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The Native Juice

By Candice Wiener

YESCO: YOUNG ELECTRIC SIGN CO. – Meet the Real Dr. Jason Jaeger, who's family pioneered electronic signage in the Vegas Valley

Dr. Jason Jaeger's grandfather, Vaughan M. Cannon Sr, was a Captain in the US Army and stationed in Germany until the US conquered Berlin and he returned home after World War II. Jaeger's great grandfather, Tom Young Sr. was the founder of Young Electric Sign Company, (Yesco), and compelled his son in law, Cannon to move out to Las Vegas from Salt Lake City to manage and expand the Las Vegas branch of YESCO in the late 40's and 50's.

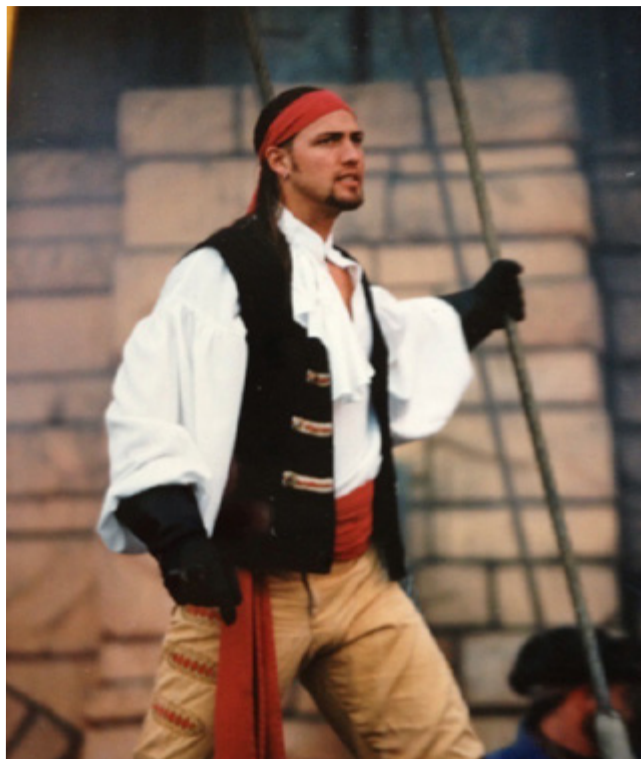
Vaughan Cannon Sr. relocated to Vegas with his wife Mrs. Marion Young Cannon.

YESCO has been responsible for just about every electric neon sign you've seen in town. From the Dunes Hotel, the Desert Inn signage, Tropicana Hotel, and even the iconic Welcome to Las Vegas sign on the Las Vegas Strip, Jason's family architecturally designed and manufactured most if not all those glowing, glittering, and flashing lights. Jason started working in the family business at the young age of 12. He started out with the title of 'Dust Maintenance Control Engineer', which he laughs was a fancy name for sweeping the floors. He later was promoted to 'Tool Placement Supervisor', which he continues to chuckle was really a formal name for putting away everyone's tools. Nonetheless, Jason factually states, "Doing that work helped develop me and gave me a really good work ethic and I learned a lot working with my hands."





Jason knew he wanted to go to college and work toward a different career path, and he loved Vegas so much, he didn't want to leave, so he enrolled in Pre-Law at UNLV. During his college years, he worked as a Knight in the Tournament of Kings show at the Excalibur. He later went on to do stunts as a Pirate in the Treasure Island Show. Life was going seemingly pretty well for Jaeger until one tragic Thanksgiving weekend when he was involved in a terrible car accident. He said it was so bad that he remembers hardly being able to walk. He was referred to get treated by an MD, Chiropractic Doctor and Physical Therapist. He continued his treatments and felt that the most of his relief was coming from the Chiropractic care that he was receiving. Jason was inspired so much by the care he got from his Chiropractic treatment, that he decided to change his major to Pre-Professional Biology before obtaining a Doctorate in Chiropractic. Although he felt that he was starting to feel better, his Chiropractor explained that his neck curve has been damaged and his x-rays showed that his neck was straight, when in fact, a healthy neck should have some natural curvature. So, he focused his post grad specialty on Chiropractic Biophysics®.



Dr. Jaeger went on to practice for 10 years as treating Physician and Provider. Then in 2010, he decided to work on growing his locations and expanding by adding in general MD's and Physical Therapists into his practice and went on to rebrand as Advanced Spine and Posture, Nevada's one -stop-shop, all-in-one location (s) for complete rehabilitative care for his patients.

Dr. Jaeger credits growing up in the neon sign business and working with his hands so much in the family business, for helping prepare him to develop and patent a medical device called 'Universal Traction Systems', or UTS for short. UTS restores a normal neck or back curve and reduces dangerous scoliosis of the spine. This catapulted Dr. Jaeger to being an international health care and spine lecturer about the UTS device, all around the world. He has published on the UTS device in medical journals, and he is credited for having an evidence-based approach.

Dr. Jaeger's group works with Southern Hills, Mountain View Hospital and Sunrise Hospital (s). Advanced Spine and Posture serves our community as the musculoskeletal on call, when a patient in the ER has spine, extremity, joint or muscle related conditions.

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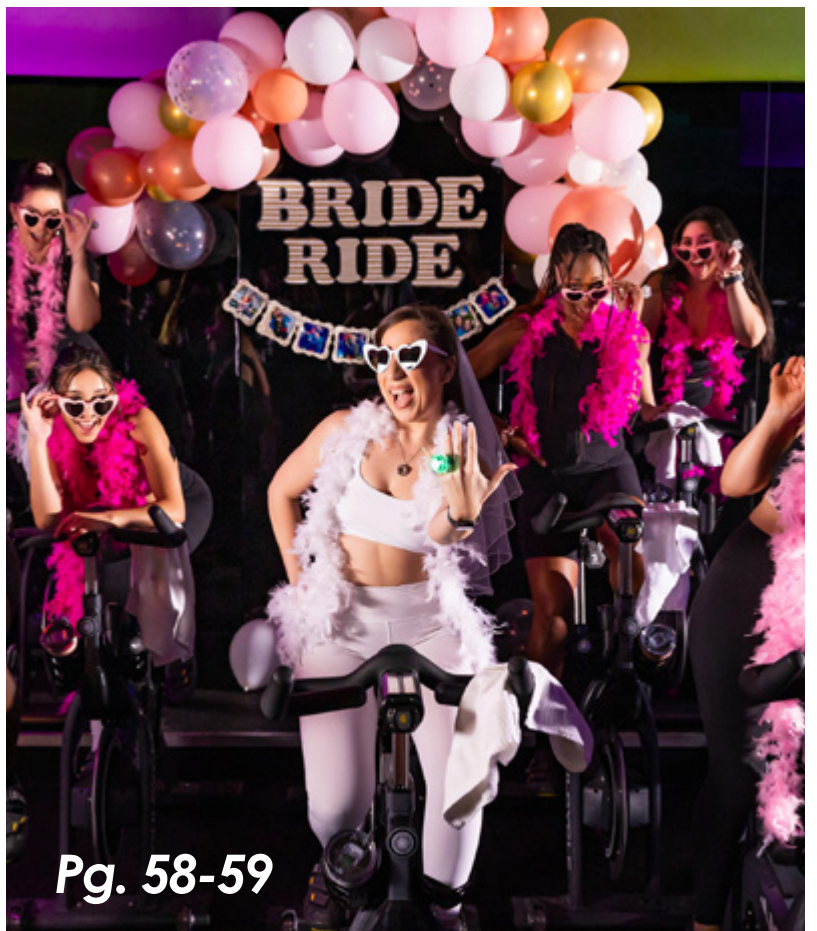
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Happy New Year – Welcome 2024

From the Publisher's Desk

First and foremost, Happy New Year, friends! We are confident that 2024 is undoubtedly going to be an incredible year! During this bustling and busy holiday season, the main sentiment that comes to the forefront of my mind is gratitude! Speaking with many local business owners in a vast array of different industries, I can tell you I often hear from local business owners how difficult and challenging quarter one and quarter four can be. And that we completely understand. No matter if your gross revenue is in the millions or thousands, one constant in my mind remains the same. I find that we often can find and/or draw strength in the mindset of gratitude. It's something that resonates with me all throughout the various seasons but is especially significant around the holidays and during the winter season. It's easy to focus on challenges, problems, and difficulties. It takes a strong and determined leader to accentuate the positive. It's said that what you focus on gets bigger. Well, while the holidays can be a time to reflect, it's also seemingly important to ponder on the good things that surround us in both our personal and professional lives. With yet another tragedy that hit our local community at UNLV last year, it's imperative as a community to be mindful, compassionate and help grieve as individuals and collectively as a community, but it's equally important to be grateful and appreciative for how quickly the police responded to the incident as their heroic and active response the chaos that ensued on campus that dreadful day likely saved many, many lives.

Focusing on other things that we are thankful for, Las Vegas to me is the best city in the world to live in. We have a powerful and resourceful community that really supports and encourages women business owners to thrive. We hope you enjoy the 2024 Women Who Wow of Las Vegas special feature issue and learning about some phenomenal women leaders in Vegas. Female entrepreneurship is on the rise and Las Vegas is no exception to incredible opportunities and the strong economic growth that women owned businesses provides to our incredible city. We celebrate these prodigious women and the indelible impact they have on our beloved city. Their genuine and uplifting characteristics, humility and decorum are just a few of the things we love to highlight in this special feature issue. Please be sure to visit their websites, follow them on social and patronize their local establishments. We truly hope you enjoy flipping through these pages, as much as we do putting everything together for your reading pleasure! Please be sure to follow @realvegasmagazine on social media and join as at some of our upcoming local events so we can see your beautiful and fabulous Vegas faces!



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Ignore the glass ceiling and do your work. If you're focusing on the glass ceiling, focusing on what you don't have, focusing on the limitations, then you will be limited.

- Ava DuVernay

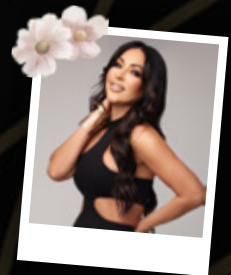


UNLOCKING THE Secret TO Stunning Makeup

By Lissette Waugh
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As a makeup artist with years of experience in the industry, I've had the privilege of working with clients from all walks of life, helping them achieve their desired looks for various occasions. Whether it's bridal makeup, a red-carpet event, a fashion shoot, or even a simple everyday look, there's one fundamental truth I've come to swear by: skincare is undeniably the foundation of great makeup. It provides the essential groundwork for a flawless and long-lasting makeup look. Here are several reasons why skincare plays a crucial role in flawless makeup application.

