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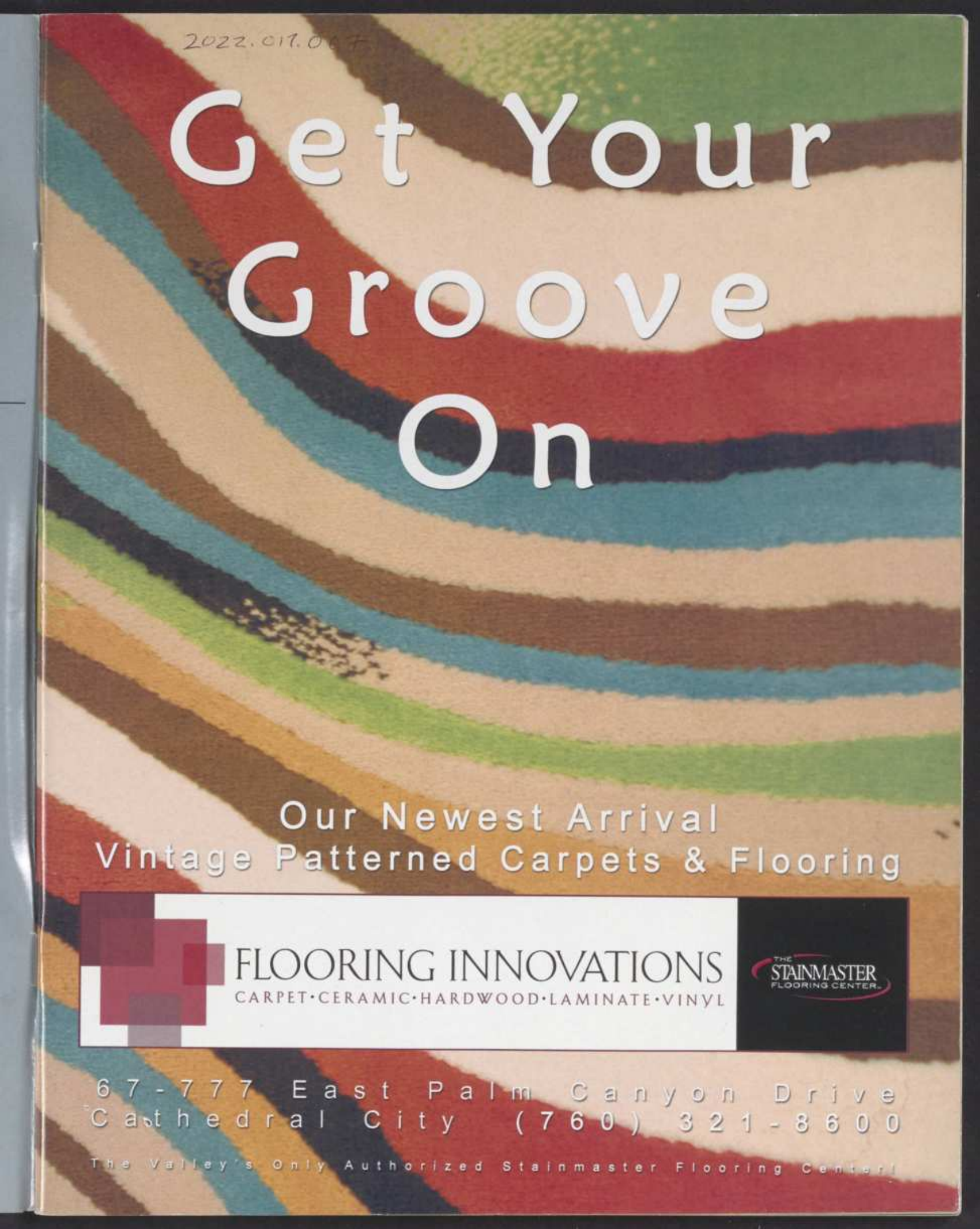
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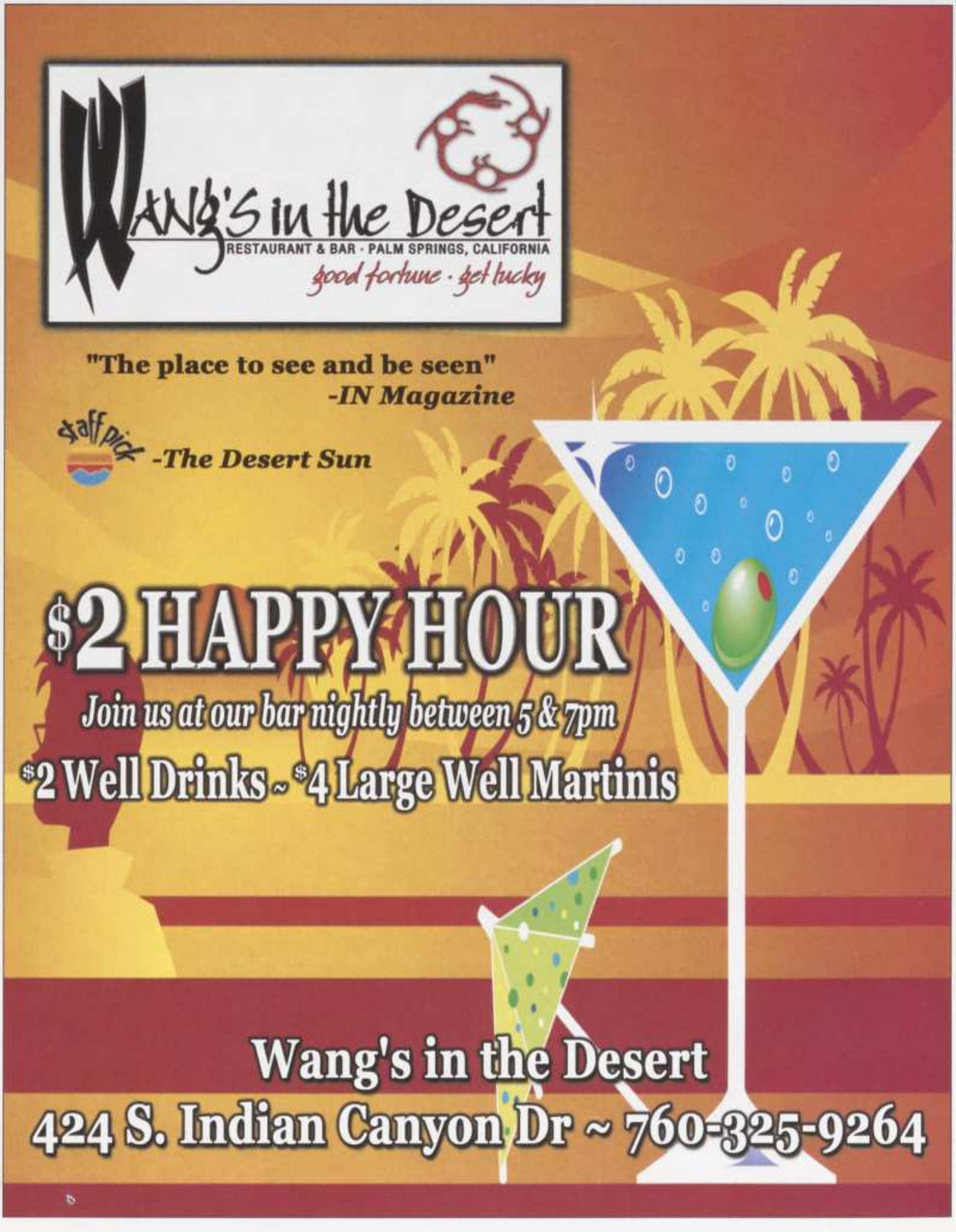
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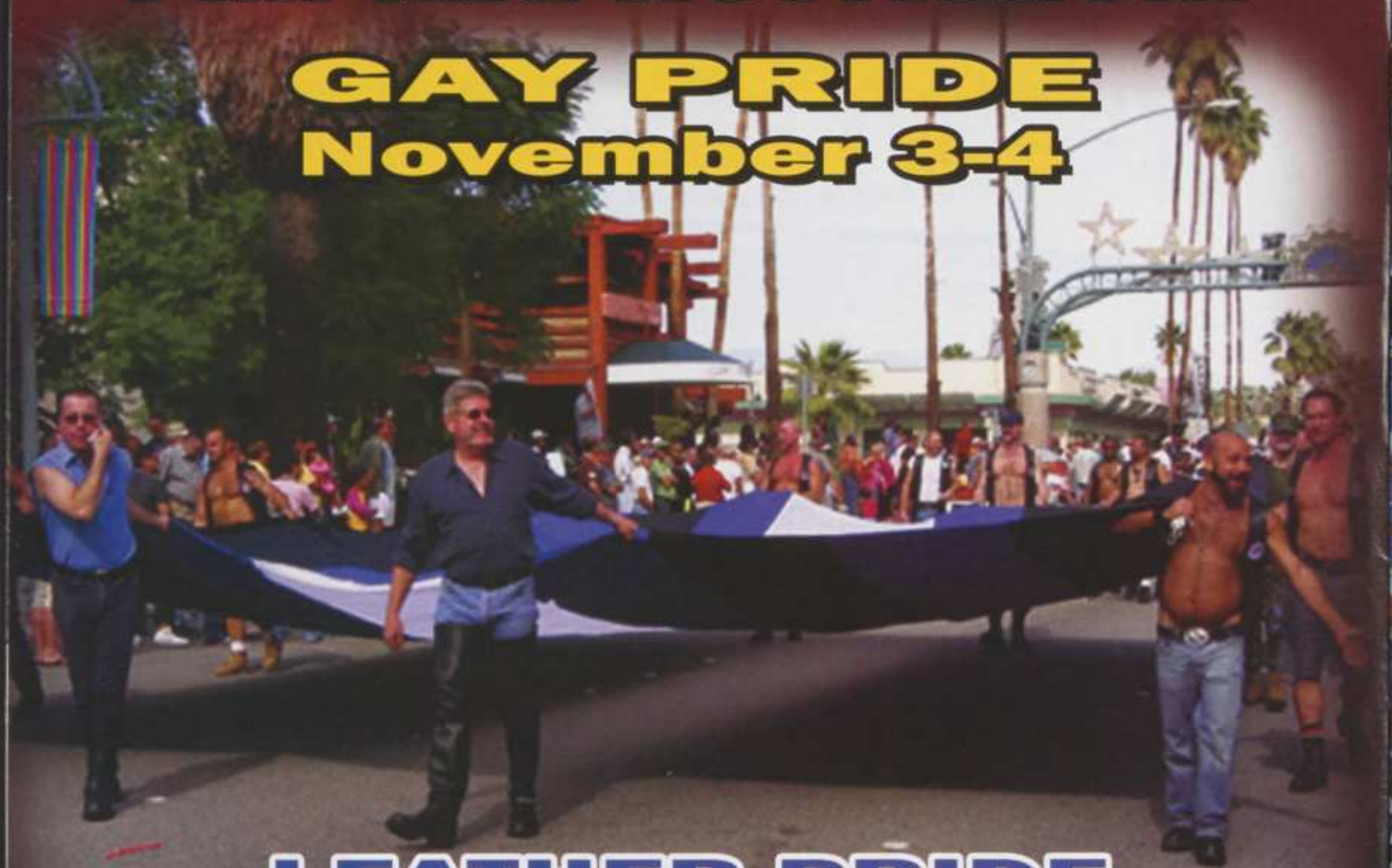
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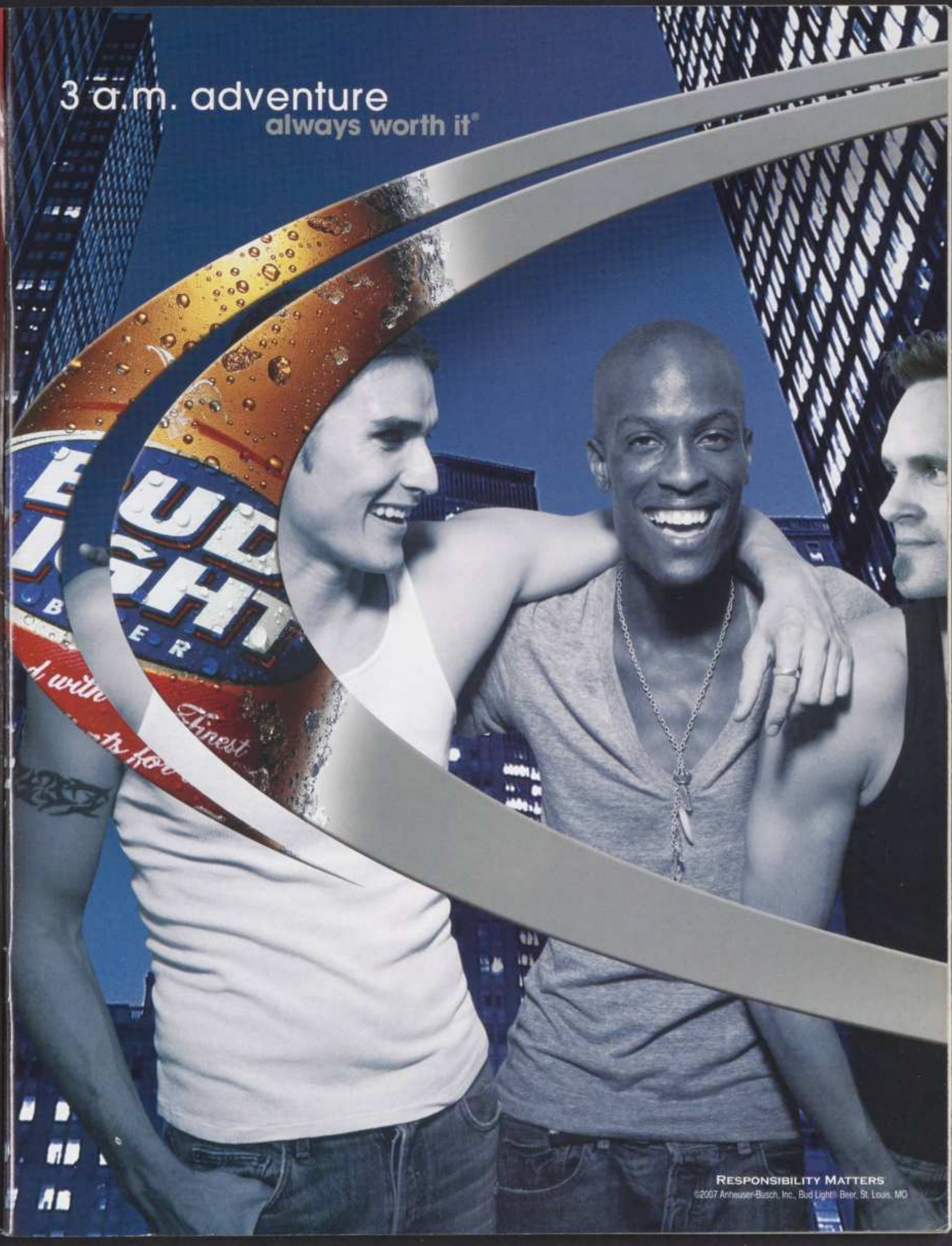
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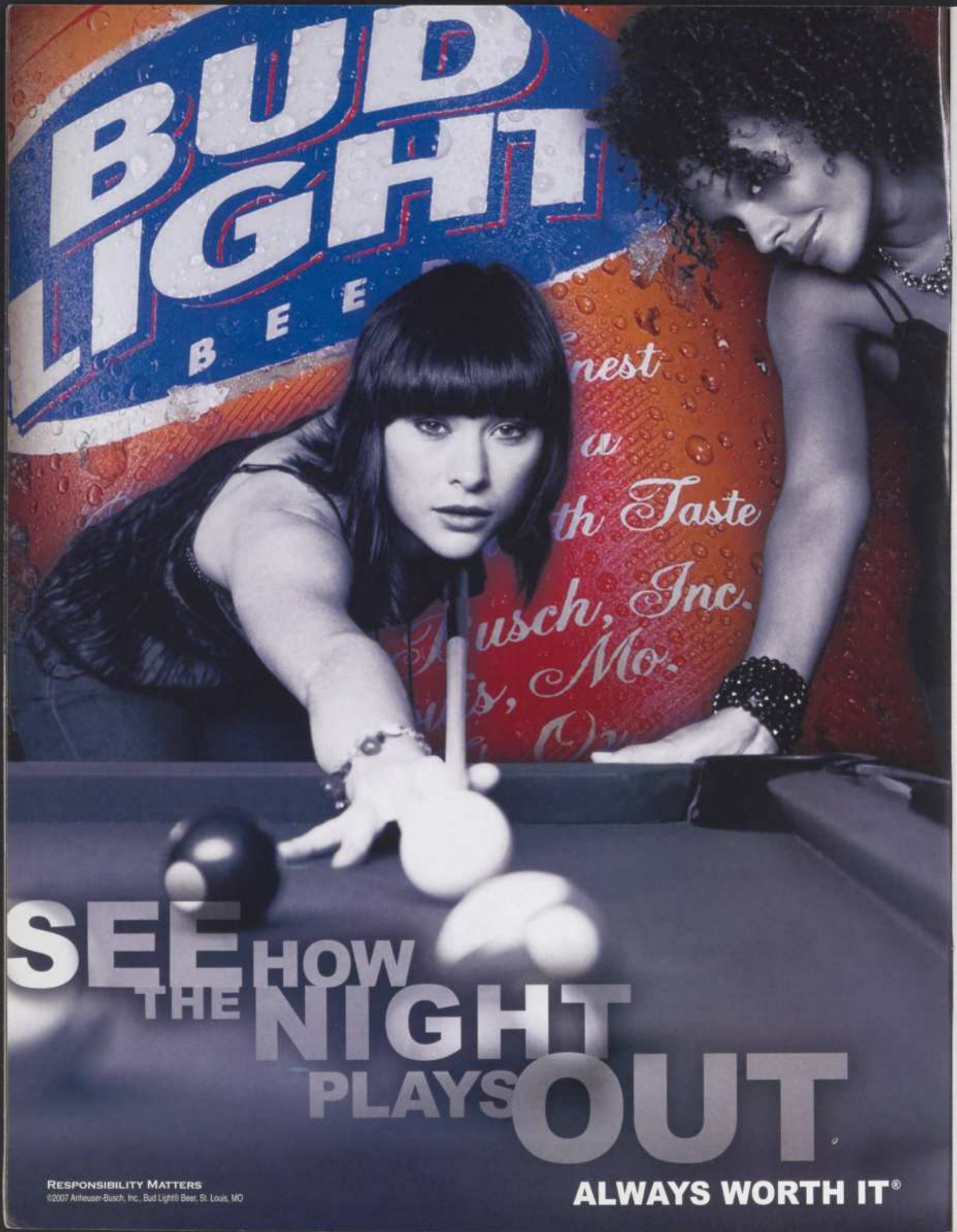
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Welcome to Greater Palm Springs Pride, 2007

