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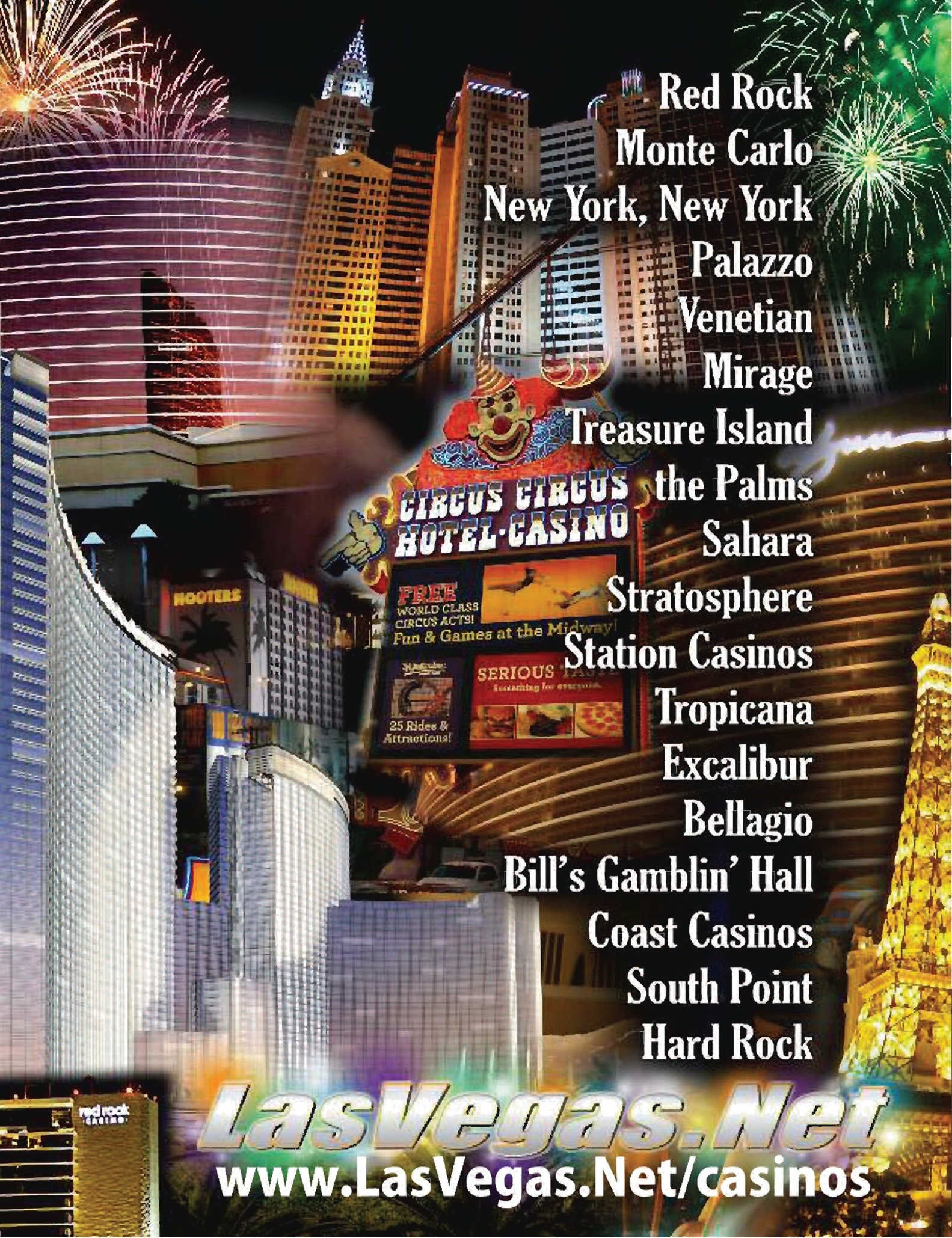
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Editor's Letter

Hello Vegas!

This is that magical part of the year, the brief period of time when warmer evenings encourage alfresco dining and days still remain cool enough to take in the beauty left by those few weeks we call the rainy season.

LasVegas.Net's own Bryant Arnold took advantage of the beautiful weather a few days ago, taking a trip up to the newly-opened Clark County Shooting Park to relieve some stress by shooting a few rounds (and a few photos). Las Vegas residents and visitors alike are encouraged to come spend a few pleasant hours at the park where one can experience the thrill of shooting a pistol, rifle, shotgun, or even a bow and arrow.

And if goggles and ear muffs are not your desired attire, join the countless other sun seekers happily spending their lazy afternoons out by the dozens of pools that dot the strip and the outlying Las Vegas neighborhoods.

Also in this issue is... Hold on. Do you see that?

There, off in the distance. At the end of the tunnel. Is that.... a bright light?

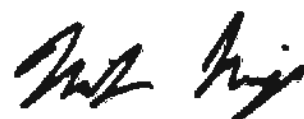
Well it's about @#*%^ time! It seems as though there may finally be an end in sight to the worst American recession in over a half century. The Associated Press reported that employers added 175,000 jobs in April, and retailers showed impressive sales during the month of March that were at their highest point since 1999.

This should be uplifting for everyone. We have all felt the hardship in one form or another, either personally or through the grapevine, and while the crunch is far from over, a little good news can't hurt.

So enjoy these next couple months - the spirit of Las Vegas remains alive and well and there is, of course, plenty to do and see all around town. The worst is behind us now, so just do what you need to do to stay focused and remember to have a little fun at the same time.

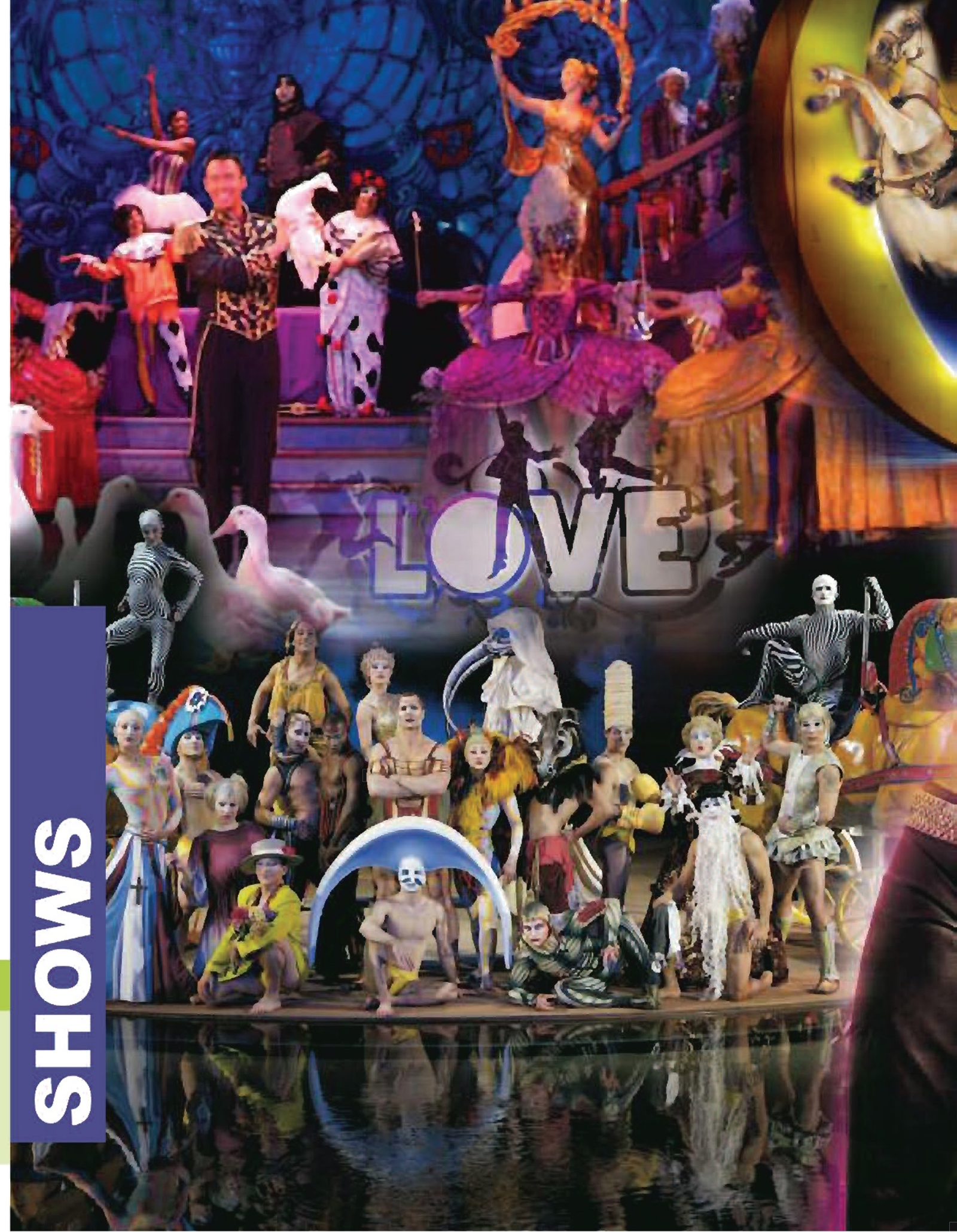
Kindest regards,

Nick Bougie
Senior Editor



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- Celebrate Cinco de Mayo, Vegas Style
- Clark County Shooting Park



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FASHION



The 'Stranded on a Desert Island ' Look

Summer Fashion Trends

By K. V. Fivepennies
Illustration By Bryant Arnold

The retailers of the best seasonal designer labels and brands have grown into sensible caterers of fashion options which are genuinely affordable. The latest spring and summer designer trends are already hitting the ramps and some of the latest styles to hit stores have started to disappear from the racks and counters already.

