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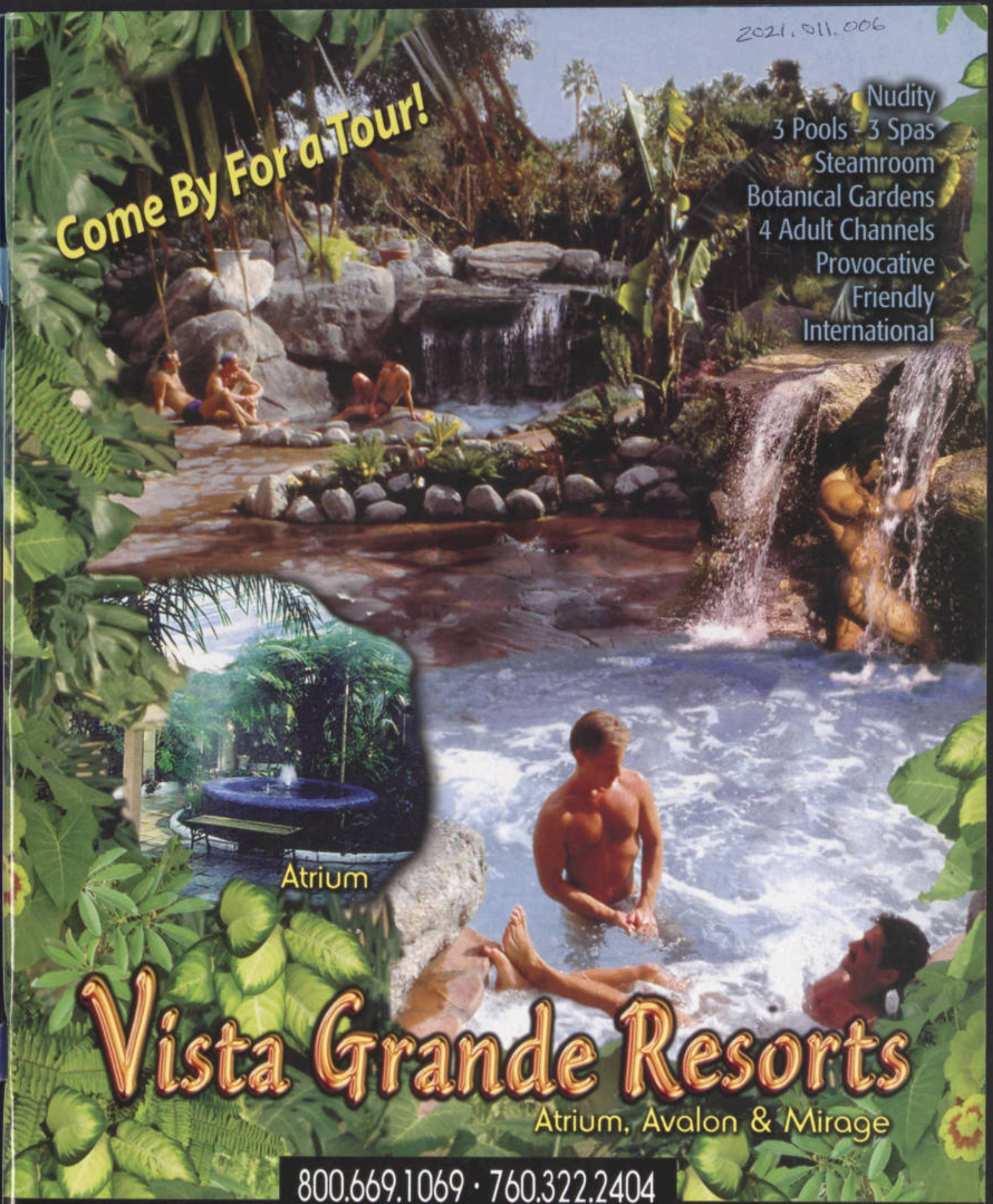
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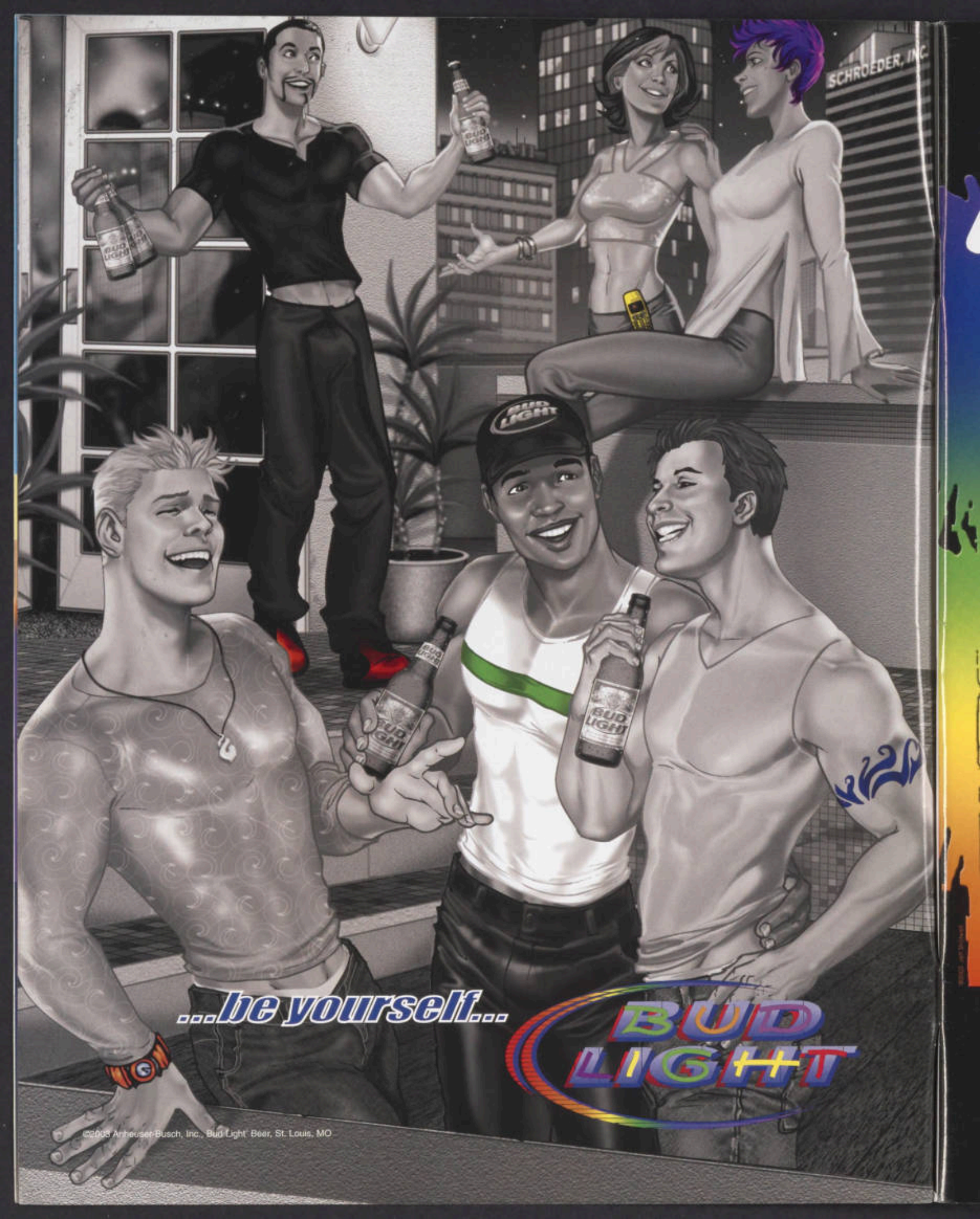
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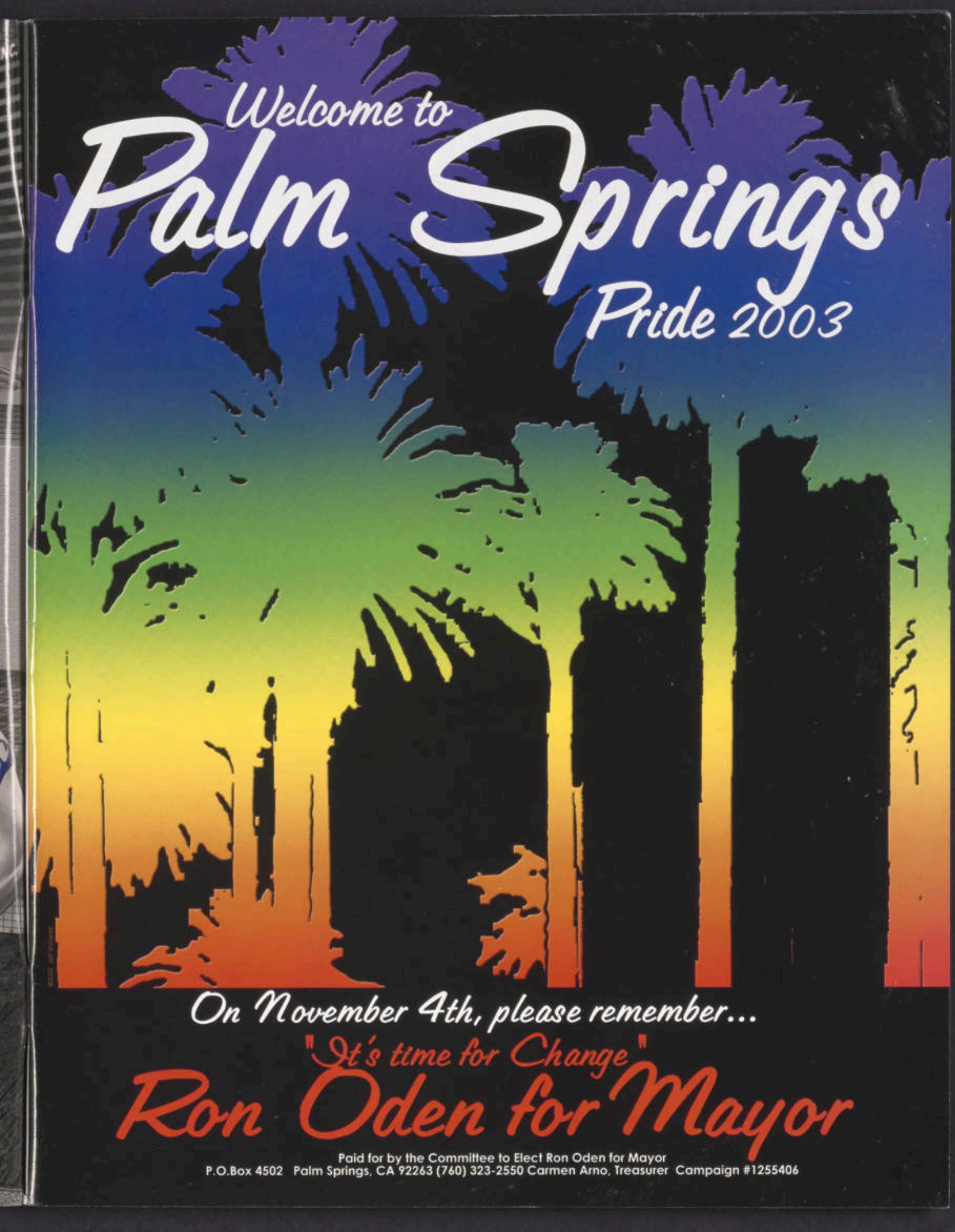
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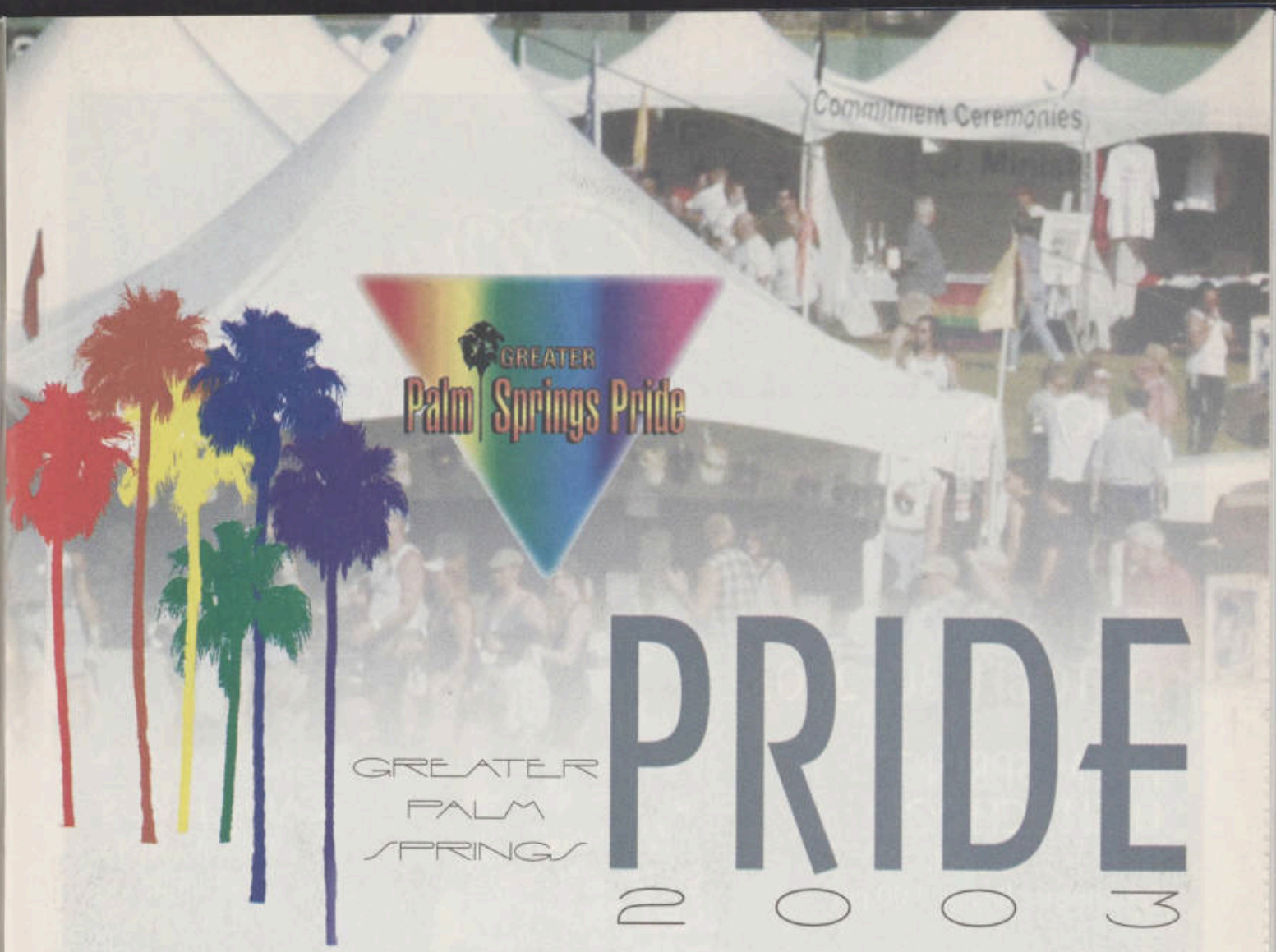
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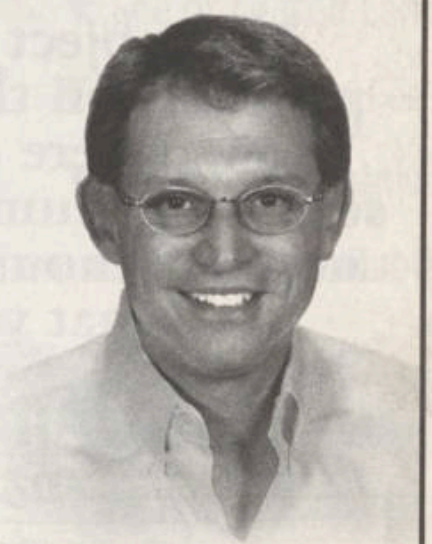
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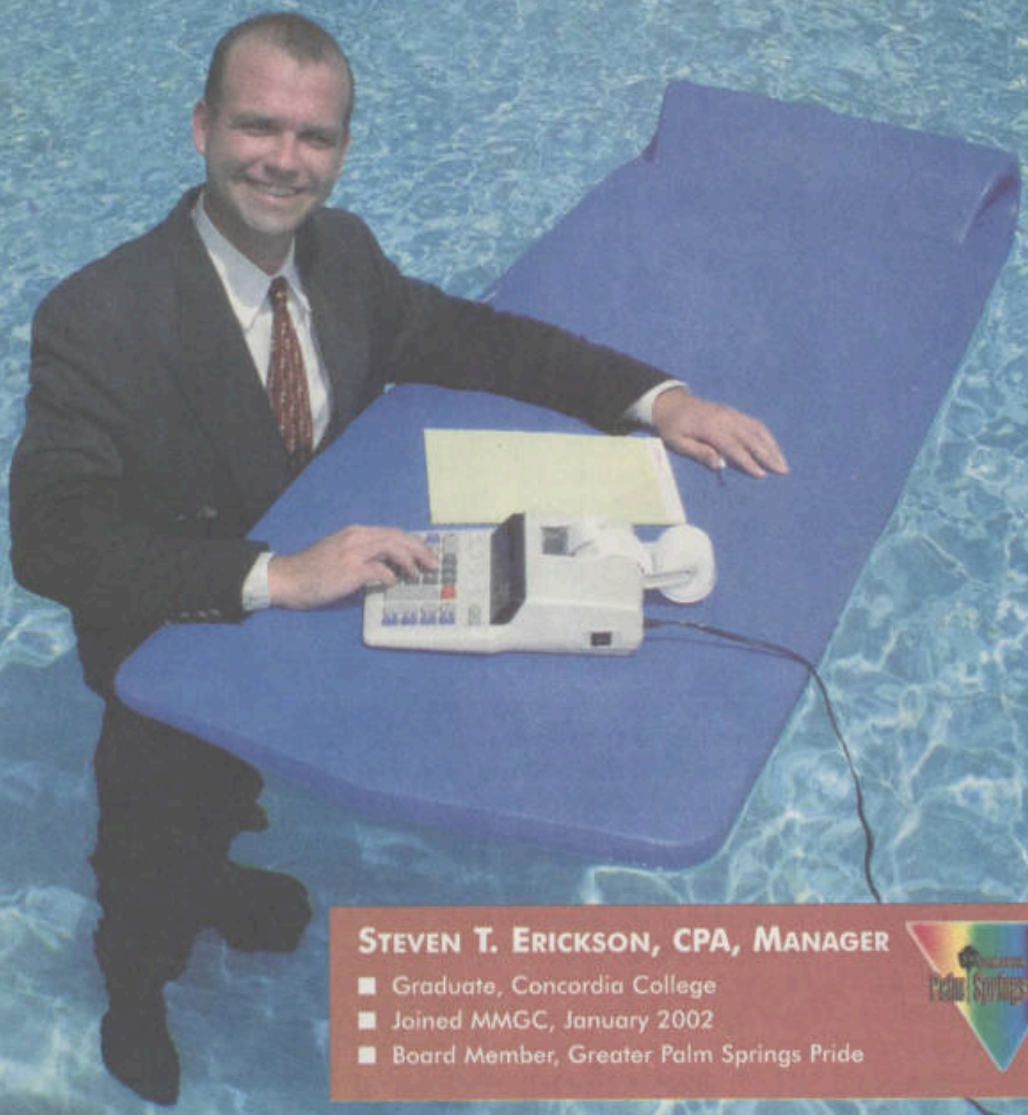
Arenas Road, the "best little street in the Desert" will be closed to traffic for the Desert Business Association Expo on Thursday, October 30th, in conjunction with our Thursday night "VillageFest'. Also on Thursday is a concert by the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and The Caballeros to benefit the AIDS Assistance Program as well as the Desert AIDS Project, to be held at the Palm Springs High School Auditorium. On Friday, Arenas Road will be a center of activity in celebrating Halloween, which also marks the start of Pride Weekend. Our Pride Festival, with over 180 vendors/exhibitors, and thirty entertainment acts will again be held at the Palm Springs Stadium. All of the clubs, hotels, organizations and businesses in the area are busy as well with party plans, parade entries, et al. It is an amazing thing to watch. It is amazing also to know that we can celebrate in the open and share our accomplishments with the Community at Large.