- 1 Smooth Canvas:**
Healthy, well-moisturized skin creates a smooth canvas for makeup application. When your skin is properly hydrated and free from dry patches or excess oil, makeup goes on more evenly and adheres better.
- 2 Improved Texture:**
Skincare can improve the overall texture of your skin. It can reduce the appearance of fine lines, wrinkles, and pores, making the makeup application appear more polished and seamless.
- 3 Hydration:**
Adequately moisturized skin prevents makeup from looking cakey or settling into fine lines and creases. Properly hydrated skin allows makeup products to blend more seamlessly.
- 4 Even Skin Tone:**
Skincare products like serums and treatments can help even out skin tone by reducing redness, hyperpigmentation, and other discolorations. This means you may require less foundation or concealer to achieve a uniform complexion.
- 5 Minimized Breakouts:**
A consistent skincare routine can help prevent breakouts, which reduces the need for heavy concealer or foundation to cover blemishes. Clearer skin provides a more natural and radiant base for makeup.
- 6 Prolonged Makeup Wear:**
Skincare can act as a primer for makeup by creating a barrier between your skin and makeup products. This can extend the longevity of your makeup, preventing it from smudging or fading throughout the day.
- 7 Less Product Required:**
When your skin is in good condition, you may find that you need less makeup to achieve your desired look. This can result in a more natural and less heavy makeup application.
- 8 Enhanced Makeup Product Performance:**
Skincare can help makeup products perform better. For example, a good moisturizer can help makeup glide on more smoothly, while a proper eye cream can prepare the delicate skin around your eyes for concealer and eyeshadow application.





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Real Vegas Ricci Says

WHY DON'T YOU?



In the realm of personal growth and self-expression, there is an undeniable imperative to expand one's horizons, particularly when it comes to fashion, literature, and style. The adage "You Only Live Once" serves as a poignant reminder of life's brevity, encouraging us to embrace the endless possibilities that surround us. With respect to fashion, this entails the exploration of diverse sartorial choices and the breaking of boundaries that may have once constrained our creativity. Literature, as a medium of enlightenment, allows us to traverse worlds, cultures, and ideas, opening our minds to fresh perspectives. In the ever-evolving landscape of style, embracing change is not merely an aesthetic pursuit but a manifestation of one's evolving identity. In honoring the sentiment of YOLO, we find the impetus to constantly refine our understanding of self and the world, championing the quest for individuality, and the cultivation of a unique and timeless sense of style.

Whether you are a risk taker or not; I can bet that there are many things you have not tried. This guide is inspired by Diana Vreeland, the former chief editor of Vogue who, from 1963 to 1971, famously had a column when she worked at Harper's Bazaar called, "Why Don't You?". Diana was a fashion expert whose dramatic personality and distinctive tastes marked her successful leadership of major American fashion magazines during the mid-20th century. She was a



WHY DON'T YOU?

- Why don't you be unafraid and buy a plane ticket to a bucket list trip? Do it... and worry about the accommodations and complications later.
- Why don't you purchase that thing you have been dreaming of? Make it expensive or eccentric but just make sure to buy it!
- Why don't you get in your car and go on a road trip to a place you have never been before?
- Why don't you pamper yourself with a deep tissue massage at a luxury hotel?
- Why don't you take a painting class?
- Why don't you stay in bed all day and do nothing except watch your favorite films?
- Why don't you start calling people when they text you? Hearing someone's voice is so powerful and real.
- Why don't you read a book cover to cover?
- Why don't you be intrepid and wear something you may have been apprehensive to wear in public? Make it shocking and turn their heads.
- Why don't you volunteer at a shelter during the holidays?
- Why don't you make an elaborate meal from scratch for your family and friends?
- Why don't you run and play in the rain?
- Why don't you take a dance class? Dancing enhances the soul.
- Why don't you put on a tuxedo or gown and go to the opera or the theatre?
- Why don't you eat caviar and drink champagne for no reason?

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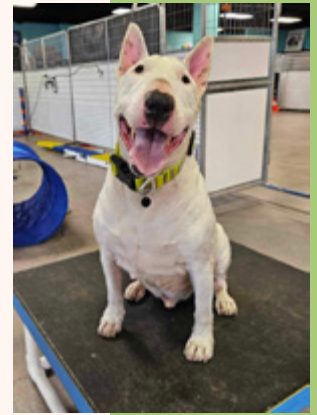
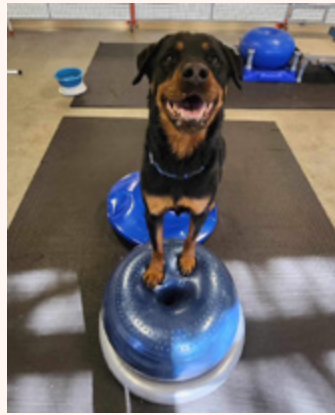
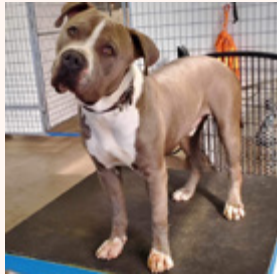
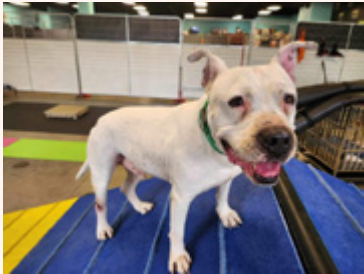
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Michael and Melissa Novelli are the Founders of Pawtastic Friends and Mayor Carolyn Goodman recently issued a Proclamation to Pawtastic Friends on November 12, 2023. Pawtastic Friends also hosted "Hope for the Holidays annual FREE fundraiser" on November 12, 2023, from 10:00am-4:00pm.

Numerous local celebrities were in attendance to join in on the furry and fun event.



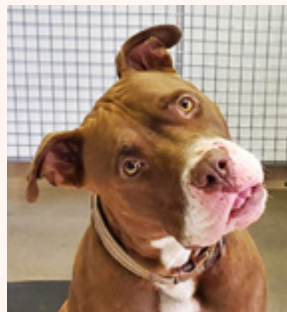
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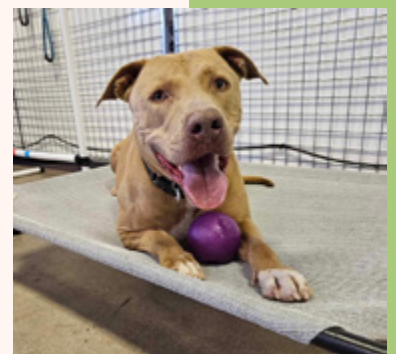
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REAL EATS

BY CHEF VIC

West Las Vegas and the food scene up there just hits me differently. Some of it could have to do with my first true kitchen job up there in one very busy Italian restaurant that was once located at 5900 West Flamingo. If you have lived here long enough, then you know exactly which restaurant I'm talking about. That was in 1996.

When it's time to have an amazing meal and support local restaurants, I tend to give a lot of attention to the West Flamingo area of town. This time around I was invited to what I feel was one of the greatest trending restaurants in that area ran and owned "hands on" by Chef Gio/ Giovanni Mauro - known as "MONZ'U - Italian Oven & Bar on 6020 West Flamingo Suite 10. A shout out to Gio's other baby- "Old School Pizza" with multiple locations. My favorite there is the massive slice that they have on that brand's menu. They use imported Italian ingredients there as well. You have many years of experience here within this situation for the most epic dining experiences wherever Gio opens shop. They have a big understanding regarding tradition, but they also know the importance of culinary trends. Before I even get started, I want to give much love to these guys for all they do! The entertainment matches their food and for sure is the best of all worlds at MONZ'U!



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THE MONZ'U EXPERIENCE-

Of course, it started off with meeting my great friends that were joining me for this soon to be wonderful food journey. First, the head of the Real Vegas Magazine fam and dear friend- Candice Wiener and joined by local professional and dear friend/ business associate Hekili Apao. I was the last to get there of course miscalculating the traffic and I walked into a lovely situation where we had Dos Caras tequila on the table waiting for me. "Thank you Hekili!"

I knew as soon as the waiter Collin came over to the table this guy was absolutely on it, and he was only going to add to this experience. He took our entire order with a combination of what we came to eat and what he suggested. And I must say as far as suggestions from the staff in there, they are one of the most well-rounded and educated staff when it comes to the food, flavors and ingredients which really does contribute to the whole dining experience and allows you to put the trust within them if you're not exactly sure what you desire or looking for some new adventures. Every time I dine in at MONZ'U, I keep trying at least one new item. It's hard to shift away from my favorites but as I order new things, I continue to find out I have more favorites within that establishment.



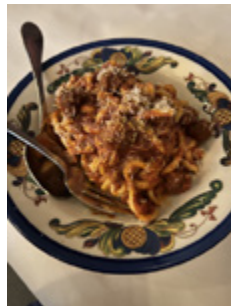
Now that our order has been given to Collin with a combination of his suggestions, let's touch on some of these amazing heart and soul creations by chef Gio. Because it is about to seriously go down as the bread yes, the homemade bread that hits the table first. Just the bread alone, please don't tell yourself you're not going to eat bread that night because if that bread is in front of you, you will be eating bread that night. There's no getting around these rustic breads and loaves that chef himself does from scratch. I'm already excited here and we are just at bread, balsamic and oil.



As we go, if you've ever been here, you know you are about to experience both traditional classic flavors and a modern twist as well as chef Gio using his unique flavor profiles to master the art of these one-of-a-kind dishes. Let's start off with the legendary stuffed lemon leaves. A tender charcoal grilled beef pork and lamb croquette wrapped in a lemon leaf before it's cooked. I must get this one every time as this is the perfect bite with the drinks after that bread.

Next up - Burrata & Porri. As I love the traditional way this cheese is mostly served, chef Gio put a magical twist on it where he added melted leeks and actually bakes the cheese in a skillet and served it with some of his delicious crostini. A very unique presentation for burrata and this flavor profile is something I never had before, but totally hit home as if I had. Then we go on to of course one of my favorites that I must have every time I'm in there as well better known as "squash blossoms". Those are tough to not think about every day once you have had them and it is one of those items you can't believe it until you eat it! The chef takes squash blossoms and fills them with ricotta cheese, a little parmesan, and some mint. Then a light batter/fry, and then serves them with a nice chunky red sauce. As you're reading this you are starting to understand now how this is very exclusive and certainly an experience as we go here.

Right as we are finished with these two appetizers, our guy brings us over a very fresh seafood dish that's known as the "Grilled turner calamari" with avocado, heirloom tomato, red onion kiwi fruit and a mint pesto. This one right here makes Gio - "The Fresh Prince of West Flamingo!"



At this time the combination of the food with the drink really all comes together, and we are having such an amazing time as the table is being cleared and the entrees are about to hit. All this excitement even before the dinner. We are having a blast right now and I'm about to share the dinner side of things.

Most of us love spaghetti and meatballs. And being an Italian American, it's very difficult for me to order it when I go out to eat. No offense to anyone but they will all understand what I mean by this. But this spaghetti and meatballs.... hits you in a different way. This is supposed to be a robust dish and somehow the chef figured out how to make it fresh and robust. Handmade spaghetti is not easy to come by, so on top of that they fold in little baby hand rolled meatballs with the fresh handmade spaghetti. And you can only imagine how good his red sauce is that is incorporated with the shaved imported cheeses and fresh garnish. The verdict here is, Gio got me to order spaghetti and meatballs when I eat there! And I am about to be due for more of that greatness soon.

And we can't just have one pasta as the "Caramelle" house made ricotta stuffed pasta with mint & porcini dust & butter hits your mouth. It was a very smooth light flavorful pasta and works well as a duo pasta with spaghetti & meatballs.