Hot New Trends for Women

One hot summer trend in women's designer clothing is the 'raw and rugged' look, effectively achieved with crinkled, deconstructed fabrics layered with exposed undergarments and simple tie closures to give a 'stranded on an island' look. The summer 2010 look should also reflect lightness and

romance. Soft dresses and featherweight tops balanced with details of ruffles, flounces and draping will give a sense of femininity.

Reflecting the current economic times, budget copies of designer clothing are becoming available almost immediately after the designer originals arrive on the ramps. No longer are modern fashionistas under the impression that their clothing demands are out of reach when balanced against their budget. Shoppers simply take a trip to the local mall – the pricing and availability of many of the latest off-the-ramp designer styles is shocking.

The affordability trend in modern fashion is not limited to men's and women's clothing. Skincare, fragrances, men's and

women's accessories, footwear, knitwear, denim, fine jewelry, and sports and swimwear have all become incredibly stylized while maintaining a level of affordability that the average consumer can work into their budget.

Juicy Couture, D&G, Emporio Armani, Ralph Lauren and Abercrombie & Fitch are some of the year's best [summer] brands.

Sportswear has been elevated to the status of street wear this summer in all its body hugging, svelte low-maintenance glory. For women, cool, youthful, tomboy looks are back in style. The cool factor is engineered by way of cropped tops, low-slung jeans to expose the waistband of an under layer leather, cross-lacing and jersey fabrics. Woven into the effortless tomboy style are feminine elements like sheer fabrics and high heeled shoes, adding a modern touch to a sporty and playful look. Fashionable men's and women's sportswear is available from brands such as Ed Hardy, Ralph Lauren, Lacoste, Nike, Gucci, Rolex, Louis Vuitton, Paul Smith and True Religion.

A Softer Edge for Men's Summer Wear

Designers of men's fashion are often accused of being much too rigid and unforgiving, and rightly so. Fashions considered 'masculine' are structured, stiff and boxy. From squared shoulder pads to solid rectangular briefcases, the man's closet is one of defined shapes. Men who want to tap into less rigid clothes ought to pick up an idea or two from the latest collections from high-end labels.

Don't get Miuccia Prada wrong; her goal isn't to emasculate the male image of her models. Instead, her achievement is maintaining the classic style of the quintessential - if slightly Eurocentric - male, while at the

same time softening his usually sharp presence. And to that end, her collection for spring is an effective medium.

Take the age-old two button suit, for example. At its most businesslike, it's paired with a crisp white shirt and a smart necktie, assembling the perfect uniform for the business professional. Replacing the last two items with a white plunging v-neck tee tones down the formality. With just a few tweaks, a classic piece of men's fashion has been styled and reduced to the barest minimum with an added touch of softness to it.

Successive looks followed, with two-button, double-breasted jackets, given the same treatment when accompanied by a slick pair of trousers.

Aside from the execution of the garments, it was also noticeable that Prada ran a monochromatic fashion show composed of just blacks, whites and grays. Mixing up the colors and letting them contrast with each other, however, kept them from creating that somber feeling usually accompanying such dark and heavy color palettes.

Pieces No Man Should be Without

The Prada show for spring leaves three distinct lessons. First, it's time to get a gray suit if you don't already have one, and then actually wear it. Gray suits were a big trend for fall and winter, and it appears that they will be equally popular for spring given how men's labels are churning out their respective lighter versions. You don't need to wear it all together - follow Miuccia's steps and mix up black and gray suit pieces.

Second, it may be time for you to purchase a couple of new outerwear pieces. The ideal first piece to get is the cardigan because of its versatility and changelessness. Aside from that, think about buying a minimalist jacket, such as a slim-fit two button version with a low stance, little padding and sharp tailoring.

Lastly, re-think how you layer and, more importantly, consider what you're layering with each outfit. Should you wear a shirt and a necktie just because you're wearing a suit jacket? That's the kind of mold that Prada is trying to break. Swap a plunging tee for that shirt if you've got the body for it. Should you really feel the need to wear a workday necktie, do so with the suit but layer in a soft contrasting cardigan to create a modified three-piece ensemble.

Don't worry too much about the perforated garments; those styles very rarely take hold in the men's fashion scene. If you have a style piece you want to maximize, though, try layering it under an opaque v-neck or plunging tee. That way, you can still seem fashion-forward but hit exactly the right notes of propriety.



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There is Power in Change

By Dr. Michael J. Duckett

Illustration By Bryant Arnold

How is your life going? Is it changing? Yes, of course it is. Our lives are always changing, right? We live life in a cycle of change, adapting to the change, and personal growth through change. Then we repeat it all over again. This is a process that creates a larger life for us and we need it to achieve greater success.

How do you feel when your life changes? Most people would rather avoid change. Change causes confusion for some people because it produces fear of the unknown. Confusion can make people feel out-of-control. Feeling out of control and confused has a tendency to cause depression.

If you are currently experiencing what appear to be negative changes and everything appears devastating, you have the ability to make it a positive or a negative change. This depends largely on your frame of mind and point of view.

If you want to experience the most out of your life, learn to adapt to change. Invite change into your life and look forward to it. Realize that when you're changing, you're growing into a bigger person. Change is the essential element for any successful life. Without change, a person's growth can become stagnant.

Throughout these abnormal financial down times, many people are pursuing a business for themselves. If you want to begin a business, start by identifying what your interests in life are. Think about how you can turn your interests into an income. If this is not an option, think of a way you can improve the lives of those around you – this can oftentimes be even more rewarding than a little extra cash in your pocket.

Observe any successful person or business: what you will notice is the business began by focusing on giving something to others. The money then followed. You will inevitably find yourself struggling financially if your only focus is the bottom line. Try to focus instead on forming and bolstering your professional relationships with clients, bosses and coworkers – if you can do this properly, the monetary benefits will quickly reveal themselves. This is not only an attitude but a lifestyle.

Start by letting go of confusion and devastation and, rather, focus on opportunity and excitement. You will not be able to solve economic or employment difficulties in a state of panic – a spastic attitude will do nothing but cause you to create even more negative emotions and situations, in order to satisfy your feelings of anxiety. You must always remember:



many of us are addicted to negative feelings, and just like any addict we will do what we have to in order to satisfy our addiction, even creating negative situations. Unknowingly, this

"What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the master calls a butterfly."

Richard Bach

triggers our natural 'fight or flight' response to danger. We've learned to allow daily stressors to activate dormant fighting instincts. When 'fight or flight' is activated, large amounts of a natural drug called cortisol is manufactured in the body. When we are constantly stressed, this cortisol, absorbed by the adrenal glands, can cause adrenal failure. Adrenal exhaustion, or failure, can result in your body's inability to control and regulate blood glucose levels and blood pressure.

Whatever you're facing, become determined to do the best you can. You will be okay but you must become aware of it first. Create a know- ingness within you that says, "This is the best thing for me and falls in line with my plan for life." Remember, whatever you say it is will be the determining factor of how it will impact your life – either positively or negatively.

Victory for you in life is just a moment away. At the end of your day, set the intention to create a greater version of yourself. This process is called upgrading life.

How to Change Your Life in 30 Days

Every day we have a decision to make and a question to answer. That question is: are we happy with the way our life is going, or are we sick of it? More importantly, are we willing to make some changes in our lives to improve them? Only you can answer this, but almost every single successful person I've met over the years has gotten sick of the status quo and started implementing small changes in their lives and recreated their own reality.

The first thing you should do is start getting up and working regular hours. If you already have a job, that's great, but if you do not, you need to get one or start your own business. Part of changing your life is becoming responsible for your financial obligations to yourself and your family. Get on a steady work schedule of at least six hours per day. If you live in a remote area with no public transportation or jobs, one option available to you is starting an online business. You can do this for under \$100.

If you decide to start an online business I'd recommend starting with your own blog, where you can write about yourself and your experiences. You should then begin adding free affiliate programs to your site to start earn-

ing extra income from these. A corporation or business name isn't even necessary; you can have the checks sent right to you. You can sign up for free affiliate programs with Clickbank, Commission Junction and Pay Dot Com. There are tens of thousands of free programs for you to explore just from these three places.

If you are determined to make it in the offline world, go back to community college and pick up an in-demand skill and stick with it. Over the years, community colleges have gotten more in tune with what employers are looking for and have begun offering classes in web design, graphics, nursing and many other programs. They even offer financial aid.

As long as you are giving life an honest effort there are many influential people around who will recognize this and help you along the way. People will tend to shy away from you, however, if you give up on yourself. Whether you want to make it with your own online business or get an offline skill, stick to it no matter what and you will get there. After all, by simply reading this article you have started the process of changing your life around!





Are you old enough to remember when appliance advertisements touted the coming glory of entirely stainless steel kitchens and robotic servers executing your every whim? The future of convenience cooking is here.

Real Meals in 15 Minutes Microwaveable Frozen Dinners a Thing of the Past

By K.V. Fivepennies

Illustration and Photos by Bryant Arnold

On busy days, it often seems like there is no time for a real, sit down meal. Fast food and single serve frozen meals take the place of warm, homemade food. Luckily, there are complete meals that don't take very much preparation or forethought and can provide a real meal for a whole family.

Keep in mind that the most important thing to remember when cooking on a schedule is planning. Think ahead about the week and decide what nights are going to need quick meals. Grab the ingredients at the grocery store and have them on hand. Some of these recipes only use ingredients that most people already have in the kitchen, but some require a few things that will probably need to be bought specifically for the recipe. Once a recipe is a success, just keep the ingredients for it on hand so if an unexpected busy night pops up, no one will have to revert to the freezer for dinner.

Simple Paella

This famous Spanish dish might seem like a labor intensive meal, but it actually can be whipped up in no time. Not all of these ingredients are readily found in the fridge, so this meal does take some forethought. Plan ahead and have sausage, chicken breast, a red pepper, chicken stock and couscous on hand. Then, when the busy night arrives, this dinner will be on the table in the time it would take you to decide between frozen pizza or frozen chicken nuggets.