This year we celebrate our talents, gifts, and diversity in addition to several marker events important to our community. It is the 25th anniversary of the Pride Flag, and with the recent unprecedented decision by the Supreme Court as well as decisions on the State level, we have much to be grateful for as we continue to strive for equality. Thanks to each of you for participating in our event and helping to make it what it is.

Please party safely, and savor all that our Community has to offer. It is a wonderful place to live, work, and visit.

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It is a pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all who have gathered for this year's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Celebrations. As you join together in this positive expression of community, you send a message of hope and unity throughout the world.

California has established an enviable human rights record. As Governor, I have sought to ensure that our laws live up these values. With the help of principled leaders and effective grass roots activists, we have taken action to help guarantee that the LGBT community receives equal protection under the law and is afforded the same rights, benefits and responsibilities that exist for others.

Working together, we have:

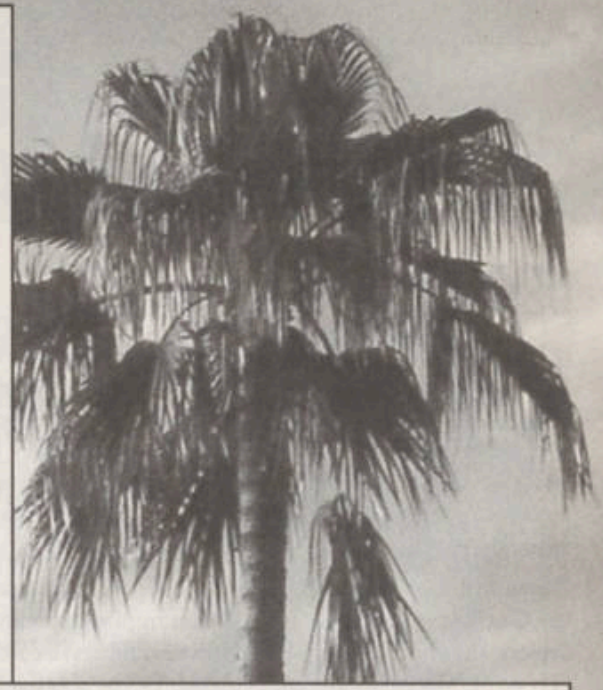
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California is leading this nation and the world down the path of tolerance and justice. Together, we must continue working until all people have the full and equal chance to achieve their dreams.

I commend the organizers of this year's events for all your hard work. Your commitment to achieving equality is certainly cause for celebration. On behalf of the people of the Great State of California, I extend best wishes for this celebration of diversity and freedom.

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September 10, 2003

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On behalf of the Palm Springs City Council and the entire community of Palm Springs, I extend a warm welcome back to the Annual Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival and Parade.

Whether you are a participant or a spectator, I know you will agree this is without a doubt one of Palm Springs' most colorful events. This year promises to be even bigger and better than ever, featuring a Family Garden for Festival attendees and their children; an art show and sale; and a greatly expanded Author's Village, in addition to the previous years' offerings.

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If Palm Springs holds anyone in its heart, it is Deyna Hodges. A fixture on the local community, civic and professional scene for the past 35 years, Deyna is a familiar face to anyone living and working in Palm Springs. Deyna has been instrumental in making several significant contributions to Palm Springs, the Valley and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community, both through her involvement in numerous causes and projects, and as an elected member of the Palm Springs City Council for the past 11 years.

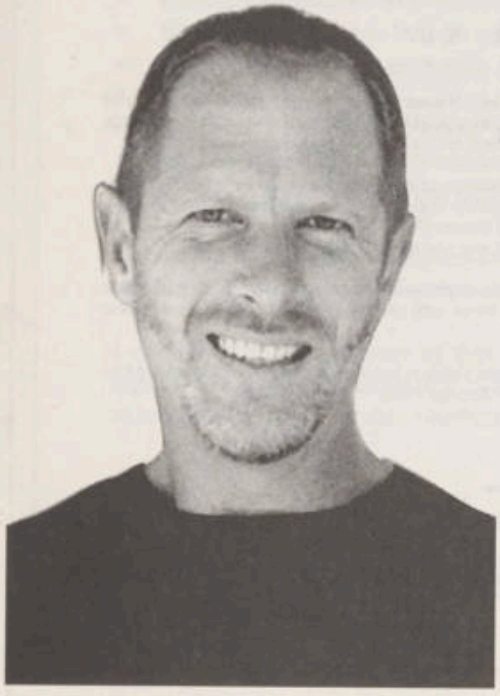


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Deyna's tireless work has helped make VillageFest a year-around event. For her service to the Gay, Lesbian and Transgender community, including the Arenas Road Improvement Project, she received the DBA's Outstanding Service in Creating Better Relations Between Gay & Non-Gay Communities award. Deyna also has been named Desert Woman of the Year by the College of the Desert, and Citizen of the Year by the Palm Springs Police Officers Association.

Through her years of selfless volunteerism, involvement and nurturing, Deyna has helped make Palm Springs and the Valley a better, welcoming and vibrant community. An expert in building bridges between different groups and constituencies, Deyna perhaps more than anyone, is responsible for the spirit of diversity that makes Palm Springs a special place to live and work.

CHRIS REES



Every community has its group of people who quietly and with little fanfare or expectation, accomplish great and wonderful things. Chris Rees is one of those wonderful people! Starting "way back" in 1995, he began making a mark in the Desert, beginning with the Desert Palms Inn and then The Tool Shed, which he is now the proprietor of.

Chris has been an inspiration to many in this community through his guidance, strength of character, personal and professional accomplishments, and tireless acts of kindness that have meant so much to so many. His willingness to help and take an active role in his community has been greatly appreciated by numerous organizations, which include the Desert Business Association, Greater Palm Springs Pride, (which, without his contribution and patience, never would have a parade as it exists today).

Chris has received acknowledgements and awards from the following: P.A.W.S; Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert; Palm Springs Bears; Human Rights Commission of the City of Palm Springs; and the Palm Springs Gay Veterans, Sponsor of the Year award in 2002.

Chris's favorite and biggest fundraiser is the traditional AIDS Assistance Program Stocking Stuffing Program which puts together over 400 Christmas stockings every year for clients of the AAP. Tool Shed also hosts fundraisers on behalf of PSLOD, Palm Springs Gay Veterans and numerous other organizations.

We are so pleased to acknowledge his many gifts to this community, and are grateful for his presence in our community.

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WOMAN & MAN OF THE YEAR

JEANNE RELLER-SPURGIN, R.N. WOMAN OF THE YEAR



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Jeanne Reller-Spurgin has been an outstanding and inspiring leader of the community for well over 15 years, not only through her public service but also through her work on numerous social, professional and community causes. She has been an elected member of the Palm Springs City Council since 1992, and has served as mayor pro tem. Jeanne is leaving the City Council when her term expires this November. But she will never abandon her sense of duty and responsibility to the community. As a registered nurse, Jeanne understands the importance of service to others. And that sense of service permeates everything she does.

In addition to her duties as a City Council member, Jeanne is an outreach nurse at the Mizell Senior Center in Palm Springs—a position she's held since 1984. Over the past 15 years, she also has served—and continues to serve—on countless boards, commissions and task forces. These include the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, Elder Abuse Committee, College of the Desert, Boys and Girls Club of Palm Springs, and the local Economic Development Commission. Jeanne also finds time to be a mentor for students at Palm Springs High School.

Over the year, Jeanne's work has brought her numerous awards, including the Mizell Senior Center's Betty G. Beadling Lifetime Achievement Award, and College of the Desert's Alumni of the Year. She has been named an Outstanding Woman in the Field of Medicine by *Palm Springs Life* magazine, and recently was named Citizen of the Year by the Palm Springs Police Department.

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DON WARDELL MAN OF THE YEAR

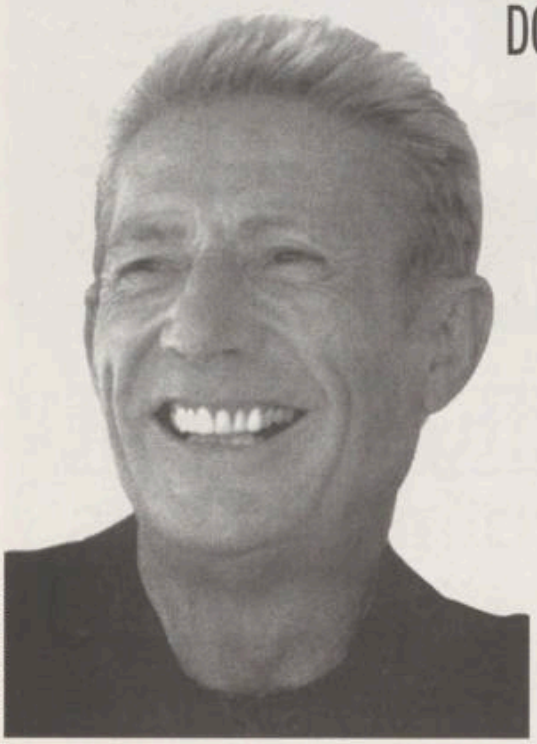


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Don Wardell has touched so very many in his wonderful and accomplished life, he had to be our first "Man of the Year!" All who know him admire his loving, sensitive and gentle, yet professional manner.

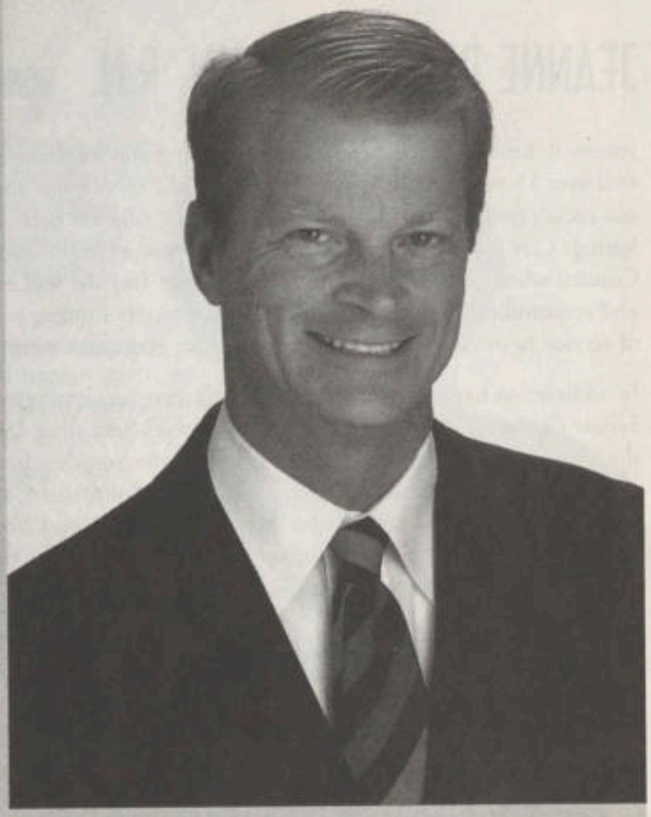
Don spent twenty years with RCA Victor Records, where he was head of the archives. His major work was the restoration of the Elvis Presley recording legacy. Don joined the Desert AIDS Project in 1997 as Community Health Educator. During the past six years, Don has co-founded the HIV Negative Men's Group and a group for Sexual Compulsives. Many local businesses know him for the half million condoms he has delivered. Don is also a certified HIV test counselor and California Health Outreach Worker, having tested hundreds for the HIV virus.

"Don On!," Don's radio show, is the number one good music show in the Coachella Valley, heard every Saturday and Sunday morning on KWXY, am/fm. Don also serves as "the voice" of the Stroke Activity Center, Steve Chase Awards, Palm Springs International Film Festival, One Night Only, the Breast Cancer Tournament and The Caballeros.

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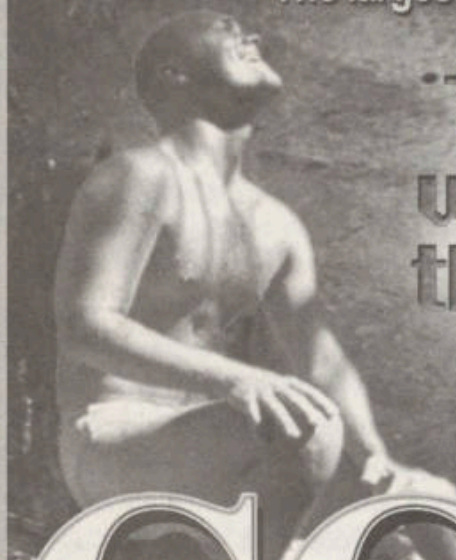
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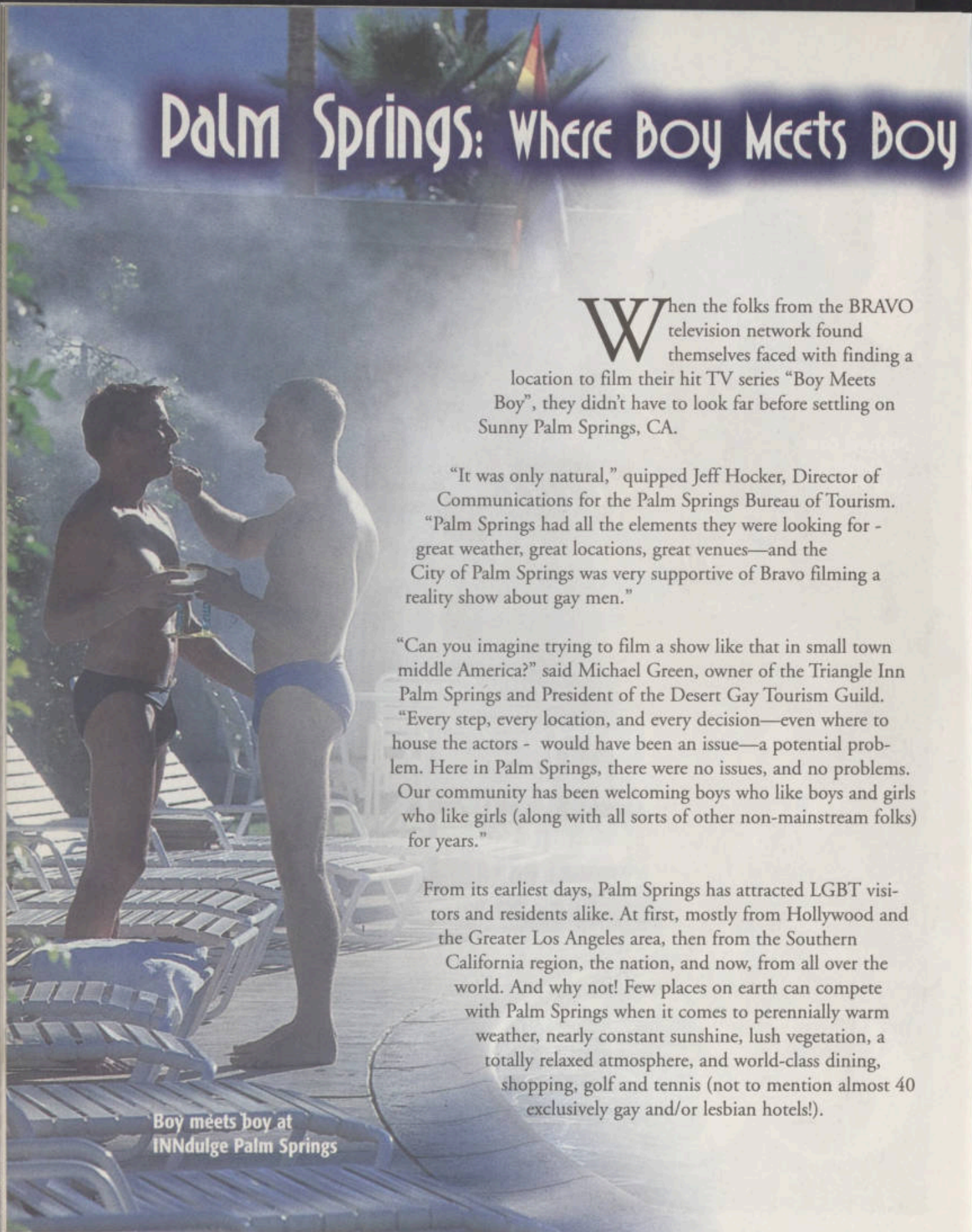
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When the folks from the BRAVO television network found themselves faced with finding a location to film their hit TV series "Boy Meets Boy", they didn't have to look far before settling on Sunny Palm Springs, CA.

"It was only natural," quipped Jeff Hocker, Director of Communications for the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism. "Palm Springs had all the elements they were looking for - great weather, great locations, great venues—and the City of Palm Springs was very supportive of Bravo filming a reality show about gay men."

"Can you imagine trying to film a show like that in small town middle America?" said Michael Green, owner of the Triangle Inn Palm Springs and President of the Desert Gay Tourism Guild. "Every step, every location, and every decision—even where to house the actors - would have been an issue—a potential problem. Here in Palm Springs, there were no issues, and no problems. Our community has been welcoming boys who like boys and girls who like girls (along with all sorts of other non-mainstream folks) for years."

From its earliest days, Palm Springs has attracted LGBT visitors and residents alike. At first, mostly from Hollywood and the Greater Los Angeles area, then from the Southern California region, the nation, and now, from all over the world. And why not! Few places on earth can compete with Palm Springs when it comes to perennially warm weather, nearly constant sunshine, lush vegetation, a totally relaxed atmosphere, and world-class dining, shopping, golf and tennis (not to mention almost 40 exclusively gay and/or lesbian hotels!).

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"Palm Springs is one of the premier LGBT vacation destinations in the world," said Jill Pentrack, Editor of the My Gay World Men's Travel Almanac, also headquartered in Palm Springs. "Anytime you start counting off the destinations where gay men and women go to take a "gay" vacation, Palm Springs is just automatically going to be a part of the list. The tourists love it!"

And it's not just the tourists who love Palm Springs. Gay residents are quite proud of the town as well. Palm Springs boasts a large and diverse local gay population. (Even conservative estimates say the gay community represents somewhere between 35 and 40 percent of the town's overall population). Palm Springs was one of the first California communities to approve and implement a domestic partnership registry, and is home the America's first and only Gay Veterans' Memorial. Openly gay candidates are active in local government (even the mayor pro-tem is gay).

Speaking again, Michael Green said, "To me, Palm Springs represents the kind of community that Martin Luther King envisioned when he asked that people be judged only by the content of their character. We all really try to live that way here in Palm Springs."

In the end, no matter what your perspective, Palm Springs is a great example of how communities can grow when they include all their residents in building the community. It was one of the first cities in California to adopt its own Domestic Partnership registry, and remains committed to its diverse population. For those living, working, or playing, in this small Southern California oasis, it's sort of like something you might find at the end of the (gay) rainbow. No wonder the tourists just keep on coming!



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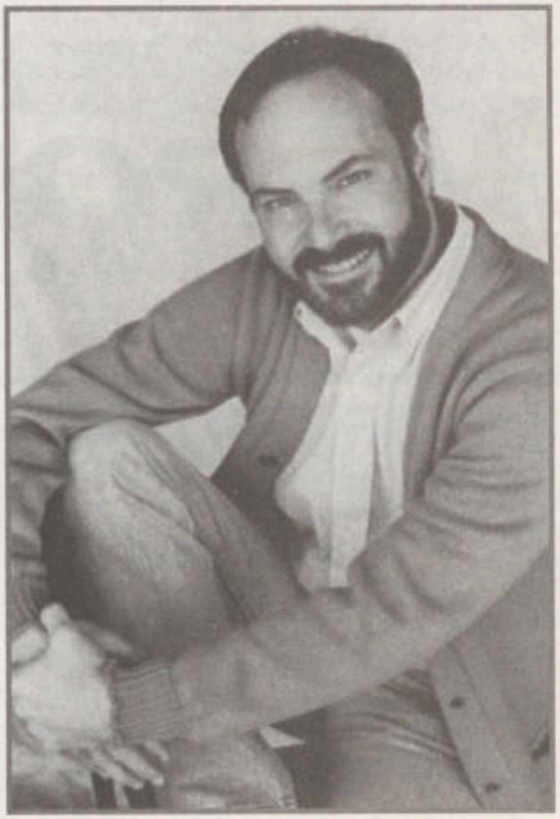
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Some of our members are crazy enough to actually want to train for races- like, get up at five or six in the morning every Friday, to run the Palm Springs Aerial Tram Road for a vertical gain of 2,600 ft in just under 4 miles. Can you imagine? But hey, some guys like the six-pack abs look. Me? Sweetie, I'll stick with our scenic Saturday Walk – Run through the village flower gardens with an incredible breakfast afterward.

