisiana or Cajun flavors, they're definitely there, but owner Tim Nguyen has melded the typical American flavors with amazing Asian spices, to create something that I feel is quite unique. As a matter of fact, one of the appetizers listed is an etouffee, and I'm dying to try the H'n'J version of this classic dish!

At the end of our meal, there were two big piles of shrimp shells and crawfish heads and tails on our table, but they were quickly removed. I ordered one last Diet Coke and asked for the check. For as much food as we'd had, the total seemed very reasonable to me. We paid and tipped the server and she even called us a taxi to take us back to the Strip.

So...do you dare to stray away from the Strip, order a pound or two of blue crabs, peel 'n' eat shrimp, or a big bucket of mud bugs, and get nice and messy while enjoying your meal? Yeah? Well, head west on Spring Mountain road to one of their two locations, and tell your friends you've eaten at Hot 'n' Juicy Crawfish!



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Bill McBeath, President and COO of ARIA Resort & Casino, said, "We look forward to welcoming the cast and crew of Zarkana. We're certain they will love their new home and we're equally certain that audiences from around the world will be wowed by this incredible production." Performances begin November 1 at Aria Resort & Casino.



BLUE MAN GROUP

First new show in 20 years moves to Monte Carlo Resort and Casino

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Guests will enjoy the dramatic changes to Blue Man Group's first new show in 20 years. Each day, 45 minutes prior to the first show, the energy kicks off with a dazzling procession of musical joy and luminescence, which can best be described as an energetic percussive parade designed by a mad scientist. The surging, intoxicating beat fills the casino as Blue Man Group launches a Percussipede, a musical centipede of percussion instruments, musicians, robots and puppets co-created with world-renowned 3-D designer Michael Curry. The enhanced experience continues inside Blue Man Theater and presents a thrilling, energy-infused combination of the signature pieces Blue Man Group is known for while introducing playful personalities and dynamic new instruments. The incredible journey includes the introduction of Kukas, humorous assembly-line robots, a sassy humanoid Showbot, as well as an exploration of the human brain through the fascinating Brain Drum. The audience will also experience the joy of a set of Smoke Drums that emit mystical, ethereal smoke rings out and a Neuronulum, a newly crafted pipe-instrument worn by the Blue Men which provides musical and visual pulses of energy across a theater-wide neural landscape.

Chris Wink, Blue Man Group Founder, says, "Our creative team has been working for two years to propel Blue Man Group's indescribable celebration of art, technology and music to a whole new level for the Monte Carlo production. Audience members will be enveloped in a one-of-a-kind, colorful and interactive experience that only Blue Man Group can provide."



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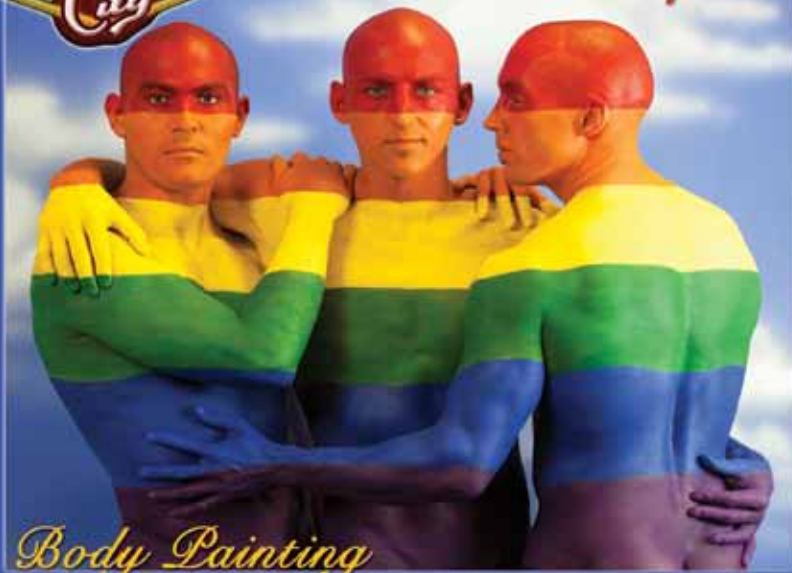
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James Davis and Jaymes Vaughan

TEAM CHIPPENDALES

From The Rio to the Amazing Race

[by Randy Slovacek]

Las Vegas has its own hometown team to cheer for this fall as two of The Chippendales ("Team Chippendales") are looking good and moving fast on the 9-time Emmy Award winning, The Amazing Race. The two men of Chippendales are charming not only TV audiences, but winning more fans around the world, as they race for the grand prize of \$1 million dollars.

James Davis and Jaymes Vaughan - "James and Jaymes" - have done well so far on the hit TV show, although they barely missed elimination by seconds at the end of the first episode of the season. Thus far, TV audiences have seen "Team Chippendales" face-off with a junior national champion ping-pong player, eat frog fallopian tubes, race bulls on a moped, make balloon animals for a children's party and dance in a parade wearing traditional Indonesian lion costumes.

After being contacted about possibly participating in the reality show, Vaughan says he had no hesitation about who he would rather race around the world with: "You're going to do The Amazing Race - you don't want to fight with somebody. You want to have fun. We've toured the world together as Chippendales. We knew we were going to have a good time no matter what. Win or lose, we were going to have a blast together."

While the Chippendales are famous for being handsome and good-looking, James Davis laughs about their appearance on the show, joking "we looked like unshaven, unkempt mountain men."

Even with the pressure of the cameras rolling, Vaughan admits; "we said before we left we're not going to be anybody but ourselves. Why go on the Race and be somebody else?"

