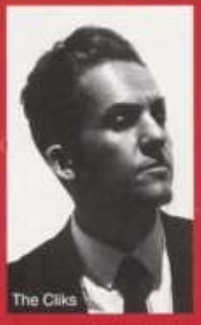
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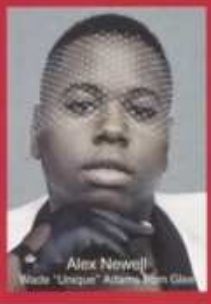

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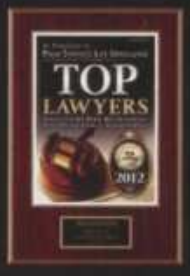


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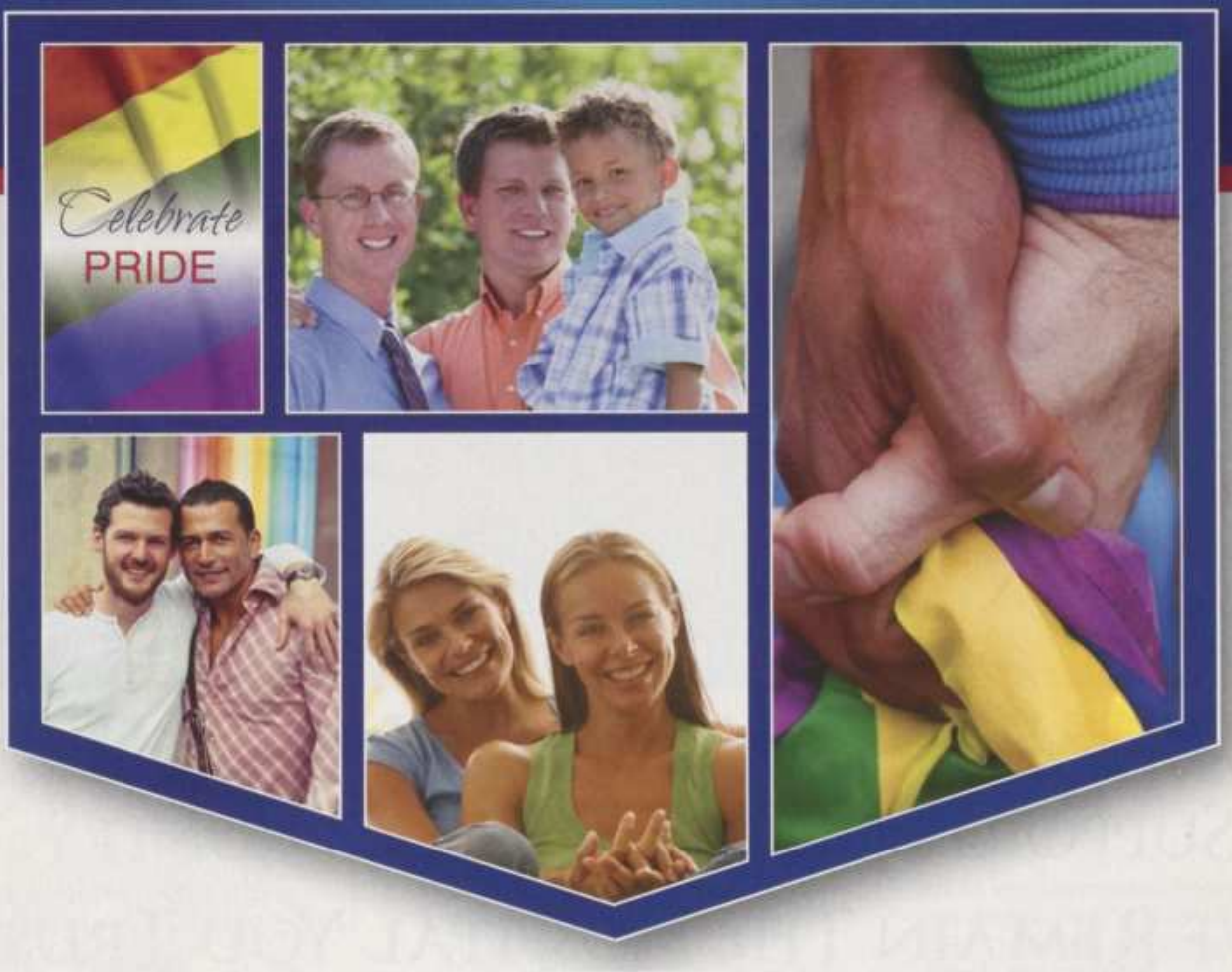
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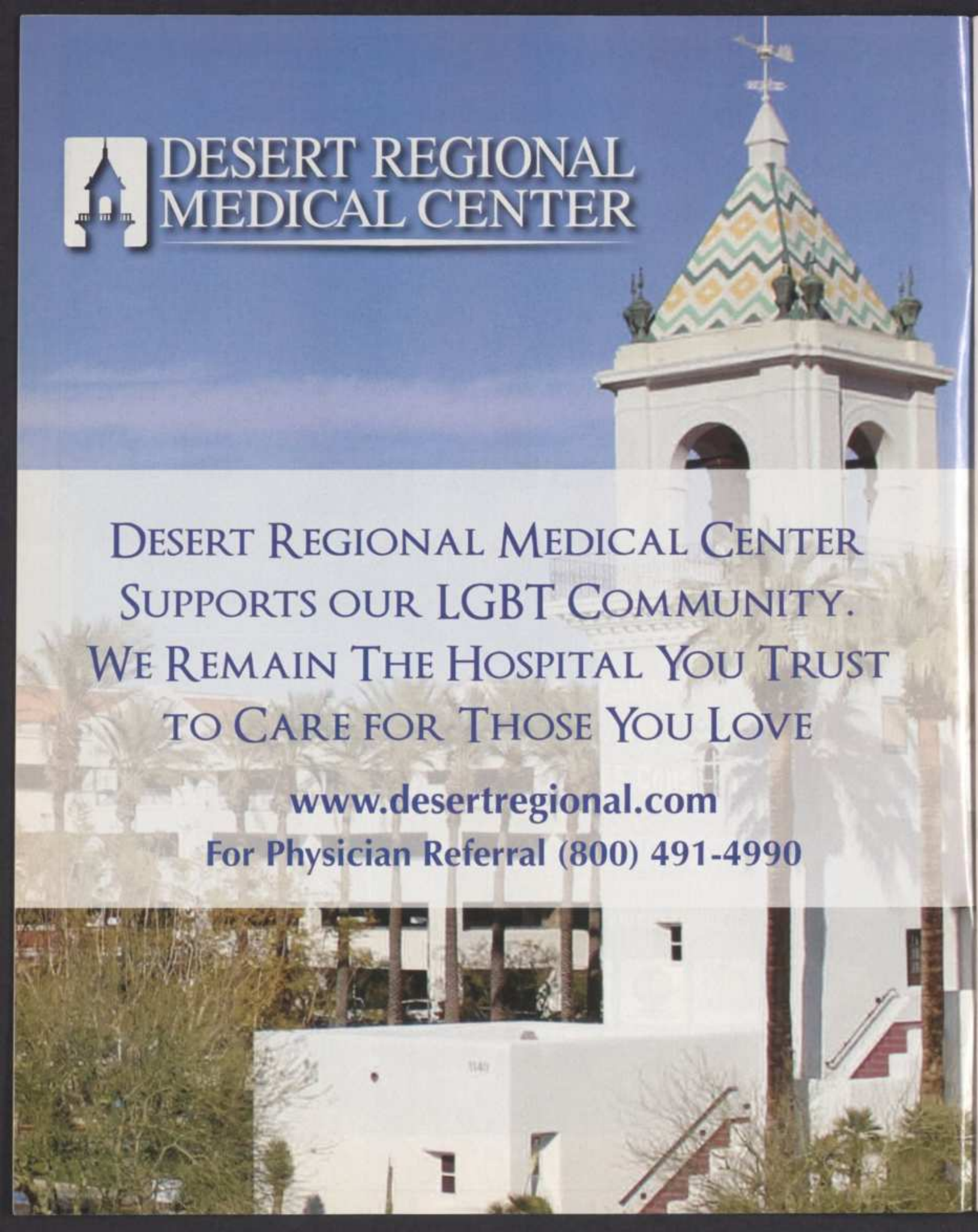
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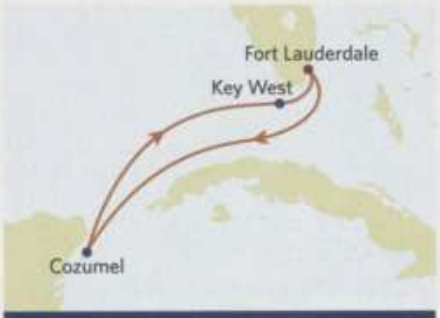
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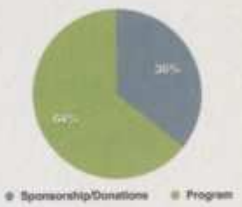
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A catalyst for celebrating the strength, equality, diversity and self-determination of the LGBTQ community locally and globally.

Greater Palm Springs Pride is a non-profit organization founded to promote the public education and awareness of individual rights and civil liberties of the LGBT community and to promote the history, diversity and future prosperity of the Greater Palm Springs LGBT community. The organization produces various events including the annual Palm Springs Pride celebration. The celebration is a unifying force that provides the resources to promote and accomplish these goals.

2012 Revenue

Program (festival, parade, events)	$224,020.70	64%
Sponsorship /Donations	124,590.16	36%
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Program (festival parade, events)	$265,569.43	76%
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Welcome to the 27th Anniversary of Pride in the Coachella Valley

Pride 2013 in Coachella Valley is on target to be the largest celebration of equality and diversity we have ever seen in our region. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Greater Palm Springs Pride is a catalyst for celebrating the strength, equality, dignity and self-determination of the LGBT community.

Traditional programs of the organization include the Pride Parade and Pride Festival, Pride Honors Awards, and the unique Arenas Block Party. We also serve as the lead collaborator with Equality California to host the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast.

During Pride 2013 we are raising awareness and drawing our community together with new programs that include the free Stonewall Equality Concert, the free OUT PSP Block Party, hosting free same-sex wedding ceremonies in the Pride Wedding Garden at Forever Marilyn, and presenting a Parade VIP Party. On Sunday, we will also host High Tea with the beloved Bear DJ and producer John LePage.

This year's Pride theme "It's Time" is a nod to the past and it represents new hope, new beginnings, and future progress toward equality. The theme sets the tone for the annual celebration and serves as a call for the community to step off the sidewalk and into the street and march for equality in the annual Pride parade.

Enjoy a Safe and Happy Pride,

Board of Directors
Greater Palm Springs Pride

Proclamation
City of Palm Springs
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WHEREAS, Pride Week is the largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Pride cultural celebration in the Coachella Valley. Weeklong events commemorate the 27th annual LGBT Pride gathering in our region. Under the theme of "It's Time" the community will celebrate a rich history of courage, spirit, achievement, and activism; and

WHEREAS, Pride raises awareness for equal rights and full equality for individuals locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, The Coachella Valley and the global LGBT community along with their Allies have made great strides toward full equality since the modern LGBT civil rights movement began with the Stonewall Riots in 1969 to the freedom to marry in the State of California in 2013, but there is more work to be done; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Pride theme is a nod to the past and it represents new hope, new beginnings, and future progress toward equality. The theme sets the tone for the 27th annual celebration and will be a call for the community to step off the sidewalk and into the street and march for equality in the annual Pride parade; and

WHEREAS, Pride Week starts with the Spirit of Stonewall Equality ceremony and features the most scenic Pride parade in the world which travels along historic Palm Canyon Drive with the ever present Mount San Jacinto Mountains providing a breathtaking backdrop, where thousands will gather with friends and in celebration of diversity and unity at the two-day pride festival; and

WHEREAS, members of the LGBT community have made valuable contributions in business, the arts, the military, volunteerism, leadership, religion, medicine, law, environmental protection, athletics, civil rights, and education, and they continue to lead the larger community in addressing and remedying the many problems posed by issues such as the HIV/AIDS pandemic, hate crimes, lack of accessibility for the disabled, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Pride Week celebrates the diversity of our city and contributes to raising awareness about discrimination and other barriers affecting employment, housing, public safety, policing, health care, education and the recognition of family relationships.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen P. Pougnet, Mayor of the City of Palm Springs, California, by the power vested in me, do hereby recognize the many civic contributions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community in our great city, encourage all people to share in the pride of our City's diverse citizenry by participating in the 27th annual Greater Palm Springs Pride celebration and declare the week of October 31 to November 3, 2013 to be:

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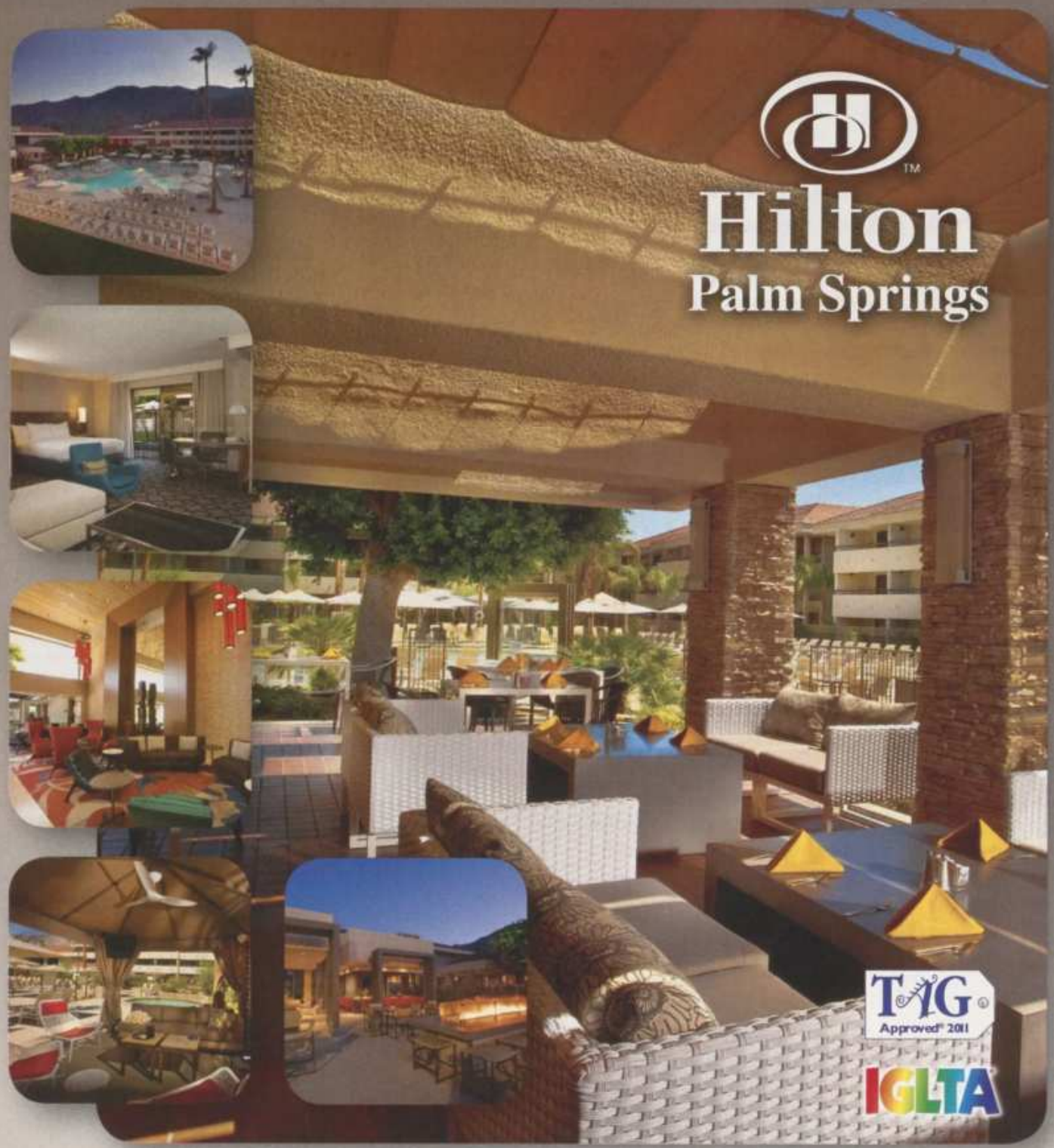
Stephen P. Pougnet
Mayor

Enjoy the 2013 pride celebration and our freedom of self-expression. Honor those who have courageously fought for equality and are no longer with us. Gather your friends and join us and together we will celebrate our diversity and advance the cause of individual freedom for all.

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November 2013

As Mayor, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 27th annual Palm Springs Pride Celebration being held this year November 2nd and 3rd.

