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This groundbreaking collaboration is the first step in a collective effort to spread love and knowledge about pet ownership within our community.

At the core of this initiative lies the belief that fostering a deeper understanding of pet ownership is essential.

This encompasses not only the joys and affectionate moments shared with our pets but also the responsibility we bear for their safety, health, and well-being – including the challenges and costly realities that may arise.

So, how do we plan to achieve this together? Firstly, Real Las Vegas will feature heartwarming stories of our readers and their beloved furry friends. We invite our community to share their

tales of pet companionship – from the moment their relationship began, the inspiration behind their pet's name, to the unique qualities that make them special.

Readers can simply submit a photo of themselves with

their pet, along with their names and contact details, to reception@butilovemy-pet.com for a chance to be featured in this special section.

But our collaboration doesn't stop there. Real Las Vegas will also introduce a new section on its website titled "Vet Talk." Here, readers can submit their burning questions about pet care, which will be answered by none other than Dr. Dwens from But I Love My Pet or Dr. Snead from Two by Two Ventures. Selected questions may even be featured on But I Love My Pet's web-

site or across various social media platforms including Instagram, Facebook, and You-

Tube ([abutilovemypet).

We invite everyone to join us in this special endeavor, supporting not only our furry friends but also the unique bond we share with them.

Follow us on social media, and subscribe to our newsletters on both our websites, www.realvegasmagazine.com and/or www.butilovemypet.com, to stay updated on our latest initiatives and heartwarming stories.



Together, let's celebrate the unconditional love and companionship that our pets bring into our lives, and work towards creating a community where every pet is cherished and cared for.



Dr. Joe J. Owens III

# THANK



The truth is, you're only as good as your support. At Real Vegas, we are immensely grateful and appreciative of all our local readers! Without the contributors listed here, this publication would be next to impossible.

This special feature issue is dedicated to our 2024 Greatest Medical Minds and Greatest Real Estate Moguls. We are honored to have had the opportunity to get to know and learn about these outstanding leaders and their respective businesses and practices. These are truly innovative and hardworking individuals in our community!

This special feature is the result of our collective hard work, dedication, and passion. Every contribution to each issue is a labor of love from the bottom of our hearts. We proudly thank every advertiser, writer, photographer, and contributor in every way. Without you, we couldn't share these stories or provide rich content, including current events and the rich history of Las Vegas, which is extremely important to us.

Feel free to submit any editorial pieces for consideration to: info@realvegasmagazine.com. Don't forget to follow and like us on social media and visit our website: realvegasmagazine. com. We host many local Real Vegas community events and would love for you to join us! Stay tuned for information on our upcoming events, promoted and shared on social media.

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## AS THE CALENDAR PAGES TURN and the anticipation builds,

automotive enthusiasts from around the world are setting their sights on an event that has been redefining the car show experience. Welcome to the Vegas AUTOFEST 2024, an extraordinary confluence of elegance, innovation, and the undeniable charm of Las Vegas.





#### THE VENUE: RED ROCK COUNTRY CLUB

Nestled within the breathtaking scenery of the Red Rock Country Club, Vegas AUTOFEST blends the serene beauty of its green fairways with the vibrancy of an automotive celebration. This luxurious setting provides the perfect backdrop for a gathering that combines the sophistication of Pebble Beach with the dynamism of Monterey Car Week, all wrapped in the glitzy allure of Las Vegas.

#### A CURATED AUTOMOTIVE EXTRAVAGANZA

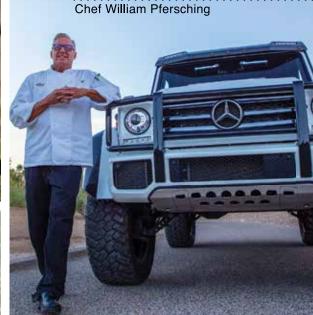
At the heart of the Vegas AUTOFEST is its meticulously curated collection of nearly 500 vehicles. This year's lineup is a veritable feast for the senses, featuring a dazzling array of vintage classics, modern marvels, and the latest in automotive technology. Each car is more than just a mode of transportation; it's a piece of art, a symbol of human ingenuity and passion.

From the sleek lines of European sports cars to the powerful presence of American muscle, the vehicles on display are a testament to the diversity and depth of automotive design. Whether you're an aficionado of pre-war beauties or a fan of cutting-edge supercars, the AUTOFEST has something to captivate your imagination.









#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The Vegas AUTOFEST 2024 will take place on September 21st from 10 am to 3 pm This date promises a perfect blend of early autumn weather and the unmistakable energy of Las Vegas.

#### **GLAMOUR AND ENTERTAINMENT**

In true Vegas fashion, the AUTOFEST isn't just about the cars. The event promises a sensory overload with performances by iconic Vegas showgirls and a lineup of live music that will keep the energy high throughout the day. This blend of entertainment adds a unique flair, ensuring that every moment at the festival is as exhilarating as the cars themselves.

#### **A COMMUNITY OF ENTHUSIASTS**

Now in its sixth year, the Vegas AUTOFEST has been growing steadily, attracting more attendees with each iteration. This year, thousands of automotive aficionados are expected to descend upon the Red Rock Country Club, eager to share their passion and revel in the splendor of this remarkable event.

"It's a dream come true to be able to open up our property to the community every year. There's nothing better than seeing the smiles on everyone's faces," says Chef William Pfersching, founder of the Vegas AUTOFEST and a key figure at the Red Rock Country Club. His vision has turned the event into a beloved tradition for both the community and visitors.

Beyond the cars and entertainment, the Vegas AUTOFEST is a celebration of the automotive community. It's a place where enthusiasts can connect, share stories, and revel in their shared passion for all things automotive. The camaraderie and sense of belonging make this event truly special, creating memories that will last long after the final engine has roared.

#### **EASY ACCESS AND CONVENIENCE**

To ensure a seamless experience for all attendees, parking is provided at the Las Vegas Ball Park in Summerlin. The convenience doesn't end there; complimentary air-conditioned shuttles will run throughout the day, transporting attendees effortlessly to and from the event, ensuring that the focus remains on enjoying the festival.





By Lawana Rice

# VEGAS SOUL -REAL GOOD FOOD FOR THE VEGAS SOUL

ne day a man walked into a diner and took a seat. He was so broken he dared not to even lift his head. His appearance conveyed that he had not bathed, shaved, or washed his clothes for days. Many of the diners' patrons were unhappy with him being there. Some complained, others moved far away. However, one kindhearted lady walked over to his table with a smile.

"I have no money," he said softly. He continued to explain, "I just came in out of the cold." The good-natured lady looked at him still smiling and replied, "Oh, ok." She continued, "What would you like to eat?" He answered, "Just coffee, I don't want to be a bother." She said, "You're not, order whatever you want. It's on me," as she turned to walk back to her table. "Thank you," he whispered. "You're welcome." She smiled as she walked away.

When she finished her meal, she smiled as she walked past his table and to go to the counter and pay their bills. She left the restaurant and made her way to her office building. She struggled with how to tell her staff she may have to soon close the doors because they lack funding to continue their homeless support program.

Moments later, the waitress walked over to the man and handed him a folded piece of paper. He unfolded it and on the inside was scribbled a note which read, "I eat here every morning at 8am. See you tomorrow. Come to this address we provide warm clothing and supportive services."

Every morning, he showed up at 8am, by the third day they were sitting together sharing a meal. By the end of the month, she convinced him to reach out to his loved ones. A week later, he was on airplane going home to his family.

A month later, the man returned to the city and the restaurant at 8am hoping to find the lady there. He sat down at the same table he had eaten before. The waitress that had served him many times before, took his order and went to get his beverage. When she returned, he asked about her about the lady that came in every morning at 8am and sat at the table across from him.

"She actually only dines on Saturday mornings." The waitress replied.

Then the man fully understood the magnitude of her act of kindness toward him.

He paid for his meal and left, anxious about returning the next day hopeful that she would be there.

