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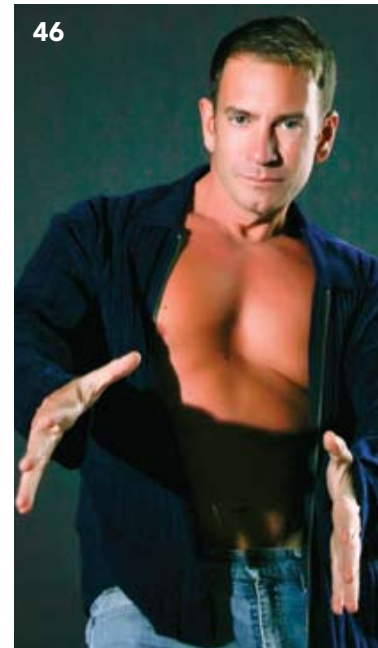
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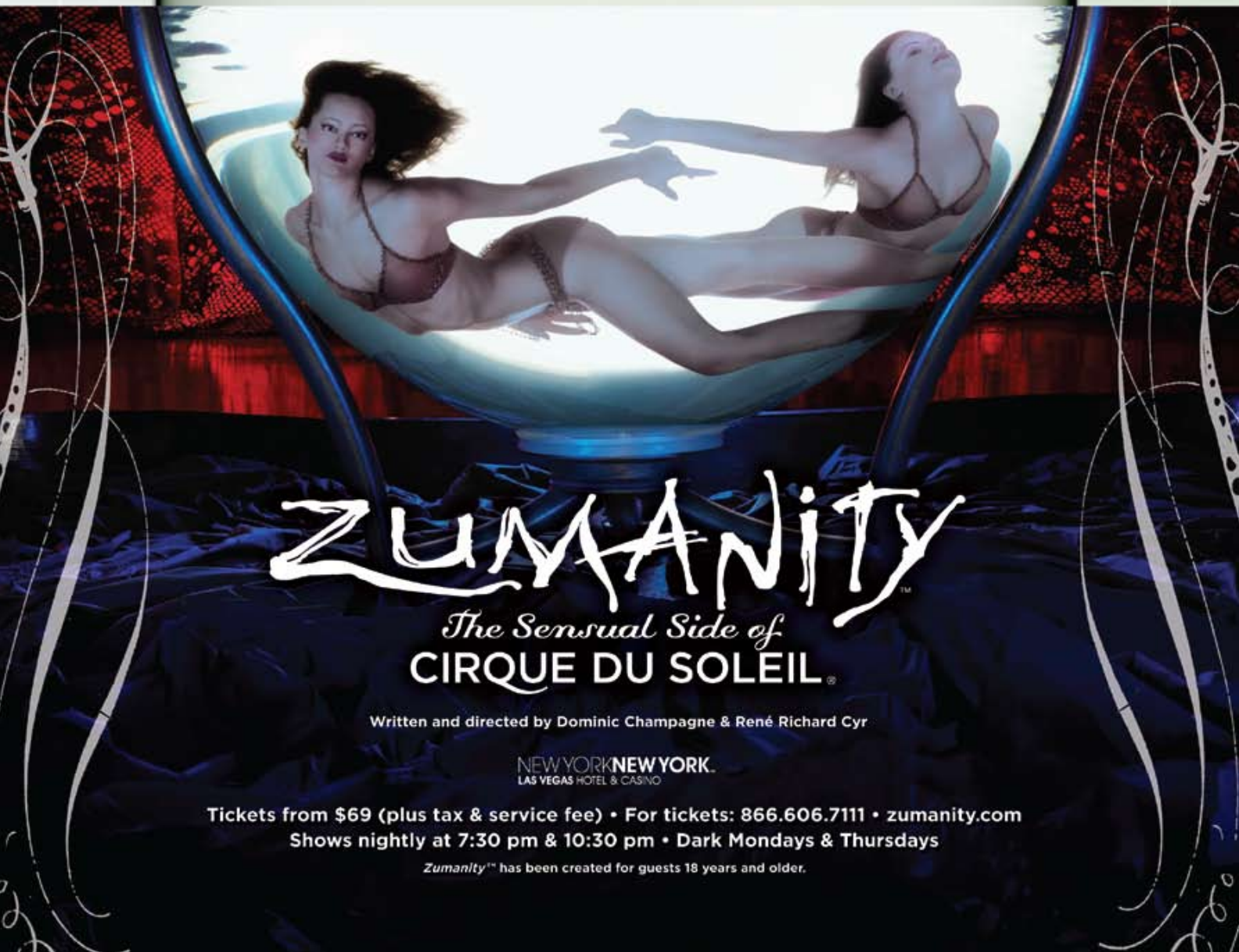
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I love the holiday season because I love attending parties. While most of the year I am at events held in nightclubs, restaurants, ballrooms and shops, holiday parties tend to gravitate towards our homes. A little secret: I am the biggest voyeur when it comes to viewing homes. Okay, don't uninvite me to your party; I don't critique the homes (okay maybe one or two over the years). But really, I just love seeing how homes are decorated. I should have been an interior designer; surely, I would starved by now if I had chosen that profession.

More than voyeurism, a holiday party gets me in the mood for a festive holiday. I see people I have not seen in a while, meet new people and, most of all, I am grateful that someone thought enough to invite me to share the season with them. It encourages me to go home, drag out the lights and ornaments and maybe think about having my own party, even though I like attending more than hosting. Since I am an avid party attendee, I would like to pass on my holiday wisdom as a festive partier.

- Always wear red. That's how I met a friend whom I now adore, because he came up to me and said, "I knew someone would show up to this thing wearing red."
- Always bring a gift; wine or holiday flowers work well. Every year I search the stores for unusual holiday gifts that are useful and go with any décor (keeping in mind I am not a designer but I have never heard anything negative repeated in the community about my holiday nightlight gifts. Of course I could not hear what a couple of the hosts were whispering either.)
- If you RSVP that you are attending, please attend, or send your regrets well in advance if you must cancel. The term RSVP comes from the French expression *répondez s'il vous plaît*, meaning "please respond." If RSVP is written on an invitation it means the invited guest must tell the host whether or not they plan to attend the party.
- Attend or host a soiree this holiday; it just makes you feel good!

As we enter the holiday season, I hope you enjoy our gift guide. My favorite items are those marked with the "double gifting" emblem. Please check out Cristina Howard Jewelry; 100 percent of the sales go to help animals who need vet care for life-saving procedures that are too costly for



families struggling in Las Vegas.

If you are looking for gay-owned or operated businesses as you prepare your gift list, take a look at our new online directory of incredible businesses supporting our community at <http://qba.qvegas.com>. You can quickly and easily search the listings and be assured these businesses are serious about diversity. If you work for or own a diverse company and would like to see it listed, check out the Web site as well. In the meantime, whether you are an advocate or just don't want your money to go to companies that work against diversity, you may want to reconsider shopping at Radio Shack, eating or drinking at Yard House or seeing a movie at any Century Theater. Instead, shop at Best Buy, eat at Paymon's, or see a movie at Rave; they have the best popcorn in town.

Happy Hanukkah and may your yuletide be gay. Have a safe and prosperous New Year. Thanks for all of your support of *QVegas* magazine over the years. It is because of you, our readers, that we continue to be one of the most read and strongest magazines in the country.

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READER LETTERS

Letter To The Community:

As candidates for Mr. and Miss Nevada Gay Rodeo Association 2010 we want to say a huge thank you to everyone from the Las Vegas community who came to the Fun Hog Ranch on Friday, November 13, 2009 to support our fundraiser, "The Hog Goes Country."

Net proceeds from this and all the candidate fundraisers will be donated to The Holy Order—Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence AIDS Drug Assistance Program, so the community's dollars will flow directly back to support the community.

We would like to acknowledge The Rack, Rhumbar (Captiv8), the Sin City Sisters, the Tiger Lily Flower Shop, the UNLV Performing Arts Center, and Mr. George Vierra for the many raffle items that were donated. A special and most gracious acknowledgment goes to the owner, management and staff of the Fun Hog Ranch for allowing us to take over on one of their busiest nights of the week.

We look forward to working for the entire Las Vegas community over the next year.

Thank you, again, for your support.

Love in service,

JD Jensen

Candidate for Mr. NGRA 2010

Ric Franklin aka Kimberli Foxx

Candidate for Miss NGRA 2010

Anthony David: WTF?

While I appreciate your candor to lay the cards on the table and speak your mind, I do not understand your complete hypocrisy. You decide your target audience: "... ignorant and disinterested, truly confused and misguided but teachable, or arrogant enough to believe they are infallible" [*QVegas*, November 2009]. You then decide to call out "the 45-year-old man dancing at Krave to Beyonce's 'Single Ladies' in his yellow Aeropostale T-shirt and American Eagle cargo shorts."

Why? Are you an ageist? Do you secretly or subconsciously lust for him? Are you xanthophobic? I am unawares a name, literally, on a shirt empowers an age range. Since you offer no other rationale, I must speculate.

Truthfully, I applaud and commend your writing ability, especially sans-a-solecism. However, world hunger, the current war, the U.S. jobless rate, the increasing number of foreclosed homes, the lack of the Las Vegas LGBTQ community involvement in LGBTQ causes, racism, DOMA, sexism, people who don't recycle, ageism (ad nauseum), sir, are hot messes. Minus the hot.