The theme of this year's Pride "It's Time" is a celebration of a rich history of courage, spirit, achievement and activism. Intended to recognize the past and future progress toward quality, the theme also celebrates the profound sense of pride that the rainbow flag brings to individuals around the world.

The Coachella Valley and the global LGBT community along with their allies have made great strides toward full equality since the modern LGBT civil rights movement began with the Stonewall Riots in 1969, to the most recent accomplishment, Freedom to Marry in the State of California, 2013.

This year, we celebrate the 27th Anniversary of Pride Celebrations 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, Pride Parade and Pride Block Parties 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 for all.

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Wednesday, October 30th

LGBT Center Concert 5:30 silent auction, 7:00 p.m. concert

Friday, November 1st

Palm Springs Pride Golf Classic 8:00 a.m. shotgun start

American Express presents **Stonewall Equality Concert**
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Uptown Design District Chill-out 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Standing on Ceremony, The Gay Marriage Plays 8:00 p.m.

Broadway in Drag Pageant 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 2nd

13th Annual Front Runners & Walkers Run/Walk 8:00 a.m.

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Sunday, November 3rd

American Express presents **Parade VIP Party** 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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American Express presents **Sunday High Tea** 2:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

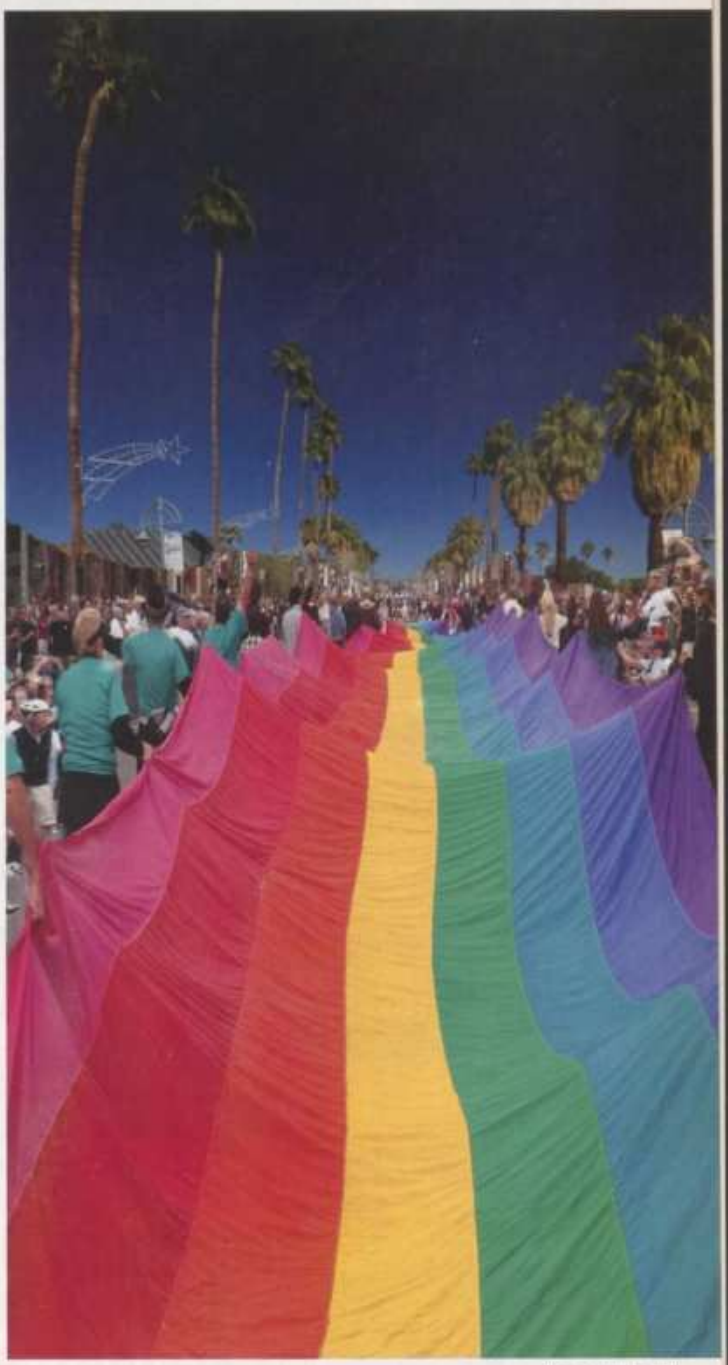


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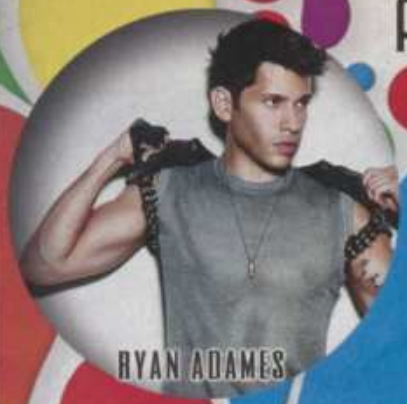
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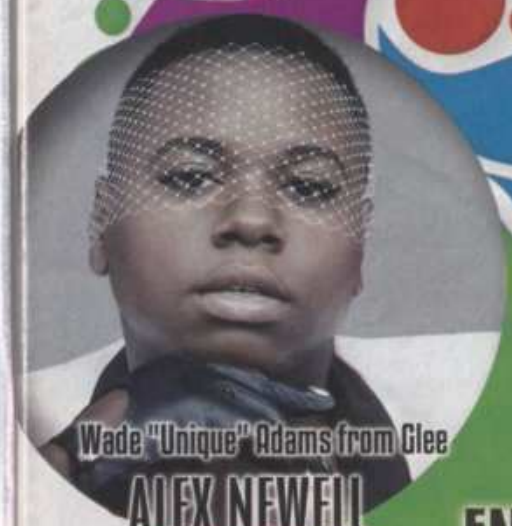
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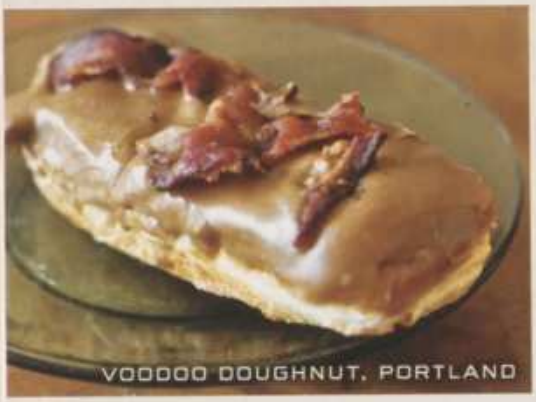

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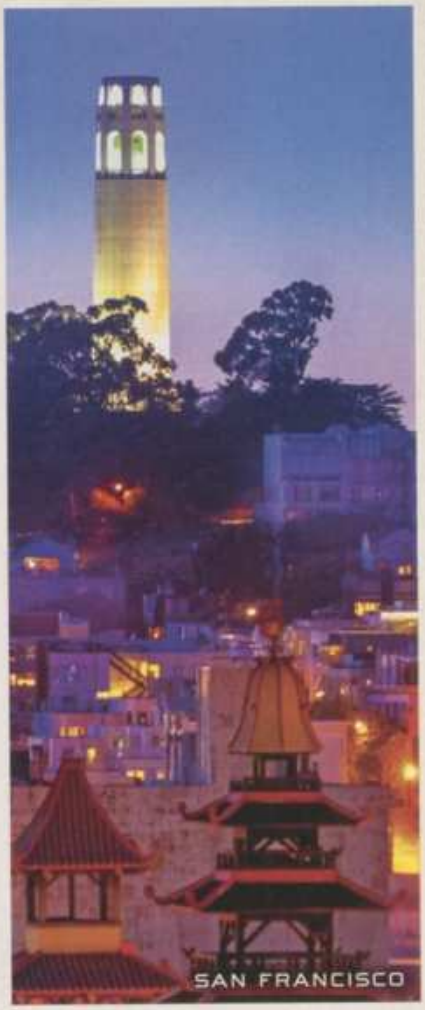

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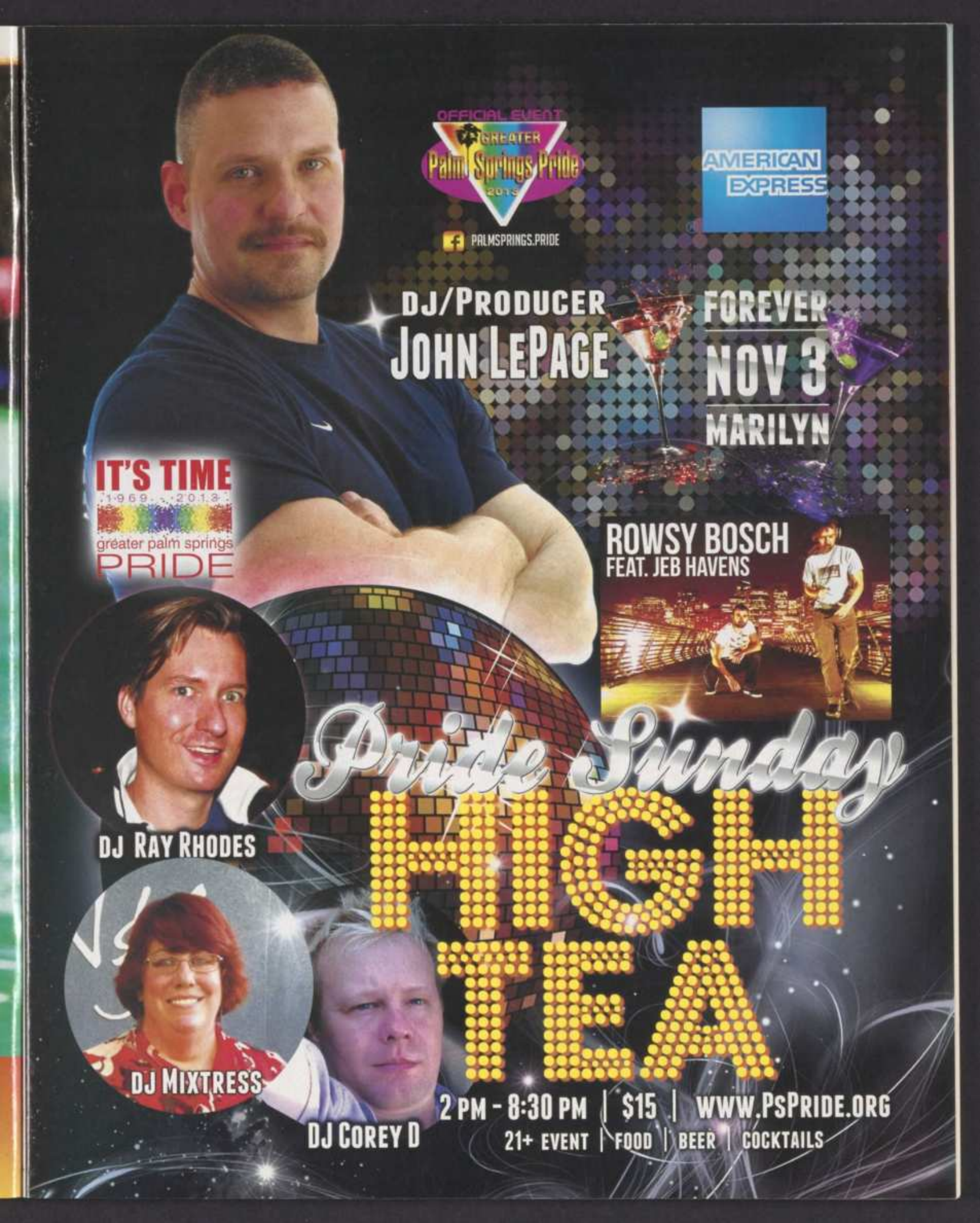
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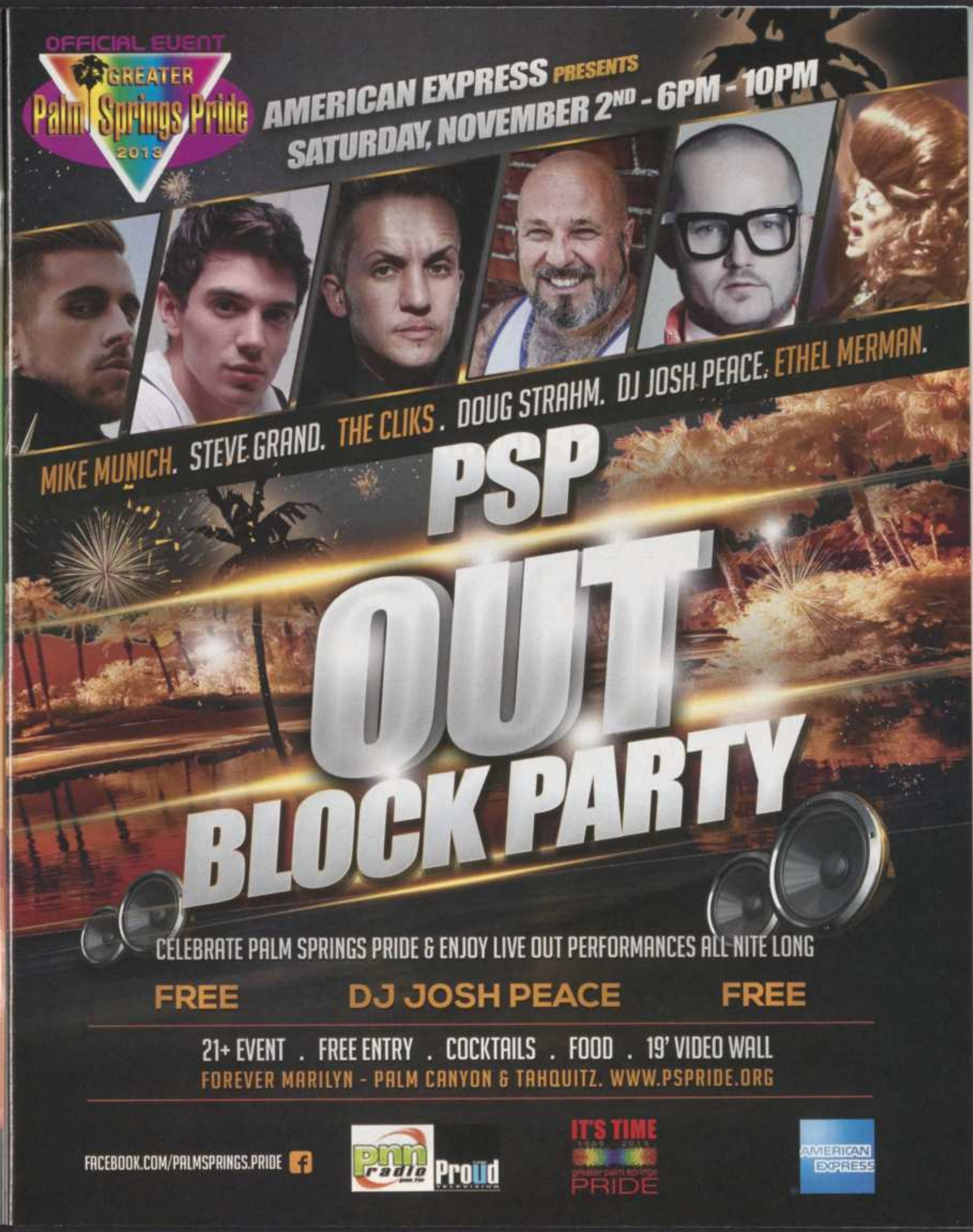
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The prestigious Pride Honors Awards are presented annually to individuals in order to recognize the work they have put into raising awareness and furthering the causes of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and their allies. Award recipients are the public ambassadors of Pride. They represent a mix of individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the LGBT community. With the help of community input, Pride selects these groups and individuals in order to honor the work they have put into furthering the causes of LGBT peoples.

Spirit of Stonewall Lifetime Achievement

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Pride Honors Awards October 4 (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

The prestigious Palm Springs Pride Honors Awards are presented annually to individuals to honor the work they have put into furthering the causes of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and their allies. The awards will be presented at a reception at the Hyatt Regency Suites in Palm Springs located at 285 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs. Admission $25 General Admission, $50 Honors Circle, $350 Champagne Tables for four. All tickets include complimentary Bud Light, wine and appetizers. For tickets visit bit.ly/honor2013.

Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to celebrated writer, photographer and activist Tom Bianchi, internationally acclaimed author Katherine V. Forrest, and Ginny Foat, recognizing her long commitment to social justice, LGBT, and women's rights activism. Lambda Legal is the 2013 Advocate of the Year celebrating forty years as the nation's first legal organization dedicated to achieving full equality for lesbian and gay people. Comedian Shann Carr, along with designer Christopher Kennedy, will be recognized with Spirit of Stonewall Community Service Awards.