Like clockwork, the lady made her regular Saturday morning stop in for breakfast. She understood the struggle of the small businesses in her community, and she made it a point to support them as often as she could. The bell on the restaurant door rang as it usually did when customers entered the diner. The lady looked up to see and a well-dressed man step inside the doors. His face lit up as he hurried across the floor to her table. As he grew closer, she leaped to her feet with joy as she recognized him as the man, she has previously fed. A wordless embrace that spoke the volumes of unspeakable words suspended time as they held each other.

She remembered their last embrace when she dropped him off at the airport, patting him on the back as he walked towards the security point, assuring him that he could and was ready to pick up the pieces of his life. Taking her hands into his he thanked her repeatedly. "You saved my life that first day," he said. "Your continual kindness and support gave me strength to face the mistakes I'd made and reclaim my life and my business."

With that he reached into his inner coat pocket and pulled out an envelope and slid it across the table in front of her. He nodded, and she picked up the envelope and removed a check from inside. Her eyes widen in shock as the tears began to roll down her face.

"I cannot repay you for what you did for me", he said, "but, I can help you help other people like me." Sometimes our biggest blessing come in tattered packages.

We should never judge a book by its cover. Let love lead the way, Lawana Rice



# Mative

# The Real Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal

By Candice Wiener



ur Las Vegas history is filled with vibrant and flashy, larger than life characters. And a lot of those characters that helped pave the path of Las Vegas to what we are today, were Mobsters. Having come from a family that represented mobsters criminally for a living, I've always been fascinated by the mob era and old school Vegas. Although it's a known fact that Frank 'Lefty' Rosenthal was not Mafia and more so an associate, he had direct access and pull with the Italian mob and mob bosses. One thing that really revitalized the enthrallment of Frank 'Lefty' Rosenthal's career and the time he spent in Vegas was Martin Scorsese's 1995 movie, "Casino". He was said to be one of the best handicappers at the time and was noted for being the first casino operator to hire female casino games dealers and the first to bring sports betting into a casino. Arguably, others claim this is not factual, but nonetheless, Frank 'Lefty' Rosenthal made an indelible mark on our city and what casinos look like today. He was dubbed "one of the greatest living experts on sports gambling" by Sports Illustrated. It's said that many people either loved him or despised him-I suppose it depended on which side of the street you sat.

Frank met and married Las Vegas Showgirl, Geri McGee May 4, 1969. They had two children together and Geri (who Sharon Stone played in the movie "Casino") had a daughter from a previous marriage. Their tumultuous marriage lasted 12 years ending in divorce in 1981 due to infidelities on both sides, and McGee having a secret affair with Frank's at the time friend, Tony Spilotro. On November 9, 1982, Geri McGee died of an apparent accidental drug overdose in a motel in Los Angeles.



Frank ran the Stardust in the 1970's and was said to have doubled the casinos profits in one year due to his creative ingenuity and willingness to take risks and stay innovative to what local casinos had seen and done at the time in Las Vegas. Having been born in Chicago on June 12, 1929, Frank spent a lot of time at the horse races with his father and learned some invaluable information that would later lead him to working with the Chicago Outfit with controlled, illegal gambling. He knew first-hand the winning formulas to hedge his bets to ensure a win just about every single time, which was a huge advantage in the gambling mecca of the world!

Due to Frank's checkered past, he was unable to get a gaming license and at that time Harry Reid had been appointed Chair of the Nevada Gaming Commission which caused Frank trouble, and ultimately led to both Frank and "Tony the Ant" Spilotro being barred from stepping foot in any casino in 1978.

Additional problems continued with the Feds and authorities, followed by the well-known car bombing incident on October 4, 1982, when he was leaving Tony Roma's restaurant on E. Sahara. About six months after the bombing, and with the passing of his ex-



wife, Geri, Frank moved to Laguna Niguel to focus on raising his children. He eventually moved to Florida and ran a bar called "Croc's", ended up running a sports betting website and then became a consultant for offshore sports betting companies. On October 13, 2018, Frank Lefty Rosenthal died of an apparent heart attack. A Las Vegas News Reporter disclosed that both Frank and Geri were top informants for the FBI for many years, and in 2011 the US Government released Frank Rosenthal's documents to the public.

Although not born and raised in Las Vegas, it's clear that Frank Lefty Rosenthal who was once represented by Former Mayor, Oscar Goodman, also had the Native Juice!

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RTC Bike Share is crucial for several reasons. First, it provides a sustainable transportation option that reduces traffic congestion and pollution. Cycling improves physical and mental health, and our system makes it easy for residents and visitors to incorporate exercise into their daily routines.

We also enhance last-mile connectivity, making it easier to reach destinations not directly accessible by bus. For tourists, it's a unique way to explore Las Vegas beyond the Strip, discovering local neighborhoods and hidden gems.

Bike sharing fosters community by connecting people and promoting shared experiences. An integral part of our community building is the reduced fare passes we offer in partnership with the Southern Nevada Health District. All Nevada EBT cardholders qualify for discounted annual and monthly passes for RTC Bike Share, making it affordable for our community members to travel where they need to go. Plus, by choosing bikes over cars, our riders help reduce the city's carbon footprint, contributing to cleaner air and a healthier environment.

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# Summertime in the 702 | From Where I Sit

#### From the Publisher's Desk

ummer is upon us, and those dreaded triple digit numbers are already here and it's not officially summer just yet! Many years ago, when I worked on the Las Vegas Strip and spoke to tourists every day, I would often get asked if us locals ever get used to this heat. My response was simple, "No, never!" I explained that in the summertime us locals are usually inside in the air conditioning or outside in the pool. That's pretty much how I've always remembered summers in Vegas, even in childhood.

This issue is dedicated to our 2024 Greatest Medical Minds and Greatest Real Estate Moguls. So many changes happening in both these respective fields right here in our local community. With some medical practitioners switching their business models from the insurance-based practice to new plans being announced to try and help identify Nevada's health improvement needs. All these things play an important role to help keep residents in our community healthy. Additionally, so much has been shaken up legality wise in the Real Estate sector. With major law changes that took place the beginning of 2024 and these modifications will most certainly signal a shift in the home buying and selling process and associated costs, as well as alter agent commissions. Last year there were many high-profile lawsuits of over a billion dollars and some thousands of millions of dollars in settlements that seem to be why so many of these changes came about.

Speaking of change... Summer is a great time to implement positive changes. Continuous learning is a powerful tool that can help you cultivate the fruit in your life that brings you satisfaction and success! I've watched once successful leaders in business slip and fall due to their lack of willingness to continue to learn, pivot and grow. From the façade that they

portray, people tend to presume that they are achieving victory and ahead of the pack, when their actions and negative behaviors both personally and professionally have left them morally bankrupt. Deficient of real connections, failed relationships and so much more detriment all whilst faking and trying to convey to the public that they are on top! (In other words, simply not keeping it REAL!) It's important to take self-inventory from time to time and by doing so ask yourself, are those successful in business but void in their relationships and family really the epitome of success? I've said it before, and I'll say it again.. Confidence and success are silent. Insecurity is loud! It's important to be mindful of the people in your life who are always painting an over-grandiose spectrum of them and their lives. There is a shocking science about real toughness and things that others jealous of you will do in a concerted effort to not see you prevail in your destiny and your legacy. What they are unaware of is the power they leverage to you by doing so and the formidable strength and resilience they are literally ushering into your corner! A wise man by the name of Napoleon Bonaparte once quoted, "Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake." I encourage you today, continue to pursue your dreams, visions and goals, no matter who you make feel uncomfortable – you already have what it takes to do so and with the divine and universal support that is yours and yours alone, you are unstoppable! Continue to do the work, the right, ethical way, and you will achieve the greatness in your life that you deserve! Have an amazing summer and thank you for taking the time to read Real Vegas and for supporting our team, our steady growth, and our advertisers!

The robbed that smiles, steals something from the thief."

