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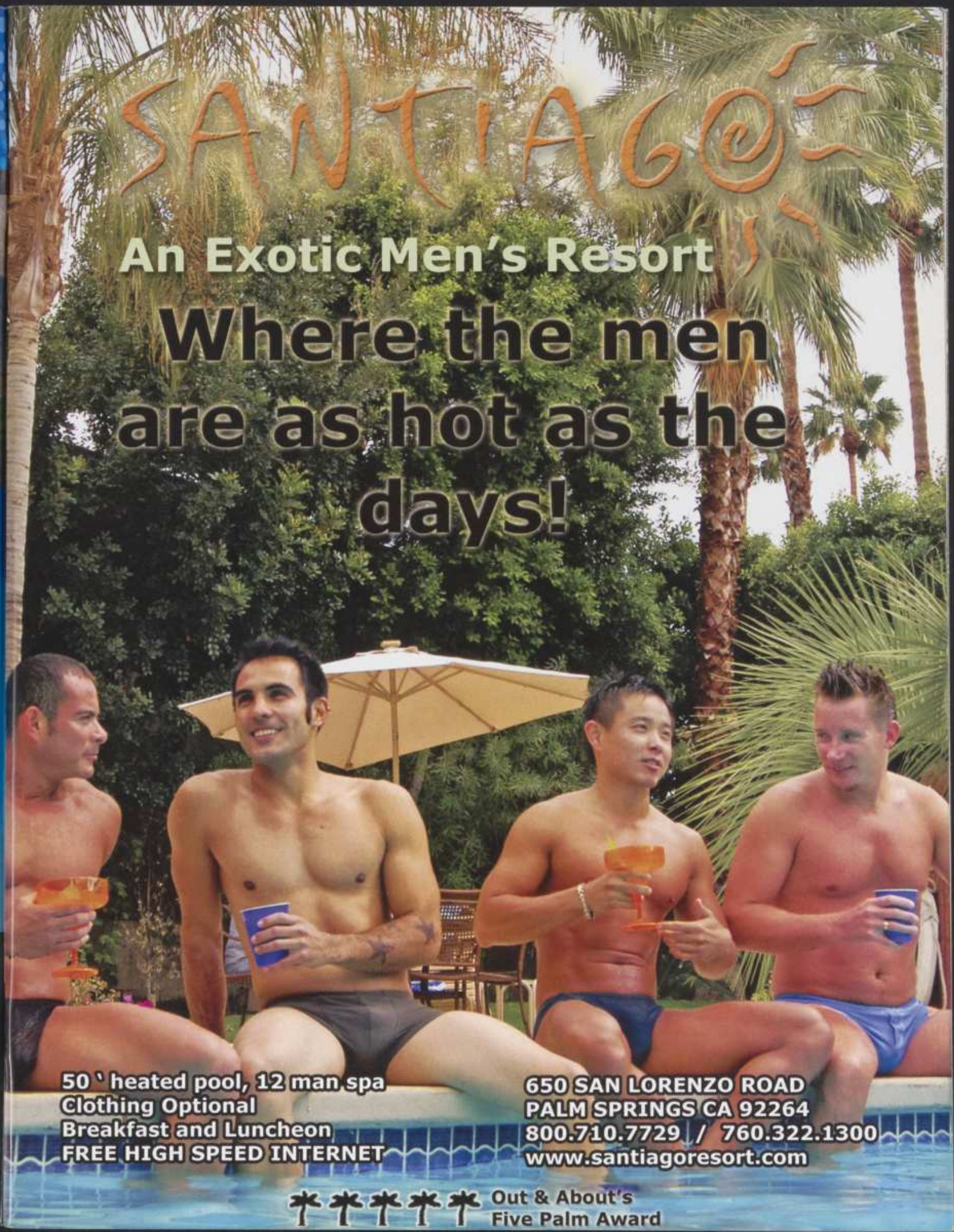
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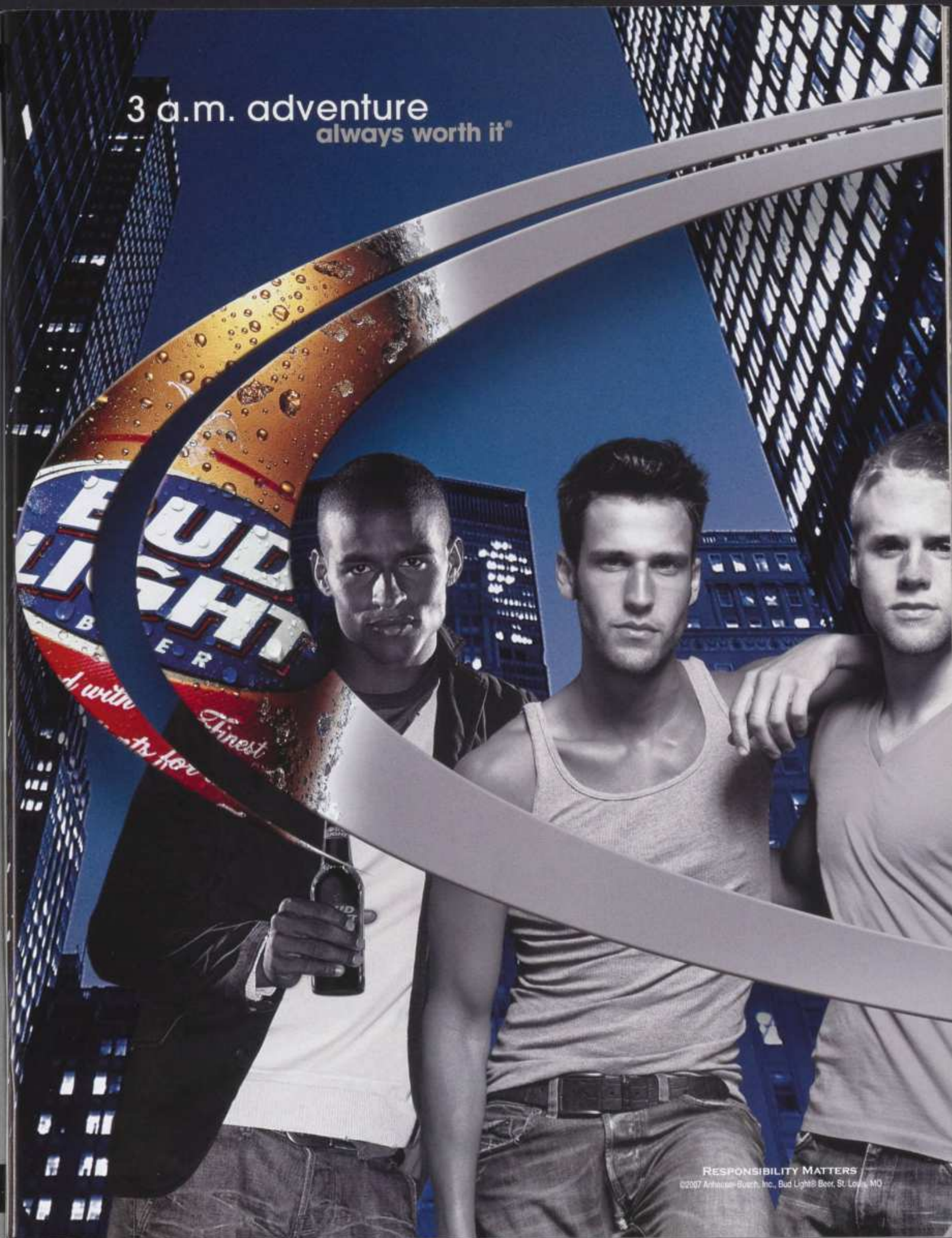
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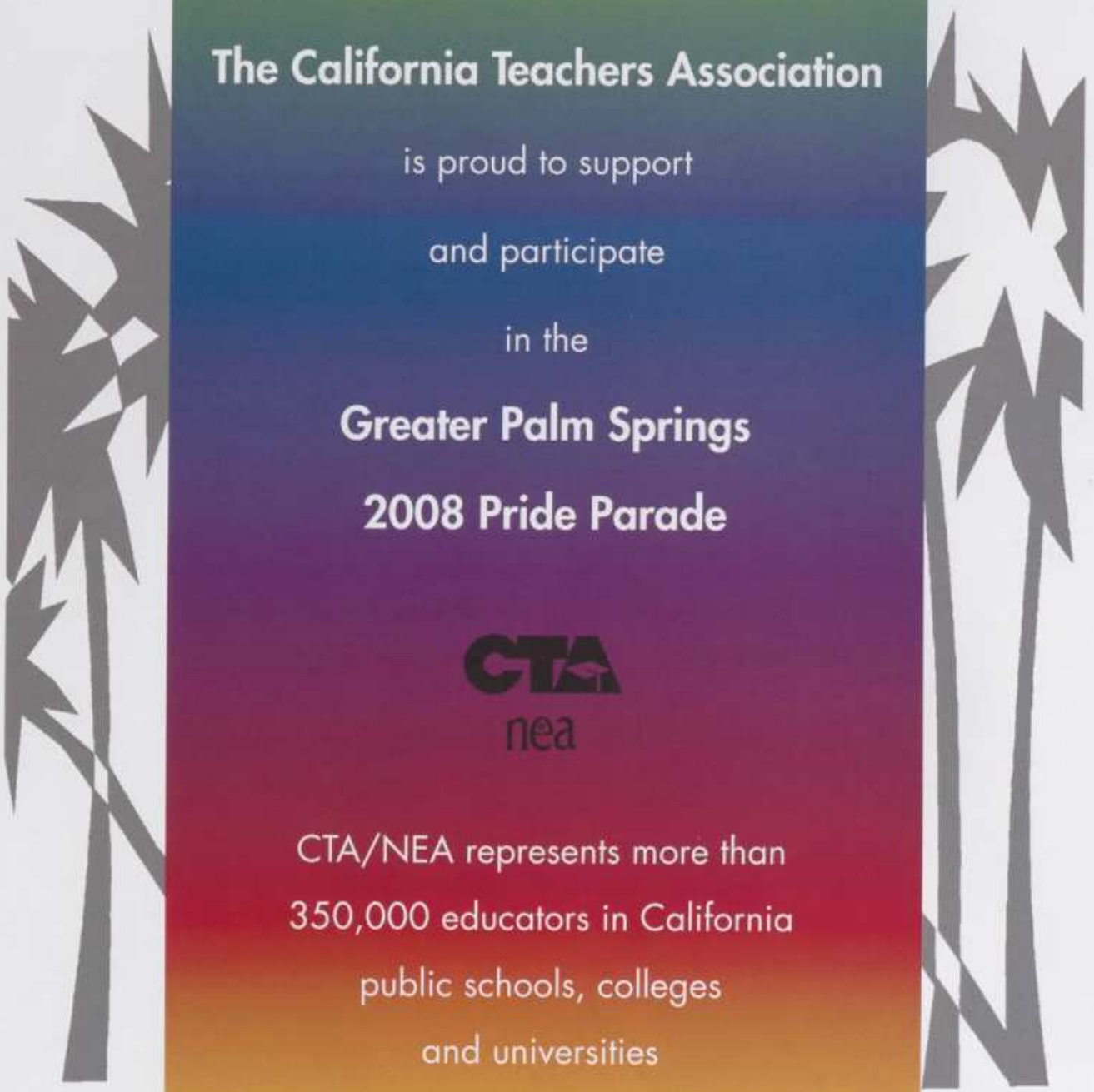
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Welcome!

Welcome to the Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival and Parade, 2008!

Once again the community of Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley hope that their efforts to shine will again make each of you feel welcome to the Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival and Parade and to our wonderful "neighborhood".



The theme of this year's Pride is "Winds of Change – Celebrating Family" in recognition of significant strides in the past year to advance individual rights, particularly gay marriage. The parade and festival is a coming together of the many unique facets of the GLBT community to promote self-expression, honor diversity and advance the cause of individual freedom.

The Board of Greater Palm Springs Pride, Inc. has been working to "raise the bar" with this year's event. The Palm Springs Motorcycle Enthusiasts organized by the Palm Springs Biker Chicks will lead the parade this year. We are especially excited about having our Dance Tent sponsored by PNN, and Latino Dance Tent sponsored by El Destino of Indio. We will also have a Cabaret style tent as an added entertainment venue this year. Please be sure to take a look at these new additions and enjoy

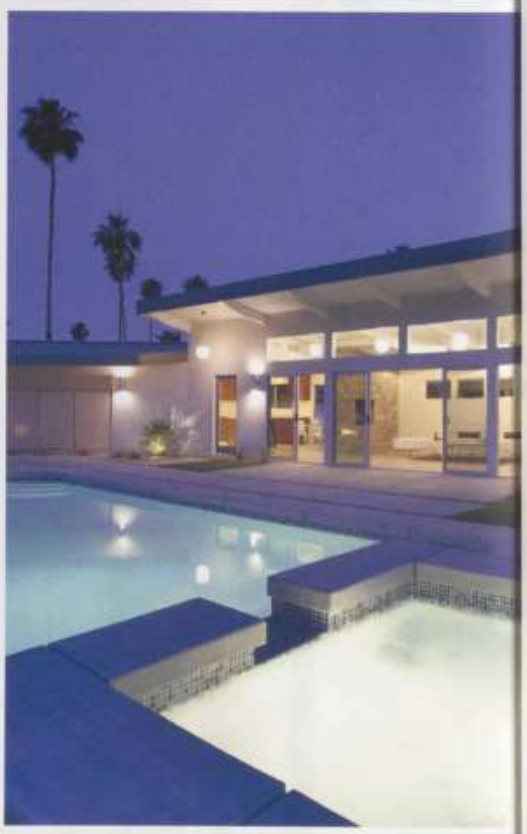
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Jack Schloeder, President
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Mayor Steve Pougnet

As Mayor, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 22nd Palm Springs Pride Weekend being held this year on November 1st and 2nd.

The theme of this year's Pride is "*Winds of Change – Celebrating Family*" in recognition of significant strides in the past year to advance individual rights, particularly gay marriage. Each year, the parade and festival symbolize a coming together of the many unique facets of the GLBT community to promote self-expression, honor diversity and advance the cause of individual freedom

This year, we celebrate 22 years of gatherings in our fair city. We have come a long way through the efforts of many, many individuals who have continued to work through the stages of progress in the evolution to 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 and to advance our individual rights as we particularly focus this year on gay marriage.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Pougnet, Mayor

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GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

November 1, 2008

Greater Palm Springs Pride, Inc.