Here's an event that you just gotta do with us. This years' 7th Annual Pride 5K Run – Walk is probably one of our most popular and important events all year. This year, proceeds from the 5K, which is 3.1 miles, will benefit the Jeffrey Sandholm Memorial Crisis and Help Line and, with your participation, will bring in enough money to replace their aging crisis-line telephone system. The course is flat, loops through the old Movie Star Colony and is perrr-fect for both newbies and Kenyans. So, get off the couch and start your New Years Resolution early! Run the 5K. You know you want to. We'll make it easy for you to transition from Couch Potato, to walking upright, then to running – just ask for one of our self-styled diva coaches. You won't believe the difference it will make in your life. Give it a try… See us on the web www.psfr.org for meeting times and location.. Happy Pride!



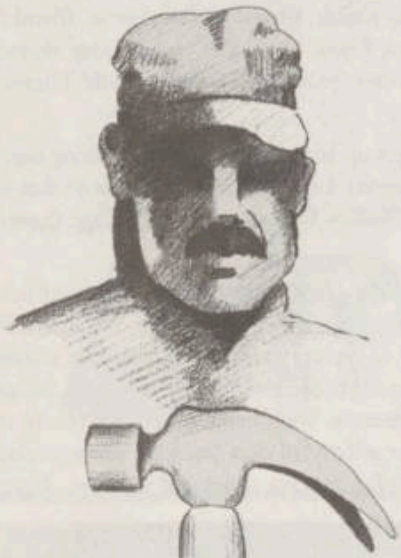
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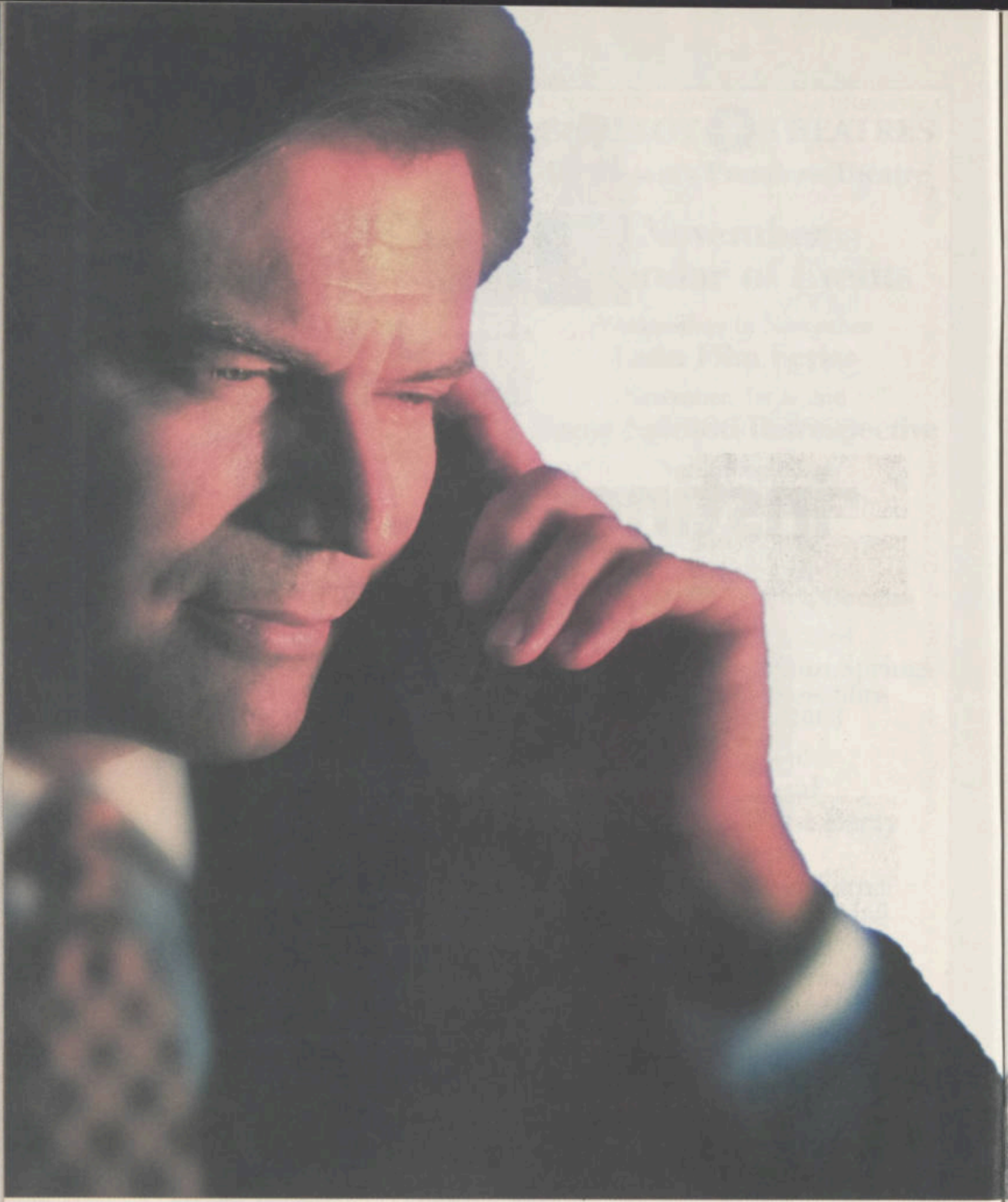
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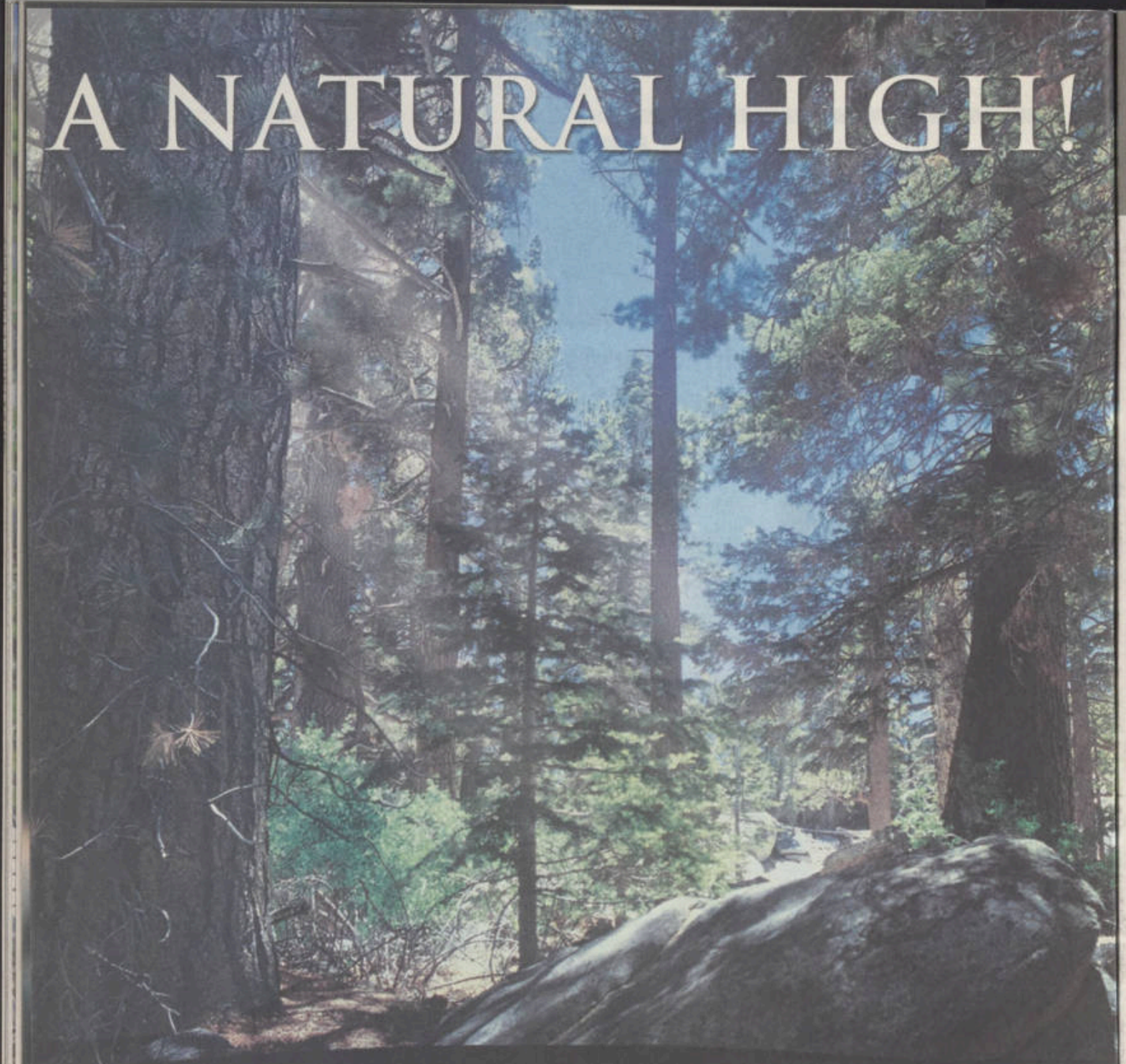
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by Denise Goolsby

California, 2003. A state in turmoil; trials and tribulations shaking the very foundation of its political bedrock. Recall-mania stoked the fires of partisanship and pushed the Golden State to the brink of self-destruction and onto way too many national magazines covers to mention. Not much sunshine streaming down through the clouds that had settled over our great state.

But all is not lost. That silver lining had been waiting for just the right moment to appear. Having just celebrated 153 years of statehood, California is the 20th youngest state in the Union, but is light years ahead in its open-door and open-minded approach to the diversity of its people. Case in point: As of press time, California was but a Governor's signature away from becoming a national leader in domestic partnership rights.

The time has finally come for the citizens of this nation to move beyond the politics of the domestic partnership issue and to follow California's lead in extending equality for all. Assembly Bill 205, which has passed in both the Assembly and Senate of the state legislature, would move California one step closer toward ensuring equal protection under the law for gays, lesbians, and unmarried seniors.

This bill would enact the California Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003, which would extend the rights and duties of marriage to persons registered as domestic partners. Proposed rights and responsibilities include: community property ownership, autopsy and burial of remains of a deceased partner; child custody, visitation and financial support; health insurance coverage; mutual responsibilities of debts to third parties.

Unfortunately, many believe that this bill is part of a larger agenda to undermine the sanctity of marriage and threaten the traditional family. While this argument may have played in the '50s, we should be way beyond fighting for equal rights for our fellow countrymen and women by now. Besides, who decides what constitutes a "traditional family?" Is a traditional family one that includes a husband or wife; a single parent with children; two unmarried seniors living together for safety and security; a gay or lesbian couple raising a child? Or all of the above? We all have our own interpretations that are based on our own personal life experiences.

AB 205 reflects upon California's Constitutional promise: inalienable rights, liberty and equality. As such, this bill offers domestic partners the opportunity to "obtain essential rights, protections and benefits and to assume corresponding responsibilities, obligations and duties and to further the state's interest in promoting stable and lasting relationships."

By providing an avenue for domestic partners to access equal rights, we are strengthening the fabric of our society. With the passage of this bill, California has the opportunity to clear the path to equality once and for all, casting aside the obstacles of the past, throwing open the road so wide that it will be traveled with ease by future generations. It is an accomplishment we can all take pride in.

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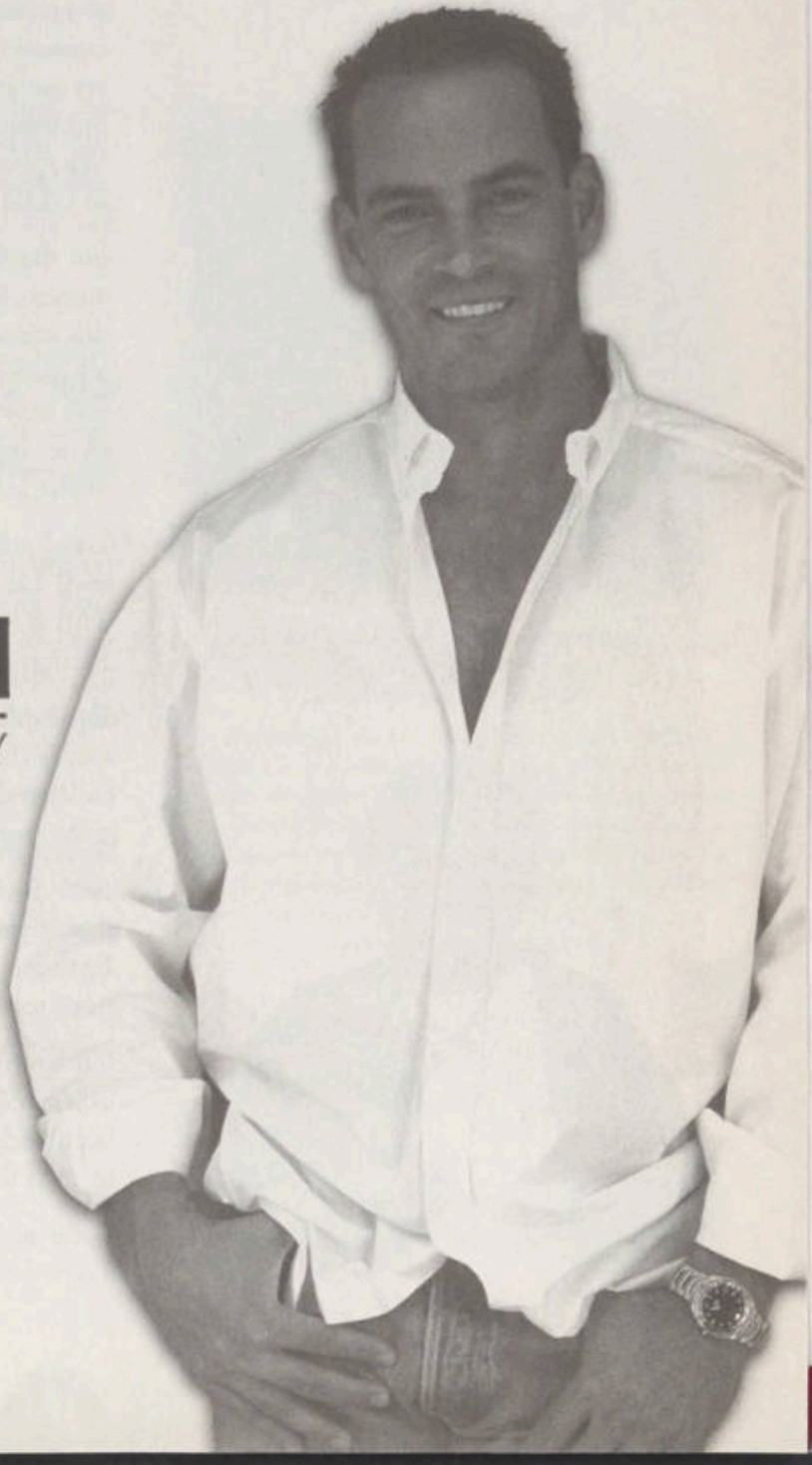
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AUTHOR'S VILLAGE



Appearing at Author's Village at Pride '02 were Chastity Bono (above) and Patricia Nell Warren (below).



Greater Palm Springs Pride celebrates the diversity and excellence of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered authors who continue to enhance the cultural experience of the community while promoting greater awareness of GLBT issues. Many writers are marking a crossover into mainstream publishing while other, newer writers are experiencing the opportunities provided by electronic publishing. The bottom line: more books from many authors. What better sign of the health, breath, and depth of the work of GLBT authors.

For the fourth year, Greater Palm Springs Pride will welcome authors to the festival grounds. Book signings, readings, panel discussions and question and answer opportunities will be scheduled throughout both festival days. "Author's Village" will provide a venue to sit back and enjoy the perspective each writer brings to our celebration. You can even pick up copies of the author's books while attending.

Local author David Stukas again tickles reader's funnybones with his new mystery ***Wearing Black to the White Party***. This is Stukas' third book and surely one that will evoke Palm Springs memories.

Dr. Paul Minor is the author of ***Scared Straight*** which was a 2002 Lambda Literary Award Finalist and a 2002 Independent Publisher Book

Award Finalist. His newest book is ***Gay and Healthy in a Sick Society***. Dr. Minor's work will surely stimulate a lively discussion. His website and that of The Fairness Project has further information on his writings and work: www.fairnessproject.org.

Christopher Rice is the 2002 Lambda Award-winning author of ***The Snow Garden*** and ***Density of Souls***. Both books have been widely praised and have become best sellers. Be sure not to miss the presentation and book signing.

Local activist and community leader Tom Swann has authored a new book which details his experiences ten years ago work-

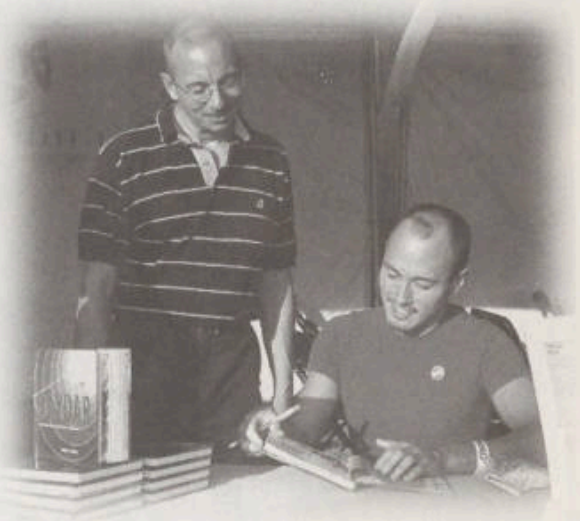
ing to lift the military ban. Many inspiried and contributed to the successful ACLU case vs. the Navy. To mark the 10th anniversary, Swann's ***For a Greater Good*** will be distributed nationwide. Be sure to get to the festival to hear Swann share his insights and answer questions about this privotal case in GLBT history.

Greg Hinton, author of the popular ***Cathedral City*** turns his attention to Boulder Colorado in his newest novel: The Way Things Ought To Be. Just released, and already a bestseller, Hinton, crafts his stories to show the touching dimensions of human development with insight and humor. Hinton is also producer of such noted films as "It's My Party" and "Circuit."

After a break of several years, John Morgan Wilson has penned a new addition to his Benjamin Justice mystery Series. ***Blind Eye*** is the fifth book is this ever-popular series. A noted Hollywood writer, Wilson has also penned ***Blue Moon*** with Peter Duchin.

Other authors scheduled to participate include Chris Kenny who's books include the hilarious ***Uncle Max***. Randy Boyd who has penned several terrific thrillers including ***Uprising***. Darwin Porter has written several erotic, comic novels that have generated enthusiastic responses from readers. ***Midnight in Savannah*** has been widely read. His newest book turns to the Hollywood scene and long-hidden tidbits of gay and lesbian history to be found there. ***The Secret Lives of Humphrey Bogart*** is a classic.

These are just a few of the authors scheduled to appear during the festival. A full schedule of events will be available throughout Palm Springs Pride. Mark your calendar to be there. Bring a book for signing, question the authors about their books, and, most importantly, support the contributions authors and all artists make to GLBT culture and community.



