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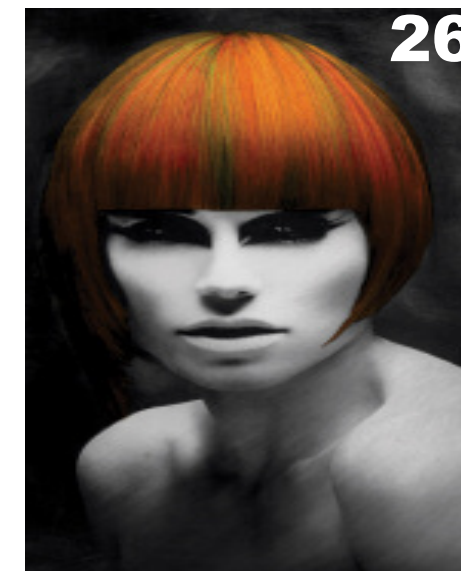
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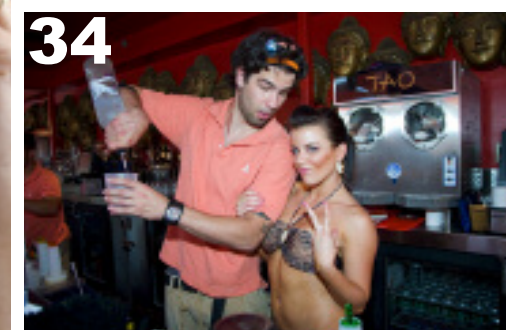
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LasVegas.Net Magazine invites readers to share what’s on their minds and drop us a line. We’ll share some of your comments. Here’s one of the first to come in, and it was too incredible not to share.



Good morning, fellow Las Vegas amigos! Why morning you might ask? Well, this moment marks a new beginning in the history of Las Vegas. A new day has broken, and a new era is upon us.

“Jack, we know you’re dead,” you’re probably thinking to yourself. You don’t know nothing ‘bout Jack Binion kid!

I am alive, and I’ll be here to offer you advice and wisdom as an old-timer who knew when to hold or fold, cut and run at the right time.

Ah, the glory days.

I rode out on top, and no one is going to drag me down. No one touches Jack Binion.

So, what’s to make of the recent mess on the Strip?

Let’s think about it for a little while. Just a couple years ago, gaming stocks were untouchable — just like my face. MGM Mirage stock was trading for nearly a hundred bucks a share.

These days, I could practically buy the Bellagio for the dough I’ve got buried in a nice plot right off Sahara, and I could finish wiping my butt with those worthless Las Vegas Sands stock certificates.

So, what’s the fuss?

Why’ve these new suits imported from some basement in Wall Street run their company ass first into the ground? Listen, kids, it’s because they’ve lost their roots. They don’t know nothing.

Las Vegas is about gambling.

Guess what? It’s not about running a Club Med for washed up, old bastards and yuppie kids. It’s not about turning every corner of your casino into some queer, Miami club scene.

It’s not about plugging in another tired old bunch of French circus clowns hopped up on meth, jumping around like a bunch of cats on a hot tin roof. And hey, it’s not about building an entire new center of the city!

Vegas is about gambling. Pure and simple.

Knock down the clubs, cut off the fancy chefs’ fingers, plow over the VIP lounges, and put in some more blackjack tables. Slap the face of every smart aleck, 20-something kid who walks in the door.

Tell ‘em Jack said so. And if they got a problem with that, they can come talk to me. I’ll burn ‘em.

Jack Binion

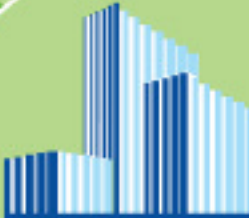
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LAS VEGAS FOR FAMILIES

BY STEVE FRIESS



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are definitely family-oriented activities.

"You have to pick and choose, because Las Vegas is built on drinking, gambling and sex," says Kathy Espin, author of the guidebook "Kidding Around Las Vegas," and those are not family-friendly activities. But there's plenty from which to pick and choose. Las Vegas is doing more in the way of family events, such as large weddings and family reunions, which naturally involve children.

Furthermore, Las Vegas is, after all, the world capital of two forms of entertainment that most kids adore: magic and circuses.

For example, there is the folksy illusionist Lance Burton at the Monte Carlo, where he's performed regularly since 1994. Among others are Steve Wyrick at the Miracle Mile Shops inside Planet Hollywood and the famed David Copperfield, who appears about 15 weeks a year, performing an astounding 116 shows at the MGM Grand.

Daytime magic shows can be a particularly good value, especially "America's Got Talent" finalist Nathan Burton's offering at the Flamingo and the uproarious Mac King Comedy Magic Show at Harrah's. As for circuses, the Canadian acrobatic troupe Cirque du Soleil's six productions are a visible force on the Strip.

While one, the risqué Zumanity, is strictly for adults only, four others — Mystère, O, KÀ and Love — are superb choices for all ages. The newest show, Criss Angel's show, Believe, fuses the Mindfreak star's brand of magic with Cirque's penchant for eye-popping costumes and intriguing choreography. This show requires children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult.

In the same vein as the highly visual Believe, there's the modernist percussion spectacle of Blue Man Group at the Venetian. The colorful, playful, musical performers are artistically physical with painted skin, and their amusing act delights children.

Las Vegas' lineup of Broadway shows in recent years has also shown that there is life beyond the casino.

Consider the special-effects-laden version of "Phantom of the Opera" at the Venetian and the Four Seasons-scored "Jersey Boys," based on the group led by Franki Valli. And the latest, "The Lion King," recently opened at the Mandalay Bay. It is a permanent staging of the Broadway hit based on the top-grossing Disney animated movie, which appeals to even the youngest of children and families.

"It just goes to show you," said Mandalay Bay vice president Scott Voeller, "that in many ways, Vegas has become a destination that offers so much

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Las Vegas is also known for its free public entertainment, nearly all of which is kid-friendly. Nothing could be more enthralling to a youngster than the soaring beauty of the Bellagio Fountains' water sprays dancing to music, or the excitement of the hourly digital light show sprawled overhead on the four-block-long Fremont Street Experience canopy located downtown, or the story told each hour with light, fire and animatronics driven statues inside the Forum Shops at Caesars Palace. Inside the carnival-themed Circus Circus, aerialists, jugglers, clowns and trapeze artists perform a free 10-minute show every 30 minutes.

At MGM Grand, progeny of the original MGM Studios' roaring cats loll around in a glass tank that visitors can walk beneath at the Lion Habitat. The Flamingo's Wildlife Habitat offers an array of pink flamingos and other exotic birds. And inside the Hawaiian Marketplace, Joe Krathwohl, known as "The Birdman of Las Vegas," gets his feathered friends to do some hilarious things twice a day, Fridays through Sundays.

LAS VEGAS FOR FAMILIES

The Strip is also known for its many amusement rides, such as the five-acre Adventuredome at Circus-Circus, America's largest indoor amusement park. For the more adventurous, there's New York-New York's loopy roller coaster, and a few miles north of there are the three death-defying rides atop the 1,149-foot Stratosphere Tower, including those that spin and cantilever off the tower's edge, overhanging the Las Vegas Strip.

On the Strip, the Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art has mounted impressive shows featuring the artistry of Fabergé, Monet, Alexander Calder and other renowned artists. The Titanic exhibit is now open at the Luxor. Visitors can see over 300 authentic artifacts recovered from 12,500 feet beneath the sea from the ill-fated ocean liner. The exhibit shares its new home with the amazing Bodies, an exhibit of “plastinated” human remains that is fascinating and educational.



The Las Vegas Springs Preserve has reduced fees for family-friendly outings.

Not far from there, the Lied Discovery Children's Museum is also worth a stop for its more than 100 permanent exhibits that focus mostly on science. Kids love it.

Finally, if all else fails, the Strip is nothing if not a succession of gleaming, themed swimming pools in which to cool your heels amid some of the nation's warmest weather. Alas, only hotel guests can enjoy the pools at each resort, so choose wisely.

The two that tend to get the best ratings from kids are the Flamingo's, which has slides and powerful waterfalls, and Mandalay Bay's, which features an 11-acre spread that includes a wave pool and lazy river. They have several smaller, quieter pools, too, somewhat better suited to Mom and Dad who need to have some Las Vegas fun and relaxation, too!

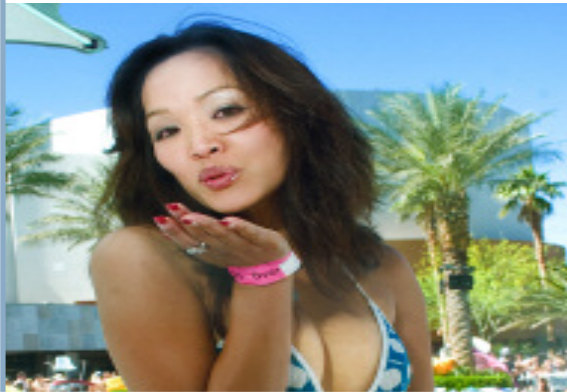
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REHAB AT THE HARD ROCK

The Hard Rock Hotel invented the modern-day pool party with Rehab (above) and they haven't looked back since; poolside partygoers now number in the thousands and include the beautiful, the tattooed, the rich, the famous, large and small.



DITCH FRIDAYS AT THE PALMS

Locals and visitors gather under the welcoming glow of the desert sun at the hottest pool parties happening all over town. The resident DJ (bottom right) spins while the partiers spend the afternoon indulging in whatever it is they desire.