Welcome to our 21st birthday and "Coming Out Party"!

We are happy to have so many of you back, and also welcome those who are visiting for the first time. We hope that during your visit you will take advantage of all the reasons so many of us choose to live here in Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley!

In honor of this special year the board has made significant changes to several facets of our event: our Entertainment line up has taken a totally new direction with the likes of Ari Gold (our celebrity Grand Marshal), Brian Kent, Martha Wash and Married by Elvis, just to mention a few along with our local favorites. A full listing of artists can be found in the Entertainment pages of this program. Our Authors' Village starts off with Armistead Maupin and a varied host of writers. In addition to our Children's Zone we are adding a "Teen Zone" as a designated area for local and visiting youth. Our food courts have been increased to offer you some treats not offered at our event before.



Our women's community will have a larger presence than ever before. We will even have a campsite on the grounds for Camping Women! Lspot, Palm Springs will have a "lounge" for visitors to peruse information on their members and network a bit. A special surprise relating to the Dinah Shore weekend will be offered at the festival grounds.

Our parade promises to be far more colorful with floats and other entries not present in past years along with performers demonstrating their talents along the parade route and numerous colorful marching groups.

We hope that you will let us know how you enjoy our parade and festival. If you have suggestions or comments, please send them to us. We are always interested in your comments and ideas.

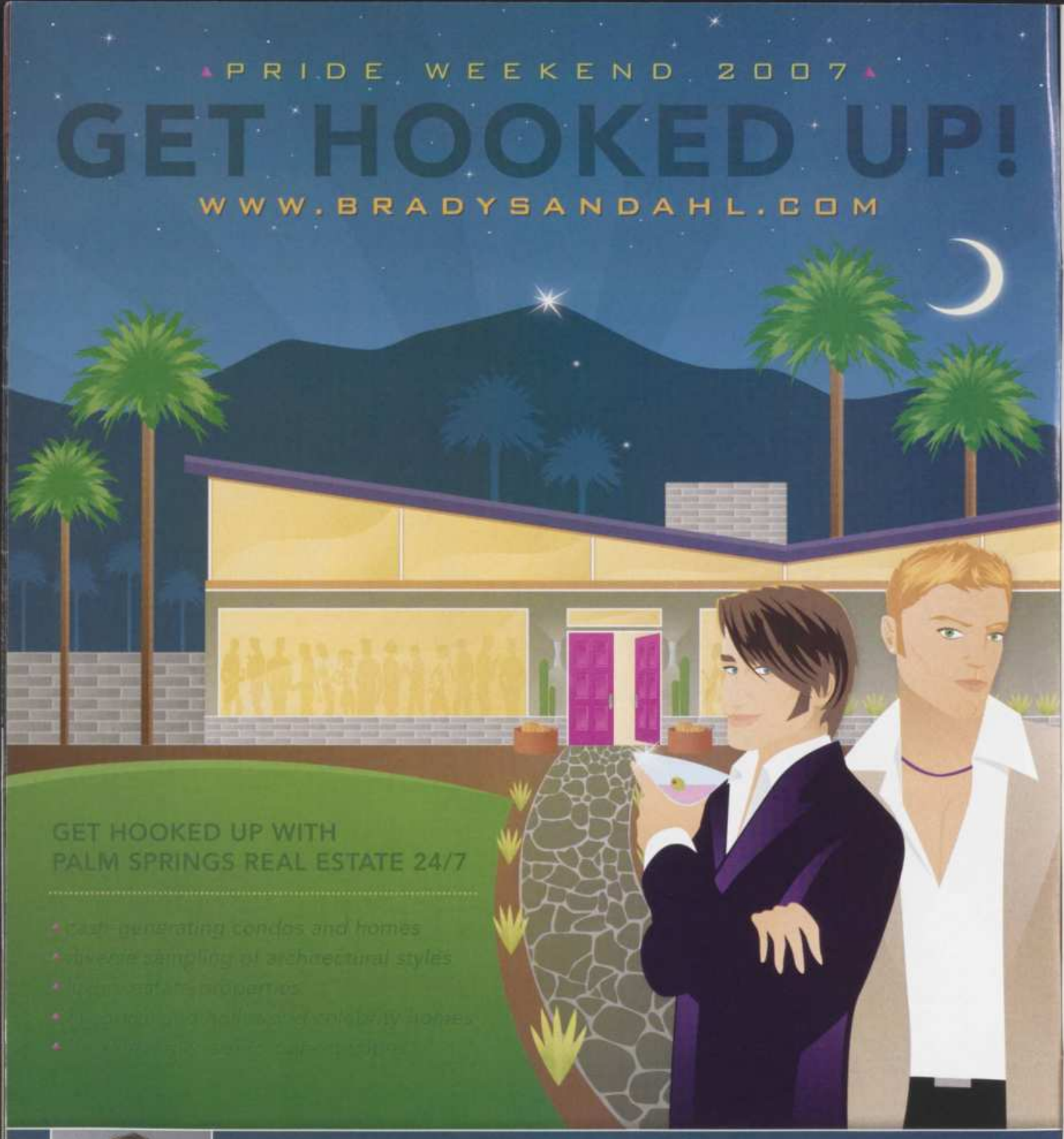
Please have a safe and successful time during Pride. Take a look around our town and at the festival grounds and savor the spirit and wonders of Palm Springs, the Coachella Valley and its people. Thank you for helping to make Pride in Palm Springs a success and we hope to see you all again next year on November 1 and 2, 2008!

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Mayor Ron Oden

November 2007

As Mayor, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 21st Palm Springs Pride Weekend!

Palm Springs is a beautiful, year-round destination for tourists worldwide, who come here to enjoy our wonderful weather, play golf and tennis, bask in the sun poolside and simply enjoy everything we have to offer.

Sometimes we are tempted to just sit back and enjoy the amazing surroundings, but we must be vigilant in continuing our struggle for equality in an openly hostile environment that is desirous of limiting our rights and freedom. Keeping this in mind, the celebration of Pride becomes even more important.

This year, we celebrate 21 years of gatherings in our fair city. We have come a long way though the efforts of many, many individuals who have continued to work through the stages of progress in the evolution of where the Pride Festival and Pride Parade are today.

Let's give thanks for the achievements attained, with a strengthened resolve to continue the fight for equality, because every young gay American is counting on us, and we can't let them down.

Thank you for coming to our city, and our Pride Festival and Parade.

Sincerely,

Ron Oden

Ron Oden, Mayor

GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

2007

Greater Palm Springs Pride Inc.

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to all who have gathered for this year's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Celebrations.

The last few years have seen a significant shift in society's views towards the LGBT community. Icy intolerance is slowly melting away to reveal neighborhoods, organizations and individuals united by similar goals instead of divided by misunderstanding. Although much remains to be done to stop discrimination and bigotry, the progress that has been made is certainly a cause for celebration.

My thanks go to each and every one of you who work to promote the respect of all people, regardless of their sexual orientation. Your efforts help people see that the critical issues we face as a state are common to all Californians. Most importantly, your work helps individuals take pride in who they are and find optimism for the future.

I reaffirm my commitment to join you in building a California where everybody matters and every family counts.

On behalf of all Californians, please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and every continued success.

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It is a pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all who have gathered for the 2007 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Celebrations.

The 2007 LGBT pride events present an important opportunity to recognize the determined efforts of California's LGBT community to ensure the respect of, and dignity for, every Californian. The community's efforts to educate people about issues that affect LGBT people in our state and that promote acceptance, understanding and equality, have an impact on every one of us and make California a richer, better place.

California's greatest attribute is our diversity and honoring this diversity by ensuring equality and justice for all residents is critical to our state's future. I join you in this commitment to advance the rights, freedoms and responsibilities for all of us; and to build a California that works for hope and tolerance rather than fear and divisiveness.

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



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Celebrity Grand Marshal

Ari Gold



Greater Palm Springs Pride's Celebrity Grand Marshal this year is award winning singer/songwriter and producer Ari Gold.

As an independent recording artist, Ari Gold is bringing his bold and soulful blend of R&B, Pop and Dance music to legions of fans around the globe on his own terms. Ari has been featured on VH-1, MTV Europe, LOGO, HBO Zone, Here!, IFC and received critical acclaim from trade papers, *Billboard* and *HITS*. Having toured all over the US, Canada and Europe while gracing countless magazine covers with his stylish and sexy image, the press has already coined Gold a gay icon

Ari makes substantial use of his high profile by remaining at the forefront of the fight for human rights. His song "Home" can be heard on the Human Rights Campaign's benefit album *Love Rocks* along with music by Melissa Etheridge, Christina Aguilera, Dolly Parton, and Carole King. He contributed "Bashert (Meant To Be)" to the American Civil Liberties Union's (ACLU) benefit CD *Marry Me*, released in an effort to secure the rights of same sex couples. Ari offers his own charity package through his website that donates proceeds to The Ali Forney Center for LGBT homeless youth and serves on the board of Baily House.

Released in 2004, Ari's sexy and soulful sophomore album *Space Under Sun* further solidified his status as a gay icon by debuting at #1 on the Outvoice charts, landing him on the cover of countless gay magazines around the world and receiving raves in trade papers like *Billboard* and *HITS*. *Metro Source NY* put Ari on their "25 people That Make Us Proud" list, along side Barbra Streisand, Harvey Firestein, Ellen Degeneres and Hugh Jackman. His first single, "Wave Of You," was featured on iTunes Essentials along with hits by Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, Britney Spears and Cher. The "Wave Of You" video has been shown on VH-1, HBO Zone and LOGO as well as in clubs across the country on Rock America and For Promo Only. Ari was also featured in the highly rated VH-1 special, "My Coolest Years: In The Closet."

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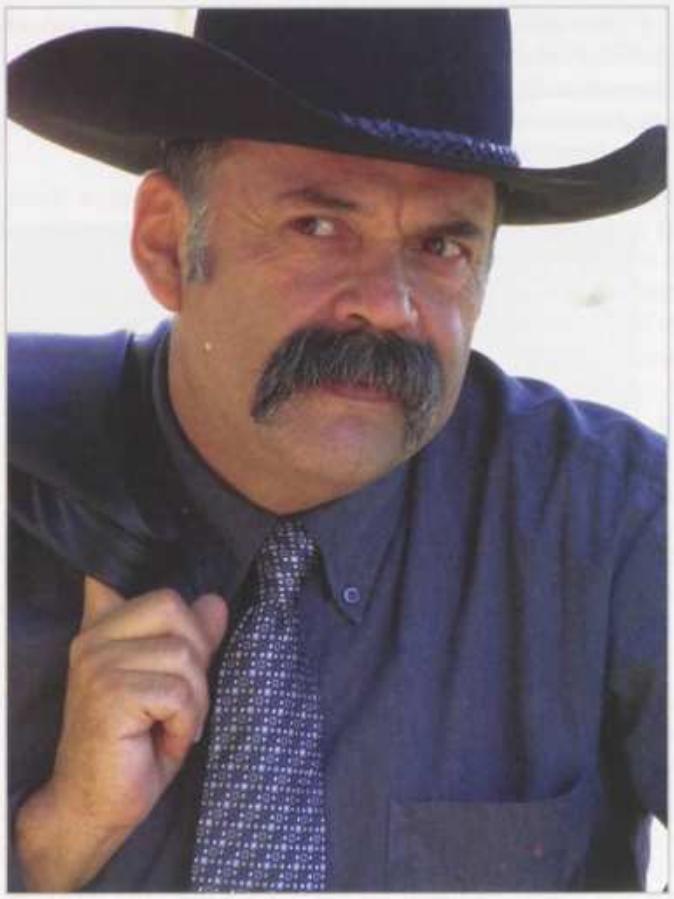
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Edward Espindola



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Edward moved to Palm Springs in the late nineties after losing his partner to AIDS. He won the title, "Mr. Palm Springs Daddy Bear 1999" and recalls being asked at the time: "Now that you have a title, what are you going to do with it?" What he did was hold seventeen benefits, started Palm Springs Bear Weekend and became president of PS Bears. All of this while holding down two jobs.

In 2000 he started the Daddy Bear Fund, to help families in need over the holidays and provide toys and gifts to their children. Besides its holiday efforts, the Daddy Bear Fund has held back to school drives, food drives and raised funds to send children to Camp Heartland. The fund exists entirely on donations and all proceeds go to beneficiaries with no administrative or production costs. Now in its sixth year, the Daddy Bear Fund is working with the AIDS Assistance Program and the Desert AIDS Project to help fill the needs of client families during the holiday season.

Edward stated: "I have been blessed to have worked with some of the most kind and loving people, some of Palm Springs' finest entertainers and clubs and organizations such as PS Boys of Leather, Greater Palm Springs Chapter of GSGRA, Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert, Palm Springs Bears and Maximus. I look forward to continuing the work that is so dear to my heart."

Marnie Hesson

Marnie Hesson is much more than a familiar face around town; she's a native. As in someone who grew up here, went to high school here, has family here, went away to college from here and then moved back here. Oh, and she came out here, too.

In high school, Marnie's best friend's mother was a lesbian and a business owner. Marnie would often accompany them to meetings of the desert's first GLBT business and women's organizations, giving rise to the theory that her networking skills were honed at an early age. Her sense of community was shaped not only by these early experiences but is also a function of her innate "team player" attitude.



That attitude was evident in her initial career choice, as well. Marnie spent her college years outside of Palm Springs but returned to her home town and entered the hospitality industry. Twelve years in various management positions in customer service placed her at the center of Palm Springs' business and tourism industries. A long held dream was realized eight years ago when Marnie transitioned into her own business as a massage therapist. She quickly became a much sought-after masseuse, whose services are in demand year round.

Through her unique perspective as a Palm Springs native and with her years in the hospitality industry, Marnie observed first hand the growth of the women's community. She also experienced how difficult it was for women to connect – no central meeting places, no sense of cohesiveness and little opportunity for networking kept the lesbian population largely separated from each other and the community. The internet and Marnie Hesson have been working to help change that.