Rick Anderson, Coordinator of Author's Village, with Donald Reuter, author of Gaydar *at Pride '02.*

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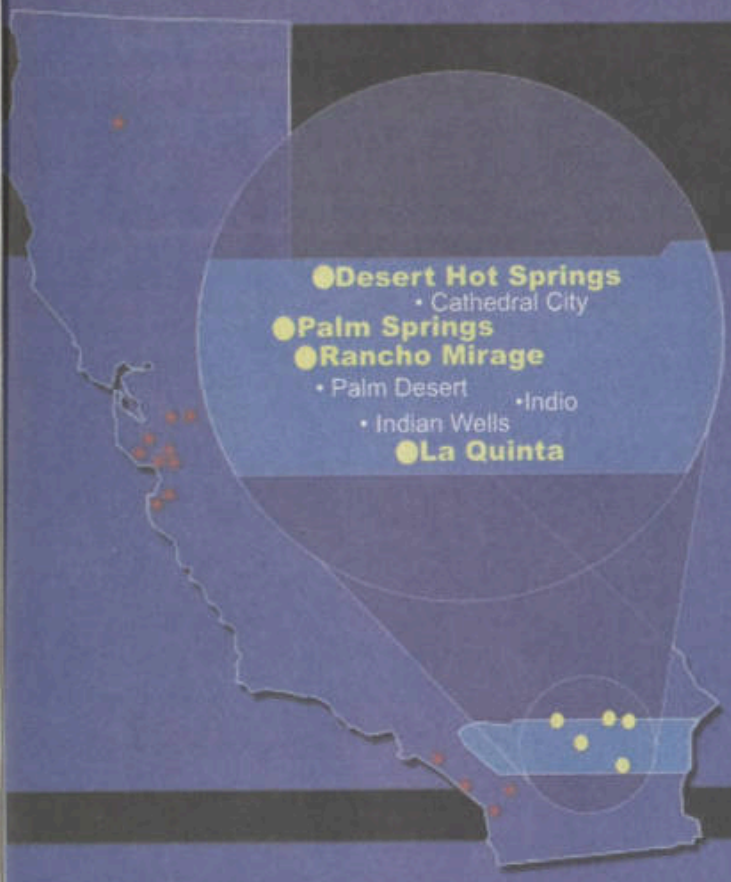
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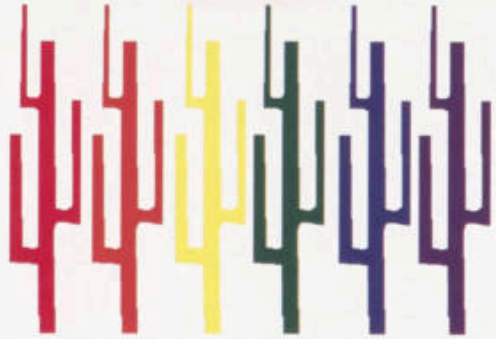
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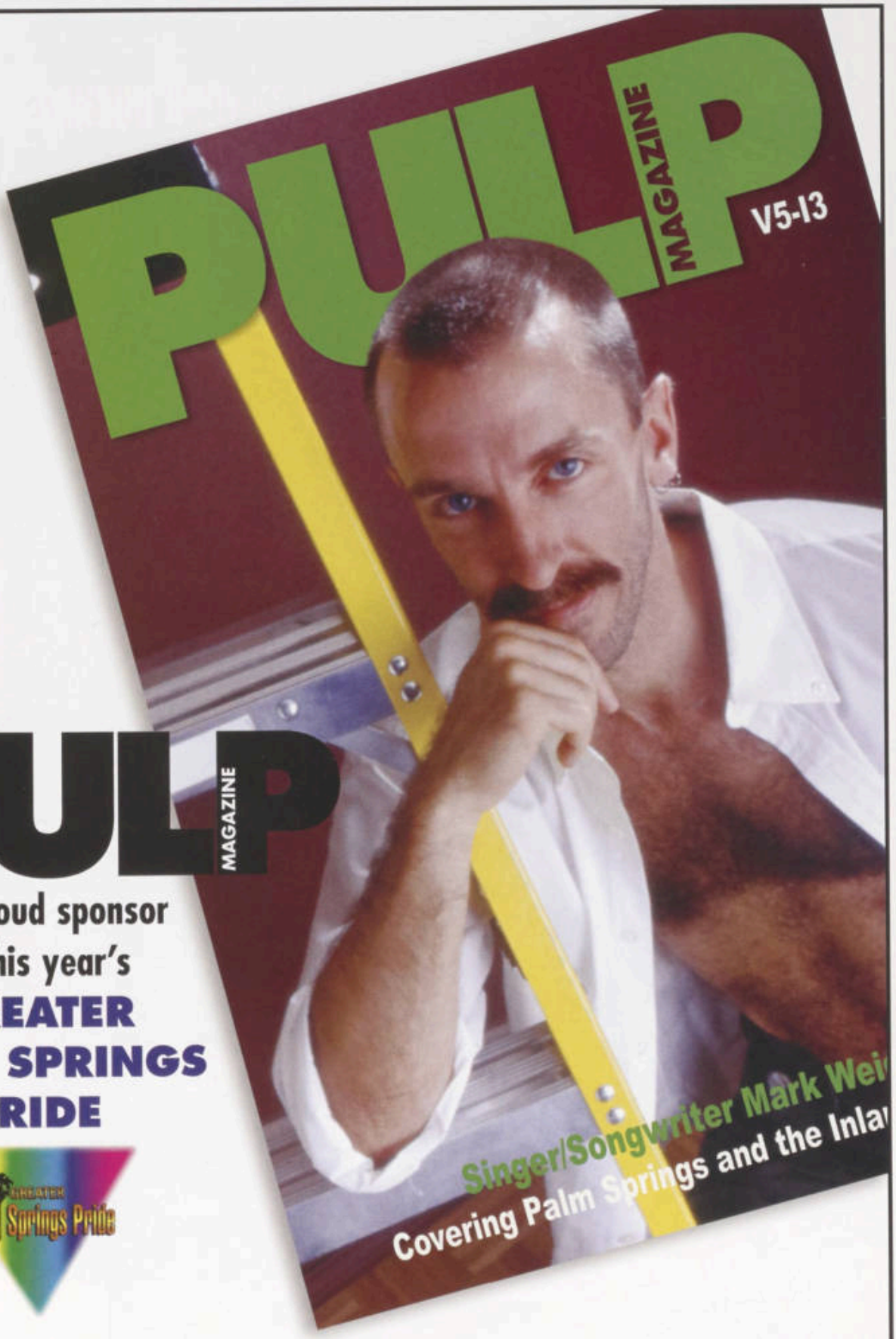
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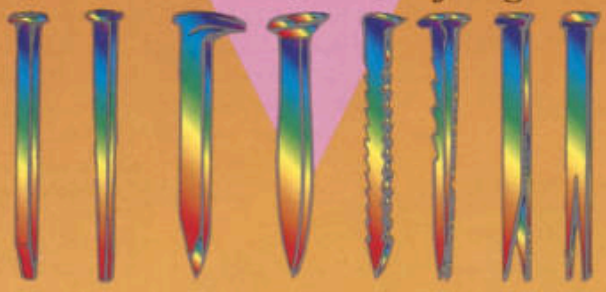


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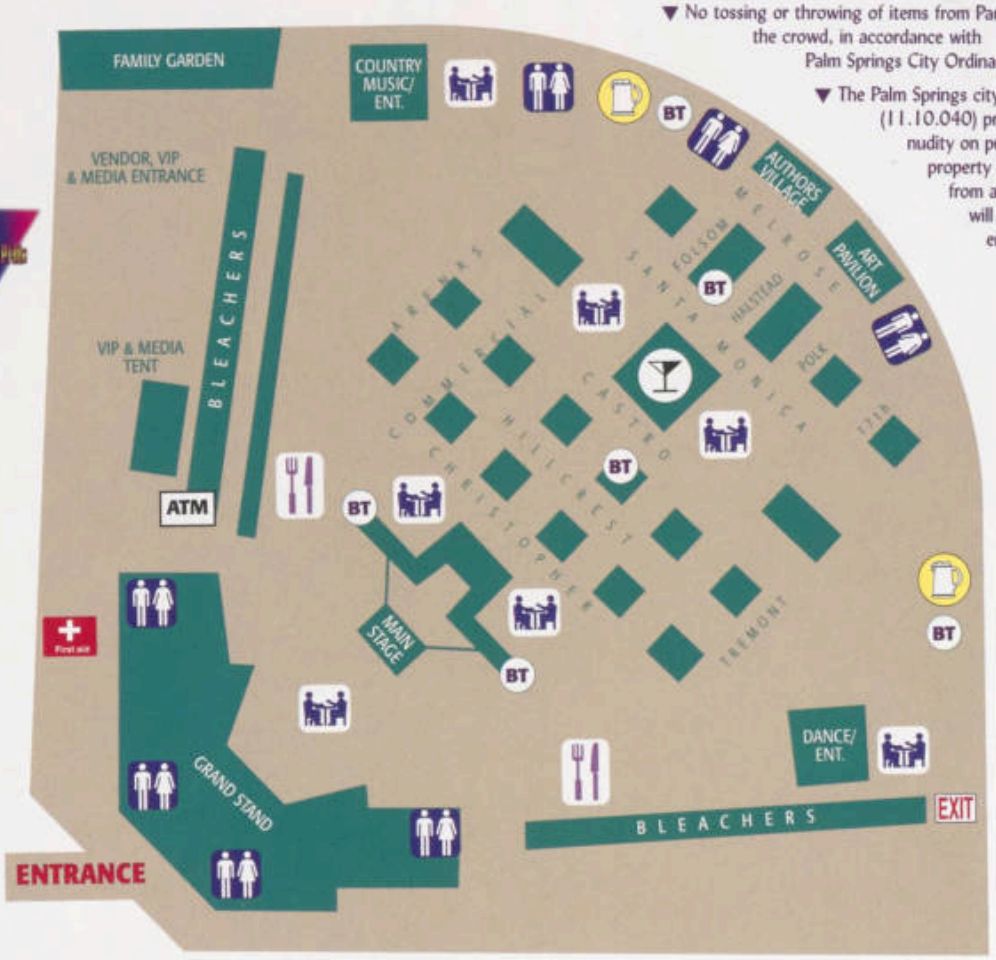
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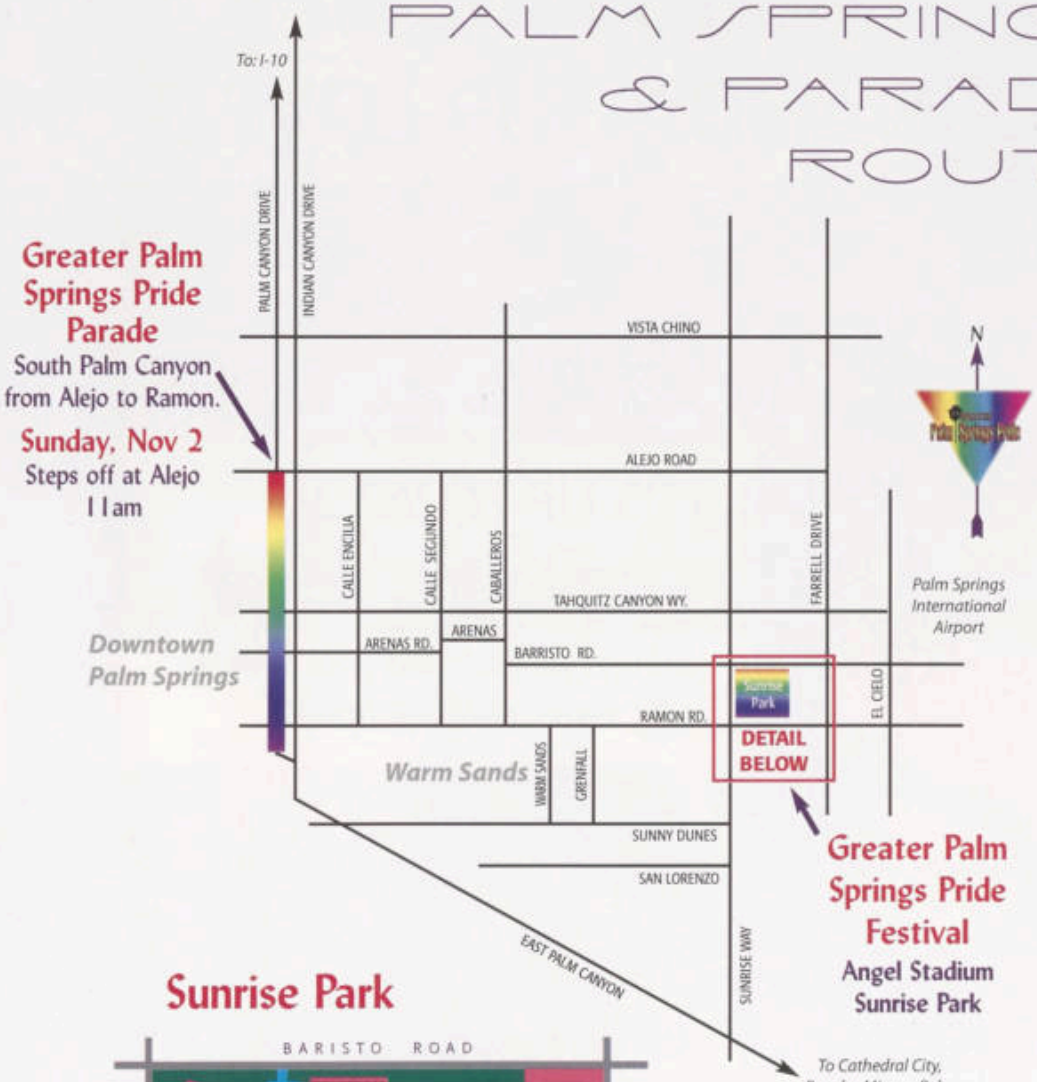
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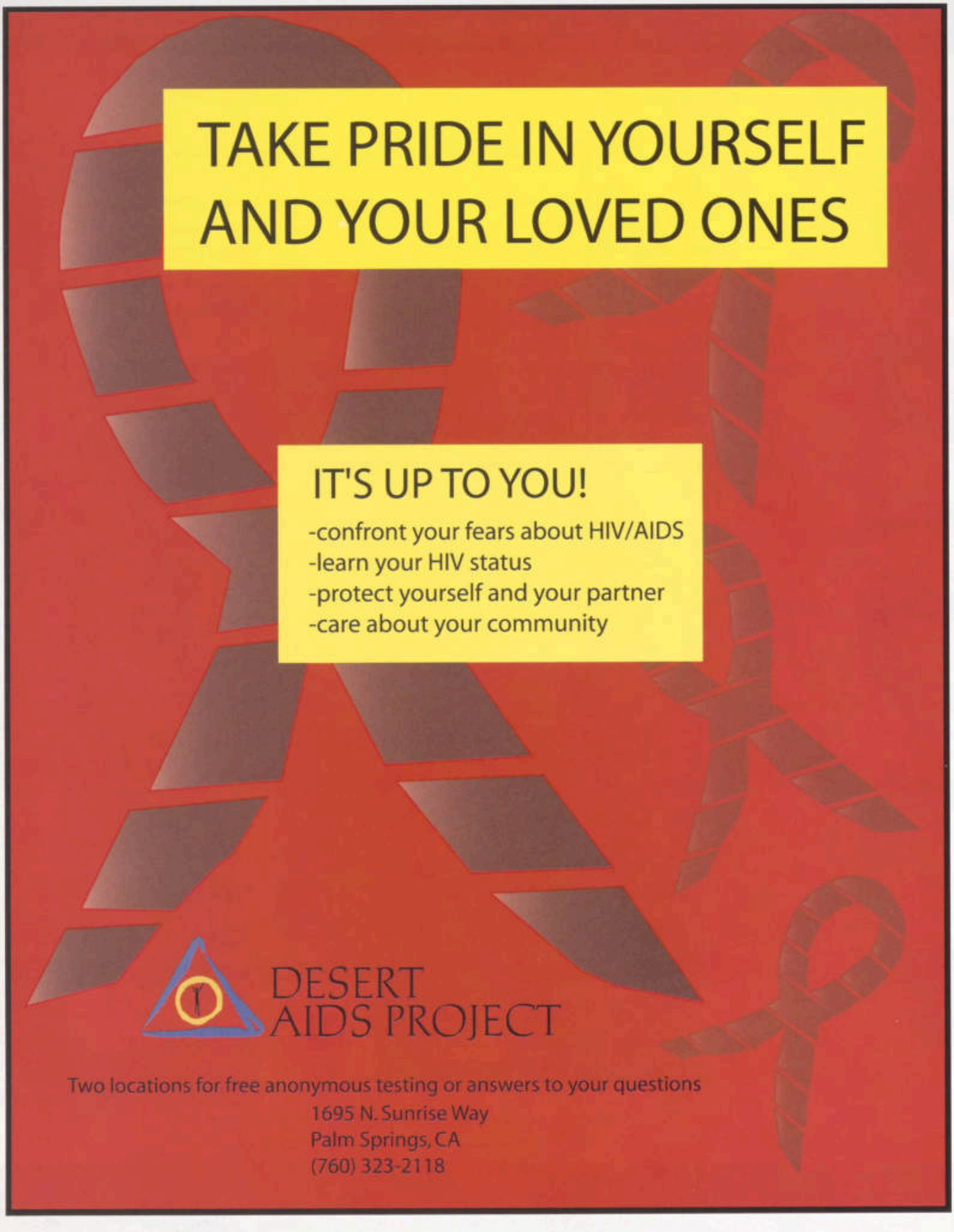
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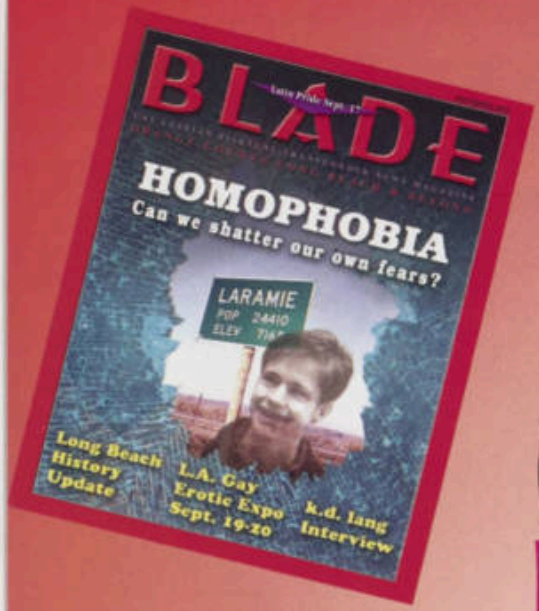


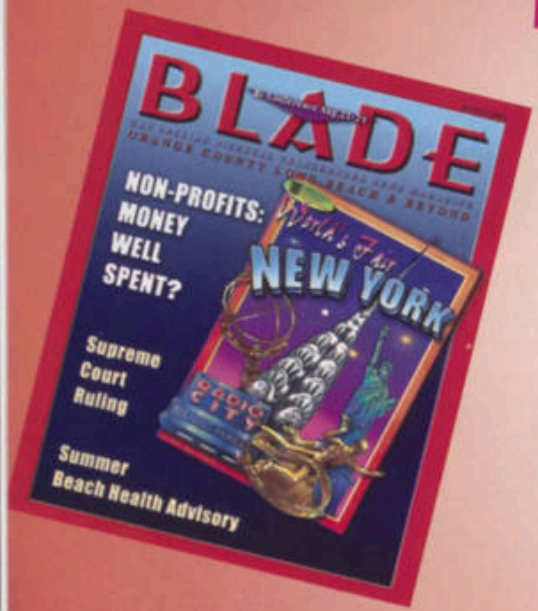
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A Proud Anniversary: The Rainbow Flag Turns 25

by Christopher Lisotta

Walk down a busy street in any gay neighborhood, and you see it everywhere. The rainbow flag is hung from lampposts, strung across windows and plastered across t-shirts. The brightly colored, six-striped flag has become synonymous with sexual diversity and tolerance around the world. Becoming a globally recognized visual icon in our modern sensory overload culture is no easy feat, but in just 25 years, the rainbow flag stands as the ultimate public expression of gay pride.

The rainbow flag's 25th anniversary is being widely celebrated at pride events across the country this year, but nowhere more lavishly than in Key West, where Absolut Vodka is sponsoring the construction of the largest rainbow flag in history, at a mile-and-a-quarter-long. Not too bad for something a drag queen first made on the fly at the urging of friends.

In 1977 Gilbert Baker was an ex-G.I. who liked to sew. "People would call me and ask me to make them banners," he says of his early days in San Francisco, where the gay political movement was just coming out of closet. Baker explains that he got involved "to make the parade more visual," organizing hundreds of people to help create decorations for the city's pride celebration. He was also a friend of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Milk liked what Baker had done for the '77 parade, and asked him for something even more powerful in 1978. "It was two years after the bicentennial," Baker says. "I would look at all the American flags. There was this desire to have something, and (I realized) the ultimate symbol is a flag."