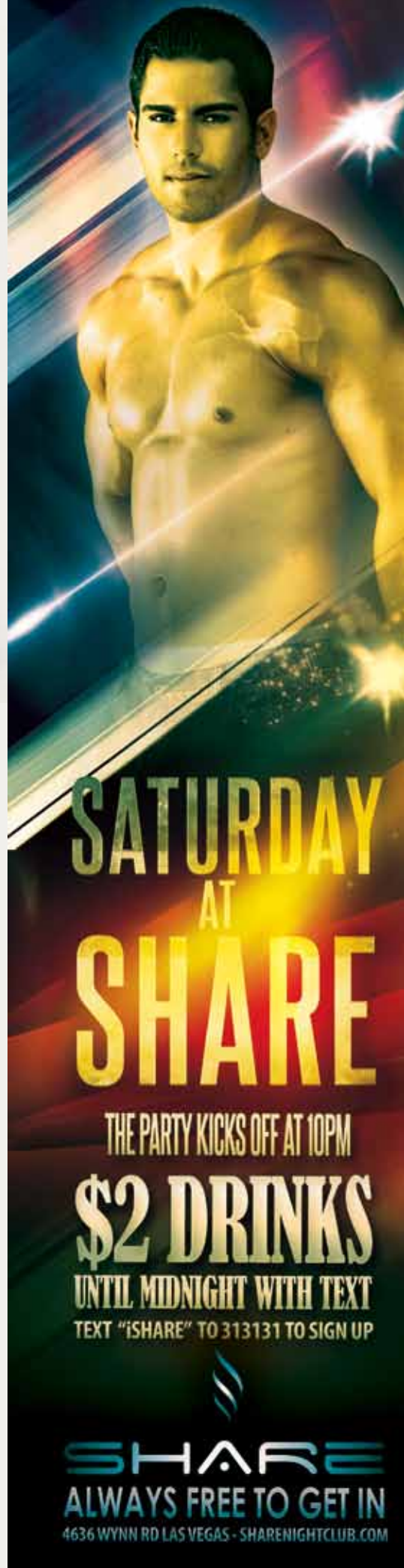
One of the things Davis took away from the experience was interacting with the people of the many countries they raced through. "What really is amazing is the spirit of so many people you meet on the Race. Genuinely happy, cheering you on - complete strangers offering to help us."

You never know what will happen on the Race, so don't miss "Team Chippendales" on The Amazing Race, Sundays at 8pm on Channel 8 (KLAS-TV).

In addition to The Amazing Race, Jaymes and James are busy promoting the annual release of The 2013 Chippendales calendar, one of the best selling 'hunk' calendars of all time. Both men are prominently featured in the new 2013 edition (James Davis is March; Jaymes Vaughan is August).

And visit The Chippendales at The Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino every night at 8pm, with additional shows at 10:30pm Friday and Saturday. Note: Men are always welcome at The Chippendales, so grab your friends and head over to the Rio - locals with a valid Nevada ID can get half-priced tickets!

Randy Slovacek is the author of The Randy Report, covering entertainment & political news of interest to the LGBT community. Follow him at www.therandyreport.com.



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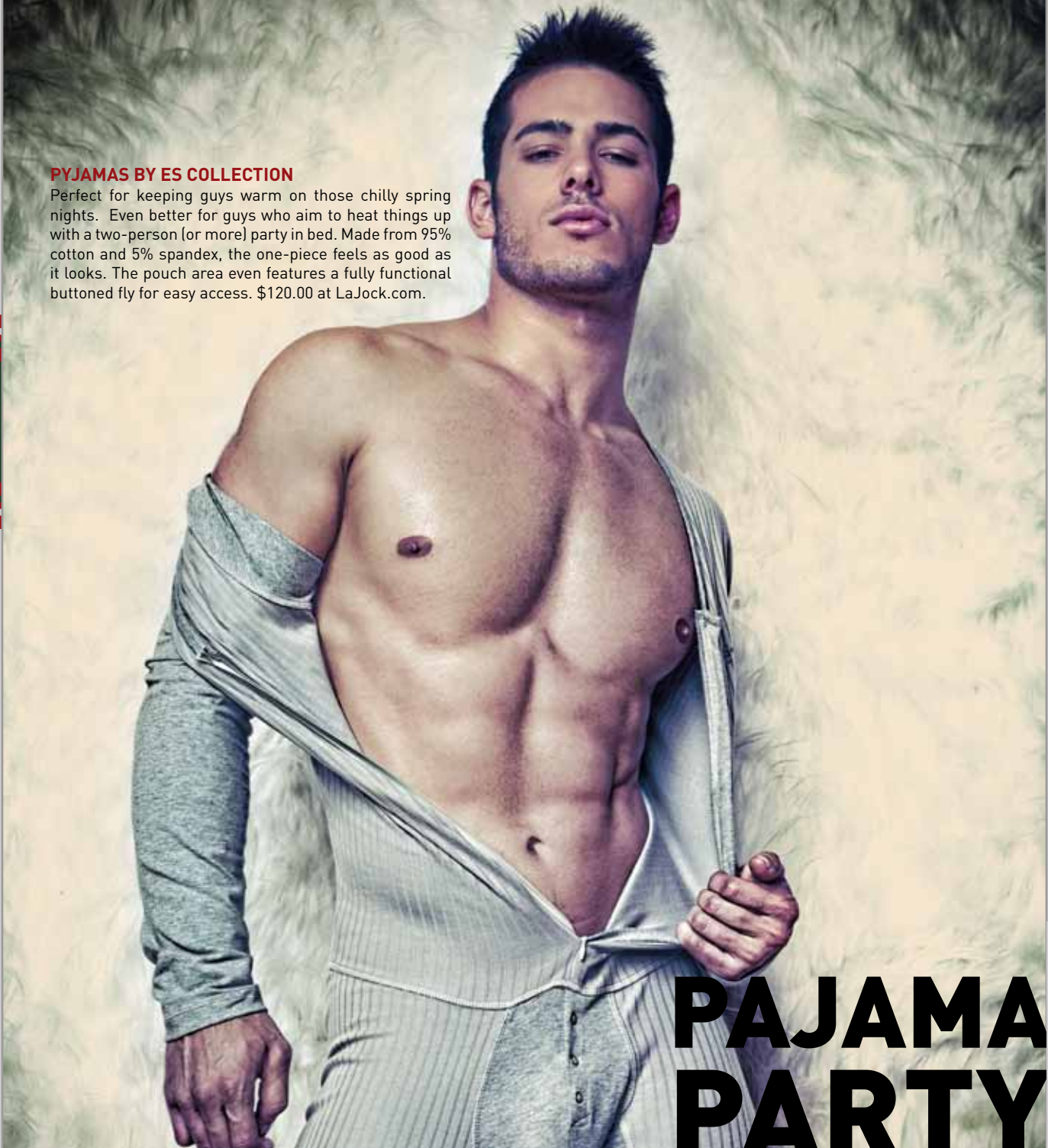
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PAJAMA PARTY

