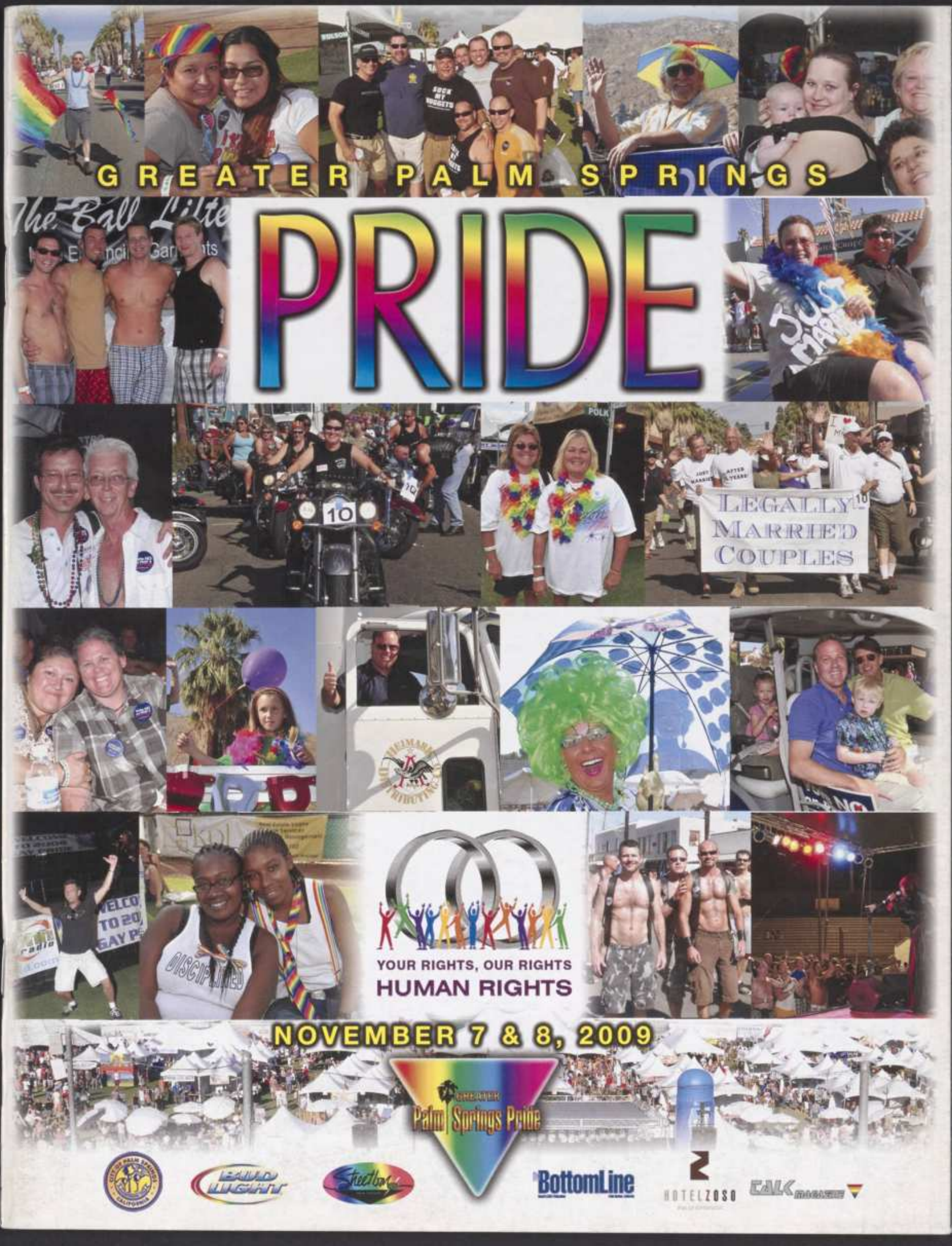

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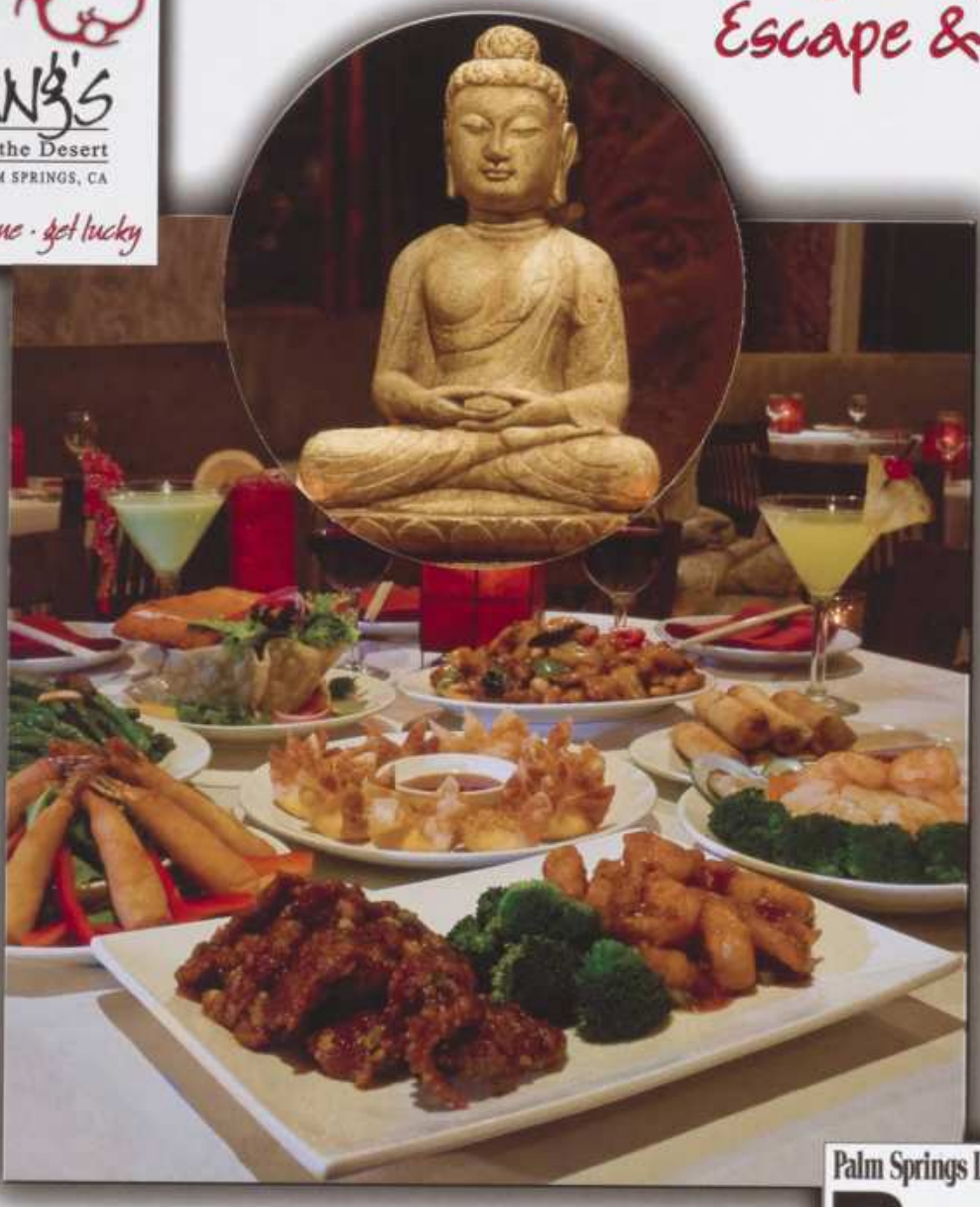
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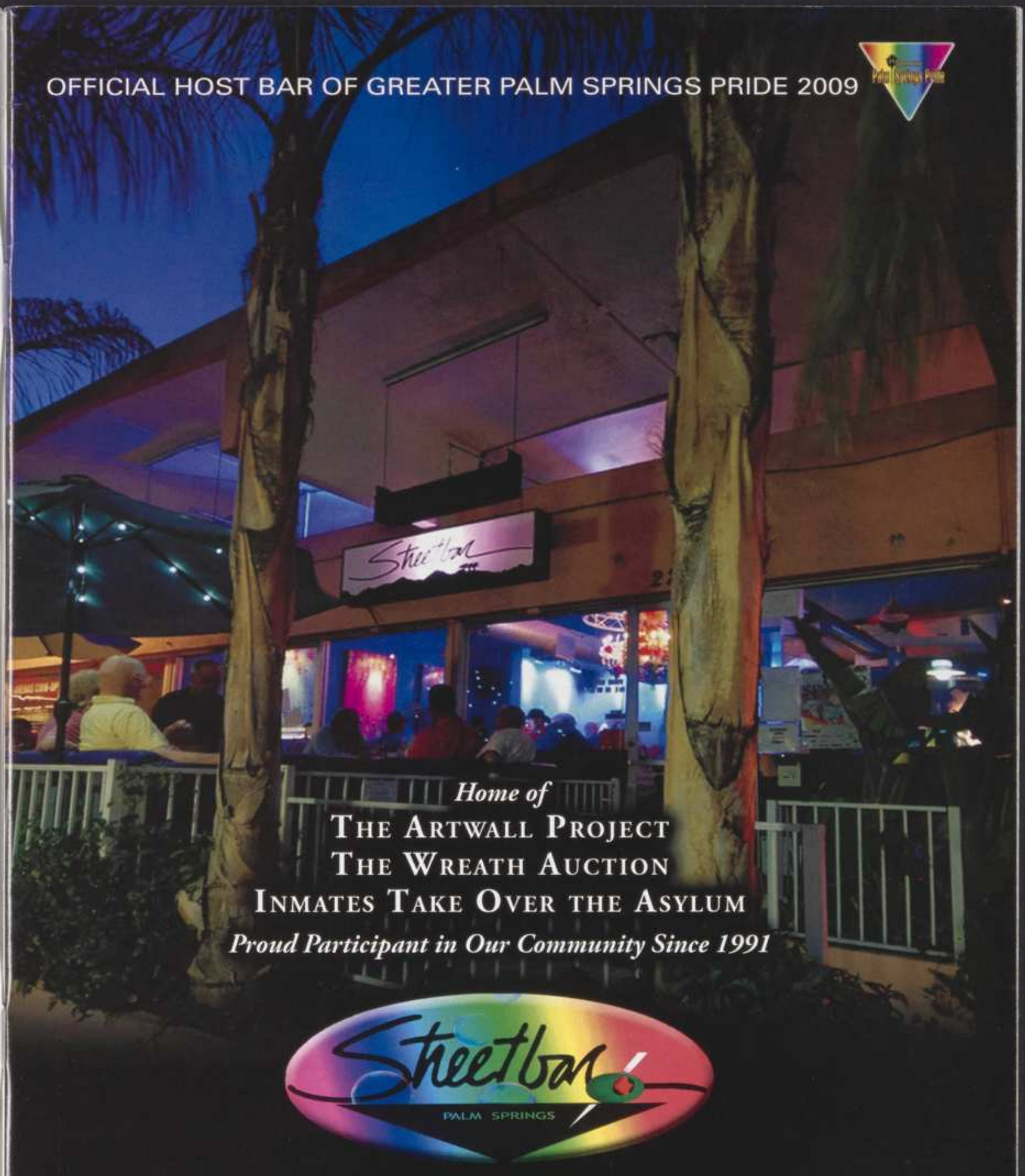
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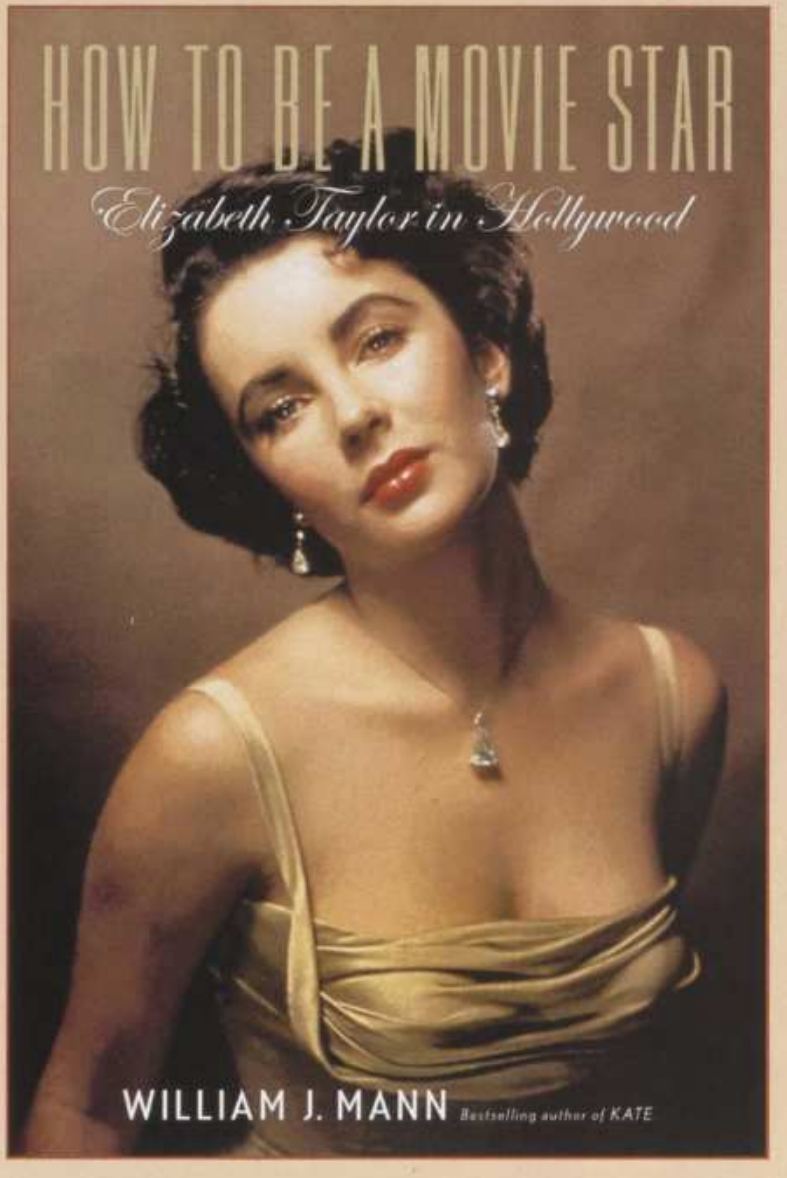
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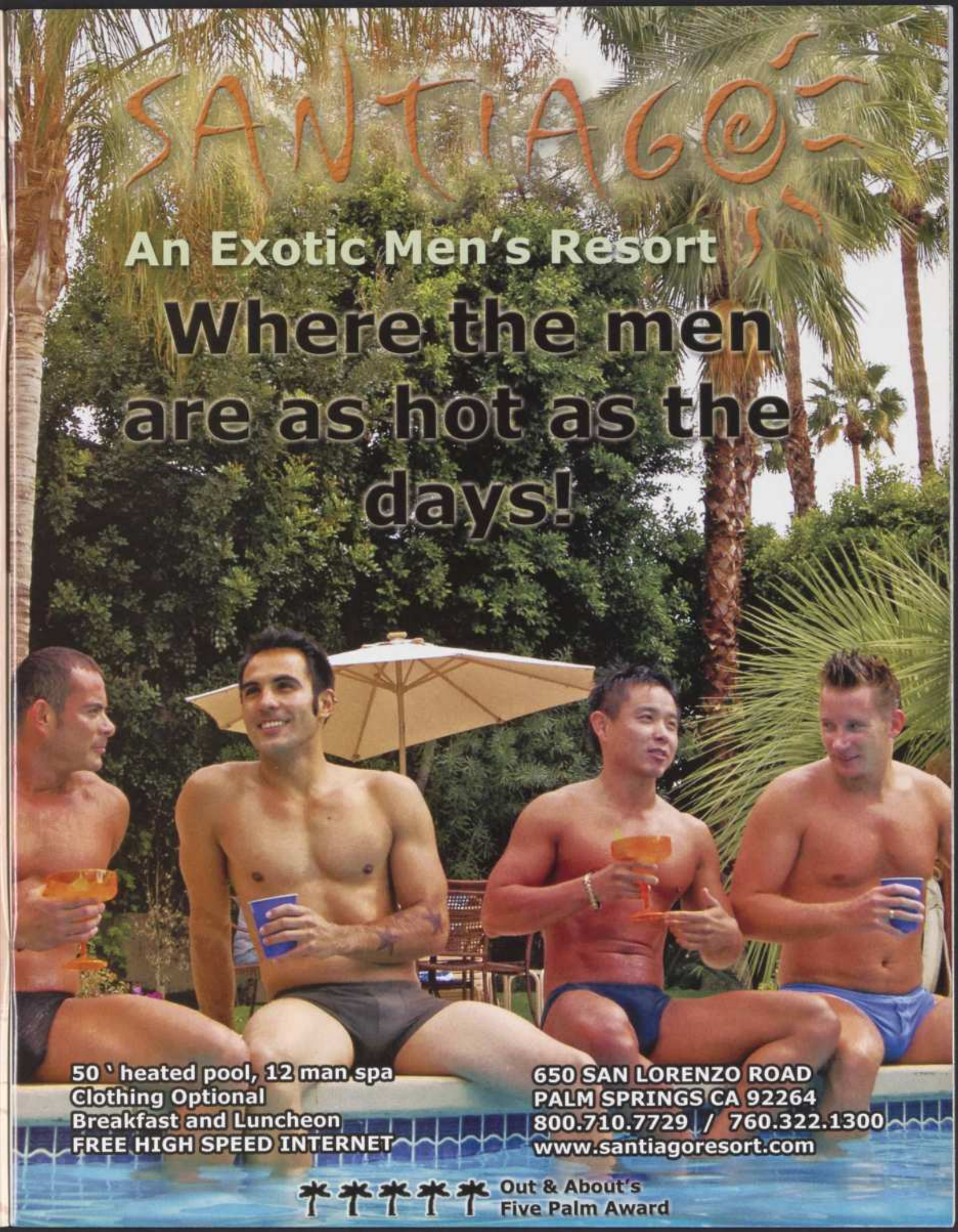
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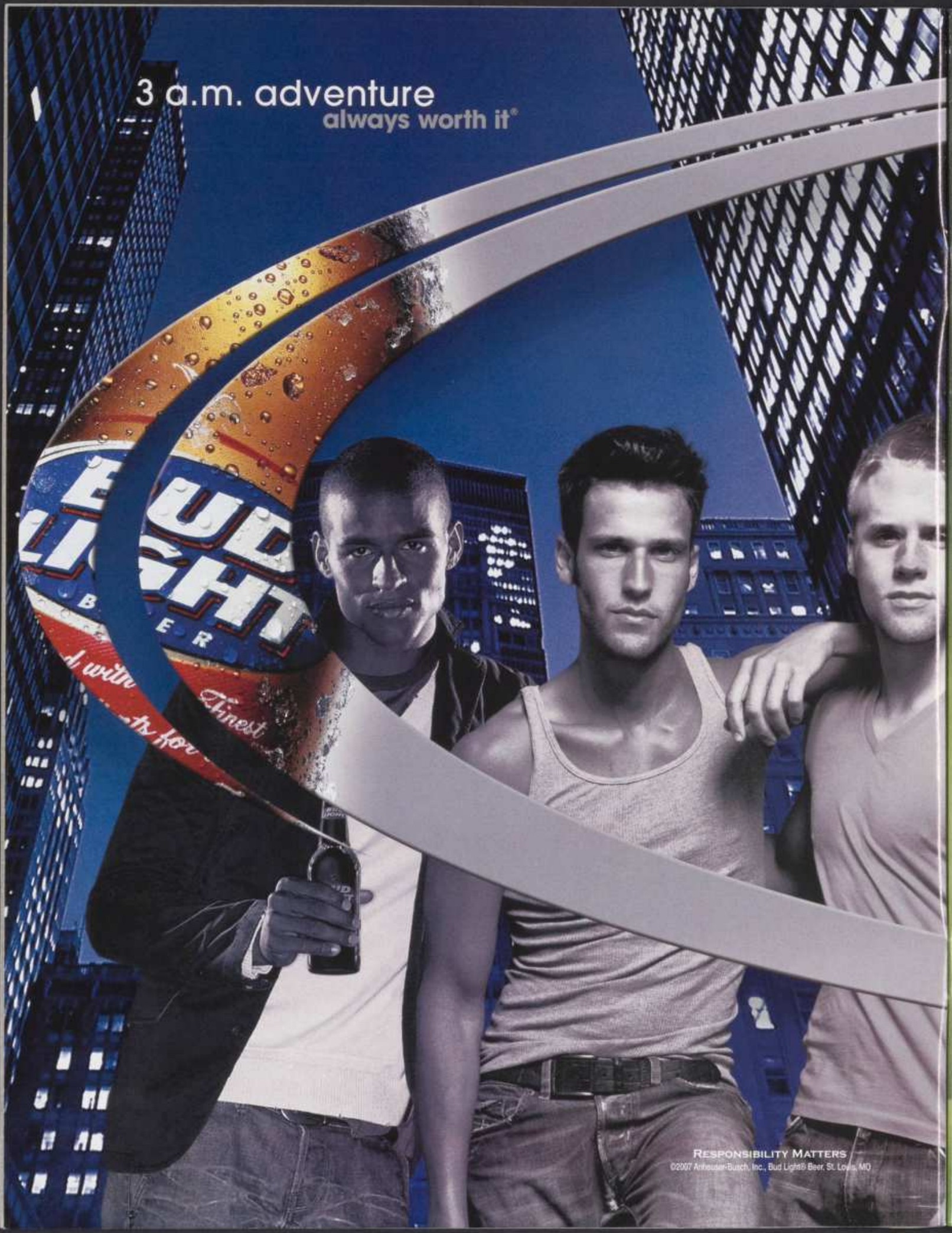


