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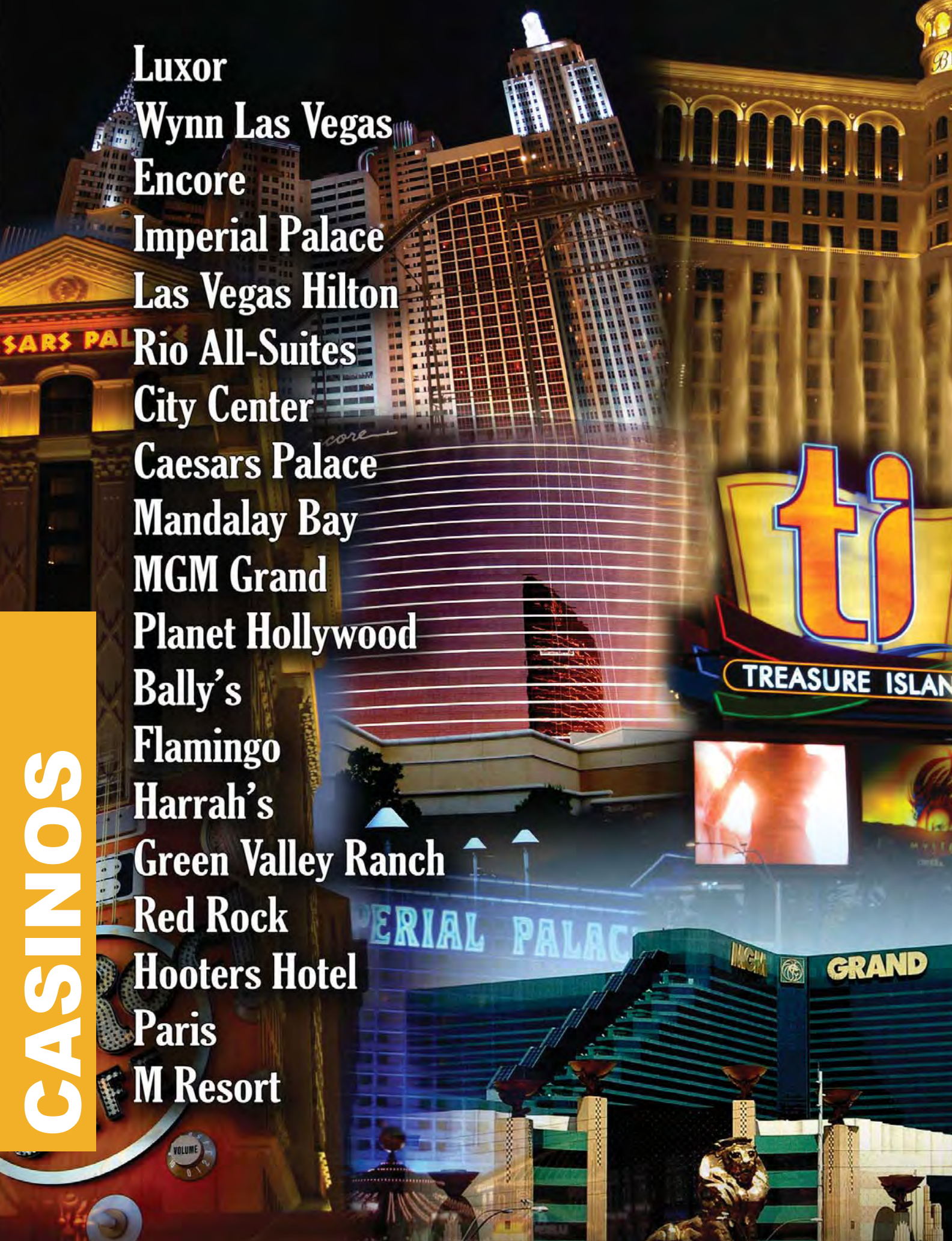
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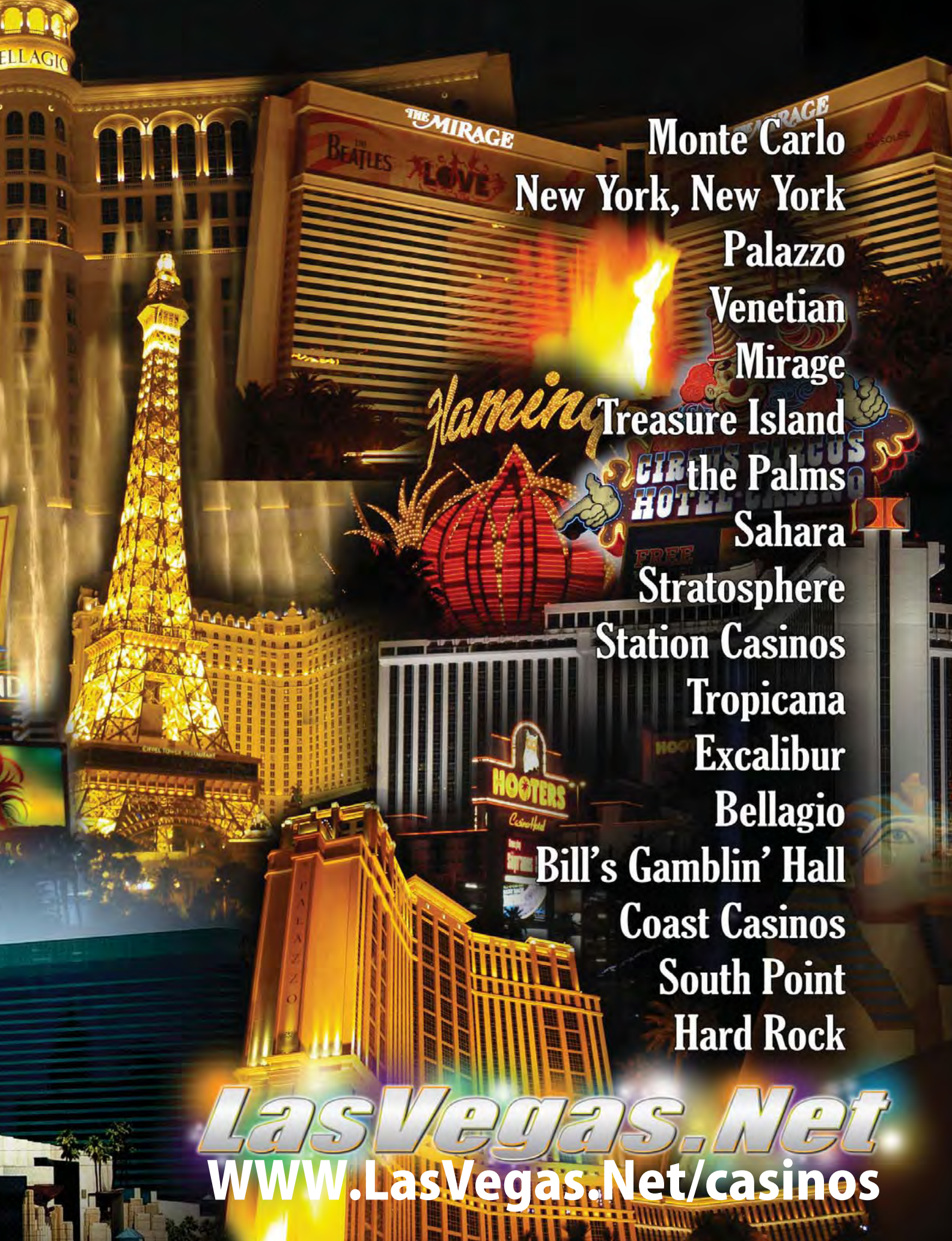
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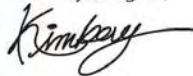
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# Las Vegas.Net Magazine

## We're Here for the Fun and Love of Las Vegas

Dear Reader,

This is the second issue of Las Vegas.Net Magazine and welcome to our readers, subscribers and sponsors. The publisher, editors and staff thank you for a warm reception.

Despite economic trends and the distressing news all over the headlines, we believe wholeheartedly in the strength of Las Vegas' unique attractions, lifestyles and high-spirited fun. And we see our economy expanding across more industries, adding to our strong suits of entertainment and travel. Las Vegas and all its surrounding areas make the perfect destination for visitors and a lifetime experience for residents.

That is the first answer to why Las Vegas.Net launched a new publication now. Las Vegas is a symbol for serious fun, no matter how rough times seem.

Our city has no shortage of interesting people, pets, wild events, wildlife and nature, charitable events, traditional celebrations, oddities and out-of-the-way places, and it's even renowned for having the highest number of places of faith per-capita in the U.S. It all makes terrific topics of interest for readers and creates opportunities for advertisers. So, that's another reason why we now publish Las Vegas.Net Magazine.

From the unusual to the ordinary, our seasoned and off-the-beaten path writing, design and editorial team takes a new way of looking at the Las Vegas area. We live here and love it.

We encourage local economic growth and will help shoppers find super holiday gifts and services sourced from the USA, made and produced right here in Las Vegas. It's all in our upcoming November/December issue.

Our developing sections spotlight myriad topics from Las Vegas active seniors' lifestyles to vibrant singles' club scenes — and how they both make Las Vegas the place to come and stay!

Golfing is great, and we explore why it's better in Las Vegas. Find out about sensational sports, new cuisine to try, community development and social events, architectural exploration and the latest happenings on the Strip. Plus, read about places to get the best

in fashions, health and beauty services. Anybody ready to try a new-style fitness workout? Read in this issue how women (and some bold men) are taking up pole dancing for fitness and fun.

And yes, we did receive comments on our inaugural issue's "Letter to the Editor," featuring the posthumous insights of a gaming mogul. You see, Las Vegas.Net Magazine thinks all views matter. We won't be surprised at what kind of letters we may find next in our Mailbox, from the facetious to the somber truth.

Las Vegas.Net Magazine focuses on the things that matter most to our readers; that's what we will seek and deliver. So, let's build this together; tell us what you want more of — or less of — and that's what we will supply with each bimonthly issue.

This issue of Las Vegas.Net Magazine also begins our publishing commitment to provide readers a view to how Southern Nevada is making strides in green, eco-friendly innovation from homes to corporations — and all the amazing business opportunities and personal responsibilities in between.

Of all the U.S. cities, Las Vegas is the one poised well to be a leader in a new economy that must provide alternative energy resources and ways to bring it to the public. We are, after all, the home of Southwest sunshine.

Parent company Las Vegas.Net has successfully delivered information on its website in addition to providing Internet-related services proficiently to local residents and businesses for more than 10 years. Las Vegas.Net Magazine's publisher, editors and staff are dedicated members of this wonderful community, and we continue to serve its residents, newcomers and our visiting guests.

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Thank you, and remember to drive safely with kids back at school and soon rushing for trick-or-treat, and have a fabulous fall!

*From the Editors and Staff and All of Us*

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# Go Hallow “Green”

## With Fun and Safety

By Hillary Torchia

**A**s temperatures get cooler and the leaves turn autumn colors, it can only mean one thing: Halloween is around the corner.

The first question that usually comes to mind about Halloween is what to do for a costume. Even with budgets tight, anyone can still have a spooktacular night family of trick-or-treating without spending a lot of green.

--Making your own costume is always a great way to make it a Hallow-“green” when you re-use household items such as ribbons, boxes, old fabric and out-of-style clothing.

--Consider a price-friendly, creative way to recycle clothing and score a costume for adults or children by checking out the clothing consignment shops and thrift stores in Las Vegas.

--Another eco-friendly way to give a costume one more night out and avoid spending for it, too, is by connecting with friends to swap costumes from past years.

Costume props can be made from light-weight cardboard or other flexible materials for those who want to carry an accessory or wear a customized outfit.

**HOLIDAY**

Parents should keep in mind that all costumes need to be safe. Only flame retardant materials should be used in store-bought or previously owned costumes. All garments and accessories should fit loosely enough for youngsters to wear warm clothing underneath, just in case it's a chilly night out.

Masks should have large openings for little trick-or-treaters' eyes and mouths so nothing obstructs sight or breathing. Avoid costumes that have long parts that could be risky for tripping and falling.

The next thing that comes to mind when planning for Halloween is getting and giving the treats. Instead of contributing to the sugar highs and cavity risks of candy, stock up with some healthier snacks kids can enjoy.

Why not choose snack-size boxes of raisins, trail mix, sugarless gum or crisped rice treats and popcorn balls made with honey as alternative sweets to hand out? And those selections won't lead to an unpleasant visit to the dentist.

While preparing for trick-or-treaters to visit the neighborhood, here are some eco-friendly decorating ideas that make interesting craft projects for the whole family:

--Use paper plates, paint and crayons to make pumpkin masks to hang outside.

--Instead of carving fresh pumpkins, use gallon milk jugs and paint them like jack-o-lanterns. These won't spoil and can be recycled after Halloween.

Once the house is decorated and everyone is decked out in spooky or other style costumes, it's time to go trick-or-treating.

--For trips after dark, be sure to carry a flashlight.

--Bags for collecting treats should be brightly colored or edged with reflective tape.

--Throw out any fruits that are from unknown sources since toxins may be difficult to see and detect.

As hard as it can be, do not let children go through their own bags alone. Let them eat only after every item is safety inspected. Discard any candy or foods that have come out of their original wrappers, and check thoroughly any hand-wrapped treats, discarding anything in packaging that are discolored, punctured or torn. Use caution and throw out anything that's the least bit suspicious.

Foreign objects in edibles are a concern, so Summerlin Hospital Medical Center will x-ray treats at no cost from 7-9 p.m. Halloween night. For more information, call 233-7545.

As an alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating, many families have opted to attend public functions because of greater control and a safer environment such as at Town Square on Las Vegas Boulevard South near Sunset.

## Schedule of Halloween Events

### The Circus of Horrors

When: 7-11 p.m. Sundays thru Thursdays; 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays; 7 p.m. to midnight Halloween. Oct. 2-4, 9-11 and Oct. 16-Nov. 2

Where: United Artists Theaters parking lot, Rainbow Boulevard and Smoke Ranch Road

Tickets: \$11 general admission, \$18 for both attractions (this location only), \$24 Freak Pass

More info: 702-362-FEAR or [www.freaklingbros.com](http://www.freaklingbros.com)

Freakling Bros. newest and most horrific creation featuring a terrifying collection of the most bizarre freaks, human oddities and grotesque monstrosities ever assembled under one tent. No one under five admitted and no one under 12 admitted alone.

### Castle Vampyre

When: 7-11 p.m. Sundays thru Thursdays; 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays; 7 p.m. to right up to midnight Halloween night. Oct. 2-4, 9-11 and Oct. 16-Nov. 2

Where: Sunset Station, 1300 W. Sunset Rd., Henderson

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A master stroke of horror and illusion. Deep within the walls of this fortress beats the heart of pure, unadulterated evil. No one under five admitted and no one under 12 admitted alone. Haunted house presented by Freakling Bros.

### The Mortuary

When: 7-11 p.m. Sundays thru Thursdays; 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays; 7 p.m. to midnight Halloween. Oct. 2-4, 9-11 and Oct. 16-Nov. 2

Where: United Artists Theaters parking lot, Rainbow Boulevard and Smoke Ranch Road

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The smell of death hangs in the air. Screams of anguish pierce the darkness. Dreadfully, the final journey begins. No one under five admitted and no one under 12 admitted alone. Haunted house presented by Freakling Bros.

### The Fright Dome

When: 7 p.m. to midnight. Opens October 2  
Where: The AdventureDome at Circus Circus  
Tickets: \$33.95 general admission (add \$15 for the VIP fast pass)

More info: 702-794-3939 or <http://www.frightdome.com>

The Fright Dome features five haunted houses — a Hex-mas Nightmare, Hillbilly Hell, Vampires Blood Feast, Killer Klowns in 3D and Chainsaw Massacre; Freakshows featuring Ryan Stock & Amber Lynn Walker from the TV show "Guinea Pig" and Lady Diabla with special guest Lil' Miss Firefly; Elvira's Superstition, Dracula's Haunted Castle, Drop Demons and Super-creatures. Admission also includes unlimited rides.

### The Asylum Haunted House

When: 6:30-10 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 6:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays Oct. 1-4; Oct 8-11; Oct 15-18; Oct 22-25; Oct 28-31

Where: Home Depot parking lot at West Charleston Boulevard and Hualapai

Tickets: \$11 general admission  
More info: [www.lasvegashaunts.com](http://www.lasvegashaunts.com)

### Hotel Fear Haunted House

When: 6:30-10 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 6:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays Oct. 1-4; Oct 8-11; Oct 15-18; Oct 22-25; Oct 28-31

Where: Home Depot parking lot at East Craig Road and Camino del Norte

Tickets: \$11 general admission  
More info: [www.lasvegashaunts.com](http://www.lasvegashaunts.com)

Special events include CarnEvil 3 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Oct. 11 and Safe Street on Oct. 31. During part of Safe Street, Hotel Fear will present a special "Lights-On Tour" for children under 10 yrs. A \$2.00 donation benefits Ronald McDonald House.