[by Tom Corliss]

REAL MEN DON'T WEAR PAJAMAS.

At least that is what we've been led to believe. There has long been a stigma attached to men wearing pajamas. Today, what most consider as the official hip sleepwear for men are boxers and a white tee.

Part of the reason is men's pajamas have long signified sexless-ness. There is only one phase in a guy's lifetime when pajamas are acceptable: under 12, when they look cute. The rule of thumb being once you're old enough to shave, it's time to ditch the jammies.

But it wasn't always that way. Pajamas were sexy – once. '50s heartthrobs like Cary Grant wore pajamas. But that was a time

when anything slightly suggestive was sexy. Seeing Grant in his pajamas made viewers think of sex and nudity and wonder what lay beneath. These days, with full frontal nudity always a click away on the web, little is left to the imagination.

Times are changing. It's taken half a century for it to happen but pajamas are fighting their way back 'in' – thanks to some of today's leading underwear designers.

One thing these new pajamas have in common: they're not what your Grandpa would have stepped outside in to pick up the morning paper from the curb. These new jammies are sexier and more suggestive than ever. They may even bring back the pajama party – for men.

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Vicci Martinez
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8th Annual OUTMUSIC AWARDS

[by Jazzmin Awa-Williams]

December 16, at 8 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino will be host to the spectacle of the eighth annual OUTMUSIC Awards, the premier awards show recognizing out and proud LGBT artists, entertainers and performers.

OUTMUSIC stems from the LGBT Academy of Recording Arts (LARA), which has been in existence for more than two decades. The show is nothing new to the LGBT musical community, but the decision to make its stand in Las Vegas is. After the last two awards shows in the original city of New York were filled to capacity, the judgement was made to move the OMAs to a city made for entertainment.

"This is the entertainment capital of the world, Las Vegas," said Diedra Meredith, CEO and chairwoman of the OUTMUSIC awards.

"OUTMUSIC was too big for itself and didn't have anywhere to go."

The awards show began in 2000, after picking up where the Gay and Lesbian American Music Awards (GLAMA) left off. Meredith took the helm of the program in 2007 while refocusing it on the mission of LARA, part of which is to increase the viability and visibility of the LGBT music and entertainment platform.

"The LGBT community has long been instrumental in forming the tastes of popular music," said comedian and host of the 2012 show, Alec Mapa. "There's seldom a mainstream artist that wasn't initially championed by us."

We discover the talent, we nurture, support it and raise it up. And if an artist acknowledges the support of the LGBT community we remain loyal. For a lifetime."

THE LARA SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR LGBT

Bringing together a wide range of LGBT artists, entertainers and supporters allows recognition that they may not have been accessible otherwise, and creates an opportunity to appreciate and applaud each others advances.

Even though the awards have been around since 2000, many LGBT artists may not be aware of the size of the community available to them, and willing to support them. Membership in LARA allows LGBT performers to recognize each others accomplishments by nominating and voting for each other. Artists who may have shied away from the "gay musician" label before are now encouraged to embrace it and have their identities validated.

"All we have to do is come together once a year and show that we are an industry that is kick ass," Meredith said. "We are so much more fierce than to keep perpetuating the homophobia that exists by accepting that we [LGBT artists] can't get mainstream."

The OMAs also facilitate exposure for entertainers that may not otherwise have been discovered by a consumer, gay or straight. With the previous years show making an appearance on network television, the talent and originality within the LGBT community was realized by a wide range of viewers.

"You get some amazing exposure and it's good for your resume as well," said Vicci Martinez of "The Voice" fame, who is scheduled to perform at this year's show. "It's nice to be able to represent and inspire other 'out' artists and have an avenue for LGBT artists to get recognition."

Diana King
Singer/Songwriter/Producer



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Alec Mapa
Comedian, OMA 2012 Host

THE 2012 OUTMUSIC AWARDS

This year, Meredith plans to fill up a 2,500 seat hall, with room for more. The weekend is chock full of events, with a welcome reception and pre-OUTMUSIC awards presentation on Friday and a panel discussion and Q&A session on Saturday. A red carpet before the show and several after parties after the OMAs wrap up a veritable smorgasbord of events for the diehard socializer.

"My husband and I adopted our son two years ago and I never get to go out and get dressed up anymore," said Mapa, who hopes to keep the show fast, funny and super gay. "I'm like that mom character in 'Bridesmaids,' I want a wild weekend in Vegas with balls in my face."