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Welcome to the Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival and Parade, 2009!

We want to thank you for being here and supporting us by your participation, whatever that might be. While the economic situation has touched each and every one of us, the City of Palm Springs and Greater Palm Springs Pride, Inc. has labored with all the members of our community to once again host the COMMUNITY event known as "Palm Springs Pride".



Our theme this year is "Your Rights, Our Rights, Human Rights" in recognition of the significant strides in the past year to advance individual rights, particularly gay marriage - and the course of events that brings us to the disappointing situation today. The parade and festival are a coming together of the many unique facets of the GLBT community and an incredible opportunity to promote self-expression, honor, diversity, and advance the cause of individual freedom for all.

This year legally married couples are invited to all join together in leading the parade and those wishing to be married will be the last parade entry. We trust that while celebrating with us you will party safely, and have a chance to enjoy all the talents, gifts, and resources our community and our beautiful valley have to offer. We also would like each of you to take a few moments to remember those who have brought us from Stonewall to the present. We still have a ways to go…

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Stephen P. Pougnet,
Mayor

As Mayor, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 23rd Palm Springs Pride Weekend being held this year on November 7th and 8th.

The theme of this year's Pride is "Your Rights, Our Rights – Human Rights" 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 23 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,

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California Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Celebrations

On behalf of the people of California, I extend my greetings to everyone who has come together for this year's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Celebrations.

No other state in our nation is as diverse as California, and I appreciate your efforts to not only celebrate this diversity, but also to promote greater understanding and tolerance in your community. By taking pride in who we are as individuals and as Californians, we can grow closer together and unlock the potential for unity and progress in our communities and state.

I commend all those who have been working hard so that every Californian is recognized and that every family is treated with respect. Ensuring that our state is a welcoming place for all, regardless of sexual orientation, is crucial, and my thanks go to everyone who has been working toward this important goal.

Please accept my best wishes for a meaningful and memorable celebration and every continued success.

Sincerely,

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Greetings to Greater Palm Springs Pride, Inc. and everyone who supports Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride throughout California!

I know this has been a tumultuous time for many LGBT families in California. Thousands of people exchanged rings and heartfelt vows. A few months later, a narrow majority of California voters restricted marriage rights again.

As your Secretary of State, I am proud to manage the California Domestic Partners Registry that has enabled more than 52,000 couples to benefit from many of the legal rights and responsibilities of marriage until true equality is restored in California.

Of course, domestic partnership is not marriage, either legally or emotionally. But it can be a key way for committed same-sex partners to protect themselves and their rights.

Until that day when all Californians can enjoy the constitutional right to marry, this year's Pride events remind us of the phenomenal progress California has already made toward acceptance, love, and equality.

I thank you all for your continued dedication to civil rights and I send my best wishes for this year's Pride celebrations.

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Dear Friends,

Congratulations on this year's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Celebration.

I applaud the LGBT community for its long-standing commitment to achieving equality, especially for pursuing marriage equality for all.

In 2008, the California Supreme Court concluded that the concept of "liberty" includes the right to a form the enduring relationship of marriage, and over 18,000 same-sex marriages were performed. Now Proposition 8 has passed, threatening these historic gains. As Attorney General, I have argued that the Supreme Court should strike down Proposition 8 because it unconstitutionally discriminates against same-sex couples and deprives them of the fundamental right to marry.

It is imperative that we join together in our common struggle. The LGBT community has been in the forefront of change. For that you deserve gratitude and continuing support. The work of transformation is arduous but brings with it the joy of great accomplishment. Keep it going!

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Cleve Jones Celebrity Grand Marshal

Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, was born in West Lafayette, Indiana in 1954.

Cleve's career as an activist began in San Francisco during the turbulent 1970s when he was befriended by pioneer gay rights leader Harvey Milk. Following Milk's election to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Cleve worked as a student intern in Milk's office while studying political science at San Francisco State University.

Harvey Milk and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone were assassinated on November 27, 1978, and Cleve dropped out of school to work in Sacramento as a legislative consultant to California State Assembly Speakers Leo T. McCarthy and Willie L. Brown, Jr.

In 1982, Cleve returned to San Francisco to work in the district office of State Assemblyman Art Agnos. He was elected to three terms on the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee and served on local state commissions for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention and the Mission Mental Health Community Advisory Board. One of the First to recognize the threat of AIDS, Cleve co-founded the San Francisco AIDS Foundation in 1983.

Cleve Jones conceived the idea of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at a candlelight memorial for Harvey Milk in 1985 and created the first quilt panel in honor of his close friend Marvin Feldman in 1987. Since then, the AIDS Memorial Quilt has grown to become the world's largest community arts project, memorializing the lives of over 80,000 Americans killed by AIDS. Independent affiliates of the NAMES Project are currently operating in 50 countries around the world, including Canada, South Africa, France, Holland, Spain, Brazil, Mexico, Cuba, Australia, Taiwan and Russia.



A dynamic and inspiring public speaker, Cleve travels extensively throughout the United States and around the world, lecturing at high schools, colleges and universities. He has met with heads of state, including Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton and former South African President Nelson Mandela.