Michael Green and Stephen Boyd will be honored as Volunteers of the Year, and Lucy Debardelaben and Gail Christian will be recognized with the Spirit of Pride Award for advancing equality, promoting diversity and celebrating the strength and talent of the LGBT community. The 2013 Friend of Pride Award will be presented to local PFLAG Co-Presidents Carol and Mike Balasa. Filmmakers Katy and Sam Wilkerson will be the 2013 Spirit of Stonewall Special Guest recognizing their work telling a story of Pride in their documentary, "The Pride of Palm Springs."

LGBT Center Concert October 30 (7:00 p.m.)

The LGBT Center of the Desert presents Center Stage, a benefit concert headlined by Frenchie Davis with special guest emcee Alec Mapa at the Palm Springs Convention Center on Wednesday, October 30, 2013. No host cocktails and silent auction at 5:30 p.m. Concert starts at 7:00 p.m. Admission is $100 or $85 for members. For ticket information visit www.thecenterps.org or call 760-416-7790.

Palm Springs Pride Golf Classic November 1 (8:00 a.m. shotgun start)

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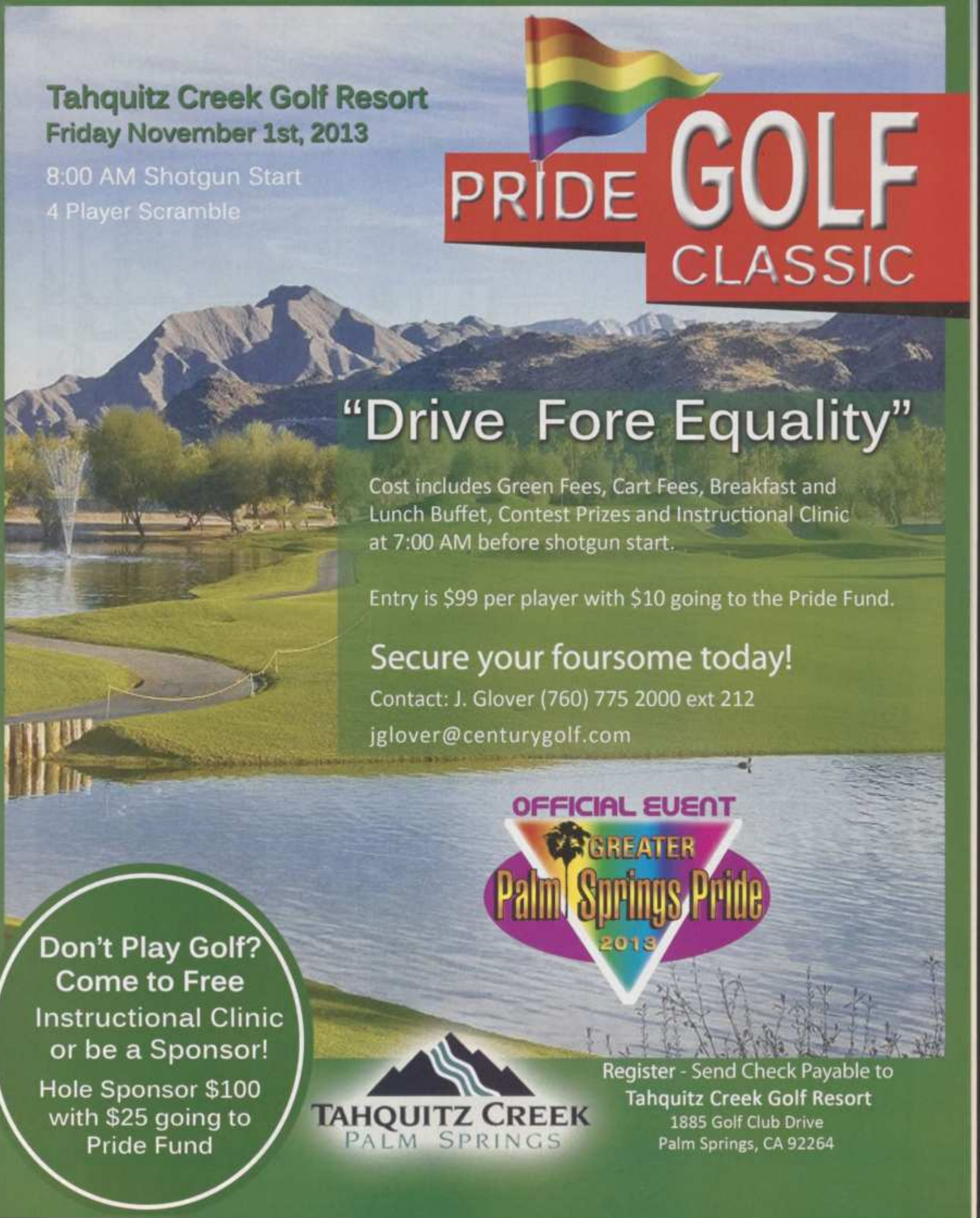
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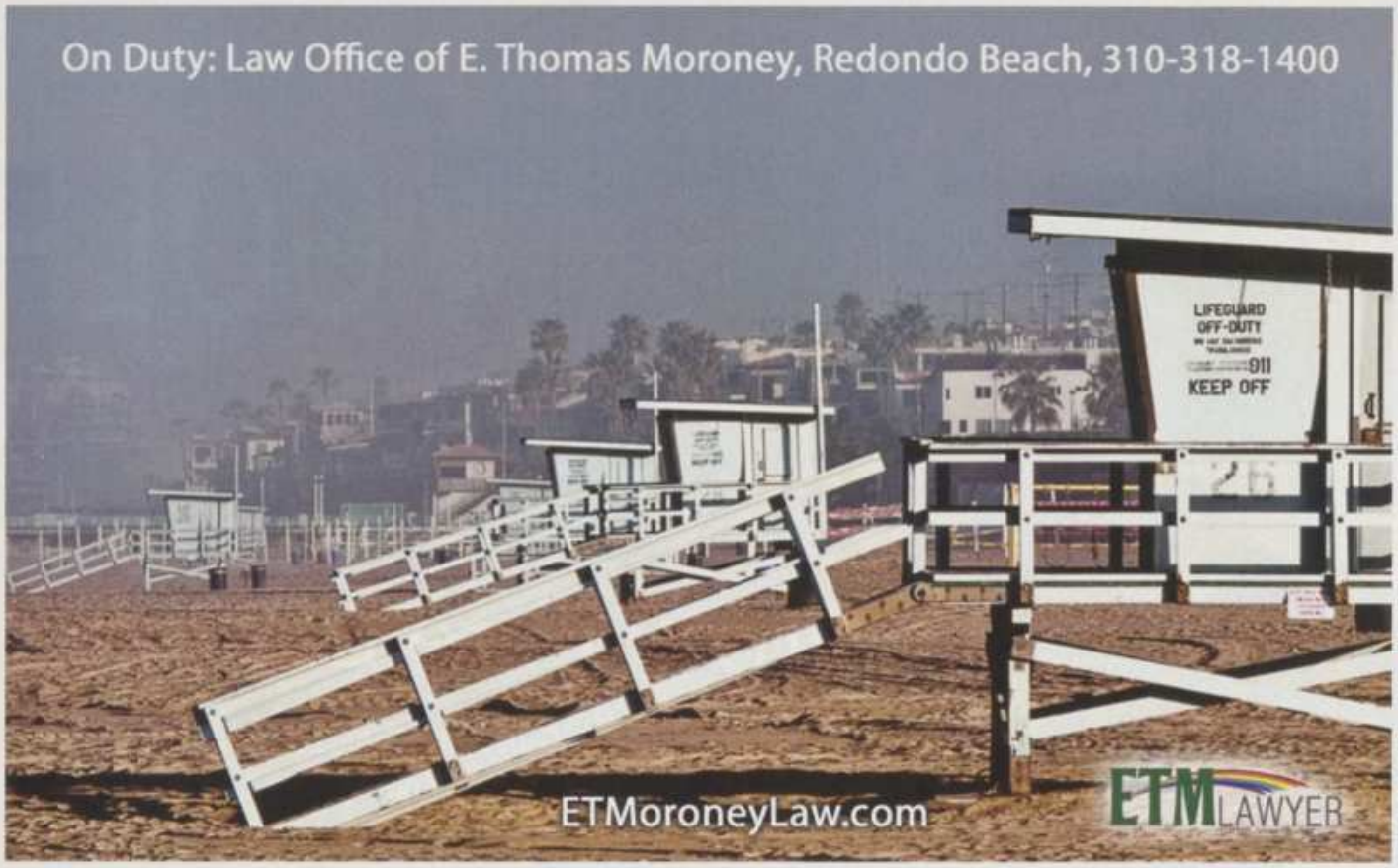
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Stonewall Equality Concert presented by American Express

November 1 (6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

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stonewall EQUALITY concert

The concert will feature artists whose musical backgrounds span the worlds of Broadway, Indie, and Jazz. Confirmed artists include the incomparable Irene Soderberg, the Gay Men's Chorus of Palm Springs and DJ Corey D spinning a retro 80s mix. Other artists making a special appearance are Doug Strahm and Arro Verse. Strahm will perform his single "Leaving it Behind," from his debut project "Everything Has Changed." The song along with a powerful video tells the story of a U.S. soldier who leaves for active duty and is missing the one he loves back home. Arro Verse, a singer/songwriter who uses her musical talents to advocate for the LGBT community, will perform her recently released song "Marry Me."

Forever Marilyn, 125 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs. This is an all ages event. Admission is free to the public. Beverage garden will be open and food will be available for purchase.

Standing on Ceremony, The Gay Marriage Plays November 1 (8:00 p.m.)

Standing on Ceremony, The Gay Marriage Plays returns to the Annenberg Theater at the Palm Springs Art Museum for two performances only on Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. The cast features well-known local celebrities including Comedienne Shann Carr, Singer/Actor Mona Caywood, Cabaret star Jerome Elliott, Singer/Actor Charles Herrera, Author/Actor Robert Julian and Actor/Director Jeanette Knight. The plays are under the direction of local producer, Keith Coleman. Tickets are available online at www.AnnenbergTheater.org or at the Annenberg Theater Box Office or by calling 760-325-4490. Ticket prices for both performances are $39 and $29.

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Two-Day Pride Festival November 2 and 3 (11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)



Pride Park is only a rainbow mile from downtown! The Pride festival is held at Palm Springs Stadium. Festival highlights include: US Bank stage, American Express Big Top Cabaret and Palm Springs Gay Rodeo Country Dance tent. The festival will feature live performances from queer electro-hop superstars Double Duchess, eclectic musical duo Hi-Fashion, new wave techno-pop band Berlin featuring Terri Nunn, African-American Jewish gay hip-hop artist Y-Love, and X Factor Australia finalist Max Leon. Features include Fetish in the Outfield the Leather Realm, Children's Headquarters (CHQ), Youth Xone. Authors' Village, and HIV/AIDS testing by Desert AIDS Project. Over 125 exhibitors and non-profit organizations, Vons Farmers' Market, food and beverage vendors, Bud Light 2nd base bar with multiple beer and cocktail stations, The Palm Springs Stadium/Sunrise Park is located at 1901 E. Baristo Rd. Admission is $15 daily; $25 for a Weekend Pass; $10 daily for Seniors (60+), Youth 12-18, and Students (19-24 w/current student ID). Daily tickets available online at bit.ly/ps2013tix.

13th Annual Front Runners & Walkers Run/Walk November 2 (8:00 a.m.)

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Australia's Max Leon will perform live along with singer songwriter Doug Strahm from Indiana and a guest appearance of San Francisco's Ethel Merman who will belt out rock-n-roll's greatest hits. DJ Patrick Ryan and DJ Corey D will keep the music playing all morning.

Parade VIP's can watch a 19' wide video wall, enjoy, cheer, clap and laugh as the famous Palm Springs Pride Parade makes its way up Palm Canyon Drive. Enjoy a private fenced from the crowds cash bar, umbrella tables, and private porta jons. Admission $10 in advance until allocation exhausted. Tickets online bit.ly/paradevip. 21+ event. Forever Marilyn, 125 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs.

27th Anniversary Pride Parade November 3 (steps off at W. Baristo at 10:00 a.m.)

Known for its crystal blue skies and year-round sunshine, the City of Palm Springs comes alive during the annual Pride celebration. 50,000 spectators will gather along palm tree lined streets to cheer and support local organizations, activists and themed floats along historic Palm Canyon Drive. The parade is scheduled for Sunday, November 3 at 10 a.m. stepping off in downtown at W. Baristo Rd. and traveling north on Palm Canyon Drive to the Uptown Design District and ending at E. Tamarisk Rd.



The National Grand Marshal is Joe Jervis, the author of the popular, award winning LGBT news and culture blog Joe.My.God. Sochi Pride 2014 has been named the Grand Marshal. Sochi Pride was selected to demonstrate solidarity with the LGBT community in Russia and raise awareness of the increasing anti-gay atmosphere of discrimination and harassment of the LGBT community in the Russian Federation. Community Grand Marshals are Melanie Jones, Ellen Zimmerman, Mark Jones and Brian Vatcher. Television personality, funny man and best-selling author Ross Mathews is the Celebrity Grand Marshal.



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"DAYTIME desert REALNESS" November 3 (1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)



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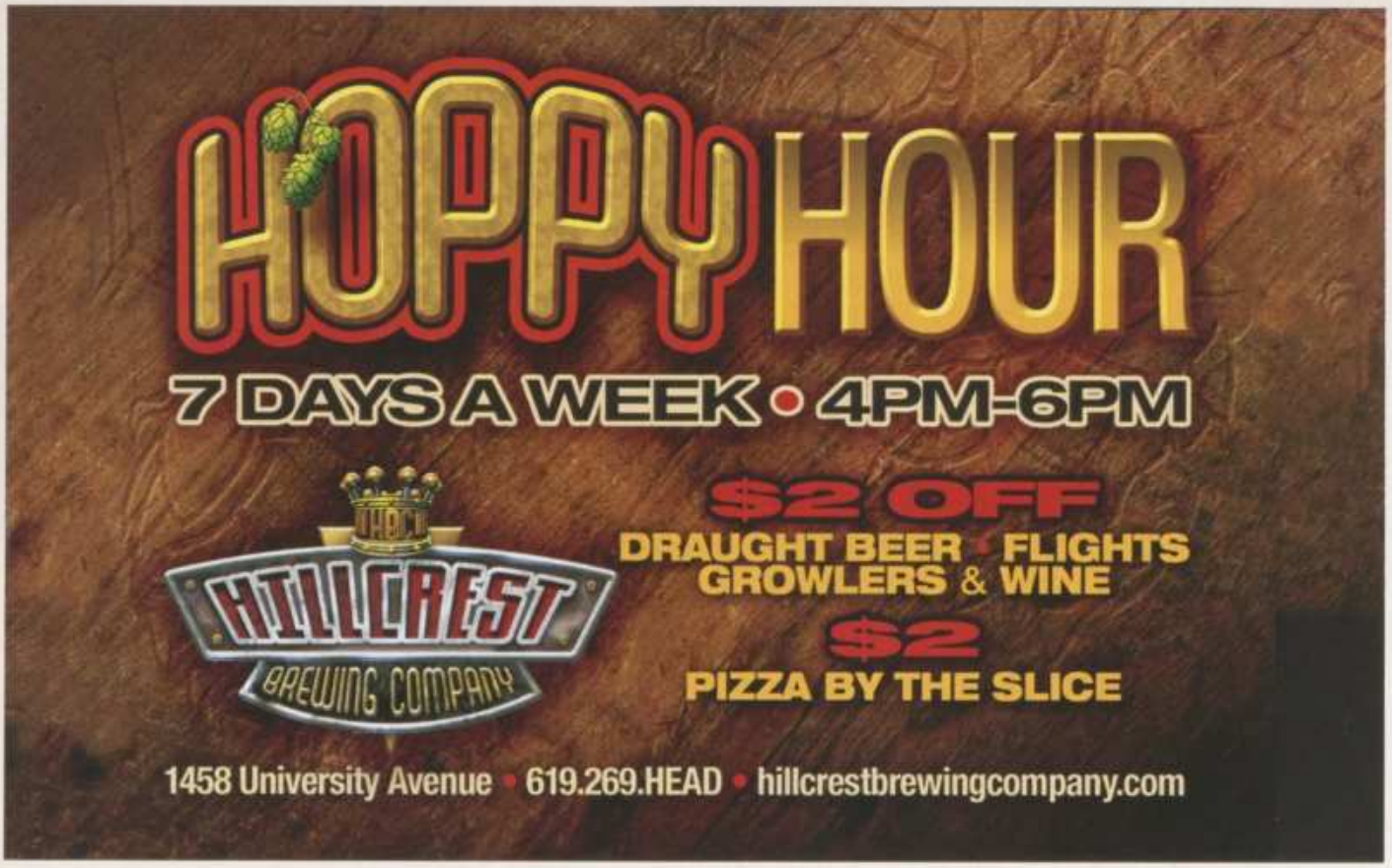
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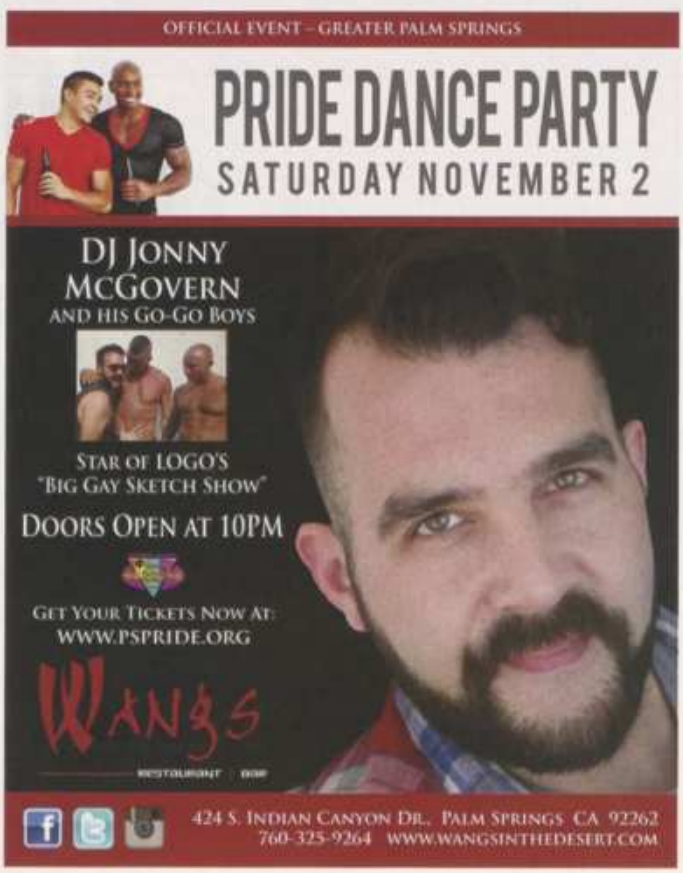
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Tickets available online at pspride.org at the festival entrance or in advance at retail locations. (Senior and student tickets only available at the gate).

