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TO THE EXTREME

In the early '50s, SoCal birthed skater culture into existence when experimental surfers put wheels on their boards and successfully 'hanged 10' on the Venice pavement. Vegas will channel our hometown's X-Games vibe when 34-year-old Australian business tycoon Josh Kearney erects Vegas Extreme, a 42-acre alternative sports park in spitting distance of the Strip. In addition to a venue for skaters and BMXers, the complex will include a lake for waterskiing, wake boarding and whitewater rafting. During winter, the lake will be drained and frosted over for snowboarding. Forget the craps table—allowing clumsy queens to careen down a mountain of ice could be the biggest gamble in town. —M.C.



LET'S GET SOAKING WET

Only Vegas can rival L.A.'s gay pool party scene, as evidenced by these 3 wet and wild blowouts

Los Angeles and Las Vegas are dual epicenters of the nation's hottest pool parties. No other cities give partiers more options to sun, drink and take a dip. Vegas wasn't as quick to embrace LGBTs wanting to make a splash and join the fun, but the good news is that's finally changing.

"It's 2014, and we're still working towards the Las Vegas market embracing the LGBT community, and the great thing is we've taken a lot of strides," Chief Marketing Officer Fred Harmon of Tropicana Las Vegas told the Huffington Post back in April. "I think people who have visited in the past would be pleasantly surprised to know the steps that we've taken and how much more welcoming the city has become to the LGBT community."

Many of these strides have taken place in this very year, including the opening of Liaison at Bally's, the first gay nightclub to open in a casino on the Strip, and most recently marriage equality. With more places to party than ever before, here are a few of the best gay and gay-friendly pool parties Vegas has to offer. —L.S.

Temptation Sundays

Stellar gay pool parties in Las Vegas are far and few between, but you can't go wrong with weekly event Temptation Sundays at Luxor Hotel and Casino. It was voted *Las Vegas Weekly's* "Best Gay Pool Party" in 2014, is the longest-running LGBT poolside event in the city—five years and counting—and just wrapped up one of its strongest seasons yet. Sun yourself and splash around alongside some of the hottest guys in Vegas, all in front of the city's most recognizable landmark, Luxor's towering black pyramid.

Drai's Beach Club

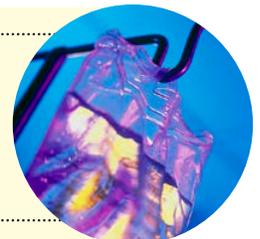
Memorial Day Weekend marked its launch at The Cromwell's gorgeous rooftop pool. At a towering 11 stories high and 35,000 square feet, it holds up to 2,500 people ready to party all day long, Friday through Sunday. It's no wonder Vegas' Gay & Lesbian Center has chosen the brand-new hotspot for its annual honorarium on Oct. 18 to mark 21 years serving Nevada's LGBTs. For nighttime pool party lovers, there's also Drai's Yacht Club, a night swim party held every Tuesday until 5 a.m.

Xposed!

Tropicana Las Vegas is hardly recognizable anymore—and for good reason. Its successful \$200 million renovation has paid off big time, especially for LGBTs, as the property also opened its doors to us by launching the all-new gay pool party Xposed! It's produced by L.A.-based event producer Paul Nicholls and kicked off March 29. Partiers celebrated all spring and summer long on Saturdays at Tropicana Beach Club, marking a great first year.

WHAT HANGOVER?

A TRUE PERK OF L.A. is that everything comes to you—food, booze, Uber, Grindr hookups. Fortunately, it's a luxury one-upped in Vegas. Room service in Sin City can satisfy your every need, including a cure for that pesky hangover. Hangover Heaven is a service providing bedside visits to your Vegas hotel room, where medical professionals pump you and your friends' booze-addled bodies with a rehydrating IV of much-needed vitamins and antioxidants. Consider it the Pink Dot of hangover remedies (hangoverheaven.com). —M.C.



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