The L Spot Palm Springs web site was born in 2005 to bring lesbians together and serve as a resource for the community. Along with the website, the L Spot hosts monthly mixers for women. A nominal donation of $10 is requested at the door for each mixer, of which 70% goes to local charities. It doesn't sound like much on its own, but since the outset, over $12,000 has been donated to organizations that support GLBT youth and seniors, breast cancer prevention, domestic violence and many other worthy causes. The L Spot has provided a long overdue opportunity for lesbians to meet and network in a congenial environment, to see and be seen, to affirm that our community is out there and to confirm the influence and buying power of lesbians. The L Spot Palm Springs mixers have attracted the attention of area restaurants, which are now vying for the opportunity to host the monthly mixers.

Marnie's family continues to make Palm Springs their home. She's very grateful that they have always been loving, warm and accepting of her lifestyle and the people in her life. Marnie's girlfriend, Meg, also provides inspiration and guidance. She and Meg will be celebrating their 2nd anniversary over Pride Weekend.

Long known as the unofficial mayor of Palm Springs, Marnie is now very deservedly the official "Woman of the Year" for 2007.

Manny Rodriguez and Ed Ellis

By Wayne Fleisher

It continues to amaze me that we can all live in this wonderful desert community, have friends and associates we know in the context of where we met them, or what they do for the community and yet this is just a mere hint as to who they really are. Greater Palm Springs Pride's 2007 Men of the Year are just such individuals, Manny Rodriguez and Ed Ellis.

Manny Rodriguez is the perfect example of someone that gives and continues to give of his time and financial support to charities that he has a passion for, yet because of his very nature has hovered under the radar from the beginning. A native of Havana, Cuba, Manny immigrated to Miami in the early 60's before he and his family later relocated to California. Manny attended UC Irvine, where he graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Humanities, Spanish and Portuguese. Manny never imagined his degree would lead to a life long career in international business; let alone lead to a professorship at CalState Fullerton, where he taught the first bilingual International Marketing class in California from1982 to 2001.



Manny Rodriguez and Ed Ellis

Like most Palm Springs residents, Manny and his partner of 24 years Ed Ellis began as part-time vacationers here in 1987, taking breaks from their busy Orange County careers. Manny was President of G.D.E., Inc, a multi million dollar exporter of electronic components and telecommunications equipment and Ed was Vice President of Marketing for Universal Paper Goods. Interestingly enough, the two met in 1977, when both were featured speakers aboard the Queen Mary at an International Marketing Seminar. Six years later they became a couple.

They permanently relocated to Palm Springs in 2003 after retiring and buying part interest in what would become known locally as A & E Travel, where Ed, an accredited cruise counselor, and business partner Alva ran the agency until it was purchased by Worldview Travel. Also of international origins, Ed and his family relocated to California in 1960 from their home in Ontario, Canada, where Ed had studied voice and dance in high school, eventually earning a scholarship from the National Ballet of Canada. Ed majored in marketing and public relations at Woodbury University and El Camino College.

To say that Manny or Ed retired when they permanently moved here is like it is for so many desert residents, an illusion. Since 2003 Manny has served on the boards of the Desert AIDS Project (2004-06) and the AIDS Assistance Program, where he still serves as AAP's board secretary and its spokesperson at many fundraising events including Les Originals and Les Dames du Soleil's annual fundraisers. Ed is a past President of the Palm Springs Rotary and was an Ambassador for the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce. Both Manny and Ed are major financial supporters of AAP, DAP and GAY and have supported and attended easily 80% or more of all fundraising events for those organizations. Additionally Ed's businesses have secured luxurious cruise donations for these organization's annual gala auctions.

The Board of Directors is honored and pleased to designate Manny Rodriguez and Ed Ellis this year's "Men of the Year".

Volunteer of the Year

Carla Hanberg



The Board of Directors of Greater Palm Springs Pride would like to honor Carla Hanberg, our Administrative Assistant. Carla has served Pride in this capacity and others over the years. In this current position (3 years) she has been at her desk and on the ready to answer her phone five days a week and in the crush of preparations carries her phone on her hip 24/7.

Her service to our organization and her community at large is unsurpassed. Her assistance leading up to, during, and after our event in November and other events we assist or produce is incalculable. Without her warm, caring, and attention to detail, the office would be in chaos.

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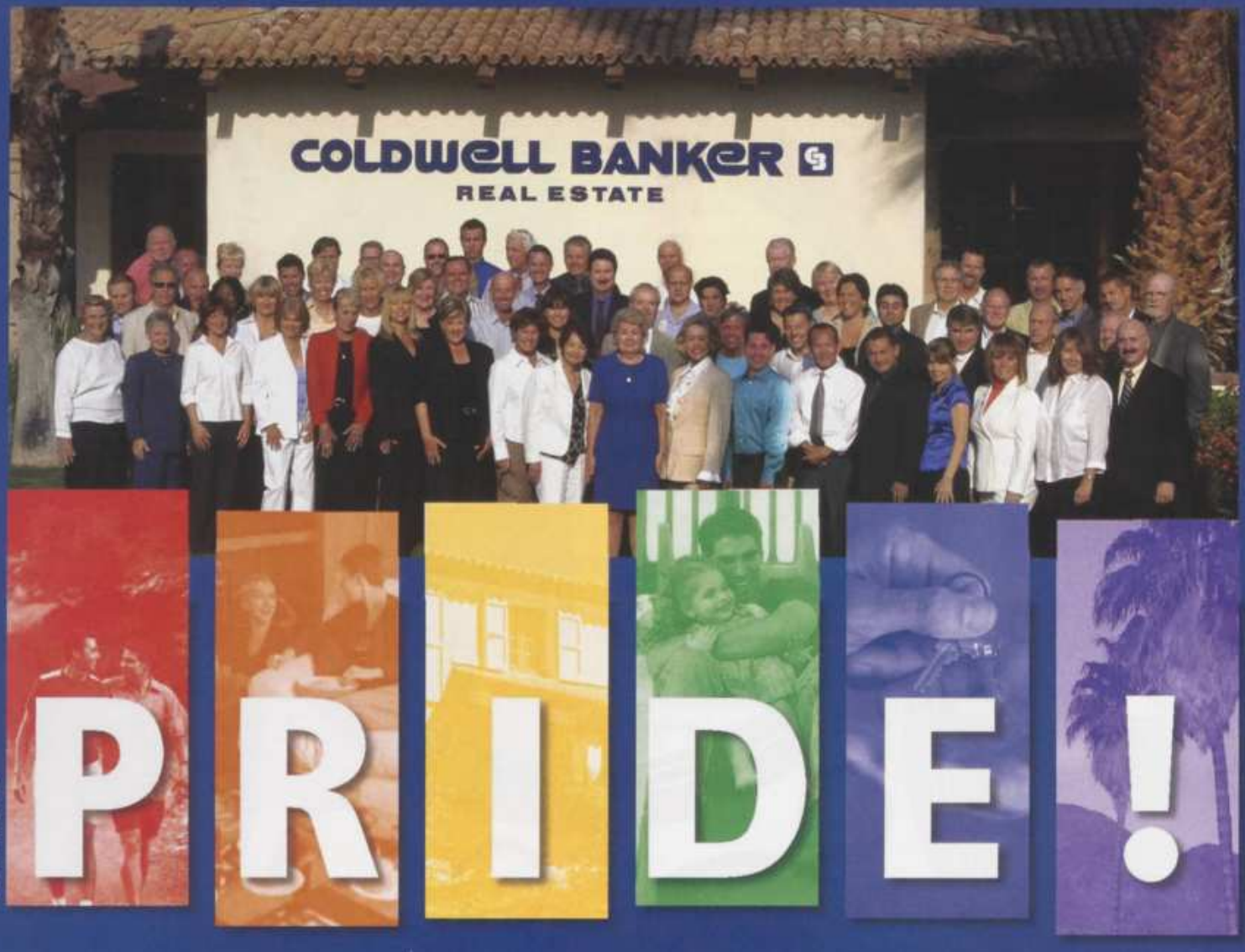


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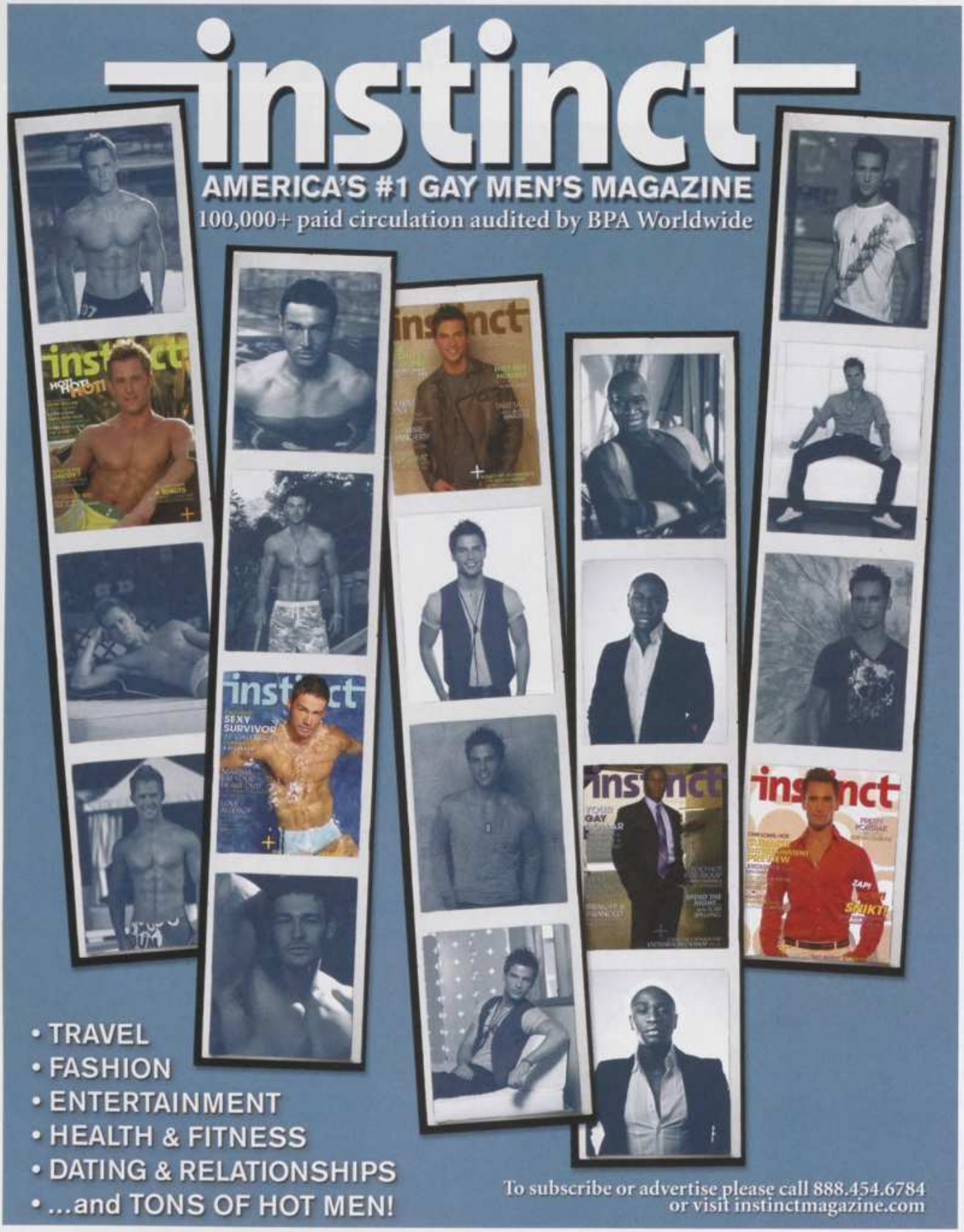
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Time	*Artist*	*Genre*
	SATURDAY	
12:05-12:15	**Mona Caywood**	National Anthem
12:15-12:45	**Larry Lozzaro**	Smooth Sounds
12:45-1:15	**Blayne Bell**	Pop/Powerpop
2:15-2:45	**Irene Soderberg**	Smooth Jazz
1:45-2:15	**Phil Putnam**	Acoustic/Vocals
1:15-1:45	**Mona Caywood**	Smooth Sounds
2:45-3:00	**Freedom Band**	Marching Band
3:00-3:30	**Manganista**	Rock/Alternative
3:30-4:00	**Jianda**	Pop/Soul
4:00-4:30	**Mario Racadio**	Latin
4:30-5:00	**Crush**	Rock/Pop
5:00-5:30	**Century Blue Project**	Sym/Pop Duo
5:30-6:00	**Red Ivy Suspect**	Rock/Pop
6:00-6:30	**Black Rose & Co**	Female Vocalist
6:30-7:00	**Lori Michaels & The Girls**	R&B/ Dance
7:00-7:30	**Brian Kent**	Dance
7:30-7:50	**Martha Wash**	R&B/ Dance
	SUNDAY	
10:00-12:00	**Ambient Music**	Sound Engineer
11:50-12:00	**Greetings/Welcome**	
12:00-12:30	**Marc Pedraza**	Acoustic
12:30-1:00	**Grant Taylor**	Singer
1:00-1:30	**Pick-Up Girls (tentative)**	Smooth Jazz
1:30-2:00	**Miss Fern (Mona Caywood)**	Smooth Jazz
2:00-2:30	**Rhythm & The Method**	Rock/Blues
2:30-3:00	**Married by Elvis**	Country/Pop
3:00-3:30	**Jason Antone**	Dance Artist
3:30-4:00	**Akil**	Dance
4:00-4:30	**Dario**	Latin
4:30-5:00	**Brian Kent**	Dance
5:00-5:50	**Ari Gold**	Dance



ARI GOLD *Sunday - 5pm*

Released in 2004, Ari's sexy and soulful sophomore album Space Under Sun further solidified his status as a gay icon by debuting at #1 on the Outvoice charts, landing him on the cover of countless gay magazines around the world and receiving raves in trade papers like Billboard and HITS. Metro Source NY put Ari on their "25 people That Make Us Proud" list, along side Barbra Streisand, Harvey Firestein, Ellen Degeneres and Hugh Jackman. His first single, "Wave Of You," was featured on iTunes Essentials along with hits by Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, Britney Spears and Cher. The "Wave Of You" video has been shown on VH-1, HBO Zone and LOGO as well as in clubs across the country on Rock America and For Promo Only. Ari was also featured in the highly rated VH-1 special, "My Coolest Years: In The Closet."

On his Space Under Sun World Tour, Ari headlined clubs and festivals overseas (France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Czech Republic, Canada) and in over 25 cities across the U.S., including the world's largest stage at the Reno Hilton. He also performed also at NYC venues Joe's Pub, BAM (Brooklyn Academy Of Music) and the Roxy. At the awards ceremony held this year in Chicago, Ari received his second Outmusic Award for the 2005 Album of the Year (Male). In addition, Ari Headlined at the Closing Ceremonies at the 2006 Gay Games in Chicago.



BRIAN KENT *Saturday - 7pm* *Sunday - 4:30pm*

Brian began his performing career at a very young age. After several years in Los Angeles, Kent migrated towards the lights of Las Vegas where he performed in several shows along the Strip at venues such as the MGM Grand, The Aladdin, Caesar's Palace, and The Sahara. It was in Las Vegas that Kent met dance diva and RCA recording artist Kristine W. and worked as her backup vocalist for the next several years. During his time working with Kristine W., Kent also earned rave reviews at The Continental Hotel & Casino. After a successful run, Kent returned to Los Angeles where he went on to perform in numerous equity stage productions and commercial spots over the next year, including his sold-out one man show at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel's Cinegrill. Kent followed his success by relocating to New York where he debuted his show, "A 'Native' New Yorker" and later to sold-out audiences in his sequel show, "Life's for Rent."



MARTHA WASH *Saturday - 7:30pm*

Beginning her musical journey in the late 70's as one half of the disco group Two Tons of Fun, Martha found herself singing with the incomparable Sylvester. Twenty-some years later, fans still speak of how extravagant and over the top their shows were! Sylvester's falsetto rang loud and clear over the massive band sound while swooping through the horn and guitar sounds. The Two Tons added the icing on the cake with their booming vocal harmonies.