Each serving of this paella contains 517.7 calories, 16.6 grams fat, 72.5 grams carbs (7 grams fiber), and 19.1 grams protein.

What you'll need:

- 1/4 cup extra olive oil
- 1/2 pound pork sausage
- 3/4 pound chicken breast, diced
- 4 teaspoons thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 onion, chopped

- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 2 cups couscous
- 1 cup frozen peas
- salt and pepper to taste

1. Heat oil over medium heat in a skillet with a lid. Add the sausage and chicken, then the thyme, bay leaf and onions.
2. When onions are soft, add garlic, red pepper flakes, red pepper and turmeric. Let cook for three minutes.
3. Chop parsley and set aside.
3. Add chicken stock to skillet.
4. Bring to boiling, then add couscous and frozen peas. Cover with lid and turn off burner. Let sit for five minutes.
5. Remove bay leaf. Top with chopped parsley and serve

Suggestions:

- try adding a pound of shrimp.
- flavor with lemon zest.
- add a pinch of saffron for color.
- substitute couscous with rice.

Chicken and Pasta

Here's a great 15 minute meal that will please the kids as well as the adults. It's a simple meal that can be whipped up on busy nights when it seems like there is hardly enough time to have a warm meal.

This recipe serves four. Each serving contains 486 calories, 12.5 grams fat, 56 grams carbs (6.2 grams fiber), and 35.7 grams protein.

What you'll need:

- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 pound chicken breast, diced
- 1 (11 ounce) can mushroom soup
- 2 1/4 water
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
- 2 cups frozen vegetables
- 2 cups pasta
- parmesan cheese, grated

1. Put water in pot and add soup, basil, and vegetables. Heat on high.
2. Heat oil in skillet. Add chicken to skillet and cook until browned.
3. When the pasta is nearly done, add the chicken to the pot.
4. Cook until pasta is done.
5. Serve and sprinkle with cheese.

Suggestions:

- try flavoring with garlic salt, pepper, onions or other herbs and spices.
- cream of chicken can be substituted for cream of mushroom.

Hearty Chicken Soup

Soups are a great fallback plan on busy nights. Go through the fridge, throw leftovers in a pot, add some spices, and dinner is served. This kind of impromptu cooking takes practice, so start with this recipe, whose ingredients will probably already be in the fridge or cupboards.

Each serving of this soup contains 316.7 calories, 6.5 grams fat, 5.9 grams carbs (1.6 grams fiber), and 55.8 grams protein.



What you'll need:

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 chicken breasts, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, diced
- 2 onions, sliced
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 can (28 ounces) chunky tomatoes
- 1 quart chicken stock
- 1/3 cup dried basil
- salt and pepper to taste

1. In a large pot, heat two tablespoons of oil.
2. Add chicken. Cook until browned and then remove from pot and set aside.
3. Add two more tablespoons of oil, garlic, onions and red pepper flakes.
4. Cook until onions are soft. Add tomatoes and chicken stock. Simmer for four minutes.
5. Add browned chicken and basil. Cook for a few minutes more and serve.

Suggestions:

- serve with garlic bread, or on top of garlic bread.
- substitute the basil with 1 cup of fresh basil, chopped.

Ham Salad Sandwich

Everyone has heard of a tuna salad sandwich, but not as many have heard of, much less tried, a ham salad sandwich. It's a shame, too, because this becomes a meal in less than 15 minutes and is oh-so tasty.

This recipe serves four and makes great brown bag lunches. Each serving contains 278 calories, 24 grams fat, 7.3 grams carbs (.5 grams fiber), and 9.9 grams protein.

What you'll need:

- 1/2 cup mayo
- 1/4 cup sweet pick relish
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 pound smoked ham, diced
- 1/4 bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 stalk celery, diced
- 1/4 onion, diced
- bread of your choice

Mix it all together, spread it on bread, and lunch is served!

Suggestions:

- this also works great as a dip for crackers or chips.

Turkey Tortilla Wrap

Wraps are a great meal for at home or on the road. Most of the ingredients will be in the fridge already and they can be easily adjusted to suit different tastes. Plus, kids and adults alike will find this recipe a breeze. *This recipe serves four. Each serving contains 115 calories, 9.2 grams fat, 2.7 grams carbs (1.3 grams fiber), and 6 grams protein.*

What you'll need:

- whole wheat tortillas
- turkey deli meat, cut into strips
- half an avocado
- 4 tablespoons sour cream
- 4 tablespoons cheddar cheese

This recipe has simple instructions: spread, wrap, and enjoy!

Suggestions:

- try heating the tortillas in a skillet first.
- other ingredient options include vegetables (lettuce, cucumber, tomato, cilantro), cheeses, meats (bacon, sausage), salsa, etc.

**Simple Turkey Wrap, made in minutes
(Flour Tortilla Substituted)**



Beef Stir-fry with Snow Peas

A stir-fry is not what most people think of when considering what meal they can have on the table in less than 15 minutes, but this snow pea stir fry takes hardly any prep and makes a great quick, healthy meal.

This recipe serves four and makes great leftovers. Each serving contains 203 calories, 10 grams fat, 9.7 grams carbs (1.5 grams fiber), and 16 grams protein.

What you'll need:

- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons rice wine
- 1/2 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced

- 1 pound beef steak, cut into thin strips
- 8 ounces snow peas

1. Begin heating oil over medium heat in a skillet or wok.
2. Add the steak to the skillet and stir-fry until browned.
3. While the steak is cooking, mix the soy sauce, brown sugar, rice wine and cornstarch in a small bowl and set aside.
4. Add the snow peas to the skillet and cook for 3 more minutes.
5. Mix in the soy sauce mixture.

6. Stir steadily until the stir-fry begins boiling. Turn the heat down to low and let simmer for another few minutes or until the sauce has thickened.

Suggestions:

- When you have more time, try this stir-fry over rice.
- Some people prefer more sauce with this particular recipe, so adjust those measurements to personal taste.

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28 Fun and Easy Activities to Beat Summer Boredom

By Kate Callahan
Illustration By Bryant Arnold

School is about to become a thing of the past (at least for the next few months) – don't tell me the only thing on your agenda is day-after-day pool-dwelling. No need to get waterlogged! Here are a bunch of fun activities to make your summer sizzle.

1. Hold a Skee-Ball tournament with your pals at the arcade. At 25 cents a pop, the fun and games won't break the bank. The champ gets all the prize tickets!

2. Make a summer scrapbook. Include everything, even the little stuff. The price tag from your favorite sun dress, amusement park ticket stubs, photo booth pictures of you and your closest friends and vacation

postcards are all awesome additions to your book. It'll be a summer you'll never forget.

3. Grow a green thumb! Purchase some packets of flower seeds - cosmo, poppy or sunflower (unsalted, of course!) - and plant them in your own garden patch or indoor flower pot. Tending to your sprouts will definitely keep you busy, and it is oh-so satisfying to watch as your blooms blossom.

4. Rent a tandem bike for a day. It's a bicycle built for two. Grab a pal, hop on and pedal off for some good laughs. Yeah, it's goofy! So what?

5. Get a cool deck of cards and enjoy tons of fun playing Butthead, Blitz and Blackout

with your pals. Don't know how? Check out www.pagat.com to learn these and other games - and a few you can play by yourself, too.

6. Do some flower projects. Pluck a few wildflowers from a field, and press them between the pages of a phone book for about two weeks until dry. Then, use them to decorate stationary, picture frames, bookmarks, or anything else you may want to liven up. Surprise friends and family with your flower creations - just as nice as a bouquet!

7. Head for the nearest gumball machine. Now, get four gumballs for a buck for you and each of your friends and have a contest to see who blows the biggest bubble.

8. Speaking of bubbles, hit the kiddie section of the dollar store and buy a few bottles of soapy bubbles. You're never too old to blow bubbles! Or as a home project, you can experiment making your own bubble mix with water, dishsoap and a bent clothes hanger.

9. Buy some zany sunglasses and wear them in public. They can be ultra-glam, ultra-goofy, ultra-big, ultra-anything! The trick is to find a pair that really attracts attention. You're guaranteed to have an ultra-hilarious day!

10. Play the claw machine two times for a buck. You know, the one in which you try to pluck prizes with a mechanical crane. Yeah, it's usually a waste of money, but it's so irresistible!

11. Fly a kite on a windy day. Haven't flown a kite since you were a tot? You're missing out! It's not easy to keep that thing gracefully floating up there, but that's what makes it challenging. Fly your kite on the beach at Lake Mead or in an open field, where the wind is often the strongest.

12. Turn into an expert. Pick a topic you're really interested in (like surfing, Linkin Park, Paris, butterflies... whatever) and spend a little time each week researching it online. By the end of the summer, you'll practically be an expert on the subject.

13. Go backyard camping. Call your pals, pitch a tent, grab some sleeping bags, and head out your back door. OK, you'll have to

forget about the campfire, but that's no reason to forgo the traditional campfire songs and tales. Have a blast sleeping under the stars while enjoying the indoor plumbing just steps away!

14. Become a bookworm. Make it a goal to finish off a certain number of books this summer. Pick a genre you've never tried before - biographies, science fiction or historical fiction - and then stake out a few reading spots. Climb a tree, stretch out on the porch swing, or even curl up on the couch on a rainy day.

15. Decorate your tank top. Start with a solid-color tank, and then go all-out with tie-dye, beads, markers, you name it. Personalize your shirt to reflect your unique style. Think of it as a summer souvenir!

16. Have a water fight. Get all your pals together, and designate teams. Then grab your water guns, water balloons, buckets, hoses and whatever else you've got... and attack!

17. Become a volunteer at your local nursing home. Your electric smile and enthusiastic personality will have folks at the local home uplifted in no time. Spending even an hour a week playing board games or just talking with residents whose families can't (or don't) visit makes a big difference in their lives. Oh, and the stories they tell!