The 2012 show will honor numerous artists that have been trailblazers for the LGBT entertainment community. Joey Arias, Ari Gold and Labi Siffre are a few of the notable figures that will be paid tribute to throughout the night. Diana King, the Jamaican singer-songwriter perhaps best

known for her single "Shy Guy" from the soundtrack of the film "Bad Boys," is receiving the "Vanguard Award" as well as performing.

"I did it for me and it turned into something else," said King, who came out in June of this year. "It was quite amazing actually the response, because I really expected a bad response. But I feel honored to be received this way and to start being who I am."

The eighth annual OUTMUSIC Awards will demand the attention of LGBT music and entertainment. In a span of five years LARA and the OUTMUSIC Awards have managed an unprecedented growth, from a music hall with approximately 300 attendees to an extravaganza in one of the largest entertainment centers in the United States.

"We're still not as visible and people still think that there's just a handful of us and we're not important," King said. "But we're everywhere and everyone. It can only grow."



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Betty Buckley

Tony Award winner and Broadway legend to deliver
Ah, Men! The Boys of Broadway to Las Vegas

[by Randy Slovacek]

A hallmark of a memorable Broadway experience is enjoying the star of the show delivering a great song. Tony Award winner and Broadway legend Betty Buckley has done this countless times. However, not content to stay with the 'Leading Ladies' category of song choices, Buckley has created a concert, Ah, Men! The Boys of Broadway, comprised of songs by some of Broadway's richest roles for men. Buckley will be sharing the "gender bending" interpretations with Las Vegas audiences November 15-18 at the Smith Center's Cabaret Jazz.

Buckley won a Tony Award for creating the role of "Grizabella" in Cats on Broadway. Her other Broadway credits include Sunset Boulevard, 1776, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Triumph of Love, Song and Dance, Carrie and Pippin. She will be inducted into the Theatre Hall of Fame January 28, 2013 in New York City at the Gershwin Theatre.

The inspiration for the concert goes back to her teenage crush on Russ Tamblyn in the movie of West Side Story... "I thought he was the coolest guy ever. And it went way beyond a crush"...

Ah, Men! The Boys of Broadway features men's songs from Broadway shows that Buckley has always wanted to sing, including numbers from Sweeney Todd, West Side Story, Guys and Dolls, Pippin, The Fantasticks and more. The centerpiece of the evening is "A Hymn to Her," a hilarious rewrite of My Fair Lady's "A Hymn to Him" in which Henry Higgins asks "Why Can't a Woman be More Like A Man?" The Broadway legend reverses the question with musical references to iconic male Broadway roles including Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof, Harold Hill in Music Man and Jean Val Jean in Les Miserables.

The inspiration for the concert goes back to her teenage crush on Russ Tamblyn in the movie of West Side Story: "When I first saw the movie of West Side Story, I was about 14 and I was just in love with Russ Tamblyn who played 'Riff.' Everything about him as 'Riff' - I thought he was the coolest guy ever. And it went way beyond a crush. I wanted to dance like him, walk like him,



talk like him. I wanted to be a Jet."

Going into the project, Buckley already had a short list of songs for this show: "I knew I wanted to sing 'I Can See It' from The Fantasticks, 'Hey There' from The Pajama Game, 'Corner of the Sky' from Pippin, 'Venice' from Elegies, 'Maria' from West Side Story and Fred Astaire's 'I Won't Dance' from Roberta.

The project clearly begs the question "Is there a male role in the music theatre catalog she'd like to do?" Without hesitation but a smile in her voice, she answers, "I think I could be a really dangerous 'Sweeney Todd.'"

A CD of Betty Buckley's Ah, Men! The Boys of Broadway has recently been released by Palmetto Records (available on iTunes, Amazon.com and all major music outlets).

In January, Buckley will be heading to London to star in the UK premiere of Jerry Herman's Dear World to be staged by Cats and Phantom of the Opera choreographer Gillian Lynne. "I'm really excited about it. It will be a revised/new version of the show. It's going to be really beautiful, I think."

Broadway composer Jerry Herman (Hello, Dolly!, La Cage Aux Folles, Mame) had this to say about the casting of Buckley: "Dear World requires a superb singer; Dear World requires a superb actor; and Betty Buckley is both. I so look forward to the London premiere with Gillian Lynne at the helm."

Las Vegas audiences can catch Betty Buckley performing Ah Men! The Boys of Broadway at The Smith Center November 15-18. Go to www.thesmithcenter.com for more information.

Randy Slovacek is the author of The Randy Report, covering entertainment & political news of interest to the LGBT community. Follow him at www.therandyreport.com.




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Not your typical "male" calendar, participants were selected because of their involvement in the community. The models truly enjoy serving their community and helping to make a difference. The models that were photographed for the calendar will all be part of the launch and ongoing calendar sales efforts.



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JON

I'm a daddy. I have a beautiful 12 year old son named Nathan Christopher Alexander. I don't hide him, but if you don't know me, you don't know about him. He is awesome!



TODD

My first job was dancing at a Disney Pocahontas premiere for the movie. I bought Janet Jackson's album "Control" when I was young and learned all her dance moves from her videos at age 6.



BRANDON

Grew up a gymnast and coached it as well for a few years. Started training aerial when I was 17. I was one of the first aerialists in Chippendales for 5 years



BRIAN

The more active you are in the community, the more you feel a part of it. Often times people say Vegas is so transient, but if they take the time to plant their roots and stick around, they'll find out that it's a caring community that sticks together.



MIKE

Diversity, first and foremost, teaches us to ACCEPT differences in others and look beyond the base emotions of language, culture, race and color- all that makes us racists or sexists, for example. It teaches us to be more open and accepting of things that are different from us and in that process makes us more adjustable and open.



