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EIGHT ISN'T ENOUGH

“LAS VEGAS IS A CITY.... *Vegas* is a hormone.” Those were the infamous words about our city, uttered by the chairman and founder of our media group, Danny Greenspun, at the launch of *Vegas* magazine in the summer of 2003. It wasn’t until a few months later, while in New York touting my new publication, that I really began to understand the meaning of what Danny had said: Las Vegas has an effect on people.

I heard some strong opinions on my town during that NYC visit.

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- @albertbrooks
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We are a city that makes people talk, that makes people dream—a place where a crisp \$100 bill means less than it does in any other city. Las Vegas suspends disbelief and makes for the most opulent playland for adults. We offer up Michelin three-star restaurants and world-renowned chefs, plus AAA five-diamond accommodations, seven Cirque du Soleil shows and seven Louis Vuitton stores—all within a three-mile radius. On any given week, more than 800,000 tourists come to the Strip, all seeking to consume.

As we celebrate the eighth anniversary of *Vegas* with this special issue, we usher in the show-stopping Chelsea Handler at Caesars Palace on May 28 and Garth Brooks at Encore in June and July. Couture arrives at Wynn Las Vegas June 2, JCK at Mandalay Bay June 3, and the World Shoe Association at the Sands Expo & Convention Center July 27. Last but certainly not least, *Vegas* throws itself a huge eighth-birthday party at the chic Nikki Beach with host Rebecca Romijn and thousands of our closest friends and cherished readers.

Danny was right: Vegas is a hormone, and for the last eight years, we have captured this feeling on every page, reflecting our city’s luxurious and contagious fabulousness.

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