- William Shakespeare



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# Unveiling the Top Five Tinted Moisturizer **Brands**



By Lissette Waugh lmi.edu

re you ready to dive into the world of tinted moisturizers with a splash of sass and a dash of dazzle? Hold onto your makeup brushes because I'm about to unveil the crème de la crème of tinted moisturizer brands that will have you looking like a radiant goddess in no time. From the boujee to the budget-friendly, these top five brands are serving up flawless coverage with a side of fabulousness. Let's get glowin'!



#### Laura Mercier -The Lux Luminary

Laura Mercier's Tinted Moisturizer is the stuff dreams are made of. With its silky-smooth texture and buildable coverage, it's like a luxurious hug for your face. Packed with hydrating ingredients and available in a wide range of shades, this tinted moisturizer leaves you looking like you just stepped off a yacht in the French Riviera. Bonjour, beauty! lauramercier.com \$54



#### **Drmtlgy - The Skincare Sensation**

Skincare meets makeup with Drmtlgy Tinted Moisturizer. This powerhouse product not only provides lightweight coverage but also delivers a potent dose of skincare benefits. Packed with antioxidants and SPF protection, it's like a mini facial in a bottle. Plus, with its walletfriendly price tag, you can treat yourself to fabulous skin without breaking the bank. Who says you can't have it all?!

drmtlgy.com \$29

#### Maybelline Fit Me - Budget Babe Beauty

Who says you need to break the bank to look like a million bucks? Maybelline Fit Me Tinted Moisturizer is here to prove that fabulousness doesn't have to come with a hefty price tag. With its lightweight formula and natural finish, this tinted moisturizer gives you that "I woke up like this" glow without emptying your wallet. Whether you're hitting the town or lounging on the couch, Maybelline Fit Me has got you covered.

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Talk about getting camera ready. Whether you're hitting Talum for a pool party or strutting your stuff on the runway, Smashbox has got you covered. Get ready to steal the spotlight.

smashbox.com \$41





#### NARS - Pure Radience

NARS Pure Radiant Tinted Moisturizer is the secret weapon of Hollywood starlets and makeup mavens alike. With its luminous finish and skin-loving ingredients, this tinted moisturizer is like a red-carpet moment for your face. Say goodbye to dull, tired skin and hello to a radiant complexion that's ready for its close-up. You'll be feeling like a million bucks in no time.

narscosmetics.com \$46

There you have it, the top five tinted moisturizer brands

that will have you looking like a glowing goddess in no time. Whether you're a luxury lover or a budget babe, there's a tinted moisturizer out there to suit your fabulousness. So go ahead, indulge in a little selfcare, and treat yourself to radiant skin that's worthy of the spotlight. You deserve it, darling!



# FORTUNE 财门







# Hidden Gem in Las Vegas Authentic Chinese Cuisine Located in the heart of Chinatown

Fortune Seafood is where locals go for hands down some of the BEST Chinese food in Las Vegas. When we visited it was evident that it's no secret to local Chinese guests how great the food is at Fortune. It is however a hidden gem to many other locals. Fortune boasts an extensive authentic array of Chinese food from various provinces of China. With the highest quality ingredients, Fortune makes the perfect locals' destination for the best Chinese cuisine. Some locals are saying that some of their other past favorite dim sum restaurants' quality has been plummeting, but they are raving about the top-notch quality dim sum they find at Fortune! From the moment you enter and are greeting by their attentive and kind wait staff, you will notice the hanging roasted duck that's being prepared in the kitchen.

With a Chef who's spent 45+ years in the kitchen and in Hong Kong, they know what real and authentic Chinese cuisine consists of. From their Manapua meat-filled buns that are so pillowy soft with incredible flavor, to their hotpots, the delectable roasted duck and BBQ pork, the live seafood, their dim sum and all their other main dishes all the way to some of the best desserts you've ever experienced in a Chinese restaurant, Fortune Seafood restaurant truly is a must! This is also a great place for family style seating and simply downright delicious Chinese cuisine.

This is not the Chinese food you ate as a kid; this is the real deal Chinese cuisine they eat in China, but they did not leave out what we love on the West Coast for Chinese food. The classic trying to burn off a hangover with dim sum or impress a date with an authentic duck or crab dish, they got you covered. Including some of our favorite Americanized Chinese food like fried rice.



The place is big. You will notice when you walk in, look straight ahead and you will likely see a chef preparing duck and when you look to your left, you will see a super clean modern dining room in crisp white and on the wall, they have big live fish tanks with crabs, lobsters, and fish. It's cool to see. On the right, you will notice a lot of darker colors and low-lit kind of lighting. Both sides have a vibe. Side note: if you have big parties they have awesome private VIP rooms with huge family-style tables. Getting back to their detectible fare, some is what you might consider a modern interpretation of authentic Chinese cuisine, using the finest ingredients and expert techniques to create timeless yet innovative dishes. Speaking to the authenticity of the Chinese food it's at-bat or above anything on the Strip or Chinatown has to offer. Most of us go to the finest Chinese-ish establishments that originated in far-flung corporate places and it's missing the soul and history of the food when it's all prepared in-house from the first grain of spice to a ridiculous meal that makes you feel like you are in China.

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## In Memoriam of

# DENNIS AND ASHLEY PRINCE

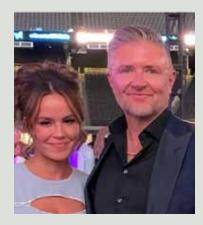
By Cat Cashman and Candice Wiener

deem it an honor to be able to share my thoughts about Dennis Prince. As I was making the arrangements to put Dennis Prince on the front cover of a magazine nine years ago, never once did I think that I would be writing this Memoriam to share how much respect and admiration I personally had for him. Dennis was a stand-out. If I was dropping off a magazine to him, he greeted me with a smile. If I was asking him to advertise, he consistently showed respect by taking my calls, and had informative and fun conversations with me, always leaving me smiling at the end of our many conversations.

I imagine that his good characteristics carried over into the numerous relationships in his life, which explains why the Las Vegas community came out to show their collective love and respect for Dennis. Our Publisher, Candice Wiener said it best, "It's not what you say to others, it's how you make them feel that counts." That sums up how Dennis treated others, by making them feel good about themselves and special to him. In the end, that charm, respect, and love that Dennis gave freely to others has come back to him.

His untimely passing has left us with a big, huge hole in our hearts that is felt deeply by the legal community as well as the Las Vegas community. To me, Dennis was a "Prince" among men. -Cat Cashman, Senior Account Executive

Having known Mr. Dennis Prince for almost a decade, our Real Vegas Magazine team is saddened and disheartened to have learned the devastating news about the tragic incident that occurred on the morning of April 8th, 2024. Sources provided us with information prior to the news and our hearts broke hearing about the incident, as we sat and awaited final confirmation of the facts.



"We will remember Dennis fondly and enjoyed our various discussions with Dennis over the years. Dennis, Ashley, the family, and the children will remain in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers for years and years to come. Dennis always struck me as a strong family and businessman



and graced our Most Magnificent Men list and Leading Lawyers for many years and he will be sorely missed by many.

We understand that this grievous occurrence deeply impacted our entire legal community and hope that those effected will be able to heal. To the families, our heartfelt condolences go out to you all. We will continue to wish you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your heart."—Candice Wiener, Publisher and CEO



My dad should be remembered in the legal community as a fighter who pursed and secured wins for the greater good," said Scot Prince.
"A notable example of this was one Supreme Court of Nevada case he argued that resulted in a mandate that insurers be fully accountable for their refusal to provide their insureds with a legal defense.



Dad was the life of the party," said Taylor Prince. "No matter the setting, legal or social, he could find someone to connect with and end up being their best friend. He just had so much love to give and all he wanted was a little love back.





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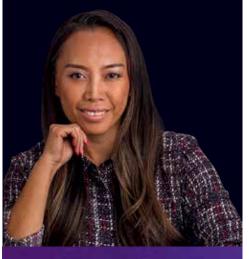
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his respect comes from a distressed Giants fan- ("I'll be ok- lol). But I can also say now... "GO VEGAS RAIDERS"!!!