CURTIS

I can't watch scary movies! I've actually resorted to logging online to read the parent reviews to find out how scary a movie is. This way at the theatre when I know a scary part is coming, I pretend I have to use the restroom then listen at the door to find out when the scary part is over. Yes it's that serious!



GREG

Hardly anyone in Las Vegas know that I used to volunteer at the National Aquarium in Baltimore as an Exhibit Guide and on the Marine Animal Rescue Program. I helped rescue a porpoise and got into its quarantine tank at the Aquarium to assist in its initial feeding.



FRANK

When people take a look at me they see a serious strong character and comment to smile more, when in reality I'm a goof ball and just a bit gun shy at times. I love to be loud, fun, energetic, and sarcastic.



ADAM

Community is very important, especially in a city like Las Vegas. It's about bringing people, not only from the gay community, but from all walks of life, together as one.



JORDAN

I'm the phantom force of male/female energy



CRAIG

Many of you probably know that I'm absolutely obsessed with roller coasters and thrill rides but what you may not know is that I'm deathly afraid of heights. I get queasy when I have to climb a ladder.

I feel that many people in the gay community spend too much time tearing each other down. Labels run rampant. Who is to femme or too fat or too skinny or wears too old... I think that it's important that we stand together as a community and build each other up and support each other despite all the labels and standards we give each other.



WAYNE



WILLIAM

I fight another guy in a cage for a woman's love

I think diversity is a million new stories waiting for you to hear. It personally means a great deal to me because DIVERSITY is exactly what has made me into who I am today. I'm a Gay, German-Mexican, my parent's were High School Sweethearts, my boyfriend is a Jewish-Puerto Rican from New York. I live IN Diversity.



CHRIS



MICHAEL

To me diversity means coming together based on our similarities, but celebrating our wonderful differences. How boring would it be if there were communities filled with the same individual?



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LISTEN TO YOUR STYLIST. Once you find a place and a stylist that you trust, they will make recommendations like a doctor does when you're sick. When your stylist tells you that you need an ear wax... let her give you an ear wax.

HAIRCUT WARRANTY. What happens if you're not satisfied? Will your stylist fix it or refund you with contest? Check out the reviews on a site like yelp.com. Poor reviews are inevitable, but how does the salon respond to complaints. The satisfaction of having a warranty can go a long way.

TANNING. Going into the fall season, you can still maintain that summer tan with a spray tan that is affordable, skin-safe, free of sun damage and naturally colored. Spray tans usually last for 1-2 weeks and diminish slightly with each shower. Most salons will offer a discount when buying a package of spray tans.

NAILS. Men, from mechanics to card dealers, to executives recognize the importance of pristine hands. A hand shake tells a lot about a man and first impressions only happen once. A man's hand detailing doesn't have to be the acetone-smelly experience like at a women's salon. There are salons that cater to men where it's a much more enjoyable experience.



BOTTOMS

FACIAL HAIR. You may think that the hair growing out of your ears and nose looks perfectly natural to you, but others notice and they don't agree.

WRINKLES. Don't ignore the cumulative effect of skin damage. You have an average of 1-2 hours of direct sun exposure to your face each day which adds up to 300-700 hours per year. This is easily remedied by applying an SPF to your face at the beginning of your day. By the time you're thirty, you should be on a regular skincare regimen. Besides the bare minimum (cleanse, tone and moisturize twice a day) incorporate an under eye cream before bed as well as an exfoliation and mask once a week. Better yet, schedule a routine facial once a month. Unfortunately, anyone can put mud in a jar and call it face cream, so when seeking the very best in skin care, ask the following questions:

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HAIRY SYMMETRY. Goatees, flavor-savers and side burns are all nice and good, but if they're not symmetric, you look plain silly.

TEETH. This may sound insensitive, but if you don't have straight white teeth, people notice. With the newest technology of orthotics and trays (Invisalign), your corrective solution can go virtually unnoticed and most insurance policies and flex-spending options will help cover the costs. Beyond that, getting your teeth whitened every 6-12 months makes your smile even brighter.

HAIRY PATCH. When it comes to hair on the back and chest, it's best to go with an all or nothing approach. Some wear the coat well, others do not. If you have a patch of hair on your chest or lower back, just rip it off. It certainly doesn't tickle, but looking good takes work. After your wax, be sure to apply a cold wet towel or take a cold shower to close the pores to help prevent clogged pores. Applying a post-wax alcohol gel will help minimize bumps and ingrown hairs.

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GEMINI (MAY 21-JUN 21)

Resist that overpowering impulse to relocate. It's not the right time just yet. It's true the "grass can be greener" elsewhere, but this also can be just illusion. Try being patient and enjoying the comforts and friends you currently possess. A part-time income source brings not only more cash, but a special new contact/friendship as well. Bravo for you.



VIRGO (AUG 23-SEP 22)

Familiar with the expression: "being in the right place at exactly the right time"? You've gotten quite adept at this and it looks as though there'll be improvement. Always listen to that quiet, confident inner voice and you'll never be steered in the wrong direction. Life truly is good for you. That spills over into 2013 and beyond. Being "in tune" is awesome.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV 22-DEC 21)

As far as months go, Scorpio hauls in the "silver medal", but you attain the "gold", Sag. It's as if nothing can go wrong (providing you don't play in traffic or "bungee jump" off of the Strat Tower. Unexpected financial windfall (a game of chance perhaps?) brings your ship in (picture a platinum "Titanic") and you can spend/shop in style.