POOLSIDE: THE BEST WAY TO BEAT THE HEAT

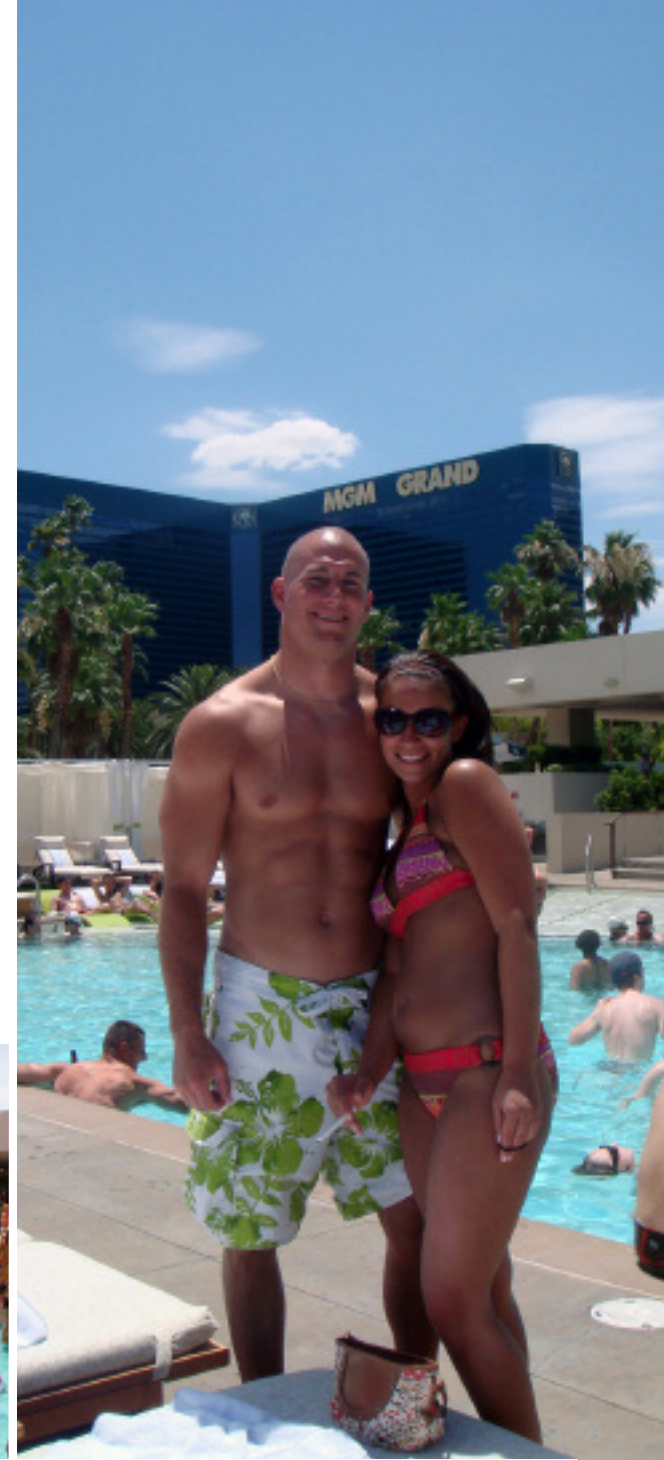
Las Vegas has always had a knack for staying at the forefront of delivering mega fun in spades (and diamonds, hearts and clubs), creating new ways to enjoy vacations and providing sensational summer season entertainment. To help guests stay cool during the sweltering summer months, mega resorts both on and off the Strip now offer sun-kissed trendsetters from both the local and jetsetter crowds a chance to experience a new standard of entertainment – the Las Vegas pool party. Classified under the emerging term “daylife” — as opposed to traditional nightlife where the modern party animal theory is already thoroughly tested — these wet, wild events are essentially a daytime manifestation of the best elements of Las Vegas' life after dark combined with luxurious poolside amenities, resulting in some seriously raging shindigs under the midday sun.

Here are just two of the wildest, most out-of-control



WET REPUBLIC AT MGM GRAND

The parties at the MGM Grand pool happen daily and Wet Republic has earned the reputation as one of the hippest daytime parties in town. Exclusive cabanas and day beds (bottom right) offer privacy from the oftentimes rowdy crowds.



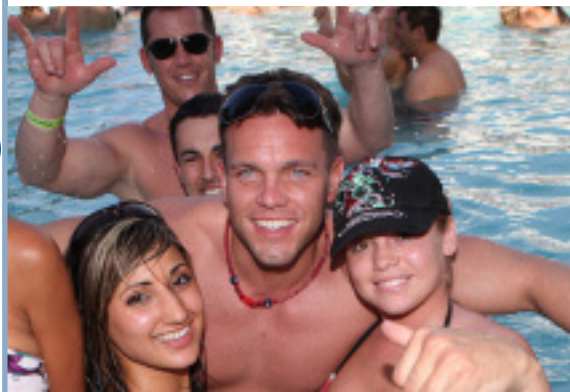


parties on the Las Vegas daytime pleasure scene. One of the best places to see, as well as to be seen at, is the Wet Republic pool party at the MGM Grand, open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wet Republic satisfies eager partygoers with multiple pools and spas, exotic custom drinks and resident DJs that pump music through the crowd — all carefully designed to recharge the body's batteries after a hard weekend.

Another hip summer hotspot is the pool at the Palms Resort. Every Friday, massive droves of Las Vegas' business elite lose their suits, ties and heels to forget about tedious responsibilities and kick off the weekend party time.

The Palms' premier weekly event, Ditch Fridays, saves its flock from "all work and no play" routines by offering both locals and tourists a place to play hooky from the office and let inhibitions run wild. The party rocks from noon to 7 p.m. every Friday.

These ultra-hip events have sprung up at nearly every major resort property in town, making it a virtual guarantee that afternoons there will consist of pumping music, premium drink menus with lots of skin and SPF. Other popular hot pool spots to cool off — Rehab at the Hard Rock, Mandalay Bay's Moorea Beach Club, Venus at Caesars Palace, Venetian's Tao Beach, Bare at the Mirage, Go at the Flamingo, along with the swanky sophistication at the Wynn, Red Rock, Green Valley Ranch and M Resort — ensure that anyone seeking summertime fun is fully satisfied.



DITCH FRIDAYS AT THE PALMS

Every Friday, Las Vegas locals and visitors show up in droves for the Palms' premier pool event, Ditch Fridays. The thousands in attendance each week are proof that Ditch Fridays is the ultimate place to mix, mingle, dance and dine, all while drinking in the pool's delicious atmosphere. Your work problems won't have any business here!



TAO BEACH AT THE VENETIAN

The pool parties at Tao Beach do not disappoint. By borrowing the pan-Asian atmosphere from its stunning nightclub, the Venetian has succeeded in transforming the stunning Tao nightlife into an unbelievable afternoon party where sunlight replaces strobe lights, mojitos replace Cristal, and daybeds and cabanas replace tables and booths.



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FIVE FUN*AND LEGAL THINGS TO DO IN LAS VEGAS

*THAT DON'T INVOLVE SEX, GAMBLING OR ALCOHOL

BY C. J. SATTLER

Vegas can be a great place to live if you don't have any vices, because you don't have to worry about overindulging and getting chewed up by a place that could eat up your heart and spit out your soul. But finding



Bootleg Canyon Zip Line

something fun to do in Las Vegas, that doesn't involve sex, gambling or alcohol, can be a daunting prospect. Over the years, the following places have become some of my favorites.

#1 Skymania – Skymania has trampolines all over the floors and on the walls for playing a unique sport called 3-D dodge ball. Sure, the prime demographic are kids between the ages of 8 and 14, but it is great cardiovascular exercise and great fun for everyone.

The movie "Billy Madison" was not one of the great ones, but it has one scene that always cracks me up: the dodge ball scene. Ever wished you could go back to the third grade as an adult and play dodge ball with those cocky bullies back then? If I could, there was this one cocky 12-year-old kid I'd love throwing the ball at as hard as I could, and I'd take my buddies and declare war on that pain.

For grown-up fun anytime or a family day with the kids, Skymania is located at 4915 Steptoe St, Suite 400, (702) 436-6887

#2 FastLap – A chiropractor's dream is thrill seekers who go indoor go-cart racing at speeds up to 50 mph, wearing racing suits, head socks, gloves and helmets. Sure, you're not supposed to bump or hit other carts; that's the rules. Going with friends is what really makes this fun, and I know I will kamikaze any of my friends who try to pass me!

FastLap's track is designed pretty well, with a lot of corners and places to overtake your competitors. The actual goal is to achieve the fastest lap; however, I find it much more fun to try to force friends to careen off into the wall. This fast-paced spot is located at 4288 Polaris Ave. (702) 736-8113

#3 Ice Skating – Natives of Southern Nevada or elsewhere in the Southwest are not the most likely ones to become gold medal winners in the sport of ice skating. But with several indoor rinks around town, ice skating can be fairly easy and quick to learn.

The first time anyone steps onto the ice — especially with a partner who's not acclimated to the physics of ice — it's bound to be funny to watch. This is always a good type of place to bring a date. And the person who has been there a few practice times can get away with looking like a sports superstar in no time.

Rent skates, take lessons and even join a team. Call or slide over to one of these locations: Sobe Ice Arena at the Fiesta Rancho hotel-casino at 2400 N. Rancho Dr. (702) 638-3785, or slip out to the Las Vegas Ice Center at 9295 W. Flamingo Rd. (702) 320-7777

#4 Zip Lines — In many tropical countries, there is usually a zip line tour through the jungle. When you sign up for these tours, the only things you get are a harness, a glove and the instructions typically delivered in broken English: "Only use glove behind line, not in front." Even though this is the USA, and the terrain is not as hardcore, we do have a new zip line experience that is pretty fun and safe.

Just outside of Las Vegas in Boulder City, you'll find Bootleg Canyon, complete with zip lines running across it. Speeds of up to 50 mph can be attained, and zip lines run about half a mile long down the canyon. Automatic brakes that employ at the end of the line give you quite a jolt. Watching your friends' faces as they decelerate from 50 to zero in a matter of a few seconds is always amusing.

Visit the newest Boulder City attraction's action website at www.bcflylines.com or call (702) 293-6885

#5 Pinball Hall of Fame – While not as adrenaline pumping as some other activities, this one offers one of the most unique, entertaining and inexpensive experiences in Las Vegas. With 152 pinball machines, dating back as far as the 1950s, this nonprofit entity is bound to provide some nostalgia for all guests.

One thing that does make this place amusing is watching some of the primary clientele: the 25- to 35-year-old males who obviously haven't seen much daylight or had a social life outside of their mothers' basements for quite a long time. They mostly love being the "pinball wizards" and flipping levers, but they'd probably sneak a look at any bodies of the opposite sex bent over flipping levers next to them.

Join them, take a date, or join other game enthusiasts visiting the Pinball Hall of Fame at the current location, 3330 E. Tropicana Ave. Note: The attraction is slated to relocate soon to a large, donated, revamped warehouse closer to the Las Vegas Strip. (702) 434-9746

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WRITTEN BY TRACIE JOHANSON

Sadly, Americans are not eating enough fruits, vegetables and fresh produce. The proliferation of pre-packaged foods and heat-and-eat meals has just made it more convenient for us to add pounds, while robbing us of the health benefits of natural fruits and vegetables. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the average adult American eats 4.4 servings of fruits and vegetables per day, up from 3.9 servings per day when the 5-A-Day health awareness program began in 1991. Children eat 3.4 servings a day, up from 3.1 servings a day in 1991.