Greetings to all who have gathered for this year's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Celebrations.

I applaud your participation in an event that celebrates California's great diversity. There is no room for intolerance in our Golden State, and your efforts are helping fight prejudice, promote respect and strengthen communities. Thank you for taking action to bring about greater change and understanding in our state.

Today is a fantastic reminder that California continues to work hard to be a place where every individual and every family can feel at home. I appreciate your achievements toward making that a reality, and I am proud to join you in creating a brighter future for all of our state's residents.

On behalf of all Californians, I send my best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings as you gather for this year's *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Celebration*. I hope this is one of your most memorable events.

It is because of the LGBT community that we are able to fight discrimination and promote equality in California and across the country.

Again, have a wonderful celebration and best wishes for continued success in your future endeavors.

Best Regards,

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Welcome

Greater Palm Springs Pride, Inc.

November 1-2, 2008

It is a pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all who have gathered for the 2008 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Celebrations.

2008 is an incredible time of political change in our nation and our state. There is no denying the sense of anticipation all around us as America looks ahead to electing a president, who will dramatically reshape the course of our nation.

I join with the LGBT community in seeking to transform our nation into a more progressive, more just, more compassionate and more open society; one that honors and respects every member of our American family. LGBT Americans have been and will continue to be at the forefront of the struggle for equal rights and social justice – for true equality will not exist until every person is free to love, cherish and marry the person of their dreams.

California became the Golden State because of the great diversity of our people. For California to remain the place of great dreams and hopes and opportunity, the creativity, passion and vision of every person must be cultivated and permitted to flourish. The LGBT community is an integral part of California's beautiful mosaic and I proudly join you in celebration of achievements, accomplishments and hopes of the community.

I commend the organizers of this year's events for their diligence and work. Your commitment to achieving a truly equal and just society is an inspiration to us all. On behalf of the people of the State of California, I extend best wishes for this celebration of love, equality and pride.

JOHN GARAMENDI, Lieutenant Governor

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EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

May 1, 2008

Dear Friends:

Congratulations on this year's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Celebration. Your work fighting discrimination and promoting respect and understanding makes a truly significant contribution to our state's wellbeing. People of goodwill are deeply appreciative of your courageous efforts to overcome bigotry and ensure equal rights for everyone.

We face many unprecedented challenges ahead, both as a state and as a nation. It is therefore imperative that we join together in our common struggle. The LGBT community has been in the forefront of political and cultural change. For that you deserve our gratitude and continuing support. The work of transformation is long and arduous but brings with it the joy and pride of great accomplishment. Keep it going!

I offer you my best wishes during this year's Pride Celebration.

Sincerely,

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March 6, 2008

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Dear Friends:

It is with true esteem that I offer my support for the 2008 celebration of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Awareness Festival. As this venture promotes respect and equality across our state, it is an honor to recognize this celebration.

I applaud the efforts of this organization to uphold a sense of humanity and celebrate diversity while encouraging individuals to embrace and value each other's rights and privileges as member if society.

My strong commitment to furthering respect for all people in our communities and schools is bolstered by this annual event, and I wish you continued success with this year's events and all future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Jack O'Connell

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November 1, 2008

Jack Schloeder
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Dear Members of Greater Palm Springs Pride, Inc.:

Warm regards and best wishes to all who are celebrating Gay, Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Pride events in coming months. California is the world's richest and most diverse society and the State's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities are among our State's most significant. As Attorney General, the importance of equal rights for all was always of the utmost importance to me. As Treasurer, though my responsibilities have changed, it remains an issue I care deeply about. The acceptance of alternative lifestyles in this State has improved dramatically in recent years, and while it has not come about without some pain it is events like GLBT Pride that foster respect and strength within your communities and the greater community of California.

I celebrate your success.

Sincerely,

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Celebrity Grand Marshal

CHRISTOPHER RICE

At 30, Christopher Rice is the author of three best selling novels and a regular columnist for *The Advocate* magazine. His first novel, *A Density of Souls* was published when the author was 22 years old, and to a landslide of media attention, most of it is due to the fact that Christopher is the son of best-selling vampire novelist Anne Rice. A provocative tale of murder and betrayal among a group of well-to-do adolescents in the New Orleans Garden District, *A Density of Souls* was compared to the work of writers Brett Easton Ellis and Stephen King and became a *New York Times* best seller. Shortly thereafter, Christopher followed up with a second *New York Times* best selling thriller, *The Snow Garden*, a dark tale of infidelity and art history set on a New England college campus. (*The Snow Garden* received a Lambda Literary Award and was recently published in mass market paperback by Pocket Books.)

In 2001, then New York City Public Advocate Marc Green recognized Christopher as an outstanding leader in gay and lesbian community. That same year, the Hetrick Martin Institute gave him their Emery Award for outstanding contributions made to gay and lesbian youth. Christopher served as the fiction editor for *Genre* magazine. After penning a guest column for *The Advocate* on the death of his father, the poet and painter Stan Rice, he was invited to become a regular columnist for the magazine. His column, *Coastal Disturbances*, offers a sometimes passionate, sometimes irreverent take on contemporary gay life. A native of California but a Southerner by blood, Christopher returned to the west coast four years ago. He lives in West Hollywood.

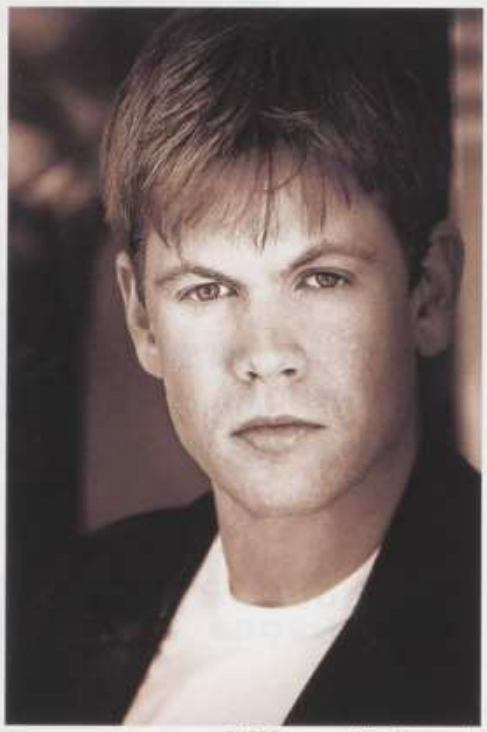


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Community Grand Marshals

CRAIG NOVAK and RICK ANDERSON



Craig Novak and Rick Anderson have been selected this year to serve as Community Grand Marshals for Greater Palm Springs Pride. Craig and Rick have lived in Palm Springs for the past twelve years. They are the owners of Q Trading Company.

Craig hails from Wyoming. After graduating from the university there, he moved to Flagstaff, Arizona and opened a pet store which he operated for several years. He also worked in Phoenix and Las Vegas as a manager for JC Penny.

Rick was born in New Jersey. He attended college and graduate school in Pennsylvania and Michigan before settling in Las Vegas. He taught at the University of Nevada and served as Human Resources Director for the City of Las Vegas. Craig and Rick met in Las Vegas and shared a home there.

On vacation, twelve years ago, Craig and Rick fell in love with Palm Springs. While here, they made an offer on a Warm Sands hotel

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property that was closed and in disrepair. The rest was history. Craig moved here shortly after and began the renovation project that would six months later become Bacchanal Resort. They owned and operated the resort for the next five years.

During that time Rick was preparing to retire from his Las Vegas job. They thought a nice small book store and office space would be a good place from which to do some consulting work. Q Trading Company was born. It expanded quickly and for the past nine years has been serving the valley GLBT community.

Craig and Rick have been very active in the community and have supported many of our community charities and organizations. They have sponsored the Author's Village at PS Pride for the past eight years and look forward to its continued success. They have been supportive of Well in the Desert, the Desert AIDS Project, and many other groups. As an example, all gift wrapping that is done in the store is free, customers are asked to make a contribution to the AIDS Assistance Program Donation box.

Greater Palm Springs Pride President, Jack Schloeder, commented: "The Board of Greater Palm Springs Pride, Inc. is so very proud to honor Craig Novak and Rick Anderson. There are many in our community who work to make life better for those around them and who generously give so much of themselves in a very quiet manner. There are few who do so with the spirit, humility, and peace of Craig and Rick. Their efforts to help organizations and individuals and the community at large are well known and we are so grateful to have them as an inspiration to us all."

When told of their selection, Craig and Rick both expressed surprise and appreciation for the Pride Board and for the support of their many customers and friends in the valley. Rick said: "Jack and the members of the Pride Board have worked so hard over the years to make our festival a tremendous success. We are honored by their consideration and proud to be part of the festival celebration."

Man of the Year

GREGG SELLECK

by Wayne Fleisher



Palm Spring's Pride's 2008's "Man of the Year," Gregg Selleck moved permanently from his native Los Angeles to Palm Springs in 1980 and proceeded to get his general contractor's license and set up Selleck Construction, which he continues to successfully operate today.

In 1993 while working on a remodeling project for Jeannette Rockefeller, one of the AIDS Assistance League founders, Jeannette grabbed Gregg's ear over a glass of her famous lemonade and convinced him to attend what would become the first board meeting of the AIDS Assistance Program. Gregg was elected to the board that very night.

That was sixteen years ago and last year Gregg was deservedly elected vice-president of this amazing organization that has been feeding low-income men, women and their dependent children living with HIV/AIDS since 1991. Never one to shy away from challenges, Gregg has chaired the "Evening Under the Stars" silent auction most of the last sixteen years adding much needed funds to AAP's

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Food Voucher Program's budget.

If that wasn't enough, Gregg has also volunteered on numerous fundraising projects for the Desert AIDS Project, the American Heart Association and even appeared on a local Arthritis Foundation Telethon here in the early 90s. With all that said, Gregg's heart still belongs to the AIDS Assistance Program and that original connection to Jeannette Rockefeller and her remodeling job.

Gregg lives to travel and has been to many exotic and fascinating places throughout the world when time and work allow, but he always loves coming back to his home here in Palm Springs.

Woman of the Year

MONA CAYWOOD

by Dick Haskamp, Owner, Streetbar

Picture it: Palm Springs, August 2000, it's Karaoke Night at Streetbar. The singer begins; "Don't tell me not to live—just sit and putter..." A hush falls over the crowd followed by thunderous applause.

Next morning; same singer walks up to me at the bar and says "You must be Dick Haskamp." "Yes," says I, "And you must be Barbra Streisand."

The singer was, of course, Mona Caywood and eight years later she (and her unfortunate twin sister, Miss Fern) are still packing the house two nights a week.

A multi-talented and multi-award winning performer, Mona is equally at home on stage at the McCallum Theatre as she is at the Pride Festival, as she is at Streetbar. Her repertoir of songs ranges from Sondheim to Patsy to Janice and back, and no two shows are ever the same. Miss Fern, on the other hand is much more 'pop' oriented, although there's always room for some country or disco! Both ladies welcome requests.



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A regular fixture at Pride Festivals around Southern California, Mona is also readily available to lend her talents to various fund raising events. Among many other charitable endeavors, sales of her CD's and T-shirts benefit The AIDS Assistance Program and Golden Rainbow Senior Center.

To learn more about Mona, visit her website at www.monacaywood.com and Miss Fern at www.missfern.com.

A generous, loving and caring friend, Mona is justifiably

PRIDE'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR!!

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Male Couple of the Year

THOMAS & ROBERT VAN ETTEN

Thomas & Robert Van Etten met on April 13, 1968, in a gay bar in Minneapolis called "Sutton's". In those days you could not hold hands, kiss or dance a slow dance as a gay couple in the bars in Minneapolis/St. Paul. The only dance you could do was a fast dance to music from the Supreme's and other famous Artists of the time. In 1969, Robert was transferred by IBM to Milwaukee, and of course, Thomas went with him and was hired by IBM that same year. During their 30 years of employment with IBM they were an "out" couple working for a very conservative company. Thomas and Robert had made a decision that the only way they were going to survive mentally, spiritually and physically was to be honest about who they were. The price tag was high…fewer promotions and loss of salary increases based on those non-existent promotions. The price tag was worth it! Not only were they superb employees but that enabled them to lobby for equal treatment by the Corporation for its Lesbian/Gay Employees. It was not until shortly after they left IBM in 1999, that the Company initiated domestic partner benefits for all of its Lesbian/Gay employees. Thomas and Robert played a major role in making that happen by being part of Human Resources Task Forces studying the issue and by being an example of solid employees, committed not only to their jobs but also to one another. In 1976, while employed with IBM, Thomas changed his last name to Robert's legally and they became Thomas & Robert Van Etten. They wanted to do this to make a statement about same sex marriage in the days when that was not possible. That took a lot of courage in those days at IBM but they pulled it off. In 1976 they were transferred to Atlanta, Georgia and were the first gay couple to be transferred as a same sex couple with all the financial benefits of a Corporate move. Again, in 1978 they were transferred to San Francisco and again were accorded the same benefits of moving that were given to IBMs heterosexual employees.



Shortly after they arrived in San Francisco, Harvey Milk and George Moscone were assassinated by Dan White, a former San Francisco Supervisor. It was then that they decided to move their activism outside of IBM and get involved in local politics. Their involvement in the LGBT Community in San Francisco led them to become very involved in the AIDS Crisis in the early 80s. They worked with Ruth Brinker in setting up Project Open Hand, an organization which prepares and delivers meals for homebound people with HIV. They also became very involved with Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group, where they provided practical and emotional support to people living with HIV. They worked diligently on educating elected officials about the necessity for same sex marriage and were in turn honored by the City and County of San Francisco with a Proclamation for their work in advancing Same Sex Marriage not only in the City but also through Nancy Pelosi's office. They received a Papal Blessing from Pope John Paul II for their work in HIV Support Groups. They were honored by Kaiser Permanente and KESQ Public Television for their outstanding work in the LGBT Community in San Francisco. They were featured in a PBS Documentary called "The Castro" which won a Peabody Award and 2 Emmy Awards. The Hollywood producer Mark E Pollack has called them "The Rosa Parks of the GLBT community."