And now for the main "Pork belly pisarei e faso". We were at the point where a main course would seal the deal on this meal. This entrée was suggested by our amazing server, so we ordered this very well thought out creative pork belly dish, and just like everything else he does, this one had some great working layers to it. The slow cooked then grilled pork belly was sitting over a bed of gnocchi, sausage, borlotti beans, soffrito and tomatoes. It was that meat dish we needed to take us home for this meal. Again, everything worked so well together down to taking the fork full of the last few pieces and getting a bite of everything. The last bite was just as perfect as the first. Well done in the creation of this dish.

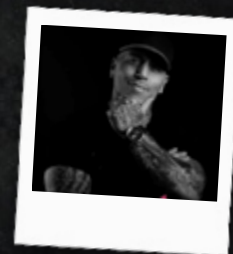
Their dessert menu was absolutely amazing as I have indulged in that before, and I highly recommend dessert when you visit that establishment. To finish things off with this lovely meal, since we ate so well, we just had a little double of espresso and biscotti. The perfect way to end this amazing evening with these great people in this fabulous establishment created by, in my book, one of the best chefs in this city. Gio! Thank you for all you do! Looking forward to all the food adventures you will be bringing to life in the future!

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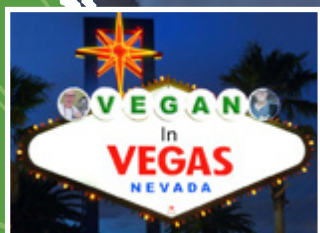


Down2Earth Out of this World; Lazeez Options In

By Charles Karel Bouley

I've now had the best Po'boy in Las Vegas, vegan or otherwise. It was like a hidden treasure at the end of a hunt, thanks to the maze that is Town Square at Sunset and Las Vegas Blvd. The Po'Boy (and rest of the menu) is the creation of Chef Parker, a San Francisco/Oakland native now calling Las Vegas his home and the vegan, and foodie, communities are all the better for it.

I first encountered Down2Earth at the now shuttered Vegas Test Kitchen downtown. That's where I had his fish sandwich (made from deep fried oyster mushrooms and a seasoned coating from the Gods). Now, they are located in Town Square, upstairs, across from AMC and next to the Blue Martini. They share a space with a non-vegan pizza parlor named Solamente Pizza, so if you've found them, you've found Down2Earth.





The menu is eclectic, from sandwiches to waffles and lots and lots of vegan pizzas. There are also daily and weekly specials, so be sure and check the menu down2earthplantbased.com for additions or subtractions.

As mentioned, the Po'Boy is a star for me, filled with deep fried and deliciously seasoned mushrooms that somehow don't taste like mushrooms. The Fish Fry is still available, and I still remember its fabulous vegan brioche bun and unique tartar sauce. The Avocado Pesto could be a staple for any lunch, with a basil pesto, arugula, tomato, avocado and mounds of sprouts. Each sandwich is served with fries or a side salad. Get the side salad. Many restaurants make side salads an afterthought. Not Chef Parker and his friendly staff. The salad was a delight, from the mixed greens to the facon' bits (fake bacon).



Now, vegan mac-n-cheese is hit and miss at many places. Here, it shines as Truffle n' Mushroom mac-n-cheese. It's got two kinds of noodles, cremini mushroom, vegan cheese, truffle oil and panko breadcrumbs with vegan parmesan on top. It's so good, they make a pizza out of it. It's enough for two people, or an entree for sure.

And then, there's the pizzas. They have six signature ones, plus specials; some featuring Beyond Meat products, others like the Hawaiian with pepperoni, vegan bacon, fresh pineapple, red onion, vegan mozz.... big enough to share, but you won't want to once you see it.

Prices range from \$11 up to about \$20 depending on the dish, but worth every penny and great portions. Dessert changes, for me it was all about the lemon pound cake and/or the blueberry cobbler cookie (why choose, take one home, so I did).



Chef Parker and his staff are creating decadent and delightful plant-based treats that any foodie will love, vegan or not. Go on the treasure hunt at Town Square, find the right escalators by AMC and there will be a pot of vegan gold at the end of the rainbow. Hours are 12p to 9p Sunday-Thursday, 12 to 12 Friday & Saturday. They deliver through all services. 6559 Las Vegas Blvd. S., #B-209, Las Vegas, NV 725.214.3755. Tell them you read about in Real Vegas Magazine and/or veganinvegas.com

Lazeez Options In: Many ethnic restaurants can do vegan, but Lazeez Indian Grill at Desert Inn and Durango (8560 W. Desert Inn Rd, 702-778-1613) has now created a vegan lunch for \$18.99 well worth the price.



They always have vegan options on their buffet, but now, you can get two entrees, samosas, pakoras, poori or roti...a ton of delicious plant-based food for under \$20. Aaloo Saag, Veggie Korma, Aaloo Cholay, Okra...there's so many to choose from that you can come back again and again and not repeat. Ember and I eat here at least once a week and they never disappoint. And it's great if you have non-vegan friends, you'll still get great, made-to-order goodness while they can sample the other faire.

To read more about these and other restaurants go to veganinvegas.com and listen for reviews on The Karel Cast wherever you get your podcasts. Reviews are often featured at youtube.com/reallykarel so subscribe as well as realvegasmagazine.com Send comments to comments@veganinvegas.com



Orthopedic Protection *for Pets*

By Dr. Johnathan L. Snead

Dogs/cats are beloved companions to many but are not immune to physical ailments. Taking preventative measures to protect your pets from orthopedic problems is essential. This includes regular exercise to maintain muscle strength and joint flexibility, a healthy diet to maintain a healthy weight and provide crucial nutrients, and a safe environment to prevent accidents and injuries. Additionally, keeping up with regular veterinary visits can help catch any potential problems early on and allow for timely treatment. At Animal Focus Vet, our mission is to create a culture beyond treating the symptoms and educate pet owners to increase their quality of life and extend their pet's lifespans.

Orthopedic problems refer to any condition or disease that affects pets' bones, joints, muscles, ligaments, or tendons. These problems can cause pain, lameness, and reduced mobility and affect pets of any age, breed, or size. Ignoring lameness is relatable to driving a vehicle with low tire pressure. The question is not if the failure will happen but when. Addressing one issue can lead to more significant problems. For instance, limping on a limb will create compensation and extra stress on the other limbs. In turn, they lead to additional injury & pain if care is not sought immediately.



Comprehensive physical exams, radiographs, and routine blood work/urinalysis can help diagnose all the problems listed below and many others. Preventative care measures provide quality and comfort for every pet.

With summer approaching, it is essential to recognize the signs and symptoms that mimic lameness but may be more serious such as thermal burns of the paws or other orthopedic issues. Please consider that even a 5 to 10-minute walk on a hot surface can lead to thermal burns. This is extremely painful for pets and may not be noticeable for several hours after the initial burn. If you have any questions we are always here to help at Animal Focus Vet.

COMMON ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS IN PETS:

- 1. Trauma or injury:** Dogs can get injured due to accidents, falls, or fights with other animals, resulting in limping or favoring a limb.
- 2. Hip/elbow dysplasia:** This genetic condition affects the hip/ elbow joint and can cause pain, stiffness, and lameness.
- 3. Osteoarthritis** is a degenerative joint disease that can cause pain, stiffness, and reduced mobility in pets. It is most common in older pets but may also affect younger animals.
- 4. Cruciate ligament injuries:** The cruciate ligaments are two bands of tissue in the knee joint that help stabilize the joint. Damage to these ligaments can cause pain, instability, and lameness. This is a common injury in athletes as well.
- 5. Patellar luxation:** This is a condition where the kneecap slides out of place, causing lameness and discomfort.
- 6. Intervertebral disc disease (IVDD):** This condition affects the spinal discs and can cause pain, weakness, and paralysis in pets.
- 7. Elbow dysplasia:** This genetic condition affects the elbow joint and can cause pain, stiffness, and lameness.
- 8. Bone Fractures:** Fractures of the bones can be caused by trauma, cancer, or injury, resulting in severe pain and reduced mobility.
- 9. Growth plate injuries:** Growth plates are areas of developing bone in young animals. Damage to these areas can cause abnormal bone growth and deformity.
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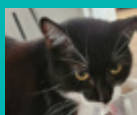


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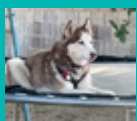
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Thank you for sharing your Dog Shots with us.



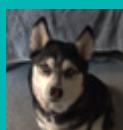
Name: Oscar
Breed: Maltese
Age: 13
Besides being obsessed with his dog mom, he doesn't age, he still looks like a puppy.



Name: SPOT
Breed: Tuxedo Cat
Age: 4
Loves Shrimp.



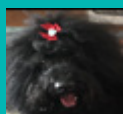
Name: Xena
Breed: Siberian Husky
Age: 8
Xena has the clearest blue eyes, and she loves hanging out on the trampoline.



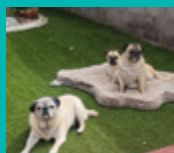
Name: Lola Davis
Breed: Husky
Age: 6
She's named after Lola Falana, the famous show girl in Las Vegas who hung out with Sammy Davis Jr. and the Rat Pack (Our last name is Davis, and our other 2 Dogs are Dino and Joey for Dean Martin and Joey Bishop of Rat Pack).



Name: Tequila
Breed: Havanese
Age: 9
Tequila likes to be in charge of everything and everyone, everywhere she goes. She usually gets her way.



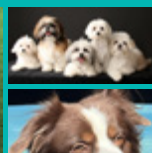
Name: Skyee
Breed: Puli (Hungarian Sheep Dog)
Age: 5
Skyee loves to herd everyone and everything, even the two desert tortoises, who pay her no attention whatsoever, much to her chagrin.