In the early 80's, the Two Tons proudly declared, "Hi, we're your Weather Girls" and a new talent emerged onto the scene. As part of the Weather Girls, Martha scored a Grammy Nomination for a song that was destined to become a cult classic. Yes, "It's Raining Men" – the original version that confirmed it was time to leave your umbrellas at home, rip off the roof and stay in bed. Martha continued to sing with the Weather Girls until the late 80's when she felt it was time to move on to the next tenure of her career



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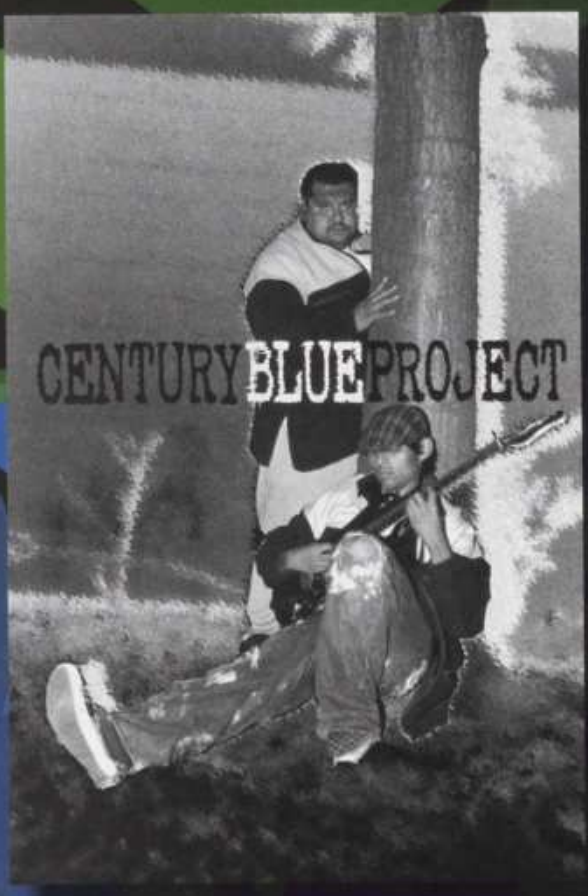
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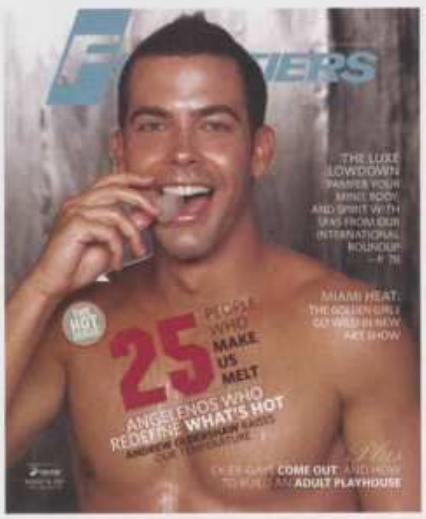
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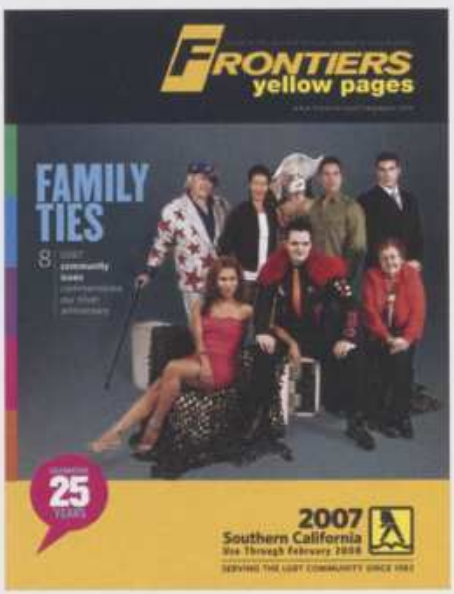
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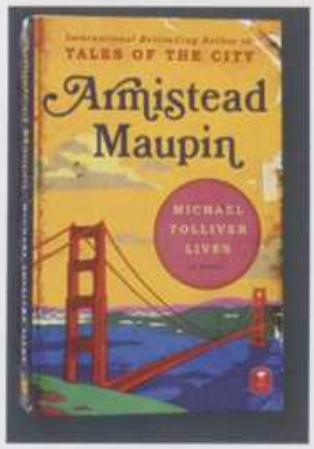
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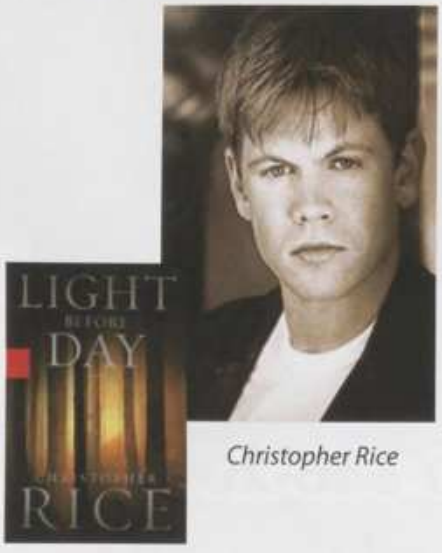
Armistead Maupin

Armistead Maupin will be a featured author at this year's Greater Palm Springs Pride Authors' Village. Maupin will participate in the Pride Parade and sign books at the festival on Sunday, November 5th at 2pm.

Maupin is the author of nine novels, including the six-volume *Tales of the City* series, *Maybe the Moon*, *The Night Listener* and, most recently, *Michael Tolliver Lives*. Three miniseries starring Olympia Dukakis and Laura Linney were made from the first three novels in the *Tales* series. *The Night Listener* became a feature film starring Robin Williams and Toni Collette.



Each year the Authors' Village at the Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival has been noted for its celebration of the breadth and diversity of GLBT writers. Again, this year, we are pleased to present an outstanding group of authors who help us celebrate pride by telling their stories, photographing our sensuality and marking our journeys.



Christopher Rice

William Mann and **Christopher Rice** are tentatively scheduled to join us. Mann's latest book is *Men Who Love Men*. This new book along with his previously published fiction and nonfiction have won high praise. Author of *Light Before Day* and other terrific suspense mysteries, Rice always draws a huge crowd.

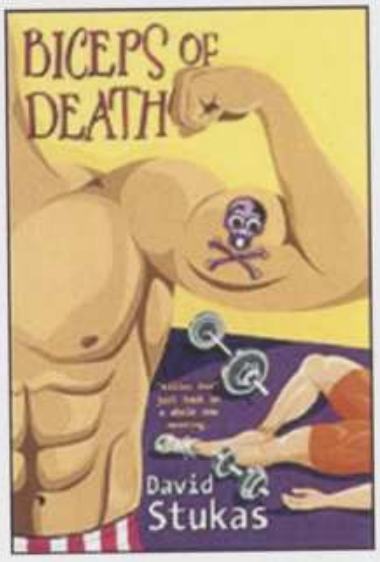
Local writer **David Stukas** has been highly successful in his four mysteries. **Biceps of Death** is his latest book. **Greg Lilly** will also be on hand to sign his most recent book, *Devil's Bridge*.

Authors' Village

Aiden Quinn will read from his tell-all autobiography *My Undoing*. This should not be missed!

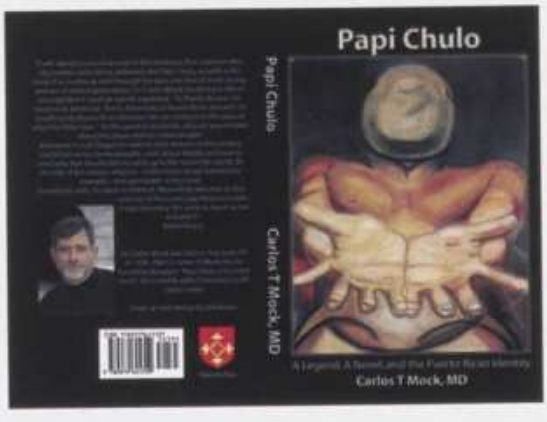
These are just a few of the authors joining us for the festival. Be sure to stop by the Authors' Village throughout the weekend. A full schedule will be published. Meet your favorite author, get a book signed or a picture taken.

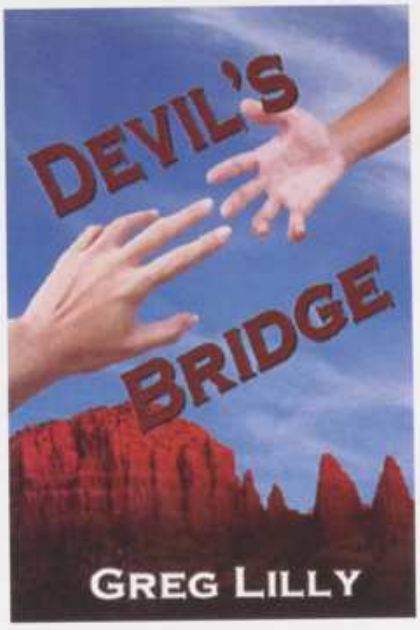
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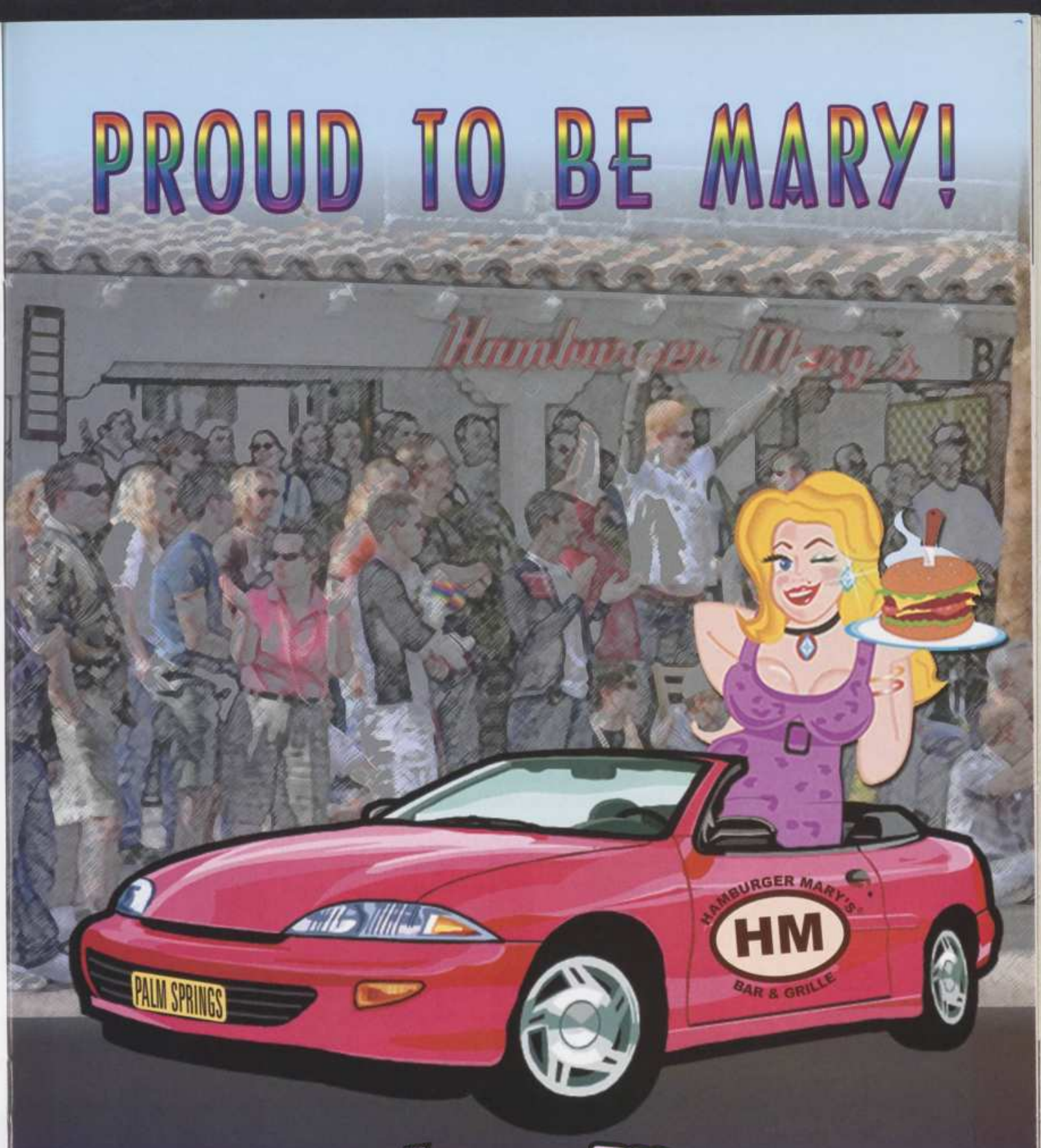
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Another area we will be offering this year is the Teen Area. With the help of the Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance from San Bernardino, teens will have a place all their own to hang out, relax, dance, enjoy teen activities, learn what is offered by the alliance, and share in the fun and experience of our festival and parade!

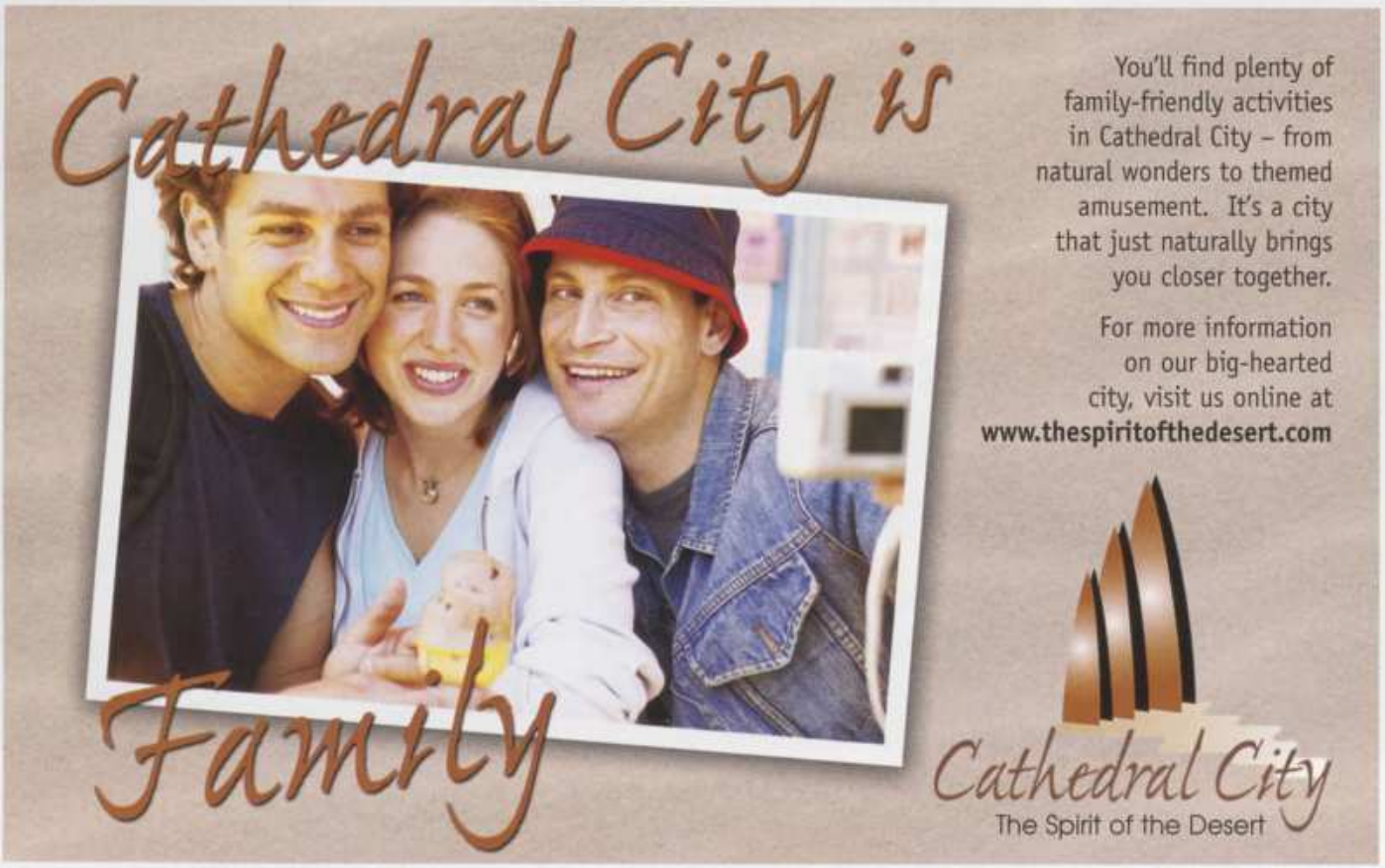









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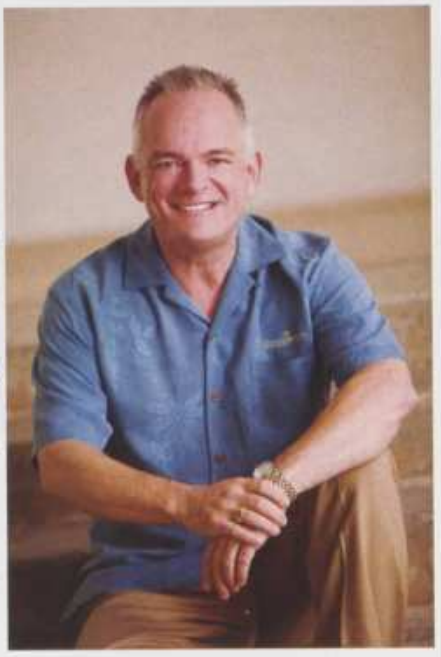


