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MANDALAY BAY NAMED “BEST RACE AND SPORTS BOOK” BY VEGASHOTSPOTS.COM IN TIME FOR 2003 SUPER BOWL

Hometown Website is a Virtual Concierge for Las Vegas Visitors Seeking Anything From “Best Lap Dance” to “Best 99-cent Shrimp Cocktail”

LAS VEGAS, January 23, 2003 – More than a quarter-million people will jump in cars or board planes to visit Las Vegas for the upcoming Super Bowl weekend, and many of them will place bets on the Raiders-Buccaneers contest during their visits. Just in time for the big game, **VegasHotSpots.com™**, the only “insider with attitude” website for Las Vegas, today awarded Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino its “Best Race and Sports Book” designation.

“Mandalay Bay has achieved the ‘trifecta’ for any serious sports bettor: a mind-blowing board, a smart betting line, and a classy bar within arms reach,” said Tom Hantges, publisher of VegasHotSpots.com. “With 17 large screens including a huge drive-in theater-sized main screen, nearly 300 seats and the Turf Lounge, Mandalay Bay has set a new standard.”

In addition to sports betting, many of this weekend’s visitors will want to know, “where is the ‘*best lounge to get lucky,*’ ‘*best 99-cent shrimp cocktail,*’ ‘*best lap dance,*’ and if I win big at the sports book, ‘*best place to spend my winnings?*’” The answer again is VegasHotSpots.com.

VegasHotSpots.com recommends 100 of the hottest spots in Las Vegas, including what to see, where to stay, where to eat, must-see shows (and showgirls), raging, romantic, or naughty nightlife, and unusual and entertaining attractions. *(answers to questions in paragraph above, in order: Circle Bar at Hard Rock Hotel; Golden Gate Hotel Casino; Cheetah’s Gentleman’s Club; and, Le Cirque at Bellagio.)*

"Everyone who comes to Las Vegas wants to make the most of their time and money and we are their friend behind the velvet rope," said Hantges. "We know Las Vegas inside-and-out and serve as a 'virtual concierge' for anyone coming to town. Our 'Hot Spots' are determined by an advisory board that sees the shows, parties at the clubs and bars, and plays at the machines and tables."

The VegasHotSpots.com home page provides links to fun facts about Las Vegas, a "Survival Guide", and a chance to win one of VegasHotSpots.com's "Giveaway-a-Day." The good stuff, however, can be found in Club Royale, a members-only section containing the Hot Spots lists, articles on what's new and hot, and members-only promotions. Joining Club Royale is fast and free...all it takes is a name and e-mail address.

VegasHotSpots.com was launched in April 2002 and since then has given an inside peek at the best of Las Vegas. A sample of the HotSpots categories (*and winners*) for 2002:

- Best Place to Watch Go-Go Dancers (*Bikini's Beach and Dance Club at Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino*)
- Best Hotel to Have an Affair (*Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino*)
- Best Hotel for Celebrity Spotting (*Hard Rock Hotel and Casino*)
- Hottest Cocktail Kittens on the Strip (*Coyote Ugly at New York-New York Hotel and Casino*)
- Best Hotel for Cleavage (*The Orleans*)
- Hottest Dance Club in Town (*Rain at The Palms Casino Resort*)
- Best Place to Tie a Knot (*Little White Chapel*)
- Best Place to find Elvis (*Elvis-A-Rama Museum*)

For 2003, VegasHotSpots.com will be refining the current list as well as adding new, sexy and fun Hot Spots throughout the year.

About VegasHotSpots.com

VegasHotSpots.com (VHS) is designed to capture the allure and hype of the "new" Las Vegas, while saluting the history, mystery and attitude that built its international reputation. Visitors can enlist in Club Royale, a membership-only section with additional content and package deals, as well as a customizable online newsletter. VegasHotSpots.com fills a void in traditional Las Vegas destination travel sites by providing point-of-view editorial content and one-of-a-kind offerings. For more information, contact: (702) 947-8413 or marketing@vegashotspots.com.

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