In 1989, Cleve was awarded Honorary Doctorates from Haverford College and the Starr King School for the Ministry. He has also received numerous awards from AIDS and gay rights organizations, religious conferences, state and national health associations the legislatures of California, Indiana and Massachusetts.

Cleve Jones has served as a member of the International Advisory Board of the Harvard AIDS Institute, the National Board of Governors of Project Inform and the Board of Directors of the Foundation for AIDS and Immune Research. His best-selling memoir, *Stitching a Revolution*, was published by HarperCollins in April 2000. Cleve's work has been featured on 60 Minutes, Nightline, Charlie Rose, Good Morning America, Oprah, National Public Radio and many other television and radio programs.

Cleve was portrayed by actor Emile Hirsch in the 2008 film, MILK.

Andy Linsky Community Grand Marshal

Andy traces his roots in social justice involvement back to his years as a teenager in his native Los Angeles, where he served as President of the local chapter of the Youth Group of the NAACP. He credits his parents for sparking and encouraging his passion and commitment to community that he still feels today.

Andy's move to Palm Springs in April, 1989 began the second chapter in his involvement with community. This time, as an out and proud Gay man since 1974, he dedicated his time and resources almost exclusively to HIV/AIDS and GLBT causes.



Locally, he served for 14 years on the Board of Directors of Desert AIDS Project (1990-2004). During his four years as President DAP moved to its current campus at Vista Chino and Sunrise. When DAP bought the building shortly thereafter, Andy & his brother Mark "purchased" the Annex in memory of their parents, Morris & Lila Linsky. The Annex continues to this day to offer food and supplemental items to DAP's clients.

In 2002 Andy was elected to the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign, America's largest civil rights organization working for LGBT equality. And in 2008 he was elected to the HRC Foundation Board of Directors, where he proudly continues to represent the greater Palm Springs community on HRC's road map to full equality.

Most recently Andy was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Palm Springs Modernism Committee. As a local Realtor for 17 years specializing in architectural properties, his work to help identify, preserve and honor some of the desert's finest structures is a perfect fit.

Over his two decades in the Coachella Valley Andy has been a Major Donor to AIDS Assistance Program, Gay Associated Youth, LAMBDA Legal, In The Life, Desert Pride Center, in addition to Well In The Desert, Palm Springs International Film Festival and Cinema Diverse, the LGBT Film Festival of the Palm Springs Cultural Foundation.

Andy is honored to be the Community Grand Marshall for Palm Springs Pride 2009 and looks upon this moment as a renewal of his vow to leave a better world for future generations of LGBT people, just as he benefited from those before him.

Boots In Squares Organization of the Year

Coachella Valley's only GLBT square dance club, celebrates its fifteenth year this year, and is proud to be honored as Club of the Year by Greater Palm Springs Pride, 2009. Our first meetings were held at the J. C. Frey Building in Sunrise Park at a time when non-gay clubs were not welcoming same-sex couples. In 1994, Vinnie Stoppia, who had been active with the Times Squares, a popular GLBT club in New York City, began teaching us with instructional tapes. That same year, Cameron Smith suggested the name Boots and Squares, which morphed to Boots In Squares, and we were on our way. The following year, we were admitted to the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC) at their convention in Chicago.

Our dance locations have been varied, from a brief time in a soup kitchen on Industrial Road, then the Tool Shed annex, where our first graduation from mainstream (first level) took place, to the Pavilion Dance Studio in Sunrise Park, to the Cathedral City Community Center, and finally to our present location at the Community Center at Tierra del Sol in Cathedral City.

In 1999, we engaged our first professional caller, Scot Byars. We joined a non-gay group, the Circle O's, for the second level class, taught by Carrie Masters. Our next professional caller was Jim Smith, followed for seven fabulous years by Cliff Simpson, nationally-known caller for the Desert Roadrunners of Palm Desert. The role of Cliff and his wife Peggy, Greater Palm Springs Pride Volunteers of the Year, 2009, cannot be overstated. Our present caller/teacher is Terri Sherrer of Desert Hot Springs.

At the encouragement of non-gay clubs, we joined the Cow Counties Hoedown Association, which includes square and round dance groups throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, and the eastern part of Los Angeles County. We appeared in our first Greater Palm Springs Gay Pride parade in 1997, and continue to enjoy working with the Pride team. Our new class begins Monday evening, November, 9, 2009, three weeks open enrollment. Everyone is welcome, and no partner is necessary. For more information, see www.bootsinsquares.com, or email us at bootsinsquares@yahoo.com. Square 'em up! Yellow rock! (Hugs)

Cliff & Peggy Simpson

Volunteer Couple of the Year



Originally from Florida, Cliff joined the United States Marine Corps as a Private and retired as a Major. He worked as a Senior Internal Auditor and Clerk of the Court of the Desert Judicial District of Riverside County for nine years.

Cliff learned to Square Dance as a young man and later became interested in the choreography and calling. During his military service, he combined both when possible. Wherever he was stationed, he would call for various clus including overseas. Since his retirement, Cliff has made Square Dance Calling his full time fun career.

Cliff met his wife, Peggy, at a square dance he was calling in Vista, California. They have been married for 16 years. Peggy loves to square dance and to help Cliff with the classes he has taught over those years.

Peggy was originally from Colorado, moving to California in 1962. She has five children and during their formative years, was very involved with their schooling and activities with a lot of volunteering. Peggy retired from real estate sales when she married Cliff. Together, they have seven children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Cliff has had the pleasure of teaching and calling for the "Palm Springs Boots n Squares," a gay and lesbian square dance club, for seven and one-half years. Peggy's outgoing personality led to their becoming involved with the Greater Palm Springs Pride Festival. They look forward to many years ahead helping in whatever way they can. Be sure to say "Hi" when you buy your entry ticket at the stadium.

It has really been a pleasure being involved with the local gay community and count many of them among our best friends.

Robert Field & Bernie Castro

Male Inspirational Couple of the Year



Bernie and Bob met in March, 1954, in San Francisco and soon thereafter set up housekeeping together. Bob had sailed as a radio operator in the Merchant marine, had attended the University of Minnesota and had worked in Japan as a civilian employee of the Army of Occupation. But his nomadic life was about to be behind him.

Bernie had attended UC Berkeley after service in the US Navy during World War II. Over the years he would wear many hats: owner of a TV repair shop, sales engineer for Sylvania, proprietor of a bath-house, remodeler of homes and stores, and finally, a paralegal.

Bob attended Golden Gate University in San Francisco and was admitted to the California Bar in January 1961. He practiced law in San Jose, Los Angeles and, since 1994, in Palm Springs.

Once in Palm Springs, both Bernie and Bob became active in Prime Timers of the Desert. Bob served as treasurer for a two year period in the mid-90s. Bernie, almost singlehandedly, designed and built a Prime Timers float, taking a prize for that effort.

For several years, Bob did volunteer work for Desert AIDS Project, handling bankruptcies, wills and powers of attorney.

Over the years since 1994, Bob, with Bernie as his paralegal, has specialized in estate planning, wills, living trusts and probate.

As Executor of an estate which will close in the early fall, Bob will be writing a sizeable check to the Golden Rainbow Senior Center.

They always, when assisting in an estate plan, explore whether the client might want to make a gift to one or more of the various "community" charities: AIDS Assistance Program, Desert AIDS Project, Desert Pride Center, Rainbow Foundation and Golden Rainbow Senior Center.

Neither has any immediate plan of retirement.

Diane Tremblay & Elaine Weiner

Female Inspirational Couple of the Year

When we're young dating the wrong people seems like a "rite of passage". People that appear perfectly sane when you've had a few drinks can turn out to be completely off the wall in the light of day. And their weird habits, idiosyncrasies and obsessions begin to emerge and drive you around the bend, much like those old veggies rotting in the fridge or a stray hair on your dinner plate. But, being human, we continue to hope-against-hope and continue dating. Trusting that one glorious day the sun will shine, birds will sing, clouds will part and there they'll be, our one & only true love.



In 1972, after traveling halfway around the world, we found each other. When we looked into each others eyes, the clouds parted, bells went off, the sun exploded and we knew we'd better "fasten our seatbelts, we were in for the ride of a lifetime." As for how she felt about commitment, that story had many twists and turns. She was very smart and cautious. I fully expected her to quiz me with questions like...

- Are you prepared to make a commitment that I will be the only one you will ever sleep with for the rest of your life?
- How often do you take a shower?
- Do you understand that a good relationship requires communication, empathy, sacrifice and compromise?
- How long do you leave you Chinese food leftovers in the fridge?

We enjoyed several months of dating while living and traveling throughout Europe. I'm certain, if anyone had looked closely, they might have seen beads of sweat rolling down our foreheads (and a hint of my commitment-paralysis disorder). But instead, we lovingly squeezed hands and moved toward creating a wonderful life together.

Now, after 37 incredible years of respect, love, friendship, trust, and adventure travel we know just how blessed we are. And, oh, have we had adventures! We...

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...Went cross country skiing in Germany. Fell in love with the art and treasures of Venice, Florence and Rome. Enjoyed the gastronomic treats of Paris, Provence and the French Riviera. Tossed our money away at the casino in Monte Carlo. Took a horse drawn sleigh ride in the snow-covered mountains of Austria. Enjoyed the beauty of Belgium. Thrilled to the pleasures of winter in Switzerland. Watched bull fights in Spain. Shopped in Gibraltar. Danced the night away in Greece. Were charmed by Luxembourg. Loved the tulips of the Netherlands. Enjoyed sweet Port in Portugal.

...Traveled through Asia, enjoying the delights and wonders of China, Vietnam, Thailand, and Singapore. Visited the enchanting lands down under, including New Zealand, Tasmania & Australia, and Tahiti.

...Enjoyed delightful trips across the USA, and in Canada, Mexico, Panama, Belize & Costa Rica.

...Sailed the high seas on more than a dozen romantic cruises.

Between adventures, we enjoy our friends around the world, our home in beautiful Palm Springs and doing good works! As founders and working members of the board for Desert Women for Equality (DWE), we support the women of our valley by offering the "We Care" Free Mammogram Program to women that are uninsured or underinsured.

What does the future hold as our hair gradually turns from golden brown to salt and pepper? We know we will always be involved in projects that make our community a better place to live. And we will be with the DWE "We Care" Free mammogram program until all Coachella Valley women have unencumbered access to mammograms.

We will continue to enjoy theatre, love our dear friends and, of course travel to satisfy our insatiable curiosity & wanderlust. We'll continue learning about ancient history and cultures. Drink wonderful wine and savor new exotic foods.

But, we must tell you the truth! There continues to be a major problem in our lives. One that we can't seem to overcome because it's so overpowering...I still seem to leave those damn containers of leftover Chinese food in the fridge way too long.

