

# VEGAS RATED™



A DAY AT THE BEACH, EVEN IN VEGAS (NO, REALLY!)

## PARADISE CITY

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND** HOT BODIES, COOL SUITS & FRESH PARTIES

*GIRL POWER ON THE STRIP SOFI & THE NERVOS ROCK*



THE GRAND TASTING AT THE GARDEN OF THE GODS POOL OASIS

## LAS VEGAS EPICUREAN AFFAIR

May 24, 7-10 p.m.

The Pools at The Palazzo  
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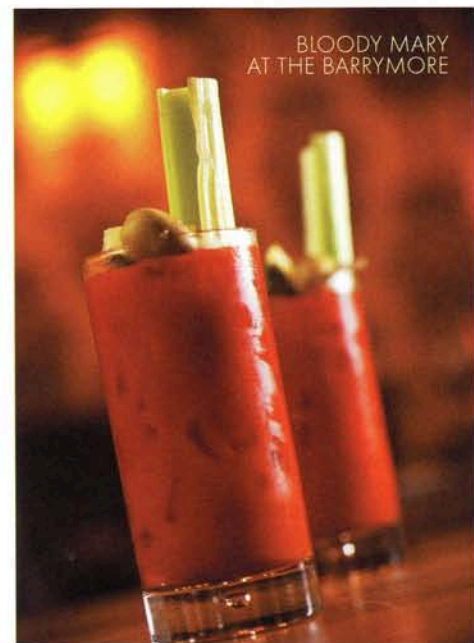
—Sponsored by the Nevada Restaurant Association, the Las Vegas Epicurean Affair marks its third year at The Palazzo. Guests can sample cuisine and cocktails from celebrated restaurants and beverage purveyors. Proceeds from the event benefit the restaurant association's educational and scholarship programs. \$100; VIP \$150

## CINCO DE MAYO

May 5, doors open 8 a.m.

Cabo Wabo Cantina in Miracle Mile Shops at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino  
702.385.2226; cabowabocantina.com

—May 5 was made for day drinking, and Cabo Wabo Cantina's patio is the perfect spot to celebrate. Drink specials including Waboritas go nicely with Cabo Wabo's festive Mexican fare. A mariachi band makes the ambience all the merrier.



BLOODY MARY AT THE BARRYMORE

## MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

May 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Barrymore in The Royal House  
702.407.5303; barmorelv.com

—You love your mom, don't you? You never call, you never write, you block her from your Facebook page. The least you can do is take her to brunch on her special day. Chef Anthony Meidenbauer's brunch features a spread that includes lobster eggs benedict, hanger steak and eggs, mimosas and Bloody Marys.

## TIVOLI DAYS

May 14-20

Tivoli Village  
tivolivillagelv.com

—Summerlin's premier dining and shopping destination celebrates the Las Vegas community with a weeklong program of events, including family-friendly entertainment, Wine Away Wednesday, Salsa Under the Stars and a food truck throw down. On May 14 at participating restaurants, 10 percent of the day's food sales will go to the Children's Miracle Network.

## TASTE OF THE NATION

May 17, VIP 6 p.m., general admission 7 p.m.

Rain Nightclub in Palms Casino Resort  
877.268.2783; tasteofthenation.org

—Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation Las Vegas commemorates its 20th year helping to end childhood hunger in Southern Nevada and the rest of the country. More than 35 Las Vegas restaurants show their support, including The Country Club (whose chef, Carlos Guía, is the local Taste of the Nation chairman) and Fleur by Hubert Keller, as well as Alize, N9NE Steakhouse and Nove Italiano (all from the Palms). In addition to the food and drinks, a silent auction provides an opportunity to support this worthy cause. VIP \$125; general admission \$100

## JUST IN CASE YOU CAN'T GET A TABLE ...

IT'S only in the past decade that people without a hard-to-get reservation at Rao's New York have been able to experience the soulful, southern Italian cuisine that has been coming out of that East Coast kitchen for more than 115 years. Now you can make it at home, without having to be stuck in the kitchen, thanks



### rao's on the grill

Problems? Simple. Pick up Recipes from My Family at Rao's. Frank Pellegrino, Jr.



to Rao's owner Frank Pellegrino Jr., who releases Rao's on the Grill (\$35). Dedicated to outdoor entertaining, his first cookbook has recipes for Rao's favorites,

including sausage and peppers, chicken scarpariello and its inimitable seafood salad, all translated to be prepared outdoors on the grill. The 176-page book features beautiful photography shot by Pellegrino himself.

On May 14, as part of Vegas Uncork'd, the Pellegrino family holds an outdoor Italian brunch featuring Frankie himself on the grill. \$125 Rao's at Caesars Palace, 702.731.7731; vegasuncorked.com

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