Goals and Benefits

The goal of 5-A-Day is for each of us to eat at least five servings of fruits and veggies every day. Research has shown that doing so reduces the risks of developing cancer, heart disease and other illnesses. Cancer, heart disease and stroke are the three leading causes of death in the U.S. The three diseases are primarily due to diets too high in unhealthy fats and too low in fruits and vegetables.

Those who follow the 5-A-Day suggestions have half the risk of developing cancer compared to those who eat only one or two servings per day. In fact, more than one-third of the 500,000 cancer deaths each year could be prevented by eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, according to medical experts.

Eating fruits and vegetables does more than re-

duce the risk of cancer.

Research continues to find strong links between increased fruit and vegetable consumption and the decreased risk of chronic diseases such as cancer, heart disease and stroke.

Eating five or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily may reduce other health risks substantially. Convincing evidence indicates that increasing fruit and vegetable consumption plays a positive role in reducing the incidence of cataracts, diverticulosis, high blood pressure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, bronchitis and osteoporosis, as well. Of course, it is always best to consult with your health adviser about your nutrition needs and specific personal guidelines.

Make it a Habit

Veggies are an excellent source of vitamins, fiber and vital enzymes. Unfortunately, Americans are four times more likely to pick a processed snack than to choose a fruit or vegetable. In addition, Americans are 10 times more likely to select a carbonated soft drink than to choose real, 100 percent fruit juice. So, how do we get more fruits and veggies into our diets?

One answer is to select fruits and vegetables as a snack full of vitamins, nutrients and good taste. Lose those empty calories!

Strategies to reach the goal of five or more

servings of fruits and vegetables per day include having fruits and vegetables at every meal. Another way to make sure we get all the healthy fruits and veggies we need is to find new, enjoyable, delicious recipes that include them.

Start right away to make it a habit to eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Eat at least one high-fiber selection a day, and, several times a week, eat cruciferous (cabbage family) vegetables, which includes broccoli and collard greens. Enjoy the most colorful fruits and vegetables often, because they contain excellent antioxidants and are the richest in vitamins. Eat at least one dark, green vegetable daily, as well as lot of leafy greens. Enjoy eating salads with assorted lettuces tossed with colorful vegetables.

Preparation and Cooking Tips

"As soon as a fruit or vegetable is harvested or sliced, a process called oxidation begins," according to Holly Brewer, R.D., a dietitian at Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in Las Vegas.

"To fight the damage, the plant's cells use up their antioxidant stores, leaving less for you to eventually consume," she added.

In addition, according to a University of Illinois study, fresh green beans retain only 36 percent of their vitamin C after six days, while frozen green beans keep 77 percent. So it is more nutritious to eat fresh produce within a day of purchase or buy frozen selections instead.

When it's not possible or convenient to eat fresh, go with frozen instead of canned veggies, but avoid the urge to stock up on fresh fruits and vegetables because they lose their nutrients so quickly.

Choose whole fruits and veggies over processed or juiced. For example, a whole apple is much healthier than a glass of apple juice. Too many juices contain added sugar, and many of the juices have little to no fiber remaining.

Ideally, try to eat as much raw fruit and veggies as possible; many consider that the healthiest way to go. But if you prefer them cooked, here are some tips.

Steam all vegetables, rather than boiling them. When boiled — or cooked in water in the microwave — veggies release their nutrients into the fluid. Steaming them will prevent much of this nutrient loss. Another alternative is to make soups, stews and other dishes in which the cooking liquid is consumed.

Buying on a Budget

Sadly, it is often less expensive to eat junk food than it is to eat healthy.

Follow these tips to save money on produce:

1) Buy fresh fruit in season, when prices are usually lower. Also, when the demand is higher, such as during the holiday season, certain items are traditionally priced lower. The price of oranges, for example, drops sharply — provided there is no crop destruction due to hurricanes or early frost.

2) Stock up on frozen veggies when they're on sale. Many grocery stores sell frozen veggies as 'loss leaders,' which means they sell them below cost just to get shoppers in the door (hoping we'll also buy profitable items.) It's not surprising to see 16 oz. bags of frozen veggies priced at three for \$1 or even less during the week before Thanksgiving. Stock up and save!

3) Buy what's on sale. Nearly every supermarket in the country has some kind of produce on sale each week, so take advantage of the lower price. Take kiwi for example: while the regular price is often two for \$1, a sale may bring the price down to four for \$1. When fruit and veggies are on sale, it's a great time to experiment with new foods.

4) Buy in bulk. Even though it's not advisable to stock up on fresh veggies, how about buying large quantities to get better pricing, but then split it with a friend or family member? For example, a 10-lb. bag of onions is much less expensive per pound than buying single onions.

5) Grow your own fruits and veggies. Gardening is fun, profitable and healthy, but it can also be also great exercise. Remember that produce begins to lose nutrients the minute it is cut from the plant, so gardening gives us the healthiest foods available. Grocery stores could never compete with faster picked-to-table time from a home garden.

6) Shop the local growers or processors. We've all seen those roadside stands where the local farmers sell their goods out of the back of their trucks. Why not take advantage of that? Often, it's a fresher, healthier product for a much lower price than what we'd normally pay in the grocery store. Las Vegas has several farmers' markets around town, and the newest one is downtown. Check your neighborhood newspapers for dates and times.

Take Healthy Action

Follow the suggestions offered here, and continue to learn more about fruits, vegetables and the health advantages. And remember: this is one of those rare times when it's okay to eat more! So get going to the garden or to the produce section of the supermarket.

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FREE THINGS TO DO IN LAS VEGAS

BY DINA HALL

Unless you've already hit the jackpot at the slots, you might be looking for ways to save money on your next trip to Las Vegas. There are many affordable ways to spend time while saving money, and some of them are even free.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

Fremont Street Experience: Head down to Fremont Street between Main Street and Las Vegas Blvd. South for this evening-time, hourly, light-and-sound show near some of Vegas' oldest casinos. Glitter is everywhere, as millions of neon lights illuminate the heart of downtown Las Vegas. The digital sound-enhanced show looms overhead on the arched canopy, which runs four blocks. Between shows, visit shopping kiosks and historic casinos and stores, as well as enjoy live entertainment on the Fremont Street walkway.

Fountains at the Bellagio: What's not to love about water that dances in time to music? The digitally choreographed display runs every 30 minutes in the afternoon and every 15 minutes in the evening.

Lion Habitat at MGM Grand: See majestic felines at the MGM Grand, where the lions can be found batting around their big red rubber balls or chewing on rawhide bones. The famous lion that roared at the beginning of an MGM film was the first one to live there, and now the pride has grown to around 38. Half a dozen lions are on view from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Aquarium at the Mirage: The huge tank — measuring 53 feet long, 8 feet from top to bottom, and 6 feet from front to back — has undergone recent technological improvements and can now support up to 1,000 coral reef fish. See how many species you can spot! There are at least 60 species from places such as Australia, Hawaii, the Red Sea and the Caribbean at the MGM Mirage.

The Conservatory at the Bellagio: It takes 140 horticulturists to nurture all the plants, flowers and shrubs on display in this five-star hotel's indoor garden. The result is a blooming oasis that gets extra special treatment — and a profusion of themed arrangements — for holidays.

Ethel M Chocolate Factory: Have you ever wanted to see what a 35,000-gallon tank of chocolate looks like? See for yourself on the self-guided tour of Ethel M's Chocolate Factory in Henderson. Tours run daily from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Both the tour and the samples along the way are free.

The Sirens of TI: The cove at the entrance of the Treasure Island is the setting for this pseudo-17th-century battle. The sirens are scantily clad, the pirates get lured into a stormy tempest, and drama — often in the form of pyrotechnics — ensues. The show runs every 90 minutes starting at 7 p.m.

Volcano at the Mirage: This perennially popular attraction in front of the MGM Mirage has been redesigned, set to custom-written music and is open for onlookers' amazement.

Wildlife Habitat: Step into a tropical rain forest at the Flamingo. See lush foliage, waterfalls and hundreds of birds, along with imported plants to help the wildlife feel right at home. It's like a jungle island adventure right on the Las Vegas Strip. Open 24 hours daily.

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CREATIVE HAIR: A COLORFUL FORCE OF NATURE BY JANAÉ RAPHAEL



The concept for Pemberton's entry this year blossomed while on a walk through her garden.

Reds, oranges and yellows represent the color changes seen in autumn leaves. Pemberton incorporates just a touch of the green leafy tones that poke through the bright colorful ones as seen in a field of flowers. She draws from florally inspired colors, bringing in radiant pink and blue shades.

All of the colors she uses are part of the Joico's Vero K-pak hair color product line.

"I would like to think that my work is opening people's minds to the artistic way that you can look at hair color. I really believe that I'm creating art though hair," says Pemberton.

If given free reign, Pemberton loves to incorporate greens and blues into her work with hair color.

"Green and blue are uncommon colors in the hair world, but outside in the colorful world around us these colors are the most represented of all — from the sky to the grass. Why not embrace and incorporate these colors from the outside world into hair?" Pemberton added.

While the average patron walking into a salon wouldn't think to request green or blue hair from her colorist, Pemberton offers these tips for testing the waters:

- Cool, ashy shades are trendy for blonds, but try incorporating lavender or pale blue.
- The trick is to place just one streak somewhere interesting. Consider the focal point of the hair cut, which is where the hair is typically the longest.
- Carmel, beige highlights are popular for brunettes, but do the opposite: weave in blue tones.

The beauty of hair color is that there is very little commitment involved. Nothing is permanent, which makes for an ever-changing artistic canvas, according to Pemberton.

Pemberton also utilizes her artistry for charitable causes. This summer, to support City of Hope, she created a Masquerade Mask — a work of art adorned with feathers to be auctioned off at the Spirit of Life Masquerade Gala held on July 20 in Las Vegas Nevada.

Proceeds from the auction will go to help City of Hope, a leading research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. Designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center, City of Hope's research has made possible some of the leading cancer drugs in use today through patented technologies developed by City of Hope scientists.

But Pemberton's philanthropic work doesn't stop there. She considers herself on the shy side, however when asked to help City of Hope, Pemberton answered the call to action by filming a public service announcement along-

Pemberton's work with Joico has taken her on a tour of the world; at each stop, she endeavors to introduce a splash of color to every head of hair she meets. Though she believes that she is living an adventure, someday she hopes to



Sue Pemberton, hair color artist, shows the colors of nature in her hair designs (above, facing page). She utilizes her artistry to support a City of Hope fundraiser. Her Masquerade Mask (right) will be auctioned off at the Spirit of Life Masquerade Gala.

side actors and professional salon industry colleagues.