The special "Lights-On Tour" is from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. ONLY!

The Safe Street Event will run from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hotel Fear re-opens for regular admission at 6:30 p.m. Safe Street is co-sponsored by Home Depot, The Point and the City of North Las Vegas Police Dept. joining

forces with many local merchants to provide a "safe Halloween."

## Wicked West Halloween Fest

When: Oct. 9-11, 15-18, 22-31 and Nov. 1-2. Opens at 6 p.m.

Where: Bonnie Springs Ranch, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

Tickets: \$20 general admission, \$30 for VIP pass  
The 115-acre Bonnie Springs Ranch Wicked West Halloween Fest will feature an 1800s haunted ghost town, a haunted train ride, three haunted houses, a haunted carnival and a midway. The event will also feature nightly stage entertainment and live bands, street shows, celebrity appearances and more. There will be a costume ball featuring a performance by Wild Heart on Halloween Night for those 21 and over. For more information, visit [www.hysteriacity.com](http://www.hysteriacity.com)

## Haunted Harvest at Springs Preserve

When: 5-10 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, beginning Oct. 15-31

Where: Springs Preserve, 333 S. Valley View Blvd.

Tickets: \$9 general admission, \$6 for children ages 5-17 and free for children ages 4 and under and annual members

More info: 702-822-7700

The eight-acre "boo-tanical" garden will be transformed to fright and delight people of all ages. Muster up the courage to take a haunted hayride throughout the trails or bring a smile to the little ones with "Safe Street" trick-or-treating. Entertainment will feature local high "ghouls" band performances in the Garden Amphitheater, theremin (a Russian instrument that is played without human touch) demonstrations on the balcony of the Springs Cafe and hauntingly good performances by The Ghosts of Shakespeare from Theatre Las Vegas. In addition, those who dare can enjoy storytelling, professional musical entertainment and surprise spooky characters that roam throughout the Preserve.

## Glendale Scary Corn Maze

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. (not haunted during these hours) and 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (for the haunted corn maze). Wednesdays are group nights and are by appointment only. Open

all month long during October.

Where: 30 minutes north of Las Vegas off Interstate 15 at exit 90

Tickets: \$12 general admission, \$10 for children ages 5-12 and free for kids 5 and under  
Info: 702-864-2277 or [www.glendalecornmaze.com](http://www.glendalecornmaze.com)

A 20-acre, haunted, corn maze. There will be a beer tent for those 21 and over and a Halloween party on Oct. 31. The party starts at 4 p.m. and features a huge BBQ, fun, games, ghosts and a hayride. There will also be a costume contest. Bring a can of food and received one dollar off admission.

## 8th Annual Ghosts and Goblins

When: Oct. 23-25. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. and close at 7:30 with last attractions closing at 8.

Where: Clark County Museum, 1830 S. Boulder Highway, Henderson

Tickets: \$3 general admission (includes trick-or-treating for kids only)

More info: 702-455-7955

The annual Ghosts and Goblins event has been extended to three days this year. The event will feature trick-or-treating for kids

on Heritage Street; a Howlin' Halloween DJ; costume contests; old-fashioned games; the Ghost Locomotive and the Abandoned Engineer; the Haunted Depot and the Spooky Caboose; the Spooky Alley featuring Guido's ghostly and gruesome pizzeria; and the Ghost Town Scaretime Tours on the Trail of Fears.

Sponsored by the Clark County Museum Guild and open to families, especially those with children ages 12 and younger.

## 4th Annual Easter Seals Trunk-or-Treat

When: 5-8 p.m., Oct. 24

Where: Easter Seals Southern Nevada, 6200 W. Oakey Blvd.

More info: 702-870-7050, [www.eastersealssn.org](http://www.eastersealssn.org)

Tickets: \$15 donation per family

A safe place for children to trick-or-treat from car trunk to car trunk. There will be games, food/drinks, and some Halloween surprises. Features a spooky, haunted house and a not-so-spooky fun house for the younger participants.





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(above, middle) She "has the flu." (left, far right) Her "car broke down." (lower left, middle) He "lost a leg in the war yesterday." All of these excuses are solid when it comes to Ditch Friday at the Palms pool, where locals can skip out on work and party with their sunglasses on without worrying about being called a tool.

# DITCH the Doldrums!



DAY LIFE

"If anyone asks, . . .  
You were NEVER here!"





**Ditch Friday at the Palms pool is Babylon for truants and partiers everywhere. The crowd (above) is in attendance every Friday, as is resident DJ Skribble with his nasty beats, along with lovely cocktail waitresses with their insanely stiff drinks, and on a good day, infamous party animals like Tommy Lee or the Playboy Bunnies.**





Sun, Fun, Friends and the Art of Relaxation



Photos James Cox

# The Zen of Tao

By Aeza Menor



**T**ao Beach is a private, luxurious, Las Vegas pool party scene, hidden in the deep corner of the swimming pool area, atop the Venetian Resort Hotel & Casino. Since its grand opening in September 2005, Tao Beach, like its sisters — Tao Nightclub and Tao Bistro Restaurant — has become one of the hottest gatherings for the daytime in this already eventful town.

Filled with an alluring sophistication, from the design to great music with the best beats, this pool party supersedes all others, providing one of the most outstanding, state-of-the-art cabana services imaginable. In addition to seating at the bar, chaise lounges, cabanas and day beds are available for rent.

The décor is highlighted with orange tapestries hanging in all the cabanas. Each cabana is equipped with its own high-definition, plasma screen TV and DVD player; Xbox 360 and full DVD/game library; Internet access; secure, private storage for belongings; a custom-stocked mini fridge; chilled, luxury terrycloth towels and complimentary sandals. Tao Beach even offers pre-programmed iPod rentals.

Guests can be pampered by a staff of private massage therapists who use specially formulated Canyon Ranch Spa brand treatments. For guests' total comfort, personal misters cool each cabana.



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All the cabanas are appropriately positioned to surround and face the DJ booth for maximum enjoyment.

Tao Beach houses beats from some of the best DJs in town, including resident DJs Reach and Galeano. The booth is located front-and-center stage at the pool, next to the Buddha statue, which is similar to the one set in Tao Nightclub.

That Buddha overlooks the best of both worlds — a vivacious, fun, pool party by day and an elegant, extravagant club atmosphere at night. On Friday, events held during the daytime are known as “Good Friday.” Sunday is marked by the ever-popular event known as “Sunset Sundays,” leading into the evening. On Saturday, Tao Beach really comes to life with a light show in the water; floating lanterns and fire columns to highlight the already illuminated Las Vegas cityscape.

Catering at Tao Beach is provided by Riva, a Wolfgang Puck restaurant, making delicious food available between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. from the Tao Grill Menu. And every day, the bartender makes a special refreshing drink concoction — served as the shot of the day — utilizing various fresh fruits and a featured liqueur.

Since its grand opening, Tao Beach has been an ever-popular and super-sophisticated party stop in Las Vegas. The following lists just a few examples of the hosted events and guest appearances there, with more to come in the near future: Mel B. and US Weekly, along with DJ Gram Funke were in the recent months’ lineup; DJs Aoki, Lezlee, Chris Garcia and Eric Dlux kept guests moving over the summer.

- Hours: Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Cover: Varies, but locals are free.
- Attire: Beach/pool attire is acceptable. European-style (topless) bathing is not allowed.
- Parking: Self-parking and valet both available at The Venetian.
- Handicap Accessible: Yes
- Reservations: Suggested for cabana use.

### **Kobe Burger \$21**

Cooked to a delicious medium and draped with aged cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion – the works. The burger is sandwiched between a toasted black sesame roll and comes with a heaping pile of Tao fries.



### **Teriyaki Chicken Wrap \$16**

A massive wrap filled with succulent chicken, lettuce, and a custom yuzu-cilantro aioli sauce. Served with a side of Tao chips and homemade salsa.



### **Grilled Mango-Chili Shrimp \$19**

Jumbo shrimp seared with a mango-chili rub and placed delicately atop a Thai papaya salad.



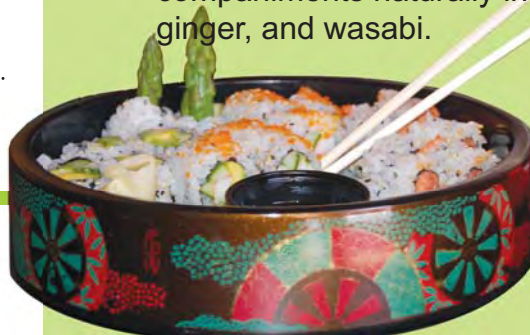
### **Crispy Rice with Spicy Tuna \$12**

Tao Beach’s signature dish. Delectably spicy tuna tartar on top of crispy rice and garnished with a touch of cilantro.



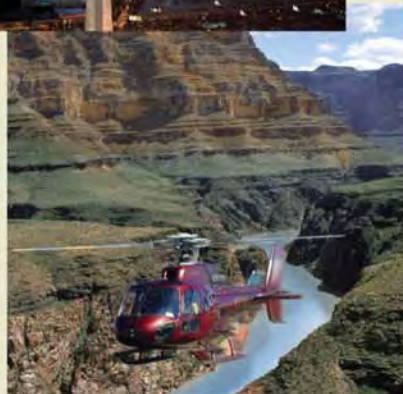
### **Trio of Sushi Rolls \$25**

The sushi platter comes with an incredible variety of the most popular rolls, including the spicy tuna roll, California roll, and the cucumber, avocado, and asparagus roll. Accompaniments naturally include soy sauce, thinly sliced ginger, and wasabi.





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# Quick Outdoor Getaways

## Desert, Mountain, Lake and Canyon a Stone's Throw Away

By E.S. Wolfe

Las Vegas Valley offers a surprising wealth of opportunities nearby for nature walks and other outdoor activities, at various elevations and vistas: desert, mountain, lake and canyon. It's especially beautiful at this time of year. Now that things are cooling off, visit some of these amazing places and spend the day or plan an adventure over the weekend or longer. Best of all, many of these great spots are within 60 minutes driving distance from Las Vegas. Enjoy the exciting beauty whether by hike, walk or bike.

Many locals and visitors alike are surprised at the amazing volume of wildlife and beautiful, colorful vegetation surrounding the Las Vegas Valley. Las Vegas means "the meadows," named by a Spanish exploration party that found water while passing through.

In addition to its interesting geography, historically, the entire region was originally sea floor and later inhabited by Native Amer-

icans. Visitors frequently find arrowheads and fossils.

The valley is surrounded primarily by the Sierra Nevada and Spring Mountains. The lower elevations, Las Vegas and surrounding cities, stay dry most of the year because a majority of the rainfall is caught by the mountains. This also means that there are relatively lush mountains encircling the valley.

Other geographical features adding to the area's natural contrast in climate are the various hot and cold springs in the area, as well as the nearby Colorado River. It was diverted during the Hoover Dam project in the '30s, and its waters created Lake Mead (the largest human engineered lake in the U.S., part of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area).

The combination of water and desert make Las Vegas the perfect place for fun outdoors. Reveling at the splendor of the beautiful outdoors is an inspiring opportunity to gain awareness; to appreciate all it offers and learn how to conserve then choose to preserve our environment responsibly for generations to come.

Here are just a few of the incredible areas to visit to experience some of the best outdoor activities in the Las Vegas area:

**Bighorn Sheep spotted around Lake Mead**



**Mt Charleston**



**Ash Meadows**



**Ash Meadows**

Located 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas, there are plenty of places to stop and explore natural beauty at Ash Meadows, including Devil's Hole, Point of Rocks Springs, Jackrabbit Spring, Crystal Spring Boardwalk, Crystal Marsh, Lower Crystal Marsh and others.

The Crystal Spring Boardwalk is the center of the National Wildlife Refuge and includes a scenic walk across several crystal-blue pools of cool, spring water in contrast to the arid desert scenery.

Devil's Hole, at the northern edge of the National Wildlife Refuge is accessible via Nevada Hwy 160. Drive for about 60 minutes, across the desert and past the salt flats. The hole itself is 90-feet deep and about

15-feet in diameter. The hole is fenced off due to vandalism, sadly; however, there is a walkway along the fence where visitors can get a good overview. It is habitat to the Pupfish — an inch-long, blue fish that can thrive in high-temperature, low-oxygen water, and they are believed to be the descendants from the last Paleolithic period, the most recent Ice Age. Find more information, visit the website for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov).

**Red Rock Canyon**

Located at the west end of Las Vegas and only an hour away, take I-215 connecting to I-159, which offers scenic driving, bicycling, hiking and other great activities to try anytime, and it's super inviting for the cooler days ahead.

The entrance fee is only \$5 for the day and \$20 annually. The main road loops roughly 13 miles around the canyon with stops along the way, hitting all the major hiking and viewing areas.

The Calico Basin is at the beginning of the canyon, is ideal for simple hiking. Farther down, there is the advanced, intermediate-level Turtlehead Peak hike, followed by the High Point Overlook, Willow Springs Picnic Area, Ice Box Canyon (actually full of ice in the winter, very neat to see!) and Pine Creek Canyon.

Along the way, there are several lookout points on the side of the road.

So, for the rock-climbing enthusiast, Red Rock Canyon is a well-traversed rock climber's destination with varieties of rock-face to explore and climb. These types of activities are for experienced climbers only, because it requires the use of full gear and partners. Don't go this one alone. There is an excellent aviation and ground team of search-and-rescue specialists, but they'd rather not have to meet hikers this way!

In recent years, Las Vegas' neighborhoods and housing expansions have extended to the border of the Red Rock Canyon Wildlife area, and with it



**WHAT TO BRING!**

- 1. Small Bag**, backpack or fanny pack. The smaller the better since you'll tend to fill the empty space with useless stuff.
- 2. Plastic Water Bottle** with at least a quart of water for a day hike. **TIP:** Freeze the bottle the night before and sip as it melts.
- 3. Sunscreen lotion** SPF 30 or better and a collapsible hat.
- 4. Compass** and small map if you're into orienteering. Keep the map in an easy to reach, outside pocket.
- 5. Snacks.** Energy bars, peanuts or trail mix. Stay away from those containing chocolate unless you've frozen your water.
- 6. First Aid Kit** if you're wilderness hiking. Scrapes and cuts can happen easily on unprotected legs and ankles.
- 7. Digital Camera.** Make sure you charged it the night before or bring fresh batteries and memory card.

**MAKES the hike more comfortable:**

- Hiking boots with a good tooth and high ankle support
- Telescopic Trekking pole: Gives stability, relieves joint stress and discourages predators of all types
- Backpack with waist strap: Easier to control weight distribution and can be worn on your chest for easy access
- Small acrylic or wool blanket: Makes stopping for a snack more comfortable and can double as a towel, pillow, or smoke signal device
- Binoculars for birdwatching and spotting Bigfoot



Illustration Bryant Arnold



Callville Bay

are elevated noise and pollution levels. Often, locals will get a closer-than-planned visit from indigenous wild animals. Mountain lions and coyotes that previously roamed these areas are now getting pushed back by the building progression. Also, due to the growth, finding an isolated experience in the natural surroundings requires traveling a little farther out to the heart of the landscape. Find more info at [www.reddrockcanyonlv.org](http://www.reddrockcanyonlv.org).

### **Mt. Charleston**

Just northwest of Las Vegas and a surprisingly short distance away, Mt. Charleston has everything from skiing to hiking and camping. It is part of a chain of mountains and an extended region known as the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. You can get to it via I-95 North and then State Route 157 for about an hour to arrive at the top of the mountain and the highest elevation hiking trails. Along the way, driving into Kyle Canyon, is the Mt. Charleston Lodge and its golf course (a great place to see small bats fly at dusk); then a steady climb up to several hiking destinations. At the first major curve or intersection, there is Cathedral Rock, which has some easy and more difficult hikes plus picnic areas large enough for family reunions and large parties.

If you veer to a slight off-road ramp,

right up the mountain, it will lead you to the hike at Mary Jane Falls near the peak of the mountain. The trail is intermediate level, but leads to a great lookout of the region.

The other side of the mountains is Lee Canyon, better known for its skiing. It is a right turn, a bit southward just before the Mt. Charleston Lodge. This provides a beautiful scenic view around the periphery of the mountains leading to several campsites, including Deer Creek Springs, which has an easy hike to a peaceful creek.

Stay on the main road and curve around Mummy Mountain to the left, to reach the ski area, which provides some scenic but difficult hiking in the summer. This is a great place to find hawks, including Goshawks and Cooper Hawks. Find more info at the U.S. Forestry Service [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us).