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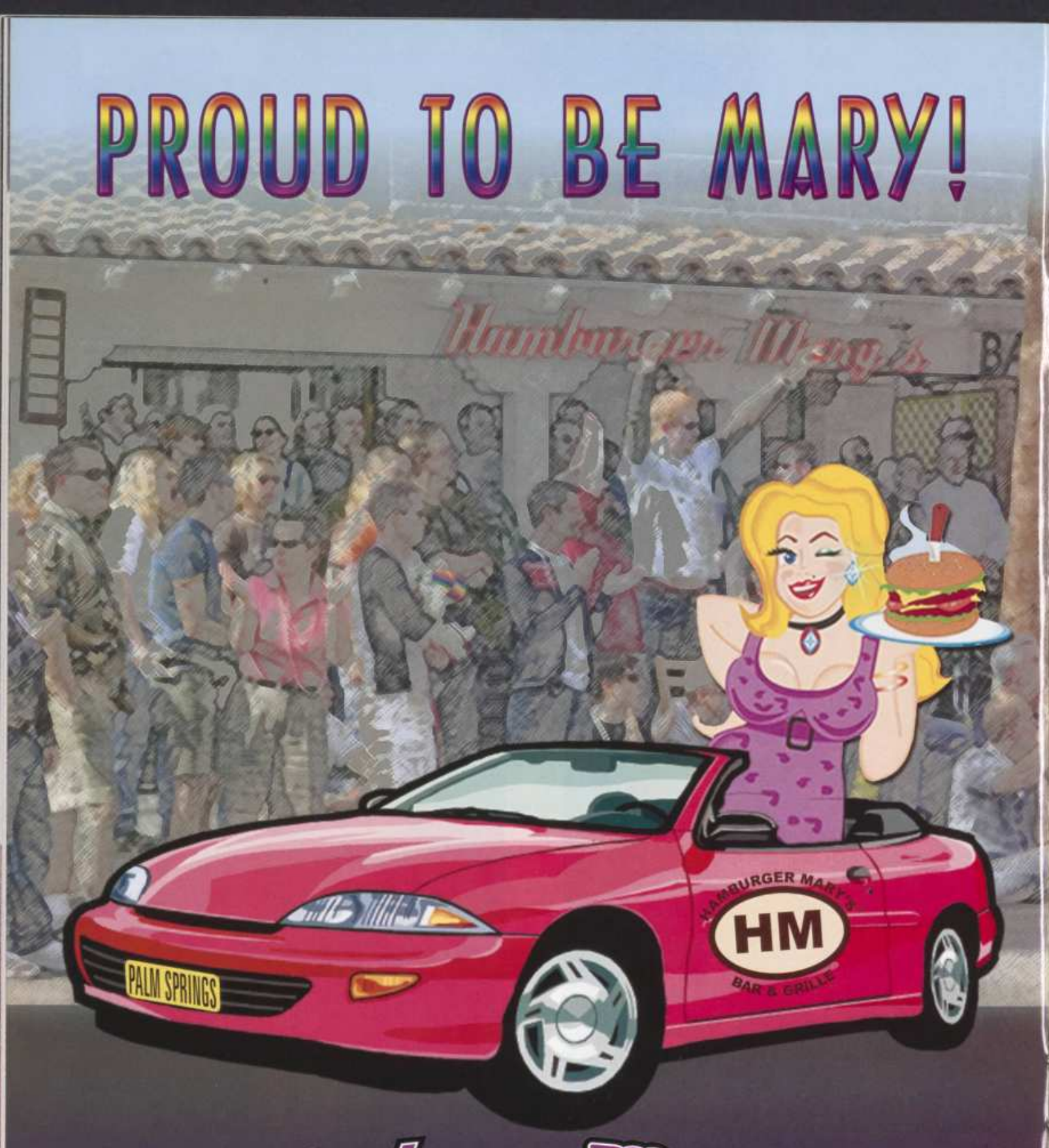
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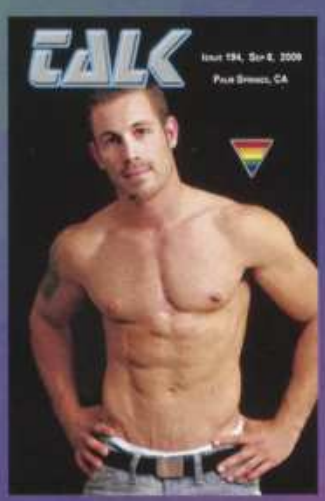
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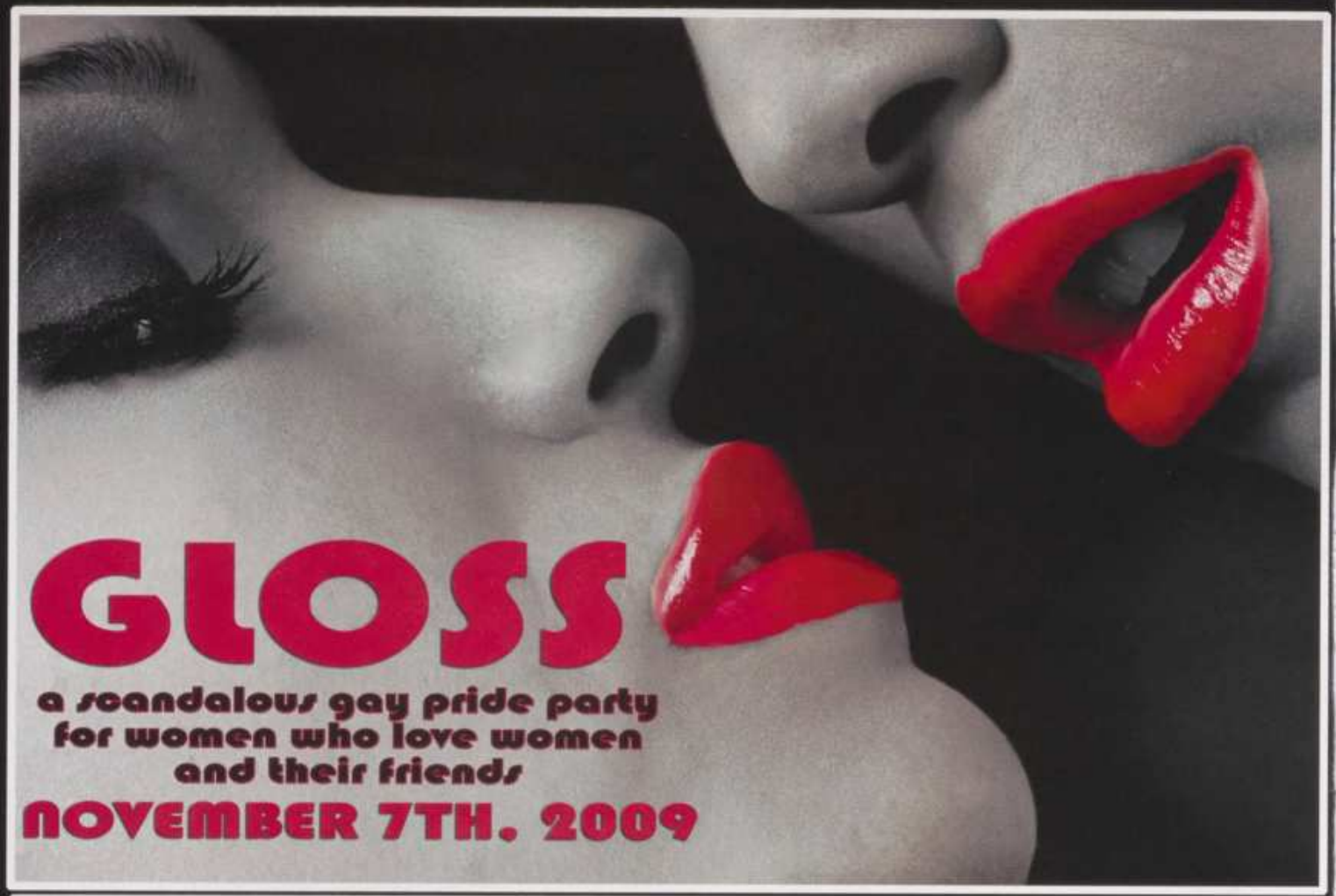
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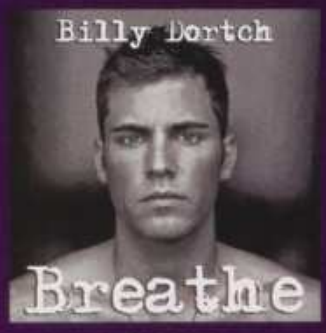
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12:05 pm - Boots In Squares (Demonstration)
12:30 pm - TBA
1:00 pm - Andre Aldrich
1:30 pm - Loa Dance Troupe
2:00 pm - Go Ask Alice
2:30 pm - Kim Kuzma
3:00 pm - Phil Putnam
3:30 pm - TBA
4:00 pm - Erika Jayne
4:30 pm - TBA
5:00 pm - Mona Caywood
6:00 pm - SD Drag Kings
6:30 pm - TBA
7:00 pm - TBA
7:30 pm - TBA

Sunday, November 8

1:00 pm - Mona Caywood (National Anthem)
1:30 pm - Boots In Squares (Demonstration)
2:00 pm - Mona Caywood
2:30 pm - Kim Kuzma
3:00 pm - Phil Putnam
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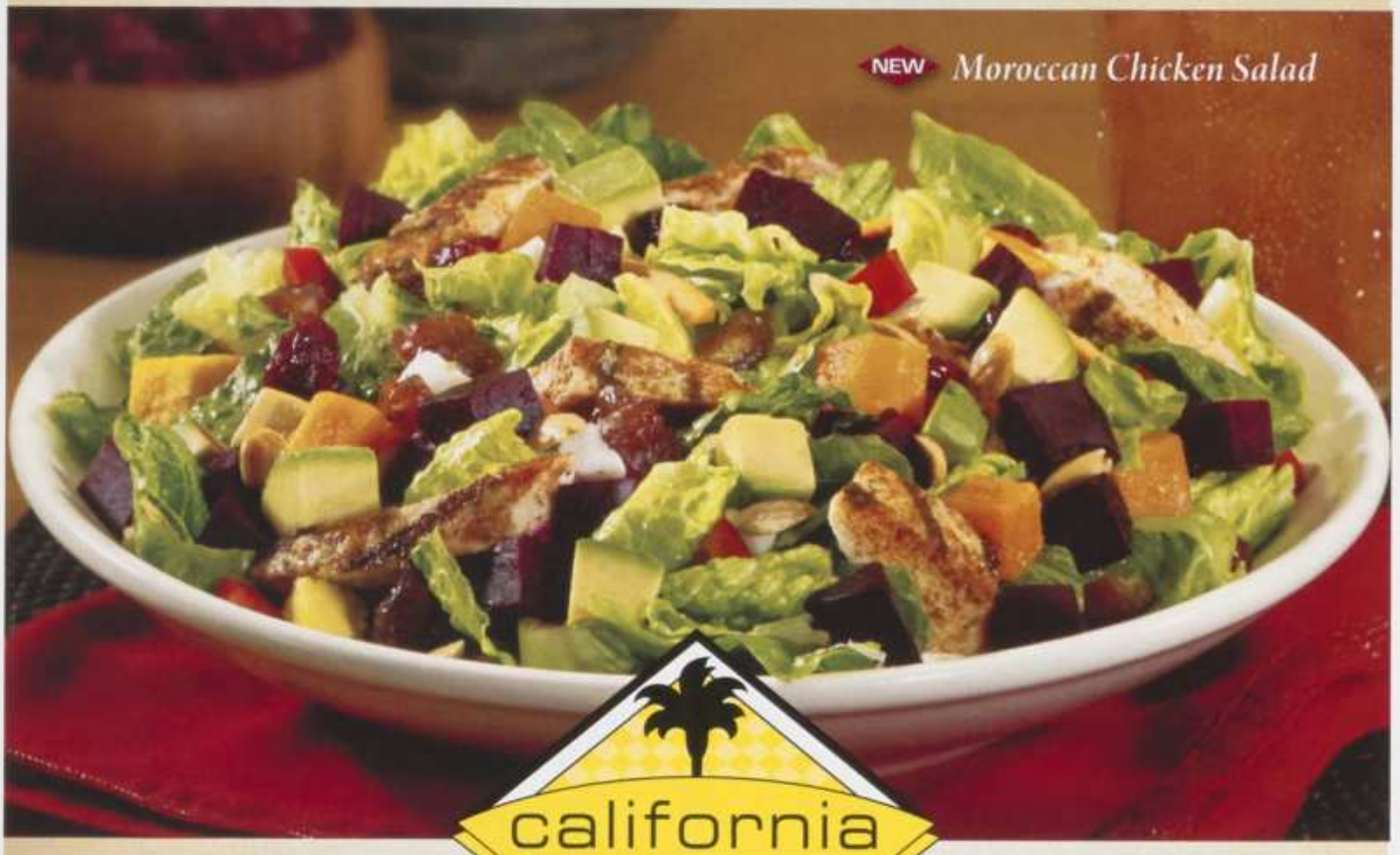
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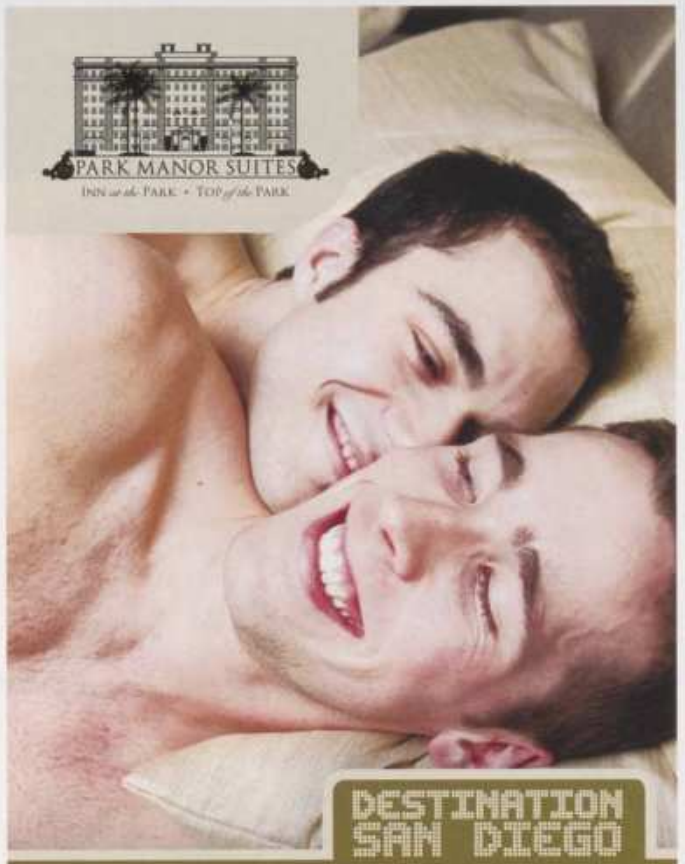
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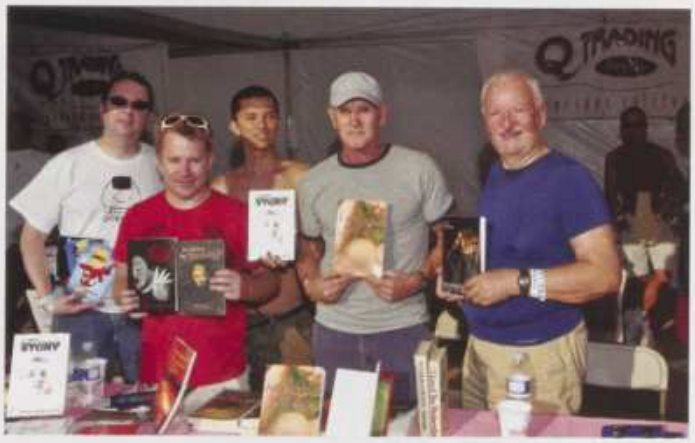


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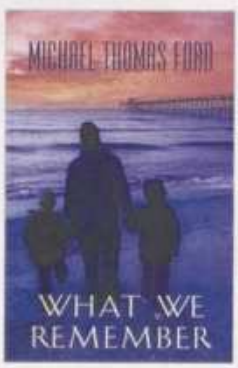
Thanks to the continued support of the board of Greater Palm Springs Pride, we are privileged to feature GLBT writers at the Author's Village for the ninth year. Celebrating the diversity of our community and the tremendous creativity of our writers, we recognize how important it is to support their work. It is a challenging time for publishing. The pressure to achieve profits has caused many publishers to shrink their lists and for some to cease publishing altogether. The same pressures of our economy make it harder for GLBT bookstores to continue in business. This makes it all the more important to recognize and support those who do use their creative energies to tell their stories.