PISCES (FEB 19-MAR 19)

We're happy to inform you that no "earth shattering" surprises or major delays are in store through this year's end. Just the normal pre holiday chaos. Make the attempt to reconnect with that difficult family member. Things were left badly. Remember, the last thing you say to someone, could really be the last thing you say. Don't let pride lead.



CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22)

You (along with Virgo & Pisces) are what is called "quietly ambitious". Making plans and working hard away from the gaze of prying eyes/minds. That's all well and good, but please remember that all work creations at some point need to be advertised, or shown off. That's the only way the general public can value and even treasure them. Make sense?



LIBRA (SEP 23-OCT 22)

Keep life changes smooth, small & subtle. That works so much better than making 180 degree turns all of the time. That tends to work people's nerves. Though most are forgiving because of the brilliance and charm you project. Do help a friend in need, but don't attempt to take on their pain. This tends to be quite draining & may make you ill.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Most signs of the Zodiac shall experience good or even great financial aspects this month. Unlike Sag, looks as if you'll be saving most of that "cash cow", Cappy. Partly because it's in your nature not to be extravagant a majority of the time. Very practical of you, Cappy. But, get yourself a new watch at least and some stylish threads. OK?



ARIES (MAR 20-APR 19)

November turns out to be a rather amazing month, for the most part. However, it begins and ends in minor chaos. Keep a low profile from the 1st-3rd and the 27th to 30th. Don't host any "turkey day" festivities if it can be avoided. Planetary vibes dictate that you celebrate away from home. Don't pass on that "blind date" scenario. It looks very "wow!"



LEO (JUL 23-AUG 22)

Unlike those shy/retiring signs, Leos tend to use any means available to "strut their stuff" (the Good Year blimp ads were tastefully done). And why not, You've got a lot to brag about, yet very little to prove. That sort of confidence is magnetic and oh so enticing. Please remember to share credit where it's due. Even Leos can't do everything well.



SCORPIO (OCT 23-NOV. 21)

It looks to be quite a gratifying month across the board for you, Scorp. With that investment coming to maturity at last, you'll be able to do some serious redesigning at home. And just in time for the holidays too. A sibling calls with terrific news on the 17th. Throw yourself a birthday bash this year to show off that refurbished dwelling.



VIRGO (JAN 20-FEB 18)

Nurture and cultivate that new special friendship slowly but at a steady pace. This isn't something you're comfortable with, but moving too quickly could derail this potential romantic dalliance. Career matters will have you kind of swamped (in a good way) until mid December. Finalize all getaway plans for late next month. Bon Voyage!



TAURUS (APR 20-MAY 20)

That affinity you have for mixing business with pleasure (it looks so easy, but isn't) will get a super intense workout right through the winter solstice on Dec. 21st. You've got many "irons in the fire, which bodes well for career success. But interpersonal relationships sometimes suffer from neglect. Take the 4 day "turkey" weekend off.

2012 PRESIDENTIAL/CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION PREDICTIONS By Rev. Bill Morin

In just a few days all of the name calling, backslapping (or stabbing as the case may be) and deceptive boasting shall be over and done with. Now, it's time for the most important "POLL" to take place. That would be in the privacy of a voting booth. This is the only one that truly matters. Not UP, Reuters or even CNN. As the smoke and grime clears, let me offer some "crystal gazing" insights.

SENATE: Not much really changes here as far as numbers. I sense almost the same balance that's in effect now. At most the Democrats pick up one or two seats. Partisanship and animosity will continue to flourish.

HOUSE OF REPS: A large wave swept the Republicans into power 2 years ago. A similar Democratic wave (though not quite as large) turns 30-35 seats back to blue. Noy enough to regain house control, but the Re. majority to just a few seats.

PRESIDENTIAL: With such terms as leaning, strongly for, weak for, tossup and of course "red and blue" causing near "colorblindness" in many of us the following are my predictions. Of the nine battleground states (Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio & Virginia), North Carolina shines bright red for Romney. Florida is such a pale shade of pink, it's white (tossup). The others (including New Hampshire and Ohio, which were never seriously "battleground" to start with, all shine from mid wattage to dazzling bright blue. Push comes to shove and President Obama is re-elected. His electoral total is between 298-305. With Romney getting 233-240. And there you have it. Whoever your choice, please get out and vote.

