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Greetings Samantha,

Lawsuits are flying and so are we....flying to Nashville for IAVM. We've just finished the July issue and it will be on your desk next week...late but great. The Women of Influence profiled in the book are another extraordinary group of visionaries and leaders. While they all said they've already been congratulated by hundreds of supporters and couldn't be more gratified, we're going to crank it up anyway with our annual reception in their honor. Please join us in recognizing the *Venues Today* Women of Influence on Aug. 8 at the

Music City Center.



Christina Grimmie.

AEG Responds To Grimmie Lawsuit

By Mary Wade Burnside

AEG has responded to a lawsuit filed by the relatives of Christina Grimmie claiming they, along with The Plaza theater, Orlando, Fla., are responsible for the senseless shooting of "The Voice" star last summer in Orlando at a meet and greet, by a deranged fan, after a concert at the venue. AEG said they had no contract with the slain star and bear no responsibility.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"MSG was dumbstruck. It wasn't just a slap in the face. It was more like a punch in the face."

— *The Forum's lawyer, Marvin Putnam, on the reaction from Forum owners MSG and Shelli Azoff after hearing about the allegedly secret deal to build a new arena for the L.A. Clippers a few blocks away from the all-music venue in Inglewood, Calif.*

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Leading ladies of NBA management gathered around the NBA's championship O'Brien Trophy in Las Vegas last week. The NBA female GM's are Kim Stone, executive VP & GM, AmericanAirlines Arena and Miami Heat; Amanda Mann, VP & GM, Portland Trail Blazers and Rose Quarter; Mel Raines, SVP and president of facilities operations, Indiana Pacers Sports & Entertainment; and Donna Julian, SVP & GM, Charlotte (N.C.) Hornets and Spectrum Center.








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The Forum To Sue Inglewood



By Tom Gresham

The owners of The Forum, Inglewood, Calif., plan to sue the City of Inglewood for quietly voting in a potential new home for the L.A. Clippers just a few blocks from both The Forum and the new L.A. Rams/L.A. Chargers stadium currently under construction in the city. The Forum lawsuit cites the "backroom deal with no public input," competition and environmental concerns as the main reasons for their objection.

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eTix and Parthenon Partner

By Andrew McLean

eTix, an international web-based ticketing provider, has completed a growth oriented recapitalization with private equity firm Parthenon Capital Partners. In its wake, eTix also purchased ExtremeTix for a reported \$16.5 million.

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Las Calinas To Open Multiple Venues

By Noelle Riley

Las Calinas, Texas, is getting ready to open their new 250,000 sq.-ft. entertainment district, which they will unveil in phases. Phase One will see its pavilion, managed by Live Nation, opening over Labor Day weekend.

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Legitimizing eSports

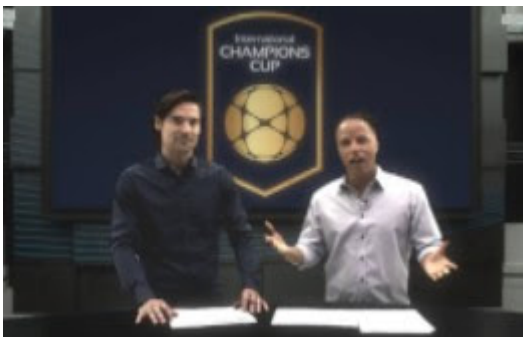


Levitt Pavilion Opens In Denver

By Brad Weissberg

The new \$7.2-million amphitheater, Levitt Pavilion, has opened in Denver proper. The venue is a public/private partnership with plans to program a healthy mix of free public events and paid events. Slim Cessna's Auto Club was the first free event; UB40 the first ticketed show.

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Five Technology Storylines Impacting ICC

By Diamond Leung

Technology has come a long way and International Champions Cup organizers intend to take full advantage of current trends. Their next series of 12 matches, played across 11 cities, aim to show off Virtual Reality, fan apps, wearable sensors and behind-the-scenes video.