Thomas & Robert moved to the Desert in 2000 and became involved in the re-election campaign of Deyna Hodges for Palm Springs City Council. They have continued to be involved with local City Politics. Thomas wrote a political column for *The Bottom Line* for a year. Thomas & Robert's dream came true on June 17, 2008, after having been together as a couple for over 40 years, when they were legally married in Indio, California on the first day that same sex couples were able to get married in California.

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Female Couple of the Year

ROSIE FIORENTINO & ROBIN ROSENBERG

Picture this: 1979, Greenwich Village NY, two women meeting one fall brisk evening for a blind date that has lasted 29 years…who knew?

Rosie Fiorentino and Robin Rosenberg, affectionately known as R & R, met in 1979 through a social club specifically designed for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual & transgender people, who lived in the greater New York area. Before the great age of personal computers and cell phones, the club's primary method of communication was their confidential internal in-house classified personal ad newspaper. R & R's first introduction was made by telephone and their first date took place two days later. The couple met for the first time over a life-changing dinner that lasted well over six hours at a gay bar/restaurant in Greenwich Village. "We probably would have stayed longer, but since it was after midnight and closing time, we called it an evening. We knew this relationship was special after that dinner and continued to see each other almost daily. After a few months, we decided it was time to get serious and take our relationship to the next level, so Rosie sent her brother packing and Robin moved in."



After two years together, the couple decided to leave New York and head west to the city by the bay, San Francisco. They worked and lived there for 19 years. Robin's career started as a classical musician back in NY, and then changed dramatically after developing carpal syndrome in both wrists. She quickly switched gears and entered into corporate life. She focused on a career as a Human Resources and Organizational Development professional. While Rosie continued her climb up the corporate ranks, she focused on Office Management and Facilities Management.

As a result of their hard work, and being in the right place at the right time in Silicon Valley, R&R were lucky enough to semi-retire and moved to Palm Springs in June, 2000. They continued to work part-time on different business ventures and joined several community organizations to get acquainted with the area and people. "We knew it was important to give back to the gay and lesbian community, so we got involved with several gay and lesbian organizations in Palm Springs." R & R formerly served as board members and then Co-Chairs of Desert Dyners, a lesbian's social organization in Palm Springs. Then in 2001, Robin joined a group of caring individuals who created the Desert Pride Center in Palm Springs and served as board member and then Co-Chair. In addition, the couple decided to become even more involved in the downtown fabric of Palm Springs and took over ownership of Celebrity Books located on Palm Canyon Drive. One of the more challenging aspects of the store's existence was their participation as a vendor at VillageFest every Thursday night. As a vendor it was important to represent all of the other vendors who participate at VillageFest, so Robin quickly added her voice to the VillageFest Board of Directors. After several years of dwindling economic forecasts, they decided to close down the business and re-focus their energies on developing other entrepreneurial ventures.

On June 21, 2008, R & R legally wed in downtown Palm Springs. "It was one of the proudest moments of our lives when we were able to say I DO to each other legally after 29 years. The support of our wonderful community was palpable and we are proud to call Palm Springs home."

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They moved from San Francisco to Palm Springs over nine years ago and were amazed by how the Desert Community embraced them. They felt the need to give something back to this warm and welcoming community and it seemed the most sensible way to do that was by volunteering their time and services. Irene volunteers at DAP's Palm Springs thrift store, Revivals, where she is affectionately known as "the bag lady" because she is one of the people responsible for pricing the ladies' purses that are donated for resale. John, who had spent over five years as a Shanti Project volunteer in San Francisco, is now the Monday afternoon receptionist for the Desert AIDS Project's main office as well as the evening receptionist for their Anonymous HIV Testing Site there. Even with recently deciding to spend summers in Seattle together, they have donated almost 4,000 volunteer hours.

The Mancini's are members of the Desert AIDS Project's "Partners for Life" and The AIDS Assistance Program's "Angel" donor programs as well as supporters of other desert non-profits like Caballeros, Gay Associated Youth, GLAAD, Greater Palm Springs Pride, The McCallum Theatre, the Mizell Senior Center and are also members of The Church of St. Paul in the Desert. They have been married for over 38 years and reside in the Palm Spring's Mesa. They are very appreciative and humbled to be included with the other honorees in receiving this great recognition. They believe that they get more from volunteering than they give and it keeps them feeling young, active and involved and highly recommend it to others.



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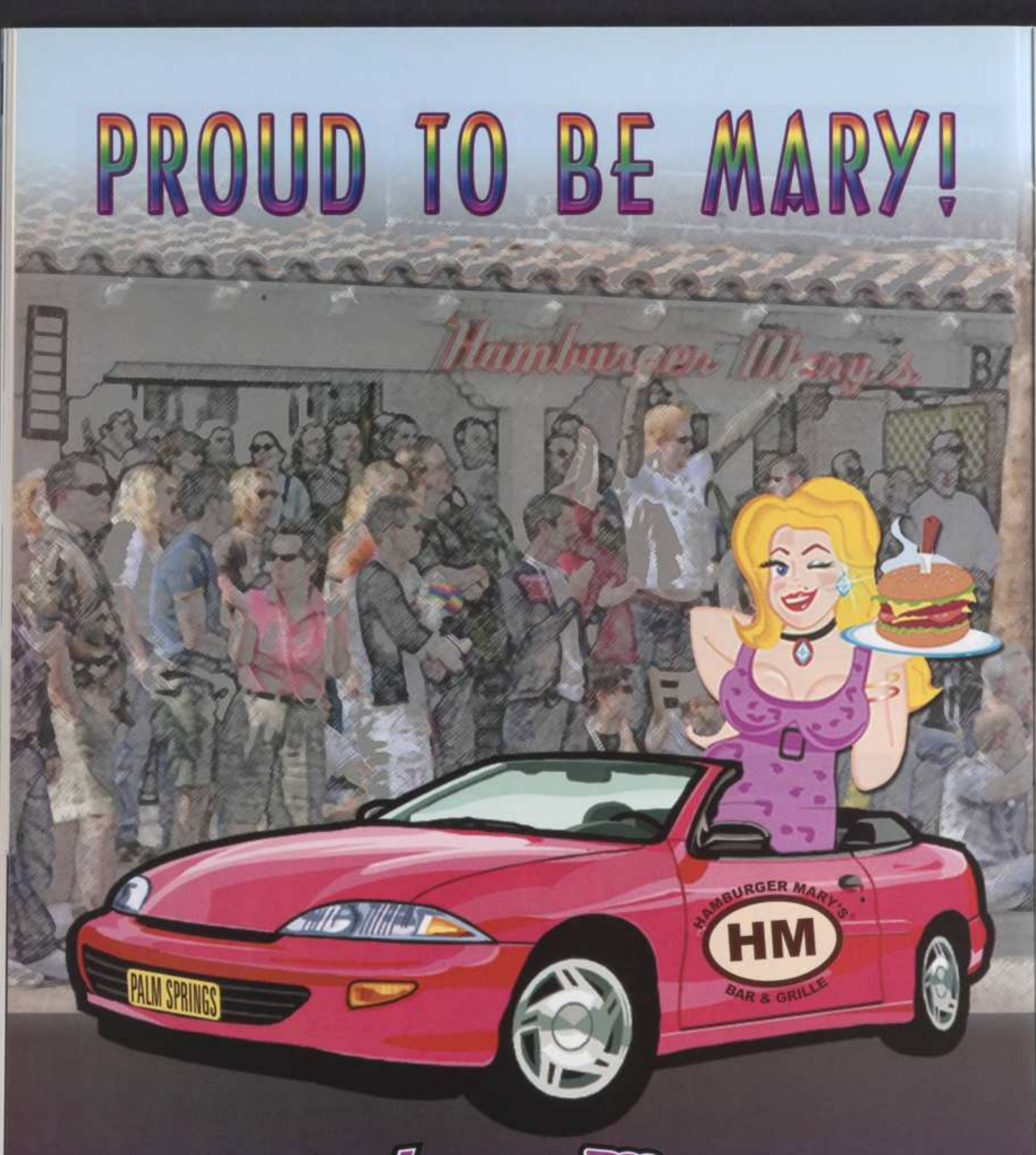


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Jeanie Tracy

Jeanie Tracy has had an astonishing 4 consecutive Billboard® #1 Dance Tracks, starting out with "The Power" and "Cha Cha Heels" with Rosabel, and "Party People" and "Everybody Up" with Altar. She also has a huge underground following in Europe, with the tracks "Keep the Party Jumpin'" and "It's My Time". Always exciting, ever energetic, Jeanie Tracy should not be missed. To hear samples of Jeanie's music visit www.pspride.org.





Taborah

Starting out as the face and voice of the group Blackwood, Taborah went #1 in the mid 90's on Billboard® with "Ride on the Rhythm". She went to the top of the charts again with "I Am (the rising)" which was featured on the Queer as Folk Soundtrack. She followed that with the club-favorites "All I Gave To You" and "You Gotta Go". Taborah has just released her newest single "You Know How To Love Me". To hear samples of Taborah's music visit www.pspride.org.

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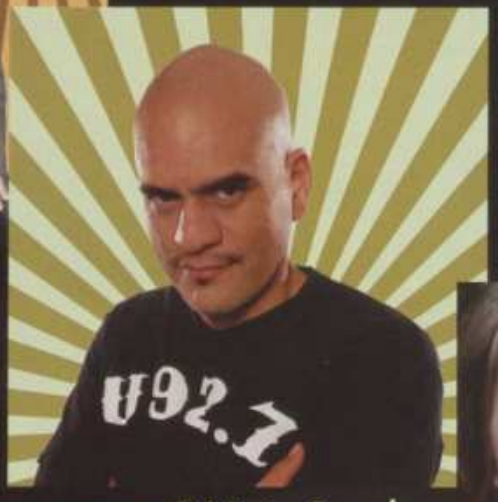
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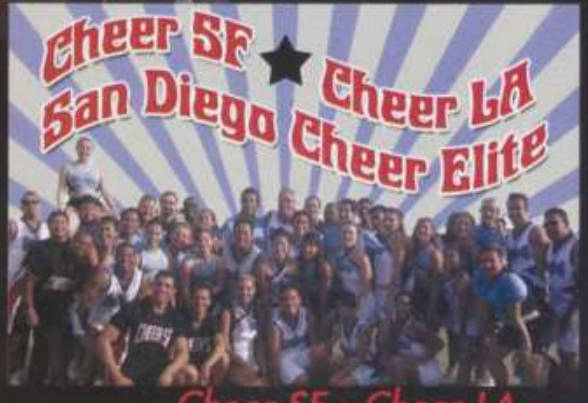
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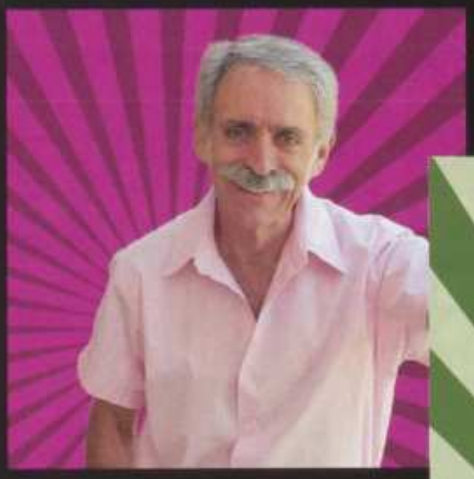


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We are proud to feature **Leslie Jordan** on Saturday at 2:30. Leslie will be signing his new book *My Trip Down the Pink Carpet*. It is a wonderfully funny memoir and an event not to miss.

Noted local Leatherman, **Alex Ironrod** will signing copies of his fourth and just released novel *Domination*. His provocative writing and steamy stories are sure to please.



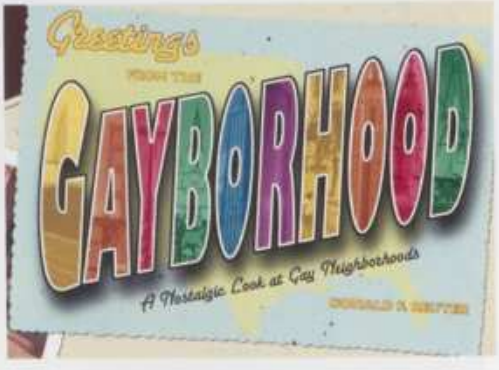


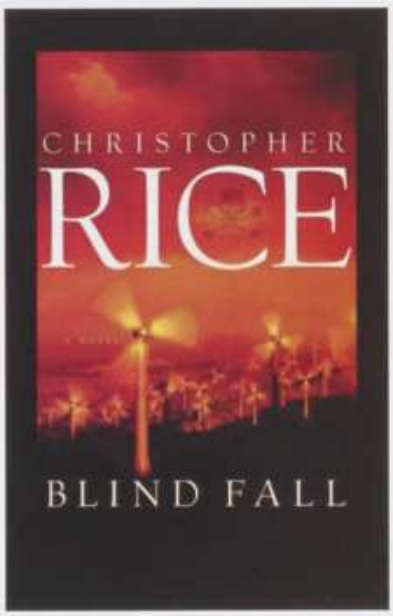




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Christopher Rice

Authors' Village



Christopher Rice will be at the festival on Sunday afternoon at 2 pm. His new book *Blind Fall* has already reached bestseller status.

Bold Strokes Press has undertaken a project to bring back out of print GLBT classics. Their First releases in this series are from the beginning of **John Morgan Wilson's** *Benjamin Justice* series of books. In addition, John has a brand new installment coming out this Fall, *Spider Season*.

Best selling author **Michael Thomas Ford** will be celebrating the release of his newest novel *Suicide Notes* with us during the Festival.

Telling the stories of the historical development of many of the gay neighborhoods in cities around the USA, **Donald Reuter's** new book *Gayborhood* is an important resource and a delight to read.

These are just a few of the authors who will be participating this year. Further details and schedule will be forthcoming.

The Author's Village events are a great way to meet your favorite writers and ask about their works as well as have your books signed. For GLBT publishing to thrive (and survive), your support is needed. Read, pass along a book to a friend, join a book discussion group. Above all, give thanks for the ranks of terrific GLBT authors who enrich our lives.