I am not the hot mess from your article. I am a 38-year-old, gay, happily married (12 years, 1.3 years legally in California), white, overweight (i.e. 'fat') guy. I must go get dressed now for a play at the Las Vegas Little Theatre.

I will make sure to follow your 'advice' when I go to the Onyx Theatre for their next performance—strike that—we would rather spend our hard-earned monies on supporting the Community and the Cause, not subjecting ourselves to criticism from within our Community. I am sure we will not run into you at either event.

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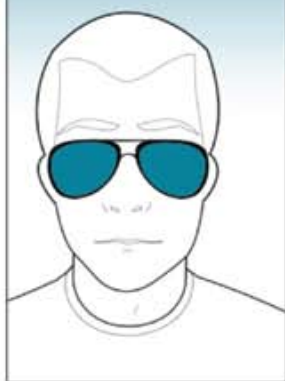
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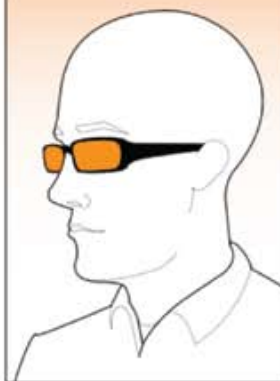
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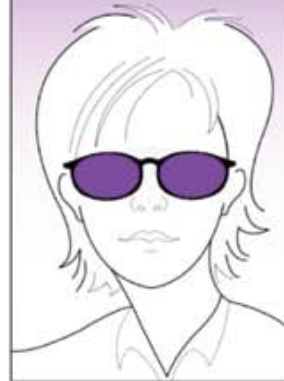
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NGRA presents rodeo proceeds and welcomes IGRA University

Nevada Gay Rodeo Association (NGRA) is proud to announce that they will be presenting the net proceeds from the 2009 BigHorn Rodeo at A Country Christmas, a Dec. 12 event at Charlie's Las Vegas. Come out and see the Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada receive their checks, and stick around to enjoy fun with the gals and guys of NGRA.

NGRA is also pleased to announce that, for the fourth year in a row, they are playing host to the International Gay Rodeo Association cowboys and cowgirls as they come to IGRA University, the weekend of Jan. 14-17, 2010. The weekend kicks off on Thursday, Jan. 14 with a Back to School Bash, with lots of entertainment and fun. Plus, it's time for the community to meet the candidates for the NGRA

Royalty Competition.

IGRA University begins in earnest on Friday afternoon, Jan. 15, at the Tuscany Suites and Casino, followed by the NGRA Royalty Competition at Charlie's Las Vegas.

For the second year, in conjunction with IGRA University, IGRA will again offering classes for line dancing and couples dance for beginners and the more experienced alike on Saturday; and on Saturday night, contestants from across the country will show you their best, in a fun evening that's a perfect break from the university curriculum. There will also be ample time for your own time for two-step and line dance that evening, as well.

To learn more about NGRA, visit www.ngra.com. For details on IGRA University, visit www.igra.com. ●

Pacific Island Pride hosts Island Goddess Pageant

Pacific Island Price (PIP) is a non-profit organization that spreads awareness about children as a result of negligence and less fortunate families. PIP provides financial donations through its own social fund-raising events or collaborative efforts with other charities to support programs in counseling and safe houses across the country.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, PIP will be hosting the 2009-2010 Miss Las Vegas Island Goddess Pageant at the Circus Circus Hotel and Casino Skyrise Tower Grand Ballroom (2880 Las Vegas Blvd.). The pageant features live entertainment and a Polynesian fashion show by The Penina Tausala Dance Production from American Samoa and special guests.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with the pageant to follow at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale or \$15 at the door. For more information, call (702) 612-0181 or 824-3073, or e-mail galaxinatago@yahoo.com. ●

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Lion King star supports Liberace

Alton Fitzgerald White, who currently plays the starring role of Mufasa in Disney's *The Lion King* at Mandalay Bay, will present an evening of holiday music with two charity benefit concerts on Friday, Dec. 4 at the intimate Cabaret Showroom at the Liberace Museum, 1775 E. Tropicana Ave. at Spencer. White is donating all proceeds from ticket sales to benefit the Cabaret Fund for the non-profit Liberace Foundation & Museum. Joining him in the concerts will be fellow *Lion King* cast members Monique L. Midgette and Derrick Davis, along with his musical director and pianist, *Jersey Boys* conductor Keith Thompson.

Concert show times will be at 8 and 10:30 p.m., and tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. To buy tickets, call the Museum at (702) 798-5595 ext. 14.

The Liberace Foundation & Museum's Cabaret Fund was created this summer, and the inaugural Gala Concert produced by Broadway imports and *Jersey Boys* cast members Keith Thompson and Philip Fortenberry raised more than \$15,000 for the preservation and technical development of the Cabaret Showroom including lighting and sound equipment. For more information or to make a donation, visit the Web site, www.liberace.org. ●

HRC releases buying guide to hundreds of American brands

In time to kick-off of the holiday shopping season, the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization, has released a guide to hundreds of popular American brands rated on businesses' treatment of LGBT employees. *Buying for Equality 2010* divides businesses and their consumer products into red, yellow and green categories based on their score on the HRC Foundation's Corporate Equality Index (CEI), a nationally recognized benchmark of LGBT inclusion. The guide is available for download and viewing online at www.hrc.org/BuyersGuide.

"Congress is currently considering the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a critical piece of workplace legislation that will include our community. Until all LGBT Americans get fair treatment in the workplace, we must support businesses that support us," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese.

"By purchasing products from businesses that support LGBT equality, shoppers send a clear message to businesses that their support, or lack thereof, will directly impact their bottom line."

The LGBT community is estimated to have \$712 billion in buying power this year, according to research by Witeck-Combs Communications and Marketresearch.com. A recent study by Witeck-Combs/Harris Interactive also found that 78 percent of LGBT people are extremely or very likely to consider brands that are known to provide equal workplace benefits for their employees, including LGBT workers.

"From determining which car to purchase, to the right holiday gift for the kids, to everyday grocery shopping, this guide harnesses the power of equality-minded shoppers. At this moment it's critically important that businesses hear that their customers support businesses that support us," said Solmonese.

Fair-minded consumers are encouraged to write to businesses to either thank them for



their support, ask them revise their policies, or encourage them to participate in the Corporate Equality Index. More information can be found at www.hrc.org/ConsumerAdvocacy.

The following are a few of the featured businesses and their CEI ratings: General Mills (100) vs. Kellogg's (65); Visa, MasterCard, American Express (100) vs. Discover Card (58); Orbitz (100) vs. Expedia (65); Dell (100) vs. Acer/Gateway (50); Best Buy (100) vs. Radio Shack (40); Staples (93) & OfficeMax (90) vs. Office Depot (45); Mattel (95) vs. Hasbro (50).

The Human Rights Campaign is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against LGBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all. ●

Her HRC Night coming Jan. 17

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is presenting a national night of celebration for women on Sunday, Jan. 17, in 35 cities across the nation.

The Las Vegas chapter will be hosting the local event at Revolution Lounge inside The Mirage at 7 p.m. Celebrate girl power during

a decadent night filled with chocolate tastings, drink specials and, for the single gals, a chance to play the dating adventure Match Game.

General admission is only \$10, which includes an annual HRC membership. Stay tuned for more information or visit <http://lasvegas.hrc.org> for details as they develop. ●

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Forbidden Broadway was first seen at Palsson's Supper Club on New York's Upper West Side in January 1982. An unemployed actor, Gerard Alessandrini, wanted a showcase for his talents. He decided to assemble some of the musical parodies of Broadway shows he had written since childhood into a nightclub act. Critics and audiences were wowed and it has since become New York's longest running musical comedy

revue. *Forbidden Broadway* has won Drama Desk, Obie and Outer Critics Circle awards. In 2006, *Forbidden Broadway* and Alessandrini were awarded a Tony Honor for Excellence in Theater.

Tickets to *A Forbidden Broadway Christmas* are \$40, \$55, and \$85 and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Box Office at (702) 895-ARTS (2787) or by visiting pac.unlv.edu. Student rush tickets are \$13 each and available one hour prior to each event, based on availability and with valid student I.D. UNLV faculty and staff discounts also are available. A \$1.25 facilities fee, in addition to the ticket price, is charged on all Performing Arts Center tickets. The box office is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Information about all of the season's performances can be found on the Performing Arts Center website, located at pac.unlv.edu. ●

Supernanny seeks LGBT families

The casting team of ABC's popular parenting series *Supernanny* is currently casting for season six. The casting team will be sending producers all around Nevada to find the next *Supernanny* family.

This season producers are searching for families with unique interests; Same-sex parents; parents who have ordinary and extraordinary circumstances; teen moms; parents with mean girls or bullying boys; culturally diverse parents;

and blended families where both sides are seeking help. Producers want families from every type of background who are ready for the opportunity of a lifetime—a visit from America's number one nanny, Jo Frost!

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Las Vegas shopping site launches

According to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, approximately three million people are still visiting Las Vegas per month. For tourists and residents alike, new Web site GoShopVegas.com provides the most extensive reviews for retail, resale and thrift shopping.