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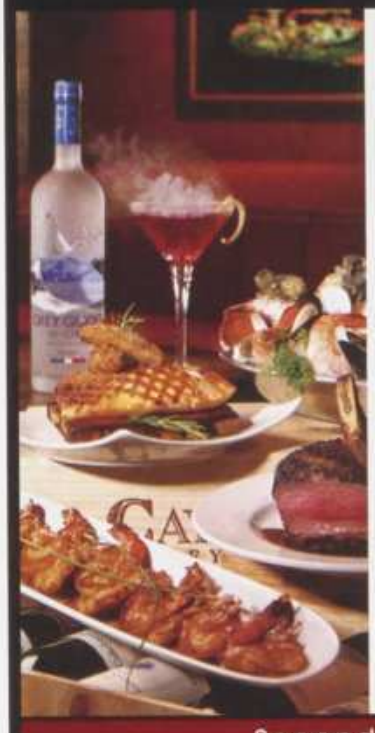
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We Will Survive! features the hit music and gay anthems that marked the progress of the gay revolution from Stonewall to the present—music that topped the charts in the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and today—songs like *Where the Boys Are, Aquarius, Y.M.C.A., Wake Me Up Before You Go Go, Livin' La Vida Loca,* and, of course, *I WILL SURVIVE*! Taking us along this musical journey and bringing it to life will be Palm Springs' own Tommi Rose plus a special appearance by those girls that started it all, the "Desert Queens"—pioneers instrumental in forming the out, open, and integrated society that we celebrate as Palm Springs PRIDE today! Join us in the fun at 7:30 at the Palm Springs Convention Center as we kickoff the 2007 celebration.

Caballeros has totally revised its performance schedule for this new season. By performing at the Convention Center, the chorus comes full circle back to its hometown. Caballeros started as a small community chorus in 1999 in Palm Springs performing in a variety of local venues. As the chorus grew in size and reputation under the leadership of artistic director, Alan Scott, they moved into the lovely Annenberg Theatre at the Palm Springs Art Museum, performing multiple shows in their 2004-2005 season to record audiences for their Holiday show and *The Music of Barry Manilow*. In response to their growing audience and reputation, the final show of that season marked their debut at the desert's magnificent McCallum Theatre with *Imagine…Songs of Freedom*, accompanied by a full orchestra.

The past two seasons have found Caballeros performing mainly at The McCallum. Those shows included the holiday concerts, *Two To Tango* featuring guest artists Tango Nacional Argentina, an Academy Awards show with special guest star Florence Henderson, the music of George Gershwin and a review of Cabal-

leros' eight-year history in *By Popular Demand*. Guests have included Metropolitan Opera diva, Janet Hopkins, and local cabaret artists Mona Caywood and Lindsay Karg. As Caballeros' reputation spread throughout the Coachella Valley, it became a regular on the benefit circuit, taking its music to such varied groups as The Eisenhower Medical Center Auxiliary, The Steve Chase Awards Gala, Gay Associated Youth, The Braille Institute, The Barbara Sinatra Foundation, Desert Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, and the College of the Desert *Man About Town Gala*.

With this season's revised performance calendar, Caballeros has been able to schedule both the PRIDE concert event and their winter show, in Palm Springs, putting the chorus back in the heart of their hometown "in high season". On February 16, 2008, Caballeros will perform *Seasons of Love* at The Pavilion Theatre, featuring the music of love from childhood, the magical teens, the romantic adult life, and on to enduring mature relationships. The spring show on May 17, 2008, will find them back at The McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert with *Take the "C" Train*, a fun-filled romp through New York City with stops at theaters along the great white way and off-Broadway—featuring the sights and sounds of The Big Apple. In addition, the upcoming season will find Caballeros taking their concerts "on the road" to Riverside and Upland.

The chorus is funded through member dues, program advertising revenues, and ticket sales. However, as with all performing arts organizations, these funds only meet part of the costs of running the organization. Each year Caballeros relies on individuals who support our mission to donate the remainder of the funds necessary to maintain performance schedules and support involvement in our valley communities. Information on how you can help at various levels of giving or key sponsorships is available on the website, www.pscaballeros.org, or by calling 760-322-3112. Caballeros is a tax-exempt not-for-profit organization with contributions being deductible to the full extent of the law.

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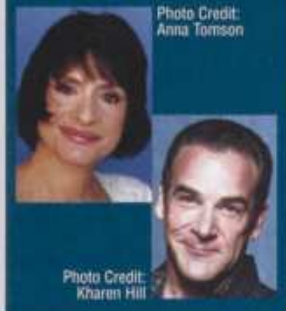


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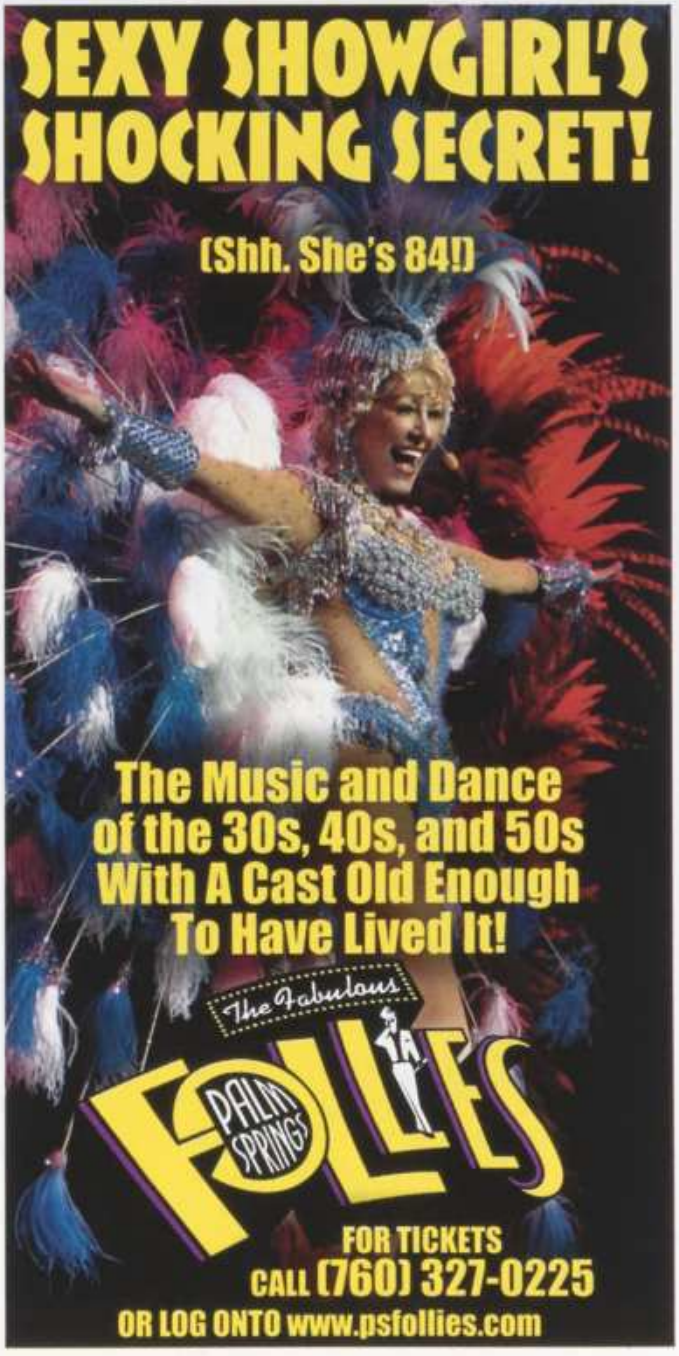
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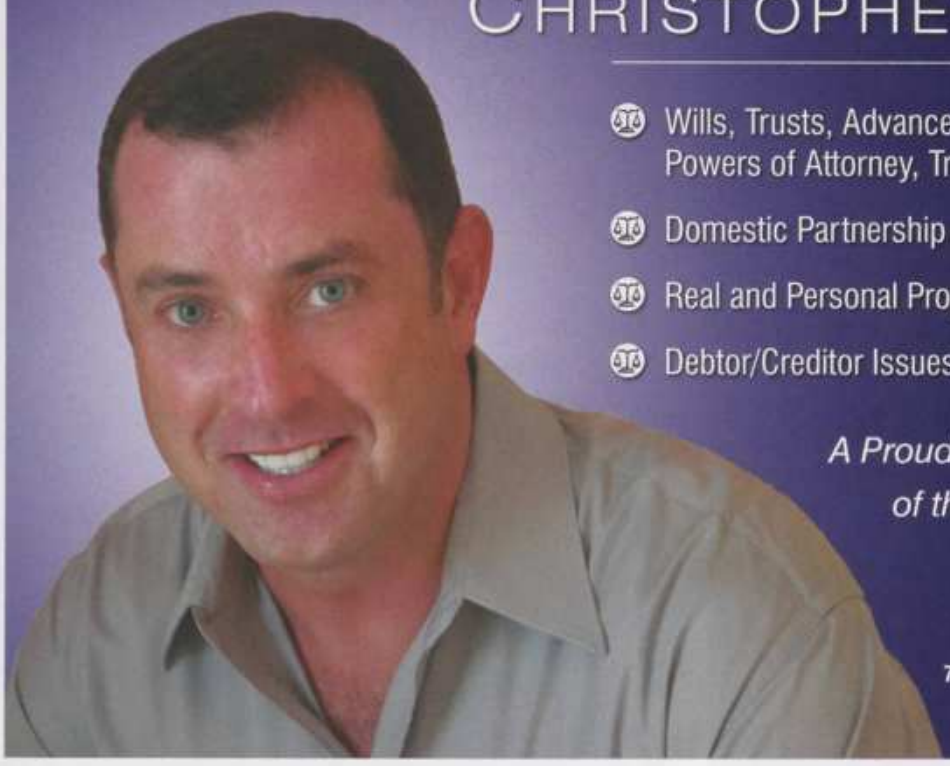


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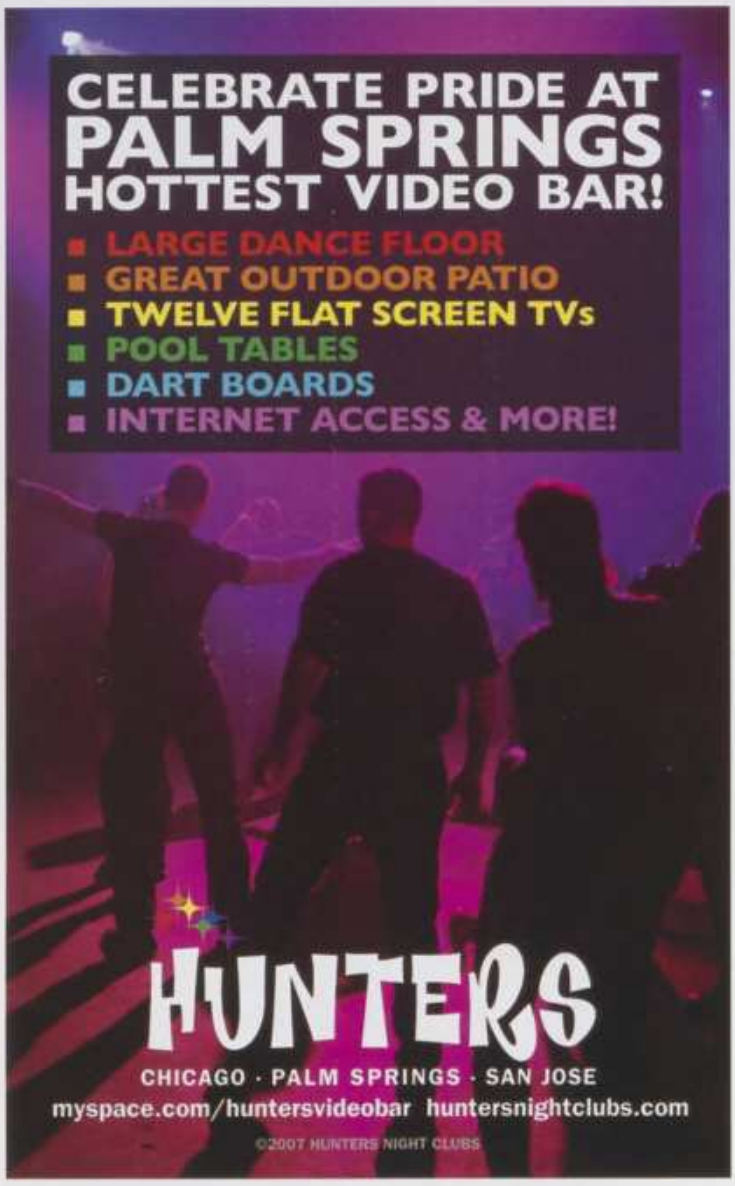
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As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, our mission is accomplished through advocacy, documentation, coalition building and public education, thus enhancing the quality of life for all our residents while promoting equality.

With a focus on the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, the Desert Pride Community Center, also known as, "a place to call home", addresses the need to create a healthy and vibrant environment which allows LGBT people to represent themselves in an affirmative atmosphere. Often full of activity with support groups, community meetings and various workshops, the DPCC is becoming the central hub for the LGBT community.