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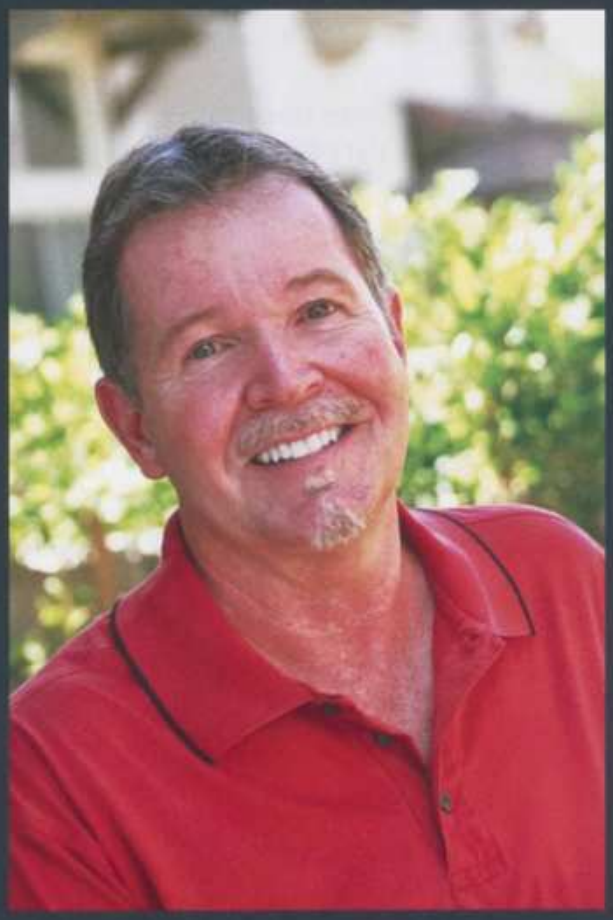
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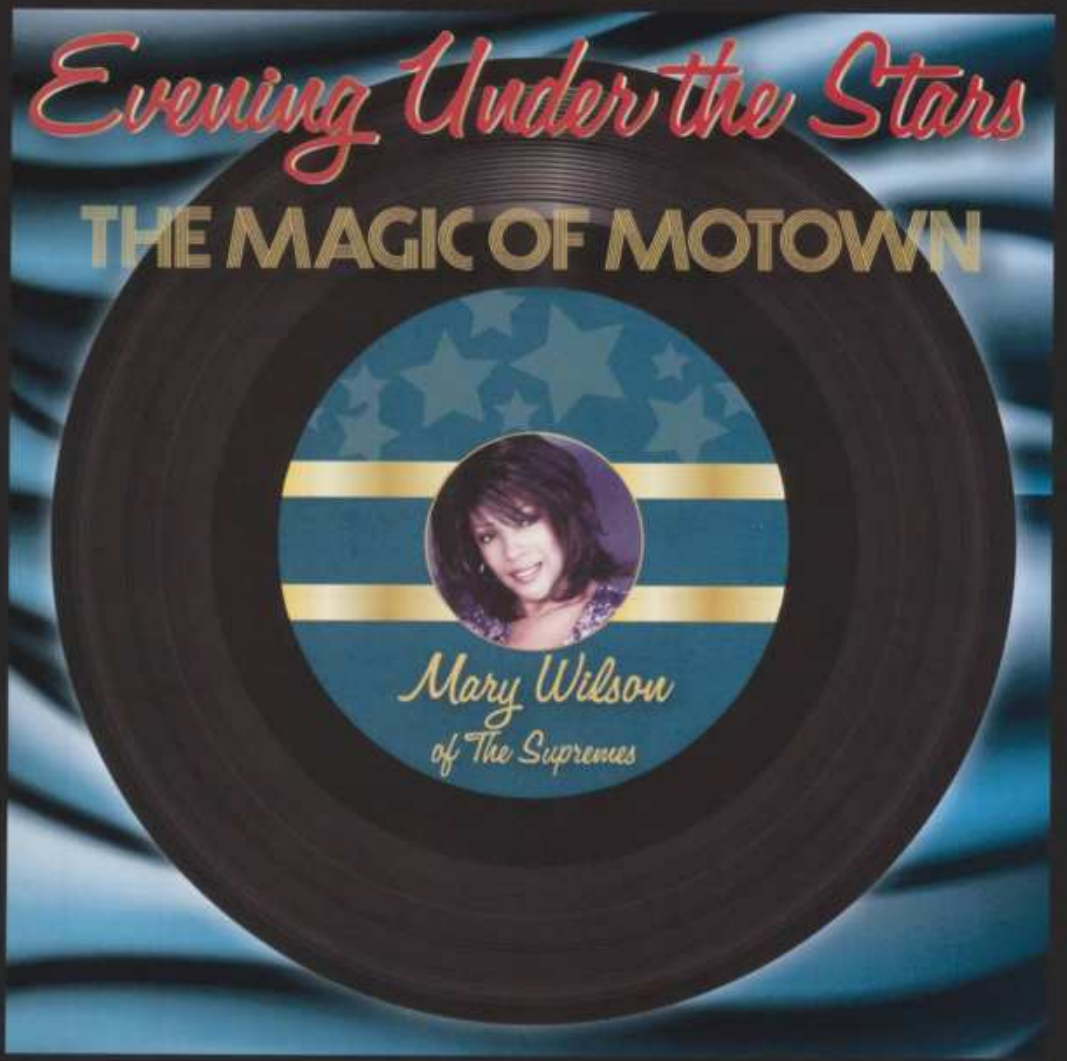
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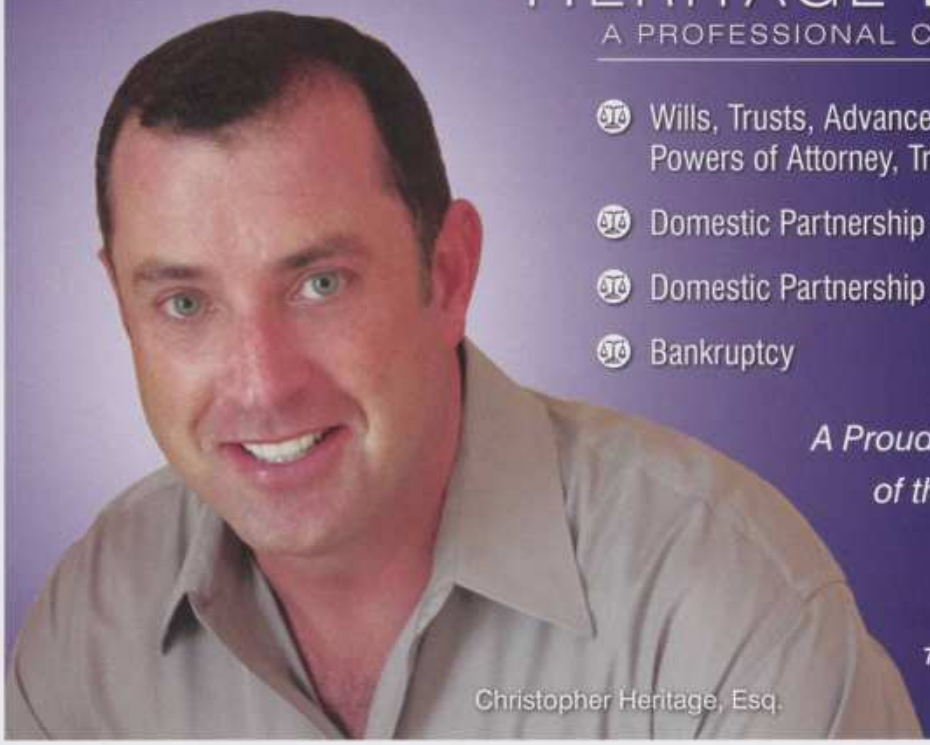
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A progressive United Church of Christ Congregation of Reconciled Methodist ministry. Contact: (760)333-1221 or visit www.bloominthedesert.org. Email: revkev@bloominthedesert.org.

Book Club of Palm Springs
Meets third Wednesday of the month. Contact: Michael at (760)323-9330, email: bookclubofps@yahoo.com.

Boots in Squares
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Canyon Classics Chamber Ensemble
Coachella Valley chamber ensemble, playing music from classical to pops. Contact: Don at (760)770-6562.

Club 300
Social club for senior gay men and younger gay men who enjoy their company. Contact: (760) 346-7447 or write P.O.Box 5462, Palm Springs, CA 92263-5442.

Coachella Valley Couples
Social organization for gay and lesbian couples. One of 11 affiliates throughout the country. Email: teamsamm@aol.com or visit www.hometown.aol.com/waldo9055/pscouples.html.

Desert AIDS Project
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Desert Business Association
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Desert Dyners
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Desert Gay Tourism Guild
Association of LGBT business people, owners and travel professionals who promote Palm Springs and the Greater Coachella Valley as a premier international LGBT tourist destination. Email: info@palmspringsgayinfo.com, write P.O. Box 2881, Palm Springs, CA 92263, or visit www.palmspringsgayinfo.com

Desert Outreach Foundation
Formerly Desert Rainbow Foundation. Organization of gay, lesbian and gay-friendly individuals sponsoring education scholarships, community healthcare and public recognition events. Contact: (760)641-3664, write 611 S. Palm Canyon Dr. #7-544, Palm Springs, CA 92264-7453, email: info@desertrainbowfoundation.org or visit desertrainbowfoundation.org.

Desert Pride Center
Community center serving the LGBT community in the Coachella Valley. Located at 611 S. Palm Canyon Drive, 2nd Floor, in Palm Springs. Contact (760)327-2313, email: info@desertpridecenterps.org, or visit www.desertpridecenter.org.

Desert Stonewall Democrats
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Desert Winds Freedom Band
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Desert Women for Equality
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Dignity Palm Springs
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Executive Women's Golf Association
Golfing club for working women. Contact: (760)346-7060 x606, email: email@ewgadesert.com, or visit www.ewgadesert.com.

Gay Associated Youth
Provides support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth and their allies through guidance, education and advocacy programs and other resources. Meetings and events are held in the organization's drop-in center in Palm Desert. Contact: (760)568-3332, email: info@gayassociatedyouth.org, or visit www.gayassociated youth.org.

Gay Softball League
Local Palm Springs gay softball team, always seeking to recruit additional players. All levels welcome. Contact: John at (760)409-8983.

Golden Rainbow Senior Center
A community center for LGBT seniors and their supporters. Contact: (760)770-5524, 32150 Candlewood Drive, Suite #1, Cathedral City, CA 92234, or visit www.goldenrainbowseniorcenter.org.

Golden State Gay Rodeo Assn./PS Chapter
Local chapter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association. Email: info@palmspringsrodeo.org, write GPSC, 4741 E. Palm Canyon Dr. Ste C147, Palm Springs, CA 92264, or visit www.igra.com or www.palmspringsrodeo.org.



Palm Springs Area Clubs and Organizations

Great Autos of Yesteryear
A gay and lesbian oriented car club promoting the admiration, ownership and knowledge of classic, special interest, milestone and exotic motorcars. Monthly Coachella Valley events. Contact: P.O. Box 190-18, Long Beach, CA 90807-9018, or visit www.greatautos.org.

Great Outdoors of Palm Springs
Gay outdoor recreational organization sponsoring camping and hiking, river rafting, canoeing, skiing and social activities. Contact: P.O. Box 361, Palm Springs, CA 92263, or visit www.greatoutdoors.org/ps.

Greater Palm Springs Pride
A non-profit public benefit corporation engaged in promoting the public education and awareness of the personal rights and civil liberties of the LGBT community. GPSP produces the annual Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival and Parade and the Black History Parade and Festival. GPSP also assists in the production of the Palm Springs International Film Festival in January, the Short Film Festival in August, and various other events by providing hundreds of volunteer hours. Contact: (760)416-8711, write GPSP, 611 S. Palm Canyon Dr., PMB 7436, Palm Springs, CA 92262, email administration @pspride.org, or visit www.PSPride.org.

Jeffrey Sandholm Memorial Community Crisis & Help Line
Crisis intervention service for the Coachella Valley and High Desert areas. Offers crisis intervention and referral services to everyone. Help Line: (760)323-1875. To support and/or volunteer call(760)323-3656.

Log Cabin Republicans
For information on meetings and activities, Contact: (916)497-0096 or (949)716-3079 or email: PalmSpringsLogCabin@gmail.com.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)
One of over 350 congregations worldwide created to serve the needs of the LGBT community. Sponsors weekly Sunday worship, Tuesday evening Bible Study, and Thursday choir practice. Sunday services at 10 A.M. at 32150 Candlewood Drive #6, Cathedral City. Contact: (760)328-3591 or visit www.mcccv.org.

National Organization for Women
The Palm Springs Area Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) is committed to protecting the rights of women. Contact: (760)320-6355, write: P.O. Box 407, Palm Springs, CA 92263, email: mail@psnow.org, or visit www.psnow.org.

Palm Springs Bears
Social network for "hairsuite" men and their admirers. Sponsors social events and raises funds for charitable causes in the community. Contact: (760)406-5390, write PSB, Box 2213, Palm Springs, CA 92263, or visit www.palmspringsbears.org.

Palm Springs Boys of Leather
Leather club. Email: info@psbol.com, or visit www.psbol.com

Palm Springs Frontrunners & Walkers
Running, walking and social club for gays, lesbians and friends. Meets Monday through Saturday at 7:30 A.M., Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. in the parking lot of the Mizell Senior Center on Ramon Road (at Sunrise Way). Call first to verify times and dates. Contact: (760)318-8809, email: PSFRWinfo@aol.com, write P.O. Box 2184, Palm Springs, CA 92263 or visit www.psfr.org.

Palm Springs Gay Veterans
Local chapter of the national organization of AVER active duty, reserve and veteran service members formed to challenge the DOD's policy of discrimination with regard to sexual orientation. Contact: (760)329-6560, or write P.O. Box 5012, Palm Springs, CA 92263-5012.

Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert
Social club for LGBT men and women pursuing an interest in the leather/SM/fetish lifestyle. Contact: (760)272-5553, write PSLOD at P.O. Box 5506, Palm Springs, CA 92263, or visit www.pslod.com.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
Provides support and peer-group assistance for parents, families and friends of lesbians and gays. Contact: (760)202-4430, write P.O. Box 402, Cathedral City, CA 92235, or visit www.pspflag.org.