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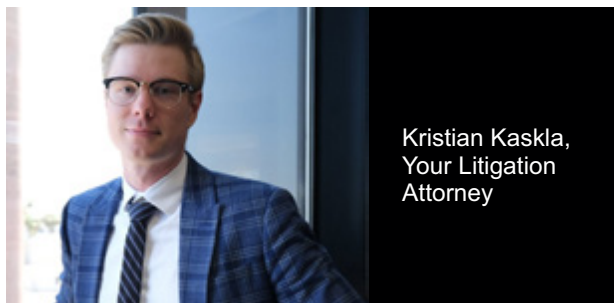


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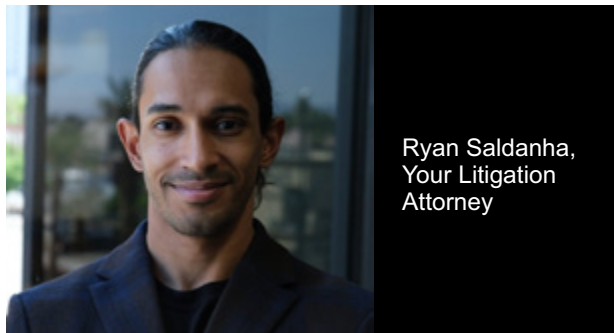
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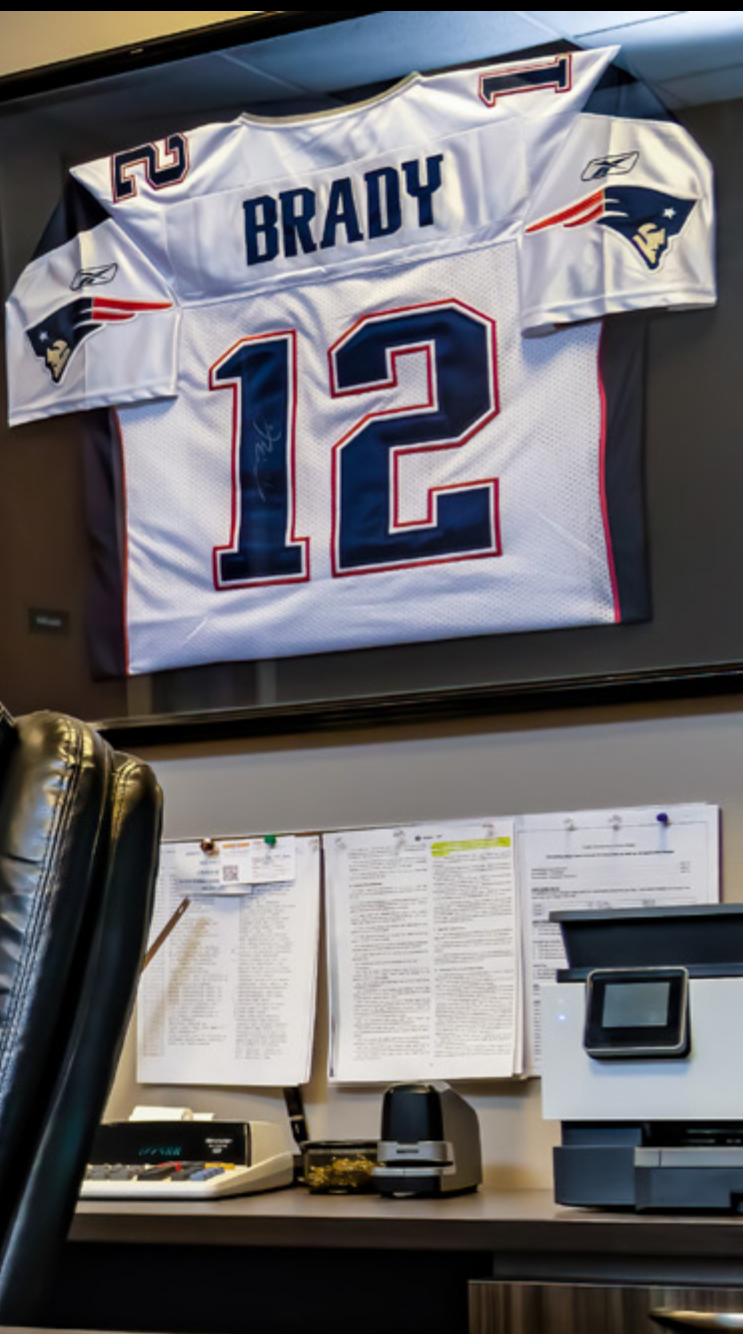
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On The Fence with Monica Welch of the Tiberti Fence Company



Fence is not really something most people think about unless they need to keep the neighbors out or the dogs in, but for almost 70 years, The Tiberti Fence Company has installed and maintained fences and gates for residential, commercial, and industrial customers. If you have been in Las Vegas for any amount of time you have probably seen one of their little yellow signs attached to the fences that run along the washes or installed around construction sites. As the largest full-service fence company in the state, Tiberti has a 75,000 square foot yard capable of holding enough material to accommodate any size project. They specialize in chain link and ornamental iron, but if it is a fence product, Tiberti can install it.

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With this kind of history, it may then be seen as a surprising move to have a non-family member run the day-to-day operations of what is arguably the most visible and well-known company in the Tiberti Group. What may be even more surprising is that they chose a woman to step into this leadership position. Change is inevitable and in order to survive and grow, it must be embraced.

Enter Monica Welch! She was promoted to Director of Operations on July 1st, 2022, after several years of serving in different positions throughout The Tiberti Fence Company. Monica brings an extensive knowledge of economics and accounting from her twenty-year background in the banking industry. She also has over twenty years of experience in the Las Vegas construction industry. Previously, the U.S. Department of Labor listed the following statistics; women make up 55% of the population and 47% of the workforce. Of the women in the workforce, 10% of them are in fields related to construction or the trades. This boils down to only about 1% of workers in the United States being women in construction. Though this is the 21st century, Monica Welch is still a pioneer in her field.

Monica spent a majority of her younger years in the New England area. Thus, making her an NFL Patriots and hence a Tom Brady fan for life! (Sorry Raiders!) She moved to Las Vegas in 1975 when her father was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base and the entire family relocated to Nevada. Mrs. Welch considers Las Vegas to be her hometown. When she first started driving, there were only two freeways; the I-15 and the 95 which ended at Decatur Blvd. She loved this city then and loves it even more now as it has expanded to become a world class destination with grand luxury hotels and championship winning professional sports teams. It is where she met and married her high school sweetheart over forty years ago and where together they raised two beautiful children. Monica's family also includes two wonderful grandsons who will be among the next generation of Las Vegas.

Monica is not hindered by or trepidatious about leading a heritage company and local institution like Tiberti Fence. She is dedicated to continuing to uphold its traditional values of integrity and stability as well as building on its established legacy. Her vision for the company's future includes expanding business into Northern Nevada and Southern Utah. Monica's plans also include increasing the types of services the company offers.

Mrs. Welch knows that the success of Tiberti Fence lies with the employees and the teamwork of the field crew and office staff. She enjoys working with all key personnel from every aspect of a project to help ensure jobs are completed in a timely and successful manner. It is her belief in people that leads Monica to invest in employee education, new technology and equipment. She is proud to be with a company that values and respects their employees, and she is excited to be part of laying the foundation for the next 70 years.

Entrepreneurship is **BANANAS**

Meet the Real Lea Lana of *Lea Lana's Bananas*



Fruitful Beginnings

Lea Lana's Bananas sprouted from a moment of whimsy when, on a quest to spread happiness, I strolled through my kitchen and caught a glimpse of a grinning banana sitting on the counter. That instant sparked the idea to turn this cheerful fruit into something that could bring smiles to others.

Entrepreneurship runs in my blood, dating back generations. My mom pioneered her own Recycled Children Clothing Stores, while my grandfather helmed Sterling Bank, a haven for Hollywood stars and musicians. Even further back, my great grandparents thrived with a bustling farm in Buchanan, Saskatoon, Canada, raising 13 children alongside their business. I dove into the world of entrepreneurship at a tender age, joining my mom's clothing stores at 9. She mentored me, starting with small tasks and gradually entrusting me with more significant responsibilities. These early lessons laid a rock-solid foundation that prepared me for diverse roles in my life. Simultaneously, I spent school breaks alongside my grandfather, immersing myself in the fascinating world of banking. Those days were filled with endless adventures, fueling a fervent desire within me to one day have a business of my own. These childhood experiences ignited an unwavering passion for entrepreneurship that continues to drive me today.

Banana Adventures

My entrepreneurial adventures spanned various ventures—Wedding Day Newsletters, Daycare, Homewares, Real Estate, and more. With each, I meticulously planned every detail: business strategies, marketing schemes, logo designs—you name it. But when I leaped into Lea Lana's Bananas, I tossed plans aside and embraced the unknown.

It all sprouted from a simple idea: slicing bananas, dipping them in chocolate, freezing them, and rolling them in toppings. Fun fact: the original banana pops sported pretzel sticks until we realized they were more breakable than sturdy, swiftly swapping them for popsicle sticks. By day's end, I had a rhyming business name, a business license, social media, and a call to a friend—a potential builder for a mobile Banana Cart, a concept we hadn't quite figured out yet. It was my first dive into something without a detailed plan, solely driven by the desire to spread happiness through bananas.

Operating the Banana Cart at private events for six months came with its challenges, as did delivering frozen treats in a scorching desert. Then came a call from The Forum Shops, offering me a spot. Terrified yet believing in the "try before you fail" mantra, I exclaimed YES! Yet, fate



smiled as the current tenant decided to stay, granting a momentary sigh of relief. More calls followed—from Premium Outlets to Palazzo—but those didn't pan out.

That's when the idea of a local shop began to form. November 2019 marked the discovery of the perfect space. Months flew by, dedicated to construction, and on March 9th, 2020, I proudly opened my doors—only to celebrate my grand opening solo. Debt loomed, no staff, an untested menu, and a grocery store of rationing bananas—it was quite the launch.



From Bananas to Bananagers

Every entrepreneur worldwide will tell you, navigating the world of hiring and managing employees is one rollercoaster of a journey. Let's face it—finding someone with your fire and passion, ready to pull eighteen-hour days, seven-days a week for years is yet to be found. And to think, Entrepreneurs do it all for no pay.

Back when the business was a snug fit, I juggled it all—phone calls, orders, deliveries, even the trusty Banana Cart—every last bit of it. Then came the light bulb moment: growth meant embracing change, which, in my case, meant bringing in a team. Luckily, my kids had hit their teenage years, and just as my mother had laid my groundwork, I saw an opportunity to do the same for them. I invited them aboard, and each found their unique spot. Nathan, the eldest, thrives as a shift lead, craving direction while getting the job done. Hailey, the middle child, reigns supreme, mastering everything from shop operations to balancing the books. And Airiella, the youngest, rules the Waterpark Banana Cart, steering that ship like a pro.

Then, in 2021, my childhood bestie, Kat, jumped on board as our Operations Bananager (Yes, Bananager—it's a thing here at Lea Lana's Bananas!). Beyond our family crew, we've welcomed several teenagers into the mix. It's a joy sculpting their customer service finesse, work ethic, and life-lasting skills. What's amazing? Running the day-to-day at Lea Lana's Bananas is powered by this teen squad—they're given plenty of responsibility but lots of freedom, and they rock it!



Frozen Pops to Pudding and Beyond

Inspired by the streamlined approach of In-N-Out Burger and the incredible strides made by Lynsi Snyder, I set my sights on simplicity for my business model—only, I wished bananas had the same burger-level popularity! Our concept kickstarted with a frozen banana, a menu staple from day one that remains close to our hearts.



A few years into running the Banana Shop, a light bulb moment struck: Banana Pudding. Crafting this delight turned heads, especially when our Saturday lineup formed at 10 am, clearing us out of pudding by noon! We heeded our customers' desires and soon made it a daily star on our menu. Our Pudding is now Instagram and world-famous with customers visiting us from as far away as Japan.

Expanding our horizons, we introduced other banana-centric treats—Banana Splits, Shakes, and Sundaes—and threw in a twist for non-banana enthusiasts with Chocolate-Dipped Frozen Cheesecake and Strawberry Cheesecake Pudding. Occasionally, I stumble upon fresh ideas on Pinterest, like Cocoa Bombs, which soared in sales but demanded hours of effort daily. Lesson learned: diversity in the menu is key but keeping an eye on production time is vital. If it's simple, uses available ingredients, and doesn't hog the clock, why not give it a whirl?