18. Start a cool collection. It doesn't matter what you collect, just pick something you like and go for it! Sea glass, shells and bottle caps are popular summer collectibles. Or be a collector of something totally unique, like ceramic cats, funky bandanas or vintage buttons. To get into the collecting groove, visit a local museum and check out its collections for inspiration.

19. Play tag in the rain. Why stay indoors just because the sun's not shining? Nothing screams summer like a game of soggy tag. Running around in the rain (as long as there's no thunder and lightning!) is a great way to cool down.

20. Check out any local, free-admission, all-ages music festivals. Many local bands enjoy performing outdoor concerts free of charge. Check your local paper to make sure you're not missing out!

21. Go on litter patrol. Pick a street, maybe even your own street, and vow to keep it litter-free this summer. Though this takes some time and effort, the results are definitely worth it!

22. Play sponge football with your buds. Be sure to soak the sponge really, really well before tossing it around! Loads of laughs are guaranteed.

23. Go to the nearest park and have a picnic. Nothing beats hanging out on a blanket with your pals. Have everyone pack their favorite snacks, and meet up at different spots each time. Don't forget the Frisbee!

24. Keep a personal diary. Fill it with stories about that guy you met at the park, the monster kid you baby-sit, the huge fight you had with your bro - put it all in there! You'll love going back and reading through it in years to come. Just be sure to keep it in a safe secret spot.

25. Make handmade gifts and cards for upcoming special occasions. When a holiday is coming up, what better way to celebrate with friends and family than with a gift from the heart? Your loved ones will appreciate all the time and effort put into your creations, and it will surely make for a wonderful holiday.

26. No summer is complete without at least one miniature golf tourney! Sure, it's nearly impossible to get the ball through that annoying windmill on the first attempt, but miniature golf totally rocks - no one can argue with that.

27. Develop a new talent. Wish you could play piano like Elton John or tennis like Serena Williams? All it takes is some daily practice, and you too could discover skills you never even knew you had. Spend an hour at it each day, and you'll be better than ever by the end of the summer - and impressing everyone around you!

28. Make snow slushies. Throw some ice cubes in the blender until it is crushed to a very fine consistency. Pack the ice into a cup, and then add your favorite juice, soda or Kool-Aid, and voila! You've got a delicious summer treat to cool you off on a hot day.



Top Ten Believable Excuses for Calling in Sick

By Ben Welch
Illustration By Bryant Arnold

We've all been there. It is the most beautiful day of the year and you can't bear the thought of going into work, so you call in with the tired excuse about feeling ill even though you know your boss doesn't buy it. This little white lie may get you what you want, but it is only a short-term solution at best that certainly won't win you any fans at the office. If you still have your heart set on playing hooky, you'll need an excuse that will help you save face (as well as your sanity). Here are some ideas.

1. For women: "I have really bad cramps." Before you dismiss this one, think about it: Who can argue? It's such an embarrassing topic that nobody will ever challenge you. It's one of those things that men honestly have no clue about and women can sympathize with.

2. For men: "I have explosive diarrhea." Again, before you dismiss this one, remember that it's such an embarrassing topic (especially for a man) nobody will doubt your sincerity. Plus, it's simple. You don't need

an elaborate back story because no one wants to hear the details. If anything, your boss and co-workers will admire you for your honesty.

3. "I'm having an allergic reaction to _____, and I need a day to recover."

This excuse requires a few details about when and where it happened as well as the details of your food allergy, but Google should give you everything you need. The upside of this excuse is that you can use it more than once. The downside is that it requires a good memory and some vigilance - for instance, you can't claim a peanut allergy and then gorge yourself on Thai food at the next company junket.

4. "My grandmother's/grandfather's memorial service is today." This excuse works for two reasons: first, because elderly people die every day and no one is going to think your excuse is unlikely; second, no one is going to question (or resent) a death in your family for fear of offending you. If you play your cards right, this excuse is good for four free days - one for each grandparent - with each new job.

5. "My wife/husband is extremely ill and I need to stay home and take care of them." The excuse is a gem not only because you get a day off, but also because it makes you seem sensitive. The only drawback is that it requires an accomplice - namely, your spouse. As such, you may want to save this excuse for a special occasion when the two of you can organize a special three-day weekend.

6. "One of my children locked themselves in the basement. I couldn't get them out myself so we had to call the fire department." This is only one of a multitude of excuses you can use with mischievous children. Just recycle the same formula: child gets in trouble, child needs help, parent to the rescue. This works with children of all ages, from children traumatized by irresponsible daycare workers, to playground fights, to errant teenagers. This is one of the perks of having kids - they torment us 364 days of the year and we get one day off. Fair trade.

7. "I took some work home last night and will be out of the office today as I go through it." Whoever invented telecommut-

ing should be sainted. Just remember that in order to sell the 'working from home' excuse you need to e-mail or call the office a couple times throughout the day to maintain the ruse that you are actually working. The best time to call is at lunch - you will still get credit for the call but you won't have to answer too many questions.

8. "My neighbor's house caught on fire last night and damaged a small part of our roof. I'm going to have to spend the day with the insurance company and the assessors in order to get the damage repaired."

This is another simple formula: something happened to a neighbor (fire, flood, nuclear fallout, etc.), and you are involved through no fault of your own. The important thing is to keep it small. You need to make it seem like more of an annoyance than a disaster. The primary goal is convincing your boss and co-workers that you are the unlucky one. "Trust me," you say, "I would much rather be at work."

9. "I got pulled over for speeding on my way to work the other day and I have to go to traffic school." The idea here is that you had minor trouble with the law (emphasis on minor) and you have to pay your dues. A variation on this would be letting your license expire, or at least claiming it did, forcing you to go to the DMV and take the written and driving tests. This could easily take a full day. After all, the DMV has its reputation for a reason.

And finally...

10. "My accountant made some clerical errors on my taxes and I'm being audited." In the wake of the Enron scandal and the demise of Arthur Andersen, this excuse is a sure thing. The important thing is to make the accountant look like the bad guy - you just need to be there to make sure he doesn't do anything shady. Once again, the key to this excuse is to make everyone feel sorry for you, not envy you.





Make a Splash this Summer

Best Ways to Beat the Heat

By K.V. Fivepennies
Illustration By Bryant Arnold

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 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 Friday, 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.

Family Pools and Recreation Centers

Centennial Hills Recreation Center

The 98,000-square-foot community center, which opened in 2007, is operated by the YMCA and located on 18 acres in Centennial Hills Park. The facility is the largest leisure center in the city of Las Vegas. The Centennial Hills Recreation Center offers a wide variety of programs to keep kids busy during the summer months, ranging from swim and exercise classes to 12-week day camps.

Location

6601 N. Buffalo Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89131
(702) 478-9622

Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday Closed

Amenities include two seasonal outdoor pools complete with a water park, flume slides and splash zone, a massive heated indoor lap pool and therapy pool, two gymnasiums/basketball courts, an expansive fitness center with state-of-the-art cardio equipment, a multitude of circuit machines and free weights, a tranquil aerobics and yoga studio, a cycling studio, multi-use classrooms, and fully equipped men’s and women’s locker rooms.

Henderson Multigenerational Center & Aquatic Complex

The 84,120 square-foot state-of-the-art facility is the first facility of its kind in Southern Nevada, designed to bring people of all generations together to enjoy the benefits of recreation.

From a rock climbing wall and jogging track to an adult lounge and dance room, the facility accommodates a wide array of activities, interests and community services. Staff members enjoy working with people of all ages and help educate patrons about the importance of physical fitness.

The Henderson Multigenerational Center also features an aquatic complex, including indoor and outdoor pools for casual and serious swimmers of all ages.

Location

250 S. Green Valley Pkwy.
Henderson, NV 89012
(702) 267-5800

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Amenities include an adult lounge with reading area, teaching kitchen and kitchenette, an impressive art gallery, numerous community services and offices, a large dance/aerobics/fitness room, a kid’s game room, and a thrilling multi-sport area including collegiate regulation-sized basketball court and suspended jogging track.



Home parties with a Mexican theme are becoming increasingly popular. Put up some tissue paper flowers, Mexican blankets, piñatas, and cactus for decorations. Strands of chili pepper lights can add a festive glow, indoors and out. Play some traditional mariachi music. Margaritas, Dos Equis, and Coronas can be served. Try your hand at some traditional Mexican foods such as enchiladas, tacos, pork carnitas, nachos, chips and salsa, guacamole, and flan for dessert.



Cinco de Mayo!

By Robin Bougie
Illustration By Bryant Arnold

Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May for those of you who are linguistically challenged, is a holiday celebrated primarily in the state of Puebla, Mexico, with some limited celebrations in

other parts of Mexico. It is increasingly celebrated in areas of the United States with large Mexican-heritage populations, such as the U.S./Mexico border towns, southern California, Las Vegas, Tucson and Phoenix.

Cinco de Mayo is not a federal holiday in either Mexico or the U.S. but, rather, one which is celebrated voluntarily. It is also not Mexican Independence Day; as many people think - that holiday is September 16th and is Mexico's most important national patriotic holiday. The celebrations of Cinco de Mayo honor Mexican heritage and pride.

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the vic-

tory of the Mexican militia over the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. In 1821, during a violent and chaotic time in Mexico's history, independence was finally won from Spain, starting a number of internal political takeovers and wars. The Mexican-American War (1846-1848) and the 1858 Mexican Civil War helped to ruin the national economy, and debts were owed by Mexico to Spain, England, and France.

France was trying to expand its empire and used the debt issue to achieve that goal. France took action after Mexico stopped making loan payments, invading Mexico along the state of Veracruz and marching toward Mexico City. Abraham Lincoln is honored in Mexico for being sympathetic to Mexico's cause, although the U.S. at the time was involved in its own civil war and could not help Mexico out.