Prime Timers of the Desert
Social group for mature men and those who admire them. Includes luncheons, dinners and special events on a monthly basis. Contact: (760)318-9798, write P.O. Box 5326, Palm Springs, CA 92263, or visit www.ptod-ps.org.

PS Pozabillities
Peer-led group for HIV+ men. Email: pspozabilities@yahoo.com or visit www.pspozabilities.org.

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Organization for queer men, artists, writers and outsiders to discuss art, culture and gay life. Contact: (760)325-1647 or email: lbalan@dc.rr.com.

Shakespeare Reading Club
Desert chapter of the national organization. Contact: David Koslow at (760)324-0348.

Shalom
Shalom – The Gay and Lesbian Jewish Group of the Desert is a Jewish social and cultural club. Contact: Dr. Burton Fogelman at (760)324-3154.

Stonewall Golfers
Organization for gay and lesbian golfers at all levels of play, from beginners to experienced. Schedules golf dates for members and guests at golf courses throughout the greater Palm Springs area. Contact: (760)360-0471, write P.O. Box 2891, Palm Springs, CA 92263, email: info@stonewallgolfers.com, or visit www.stonewallgolfeers.com.

Tuesday Night Supper Club
Weekly dinner social gathering for men. Contact email: tuesdaysupper@aol.com or visit http://hometown.aol.com/tuesdaysupper/myhomepage/index.html.

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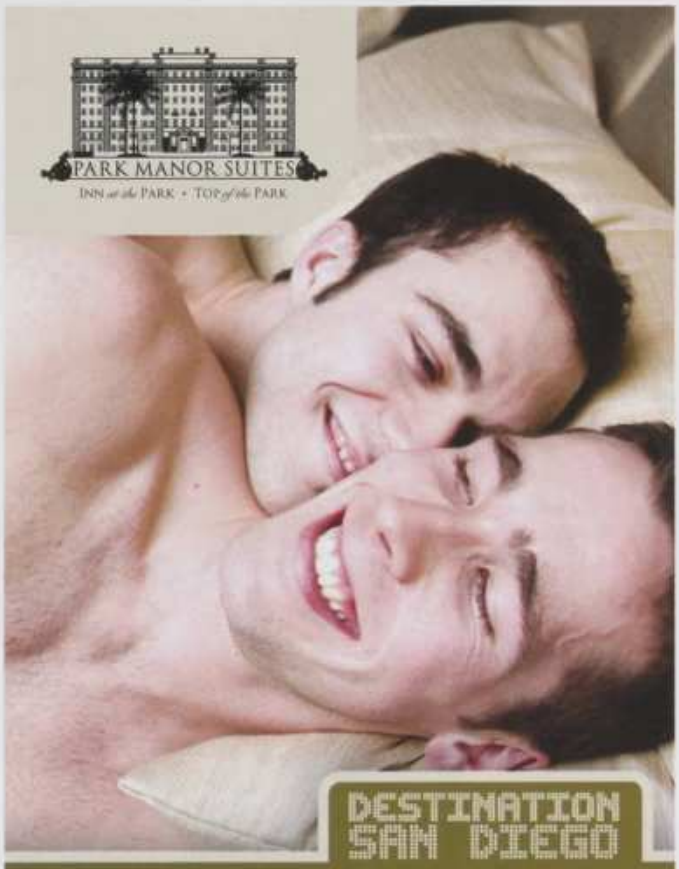
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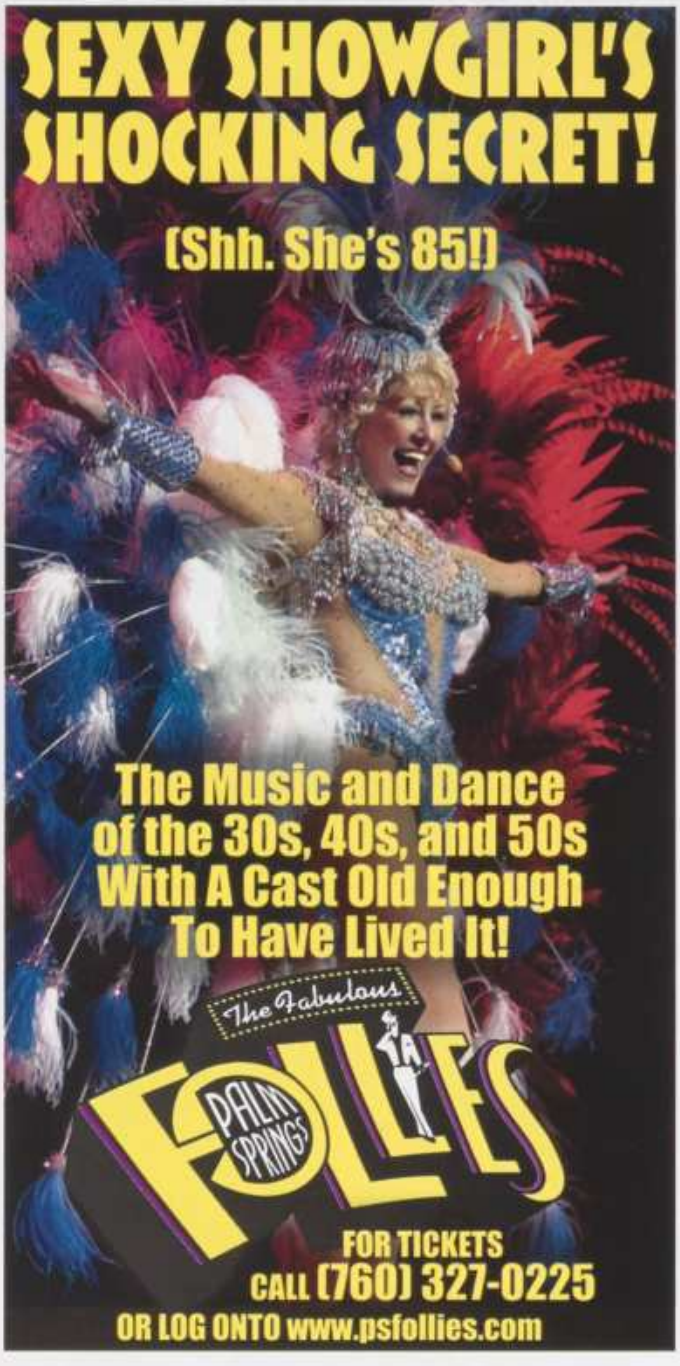
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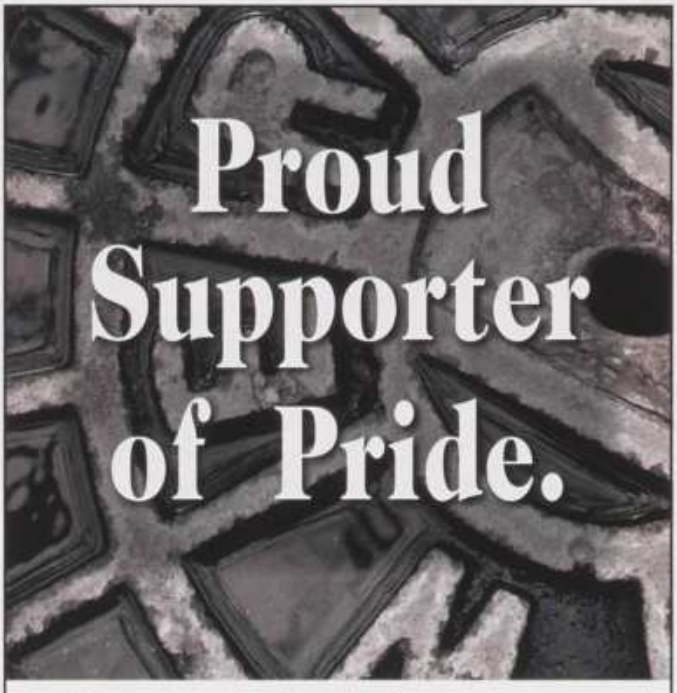
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Caballeros

Caballeros kicks off their Exciting 10th Anniversary Season and Greater Palm Springs Pride 2008

Forget those tuxedos; Caballeros will pull out their finest western gear for WAY OUT WEST…a bit of country and a lot of Pride at the newly remolded Riviera Resort & Spa in their Grand Ballroom on Saturday, October 25 at 8pm. Caballeros' concert kicks off a full week of PRIDE activities as it opens it's tenth Anniversary Season with a year-long theme of "Celebrating Ten Years of Changing Our World through Music". For our 10th Anniversary Season we have lowered our ticket pricing structure to assure everyone's ability to join in our year long celebration during these tough economic times.



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WAY OUT WEST features some of your favorite western tunes intermingled with a good dash of country music for a foot-stomping good time. Palm Springs' own "Boots and Squares" will be on hand to keep the dancin' in step and provide that sure-to-excite western style. Mona Caywood, Caballeros good friend and first Honorary Caballero, will be one of two guest artists, giving us her own brand of wonderful music and good time fun. What a delight to have this fabulous entertainer back again on our stage as Palm Springs PRIDE's Woman of the Year. Local favorite, Lindsey Karg will also be on hand adding his fabulous voice to the evening's music. We look forward to opening the newly remodeled ballroom of the legendary Riviera Resort & Spa. What a great way to kick off PRIDE and our Tenth Anniversary Season. Plan to join us for a really fun evening of musical entertainment.



Hairspray

Be sure to hang around at the after concert party in your western duds at the Caballeros "Saddle Bar" - with foot stomping music, a little line, a little square, a bit of two-step, full of PRIDE in who we are and how we party as we kick off Greater Palm Springs Pride Week 2008!

As our tenth anniversary season continues, we'll continue to have exciting programs in store for you. As an added extra, you'll undoubtedly encounter Caballeros groups popping up around the valley during the holiday season as we offer songs and good cheer at community holiday events.

Our second concert presentation, STARLITES (Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009) takes on a new dimension as we recreate the flavor and ambiance of the famed Palm Springs night spot, the famous Chi Chi Club. The grand ballroom at the Riviera Resort & Spa will be set to create a cabaret room, reliving the supper-club glory days of Sinatra, Crosby and more. Relax in our cabaret-style setting and enjoy the sounds of that fabulous era of Palm Springs' and Hollywood's inspired past. Sure to entertain and delight us all as we sit back, sip our cocktails and reminisce on a bygone era of our desert's musical history!



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Our grand finale, SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW… will close out the season at The McCallum Theatre (Saturday, May 23, 2009). This evening's celebration will highlight show stoppers of Caballeros' first decade with guest appearances by many featured performers who have graced our stage throughout the years.

Add to that a big dose of international PRIDE as we are joined by The Gay Men's Chorus of London (yes, England!) presenting their own brand of song and joining with Caballeros to fill the McCallum with glorious sound! As another highlight, we are inviting former members of Caballeros to join us onstage in a stirring reprise of Randall Thompson's "The God Who Gave Us Life" that marked our debut sold out performance at the McCallum Theatre.

We hope you will join us for this fun-filled romp through our first decade of hits, a rekindling of old friendships, and a joyous celebration of the songs that have for the past ten years have changed our world through music. For more information on our upcoming season or how you can get involved, please visit our website at www.pscaballeros.org for ongoing updates. Without your support and encouragement we would not exist so please join us for this spectacular 10th Anniversary Celebration.