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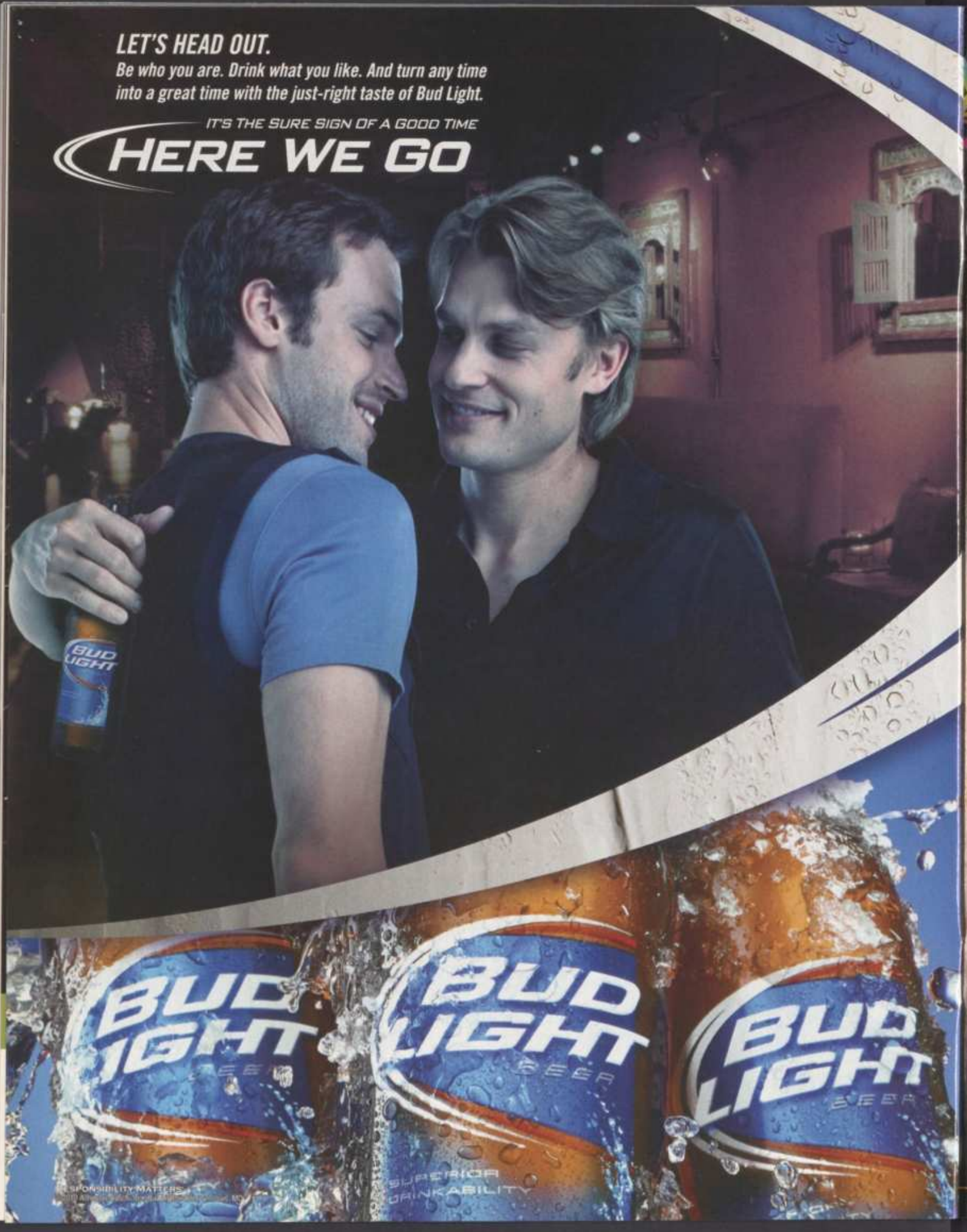






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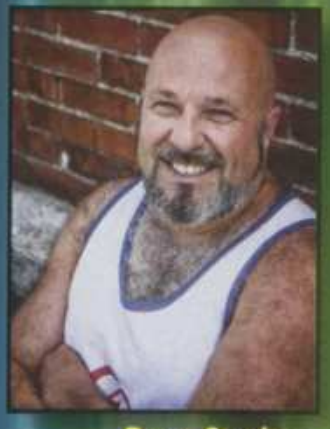
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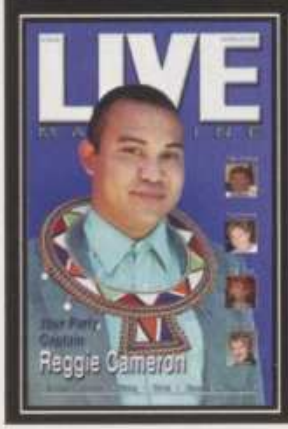
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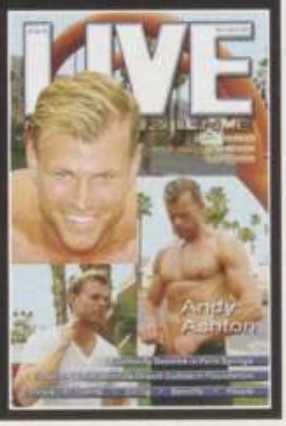
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Saturday

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12:00	National Anthem by David Hirsch
12:20	Cherilyn
12:35	Paul MacKey
12:40	Harley Jones
12:45	David Hirsch
1:00	Cherilyn
1:05	Paul MacKey
1:20	Harley Jones
1:25	Pat McCann
1:40	Alessandra Divine
1:45	Roger Snofsky
2:00	Nikki LiCious
2:05	Anime BrightEyes
2:10	Pat McCann
2:20	Alessandra Divine
2:25	Roger Snofsky
2:35	Anime BrightEyes
2:40	Nikki Licious
2:45	Carol Kamenis
3:00	Nicky as "Carol Channing"
3:10	Claudia Sussman
3:25	Bijou
3:35	Laurie Deane
3:55	Liz Loren & Empress Lonnie
4:15	Ian Daniels
4:30	Nick & Mel



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Marina Mac


Eve Holmes

Sunday

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12:00	National Anthem by Jerome Elliott & Keisha D
12:20	Trixy Delight
12:25	Doug Graham
12:40	Marina Mac
12:45	Jerome Elliott & Keisha D
1:00	Trixy Delight
1:05	Doug Graham
1:20	Marina Mac
1:25	Eve Holmes
1:40	Sassy Ross
1:45	Francesca Amari
2:00	Jersey Shore
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2:40	Morganne
2:55	Melissa Stratman
3:00	David Fairchild
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3:30	Melissa Stratman
3:35	Cat Lyn Day
3:55	Noni Lambertson
4:10	Miss Broadway in Drag
4:15	Eddie Dlite
4:25	Students from area Gay-Straight Alliance organizations

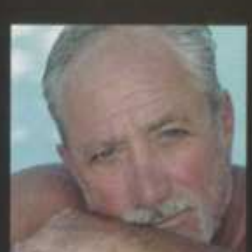

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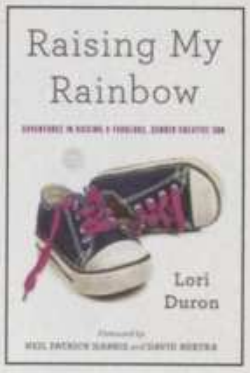
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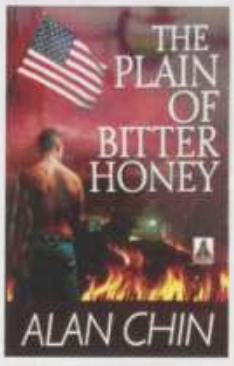
With a new book based on her incredibly popular blog of the same name, *Raising My Rainbow: Adventures in Raising A Fabulous, Gender Creative Son*, author **Lori Duron** will join us to talk about here family experience and sign books. This is the first memoir written by a mother that chronicles the daily joys, struggles, and sometimes embarrassments of raising a gender-creative child.



Pride honoree **Katherine V. Forrest** is the author of fifteen best selling novels including the Kate Delafield series for which she has won three Lambda Literary Awards. Her novel *Curious Wine* is the most popular lesbian novel of all time. Katherine will be signing books Sunday at 1PM.



Local author and Leatherman, **Alex Ironrod,** has a new novel, a sequel, *Leather Days*. It is his second BDSM murder mystery. An ever popular writer, meet Alex and get his steamy new book. In the fast gay world of television stars, high-priced criminal lawyers and sadistic wealthy businessmen, two young LAPD detectives, Mark and Dan, try to solve the vicious sex mystery.



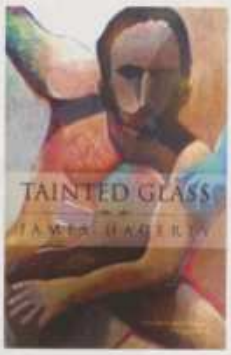
Alan Chin, another well-regarded local writer, has just released his latest in a series of fine books. *The Plain of Bitter Honey* is an action packed science fiction work featuring twins Aaron and Hayden Swann fighting a corrupt government.



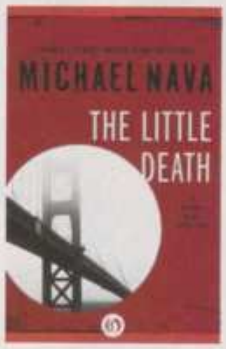
Shirts and Skins by **Jeffrey Luscombe** is a remarkable debut that links compelling stories of a young man's coming-out, coming-of-age, and coming-to-terms with his family and fate. As a young boy, Josh plots an escape for a better life far from the steel mills, but fate has other plans and Josh discovers his adult life in Toronto is just as fraught with as many insecurities and missteps as his youth.


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Celebrated author **Michael Nava** introduced Henry Rios in *The Little Death* and continued to write a series of award winning mysteries in this ever popular series. The books received six Lambda Literary Awards and *The New York Times* recognized Nava as "one of our best." He will be signing books Sunday afternoon.



James Hagerty, an author living in Morongo Valley, has published several books including *Tainted Glass* and *The High Priesthood of Being Gay*. The gay novels tilt toward the leather/S&M experience, but also comprise a spiritual quest. Multi-talented, he is alo a rust-iron sculptor and plays jazz keyboard.



DJ Paul V will be joining us to sign is book *Born This Way*. Based on the hugely popular blog of the same name, "Born This Way" shares 100 different memories of growing up LGBT. Childhood photographs are accompanied by sweet, funny, and at times heartbreaking personal stories. Collected from around the world and dating from the 1940s to today, these memories speak to the hardships of an unaccepting world and the triumph of pride, self-love, and self-acceptance.

Hollywood The Band: A Tale Of Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll by **Steven Jordan Brooks** is the story about a fictional rock band in the 1970s as they navigate the entertainment industry in an attempt to procure a record deal in the midst of cultural, political, social, and historical changes while dealing with their own issues, beliefs, and pasts.





Kage Alan will be joining us with his story in the new collection *Butt Pirates in Space* and **Patricia Logan** has two new BDSM novels including *Silver Bullets*.

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

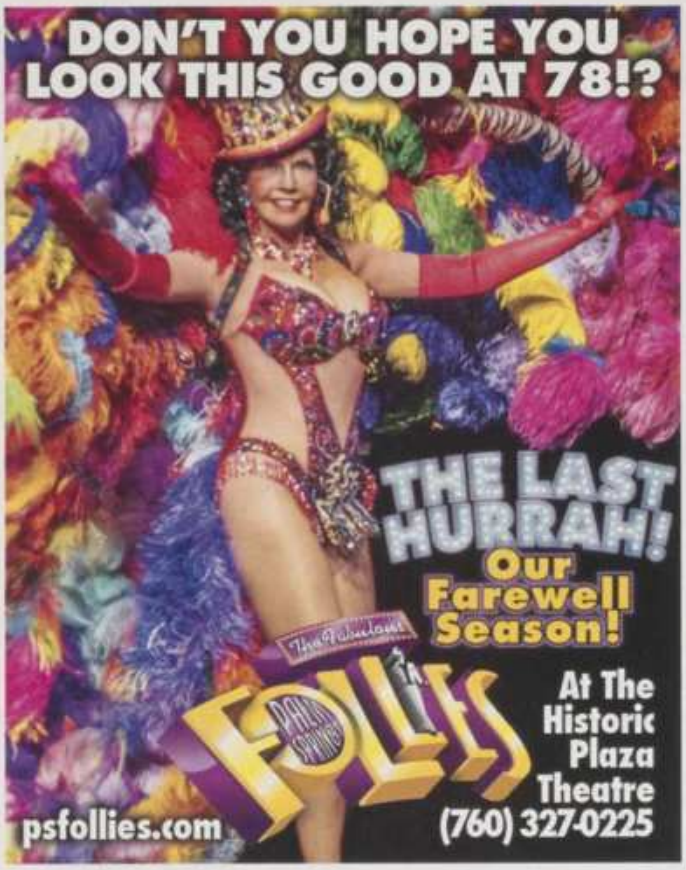


The Authors Village events are a great way to meet your favorite writers and ask about their works as you have your books signed. For GLBT publishing to thrive your support is needed. Come and enjoy the events of the Pride Festival this year. Read, pass along a book to a friend, join a book discussion club. Above all, give thanks for the ranks of terrific GLBT authors telling their stories and enriching our lives.