The PSAs theme messages, "Together we can make a difference," are designed to support City of Hope fundraising programs and to promote 2009 Spirit of Life honorees Cheryl and Jim Markham, founders of PureOlogy Serious Colour Care, in their campaign "Create Beauty, Unmask Hope." Visit the organization online at CityOfHope.org.

A force of nature she undoubtedly is.

lay down deeper roots locally and open her own salon.

NAHA 20 kicks off July 19 at the Sunday Red Carpet Reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by a star-studded Awards Ceremony at 8 p.m. A gallery of NAHA award entries and the winners selected are online at www.probeauty.org/naha.

Pemberton's friends and supporters are delighted to see her work vying again for the winning spot.

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Photos By Kevin Rolly

At this year's North American Hair Styling Awards held at the Mandalay Bay Resort on the Las Vegas Strip, one of Nevada's own strives to blow out the competition in 2009 with her award-winning styles.

Contending for the title of Colorist of the Year, hometown favorite, Sue Pemberton from Henderson is a hair color artist and hair care company Joico's artistic director for color.

As a 2007 NAHA Haircolor title holder, Pemberton comes back strong with her dramatic and beautiful hair color works-of-art entries, all inspired by nature.



"Why not embrace and incorporate these colors from the outside world into hair?"

— Sue Pemberton

Widely recognized by professional stylists as the "hair care industry's Academy Awards," NAHA is the premier beauty competition in North America and celebrates its 20-year anniversary this summer with the beauty industry's brightest talent.

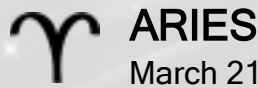
NAHA 20, takes place in a city where hair image takes center stage, recognizes various forms of hair artistry with awards, such as Master Stylist, Hair Stylist of the Year and Student Hairstylist, along with award categories Texture, Avant Garde, Fashion Forward and others.

The theme for the event, "Honoring the Work. Stories. Style!" will chronicle and celebrate the style of many professionals throughout the years who have contributed to the success of the industry.

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Lifestyle Horoscopes for July through August '09

By Ida Thomnaik, Star Life Advisor



ARIES

March 21 - April 19

Love: Your friends might have a hard time keeping up right now, as you set out to provoke and incite for attention. The setting is perfect to explore your sensual side and have a wonderful time – if you can stay out of trouble.

Success: Balance your share of leisure and responsibility during August. It won't be easy, but extra effort managing free time leaves time for work and play.

Health: Be aware of tension building around you. Avoid problems by addressing it them early.

Vegas Vibe: Adventurous, Provocative, Flirtatious, Sensual, Erotic

Food for Spirit: Fusion Cuisine

Casino Game: Video Poker

Place to Be: By the Pool



TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

Love: Mars, Venus, Mercury and the Sun make Taurus irresistible to those looking for love. Don't be afraid to frequent crowded places where you will be the center of attention.

Success: Rely on your ability to remain productive and your knack for sharing your natural energy to motivate others.

Health: This period is a key time for promoting your undiscovered talents. Take a break from normal concerns or worries. The month of August should have you feeling that finally all your responsibilities are being adequately handled.

Vegas Vibe: Intoxicating, Irresistible, Seductive, Passionate, Proactive

Food for Spirit: Seafood

Casino Game: Craps

Place to Be: Nightlife



GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

Love: Gemini's ruling planet, Mercury will be in close quarters with Venus, the planet of love. Lurking around every corner expect to find desire with the opposite sex. Your yearning for love is at the peak of its cycle, and your appetite for adventure will be satisfied.

Success: Rely on your ability to communicate, and don't be shy to demonstrate your intelligence in conversations. Dealing in any real estate or financial arenas? You will be most fruitful during this period.

Health: Mounting stress in your life right now has the potential to overwhelm your sense of stability. Maintaining a healthier lifestyle during the month of August will help you avoid being nervous and angry.

Vegas Vibe: Tempted, Reasonable, Mellow, Instinctive, Nervous

Food for Spirit: Fruit

Casino Game: Blackjack

Place to Be: Happy Hour



CANCER

June 21 - July 22

Love: This period brings Cancer no limitations in social interactions, which ensures no shortage of company. Strengthen both new and old relationships and feel inclined to reconnect with a lost friend, or say sorry to an ex (but not that dangerously crazy one!).

Success: Communication will be your strongest and most profound quality during August. Managing a team at work or organizing a large event will reveal your strengths as a leader.

Health: Don't worry much about it this month, especially since you will feel well physically and will be too preoccupied with other things in your life.

Vegas Vibe: Excited, Sociable, Intelligent, Mature

Food for Spirit: Shrimp Cocktail

Casino Game: Baccarat

Place to Be: In a Crowd



LEO

July 23 - August 22

Love: Be cautious this period because emotional involvement in relationships runs high. Be sure to exercise proper constraint before you fall in that head-over-heels kind of love for that sexy someone.

Success: Overcome conflicts and barriers; progress to be successful. Your financial gains will be offset by expenses, so you'll break even.

Health: An increase in your activity level may leave you feeling overexerted.

Vegas Vibe: Surprised, Unusual, Emotional, Cooperative

Food for Spirit: Cheesecake

Casino Game: Poker

Place to Be: Live Concert



VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

Love: You are ready to act on your desire to create action in your life. Suffering after a recently ended relationship? This is the perfect time and place for your rebound.

Success: To feel any sense of accomplishment, be relentless and struggle through hardship. Success is around every corner.

Health: Eating healthy and exercising is crucial to avoid possible health problems resulting from unexpected life stress.

Vegas Vibe: Charming, Passionate, Intense, Resolved, Focused

Food for Spirit: Italian Cuisine

Casino Game: Roulette

Place to Be: On the Las Vegas Strip



LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

Love: During August, the Libra must preoccupy that desire for love with other activities because cupid won't be around.

Success: While detailed plans may be in place for future months, you will lack the organization required to progress this summer. Be wary of unplanned expenses.

Health: With modest fortune present for Libra this period, a focus on well-being could be a great way to change your outlook and improve health for the future.

Vegas Vibe: Frustrated, Restless, Haunted, Dissatisfied

Food for Spirit: Beer and Bratwurst

Casino Game: Penny Slots

Place to Be: Buffet



SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

Love: You should already be on the lookout for a special Aries for a long-lasting relationship. This is a perfect period to achieve a permanent and meaningful partnership.

Success: The success of Scorpio is largely based on hard work, and this month is an ideal time for self-reward. Why not take a cruise and enjoy the fruits of your labor?

Health: Your outlook on health is matched by your commitment to good diet, exercise and working hard. You enjoy a healthful state in body and spirit early this period, but be careful towards the end of August.

Vegas Vibe: Adventurous, Passionate, Sociable, Decisive, Efficient

Food for Spirit: Sushi

Casino Game: Keno

Place to Be: High Limit Games



SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

Love: You might sense love is near. Perhaps an ended relationship that has pained you recently will be the new motivation and catalyst for finding love where you least expect it.

Success: Your modesty and patience for success will pay off eventually. For now, concentrate on enhancing your skills and abilities to become more invaluable to your current clients and employers.

Health: Now is the time for Sag to make a lifelong commitment to living healthy. The alternative is to overlook the consequences of your carefree and indulgent behavior.

Vegas Vibe: Happy, Creative, Manipulative, Invincible

Food for Spirit: Burgers and Beer

Casino Game: 4-Card Keno

Place to Be: Out of the Limelight



CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

Love: Your eagerness to be in the wrong relationship can lead to arguments and conflict over spiritually trivial items like money and bills. If possible, try to keep some distance between yourself and your intimate other. Perhaps moving to a new location will mean less damaging interactions.

Success: This period will prove most beneficial to Capricorns who work in professions that involve cash and sales.

Health: August should prove an optimistic and positive period for Capricorn's body, mind and spirit.

Vegas Vibe: Harmonious, Active, Revived, Physical

Food for Spirit: Soup and Salad

Casino Game: Video Slots

Place to Be: Outdoor Nature Spots



AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

Love: The course of your relationship is in the hands of your partner, because this period will enhance your attentive nature and desire to relate.

Success: Those people who work and rely on collaboration with a team or group must be wary of potential damage caused by another person. Don't get stuck with the blame for others' mistakes.

Health: August brings much inconsistency to the health of Aquarius. Adjusting your lifestyle and maintaining routines can avoid the inconvenience of illness.

Vegas Vibe: Sensitive, Emotional, Attentive, Professional, Competitive

Food for Spirit: Chinese

Casino Game: Pai Gow

Place to Be: Business Luncheon



PISCES

February 19 - March 20

Love: August will bring a plethora of new potential conquests for you to dazzle with your impeccable charm and delicious skills with the opposite sex.

Success: This period will bring further progress, expertise and professionalism in creative arts and design. Your artistic sense that has carried you through life will bring more opportunity in August.

Health: August will be a stable time for you, especially as you recover from a serious injury or an illness.

Vegas Vibe: Opposing, Unexpected, Violent, Organized

Food for Spirit: Enchiladas

Casino Game: 3-Card Poker

Place to Be: Amongst Friends

LAS VEGAS HOSTS MAKE BACHELOR AND BACHELORETTE PARTIES EVEN HOTTER!

BY MELANIE PASTOR

Vegas has emerged as the nation's leading hot spot for bachelor and bachelorette parties. Groups of men and women come from all over the United States for a wild weekend in Las Vegas.

Since rumor has it that all secret indulgences will remain a secret in the sinful city, can you think of a better place to enjoy the biggest party of your life?

The variety of options open to partygoers are endless, as well as the limitless price tags, making the bachelor party scene a multimillion-dollar industry.

Las Vegas has everything you could ask for to keep you busy for the weekend. This brightly lit city is known for its thematic resorts, lavish casinos, beautiful dancers, relaxing spas, gorgeous pools, endless gambling, amazing shows, spectacular nightclubs and award-winning restaurants. The newest nightclub, XS in the Encore mega resort, will provide you with 16,000 square feet of stimulation.



XS has an open-air dance floor that extends outward toward the large, European pool area surrounded by 26 two-story cabanas, two main bars and two service bars.

If you are looking for the infamous strip bars, you won't have to look far. Sapphire in Las Vegas is the world's largest gentlemen's club. Their reputation erupted due to their beautiful dancers, clear catwalk, and luxury suite skyboxes available on the second floor. Sapphire's bachelor party packages include VIP tables, bottles and mixers, and complimentary party bus transportation from hotels.