The rainbow immediately came to mind. "It's in the sky," he explains, "and there's the colors and diversity and the spectrum. It really was quite logical." With the help of a small group of friends, Baker hand-died cotton to make an eight-stripe flag. Baker's whimsical creation started taking on a life of its own.



Gilbert Baker, creator of the Rainbow Flag, at the unfurling of the world's largest 8-color Rainbow Flag (a mile and a quarter long), displayed at Pride Fest Key West in June.

A Proud Anniversary: The Rainbow Flag Turns 25



The original Rainbow Flag consisted of eith colored stripes, later adapted to six stripes as used today.

"I could just tell that people owned it immediately," he says.

Cleve Jones, the founder of the Names Project and one of Baker's oldest friends notes that two of the earlier gay symbols couldn't draw people together like the flag. The pink triangle, which was recaptured by activists from World War II concentration camps as the ultimate act of defiance, was problematic for some. "It's from the Nazis, for God's sake," Cleve argues, "and the lambda is so obscure. It is very much middle class white male. (The rainbow flag) has a profound unifying effect on people."

Baker's homemade rainbow flags started popping up all over the Castro. But just months later, tragedy struck when Harvey Milk was shot to death. Suddenly a pretty, whimsical display had become much more profound. "Harvey's death steeled us for the struggle," Baker says.

Baker was asked to fly his flag as part of a candlelight march for Milk, but a fabric supplier told Gilbert he didn't have hot pink, so the flag became seven stripes. After the march, Baker decided to cut to six stripes, since it looked more symmetrical. In 1979, Baker hooked up with a local flag maker, and took out a 50,000 flag order. "They sold within a day," he says.

For the next ten years, Baker worked with the company, helping to make his flag a much more recognizable symbol. "The fact that the flag is the international symbol is very much due to Gilbert's single-minded focus," Jones explains. Since flags can't be copyrighted, Baker doesn't see a penny on the myriad of rainbow paraphernalia that sells in virtually every gay store in the country. "My feeling is, what of the companies that are not gay owned and operated," Baker asks. "Where's something coming back? I don't mind straight people making flags, but I like it when we share the wealth."

The rainbow flag continued to grow in popularity, dominating the 1994 Stonewall riots anniversary with the unfurling of a huge flag in New York City that went on for blocks. Before Baker knew it, the flag was 25 and he was supervising hundreds for the Key West pride. After the parade, the Key West flag will be broken up into 150 pieces and sent to cities around the world. As part of the celebration, Gilbert is restoring the flag to its eight-striped splendor. "When I see an eight-color, I know I made it," Baker explains. Jones couldn't be happier for his friend. "Gilbert is a mad drag queen," he says, "and I'm grateful for what he's done."

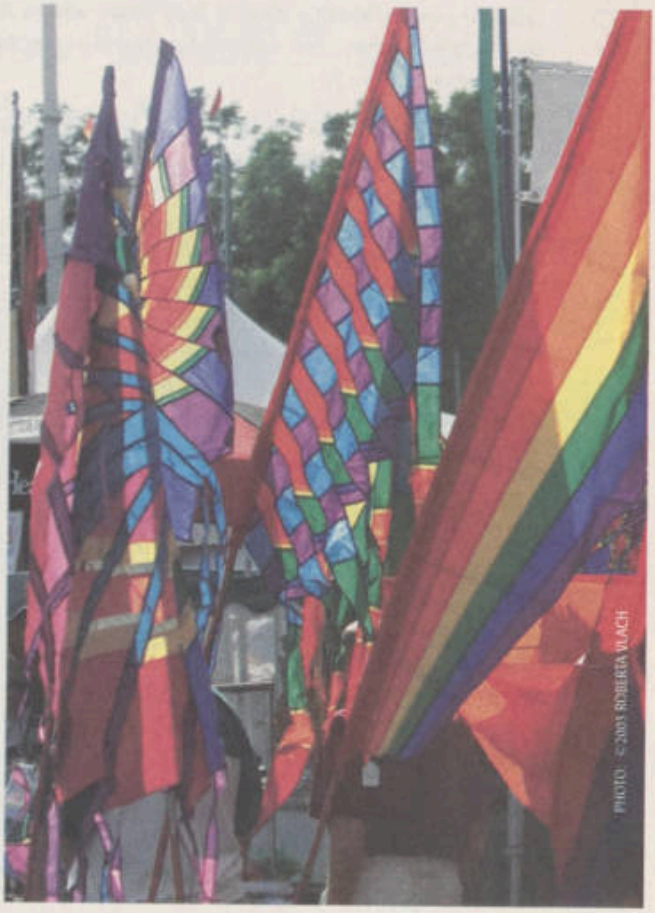


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IMPRESSIONS OF PALM SPRINGS



PHOTO: AL LINDSTROM

by Wayne Patterson

When I came to Palm Springs eight years ago, I could not believe what I was seeing. Driving on Ramon Road past the Palm Springs High School I saw on the Marquee, "LA Gay Mens Chorus to Perform." I had left a city in Florida that would not permit the play named Best Little Whorehouse in Texas appear on the Marquee at the Civic Center. Had to subsitute the name Warehouse for Whorehouse. It was love at first sight!!

There wasn't one thing about Palm Springs that could have deterred me from making a precipitous decision to pick up from Florida and move right into the center of things in Palm Springs. You know why that decision was so easy for me, assuming you live in Palm Springs, and, if you don't, these are some of my notions about the most wonderful city in the World, Palm Springs:

I feel the Quality of Life here just by breathing the air. The size of the place is perfect. It seems as though the place was really designed for people who could, if they cared, to easily walk to the downtown area. And everything is within reach. I do find myself getting spoiled by that and groan if I have to go to Indio or even Palm Desert.

I love walking Arenas Road and seeing all the bars and restaurants that cater to the Gay Community. There are other gay bars and restaurant that require you getting in the car and driving, and it is worth the drive. It is a delight to walk up and down Palm Canyon and watching people of the world sitting in the cafes enjoying themselves with a cocktail or coffee. Then seeing how excited the people are waiting in line to see the most wonderful entertainment in the world, The Follies. The Sunday Concerts at the Annenberg Theatre is a must and you should visit the Palm Springs Desert Museum.

We have the greatest social clubs one could ever hope to be a member. The Prime Timers of the Desert caters to the mature men and their admirers. The Desert Dyners is for the women to meet for dinner and social events. The Front Runners and Walkers are for men and women who enjoy physical excercises and social events.

If an individual moves to Palm Springs and does not know a person, all he or she has to do is join the approriate social club listed above. Someone will walk up to you and introduce themselves to you and will then introduce you to other people. Some may complain that most events are centered around alcohol or food. Well, one does not have to drink to enjoy these events. You could attend the Gay Churches or Gay Friendly Churches to meet people. Palm Springs has its arms open for you. It depends on you as to how much you want to get involved.

I love Palm Springs because of the deep down feeling of reasonable freedom to be myself with my friends throughout the city whether on the street, in City Hall, or in the entertaining venue in the area. We have a lot of gay men and lesbians in the area and the rest of the community respects our gay community the same way we respect them.

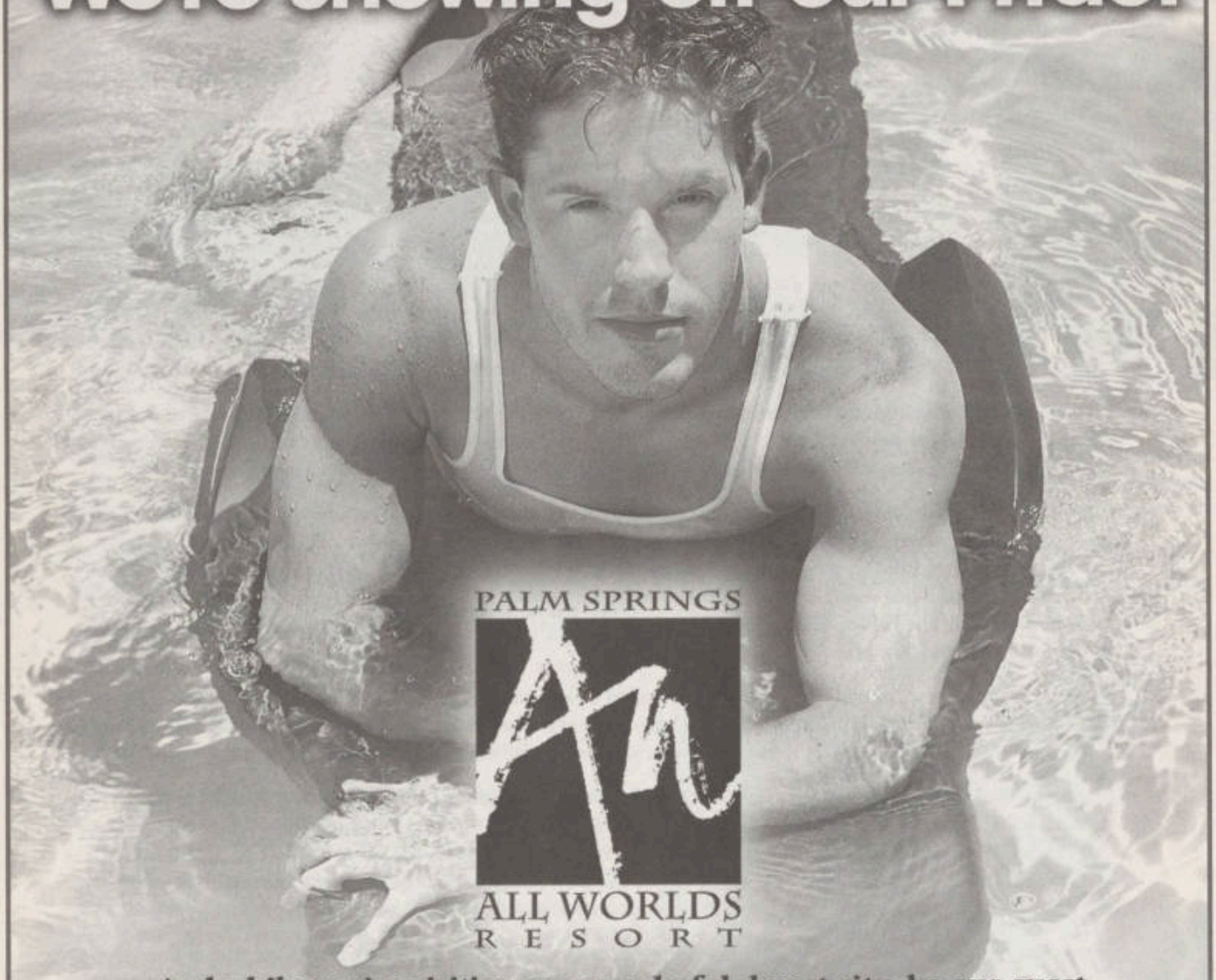
The gay community in Palm Springs lives in the Paradise I saw when I first fell out of Florida. Everyone knows about the weather. But we have managed to dare to create a real community in which we can opeate like a large family and take care of Paradise along with the rest. We had a right to do that, and we did it, and we have an obligation to maitain it. I say this without giving any particular apporbation to those in town that helps make our little Paradise work. They get their awards in many ways.

One of the things that will round out our part of the community is to provide a Senior Center for the mature gay and lesbian people living here. That is hopefully in the near future and I'm certain we will all get together and make it so. Then Paradise will be complete. I love this place.

(Wayne served as President of Prime Timers of the Desert for three years, a founding father of the Prime Timers of the Desert "Foundation," serving as Vice-president, President and is serving as a Board Member, former Board Member of the Downtown Business Assocation, Advisory Board of Rainbow Foundation)

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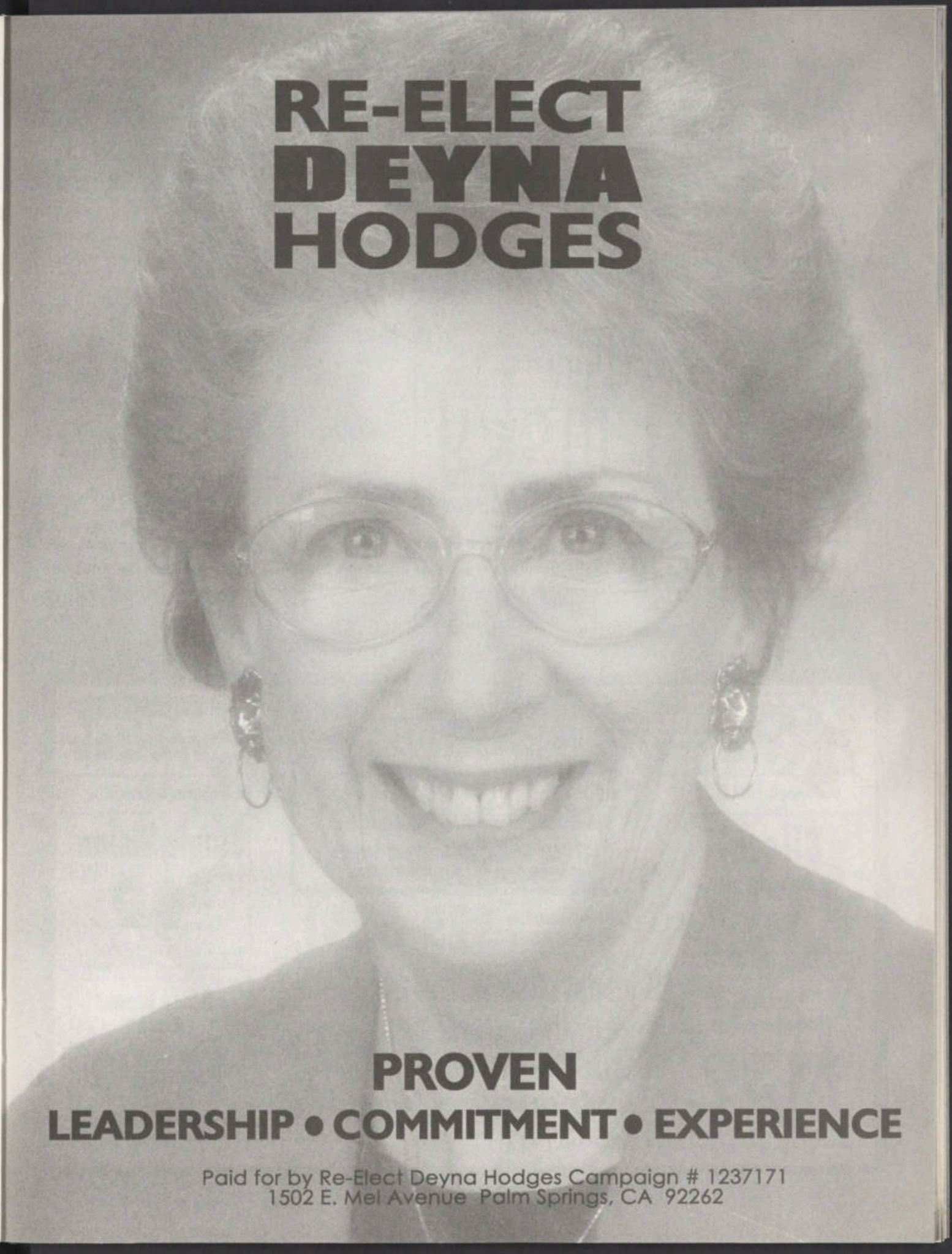
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ORIGINS OF GREATER PALM SPRINGS PRIDE

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In 1986, the Desert Business Association and local LGBT leaders decided it was time to celebrate Pride in the Desert, in view of developing Pride events throughout the country.

"Sizzle" was born: a pageant/variety show held at the Riviera Hotel Ballroom the last weekend in June. Cathedral City Mayor Robert Hillery attended and there was a sell-out crowd.

Sizzle was held again the following year, featuring Eartha Kitt. A potluck picnic was held at the Villa Resort the following day and Miss Kitt appeared to mingle with participants.

In 1988, the observance was held at the McCallum Theatre, starring Charles Pierce. In years following, the celebration was held in ever larger venus, in Cathedral City, Demuth Park, Arenas Road and finally at Angel Stadium, the current Festival site.

Welcome to SIZZLE

GREG PETTIS
President, Desert Business Association



Welcome to the desert's first Gay Pride Night! The Desert Business Association hopes you have a wonderful evening full of laughs, fun, enjoyment, and just plain feeling good about yourself and who you are.

Tonight culminates an entire month of activities across the county celebrating Gay Pride. Along with Palm Springs, the cities of San Francisco, Chicago and New York are also having special events today.

In the years since Stonewall, our community has taken great strides in public awareness and acceptance, in understanding ourselves and each other, and in supporting one another. Yes, there is still a long way to go, but the foundation has been laid for us to build upon.

Sit back and enjoy yourself tonight. You're going to have a Sizzling evening!



ROBERT HOVEN
Chairman, Sizzle Program

Welcome to SIZZLE! For the first time in our Coachella Valley's magnificent desert we celebrate Gay Pride officially. Tonight's entertainment event will, hopefully, initiate an annual celebration.

Thank you for joining us tonight. Thanks to each of you who have volunteered your time to help make this event successful.

Special thanks to Gordon Chaves, Peter Romich, Wayne Pitts, Chuck Duncan, Jim Condon, Greg Pettis, Doug Greig and Wayne Cox for your extraordinary help in making SIZZLE a great beginning.

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Cast and Chorus

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Mae West
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Palm Springs Dance Company, Lizanne Whitlow, Mikki Canaldo, Trinna Saunders and Nadine Hernandez

The Auctioneer's Song
Jason Huston, Desi Manyin, Cathe Cartier

Moving West
Ray McLain

Billie Holiday Medley
Bobby

Ding-A-Ling Song
Anita Maltin

Bosom Buddies
Peter Romich and Byron Massingill

Daddy
Cathe Cartier

Finale, Act I
Yankee Doodle Dandy
Chorus and Cast
Statute of Liberty, Evette Cartier
Uncle Sam, Robby Sherwin

ACT II

Darling Dimples
from the Queen Mary in Studio City

Family from Dream Girls
Steve Morrow

Dancing in the Streets from Dream Girls
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Airplane Skit
Desi Manyin, Cathe Cartier, Anita Maltin
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New Attitudes
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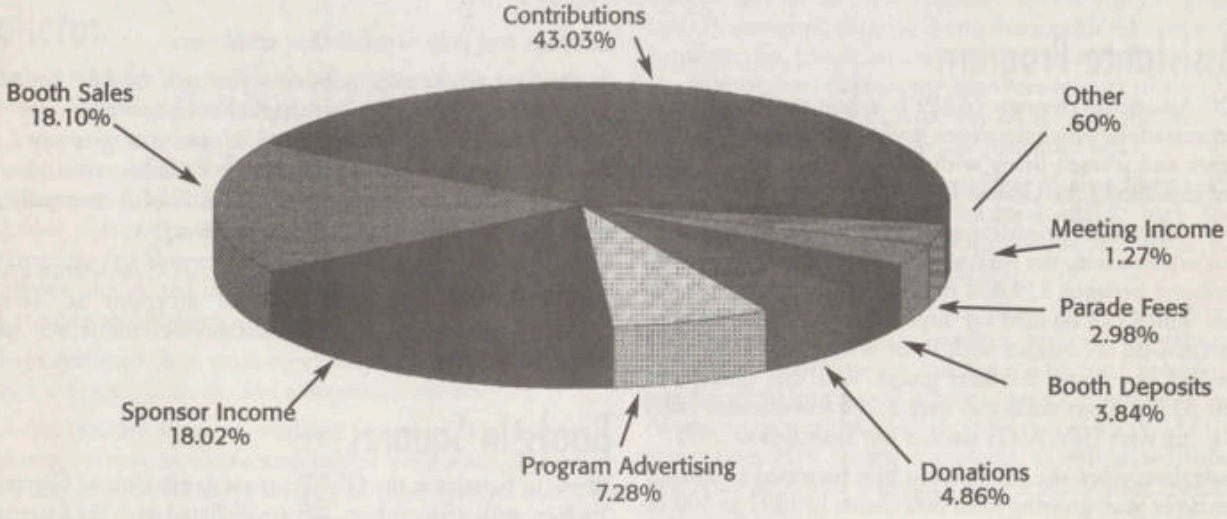


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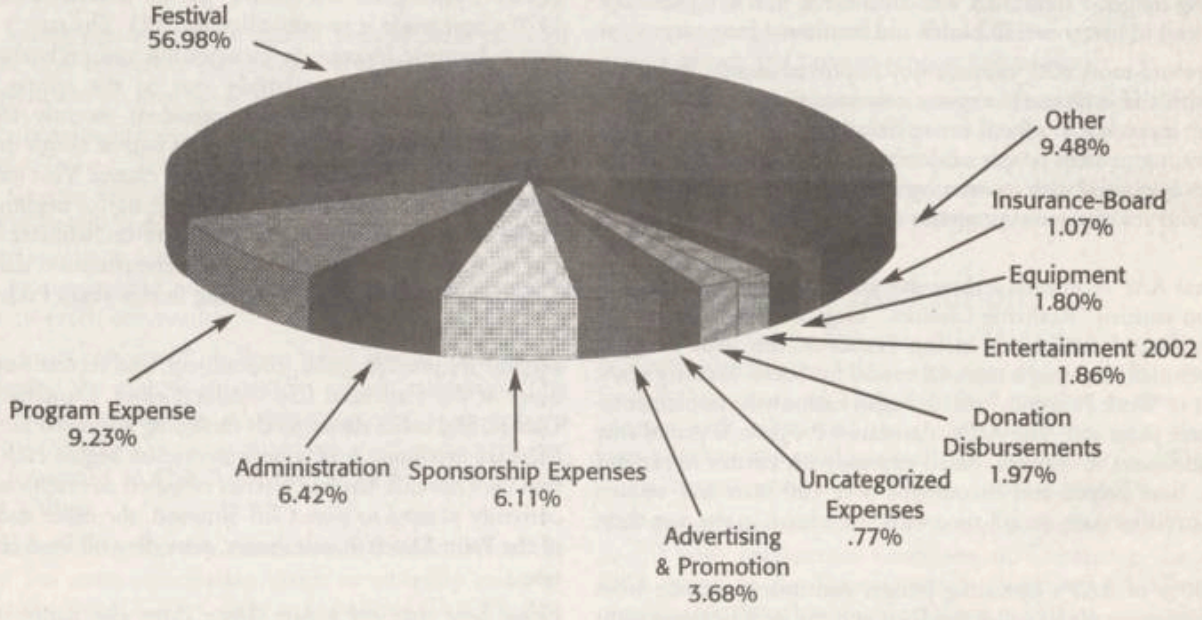
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AIDS Assistance Program

The AIDS Assistance Program (AAP) is a non-profit volunteer driven organization which sponsors programs supporting low-income men and women living with HIV/AIDS as well as their dependent children in the Greater Coachella Valley.