Bananas Branding and Big Dreams

When this journey began, I'll admit, I had no clue where it would lead—and truth be told, I'm still navigating the path ahead. I approach new opportunities with a keen eye, weighing their impact on the business and brand. With Hailey and the Squad now steering the day-to-day ship, I've gained the freedom to focus on a bigger dream: expanding our reach to become a nationwide brand, spreading happiness across the entire US.

Franchising inquiries flood in constantly, but my heart's not in it. What drives me is elevating customer satisfaction, delivering stunning gifts, and crafting desserts worthy of a snapshot. Presently, my sights are set on securing a second shop right here in Las Vegas before venturing beyond state borders. Our current footprint includes a bustling shop on S. Rainbow, two vibrant Carts at The Las Vegas Ballpark, and another at Cowabunga Waterpark in the southwest (keeping fingers crossed for the Henderson spot in 2024!). Beyond business aspirations, I'm fueled by a larger goal: establishing a foundation to nurture future female entrepreneurs. My aim is to pave the way, offering insights into the grit, dedication, expertise, and, crucially, the art of branding—an indispensable ingredient for making your mark in the business world.

Thanks, a "bunch" for taking the time to get to know Lea Lana Banana!

Visit them online or better yet, stop in for a box of sweet treats!

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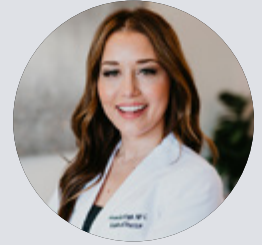
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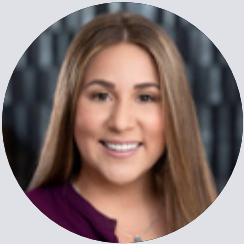
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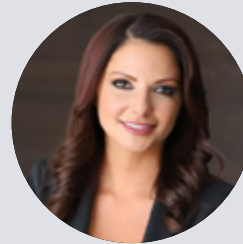
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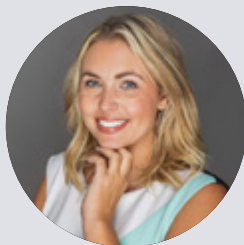
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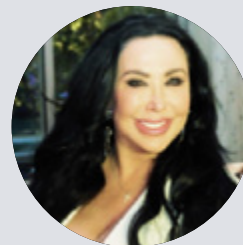
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ZOI BREES WELLNESS

Meet the Owner, the Real Zoi Brees

Zoi empowers women to master the true embodiment of "self", creating a fulfilled lifestyle through intuitive eating, movement, personal development, and mastering control of their life.

She believes success is more than external. This is where most women settle and stop pursuing their next level, but not because they don't want to. Zoi's method refers to the body-leading-the-mind approach, helping the modern-day middle-aged women, like herself. Certified as a women's transformational holistic wellness coach and educator, specializing in whole body mindfulness and health, Zoi holds multiple certifications and is extensively educated in a variety of dietary theories, including weight management, nutrition, hormone disruption, mindset

fitness, soul journaling/scripting and body image. Zoi wants her clients to not only look good, but to feel good from the inside out. She is committed to her clients, giving them tools to reach higher wellness levels with intention and purpose, driven by achievement, mindset shifts and inspirational growth. She says, "making decisions out of choice and empowerment can help build resilience, self-esteem, self-worth, as you take an active role in shaping your life and making choices that will positively impact your health and wellbeing." Zoi's Elite Wellness plans are designed for sustainable healthy living and have proven to transform many lives. Her mission and passion are to meet every woman, in their divine timing, on this unique life path to activate and support their shift wherever need be.

A Bit About Zoi:

A Las Vegas Native, Zoi has been in the health and fitness industry being an integral part of the Juice Bar at LVAC, since her husband launching the business in 1996. Growing up with a father that was "health focused", she followed in his footsteps, having a passion for living a healthy lifestyle. She says, "making mindful choices isn't hard, you just need to know how to manage it". As a fitness enthusiast Zoi has challenged herself in a variety of endeavors, including biking in Tuscany Italy, NPC figure competitions and triathlons. She says the benefits of daily movement, help emotions move through our bodies, which provides an outlet for self-expression. Strengthening the connection, we have with our bodies is fundamental for ageing gracefully. Zoi's best-loved meal is, blacked salmon with greens and a sweet potato, or a crispy thin crust pizza loaded with mushrooms. Zoi's philosophy is eating all food groups in a balanced macronutrient manner. Her workout of choice is weight/strength training, as she says it's the key to longevity. If you see Zoi out-and-about, she says her "daily look" is anything athleisure, with her hair in a top-knot, but also loves fashion and getting glammed up for a night out, concert or event. She loves being outdoors, doing "mindset walks", hiking, biking and being in the mountains. Zoi's most cherished moments in life have been being a mom to her son, whom will be getting married in the spring to his beautiful girl, and her favorite time spent is with her husband & amazing family along with her dearest friends. She has developed a passion for traveling and says, "Greece is a must", and has a huge love for Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Getting the most compliments on her long thick Greek hair and eyebrows, she says she also frequently gets asked about her scent, which is Angel by Thierry Muglar that she's been wearing since 1999. Zoi's advice for the deepest connection, with "self" is to make yourself and your health a priority! Treat your vision as your reality!



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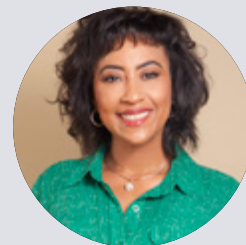
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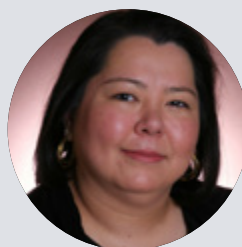
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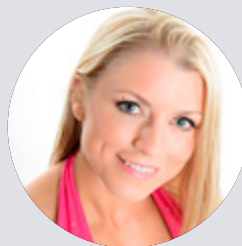


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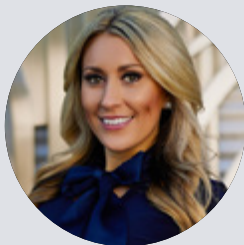
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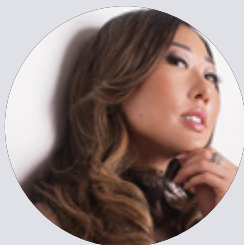
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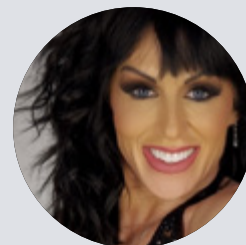
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Let's Talk About Real Growth and
Delicious Island Flavor

Meet the Real Alisa Park, Owner of Watch Me Grow Child Development Center and Island Flavor Hawaiian BBQ

Alisa Park is a St. Louis native who has proudly called Las Vegas home for 30 years. When she originally moved to Las Vegas, she noticed a need that she wanted to help fulfill in the Las Vegas community for home health care and her home health care start up, that she founded in 2003, was just the beginning of her success story! As a small business owner, Alisa has always had the desire to focus on ways she could help the community by providing essential services. She has owned and operated Watch Me Grow Child Development Center, a childcare facility in North Las Vegas for over 15 years. One of the most important passions of hers has been about the quality and care for children through her Watch Me Grow Childhood Development Center which provides childcare to children of all ages with programs for infants, toddlers, pre-school age, and provides before and after school programs, as well as summer camps for children.



It's evident to us that Alisa has worked tirelessly throughout her life and career as a selfless caretaker for others in need. Being a caretaker is no easy feat. To be great at it requires specific characteristics that not all people embody. Aside from being selfless, an extreme amount of empathy is involved in caring for others in need as well as a copious amount of resiliency, as caring for others needs above your own can often be a thankless job.

For the past 6 years, Alisa has been involved in the food service industry. She's also the proud owner of the Island Flavor brand of Hawaiian BBQ restaurants and currently has three locations to serve the Las Vegas Valley. Island Flavor's menu is filled with Hawaiian dishes that are sure to please and satisfy your Hawaiian food craving and will leave you wanting to sample the rest of the many options they have to offer. True island favorites await you at Island Flavor, such as Loco Moco, Furikake Chicken and Chicken Katsu, all homemade with quality ingredients. Their customers can always count on the food to be fresh and the portions to be plentiful! Island Flavor is also inside Allegiant Stadium and plans to open 2-3 more locations by the end of 2024.

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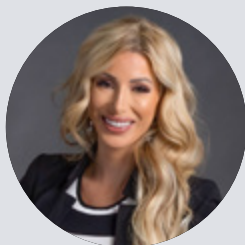
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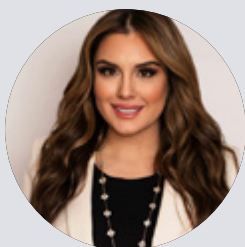
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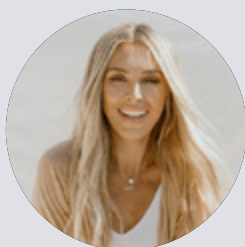
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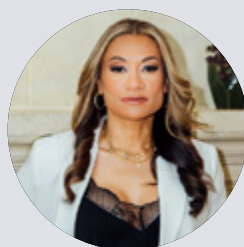
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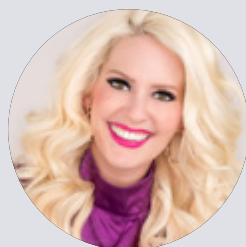
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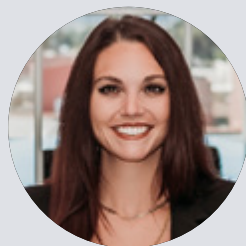
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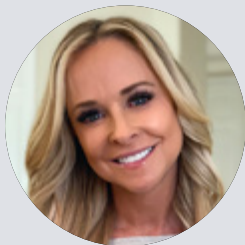
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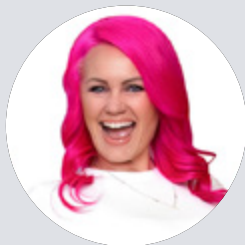
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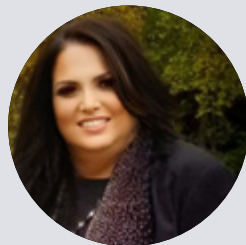
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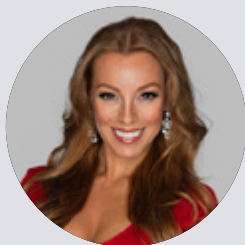
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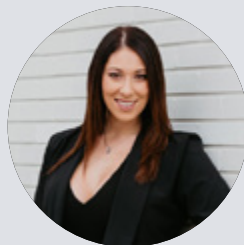
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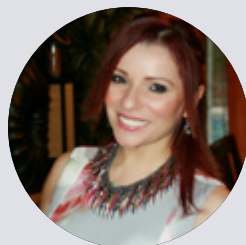
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Beauty on the Inside and Out –

Allow us to Reintroduce you to the Real

Tiffany Q.

