

# Sky's the limit for starry-eyed entertainer

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"The Complete Entertainer." That's what Glenn Runnells calls himself.

You might know him by another name—"Galaxy Glenn", the flashy, funny KCEP Power 88 radio personality who hosts the FM station's programming weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Runnells came to Las Vegas from San Diego three years ago and has since embraced the town. He says the love has been returned.

"I'm originally from the Bay area," he said, "I came to Las Vegas because I heard big things were happening here, and I wanted to take advantage of the potential."

The comedian/singer/actor/playwright/director/broadcaster/poet has indeed made a name for himself, and even though he's reveling in all his glory, his focus is really on helping other people.

"I have compassion for people," he said, when listing his numerous positive traits. He also attributes all his success to "the Creator" and feels that giving back is part of giving thanks.

While in San Diego, he led a peer group called "Stand Up and Be Counted" in conjunction with the Boys' Club of America. Here in Las Vegas, he's active in the community, constantly hosting shows for little or no money and spending time at Doolittle Community Center.

Unlike many of his peers in the entertainment industry,



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Glenn Runnells becomes "Galaxy Glenn" during his weekday radio program on KCEP Power 88 FM.

Runnells is a straight arrow; he doesn't use drugs or drink alcohol. He's also an official spokesman for Bodybag Condoms.

"If the crowd is going the wrong way, don't follow them. Let them follow you," he said.

Nonetheless, Runnells loves to party.

"I bring joy to any atmosphere," he said, smiling. He later recounted how as a teenager, he tried to sneak out of his house late one night to go to a soiree, but got caught.

"My dad usually went to sleep early," he said. "So one week, I asked him if I could

go to this party and he said I could. Later that week, he changed his mind. Anyway, the night of the party, my mom told me to just wait 'til my father went to bed, then go on out through the back door. I snuck out, went 'round my house and guess who's out cutting the grass? My dad!"

Originally from Northern California, Runnells moved to San Diego during his high school years. He went on to Long Beach State for college, majoring in the behavioral sciences.

After school, Runnells hosted his own television variety show back in San

Diego. He got started in radio by writing comedy sketches in 1984. He first got on-air as a morning show host on 92.5 FM.

Although Runnells nurtures his talents, he's the first to admit that his real "passion is fashion". His fashion fetish started early—in junior high school, he was already lining up the threads he would wear for the week. Voted San Diego's Best Dressed Man three years in a row, the dapper young fellow will start modeling hats for Baltimore Hats and high-end fashion lines for Creative Arts.

"I love to look good and

feel good," Runnells said. He thinks that when people come to see someone in the spotlight, they should enjoy looking at the object of the attention.

Runnells plans to start an annual Las Vegas 10 Best Dressed Men and Women contest.

"Vegas is still in its planning stages and I want to make the Best Dressed contest part of our tradition here," he said. "I get tired of the 'shake your booty' events...; I like to see our people dressed up!"

But there's much more to Runnells than just a cute, fashion plate brother with a

sweet voice and pretty smile. He admits that he's usually very "switched on", putting on the Galaxy Glenn persona, but he's really very reserved when in private.

"It's a pleasure for me to just be Glenn; be home alone. Galaxy is always entertaining..." he said. "If I'm not doing a live remote or working, I'm home. I forward my phones and laugh because people can't reach me."

A typical day for Runnells starts at 6:30 a.m. He goes for a stroll, then comes home, carefully selects something to wear and then, fixes breakfast. A huge sports fan, he tunes into ESPN and returns phone calls. He heads to KCEP around 9 a.m., does production work, tapes his show and then spends his afternoon making community rounds.

Runnells isn't married, but looks forward to having his own family, although he knows his obsession with neatness can be hard to deal with. Glenn says that he's "a bachelor looking for a partner who knows how to ride without falling off." He's already blessed by two sons, Glenn Jr. and Jordan.

He blames his mother for his cleaning compulsion, saying that he hears her voice whenever he messes up. "Wash that out! Why you leave that there?," she used to tell him. Despite the complex she's left him with, Glenn calls his mother his "fountain of knowledge", "a strong, educated, beautiful (See Galaxy, Page 9)

## Weekly legislative wrap-up

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Week five of the legislative session was another busy week for Morse Arberry Jr., chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, which has an \$11 million operating budget and appropriates money. The North Las Vegas Democrat had daily meetings at 7:30 a.m., and afternoon meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The K-12 subcommittee will meet at 9 a.m. Friday at the Grant Sawyer Federal Building, 555 E. Washington, on the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard across from Cashman Field. Arberry encourages people to attend the March meeting to see how tax dollars are being spent.

His committee has already heard from 98 percent of the agencies requesting monies.

The committee's work is integral since a session can't end unless the Legislature has a balanced budget.

It takes up to two weeks after appropriations are made to see if the budget is balanced. A computer must run for 24-hours-a-day for seven days to balance the budget.

Arberry has been an assemblyman since

1985 and Ways and Means chairman since 1991 and author of the bill for a law school at UNLV. For more biographical information on him, visit the Nevada State Legislature web site at [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us).

### Bill proposes \$500,000 to Nevada Partners for job training

Arberry and fellow lawmakers Wendell Williams and Sen. Joe Neal have sponsored AB 401, which would appropriate \$500,000 to Nevada Partners to support programs that prepare under-employed and unemployed persons to enter the workforce.

The committee on Ways and Means will be hearing this bill at a later date. Those interested in supporting the bill can call the legislative answering service at 384-2225.

### Hazing on college campuses could be a crime

UNLV officials requested legislation making hazing on college campuses a crime in Nevada. Senate Bill 297 defines hazing as "any method of initiation into a student organization at a college or university that intentionally or recklessly endangers the mental or physical health of another person."

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