### **Lake Mead National Recreation Area**

By Andy Rector

There is a saying about people who don't appreciate what they have until it's gone: "You don't miss your water until the well runs dry," as the well-worn warning goes. That is a caveat with real meaning for Las Vegas and the Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

The national park area holds many points

of interest and offers exciting things to do on its two lakes, on foot or by car. While visiting Las Vegas, visit the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Locals have quick, regular access to the area just a short drive away.

It's a wonderful attraction for those living or visiting Las Vegas and its surrounding areas, and it is very affordable. It costs only \$5 to enter the recreation area, and annual passes are priced at \$20 per vehicle and \$20 per watercraft. What a deal! Plan a mini vacation to the Lake Mead National Recreation Area for the weekend, or experience a great day on or near the main lake.

But without Lake Mead, which is in danger due to its rapidly dropping water level, nearly all of it is in jeopardy.

Andy Munoz of the National Park Service gave a brief history of Lake Mead:

It was created in 1933 upon completion of the Hoover Dam, and it comprises a vast majority of the 1.5 million-acre recreation area. The creation of Hoover Dam, initially called Boulder Dam but later named for the U.S. president, brought about the existence of the lake. It was formed when the Colorado River was held back during construction then released after the dam was completed.

But as water levels drop, Munoz said, "We need to make sure people can still enjoy [the national park area] by extending

launch ramps, extending utility services to marinas, and providing fresh water and sewage treatments to all the developed areas of the National Park Service.”

“Chasing the water levels is the biggest financial burden to the [park service], especially extending launch ramps, which has cost 130 million dollars in the past 10 years.”

Here are some suggestions for fun adventures to enjoy at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area:

There are plenty of water-related things to do while at the recreation area: rent a boat and go tubing, water skiing or wakeboarding; kayak or canoe, enjoying the beautiful picturesque views from all areas on the blue lake.

Sport fishing, some of the country’s best, is a big draw for locals and visitors to the area, but make sure you get a fishing license first.

There are lots of other exciting activities all over the recreation area and many don’t require going onto the water. Relax under the shaded picnic areas strategically placed throughout the park area, complete with tables, fire grills and restrooms. Have a birthday party or just relax and let loose for the day.

Take a drive on several paved roads that wind through the dramatic desert scenery of the area. On this adventure, you will see beautiful mountains, plateaus, desert basins, plant life such as cacti and creosote bush, and breathtaking vertical-walled canyons. And these are just a few of the many sights motorists can discover. Oh, and don’t forget your camera, because there many spots to pull over and take shots of beautiful vistas. Bike riders love this area, too.

Hiking is also ideal there. They aren’t the kinds of long hikes that pose a

high risk of dehydration and becoming lost in the wilderness, but do bring water on the short hikes (park service officials recommend 2 liters or more). Motorists could never discover the beautiful beaches, canyons and wildlife that are possible to see only on foot or bicycle. There are also ranger-led programs that take place in the fall and winter months.

Oh yes, Las Vegas is a fabulously sunny, desert area, so don’t forget the sun-screen. Pack a good hearty backpack with lots of water, snacks, fruit or a few sandwiches. Some say it’s not a bad idea to take an iPhone, but why not just listen to the wonderful sounds of nature.

For those looking for more than just a day or a weekend trip, plan a vacation on the lake or camping in the park area. Darla Cook, a vice president of public relations for Forever Resorts stated: “Houseboating is a unique way to experience Nevada and if you haven’t trekked over the eastern hillside from Vegas towards Lake Mead or south to Lake Mohave, you are missing a truly hidden gem of a vacation. Most folks never dream there is so much water in the desert.”

Lake Mead and Lake Mohave offer more than 400,000 acres of surface area of water according to Munoz. Prices for houseboats range from \$250 to \$1,000 per day, depending on the amenities and size. They sleep up to 12 people and some are equipped with hot tubs



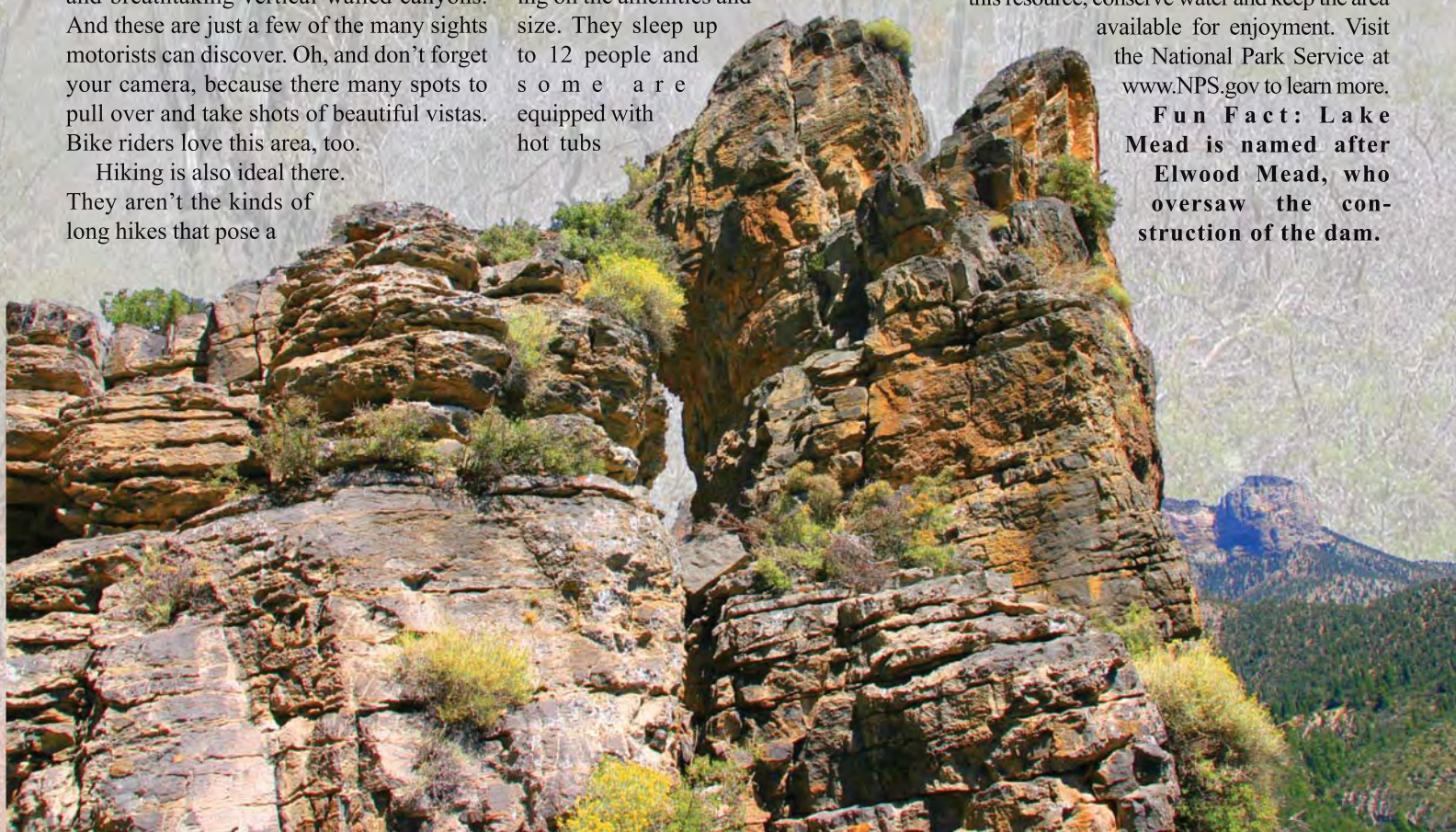
on the upper deck. It’s just like going on a cruise out in the ocean but without the stage shows and the bar tab. Bring your own drinks and food.

It’s a very inexpensive vacation for the whole family or group of friends.

“Our family has been houseboating for more than 27 years and, by far, it remains our kid’s favorite vacation experience. We typically go in the cooler months, around Thanksgiving or in the spring. It’s so relaxing and a fabulous way to de-stress and unwind. Plus, during the holidays who wouldn’t like to wake up on Thanksgiving to the wonderful smells of a turkey roasting in the oven. It sets the mood for the entire weekend.”

There are many things to do at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Enjoy it, learn more about what Nevadans can do to preserve this resource, conserve water and keep the area available for enjoyment. Visit the National Park Service at [www.NPS.gov](http://www.NPS.gov) to learn more.

**Fun Fact: Lake Mead is named after Elwood Mead, who oversaw the construction of the dam.**





Photos James Cox

# Bet on the Farm

## Good Food Finds a Home in Las Vegas

By Taura S. Mizrahi

**O**n any beautiful autumn day, outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, nature walks and street festivals take place in and around Las Vegas. One delightfully fun, healthy activity is growing in popularity and ensuring that locals gain better access to high-quality, fresh food year-round.

Ginger Johnson recalls peeling the husk off a freshly roasted ear of corn, brushing it with butter and chili, then handing it to an excited little girl who was ready to experience the mouthwatering goodness of corn fresh from the farm.

Johnson is a local farmer who was active for years with Ears to You, a roasted corn business at the Las Vegas Farmers Market. There are about 30 farmers, along with artisans and artists, who sell their goods at several outdoor markets around town. Johnson still works to promote and educate the public about these types of public-access, agricultural events.

“I love farmers markets,” exclaimed Johnson, “because it’s a great place to meet your friends and neighbors while supporting local, sustainable farming,” she added.

A native Las Vegas, Johnson and her partner, Steve Johnson, lived in the Northwest for two years where they helped open tribal gaming, and she recalled their love for shopping for fresh goods at local outdoor markets there such as Pikes Market.

“We moved back here from Seattle. ... There wasn’t anything like it here,” she said. That was the impetus for them to start the Las Vegas Farmers Market in 1999. She now serves on the board of directors for the Nevada Certified Farmers Market Association.

The NCFMA, an umbrella organization, has among its members most of the ongoing farmers market operators in Southern Nevada. It is one of the many local, regional or national organizations that promote the availability of healthy foods for consumers



and sustainable farming as an industry.

The NCFMA encourages the public to consider agriculture as a business and works to increase the number of farmers to help provide Nevadans with locally grown fruits, vegetables and other farm products, according to Ginger Johnson and representatives of the Reno-based organization.

While Las Vegas does have some local farmers who grow mostly seasonal foods, the dry desert climate can make farming difficult. In order to keep the produce diverse and interesting, most of the area farmers markets are open to vendors within a 500-mile radius. Every week, farmers from California, Utah, Arizona, Colorado and Nevada, of course, transport their produce and goods to sell.

This makes it possible for Las Vegas to have year-round access to nutritious, farm-fresh, in-season produce. Shoppers are happy to find juicy blood oranges in the summer and succulent artichokes in the fall.

“What you find at farmers markets really depends on what’s in season and which farmers are attending that week,” said Steve Johnson, manager of the three Las Vegas Farmers Markets.

“That’s one of the great things about it. You are constantly being exposed to new foods and produce throughout the year. It can be a real learning experience for some of the customers.”

Farmers markets also supply a variety of ethnic foods, which well suits the culturally diverse community of Las Vegas. Shoppers have access to cilantro and a host of peppers that might not be found at the neighborhood grocery store.

It’s not unusual to find the kind of produce that is typically used in Asian cooking such as bitter melon and opo, a type of squash. For the less adventurous, there is always plenty of the usual staples — salad greens, onions, tomatoes, legumes, root vegetables and more.

“The Las Vegas Farmers Market attracts pretty much everyone,” said Steve Johnson.

“From families to singles, young and old, people come here to shop, socialize and have fun. There really is no ‘typical’ customer,” he added.

The average shopper ranges in age from 25 to 50 and comes to the market for good food, a sense of community and entertainment. The Las Vegas Farmers Market usually has live music, cooking demonstrations, recipe contests and plenty for kids to do, including play areas, face painting and a balloon artist.

There are also festivals throughout the year depending on what’s fresh that season. Coming October 10-17 is the Pumpkin Festival, which will include games for kids, music, additional vendors and tons of contests, including pumpkin carving, pumpkin rolling and pumpkin dressing.

In addition to fresh produce and entertainment, the Las Vegas Farmers Market offers baked goods, dairy products, prepared foods such as hummus, Italian ice treats and funnel cakes. Local restaurant vendors at the market offer everything from barbecue to Filipino dishes. Hand-crafted jewelry and other accessories are frequently on sale. Shoppers find that it’s a great way to help the area economy by supporting local entrepreneurs and small business owners.

“We are always looking for new vendors to keep our farmers market growing,” Steve Johnson continued. “Our requirement is that you make it, bake it, grow it or sew it.”

Buying locally at farmers markets also has many environmental benefits. The farmers who frequent the Las Vegas Farmers Market are usually certified organic, natural or sustainable farmers, and they do not use pesticides or fertilizers that could be harmful to people or the environment. Also, because the food does not travel a great distance, packing materials and carbon dioxide emissions from trucking are reduced.

## The Las Vegas Farmers Market has three locations, open all year, rain or shine:

### Hours:

4-8 p.m. - Late Spring/Summer/Early Fall  
2-6 p.m. - Winter/Early Spring (eff. Nov 1)

**Tuesdays:** Las Vegas Farmers Market at Gardens Park, sponsored by Summerlin Council, is held at 10401 Garden Park Dr., off Town Center Drive, north of the 215 Beltway in Summerlin.

**Wednesdays:** Las Vegas Farmers Market at Bruce Trent Park, sponsored by the City of Las Vegas, is held at 1600 N. Rampart at Vegas Drive.

**Fridays:** Las Vegas Farmers Market is sponsored by the Fremont East District and held on Fremont Street., just east of Las Vegas Boulevard.

For more information, visit the website at [LasVegasFarmersMarket.com](http://LasVegasFarmersMarket.com) or call 562-CORN (702-562-2676).

### Henderson Farmers Market:

For those who are shopping in or around the City of Henderson, there’s a fourth local farmers market, located at 200 Water St., south of Boulder Highway and Lake Mead.

The market is operated by Dave Star, an NCFMA member, who can be contacted for vendor and visitor information at (702) 579-9661. The Henderson Farmers Market is open daytime hours from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. (weather permitting) on Thursdays year-round. For more information, click Events on the [CityofHenderson.com](http://CityofHenderson.com) website.

### Other area Farmers Markets:

Website [www.NevadaGrown.com](http://www.NevadaGrown.com) has listings for locations in other cities, or check the local newspapers.

Add locally produced, fresh, fruits and vegetables to your shopping list. Visit the area farmers markets often, especially as an outdoor, fresh-air, fall activity.

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# Las Vegasscopes

## Lifestyle Horoscopes for September Through October

By Ida Thomnaik, Star Life Advisor

### LIBRA

September 23 – October 22

**Love:** What a romantically opportune time for you to demonstrate the confidence, flair and whimsical influence that will no doubt characterize your effectiveness with the opposite sex in the next few months. Dazzle your envious peers as you captivate whomever you choose with gratuitous, saucy behavior.

**Success:** You are in no danger of falling short of your basic needs. The organization of your obligations in life will undoubtedly remain underlying in any endeavor. It would be of little consequence were you to take a short recess to explore a newfound talent or interest.

**Health:** Concerns over your health aren't your main concern over the next few months, but something that will rarely be disregarded. For this reason you might remain alert for any signs that your body might be giving you.

**Vegas Vibe:** Egotistical, Cocksure, Audacious, Effectuate

**Food for Spirit:** Raw shellfish

**Casino Game:** Craps

**Place to Be:** In the fast lane

### SCORPIO

October 23 – November 21

**Love:** While your natural emotional state is predominantly one of stability, your alter ego is demanding to be the driver of your love vessel, at least until next landfall. This shift in your emotional and spiritual condition will leave you not only more receptive to the lure of romance, but proficiently capable of enacting the intimate destiny of your choosing through relentless and irresistible persuasion.

**Success:** Your reputation as a hard worker will be enhanced over the next few months by a boost in confidence and increase of your effectiveness in your profession. The respect you have earned from your colleagues should aid you in getting your way almost all the time. Use this power only for good.

**Health:** Your body, mind and spirit are in harmony with the world that surrounds you.

**Vegas Vibe:** Ardent, Influential, Efficacious, Dynamic, Diligent

**Food for Spirit:** Salmon Ass

**Casino Game:** None

**Place to Be:** Nose deep in a book

### SAGITTARIUS

November 22 – December 21

**Love:** Your newfound emotional stability and equally new availability make you an attractive target for use and misuse by the opposite sex. Be cautious of those who aim to exploit

you for your flesh, only to satisfy their hungry appetites for desire, or use you as a tool of revenge in their relationship with another.

**Success:** Sag continues a trend of growth professionally as your ability to take on new types of work and achieve greater accomplishments.

**Health:** Your sense of humor amongst a plethora of other attractive and youthful qualities is what continues to keep you young. You are keen on the therapeutic benefits of laughter and share this with those around you.