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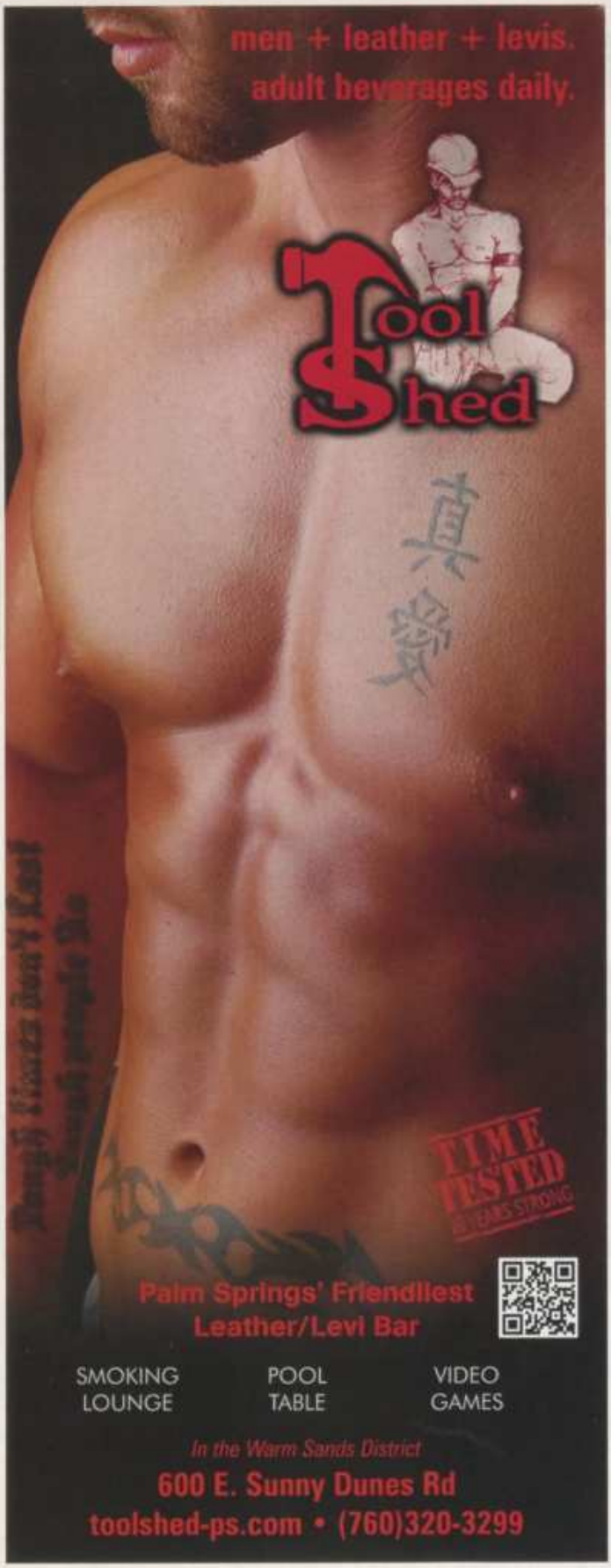








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Come join the 2nd Annual Palm Springs Pride Leather Realm that brings the Southern California leather communities together in one spot for an introduction into the Leather/Fetish world set within the Palm Springs Pride Festival.

Are you part of the Leather/BDSM/Fetish community or are you just curious? Enjoy educational hands-on workshops and demos. Subjects and techniques will cover the basics, as well as some of the more specialized topics and practices. All will be taught by those who are actively involved and knowledgeable in the Leather/BDSM community.

From spanking to BDSM/Leather protocol, workshops will cover some of the basics, as well as some of the more specialized topics and practices.

You will also have the opportunity to meet and greet past and present Mr./Ms. Leather contestants and winners from around Southern California and right here in Palm Springs.

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Organizations Participating:

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www.PSOLD.org
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FMSD - Fetish Men San Diego
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DFA - Desert Fetish Authority
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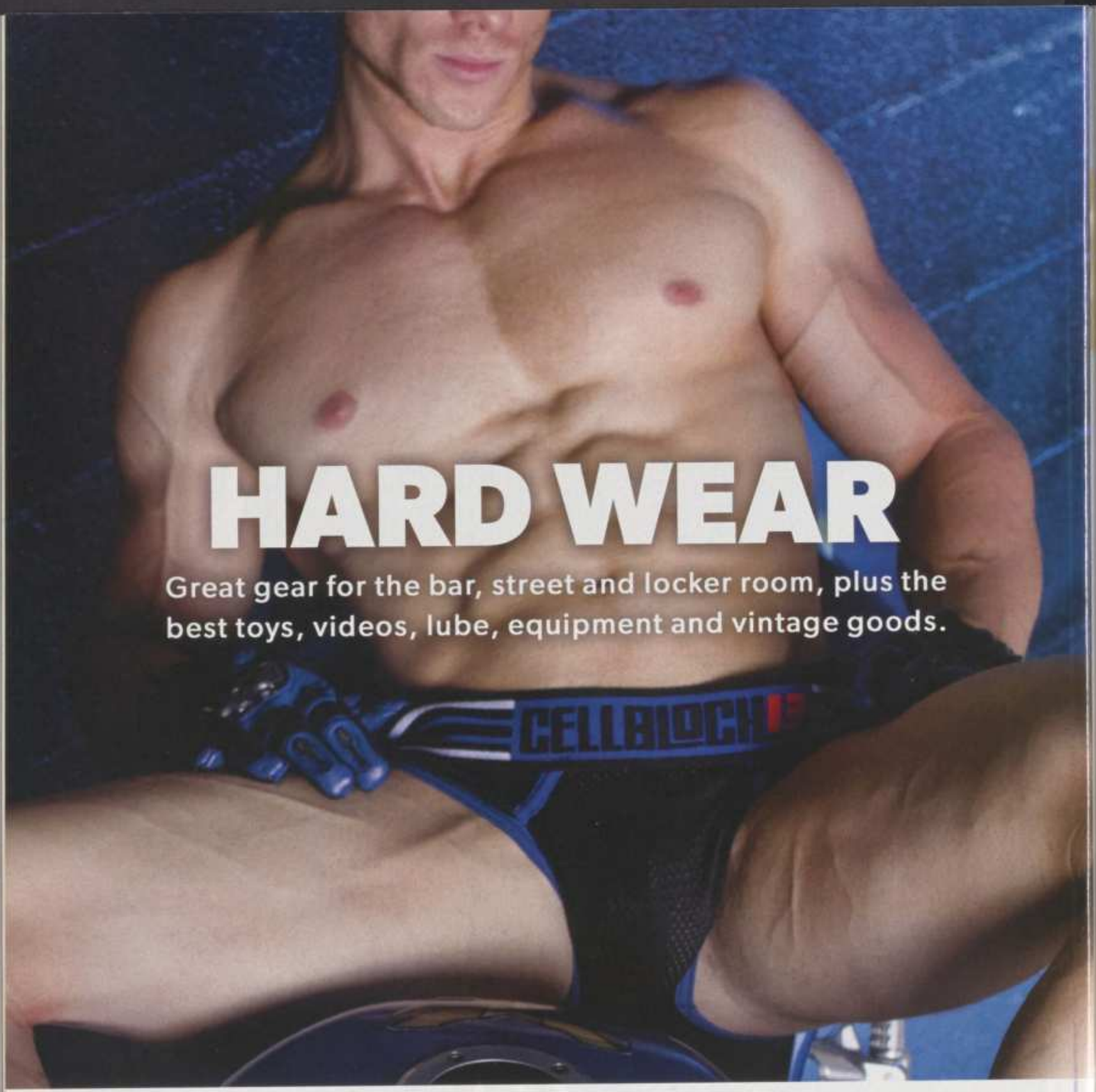
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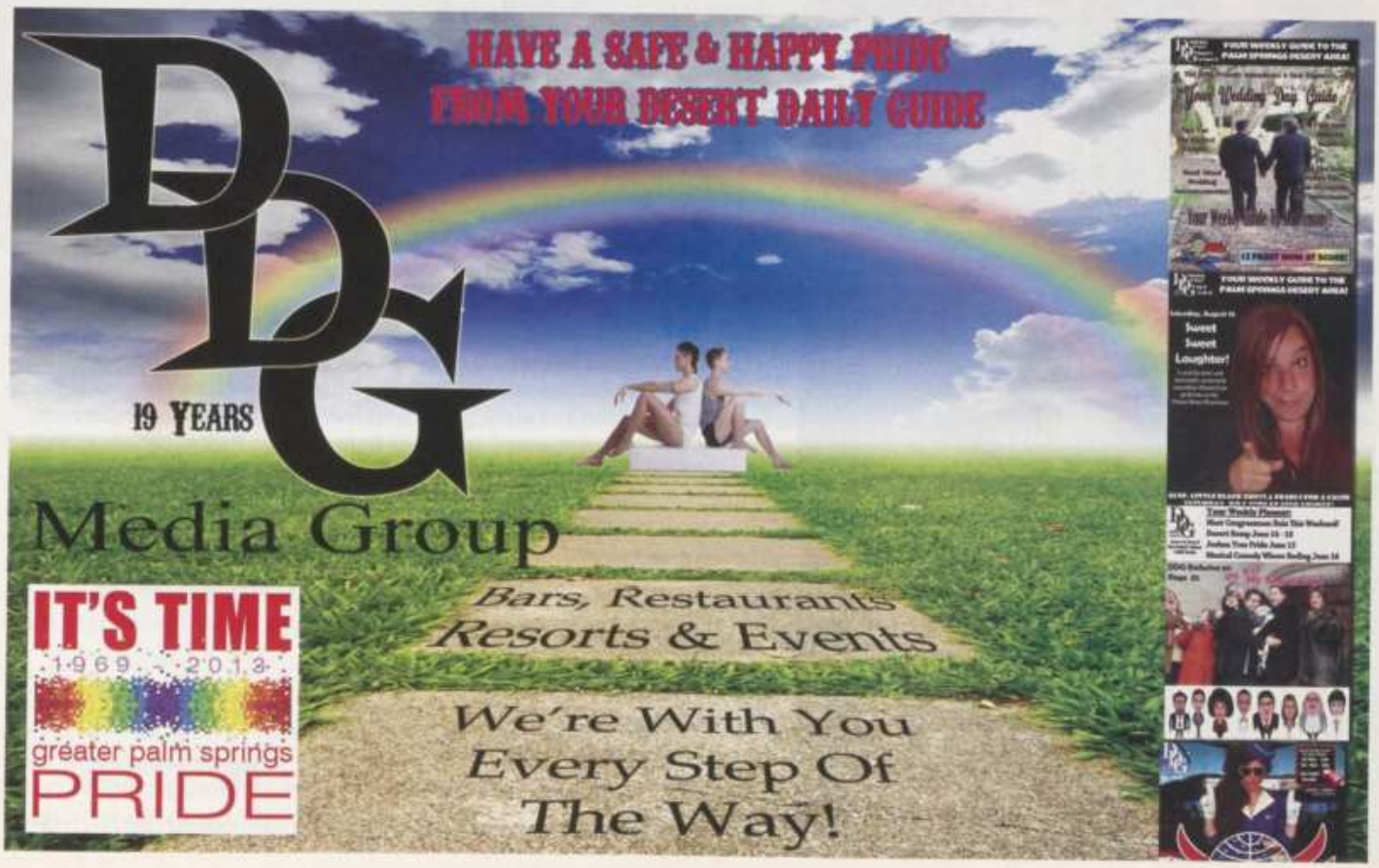


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Festival Map







Guide to Locations on the Map

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This exhibit is dedicated to educating and entertaining those that are interested in the Leather, BDSM, Kink, Fetish communities.

2nd Base Bar

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Cabaret Bar

Kick back and enjoy the Big Top with ice cold Budweiser beer on tap, Barefoot Wine and cocktails

Information Booth

Staffed by friendly volunteers who will provide you with maps, programs, and entertainment schedules, plus answer last-and-found inquires.

ATM ATM

ATM's will be located just outside the main entrance near ticket sales and throughout the Festival grounds.

Bike Parking

Bike to the Festival and have a designated place to park your bicycle near the main entrance to Palm Springs Stadium or the Palm Springs Library.

US Bank Stage USbank

Country Western Dance Tent

Presented by the Golden State Rodeo Association Palm Springs Chapter.

Children's Headquarters C-HQ

Families are invited to join us for arts and crafts and games at C-HQ. A playful place for children and accompanying adults. There will be hands on fun for you and your kids – from infants to pre-teen.

Youth Xone YX

The hub for LGBT, questioning and ally youth at the Pride Festival! The Xone features space for relaxation, games, drawing, drag and make-up fun, free food and drink, great conversation, music, creative expression, prizes, gift bags, water, and shade from the sun. Hosted by Safe Schools Desert Cities and sponsored by Palm Springs Pride.

BOO2bullying Youth Lounge

A relaxed environment for teens to hangout. A place to lounge with games, a foosball table, drawing or just kicken with friends listening to music.

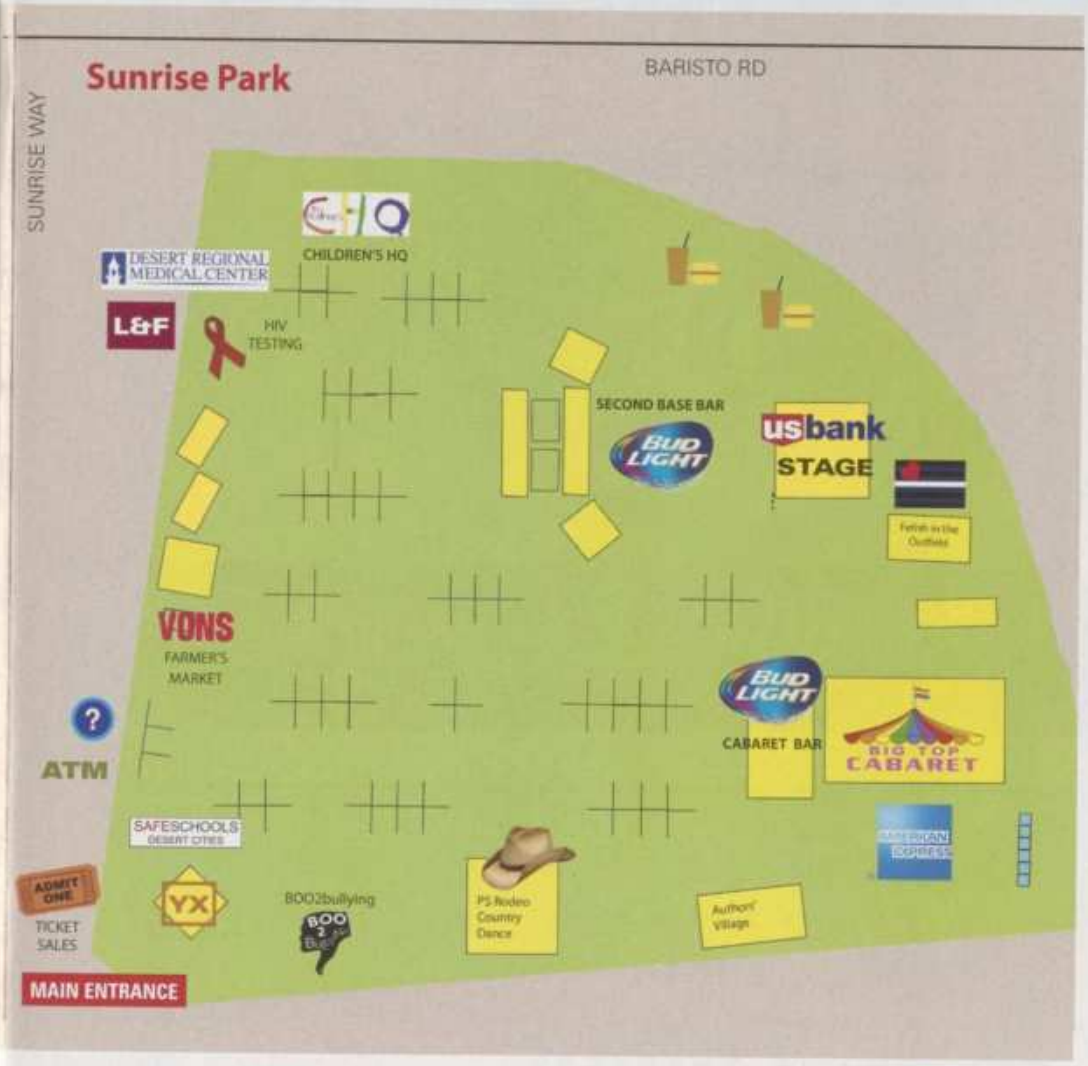
Exhibitors

Bathrooms

Located throughout the festival and in the grandstand.

First Aid - Desert Regional Medical Center DESERT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

First Aid tent is located on the west side of the park, look for FIRST AID signs.



Children's Headquarters – C-HQ

November 2 and November 3
11:00 am -3:00 pm

Families are invited to join us for arts and crafts and games at the Children's Cabana a playful place for children and accompanying adults. There will be hands on fun for you and your kids – from toddlers to pre-teen.

Complimentary snacks and cool drinks, a nap area and a clean port-a-potty along with a diaper changing station ensure that the children's space fulfills the needs of a Festival going family. Parents are required to stay in the Children's Cabana with their children. Come join us!

Lost and Found L&F

Lost items can be picked up at the PRIDE INFORMATION booth located near the main entrance. After the event, you can contact Palm Springs Pride at 760-416-8711.

Food Court

Enjoy the many tempting choices from vegan to Mexican food awaiting your taste buds.

Farmers Market *presented by Von's* VONS

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Security

Both Palm Springs Police and private security staff will be on-site to ensure everyone's enjoyment of the event. No drugs or weapons allowed on the grounds. Please report all suspicious activity or problems to Palm Springs Pride Committee Managers or directly to security/police. If you see something, please say something.