The invasion was stopped by strong resistance near Puebla by a poorly-equipped army of 4,500 men who defeated a well-armed French force of 6,500 soldiers on the morning of May 5th, 1862. The Mexicans proudly celebrate this victory on Cinco de Mayo. Unfortunately, within a year, Napoleon III sent more troops to Mexico and eventually defeated their army, taking over Mexico City and making Napoleon III's relative, Archduke Maximilian of Austria, ruler of Mexico. His rule only lasted from 1864-1867. The United States began offering more aid and troops to Mexico to help them expel the French. Eventually Maximilian was executed by the Mexicans.

In recent years, Cinco de Mayo has seemingly become more of a holiday north of the border than south, with American celebrations of Mexican culture including Mexican food, beverages, and music. Several U.S. cities have week-long celebrations, starting off with parades and concerts lasting the week up to May 5th. As Cinco de Mayo's mainstream status grows, more Americans are becoming interested in joining the celebration. It's becoming a hotly-anticipated holiday every year.

Celebrations can include festivals or picnics in parks, parties at local restaurants and bars, or home gatherings. Many people of Mexican heritage put together large group gatherings in local parks, cooking traditional foods and playing festive Mexican music as family members celebrate together.

If you enjoy going out to celebrate, here is how some local restaurants are celebrating Cinco de Mayo this year:

Agave in Summerlin, 702-214-3500

This fun, festive, brightly colored restaurant offers fireside indoor and outdoor seating. Their Cinco de Mayo celebration will include a party tent with taco cart, live music and a DJ, \$3 tacos, \$3 drafts, \$5 Margaritas. The party is planned to go on till 2 a.m. or later.

Border Grill at the Mandalay Bay, 702-632-7403

The poolside Border Grill overlooks Mandalay Bay Beach's lazy river on two levels. They will have plenty of food and drink specials including deals on Tecate and authentic margaritas and a mariachi band will be playing festive Mexican tunes long into the evening.

Dos Caminos at the Palazzo, 702-577-9600

A trio of mariachi players will start the party at noon; the music will get louder with a five-piece mariachi band taking the stage at 2 p.m. Plug your ears for the eight-piece mariachi band that will begin playing at 6 p.m. Appetizer, entree, and drink specials will be offered.

Lindo Michoacan on Centennial, 702-385-4636

This location is the only one out of the four restaurants located around Las Vegas and Henderson with an outdoor area big enough to hold the 600-800 people expected to show up for their Cinco de Mayo bash. The popular mariachi band Mariachi Franco will play from 4-7 p.m., followed by the band Megaly's Addiction from 7-10 p.m. Food and drink specials will be offered, including special pricing on Karma tequila.

Pink Taco at the Hard Rock, 702-693-5525

With strong drinks, solid food offerings and trendy customers, this may be the place you decide to party this year. They're offering half-price appetizers, buckets of beer, tequila and margarita specials, and a twelve-piece mariachi band from 8-10 p.m.

Tacos and Tequila at the Luxor, 702-736-2174

The beloved Mexican holiday will be celebrated again this year with a twelve-hour party starting at 11 a.m. The Black Mambo Margarita will make its debut, featuring Hennessy Black cognac and Hornitos tequila. Also debuting is the Golden Bull, containing Sauza Gold tequila and Red Bull. Each will be priced at \$5. Other drink and food specials will be offered as well as T & T's live house mariachi band from 4-7 p.m. Celebrity Erik Estrada is expected to make a special appearance sometime around 6 or 7 p.m.



A Morning View of the Rifle/Pistol Range Office

A Shooter's Paradise

Story and Photos by Bryant Arnold

At the North end of Decatur Boulevard, where it runs out of room and straight into the Sheep Mountain Range, rests the brand-new Clark County Shooting Park. Designed after 24 years of community efforts, the Shooting Park is built to meet and exceed every need of the firearm enthusiast. Covering a massive 2,900 of planned acres, the developed 178-acre park is segmented into multiple tiers of ranges to meet every level of distance and difficulty a sportsman could wish for. So far, the Shooting Park is the largest in the United States. Once fully built, the shooting area will occupy about 900 acres. The remaining acreage is expected to provide a sound and public safety buffer.

The Park exists because 45 percent of the general public, who statistically own firearms, had no outdoor shooting range

open to the public. Never before has such a venue existed for shooting enthusiasts. In the past, shooters were left to their own devices when it came to an outdoor practice area. Most gun owners would drive past city limits, turn off what could barely be called a dirt road, and head out into the desert wilderness in hopes of settling miles away upon a private patch of desert floor to practice their shooting. Many officials and law enforcement bodies considered this practice unsafe, but were unable to offer an alternative. Often the gun owners did not travel far enough into the wilderness to prevent noise pollution and risking an errant shot hurting bikers, hikers, and even wildlife. Pollution in the form of sound, garbage, shell casings and chemicals was becoming more and more of a problem due to the expanding Las Vegas gun population. A plan was in effect

to create a safe and recreational park for both locals and visitors to enjoy for years to come. That plan has reached fruition.

The Park opened in December of last year and was available on weekends only. Today, the park is open seven days a week. For a very nominal fee (\$7), shooters can take all day to practice with pistols and rifles at any distance, on paper targets available at the on-site store, and take all day doing it if they wish.

More than just firearms, archery enthusiasts weren't left out of the master plan. For just \$6, archers can spend their day relaxing with a sport which is cumbersome in the wild and forbidden in the backyard. If shotguns are more your style, \$6 buys you 25 "birds" at the combination trap and skeet shooting range. Proud of your RV? Boasting 80 full-service RV bays, your shooting adventure can happen in the style and comfort of your own 'portable' living room.

What To Expect

I woke at the crack of dawn one Saturday morning, 7 a.m. to be exact, to meet a friend at the range. The April air was clear and brisk. We drove past the first few tiers of ranges reserved for archery and shotguns and stopped at the last range. This rifle range seemed cut into the mountain and provided a spectacular view of Las Vegas below. I expected to find a good spot since we arrived as the gates opened. As it turned out, we were shooting alone for at least the first hour. Only as we packed up to leave did a handful of other shooters arrive. But had fifty shooters arrived that morning, the range could have easily accommodated all of them and more.

Before taking our spots on the shooting



benches we strolled through the sparkling new gift shop. This little store is where you pay for your all-day admission, purchase paper targets of your choice, and even shooting accessories such as: gun bags, kit bags, ear protection, eye protection and even soft drinks. If you've never shot at the facility before you are asked to watch a short 5-minute video on gun safety which was pleasant and well made.

Once on the shooting bench you immediately feel the firm hand of the on-site Line Safety Officers. They watch and assist if needed as you unpack, load, reload and unload your weapon. They are there to maintain a safe environment for all who participate and do the job exceedingly well. If your barrel is ever pointed for a split second in the wrong direction, you can count on them assisting you.

Next, you grab your paper target and tape it to a

Under Cover: Sheltered from the wind and heat of Las Vegas high desert, the rifle/pistol range is open, inviting and comfortable. (left)

Not an Xbox: Recreational shooters rejoice at the new park, where reality trumps anything virtual. (lower left)

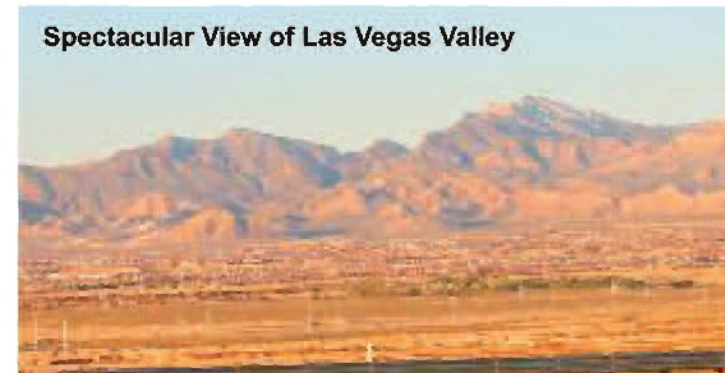
Safety First: Line safety officers are friendly, but firm. Step out of line and your butt is literally on the line. (below)