My point is, no matter who your team is, it's apparent many of us love and respect Emmitt Smith. With all the accomplishments somebody on his level has made in his lifetime, he has now made some room for the Hall of Fame dining experience in the 702. It will be my pleasure to share this wonderful experience myself and the RVM fam consisting of Boss Lady Candice, Big Brother Travis, and speaking of legends, Uncle Michael the Master of Photography has joined us this time. Seemingly fitting since he is a HUGE football fan and Emmitt Smith, and the Cowboys are his token player and team!

First, I must say being a long time Vegas local, you never have to tell me twice to meet you at the Fashion Show Las Vegas as it was always that extra oomph of adventure when it was time to go hang out at a mall. It was like you had to kick up your look and get ready to roll there as we got our little dose of tourism. That mall has always been a diamond in the rough. The dining choices have always been on point and just kept getting better over the years and now we have the pleasure of adding this new edition of Emmitt's Vegas to the mix on Las Vegas Blvd. It is definitely the icing on top that somebody with the credibility of Emmitt Smith would set up shop right in our Vegas mall. That just tells you this town is booming, baby!

Best move is if you are not already in the mall, to valet on The Capital Grille side, then move your way toward the strip on Fashion Show Dr., Emmitt's Vegas on the first floor to the right. As you arrive at the beautiful entrance, the first thing you will see is his wonderful signature proudly showcasing his name on this wonderful spot. Obviously, a man like him will not just put his name on anything, so let's go on in and see if this establishment is as amazing as he is.

















Greeted by the amazing chef Antwan Ellis, as he gave us all the love from the time we arrived, Chef let us know he was going to send a few items out to get us started of his choice. We love when that happens as it's an absolute honor that the person who runs that culinary operation personally chooses the flavor profile for us. That right there is epic culinary culture. If you know, you know! The beverage order lineup was some sharp looking Dirty Martinis and the signature "Season 3" cocktail. They also have a nice-looking Espresso Martini selection.





It's time for a classy kickoff to take place as the chef selection of appetizers started hitting the table. There was only four of us, but chef knew to put an order of Creole Shrimp on each side of the table. In between, they dropped us a sushi roll, some delicious spicy sashimi, and some savory crispy cauliflower. One of the waiters pre-warned us how good the cauliflower appetizer was. He said, "It will trick your mind to even think you are eating cauliflower!" And boy was he right! Every item was a "first down". Chef just knew what to put out there as we were absolutely grateful for the choices he made for us.

Perfect portions as well as presentation, it was the type of food that you had to keep eating because of the quality and flavor, even though you knew you still had to order entrees. But because it's a combination of a sushi, steak, and seafood elevated American restaurant, we really wanted the best of both worlds. The wait staff was spot on and a special thank you to our server Bernadette, she was helpful, attentive and overall fantastic!

The entrees ordered were Tempura Lobster, Miso Seabass, a Prime New York Steak (the size of New York), and the Rib Eye, as well as some of their delicious signature sides like their Macaroni



and Cheese, Truffle Fries and Creamed Spinach. We always try to each order something, but of course it turns into all of us sharing as that's what family does!

When I say we are enjoying first class dinner entrees-Between the presentation, flavor, and quality of the food, it completely matched up to the way Emmitt Smith has clearly done everything else in his life. It's safe to say Emmitt is running the ball and chef Antwan is blocking for him for the touchdown as the rest of the all-star crew are playing their positions on high levels as that is what has happened here with this most proper assortment of delectable items put out providing the highest level of service from the front and back of the house.

In the final quarter of this game, out came out some high-



quality java with their signature desserts with the star of the show being their Ice Cream Caramel Butter Cake that was so good, coincidentally, I had a friend a few tables over that was eating the same thing!

The coffee paired with the desserts has officially sealed the deal and by far was the extra point for the win! "IT'S GOOD! – It's really good!"

Again, as I say just like everything else Emmitt has done, this for sure was a legendary experience from the time we got there till the time we left as we will be talking about this one for a while. I just want to say that it's a true blessing to be able to do what I do in my career experiencing the things I do and meet the people I meet. I'm absolutely

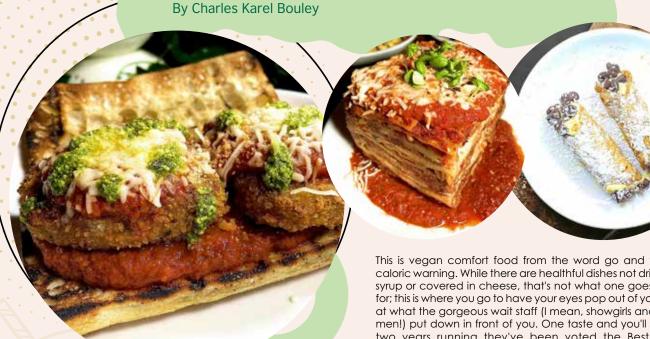
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# Decadent, Delicious and Not for Those on a Diet

The Modern Vegan and Tarantino's Are Serving Calorie Packed Goodness



f you're on the Wegovy or Ozempic, you may want to skip this particular column because it dispels the myth that being plant based is boring, low-caloric foods. On the contrary, this column's featured eateries serve up some of the most innovative, tasty, and carb-filled delights available in the Las Vegas Valley; and while they are all plant-based they are proof that decadence is up to the imagination of the chef.

And imaginative chefs are just what inhabit The Modern Vegan (TMV) located at 700 East Naples Drive, Las Vegas, NV. 702.755.8127 tmvrestaurants.com

Owner Gia Schultz, opened TMV the same year I arrived in Las Vegas, 2018, when Schultz decided to go plant based and couldn't find an eatery that served the kind of food she liked, and cooked and ate at home. She grew up in Canada, and really admired the brunch spots with their inventive menus, creative atmosphere, and decadent creations. She found a place in a small strip mall near the Fruit Loop (the affectionate name we in the LGBTQ community call the area of LGBTQ bars off of Paradise Road by the airport) and for six years has been creating culinary masterpieces full of flavor and fabulosity, definitely not what people expect from "vegan" food.

This is vegan comfort food from the word go and thus the caloric warning. While there are healthful dishes not dripping in syrup or covered in cheese, that's not what one goes to TMV for; this is where you go to have your eyes pop out of your head at what the gorgeous wait staff (I mean, showgirls and model men!) put down in front of you. One taste and you'll see why two years running they've been voted the Best Vegan Restaurant in Las Vegas by readers of LV Weekly.

Appetizers, breakfast galore, skillets, waffle towers, wraps, sandwiches, burgers, protein Buddha bowls, salads, desserts the menu could take over an hour just to go through, so if you are rough with decisions, go online first and take a look. It will save you time while there.



Appetizers range from the standard, (Jalapeño poppers, loaded nachos, breakfast potato skins) to a Canadian favorite not seen anywhere else, plant-based Poutine (fries topped with mozzarella and cheddar, covered in sausage and mushroom gravy). Breakfast could be V'eggs Florentine, Biscuits and Gravy or a French toast Bacon Grilled Cheese covered in butter and syrup. Yes, there's the Fit B\*tch (Tofu scramble, spinach and broccoli, grilled tomatoes, and mushrooms with fresh fruit) but why bother, seriously. You're there, go for the calories. I dare you to try and eat the Ex Waffle with bananas, chocolate chips, peanut butter, chocolate sauce, two waffles and a sugar coma later. All time faves include Fish Tacos, Mac 'n Cheese skillet (Cavatappi in homemade cheese sauce with bacon, panko and parsley, all vegan) or the BBQ Brisket Mac N Cheese. There's even a lobster melt, pulled pork, banh mi. Get my drift!

Bring your appetite, settle in, and for your own good, wear the stretchy pants.