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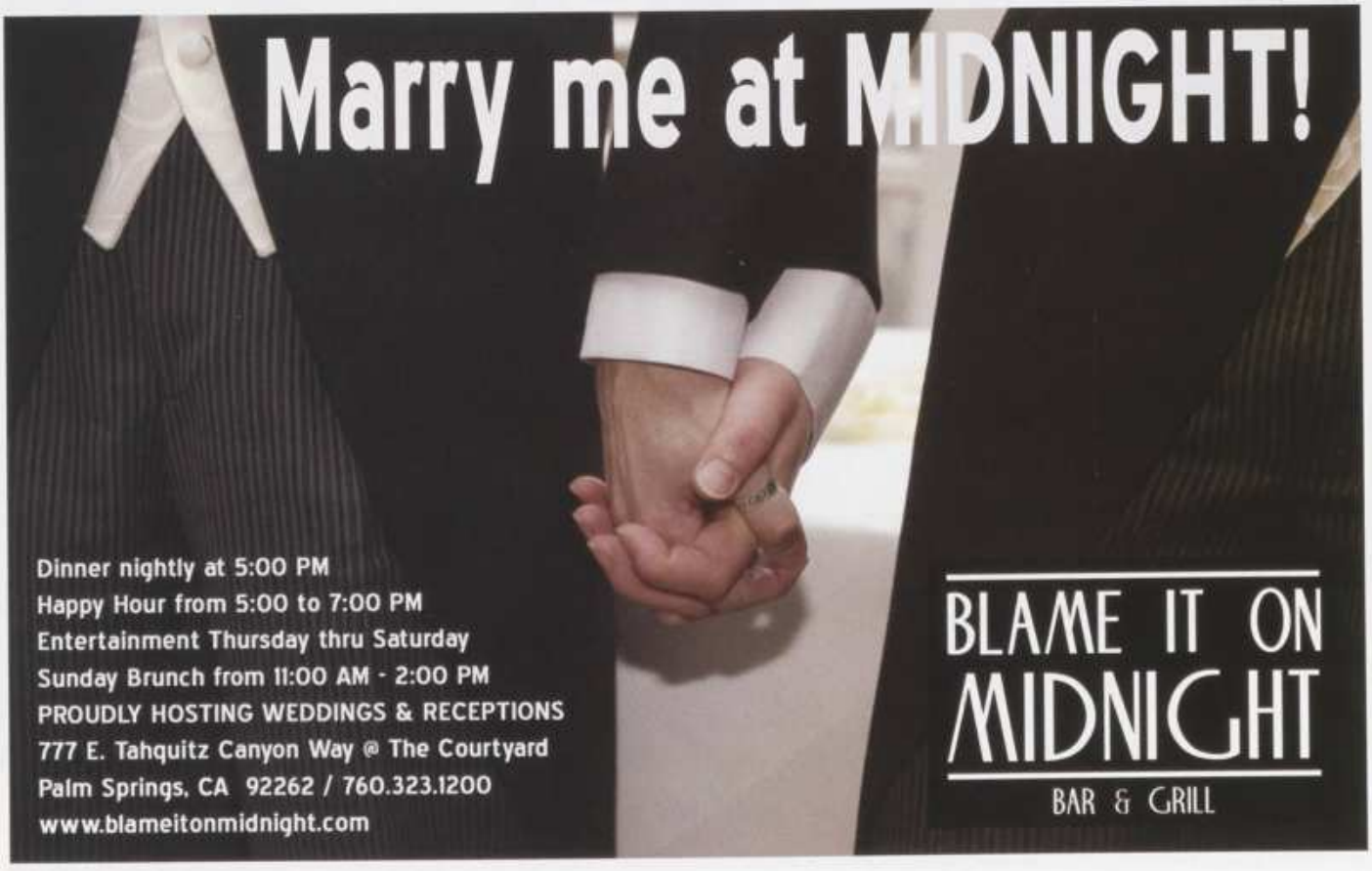
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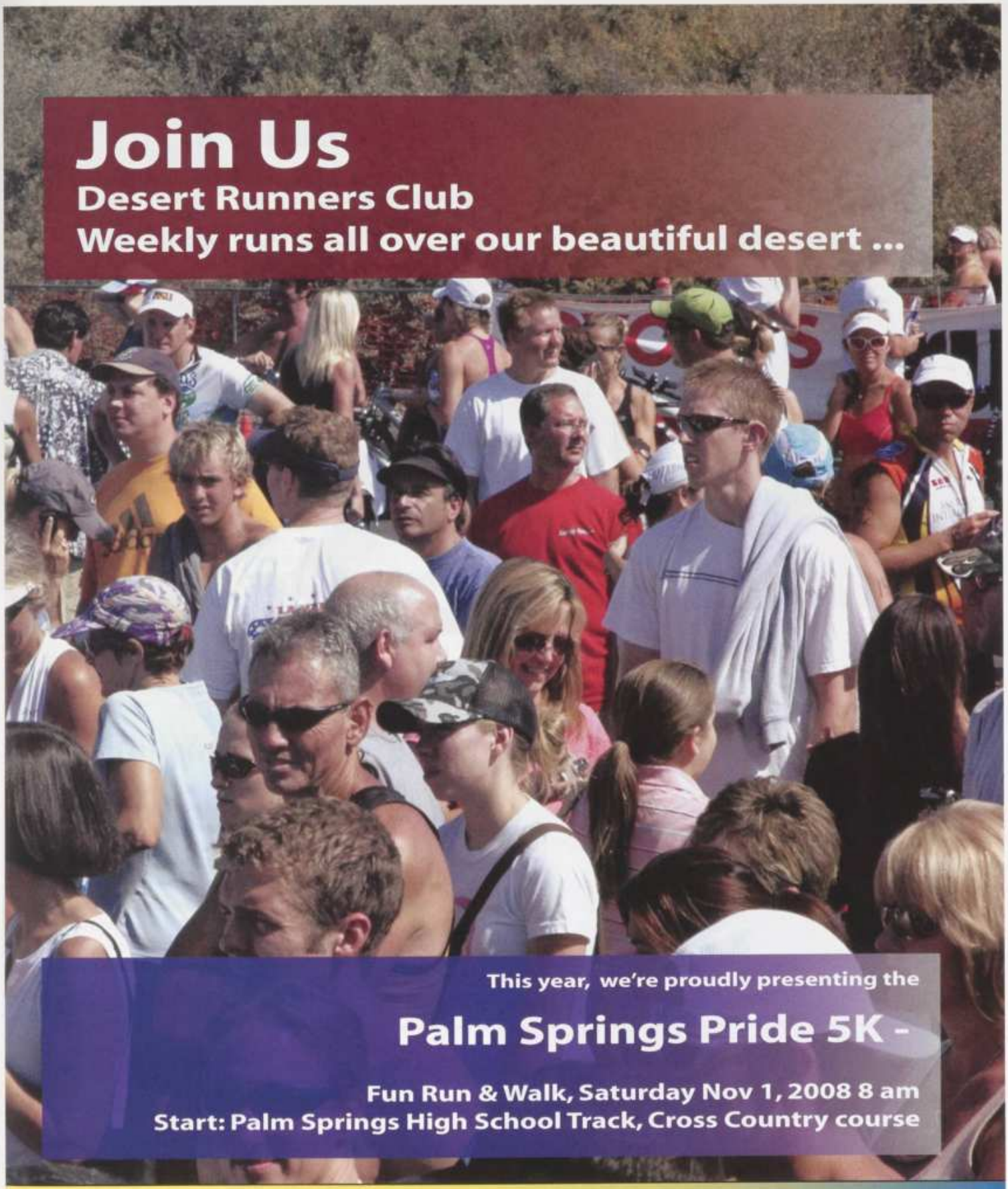
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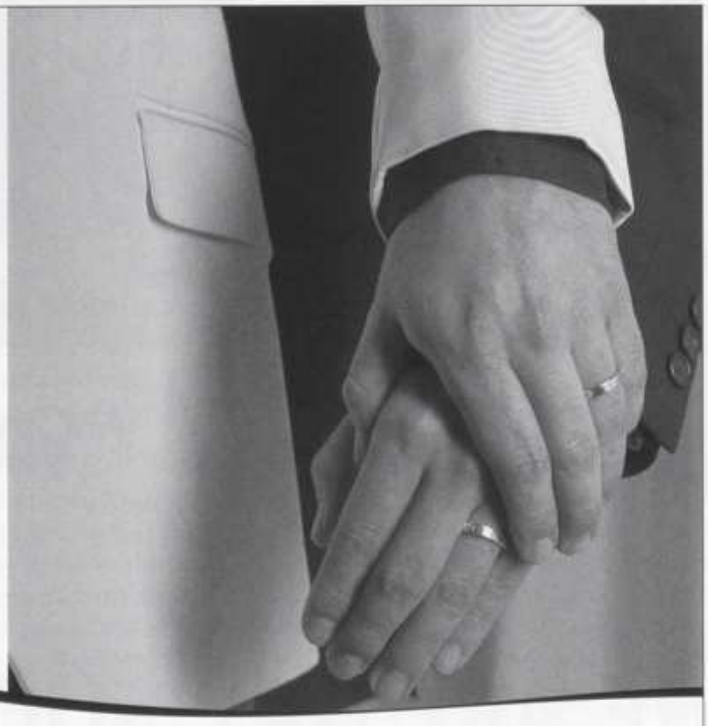


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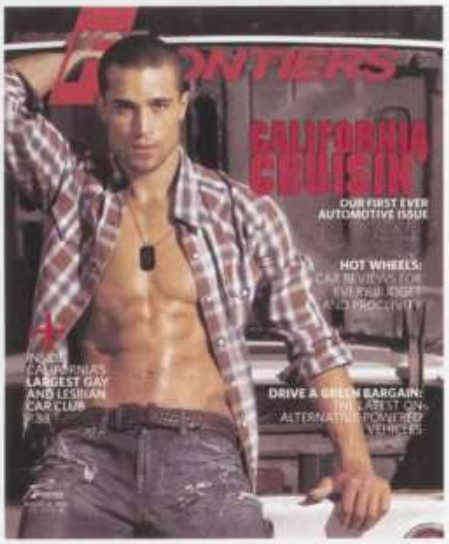
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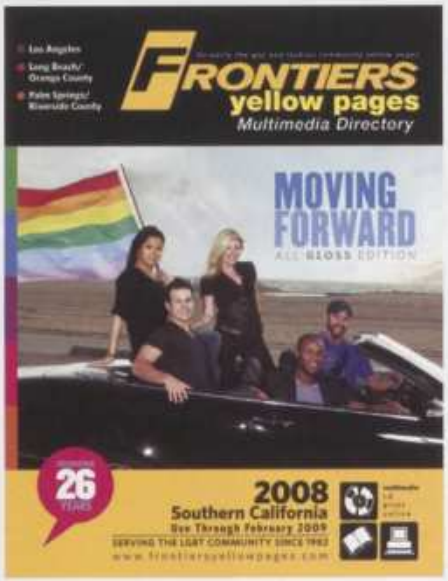
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The first annual CINEMA DIVERSE: The Gay & Lesbian Film Festival • Palm Springs, closed to thunderous applause and a packed house of enthusiastic filmgoers. During the six days of films, nearly 5,000 seats were filled at the Camelot Theatres, and many of the filmmakers and actors were in attendance for their screenings.

The Festival's inaugural year featured 30 films and videos from 11 countries exhibited over 6 days. The Festival also held a well-attended, posh Opening Night bash at Hotel Zoso with many cast members and producers of the new *Sordid Lives:* The Series TV program. Many gay and lesbian directors, producers and actors also attended the Festival including Sordid Lives creator Del Shores, *Save Me* director Robert Cary, documentary subject and Project Runway winner Jay McCarroll, director of Itty Bitty… and board member of Power Up Jamie Babbit, actors Jonah Blechman and Jimmy Clabots, and the producer of *Another Gay Sequel: Gays Gone Wild* Derek Curl. The Closing Night party was held at Mixies Boy Bar with music and live entertainment.

"For a first year festival, I think we knocked it out of the park," said Thomas Ethan Harris, Artistic Director of Film Programs for the Palm Springs Cultural Center. "The program was truly about the diversity of humanity as told through the lens of LGBT filmmakers. I'm especially proud because we connected the largest audience ever in Palm Springs with gay and lesbian films."

"Audience Favorite" Awards, sponsored by Union Bank of California, were presented before the closing night film – *Save Me*. The feature film audience favorite award went to Tom Gustofson's dramatic musical *Were The World Mine*, which has won numerous awards and prizes at film festivals worldwide. The short film audience favorite award was given to *Wrestling* directed by Grimur Hakonarson from Iceland.

The Festival ran for six days, from July 22 to 27, 2008 and presented 16 film programs, including a diverse combination of feature films, documentaries, and shorts created by and/or about the LGBT community.

A total of 4,796 seats were filled, and 220 All Access Festival passes were issued, including those provided to sponsors.

Nearly 70% of the films had at least one representative in attendance including directors, writers, producers, and actors.

CINEMA DIVERSE was presented by the Palm Springs Cultural Center in cooperation with 11 major sponsors, 23 other sponsors, and 9 community organization partners.

The 2009 CINEMA DIVERSE Festival will be held in late July 2009.

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CINEMA DIVERSE is a program of the Palm Springs Cultural Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to advancing education, to nurturing community-wide participation in the cultural arts, and to sponsoring scholarship awards for deserving individuals. For more information on the Festival, please visit www.cinemadiverse.org.