On Friday and Saturday nights, women may also take part in the fun. Sapphire has the only choreographed, male revue, stage show in Las Vegas. Sapphire VIP hosts can arrange a package to include lap dances, alcohol and plush transportation for the ultimate bachelorette parties with muscle.

Whether you are looking for Bella Luxury Suites at the Venetian, which accommodate four to six comfortably, or opting to book a block of individual

rooms (in case you have late night company) just off the Strip at the hip, Hard Rock, your group will not be disappointed.

The warm, summer days are best spent out by the pools. Wet Republic at the MGM, Tao Beach at the Venetian and, of course, the pool at the Wynn are at the top of the list for poolside fun and a great party scene. Sundays at Hard Rock's Rehab guarantees a great afternoon to recover and get back on the horse before your weekend ends.

Many of the resorts have shaded cabanas, which are the best way to go with larger parties. Make sure to reserve them, because these little luxuries can get booked up quickly.

Now that Las Vegas is home to so many bachelor and bachelorette parties, clubs and hotels offer special rates, services and hosts to make planning easier. Although hosts have been around for years, their services are now in greater demand.

With nightclubs becoming more exclusive and reservations becoming essential to skip waiting in longer lines — plus the array of competitive, swanky new Las Vegas hot spots popping up everywhere — hiring a host to plan, customize and facilitate the full experience has become more popular.

Hosts have connections with various restaurants and clubs in and around the Strip, helping to elevate your group to VIP status. This means that hosts assist your group by avoiding lines at clubs and getting reserved tables and bottle service, along with arranging transportation via a party bus, limousine or stretch SUV.

In addition, other special amenities or private arrangements are made to suit every group's needs. Give the hosts the event's budget, and they'll set up a weekend package. With all these choices, no wonder Las Vegas is the most desired hot spot for those final "single" days with your friends. Enjoy a weekend you and your friends will never forget.

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MEET THE AFGHAN RAIDERS

BY NICK BOUGIE

Ready for an Earth-shattering revelation?

It generally takes a certain type of person to enjoy dance music. Traditional bump-and-grind beats combined with pulsating, sweat-soaked dance floors made visible only by countless neon lights result in an intimidating atmosphere that many are unwilling to give in to. But every once in a while a group comes along that defies the norm and plows through traditional music barriers like a brick through a plate glass window. (And that cliché metaphor is not a far cry from their sound).

Las Vegas-based electronic duo, Afghan Raiders, otherwise known as Mikey and Beans, pride themselves on doing just that. Beans' infectious riffs and quirky electronic samples, supported by Mikey's punk-style vocals, all held together by a persistently pulsing bass line make it nearly impossible for any non-comatose person to remain motionless — not to mention keep their fists from pounding in the air.

The hometown boys have amassed a feverish following among the regulars in the local underground music scene and have rocked crowds at both the CMJ Music Marathon in New York City and at the South by Southwest Music and Media Conference in Austin, Texas. They are also currently scheduled to appear at two upcoming events in California.

The digital duo attribute their success to endless hours of band practice and their raucous live performances, where you will see a fusion of singing, dancing, balloons, costumes, and an outrageous amount of unchecked energy.

The Afghan Raiders' balls-to-the-wall approach to their music is continuing to turn heads in the music industry while their roots in the electronic dance genre are slowly converting entire cities into dance music drones.

And after much deliberation, I have come to the conclusion that Mikey and Beans have only two goals: to make you move with their brand of high-energy, rock-tinged techno, and to ensure that you have fun while doing it.

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CENTERS FOR ACTIVE SENIOR CONNECTIONS

WRITTEN BY BOB RIND AND PARKER PHILPOT

Seniors, who are relocating to Las Vegas or moving to a new residence in town, usually do so with two things in mind. First, they want to be around active people their own age for a common bond.

Second, it's important that the on-site or nearby recreational facilities meet their needs.

This is important for seniors' personal needs, as well as when others are looking for a suitable residence for their active, aging parents or other loved ones.

Most 55-and-over apartment developments, senior private home subdivisions and senior mobile home parks all have two things in common: swimming pool facilities and a recreation building or activity center where the residents can meet, play cards and board games, enjoy coffee and refreshments, and hold other social event of their choice.

Generally, senior apartments and complexes have a manager or a designated person to help organize special events, parties, BBQ's, sightseeing tours, golf outings, shopping runs and trips to local hotel-casinos for dining, bingo, slots, shows and more.

In addition, many of the services that are not available on the property can be accessed by private shuttle services, such as the ones operated by neighborhood casinos, or by the CAT bus routes called Silver Star, which run on set days and visit many of the senior recreational centers.

For seniors who live in areas that don't have scheduled activities or recreational facilities — or for those who want to supplement what their properties offer — the cities of Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City, as well as Clark County and some agencies have established more than two dozen senior centers.

Each senior facility offers a vast range of programs, and some have low-cost meal programs or food assistance, such as free bread pickup days. Most activities are scheduled monthly and posted well in advance. The City and County provide information on their websites and in periodic mailings, and have an office that can provide additional information.

For the City of Las Vegas, call the Department of Leisure Services-Senior Division (702) 229-6457, and for surrounding areas contact the Clark County Parks and Recreation at (702) 455-8200.

The following are some of the senior centers and a partial listing of the types of activities and programs held at each location. For addresses and activity schedules or for other senior-oriented programs, call the numbers listed after each location's description.

Boulder City Senior Center: Serves a continental breakfast and a weekly buffet-style lunch with a full salad bar for those 60 and over for \$2.50 on Mondays – Friday. Also offers information on Social Security, Medicare and senior law issues. In addition, there are exercise classes, live entertainment, yoga, bingo and cards. (702) 293-3320

Cambeiro Senior Center: This center is currently closed during remodeling, and it is becoming an adult day care and health care center. Re-opening is scheduled later this summer. (702) 384-3746

Cambridge Recreation Center: For seniors, there are regularly scheduled activities, including bingo, field trips and guest speakers. Also available are gym facilities. Ask about the AARP 55+ driving safety course. Call to request a newsletter. (702) 455-7169

Centennial Hills Active Adult Center: Activities include exercise and educational classes. (702) 229-1702

Cora Coleman Senior Center: Classes offered include arts and crafts, computers, defensive driving, exercise and dance, and special interest courses. Other activities include swimming, pinochle, billiards, table tennis, health screenings, guest speakers and holiday celebrations. (702) 455-7617

Derfelt Senior Center: Activities and classes include quilting, arts and crafts, knitting, sewing, creative writing, bridge, Mahjong, ballroom and tap dancing, line dancing, yoga, Tai chi, sign language and Spanish. (702) 229-6601

Doolittle Senior Center: Snack bar with sandwiches for \$1.75 or less. Offers bingo, bowling, table tennis, crafts, line dancing, sewing, special events and a community garden project. Exercise activities include Latin dancing. Also, there are computer classes for beginners. (702) 229-6125

Dula Gymnasium: Exercise classes, fitness programs and sports activities include basketball, a walking group, weight loss, table and paddle tennis, and games include bridge and pinochle. Dance instruction in tap. Computer lab training. (702) 229-6307

East Las Vegas Community and Senior Center: The center offers a variety of dance classes, music and fitness classes, computer lab, pottery studio, weaving looms and other fun lessons. (702) 229-1515

Goldberg Senior Center: The center offers social services assistance through Las Vegas Senior Lifeline a program of the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas. Special needs assistance with transportation and nutrition.

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Other advisory assistance with homemaking and medical care may be available. The center has many nondenominational services for people age 60 and over. (702) 933-1191

Henderson Senior Center: (Relocation and renaming to Heritage Park Senior Facility is scheduled for this summer.) Lunch is available Monday – Friday. Lunch is \$1.50 for 60 years and older; all others \$3.00. Low-cost Sat. brunch and Sun. lunch. Programs and activities include arts and crafts, billiards, bingo, knitting and crocheting, exercise classes, computer classes, writing workshops, bus trips, line dancing and card games. (702) 267-4150

Las Vegas Senior Center: Classes and activities include arts and crafts, square dancing, pinochle, health-check sessions, special events and workshops. Located near downtown, many senior clubs, organizations and discussion groups meet here. (702) 229-6454

Lieburn Senior Center: The center offers aerobics, games, computer classes, yoga, guitar lessons and exercise classes. (702) 229-1600

North Las Vegas Recreation Center: Offers a gymnasium, walking groups, arts and crafts, bridge, dancing, computer sessions, classes and low-cost meal services. (702) 633-1600

Paradise Community Center: Senior activities include movie days, bingo, and field trips and physical exercise. (702) 455-7513

Parkdale Community Center: One of the oldest senior centers in Clark County, the center houses a computer lab, arts and crafts area, and a multipurpose room. Arts and crafts, games and exercise instruction. Scheduled field trips and guest speakers. (702) 455-8502

Veterans Memorial Leisure Services Center: A multi-generational, full-service recreational center, it offers paddle tennis, a walking club, aerobics and fitness classes, and basketball. (702) 229-1100

Walnut Recreation Center: The center has programs for 50 and older. Activities include community excursions, guest speakers, cards and games, arts and crafts, projects and classes, special events, wellness checks, and other activities. (702) 455-8402

West Flamingo Senior Center: Programs for those 50 and over include acting classes, computer classes, knitting and crocheting, exercise classes, , yoga, water-color, dance classes, ping pong, card games, field trips and monthly special events. (702) 455-7742

Whitney Senior Center: A separate building for senior programs located next to the family recreation center. Classes and activities include computer, senior exercise, defensive driving, board and card games, piano, guest speakers and holiday celebrations. On select days, there is free food assistance and information. (702) 455-7560

Winchester Cultural Center: Offers lectures, social activities, field trips, card games, entertainers, movies, Mahjong, Tai chi and yoga. Enjoy the art gallery and walking path. Music and theatrical performances of all varieties are regularly scheduled, including jazz, bands, vocalists and more. (702) 455-7340



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DANNY GANS: LAS VEGAS LEGACY

BY PETE ALLMAN



Danny Gans was the ultimate entertainer — a singer, impressionist, comedian, actor and inspirational speaker. His impressions covered an incredibly wide range of male and female celebrities — Dr. Ruth Westheimer, John Travolta, Clint Eastwood, Rodney Dangerfield, Wayne Newton, Woody Allen, Robin Leach, Bill Cosby and countless others. Gans brought the Rat Pack back to the Strip as he performed Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr., and even included Peter Lawford and Joey Bishop in his nearly perfect sounding impressions of each, complete with facial expressions, body postures and unmistakable gestures. He also included an intricate, dual impression of father-daughter singers, Nat King Cole and Natalie Cole. As a skillful singer, Gans was able to imitate the sounds of vocal superstars, such as Michael Bolton, Michael Jackson and Michael McDonald.