Meanwhile Tarantino's Vegan Italian at 7960 S. Rainbow Blvd, #8000G 725.777.3888 tarantinosvegan.com is THE place for traditional Italian pastas, breadsticks, appetizers and desserts to make one cry. Again, cheese covered delights like a meatball hero or egaplant parmigiana, a meat lovers calzone, and of course, lasagna are staples and meanwhile there's even a pasta bar to have your creation your way. Pizza, sandwiches, signature entrees and appetizers all followed by Tiramisu, cannoli, napoleons, or chocolate cake all await, it's like a Vegan Olive Garden or Buca di Beppo but better for you, and the planet.





Both TMV and Tarantino's are moderately priced given today's world and for the quality of food can't be beat. Neither will disappoint and while both will put a huge dent in your daily caloric intake, they are a welcomed splurge. Be sure you tell them you read about it in the Vegan In Vegas column in Real Vegas Magazine and at VeganInVegas.com



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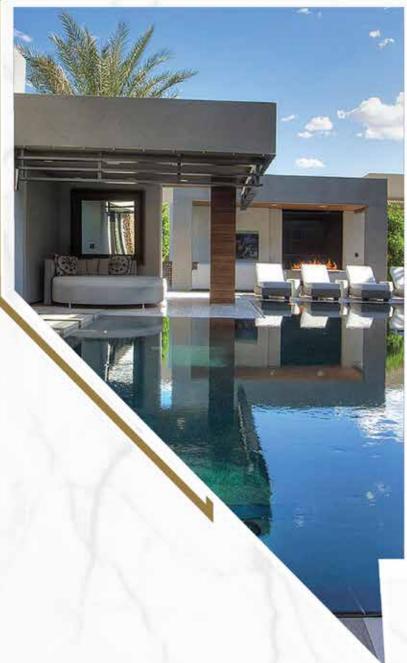












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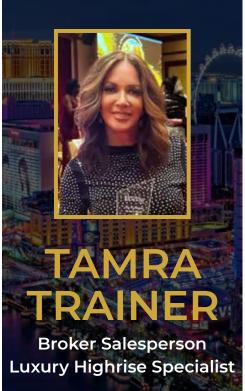
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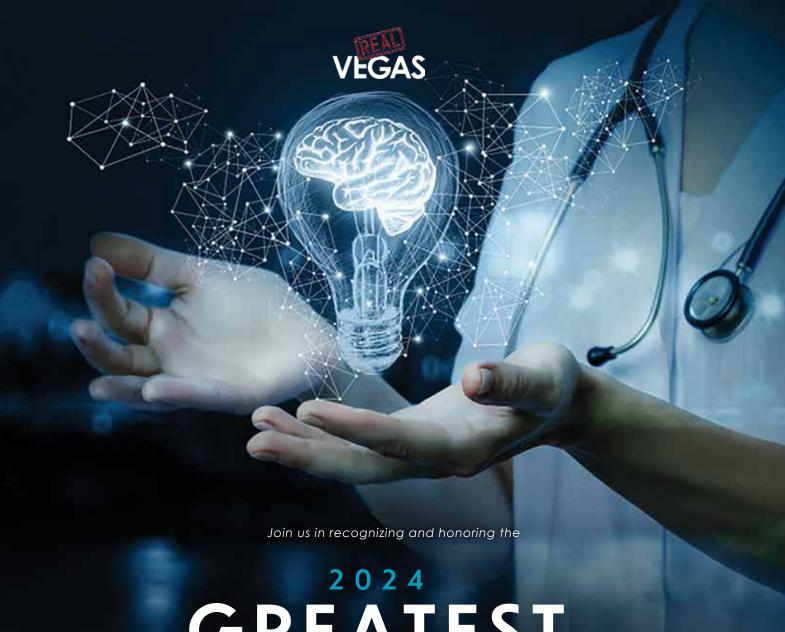
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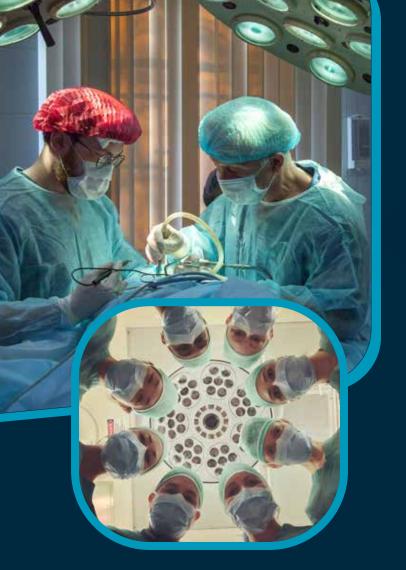




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## The Advantages of Artificial Disc Replacement Surgery

by DR. JASON E. GARBER

As a neurosurgeon specializing in complex spinal disorders, I have witnessed the evolution of spinal surgery techniques and technologies. One of the most significant advancements in recent years is **artificial disc replacement** (ADR) surgery. This innovative approach to treating disc disease offers numerous advantages over traditional spinal fusion surgery.

One of the primary benefits of **ADR surgery** is its ability to preserve the natural movement of the spine. Unlike spinal fusion, which permanently immobilizes the affected vertebrae, artificial discs are designed to mimic the function of natural discs. This allows for a more natural range of motion post-surgery, which is crucial for maintaining overall spinal health.



Spinal fusion can lead to increased stress on the vertebrae adjacent to the fused segment, accelerating

degeneration. ADR maintains movement between vertebrae, distributing stress more evenly and reducing the likelihood of adjacent segment disease (ASD). This can result

in better long-term outcomes for patients.

**ADR surgery** typically involves a shorter recovery period. Since the procedure is <u>less invasive than fusion</u> and involves preserving spinal mobility, patients often experience faster rehabilitation and can return to their normal activities sooner. This is particularly beneficial for individuals who wish to minimize downtime.

Every surgical procedure carries some risk, but ADR has been associated with a lower risk of certain complications compared to fusion. The risk of non-union is eliminated with ADR, and patients may experience less postoperative pain and a reduced need for long-term pain management strategies.

Many patients who undergo ADR report high levels of satisfaction with their outcomes. They often experience significant pain relief, improved function, and a return to their preferred activities. The preservation of natural movement and quicker recovery times contribute to this positive feedback.

Not all patients are candidates for **artificial disc replacement**. Careful evaluation and selection are critical to ensuring the best outcomes. Factors such as the patient's overall health, the specific characteristics of their spinal condition, and their lifestyle all play a role in determining whether ADR is the most appropriate treatment.

The field of **spinal surgery** is continually advancing. Ongoing research and development in artificial disc technology aim to improve the materials and designs used, enhancing durability and function. Advancements in surgical techniques will further refine the precision and outcomes of these procedures.

In conclusion, artificial disc replacement surgery represents a significant advancement in the treatment of disc disease. Its ability to maintain natural spinal movement, reduce stress on adjacent discs, shorten recovery times, and improve patient satisfaction make it a compelling option for many individuals. As a neurosurgeon, I am excited about the potential of ADR to transform the lives of my patients, helping them achieve lasting relief and a better quality of life.



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#### A COMPLETE GUIDE TO MEDICAL WEIGHT LOSS AND BODY TONING

By Melanie Speed, NP, Owner of Flawless Medspas

#### Achieve Your Summer Body Goals with Medical Aesthetics and Weight Loss

Summer is here, and many of us wish we had started working on our healthy weight goals months ago. Fortunately, advancements in medical aesthetics and weight loss offer effective tools to help you achieve your summer body goals safely and effectively.

#### The Weight Loss Struggle

Weight loss is not just about looking good but also about feeling good and improving overall health. Traditional methods like diet and exercise are essential but sometimes not enough, especially for those with conditions like diabetes or obesity.

#### **Enter Semaglutide**

Semaglutide, initially developed for Type 2 diabetes, is now approved for weight loss. This medication mimics the GLP-1 hormone, helping control blood sugar, slow digestion, and reduce appetite. Unlike earlier weight-loss drugs that sped up metabolism or blocked fat absorption, Semaglutide changes how your body feels hunger, leading to more natural and lasting weight loss. Clinical trials show significant and sustained weight loss, making it a reliable option for long-term weight management. However, consulting a registered medical expert before use is crucial.

