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DISGRACED MAGICIAN FOUND DEAD

Staff Writer, Daniel Harris

Late last night, Las Vegas Police Force discovered the body of former stage magician, Charlie Young. He was found in a trash receptacle behind the Magic Mirror Casino.

He was 55, and had been shot four times in the chest. Police have said an investigation has begun and are urging anyone with any information, including any possible witnesses, to come forward now. Young has been on the run from police after it was discovered that he had been cheating at poker at the Magic Mirror Casino.

Young was born in Missoula, Montana, beginning his career in 1981. By 1983 he made his first TV appearance when he performed part of his act on The Tonight Show, and soon after was touring nationwide. In 1986 he moved to Las Vegas to become a regular performer at The Magic Mirror Casino, and his magic show quickly became one of the casino's most popular features. While there, he befriended popular singer Bobby LaFaye, and in 1988 they started the annual charity fundraiser Read It and Don't Weep to help fight illiteracy. However, both were embroiled in controversy when they were involved

in a DUI incident that resulted in the death of Young's magic assistant Jackie Greer. LaFaye, only ruled to be an accessory to the manslaughter, was released eight years ago, and found it hard to rebuild his career. Similarly, when Young was released last year, he too had difficulties finding a manager willing to take him on. It is believed this may explain why he began cheating at card games this year as a way to raise money. Mr. Young was not married and had no next of kin. It is understood that his estate is to be donated to various charities.



Charlie Young, in a publicity still circa 1990

CONCERT HALL TO BE REOPENED

Paul Carter

The Williams Center for the Performing Arts, home to the Las Vegas Pops Orchestra, announced today that it is to be reopened next month with a live-orchestra screening popular music from hit films of the 70's.

The music venue opened in 1977 and was closed in 2012 for renovations that were meant to last a year at a budget of \$4m. However, the renovations ended up lasting just shy of two-and-a-half years at a final budget of \$9m. Part of the reason

for the higher expense was to expand the capabilities of the venue for a wider array of performances, and the Williams Center management are hoping to make up the money with a wide variety of different shows to cater for all audiences.

The Center will also be offering patrons to "adopt a chair" - patrons who donate enough will be given a chance to have their name engraved on a brass plaque on their chair of choice in the auditorium, assuming it hasn't already been taken.

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POP BAND TO AVOID PROSECUTION

Zara Meier

Police have said that the boyband Groove Future will not be prosecuted for Tuesday's impromptu performance on top of their tour bus.

The band had been driving out of Las Vegas on their way for Friday night's sell-out show at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, California, when the tour bus broke down on the side of the road. The band decided, while they waited for the bus to be repaired, to do an impromptu performance on the top of the bus for all their fans.

While traffic was able to keep moving, the sidewalk quickly filled with Groove-Futurians (as their fans are known on the internet), making it hard for pedestrians to

move about. The noise was also considered too loud and potentially a nuisance to homes and businesses in the surrounding area. As such, the police were quickly called, and they quickly put a stop to the concert.