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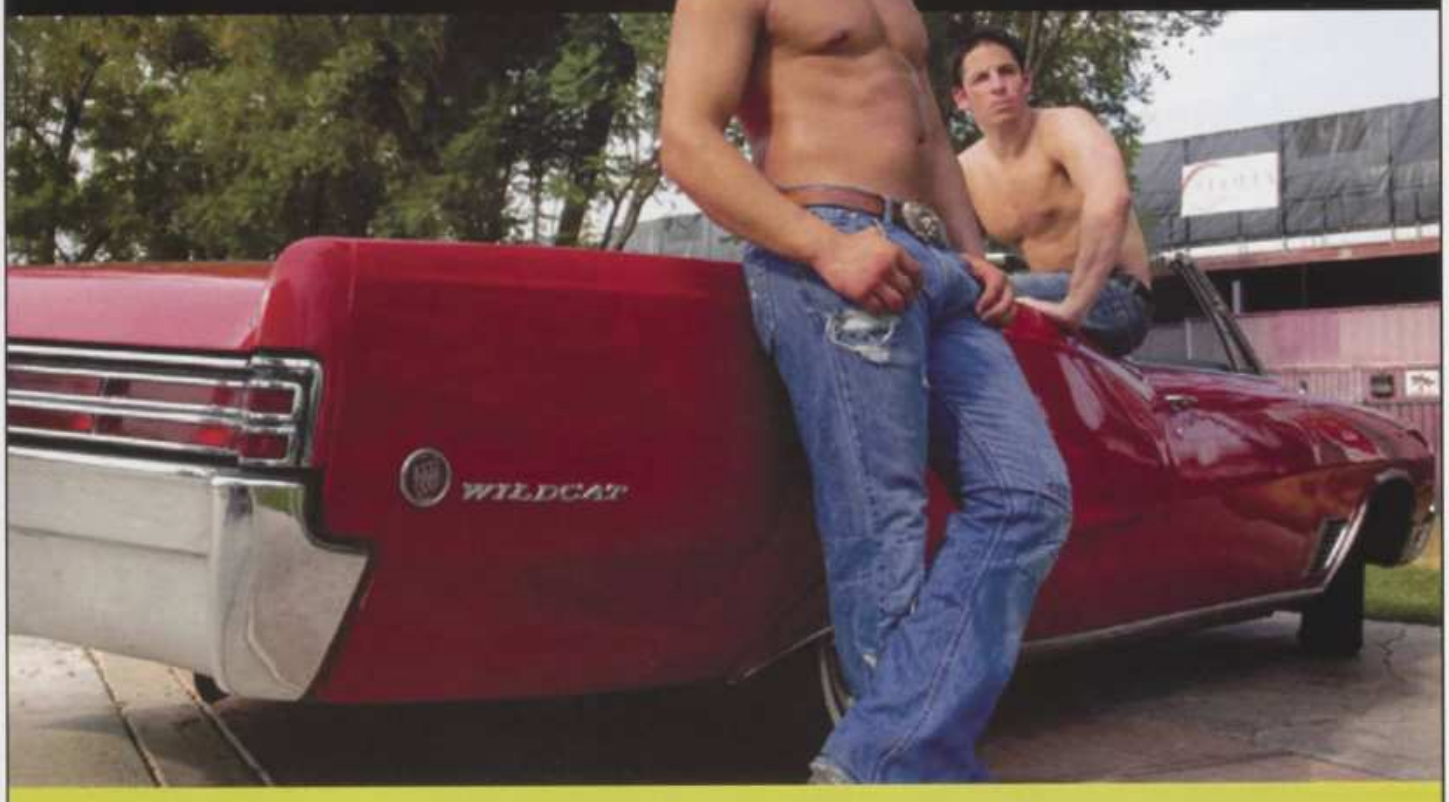
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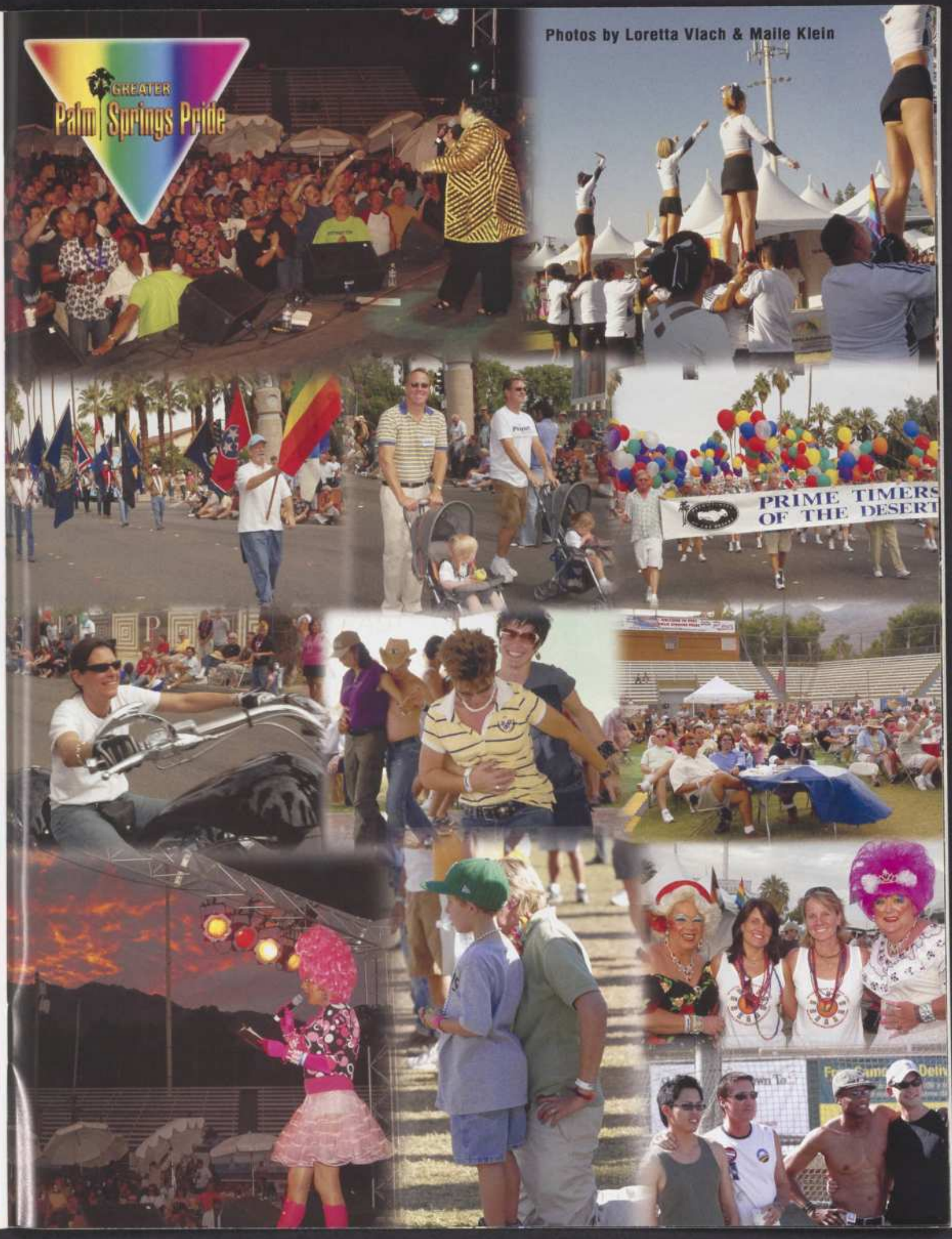
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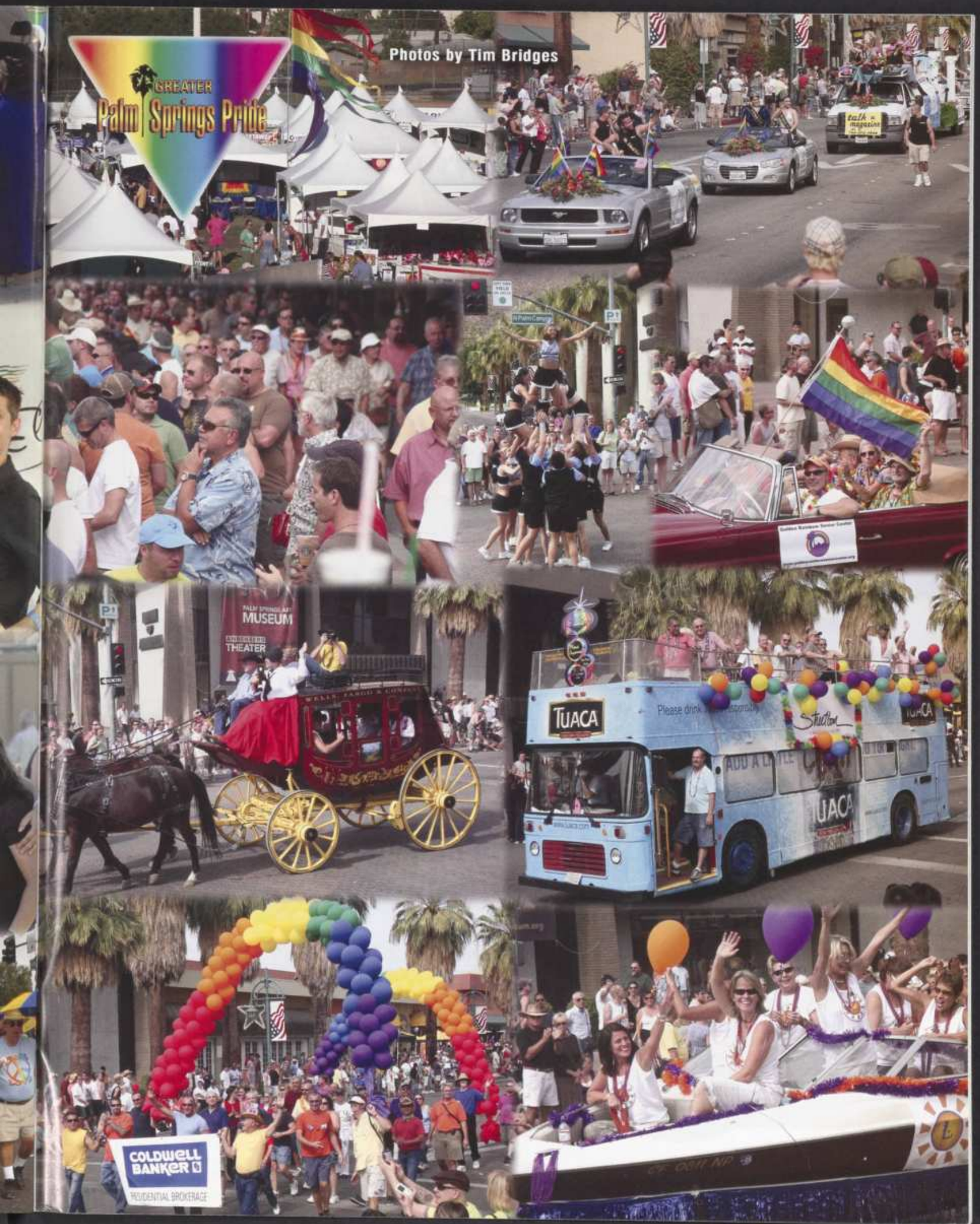
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Greater Palm Springs Pride, Inc., can produce a successful Pride weekend only when everyone in the community participates. The weekend's parade and festival are funded solely by donations and purchases—by participation—without which the events cannot happen and the cycle of giving and receiving is broken. Greater Palm Springs Pride, Inc., is the producer, not the beneficiary, as the financial report in this program demonstrates. The community and its members are the true beneficiaries.

The ultimate goal of Greater Palm Springs Pride, Inc., is to distribute funds raised during the Pride weekend to benefit community nonprofit organizations. When the Pride festival is a financial success, GPSP distributes to those organizations which have partnered with it, supported it, and sought a larger participatory role in Pride celebration events. Unfortunately, lessening community support prevented any such donations in 2007, breaking that long tradition of direct giving back to the community. While the financial statement at right reflects an excess of revenue over expenses in 2007, those funds were used to pay off a shortfall in the 2006 year and in fact, created a situation where Pride was left with inadequate funding to prepare for the 2008 event.