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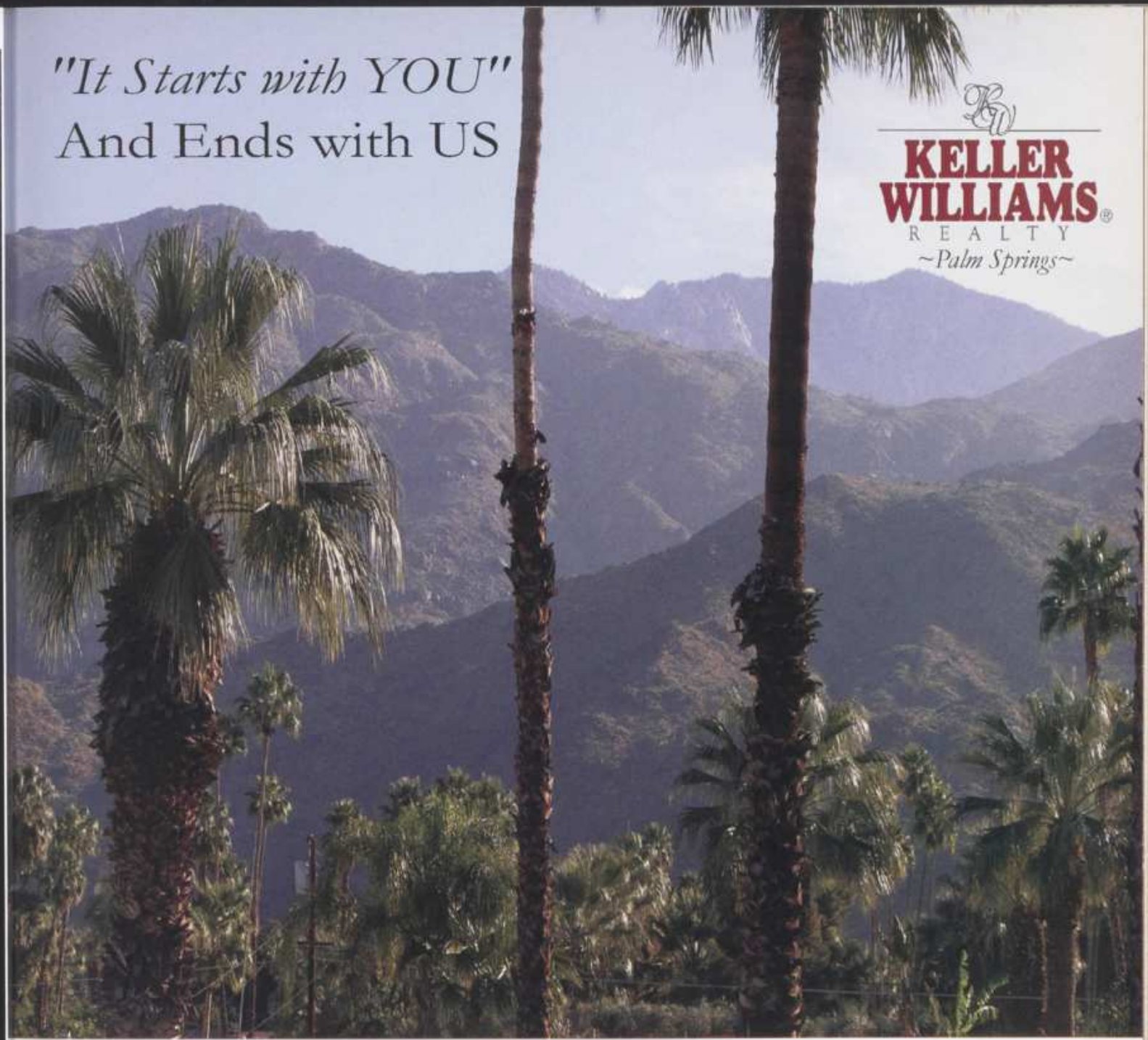
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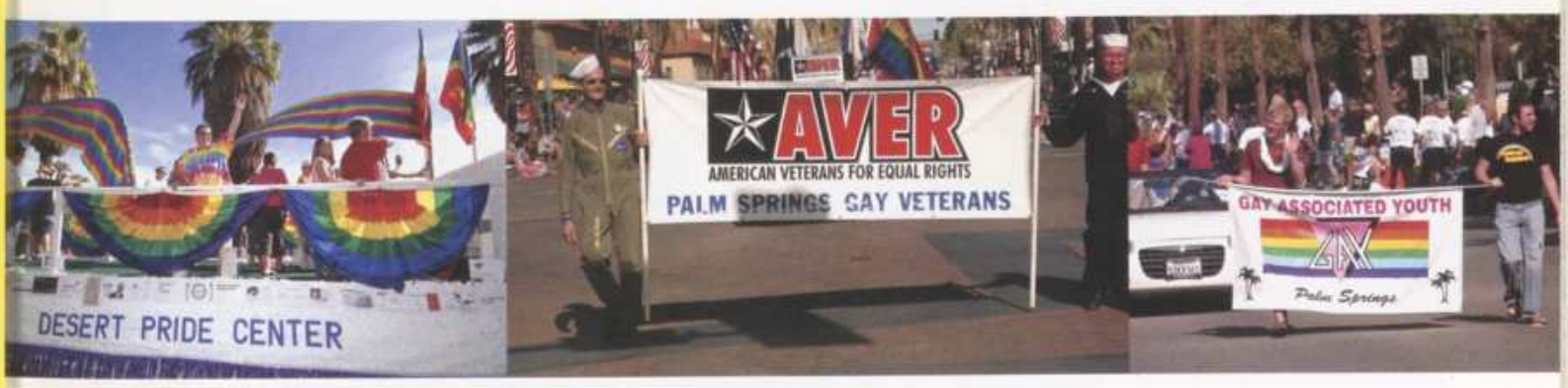
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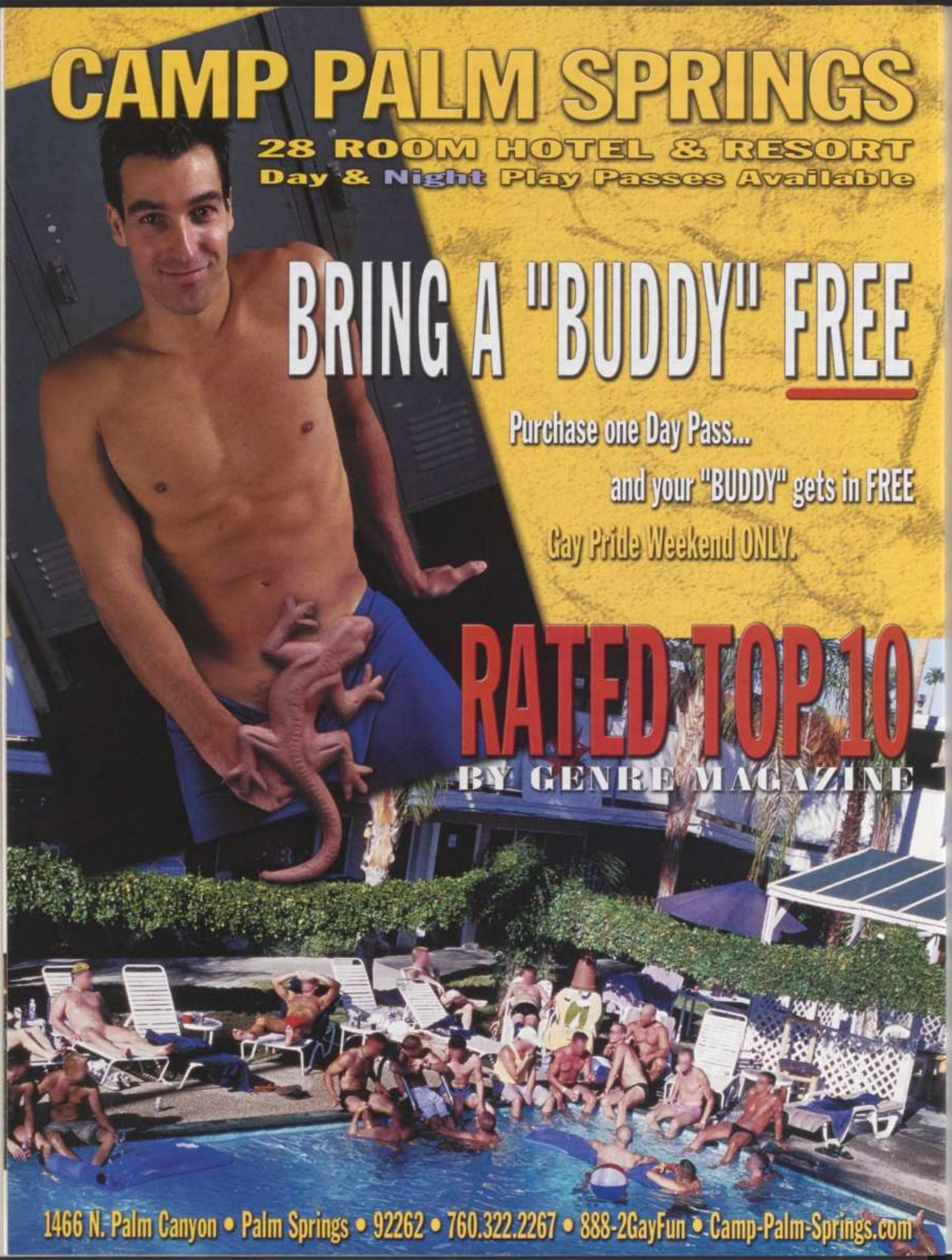
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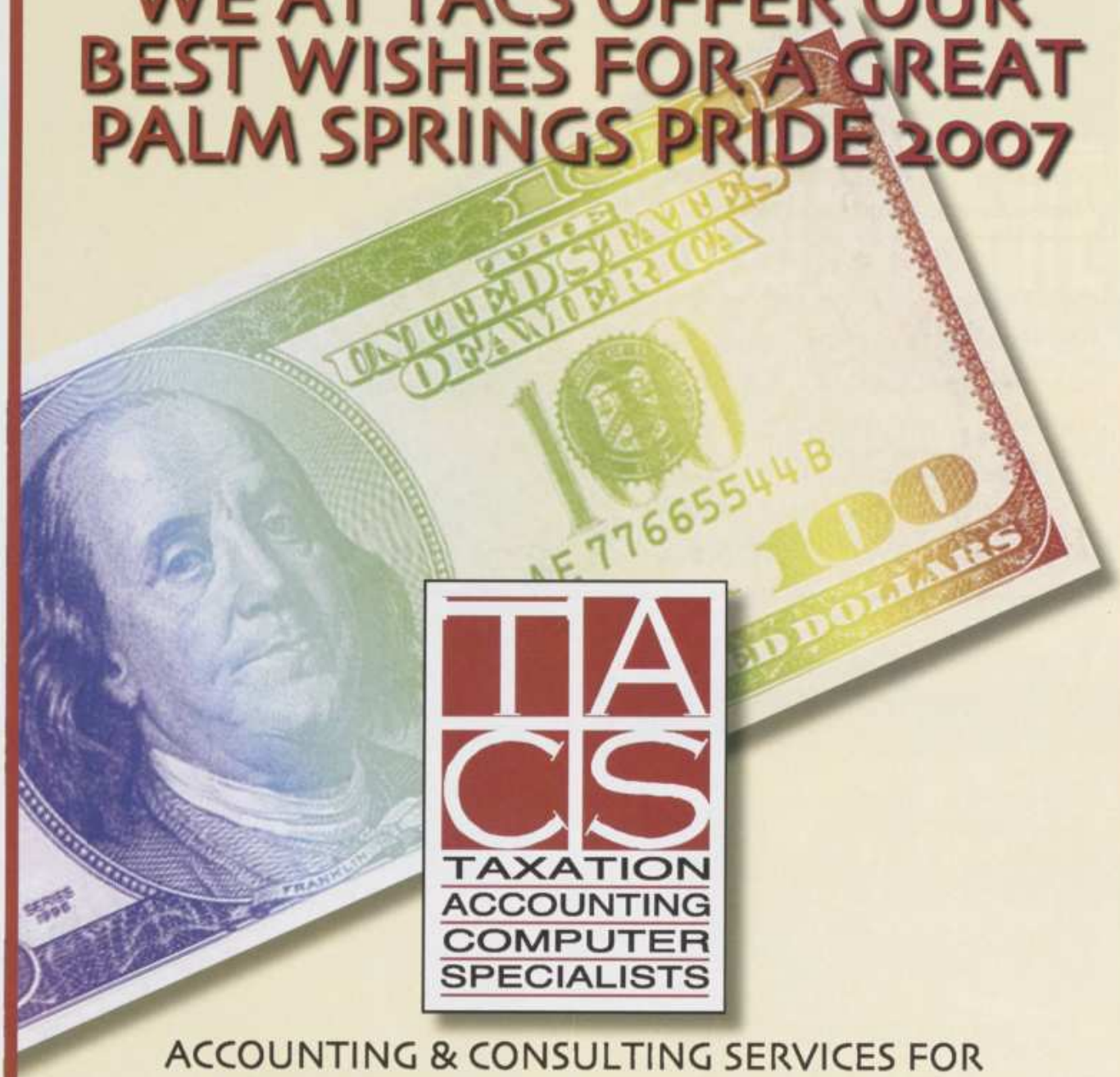
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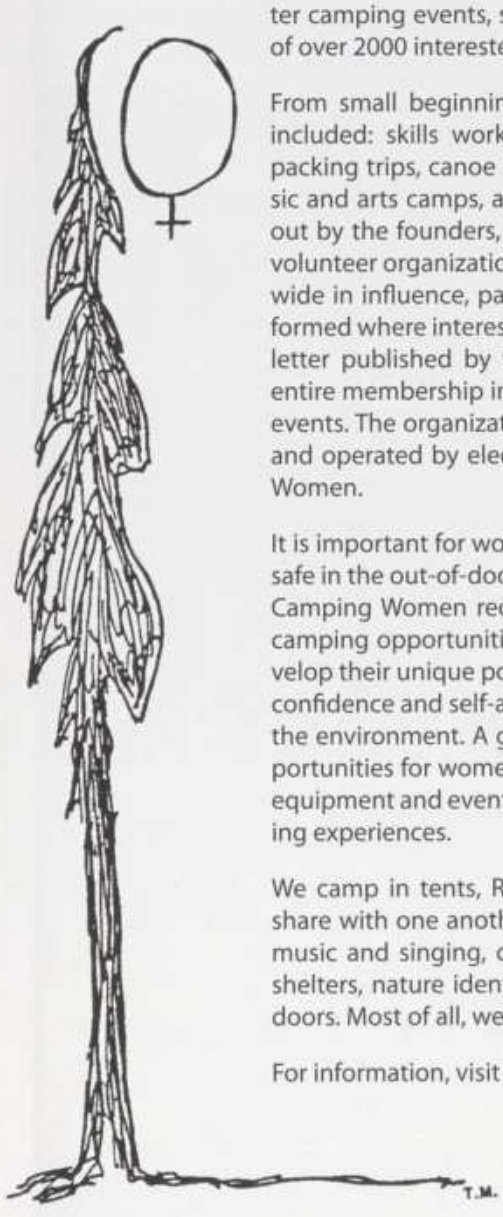








Camping Women came into being in 1977 as a nonprofit, educational and service organization for women 18 and over. The two founders, who had many years of experience in Girl Scout camping, knew how Scouting had helped girls and adults learn about and enjoy the out-of-doors, and wished for a similar organization for adult women. This wish has evolved into a volunteer organization with a national board of directors, local chapters, national and chapter camping events, service projects and the participation of over 2000 interested members in the last 24 years.



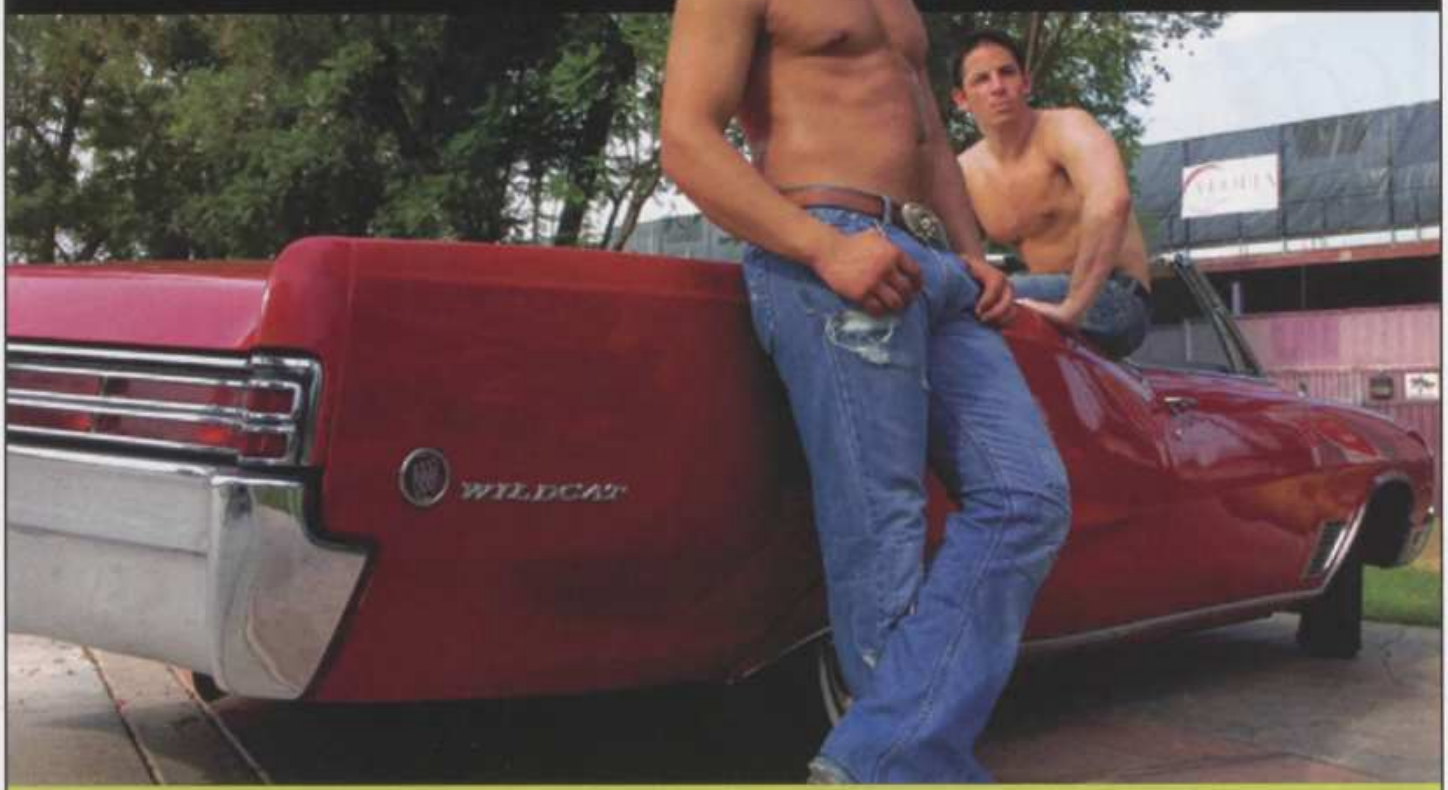
From small beginnings in Sacramento, California, which included: skills workshops, cook-outs, camp-outs, backpacking trips, canoe instruction, cross-country skiing, music and arts camps, and other events planned and carried out by the founders, Camping Women has evolved into a volunteer organization that is viable, energetic and nationwide in influence, participation and scope. Chapters have formed where interested women live, and a monthly newsletter published by the national organization keeps the entire membership informed of local chapter and national events. The organization has no paid staff but is governed and operated by elected volunteer members of Camping Women.