Now in its 13th year of providing services as a grass roots, volunteer-driven organization, the AAP serves 475 clients. Each month, AAP distributes between $39,000 to $43,000 in redeemable gift certificates, which can be used for anything but alcohol, tobacco or pet products (in accordance with Ryan White Title 1 National Guidelines) at any Stater Brothers grocer. AAP has distributed more than $3.0 million dollars to over 1,100 low-income valley residents living with HIV/AIDS since it was launched in 1991.

For the past three years, the AAP's client base increased an average of 50 clients per year, growing from 300 clients in 1997 to 500 by then end of 2002. Last year, the AAP saw close to 100 new applicants for service, an 8% decrease from the previous year and the first decrease in over seven years. However, the length of time clients have been accessing services at the AAP (three years or more) increased to 64% from 53% last year. Fortunately, clients are living longer, a trend that will continue as new drug developments lead to better overall health and continued longevity.

As more and more AAP clients enjoy improved mental and physical health and continue to express interest in re-entering the work force or returning to school for re-training, AAP offers seminars and training to help people understand their benefits, deal with the fears associated with re-entering the work force as well as access the various resources and programs that exist to help them in this area.

This year AAP sponsored a three day, pilot back to work training program entitled "Realizing Choices." Organized by "Options, a Benefits Foundation" based in San Francisco, this pilot program may eventually become a national model for Social Security's new "Ticket to Work Program," which began nationwide implementation three years ago. The AIDS Assistance Program is proud that these additions to services, based expressly on client's needs and desires, have helped and encouraged over 120 men and women return to either part- or full-time work, or school, in the past three years.

Over 80% of AAP's operating budget continues to come from contributions made by valley residents and the local business community, the program's own fundraising events, and private foundation grants. AAP operates with a 14-member volunteer board of directors and only two full-time employees.

As the icing on the cake, just over a year ago, the AAP Foundation, Inc. was established as the charitable endowment arm of the organization. The Foundation's initial goal is to generate 2.5 million dollars in commitments through charitable remainder trusts, estate gifts etc., whose investment portfolio will eventually relieve financial strain off the parent organization

You may obtain information about the AIDS Assistance Program, its fundraising calendar, or service programs at: Telephone (760)325-8481, Email: AIDSassistance@earthlink.net, or visit www.AIDSassistance.org.

Boots In Squares

Boots In Squares is the GLBT square dance club of Greater Palm Springs, with 45 members. We are affiliated with the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs, which has 64 member clubs worldwide. This past July, 2003, over 1000 GLBT square dancers met in San Diego for four days to take workshops, dance, meet new and see old friends.

Square Dancing for the GLBT got its start in Florida in the 1970's, and made it to our valley in 1993. The past 5 years have seen a dramatic increase in membership and enthusiasm for this aerobic activity. This is largely due to the efforts of Robert Guzman, who served as club president recently for 3 years. Robert's advertising campaigns in our festival booth during Pride Weekends have led to large new annual classes. Visit our booth on the festival grounds, where you can sign up for beginner's classes. Come by the country western dance tent on Saturday 5 to 7 PM, and on Sunday at 2:00 PM for our demonstration dances. Boots in Squares is marching and dancing in this year's Pride Parade, as we have done since 1997.

Locally, we provide social, educational, and recreational opportunities at the Cathedral City Senior Center. Dancing, Beginner's Classes, and other dance levels including advanced are offered on Monday evenings. A new beginner's class begins each January--- Join us. Our club has had a series of callers to teach classes, and is currently pleased to have Cliff Simpson, the caller and instructor of the Palm Desert Roadrunners, providing all level class instruction.

Please note that gay square dance clubs also dance in everyday, casual clothes; we have no dress code. It is not necessary to bring a partner; single dancers are plentiful and available. Visitors are

always welcome from other clubs, as are angels, who help out in the classes. The past two years have seen an increase in the number of women participants and more are welcome. Club dances with guest callers are held 5-6 times a year on the fourth Saturday of the month.

Gay square dancing is fun, exciting, and many in the straight clubs join us because of our high-energy dance style.

The current club officers are: Bob Skinner, president, Lynn Worley, vice-president, Dwight Fine, secretary, and Brad Olmstead, treasurer. For club information or to contact our officers, visit our website at: www.bootsinsquares.com.

Caballeros

Although young by the standards of most other gay choruses, Caballeros—The Gay Men's Chorus of Palm Springs—has established itself quickly as one of the premier singing groups in the Coachella Valley. Caballeros is this year celebrating its Fifth Anniversary season, and is in demand by many groups both inside and outside the gay community. Perhaps this early popularity comes from the fact that many Caballeros members are transplants to the desert who gained chorus experience performing with larger and more established groups elsewhere.

Caballeros performs three main concerts each year: a Holiday performance, a Spring Concert, and a Summer Concert.

This year's Holiday Concert, entitled Season of Joy, features a wide variety of holiday music and will be performed December 20-21, 2003 at the Annenberg Theater in Palm Springs, conducted by Guest Conductor Curtis Pierce. Mr. Pierce earned his Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance and Vocal Pedogogy at Ohio State University, received a Master of Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary, The School of Sacred Music, and in 1990 participated in the Cambridge Choral Studies in Cambridge, England.

The 2004 Spring Concert will be held in Temple Isaiah on April 3-4, and the final concert of the season will be performed at the Annenberg Theater on June 26-27.

Caballeros currently includes 50 members in five sections. Four of the sections—Tenor I, Tenor II, Baritone, and Bass—are singing members. Section Five is comprised of volunteers who work behind the scenes to make the concerts a reality. Facilitating the work of the chorus is a nine-person Board of Directors, which includes both singing and non-singing members. Caballeros is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

In addition to its concerts, Caballeros holds several fund-raising activities during the year to support its artistic endeavors. The Chorus has been the recipient of numerous gifts, ranging from individual contributions to group donations, such as the performance risers presented to Caballeros by the Palm Springs Front Runners & Walkers.

Caballeros always welcomes new members and donations from the community. For more information about membership and performances, call (706)318-7044, write to Caballeros GMCPS, P.O. Box 8057, Palm Springs, CA 92263-8057, or visit the Caballeros web site at www.pscaballeros.org.

Desert AIDS Project

The Desert AIDS Project at the Greenburg Family Center provides comprehensive medical care, educational and support services to people living with HIV and AIDS living within an 11,250 square mile radius of Palm Springs. From the San Gorgonio pass to Blythe, and from Yucca Valley to Imperial County, this immense service area is recognized as the fifth largest concentration of people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States.

Medical care is provided through the fully staffed Wells Fargo HIV Health Center. The goal of the Wells Fargo HIV Health Center is to provide access to high-quality, comprehensive HIV primary medical care for all HIV-diagnosed clients who live in our service area. Professional, diagnostic and therapeutic services are delivered by physicians, physician assistants, nurses and a nurse practitioner in an outpatient, community-based setting. All physicians are certified by the American Academy of HIV Medicine. The Center accepts many preferred provider insurance plans.

HIV Prevention/Education programs are designed to prevent new HIV transmission. Programs are conducted in both English and Spanish and are directed at youth, adults, the prison population and persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Comprehensive support services for people living with HIV/AIDS include case management services, wellness programs, housing assistance, transportation and food. The food program provides supplemental nutritional support twice a month, and is conducted on-site through the Morris and Lila Linsky Food Depot. Free, anonymous HIV testing is available, as well as counseling, home health services, and assistance with medications, re-employment, and more.

A Public Policy Department is in effect to advocate for the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS locally, in Sacramento and in Washington D.C.

A committed staff of dedicated volunteers forms the backbone of the Desert AIDS Project. These volunteers are an extremely important component which allow DAP to provide the highest quality of care and support services to its clients.

The Desert AIDS Project also operates three Revivals thrift stores in Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Desert Hot Springs that help raise money for the organization. For more information on services, to volunteer, or to make a donation, call (760) 323-2118 or visit our website at www.desertaidsproject.org.

Desert Business Association

The Desert Business Association (DBA) is the Coachella Valley's "Gay chamber of commerce," a network of Gay, Lesbian and Gay-friendly businesses which have joined together to promote and support each other, and to educate the community about the many services and products available through our GLBT-friendly stores, hotels, restaurants and other business ventures.

The organization began in 1979, and over time, the DBA connected with mainstream Chambers of Commerce. Today, the DBA serves as the Valley's readily recognized GLBT business organization. New businesses are eager to affiliate, to participate in the many benefits of membership and to share in the responsibilities for networking with other business organizations and associ-



ations across the valley.

Due to the political and business acumen of the elected officers and board members who have served the DBA over nearly a quarter century of public service, the Association has successfully ingratiated itself within the larger community and has contributed to creating a remarkably Gay-friendly business atmosphere in the greater Palm Springs area.

Palm Springs is now internationally recognized as a popular Gay and Lesbian destination in addition to its traditional reputation as a first class golf and spa resort. Tourists, visitors, and future residents from around the world come to the Coachella Valley surprised to discover a community steeped in sexual diversity and playfully seasoned with an apparent ease of human tolerance.

Today's DBA is both a business and social organization composed of a large cross- section of Gay-friendly businesses and individuals. Membership is primarily from the Coachella Valley, Morongo Basin, Blythe, Idyllwild and the San Gorgonio Pass, although the DBA's mailing list includes a growing number of members across the country, from San Diego to Washington D.C.

For information, contact the DBA at 777 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite #200, Palm Springs, California 92262, or by calling (760) 416-5193. Visit the DBA website at www.dbaps.org.

The Desert Gay Tourism Guild

The Desert Gay Tourism Guild (DGTG) is a professional not-for-profit association of LGBT business people, business owners and travel professionals whose focus and mission is the promotion of Palm Springs and the Greater Coachella Valley as a premier international LGBT tourist destination.

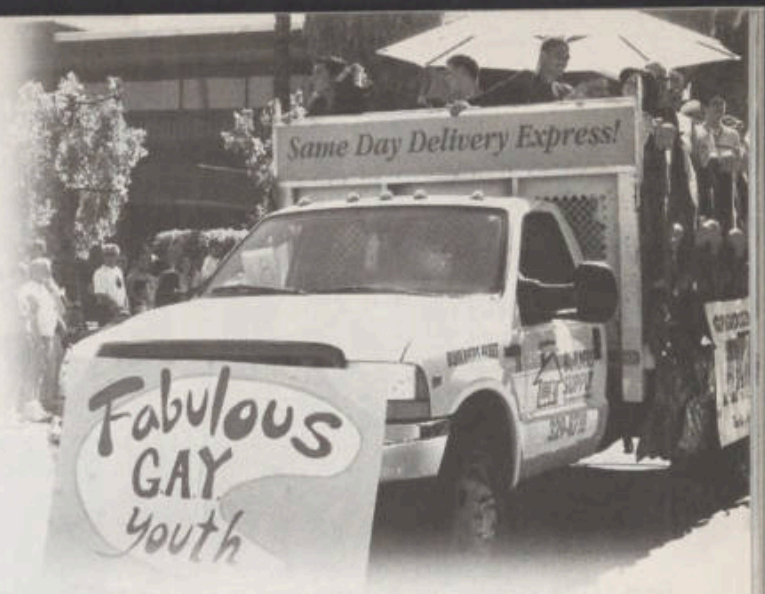
Founded in 1995, our membership has grown to include more than 80 local businesses, including Accommodations, Advertising and Marketing, Bars and Clubs, Building Contractors. Guest Entertainment, Massage Services, Publications, Real Estate Agents, Restaurants, Retail Stores, Travel Agents, and others.

DGTG members are active members of the local tourism and business community. Several of our members serve on the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism's Tourism Advisory Council, and three members also sit on the Palm Springs Hotel and Hospitality Association's Board of Directors. Our Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism, and the Palm Springs Desert Resorts CVA.

Each year, the DGTG hosts and/or sponsors a number of annual events designed to promote the Palm Springs area and encourage LGBT tourism, including:

- Press Familiarization Trips designed to bring Travel Writers to Palm Springs. This year's Familiarization trip attracted writers from the US, Great Britain, Canada, Ireland and Scotland. The articles these folks write will introduce gay and lesbian consumers worldwide to Palm Springs, and reinforce the fact that our destination is one of the most popular LGBT resort options to those who already know about us.
- Partnerships with companies like Community Marketing. Our partnership with Community Marketing on their premiere Gay and Lesbian California Travel Planner resulted in Palm Springs being featured on the cover of the publication, got us free editorial, and got our members greatly reduced advertising rates. It also earned us significant trade dollars we can use to further promote Palm Springs at trade shows or in direct mail/advertising programs.
- Partnerships with the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism on programs like the Official Palm Springs Gay Guide, participation in LGBT Trade Shows, and the overall marketing of our community. This partnership, one of our most important, has kept Palm Springs in front of LGBT consumers more than any other single avenue with paid advertising, press releases, writer assists, and article/photo placements.
- Partnerships with other tourism professionals like the Palm Springs Desert Resorts Convention and Visitors' Authority, the West Hollywood Visitors' Bureau, *MyGayWorld, Frontiers Los Angeles, IN Los Angeles, The Bottom Line, Mega-Scene,* and countless others.
- Direct Mail programs like the one we did with PSBT (8,500 Gay Visitors' Guides sent to travel-minded gay households at the beginning of the Summer).
- Political Action. The DGTG works as a strong LGBT political voice in the community. DGTG Board members meet with city officials regularly to ensure that they are aware of and appreciative of the impact that the GAY tourists' dollars have on our city. The DGTG was an active supporter of Jeffrey Sanker and the White Party. Several members went before the city council to express support for the event.
- Political Forums. This year, working with the DBA, the DGTG will jointly host a nonpartisan political forum designed to focus specifically on LGBT concerns and issues.
- Partnerships with local events like OUT ON FILM, the Palm Springs International Film Festival, RocktoberFest, Greater Palm Springs PRIDE and others in order to build interest (and fill beds) during slow and/or shoulder periods.
- Maintainance of the DGTG website (www.dgtg.org) which includes a free listing for all members), and promote the website with paid and nonpaid advertising.
- Membership meetings and other activities where members can meet and visit with one another.

For membership information, visit: www.dgtg.org, e-mail: psgaytourism@earthlink.net, or write: DGTG, P.O. Box 2881, Palm Springs, CA 92263.



Desert Rainbow Foundation

Open minds, open hearts, open hands... The Desert Rainbow Foundation is an organization of gay, lesbian, and gay-friendly citizens working for the good of the entire community. Over the past several years, the Foundation has distinguished itself by sponsoring educational scholarships, community healthcare and public recognition events in the greater Palm Springs area.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation is committed to serving persons in need, regardless of race, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual preference, political affiliation or social standing. Hence the main activity of the Foundation is to raise funds and to generate community contributions through Foundation-sponsored events.

Cancer Screening. In the past, the Desert Rainbow Foundation has raised over $25,000 to provide no-cost or low-cost cancer screening for breast cancer and prostate cancer. Every dollar raised and donated was matched dollar for dollar by the Desert Healthcare District.

Scholarships. Each June the Foundation presents student scholarships at a community Luau Dinner. This year the Foundation awarded scholarships totaling $18,000 to a diverse group of 12 area students and secured $6,000 in matching grants from the Desert Healthcare District for students enrolled in medical studies.

Community-sponsored scholarships enhance student self-esteem, promote diversity in the community and support students sensitive to the human rights of all persons.

Students from Blythe to Banning and throughout the Coachella Valley are invited to apply for these scholarships. Selection is based on individual goals, demonstrated success, civic and school activities, financial need and sensitivity to human rights issues.

Hall of Fame Awards. The Desert Rainbow Foundation coordinates the annual Hall of Fame Awards program, a community celebration in which the Boards of Directors of 25 community service organizations nominate approximately 20 candidates for special recognition. Following a vote by the various boards of directors, five of these nominees are inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Past recipients include individuals and couples who have contributed significantly to the well-being and development of our community: 1999 — Elizabeth Baker, Dick & Maggie DiBona, Dick Haskamp, Herb Lazenby, Paul Bacon & Bob Parrott, George & Jackie Spencer; 2000 — Bob Hoven, Rev. Andrew Green, C.J. Pino, Marv & Carol Sholl, Jim Suguitan; 2001 — Robert Gomer, John E. Johnson, Andy Linsky, Ron Oden, Charlie Sharples; 2002 — Bill Beck, Don Cortum, Deyna Hodges, Al Lindstrom, Don Wardell.

Teddy Bears. Community donations enable the Foundation's Children in Crisis program to distribute Teddy Bears bearing the Foundation logo to children in area shelters, courts, hospitals and through local police and fire departments.

Teddies "Brandon" and "Brenda" have been featured in local news stories and on TV.

The Desert Rainbow Foundation invites your participation by attending events, volunteering to work on projects, contributing funds and assisting in the Foundation's fund-raising efforts.

The Board of Directors meets monthly at 777 Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 200 in Palm Springs at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Mailing address: PMB 139– Airport Park; 255 El Cielo #140; Palm Springs, California 92262; (760) 778-1976; www.DesertRainbowFoundation.org.

Desert Winds Freedom Band

The Desert Winds Freedom Band is a diverse group open to all Gay and Gay-friendly people who like to play concert band music. Led by Artistic Director Harry Patten, the Band was founded in November 2001 by Gary Moline. Now in its Third Season, the Band played a concert in the "Concert in the Park" series for the City of Palm Springs, is proudly to appearing again in the Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade and Festival, and has an upcoming Holiday Concert scheduled for Sunday, December 14, 2003 at 2 PM at the Camelot Theater in Palm Springs.