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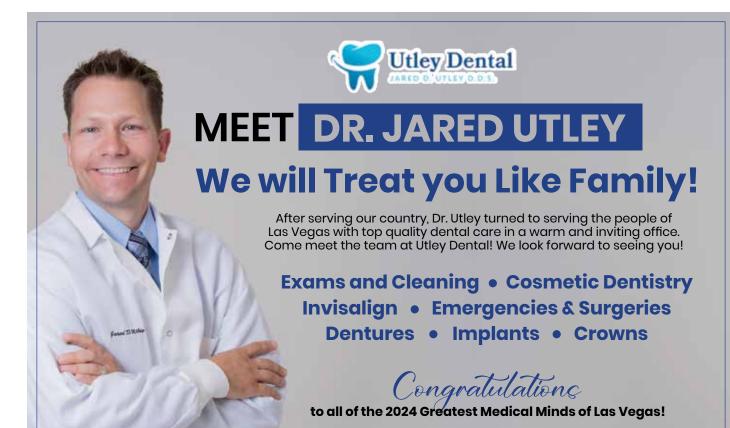
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Dr. McKinnon's journey into rheumatology was deeply personal. It wasn't just about academic achievement at prestigious institutions like the Mayo Clinic and the University of California, Irvine. It was a revelation during her residency and fellowship that treating patients extends far beyond prescriptions; it's about forming connections and offering unwavering support. Driven by this insight and a genuine desire to make a positive impact, she pledged to provide not just medical treatment, but heartfelt compassion as well.

In 2012, recognizing the urgent need for specialized care in Las Vegas, Dr. McKinnon and her husband, Dr. Jonathan McKinnon took action. During years of practice at their clinic they witnessed firsthand the struggles of patients navigating fragmented healthcare systems and were determined to offer a solution. Thus, Dr. Naya McKinnon established Direct Access Rheumatology—a sanctuary of hope in Southern Nevada committed to delivering personalized and easily accessible rheumatology care.

At the heart of Dr. McKinnon's practice lies a philosophy of personalized integrative care. She recognizes that each patient's journey is unique, which is why she embraces holistic approaches and lifestyle changes to promote overall well-being. For Dr. McKinnon, healing extends beyond the physical body—it encompasses the mind and soul as well.

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Dr. Debiparshad recently unveiled a state-of-the-art facility at 8180 Rafael Rivera Way, Las Vegas, NV 89113, which includes his clinic, a physical therapy office, and a soon-to-be-opened surgical center. This new center embodies his commitment to providing comprehensive and cutting-edge orthopedic care.

A Harvard-trained surgeon, Dr. Debiparshad specializes in limb lengthening and has become one of the world's leading surgeons in this field. Notably, he made history by performing one of the world's first surgeries utilizing the groundbreaking Precice Max limb lengthening implant in Las Vegas, showcasing his dedication to adopting the latest technological advancements in his practice.

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Dr. Debiparshad's distinguished medical education began at the prestigious McGill University, where he earned his medical degree and developed a deep passion for surgery. He further specialized with a master's degree in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at McGill University, achieving dual board certification in both the United States and Canada.

His residency in orthopedic surgery at McMaster University,







known as the birthplace of evidence-based medicine, provided him with opportunities to learn from top surgeons at renowned institutions like the Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic, and the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Debiparshad then completed a fellowship in complex limb lengthening and deformity reconstruction at the Paley Advanced Limb Lengthening Institute, focusing on adult limb lengthening, non-unions, and post-traumatic deformities—skills possessed by very few surgeons globally.

Further honing his expertise, Dr. Debiparshad undertook a second fellowship at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts, where he completed a comprehensive surgical training program. His practice is grounded in evidence-based medicine, leveraging the latest research and technology to treat a wide range of orthopedic conditions.

Dr. Debiparshad's dedication extends beyond clinical practice to humanitarian efforts, participating in mission trips to provide essential surgical care in underserved areas. He is a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the North American Spine Society, and the American Medical Association.

Through his innovative approach and compassionate care, Dr. Kevin Debiparshad continues to transform the lives of his patients, reinforcing his reputation as a leading figure in the field of orthopedic surgery and cosmetic leg lengthening.





### Crafting the Perfect Look

Inside the Medical Minds of Dr. Dave Chenin & Dr. Malcolm D. Paul

Located in the vibrant city of Las Vegas in the world of the perfect smiles and aesthetic, two names stand out for their innovative approaches and dedication to patient care: Dr. Dave Chenin and Dr. Malcolm D. Paul. Dr. Chenin, an esteemed orthodontist in Las Vegas, and Dr. Paul, a renowned plastic surgeon, have made significant contributions in their respective fields. We will delve into their unique methodologies, highlighting how they craft the perfect look for their patients. Their personal approach to patient care and setting the new standards in their respective fields and why they are both premier destinations for both men and women seeking top-tier cosmetic procedures and dental health.

### Dr. Dave Chenin: A Visionary in Orthodontics.

Dr. Chenin's journey into orthodontics was heavily influenced by his father, Dr. Stephen Chenin, a renowned orthodontist in Las Vegas for over 45 years. Growing up, young Dave was often found in his father's clinic, fascinated by the transformative power of orthodontics. Witnessing firsthand the positive impact his father had on patients ignited a passion in him to follow a similar path. Dr. Dave Chenin's has been rooted in a legacy of excellence. Inspired by his father, and his passion, combined with his dedication to continuous learning and innovation, has positioned him as a leader in the field and embracing technological advancements.

One of the defining aspects of Dr. Chenin's practice is his commitment to integrating the latest technological advancements. Chenin Orthodontics was among the first in Nevada to offer Invisalign and Invisalign Teen, providing patients with a clear, comfortable alternative to traditional braces. This innovation has revolutionized orthodontic treatment.

In addition to Invisalign, Dr. Chenin has incorporated 3D radiography into his practice. This technology allows for detailed digital models of patients' teeth, enhancing the precision of







diagnosis and treatment planning. With 3D imaging, Dr. Chenin can develop highly customized treatment plans that ensure optimal results. This advancement not only improves treatment accuracy but also helps predict outcomes more reliably.





Dr. Malcolm D. Paul: A Pioneer in Aesthetic Medicine.

Dr. Malcolm D. Paul is a board-certified plastic surgeon renowned for his expertise and is sought out globally by his colleagues to share his knowledge and techniques and dedication to patient care. His extensive career has made him a leading figure in aesthetic medicine, with a philosophy that centers on enhancing natural beauty while ensuring the highest standards of safety and efficacy.

State-of-the-Art Treatments at Chic La Vie Medical Spa and voted "BEST of Las Vegas", with Dr. Paul leading the team at Chic La Vie Medical Spa provides the highest level of aesthetic services. Chic La Vie Medical Spa offers a comprehensive range of treatments tailored to meet the unique needs of each patient. For those looking to rejuvenate their appearance without undergoing surgery, the spa provides various non-invasive procedures. These include Botox, dermal fillers, and the innovative PRP (Platelet-Rich Plasma) therapy, which harnesses the body's natural healing powers to improve skin texture and promote hair growth.

In addition to injectable treatments, Chic La Vie features advanced technologies such as HydraFacial, microdermabrasion, and laser therapies. These treatments are designed to refresh and revitalize the skin, offering solutions for a range of concerns from fine lines and wrinkles to hyperpigmentation and acne scars. The spa's commitment to utilizing the latest technologies ensures that patients receive the best possible care and results.

Dr. Paul's and Chic La Vie staff's approach to patient care is characterized by a dedication to personalized treatment plans. He believes that every patient deserves a customized plan that addresses their specific goals and concerns. This personalized approach begins with a comprehensive consultation, during which Chic La Vie team takes the time to understand each patient's needs and expectations. Chic La Vie's ability to blend art and science in aesthetic medicine ensures that patients achieve natural-looking, beautiful results.