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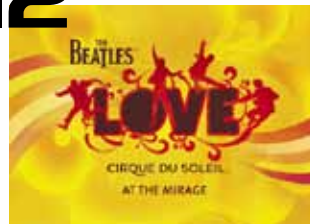
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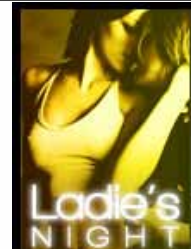
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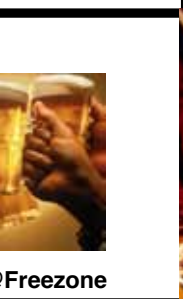
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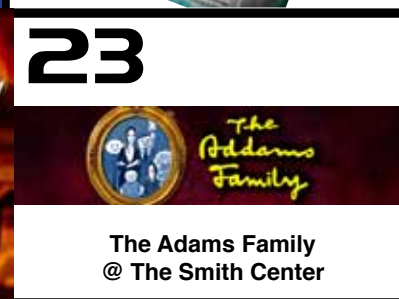
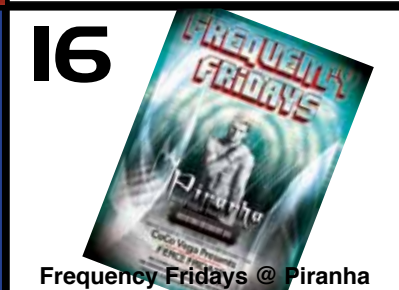
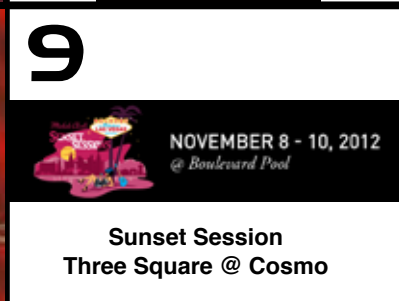
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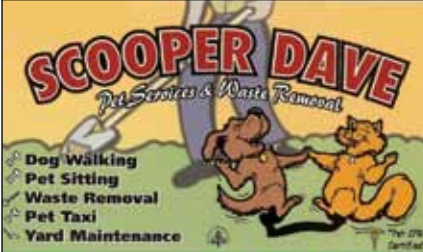
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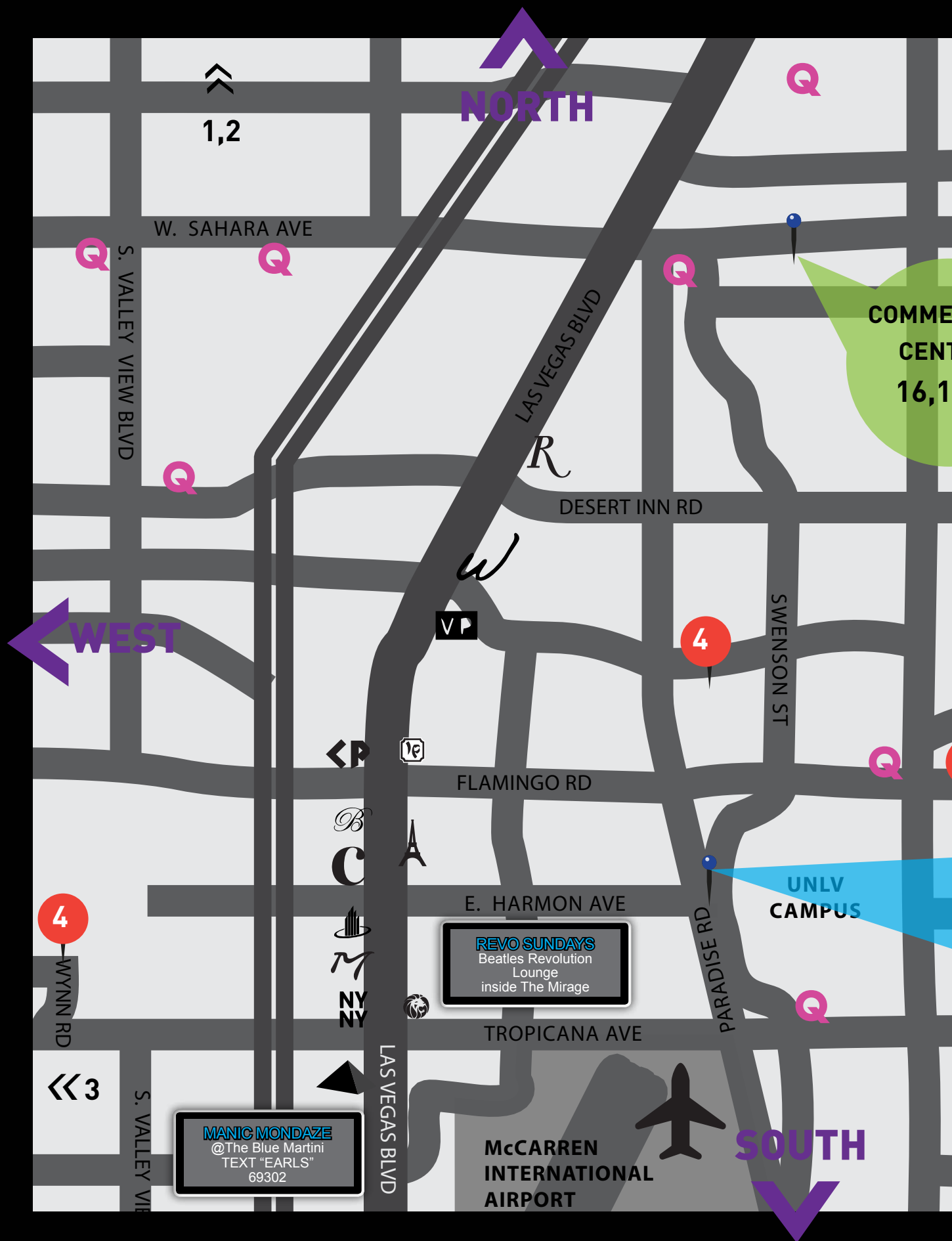
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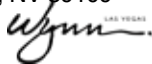