The Band's first public performance was at the 1st Annual Rainbow Festival of Flags at the Desert Palms Inn in Cathedral City in March 2002. Appearances followed at the First Friday Festival, and at the Desert AIDS Walk. The Band gave its first full concert at the Church of St. Paul in the Desert in Palm Springs in June 2002. The Second Season began with the Band's appearance at The Festival of the Waters in Desert Hot Springs, continued with a concert and parade entry in the Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade and Festival and capped off the year with a Holiday Concert in December at the Church of St. Paul.

The Second Season continued into 2003 with a "Spring Into Spring" concert at the United Methodist Church in Palm Springs in April and concluded with the Band's first out of town appearance in June at the 2nd Annual Wine Country Community Band Festival in Temecula.

The Desert Winds Freedom Band is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization and is recognized by the IRS as 501(c)(3) tax-exempt. The Board of Directors is led by President, Ted Barajas. The Band is also a member of the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (LGBA). Many musicians (including one of our own)



from LGBA member bands participated in Gay Games activities in Australia in October/November 2002.

Don't be shy! Come and join the Band!! Currently, we have about 25 dedicated musicians who love to make music together. Some are professionals and others haven't played since they graduated from high school. Prospective band members must be able to read music, have basic skills playing a band instrument, attend rehearsals one night each week, and regularly participate in concerts. The Band Aides, our support group, are also accepting new members to help at events and assist with recruiting and publicity.

For more information about Desert Winds Freedom Band, phone (760) 776-2700; send an e-mail to desertwindsfb@yahoo.com or write to Desert Winds Freedom Band at PO Box 4732, Palm Springs, CA 92263. Visit us on the web at www.home.earthlink.net/~psband.

Gay Associated Youth

Gay Associated Youth (GAY) provides support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth (LGBTQ) in the Coachella Valley and surrounding areas through the provision of guidance, education, advocacy and necessary resources. We envision a safe, integrated community with social integrity and appropriate support systems for gay youth, where they can develop a positive self-image.

Gay Associated Youth is nearing 18 years as the only organization working with LGBTQ youth in the Coachella Valley and surrounding communities. In late 1999, GAY established itself as a nonprofit charity, allowing tax deductions for all donations. GAY operates a large drop-in youth center in Palm Desert across from the College Of the Desert. The center is open seven days a week for LGBTQ youth and their allies and provides a place for them to relax, study, watch videos, play video games, play pool, surf the Internet, get tutored and socialize in a safe and secure place.

GAY offers support group meetings every Friday evening and health education, including HIV/AIDS prevention and confidential testing on site. Youth in need are referred to prescreened professional and community resources. GAY always promotes alcohol, tobacco and drug-free living and activities, promoting a healthy lifestyle. GAY provides outreach to all schools in the community including support and advocacy for Gay Straight Alliances (GSA) on local school campuses. We also publish the STEREOTYPED Zine monthly, which is distributed free to the community.

Gay Associated Youth is overseen by 12 involved community members who make up our Board of Directors, and are assisted by a large and very active Advisory Board. The GAY Center in Palm Desert is run by three staff members. For information, contact GAY at (760) 776-1744 or e-mail psgaycenter@aol.com

Great Outdoors of Palm Springs

Great Outdoors is the largest Gay outdoor recreational organization in the West. It was founded in the 1980s by gay leaders who believed that the time had come for a viable, healthy alternative to the bars.

In addition to the Palm Springs chapter, there are four Great Outdoor chapters in the Southern California area: Los Angeles, Orange County/Long Beach, Santa Barbara/Ventura County, and San Diego. Outings include camping and hiking in the best wilderness areas as well as river rafting, canoeing, skiing and social activities.

Members receive a newsletter and a periodic calendar featuring a schedule of all chapter activities. Members also receive a membership card and discounted rates on activities sponsored by Great Outdoors. In addition to general meetings, each chapter also has a once-a-month business meeting called a CORE group meeting.

Those who join in our hikes and outdoor activities don't have to own expensive gear, since many camping stores in the area rent everything you need in the way of tents, sleeping bags, and other gear. And Great Outdoors sponsors outings that suit everyone – from mountain climbers to those who want to drive to a campsite. Each outing has a trip leader who provides participants with a set of trip notes. These notes include information about the outing, including clothing, directions, cost, carpooling opportunities, and the kind of gear needed for the outing.

For information, contact Great Outdoors at P.O. Box 361, Palm Springs, CA 92263, e-mail gpsgocraig@aol.com, or visit our website at www.greatoutdoors.org/ps.

Jeffrey Sandholm Memorial Community Crisis & Help Line

The Jeffrey Sandholm Memorial Community Crisis & Help Line is the only crisis intervention service operating in the Coachella Valley & High Desert. For the last 4 years, we have offered crisis intervention & referral services to anyone facing a crisis. Calls to our Help Line (760-323-1875) are free and confidential. The Community Crisis & Help Line has helped thousands of people deal with issues such as suicide prevention, depression, HIV/AIDS, sexual orientation, substance abuse, domestic abuse of all kinds, senior citizen issues, and any other issue which leads the caller to feel hopelessly desperate. Crisis Line Volunteers are fully trained, and support callers by listening, reflecting, clarifying, and offering referrals to appropriate service agencies. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization and welcome your donations and

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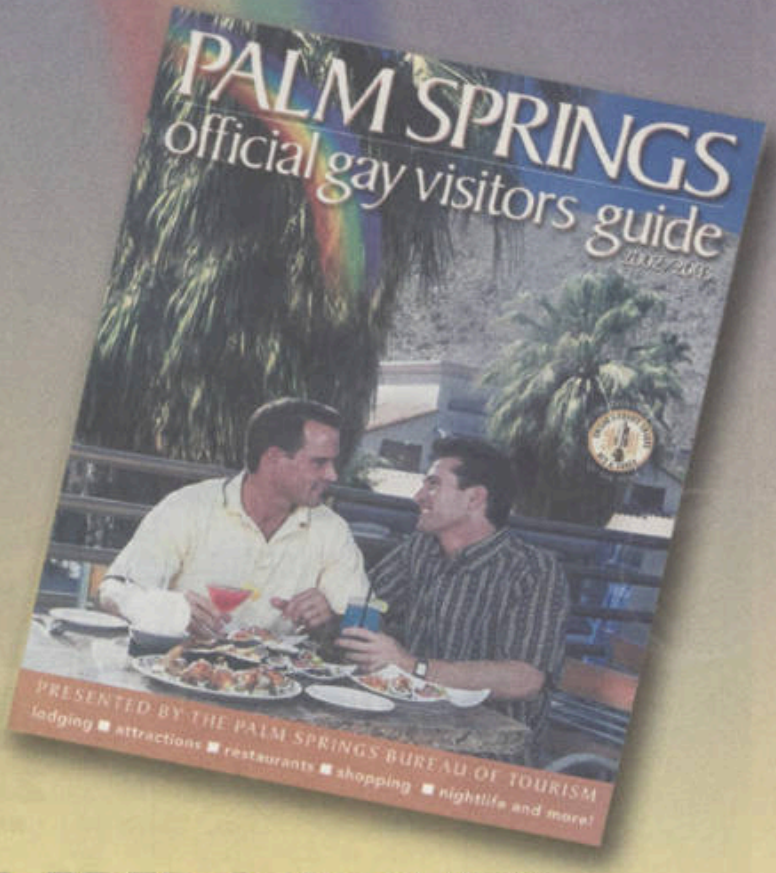
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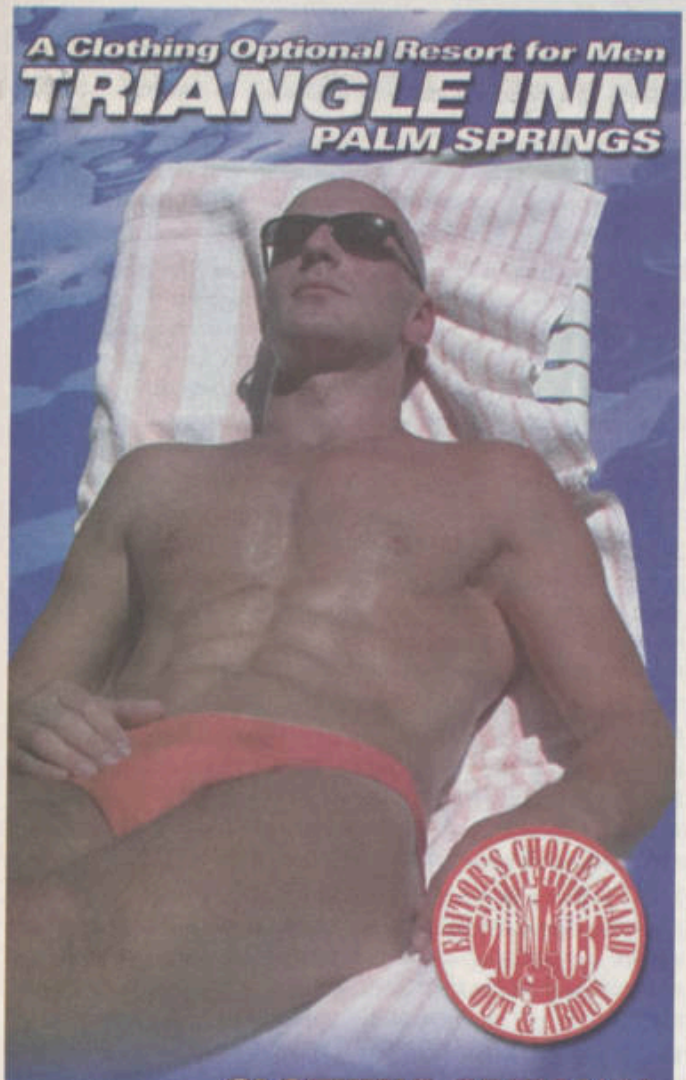


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Long Yang of the Desert

Long Yang of the Desert in Palm Springs is one of 30+ chapters of an international Gay Asian and Pacific Islander organization. The Palm Springs chapter was officially launched on Jan 1, 2002. We are the only organized group in Palm Springs serving the Asian and Pacific Islander communities and their admirers.

We are an Asian Cultural and Dining Club. We encourage members to share their cultures and views of the East with us. We work to educate the public about the myths of the Orient, with cultural journeys, Asian fun, and the hunt for ethnic foods and knowledge. We regularly celebrate festivals, visit nearby Asian communities and museums, share recipes, engage in shows and tells, and rap about our concerns. Oue goal is to enable everyone to inhale a bit of cultural aroma and experience some fun.

We have regular themed potlucks, movie nights and dining out. Over the last 2 years, we have celebrated Lunar New Year and Moon Festival; we have visited Zen Buddha in Mountain City and admired touring artifacts from Nanjing Museum at Bowers Museum of Arts; we have a month-long celebration of Thai culture and food; we have showing of Asian films from Wong Kar War, Ang Lee and Kinji Fukasaku. There are more to come.

Long Yang Club San Diego are regular attendants of our events, and we in return have participated in their events numerous times. We are always interested in reaching out to regional, national, and international communities.

For more information, please e-mail psinfo@longyangclub.org, send letter to Long Yang at P. O. Box 1325, Palm Springs, CA 92263, or visit our club website at www.longyangclub.org/palmsprings. Annual membership is $15 per individual, $20 for couples.

Metropolitan Community Church

Metropolitan Community Church of the Coachella Valley is much more than just a "Gay- friendly church." MCC is one of over 350 congregations worldwide, which were born within and primarily serve the needs of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Transgendered community. At MCC, we believe that there are no second-class citizens in the Kingdom of God, and unlike other "gay friendly churches," MCC offers Gays full participation at every level of leadership and service in the church. Although some other churches perform "Holy Unions," our doctrinal statements establish this as a Rite in our denomination, and we have been performing commitment ceremonies for same-gender couples for well over 30 years.

MCC began here in Palm Springs in March of 1997 and has continued to grow and expand its impact throughout the community. Through the congregation's non-sectarian service projects like the Food Closet and the Community Crisis Line, other service organizations have been created which continue as independent agencies working to improve the quality of life for all the citizens of our community. Our mission at MCC is "to promote harmony in body, mind and spirit," and our church programs, events and activities are all designed with this goal in mind.

Sunday worship, Tuesday evening Bible Study, and Thursday choir practice are held weekly. Please call the church office at (760) 318-2865 for times, locations and directions. Our Church Annex is located at the Courtyard, 777 E Tahquitz Canyon Way. We provide free meeting space for many other community groups.

The congregation began a Capital Campaign in August of 2003. Hopefully, the congregation will secure a more permanent home for its worship and ministries in the near future. Currently the Building Committee is considering acquiring a 7,000 square foot warehouse space that will be converted into offices, meeting rooms and a large multi-purpose room with seating for 250.

MCC is first and foremost an ecumenical Christian church. We draw together many people from various faith traditions and have created a working faith community, which supports each and every individual in their own spiritual growth, evolution and progress.

Our pastor is the Rev. David M. Pelletier, the first openly gay student to graduate with a M.Div. from a Lutheran Seminary in 1978. Many dedicated lay ministers, providing guidance, pastoral and peer counseling, support our professional staff.

To find out more about MCC, call the church office at (760) 318-2865, e-mail us at mcccv@verizon.net, or visit our website at www.palmspringsmcc.org. Better yet, drop by on Sunday. In a real way, every Sunday is PRIDE Sunday at MCC!.

National Organization for Women

The Palm Springs Area Chapter of the National Organization for Women is committed to protecting the rights of women. CA NOW is the largest state organization of feminists, both women and men, in the United States. Established in 1971, today we represent over 70,000 members and donors in chapters throughout the state. We do one thing and we do it the best: we fight discrimination against women! Our purpose is to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society, now, it includes freedom from discrimination because of race, ethnic origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation or parenthood.

PS NOW has the Barbara Salm Scholarship awarded every year for anyone graduating from high school, getting a GED or pursuing further education may apply the awards are $1,000 each.



For more information about our local chapter please call 760-320-6355 or visit our website at psnow.org.

Palm Springs Gay Veterans

Palm Springs Gay Veterans is the local chapter of American Veterans for Equal Rights, a 501(c)(3) organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgenedered active duty, reserve and veteran service members, challenging the DOD's policy of discrimination with regard to sexual orientation, wether actual or perceived. Membership in AVER is open to all who support the goals of the org; to lift the ban of gay service in the US military, and does not suggest or imply sexual orientation of any of it's members.

Monthly meetings are held each month on the 3red Wednesday-6pm at 424 E. avenida Hokona; PS. Call 760 320-5646 for more details. Annual Membership dues are $30; application can be obtained at www.aver.us <http://www.aver.us>.

Palm Springs Church for Today

The Palm Springs Church for Today is now in its 8th year of providing an opportunity for the Palm Springs Community to experience deeper levels of success and fulfillment in every area of their being: mind, body and spirit. It is a church for those who want Spirituality, NOT organized religion.

We are New Thought, which is not new. It is as old as our search for truth, a correlation of the laws of science, opinions of philosophy, and revelations of the mystics. We are Religious Science, encompassing Science of Mind (no Scientology) as well as other time-tested principles of successful living. Ours is not a closed system of thought. Rather we are unbounded by superstition, dogma or worn-out concepts.

Sunday Morning Celebrations are held at the Palm Springs Hilton (across from the Spa Casino) at 11 a.m., an hour full of marvelous music, moving meditations and a modern message. It blesses holy unions and weddings, conducts workshops and accredited classes, and personal counseling. Everyone is welcome!

The Spiritual Director and Founder is the Reverend Richard Drasen, M. Div. who was ordained in 1993. Reverend Henry Lee Bates, who was ordained by the great Dr. O. C. Smith at City of Angels Church in 2002, has joined as the Associate Minister.

For information, please contact Rev. Richard at (760) 320-2129, by e-mail at revrfd@usa.net, or visit online at www.palmnspringschurch.org.

Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert

Brothers and Sisters,

It is a time of celebration! The coming together of the various groups within our community is a fun and heart warming experience.

We are proud to be an active part of that community. PSLOD (Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert) is a tribe of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender like-minded men and women pursuing an interest in the Leather/SM/Fetish lifestyle. It is our mission to provide information to members and the community on the varied safe/sane/consensual expressions of our lifestyle. It is with power and pride that we promote the right of adults to engage in this form of sexual expression.

We are a non-profit organization. Our largest fund raiser is Leather Pride, the second weekend in November. This year it will be Nov.6-9, 2003, featuring a variety of events. The centerpiece of the weekend is the Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest which will be held in HEAVEN (the nightclub). Leather Pride weekend along with other fundraising events thru out the year allow us to help those less fortunate.

Rallying to our growth (our membership tripled this past year), PSLOD is able to partake in new ventures to inform and contribute. Beside our usual Pride parade presence, you can meet us at the PSLOD festival booth. Also, it is with honor and pride that we can contribute to the community by staffing a beverage sales ticket booth this year.

We look forward to greeting and meeting you. PSLOD's hand of fellowship is extended to all like minded individuals interested in the Leather lifestyle.

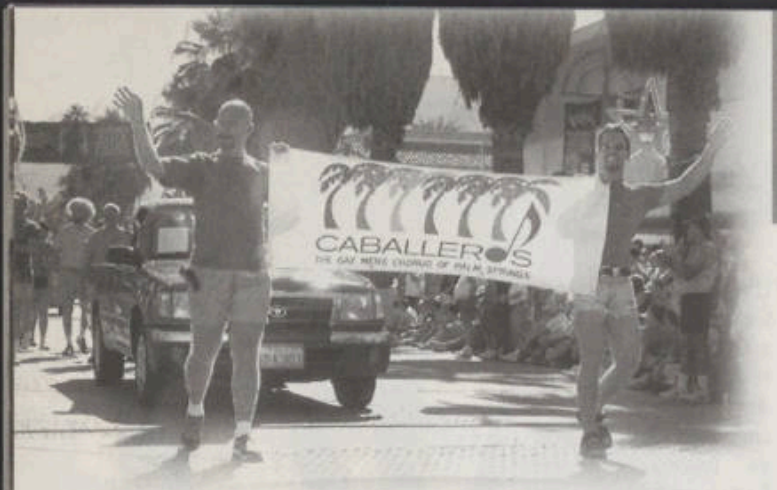
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Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Palm Springs/Desert Communities is a chapter of PFLAG National, one of the nation's oldest and largest GLBT advocacy organizations, with nearly 500 chapters nationwide. In addition to providing support and peer-group assistance for parents, families and friends of Lesbians and Gays, PFLAG PSDC also numbers many Lesbians and Gay men among its membership.

Our parent members are also interested in meeting other parents whose children have recently come out to them. A large part of our mission is to provide support to such parents in what can often be a difficult time. PFLAG PSDC meets on the third Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Cathedral City Library.

PFLAG members encompass parents, families, and friends of



Lesbians and Gays, as well as Gay men, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Transgendered persons. We come from all corners of the earth, from all cultural, religious, and ethnic groups. We know that a person's sexual orientation is neither chosen nor something which has been taught, and it is not simply a "phase" individuals go through.

We view rejection of a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgendered person by his or her family as a tragedy. We are members of close-knit, supportive and loving family units. We respect the truth; we recognize the reality of individual differences and honor the right of each person to be who he or she authentically is. We love and affirm all our family members, and we are committed to full civil and human rights for everyone.

For information, contact PFLAG at (760) 202-4430.

Prime Timers of the Desert

The group had its origins in Ralph Sheplow's plan to have a Christmas party in 1991. A friend was helping him and they decided to call themselves Prime Timers (unaware of the growing national organization founded by Woody Baldwin). The response was so large that the Christmas party had to be moved to a venue with more space!

Ultimately seven men formed the nucleus of the organizational effort and forty compatriots quickly joined them. Their first club event was a luncheon at a former restaurant on E. Palm Canyon in Cathedral City known as the One-Eleven. The club grew by leaps and bounds.

By late 1992 they became more structured by forming a Board of Directors and electing officers. Not much later the decision was made to become affiliated with what was then known as Prime Timers International (now identified as Prime Timers Worldwide). Initially Ralph was reluctant to serve as president of our local organization, so Bill Worrall was our first one and he was followed by Joe Hamlin. When Joe died suddenly Ralph agreed to become president and he served very ably from 1996 through 1998. Wayne Patterson assumed the helm at the beginning of 1999 and steered the group through three years of growth in membership (to some 1,300) and expansion of activities. Ken Keener began his tenure as president in January, 2002.