It is important for women who want to go camping to feel safe in the out-of-doors with other women as companions. Camping Women recognizes this need and has provided camping opportunities for women to join together to develop their unique potential, to learn new skills, to develop confidence and self-assurance, and to live in harmony with the environment. A goal of this program is to provide opportunities for women to learn skills and to be exposed to equipment and events that expand their horizons of camping experiences.

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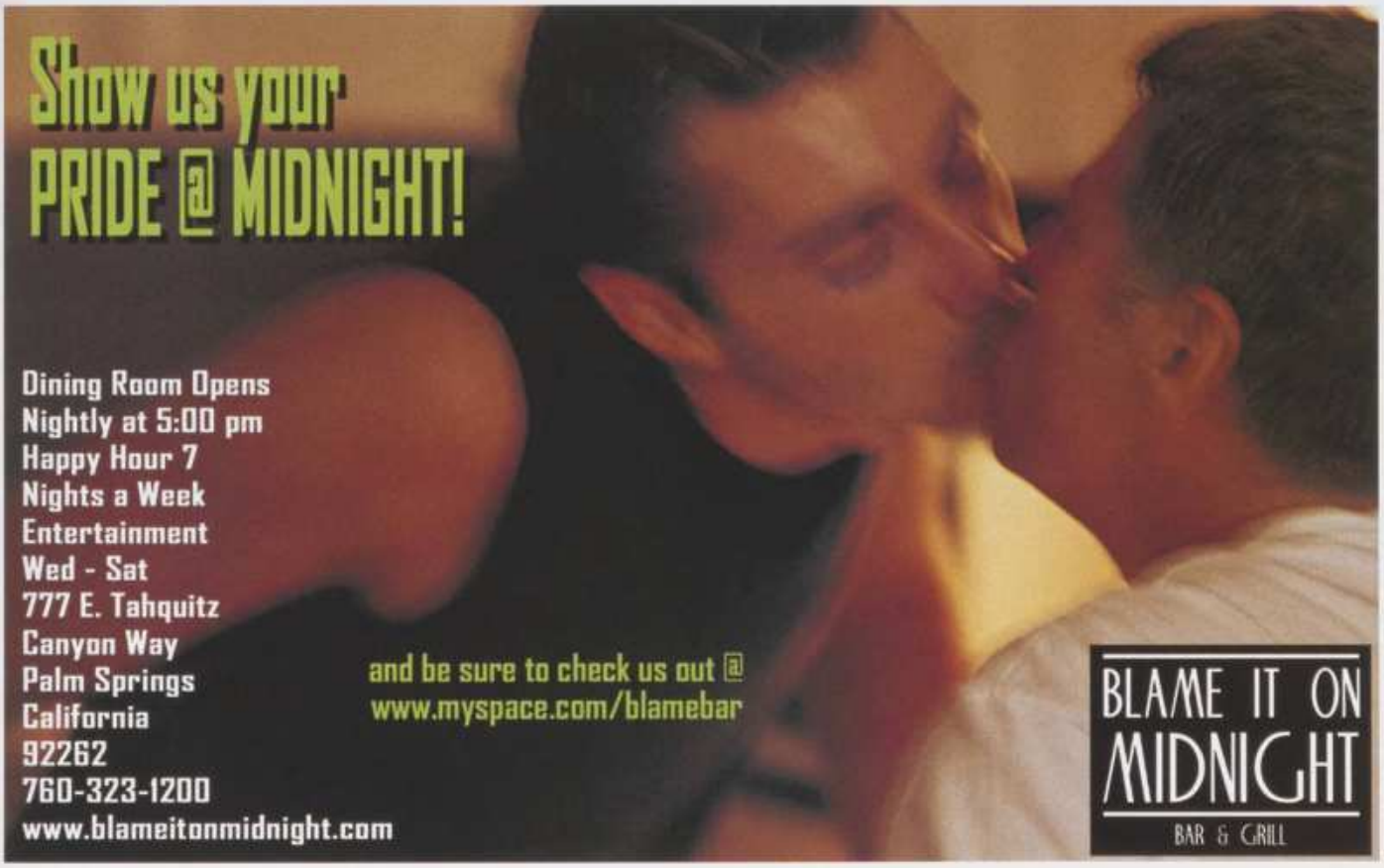


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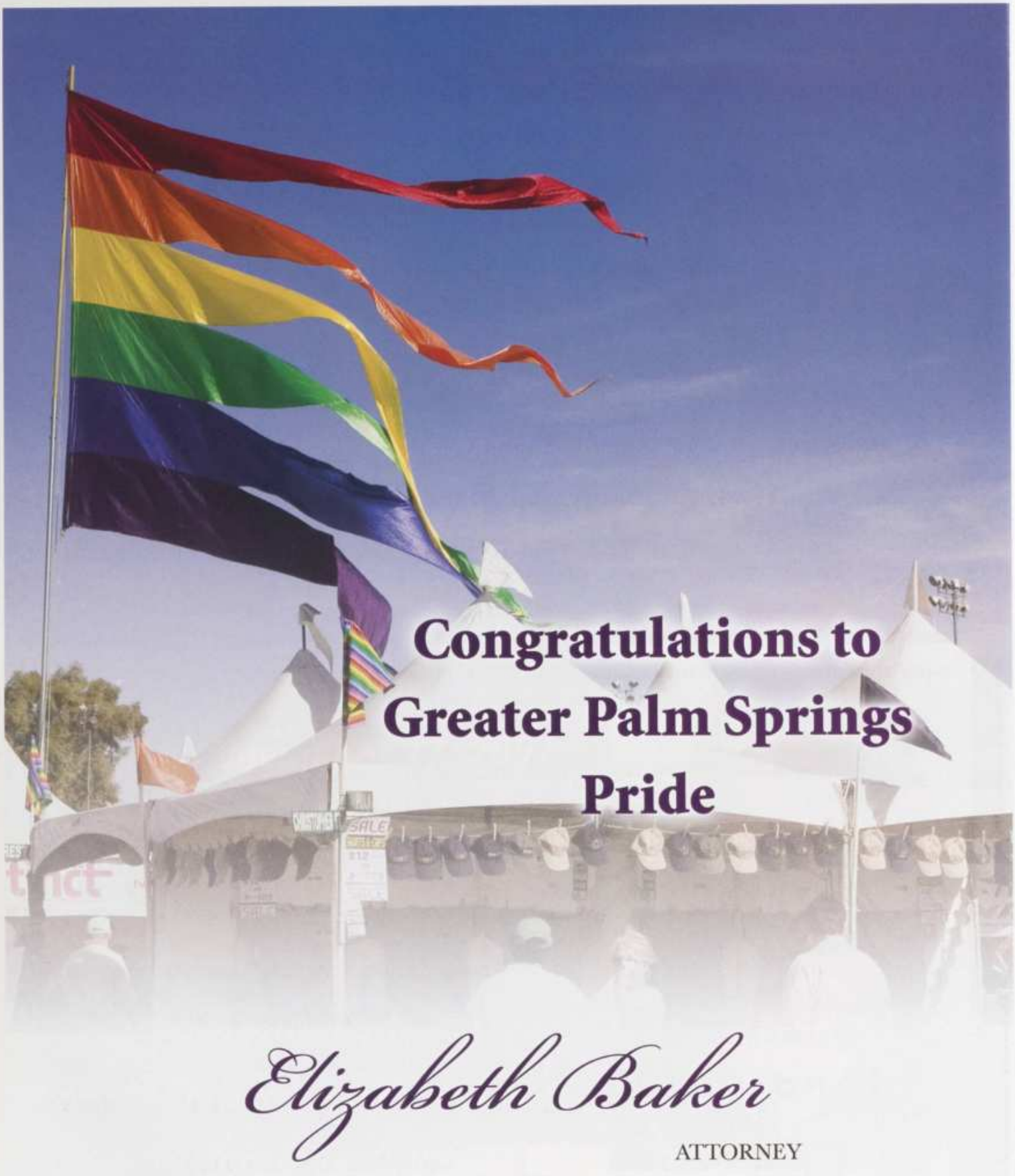
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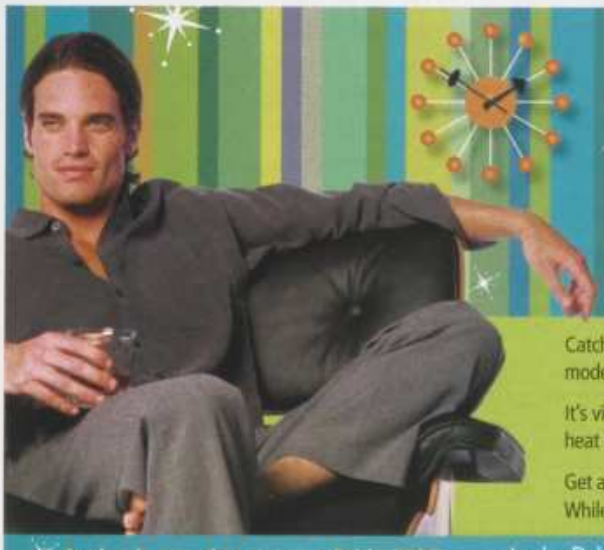
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In Memoriam

Mary Hayes

By Terry Darby

Anyone in Palm Springs who was lucky enough to be a friend of Mary Hayes knows that the valley lost a true original this year. Mary passed away quietly on the morning of June 13th at the Desert Regional Medical Center, surrounded by her dear friends. If you didn't know her, you had to have seen her. Just remember the petite white haired spitfire who had her special chairs in both the Rainbow and Streetbar. In a graveled voice, you'd hear "How ya doin' baby?" Yep...that was Mary.

Mary lived an incredible life. In her teens, she earned money for college by performing on the Steel Pier of Atlantic City as one of the original horse divers. She courageously climbed up to a high diving board, mounted a horse and dove into a small pool of water. Talk about guts! But that was Mary, a gutsy broad who told it like it was. You never asked Mary a question unless you wanted the truth.



Mary also danced on Broadway and after her husband died unexpectedly, moved to Hollywood where she raised three children alone. Mary was a fixture in Los Angeles, working at The Carriage Trade, The Toy Tiger and various other eateries and night spots. Mary was close friends with Charles Pierce, Jerry Herman and many other Broadway and Hollywood celebrities. When she moved to Palm Springs, she began her reign as queen of the Rainbow piano bar and Streetbar. It is hard not to see her there these days. But her chair at the Rainbow now bears her name. So she will live on in our hearts.

Donations in Mary's name may be made to the Jules Stein Macular Degeneration fund number 40139, Jules Stein Eye Institute, Development Office, JSEI I-124, 100 Stein Plaza, Los Angeles, California 90095-7000

We will always love and miss you, Mary Hayes!

Sean Donald Newman

By Chris Rees

Sean Donald Newman, 63, a past director on the board of Greater Palm Springs Pride, passed away on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at the home of his sister in Grand Rapids, MI surrounded by family and friends.



Sean was a powerful presence in the Palm Springs GLBT Community, devoting much of his time to fundraising on behalf of various charitable organizations. In 1993 he opened the Tool Shed Bar in Palm Springs, and later purchased and operated Tramp's Bar & Grill, also in Palm Springs. He retired from the business for health reasons in 2001.

Soon after he opened the Tool Shed, Sean pioneered the Christmas Stocking Program for clients of the AIDS Assistance Program. His holiday motto was "Everyone Needs A Little Christmas." Sean always put particular emphasis on the assembly of the children's stockings, and the 40 children on the current client list continue to receive special stockings. Close to 500 Christmas stockings are now assembled each year at the Tool Shed, continuing his holiday tradition.

Sean was an extremely vocal, extremely generous, and quite a colorful personality in the desert (or sometimes grating, depending upon one's point of view). His notorious cackle unmistakably marked his arrivals. His favorite seat was often in one of Palm Spring's gay bars, where he loved to keep track of the local gossip, chain smoke, and enjoy a "gin and tonic, no fruit, no straw."

During his Tool Shed days he made a point of attending every major GLBT fundraising event in the local community, taking his friends and employees en masse. He was always willing to get involved in charitable efforts, hosted numerous benefits, and always backed his words with donated dollars.

Sean received numerous awards and recognitions for his charitable work, including a Lifetime Achievement Award. He was a Palm Springs grass roots participant in the early days of the AIDS Assistance Program, Desert AIDS Project, and was a founding member of PSLOD, Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert.

In Memoriam

Ronald "Junior" Alderson

Ronald Lee Alderson, 49, (also known as "Junior" to some of his friends) passed away at home in Rancho Mirage on April 6, 2007 after fighting a long and courageous battle with an obscure disease of the brain.

Ron was born in Joliet, Illinois on May 24, 1957 to James Lee and Laurel Ann Alderson. Ron served his country on active duty in the United States Air Force from 1975 until his Honorable Discharge in 1978, and then continued to serve in the USAF Reserves until April 21, 1981.



Ron moved to the Desert, which he fell in love with after many years of vacationing here, from New Jersey in 1998. He was employed by the Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce, and later co-owned a local GLBT magazine Just.

Ron threw himself tirelessly into volunteering and serving on numerous community committees and boards, including the position of secretary of the Desert Business Association in 2000, where he was instrumental in organizing the organization's administration.

Ron was a kind and gentle man, with friends too many to count. He was known for his smile and friendly disposition as well as his voracious love of reading; it was rare to see him without a book in his hand.

Ron is survived by his life partner, Rick A. Clark of Rancho Mirage; sister, Carolyn Alderson Jackson of Douglasville, GA; brother, John E. Alderson of Birmingham, AL; brother, Robert J. Alderson of Fort Worth, TX; brother, William P. Alderson of Lafayette, AL; half-brother, Matthew T. Pinnell of Douglasville, GA; half-brother, Jimmy L. Alderson of Dunwoody, GA; 11 nieces and nephews; aunts, uncles and cousins, all of whom loved him dearly.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful nurses and home health aides at VNAIC (Visiting Nurse Association of the Inland Counties) Hospice for their compassionate and loving care given to Ron in his final days.

Remembrances may be made to the VNAIC Hospice at 42-600 Cook Street, Suite 202, Palm Desert, California 92211 or by donating a book in his memory to any local public library.

Sidney "Skip" Wilson

We lost a generous and energetic member of our community with the passing of Skip Wilson on August 29, 2007.

Skip will be remembered for his thoughtful and generous nature, many charitable causes, creative activities and a variety of business ventures.

Skip, a resident of Rancho Mirage, was born on June 30, 1955 in Beverly HIlls, California. He received a B.E. degree from the University of Oregon and M.Ed Psych from Cal State Northridge.



Skip owned a Thrifty Car Rental franchise, served as manager of Streetbar on Arenas Road in Palm Springs and in 1998, with his life partner, Don Dyar, opened Skip's Cabana Club in Rancho Mirage, a desert favorite.

He was honored with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Services Award; served on the Board of Directors of the Desert AIDS Project and as Chairman of the Desert AIDS Walk; served as President of the Palm Springs Tourism Guild; served as Vice President of Greater Palm Springs Pride and was awarded the City of Rancho Mirage "Mayors Award."

Even during the most difficult times, Skip was a warrior and a fighter, with a true indomitable spirit. His primary concern was the well being of others.