Tiffany Q. is such an iconic Real Vegas cover model and an extremely uplifting and inspirational woman, it's no wonder she continually comes across our nomination portals as a 'Women Who Wow' of Las Vegas. Her love of travel gives us no doubt that she continues to wow wherever her adventures take her!



Tiffany exemplifies so much of what we look for in honoring the 'Women Who Wow' each year. She is a kind, happy and fun woman who loves Vegas with all her heart and makes it so seemingly simplistic for us and Las Vegas to love her right back. When Tiffany is in town, she mostly enjoys spending time with her family, friends and loved ones. She enjoys frequenting many local attractions like the Las Vegas Strip, Downtown Summerlin, Desert Shores, Red Rock Canyon, and Mount Charleston. When Tiffany is in town, a typical weekend usually consists of a Friday night dinner at Harlo Steakhouse in Downtown Summerlin or sipping on a dirty martini at Cathedral on the Strip. An ideal Saturday would be spent hiking at Red Rock and in the evening, joining friends for dinner and drinks at Jing. Wherever Tiffany goes, music, joy, and happiness flow throughout the evening. We recently accompanied Tiffany for her birthday celebration at Jing and it was no surprise this VIP and kind-hearted woman was greeted by the Chef bringing her an impromptu birthday dessert to share with her friends and guests.

Tiffany's Sundays are not completed without a breathtaking water view brunch at Americana in Desert Shores. She enjoys some delightful mimosas with friends for Sunday brunch and says, "Chef Stephen Blandino is simply the best!" Tiffany's ideal ending to a Sunday evening is sharing a family meal with her loved ones.

You might notice Tiffany's antique bracelet that adorns her wrist. This was a gift from her grandma, and it's called the eye of the ocean. It is said to represent the magical power within us and change many aspects of your life. It's also believed to help accumulate and manifest huge wealth and aid you in achieving your most unrealistic wishes. Tiffany says, "It improves your magnetic field and brings your wishes to fruition." Her antique sea-spirit bracelet acts as a guardian and possesses the power of assistance to guide you in all aspects of your life.

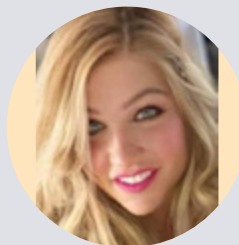
As we welcome 2024, the Year of the Dragon, remember that we are all so fortunate to live in this wonderful city of Las Vegas! Tiffany's wishes for everyone are to make this year the best year for you. And with a cheerful heart, she says to remember to, live, love and be happy.



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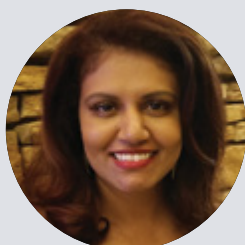
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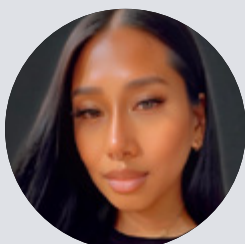


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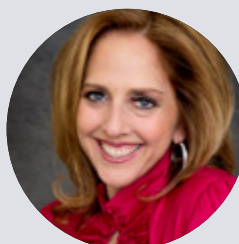


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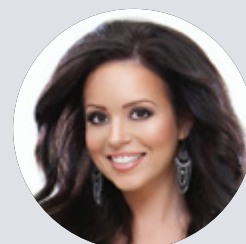


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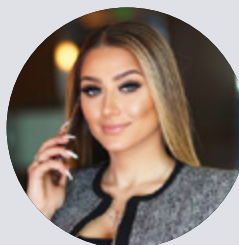


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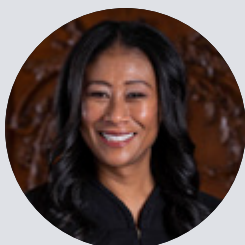
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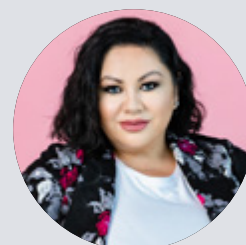


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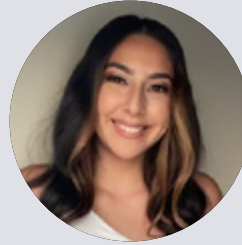




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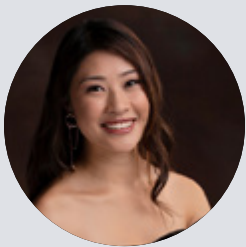
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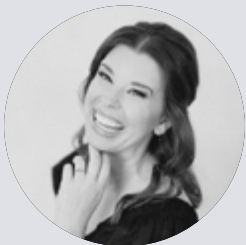
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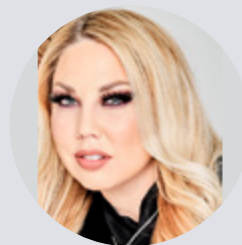
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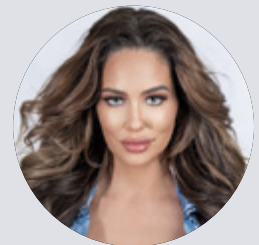
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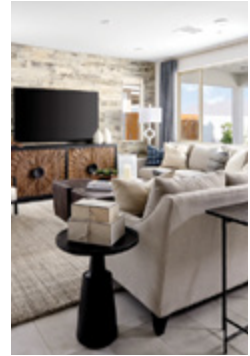
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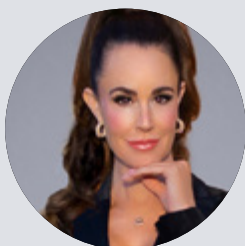
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She is a well-traveled independent travel agent; she brings a wealth of global experiences to curate personalized and unforgettable journeys for her clients. She is dedicated to ensuring that your journey is seamless, she takes pride in her meticulous planning and open communication to ensure your travel experience is not just a trip; it's a personalized adventure crafted with care. She is a proud Board member of Professional Travel Agents of North America- PTANA, and Certified Member of Cruise Lines International Association-CLIA, and International Air Transport Association - IATA.

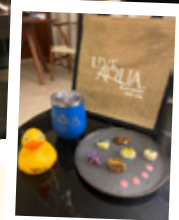
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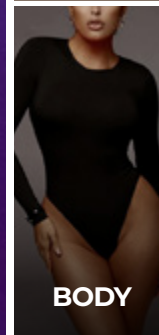
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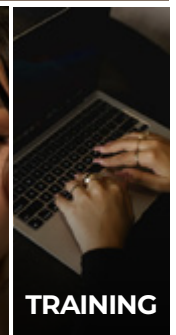
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A Local Entrepreneur with a Twist – The Real Michele Rothstein



An entrepreneur from a young age, it's no wonder Michele Rothstein, CEO and Owner of Balloons with a Twist has continued to pivot and evolve spanning three decades within both her professional and personal life. Michele always knew she had an eye for business. Instead of her parents giving her a weekly allowance, they would purchase treats for her from the local Price Club (now known as Costco) and Michele would sell candy bars for .50 cents and Blow Pops for .25 cents. She was making a hundred dollars a week in junior high. She says she loved figuring out exactly what her profit margin was.

At the ambitious age of 23, Michele decided to move to Las Vegas and start a balloon company. In the beginning she did everything by herself and spent a good amount of time making balloon animals, hats, and other creative things for patrons in restaurants while they were sitting at their tables. As Balloons with a Twist started to flourish and her team began to expand, Michele ended up spending more time in the office doing the scheduling and bookings. She claims that her team's skill level far surpassed hers, but we believe this is just an example of how humble she was and still is.





After the 9/11 tragedy, Michele found herself needing to pivot once again with restaurants not having the additional income for specialty services. She decided the time was right to focus on balloon décor. She assembled a talented team and started doing incredible, one-of-a-kind, and out of the box balloon installations. When local casinos and hotels started using their services, it elevated Balloons with a Twist to a whole new level.



As in her career, Michele's personal life has also evolved. After having gastric bypass surgery in 2005, Michele lost 200 pounds and transformed her body over the next few years. She became a health and fitness enthusiast went to daily bootcamp classes, became a Turbo Kick Boxing instructor at 24 Hour Fitness, ran a full marathon and received her 200-hour yoga teacher training certification. On any random morning if you call her, you most likely will find her running into F45 to do her daily fitness training or on her way to the yoga studio to maintain her healthy lifestyle. Michele also enjoys helping others along their fitness journeys since she's had such a significant fitness adventure herself.

Michele's involvement in the local philanthropic world is another one of her passions. She currently is involved with the following organizations:

Community Advisory Board of St. Jude's Ranch for Children
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Michele is also involved with Dress for Success, Juvenile Justice Impact, Make a Wish, and Aid for AIDS of Nevada.



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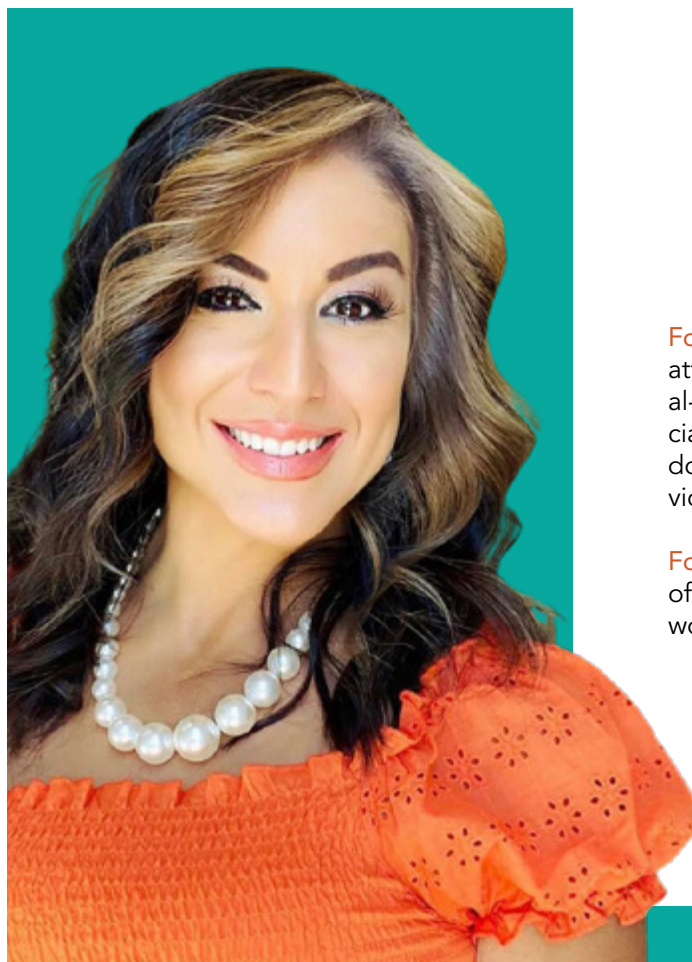
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BEHIND THE WOMEN WHO WOW US

Meet the Real Dr. Lane Smith, M.D.



One woman in particular I have worked with and have known for 15 years is Arianny Celeste. She is widely recognized as the stunning 6X World MMA Awards Ring Girl of the Year of the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), has captivated audiences worldwide with her beauty and charisma. With her flawless features and sizzling physique, Celeste has become an icon in the world of mixed martial arts. However, what many may not know is that she has been open about her journey with plastic surgery, making her an ideal figure to discuss about plastic surgery and beauty. She has been featured in Maxim, FHM, Playboy, and Sports Illustrated.