Prime Timers of the Desert Foundation

The Prime Timers of the Desert Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 public charity organization founded in early 2001 to establish a much-needed center for Gay and Lesbian seniors living in the Coachella Valley. The Foundation's goal is to open a center where senior Gays and Lesbians can come together in a safe, affirming environment. The center will offer a variety of programs and services that meet the specific needs of the Valley's growing Gay and Lesbian senior population.

While the Foundation is closely aligned with the Prime Timers of the Desert, it is a completely separate charitable corporation with its own volunteer Board of Directors. The Foundation currently is raising funds to open the senior center, and is seeking major gifts, individual contributions, and other forms of financial support, including gift annuities, retirement plan assets, life insurance policies and other bequests.

The Foundation sponsors the annual Woody Baldwin Awards Dinner honoring individuals and couples in the Valley who have put forth conscious and concerted efforts to better the lives of others through their charitable work. The Dinner is named after Woody Baldwin who, with his partner Sean O'Neal, founded the Prime Timers organization in 1987.

For information on the Foundation and how you can support the drive to open a center for Gay and Lesbian seniors, contact Larry Hughes, president, at (760) 325-2569, or write PTOD Foundation, P.O. Box 4061, Palm Springs, CA 92263.

Stonewall Golfers

The Stonewall Golfers, founded in August 2001, is the premier Gay and Lesbian golf organization based in the Coachella Valley. We are a group of Gay and Lesbian golfers, including all levels of players, from beginners to experienced. We are based in Palm Springs, acknowledged as one of the premier golf destinations, as well as one of the Gay and Lesbian resort capitals of the world.

The Stonewall Golfers schedule golf dates for members and guests to golf every other week, sometimes more often, at golf courses throughout the greater Palm Springs area. We try to keep the greens fee below $50. On occasion, we also schedule golf dates out of town at golf courses in southern California.

The Stonewall Golfers hold two major golf tournaments each year: the Rainbow Challenge, a two-day competitive stroke play event, over the Memorial Day weekend and Pride on the Links, an 18-hole charity tournament, scheduled in conjunction with Palm Springs Pride weekend. The tournament websites are www.rainbowchallenge.com and www.stonewallcharitygolf.com .

For more information about the Stonewall Golfers, please visit our website at www.stonewallgolfers.com , e-mail us at info@stonewallgolfers.com, or call (760) 318-1328.

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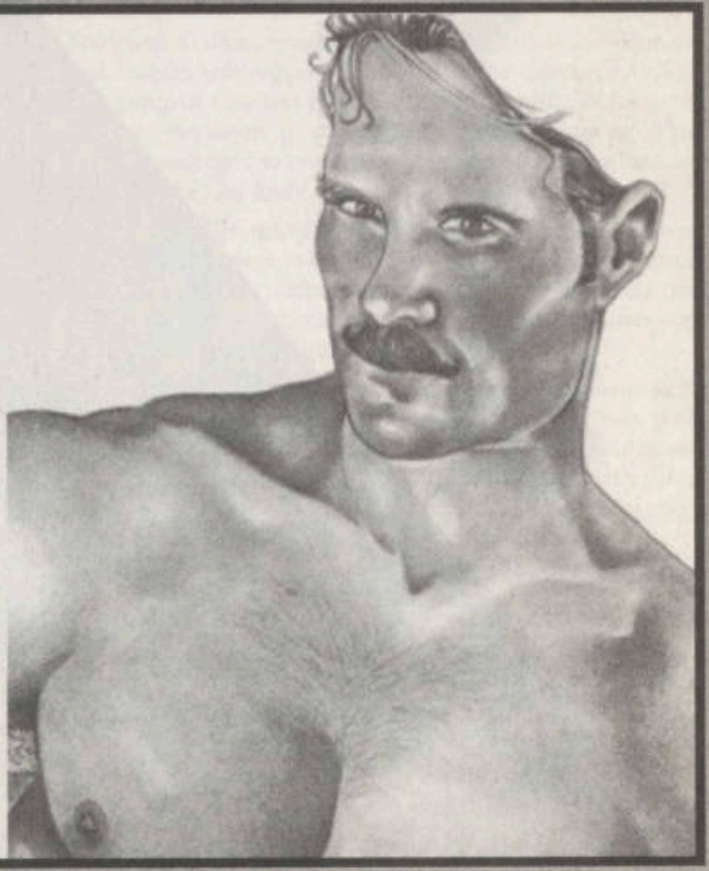
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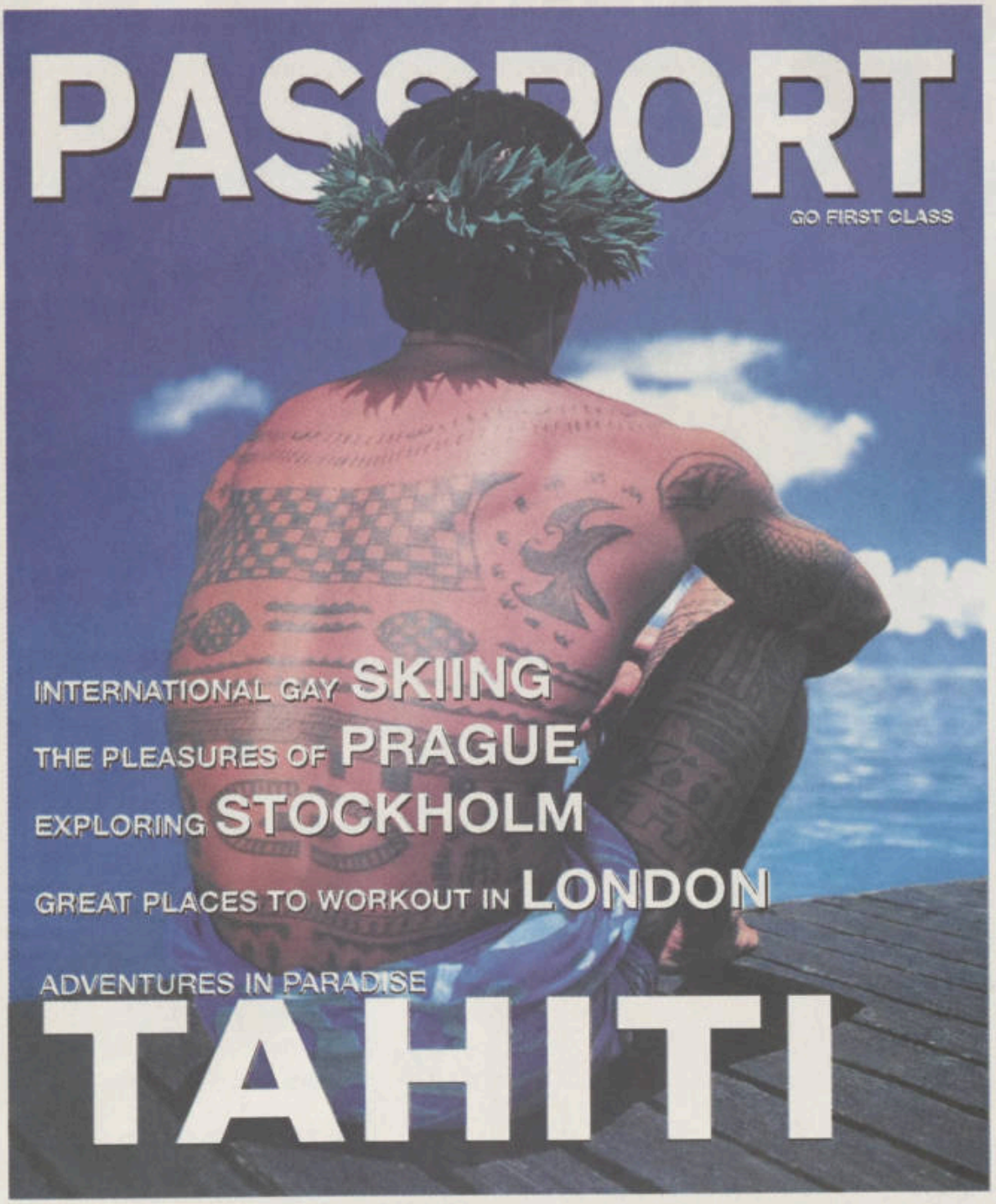
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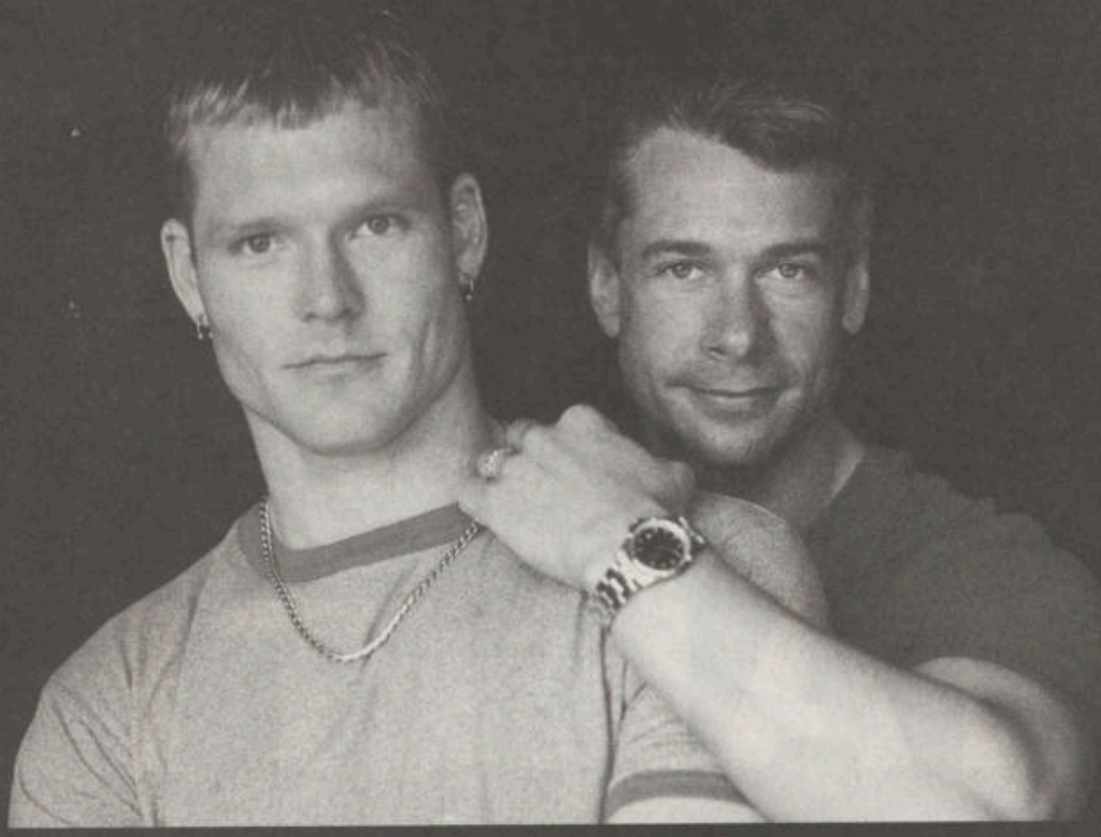
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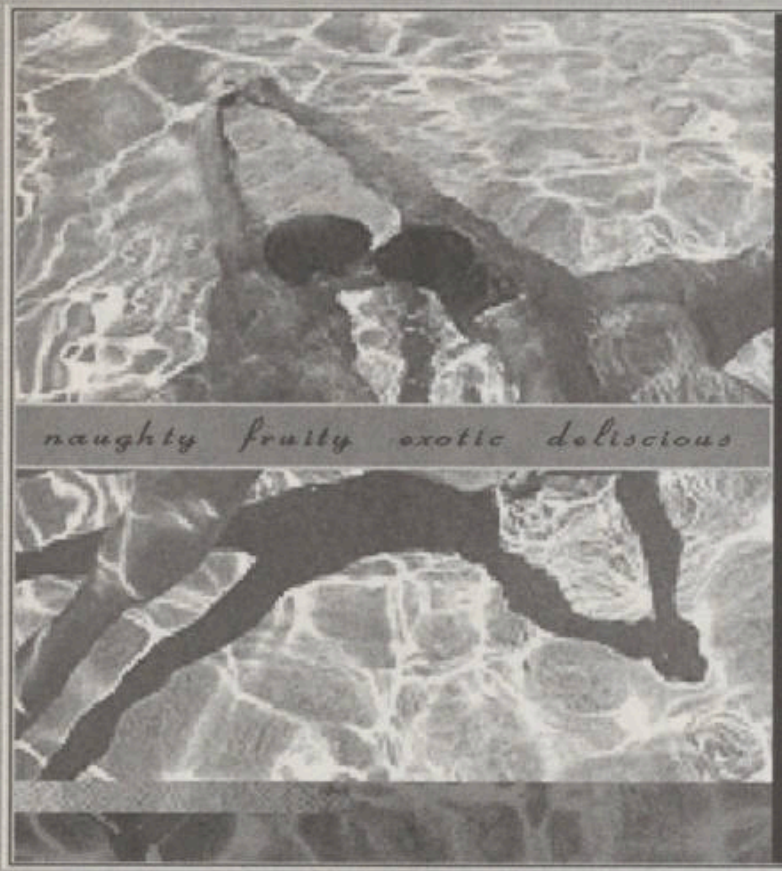
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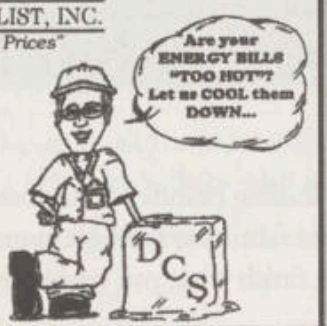
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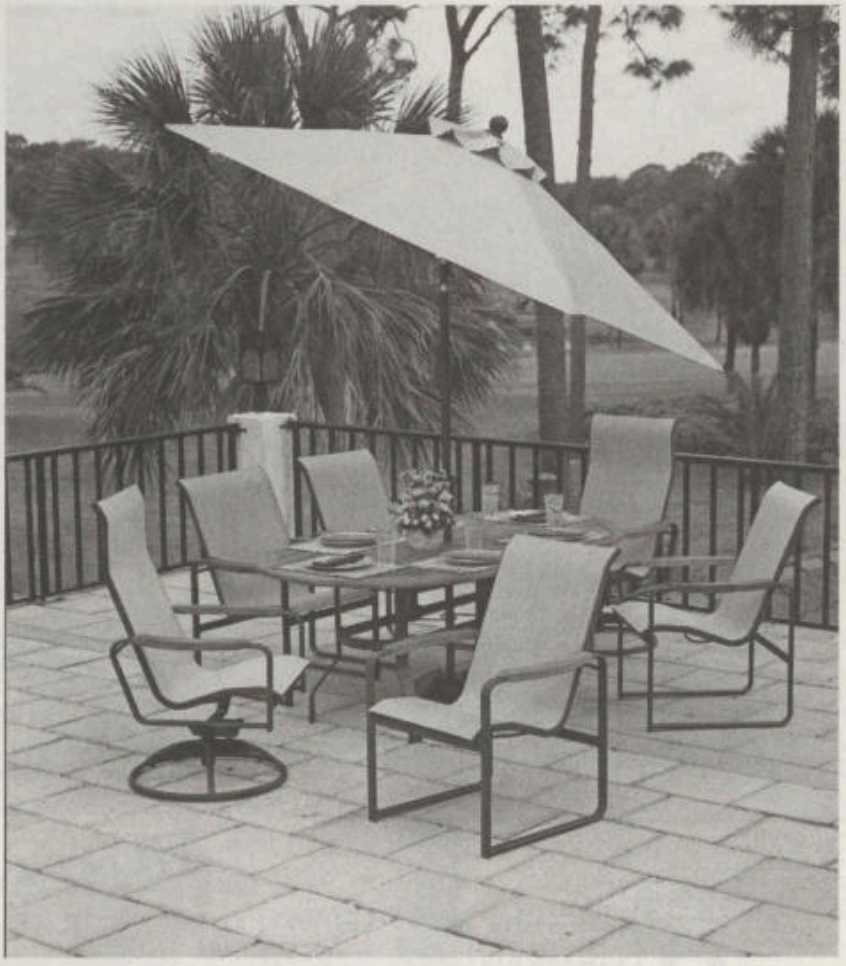
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Our event comes off with very few glitches with the help of all the members of the Special Events Planning committee. No words can thank Michele Cerone-Collier and everyone at the City Parks & Recreation Dept. for their constant support and assistance. Thanks also to Officer Spike and the Palms Springs Police and Fire Departments, which are on constant standby to help as needed.

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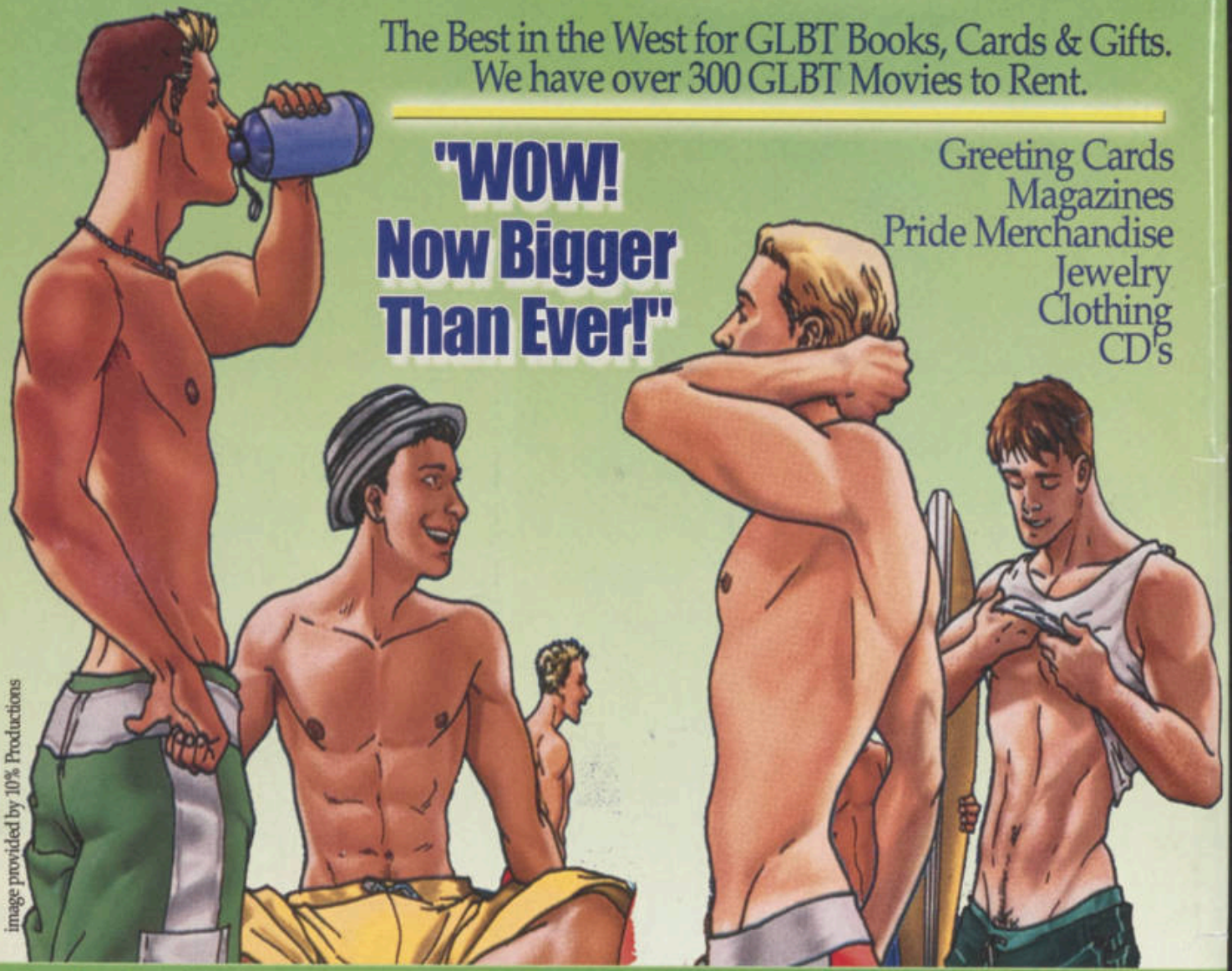


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