Created by local Las Vegas blogger and fashionista, Laura Coronado, GoShopVegas.com makes shopping in Sin City easy and fun with a thorough directory of the best shopping in the city. From high end couture stores to antique and vintage boutiques, GoShopVegas.com is a one stop shop for finding all of your

gift and retail needs this holiday season.

In addition to being the ultimate shopper's guide, GoShopVegas.com is also for retail shops and shopping centers of all sizes to participate in the hottest and latest online guide. The site offers space for retail managers and shop owners to list latest store news, deals, coupons and sales information.

"I wanted to create a resource that consumers can utilize before they hit the streets and spend their money. I also want the site to be used as a tool for retail stores and shopping centers to communicate with the shoppers," Coronado said. ●

Blush Salon grooms hopeful young star

Matt Tafoya, owner of Blush Salon, has been chosen by LeAyer Dante to be an image consultant as she bids to reach the pinnacle of the music industry. Tafoya has a great deal of experience in the grooming of stars and celebrities, so no wonder she has selected him to see her through to the big time. Dante, who is only 13, has an amazing voice for one so young and has been wowing audiences all over town. She has performed at The Bootlegger Bistro's 10 Future Stars Showcase, The Sterling Club, Thai House, a host of local events and festivals and performed the national anthem for UNLV at The Silver Bowl. Check out this new singing sensation on YouTube, as she performs her recent recording of "One More Miracle." To learn more about Dante and her performance schedule, visit her MySpace page at www.myspace.com/leayerdante ●



LeAyer Dante
with Marie Osmond

Chihuly's art coming to Crystals

Chihuly at CityCenter will debut Dec. 4 within the Gallery, a dynamic exhibition space located within Crystals at CityCenter. Spanning 4,350 sq. ft., the compelling presentation will feature a diverse representation of world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly's sculptures, drawings, editions and prints.

Recognized for his masterful use of color, fluid forms and large-scale glass installations, Chihuly's CityCenter exhibition will highlight a number of his important works including turquoise reeds and birch logs in the Nuutajarvi Installation, the dramatic Lime Green Icicle Tower and an indigo-blue neon sculpture. Chihuly's new Silvered Venetian series, marking the artist's first application of silver as a base color, will also be on view. Additionally, visitors will see Chihuly's popular series works, drawings — created on

both paper and acrylic — as well as Studio Editions, limited-edition prints, books and videos.

Chihuly's work has been exhibited in many major museums throughout the world. One of his most extraordinary and iconic pieces can be found in the lobby of Bellagio Resort & Casino. Among the luxury hotel's most-photographed features, Fiori di Como is a dazzling three-dimensional sculptural representation of flowers in bloom.

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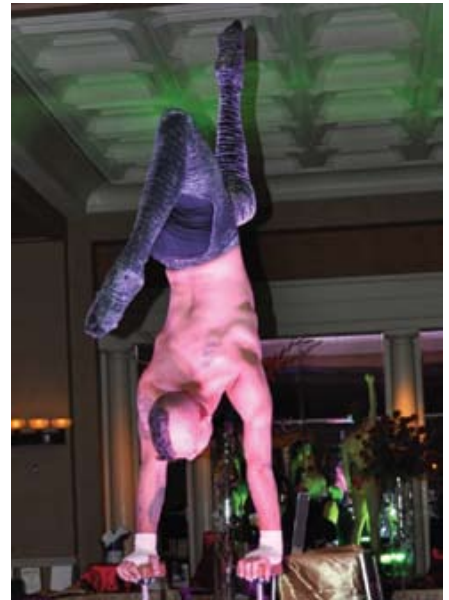
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What a night!

To say that the 15th annual Honorary at Caesars Palace on November 7 was a game changer is the understatement of the year. *What a night!* To those of you that were there, you know what I am talking about. Starting with the fabulous banners leading the way from the mid-level escalator landing to the main event (thank you Harrah's and Todd VonBastiaans). Hot Chippendales performers wandering the silent auction, and then performing a dance number with Arlene's assistance (thank you Harrah's and Chippendales). Body painting on nearly naked (and gorgeous) women and men, and Chris Twist the Contortionist in the midst of the unbelievable silent auction tables (thank you Michael Chambers, Stephanie Rosol and Marcus Lidey). *What a night!* The fantastic floral arrangements, including the grand entrance portal, complete with big balls (thank you Caesars Palace and Tiger Lily Flower Shop).

Entering the main room was mind blowing as you realized that the ballroom was transformed into an ultra lounge, complete with an 80-foot-long runway leading from the front of the room, right through comfortable couches, classy ottomans to the stage and DJ booth, with a huge dance floor right in the center of the room. Did I mention bottle service (thank you Michael Weaver and Diageo)? *What a night!* Light trusses holding lights, speakers and a disco ball created the ambiance for the evening (thank you Vivian Wright-Bolton, AV 1 and Harrah's). Food stations were set around the room offering delectable fare including pad Thai, Kobe sliders, carved beef and lots more. All available all night, no need for lines, rushing or hassles tonight. Ice cream sundaes and flaming brandied fruit over sorbet. *What a night!* (Thank you Caesars, Darlene and Ann Marie.)

Live entertainment, including the talented, funny (and cute) Alec Mapa as our Master of Ceremonies, and Lady Bunny as our hysterical



DJ (thank you Paul De Vido) were great hosts for the Sin City Bad Girls and Lorena Peril (thank you Michael Chambers). *What a night!* Our very deserving Honorees: Punam Mathur, Woman of the Year; Michael Weaver, Man of the year; Denise Jay, Volunteer of the Year; and Denise Duarte, Equality Award. *What a night!* Heads or Tails? If you have to ask, come next year.

This transformative event would not have been possible without the hours of time, energy and enthusiasm that the unselfish members of the Gala Committee exhibited weekly for seven months prior to this event. And a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time, talent and treasures to make this event the talk of the town, and to all of you who came to support The Center. Because of you, The Center can continue providing all the programs, services and support for our community.

Wait until next year!

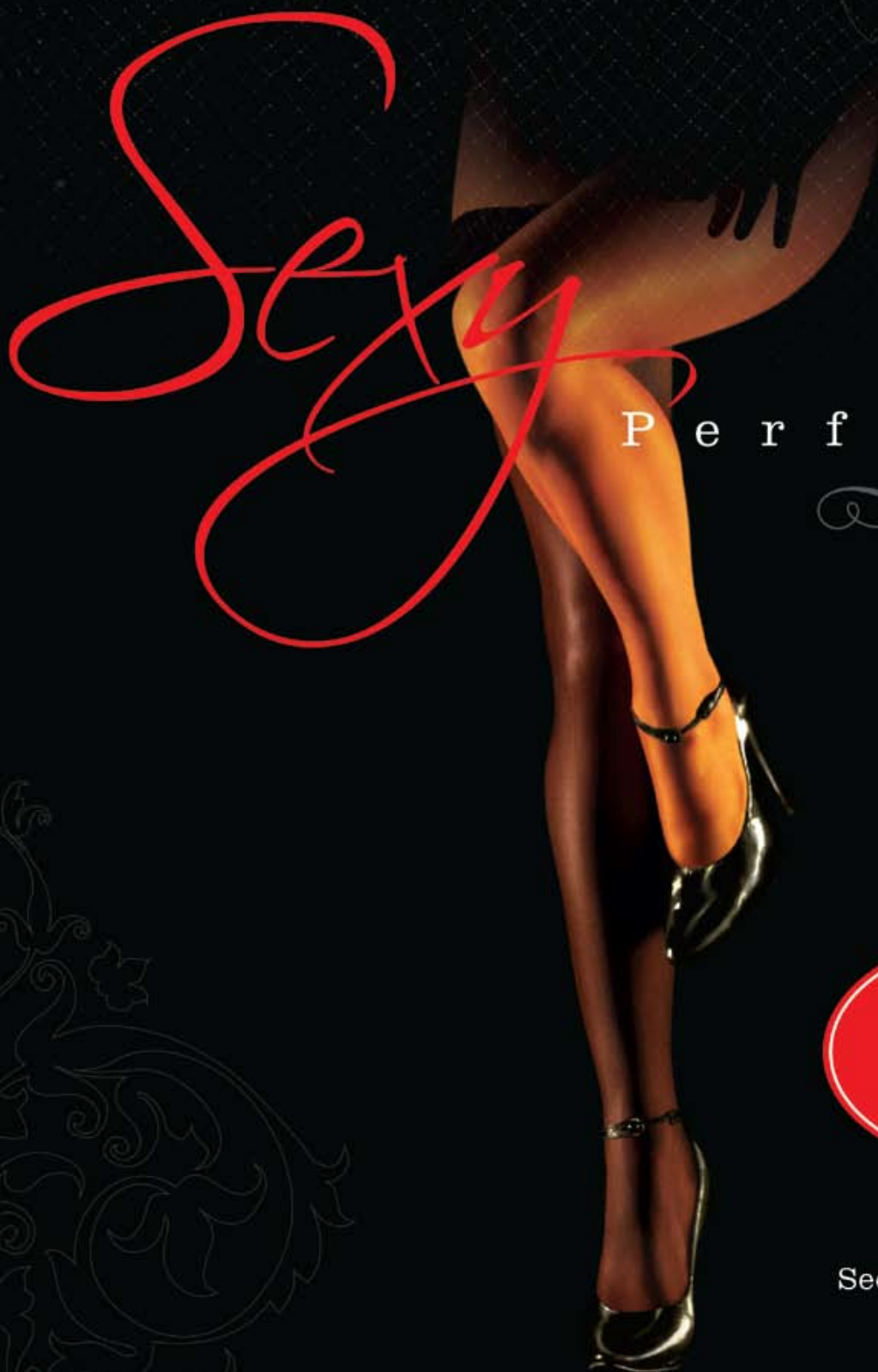
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It's December and that means Santa Claus is coming to town, and what have I asked for this year? My *equal* rights, nothing more, nothing less. My family has been asking me what I want for Christmas; scratching my head I thought about new clothes, a few DVD collections, maybe a vacation but at the top of my list is *equal* rights.

