

Comic Glaser hits Mirage on Sunday

NIKKI GLASER has achieved what would seem to be an impossible comic trifecta: Within 12 months she has headlined Life is Beautiful in downtown Las Vegas, Jimmy Kimmel's Comedy Club at Linq Promenade, and on Sunday in her Aces of Comedy series debut at The Mirage.

Glaser also worked in a club (Kimmel's) during a genuine Las Vegas earthquake.

It was the 7.1-magnitude quake on July 6, which hit when Glaser was backstage with fellow comic **Emil Wakim**. **Andrew Collin** was onstage. Glaser quickly posted an Instagram story about the event, which played out like a parody of a disaster film.

"Yeah, I was terrified, so I went under the nearest table," Glaser said in a recent phone chat. "I was the only one to take shelter, and do what you're supposed to do in an (expletive) earthquake. I'm like, 'Get under the table!' And Andrew's like, 'Whoa! It's shaky!' We'll never forget that show. It was wild."

Aside from her current tour, Glaser released her stand-up special "Bangin' " on Netflix in October. She hosts the podcast "You Up? With Nikki Glaser" on SiriusXM for four hours each weekday morning, which is why her voice is often raspy.

"I talk too much for a living," she says.

Glaser also recorded her segment on the Netflix comedy series "The Degenerates" last September at Backstage Bar & Billiards on Fremont East. Her debut in the Aces series advances her live act, placing her in a lineup with such established Strip headliners as **David Spade** and **Ray Romano**, **Ron White**, **George Lopez**, **Tim Allen** and **Daniel Tosh**.

"My time in Vegas has been some of my favorite road



Chase Stevens Las Vegas Review-Journal file
Comedian Nikki Glaser, at Life is Beautiful on Sept. 22, returns to Vegas to debut in the Aces of Comedy series at The Mirage.



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experiences in a long time," she said. "I've loved it. After the summer, I wrote my agent and said, 'I need to get back there as soon as possible,' and this is the next step."

On the topic of comedy ...

Reps of **Eddie Murphy** are reportedly seeking a top-line Vegas theater when the comedy superstar returns to stand-up in 2021. Let the bidding commence ...

Barry's back

Barry Manilow has resumed his residency at the Westgate's International Theater. His Valentine's Day show coincided with the release of "Night Songs II," a follow-up to his 2014 "Night Songs" collection of standards. "My Funny Valentine" is sure to melt any Fanilow's heart. The release is available on all digital platforms, and at Westgate's Manilow gift shop.

Swooping in

Helping to gentrify a downtown Las Vegas historic district might be a lot to ask of a sandwich shop. But the Swoop Building, anchored by an expanded, deli-styled Capriotti's, bears attention. The new restaurant at Huntridge Shopping Center, 1122 S. Maryland Parkway at Charleston Boulevard, opened Thursday. It is connected to a new Roberto's Mexican eatery (itself a Vegas institution), and faces the long-closed Huntridge Theater across Maryland Parkway.

Developer **J Dapper** owns both the midcentury-modern Swoop Building and the stoic Huntridge, which opened in 1944 and closed in 2004 and was host to acts ranging from **Ice-T** to Porno for Pyros to early-era **The Killers**. The new businesses not only give a needed shine to the neighborhood, but should attract business to a corner most motorists/pedestrians have long ignored.

And for the first time, a Capriotti's restaurant will offer beer and wine at the new location — expect that option in March. We've long hoped for some animation on or near the Huntridge Theater parcel.

The new businesses swooping in (sorry) represent a start.

Blues' Golden moment

Beerhaus at The Park showed support for **Jay Bouwmeester** of the St. Louis Blues by displaying a sign reading "WE'RE BLUE FOR YOU #PRAYFORJAY" on Thursday at the club's entrance. The message was in reference to Bouwmeester's collapse on the bench because of a cardiac episode during a game in Anaheim on Tuesday. Bouwmeester had surgery Friday to insert a defibrillator to restore his heart's normal rhythm.

Blues star **David Perron** took note of the message and posted "Classy move by this establishment in Vegas on the way to the rink ..."

Beerhaus GM **Lee Lardner** and counter worker **Ashley Oddieo** — who is also medically trained as a cardiologist assistant — came up with the idea.

Great Moments in Social Media

Last November, attorney **Michael Avenatti** listed "**Ben Affleck**, **Jane Fonda**, **Gerald Ford**, **Pulp Fiction**, 24 Hours of Le Mans (c'mon man) Iowa and Michael Avenatti" in a Twitter post. He followed with the "Jeopardy"-styled question, "What are the answers that **James Holzhauer** didn't know on Jeopardy?"

Friday, Holzhauer retweeted Avenatti with, "Good news! I learned your name today!" Avenatti's conviction of extortion has sent him into a new category.

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Most-read stories

As of 9 p.m. Friday:

1. Poll: Sanders holds lead heading into Nevada's Democratic caucuses

The Vermont senator leads the field by a solid margin among likely Democratic caucusgoers going into the four-day early voting period, a Review-Journal poll shows.

2. Doobie Brothers cancel three Strip shows

The Rock & Roll Hall of Famers canceled shows scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Tuesday night at The Venetian Theatre.

3. Two Strip hotels upgraded to five stars by Forbes

Forbes now ranks Nevada fourth in the U.S. for the greatest number of five-star hotels, third for the number of five-star spas and third in the number of five-star restaurants.

4. UNLV should feel fortunate if Raiders bend on schedule snag

There has been no official update regarding the status of two nonconference UNLV football games for the 2020 season at Allegiant Stadium.

5. Allegiant Stadium video screen to be among largest in Las Vegas

The video screen slated to be installed on the Interstate 15 facing side of Allegiant Stadium will be one of the largest in Las Vegas.

Most-seen videos

As of 9 p.m. Friday:

1. Nevada Poll: Bernie Sanders leads Democratic presidential candidates

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders leads the presidential field by a solid margin among likely Democratic caucusgoers heading into Nevada's four-day early voting period, with with 25 percent of respondents expressing support.

2. Allegiant Stadium video screen will be largest in Las Vegas

Outside of the Fremont Street Experience Viva Vision canopy, Allegiant Stadium's video screen will be the largest screen in the valley, about 27,600 square feet in area.

3. Former Las Vegas developer's big project ideas still going nowhere

Chris Milam spent years pursuing billions of dollars worth of projects in the Las Vegas area before and after the economy tanked with nothing to show for them.

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Winners: None
Jackpot: \$40 million
■ Arizona Fantasy 5
2, 7, 20, 27, 40
Winners: None
Jackpot: \$112,000

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