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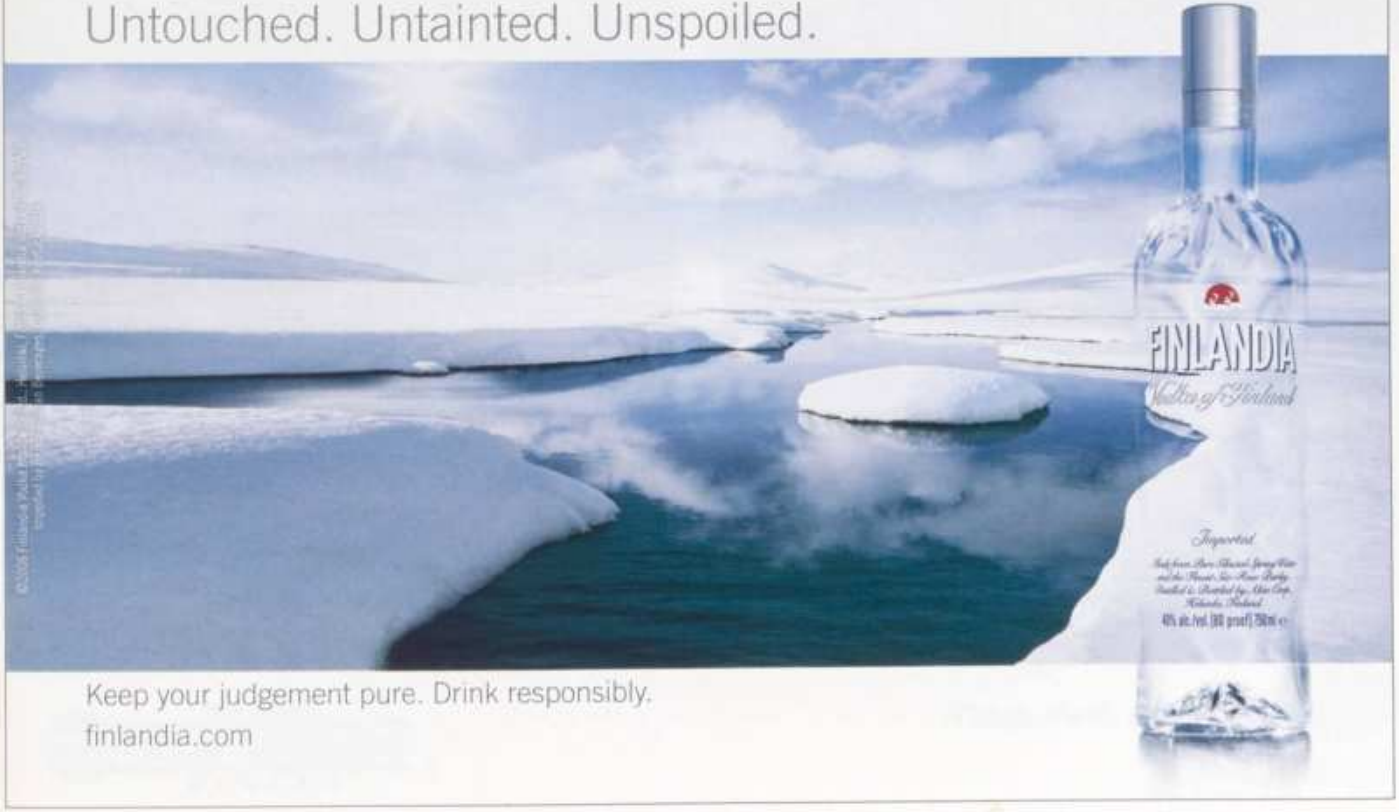
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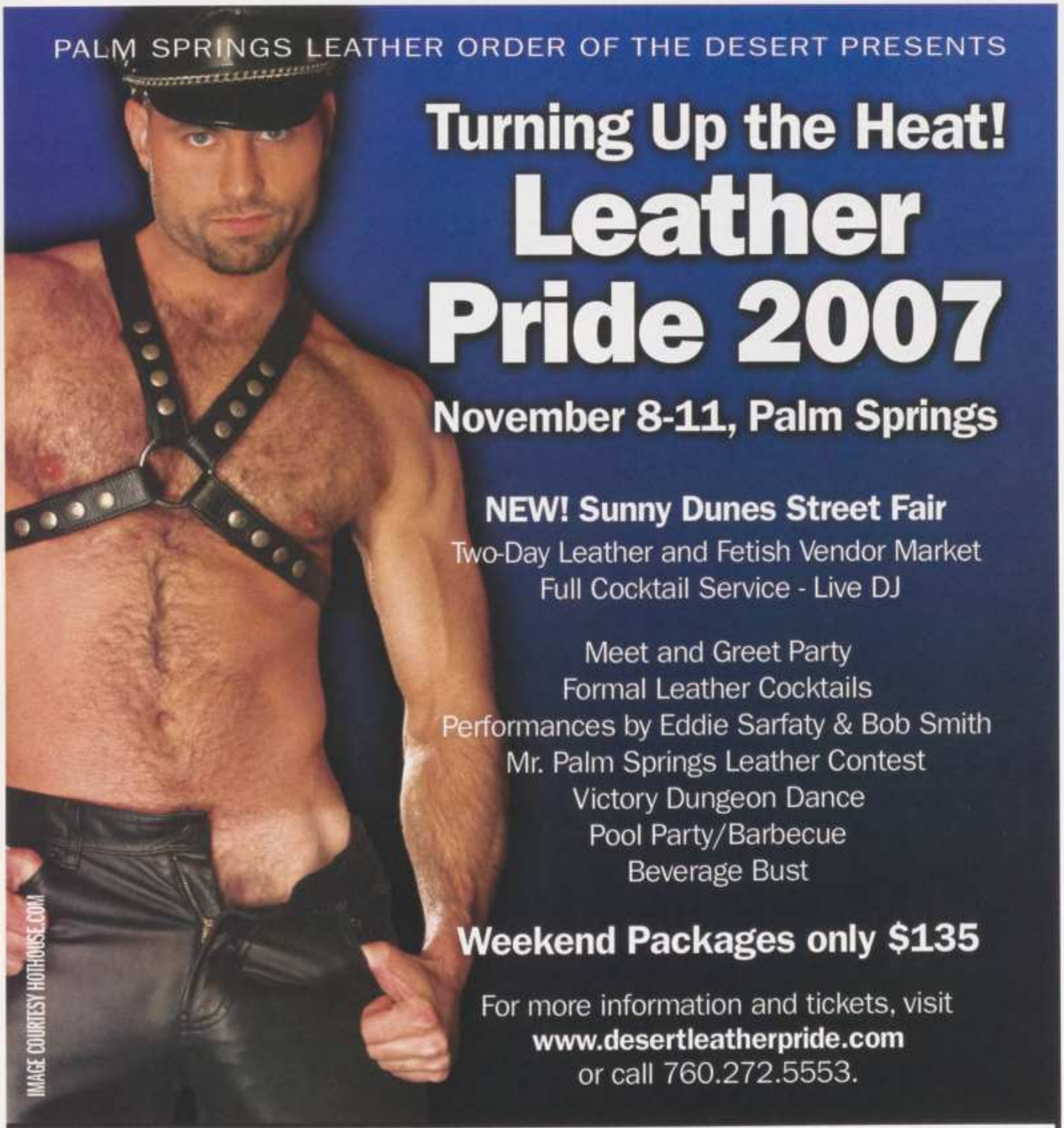
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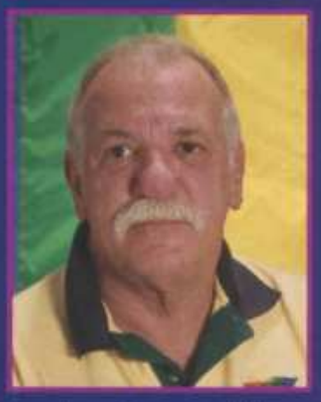
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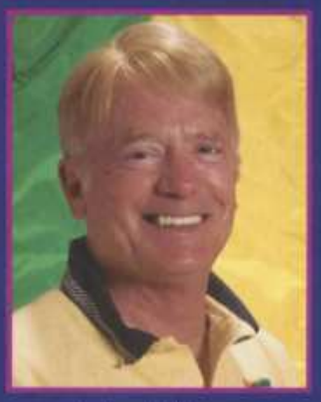
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The Board of Greater Palm Springs Pride, Inc. is committed to celebrating the many talents and gifts our community has to offer through both the Pride Festival and Parade, which are family friendly events held each year on the first full weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of November, and through other events and programs. Our all-volunteer Board is pleased to be an active and contributing participant in a community that has so much to offer.

This year the Board again will produce the Black History Parade and assist in the planning of the events of Black History Month. The Board also took an active part in volunteering for, and sponsoring the Short Fest 2007 and is looking forward to doing the same for the Palm Springs International Film Festival 2008. The Board is constantly looking for ways to help our COMMUNITY in any way it can. We have been asked by the Human Rights Commission of Palm Springs to produce a Diversity Festival in May 2008, and have been working with the Commission and the City towards that end.

The Board also traveled, as it has in the past, to San Diego, Phoenix and Long Beach to participate in Pride Festivities in those cities and in some cases providing assistance in their events. San Diego returns the support by supporting us at our event.

The Board has its own offices for the organization, located within the Mail Box Plus in the Sun Plaza, that affords accessible storage for what we have acquired over time. The Board is always interested in new members. Please contact us if you are interested in being a part of Greater Palm Springs Pride, Inc.

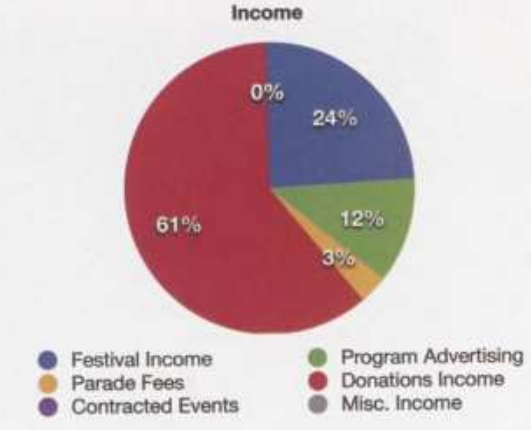
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2006 Income/Expense

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Festival Income	$86,671.42
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Parade Fees	$11,425.78
Donations	$217,928.50
Contracted Events - Income	$1,500.00
Misc. Income	$56.58
Total Income	**$360,123.72**

Expense	
Festival Expenses	$252,082.72
Program Expense	$35,922.48
Parade Expenses	$14,815.09
Donation Disbursements	$35,550.15
Professional Fees	$2,095.42
Office Expenses	$59,891.94
Misc Expenses &	$6,739.80
Contracted Events - BHC Expenses	$745.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-$3,690.00
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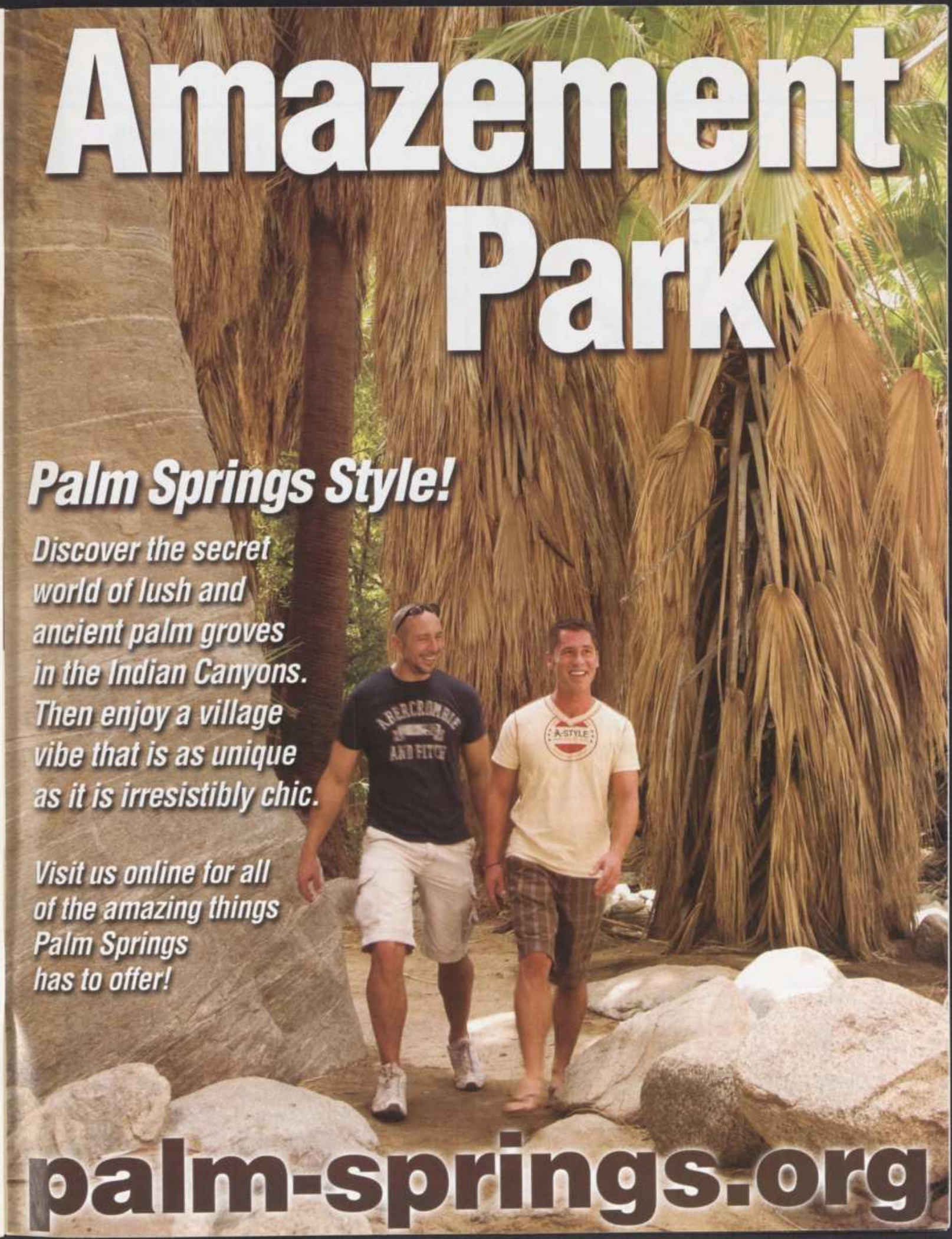
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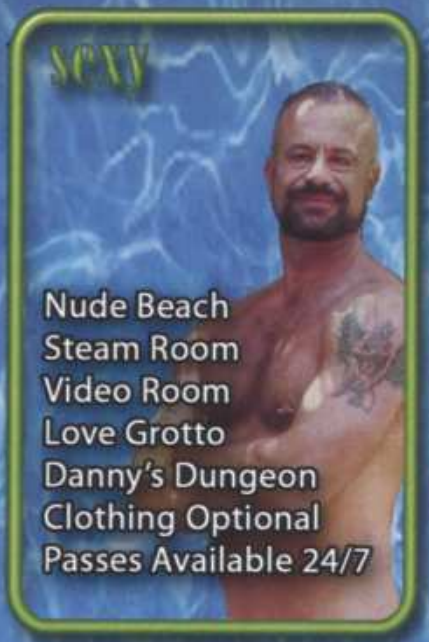
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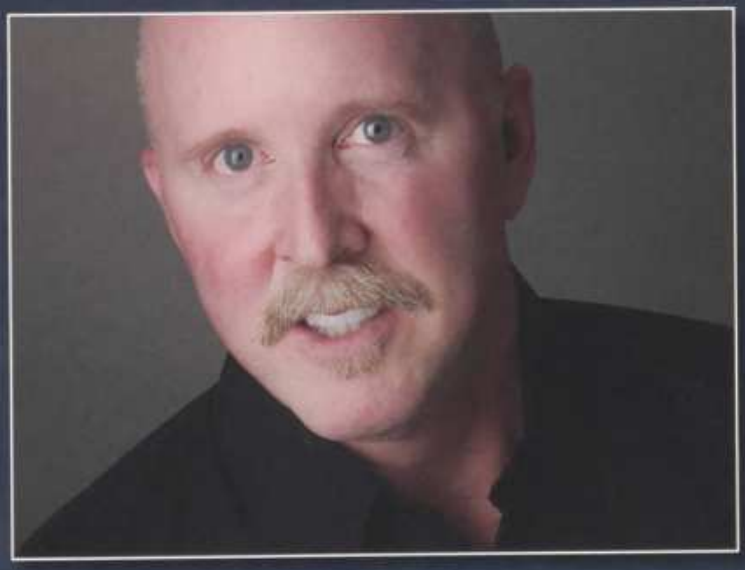


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