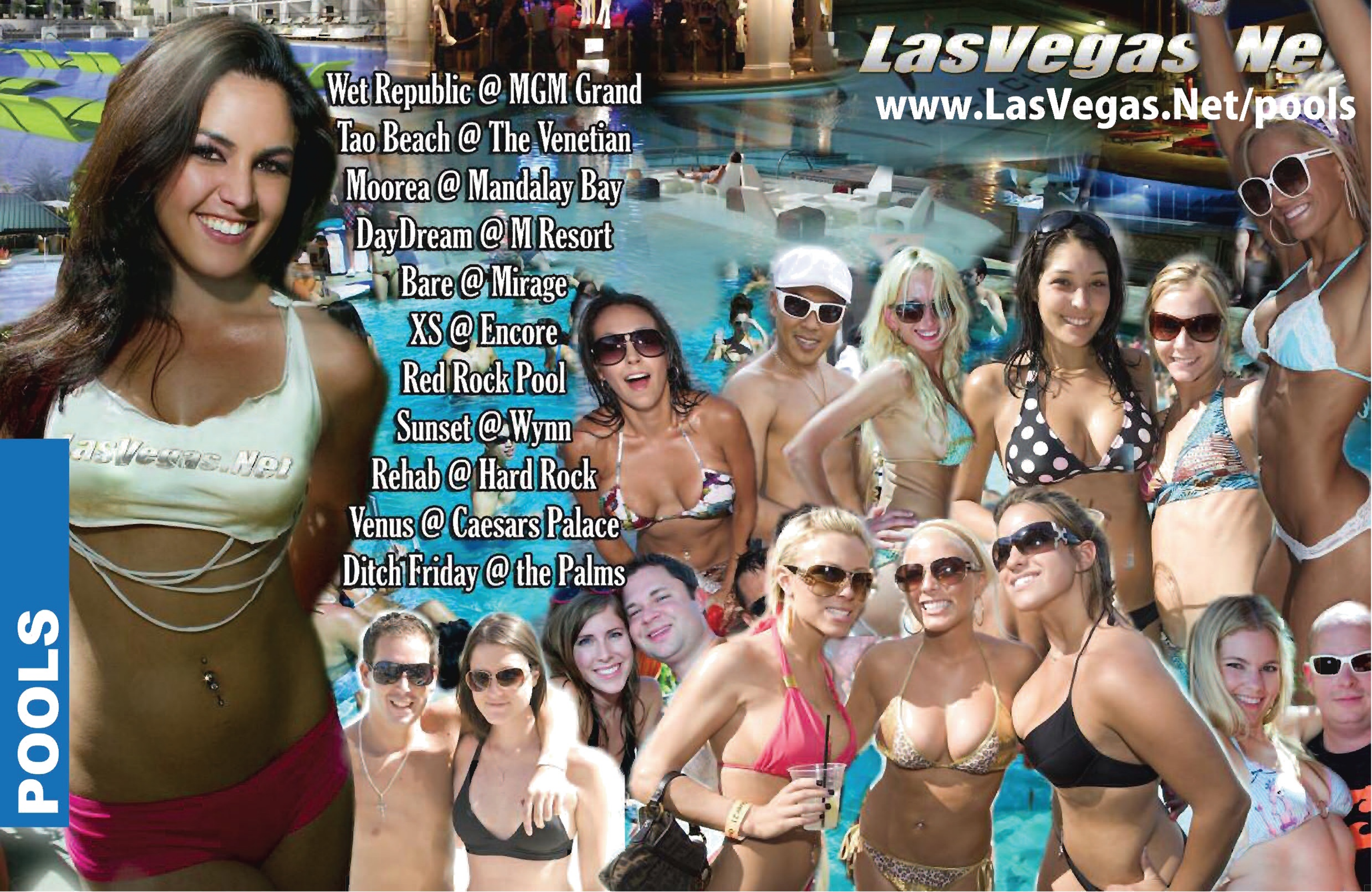


wooden target framework. Then you grab the frame and prepare your trigger finger. When the line announcement calls it "safe" you walk it downrange and plant it into any set of existing holes in the ground from ten to 200 yards away.

Now you're back at the shooting bench and ready to touch your weapon. Once the Line Officer announces you can, it's "GO" time. Shoot your target sitting or standing but never from the hip. Fire your rounds with slow, controlled precision, or as fast as your finger can go. Once your barrel is hot and pointed downrange with all lights green, it's just you, the target and your firearm.

Spectacular View of Las Vegas Valley





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Gaming Chips More Than Meets The Eye

By Glenn Bougie
Illustration By Bryant Arnold

The annual convention of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club (the "CC>CC") again visits Las Vegas in June. The fact that this is the 18th annual gathering speaks to the enthusiasm with which collectors covet these gaming tokens, as well as the longevity of that interest. One has to look back hundreds of years to gain an understanding of where these gaming tokens come from and what generates all this interest.

Archeological evidence exists that would suggest that games of chance were practiced by early Americans long before the first white Europeans set foot on the continent.

The earliest of games included games of skill, such as lacrosse, as well as crude forms of checkers that pitted one player against another. Played with equal enthusiasm were games of chance such as the throwing of bones - the earliest precursor to dice. The use of objects to assist the sport of gambling has likely been around since the dawn of man.

The earliest bettors basically used any easily handled objects. Such objects often included valuable items like gold pieces, gold nuggets and coins, or objects made

from everyday items such as wood, paper, ivory or bone. Even though the first recorded legalized "casino" was founded in Venice, Italy in the early 1600's, actual gaming chips were not generally used until the 1800's. By the late 1800's, chip manufacturing sprung up that manufactured the clay composition poker chips that we recognize today.

In the early days, the reason for the use of gaming chips or tokens was very basic. There were not always effective systems of money (either coins or paper currency) that could be relied on to serve the needs of gamers - even if systems of money existed in more developed societies, the supply of coins and currency was often erratic and undependable. Accordingly, early gamers simply created their own "currency" with these early examples of gaming chips.

In more recent history, with the proliferation of casinos in the United States and worldwide, the reasons for the recognizable gaming chips we see today became more sophisticated. The use of uniform chips rather than paper currency or coins provides a number of control elements to a casino:

- Uniform-sized chips with different colors indicating denomination reduces the likelihood of errors being made in payouts by dealers, and increases the player's chance of detecting such errors.
- Pit bosses can quickly verify the amount of payouts, reducing the casino's risk of incorrect payouts or theft.
- Dealers and pit bosses can easily monitor the value of the "house" chip trays, providing for very quick tray counts.
- The uniform weight of the chips allows

casino managers to weigh large stacks of chips rather than having to count them, resulting in much greater efficiency.

- Uniform chips speed play as opposed to dealers having to handle paper currency, resulting in happier gamers and more theoretical take for the house.

- Casino managers believe that people gamble more freely with chips than they would with currency.

- Gamers have generally come to highly favor the use of chips, where very large denominations of currency can be carried in a very small number of lightweight chips when gamers "chip up" prior to leaving a table.

In addition to all the other benefits, casinos know that not all gaming chips will be cashed in by gamers. Some gamers retain





Blue Man Group
The Venetian

Compiled by Nick Bougie

LIVE SHOWS

Aliante Station Casino & Hotel - 702-692-7777

Rat Pack Thursdays.....Thurs
Third Town at Access.....Fri
Caliente Noche Latina at Access.....Sat
Seduction Sundays.....Sun

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

Noches Sabrosas ft. Volume I.....Wed
Jerry Tiffe.....Thurs
Highwire.....Fri
Yellow Brick Road.....Sat

Caesars Palace - 702-731-7110

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.....Tues

Excalibur Hotel & Casino - 702-597-7777

Tournament of Kings.....Nightly
Thunder From Down Under.....Nightly
Louie Anderson.....Sun-Thurs
Defending the Caveman.....Daily

Fiesta Henderson Hotel & Casino - 702-558-7000

Karaoke at Cerveza Cantina.....Sat

Fiesta Rancho Hotel & Casino - 702-631-7000

Noches Sabrosas ft. Volume I.....Fri
El Moreno Carrillo Y Su Banda Tierra Sagrada at Club Tequila.....Sat

Fitz Casino & Hotel - 702-388-2400

Marriage Can Be Murder.....Nightly
Kevin Burke.....Nightly

Flamingo Las Vegas - 702-733-3111

George Wallace.....Tues-Sat
Donny and Marie.....Tues-Sat

Nathan Burton.....Tues-Fri, Sun
Vinny Favorito.....Nightly
X Burlesque.....Nightly

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

Short Bus Comics.....Thurs-Sat

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

Yellow Brick Road at Ovation Lounge.....Fri
The Lon Bronson All Star Band at Ovation Lounge.....2nd Thurs
Sin City Sinners at Ovation Lounge.....Sat
Darby O'Gill & The Little People at Quinn's Irish Pub.....Fri-Sat

Hooters Casino & Hotel - 702-739-9000

Fear and Laughing in Las Vegas.....Wed-Mon
The King Lives!.....Wed-Sun
Men of "X".....Wed-Sun
The Dirty Joke Show.....Wed-Mon
Purple Reign - Prince Tribute Show.....Thurs-Sun

Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino - 702-731-3311

Human Nature.....Sat-Thurs
Matsuri.....Fri-Wed
The Auto Collections - World's Largest Classic Car Showroom.....Daily

Las Vegas Hilton Hotel - 702-732-5111

Bring Back the Music ft. Jerry Greenberg.....Wed
Sin City Bad Girls.....Mon-Sun
"Voices" starring Lani Misalucha.....Thurs-Mon
Ladies Night at Tempo Lounge.....Tues
Live Jazz by Nova.....Wed-Thurs
More & Gendle at Tempo Lounge.....Tues, Fri-Sat

Luxor Las Vegas - 702-262-4444

Criss Angel Believe.....Tues-Sat
Carrot Top.....Wed-Mon
Fantasy.....Nightly
Menopause - The Musical.....Nightly

MGM Grand Hotel & Casino - 702-891-7777

KÀ by Cirque Du Soleil.....Tues-Sat
Crazy Horse Paris.....Wed-Mon
Lion Habitat.....Daily

Mandalay Bay - 702-632-7777

Disney's The Lion King.....Sat-Thurs
Shark Reef Aquarium.....Daily

Mirage Las Vegas - 702-791-7111

The Beatles Love.....Thurs-Mon
Terry Fator & His Cast of Thousands.....Tues-Sat
Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat.....Daily
Mirage Volcano.....Daily

Monte Carlo Resort & Casino - 702-730-7777

Lance Burton.....Tues-Sat
Frank Caliendo.....Thurs-Mon

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

Mental.....Tues-Sat
Karaoke Lounge.....Wed
Tunes at Dublin' Up Lounge.....Thurs-Sat

Palace Station - 702-367-2411

Jerry Tiffe.....Tues
Evenflow at Jack's Pub.....Thurs
Stand-Up at Bonkerz Comedy Club.....Mon-Sat
Nuff Said at Jack's Pub.....Fri-Sat

Palazzo Resort Hotel & Casino - 702-607-7777

Jersey Boys.....Thurs-Fri, Sun-Mon
Industry Tuesdays at Lavo ft. DJ Five.....Tues
Rock 'N Roll Wine Lounge at Lavo.....Thurs
DJ Vice Sundays at Lavo.....Sun

Palms Casino Resort - 702-942-7777

Perfecto at Rain.....Sat

Paris Hotel and Casino - 702-946-7000

Barry Manilow.....Fri-Sun
Anthony Cools.....Tues, Thurs-Sun
Dueling Pianos at Napoleon's.....Tues-Sun

Plaza Hotel & Casino - 702-386-2110

Superstars of Magic.....Wed-Mon
Rat Pack.....Nightly

Rampart Casino - 702-507-5900

Nino and Armando at Round Bar.....Fri-Sat, Mon-Tues
Jamariha at Round Bar.....Sun, Wed
Live Music at Addison's Lounge.....Fri-Sat

Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa - 702-797-7777

Toto Zara at Onyx Lounge.....Fri-Sat

Rio All-Suites Hotel & Casino - 702-252-7777

Penn & Teller.....Sat-Wed
Chippendales.....Daily
Masquerade Show in the Sky.....Thurs-Sun

Riviera Hotel & Casino - 702-734-5110

Crazy Girls.....Nightly
The Riviera Comedy Club.....Nightly

Riviera (Le Bistro Theatre) - 702-734-5110

Dr. Scott Lewis, Outrageous Comedy Hypnotist.....Mon

Sahara Hotel & Casino - 702-737-2654

The Magic & Tigers of Rick Thomas.....Nightly
Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show.....Nightly
The Comedy Stop.....Nightly
Latin Vida at Casbah Lounge.....Sun

Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall - 702-456-7777

Friday Night Live!.....Fri

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

Ladies Night at Revolver.....Wed
Locals Night at Revolver.....Thurs
Spazmatics at Chrome Showroom.....Fri



Penn & Teller
Rio



Terry Fator & His Cast of Thousands
Mirage

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

Sunset Station Casino & Hotel - 702-547-7777

Live DJ at Club Madrid.....Fri
Nawgahyde at Club Madrid.....Sat

Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel - 702-631-1000

Deja Vu at South Padre.....Fri
Smooth Rhythm & Soul at South Padre.....Sun

Treasure Island Las Vegas - 702-894-7111

Mystère.....Sat-Wed
Sirens of TI.....Nightly
Roc the Mic at Kahunaville.....Thurs-Sat

Tropicana Resort & Casino - 702-739-2222

Wayne Newton.....Tues-Sat
Hypnosis Unleashed.....Nightly

Venetian Casino Resort - 702-414-1000

Blue Man Group.....Nightly
Phantom of the Opera.....Mon-Sat

Wynn Las Vegas - 702-770-7100

Le Réve.....Fri-Tues

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Boulder Station - 702-432-7777

Guitars & Saxes.....5/28
Oleta Adams.....6/26
Ottmar Leibert.....7/9
Dennis Wise.....8/14

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

Gabriel Iglesias.....5/8
Sawyer Brown & Bucky Covington.....5/22
Smokey Robinson.....5/29
Alicia Villarreal & Mariache Sol De Mexico.....6/19
The Pointer Sisters.....6/26
The Temptations & The Four Tops.....7/10
Anna Barbara.....7/24

Caesars Palace (Colosseum) - 702-731-7111

Jerry Seinfeld.....4/30-5/1



David Copper-

Jackson Browne.....7/20
Dropkick Murphys.....8/6

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

Iration.....5/6
Sweethead.....5/20
Far.....5/23
Gilby Clarke.....5/30
Black Diamond Riders.....6/13
Henry Rollins Spoken Word.....6/17
The Like.....6/20
The Adicts.....7/4
Bobby Long.....7/8

Harrah's Laughlin - 702-298-4600

Tony Orlando.....5/1-2
Earth, Wind & Fire.....5/15
Leann Rimes.....6/5

Las Vegas Hilton - 702-732-5111

Petula Clark.....5/1
Led Zepagain.....5/5
Abbacadabra.....5/8-9
Wild Child.....5/12
The Joshua Tree.....5/19
The Original Time Band.....5/29-30
Aeromith.....6/9
Julio Iglesias.....6/10-12
Al Green.....8/13-14

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

David Copperfield.....5/27-6/16, 7/1-8/4
Lily Tomlin.....4/29-5/5
Girls Night: The Musical.....5/6-26
Jabbawockeez.....5/7-26

MGM Grand Garden Arena - 702-891-7777

An Evening with Sting.....6/18
Carole King & James Taylor.....7/17
Lady Gaga.....8/13
Jimmy Buffett & The Coral Reefer Band.....10/23

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

Bullet For My Valentine.....5/12
Hombres G.....5/15
Minus The Bear.....5/19
As I Lay Dying.....5/22
Enrique Bunbury.....5/24
Tech N9ne.....6/1
Bone Thugs-N-Harmony.....6/4
Insane Clown Posse.....6/10
The Psychedelic Furs.....6/23
Lamb of God.....7/8

Mandalay Bay Events Center - 702-632-7777

Styx, Foreigner & Kansas.....5/22
Rihanna.....7/17

Mirage Las Vegas - 702-791-7111

Ray Romano.....5/7-8
Jay Leno.....5/14-15, 6/18-19, 7/16-17, 7/30-31
Cheech & Chong.....5/21-22
Lewis Black.....5/29-30
Ron White.....6/11-12
Brad Garrett.....6/25-26
Daniel Tosh.....7/23-24

Chelsea Handler.....5/29

Cannery Hotel & Casino - 702-507-5700

Latin Legend Live!.....5/1
The Randy Anderson Band.....5/7
Merle Haggard.....5/8
America.....5/15
The Fab.....5/21
Strange Brew.....6/4
War.....6/5
Goodfellas.....6/11
Bobby Vinton.....6/12
Blues, Brews & BBQ.....6/19
The Spinners.....6/26

Eastside Cannery Casino and Hotel - 702-856-5300

Ronnie Milsap.....5/28
ABBA.....6/27
Starship.....7/10

Flamingo Las Vegas - 702-733-3111

John Edward.....5/8

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

Santana.....5/1-2
Kenny Chesney.....5/14-15
Paramore.....5/16
Angels & Airwaves.....5/28
Nas & Damian Marley.....5/29
Russell Peters.....5/30
Crosby, Stills & Nash.....6/4
Tracy Morgan.....6/5
Dennis Leary.....6/12

Goo Goo Dolls
Palms**Orleans Hotel & Casino****(Orleans Showroom) - 702-365-7111**

The Four Tops.....5/7-9
The Smothers Brothers.....5/15-16
Air Supply.....5/28-30
Don Rickles.....6/5-6
Vocal Soup.....6/12-13
Orleans Summer Comedy Series.....6/25-26

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

Carrie Underwood.....5/22
Star Wars: In Concert.....5/28-29
Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey... 6/17-20

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

Conan O'Brien.....5/1-2
New Kids On The Block.....5/7-8
Kom.....6/4
Goo Goo Dolls.....6/5
Norah Jones.....8/22

Sante Fe Hotel & Casino**(Chrome Showroom) - 702-658-4900**

Joe Nichols.....6/26
Patty Loveless.....10/9

Suncoast Hotel & Casino - 702-636-7111

Steve March Torme.....5/8-9
The Scintas.....5/15-16
Almost Elton John.....5/29-30
Wes Winters.....6/12-13
Lena Prima.....6/19-20
Fifth Avenue.....6/26-27
Deanna Martin.....7/24

Sunset Station - 702-547-7777

People Are Crazy Musicfest.....5/1
Janie Fricke.....5/28
Dave Koz & Jonathon Butler.....7/24
Kenny Loggins.....7/31
Michael Bolton.....9/18

Tropicana Express Laughlin**(Pavilion Theater) - 702-298-4200**

Paul Rodriguez.....5/8
Chubby Checker.....5/22

SPORTS

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

ESPN Friday Night Fights.....5/14

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

MMA Xplosion.....5/22

Las Vegas Motor Speedway - 800-644-4444

Dodge Midnight Mayhem.....5/7
Mother's Day Weekend Special.....5/8
Superclean Modified Series.....5/22
Rockabilly Rod Reunion.....5/28-30
PSCA Magnafest Summer Nationals... 6/18-19
Night of Fire.....7/1
NASCAR Superlate Models.....8/14

MGM Grand Garden Arena - 702-891-7777

Mayweather v. Mosley.....5/1
UFC 114.....5/29
Free Kick Masters.....12/27-29

Mandalay Bay Events Center - 702-632-7777

UFC Fan Expo.....5/28-29

Orleans Hotel & Casino - 702-284-7777

Nike Championship Basketball Clinic... 4/30-5/2
Geico MiniMotoSX.....5/7
Geico Endurocross.....7/17

Sam Boyd Stadium - 702-739-3267

Monster Energy Supercross Finals.....5/8
Amateur National Arenacross
Championships.....5/9

Thomas & Mack Center - 702-739-3267

2010 PBR World Finals.....10/20-24

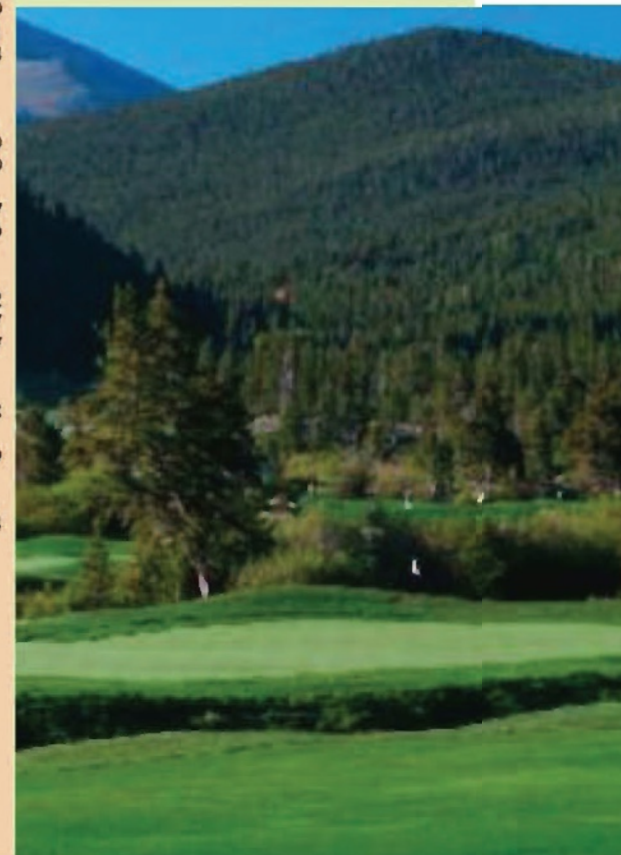
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PERFORMING/ FINE ARTS, MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES

Artemus Ham Concert Hall (UNLV) - 702-895-3535
 Garrison Keillor.....5/19
 Clark County School District Honor Band...5/23

All My Sons.....5/29-31, 6/4-7
 Harry the Dirty Dog.....6/1
 The Moscow Festival Ballet performing
 Coppelia.....6/4
 Death and Transfiguration.....6/16
 2010 Clark County School District
 Dance Festival.....6/18
 The Little Dog Laughed.....6/26-28

**Bellagio Conservatory &
Botanical Gardens - 702-693-7111**
 Gardens From Around the World.....Daily

Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art - 702-693-7871
 Figuratively Speaking: A Survey
 of the Human Form.....5/1-???