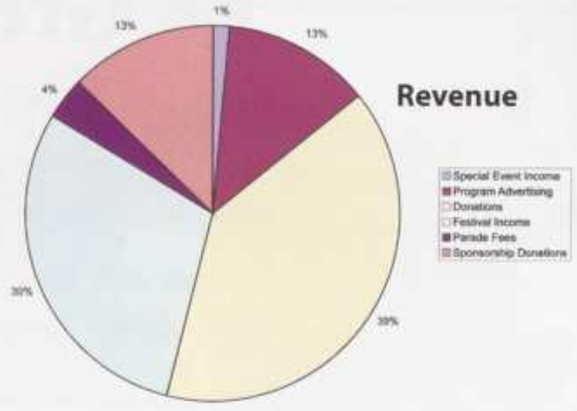
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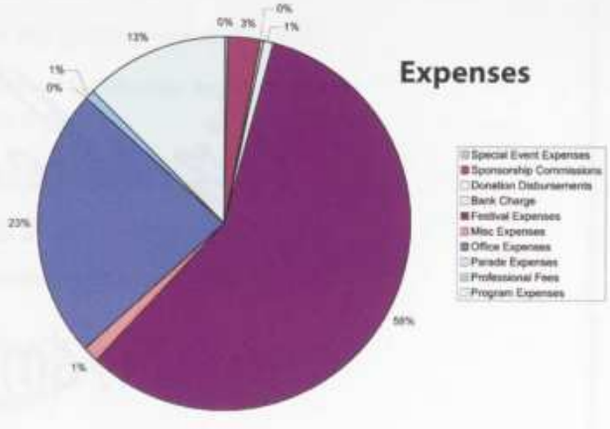
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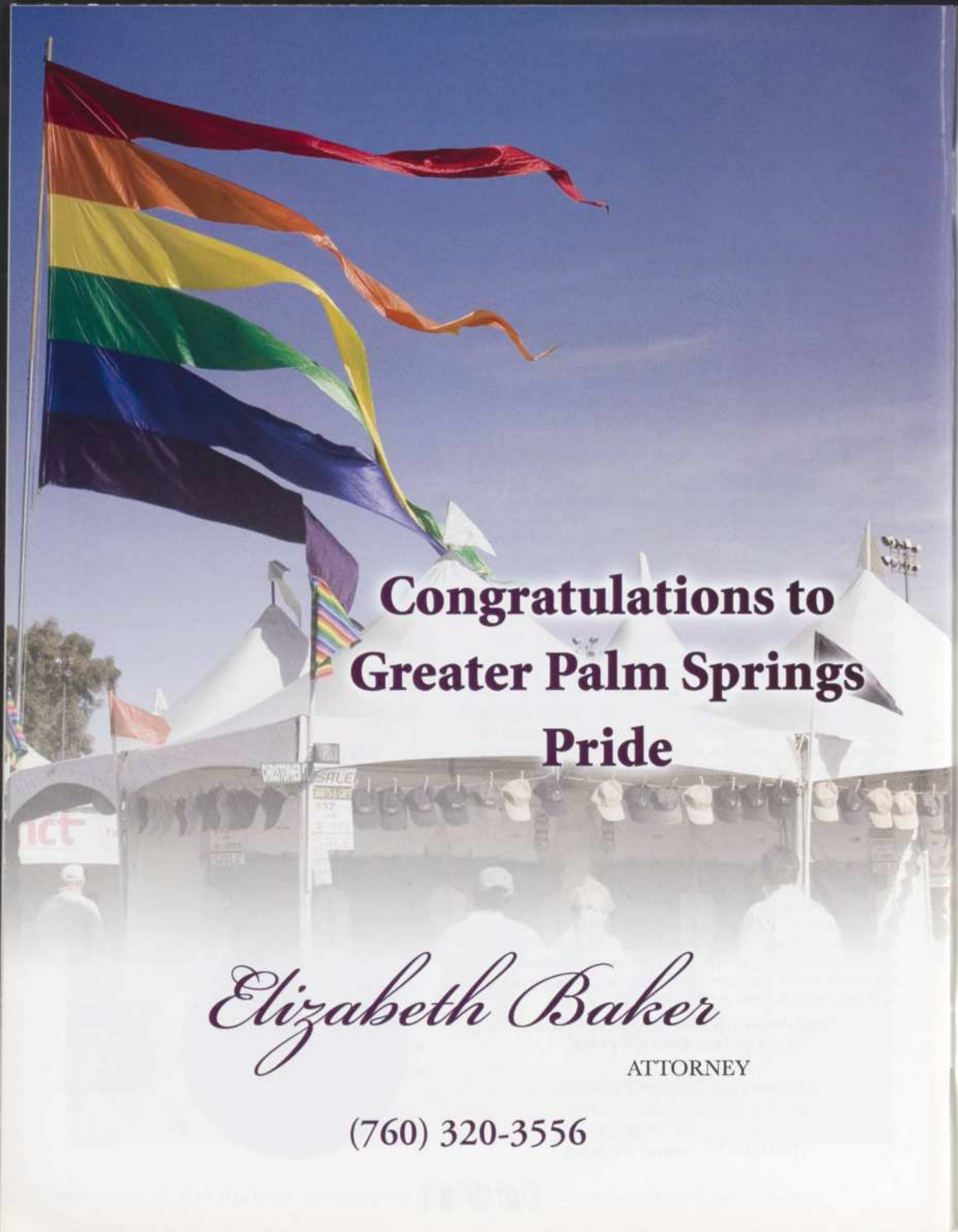
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Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Special Event Income	5,779.00
Program Advertising	53,430.00
Donations	167,442.00
Festival Income	124,804.59
Parade Fees	15,525.00
Sponsorship Donations	53,100.00
Total Income	420,080.59
Expense	
Special Event Expenses	1,358.22
Sponsorship Commissions	9,808.00
Donation Disbursements	1,000.00
Bank Charge	2,418.99
Festival Expenses	203,455.92
Misc Expenses	5,215.66
Office Expenses	81,634.43
Parade Expenses	356.14
Professional Fees	2,539.78
Program Expenses	44,321.38
Total Expense	352,108.52
Net Ordinary Income	67,972.07
Other Income/Expense (non-cash)	
Other Income	
IK Donations	13,125.00
Total Other Income	13,125.00
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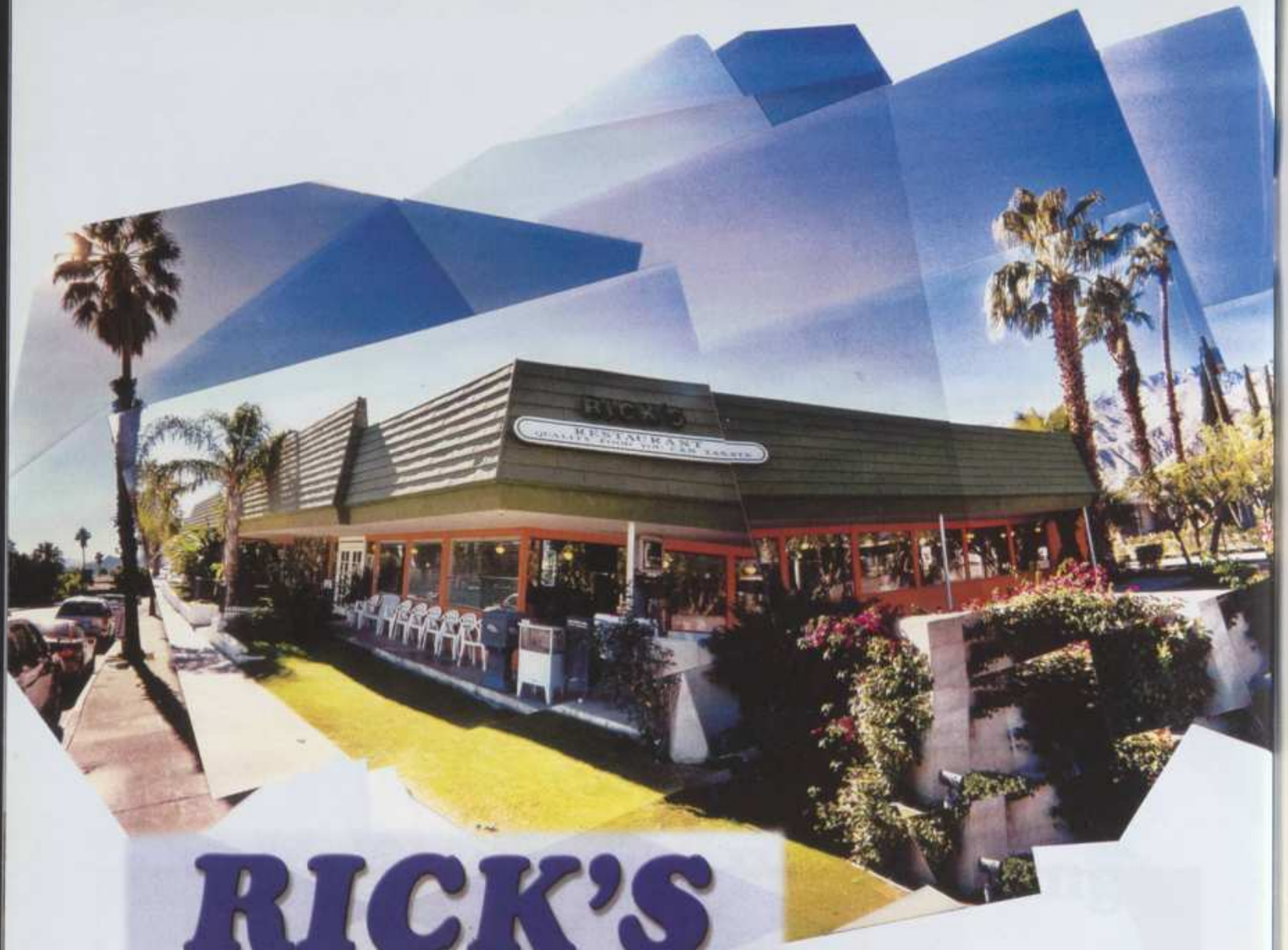
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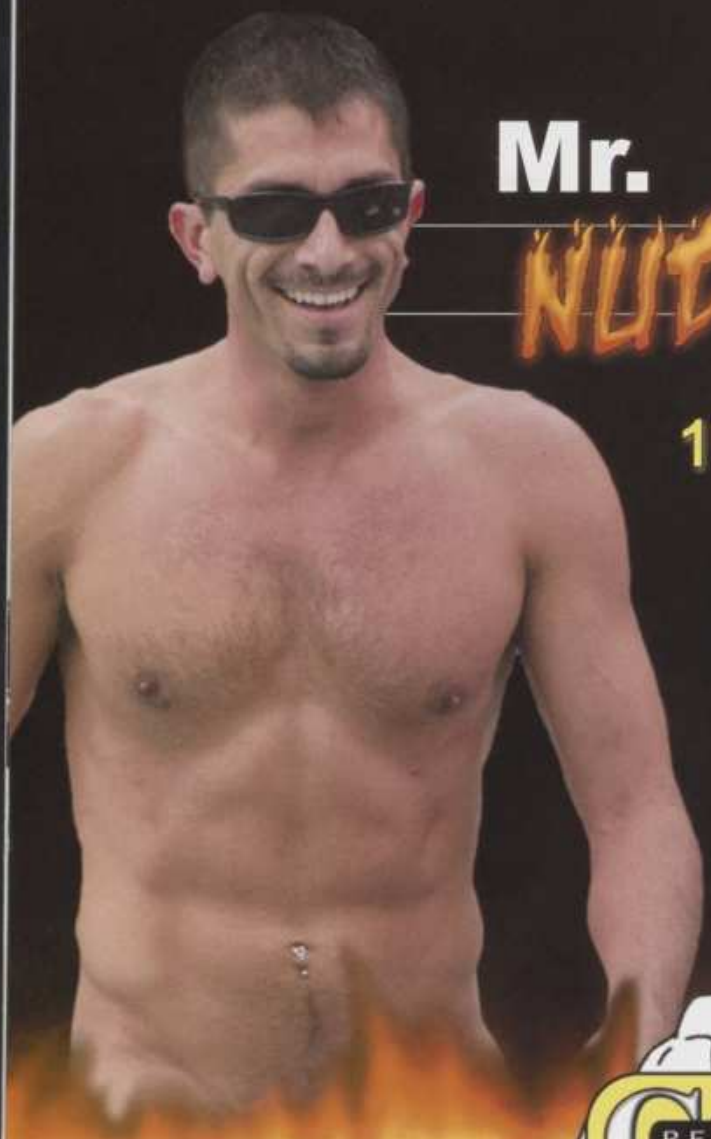
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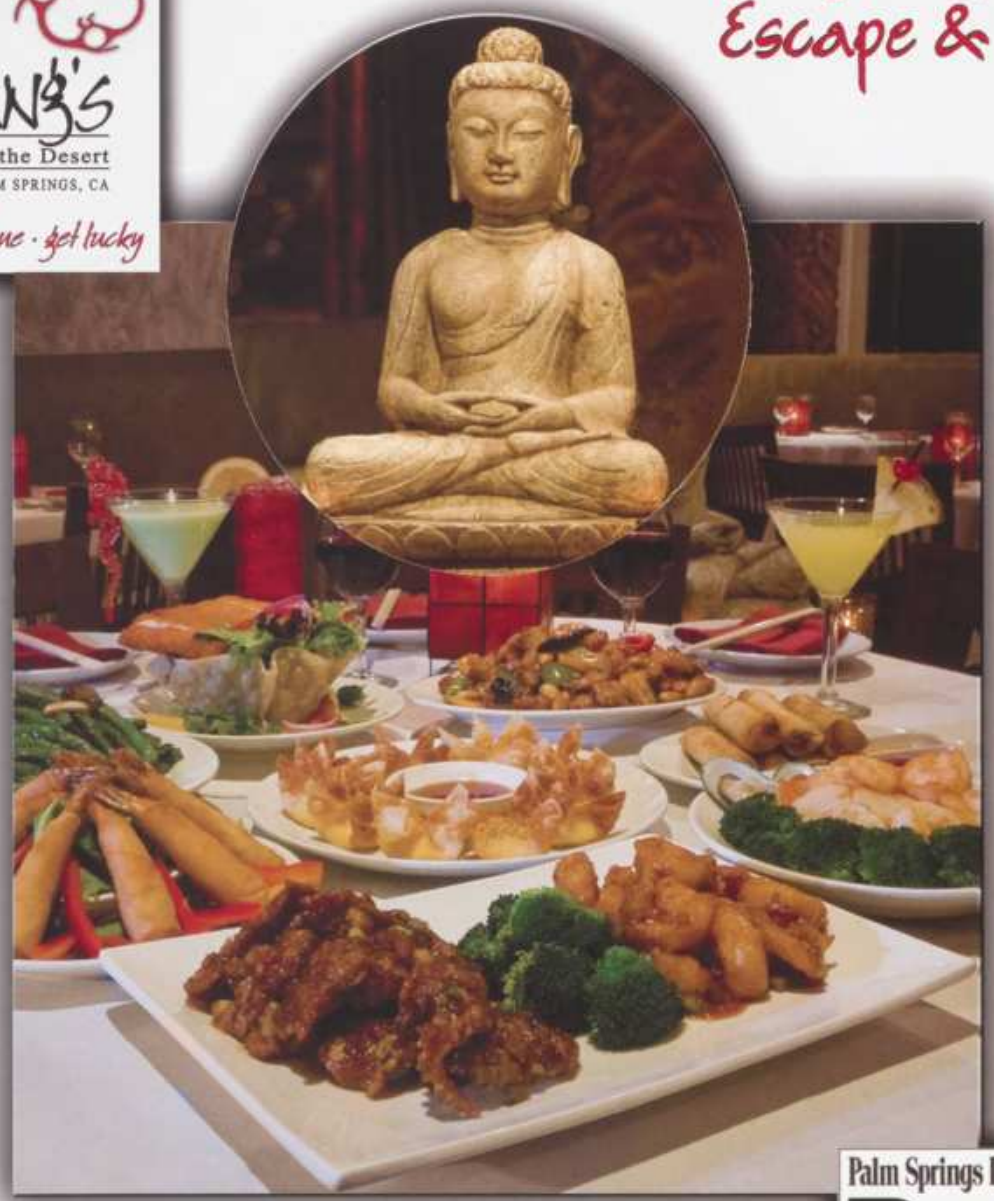
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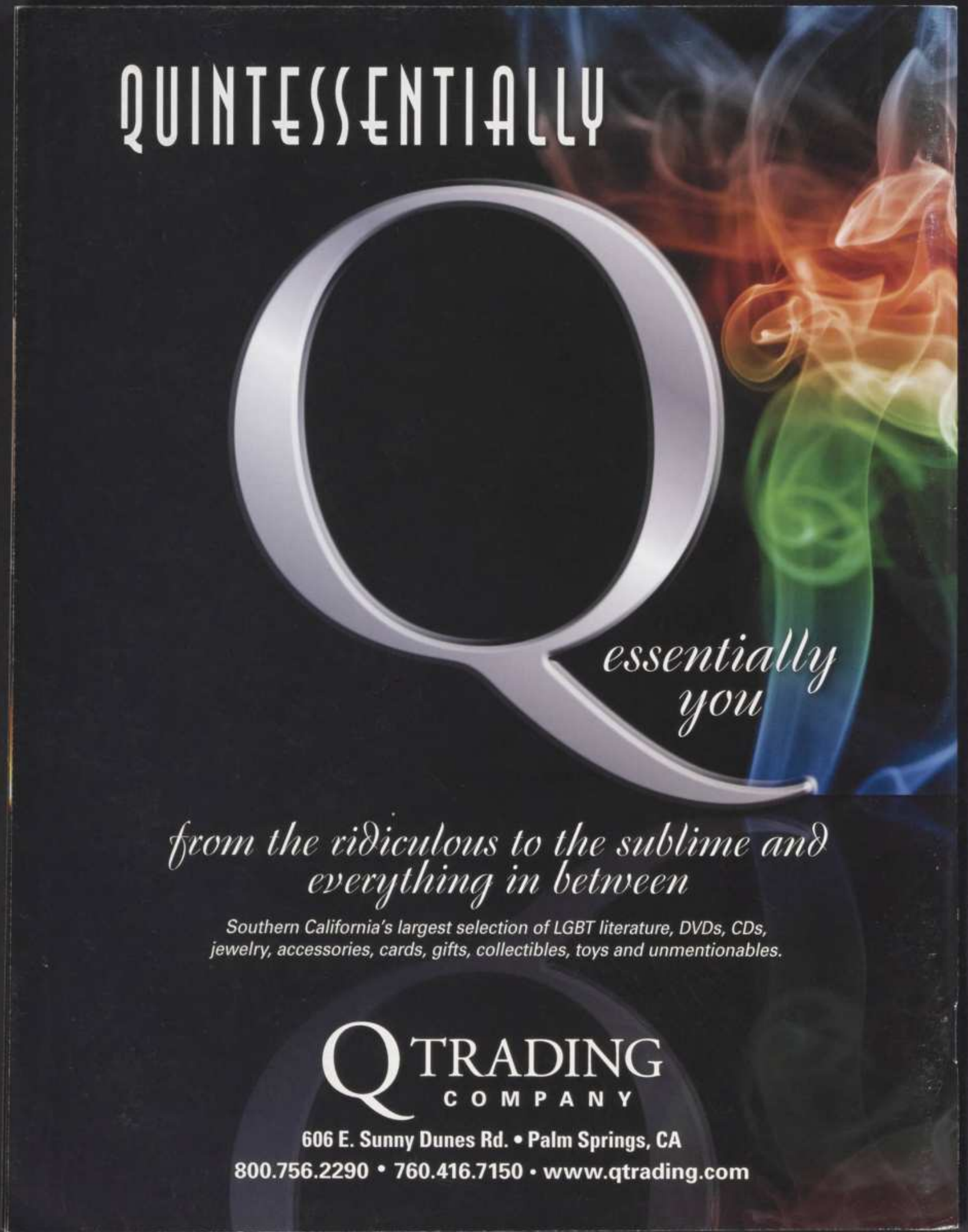
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