Celeste has been vocal about her decision to enhance her appearance through plastic surgery, emphasizing the importance of self-confidence and self-improvement. She has undergone procedures such as breast augmentation, rhinoplasty, and lip fillers, all of which have contributed to her stunning looks. By sharing her experiences, Celeste not only inspires others to embrace their own beauty but also highlights the positive impact that plastic surgery can have on one's self-esteem. Her openness about her procedures can serve as a valuable resource for readers interested in exploring their own options for cosmetic enhancements.

This is what leads us into where every good woman who wows us is Dr. Lane Smith, M.D., a renowned four-time board-certified plastic surgeon and the founder of Smith Plastic Surgery in Las Vegas. Dr. Smith is not only an expert in his field but also the visionary behind Delourier, an upscale women's high fashion line. Join us as we delve into the future of retail and gain insights from this remarkable pioneer and artist for the women who wow us.



Delourier prides itself on its commitment to excellence and aims to empower women through its unique creations. The brand's collection includes custom-made dresses, each adorned with a variety of high-quality materials that ooze luxury and sophistication. From 18-karat gold to sterling silver and stainless steel, these materials are carefully chosen to ensure that every woman feels extraordinary in their own skin.



Dr. Smith, as the visionary behind Delourier, knows a woman's body better than anyone else. Having worked on countless patients throughout his career, he has gained invaluable insight into their insecurities and goals for physical transformation. This deep understanding reflects in every piece he designs, as he strives to enhance a woman's natural beauty and boost her self-assurance. Delourier has become a source of inspiration and empowerment for women who want to look and feel their absolute best. The brand has successfully merged the worlds of fashion and cosmetic surgery, combining the expertise of a top plastic surgeon with the creativity of a renowned fashion designer. The result? A collection that embraces individuality, elegance, and a profound sense of self-expression.

For more information about Arianny Celeste and her journey with plastic surgery, as well as Dr. Lane Smith, M.D. and his groundbreaking work in the field of cosmetic procedures and high fashion, please visit their respective websites and social media on Instagram, X, or Facebook. Dr. Lane Smith, M.D.'s website for Smith Plastic Surgery and Delourier can be accessed at [smithsurgery.com](https://www.smithsurgery.com). Additionally, for any inquiries or to schedule a consultation, you can reach out to Dr. Lane Smith, M.D. directly through their contact information provided on his website.

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Shabbat in Chicago:

An inspiring Latina woman shares her love with her local community.
Beautifully written by David Montalvo



The author shares his childhood experiences with a single mom. He acknowledges her struggles and ultimate faith. Her faith kept her believing in humanity and in caring for others. She always found a way to give what little she had to inspire others and to help them most in their time of need.

Dive into the captivating world of 'Shabbat in Chicago,' a book that delves into the audacious journey of a single mom who opens her heart and home to five adopted kids. She seamlessly intertwines her vibrant Latino heritage with the rich tapestry of Judaism. In this intriguing narrative, the matriarch becomes a culinary virtuoso, pulling together the most extravagant Shabbat feasts that transform her house into a vibrant gathering space for souls from diverse backgrounds. She was able to host 100 people for a Shabbat dinner and made sure everyone had a plate to eat while making them feel at home. Some people say it was a miracle on





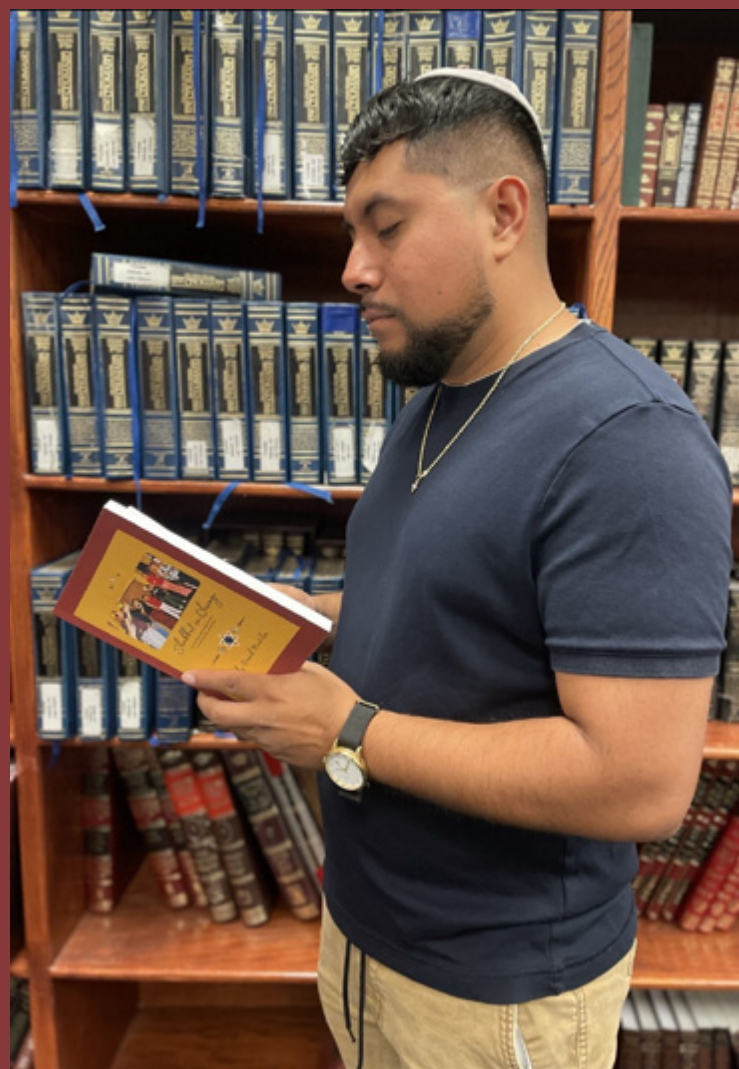
how she served her Latino community. She was able to fix broken families by finding them a new place to live. Her gift was connecting with people and making them feel loved.

This story shatters traditional boundaries, shedding light on the unique blend of Latino and Jewish cultures. 'Shabbat in Chicago' promises to be a game changer. It is poised to redefine our understanding of Jewish identity, showing that it's as diverse as humanity itself, and that our connections transcend conventional borders. In other words, we are all connected like branches to the same tree.

Adding a personal touch to this remarkable journey, the author surprised his mother with the book during his birthday week in Chicago. The author explains in his book that his father burned all 100 pages of his mother's book because he believed she wasn't a good writer. That was the reason that gave the author the idea to write the book in the first place. This gesture fulfilled her lifelong dream of becoming a writer and broke a family curse. This book brought so many tears to his mother but at the same time made her proud of her son. The emotional bond between mother and son highlights the power of legacy, making this book a piece of history to pass down through generations. Her teachings and stories will be an example for all humanity.



The book's impact is undeniable, as the author made history by becoming the first Latino Jew to host an event for a Jewish organization called Moishe House in Las Vegas during Hispanic Heritage Month. The organization provided food and drinks, especially homemade tacos that were Kosher. The event, featuring a diverse crowd and a fusion of Latino and Jewish traditions, further emphasizes the book's message of inclusivity and cultural celebration.



In conclusion, 'Shabbat in Chicago' challenges norms and stereotypes, demonstrating the rich tapestry of Jewish identity, women's empowerment, and the importance of family in a child's life. It is a compelling narrative that will evoke a range of emotions from tears to joy and hope. You can find this transformative book on Amazon. Listen to the author's insightful interviews on 'Outlet to Reality,' as well as on his friend Ali's podcast, 'The Unclassified.'

Prepare to embark on a literary journey that celebrates diversity, heritage, and the enduring power of family bonds."



Slices and Slices, Oh My! Fusion-Style Indian-Inspired Pizza Arrives in Las Vegas with Opening of Curry Pizza House

**There's curry. There's pizza. And then there's...
Curry ON pizza.**

Curry Pizza House, a fusion-style, fast-casual restaurant chain, combines specialty craft pizzas with traditional Indian flavors, spices, and the freshest ingredients, recently opening its first Nevada location in Las Vegas across from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas campus.

The concept of pairing curry with pizza started as a first-generation Indian family's kitchen experiment. Founded in Fremont, California, in 2012, the fast-growing franchise with over 20 locations throughout California, Texas, highlights the flavors found in Indian curry, such as masala spices and cumin. Using handmade, never frozen dough, Curry Pizza House also offers an array of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options, nodding to the vegetarian-friendly nature of Indian cuisine.



Some of the most popular mouthwatering dishes include:

- Curry Chicken Masala Pizza - tantalizing curry sauce, bell peppers, red onions, cilantro, diced masala chicken
- Butter Chicken Pizza - creamy, sweet shahi sauce, diced tomatoes, red onions and diced butter chicken with hints of turmeric, chili powder and cumin
- Palak Paneer Pizza - fresh pesto sauce, cheese, spinach, red onions, masala paneer, green chilies, ginger, and garlic
- Aloo Chaat Pizza - mouthwatering house red sauce, marinated potatoes, mint, red onion, cheese, and cilantro

Craft curry pizzas range in price from a 10-inch for \$17.99 to the sprawling 18-inch extra-large, priced at \$39.99.

Foodies also have the option to customize their own pizzas, choosing from a wide variety of sauces, including white garlic sauce, curry sauce and BBQ sauce, with topping selections including chicken tikka, tandoori chicken, marinated gobi (cauliflower), black olives, pineapple, ginger and more.

For those looking for a more traditional pizza experience, Curry Pizza House Las Vegas also offers traditional favorites, including pepperoni, cheese, and veggie pizzas. Other menu highlights include delicious salads and a selection of seven different flavor options of baked wings. The menu also features an assortment of delectable appetizers, including the popular Baked Masala Chips, which are thick-cut potato chips made in house, with rich masala spices, priced at \$7.99.



Curry Pizza House Las Vegas is led by serial-entrepreneur Aman Kahlon, a veteran franchisee, who owns numerous fast-casual restaurants within the community and is the pioneer behind launching the brand locally.

"Our concept celebrates a melting pot of cultures, where the rich, diverse tastes come together in every slice," Kahlon said. "Opening our doors in the entertainment capital of the world allows us to offer both locals and UNLV students a culinary journey that transcends borders."

All the CPH locations nationwide showcase unique murals. The Las Vegas location enlisted beloved local artist and Curry Pizza House collaborator, Donovan Fitzpatrick, to design the 15-foot mural reflecting a style of figurative and illustrative pop art, that features a captivating portrait of a beautiful woman with cascading curls and accompanied by a text bubble that reads, "I asked for pizza, not your opinion."

Initially opening its doors in October, Curry Pizza House held its official public grand opening of the Las Vegas location on Dec. 2, to rave reviews, giving away free pizzas to the first 200 customers along with raffle prizes including a 75-inch flat-screen TV, Las Vegas Raiders club seat tickets and Vegas Golden Knights club seat tickets.

The full Las Vegas menu can be accessed on their website at CurryPizzaHouse.com.