The holiday season is all about family, and this time of year—as I sit and drink a hot cocoa in Vegas—I think about my family getting ready for Christmas back in New York.

I think about my sister and her new husband going out and cutting their own tree down, going home and decorating it. I think of them and how they got married this year, what a beautiful occasion. I would love to have my own wedding someday. All I want for Christmas are my *equal* rights.

I think about my parents getting ready for the holidays when I was a young kid. I can just envision my mom up late on Christmas Eve and setting the toys under the tree with my dad. How I dream of someday helping my husband place toys under the tree for our kids. All I want for Christmas are my *equal* rights.

You may be thinking, "J.Son, you are preaching to the choir," but I think if we all continue to ask Santa, ask our families, ask our elected officials for our *equal* rights maybe this time next year we can ask them for something different for Christmas.

So I ask you to call your elected officials and

leave them a simple message, "All I want for Christmas are my *equal* rights." You can find a list of government contacts at NakedBoyNews.com by clicking on the Christmas page.

I am wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season no matter what holiday you celebrate. Remember to never hide behind a mask or pretend to be something you're not; make sure to live life naked. ●



BONUS HOLIDAY STORY BY J.SON

Santa and the Three Hos!

Santa loves to exclaim "Ho Ho Ho" during his Christmas travels. But why so many Hos, Santa? I asked around the North Pole and this is what I was told.

It was Christmas Eve and Santa woke up from his nap as Mrs. Claus was getting his hot cocoa ready. He took a sip and it was too hot; he burnt his tongue a little. "Ouch!" Santa exclaimed. "Damn you, Ho! Always making my cocoa too hot."

After that, Santa went over to his toy workshop where the head toy elf, Mistletoe, was putting the finishing touches on a few last toys. As Mistletoe was putting a rubber band in place it slipped, flew across the room and hit Santa in the eye. "Damn you, Ho! Watch what you're doing over there. I do need to see tonight when I deliver these toys to all the good little boys and girls."

It was just about time for Santa to set off on his journey to bring joy to all the little boys and girls. He loaded up his sacks and made sure

they had a full load then headed over to the stable where Rudolph was. As he was waking he recounted the events of the day, "so many ho ho hos," Rudolph overheard Santa, looked up and replied, "Oh Santa, I love it when you call me names."

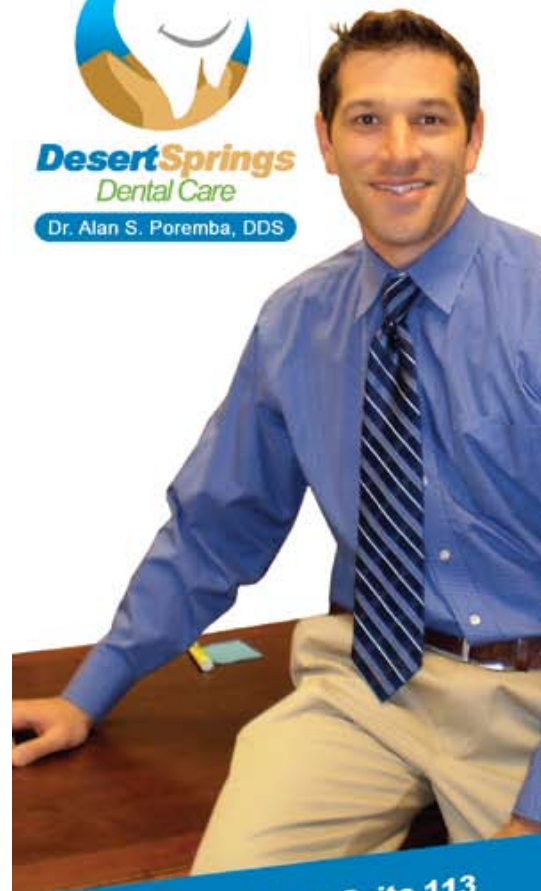
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J.Son hosts the popular web series "Naked Boy News" and has been seen on several TV networks including CNN, MTV and A&E. He also hosts Naked Boy's Frat Party every Thursday at FreeZone nightclub in Las Vegas. For the latest Naked Boy News visit www.NakedBoyNews.com

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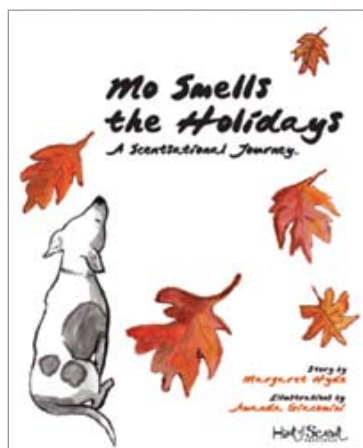
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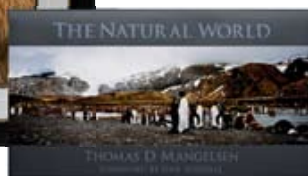
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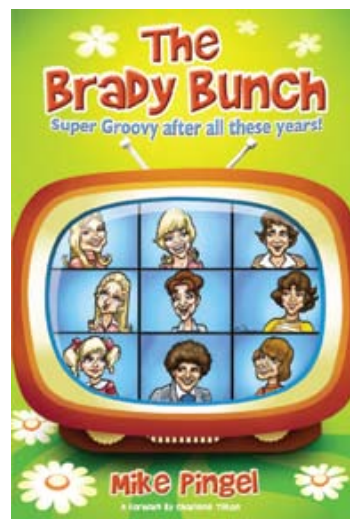


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A STAPLE FOR MANY THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS THE MAGICAL STORY OF TCHAIKOVSKY'S THE NUTCRACKER, WHETHER ON TELEVISION, OVER THE RADIO OR ON THE STAGE. BUT THIS YEAR, RENOWNED CHOREOGRAPHER PETER ANASTOS IS BRINGING IT TO THE LAS VEGAS AUDIENCE AT THE PARIS LAS VEGAS THEATRE.

"*Nutcracker* is famous and *Nutcracker* works because it's a tradition. It only works because it's a tradition," Anastos explained. "But this is a new production of *Nutcracker*. This is my *Nutcracker*; it's never been done here before. So people who like [this ballet] will hopefully come because they'll get to see a different version. And it's always exciting to see a new *Nutcracker*."

Although this performance will be different,

it's still going to be a traditional representation, Anastos assured. "*The Nutcracker* is really like apple pie; there's only so much experimenting you can do before you wreck it."

But some of the differences the Las Vegas audiences can expect are lots of dancing and lots of children. "The accent really is on the dancing. There's a lot of big dancing in it — it's full of dancing. There's not a lot of production or tricks or anything. It's just full of really good dancing. And the only other thing I would say about it is it really uses an awful lot of children in important ways. The kids are not accessories in this *Nutcracker*; the kids are the main event. They have a lot to do. They're in every scene. The kids are really good. And it's about them after all."

Because Anastos' production of *The Nutcracker* utilizes so many children, rehearsals started in September. Anastos isn't just working with one cast of dancers, he's

working with three. This winter, Anastos' *Nutcracker* will be performed in Boise, Idaho; Billings, Mont.; and Las Vegas, Nev.

"We should get the Noble Peace Prize. These are all student dancers; some of them are as young as six or seven, and it was a wide variety of kids in Boise, Billings and Las Vegas. But the kids did really great."

Anastos didn't start dancing himself until he was 17 years old, which is a fairly late start in the ballet. "I started way too late to have a career," Anastos recounted. "That's probably why I became a choreographer."

Although he currently sticks to choreography, this was not always the case. In 1974 Anastos founded and starred as the prima ballerina of Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, a drag ballet corps that poked fun of famous ballets.

"We did it as a kind of joke," Anastos laughed. "We did not plan for it to be



Nutcracker

successful or go on. It was just a joke. And then it became insanely successful, and they're still running around the world doing my ballets. It's kind of weird— 35 years later and they're still at it."

Ballet is usually considered a dance for women. Very few ballets have as many male roles as female roles, and the competition can get fierce.

"It was hard to break in (as a male) which is why, in a way, I didn't break in as a male. In a way my first real professional experience was the Tockadero, so in a way I had already figured out that it was easier to break into ballet as a ballerina. My career was entirely backward. I started out as a prima ballerina. I just declared myself as a prima ballerina, and said, 'Here I am; this is it.' And The Tockadero started dancing and we just presented ourselves as stars. We did it entirely backward. We never worked our way up

through the ranks. We said, 'We're ballerinas; we're stars,' and we ran out there and did our crazy stuff, but everybody believed it. So it's kind of odd that I started my career in ballet as a ballerina, and then later on, I became a normal person," Anastos sighed and chuckled.

