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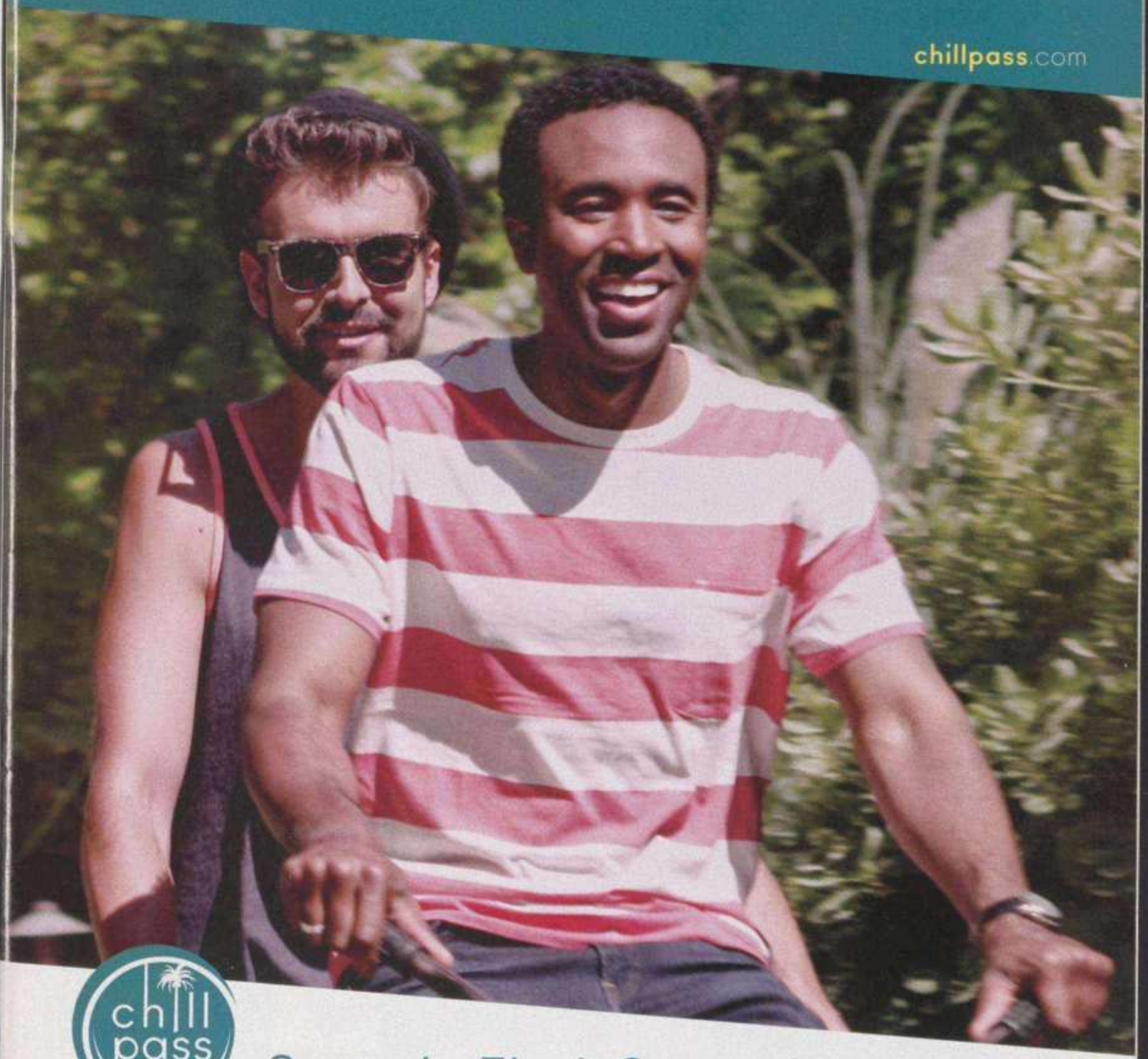
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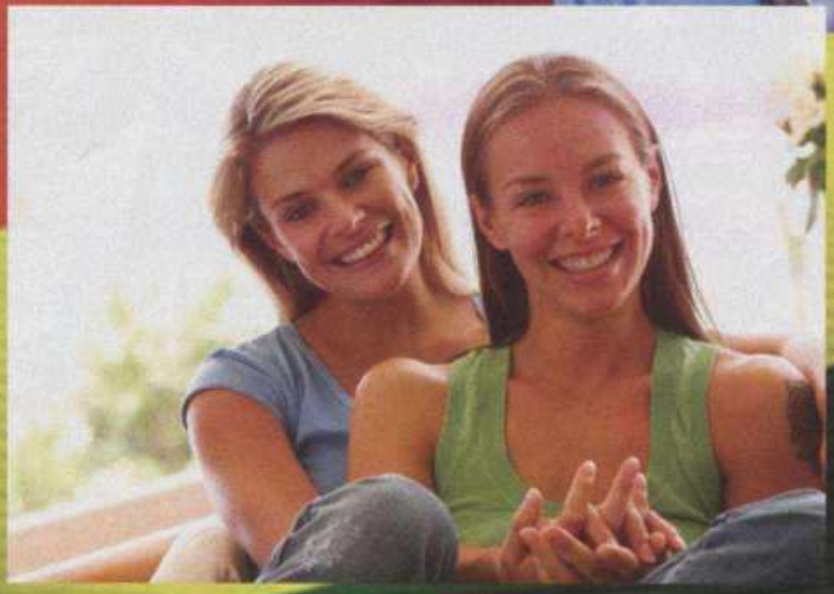
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Greater Palm Springs Pride is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community enhancement organization established to promote the public education and awareness of individual rights and civil liberties of the LGBT community and to promote the history, diversity and 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.