About Curry Pizza House



Curry Pizza House is a fusion-style, fast-casual restaurant chain featuring craft pizzas with the freshest ingredients, including traditional yellow curry, highlighting the flavors of traditional Indian cuisine using the highest quality spices, including turmeric and cumin. Using handmade, never frozen dough, Curry Pizza House also offers vegetarian and vegan options. The concept of pairing curry with pizza started as a first-generation Indian family's kitchen experiment. Founded in Fremont, California, in 2012, the fast-growing franchise with over 20 locations throughout California and Texas, recently ventured into Nevada, opening their highly anticipated first location in Las Vegas in October 2023. Curry Pizza House Las Vegas is located in the University District across from UNLV at 4700 S. Maryland Parkway, Suite 110, open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. For more information, please visit their website at currypizzahouse.com or call at 702-790-8277. Follow Curry Pizza House on Instagram @currypizzahouse and like the brand's Facebook page, **Curry Pizza House**.



Cycle and Celebrate

Saying “I Do” to SoulCycle Las Vegas’ New “Bride Ride” Package

Fitness has taken on a new life as social media users continuously strive to promote the most “Instagrammable” spots. One of the most popular fitness trends is indoor cycling, and SoulCycle inside the Wynn Las Vegas is taking it to the next level with plenty of post-worthy photo opportunities coupled with real results.

SoulCycle, the leading lifestyle brand that redefines health and happiness, is offering an all-new pre-wedding party package, providing bachelorette (and bachelor!) groups a fun and memorable alternative to traditional wild wedding parties.

Las Vegas, the wedding capital of the U.S., is more than just a city of sin and SoulCycle aims to transform the traditional “Girls Night Out” into a “Girls Ride In.” Thousands of riders take SoulCycle classes every day to ride through struggles, strengthen their bodies, empower their minds, and find joy in movement. Now, brides are turning to indoor cycling to elevate their bridal experience through a physical, musical, and inspirational experience.

The affordable “Bride Ride” package, priced at a discounted rate of \$50 per person, offers bridal besties the opportunity to ride in style on decorative personalized bikes along with festive props and photo opps. Staff will decorate the front desk with a wedding hashtag, group pictures and slogans upon request.

Advanced booking allows wedding parties to book their class as early as they’d prefer on bikes next to each other. Guests will receive a complimentary shoe rental and water along with a 10% discount on all SoulCycle retail merchandise.





"As we continue to witness evolving trends and shifting priorities, we recognize the growing desire among brides-to-be and their closest friends for more profound, bonding moments that prioritize wellness, connection and personal growth," said Kayla Woloson, SoulCycle Las Vegas' manager. "The era of wild bachelorette parties has taken a backseat to a more mature, holistic approach that nourishes the body and soul, while strengthening relationships."

SoulCycle's "Bride Ride" package is available for groups of four and more at the Las Vegas location. The package can be booked for bachelor parties as well and must be booked at least two weeks in advance by calling the studio directly at **702-637-3230** or by emailing soulvegas@soul-cycle.com.

Also, newlyweds can avoid the common post-wedding fitness slump with a complimentary couple's class with proof of a marriage license from 2023. This isn't the only themed-ride SoulCycle offers. Riders can enjoy Throwback Thursday rides (any Britney fans out there?), or they can be transported to a cycling "Rave" with a "Battle of the DJs" musical mix.



Whether you're visiting Las Vegas or you're a local, SoulCycle welcomes all. As a leader in full-body fitness, SoulCycle offers an inclusive environment with its various themed celebrations throughout the year, from Black History Month to Pride Month and everything in between.

Celebrities are no exception to the world of spin. Even the First Lady, Jill Biden, was recently spotted in a spin class. The upbeat musical variety in each class and the energetic presence of an instructor is sure to hype up each and every guest in the room.

The experience is "like a party on a bike" designed to raise your heart rate with high-intensity interval cardio. On average, about 350-600 calories are burned in a 45-minute session, according to the American Council on Exercise. Guests ride to the beat of the music – tracks from big artists like Taylor Swift, Beyonce and more.

This health and wellness activity offers an alternative to the traditional vices of Las Vegas, or it can help you recover from a night out at its conveniently located storefront inside the Wynn Las Vegas located at 3131 S. Las Vegas Blvd Suite 207, Las Vegas, NV 89109, just a short walk from Wynn's main parking garage. Self-parking is free to Nevada residents up to three hours and is complimentary for hotel guests.



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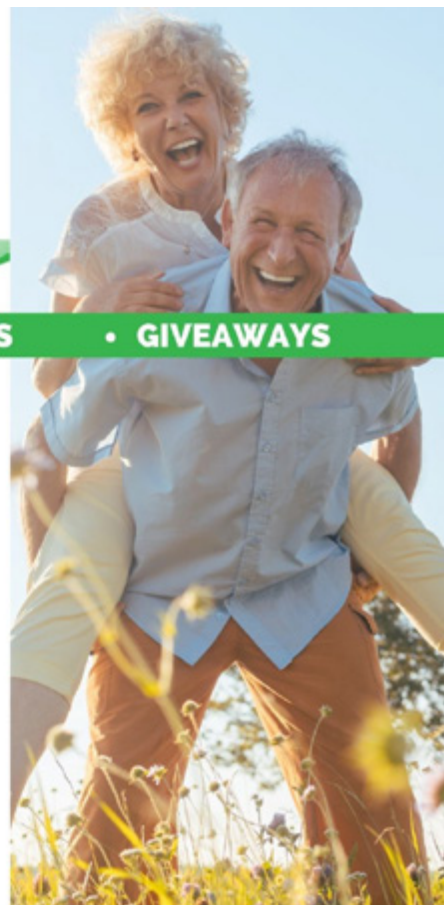
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Why So Many Hawaiians Consider Las Vegas the Aloha State's Ninth Island

Las Vegas is often lauded for its wide-ranging diversity. According to 8NewsNow, four Las Vegas townships, alongside the cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, find themselves in the United States' Top 50 for ethnic diversity. This isn't a mere number—as a tourist, you'll be able to experience it when you wander Spring Valley's bustling Chinatown or taste authentic vegan Mexican dishes in the Arts District. From plant-based quesadillas to the half-scale Eiffel Tower, Las Vegas underlines that it's home to people of all ethnicities.

That includes Hawaiians. Despite being in the middle of the desert, Las Vegas is known to be the Aloha State's ninth island for a reason—it wholeheartedly honors and mimics Hawaii in many ways. Read on to find out how.



It houses a large population of Hawaiians

One simple reason why Las Vegas seems so much like the sublime Hawaiian Islands is that so many Hawaiians have already settled there. The Las Vegas Review-Journal cites the lower cost of living and the similar service-based economy as the main attractions for native Hawaiians. Because of this basis, the population of non-Hispanic Hawaiians and other Pacific Islands in Nevada has doubled from 7,769 to 15,456 during the past decade, resulting in a tight-knit cultural and social network you can spot everywhere.

It showcases the Aloha spirit

What marks the Hawaii islands out isn't simply their spectacular natural beauty and rich shared history. They also have their distinctive Aloha spirit, an attitude characterized by its relaxed gentleness and willingness to connect. It's one of the factors that makes Hawaii the happiest state in the nation—and it manifests itself in Las Vegas in various ways, such as the famously hospitable California Hotel's promise that "Aloha is spoken here." You'll even find it in the beautiful way traditions are preserved. This is best exemplified by how Hawaii's traditional lei greeting, a symbolic act of love and affection, is practiced at many Las Vegas occasions like Mayday and NFL events. During festivities, a greeter may approach you with a hand-crafted lei and drape it across your shoulders. The right response is feeling honored at the show of welcome and respect.



It treasures Hawaiian food

One of the things visitors most enjoy about Hawaii is their sumptuous meals and delicacies. That same delicious islander fare is available in Las Vegas. Island Flavor, for example, serves Ahi Poke, Musubi, Loco Moco, Furikake Chicken, Kalbi Beef, Kalua Pig, Chicken Katsu and much more and they have great catering options as well as an amazing selection of Hawaiian bakery items. That's just a sample of the many Hawaiian dishes you can get in the desert city, all authentic and usually whipped up by Hawaiian natives themselves. Order online at: islandflavor808.com



It has Hawaiian chain stores

After a vacation to the Hawaiian Islands, it'd be a surprise if you're not laden with numerous Hawaiian souvenirs to take home with you. The same can be said after a vacation to Las Vegas. The metropolis is a prime spot to grab a range of wonderful keepsakes. If your tastes tend toward higher-end memorabilia, you'll be happy to know that Las Vegas has Na Hoku—a store that boasts being one of Hawaii's finest jewelers since 1924. There, you'll find a selection of special jewelry designs carefully crafted to celebrate Hawaii's lifestyle and traditions, like stud earrings formed in the shape of the Plumeria flowers spread throughout the islands or wave pendants that mimic the state's crystalline waters. If that's not in your price range, Las Vegas also has the famous ABC stores—the variety shops you can find in almost every corner of Hawaii. This chain began as a mom-and-pop store of two Japanese immigrants who settled in Honolulu. Now, its reach extends all the way to Las Vegas, where you can get groceries, liquor, and all things Hawaiian.

With Las Vegas welcoming the Hawaiian community with open arms and serving as a space for them to celebrate their customs and traditions, it's no wonder the Entertainment Capital of the World is known as Hawaii's ninth island. Head there if you want a glimpse of island paradise in the desert.





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VegasHealthCARE

The Vegas Healthcare Annual Ugly Sweater Party took place at Meet Las Vegas and a great time was to be had by all at this festive, fun gathering! Talk about community involvement, over 200 guests joined for great food provided by Nick and his team at Platinum Catering. Cocktails, dancing, raffle prize basket giveaways, and much more took place at this fun holiday event. After all was said and done, Vegas Healthcare donated over 600 pieces of garments to SafeNest this holiday season. Well done! Way to give back to our community!

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We held our Fall Issue Release Party in November at the Foundation Room. Many local business professionals and friends joined us for an upscale gathering and epic views on the 63rd floor at the Mandalay Bay. We celebrated the Leading Lawyers, Greatest Real Estate Moguls and the Most Magnificent Men of Las Vegas along with our friends, Dos Caras Spirits. Guests listened to live music and enjoyed the beautiful view from the patio, and an enjoyable time was to be had by all in attendance. Thank you for those of you who came out to join us!

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Real Vegas had the pleasure of covering Vegas AUTOFEST last September 16th, 2023, at the Red Rock Country Club. Everyone had a great time and we saw many familiar faces of other auto enthusiasts in our community. About 4,000+ guests and car aficionados gathered for the spectacular event and enjoyed all things automotive from classic cars, hot rods, custom automobiles, exotic cars, lifted trucks, lowriders, and even helicopters that graced the lawn at the impressive Red Rock Country Club. In attendance were some great vendors, sponsors, and locals and we enjoyed delicious food and drinks provided by Red Rock Country Club and live entertainment. It was a wonderful day shared by many. Visit them online to stay tuned for Vegas **AUTOFEST 2024: [VEGASAUTOFEST.COM](https://www.vegasa Autofest.com)**

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