Since leaving The Tockadero in 1980, Anastos has been all over the world, choreographing ballets for community stages, Broadway, operas and film. He has also published essays about ballet and is a contributor to the book, *Reading Dance*.

Today, Anastos balances his time between Boise, Billings and Las Vegas. However, after *The Nutcracker* ends, he will be based in Boise and will continue working with the Ballet Idaho. Anastos has really loved his time with the Nevada Ballet Theatre and hopes to work with them again, but he is content in his work and life in the present.

"It's no good, really, to sit around pining



away at something that was a favorite two or three years ago because you'll get back to it eventually some other time," Anastos explained. "This is the way it's worked out for me, and I think it's worked out beautifully. I really like it this way. I mean this is how it should be. It's perfect."

The Nevada Ballet Theatre will be performing Anastos' production of *The Nutcracker* at the Paris Las Vegas Theatre starting December 18 through the 24th. Ticket prices range from \$30-\$85 plus fees. For more information on the Nevada Ballet Theatre Nutcracker performances visit, www.nevadaballet.com. ●

BY KATHERINE FERNELIUS

REV. BILL'S PREDICTIONS FOR 2010

AS WE COME TO THE CLOSE OF A RATHER TURBULENT 2009, MY CRYSTAL BALL HAS BEEN CHARGED UP AND POLISHED. SO, TOSSING REASON AND LOGIC TO THE WINDS, HERE ARE MY PREDICTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR:

- The New Orleans Saints march to Super Bowl victory.
- The upper midwest shall experience a harsh snowy winter until late April.
- China will try to cover up a devastating "bird flu" outbreak to no avail.
- The Vegas valley shall have a colder than usual January, but a milder February and March.
- A compromise health bill shall pass (likely by mid January) to the relief and surprise of many people.
- The Democratic majority in the Senate remains at 60-40 after the mid term elections.
- The House Majority remains virtually unchanged.
- The USA brings home at least 20 medals from its Winter Olympics.
- I see the stock market hitting 12,000 by year's end.
- Unemployment rates begin to drop after late January.
- Peter Jackson's The Lovely Bones looks to be the frontrunner at next year's Oscar awards.
- Diplomatic relations with many countries improve, but North Korea is a "rogue nation" and must be closely watched.
- I see health problems (bronchial) for award winning composer Marvin Hamlisch.
- Gay marriage shall be legalized in two more states.
- Stem cell research comes up with new and astounding "miracle cures."
- The Arizona Diamondbacks look to be the team to beat for the 2010 World Series.
- Vegas tourism and gaming income bounce back nicely by early April.
- Great strides will be made in the treatment/prevention of pancreatic cancer.
- Nationally, I see four lotto winners winning totals of \$250 million or more.
- Hillary Clinton proves to be an outstanding Secretary of State.
- Chelsea Clinton makes her famous parents grandparents this Fall.
- Florida will once again enjoy a mild hurricane season. Not so for the Pacific basin, which will get slammed as it did in 2009.
- And finally, major steps toward Las Vegas getting a sports team franchise will be made by year's end.

That's all for now. Have a happy and prosperous New Year and check my predictions from time to time to see how I did.

Namaste

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BY LEO MURRIETA



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BY LEO MURRIETA

The LGBT community and its allies fought the good fight in Maine and lost; they fought the same fight in Washington and won. So what's next? What are Nevadans doing to ensure a defeat doesn't happen here?

WASHINGTON

The stakes were high in Washington, and the optimism was equal to Maine up to the day of the vote, but Washington LGBTs won a majority vote of 52.5 percent to 47.5 percent! Sen. Ed Murray, a Seattle Democrat who championed the law, said it was "...a great step forward for equality in Washington state." Washington's LGBT community can now enjoy the same legal rights that marriage offers in their "Everything But" bill, as Referendum 71 was called. You're probably asking yourself, "Why did Washington win while Maine lost?"

Our brothers and sisters in Washington showed a superior ability to mobilize and organize by gaining support from dozens of local and state agencies from all political factions. Their staffs worked just as hard as Maine's did, and their phone bank volunteers made the same passionate effort, but perhaps the nation's west coast is more willing to accept LGBT rights? What would have happened if Washington were defending gay marriage? Would they have carried the same victory, or gone the way of Maine? Either way, LGBTs in Washington can sleep a little easier knowing that they're protected under their state's laws.

NEVADA

I decided to meet with friends I met at the National Equality March and ask them their thoughts about these battles.

- Chris Miller, president of Speak Up Nevada, said he is "...happy about the victory in Washington, but it's still not marriage," reiterating my feelings exactly.
- Dennis Dunn with the Nevada AIDS Project said, "Equal rights are federal, and marriage should be for everyone." However, "baby steps turn into big steps," when it came to Washington.
- Laura Martin with the Clark County Democratic Black Caucus (CCDBC) said, "Happiness shouldn't be voted on at the ballot box." Martin was the person responsible for arranging a meeting with Sen. Harry Reid and the organizers of the National Equality March.
- Sandy Eddy, also with the CCDBC, says, "People shouldn't have the right to vote on another American's life like that."

Each of these individuals made a decision to become active in their communities by getting involved in an equal rights organization called Speak Up Nevada, along with several others like Derek Washington and Ronnie Kimball from Reno. These are everyday Nevadans doing what they can to ensure that defeat doesn't hit our community here in Nevada. Ordinary people marched in Washington, and ordinary people won LGBT rights in Washington; what are you doing?



MAINE

Nov. 4 dealt the LGBT community a crushing defeat as our brothers and sisters were stripped of their rights at the ballot box. Same sex couples in Maine earned the right to marry earlier this year, which was a tremendous victory, but it was short lived, as the religious right and other conservatives moved to repeal the law and pass Question 1 -- a repeal of same-sex marriages. In response, the gay and lesbian community began to organize, drawing millions of dollars in support from across the nation. The battle lines were drawn in Maine and LGBTs were gearing up for a fight!

The LGBTs sounded a call to arms and it was certainly answered. We took to the airwaves, the Internet, and to the streets; LGBTs and their allies from California and beyond stepped in to staff phone banks, while thousands more poured into Maine to work door-to-door and at polling stations. The community was out for a win! We also had the money, the motivation, and determination to win, and we were winning as we laid our heads to rest that night. The next morning's results brought me to tears as I read about a 53 percent to 47 percent defeat. We had spent millions, applied concepts from the National Equality March playbook, and put blood, sweat and tears into the campaign. How could we have lost?

Who knows what would have happened in Maine if more people like these would have decided ignorance and hatred would no longer do? Of course, in an ideal world, I would have liked both states to be winners. However, I'm emboldened by this defeat in Maine to repeat Washington's victory! Prop 8 and Question 1 will return in another shape, but our community is ready to march against hatred and ignorance.

I say congratulations to my siblings in Washington, and I offer my shoulder to my siblings in Maine. ●

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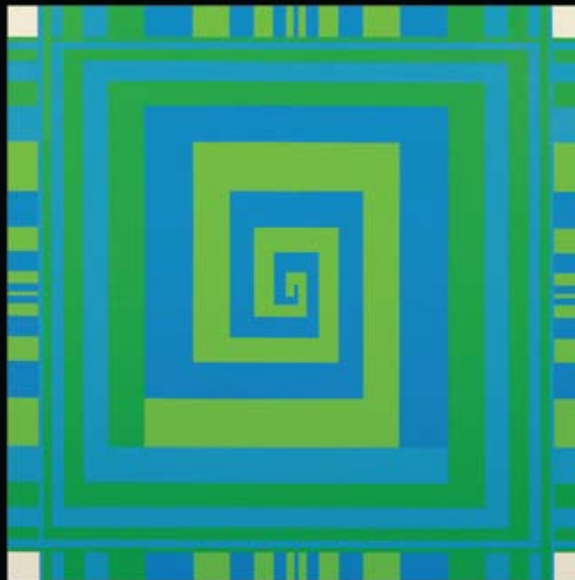
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BY MIKEY ROX

Taking his cue from a handful of the great soul singers of the past — Ella, Elvis and Donna Summer, to name a few — out dance artist Ron Perkov aims to put his mark on current music culture with the kind of passionate performances that made the greats to go down in history.

“For me, there is no gimmick,” says Perkov, whose big break came when a mix of his single “Dance with Me, Take Me Higher” by DJ Victor Calderone hit number seven on the *Billboard* Dance chart. “It’s a love for what I do with my voice, and I think that’s why I stand out from other male artists. It’s not because of a crazy look or whatever a gimmick would be; it’s just my voice.”

His voice is what also attracted celebrated producer Tony Moran to his music. Since a chance meeting on the streets of Manhattan, Moran and Perkov have collaborated on a number of projects, including new single “Miss You.”