The expertise of Dr. Paul is complemented by a team of highly trained medical professionals at Chic La Vie. The staff includes experienced nurses and aestheticians who share Dr. Paul's commitment to excellence and patient satisfaction. Together, they create a welcoming and supportive environment where patients feel comfortable and confident in their care.

Chic La Vie Medical Spa and Chenin Orthodontics caters to





both men and women, offering a wide range of treatments designed to enhance beauty and wellness. They both offer an extensive menu of treatments to achieve their patients' aesthetic goals and health with confidence. They will find tailored solutions that fit their patient's lifestyle and needs.

Las Vegas Smiles and Beauty start with Dr. Dave Chenin and Dr. Malcolm D. Paul. They are at the forefront of their respective fields, each bringing a unique blend of innovation, expertise, and personalized care to their practices. Dr. Chenin's work in orthodontics and Dr. Paul's contributions to aesthetic medicine have helped countless patients achieve their ideal look, enhancing both their appearance and confidence. Their dedication to excellence and patient satisfaction ensures that Chic La Vie Medical Spa and Chenin Orthodontics remain premier destinations for those seeking top-tier smiles and aesthetics.

For more information about their treatments and services, visit Cheninortho.com and Chiclavie.com.



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## ► Up Close and Personal with the Real MARGO CHERNYSHEVA CEO of MC Law Group



RVM: Before immigrating to the United States, you were a classical guitar player and songwriter. Why didn't you continue as a musician after immigrating?

MC: I came to the U.S. with just a few dollars and no English. Realizing I needed to start over, I worked long hours and studied English, eventually earning dual degrees in economics and international business from Quinnipiac University. I then worked for Pfizer Pharmaceutical and quickly advanced.

#### RVM: After your corporate career, how did you transition into immigration law?

MC: While in law school, I joined the immigration clinic to help trafficked children from the Former Soviet Union. This experience at the clinic revealed the high demand for quality legal representation in immigration law, leading me to specialize in business immigration.

#### RVM: What lessons from your experiences would you share with others?

MC: My journey in the U.S. proves it's a land of opportunity where dreams can be realized through resilience and hard



work. I encourage others to seize every opportunity with zeal and gratitude.

RVM: You've achieved much, from obtaining degrees in the U.S. to founding your own immigration law firm. What do you consider the pivotal moment in your career?

MC: It's not one moment, but a series of transformative experiences from my upbringing in Russia to my resettling in the U.S. and my academic and professional pursuits. Each stage built upon the last, shaping my career as an immigration attorney that allows me to help others.

RVM: As one of the Ten Best Immigration Attorneys in the U.S., what are the keys to your success?

MC: Hard work, a solid ethical foundation, a commitment to excellence, and deep compassion for others are essential. It's about consistently putting in the effort and genuinely caring for the well-being of those around me.

RVM: How do your people skills influence your professional development?

MC: Treating others with respect and kindness builds positive interactions and lasting relationships, crucial in both business and life.

#### RVM: What is your vision for the future of MC Law Group?

MC: I aim to continue expanding and modernizing our services to maintain high standards of quality and efficiency, ensuring we stay at the forefront of immigration law.

#### RVM: What legacy would you like to leave?

MC: I hope to be remembered for empowering companies, individuals, and families to succeed in the United States, contributing to a diverse community that helps the U.S. remain a land of opportunity and a beacon of hope.

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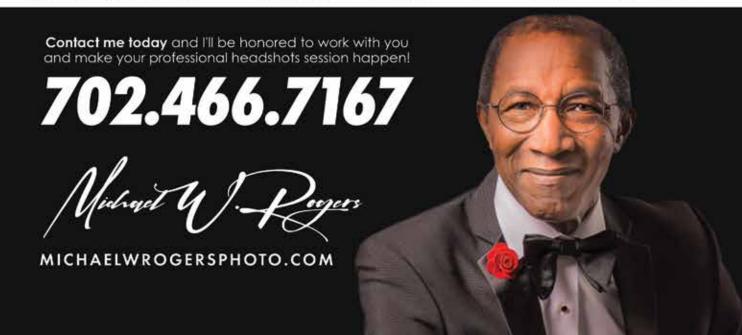
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RVM: Having been born in Australia and growing up in New York, what ingredients from which regions were you most inspired by most in your early chef years?

SH: It's a melting pot between Southeast Asia and Europe. Having been professionally trained in French cuisine, I have a strong tendency to focus on that, but Australia being so close, I learned how to integrate a lot of Asian food. The regions also determine the local products that grow and are available to help incorporate Southeast Asian ingredients while applying the basic fundaments. There are creative ways to apply the traditional French cuisine cooking with Asian ingredients.

#### RVM: What inspirations led you to pursue the culinary world at such a young and ambitious age?

**SH:** My Grandmother was the one who originally taught me the discipline of cooking at a very young age. She would prepare food five times a day on the table for the family, so it was a very communal setting. She was from Finland. The direction she taught focused on getting the right consistency with the products. I'd watch her preparing pastries and spent lots of time with her watching her cook. My father first introduced me to a commercial kitchen. My Uncle was also a Chef, so learning things in the kitchen at a young age was a regular thing for me growing up.

RVM: Becoming the chef de cuisine of The Dining Room at The Ritz-Carlton, Sydney at the young age of 23 and having been trained in classic French cooking, what were some of the most valuable things you learned and kept apart of your culinary expertise and repertoire? **SH:** This was my first position to run a restaurant. I worked with the front of the house. I was there for about three years. It wasn't very busy, with an average of about 50 covers a day, about 75 on a weekend day for a 30-seat small restaurant. But we had great cooking in that kitchen, and I was able to successfully grow the clientele. The customers knew we cooked great food, and therefore they would return. I also experimented with tasting menus, so it was a good learning base for me.



SH: I credit traveling extensively to the base of why I have the diversity and range that I do. I would spend all my money on travel and dining. Until you have really traveled the world, you have a limited understanding about food in general. Decade after decade I would continue to travel and really develop a great comprehension and appreciation of food by traveling across the globe and how to utilize various types of food. It gave me education to create things more authentically. For example, in Italy or France, there is a tradition on the ways that they prepare the food and depending on the region, determines what grows there and allows me the ability to expound on that tradition and how the food tastes and how it could be better. In my travels, I was passionate about design, architecture, food and everything that makes for a community as well as the history of that country I was traveling.

RVM: Your creations literally look like fine art. Did you have an artist's eye from a young age or was that something you developed throughout your culinary journey?

SH: I always had artistic ability. My Grandfather had a painting business, so I had increased awareness about the color spectrum. My Grandma also used to work with wallpaper a lot and the various colors and patterns I enjoyed. I also could draw well when I was young. I enjoyed it. I've always been a proponent of design and fashion, so I've used that natural ability to apply that artistic creativity to the food I create.

#### RVM: Are there any similarities with dining trends currently in New York to the West Coast?

SH: I don't really follow the trends; they seem to come and go. I would say the best thing to focus on is having high quality products regardless of the price point. I can say that more Mediterranean restaurants might be what I'd consider a trend, as people start to realize that Mediterranean food can be very healthy. The vegan based scene has pushed boundaries in that space in the industry. Of course, vegan doesn't always mean healthy. Another more long-standing trend I think people like is fire cooking. Just the taste of food cooked on an open fire. Trends have a dependency on where you

are. People in New York don't eat the same as people in Las Vegas. People in L.A. don't eat the same as people in Las Vegas. People in the south prepare food much differently from other parts of the world. When you travel places, you can have authentic cuisine from the different places you go.

#### RVM: What excites you about seafood for 2024?

SH: Grilled seafood. We now have the ability to bring fresh fish and food from all over the world. Branzino is on just about every fine dining menu. There's a quality difference from wild fresh fish that's actually caught and not farmed.

#### RVM: What is the biggest misconception about caviar?

SH: That it is fishy and salty. Caviar is made up of only 3% salt and if it tastes fishy and salty, it's simply a low-quality product.