He will be missed, but his spirit of love and laughter — and his outpouring of philanthropy — will remain legend in the city of glitz and glamour. His shocking, sudden death recently was deemed accidental: he succumbed to a toxic reaction to a prescription painkiller. Gans, 52, was a husband and father of three, as well as a man of faith and a community activist who freely contributed his time and support to help many local charities. The Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation and the Danny Gans Junior Golf Academy were just two beneficiaries of his tremendous fundraising efforts to aid children.



He Truly Lived the Perfect Success Story

Born Daniel Davies Gans in Torrance, Calif., in 1956, his first career was in sports — baseball — from college through the minors leagues as Rookie of the Year. Gans, at the time, thought he was in his major career, but his calling to another field was on the horizon. Gans suffered an Achilles heel tendon injury during a game and took two years off to recuperate. He never returned to baseball when a limp from the injury ended his sports hopes. “I thought by the year 2000, I’d be closing in on 600 home runs and the hall of fame,” Gans had told an interviewer. It was time for him to try another occupation. So Gans began to perform songs and worked out some stage impressions by working in comedy clubs and traveling the club circuit. In time, that meant he spent a lot of time away from his young family.

For more than 20 years — starting at small venues and working his way up to major corporate events and private functions — Gans honed the skills that ultimately resulted in his headlining on the Las Vegas Strip. Before settling in the place where he would make a legacy, Gans’ acting skills

landed him a memorable role, Deke Rivers in “Bull Durham,” the 1980s baseball-themed movie starring Kevin Costner. Gans also appeared in several TV commercials and had a recurring part on a sitcom, “Open House.” Just before heading to Las Vegas, where his career would skyrocket, Gans had been offered a long-term, well-paying contract to perform at the Brooks Atkinson Theater in Manhattan, following his run in a self-titled, one-man show to rave reviews at the Neil Simon Theater. In a fateful decision, he turned the offer down and headed back to the West. Gans’ most important role to him was husband and father, being with his family.

He relocated to Las Vegas in the late 1990s and soon opened at the Stratosphere with his multifaceted act. His show grew so successful that it wasn’t long before he received an offer and began headlining in the showroom at the Rio All-Suites Hotel and Casino.

His show was received so well by locals and visitors that the ticket price more than doubled due to his immense popularity. Although it was sound reasoning on the business side of entertainment, Gans was inclined to keep the cost lower than the near-\$100 admission, so he eventually moved his show.

Gans had formed a growing, close relationship with gaming resort mogul Steve Wynn, one of his many admirers. This led to Gans’ ten-year run and reported \$100 million contract to perform at the Mirage Resort where Wynn made him namesake of his own showroom, which regularly sold out.

It was a victory run that most entertainers could only hope to accomplish. In February, Gans left the Mirage and opened at Wynn’s newest mega-resort, Encore. In addition to his career as a performer, Gans’ expanded his business endeavors to include a management partnership with his own manager, Chip Lightman, and they promoted Donny and Marie Osmond, headlining at the Flamingo Resort.

Gans inspired us, motivated so many and touched lives positively. He leaves a legacy that Las Vegans and people around the world can look to for guidance on how to live well, give back and love life to the fullest.

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Local Artist Mikal Elder and wife Gloria Elder use their unit at Soho Lofts on the North strip to showcase Mikal's artwork.

At one time Las Vegas was the fastest growing city in the United States. It was just a matter of time before Las Vegas would become the city with the fastest rising foreclosure rate, which makes it the best time for deals on high-rise condos on the Las Vegas Strip. As a result of predatory lending, which contributed to an unrealistic housing boom, the prices on luxurious properties have dropped immensely.

Uncertainty remains over how many more foreclosures and short sales will hit the market, which means that now is the best time to take advantage of the great deals at hand.

Buyers are taking advantage of the all-time low interest rates and record low prices for these high-rise towers, and there is no telling how long these rates will last.

Local artist Mikal Elder took full advantage of the current market when he purchased his 1,277-square-foot unit at Soho Lofts located close to the arts district.

This unit looks over downtown Las Vegas and was valued at \$409,000 in 2006, not even close to the steal he received when, in March, Elder closed on his unit at \$183,500.

"A big motivation in our buying a unit at Soho was the potential to store,

house, display and possibly show and sell some of my paintings," Elder said.

"In fact, I'm in the process of working on two, new commissioned pieces for people here in town as we speak."

In April, buyers took advantage of Allure and MGM Signature's public auctions with units selling for as low as \$114,000. For high-rise units that would have gone for \$900,000 in 2006 and 2007, it is bittersweet for owners to see units similar to theirs going for an average price of \$390,778.

"When Vegas comes back, it will come back with a vengeance," Elder says.

"It seems like the perfect place to show the world what we have to offer," he continued.

There is no telling when the market will pick back up, making now the best time ever to buy a high rise condo.

"In addition to our technical careers, I am currently selling my paintings/art, and Gloria [Elder's wife] has started a custom clothing line called Lost Sheep Clothing," he added.

"Aside from that, it seems like a perfect place for us to simply relax and enjoy what we have in life."

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SPOTLIGHT SCREEN SELECTION:
'DARLING' DOCUMENTARY SHOWS TRANSGENDER'S TRIUMPHS
DESPITE SOCIAL SHUNNING
BY PETE ALLMAN

During the six-day CineVegas Film Festival, over 70 films were shown at the Brenden Theatre inside Las Vegas' luxurious Palms Resort for the public and media. CineVegas celebrated its 11th annual event and tradition of bringing out new, interesting films in different genres.

One of the most memorable documentaries I viewed was "Beautiful Darling," featuring the late actor Candy Darling, a young man who lived out his dreams to be a star, but he did it as a woman.

The actor, born James Lawrence Flattery in Long Island, N.Y., who died at 29 of a stomach tumor caused by hormone-altering pills he was taking to appear more feminine, ironically had no plans to change his physical body surgically, fearing that it would change him too much at too great a risk.



The documentary unveils the pain and social challenges experienced by members of the transgender community around New York in the 60s and 70s. In Darling's short life, he was regarded as a transgender pioneer of that sexual groundbreaking era.



Andy Warhol

Darling achieved fame, in great part, due to the association with celebrities Andy Warhol, pop artist and short film producer, and famed playwright Tennessee Williams, who introduced Darling in a starring role in "Small Craft Warning." Delighted with the performance, Williams grew to befriend the captivating blonde-haired actor. And the avante garde Darling became the feminine star who lived out her dreams through appearing in films with Warhol.

Darling never chose to portray himself as a male in his life or on

camera.

"Beautiful Darling" is an excellent film showing in depth the complications of being a transgender in a predominantly straight society. Its subject was a man who felt he was a woman trapped inside a male body.

The film's writer and director, James Rasin, said he would like to make this into a theatrical release, and he has started to search for the actor who would play the lead role.

The detailed documentary was insightful, compelling and moving. I was engrossed by the depictions of what many men and women went through, especially the actual footage of arrests made simply because of their transgender lifestyle and the way they dressed.



Darling was survived by a longtime friend, Jeremiah Newton, who narrated portions of the documentary, taking viewers on a journey through sites and memories of Darling's life, including a heartrending visit to the gravesite.

What was hurtful and sad, according to Darling's friend, is that Darling's mother never accepted the transgender lifestyle, nor did she want her husband to know.

The archived footage of Darling's interviews and other news events are from the Warhol Museum. Much of the footage was very grainy but still had excellent content for the topic at hand.

The subject of Candy Darling's all-too-short life is worthy of a feature movie. And "Beautiful Darling" is worth a slight search to see, as well as the vintage films she starred in — "Flesh" (1968) and "Women in Revolt" (1971) — for which she received her highest acclaim; both films were directed by Paul Morrissey and produced by Andy Warhol.

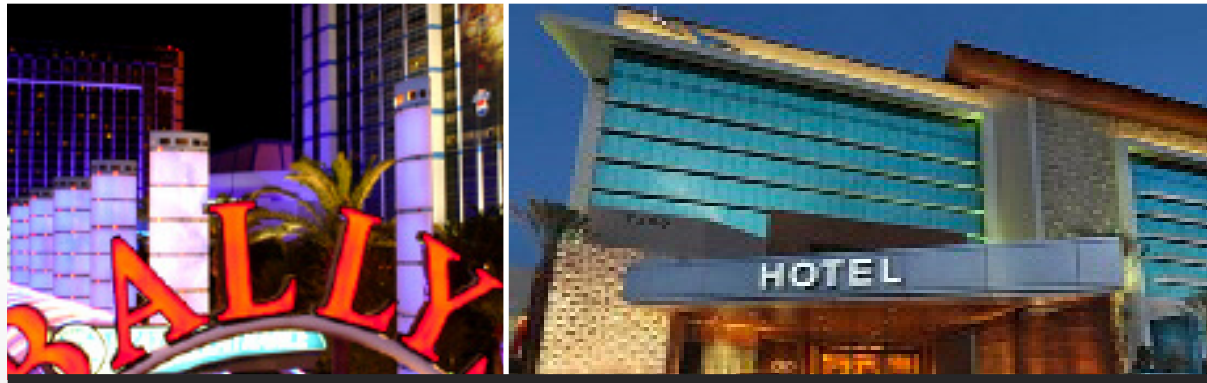
Julie Newmar appears in the NR biopic.