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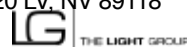
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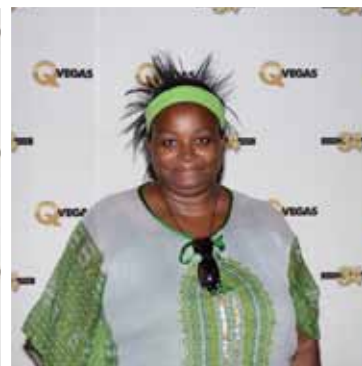
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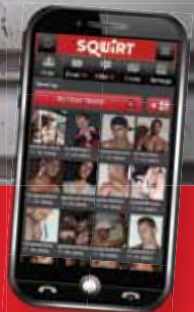
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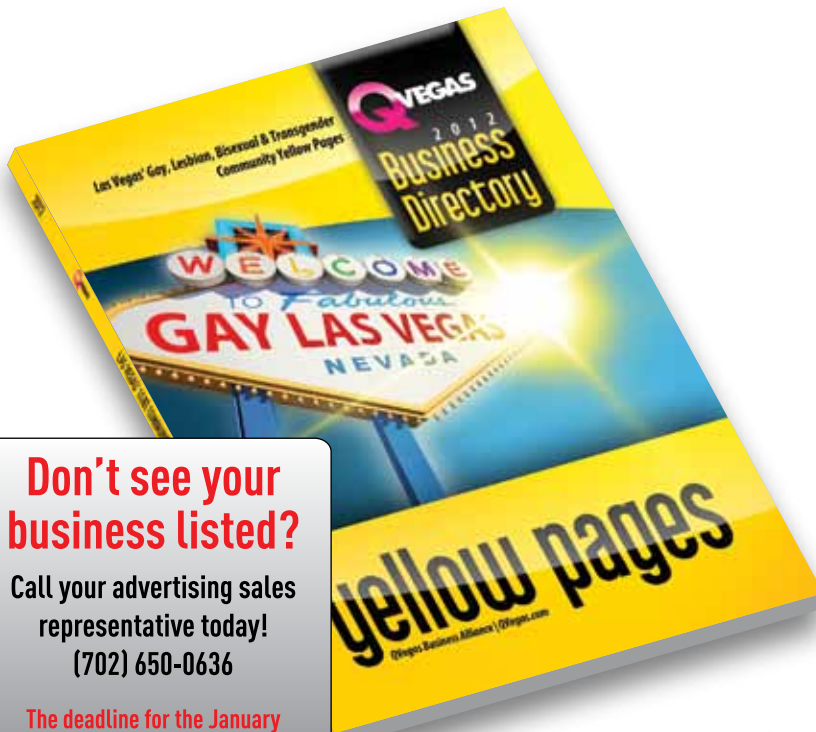
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Right now, there are about 1.2 million people living with HIV in the U.S. and only 1 out of 5 of those people know that they have HIV. In 2010, UNAIDS, WHO and UNICEF estimated there were 34 million people living with HIV worldwide. This translates to the U.S. being accountable for over 3.5% of all HIV infections; compared to the total US population representing about 4.5% of the entire Earth's population.

Between 2006 and 2009, an increase occurred in new infections among men who have sex with men (or "MSM") in the U.S. Among young, black MSM there was an increase of 48%, of all the new infections, 27% were among heterosexuals (among these new heterosexual infections 68% are women, with black women most heavily affected). The most surprising statistic is that one person can completely eradicate this epidemic... that person is you.

Remember, 1 out of 5 people living with HIV in the U.S. have no clue they are infected. Some people think that being tested regularly is enough to prevent becoming infected. The fact is HIV tests only tell you when you have HIV – they do not prevent HIV. Also, depending on the type of HIV test you get, the delay in detecting a new infection can vary greatly. Some tests look for antibodies, which your body produces only after HIV-infection occurs. In some rare cases, detection of these antibodies can take up to 6 months after being infected to show up on a test. This means that someone recently infected with HIV can have a recent negative HIV test result.

Should someone with HIV tell their sexual partners that they are living with HIV prior to putting them at risk? Yes, of course. HIV-positive people have a legal and ethical obligation to disclose their infection to their partners. Sadly, not every person living with HIV does this. The number of people keeping their infection a secret continues to be a major contributing factor to new infections.

Every year on December 1st, the world turns its focus on HIV during World AIDS Day. It started 1987 in Switzerland and today World AIDS Day exists to celebrate the lives of those lost to HIV or AIDS, to honor those currently living with HIV or AIDS, to recognize the advancements in HIV treatments & medicines and to increase awareness of the HIV and AIDS pandemic.

From 2010 to 2015, the theme for World AIDS Day is "Getting to Zero" – zero new infections, zero AIDS-related deaths and zero discrimination. On July 13th, 2010, President Barack Obama issued the "National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States"; a 60-page document. The Strategy states, "Success will require the commitment of governments at all levels, businesses, faith communities, philanthropy, the scientific and medical communities, educational institutions, people living with HIV, and others." The truth is success will require an effort made by everyone.

The fight against HIV starts with you, regardless of your HIV-status. Your fight starts with a personal commitment to:

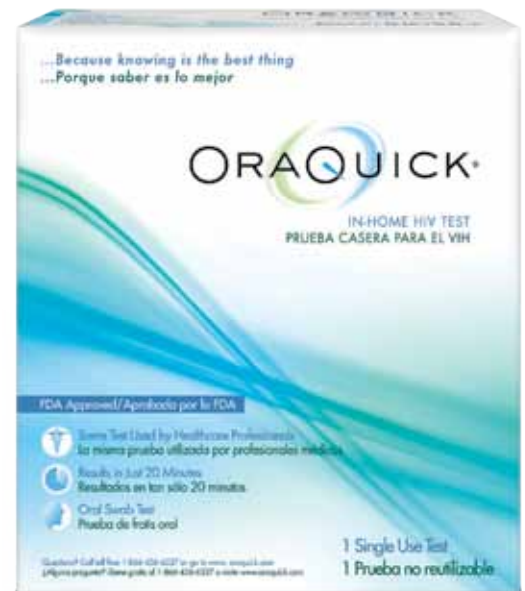
- Practice safer sex (proper use of condoms & lube, monogamy, etc.)
- Get tested regularly (even if you are living with HIV, you should routinely receive STD and STI screenings for other infections)
- Support people living with HIV by not discriminating against them
- Use clean needles (if you use IV drugs)

If everyone followed through with this basic personal commitment, it is possible to see HIV end in our lifetime. Every single person around the globe that makes this commitment exponentially increases our chances of making that a reality. Some may think that one person cannot make a difference. I believe the exact opposite is true: only one person can make a difference. That person is you.



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