“Moran and I wrote it together one night in my apartment,” Perkov recalls. “We had such a good time. He loves red wine, I love white, and we were getting trashed. You know, our lives are so similar in regard to who we date, and the magnitude of our partners are so opposite of what we are. We can only do what we can do with our lives and the song is about that and trying to get our partners to understand who we are. But along with these relationships comes the other side of what people say about us. And we refuse to let others influence us. Listen to the words carefully. When [DJ] DeMarko was doing his mix of the song, he had tears in his eyes because it hit home so much. I think it’s hitting a lot of people, and I’m glad about that.”

Following “Miss You,” Perkov reveals that

Moran has written yet another song for him that the duo hope to record together next year.

In the meantime, Perkov is concentrating his efforts on promoting his latest release, “Intimate Chill-Out,” featuring the slow and sensual “I Get Off” and the impossibly upbeat “Live, Luv, Dance,” which reached number 13 on the *Billboard* Dance chart.

“‘Live, Luv, Dance’ gave me a lot of exposure because it was a happy song,” says Perkov. “If you really listen to the words I wrote, that’s what I’m all about. Living our lives the way we want to, loving whomever we want to love, and dancing to great music. This is my life and my motto.”

Far from an overnight success, however — Perkov started his career as a backup singer for one his idols, Dionne Warwick, before striking out on his own — the Brooklyn-born beat dropper says he still struggles to land live gigs at nightclubs, due to a crushing economy.

“No one is buying music anymore because everyone is losing their jobs or trying hard to hold on for dear life,” he explains, “so the clubs cannot hire performers to sing because there’s no money to pay them. It’s such a horrible time right now, but I keep on going and I want to sing.”

And as a native New Yorker, if there’s one thing Perkov knows how to do, it’s roll with the punches.

Growing up in a middle-class neighborhood in Port Washington, Long Island, he is the youngest of three children raised by an Italian mother and a Yugoslavian father. His adolescence was filled with fighting and sadness, followed by an adulthood that has left him and his partner nearly broke after the most recent economic meltdown.

Still, Perkov remains optimistic that music — particularly his own — can heal the pain.

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Dec. 4, 18 – 7pm

MONTHLY MASS & SOCIAL

Fri, Dec. 11 – 7pm – Christ the King Chapel
After-Mass Social: Bowling

OTHER DECEMBER EVENTS

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CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER POTLUCK

Fri, Dec. 25 – Time/Place to be determined

For those who want to get together for Christmas
Dinner, please contact us.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2010

IMAGO DEI 10TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET ON OSCAR NIGHT

Sun, Mar. 7 – More details to come soon

SPRING WEEKEND RETREAT

We're working on the details, more info to come.

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Charles O'Neill (Director)

Harrah's Highrollers went to San Diego and placed 3rd in a Labor Day weekend tournament



The Pounders make a play in an LVGA³ volleyball game



First place LVGA³ volleyball team
The Assaults

LVGA³ to hold holiday fundraiser

LVGA³ will be having a Holiday Fundraiser at Yolie's Brazilian Steakhouse on Thursday, December 17. The cocktail hour is 6-7 p.m. with dinner to follow, 7-9 p.m.

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support the mission of LVGA³. Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate the holidays together and help the growing recreational organization raise money to support its mission. ●

Basketball teams being formed for league play

LVGA³ Basketball is now meeting on Wednesday Nights from 6pm to 8pm at the Cambridge Rec Center, north of Flamingo on Cambridge. Teams are being formed now, so come out and join the fun and bring your friends. League play will start in January. The fee is \$2 per person until we start the League. For more information, please contact Thomas Bogle, LVGA³ Basketball Coordinator, at 702-498-5531 or email him at TBogle@lvga3.com

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ABOUT LVGA³

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QSINGLES

Tell us about the best Christmas present you ever received. When I was a kid I got a six-seat toboggan. It was the best winter and I was the coolest kid in the neighborhood!

We all fantasize about celebrities. Which famous person do you want Santa to leave under your Christmas Tree? Heather Locklear. She is extremely hot!!

How did you find out that your parents were Santa Claus? I saw my mom wrapping our gifts. It was a bummer.

What holiday food are you most looking forward to having this season? My ex makes the best pumpkin roll ever. Hopefully she will give me one.

If you could live in a foreign country, which country would you like to live in? Why? I wouldn't. There is way too much craziness in the world today.

Do you believe in love at first sight? I do. My greatest love ever was someone I fell in love with the moment I saw her!

What is the most important quality that you look for in a potential partner? It's not just one. It's a combination of several that one must possess.

Tell us three reasons why you would make someone a great partner? I'm a great catch. I am very domesticated and I am independent. I am also kinda cute!

What is your passion in life and why? Music. It doesn't matter what the lyrics are or what the music is, you can always put yourself at that exact time or moment. It may have been good, bad or indifferent but it will be something that you will take with you forever.



DEBBIE

We all fantasize about celebrities. Which famous person do you want Santa to leave under your Christmas Tree? Holly Madison! I *so* want to be her Gay! If you're out there Holly, *I love you!*

How did you find out that your parents were Santa Claus? My mom took me to a mall in the ghetto on the west side of Chicago. She went off to shop and put me in line for Santa. When I got to the front I saw it was this old skinny Black man and I got out of line. That night my dad asked if I saw Santa. I said they had some old Black man, not the real Santa. I also informed him that I wasn't giving some old Black man my Christmas list because I knew that he would screw up my order. Well. At that point, Perry Washington informed me that a Black Santa was every bit as good as a White one and furthermore *he* was Santa. He also explained that he worked on Christmas Day to make triple overtime to buy me my Christmas presents and a lot of kids were having Christmas with nothing. My dad was the coolest dad on earth. I miss him every Christmas.



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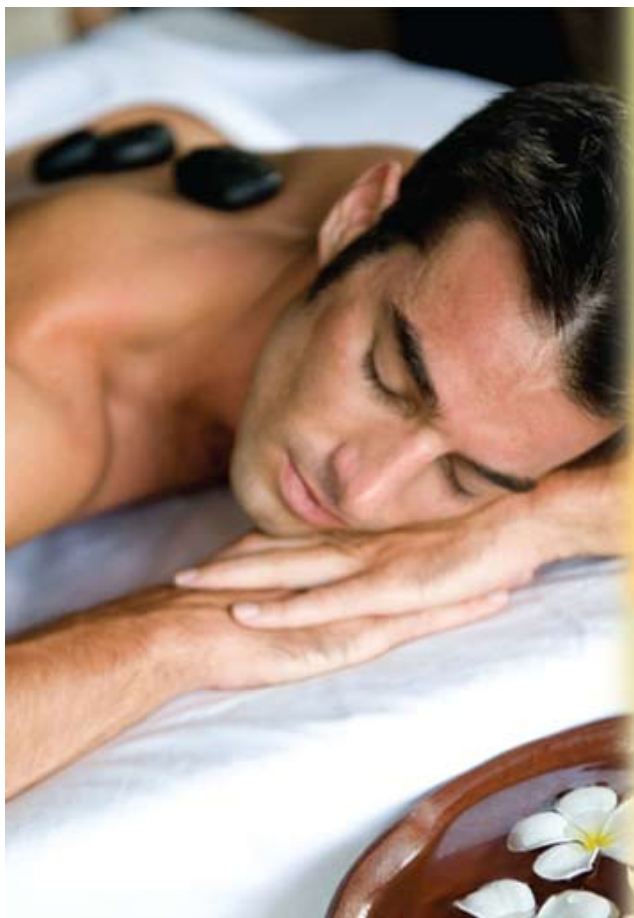
What is your passion in life? This week? Making sure that the LGBT "leadership" understands that diversity is not a four letter word. I also want to make sure that Democratic and progressive candidates are elected in 2010 to further the agenda of full equal rights for all US citizens.

What makes you so passionate about it? I'm Black; we fought far too many years to be equal only to find out that as a gay guy I'm a member of the only class of American that it's legal to discriminate against. But, that doesn't bug me half as much to walk into yet another LGBT board meeting and see a sea of white male faces and listen to their lame excuses about how they can't find any people of color, women, disabled or Trans to serve on their boards. Yet we're supposed to support them in the name of some vague concept called "Pride." Those days are over. Through my work with the National Equality March, I found people all over the country who were willing to serve, but, were shut out of the "leadership" of the LGBT "community" by ridiculous financial conditions or some secret handshake. If I was gonna ask Santa for anything, it would be for the LGBT "leadership" to wake up to the fact that diversity is the wave of the future.

WANT TO MEET THE QSINGLES?

If you like what you see here and seek the chance to meet one of this month's QSingles, or if you'd like to be considered for a future issue, contact Chris Miller, matchmaker at www.engagingintroductions.com.