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Sax Man Brown at Tarzan's.....Thurs
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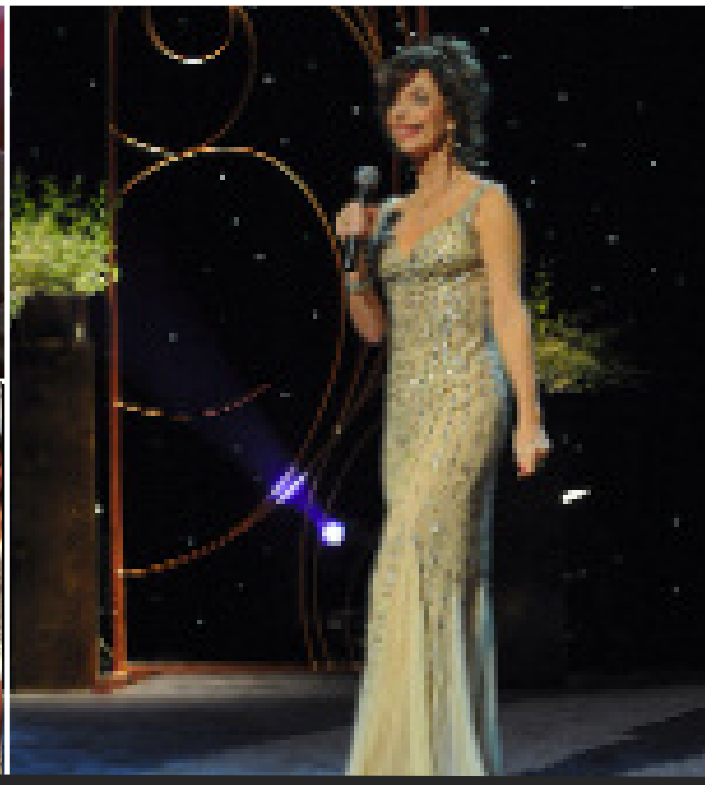
Ignite with Antonio Restivo.....Tues-Sun
Karaoke in the lounge.....Nightly

GREEN VALLEY RANCH - 702-617-7777

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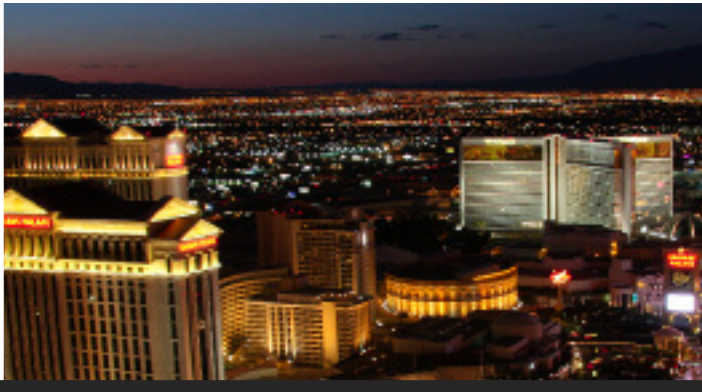
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DJ Mile at Tao.....Sat

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* Dennis Bono Show ends July 30



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Grand Funk Railroad.....	8/1
Chris Botti.....	9/5

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UFO.....	10/24

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Sugarland.....	7/24
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Huey Lewis and the News.....	7/29
War, Tierra and El Chicano.....	7/31
Brian McKnight.....	8/1
Gretchen Wilson.....	8/8
Buddy Guy with Dr. John and The Lower 911.....	8/14
America and Christopher Cross.....	8/15
Chris Isaak.....	8/19
Jaguars.....	9/4
Reba.....	9/5
Gipsy Kings.....	9/12
Rick Springfield.....	9/19
The Beach Boys.....	10/7
Kenny Rogers.....	10/11
Loggins and Messina.....	10/14

CAESARS PALACE (COLOSSEUM) - 702-731-7110

Jeff Dunham.....	7/3-7/4
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Jerry Seinfeld.....	7/31-8/1
Luis Miguel.....	9/12-15

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Jay & The Americans.....	7/3
Arrival Music of Abba Tour.....	7/4
Goodfellas.....	7/10
Little Anthony & The Imperials.....	7/11
Randy Anderson.....	7/24
Mel Tillis & Pam Tillis.....	7/25
The Fab – Beatles Tribute.....	7/31
Little River Band.....	8/1
Alan Parsons Live Project.....	8/8
The Three Degrees, The Crystals & The Chantels.....	8/15
April Wine & Edgar Winter.....	8/22
Felix Cavaliere's Rascals and Tommy James &The Shondells.....	8/29
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

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The Wiggles.....	7/24
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Goodfellas.....	7/5
S.R.O.....	7/10-11
Sixtiesmania.....	7/12
Strange Brew.....	7/17-18
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Next Movement.....	8/2
Jerry Presley.....	8/14-16
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Counting Crows.....	7/24
Lit.....	8/8
Lynyrd Skynyrd.....	9/19

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Incubus.....	7/11
Rise Against.....	7/13
Blink 182.....	7/23-24
Chicago and Earth Wind & Fire.....	7/25
Crue Fest 2 starring Mötley Crüe.....	8/1
Underworld.....	8/6
No Doubt.....	8/7
Kings of Leon.....	8/19
Dream Theater.....	8/28
Santana.....	9/4-6, 9/9, 9/11-12, 9/14-15

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Manga-Fi.....	7/5
Bullets and Octane.....	7/12
The Germs.....	7/14
Toadies.....	7/18
The Donnas.....	7/26
Cash'd Out.....	8/9

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Dave Mason.....	8/22
Collin Raye & Restless Heart.....	11/28

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Cheap Trick plays Sgt. Pepper.....	9/13-15, 9/17-19, 9/21-23

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Il Divo.....	7/17
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The Jonas Brothers with Jordan Sparks.....	8/1
Boyz II Men.....	8/22

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Trapt.....	7/22
Cross Canadian Ragweed.....	7/29
Glasvegas with Ida Maria.....	7/31
Blue October with Switchfoot and Longwave.....	8/6
Atmosphere.....	8/18
Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers.....	9/5
Sugar Ray with The Dirty Heads.....	9/24

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Rod Stewart.....	8/1
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Nickelback.....	9/6

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Howie Mandel.....	7/9-15

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Jay Leno.....	7/18-19
Ron White.....	9/18-19
Lewis Black.....	11/20-21



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Bill Maher.....	7/3-5
Kenny G.....	7/10-12
Dana Carvey.....	7/24-26
Imelda Papin & Melissa Manchester.....	7/31-8/2
Gladys Knight.....	8/7-9
KC and the Sunshine Band.....	8/15-16
Don Rickles.....	8/21-23
The Osmonds.....	8/28-30
Air Supply.....	9/4-6

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The Village People, Gloria Gaynor, Tavares and The Trammmps.....	7/11
Demi Lovato w/ David Archuleta.....	7/18
Sean Hannity's Freedom Concert Tour.....	8/8
Dirt Alliance Tour.....	8/15

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New Kids on the Block.....	7/11
The Fray.....	7/17
Laughing Samoans.....	7/18
Gabriel Iglesias.....	7/25
Diana Krall.....	8/8
Depeche Mode.....	8/22
Steely Dan.....	8/28
Peter Frampton.....	9/18
Kylie Minogue.....	10/3

SAM BOYD STADIUM - 702-739-3267

U2 360 Degrees Tour.....	10/23
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SILVERTON HOTEL & CASINO - 702-263-7777

En Vogue.....	6/20
Etta James.....	6/27

SUNCOAST HOTEL & CASINO - 702-636-7111

David Brenner.....	6/5-7
Hotel California.....	6/12-14
Vocal Soup.....	6/19-21
Variety Live.....	6/26-28
Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis Jr.....	7/3-5
The Scintas.....	7/17-19

SUNSET STATION (CLUB MADRID) - 702-547-7777

Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers.....	6/19
Slaughter.....	7/24
Jackly.....	8/14
James Otto.....	9/26

TEXAS STATION (DALLAS EVENTS CENTER) - 702-631-1000

Loretta Lynn.....	6/20
Dave Koz & Brian Culbertson.....	8/1

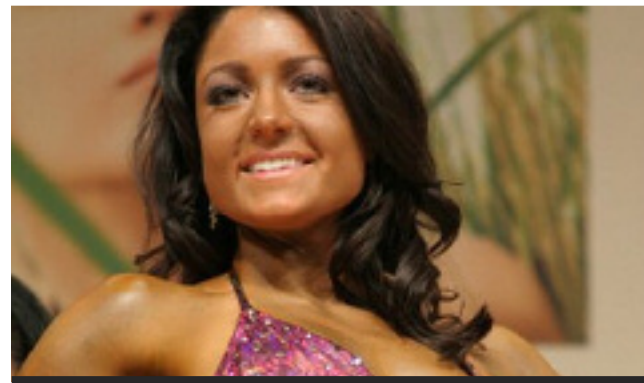
THOMAS & MACK CENTER - 702-739-3267

MC Hammer, Tone Loc & Young MC.....	6/20
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TROPICANA EXPRESS LAUGHLIN (PAVILION THEATER) - 702-298-4200

Davey Jones.....	6/6
Felix Cavaliere's Rascals.....	6/20
Tony Orlando.....	7/3

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sports

ARTEMUS HAM CONCERT HALL (UNLV) - 702-895-3535

2009 Mens Bodybuilding & Figure Pre-Judging.....	7/24
2009 Womens Bodybuilding & Figure Pre-Judging.....	7/25
2009 NPC USA Championships, Bodybuilding, Figure & Bikini.....	7/25

BUFFALO BILL'S STAR OF THE DESERT ARENA (PRIMM) - 702-386-7867

Worlds Collide MMA Semifinals.....	8/22
Worlds Collide MMA Semifinals.....	10/17
Worlds Collide MMA Championship.....	12/5

HARD ROCK HOTEL (JOINT) - 702-693-5000

World Extreme Cagefighting.....	8/9
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LAS VEGAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY - 800-644-4444

NASCAR Las Vegas 350.....	9/26
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MANDALAY BAY EVENTS CENTER - 702-632-7777

UFC 100.....	7/11
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MGM GRAND GARDEN ARENA - 702-891-7777

2009 Rockstar U.S. Open.....	10/9-10
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ORLEANS HOTEL & CASINO - 702-365-7111

Miss Junior Teen and Miss United States Pageant.....	7/15-16
AMA GEICO EnduroCross.....	7/25
Joe Weider's Olympia Weekend 2009.....	9/25-26

SAM BOYD STADIUM - 702-739-3267

Extreme H2X Watercross.....	10/3
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THOMAS & MACK CENTER - 702-739-3267

2009 PBR World Finals.....	10/30-11/8
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conventions

BELLAGIO - 702-693-7111
20th Annual Fraud Conference and Exhibition..... 7/12-17

CAESARS PALACE - 702-731-7110
Mail Boxes Etc. Global Convention 2009.....7/19-26

CASHMAN CENTER - 702-386-7100
US Bowling Congress Championships &
National Convention.....2/14-7/31

IMPERIAL PALACE HOTEL & CASINO - 702-731-3311
Rollercon Annual Roller Derby Convention.....7/28-8/2
International Coin & Stamp Collectors Society
Coin, Currency, Jewelry & Stamp Expo.....8/14-16

LAS VEGAS CONVENTION CENTER - 702-892-0711
USA Table Tennis US Open.....7/1-4
Assoc. of Woodworking & Furnishing Suppliers Fair.....7/15-18
World Shoe Association.....7/31-8/2