Dunk Tank

ID Lubricants presents the dunk tank to test your pitching skill. Come by and hit the bull's eye to dunk some of the hot volunteers.

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Main Entrance MAIN ENTRANCE

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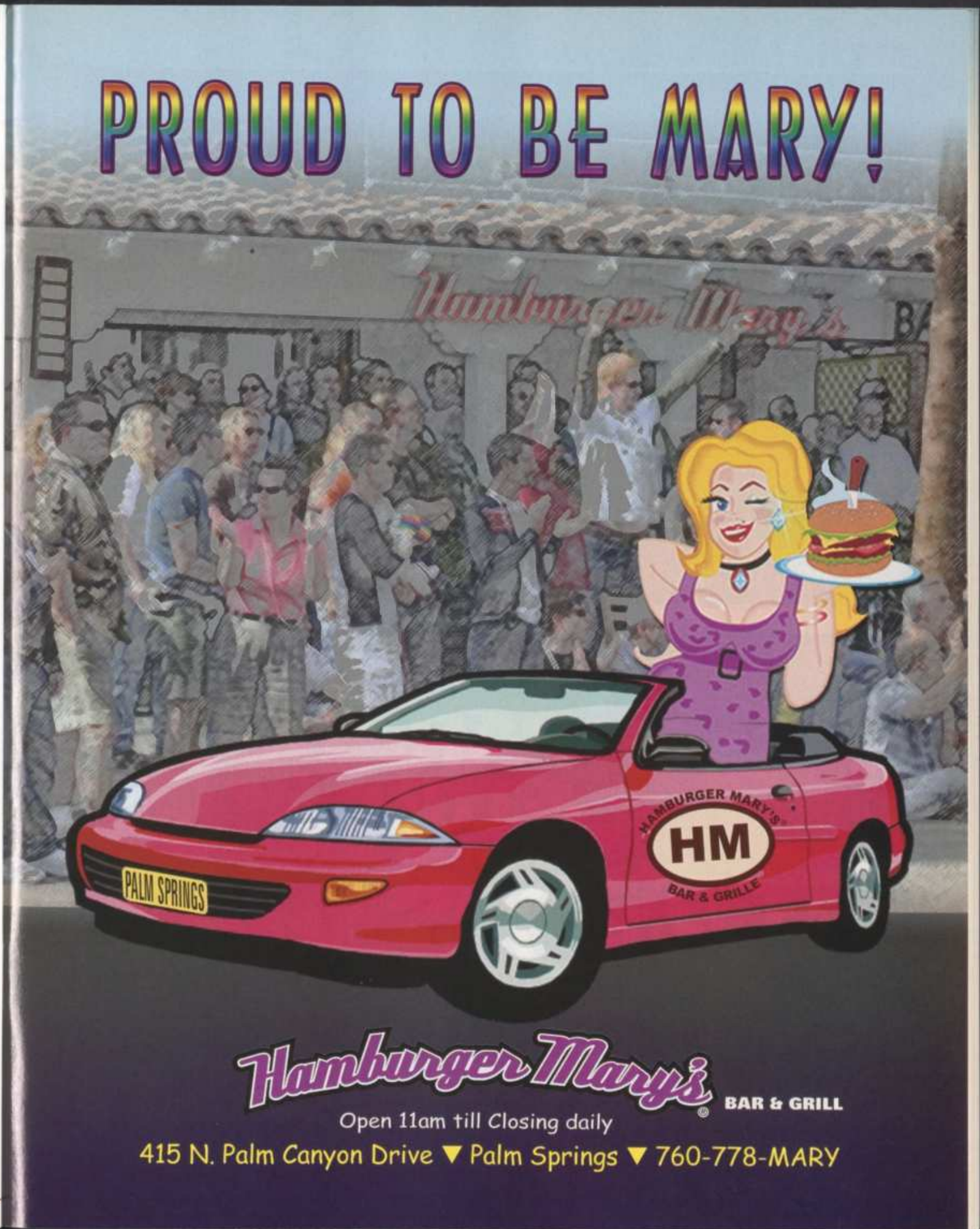
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Parade Route - *New Starting Point!*

Starts at W. Baristo Rd. and travels the Rainbow Mile north along Palm Canyon Drive to E. Tachevah Dr.
(The route officially ends at Tachevah and N. Palm Canyon Drive.)

About the Parade

Known for its crystal blue skies, year-round sunshine, stunning landscape, palm tree lined streets and starry nights the City of Palm Springs comes alive during the annual pride celebration. Rainbow flags and glitter will fill the streets as the ever present Mount San Jacinto Mountains star in the most scenic pride parade in the world. The downtown parade steps off at 10am and travels north from W. Baristo Rd. along historic Palm Canyon Drive ending in Palm Springs' trendiest neighborhood the Uptown Design District.

Four Reviewing Stands!

Enjoy Emcee commentary as parade contingents move along Palm Canyon Drive and pass by official reviewing stands.

- Pride Nation (PNN) will be in front of Forever Marilyn at N. Palm Canyon and W. Tahquitz Canyon Way.
- Mix 100.5 will be located near Hamburger Mary's at 415 N. Palm Canyon Dr.
- KDES will be near Trio at 707 N. Palm Canyon in Uptown.
- The Deaf Pride reviewing stand will be near Forever Marilyn at N. Palm Canyon and W. Tahquitz Canyon Way and feature American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation.

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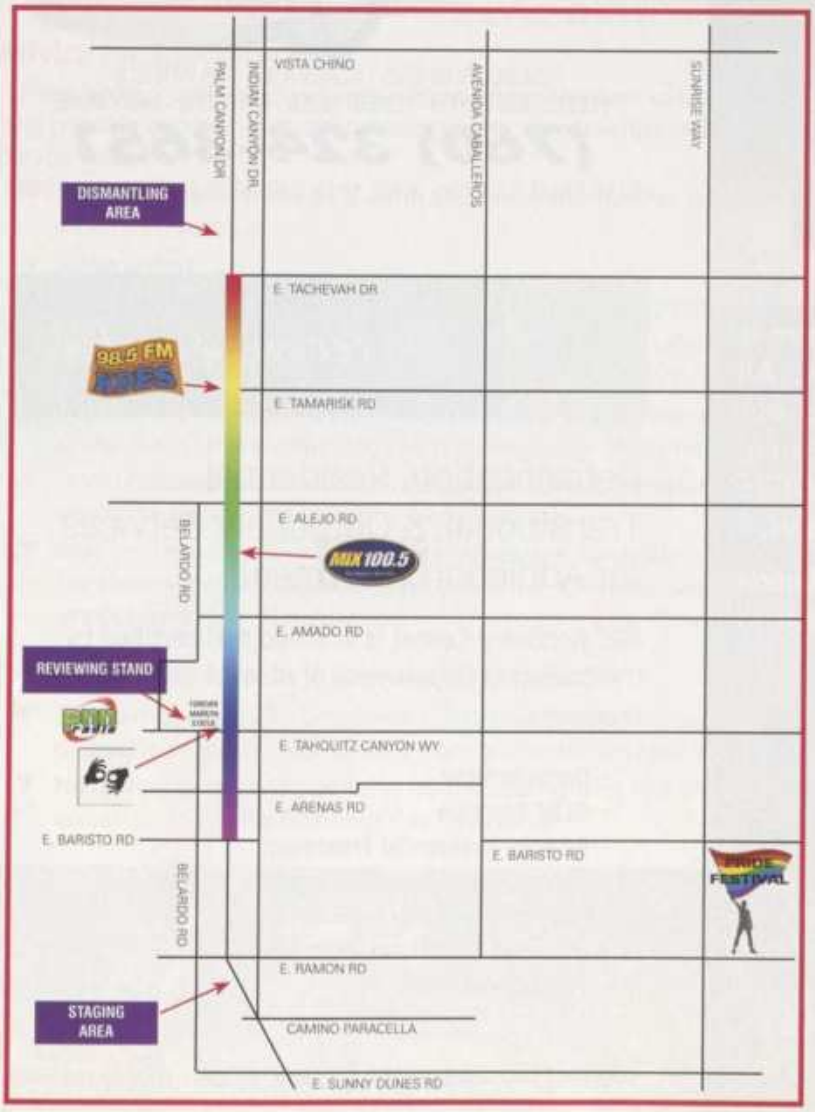
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Main Reviewing Stand *Presented by* PNN

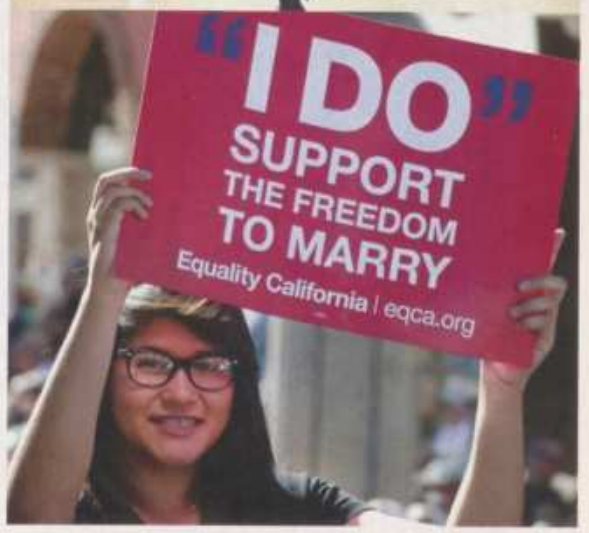
Join PNN Radio's Allen Edwards from "Allen's World Radio Show" and guest announcers as they bring you the play by play of the Palm Springs Pride parade. It's all happening in front of Forever Marilyn along Palm Canyon Drive and Tahquitz Canyon Way.



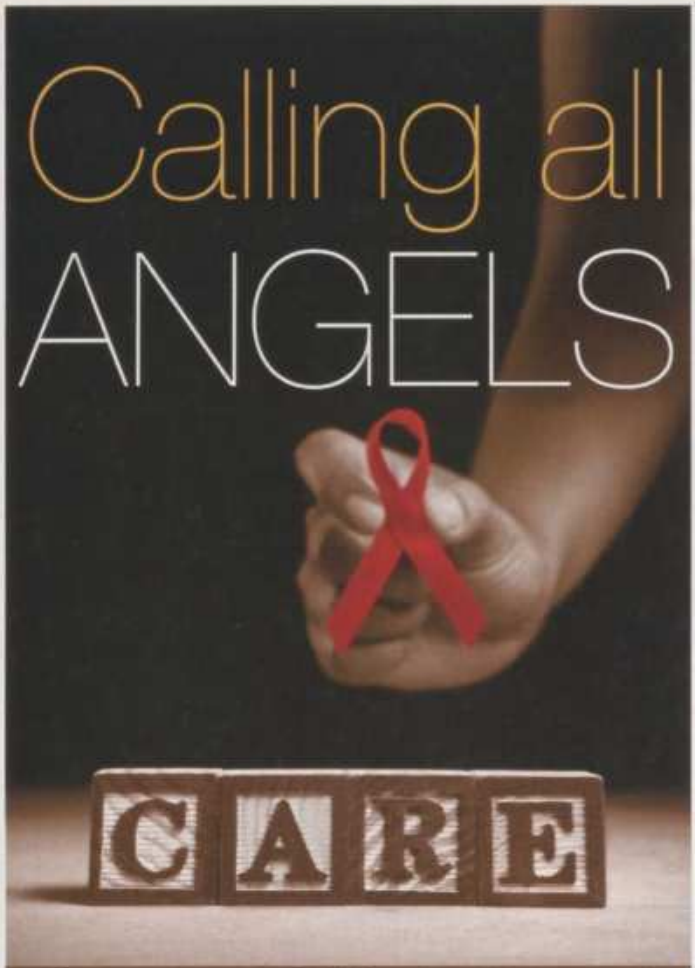








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Dismantling Area

N. Palm Canyon Drive between E. Tachevah Dr. and W. Stevens Rd. All parade contingents will dismantle in this area. Floats and vehicles can tear down and become street legal but must be out of traffic lanes when the parade ends and the street reopens to traffic.

Staging Area

Will be closed to local traffic at 7am Sunday, November 3.

S. Palm Canyon Dr will be closed from Camino Paracella to W. Ramon Rd., W. Ramon Rd will be closed from S. Belardo Rd. to S. Indian Canyon Dr. Enter the parade staging area at Camino Paracella and S. Palm Canyon Dr.

Parking

There is plenty of parking in the downtown area. Please plan a little extra time as regular parking becomes scarce downtown as the start of the parade nears.

Advice for Spectators

Palm Springs Pride works all year long to bring this event to life and provide the best possible experience to all spectators. Here are a few tips on how to enjoy the parade safely:

- Wear sunscreen! It will be a warm and sunny morning, so bring a tube of sunscreen with you.
- Bring water!
- Have fun! Sing, chant, and clap for and with the participating groups!
- Watch out for (your) kids - Make sure that children are safe and not running around on the street, especially when vehicles are approaching.
- Respect the instructions from the parade staff and volunteers - They are only doing their job and enforcing safety measures for the benefit of everyone.
- Avoid crossing the street when vehicles or animals are approaching - This slows down the parade and creates unnecessary risks.
- Stay on the sidewalk or behind safety lines and barricades - Advancing into the street when contingents approach slows down the parade and creates unnecessary risks. Maneuvering vehicles require large clearance on the street.

The following rules will be in force during the parade

- The Palm Springs City Ordinance (11.10.040) prohibiting public nudity on public or private property open to view from any public area will be strictly enforced.
- No tossing or throwing of items from parade entries into the crowd, in accordance with Palm Springs City Ordinance.







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National Grand Marshal

Joe Jervis

The National Grand Marshal for the 27th annual Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade is Joe Jervis, the author of the popular award winning LGBT news and culture blog, *Joe.My.God.* Jervis has been delivering his unique brand of activism for the global LGBT community for nine years. During this time, his signature voice has increased visibility in the fight for equal rights and justice. One of the top 100 most widely read political blogs in America, *Joe.My.God.* focuses on gay rights, LGBT youth, queer culture and the blog advocates every day to expose anti-gay bigotry and hypocrisy in politics and the media.



Joe.My.God. gained national attention in 2010 for tracing an anti-gay comment posted on the blog to the offices of Republican Senator Saxby Chambliss. Through reporting and media attention, Joe obtained a public apology. His activism and blog has been cited in the *New York Times, Washington Post, Village Voice*, and many other national news outlets.

Using provocative interviews, quotes and videos, Jervis has garnered accolades that put him in a class all his own. In 2012, he picked up the Reader's Choice Winner Award from About.com and the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus honored Joe as their Media Champion. He was the first-ever recipient of the 2011 Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) Media Award in the Outstanding Blog category and he was recognized by Web Voice Awards as the Best Politics Blog, and by CBS News New York as the Most Valuable Blogger.

Joe was honored as the 2010 Ali Forney Center's "Advocate Of The Year," for his fundraising and advocacy on behalf of New York City's homeless LGBT youth. In 2009 Joe was named one of *Instinct Magazine's* Men Of The Year and the blog received accolades that included "Best Political Blog" from the *Village Voice*, "Readers' Favorite" from *Advocate Magazine* and After Elton, the Entertainment/pop culture site, recognized *Joe.My.God* with their 2009 Visibility Award as their "Website Of The Year." Joe was also the recipient of the LGBT Anti-Violence Project "Courage Award" for his campaign against anti-gay hate crimes and San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom proclaimed October 10, 2009 to be "Joe Jervis Day."

Joe has also been on the staff of *Pride Magazine*, the official national LGBT pride magazine where he is editor-at-large and senior writer. Joe's work has been published in *Pride Magazine* as well as numerous other LGBT publications. Joe is also a frequent guest on talk radio to discuss breaking news items of LGBT interest.

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Grand Marshal

Sochi Pride 2014

Sochi Pride 2014 has been named the Grand Marshal of the 27th annual Pride Parade. Sochi Pride was selected to demonstrate solidarity with the LGBT community in Russia and raise awareness of the increasing anti-gay atmosphere of discrimination and harassment of the LGBT community in the Russian Federation.

With the recognition of Sochi Pride, Greater Palm Springs Pride invites Pride organizations from around the world to stand together in a shared vision of equality for all people and march for equality at Sochi Pride scheduled to occur on the opening day of the Winter Olympic Games, February 7, 2014. Sochi Pride will be a march to display worldwide unity against homophobia in Russia.

There has been a long-running history of violence against gays in Russia. Russia's anti-gay laws are perpetuating a state of homophobia against an entire class of its citizens. Recently the circumstances worsened when President Vladimir Putin signed a law that bans the "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations" and imposes hefty fines for providing "propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations" to minors. Last year Moscow's top court ruled that no gay pride parades may be held in Moscow for one hundred years. Charges may also be brought against individuals using the media or internet to promote "non-traditional relations." Foreign citizens arrested under the laws can be detained, fined and then deported. These anti-gay laws enacted by a supportive government not only deny fundamental human rights to Russia's LGBT citizens they threaten the well-being of thousands of athletes and visitors participating in the Winter Olympics.

