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LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert Receives Donation of Two Publication Collections

March 17, 2022 – Palm Springs, California - *The LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert* announces that it was the recipient this month of two significant publication collections for its archive. A collection of more than 100 issues of *MEGA-Scene*, published by Bob Hoven from 1990-2006, was given to the Archives by **Russell Biscak** and **Richard Brakefield, JD**. Brakefield was the author of the “Law” column during *MEGA-Scene*’s entire run.

"In giving our large collection of MEGA-Scenes to the LGBTQ+ Archives & History of the Desert, both Richard & I wanted to preserve the legacy of Bob Hoven and those who worked with him to produce a gay newspaper for more than 16 years. We are very glad to know that these issues will now be available for researchers and the general public to understand more about LGBTQ+ life during that time."

In addition, a complete collection of the publication *Desert Outlook*, published by *The Desert Sun* from 2012-2018, was also given to the Archives by **Frank Lopez**.

“As a trained librarian and archivist, I've always had a passion for collecting and research,” says Lopez. “I knew my collection of magazines could be put to practical use, as well as help a buddy cultural heritage group. Now in good stewardship, I wish the organization continued success as it builds a meaningful collection documenting the local LGBTQ community and history.”

Formed in 2019, the *LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert* is currently looking for documents and memorabilia from bars, inns, restaurants, publications, LGBT organizations, and individuals. In addition, all funds raised go toward storing, archiving, preserving, and sharing the LGBTQ+ history of the desert through exhibitions and education. Should you have any LGBTQ+

treasures in your garage, attic, closet, or storage area and would like to donate them, please contact the organization by email at lgbtqpshistory@gmail.com. You can also follow them on Facebook [@lgbtqpshistory](https://www.facebook.com/lgbtqpshistory).

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Photo Captions:

Russell Biscak (left) presenting over 100 issues of *MEGA-Scene* to David Gray, Co-Chair, LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert (right).

Frank Lopez, (right) giving his complete collection of *Desert Outlook*, to David Gray, (left) Co-Chair, LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert.

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