William J. Mann



We are proud to feature **William J. Mann** on Sunday at 1:30PM. Bill has two wonderful new books: a fictional work ***Object of Desire*** and a new biography of Liz Taylor: ***How To Be A Movie Star: Elizabeth Taylor In Hollywood***. Both are excellent reads and this is an event not to miss.



Michael Thomas Ford will be signing copies of his new novel ***What We Remember*** on Saturday and Sunday at 2PM. All of his books are both heartwarming and very funny and will be available at the festival.

Alan Chin whose novel ***Island Song*** has been receiving wide praise and **Kage Alan** whose novels include ***Andy Stevenson vs. The Lord of the Loins*** and are filled with intensity and wit will be signing their books.



Kage Alan

Authors' Village





Noted local leatherman, **Alex Ironrod** will be signing copies of this newest novel in the *Submission and Domination series*. His provocative writing and steamy stories are sure to please.

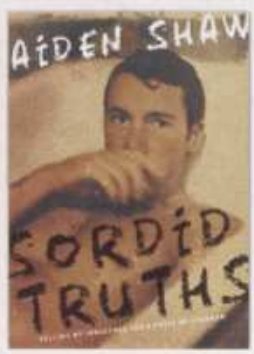
Daddy, Can I Borrow Your Purse? by **Steven Hodges and Larry Gibson** will be featured throughout the festival.

With his recently published second book, ***At Least in the City Someone Would Hear Me Scream***, **Wade Rouse** has continued to entertain us with wonderful memories. Wade will be signing books on Sunday at 2:30pm.

Direct from London, adult industy star **Aiden Shaw** will be with us to celebrate the release of his new book ***Sordid Truths: Selling My Innocence For A Taste of Stardom***. Shaw has already been recognized for his fine writing in his books ***My Undoing*** and ***Brutal***. This is sure to be an entertaining and provocative read. Saturday and Sunday at 2 PM.



Aiden Shaw



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 club. Above all, give thanks for the ranks of terrific GLBT authors who enrich our lives.

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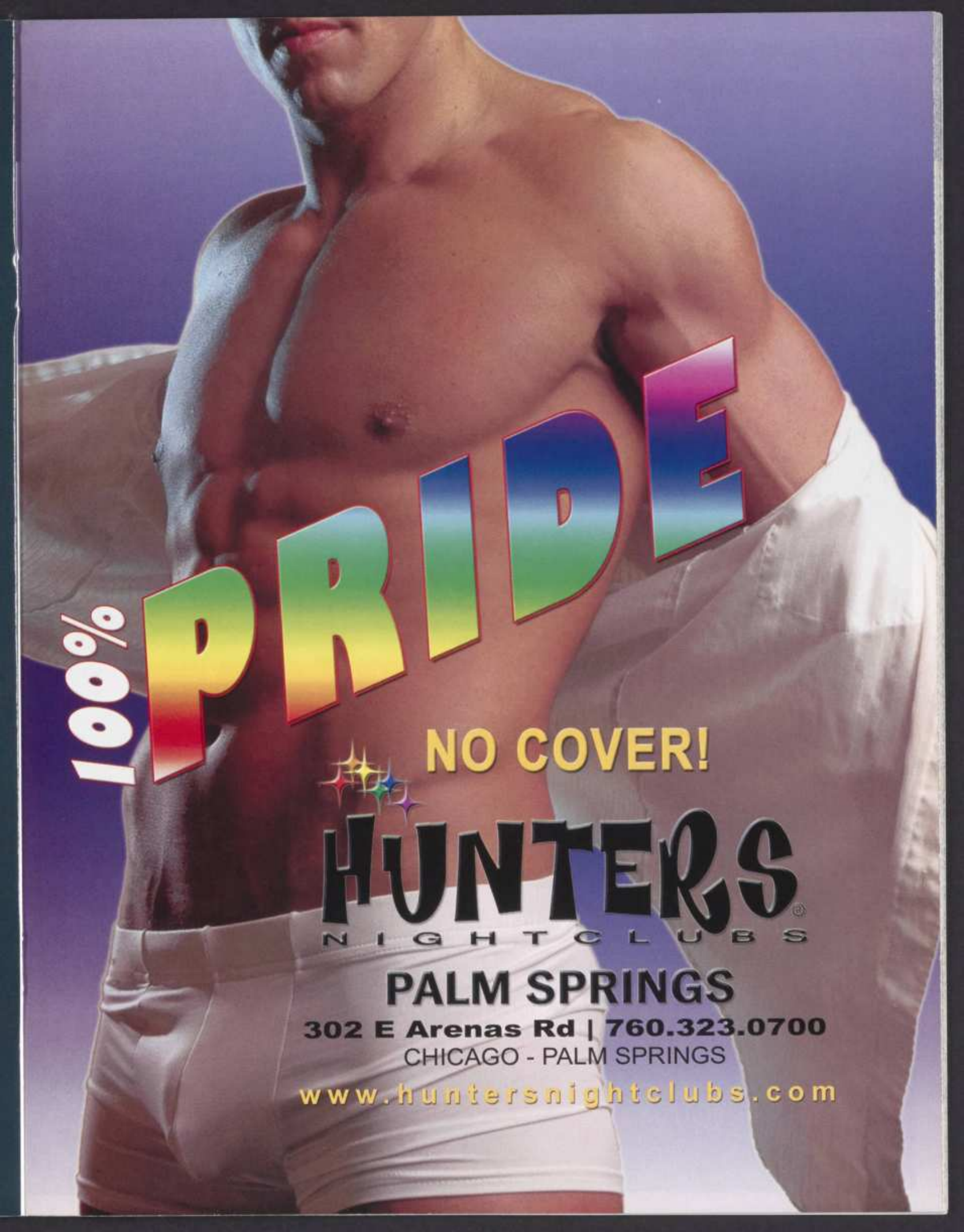
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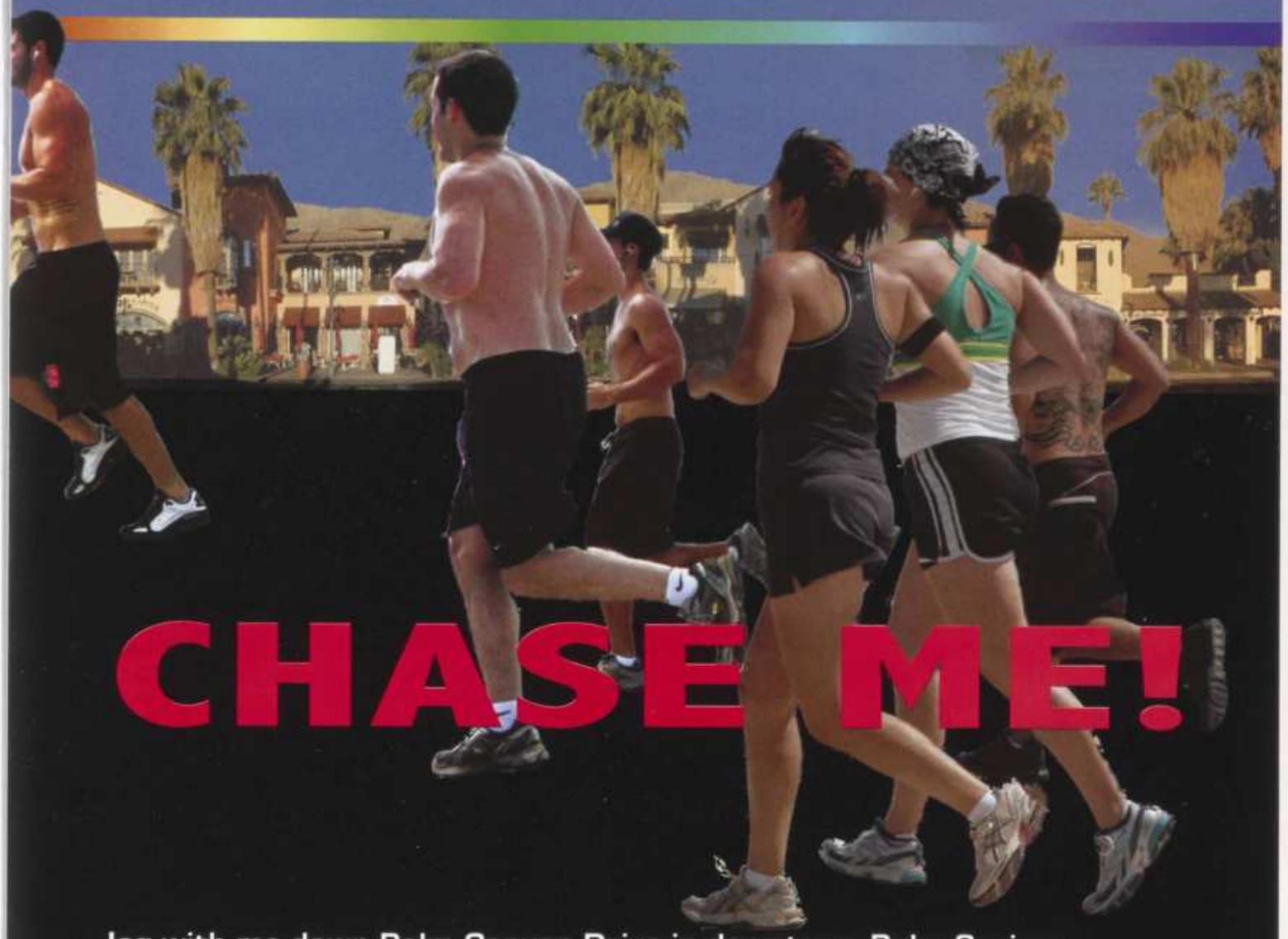
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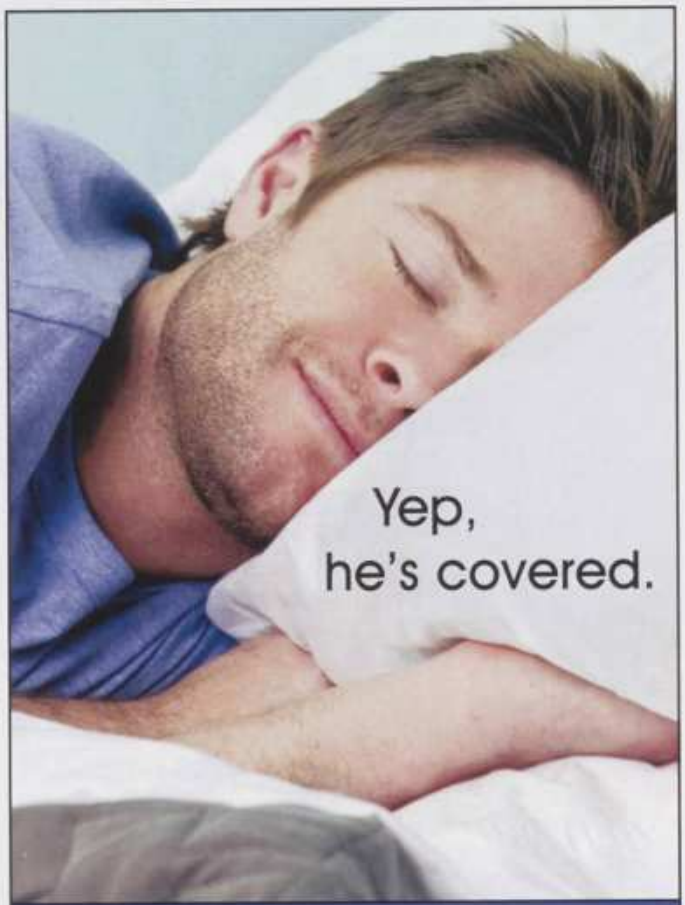
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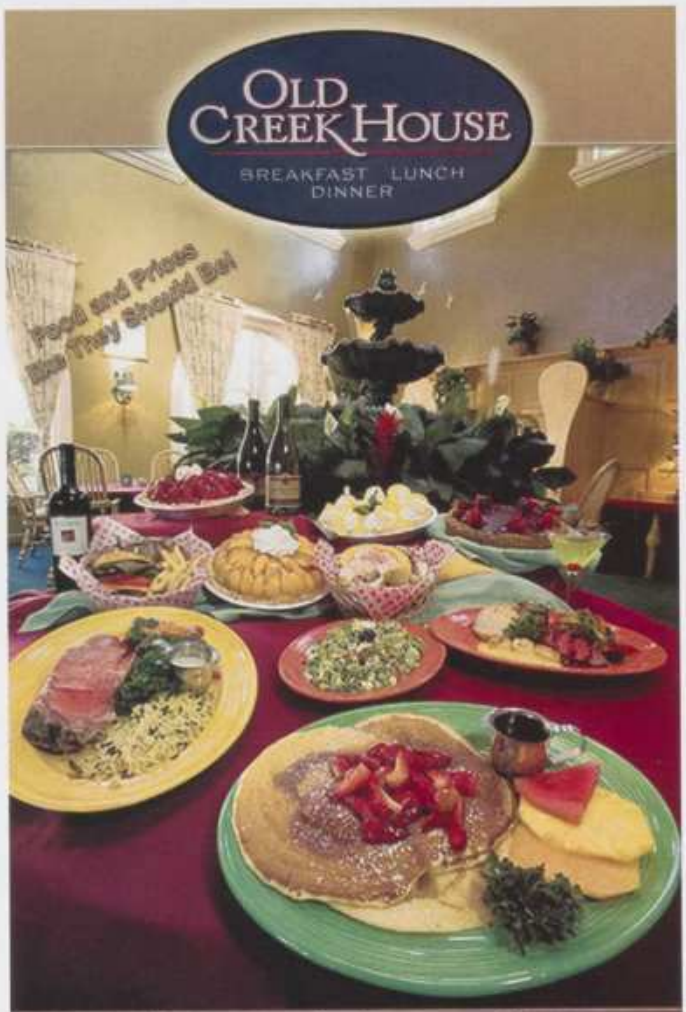
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Pride is an opportunity for us to both celebrate the cultural richness of our community as well as take pride and ownership of our fight to gain full equality. This year's Palm Springs Pride theme, "Your rights, Our Rights, Human Rights," underscores the need to continue working together to increase Californians' support for LGBT civil rights, including the freedom to marry. Unity in our common struggle for equal rights is vital to defeating our opponents' efforts to strip away the expansive legal protections we've worked so hard to gain here in California over the past 11 years, and to secure true equality for our entire community.