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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BACKDOOR 1415 E. Charleston Ave. 702-385-2018	Noches Nortenas (Latin Country Night) 9p - 2a	Karaoke Night 2-4-1 Drinks 10p - 4a	Happy Hour 2-4-1 Drinks 10a - Noon	Underwear Night 2-4-1 Drinks 10p - 4a	Happy Hour 2-4-1 Drinks 10a - Noon	Noches Latina (Latin Night) 10p - 6a	Noches Latina (Latin Night) 10p - 6a
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
ESCAPE LOUNGE 4213 W. Sahara Ave. 702-364-1167	Happy Hour 24/7 with VIP Card Pool, slots, games	Happy Hour 24/7 with VIP Card Pool, slots, games	Happy Hour 24/7 with VIP Card Pool, slots, games	Happy Hour 24/7 with VIP Card Pool, slots, games	Happy Hour 24/7 with VIP Card Pool, slots, games	Happy Hour 24/7 with VIP Card Pool, slots, games	Happy Hour 24/7 with VIP Card Pool, slots, games
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
FUN HOG RANCH 495 E. Twain 702-791-7001	\$5 Beer Bust 6-9pm	Happy Hour 3-7p \$1.50 Long Island Iced Teas 9p-2a	Happy Hour 3-7p \$5 Beer Bust 9p-2a	Happy Hour 3-7p \$1.50 Margaritas 9p-2a	Happy Hour 3-7p \$5 Beer Bust 9p-2a	Happy Hour 3-7p	Come in, drink up and just have a great time.
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
KRAVE LAS VEGAS Harmon Ave. at LV Blvd. 702-836-0830	SINdaze: Vegas' 8th Deadly Sin hosted by JewDi Vine	Closed	Kouture DJ P.A. \$2 wells/\$5 premiums	WTF? Wednesdays DJ Earwaxx 11pm Win up to \$1000	THURSTdaze DJ Javier Alba Liquor/Beer Bust	Flesh with VJ Alpyne (main room) and sKizoFrenia (lounge)	World-class DJs in main room and Candybar in lounge
LAS VEGAS EAGLE 3430 E. Tropicana Ave. 702-458-8662	\$5 Well or Draft Bust 12 - 5p and 10p - 2a	Monday Night Football with Brett	Karaoke with Mark & Brett 7p	Jock Strap and Underwear Night 7p - 3a	\$5 Well or Draft Bust 12 - 5p and 10p - 2a	Jock Strap and Underwear Night 7p - 3a	\$5 Well or Draft Bust 12 - 5p and 10p - 2a
SNICK'S PLACE 3rd St. off Las Vegas Blvd. 702-385-9298	Open 24 Hours	Happy Hour 2 - 4a and 2 - 4p	Happy Hour 2 - 4a and 2 - 4p	Happy Hour 2 - 4a and 2 - 4p	Happy Hour 2 - 4a and 2 - 4p	Happy Hour 2 - 4a and 2 - 4p	\$5 Beer Bust and \$6 Liquor Bust 9p - Midnight
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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BLUE MARTINI Town Square 702-949-BLUE	This new local hot spot is situated in Town Square and is always packed with great eye candy. Every night from 11 p.m. until close is hospitality pricing—half off drinks!	LAVO The Palazzo 702-791-1800	Check out the newest patio on the Las Vegas Strip by the Tao Group. Gays abound on Label Junkie Wednesdays with fashion shows taking place throughout the space.
CATHOUSE Luxor 702-262-4228	This swanky burlesque club/restaurant has hosted several gay events and is located in the Luxor. Great décor, sassy cocktail uniforms and fabulous lighting and sound.	STUDIO 54 MGM Grand 702-891-7254	A modern interpretation of the original, featuring state-of-the-art sound, video and lighting, live dancers and chart-topping dance music. 4 dance floors and go-go boys and girls.
CHRISTIAN AUDIGIER Treasure Island 702-894-7580	This renowned fashion designer turned nightclub connoisseur took over the space where Tangerine was in the Treasure Island and appointed it with some fierce bling. Check it out.	TAO The Venetian 702-388-8338	Restaurant, nightclub and ultra pool, this celebrity hang out is just hot. Found in the Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian.

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IRSCDEI General Meeting
The Center, 7pm
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Trim Care, 8-10pm
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

LVPT Lunch Buffet
Texas Station Casino Buffet, 11:30am
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AFAN's Holiday Mingle & Jingle
Fashion Show Mall Runway, 6pm
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

HIV and Hepatitis A/B Testing
The Center, 1-6:30pm
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Co-Ed Pole Dancing Class
Pole Fitness Studio, 7pm
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IRSCDEI Coronation Ball
Badlands Saloon, 8pm
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The Cranberries
Pearl Concert Theater, 8pm
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

NGRA Appreciation Night
Charlie's Las Vegas, 8pm
www.ngra.com
Repeats every Friday night

Liberace Museum Benefit Concert
Liberace Museum, 8 & 10:30pm
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

IRSCDEI Coronation XII
The Plaza Hotel, Downtown
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HRC Federal Club Meeting
Location TBD, 6pm
lasvegas.hrc.org

Comm. Counselin Ctr. A Night of Hope
Marquis Estate, 6-9pm
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www.charlieslasvegas.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Closet Sundays celebrates Jeffrey Sanker's Birthday
Revolution Lounge, 10pm
www.lightgroup.com

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Stonewall Democrats Meeting
The Center, 6:30pm
www.stonewalllv.org

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

IRSCDEI Annual Membership Meeting
The Center, 7pm
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John Varvatos at Hard Rock Hotel, 8-10pm
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Lambda Business Association Luncheon
Las Palmas (in Commercial Center), 11:30am
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Senior Social Connection Meeting
The Center, 2pm
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Nevada Outdoors Beer Bust
Fun Hog Ranch, 2pm
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Crush's Annual Stocking Stuffer
Revolution Lounge, 9pm
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

NGRA Board of Directors Meeting
The Center, 6:30pm
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

SNAPI General Meeting
The Center, 6:30pm
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Ghostbar, 8-10pm
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

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Las Vegas HRC Third Thursday Social
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

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Oink Night
Fun Hog Ranch, 10pm
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

NGRA General Meeting
The Center, 6:30pm
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

SinCityQSocials Trendy Tuesday
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

Changing Times Choir
The Center, 12pm
www.thecenterlv.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

SinCityQSocials Champagne Brunch
The Broiler Room at Boulder Station, 10am
www.sincityqsocials.com

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

IRSCDEI Board Meeting
The Center, 7:30pm
www.desertempire.org

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Black Eyed Peas
Mandalay Bay, 8pm
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SinCityQSocials Trendy Tuesday
Hard Rock Hotel, 8-10pm
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

LVPT Dine Out Night
Olive Garden (on Flamingo), 6:30pm
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Black Eyed Peas
Mandalay Bay, 8pm
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

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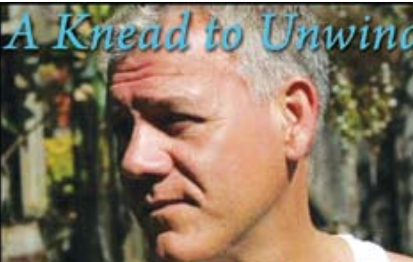
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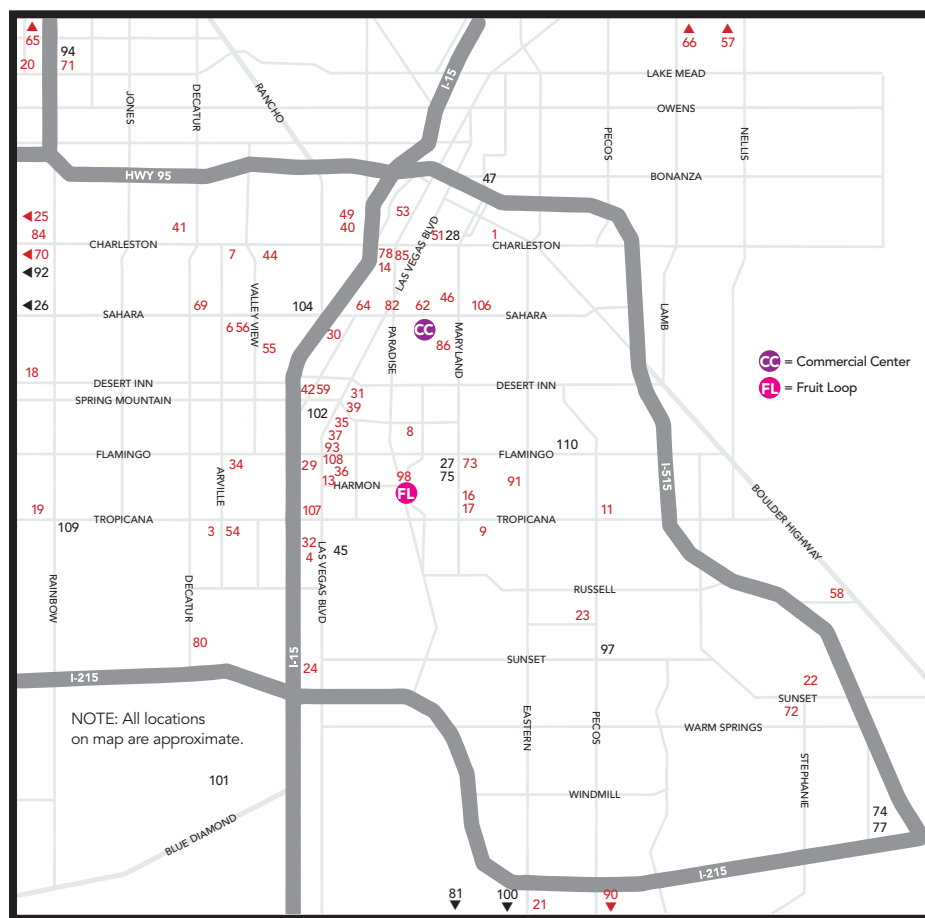
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CAPRICORN 12/22-01/19

Study Sag's message and then double it. As if you Capricorns didn't usually have enough to keep you occupied. Put on those track shoes and prepare to run a 30-day marathon. You'll be able to rest on the 31st when that New Moon in your sign kicks in. Full Moon on the 16th may bring some emotional upheaval at home, so please count to 100 before you speak out. Getting a full body massage around the 20th wouldn't hurt a bit. We sense tension in the shoulder and rotary cuff areas. The 28th could prove to be the day that really tests your mettle.