**Vegas Vibe:** Spirited, Adept, Frolicsome, Buoyant

**Food for Spirit:** Melon fruit

**Casino Game:** None

**Place to Be:** Amongst new friends

### CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 19

**Love:** Feelings of alienation from your past intimate relationships has resulted in your tendency to remain emotionally detached when a new or existing love is evolving. Over the next few months, you must be careful not to damage relationships by being too demanding or ambivalent.

**Success:** Prepare to make some progress in your professional life as the end of the year approaches. Change will come over the next few months as you advance to a new stage in your livelihood.

**Health:** Your destiny will unfold independently of your actions. Your health will be influenced by your ability to be patient, and slow your pace.

**Vegas Vibe:** Bossy, Vacillating, Querulous, Productive

**Food for Spirit:** Pasta

**Casino Game:** Blackjack

**Place to Be:** The office

### AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

**Love:** Intimacy and relationships you will discover to be most meaningful are those that leave the biggest impression on you intellectually. For a sign most likely to strive to please a partner, the proper balance of dancing to your own tune will be most beneficial.

**Success:** Over the next months you will continue your search for source of success. Keep in mind the key to achievement for you is finding fortune in simplicity.

**Health:** It is time for you to repair damage in your life, and the same can be said for your health. Do what you can to counteract the damaging effects of past practices you consider poor today.

**Vegas Vibe:** Healthy, Considerate, Intelligent, Reflective

**Food for Spirit:** Pancakes

**Casino Game:** Poker

**Place to Be:** On the Internet

### PISCES

February 19 – March 20

**Love:** Now is the time for change in the life of the Pisces. This could mean becoming involved in a new love interest, losing and old one, or simply focusing your love energy toward enhancing growth elsewhere in your life.

**Success:** If success is what you desire, now is the time for you to really make things happen for yourself. Pisces abilities will demonstrate they can succeed in any area of their professional life.

**Health:** If you are overweight, or weakly with a desire to hold your weight, it is time to enact a program of physical fitness to incorporate in your life.

**Vegas Vibe:** Capable, Dynamic, Creative, Successful

**Food for Spirit:** Seafood

**Casino Game:** Baccarat

**Place to Be:** On a team

### ARIES

March 21 – April 19

**Love:** Hopefully the past two months have nurtured an environment of opportunity in your love life. Your aggressive attitude in social circles has made you attractive to some and intimidated others. Potential conflict with close friends and family runs high, so your energy will be best spent exploring new interests.

**Success:** It should be easier to manage daily responsibilities than the prior two months. You should see things approaching at a manageable pace.

**Health:** Your natural sense of accomplishment and confidence should not go straight to your head. Exercise modesty so your ego doesn't receive poor reviews.

**Vegas Vibe:** Dominant, Outspoken, Abrasive, Responsible, Overconfident

**Food for Spirit:** Eggs Benedict

**Casino Game:** Bingo

**Place to Be:** Ultra Lounge

### TAURUS

April 20 – May 20

**Love:** The last two months have consisted of you attracting those in pursuit of your 'hidden treasures'. The tables will turn as you begin to pursue someone who may intrigue you.



**Success:** You've been having too much fun, which is why you might be feeling the need to get down to business. Use this change of focus to knock out all your responsibilities and you should have more fun most of these next two months.

**Health:** You maintain a healthy diet, and proper balance of duty and leisure.

**Vegas Vibe:** Infatuated, Competent, Ripe, Serious, Carefree

**Food for Spirit:** Sushi

**Casino Game:** Roulette

**Place to Be:** Topless Pool

## **GEMINI**

May 21 – June 20

**Love:** Your indulgence in life's pleasures takes a slight turn now that you have discovered what you want in your love life, and you will spend the next months employing your knack for discovering "inside information" to get it.

**Success:** Resisting the temptation to spend money frivolously with your peers, indulging in summer fun, will certainly pay off as the holiday season closes in.

**Health:** Toward the end of the past month, and into the future marks a new period of healthy living, mental invigoration and spiritual growth that will enrich your love of life.

**Vegas Vibe:** Devout, Spiritual, Self-reflected, Righteous, Dignified

**Food for Spirit:** Home cooked meals

**Casino Game:** None

**Place to Be:** Out of State

## **CANCER**

June 21 – July 22

**Love:** You need to re-evaluate what, and who, you are interacting with to fulfill your want for intimacy. Ongoing, destructive relationships are becoming gangrenous appendages that distort your true value and potential. Your obsessive conduct in your relationship is becoming nothing short of a sickness.

**Success:** Changing your fixation on failed personal interactions is essential for any progress in the upcoming months. Your effort spent on productivity is fruitless - if not already apparent. The time for finding gainful employment is long overdue.

**Health:** Your habits and useless preoccupations have caused health concerns to go unattended. Start with oral hygiene and changing your tattered attire.

**Vegas Vibe:** Tired, Procrastinating Defunct, Weathered

**Food for Spirit:** Budget meal

**Casino Game:** Penny Slots

**Place to Be:** In a Shower

## **LEO**

July 23 – August 22

**Love:** Smooth talking Leo has a way with words during the next few months, or at least that's how it will appear to these snake charmers. This will result in no shortage of affection, attention or any other type of positive feedback you are sure to receive from personal interaction.

**Health:** Rewarding relationships and positive energy will influence your physical being in a way

that leaves you feeling elated to a state of persisting euphoria. Continue loving life.

**Vegas Vibe:** Supreme, Charming, Charismatic, Euphoric

**Food for Spirit:** Red grapes or cranberries

**Casino Game:** Roulette

**Place to Be:** High elevation

## **VIRGO**

August 23 – September 22

**Love:** You should be recognizing your need to employ more effort to rid yourself of damaging relationships that harm your integrity and prospects for happiness. If you aren't currently in a relationship, be cautious to consider those who interest you carefully. Take advantage of the passion offered by mutual friendship. This will provide a safe, healthy antidote, and pleasurable medicine for transformation.

**Success:** Any success in the next months will depend on your degree of independence from the influence of others. Look around you and determine whether or not your ability to succeed is matched by those who freely partake in your bounty.

**Health:** Your underlying health is very favorable, but susceptible to depreciation by the impact of those around you. To maximize your natural resilience it is important for you not to absorb the negativity of others.

**Vegas Vibe:** Thoughtful, Mindful, Determined, Proud, Motivated

**Food for Spirit:** Middle Eastern Delights

**Casino Game:** Black Rhino

**Place to Be:** Incognito



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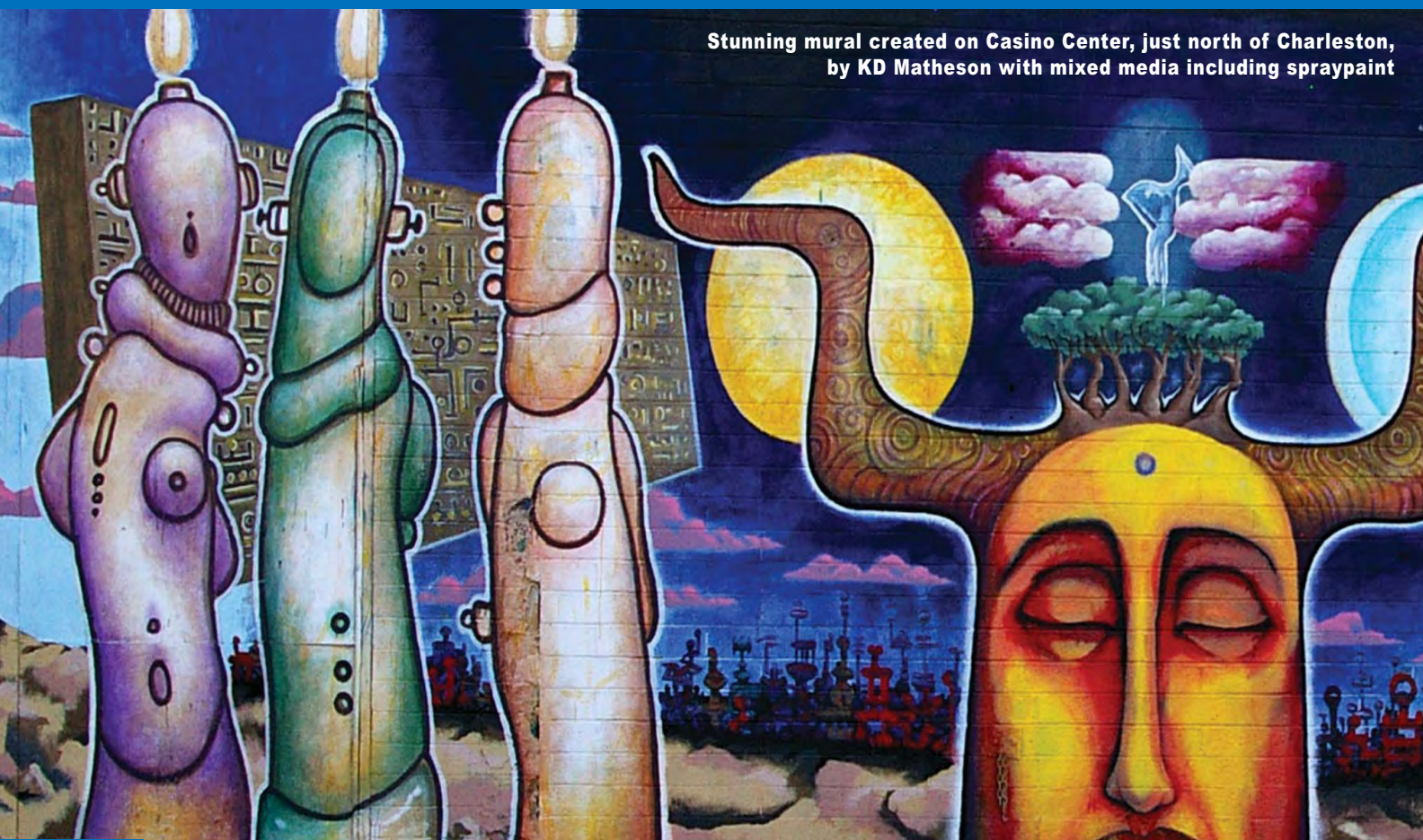


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## First Friday: Walking the Arts District, Watching and Waiting

By Bojana Jamboric



Photo Rachel DeLoe

**F**irst Friday has reshaped the cultural and artistic scene downtown and has anchored the Arts District since its inception in 2002. It has become a staple of the Las Vegas events scene, drawing new artists and talent to the area, as well as bringing locals out to walk the streets, mingle and convene; juxtaposing middle-aged art connoisseurs, families, yuppies, punk rock kids and everyone in between.

Born out of one determined woman's idea to bring a voice and exposure to the arts community in Las Vegas, First Friday has contributed greatly to the creation of an environment conducive to creativity and fun.

Today, First Friday is the premier

monthly art festival in Las Vegas. It takes place in the 18b Arts District, named after the original 18 blocks it occupied in downtown Las Vegas and boasts anywhere between 5,000 and 10,000 visitors per event. It offers up to 80 venues: art galleries and studios; food and drink, plus stores and more, along with as many as 50 outdoor artists and entertainers.

The event has grown out of its original 18 blocks and is now a 24-block, polygon-shaped zone with an urban mix of residential, cultural and commercial uses; bounded by Commerce and Fourth streets on the west, Hoover and Colorado avenues on the northern edges and Las Vegas Boulevard

North to Charleston on the southeastern side.

Only 7 years ago, the event started out with more humble beginnings.

First Friday was created out of an inspiring visit to an art festival in Portland, Ore. where current First Friday Board President Cindy Funkhouser attended a community art event and grew convinced that this was exactly what the art scene in Las Vegas needed. After relocating to Las Vegas in 1984 from Iowa, Funkhouser settled in and opened a small but thriving antique store — The Funk House, located on Casino Center Boulevard in downtown Las Vegas. An avid supporter of the arts, she began by displaying local art in her store and ultimately became the visionary, driving force who created and shaped the First Friday event into what it is today.

Regardless of the daunting size of such a project, Funkhouser set out to organize the inaugural grassroots art event, which took place on October 4, 2002, and the first First Friday event drew 10 art exhibits and 300 visitors.

Soon after, Whirlygig Inc., a Nevada arts nonprofit company, was formed to oversee the organization and the growth of First Friday with Funkhouser at the helm of the 11-member board. Local gallery owner Naomi Arin serves as board vice president, and the assistant company manager for Cirque du Soleil, Danielle Rodenkirchen, is board secretary.

Although, in its initial stages, First Friday was a small, organic festival, it quickly grew too large for Whirlygig Inc. to organize and support on its own. Funkhouser garnered the support of the Nevada Arts Council and Mayor Oscar Goodman, who immediately saw the value in First Friday's

contribution to the fabric of the Las Vegas downtown environment — undoubtedly its economy, too.

Goodman, a longtime champion of the downtown revitalization efforts to create an “urban village” environment, proclaimed, “First Friday is the best thing that has ever happened to Las Vegas.”

It is the mayor's vision to create a rich downtown experience; one filled with a wide range of small businesses, boutiques, fine dining, bookshops, art galleries and lively venues in order to create a trendy, eclectic, metropolitan downtown neighborhood where the public can engage in dia-

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**“First Friday is the best thing that has ever happened to Las Vegas.” -Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman**

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logue and exchange ideas. The ultimate goal: creation of a place where Las Vegas can work, play and call home.

Over the years, the Nevada Arts Council has been instrumental in contributing funding for the well-established festival, and the City of Las Vegas Office of Cultural Affairs still continues to provide the required infrastructure, event coordination and consulting support for six out of 12 events of the year.

As the popularity, size of the event and resulting costs continued to grow, the organizers instituted a small entry charge to access the pedestrian-only areas of the event including the performance stages and street

fair displays.

Over the years, First Friday has drawn a wide range of local artists and musicians to display their creativity in the various galleries, studios and walkways. One of the major hubs in the area is the Arts Factory, which is home to more than 20 of the most prominent artists, professionals and art galleries in the district, including Trifecta Gallery, Studio West Photography, Cricket Studios, Niki J. Sands Contemporary Fine Art and the celebrated Paymon's Mediterranean Bistro. Every month, thousands meander through the open doors and the art-filled, winding gallery spaces of the Arts Factory to preview the latest works on display by local artists.

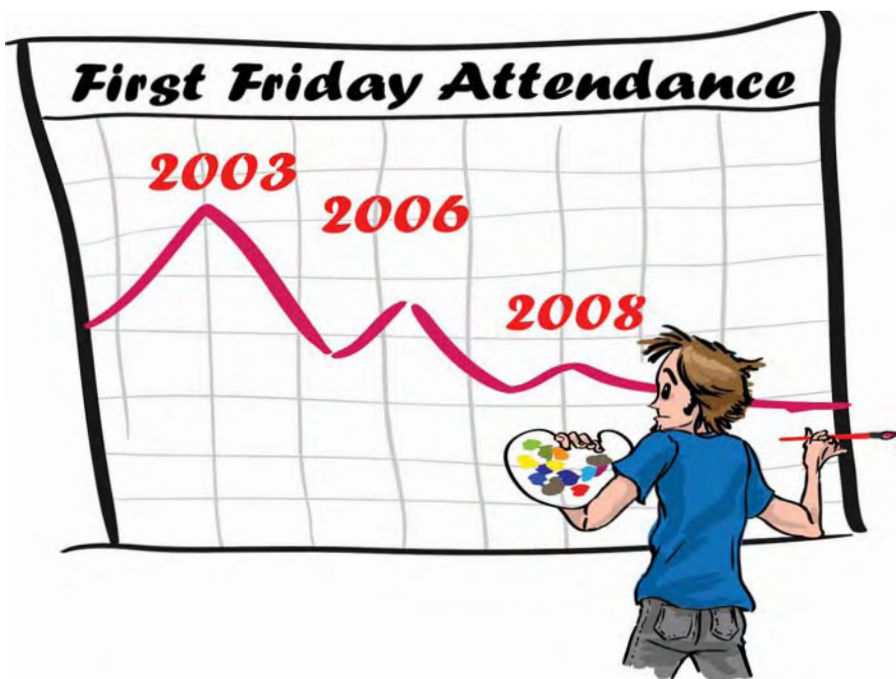
At the southernmost corner of the 18b Arts District are the Commerce Street studios, a place to call home for several artists groups: The Fallout Gallery, Elizabeth Blau Studios, Wendy Kveck Studio, Circadian Studios and Naked City Tattoo. In addition to the numerous resident artists, the Arts District is home to a few dozen unique restaurants, stores and shops dotted throughout the area, including the Gypsy Den, The Attic (made famous through entertainment media), Master Craft Furniture and William's Costume.

Despite all efforts, the funding for First Friday has been stretched to its limits so much so that the June, July and August events had to eliminate the customary street closures for pedestrian activities. As a result, the artists' exhibits are being reduced to approximately 18 instead of the usual 30; the performance stages have been reduced from three to a single stage, and the street performers will be few, if not entirely eliminated.