Last year was especially difficult as voters eliminated the freedom to marry, and the California Supreme Court upheld the unjust marriage ban earlier this year, leaving all of us broken hearted. But this year we've also made some incredible gains. Equality California passed a record 11 pieces of legislation to ensure the well being of LGBT Californians.

We are also doing incredible marriage equality work. Since launching "Win Marriage Back: Make It Real!," a robust on-the-ground field campaign in May, Equality California has added 18 regional field managers across the state in the Coachella Valley, San Diego, the Inland Empire, Orange County, Los Angeles, Central Valley, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Sacramento, and we've opened nine offices so far, including one right here in Palm Springs. We've knocked on more than 500,000 doors and have had over 500,000 conversations at people's homes, on the street, at street festivals and on the phone to persuade Californians, to build our core group of volunteers for the fight ahead, and to really listen to the reasons that people cite for their reluctance to support the freedom to marry. We've recruited more than 19,000 new volunteers.

We've learned that sharing our stories of love, commitment, and compassion, is the key to helping people understand why it is important for all Californians to have equal marriage rights. As we continue talking to friends, family and neighbors, we also know we cannot win without the full support of the LGBT community and local community leaders who are essential to helping us change hearts and minds.

We know that your story, your voice, and your contribution have the power to help us make real gains. We hope that you join Equality California in our effort to restore the freedom to marry and help us build a true state of equality for all Californians.

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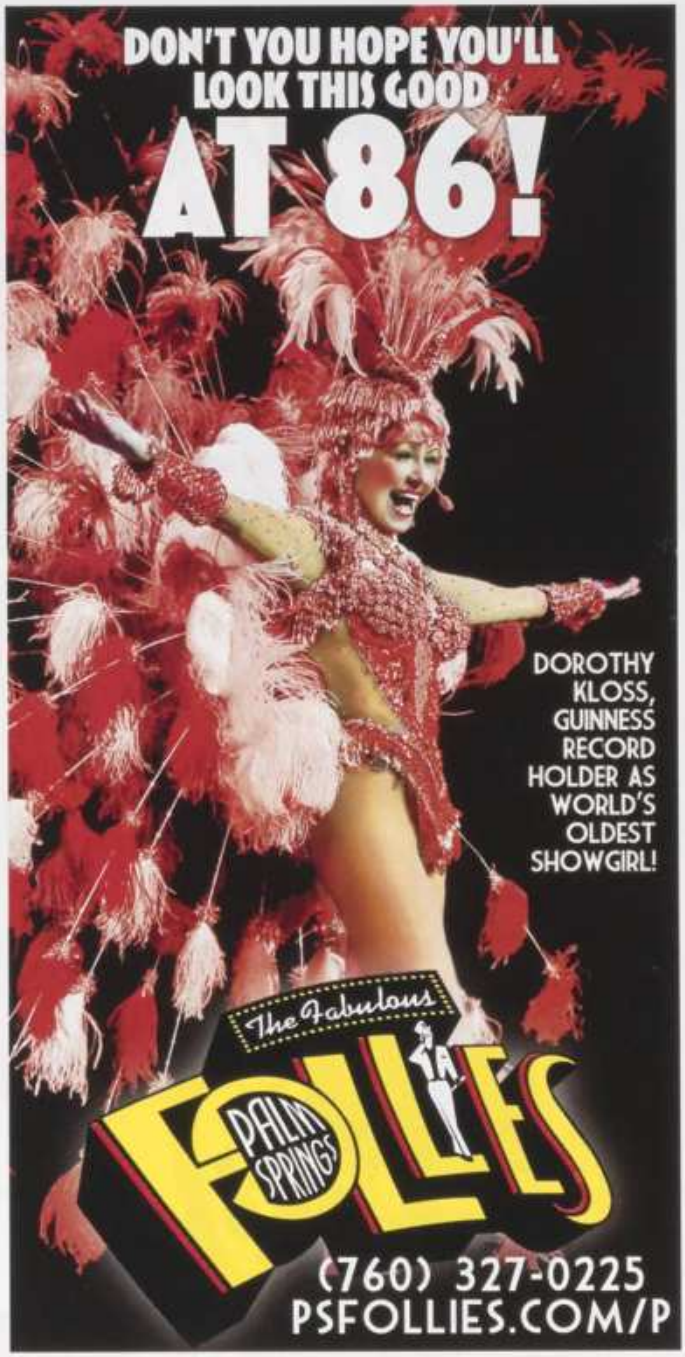
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The movement has three main premises: that people should be proud of their sexual preference and gender identity, that sexual diversity is a gift, and that sexual orientation and gender identity are inherent and cannot be intentionally altered.

Think of all the gay pride symbols that have evolved over the years. The word Lambda, which the ancient Greek Spartans believed meant unity, while the Romans considered it, the light of knowledge shed into the darkness of ignorance.

The Pink Triangle was used by the Nazis to signify homosexuals. Although, homosexuals were only one of the groups targeted for extermination, it is unfortunately, the group that history often excludes. The Pink Triangle defies anyone to deny history.

In 1978, San Francisco artist, Gilbert Baker, designed the Rainbow Flag for the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade. Red: light; Orange: healing; Yellow: sun; Green: calmness; Blue: art; Lilac: the spirit. This six-color version became the widely recognized symbol for Gay Pride and diversity.

The Victory Over AIDS flag uses the Rainbow Flag with a black stripe at the bottom to commemorate those we have lost to AIDS. We have a Bisexual Flag-colors-pink and blue-Transgender Flag that is pink and blue with gender symbols. What fascinates me is the Heterosexual flag, which is black and white. This flag was created in opposition to our Rainbow Flag, which of course is full of colors and life!

Our current struggle is Marriage Equality and The National Organization for Women along with many others in this state support equality of marriage for everyone.

Whatever flag you march to or not! This weekend at Palm Springs Pride let's celebrate ourselves, let's celebrate our freedom, let's celebrate our families, our friendships and let's march together in pride!



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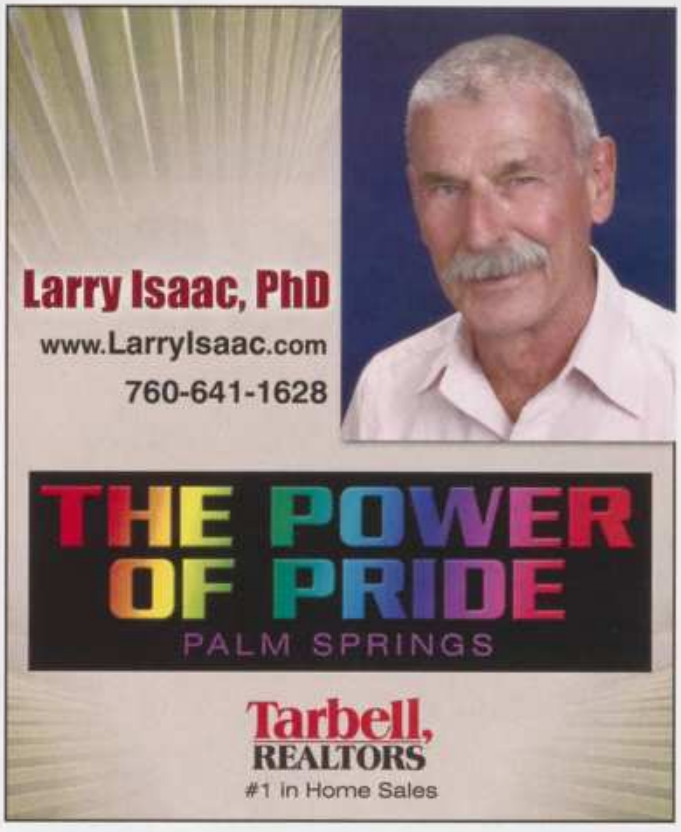
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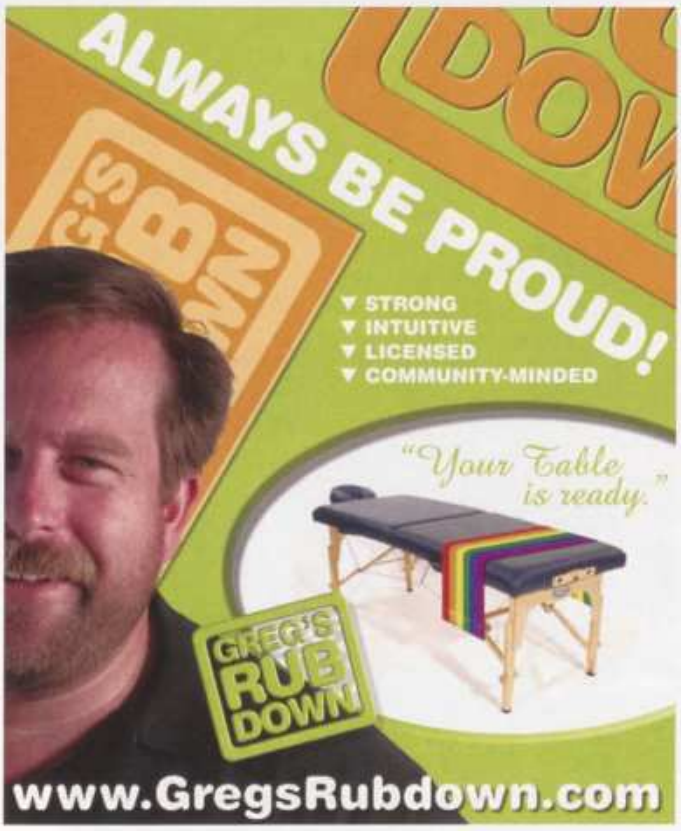
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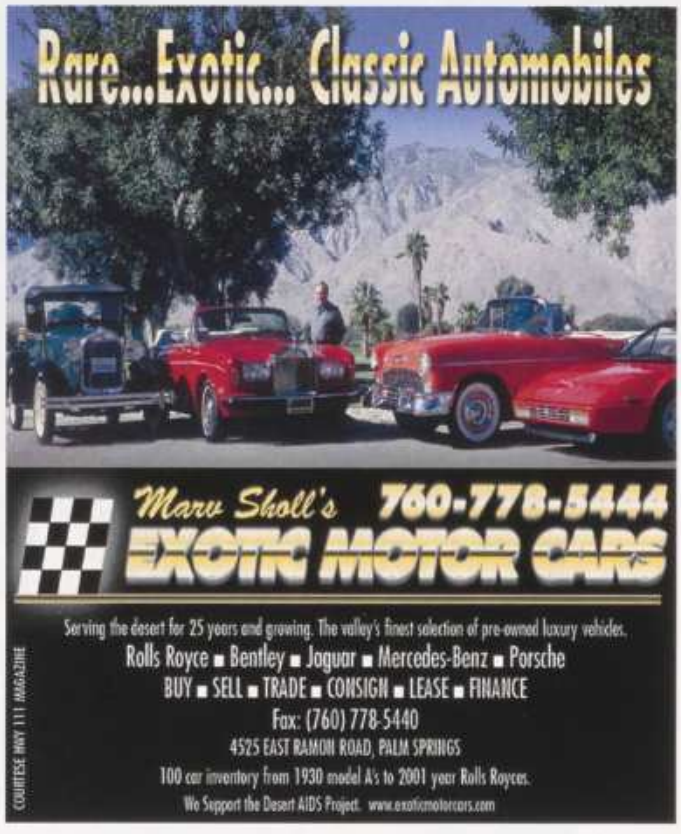
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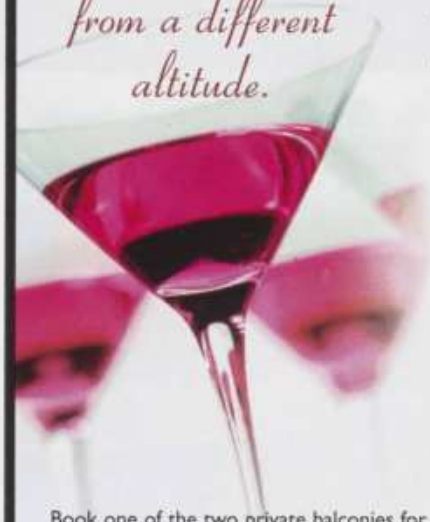
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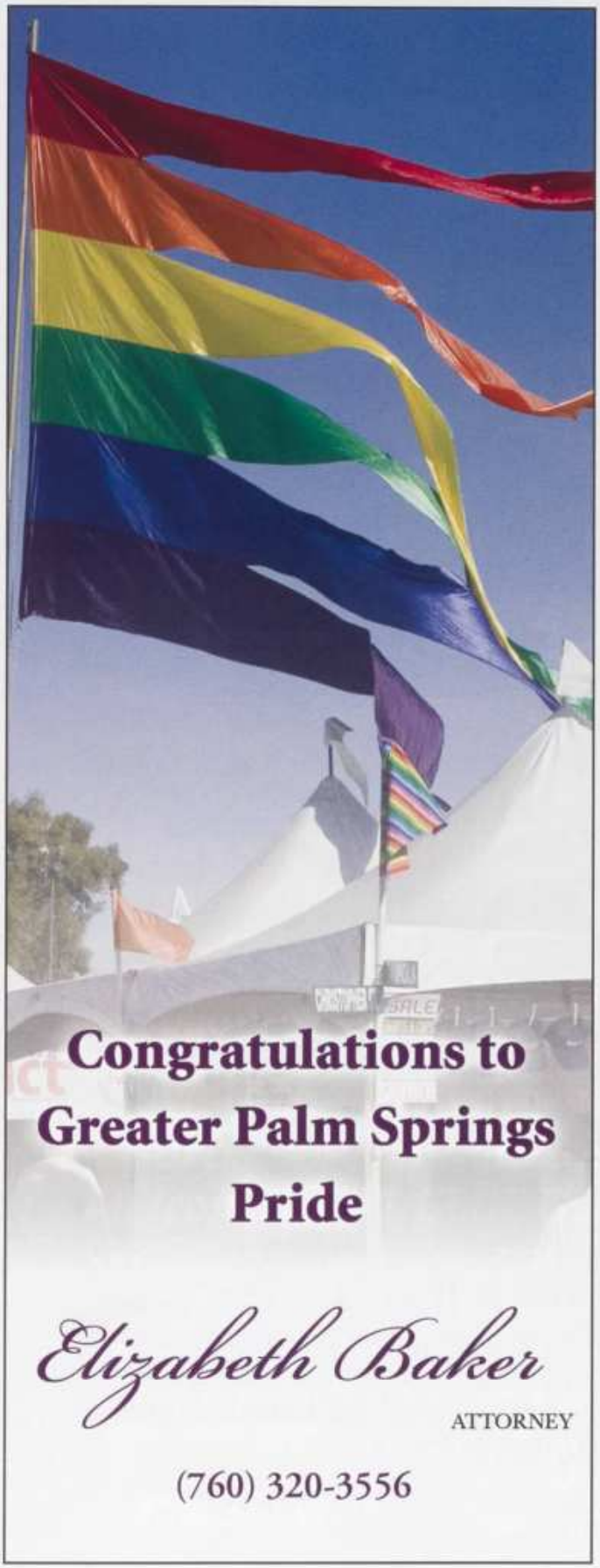