When an Olympics host country considers many of the participating athletes and attendees criminals because they are gay something must be done. The growing controversy is helping to put a spotlight on government-sanctioned homophobia and bring pressure against the Russian government. In Russia, activists have called on the United States to deny visas to high-ranking Russian government officials and they are organizing Sochi Pride on the Winter Olympics Opening Day as a way to raise awareness of gay-rights and expose the government's anti-human rights actions to the world's media.

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Community Grand Marshals

Melanie Jones & Ellen Zimmerman

Community Grand Marshals Melanie Jones and Ellen Zimmerman have been active in the LGBT community for decades and are credited for their efforts to bring women together to express themselves through various social networking opportunities and creating community in the Coachella Valley. From volunteering and working in the LGBT arena Melanie and Ellen serve active roles in the community.



A native of Los Angeles, Melanie Jones was raised in the LGBT village as a child. She became a gay activist at a very young age and from the moment she marched in her very first 1980 San Francisco Pride Parade she knew that her mission was to become a leader in the gay world.

Their history of volunteerism includes Melanie leading various groups including lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender conversation groups and Ellen's facilitating Coming Out & transgender groups, as well as, Lesbian Chat and pro bono counseling.

A native New Yorker who has called California home for over fifty years, Ellen Zimmerman takes great pride in our community and has volunteered as an ambassador at the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce and has been a part of the Rotary Club. Additionally, she has volunteered for Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center's AIDS Ride, Desert Senior Samaritans, Palm Springs Opera Guild, the Coachella Valley Symphony, Desert Regional Hospital and Desert AIDS Project.

Together they own and manage the only online publication and directory serving the lesbian community in the Coachella Valley. Melanie serves as the editor, publisher, social media guru and photographer while Ellen is responsible for public relations, sales, marketing and advertising. They proudly provide women information about lesbian friendly events, groups, clubs, and businesses. They also organize a broad range of lesbian friendly cultural, sporting and social events for women.

Mark Jones & Brian Vatcher

Community Grand Marshals are dedicated community volunteers and business partners Mark Jones and Brian Vatcher. They can frequently be seen contributing to the community through a variety of volunteer activities. Together they manage the Tuesday Nite Social Club, which has allowed them to share their talent with the Desert AIDS Project (D.A.P.) co-producing events kicking off and/or wrapping up D.A.P.'s Dining Out For Life, or organizing one of the top group fundraising teams for the Desert AIDSWalk. They also volunteer as hosts and ambassadors for Dining Out For Life.



Mark co-producers "Sparkle: An All-Star Holiday Concert", a fundraiser for the Desert AIDS Project and he has served on the board of directors for the Desert Business Association. Mark and Brian have also served on the host committee of numerous charity events including The Red Dress Party for the LGBT Center of the Desert and for three consecutive years, they have been on the host committee for D.A.P.'s MidSummer Dance Party. They have also donated their time as judges in numerous community events including the Mr. DiGS Bar Leather Competition and the annual Rainbow Bar & Grill Halloween costume contest.

Mark and Brian own a downtown Palm Springs public relations and marketing strategy firm and they are credited with developing the proposal to bring Forever Marilyn to Palm Springs, complete with timing, costs and a proposed calendar of events including community events, concerts and a summer film series. They pitched the proposal to Palm Springs City Councilmember Paul Lewin. He embraced the vision and brought the proposal to P.S. Resorts to get their initial reaction, which was overwhelmingly positive. Mark and Brian facilitated negotiations between PS Resorts and the Sculpture Foundation until a rental agreement was in place and the highly visible Forever Marilyn project became a reality.

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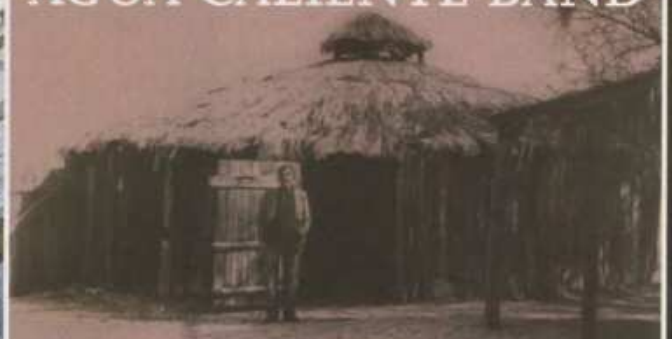
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Celebrity Grand Marshal

Ross Mathews

Television host, funny man and best-selling author Ross Mathews will be the Celebrity Grand Marshal for the 27th annual Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade. Ross is the longest running correspondent in *Tonight Show* history and is also a weekly regular on *Chelsea Lately*.

An active speaker in the equal rights arena, Ross was the recipient of the Human Rights Campaign's 2011 Visibility Award. Endearing and witty, undeniably funny and one of the hardest working people in show business, Ross has won the hearts of millions of Americans since his television debut as a correspondent for *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.

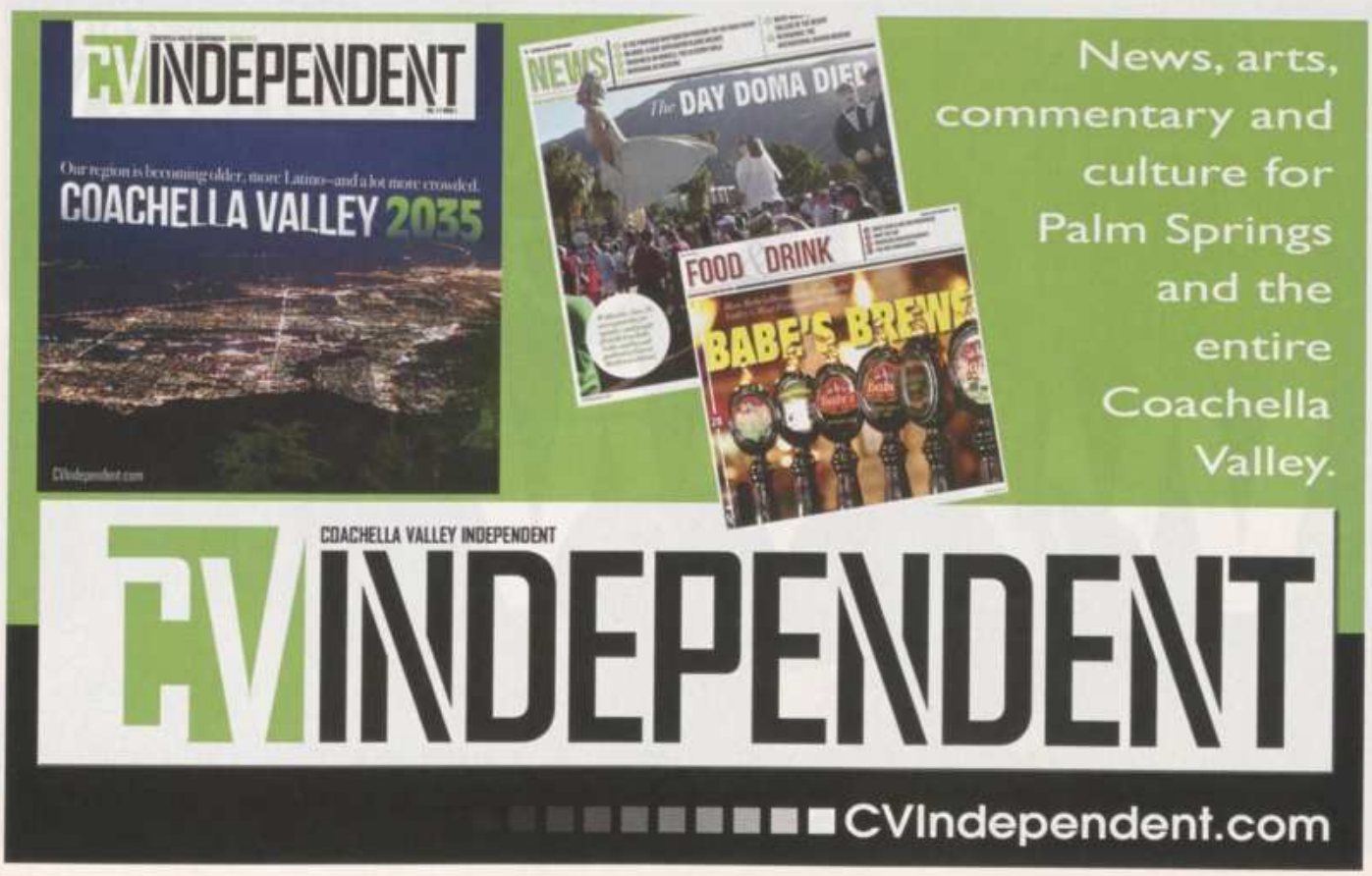


Ross joins Joan Rivers, Giuliana Rancic, Kelly Osbourne and George Kotsiopolous for a night celebrating the fan-obsessed world of pop culture with the September 6 premiere of his brand new talk show "Hello Ross." "Hello Ross" is the new weekly fan destination where the intersections of celebrity gossip and pop culture collide, hosted by the world's biggest super fan himself, Ross.

In addition to his television projects, Ross recently released his national bestselling book, *Man Up: Tales of My Self Delusional Self-Confidence* on May 7, 2013. With an introduction written by Oscar winner Gwyneth Paltrow, and afterword from Chelsea Handler, *Man Up* takes readers inside Ross' personal journey as a super fan. He reveals the most embarrassing and hilarious moments of his small town life and big city adventures and how he managed to turn an obsession with pop culture into one on one interactions with celebrities like Paltrow, Tiffani-Amber Theissen, Madonna, and Michelle Kwan.

In 2009 Ross was host and executive producer of a daily web talk show for The Insider and CBS.com called "Inside Dish with Ross Mathews." Ross has appeared in NBC's "1 vs. 100" and "Phenomenon," he has appeared as a guest co-host on "The View," he was a contestant on the fifth season of VH1's hit series "Celebrity Fit Club," he has appeared as a celebrity correspondent on "Extra" and "The Insider," has recurred as 'Chris' on "Days of our Lives," co-hosted The Game Show Network's "Big Saturday Night," appeared on "Ask Oprah's All-Stars," and has made appearances on BRAVO's "Interior Therapy," "Beverly Hills Nannies Reunion," E!'s "Studio E!" and "After Lately," and "House Hunters."

Ross and his partner Salvador along with their two rescue dogs Louise and Mijo are regulars in the Coachella Valley.



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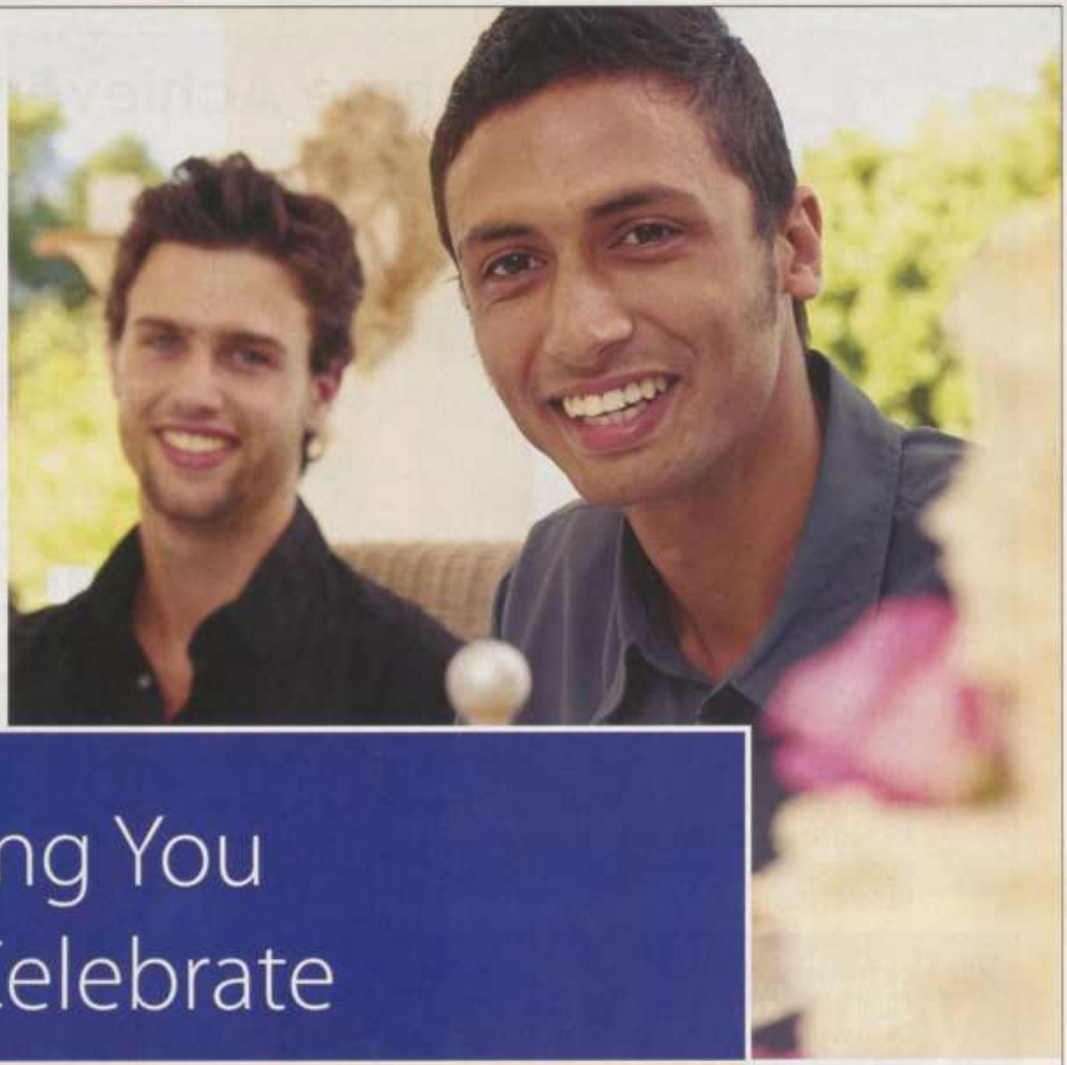
Ginny Foat

It has been nearly forty years since Ginny Foat attended her first National Organization for Women meeting. What followed was a lifetime commitment working to advance human rights, LGBT rights, women's rights and social justice and equality for all.



Her career includes serving in senior leadership positions for a number of organizations including: Legal Advocates for Women, Caring for Children and Families with AIDS, California National Organization for Women, American Task Force on Homelessness and the YWCA of the USA. She was on the organizing committee for two National Women's Right to Choose March demonstrations in Washington, D.C., and two March on Washington events for national LGBT civil rights.

She has also chaired and worked on many boards and commissions including co-chair, Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Commission, Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Housing Task Force; Child Welfare League, National Task Force on Children and Families and National Board of Directors, Federal Conference on Women Health and HIV. Current community involvement includes serving as secretary of the Coachella Valley Regional Housing Trust; Vice Chair Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homelessness Committee, member CVAG; Riverside County Transportation Committee; Regional Board, League of California Cities and Board of Directors of the Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter. Ginny is also credited with a leadership role in the creation of Roy's Homeless Resource Center, development of Palm Springs Neighborhood Organizations and the new Palm Springs Animal Shelter.



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Katherine V. Forrest

Internationally acclaimed author, Katherine V. Forrest, is known for her nine novels in the celebrated Kate Delafield mystery series and for sixteen internationally published works of fiction including the lesbian classics *Curious Wine* and *Daughters of a Coral Dawn.*

Editor of numerous anthologies, she was supervising editor at the legendary Naiad Press for ten years, is currently supervising editor at Spinsters Ink and editor at large at Bella Books, and has worked with LGBT authors for nearly three decades. Her articles and reviews have appeared in numerous books and periodicals and she has taught many classes and seminars on the craft of writing, most recently at Stanford University. She is president emeritus of the Lambda Literary Foundation.

Forrest has been recognized with numerous awards including four Lambda Literary Awards, the Publishing Triangle's Bill Whitehead Lifetime Achievement Award, the Golden Crown Literary Society's Trailblazer Award, and the Lambda Literary Foundation's Pioneer Award.

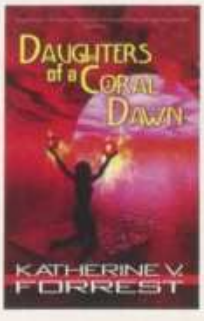
A year round resident of Cathedral City, the 74 year-old author, her partner of 22 years, and their two feline companions have made the beautiful Coachella Valley their home for the past three years and plan to remain here forever.