On any given First Friday, it was commonplace to find a wide range of artists and musicians lining the streets and sidewalks, displaying all manner of art — sometimes in even unimaginable mediums, including performance art. Street performers have included break dancers, fire breathers, Argentine tango dancers, fortune tellers, musicians and DJs.

And no event in Las Vegas would be complete without the after party. Beauty Bar is one of the most popular destinations once the evening events come to a close; other spots are Dino's Lounge and Frankie's Tiki Room, where locals and visitors head down for dancing, karaoke and specialty drinks to wind down or start the night.

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# Football Fantasy



## Fantasy Football Online Sporting Pastime

By William T. Brost

**W**hat's going on when office production begins to slip, billable hours decline and factory shipments run a bit slower? All any office manager or supervisor has to do is look at the calendar. Like clockwork, it will read somewhere between August and December every year.

It must be that world's-fastest-growing online activity — outside of pornography and online dating — it's fantasy football!

So what is the fascination that keeps so many Las Vegas players and American-style football enthusiasts around the world glued to their keyboards every season?

FEATURE



Fans love professional football, from sports bars to online. Count them in whenever there's a chance to be close to the game, spend money on favorite teams and pick winners each week — especially when it's possible to win on the outcomes of individual players, not just entire teams.

That's one of the main advantages of the rave fantasy football, plus it's open to everyone of all ages to play for fun.

An estimated 30 million people around the globe participate in any one of numerous fantasy leagues or, frequently, in more than one league throughout the season. The "fantasy" is that the online game players design make-believe football teams, selecting players from the actual rosters of the NFL and playing them in leagues.

It's full of intrigue and excitement as members in "fantasy leagues" all over the Internet pit their imaginary "fantasy teams" against one another. There are tens of thousands of leagues globally.

In general, fantasy football works the way the NFL actually works.

A fantasy league is a group of people or members who each have configured teams and then play them against other members' teams. Members may belong to more than one league; however, the team(s) a member creates can play in only one specific league.

There are six primary carriers of fantasy football: ESPN.com, NFL.com, Yahoo!, Sports.com, CBS Sports.com and Fox Sports.com. Others, such as Crossover Fantasy Football at [www.cosg.net](http://www.cosg.net) and Fanball.com, also host leagues.

Each carrier offers several different types of fantasy leagues. Many people participate in the free version of leagues. Several of the carriers also offer a paid version of online fantasy football, offering more services with a participant's subscription, such as in-depth scouting reports and real-time scoring while the NFL games are being played live; therefore, fantasy team owners can instantly track their players.

There may be some form of prize money such as a betting pool amongst the members who play within their own league, even though it is generally considered an illegal form of gambling.

## Introduction to How the Game is Played

First, there is the season draft: fantasy game participants select their favorite picks from among all eligible football players in order to form their online "fantasy teams."

Next, in fantasy football, once the football players are drafted — selected from the actual NFL roster by the so-called fantasy team owner or the fantasy game player — those picks make up the teams that play in leagues online for points toward victories.

Those team owners comprise the each fantasy leagues' membership.

Replicating the NFL, each fantasy team is made up of fantasy football players designated to fill the standard positions: quarterback, running backs, wide receivers, tight ends, kickers, team defenses, a flex player (usually an extra RB or WR) and even sometimes an individual defensive player.

### How do fantasy teams actually play each other and win?

League members' teams compete against one another within their own league. Usually there are 10 teams per league, and they pair off in a head-to-head format, vying in games each week, which run concurrently with the NFL's weekly schedule. A team in each pair wins or ties.

An individual player's performance each week earns points for the team owner, and the winning team in any match-up chalks up a victory for its owner.

The fantasy players are tracking their custom-designed teams and get their virtual scores based on what the real-life counterparts to the individual drafted football players and teams actually do on their real-turf football fields each week of the NFL season.

When the real NFL players score points or make certain progress in weekly games — touchdown passes, rushing touchdowns, pass interceptions and so forth — the fantasy teams are awarded their points based on a pre-determined, point-value system for those specified categories and other types of player performances.

For instance, a touchdown thrown by the living, breathing quarterback for the Min-

nesota Vikings may net a certain number of arbitrary fantasy points, say for example 7, for any fantasy league team(s) that had that quarterback playing that week.

The fantasy team with the highest cumulative score in a league wins for that week. There is even an ultimate season victory for the Internet league that wins overall based on accumulated points.

From the time the draft ends until the end-of-season playoffs start, team owners can add and drop players based on performance and injury, as well as trade players with other team members in order to fill any roster voids and needs.

At the end of the season, which ends before the real Super Bowl — but not before the Fantasy League Championship playoffs are decided — teams continue to compete for bragging rights and some aim for winning from their betting pots.

After their ultimate victory money game, the fantasy league players get geared up again. The NFL's season is over. But now the latest fantasy reports and impact guides start to pop up all over the Internet, and those crazed football fans begin preparing for war yet again as the countdown is on until their next football season begins.

The original incarnation of fantasy football, which was conducted on paper vs. the emerging Internet, was in 1962 prompted by a part owner of the Oakland Raiders, Bill Winkenbach, and a Raiders' public relations worker, Bill Tunnell. With assistance from an Oakland Tribune sports beat writer, Scotty Stirling, along with three of his colleagues, the basis for the modern fantasy football craze was created while they were on a Raiders' road trip to the east coast.

Progressively, the online version is more detail-oriented and accessible than its predecessor, thanks to the prevalence of personal computers, PDAs and cell phones, which give participants instant access to their leagues and teams. It adds to the excitement and makes it more addicting.

Today, sports fans regard fantasy football as the No. 1 national "e-pastime."

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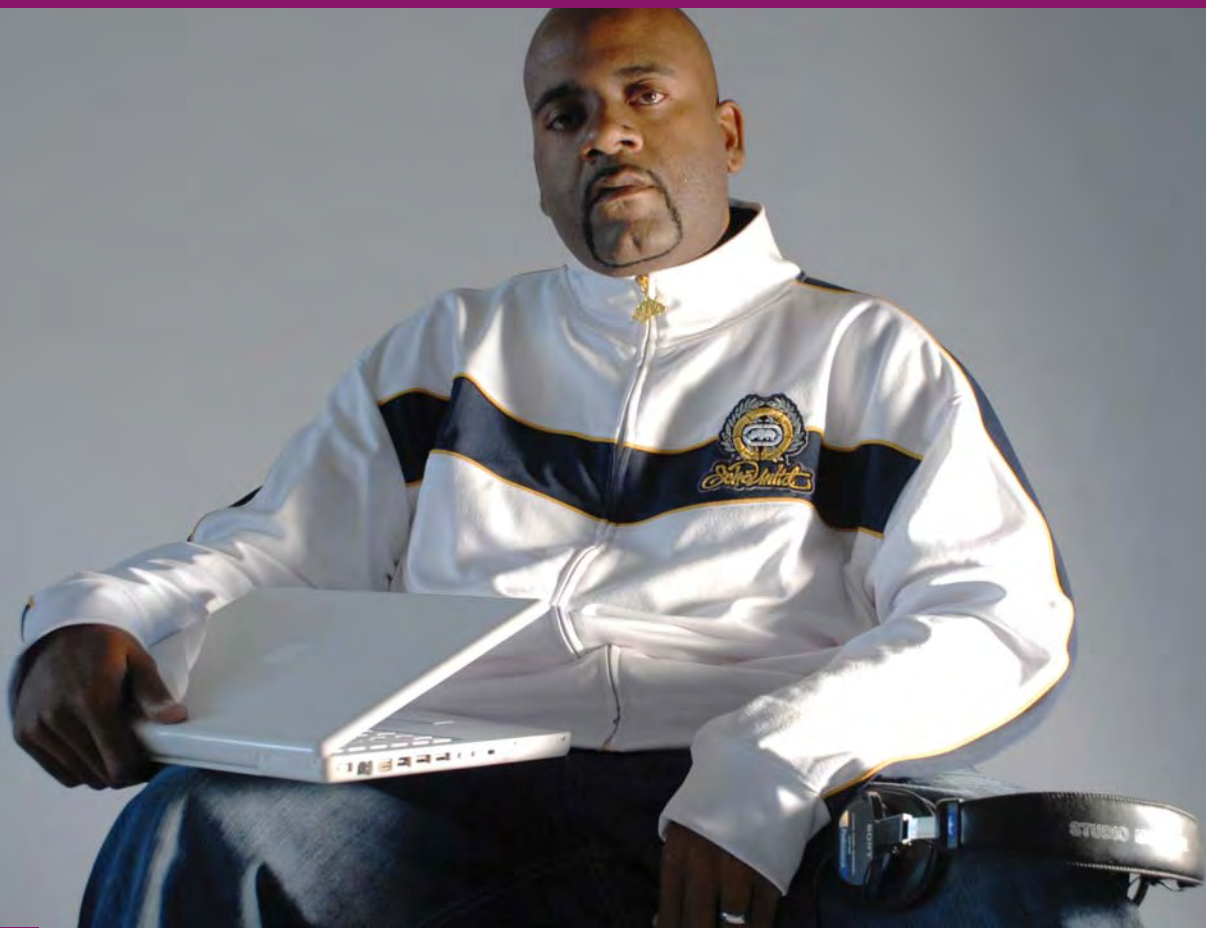


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**DJ KMP**

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# Soundgasms

## With DJ KMP

By GiGi Capone

**D**J KMP first started spinning in high school, and this multi-talented, seasoned, industry vet is legendary amongst his fans and peers today.

“My inspiration was the World Supremacy Battle between DJ Joe Cooley and DJ Cash Money. That got me inspired to want to become a part of the hip hop culture,” the Riverside, Calif. native recalls.

KMP has been known to DJ for some of the world’s biggest celebrity artists such as Eddie Van Halen, Cash Money’s G. Malone, Chino XL, Money B of Digital Underground, Dr. Stank, and the list goes on and on.

But spinning is just a drop in the bucket of KMP’s deep accreditations, which include several other significant music-re-

lated roles in addition to his being a master in the DJ realm. Not only is he a music producer, but he’s a radio show producer, and he’s the music director for Las Vegas-based Swurv Radio.

KMP is the director of A&R for New York-based Brother’s and Sister’s Entertainment, beyond everything else he does elsewhere. He’s talent on weekends broadcasting from U92.7 in Palm Springs, and he hosts “KMP’s Playhouse” on the same station; plus, KMP co-hosts Power 106’s “The World Famous Wake Up Show” and he is affiliated with other various syndicated radio stations serving roles, as well.

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First Friday is a culture, and countless locals and frequent visitors expect to enjoy themselves on this designated night, each month, without fail. It is still unclear if the street fair aspect of the event will come back in the fall months, as it entirely depends on Whirlygig's summertime fundraising efforts, which has been dependent upon sponsors, individual contributions, private funds and event supporters.

Hopes are high with both attendees and organizers that the street fair portion of First Friday will be back in full swing by late summer or early autumn and that the event will continue to thrive despite the downturn. It is difficult to imagine the event fading away in its entirety. More likely, it will hibernate in its reduced size and budget before making a re-emergence of its former grandeur in the better economic years to come.

Aaron Archer, a local musician-composer, who has performed at First Friday street fairs and attended the event frequently since its early years, stated: "It's great to just play out in the open for whoever happens to wander by... Vegas needs street fairs because there's such a lack of culture."

Archer is optimistic about the future of what he calls "a unified event for the arts community" but offers his insights on returning to its origins.

"I like it better when it's more free and open, less structure. It started off interesting, but it really got corporate — gates and admission. I stopped going, but I went recently and there was a good turnout. It was more organic, like when it got started," Archer continued, adding a suggestion to up the amount of music groups to get more attendees.

"Local bands do have their own crowds that they could draw."

So it seems that despite First Friday's rapid growth, weakened funding and difficult times, which may paint a blurred picture of its future, it won't tone down the public's love for its Las Vegas street fair and art festival. First Friday events are announced for September 4 and October 2 from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., as usual. For more information or ways to support the event, visit [www.FirstFriday-LasVegas.org](http://www.FirstFriday-LasVegas.org).

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earned qualifications, there has to be respect for DJ KMP's conglomerate — like it or not.

Humble in nature, KMP describes his style as "one that entertains."

"I like to adapt to each and every situation that I come across. Whether it is radio, a club or a private event, I will always entertain the crowd. My style of mixing is more of a radio/club fill that incorporates blending, scratching, with a sprinkle of party breaks and mash-ups when needed."

KMP, who seems to have a fair and just nature, described the characteristics of music that catch his ear and how he determines what's going to be a hit:

"When I listen to music, I need the beat to catch me when I first hear it. I listen to the structure of the song and determine whether it has potential or not. This process works for me because I don't always like what I hear, but if I think it is catchy and will work for my audience, I will give it a chance."

Some of the dedicated DJ's favorite, influential artists include Michael Jackson, Prince, Jay Z, E40, Crooked I and Chino XL.

I asked KMP to answer, without revealing too much, what role he sees Swurv Radio taking on in the upcoming years.

"In the next five years, Swurv Radio will expand into a media outlet on the Internet where you can listen to music and interact with artists and other listeners. It will be the next virtual online media source. That sounds big, but I really believe it is possible."

Everybody knows that the DJs get all the best music first, and KMP is no exception to that. So, listeners should be on the lookout for artists, who may be under the radar right now but who have KMP's stamp of approval.

"Von Sway, Young Keno, Dirty Birdy, Dr Stank, Big Steele and the rest of The Homeless Nation Crew," said KMP, suggesting the audience should check them out.

To hear DJ KMP in action, tune in to [www.SwurvRadio.com](http://www.SwurvRadio.com) every Thursday at 10 a.m. and again at 5 p.m. weekdays for Swurve Radio's "5 O'Clock Traffic Jam." On Sundays, catch him from 4 to 6 p.m. on U92.7's "KMP's Playhouse" on KKUU-FM.

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# The Green Business Guide

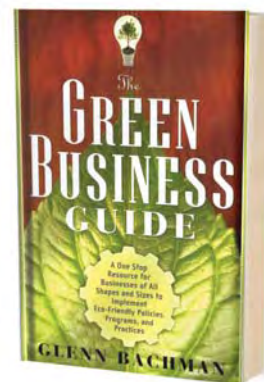
## Glenn Bachman

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

**O**ne night last week, you saw something you'd never noticed before.

You happened to stay after work for an hour for some catch-up and the office cleaning crew came in before you left. You watched, dumbfounded, as they hauled away bag after bag after bag of trash. Paper, discarded cups, empty soda cans, empty printer cartridges, all to the dumpster.

You've been doing all you can at home to be greener. So why can't you do the same at work? You can, and it won't be easy, but with "The Green Business Guide" by Glenn Bachman, corporate greening is more doable than ever.



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Bachman says there are three trends that affect going green in your business: a global economy defined by "relatively free exchange of goods," a change in the health of the planet, and a growing world-wide population. Within the next 20 years, it's projected that there will



be 8 billion people on Earth.

One of them—you—could make a difference.

Becoming a green enterprise will take planning, without a doubt. Bachman points out that not every business will need to implement everything in this book. Depending on the size of your corporation, not everything he mentions is practical to do.

To get started, embrace an ecodesign, both in the product you put out and the products you use. Ecodesign is “a meld of art and science that creates ecologically benign and economically viable products and services,” which pretty much sums up what you’re about to do.

Designate a person within your corporation whose responsibility is to make sure your materials procurement strategy is ecologically sound. When shipping your product, know what kind of packing you need and don’t overuse. If you’re thinking about building, be sure your contractor is in agreement about Earth-friendly materials.

Inside your building, make use of settings to avoid running appliances when they’re not needed. Take a hard look at your automotive fleet and the transportation needs of your staff, including all business trips of all lengths. Consider telecommuting. Make a goal of becoming a certified green enterprise.

Looking for a light-hearted, fun way to go green at work? You won’t find it here. “The Green Business Guide” means business, in more ways than one.

There’s no “dumbing down” in this book, and nothing cutesy. Author Glenn Bachman uses technical terms and (gasp!) advanced math-based concepts to help you find the best and most efficient ways to make your corporation greener.

Some of the ideas are new but common-sense (let shareholders know what’s in it for them), some seem to be grumpy (if someone sends you a document, single-sided, call and request that they not do it again), and some feel nit-picky (use only narrow-ruled notebooks). Still, there’s nothing saying you can’t pick and choose your ideas to do what feels right for your business.

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# Power to the People

## Total Relaxation Can Be Yours

By Robin Bougie

Incense burning... candles lit... chanting music... clean wood floor... Ready.

Mats are being spread out at Yoga Central, as some participants now arrive at their sanctuary, breathing with relief after traveling a few miles through rush-hour traffic. Stress from the drive and the workday is put far behind as everyone looks forward to a yoga workout to unwind.

