

# JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

*In a city filled with some of the country's most glamorous people, who rely on looking good to earn their pay, there's no question that beauty is big business in Las Vegas. And one of the biggest in the business is Dr. Terry Higgins. A Vegas native and celebrity favorite, Higgins is one of the most respected plastic surgeons in the country. Higgins recently shared some of Sin City's best-kept beauty secrets with LVM's Leslie Frisbee.*

## **Luv-It Frozen Custard (505 E. Oakey Blvd).**

An old Vegas treat! I've been going to this family-owned custard shop on Oakey and Las Vegas Boulevard since I was a kid. Luv-It has become a Vegas institution. The Scotch Jimmy Treat is to die for, and the banana fudge crumble is just insane.

**The Fountains at Bellagio.** Even after all this time, they are still one of the most beautiful and mesmerizing sights in the city. The music and water come together to create an experience unlike anything you have ever seen. This should be at the top of any visitor's list of things to do.

**The Spa at Encore.** Absolutely in a realm all its own. I am a spa fanatic and have never been in a nicer one than this. Everything is geared toward a private and serene experience where you can have your own space. The service is second to none, with a staff that gives you very personal attention.

**An ice-cold beer at Three Angry Wives Pub.** This Boca Park Irish pub offers just the right mix of local flavor and great beer. It reminds me of the bar in *Cheers* because everyone knows my name (that could also be because it is owned by my three brothers). The beer is so cold it has ice chips; on a hot Vegas day, there's nothing like it.

**Las Vegas locals.** We are a small but omnipresent group. Behind all the bright lights and glitz of Las Vegas, there is a community of smart, caring and extremely driven

people. Much of what the city has to offer, both on and off the Strip, is a testament to the people who call Las Vegas home.

**Entertainment.** Where else can you see Bette, Barry, Cher, Elton and Donny & Marie all in the same week?! Las Vegas offers world-class entertainment unlike any other city in the country. There is an incredible choice of entertainment, and people who come here have an opportunity to see iconic entertainers perform live onstage.

**Generosity.** Las Vegas has one of the highest per capita charitable contributions in the U.S., which is especially impressive considering the current economic climate in this country. The people of this city are extremely generous, and not just with their money but also with their time. Many worthwhile causes find support among the people who live and work in Las Vegas.

**Family.** I have a huge Irish Catholic family that includes 10 brothers and sisters with a total of 24 children, plus my mother and father. Almost all of us call this city home, so it's hard for me to not think of family when I think of Las Vegas.

## **Tiramisu at Vintner Grill.**

Hands-down the best dessert in Vegas. I am normally not a tiramisu fan, but this is truly the work of a chocolate genius and not like any tiramisu you've ever had.

**Water and snow skiing.** Lake Mead offers great waterskiing, with Lee Canyon at Mount Charleston a terrific spot for snow skiing and snowboarding. There are not many cities where you can go snow skiing and water skiing, and it's all within a 30-minute drive from the Strip.