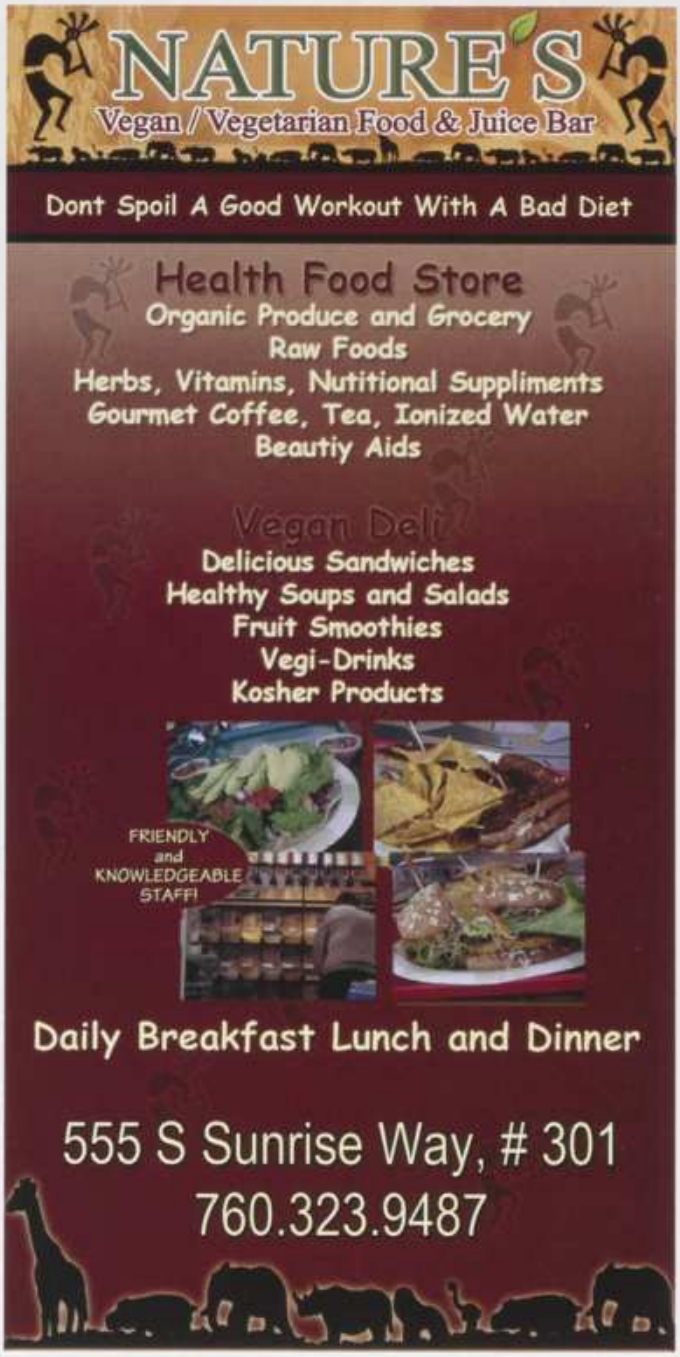
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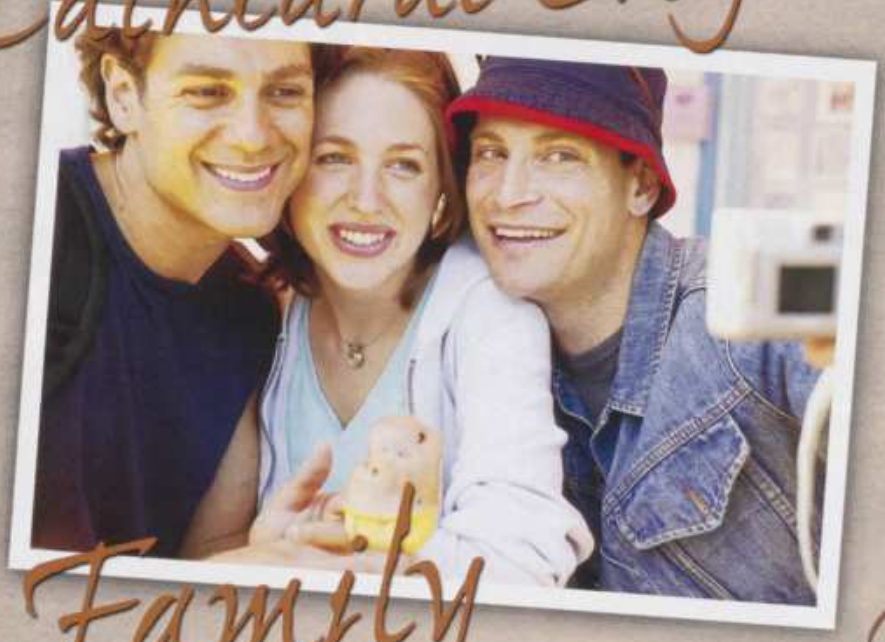
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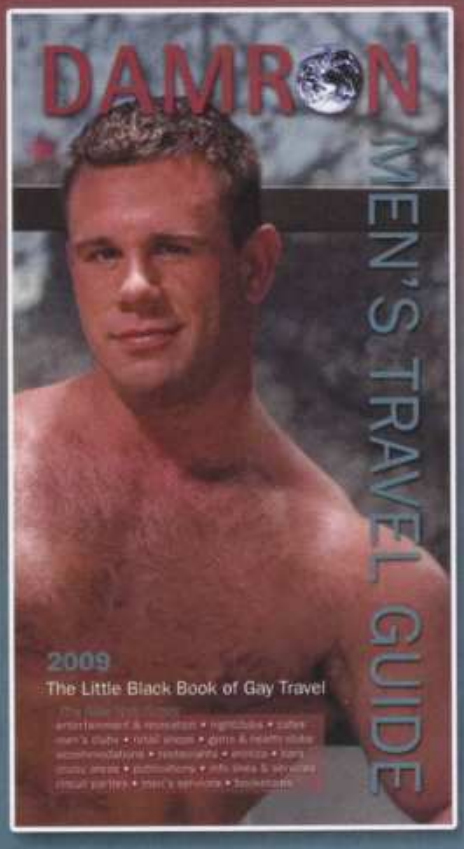
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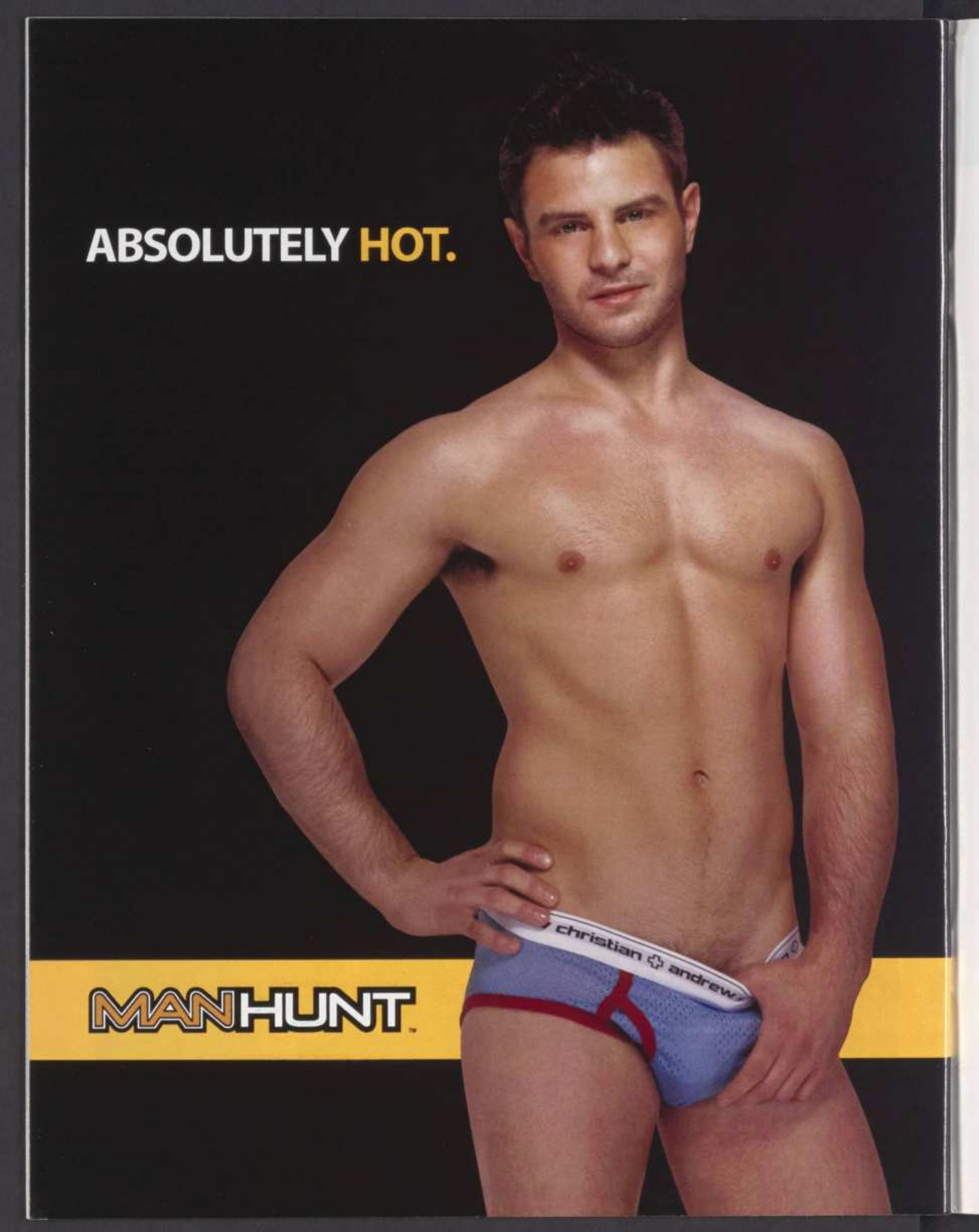


