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Greetings Samantha,

Tragedies like the massacres in Las Vegas and Orlando are part of our social fabric now. Fortunately, we are learning how to respond. Hopefully, we'll never again have to. Life goes on and entertainment continues to thrive, including double digit increases in D.C., Maryland and the Virginias venues. We have that story in our November issue. Look for it next week, along with news of the blogger who busted Bloomington and the teaching-school philosophy that permeated settlements in Las Cruces, N.M., when Mother Hubbard ran the show.



*The famous 'Welcome to Las Vegas' site a day after a gunman killed 58 people and wounded over 500 more attending Route 91 Harvest festival on Oct. 1.*

## Orlando Venues Key Staff Help Vegas Recovery

By Brad Weissberg

Craig Borkon, assistant director, and Kathy DeVault, director of strategic partnerships, Orlando Venues, who together created and ran the emergency family assistance center in Orlando after the Pulse nightclub shootings, never wanted to be experts in the field. But they are. And when Las Vegas was in need; they responded.

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We always said if there was another community in need, we'd be there to help. This was Orlando's way of helping to give back. Personally it is healing and therapeutic to be able to put into practice all we learned the hard way." — *Kathy DeVault, director of strategic partnerships, Orlando Venues.*

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Las Vegas native Sierra Black and the Color Guard performed the National Anthem at "Vegas Strong; A Night of Healing," Oct. 19, at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas. The free event honored victims, survivors and first responders from the Oct. 1, Route 91 Harvest

Festival tragedy.



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**Power Rangers Live to Tour In 2018**

By Noelle Riley

Saban's Power Rangers Live tour will hit North America in spring 2018, starting at Comerica Theatre, Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 18. The tour will travel to 50 other venues throughout the United States and Canada.

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### Etix Acquires TicketBiscuit and ExtremeTix

By Lisa White

Etix, a provider of ticketing software and solutions based in Morrisville, N.C., has completed two separate growth acquisitions of Birmingham, Ala.-based TicketBiscuit and Houston's ExtremeTix.

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### Quebec's Place Bell Opens

By Tom Gresham

The newly opened Place Bell, Quebec, is a \$155 million multipurpose cultural and athletic facility that features an amphitheater and main arena, an NHL-style skating and practice rink and an Olympic-style rink. The main arena seats 10,000 maximum for events such as Laval Rocket games.

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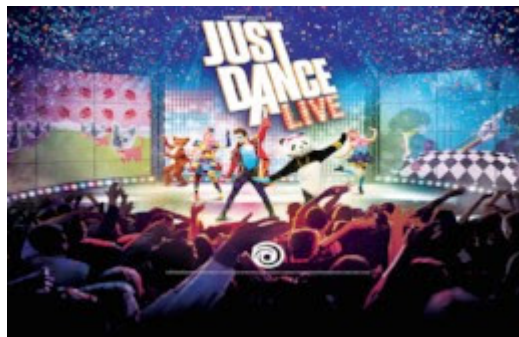


### Solano County Fair Pacts With FEMA

By Brad Weissberg

Solano County Fair, Vallejo, Calif., has contracted with FEMA to house emergency temporary mobile housing units on six acres of its property. The deal will last for 18 months.

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### Video Game Just Dance Goes Live

By Noelle Riley

Video game Just Dance will go live in U.S. venues next spring, transforming the digital dance contest into a live, interactive, real-world experience for audiences. The tour kicks off in Miami, Fla., for a three-day show at the 2,700-seat Fillmore Miami Beach at the Jackie Gleason Theatre March 8-11.

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### Data and Dynamic Pricing Protocols

By Pamela Sherborne

Pixel placement systems and the way current tickets are sold were trending ticketing topics explored on stage and in the hallways at the International Entertainment Buyers Association (IEBA) 2017 Conference, recently held in Nashville.

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### Three Stooges Stage Show Going On Tour

By Andrew N. McLean

The former MGM Grand, Las Vegas, live stage show, "The Three Stooges, Three-Actical, Three D's," has been revived and is going on tour. Knight Entertainment Group (KEG) nabbed the exclusive license for the show after striking a deal with property owner C3 Entertainment Inc.

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### Alice Cooper Slays Them In OZ

Alice Cooper and special guest Ace Frehley played the Hordern Pavilion, Sydney, Oct. 21, entertaining 4,000 fans and grossing nearly \$450,000. Cooper was celebrating 40 years of playing Down Under.

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### IAFE; XLIVE; Western Fairs Soon

IAFE Convention & Trade Show, Paris Hotel & Casino, Nov. 26-29; XLIVE Annual Conference, Mandalay Bay Hotel, Dec. 10-13; Western Fairs Association Convention, Anaheim (Calif.) Marriott, Jan. 3-6.



### Curran Named Spokane CEO

Stephanie Curran, current Spokane (Wash.) Convention Center GM, has been promoted to CEO of The Spokane Public Facilities District, taking over from retiring Kevin Twohig.

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## SHORT TAKES

### Charity Game At Van Andel Arena Nets Over \$330K

A charity game between Michigan State University, East Lansing, and University of Georgia, Athens, for disaster relief was held at SMG-managed Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 29, and raised \$339,448.90. The funds were presented to representatives from the American Red Cross. Tickets for the suddenly-announced game sold out almost immediately.

### ASU Renames Facility As First National Bank Arena

Arkansas State University Athletics, Jonesboro, Board of Trustees voted on Oct. 19 to rename the university's multipurpose facility known as the Convocation Center to First National Bank Arena in recognition of a \$5 million contribution by First National Bank to the Red Wolves Foundation, the fundraising arm of Arkansas State.

### OC Fair Names New Chairperson

The OC Fair, Costa Mesa, Calif., Board of Directors has chosen Barbara Bagneris as its new chairperson and Robert Ruiz as vice chair. Bagneris, a principal financial analyst at Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems, has been on the board since 2014. She replaces outgoing chairperson Nick Berardino who remains on the board as a director.

### Wisconsin Indian Tribe Buys Herd Venue Naming Rights

The Menominee tribe has bought the naming rights for the Wisconsin Herd's new arena in Oshkosh, Wis. The Herd is the minor league affiliate of the Milwaukee Bucks. Menominee tribal chairman Gary Besaw says the purchase will help the tribe promote its casino in Keshena and its lumber mill in nearby Neopit.

### AEG Selects ABM For Forest Hills Stadium

ABM has been selected as a facilities service partner for Forest Hills Stadium, Queens, N.Y. The agreement, brokered by AEG Global Partnerships, continues to strengthen and expand ABM's longstanding relationship with AEG and follows AEG's recent announcement of its long-term booking and promotion relationship with the iconic venue.

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