Centennial Hills Library - 702-507-6100
 Dance Dance Revolution.....5/7
 United Blood Drive.....5/11
 The Art of Origami.....5/14
 Las Vegas Quilters.....5/16
 Monday Night Masterpiece.....6/1
 Adventures in Art: Impressionism
 and Monet.....6/6
 Nevada Camera Club.....6/11
 Holiday Scrapbooking and Card Making.....6/21

Clark County Library - 702-507-3400
 What's Got You Puzzled?.....5/6
 Nevada Hands & Voices.....5/7
 Film: A Matter of Life and Death.....5/12
 UNLV Liberate Jazz Quartet.....5/13
 Together Time.....5/14
 Popcorn Storytime.....5/19
 United Blood Drive.....5/23
 Henderson Writers Group.....5/25
 Falun Dafa.....5/26
 Film: Goodfellas.....5/28
 Dinosaur Day.....5/30

Shifting Sands Belly Dancing.....6/2
 Why I Catch the Night Train.....6/5
 The Dance Zone.....6/8
 It Looked like Spilt Milk.....6/11
 The Caring Place.....6/14
 CCSD's Honor Mariachi Concert.....6/19
 Las Vegas Crafters.....6/23
 Sweethearts Blood Drive.....6/27
 Performing Arts Society of Nevada.....6/28

Enterprise Library - 702-507-3760
 Family Storytime.....5/9
 Street Photographs.....5/12
 2010 Movie Marathon.....5/25
 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Says.....5/26
 Peace and Love Day.....6/13
 The Films of Hayao Miyazaki.....6/20
 United Blood Drive.....6/26
 Yu-Gi-Oh.....6/30

Gibson Library - 702-565-8402
 Wii the Teens.....5/2
 Recess Rewind.....5/7
 Infant Massage.....5/9
 Noodle Art.....5/12
 Nevada Old Time Fiddlers Jam.....5/13
 Teen Volunteer Day.....5/19
 Third Thursday.....5/21
 Henderson Library Book Club.....5/26
 Stories That Take You Around the World.....5/31
 Intro to Facebook.....6/10
 United Blood Drive.....6/12
 Crafty Teens: Glass Magnets.....6/20

Green Valley Library - 702-207-4260
 Teens Cook.....5/5
 Bake With Me: Chocolate!.....5/6
 Blood Drive.....5/9
 Teens of the Round Table.....5/12
 Tots Story Time.....5/19
 Bilingual Story Time.....5/22
 The Real CSI.....5/27
 Manga Café.....6/2
 Pizza and Pages Book Club.....6/4
 The Mad Scientist!.....6/6
 Anime Club.....6/16
 Nevada Test Site: A History.....6/17
 Teen Book Club.....6/23
 Ole! Celebrate National Tortilla Chip Day!..6/24

Las Vegas Library - 702-507-3500
 Bilingual Storytime.....5/9
 Anime Omega.....5/23
 Meet our Puppets: Animals.....5/26
 Diary of a Wimpy Kid.....6/9
 Movies and Books: Up!.....6/25
 Sojourner Truth: I Sell the Shadow.....6/27

Lied Discovery Children's Museum - 702-382-5437
 Growing Up with the Berenstain Bears.....5/1-9/1
 It's Your Choice -
 Developing Healthy Eating Habits.....Daily
 Green Village -
 Environmentally Conscious Mini-City.....Daily
 Desert Discovery.....Daily

Luxor Las Vegas - 702-262-4444
 Bodies The Exhibition.....Daily
 Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition.....Daily

Malcolm Library - 702-263-7522
 Drop-In Storytime.....5/5

Malcolm Adult Book Chat.....5/11
 Question of the Day.....5/13
 Fun Family Movie.....5/21
 Mad Hatter Tea Party!.....5/27
 Pigeon Party.....6/18
 Wii the Teens.....6/25

Nicholas Horn Theatre (CSN) - 702-651-5483
 The Taming of the Shrew.....5/5-6
 When You Comin' Back,
 Red Ryder?.....5/19-21, 5/26-28
 Vocal Jazz Solo Nights.....6/5-6

Paseo Verde Library - 702-492-7252
 Rock Band.....5/2
 Arts and Crafts Club.....5/4
 Film Movement Series: Israeli film.....5/6
 Homework Help.....5/11
 Mystery Readers Book Club.....5/12
 HDPL Friends Used Book Sale.....5/16
 Toddler Storytime.....5/19
 Only Ones Storytime.....5/21
 Resume Workshop.....5/26
 Fairy Tale Theater - Musical Puppet Plays.....5/27
 Film Movement Series: Scandinavian Film.....6/3
 Picnic & a Movie.....6/8
 American Girls.....6/13
 Young Scientists - pH Pandemonium!.....6/17
 Preschool Storytime.....6/23
 United Blood Drive.....6/25

Rainbow Library - 702-507-3710
 Wednesday Movie Matinee: Singin'
 in the Rain.....5/5
 FETCH! Club.....5/10
 Book Exchange Bingo.....5/12
 Exhibit: UNLV Student Works - 2D.....5/14
 Pajama Jam.....5/19
 Film: The Hangover.....5/21
 Blood Drive.....5/23
 Library Lovers Month.....6/1
 Film: Chandni Chowk To China.....6/3
 The Art of Romare Bearden.....6/7
 Film: Inglourious Basterds.....6/18
 Petstacular Pet Fair.....6/27

Reed Whipple Cultural Center - 702-229-6211
 Unsung Heroes of Nevada's
 Past.....6/5-7, 6/11-14

Sahara West Library - 702-507-3630
 Jon's Craft Jamboree.....5/6
 Save the Eagles.....5/10
 Wii.....5/16
 Fit Kids: Dance with Me.....5/26
 National Puzzle Day.....5/29
 Backwards Day Celebration.....5/31
 Drawing Club.....6/7
 Sojourner Truth: I Sell the Shadow.....6/20

Spring Valley Library - 702-507-3820
 Drawing Club.....5/1
 Jon's Craft Jamboree.....5/4
 Crafty Kid's Saturdays.....5/8
 Celebrate Mickey Mouse's Birthday.....5/17
 Reader's Theater.....5/21
 Valley of Fire: Faces, Animals and Other
 Things Exhibit.....6/10
 Paper Airplanes.....6/17
 Wii.....6/23

Summerlin Library - 702-507-3860
 Teen Gamers Club.....5/9
 Summerlin Scrabble Club.....5/11
 Magical Mathematics.....5/16
 Lawrence Gregory Mental Illusionist.....5/22
 Feed the Birds.....5/24
 Super Science Saturday: Chemistry.....5/29
 Exhibit: Images of Dance by the Las
 Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater.....6/2
 You've Got Mail Storytime.....6/7
 Westward Ho!.....6/8
 African American
 Choreographic Legends Dance.....6/12
 Jazz for Children.....6/16
 Recipe Exchange.....6/18
 Pancake Stories.....6/21
 39 Clues Book Club.....6/27

Sunrise Library - 702-507-3900
 Let's Move!.....5/7
 Film: The Proposal.....5/10
 Living the Dream.....5/14
 Blood Drive.....5/16
 Legion Soccer Club.....5/21
 Voices of Our Ancestors.....6/6
 Jazz for Children.....6/17
 Film: Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.....6/21
 Champions Game Day.....6/26
 Frog and Toad Forever!.....6/28

West Charleston Library - 702-507-3940
 Quilt Crazies.....5/6
 Anime Vegas.....5/9
 Bilingual Storytime.....5/11
 Duffy Hudson as Edgar Allan Poe.....5/20
 Art Explorations.....5/23

Dinomania.....5/28
 It's For the Birds.....6/3
 Sojourner Truth: I Sell the Shadow.....6/6
 Chicks Who Click.....6/11
 Jazz for Children.....6/19
 Numerology.....6/20
 Awesome Optical Illusions.....6/23

West Las Vegas Library - 702-507-3980
 Civil Rights Film Fest.....5/9
 Fairytale Fun Puppet Show.....5/13
 Peace Week 2010 Celebration.....5/17
 Exhibit: Images of dance by the Las
 Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater.....5/27
 CSI - West Las Vegas.....6/2
 Hiram and Nettie - The Musical.....6/5
 Love, Love, Love! Puppet Show.....6/7
 Jazz For Children.....6/18
 Why I Catch the Night Train.....6/19
 Jeopardy Bowl 2010.....6/26
 United Blood Drive.....6/27

Whitney Library - 702-507-4010
 Nevada Storytelling Guild.....5/7
 Where's Waldo?.....5/14
 United Blood Drive.....5/23
 Exhibit: Hope of the World.....6/4
 The Year of the Tiger.....6/10
 Cars.....6/22
 Film: Monsters vs. Aliens.....6/28

Winchester Cultural Center - 702-455-7340
 Michael Baker: Flick of the Wrist.....5/8-6/5
 48 Hour Dance Competition.....5/8-10
 Tribute to Miles Davis.....5/17
 Meshugginah Klezmerim.....5/24



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