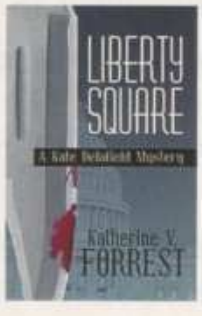
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Tom Bianchi

Tom Bianchi is a celebrated photographer known for recording life around him and capturing unbridled lust, life and the beauty of man. Sexuality has been a consistent theme in Bianchi's work since *Out of the Studio* was published in 1991. Twenty books later, Bianchi's once "pornographic" images have transformed what is acceptable in homoerotic photography. When Bianchi first attempted to get his Fire Island book published, in the late '70s, he was told the book was "too queer" and it wouldn't have a chance to recoup production costs. Today, Bianchi is one of the most published visual artists and writers in the world.



His first one-man painting show was in New York in 1980, and he held his first solo museum exhibition at the Spoleto Festival in 1984. After ten years as a painter / sculptor with an extensive exhibition history, Tom found himself in the midst of the AIDS crisis. His partner died in 1988 and Tom questioned why he became an artist. His focus turned to a book of photographs—*OUT OF THE STUDIO*—dedicated to the memory of his lover. That book broke new ground in that it was candidly about gay men, naked and affectionally connected to one another. The success of that book set the course to where Tom is today—twenty books later.

Bianchi, who is HIV positive, has been active in several projects devoted to the fight against AIDS. He is the cofounder of a biotech company and manages the funding for the development of new AIDS medication.

His *On The Couch* series, *Deep Sex* and *Erotic Triggers* deal with the expression of conscious sexual energy. This body of work has earned Tom respect as one of the most important artists dealing with erotic imagery and imagination. His body of work is the largest record ever made by a single artist of a culture's intimate life.

Three documentary films about Bianchi's work have been distributed and his work has been published in more than thirty anthologies on the male nude.



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The Spirit of Pride Award

The Spirit of Pride Award is presented to individuals who enhance the quality of life in the region by raising awareness to advance equality, promote diversity or celebrate the strength or talent of the LGBT community.

Lucy Debardelaben & Gail Christian



If music provides inspiration, Lucy Debardelaben and Gail Christian have been inspiring the LGBT community through music for ten years as promoters of the Palm Springs Women's Jazz Festival. The festivals celebrate the musical history and contributions that women have played in jazz. In 2013, more than thirty women musicians performed in front of sold out audiences, attracting jazz fans from as far away as Montreal.

Returning in 2014 with eight concerts and dozens of world-class female musicians, the Woman's Jazz Festival will be a showcase of diversity and talent for jazz enthusiasts from around the world gathered in Palm Springs for the Dinah Shore weekend.

Before coming to Palm Springs Lucy and Gail lived in Washington, DC where, in addition to their professional lives, they produced and hosted a music show at the local jazz station. Lucy is an accountant and Gail is a former television news correspondent.

2013 Special Guest

The Special Guest Award is bestowed on individuals who have enriched our lives through activism, inspiration, philanthropy or arts and culture.

Sam & Katy Wilkerson

Mother and son team, Katy Wilkerson and Sam Wilkerson are recognized as the 2013 Spirit of Stonewall Special Guest for their work making a documentary short detailing the Palm Springs High School Spirit of the Sands bands' participation in the Palm Springs Pride Parade. The 23-minute film documentary, "Pride of Palm Springs" is about inclusion, equality, commitment and a community's emotional appreciation.



Marching band alum, Sam Wilkerson and his mom, former band booster Katy Wilkerson, have spent the last two years directing and producing a documentary short detailing, the Palm Springs High School Spirit of the Sands bands' participation in the Palm Springs Pride Parade.

The idea for the documentary first came about after Katy walked with the marching band in the Pride Parade and was overwhelmed by the response she was getting from the parade spectators. "People were coming up to me with tears in their eyes telling me that they never, in their wildest dreams, thought that they would ever see a high school marching band in a pride parade. It was one of the most emotional events I had ever witnessed. After the parade I would tell Sam, this was a story that needed to be told."

As part of the planning process Katy did some research to see how many other high school marching bands participated in pride parades around the country. "By the reactions we were getting along the parade route I figured that there weren't many other high schools doing this. When I started doing the research I couldn't find a single one. I'm not saying we're the only high school band marching in a pride parade anywhere in the country but we're absolutely one of a very few."

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Stephen Boyd & Michael Green

Stephen Boyd and his partner, Michael Green, retired from corporate life in 2000 and moved to the Coachella Valley. Together they own and operate the Triangle Inn Palm Springs, a small historic mid-century boutique hotel. Self admitted workaholics, Stephen and Michael have been together for nearly thirty years and married in 2008, both are active in design, advertising and marketing and they are passionately committed to volunteering in the community.



Stephen Boyd

As a lover of animals, Stephen Boyd volunteers and provides charitable support to a number of animal welfare organizations throughout the valley. He has served on the Board of Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter for the past eight years and currently serves as Vice President of that organization, which now manages the Palm Springs Animal Shelter. Stephen volunteers his design and photography services in support of animal causes and other local charities. He loves all animals, but admits that he really is a cat person.

Michael Green is an active volunteer in the local tourism industry; serving as President of the Desert Gay Tourism Guild, as past president and current board member of the Palm Springs Hospitality Association, as a past board member of Mainstreet, as a past member of the Greater Palm Springs Convention and Visitors' Bureau's Hospitality and Business Council, and as a current member of the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism's Planning, Budget and Joint Advisory Committee (executive, budget and marketing committees).



Michael Green

Michael's civic involvement includes having served as a member of the Palm Springs General Plan Steering Committee, serving on the interview panel for the Palm Springs Library, serving as a committee member of Move that Jail—the citizens group opposing the Whitewater Jail facility, Desert Business Association membership and membership in his local neighborhood association. Michael also worked to develop and implement the Palm Springs' Bureau of Tourism's Resident Expert Program, and the Desert Gay Tourism Guild's annual Summer Splash promotion.

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Shann Carr



Shann Carr is recognized nationally as a headlining comedian and locally as someone always willing to take in strays, both doggie and human versions. A fostering advocate, her own boy-dog, Becky was a foster pet gone permanent. She has been active in helping the Palm Springs Animal Shelter launch the new "Lend A Paw" program. Serving as a high school mentor for the Arts District program at Palm Springs High School she feels she received at least as much out of the experience as her mentee did.

Throughout her 30-year comedy career Carr has written, produced and performed exclusively gay comedy and has been guided along the way by her personal commitment to devote a significant amount of her time to charity and nonprofit performances.

For every year since its inception Shann has volunteered in some capacity with Cinema Diverse including last year as an associate programmer watching nearly one hundred film submissions on the spandex screen stretched over her pool with friends. Her service in the community this year includes the host Committee for Desert Aids Projects Midsummer Dance Party and supporting The American Cancer Society's first LGBT Dance Relay for Life.

Christopher Kennedy



Entrepreneur and luxury brand designer Christopher Kennedy not only draws inspiration from Palm Springs for his design projects and product lines, he is inspired to help others. His product lines have raised funds for charities and causes including Desert AIDS Project, AIDS Assistance Program, Equality California, Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter, Saving All Pets, and Sober in the Sun. Christopher volunteers with the Palm Springs Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers raising scholarship funds for Palm Springs area students. He also volunteers with the Professional Advisory Council for Drury University where he lends his experience, knowledge, and insight to programs dedicated to helping students understand, identify, and map out their choices for successful career paths.

A member of the Architectural & Design Council of the Palm Springs Museum, Christopher also lends his award-winning products and services to benefit children and students by including his design projects on home tours including the Children's Discovery Museum Home Tour and The Marrakesh Designer Show Case. Christopher also works with the local chapter of Mended Hearts, a national nonprofit organization offering the gift of hope and encouragement to heart patients and their families and caregivers. By providing continuing donations of fabrics for quilting, Christopher Kennedy uses his connections in the design world to support the organization's efforts to raise money through quilt sales.



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Carol & Mike Balasa

LGBT civil rights activists for the last twenty years, Carol and Mike Balasa have been involved with Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PGLAG) since just after their daughter came out to them in 1992. "When our daughter returned from college to tell us that she was gay we pulled her close and promised that we would love whomever she loved. Like most parents we were unprepared for this news, and concerned about her safety and civil rights. Soon we were marching with her in our first Gay Pride Parade in Seattle. We found a like-minded group of parents in the PFLAG contingent and from that introduction, we decided to become fully involved PFLAG parents." In 1995 Carol and Mike retired and devoted their efforts to LGBT civil rights.



They have marched in Pride parades, participated in a PFLAG Speakers Bureau, helped start several PFLAG chapters, lobbied political leaders, organized protests in support of same-sex marriage, and they were charter members of the first LGBT Parent Teacher Association.

In 2001 the cold damp weather in Seattle drove Carol and Mike to seek a warmer climate and to our good fortune they choose Palm Springs. It didn't take long to bring their activism to the Coachella Valley. In 2003 they moved into the lead roles of Palm Springs/Desert Communities PFLAG as Co-presidents. Carol handled the information line and administrative duties and Mike wrote the monthly newsletter. Carol also served as editor and she managed public speaking requests and reporter interviews. They continue to fulfill these responsibilities today.

Carol and Mike served as charter members of the Palm Springs Police LGBT Outreach Committee until the spring of 2013, and for the last ten years they have served as co-presidents of the Palm Springs/Desert Communities PFLAG chapter. A key focus of their attention over the years has been a passion to bring diversity training to the local schools. They helped Rick Smedstad, director of Gay Associated Youth, bring diversity training to the local schools. From that effort the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network, GLSEN, was formed and evolved to the Safe Schools Coalition. With their leadership, PFLAG remains committed to supporting Gay-Straight Alliances in Coachella Valley high schools and some middle schools.

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Lambda Legal

Lambda Legal is the 2013 Spirit of Stonewall Advocate of the Year recognized by Greater Palm Springs Pride as the nation's oldest and largest legal organization working for the civil rights of lesbians, gay men and people with HIV/AIDS.

Lambda Legal was founded by Bill Thom in 1973 as the nation's first legal organization dedicated to achieving full equality for lesbian and gay people and has now grown to an expert staff of more than 80 in five offices around the country—New York, Atlanta, Dallas, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Throughout the 1970s, Lambda Legal fought and won some of the nation's first cases on behalf of lesbian and gay parents and same-sex couples. In one of our first cases (Gay Student Organization v. Bonner), we successfully helped a gay student group at the University of New Hampshire fight a ban on their school activities.

Lambda Legal
making the case for equality

In 1983, Lambda Legal won the nation's first HIV/AIDS discrimination case (People v. West 12 Tenants Corp.), helping establish that under disability laws it's illegal to discriminate against people who have HIV. Lambda Legal also helped establish privacy rights for people with HIV, including the right to keep test results and medical records confidential.

In the 1990s they won an historic legal precedent holding schools responsible for harassment and violence against LGBTQ students (Nabozny v. Podlesny) and successfully defended the right of gay-straight alliances to exist in schools (Colín v. Orange Unified School District).

In 1992, they successfully kept Colorado's Amendment 2 from taking effect. The statewide initiative would have stripped lesbians and gay men of civil rights protections, nullifying existing bans on antigay discrimination and preventing others from being enacted. In 1996, they convinced the U.S. Supreme Court to declare the measure unconstitutional (Romer v. Evans).

In 2000, they argued for a sheriff's culpability for his acts prior to the murder of Brandon Teena, who was brutally raped and later killed by two men who discovered he was transgender. This case (Brandon v. Richardson County) brought unprecedented visibility to the transgender community and was the subject of the film Boys Don't Cry.

Lambda Legal helped convince state courts to strike down sodomy laws in New York, Kentucky, Tennessee, Montana and Georgia. And in 2003, in the historic case Lawrence v. Texas, they persuaded the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn all remaining state sodomy laws. In 2009, they obtained an historic unanimous decision in Iowa Supreme Court, which ruled that denying marriage to same-sex couples is unconstitutional (Varnum v. Brien). This landmark victory made Iowa the first state in the Midwest to offer marriage equality.

In 2011, Lambda Legal won two cases securing rights for transgender people, one before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals out of Wisconsin upholding the right of transgender people to receive medical care while incarcerated, and the other from the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals upholding a lower court ruling that the Georgia General Assembly discriminated against Vandy Beth Glenn when it fired her for being transgender.

In 2012, Lambda Legal represented high school student Maverick Couch in a successful effort to secure his free speech rights to wear his "Jesus is Not a Homophobe" t-shirt to school.

Early this year, Lambda Legal secured a victory for its client Alec Esquivel, a transgender man, when the State of Oregon agreed to change its employee health care policy to remove all language that denies coverage to transgender people for transition-related health care. Lambda Legal joined LGBT rights organizations in submitting friend-of-the-court briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court in United States v. Windsor and Hollingsworth v. Perry, the DOMA and California Proposition 8 challenges respectively that resulted in the recent rulings declaring Section 3 of DOMA unconstitutional and affirming a lower court ruling finding Proposition 8 unconstitutional as well.





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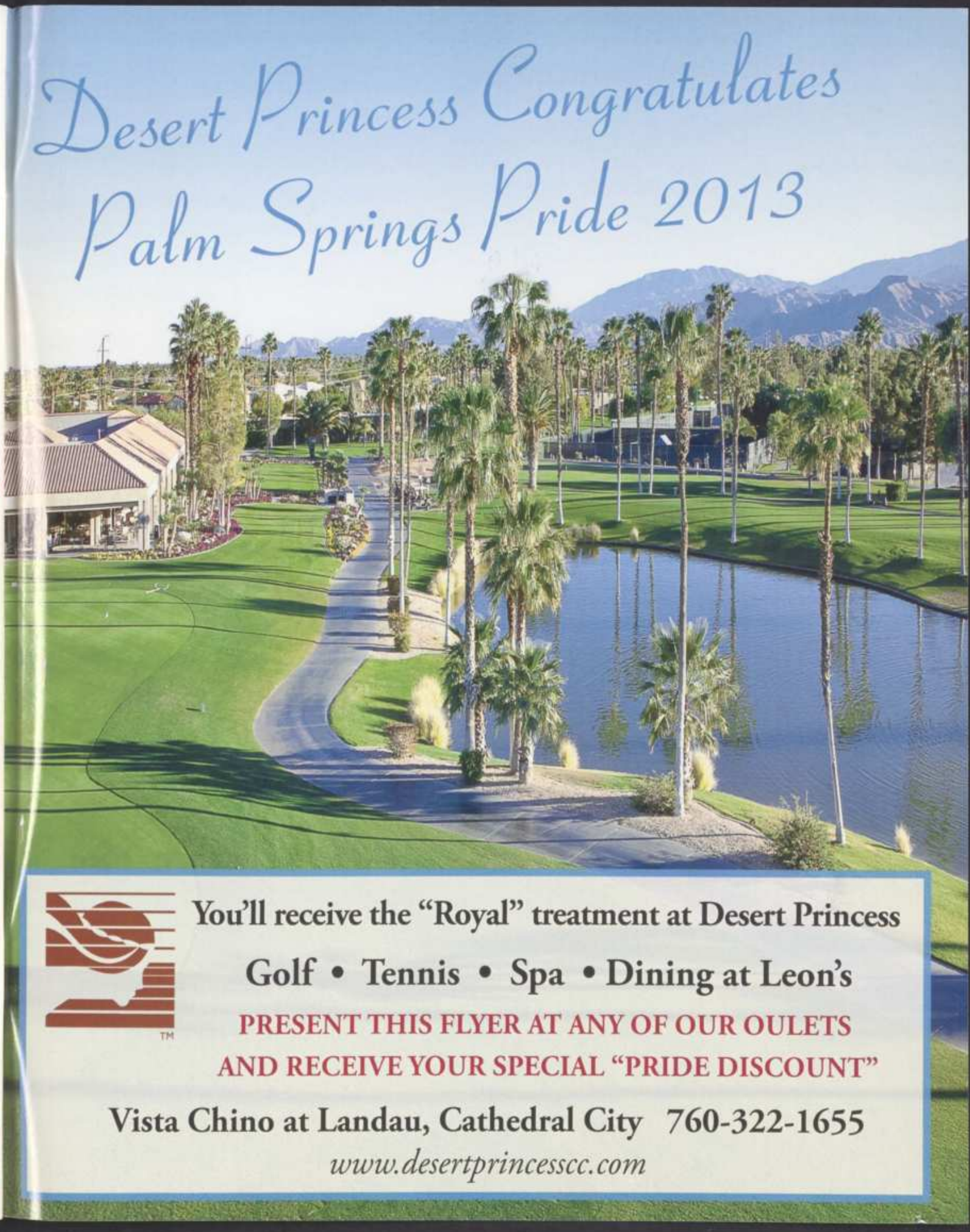
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