ASD/AMD Show.....8/9-12
Annual Winter Show.....8/31-9/3

LAS VEGAS HILTON HOTEL - 702-732-5111
Star Trek 2009 Annual Convention.....8/6-9

MANDALAY BAY CONVENTION CENTER - 702-632-7777
UFC Fan Expo.....7/10-11
Cosmoprof North America 2009.....7/19-21
2009 National Medical Association Annual
Convention & Scientific Assembly.....7/25-29

MGM GRAND HOTEL & CASINO - 702-891-7777
Martial Arts Industry Association 2009
Annual Convention.....7/5-9

SANDS EXPO & CONVENTION CENTER - 702-733-5556
Natural MarketPlace 2009.....7/9-11
Off Price Specialist Show.....8/29-9/1
2009 Annual Trade Show.....9/16-17



the arts

BELLAGIO CONSERVATORY & BOTANICAL GARDENS - 702-693-7111
Gardens From Around the World.....Daily

BELLAGIO GALLERY OF FINE ART - 702-693-7871
Lichtenstein, Warhol & Friends.....7/1-9/7

CHARLESTON HEIGHTS ARTS CENTER - 702-229-6383
Kwak Ballet: Potpourri.....8/8

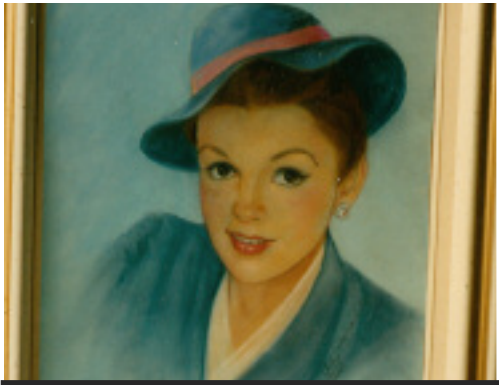
CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY - 702-507-3400
Vegas City Artz Academy & Guitar
Society of Las Vegas.....7/1
Film: Happy Birthday, Harris Malden.....7/1
Build-A-Puppet.....7/7
Puppet Reader Theater.....7/8
Extreme Puppetry workshop.....7/9
Summer Puppet Spectacular.....7/11
Music and Stories in the Library.....7/14
Reader's Theater.....7/16
S.M.A.S.H. Passion.....7/18
Film: Operation Petticoat.....7/21
Wizard Rockapalooza 2009.....7/22
Cow Appreciation Day & The Noteworthy Duo
in Concert.....7/25
Performing Arts Society Of Nevada.....7/26
Las Vegas Stamp & Scrap.....7/28
Movie: The Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience.....7/31
The Music Bug.....8/1
Las Vegas Dance Theatre Studios.....8/2
Film: Big Heart City.....8/6
The Nuts and Bolts Writing Weekend for Authors.....8/15-16
Back to School Blues.....8/21
Film: Finding Nemo.....8/23
Back to School Puppet Spectacular.....8/29

CLARK COUNTY MUSEUM - 702-455-7955
Clark County Centennial Celebration.....01/1-12/31

ENTERPRISE LIBRARY - 702-507-3760
Junie B. Jones Has Monster Under Her Bed.....7/7
Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon.....7/9
Mad Science.....7/13
Reading is Magic ft. Tony Daniels.....7/17
Hurray for America!.....7/18
End of Summer Reading Celebration.....8/4
Kindergarten Countdown.....8/13
Game Club.....8/16
Blood Drive.....8/21
Bringing Animals to Life in Stained Glass.....9/15

GALLERIA LIBRARY - 702-207-4259
Summertime Tales – stories, songs
and activities.....Thurs
Be Creative @ Your Library – different
activities each week.....Tues

GIBSON LIBRARY - 702-565-8402
Teen Poetry Café.....7/9
Sand Art @ Your Library!.....7/10
Enjoy a Delightful Evening with Valentino Crespo.....7/14
Art for Kids!.....7/15
Artist Studio for Teens.....7/17
The Magic of Imagination.....7/22
Henderson Library Book Club.....7/28
Fun with Frosting: The Art of Cake Decorating.....7/31
Magic @ Your Library!.....8/1
Teen Tech Club.....8/3
Not-So-Grown-Up Book Club.....8/5
Teen Summer Reading Wrap Up Event.....8/7
Nevada Old Time Fiddlers Jam.....8/12
Puppet Making!.....8/15
Fun Origami.....8/18
Third Thursday: Arts and Crafts.....8/20
Henderson Library Book Club.....8/25



GREEN VALLEY LIBRARY - 702-207-4260

Elementary Art Studio.....	7/9
Popcorn and Pajamas!.....	7/13
Music Games.....	7/18
Art of Nature.....	7/21
The Magic of Imagination.....	7/23
Teen Book Club.....	7/28
Creative Arts Scavenger Hunt.....	8/1
Fun with Frosting: The Art of Cake Decorating.....	8/3
Elementary Art Studio.....	8/6
Teen Book Review.....	8/8
Japanese Tea.....	8/13
Family Night @ Your Library.....	8/19
Drop-In Storytime.....	8/22
Bilingual Storytime.....	8/28

LAS VEGAS LIBRARY - 702-507-3500

DJ Tony.....	7/8
Reading is Magic ft. Tony Daniels.....	7/13
Southern Nevada Rock Art Association.....	7/16
End of Summer Reading Celebration.....	7/29
Introduction to the Internet.....	8/4
Anime Omega.....	8/21
Movie Party.....	8/25
Vegas Gamers.....	8/29

LIED DISCOVERY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - 702-382-5437

GROSSOLOGY: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body.....	6/6-9/7
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

LUXOR LAS VEGAS - 702-262-4444

Bodies - The Exhibition.....	Daily
Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition.....	Daily

MALCOLM LIBRARY - 702-263-7522

Adult Computer Class.....	Thurs
United Blood Services Blood Drive.....	7/1
Lego Challenge!.....	7/8
Art for Kids!.....	7/9
Adult Book Chat.....	7/13
Family Sing-Along Movie.....	7/15
The Magic of Imagination.....	7/23
Paper Airplane Party.....	8/4
Fun with Frosting: The Art of Cake Decorating.....	8/5
Adult Book Chat.....	8/10
Wii the Teens!.....	8/11

NICHOLAS HORN THEATRE (CCSN) - 702-651-4052

CSN Jazz Combo Camp.....	7/19-24
Dance in the Desert Festival.....	7/31-8/2
Wait Until Dark by Frederick Knott.....	8/14-16, 8/21-23

PASEO VERDE LIBRARY - 702-492-7252

The Film Movement Series – Drama from the Czech Republic.....	7/1
Paper Airplane Party – stories about flying machines, crafts.....	7/6
I Read to Animals – Funny stories and facts about animals.....	7/9
Picnic & a Movie.....	7/13
Storytime: I've Got Rhythm.....	7/16
Art of Nature: Wildlands of Southern Nevada Photography Exhibit.....	7/21
Save Your Family's Life – disease prevention lecture.....	7/29
Rock Band.....	8/1
The Film Movement Series: Drama from Rwanda.....	8/5
Getting to Know Monet.....	8/6
Battle of the Bands.....	8/7
Picnic & A Movie.....	8/10
Kindergarten Boogie.....	8/19
United Blood Services Blood Drive.....	8/20



RAINBOW LIBRARY - 702-507-3710

The Art of Roseanne Gilmore.....	7/7
Teen Craft Extravaganza.....	7/11
Reading is Magic with Tony Daniels.....	7/14
Mad Science.....	7/16
Get Your Game On (crafts, games, recreation).....	7/19
Reader's Theater.....	7/25
Film: Marley & Me.....	8/7
Middle School Survival.....	8/20
The Music of Miles Davis.....	8/21
Westside Newcomers Book Club.....	8/26
United Blood Services Blood Drive.....	8/28

SAHARA WEST LIBRARY - 702-507-3630

Viva Las Vegas: A Photographic Retrospective of Images of Latino Entertainers.....	7/2
Storytime with Coco the Love Dog.....	7/11
Reading is Magic with Tony Daniels.....	7/15
Be Creative at Your Library.....	7/19
Alternative Media Movies.....	7/26
In Young Lee Piano School.....	8/12
August Movie Night: Taken.....	8/17
IMPACT: Showcase of Las Vegas Talent 2009.....	8/30
Sahara West Library Blood Drive.....	9/5

SPRING VALLEY LIBRARY - 702-507-3820

Reading is Magic with Tony Daniels.....	7/17
Get Your Game On.....	7/24
Tie Dye for Teens!.....	7/25
Summer Sing-a-long.....	7/29
End of Summer Celebration.....	8/1
Drawing Club.....	8/2
Music and Stories in the Library.....	8/5
Nursery Rhyme Time.....	8/11
Kindergarten Countdown.....	8/12
The Art of Roseann Gilmore.....	9/24

SUMMERLIN LIBRARY - 702-507-3860

Sparkly Stories for Fourth of July!.....	7/1-2
Broadway Bound presents Seussical Jr.....	7/2-3

Imagination Creations.....	7/11
Teen Punch and Pages Book Club.....	7/12
Reading is Magic with Tony Daniels.....	7/18
The Noteworthy Duo in Concert.....	7/26
Fractured Fairy Tales.....	8/10
The Summerlin Theatre Project presents Manipulation Exhibitions.....	8/13
Teen Summer Gamers Club.....	8/15
Jennifer Broderdorf Piano Recital.....	8/26
New Works by Gary Marx.....	8/27

SUNRISE LIBRARY - 702-507-3900

Celebrate America.....	7/3
Film: Revolutionary Road.....	7/12
Reading is Magic ft. Tony Daniels.....	7/15
Blood Drive.....	7/18
Get Your Game On (crafts, games, recreation).....	7/23
Let's Move.....	8/6
Film: Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail.....	8/9
Kindergarten Countdown.....	8/15
Karaoke.....	8/19
Film: Confessions of a Shopaholic.....	8/23

WEST CHARLESTON LIBRARY - 702-507-3940

Teen Craft Extravaganza.....	7/7
DJ Tony.....	7/8
Adult Diabetes Education and Management Support.....	7/14
Reading is Magic with Tony Daniels.....	7/15
Film: Coraline.....	7/20
AAA Presents: Christmas in July!.....	7/23
Be Creative @ Your Library Storytime.....	7/30
Vegas City Artz.....	8/1
Puppet Show Fun.....	8/6
Anime Vegas.....	8/8
Las Vegas Scrapbook Club.....	8/9
American Needlepoint Guild.....	8/13
Quilt Crazies.....	8/19
The Silent Epidemic.....	8/25

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