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By Linda Deckard

Change will occur at warp speed, and already is, in the world of eSports, and a lot will take place in arenas. Experts in the field envision the day gamers will catch up to baseball and basketball as a major league sport. The Overwatch League, which announced seven city-based franchises July 12, is a game changer for eSports, as is the growing prominence of eSports players as superstars.

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Heavy Sales For Heavy Metal

Heavy metal band Metallica made our Hot Tickets chart this week with a performance at Parc Jean-Drapeau, Montreal, July 19, with their WorldWired tour. Nearly 30,000 fans in attendance saw ticket prices ranging from \$70-\$200, and the event grossed over \$3.-2 million.

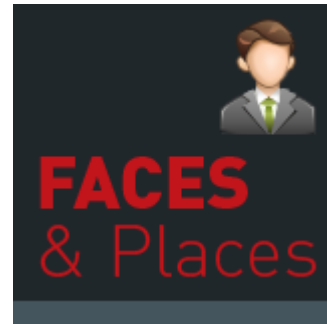
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IAVM, TLCC and XLIVE Tailend Summer

IAVM, VenueConnect, Music City Center, Nashville, Tenn., Aug 7-10; TLCC 2017, Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, Aug 13-17; XLIVE eSports Summit, New York City, Aug. 22-24.


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Saunders Promoted At Venue Coalition

Andrew Saunders has been promoted to director of booking at consulting firm Venue Coalition. Saunders was previously the company's booking manager. Saunders worked for the company from 2012-2014 and returned in 2015 after a short stint at Gelfand, Rennert & Feldman.

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SHORT TAKES

Classic Northwest Added to Series

Live Nation have announced a third Classic featuring the Eagles and the Doobie Brothers for Safeco Field, Seattle. Classic Northwest will take place Sept. 30. Classic West was held at Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles, July 15-16 and Classic East will be this weekend, July 29-30, at Citi Field, New York.

Denver County Fair Breaks Opening Weekend Record

Denver County Fair is breaking records under the new ownership of the Western Stock Show Association. In its first weekend, 17,220 people walked through its gates over three days, setting an all-time first weekend high.

Quito (Ecuador) Convention Center To Open In August

In April of this year, the Quito (Ecuador) Tourism Board announced the construction of Ecuador's Metropolitan Convention Center, in the heart of Bicentennial Park. Construction is moving ahead briskly

and the tentative opening date is now August 2018. Over 200 individuals are directly working on the expansive project, including approximately 150 construction workers and nearly 50 plumbers, electricians, etc. The project hopes to become LEED-certified and address all sustainability issues that may arise during and post construction.

Legends Adds Vegan Offerings For McCartney Shows

In anticipation of Paul McCartney's One on One Tour arriving in Chicago on July 25 and 26, Live Nation and the chefs of the Legends culinary team at Tinley Park have designed a menu that supports McCartney's advocacy of a vegetarian diet. Offerings will include vegan chili fries; vegan nacho grande; buffalo cauliflower bites; sweet potato burritos; green bean salads; soba noodle salads; hummus trays and specialty sandwiches.

Minnesota United's Venue To be Called Allianz Field

Allianz Life has signed a multiyear deal with Minnesota United's new soccer stadium in St. Paul. The new name of the \$150 million venue will be Allianz Field. The facility is expected to open for the Loon's 2019 soccer season.

Insomniac Cares Makes Good 2016 Charity Auction Funds

Insomniac Cares and The Shade Tree unveiled the newly designed Children's Activity Center in Las Vegas following a complete renovation of the space funded by the EDC Week Charity Auction in 2016. Insomniac, eBay for Charity and fans from around the world came together to bid on priceless once-in-a-lifetime experiences, raising more than \$120,000 for the local, nonprofit, Insomniac Cares Makes Good 2016 Charity Auction Fund.

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