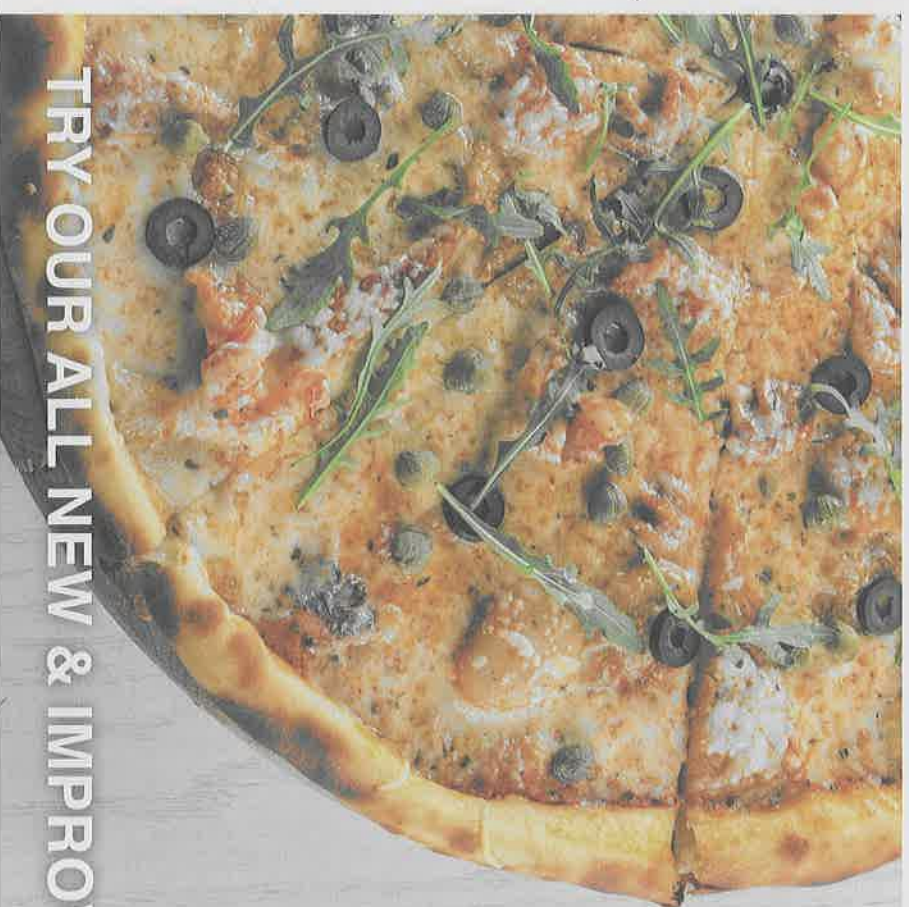
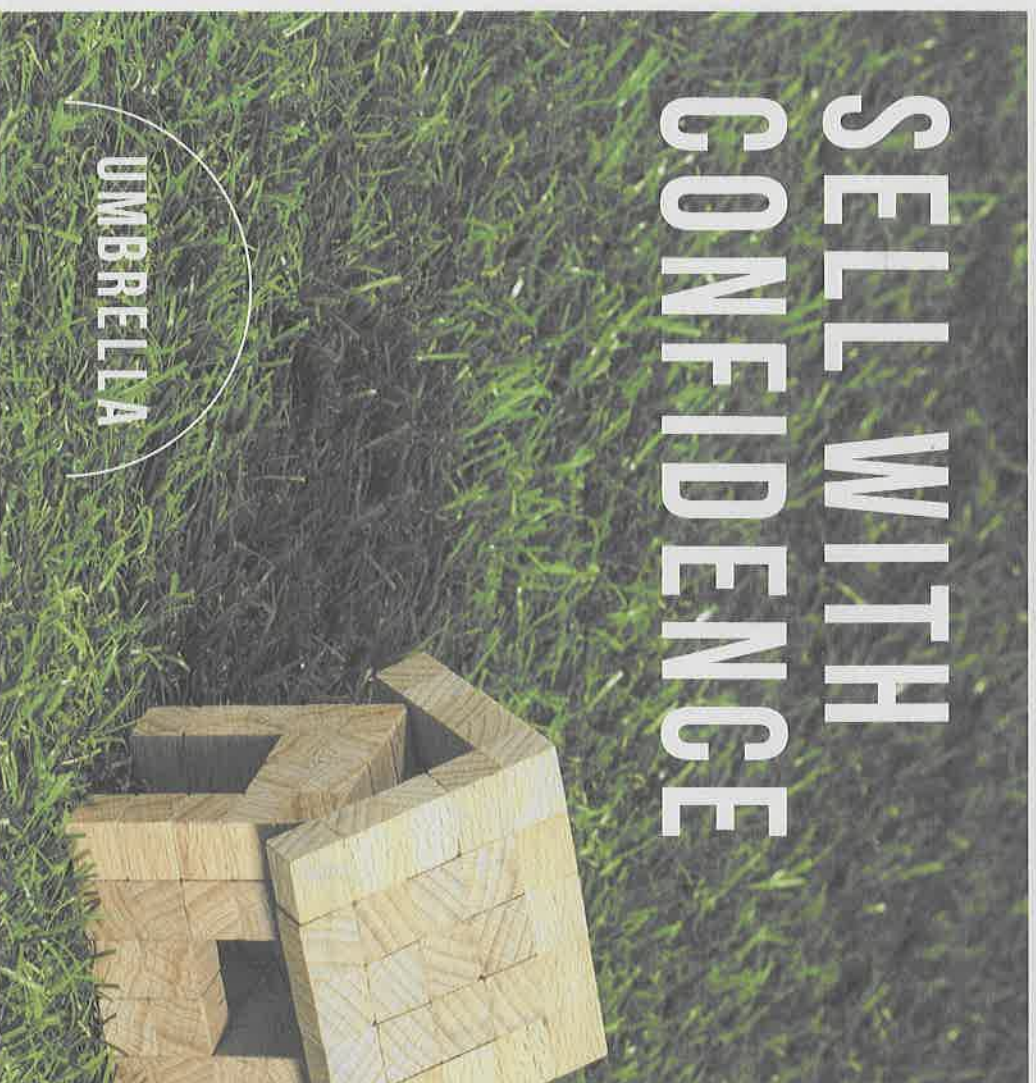
Despite rumors yesterday that, since the band had broken public performance laws, they would face prosecution, which could possibly interfere with their Hollywood Bowl show, Las Vegas police said yesterday that they decided not to take the matter any further. A spokesperson said: "police were able to get to the scene quickly and put a stop to it within a few minutes, so we have decided it didn't play long enough to cause any serious and long-lasting disruption. As such,

we won't be investigating further. We have issued their manager a warning and hope he conveys it to the members of the band. If they do it again next time they're in Vegas, we may give them a fine."

However, band member Jake Silver said, "the police didn't tell us to stop, we stopped because the bus was fixed and we could keep going. The man wants to stop the music, but they'll never stop the music! We're gonna rock out even harder on Friday night!"

Meanwhile, mechanic Marty Mahoney, the man responsible for fixing the bus, said, "It wasn't a hard fix to do, but it would've been a lot quicker if there wasn't a whole crowd of teenage girls screaming in my ears. Next time they can fix it themselves."

Frankie Clango, front man of Groove Future, performing at the Hollywood Bowl



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