Everyone in class is moving through several gentle, warming poses. Breathing in tandem... minds quieting... movement increasing... perspiring heavily... joints loosening... joy of movement. In unison, they end in savasana or corpse pose (total relaxation).

Yoga Central premiered this summer as the first, power yoga studio in Las Vegas. The studio can hold about 20 students per class. Owner Don McNamee prefers to keep his studio's temperature

at around 85 to 90 degrees, he says, to be "in sync with the natural environment," which makes for plenty of sweating and loosening of the body, but without a high risk that participants could pass out or lose their lunch.

McNamee, along with Erin Donnelly, Jennifer Knox and Tamara Kinoshita on staff, instructs with one goal in mind: to reach out to the community and help empower people in this contemporary world through an ancient, traditional art.

Seeing yoga as a gift that should be available to every person, the instructional team and staff envision making the studio's classes affordable for all. They aim to do so supported by cash contributions and service donations of time and skills.

Their passion for yoga clearly shows in their teaching styles. The approach is hands-on. They give individual attention; demonstrate poses, and watch, doing

their best to make students comfortable. They know yoga is an individual practice so no one is forced into doing poses that aren't comfortable for his or her abilities.

Power yoga or vinyasa flow yoga is "breath-synchronized" yoga — one pose flows into the next, in such a smooth way that together the poses become like a dance. An invigorating blend of power and grace. The focus is on breath, alignment and intention.

Classes advance movements from standing poses to floor postures, as intricate and difficult as students want them to be.

"At Yoga Central, we realize that we are all different each day, so there are modifications for all levels to help find your satya (truth) in each posture," McNamee said.

Sun salutations are a common sequence done in vinyasa flow yoga as a way of warming up the body. An individual sequence of poses, it most commonly includes mountain pose, upward hand pose, standing forward bend, half-standing forward bend, plank pose, staff pose, upward-facing dog, and downward-facing dog. All are done in a flowing sequence with the breath, building warmth, strength and endurance. Classes then move through a sequence of poses determined by the instructor, focusing on yoga's chief benefits of building strength, improving balance, stretching the body and clearing the mind.

As a nationally certified teacher of yoga and with a work background as eclectic as Las Vegas itself, Don McNamee brings a powerfully unique experience to his studio. A Las Vegas native, his yoga journey has taken him from severe injuries and obesity to where he is today — fully recovered, loving life and living his yoga dream.

He opened his unique studio with the goal of making yoga affordable to the community and sharing his love of yoga. He has instructed a wide range of clients' personalized instructional needs, from those in wheelchairs to professional athletes. McNamee says all levels from beginner to advanced are welcome to attend classes.

"Power yoga is for all, to empower their lives, no matter what the level of fitness," McNamee concluded.

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# In The NFL, The Future (or Futures) is Now

## Inside NFL Sportsbetting

By Michael Sanchez

SPORTSLINE

**F**ootball is about to get fully underway, so I decided to stop picking apart the baseball money lines for a day and focus on NFL futures bets.

Now that Michael Vick has landed a team, Brett Favre has made his annual comeback decision, and training camps are in full swing, the NFL picture is starting to get a little clearer. This is the time to make your prediction whether last year's surprise teams were flukes or real contenders and whether the championship windows have closed on the perennial powerhouses. Can Matt Ryan and Joe Flacco fight the sophomore slumps and return their teams to the playoffs?

How will the addition of a true wildcat quarterback help the Dolphins' chances of defending their division title? Can the Detroit Lions win a game this year? Will Tom Brady recover from reconstructive knee surgery fast enough to take his team back to the playoffs? It's time for football fans to put their money where their mouths are; it's time for NFL futures bets.

A quick glance at the preseason wins lines doesn't look promising. Las Vegas' lines appear to be tightening along with the economy, but there are still some bets worth throwing.

With my strength of schedule in hand, the big surprise is seeing the Bears with the easiest schedule, statistically. That, coupled with the addition of the first franchise quarterback in decades, should allow them to win more than 8 1/2 games. Two of them will probably come at the expense of the first team in his-

tory to go 0-16 — the Detroit Lions.

Speaking of the Lions, I don't see them winning over five games. This team is not likely to pull a quick turnaround the way the Dolphins did last year.

In 2007, the Dolphins lost six games by one field goal or less, but the Lions only lost one game in 2008 by the same margin. They weren't even competitive last year, and I didn't see any offseason moves to make me think they are on the right track.

A team that seems to have made some nice additions is the Miami Dolphins. Let's face it; Bill Parcells flat out knows how to win, and he knows how to scout out his kind of players.

They are on the cutting edge of the first big offensive revolution since the West Coast offense, and they just brought in the prototype quarterback for the package. They brought back Jason Taylor to rush on the opposite side of Joey Porter and drafted two lockdown corners to slow down the Patriots' and Bills' passing games.

Despite those additions, and the fact that they won 11 games last year, Las Vegas set the line at 7 games. I know they play the toughest schedule in football, but somebody missed on this line.

I also like the Dolphins at 50:1 to win the Super Bowl. They are too good of a team to pass on these odds.

My last pick is Arizona over 8 1/2 wins and 30:1 to win the Super Bowl. I know their defense is patchwork, but a decade ago, the Rams proved you don't need defense to win a Super Bowl. If they can keep Warner healthy, the addition of Chris Wells might provide the balance needed to make another run this year. They play in the weakest division in football and have the 27th toughest schedule, so 8 1/2 should be a cake walk. They just have to keep their heads straight with all the added pressure of repeating last year's success.

I debated the Falcons over 8 1/2 games and the Eagles over 9 1/2, but those numbers are too close, given their strength of schedules. There is also some merit to the Vikings under 9 1/2, Jaguars under 8, Rams under 5 1/2 and the 49ers under 7 1/2, but those are all teams with too many variables to feel safe about the bets. Only fire at those speculation bets if the odds are too good to pass up.

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# MOVIES



Jacket Design by Ray Ray Clothing

Elton's Las Vegas at Mandalay Bay

Photo Courtesy Elton's

# Fall Fashion Flair

## Rocker Chic Men's Boutique – Elton's Las Vegas

By Janae Raphael

FASHION

Las Vegas locals can get a taste of the rocker lifestyle, or a least dress like it, after a visit to Elton's Las Vegas, located in the Shops at Mandalay Bay and the Palazzo at the Venetian Hotel.

This nationally recognized, edgy men's boutique caters to rockers such as Ace Frehley from KISS, to ZZ Top's Dusty Hill, to the Goo Goo Dolls, as well as Las Vegas doctors, lawyers and business executives looking for a new twist on their style.

Leading the specialized, contemporary menswear movement, Elton's has built up a reputation for offering unique and interesting wardrobe items.

"We are the Rolls-Royce of funk wear,"

said Elton Salinas, owner of Elton's Las Vegas, namesake of a chain of men's fashion stores. He carries Diesel and Hugo Boss but also seeks out young artistic designers who produce creative and unique items that are not mass merchandised. Two of Elton's favorites for the fall season are Ray Ray Clothing's vintage blazers and Mark Nason modern leather boots.

Ray Ray Clothing takes beautifully constructed vintage pieces and modernizes them with hand embroidery, tailoring and leather accents. His hand revamped vintage blazers are one-of-a-kind works of art.

"My designs have always been geared towards your inner rock star, and there's no

better place than Las Vegas to unleash that beast. Elton's truly captures the essence of fashion-forward designs, and I'm honored to have my line in such an amazing forum," said Ray Mizukami Babul, founder of Ray Ray Clothing.

"What's not to love about Las Vegas? Where else in the world can you walk down the street to visit ancient civilizations brought back to life? To be dazzled by dancing fountains, and sparkling lights? The possibilities in this town are limitless and, to a designer, there could be nothing more exciting," Babul added.

Mark Nason Footwear is handcrafted in Italy and designed to complement designer denim and dress casual wear. With distinctive profiles and

luxurious leathers, the collection includes a range of classic and modern boots, shoes and sandals



**"Buckley" – SRP \$435 "Chocolate leather boot with studded slit cross"**

especially for individuals who define style as unique and individualistic.

Mark Nason gives a person a reason to buy another pair of shoes, according to Salinas.

"Casual Friday has spread to Monday through Friday," Salinas stated.

"Men aren't buying suits as much anymore; rather, they look for unique items that make a statement."

Whether attending a cocktail party or casual charity event this fall, Salinas recommends a cool sport shirt with the right coat, possibly a vintage blazer from Ray Ray Clothing, and the right jeans — most likely a pair that is heavily distressed with handmade detail from Diesel's Couture Collection.

"We don't follow trends, but rather

artistry," Salinas explained, adding, "Our customers shop the best stores across the country, but they shop at my store to find something different and feel like they are buying a piece of art."

He enjoys educating his customers and changing men's perceptions about fashion. His favorite anecdote is the time a 40-year-old executive came into the store and complained about the way the store's staff was dressing: their shirttails were hanging out, and they looked

way too informal, the customer commented.

After receiving an education in fashion from boutique owner Salinas, the executive actually left the store with his shirttails hanging out, his hair a little messier and a newfound sense of respect for men's contemporary fashion.

Salinas has a rich history in the Las Vegas fashion scene. He relocated here at age 26 to work with a leading fashion retailer.

"At that time, it was the only high-end retailer in town, and we outfitted all of the big-name celebrities like Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra," he recalled.

After opening his first store in 1996 in the Luxor on the Las Vegas Strip, it was a snow-

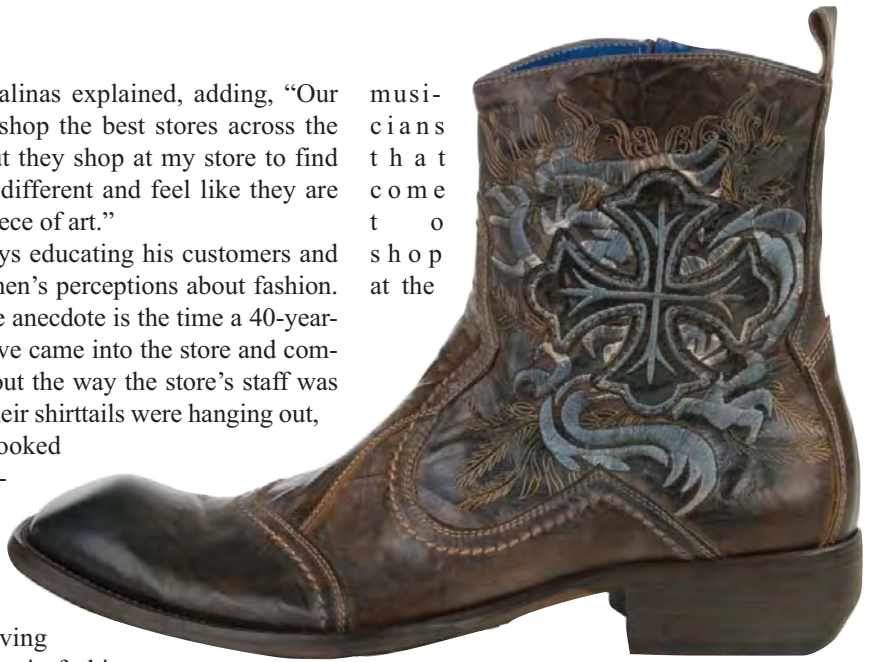
ball effect from there. A store at the Monte Carlo Hotel and Casino replaced the original store, and Salinas opened his Mandalay Bay location in 2004. Six months later, he ventured into women's fashion with a store called Nora Blue, named after his late mother, and Cream, a handbag boutique. More recently, in January 2008, he opened Elton's in the Shoppes at the Palazzo and the Venetian.

You can always find Salinas around the property and at his stores. However, in his free time, he enjoys the great entertainment variety that Las Vegas has to offer, from musicians such as Little Richard and Celine Dion to the artistic, acrobatic, stunning production shows on the Strip.

The boutique owner's sons help in the business. Son Sean Salinas is a percussionist in Cirque du Soleil's KÀ at the MGM Grand.

"Sean always ends up working with the

musicians that come to shop at the



**"Claypool" – SRP \$450 "Leather dragon boot with regal cross patch"**

store. I think they are attracted to each other's creativity and style," the father said.

His other son, Scott Salinas, is the buyer and store manager for Elton's and accompanies his father on trips to international fashion shows in Barcelona and Florence.

"Las Vegas is a city of its own energy and its own magic," Elton Salinas concluded.

And much of the magic is the artistry and creativity that the founding father of Elton's himself brings to the Las Vegas fashion scene.

Get your new fall fashions going or make a celebrity change in your style by visiting the website for his store at [Eltons.com](http://Eltons.com), and see more creations by his featured designers at [RayRayUSA.com](http://RayRayUSA.com) and [MarkNason.com](http://MarkNason.com). Sean, Elton and Scott Salinas.





**Lion King**  
Mandalay Bay

Compiled by Nick Bougie

## LIVE SHOWS

### Aliante Station Casino & Hotel - 702-692-7777

Jerry Tiffe at Access .....Wed  
Yellow Brick Road at Access .....Fri  
Steel Panther at Access .....Sat

### Bally's Las Vegas - 702-739-4111

Jubilee .....Sat-Thurs  
The Price is Right Live .....Tues-Sat

### Bill's Gamblin' Hall & Saloon - 702-737-2100

Big Elvis.....Mon-Fri  
Bill's Lounge Karaoke .....Sun-Tues

### Bellagio - 702-693-7111

Cirque du Soleil presents "O" .....Wed-Sun  
Fountains of Bellagio – Light and Music Show  
.....Nightly

### Boulder Station Hotel & Casino - 702-432-7777

Jerry Tiffe.....Thurs  
Boulder Blues .....Thurs  
Sin City Sinners.....Fri  
Yellow Brick Road .....Sat  
Latin Night w/ Noche Nortena .....Sun

### Caesars Palace - 702-731-7110

PussycatDollsLive.....Tues,  
.....Thurs-Sat  
Cher.....Tues-Wed, Sat-Sun

### Cannery Hotel & Casino - 702-507-5700

Pin-Ups Lounge Live Music .....Tues-Sun

### Circus Circus Hotel & Casino - 702-734-0410

Free Circus Acts.....Daily

### Eastside Cannery Hotel & Casino - 702-856-5300

The Fab – Beatles Tribute .....Thurs

### Excalibur Hotel & Casino - 702-597-7777

Tournament of Kings .....Wed-Mon  
Thunder From Down Under.....Nightly  
Louie Anderson.....Sun-Thurs  
Defending the Caveman.....Daily  
Karaoke at The Lounge.....Wed-Sun

### Fiesta Henderson Hotel & Casino - 702-558-7000

Michael Soli at Cerveza Cantina.....Fri  
DJ Kayle at Cerveza Cantina .....Sat

### Fiesta Rancho Hotel & Casino - 702-631-7000

Wild Cabo Nights  
at Cabo Lounge .....Thurs-Sat  
Noches Latinas at Club Tequila .....Fri  
El Moreno Carrillo Y Su Banda Tierra Sagrada  
at Club Tequila.....Sat

### Fitz Casino & Hotel - 702-388-2400

Kevin Burke .....Nightly

### Flamingo Las Vegas - 702-733-3111

Donny and Marie .....Tues-Sat  
George Wallace .....Tues-Sat  
Nathan Burton.....Tues, Wed, Fri-Sun

### Fremont Street Experience - 702-678-5777

Summer of '69 End of Summer,  
What a Bummer Bash .....9/4-7  
Las Vegas Culturefest .....9/11-13  
HispanicInternationalParade&Festival.....10/10  
NHRA Fanfest.....10/29  
Bright Lights City Cruise –  
Ford Car Show .....10/31

### Golden Nugget Las Vegas - 702-385-7111

Gordie Brown.....Tues-Sat  
Frankie Moreno Band at Rush Lounge  
.....Wed-Sun

### Golden Nugget Laughlin - 702-298-7111

Sax Man Brown at Tarzan's.....Thurs  
DJ Creative at Tarzan's .....Thurs-Sat

### Greek Isles Hotel & Casino - 702-952-8000

Ignite ft. Antonio Restivo.....Tues-Sat  
Chinaman Rock N' Roll Comedy .....Tues-Sat

### Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa - 702-617-7777

Yellow Brick Road at Ovation Lounge...Wed  
The Lon Bronson All Star Band at Ovation  
Lounge .....Thurs



Michael Grimm at Ovation Lounge.....Fri-Sat  
 Steel Panther at Ovation Lounge.....Fri  
 Sin City Sinners at Ovation Lounge.....Sat  
 Darby O'Gill & The Little People at  
 Quinn's Irish Pub.....Fri-Sat

**Harrah's Las Vegas - 800-214-9110**  
 The Mac King Comedy Magic Show .....  
 .....Tues-Sat  
 The Improv.....Tues-Sun

**Hooters Casino & Hotel - 702-739-9000**  
 The Todd Paul Show .....Sat-Thurs  
 Men of "X" .....Nightly  
 DJ Dynamixx at Dixie's Dam Bar .....Wed-Sat

**Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino - 702-731-3311**  
 Frank Marino's Divas Las Vegas .....Fri-Mon  
 Human Nature .....Sat-Thurs  
 Matsuri .....Wed-Mon  
 The Auto Collections – World's Largest Classic  
 Car Showroom.....Daily

**Las Vegas Hilton Hotel - 702-732-5111**  
 Sin City Bad Girls.....Mon-Sat  
 Voices w/ Earl Turner  
 & Lani Misalucha.....Mon-Sat  
 Ladies Night at Tempo Lounge.....Tues

**Luxor Las Vegas - 702-262-4444**  
 Criss Angel Believe.....Tues-Sat  
 Carrot Top .....Mon, Wed-Sun  
 Fantasy .....Nightly  
 Menopause The Musical.....Nightly

**Mandalay Bay - 702-632-7777**  
 Disney's The Lion King...Mon-Thurs, Sat-Sun  
 Shark Reef Aquarium .....Daily

**MGM Grand Hotel & Casino - 702-891-7777**  
 KÀ by Cirque Du Soleil.....Tues-Sat  
 Crazy Horse Paris.....Wed-Mon  
 Lion Habitat .....Daily

**Mirage Las Vegas - 702-791-7111**  
 The Beatles Love by Cirque du Soleil .....  
 .....Thurs-Mon  
 Terry Fator.....Tues-Sat  
 Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin  
 Habitat .....Daily  
 Mirage Volcano.....Daily

**Monte Carlo Resort & Casino - 730-7777**  
 Lance Burton.....Tues-Sat\*

**New York-New York Hotel & Casino - 702-740-6969**  
 Zumanity by Cirque du Soleil.....Tues-Wed,  
 .....Fri-Sun  
 Rok Vegas .....Wed-Sat  
 Dulce Latin Night at  
 Gonzalez Y Gonzalez.....Fri-Sat

**O'Sheas Las Vegas Casino - 702-697-2711**  
 Freaks .....Tues-Sat  
 Mental .....Tues-Sat  
 Karaoke Lounge .....Wed  
 Guitar Hero at the Dublin' Up Lounge.....Sat

**Palace Station - 702-367-2411**  
 Jerry Tiffe.....Tues  
 Stand-Up at Bonkerz Comedy Club...Thurs-Sat  
 Evenflow at Jack's Pub .....Wed-Thurs  
 Nuff Said at Jack's Pub.....Fri-Sat

**Palazzo Resort Hotel & Casino - 702-607-7777**  
 Jersey Boys .....Thurs-Tues  
 Industry Tuesdays at Lavo ft. DJ Five .....Tues  
 Rock 'N Roll Wine Lounge at Lavo.....Thurs  
 DJ Vice Sundays at Lavo ft. DJ Vice.....Sun

**Palms Casino Resort - 702-942-7777**  
 DJ AM at Rain.....Fri  
 Paul Oakenfold at Rain.....Sat

**Paris Hotel and Casino - 702-946-7000**  
 Anthony Cools .....Tues, Thurs-Sun  
 Dueling pianos at Napoleon's.....Nightly

**Plaza Hotel & Casino - 702-386-2110**  
 The Aqua Lounge Karaoke .....Wed  
 The Next Movement .....Thurs-Sun  
 Rat Pack .....Mon-Sat  
 Superstars of Magic .....Wed-Mon

**Rampart Casino - 702-507-5900**  
 Brian Jammers Duo at Round Bar ....Sun-Mon  
 Jamariha at Round Bar.....Tues-Sat

**Red Rock Casino, Resort & Spa - 702-797-7777**  
 Drzhivegas at Rocks Lounge .....Fri-Sat\*\*  
 DJ Creative at Lucky Bar.....Thurs, Sun  
 DJ Tony T at Lucky Bar.....Fri-Sat

**Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino - 702-252-7777**  
 Penn & Teller .....Sat-Wed  
 Chippendales the Show .....Daily  
 Masquerade Show in the Sky.....Thurs-Sun

**Riviera Hotel & Casino - 702-734-5110**  
 Ice, The Show From Russia .....Sat-Thurs  
 Charo .....Wed-Mon  
 Scarlett and her Seductive  
 Ladies of Magic .....Sat-Thurs  
 Crazy Girls .....Nightly  
 The Riviera Comedy Club .....Nightly

**Riviera (Le Bistro Theatre) - 702-734-5110**  
 America's Tribute to Neil Diamond.....  
 .....Sun-Thurs  
 Dr. Scott Lewis Outrageous Comedy Hypnotist  
 .....Mon  
 Barbra & Frank,  
 the Concert That Never Was .....Tues-Fri, Sun



**Sahara Hotel & Casino - 702-737-2654**  
 The Magic & Tigers of Rick Thomas .....  
 .....Tues-Sun  
 The Platters, Cornell Gunter's Coasters & The  
 Marvelettes .....Nightly  
 The Comedy Stop .....Nightly

**Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall - 702-456-7777**  
 Laser Light & Water Show .....Nightly  
 The Dennis Bono Show .....Thurs

**Sante Fe Hotel & Casino - 702-658-4900**  
 Spazmatics at Chrome Showroom .....Fri  
 Rock Tribute Series at Chrome Showroom...Sat  
 Ladies Night at Stoneys North Forty .....Wed  
 Hookah at 4949 Lounge .....Fri-Sat

**Stratosphere Hotel & Casino - 702-380-7777**  
 American Superstars .....Fri-Wed  
 Bite .....Fri-Wed  
 Observation Deck, 1,149 ft. High.....Daily  
 Big Shot Thrill Ride.....Daily  
 X-Scream Thrill Ride .....Daily  
 Insanity, the Ride.....Daily

**Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel - 702-631-1000**  
 Friday Night Blues at South Padre.....Fri  
 Viva Rawk Vegas at South Padre .....Sat  
 Jerry Tiffe at South Padre.....Sun  
 Darrin Michaels at the Martini Bar .....Sat-Sun

**Treasure Island Las Vegas - 702-894-7111**  
 Mystère .....Sat-Wed  
 Sirens of TI .....Nightly  
 Brother Luke at Mist .....Sun  
 Up in Smoke at Mist.....Thurs  
 Roc the Mic at Kahunaville .....Thurs-Sat

**Tropicana Express Hotel & Casino Laughlin -  
 702-298-4200**  
 Broadband at Caboose Lounge .....Tues-Sun  
 Toto & Laura at Caboose Lounge.....Fri-Sat  
 Monday Night Dance Party  
 w/ All Nite Mike .....Mon

**Tropicana Resort & Casino - 702-739-2222**  
 The Soprano's Last Supper .....Tues-Sat  
 Xtreme Magic starring Dirk Arthur...Wed-Mon  
 Hypnosis Unleashed .....Nightly  
 Bobby Slayton.....Tues-Sun

**Venetian Casino Resort - 702-414-1000**  
 Blue Man Group .....Nightly  
 Phantom of the Opera .....Mon-Sat  
 Wayne Brady.....Thurs-Mon

**Wynn Las Vegas - 702-770-7100**  
 Le Rêve .....Thurs-Mon



**Mariah Carey**  
Palms Casino

KC & The Sunshine Band .....10/31  
Foreigner .....11/11  
Kenny G .....11/20

**Caesars Palace (Colosseum) - 702-731-7110**

Luis Miguel.....9/13-15

**Cannery Hotel & Casino - 702-507-5700**

End of Summer Bash .....9/5  
Gary Sinise and The Lieutenant Dan Band.9/6  
The Pointer Sisters .....9/12  
Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone..9/26  
Guess Who .....10/3  
Dionne Warwick.....10/10  
Rare Earth.....10/24  
Led Zepagain.....10/30-31

**Eastside Cannery Casino and Hotel - 702-856-5300**

The Kenny Dee band.....9/4-5  
Cat Daddy .....9/6  
Chad & Jeremy .....9/11-12  
The Randy Anderson Band .....9/13  
Johnny Fortuno .....9/18-19  
Desert Outlaws .....9/25-26  
Déjà Vu.....9/27  
Cornell Gunter's Coasters.....10/2-3  
Goodfellas .....10/4  
The Las Vegas Connection .....10/9-10  
The Archies .....10/16-17  
Next Movement.....10/25

**Flamingo Las Vegas - 702-733-3111**

John Edward .....10/17

**Hard Rock Hotel (Joint) - 702-693-5000**

Santana.....9/4-6, 9/9, 9/11-12, 9/14-15  
Ricardo Arjona .....9/13  
The Australian Pink Floyd Show .....9/20  
Van Morrison.....9/25  
Pet Shop Boys .....9/26  
Creed .....9/27  
Kelly Clarkson.....11/6

**Hard Rock Hotel (Wasted Space) - 702-693-5000**

Hell's Belles .....9/3-4  
Cracker .....9/9  
Five Finger Death Punch.....9/18  
Fear.....10/31

**Harrah's Laughlin (Fiesta Showroom) - 702-298-4600**

Cirque Shanghai .....9/15  
Collin Raye & Restless Heart.....11/28

**Las Vegas Hilton - 702-732-5111**

Barry Manilow .....9/4-6, 9/24-26,  
.....10/1-3, 10/8-10, 10/29-31  
Cheap Trick plays Sgt. Pepper .....  
.....9/13-15, 9/17-19, 9/21-23  
Gino Vannelli.....9/27  
George Lopez.....10/16-17

**Mandalay Bay Events Center - 702-632-7777**

Super Band.....9/5  
Marco Antonio Solis and Pepe Aguilar....9/12  
Alejandro Fernandez .....9/15  
The Killers.....9/19  
Britney Spears.....9/26-27

**Mandalay Bay (House of Blues) - 702-632-7777**

Bob Weir & RatDog with guest Jackie Greene  
.....9/2  
BonTaj Roulet: Bonnie Raitt & Taj Mahal  
Alone .....9/18  
and Together with The Phantom Blues Band  
Sugar Ray with guest Dirty Heads.....9/24  
Norm Macdonald .....11/14

**MGM Grand Garden Arena - 702-891-7777**

Def Leppard with Poison & Cheap Trick...9/5  
Nickelback .....9/6  
AC/DC.....10/3

**MGM Grand (Hollywood Theatre) - 702-891-7777**

David Copperfield.....8/20-9/23  
Liza Minelli.....9/25-10/1  
Howie Mandel .....10/2-14

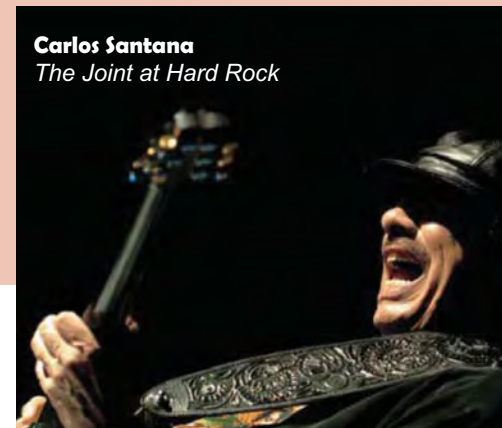


**Lynyrd Skynyrd**  
Red Rock Casino

**Mirage Las Vegas - 702-791-7111**

Jay Leno.....9/4-5, 9/25-26,  
.....10/2-3, 10/16-17, 10/30-31  
Ray Romano & Brad Garrett.....10/9-10  
.....9/12-13, 10/9-10  
Ron White .....9/18-19  
Ray Romano & Kevin James.....11/13-14  
Lewis Black .....11/20-21

**Orleans Hotel & Casino**



**Carlos Santana**  
The Joint at Hard Rock

**SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS**

**Aliante Station Casino & Hotel - 702-692-7777**

Chris Botti .....9/5  
Gordon Lightfoot.....10/24

**Boulder Station - 702-432-7777**

Hal Ketchum .....9/4  
Jazz Attack ft. Rick Braun, Jonathan Butler  
& Richard Elliot .....9/19  
The Rippingtons .....10/10  
UFO.....10/24

**Buffalo Bill's Star of the Desert Arena (Primm) - 702-386-7867**

The Pretenders with Juliette Lewis ..... 9/2  
Jaguars .....9/4  
Reba .....9/5  
Al Green.....9/6  
Gipsy Kings.....9/12  
Rick Springfield .....9/19  
Vanessa Williams.....9/25  
The Beach Boys .....10/7  
Barenaked Ladies .....10/9  
Kenny Rogers .....10/11  
Loggins and Messina.....10/14  
Kool and the Gang & The Commodores...10/16  
Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons .....10/17

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

**(Orleans Showroom) - 702-365-7111**

Air Supply .....	9/3-6
Britain's Top Talent.....	9/11-13
The Temptations .....	9/17-19
Wynonna .....	9/25-27
Dennis Miller.....	10/9-11
Engelbert Humperdinck .....	10/15-18
Alice Cooper "Theater of Death Tour".....	10/23-25
The Smothers Brothers .....	11/5-8
Neil Sedaka .....	11/12-15
The Four Tops .....	11/20-22

**Orleans Hotel & Casino (Orleans Arena) - 702-365-7111**

Disney Live! .....	10/2-4
Wisin and Yandel "La Revolucion".....	10/18

**Palms Casino Resort (Pearl Theater) - 702-942-7777**

Mariah Carey.....	9/11
Kid Rock .....	9/17



Peter Frampton .....	9/18
Yeah Yeah Yeahs.....	9/19
Flogging Molly.....	9/24
Kylie Minogue.....	10/3
Rob Thomas .....	10/24

**Red Rock Casino, Resort & Spa (Sandbar) - 702-797-7777**

John Legend .....	9/18
Lynyrd Skynyrd.....	9/19

**Sam Boyd Stadium - 702-739-3267**

U2 360 Degrees Tour .....	10/23
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**Sante Fe Hotel & Casino**

**(Chrome Showroom) - 702-658-4900**

Billy Dean .....	10/17
Michael Lington .....	10/24
Stryper 25th Anniversary	
Greatest Hits Tour .....	11/13
Hiroshima 30th Anniversary Tour.....	11/21

**Silverton Hotel & Casino - 702-263-7777**

Eddie Money .....	9/6
Mary Wilson of The Supremes .....	9/12
Phil Vassar .....	9/19
The Fabulous Thunderbirds.....	9/25
Better Than Ezra.....	9/26
Creedence Clearwater Revisited .....	10/11
Village People .....	10/24

**Suncoast Hotel & Casino - 702-636-7111**

Frank Sinatra, Jr.....	9/5-6
Frankie Avalon.....	9/11-13
Vocal Soup .....	9/25-27
Clint Holmes .....	10/23-25
The Scintas.....	10/30-11/1

**Sunset Station (Club Madrid) - 702-547-7777**

James Otto .....	9/26
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**Texas Station (Dallas Events Center) - 702-631-1000**

Randy Travis .....	10/2
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**Thomas & Mack Center - 702-739-3267**

Miley Cyrus.....	9/26
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**Tropicana Express Laughlin (Pavilion Theater) - 702-298-4200**

Liverpool Invasion .....	9/5
Jay & the Americans .....	9/19
Tierra & Malo .....	10/2-3
Bobby Vinton.....	10/17
Ben Vereen .....	11/14
Otis Day & the Knights.....	11/28

## SPORTS

**Buffalo Bill's Star of the Desert Arena (Primm) - 702-386-7867**

Worlds Collide MMA Semifinals.....	10/17
Worlds Collide MMA Championship.....	12/5

**Las Vegas Motor Speedway - 800-644-4444**

ASA Speed Trucks, Twin Metro PCS Super Late Models.....	9/5
NASCAR Whelen All-American Series.....	9/19
NASCAR Las Vegas 350 .....	9/26
BUGORAMA.....	10/4
Las Vegas NHRA Nationals.....	10/29-11/1
21st Annual Las Vegas Open Comp and Qualifying Night.....	11/6-7

**MGM Grand Garden Arena - 702-891-7777**

Frozen Fury XII.....	9/26
2009 Rockstar U.S. Open .....	10/9-11
Pacquiao vs. Cotto.....	11/14

**Orleans Hotel & Casino - 702-284-7777**

Joe Weider's Olympia Weekend 2009.....	9/25-26
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**Sam Boyd Stadium - 702-739-3267**

United Football League - Las Vegas Locomotives .....	10/8-11/27
2009 MAACO Bowl Las Vegas.....	12/22

**Sante Fe Hotel & Casino - 702-658-4900**

Las Vegas Amateur MMA .....	9/4
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**Thomas & Mack Center - 702-739-3267**

L.A. Lakers vs. Sacramento Kings (Preseason) .....	10/15
2009 PBR World Finals .....	10/30-11/8
National Finals Rodeo.....	12/3-12