AQUARIUS 01/20-02/18

Your sign is so accustomed to moving at lightning speed and always being on the go, the planetary aspects probably won't bother you at all. Do be careful when highway driving on the 6th (the nuts will be out in force). Eat lightly for the first half of the month so you can enjoy all those yummy holiday feasts guilt free (and with looser fitting jeans). Bargains abound on the 12th and 13th for prime gift shopping. The tough part is trying to find a place where your snoopy/curious other half won't find the goodies. May we suggest a storage unit or maybe a trusted friends garage?

PISCES 02/19-3/19

Those three major Lunar aspects are likely to have your emotions on a roller coaster ride for most of December. Throw in some Xmas songs and all those lovely decorations and it might take several boxes of Kleenex to make it through. But, not to worry. Most of the tears will be from joy and wonderful surprises. The 19th looks best and safest for hosting that major holiday bash. News from back home on the 23rd will have you smiling all day long. Have your vehicle overhauled (oil change, etc) before the 31st. A super classy event that night causes you to have that tux dry cleaned.

ARIES 03/20-04/19

That fairly new relationship has been intensifying and gaining a lot of depth. This month will only solidify it further. You've finally hit the romantic "bull's eye" and we couldn't be happier. Do buy some nice gifts for him but don't break the bank while doing it (it's been known to happen, Aries!). We suggest that you decline a social

invite on the 5th but definitely accept the gem on the 13th. Stay out a running rift between two co-workers or you're the one who'll end up a bit battered and bruised. Surprisingly, New Year's Eve looks like it'll be spent at home in a small intimate setting. Nice change!

TAURUS 04/20-05/20

Air travel between two or three major cities takes up most of your time up until the 18th. Most of these trips shall be work-related and very necessary. Your heart lies at home and may ache a bit. But, fear not Taurus! You'll be safe and snug back home by the 23rd in plenty of time to down a few egg nogs or champagne if that's your preference. A parental figure will be waiting with good news and greet you with open arms. The last eight days of this month offer a brief respite from the whirlwind of activities and jobs that await you as 2010 begins. Please try to enjoy this very special week, okay?

GEMINI 05/21-06/21

When it rains, it pours as the old saying goes. We don't see much actual rain, but we forecast a shower of activities, reunions and warm good times. Your sign usually gets the most holiday invites (along with Leo), but even Peter Pans like Gemmy can possibly accept all of them. Watch your energy levels on the 9th and 20th, because they may dip suddenly. The 13th and 14th look fine for completing any unfinished projects. This way you can enjoy the holidays with a clear conscience. Let a Virgo do the gift wrapping. It's really not your strongest suit. But that tree will look awesome.

CANCER 06/22-07/22

Sometimes it just takes focus and concentration to get things accomplished. It's called mind over matter. This time of year that translates as: if you don't mind, it won't matter. We're saying don't let the stress get to you and for Gosh sake don't let friends take advantage of your good nature by requesting outrageous favors. It's perfectly okay to say no! Just as any Taurean. Lunar aspect on the 16th could have you climbing the walls, so we suggest you spend that day outdoors if possible. Xmas for you looks quite festive, but like Aries, New Year's ends up being quiet and reflective.

LEO 07/23-08/22

Leo's always have the largest tree, brightest decorations and the most enormous power bill. Hey Leo, you get what you pay for. Try to tone it down a bit though. Last year your magical lights could be seen from outer space. It looks as though you'll go on quite a gift spending spree (half of them for you of course). You'll get to play secret Santa and do some nice things for less fortunate buds on the 24th. No one in the Zodiac has a bigger or kinder heart (or ego) than you. That's why you're so popular at parties. That dazzling Leonian energy just seems to light up a room every time.

VIRGO 08/23-09/22

Though finances have been extremely tight for most of this year, you'll still manage to find some lovely items at scratch and dent sales and such. No matter, Virgo! It's the thought and intent that counts, right? You'll really get caught up in the holiday spirit after the 11th. That's when some money you didn't expect heads your way. Start saving and planning for that March vacation getaway ASAP! It'll be just the two of you on Xmas Eve, but oh how sweet and lovely it'll be. Now New Year's, that's another story. It looks a bit wild. Have fun but don't try riding a mechanical bull, Please!

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.

SCORPIO 10/23-11/21

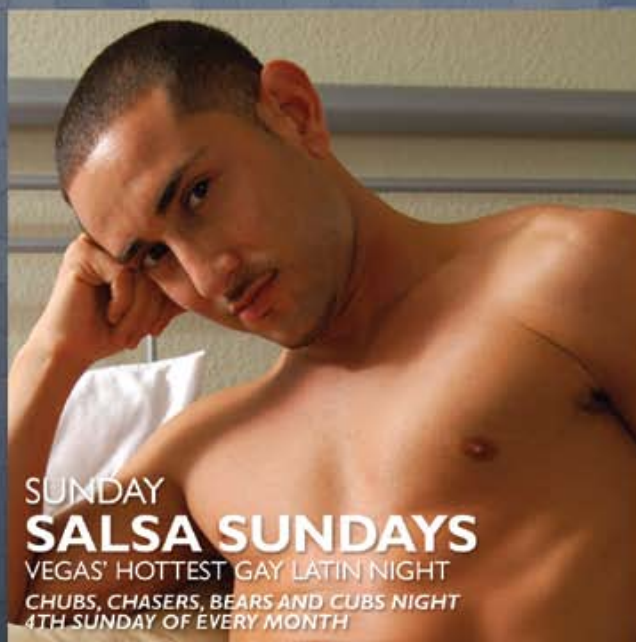
Don't allow that fairly recent breakup to spoil all of those lovely holiday plans. Get out there and hang with friends and colleagues. The key is to not spend so much time alone, Scorpi! Maybe performing a few good deeds in secret will lift those spirits. In fact, we guarantee it. Above all, buy yourself something special and do some self nurturing. The best party invite days are the 12th, 18th and 19th. By the way, you're looking truly amazing, so keep up with that workout regimen. It's got more than a few guys at the health club staring (and even drooling).

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Our guide will change as well. We have asked the agencies to update their information with us, and we will follow them closely so we can keep our online resource guide as close to true as possible. Our guides have been distributed to all the major HIV/AIDS agencies and clinics. If you would like guides available in your place of business or clinic let us know; we would be glad to put you on our distribution list.

Our way of raising funds is unique. We receive no government funding, including applying for any of the available Ryan White dollars. We receive merchandise from manufacturers at the furniture mart here in Las Vegas. We are also afforded a space in which to sell merchandise to the public. Suite Charity is located at The Las Vegas Design Center (455 S. Grand Central Parkway, Suite C344). Give us a call at (702) 477-0048.

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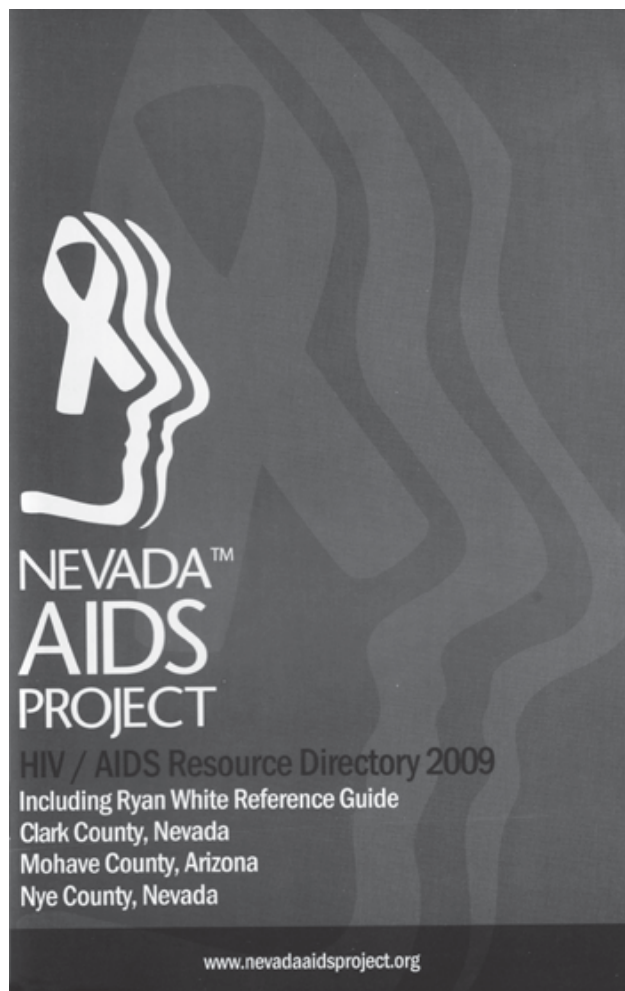
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