

Crooning, exotic dancing, lowriding, and so much more

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In a constant search for yummy must not miss events, I took a couple of turns. I realize we are all not at the House of Blues for every concert, no matter how much diversity it drips. We are all not sitting in the comfy seats of the Aladdin. I don't care how classic, nor how many memories the concert brings back. Many Las Vegans are having a lot of fun, in different ways and in different spots, and I plan to take you to some of those spots.

Let's check out a few of my favorite dance spots. First is the SRO on Thursday. This is where you can check out Carlaya the Queen of Flow, of POWER 88 and her crew. The social mix is nice, most of the bartenders are cool, the music - classic, ladies in free until 10:00, then it's on. You might catch some of the old players over in the corner, and the new players, right out front... especially our visi-



The classic lowrider caught a lot of eyes. It was on display during DJ Jimbrowski's DVD release party. The deejay put \$31,000 into restoring the vehicle to its original state.

catch a glimpse of a star or two. Recently, I spotted Keith Washington and Ralph Gill, brother of Johnny Gill. Great spot to start the weekend...

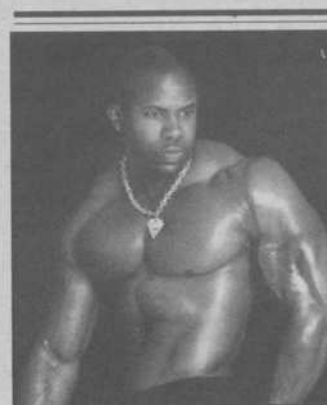
Friday is a good night to check out V108 personalities

some of us still won't tip... what's up with that! This is a good mix, the atmosphere swings, the music moves you... and I like to move it a little closer to home when it starts getting late... that means... Seven Seas, 800 West Lake Mead, Black night here every night, cause it's Black owned baby...

"RC" Connor, son of owner Louis Connor is on the sound, and his music catalog is phat... the security is tight... in more ways than one... ladies are you with me... much love for the security and the bartenders.

Last weekend, I went dip'n, bouncing, and how about lowriding... "down with the LoLo" is how Nathan L. Reese, "S-Dog," suggested I describe it. Reese, a lowriding authority, sports a '62 Drop Chevy Impala. Bronwyn Jones, freelance writer, summed it up by saying, "it is a cultural tradition that represents the creative talent and technological skill required to transform second-hand cars into a work of art."

Actually I've never been in a lowrider, but I did attend the DVD Release Party for the DJ Jimbrowski DVD entitled "Dip'n, the Industry of Lowriding" hosted by Fan Club Entertainment, whose CEO/President is Sweet Lou Collins. Beautiful women and lowriding seem to go hand in hand. The cars were on display. The lowriders were



This chiseled exotic dancer will strut his stuff during "Ladies Lock Up," a male revue staged at Sapphires, the \$30 million adult cabaret recently opened on Industrial Road. The revue, put on by Las Vegas Freeky Phantoms, is set to run on 7 p.m. Friday at Sapphires, which is billed as the world's largest strip club.

there and creating the atmosphere and model Endia Abrante, Miss Oregon USA 2000 was the beauty.

That's for the boys, now for the girls...

Friday night, Grammy Award winning artist Skip Martin performed in the beautiful Wayne Newton Theatre in the Stardust Hotel and Casino... get this... for free! That's right and he had a full house.

Successful with the Dazz band, successful with Kool and the Gang, and always successful as Skip Martin, if you missed it... don't worry... he'll be back. You can look forward to hearing more about Skip Martin and check him out at the Bootleg-

ger Bistro for Cool Live Jazz in between his jaunts across the globe playing with either the Dazz Band or Kool and the Gang.

"LADIES LOCK UP," an exotic male dance revue is coming up again ladies. I know you heard about the last show... how they came out with dozens of long stemmed roses and how... well... you know!

After that show, I had some questions... ladies are you still with me... was that staged, is that real, did he really do that?

I made my appointment to meet with the men behind the Black Ty. Maurice Dupree, Eddie "Macho" Sosa and Eric (See Happening, Page 13)



DJ Jimbrowski and comedian "Sweet" Lou Collins hang out during the DVD release party for "Dip'n."

tors...

"I've got some 'et' on ice"... WHAT! This is Las Vegas, we give liquor away... mad, mad love for all the players. It's a good spot to

Jes Wes and Craig "Smooth C" Knight on the steel. DJ Twin can do the damn thang too... no doubt. This is a good one, ladies free until 11:00, drinks free until 11:00... and

Whitney Houston's father dies at 82

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - John Houston, the father of singer Whitney Houston and a theatrical manager since the early days of rhythm and blues, died Sunday after a long battle with diabetes and heart disease. He was 82.

Houston died at a New York hospital, family spokeswoman Nancy Seltzer said Monday. She said Houston's health had been deteriorating for several years.

Well before his daughter's rise to fame, Houston managed the career of her mother and his ex-wife, Cissy Houston. She sang with The Sweet Inspirations, a backing vocal group to artists including Aretha Franklin.

Relations between Houston and his daughter, who has acknowledged having drug problems, took an especially awkward turn recently when his company, John Houston

Entertainment LLC, sued hers for \$100 million.

The suit sought compensation for helping to get a marijuana charge against her dismissed and for getting her a new record contract.

Houston even made a public appeal to his daughter in an interview with the syndicated TV news magazine "Celebrity Justice" in December: "You get your act together, honey, and you pay me the money that you owe me."

Houston was born in Trenton on Sept. 13, 1920, and was living in Fort Lee when he died, Seltzer said. His theatrical management agency was based in Newark, the city where his daughter was born.

In addition to his daughter and wife, Peggy, Houston is survived by three sons.

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