RVM: What is your number one goal for guests to take away after dining at Aqua here in Las Vegas?

SH: Dinners at Aqua are meant to be fun and enjoyable. We also want our customers to leave feeling satisfied they created a memory during their meal and enjoyed a creative dining experience. Whether they came in for a celebration of some sort or not, we want them to leave with a great memory.

RVM: As the Executive Chef at New York City's first private restaurant solely for residents and guests, is this a concept that you could see succeeding in other parts of the US?

SH: No, that's a one of a kind. I believed in the building, but I don't believe that concept is scalable. Public restaurants in five-star hotels and free-standing restaurants are my main focus. I aspire to open a steakhouse with a big grill and have meats flown in from all around the world. I have some concepts in the developmental phase.

With all your monumental accolades, awards, and achievements on a national level, is there any one specific award that you are most proud of?

All of them, really. The teams that you've created mean everything to receiving these achievements. There's a whole crew of people that put forth so much effort to accomplish the high level of rewards in its entirety!



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#### Mr. Burns, a post- electric play

By Anne Washburn Music by Michael Friedman Directed by Kirsten Brandt

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Join NCT for the 10th anniversary of Anne Washburn's brilliant dark comedy. After the collapse of civilization, an unlikely group of survivors come together over their remembrance of episodes of The Simpsons. Irreverent, hilarious, and thought-provoking, Mr. Burns is a testament to the power of theatre as it explores how stories can shape our future.



#### A Skeptic and a Bruja

By Rosa Fernandez Directed by Guest Artist Delicia Turner Sonnenberg

Black Box Theatre

Previews October 30, 2024 October 31 – November 10, 2024

When Sam and Jess shoot the latest episode of their hit paranormal investigation show, "A Skeptic and a Bruja", they are thrown for a loop when their crew member, Remy sees a ghost. The women struggle with their own biases and beliefs as the house they investigate reveals itself to them. Join NCT for the Nevada Premiere.

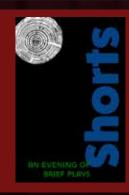


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Paul Harris Theatre

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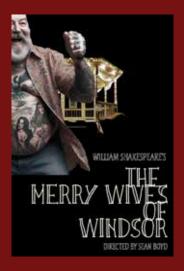
By William Shakespeare Directed by Sean Boyd

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Half larger-than-life conman and half wandering knight, Sir John Falstaff, finds himself down on his luck in the town of Windsor. He decides to reverse his fortune by pursuing two women at once. When Mistress Ford and Mistress Page discover he sent them identical love letters, the women plot their revenge. As they conspire to humiliate Falstaff, Mistress Ford must contend with her husband's overwrought jealousy and Mistress Page with her daughter's three suitors. Uproarious, gut-busting, and deliciously ridiculous, Merry Wives of Windsor is Shakespeare's most rollicking comedy where love finds a way and women get the last laugh.



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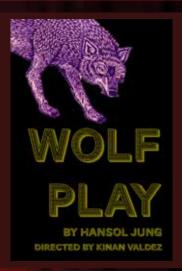
By Hansol Jung <u>Directed</u> by Guest Artist Kinan Valdez

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- "A deeply resonant work from one of the American theater's most complex new voices." Chicago Tribune
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#### **Murder on the Orient Express**

Based on the book by Agatha Christie Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig <u>Directed</u> by Michael Lugering

Judy Bayley Theatre

Previews May 1, 2025 May 2 – May 11, 2025

"Agatha Christie is not the bestselling novelist in history for nothing, and Ken Ludwig's adaptation strikes the perfect balance of the cerebral and the comic. Get on board – it's a great ride." – Houstonian Magazine

This new adaptation by Ken Ludwig (Lend Me a Tenor, Moon over Buffalo) captures the spirit of Agatha Christie's original classic with healthy dose of comedy. Famous detective Hercule Poirot boards a luxury train the famous Orient Express. But enroute to Western Europe from Instanbul, an American tycoon is found stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Poirot must identify the murderer before it is too late.





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According to Gary Wu aka "The Texan" and Owner of Total Max Homes, Las Vegas is no longer principally a 'gambling city'. Las Vegas has been transformed over time, so that its number one gross domestic product (GDP) is currently "MICE" short for "Meetings, Incentive Meetings, Conferences, & Exhibitions". Gambling has now fallen to fourth place in GDP behind MICE, followed by food and entertainment in second place, with room and board in third place, and finally gambling in fourth place. Gambling only accounts for \$8 billion or 6.67% of the \$120 billion Las Vegas GDP.

As the keynote speaker and award recipient at the recent CXO 2.0 Conference, Gary broke down the three economic waves that have shaped and transformed what began as the city of Las Vegas, as it has continued to evolve and expand into an international resort destination.

It all began with the first wave, in 1941 when the Mafia founded Las Vegas as a "Gambling City".

The second wave began in 1987, with Steve Wyn bringing in the white tigers and marketing Las Vegas as a "Family Destination City".

When the second wave hit, many of the traditional Vegas family owned and operated hotel/casinos were bought out by big corporations that only looked at the bottom line and not at the consumer enjoyment that was the hallmark of the traditional hotels/casinos.

In this third wave, the big corporations have been leaving for oversee markets that attract a larger bottom line such as Singapore and Macau. In just one year, 2.6 billion has been recovered for the local Las Vegas economy as the big corporations are leaving.

With its unique hot and dry weather, Las Vegas attracts 21,600 MICE Events, including 4,745 "big" MICE Events of 6-17 days, including industry, shopping, sightseeing events, and many more events lasting 1-2 days. Some of the larger MICE events include World Series Poker Finals the Consumer Electronics Show.

With the coming third wave, Gary Wu's advice is "invest in property" now. Las Vegas residents can reap the profits of the third big wave coming right before their eyes by heeding Gary's advice; or they can "lose millions" wishing they had heeded Gary's wise advice. With talks of a high-speed train station planned south

of Mandalay Bay traveling to Anaheim, CA, they will be able to wake up at 7am, travel to Disneyland and Universal Studios, and be back home in Las Vegas by 9pm.

Gary does not just give advice, he leads out to capture this big third wave by courting the international marketplace for affordable, packaged "customer-first" luxury lodging in Vegas and other similar international business locations.

Coined by Harvard Business Review (HBR) as "the Inventor of 18 Principles of Market Warfare", Gary Wu, the innovative CEO of TotalMax Homes, has significantly transformed the landscape of luxury mansions vacation rentals in Las Vegas and the world. Under his superb leadership, TotalMax Homes (totalmaxhome. com) has introduced the exclusive 'Las Hawaii' mansion series in Las Vegas, and will soon roll out the "Super Luxury Beachy Mansions" in Newport Beach, CA.

TotalMax under Gary Wu's direction, he has filled the hole that the big corporations left and brought back customer enjoyment with the slogan, "Dream it, and we will bring it." He believes that if he treats the customers well, they will keep coming back. He does what the big corporations never did, by putting 9,000 beauty rest mattresses in all the bedrooms, with 24-inch LED Rain showers in all the bathrooms, thereby creating the "Costco of Real Estate".

The Las Vegas Mansions provide unparalleled beach-like experiences amidst the desert, a testament to his unique vision of combining luxury with total solution in all service modules, including but limited to all different menus for all three meals with standard prices (no hidden costs), cleaning, yoga, facial/beauty care, hair care, and all sort of modulated entertainment modules such as ballet, violin solo modern, air silk show, dealers, bartenders, magic acts, singers, DJs, and the list goes on and on.

Gary Wu's vision, philosophy, and actions are taking Gary and TotalMax Homes places far, far, far beyond what we once imaged for Las Vegas. In the very near future, Gary's face will be everywhere, including Real Vegas magazine, reminding Vegas citizens that they should "Invest in property" now, so that the 2.6 billion recovered money ends up in their pockets and not in someone else's pockets as the third wave is "coming in hot."



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