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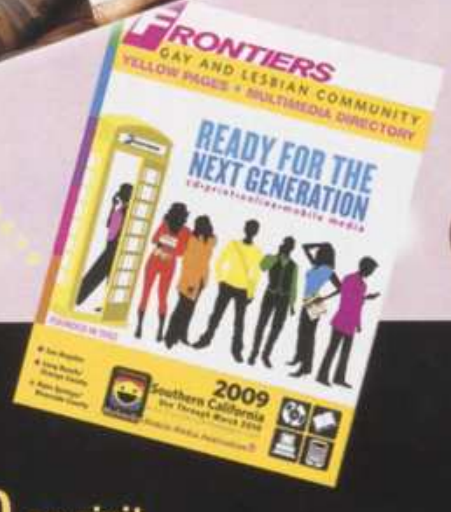
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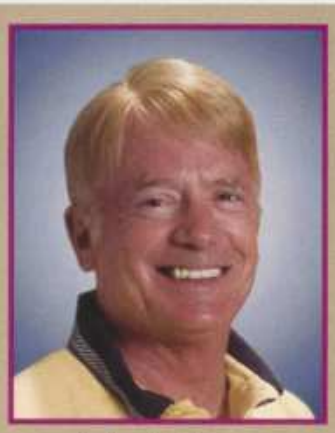
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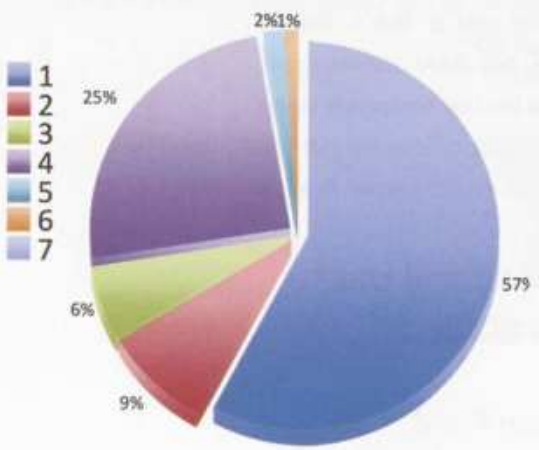
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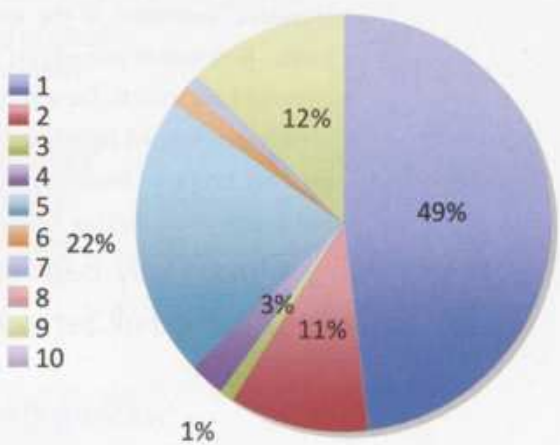
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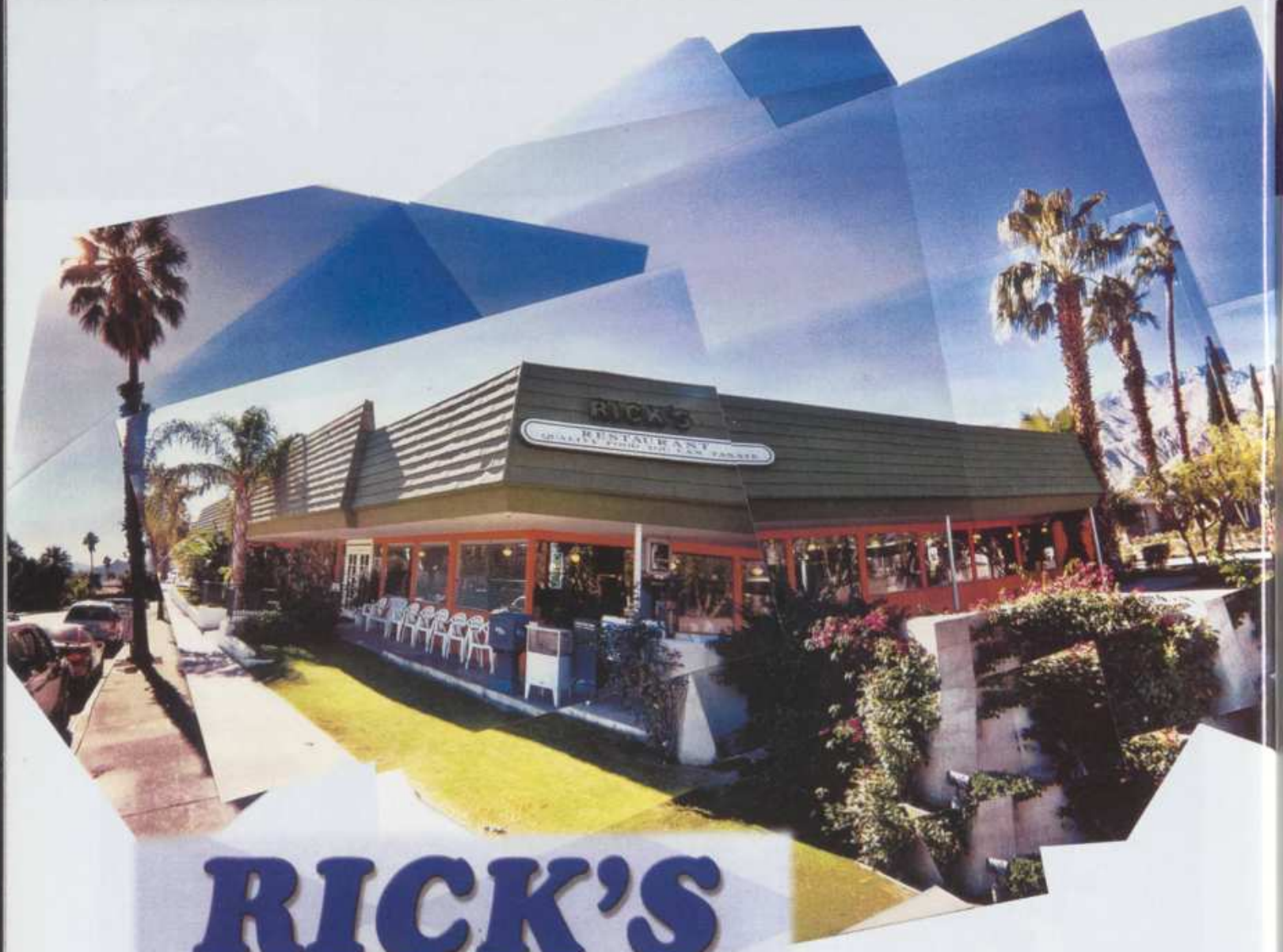
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Income	
Festival Income (1)	219,949.00
Program Advertising (2)	32,447.00
Parade Fees (3)	23,040.00
Donations (4)	93,854.48
Contracted Events - Income (5)	6,087.79
Website Services (6)	4,461.83
Other Income (7)	28.64
Total Income	379,868.74
Expense	
Festival Expenses (1)	159,367.86
Program Expenses (2)	35,237.31
Donation Disbursements (3)	4,500.00
Professional Fees (4)	8,538.04
Office Expenses (5)	73,327.50
Misc Expenses (6)	4,855.37
Contracted Events Expense (7)	3,915.16
Bank Charge (8)	451.50
Previous Year Expenses (9)	40,923.27
Reconciliation Discrepancies (10)	-65.00
Total Expense	331,051.01
Net Ordinary Income	48,817.73
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
IK Donations	0.00
Total Other Income	0.00
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We are annually amazed each year when Bud Light and Heimark Distributing call in January to let us know they will be with us the for the next year. I am touched to the core when Dick Haskamp and all the boys at Streetbar come forward asking what they can do to help us in any way possible. The list goes on to include Alan and Cory or Pride Nation, ID Lube, Rick Saputo, Nino, Mona, and all the staff at "The Bottom Line". Michael at Talk Magazine, Russ Poncik from Frontier's and InMagazine, The Fabulous Palm Springs Follies step forward and are always a step away to help with our needs. Also in that group are Rick's Restaurant (Becky and all the crew), Qtrading: always there to give the great gift of an Author's Village to the Festival and Community. Thanks also to Destanet Computer Services for their most professional service no matter what the problem.

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We are so very grateful to all those who have come forward to support their PRIDE in their own special way: Lou Sapienza (and Jerry who had to put up with him) while he beat the bushes and pavements helping to procure ads and sponsorships. Tony Marchese and Jon Sherry, both of who spent hundreds of hours in our office helping in so many ways. As always, Elizabeth Baker, our attorney and Joanne Plummer, accountant. Without their guidance we would be operating in total chaos. Trish Lawson (Cheryl Burdeno's partner) for all her work with our volunteers and parade facets. Thanks to Blaine Duerr (my legal husband), who puts up with me and Pride every day of the year. His love and support keeps me grounded, and at peace. To Carla Hanberg, my administrative assistant who somehow miraculously picks up my crumbs each day and treats everyone that comes in the office like a king or queen.

Thanks To Bill Wheeler for his Orange level gift as a Friend of Pride.

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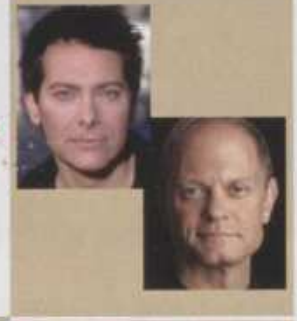
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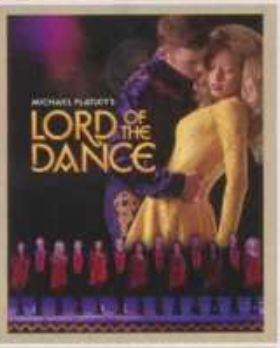


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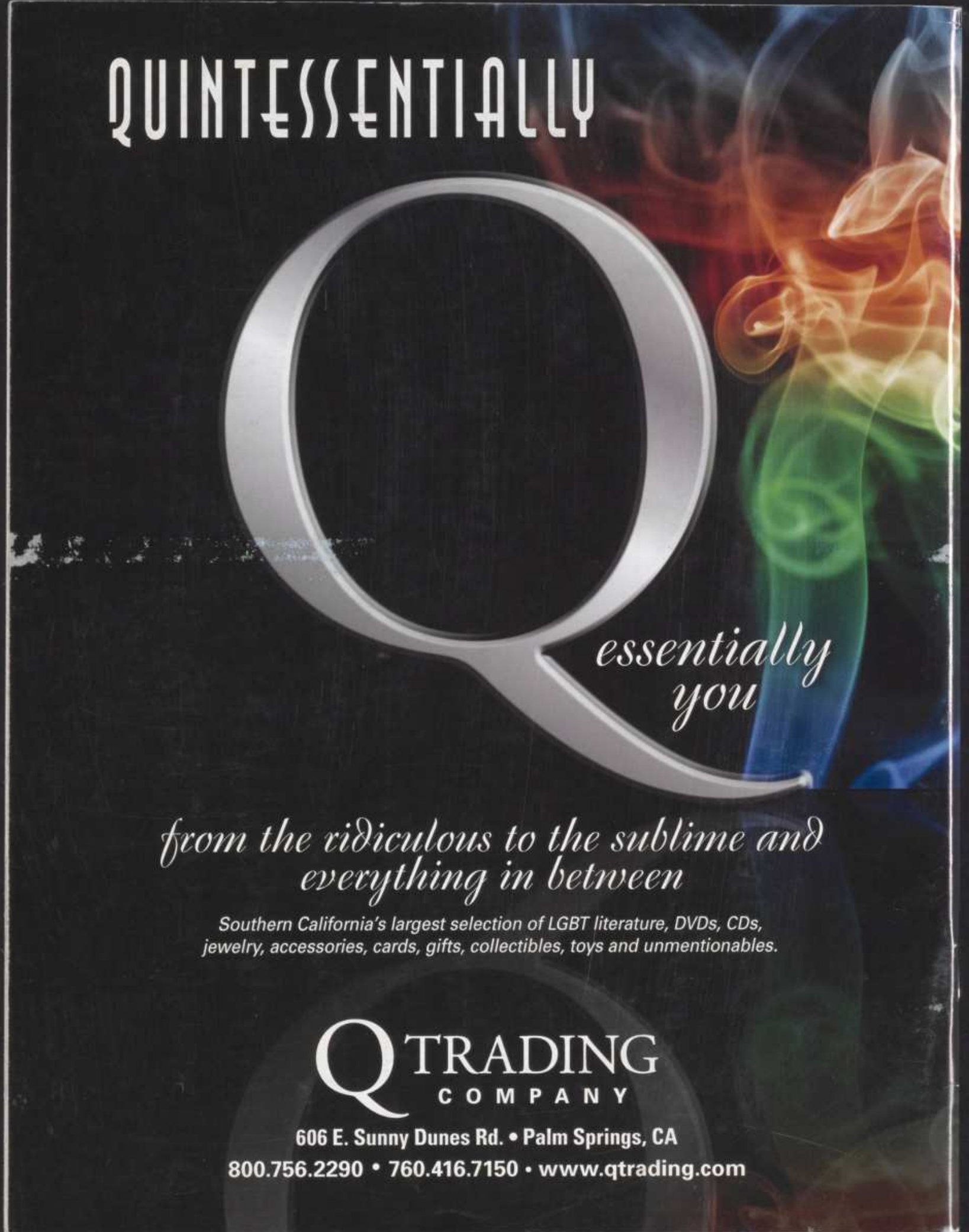
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