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- Bellagio - 702-693-7111
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- Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino - 702-731-3311
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- Las Vegas Hilton Hotel - 702-732-5111
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- MGM Grand Hotel & Casino - 702-891-7777
- Orleans Hotel & Casino - 702-365-7111
- Palace Station Hotel & Casino - 702-367-2411
- Riviera Hotel & Casino - 702-734-5110
- Sands Expo & Convention Center - 702-733-5556
- South Point Casino Hotel & Spa - 702-796-7111
- Tropicana Resort & Casino - 702-739-2222

## PERFORMING/ FINE ARTS, MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES

- Artemus Ham Concert Hall (UNLV) - 702-895-3535
- Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company .....9/26
- Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company .....10/9
- Midori .....10/23
- Bellagio Conservatory &  
Botanical Gardens - 702-693-7111
- Gardens From Around the World .....Daily

**Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art - 702-693-7871**  
Lichtenstein, Warhol & Friends .....6/1-9/7

**Centennial Hills Library - 702-507-6100**  
Grandparent's Celebration Storytime .....9/9  
Monday Night Masterpiece .....9/14  
Clark County Artists Guild .....9/16  
Julie Austin Concert .....9/22  
Princess Party .....9/26  
Yoga for Kids .....9/29  
Exhibit: From the Vault .....10/6  
Hola, Ole! Hispanic Heritage Puppet Show  
.....10/10  
Fairy Frolic .....10/17  
Project Runway: Alien Edition .....10/24  
Monster Time .....10/26

**Charleston Heights Arts Center - 702-229-6383**  
Carol Grove .....9/5  
Dance with Me Featuring Michael  
& Melinda Jackson .....9/19  
Nevada Dance Project Presents: Through Time  
& Space .....10/3  
Boyd Coulter and the Good Times Band...10/29

**Clark County Library - 702-507-3400**  
Films: The Dolly Sisters, Drunken Angel.....9/1  
A Time In History .....9/3  
Craft Buffet.....9/5  
UNLV Jazz Concert Series -  
Liberace Jazz Quartet .....9/9  
Together Time Stories .....9/10  
Boredom Busters .....9/11  
Film: I Love You Man .....9/12  
Clark County Desert Conservation .....9/14  
Falun Dafa Meditation .....9/15  
Pirates and Princess Tea on the High Sea...9/19  
Henderson Writers Group.....9/21  
Las Vegas Stamp and Scrap.....9/22  
Las Vegas Highland Dance Association.....9/26  
Film: Night and Day.....9/29  
A Time In History.....10/1  
Banff Mountain Film Festival's  
Radical Reel Tour .....10/2  
Guitar Society of Las Vegas .....10/7  
Fall Blood Drive.....10/11

Exhibit: The Legends Behind  
the Comic Books .....10/13  
That's Just Gross! .....10/17  
Film: The Time of their Lives .....10/20  
Spock Socks .....10/22  
Halloween Toddler Time Party.....10/23  
Perfect Pumpkins .....10/24  
Monster Mash Bash .....10/31

**Enterprise Library - 702-507-3760**  
Game Club .....9/6  
Wii Can Have Fun .....9/12  
Exhibit: Bringing Animals to Life in  
Stained Glass .....9/15  
Scraparific Scrapbooking .....9/17  
Cornucopia of Crafts .....9/22  
National Hispanic Heritage Month .....9/26  
Junie B., First Grader: One Man Band .....10/6  
Spock Socks.....10/18  
It Came From the Clay .....10/22  
Shake d'em Halloween Bones .....10/25  
Pumpkin Bumpkin Pajama Party .....10/26  
Dia De Los Muertos .....10/31

**Galleria Library - 702-207-4259**  
Preschool Storytime .....Mon  
Walk This Way .....9/12  
Julie Austin Concert .....9/26

**Gibson Library - 702-565-8402**  
Blood Drive .....9/3  
Wii the Teens .....9/5  
Baby Storytime .....9/8  
Nevada Old Time Fiddlers Jam .....9/9  
Get Curious About George! .....9/12  
Preschool Storytime .....9/15  
Third Thursday .....9/17  
Let's Go Fly A Kite .....9/21  
Julie Austin Concert .....9/24  
Toddler Storytime.....9/25  
Teen Book Club.....9/26  
Henderson Library Book Club .....9/29  
Stories That Go Bump in the Night.....10/1  
HDPL Friends Used Book Sale .....10/2  
Music & Movement .....10/7  
Get Into the Adventure .....10/13  
Third Thursday .....10/15  
Haunted Nevada .....10/19  
Movie and Munchies .....10/20  
Halloween Card Havoc! .....10/24  
Henderson Library Book Club .....10/27  
Blood Drive .....10/29

**Green Valley Library - 702-207-4260**  
Tots Story Time .....9/1  
Babies and Books .....9/3  
Teens of the Round Table .....9/8  
American Girl Tea Party! .....9/10  
60 Days to Better Health .....9/14  
Fantastic Classics Book Club .....9/16  
Green Valley Library Documentary Film Series  
- "Kon Tiki" .....9/17  
Blood Drive .....9/19  
Family Night at Your Library -  
"Welcome FALL" .....9/23  
Julie Austin Concert .....9/26  
My Name is Buttonz .....9/30  
Be Fancy Like Nancy Party .....10/2  
Games and Karaoke .....10/6  
Classic Disney Movies .....10/8  
Fabulous Liberace Fest .....10/10

Ready for Reading .....	10/14
Junk Jewelry for Tweens.....	10/19
Go Green! .....	10/20
Hodge-Podge .....	10/26
Teen Book Club .....	10/27
Las Vegas Hauntings.....	10/29
Halloween Harvest .....	10/31

**Las Vegas Library - 702-507-3500**

Vegas Vikings – Sons of Norway .....	9/3
Grandparents Day.....	9/12
Las Vegas Media Guild .....	9/15
Southern Nevada Rock Art Association.....	9/17
Anime Omega .....	9/18
Family Game Night.....	9/23
Southern Nevada Peace Corps Association .....	10/3
Film: Raging Bull.....	10/7
Wii for Kids .....	10/13
Las Vegas Kit Cruisers .....	10/20
Haunted Scavenger Hunt .....	10/22
Halloween Drawing Fun.....	10/27
Dia De Los Muertos .....	11/2

**Lied Discovery Children's Museum - 702-382-5437**

It's Your Choice – Developing Healthy Eating Habits.....	Daily
Green Village – Environmentally Conscious Mini-City ..	Daily
Jacob's Ladder – Electricity Exhibit .....	Daily
Hoop Vision – Basketball Exhibit.....	Daily
Simple Machines – Ball Exhibit.....	Daily
Desert Discovery .....	Daily
<b>Luxor Las Vegas - 702-262-4444</b>	
Bodies The Exhibition.....	Daily
Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition .....	Daily

**Malcolm Library - 702-263-7522**

Chocolate Storytime.....	9/10
Malcolm Adult Book Chat – “Five Quarters of the Orange” .....	9/14
Wii Fit Family .....	9/16
National Peace Day!.....	9/21
Teens Can Cook.....	9/24
Fun Family Movie.....	9/30
Film: Ultramarathon Man.....	10/1
Space!.....	10/5
Celebrate Diwali .....	10/15
Harvest Hunt.....	10/21
Spooky Family Movie .....	10/28

**Nicholas Horn Theatre (CCSN) - 702-651-5483**

Reefer Madness: The Musical .....	9/18-20, 9/25, 9/27, 10/2-4
CSN Music Scholarship Concert.....	10/8
Vocal Jazz Solo Night.....	10/9-10
God Lives In Glass.....	10/24-25

**Paseo Verde Library - 702-492-7252**

Film Movement Series – Drama from Argentina.....	9/2
Free Writing Group .....	9/3
Rock Band .....	9/5
Mystery Readers' Book Club .....	9/8
ZooSational – Marsupial Madness!.....	9/9
Picnic & A Movie.....	9/14
Young Scientists – This Planet Really Rocks .....	9/16
HDP! Used Book Sale.....	9/18
Fairy Tale Theater – All about Aesop Fables .....	9/23
Julie Austin Concert .....	9/25

Pajama Storytime .....	9/28
National Trail Day Program at Pavilion.....	10/3
Arts and Crafts Club.....	10/5
American Girls .....	10/10
Picnic & a Movie .....	10/12
Film Movement Series – Drama from Hong Kong .....	10/14
Get Into the Adventure .....	10/15
Preschool Storytime.....	10/23
Fancy Nancy Party.....	10/24
Toddler Storytime .....	10/28
Fairy Tale Theater – Nutty Nursery Rhymes .....	10/28
Halloween Carnival.....	10/29

**Rainbow Library - 702-507-3710**

Film: The Tale of Despereaux .....	9/4
Scavenger Scarecrow, Part One.....	9/9
Job Hunting 101 .....	9/12
Fiesta de la Noche .....	9/18
Pajama Jam.....	9/22
Scavenger Scarecrow, Part 2 .....	9/23
10th Annual Something Scottish .....	10/3
Learn to Knit .....	10/6
Living Library: Opening Minds .....	10/17
Take and Make Craft .....	10/18
Used Book Swap .....	10/19
Pajama Jam.....	10/20
Spooky Storytimes .....	10/28

**Sahara West Library - 702-507-3630**

702 Fit Club.....	9/9
Be a Puppeteer.....	9/12
Alternative Media Movies.....	9/20
Julie Austin Concert .....	9/23
Exhibit: Italian Folk Instruments.....	10/1
Coraline Adventure .....	10/4
Film: They .....	10/8
Exhibit: The Legends Behind the Comic Books .....	10/13
Siena Ya Ya Girls.....	10/16
Film: House of Wax.....	10/19
Zombie Night .....	10/22
Film: A Nightmare on Elm Street.....	10/26
Shake d'em Halloween Bones.....	10/31

**Spring Valley Library - 702-507-3820**

Jon's Craft Jamboree .....	9/2
Crafty Kid's Saturdays .....	9/5
Grandparents Day.....	9/13
Teen Karaoke.....	9/18
Exhibit: The Art of Roseanne Gilmore.....	9/24
Learn to Draw Peanuts!.....	10/1
Film: Fried Green Tomatoes.....	10/16
Game On .....	10/22
Shake d'em Halloween Bones.....	10/27
Halloween Haunts .....	10/31

**Summerlin Library - 702-507-3860**

Teen Gamers Club .....	9/5
Mythical Creatures Stories .....	9/12
Summerlin Scrabble Club .....	9/14
Pirate Treasure Hunt.....	9/19
Arabian Nights .....	9/21
Super Science Saturday: Archaeology .....	10/10
Spooky Bookies.....	10/19
Exhibit: Galeria de Chavez .....	10/20
Teen Punch and Pages Book Club.....	10/24
Spooky Storytimes .....	10/27
Halloween Party .....	10/31

**Sunrise Library - 702-507-3900**

Get Ready for Fall .....	9/2
Grandparents Day.....	9/6
Film: The International.....	9/13
Exhibit: Re.invent.....	9/17
Julie Austin Concert .....	9/23
Let's Move.....	10/1
Hispanic Heritage Storytime Fiesta.....	10/7
Film: The Soloist.....	10/11
Music is Magic.....	10/15
Fitness Fun .....	10/18
Get Your Game On .....	10/21
Shake d'em Halloween Bones.....	10/28

**West Charleston Library - 702-507-3940**

Vegas Indie Productions .....	9/5
Chicks who Click .....	9/10
Anime Vegas.....	9/12
Quilt Crazies.....	9/16
Film: 1000 Journals.....	9/17
Art Exploration.....	9/26
Fitness Fun .....	9/30
Exhibit: Nevada Watercolor Society Fall Show .....	10/8
Blood Drive .....	10/10
Palmistry: An Ancient Art Unveiled.....	10/17
Writing Beyond Reality with Tamora Pierce .....	10/21
Mystic Fair .....	10/24
Monster Mash! .....	10/27

**West Las Vegas Library - 702-507-3980**

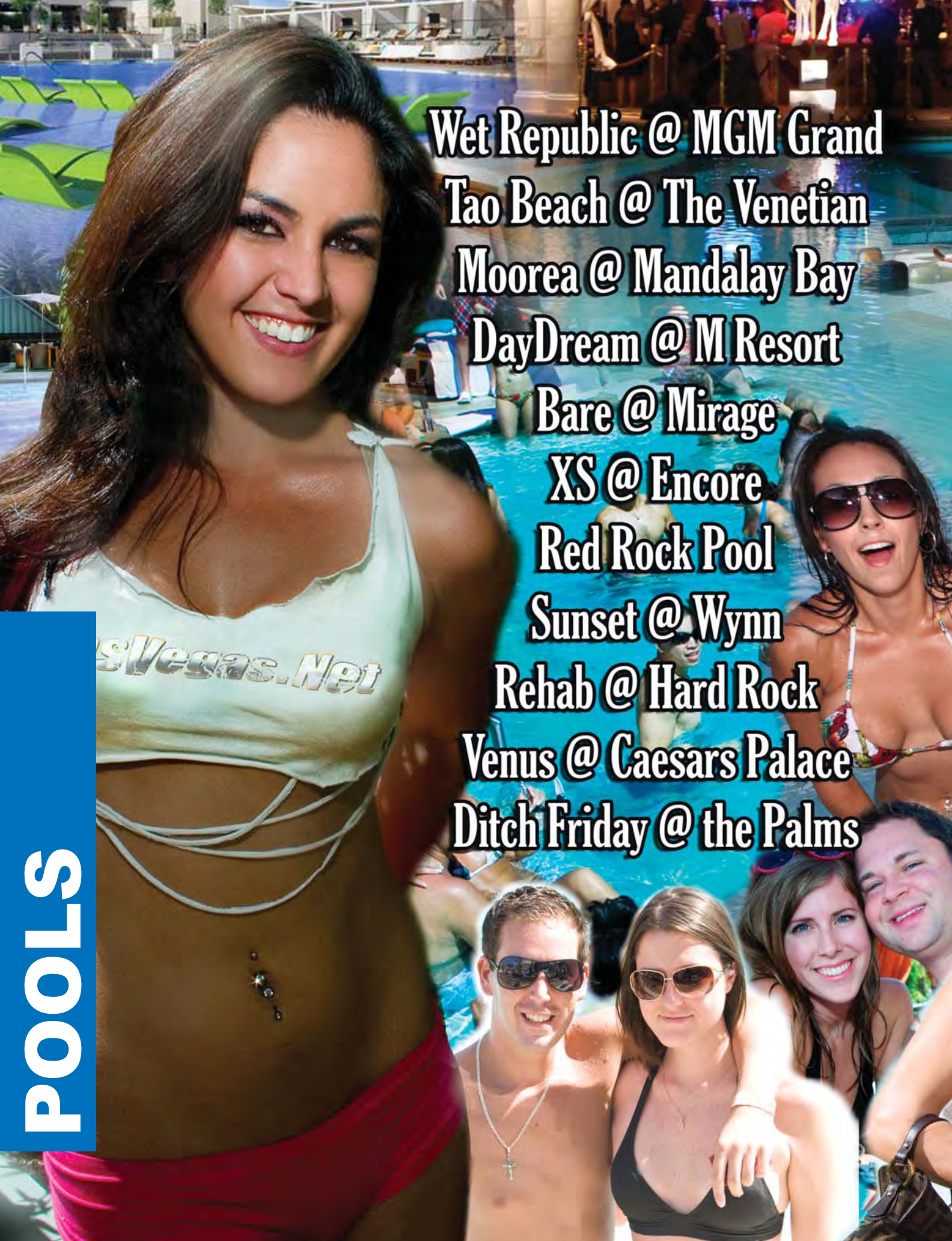
Exhibit: The Planet Earth Awards, Beyond Superstition .....	9/3
Computer 101 .....	9/12
Hola, Ole! Hispanic Heritage Puppet Show .....	9/15
Travels with Carl .....	9/23
Julie Austin Concert .....	9/24
Play: The Bluest Eye .....	9/27
United States Peace Corps. Informational Meeting.....	10/7
Falun Gong – Chinese Art Show/Awareness Presentation.....	10/9
It Came From The Clay.....	10/20
Hispanic Heritage Month Performance for Youth .....	10/23
Exhibit: The Art of Richard Hillman.....	10/27
Monster Mash! .....	10/28
Play: The Fantasticks.....	10/29

**Whitney Library - 702-507-4010**

Bees, Buzz, Buzz.....	9/12
Film: Bedtime Stories.....	9/13
Johnny Appleseed.....	9/15
Film: Fast and Furious.....	9/27
Exhibit: Shots in the Dark .....	9/29
Whitney Library Blood Drive .....	10/3
Flat Stanley .....	10/6
Spock Socks .....	10/18
It Came From The Clay.....	10/21
Film: Coraline .....	10/25
Spooky Halloween Storytime.....	10/31

**Winchester Cultural Center - 702-455-7340**

Mexico Vivo 14th Anniversary Concert.....	9/4-5
Backyard Farmers' Market and Antique Show .....	9/12
Duchicela.....	9/27
R. Carlos Nakai .....	10/25
Life In Death.....	11/1-2



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