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The poster is colorful, whimsical, and incorporates the most iconic sites of Palms Springs from the Tram to windmills to pool parties. The art will be used to promote Palm Springs Pride in approximately 20 magazines from local publications to magazines in Toronto, Los Angeles, Seattle, Munich and London. Additionally, the art will be used on dozens of websites, as well as promotional fliers, internet graphics and on Palm Springs Pride emblematic merchandise to help market and promote the event.

Welcome to the 29th Anniversary of Pride in the Coachella Valley

The Pride Festival in downtown Palm Springs is the largest California Pride celebration outside San Francisco to offer free admission for all to attend. We invite you to celebrate how far we have come in the 45 years since Stonewall, and to re-commit ourselves to the struggle for equality, acceptance and visibility locally and globally.

Early this year, we joined our sister organizations in Long Beach, OC Pride and Las Vegas to show support for all LGBTQ people in all communities across the globe and adopted the 2015 global Pride theme "Color Our World With Pride." Now we invite you to come together in celebration and use the platform that Pride provides to raise awareness of key issues in our community including immigration reform, education, insurance, health care, trans* rights (transgender and gender nonconforming people), rights for incarcerated LGBT individuals and religious discrimination against LGBT individuals.

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Friday, October 9, 2015

Pride Honors Awards **(6:00 – 8:00 p.m.)** *Hyatt Palm Springs, 285 N. Palm Canyon Dr.*

Saturday, October 31, 2015

Halloween Palm Springs **(6:00 – 10:00 p.m.)** *Arenas Rd. between Indian Canyon Dr. and Calle Encillia.*

Friday, November 6, 2015

Rainbow Flag Raising **(10:00 a.m.)** *Palm Springs Village Green*

OUT PSP: A Kick Off to Pride Weekend **(5:00 - 8:00 p.m.)** *El Mirador Plaza, 4th Floor Outdoor Patio.*

Welcome Kickoff Pride Cocktail Party **(5:00 to 8:00 p.m.)** *Hacienda Cantina & Beach Club, 1555 S. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs.*

Latino Party **(7:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.)** *Alibi Azul, 369 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs*

Pride Meet & Greet Party at CCBC Resort **(8:00 p.m. – Midnight)** *CCBC Resort, 68300 Gay Resort Drive, Cathedral City.*

Broadway in Drag Pageant **(8:00 p.m.)** *Palm Canyon Theater, 538 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs.*

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Pride Festival Day 1 **(10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.)** *Downtown Palm Springs on Palm Canyon Dr. from Amado to Baristo Rd. and on Arenas between Calle Encilia and Indian Canyon Dr.*

Pride Beach Party **(Noon to 6:00 p.m.)** *Hacienda Cantina and Beach Club, 1555 S. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs.*

Hot Wet & Proud Pool Party "4" **(Noon to 10:00 p.m.)** *CCBC Resort, 68300 Gay Resort Drive, Cathedral City.*

DYKE MARCH & Rally **(5:00 to 6:00 p.m.)** *Gathering Point: Jackie Lee Houston Park directly in front of the Palm Springs Convention Center at 4:00 p.m.*

Arenas Rd. Block Party '15 presented by Hunters **(6:00 - 11:00 p.m.)** *Located between Indian Canyon Dr. and S. Calle Encilia on Arenas Rd. in downtown Palm Springs.*

3rd Annual Official Ladies' Party **(6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.)**

Chix Mix Returns **(6:00 - 2:00 am)** *Alibi Azul, 369 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, www.alibiazul.com*

Women's Pride Dance **(7:30 to Midnight)** *Hard Rock Hotel 150 S. Indian Canyon Dr. Palm Springs*

After Hours Dance Party **(12:00 – 4:00 a.m.)** *CCBC Resort, 68300 Gay Resort Drive, Cathedral City.*

Sunday, November 8, 2015

29th Anniversary Pride Parade **(10:00 a.m.)** *Steps off at Tachevah Dr. and Palm Canyon Dr. Travels south on N. Palm Canyon Drive to Amado*

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Pride Festival Day 2 **(hours vary by stage venue)** *Downtown Palm Springs*

Sunday Funday Pride Pool Party **(Noon to 6:00 p.m.)** *Hacienda Cantina and Beach Club, 1555 S. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs.*

"Hey T!" Official T-Dance Party **(Noon to 7:00 p.m.)** *Alibi Azul, 369 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, www.alibiazul.com*

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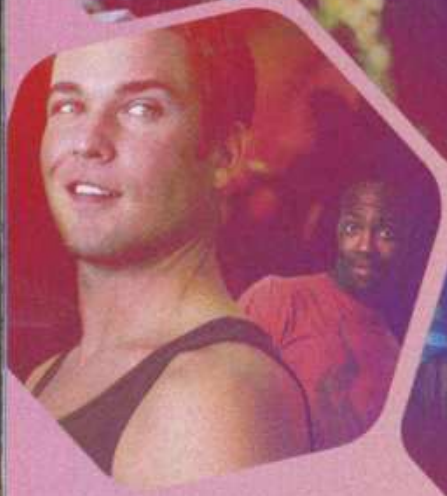


















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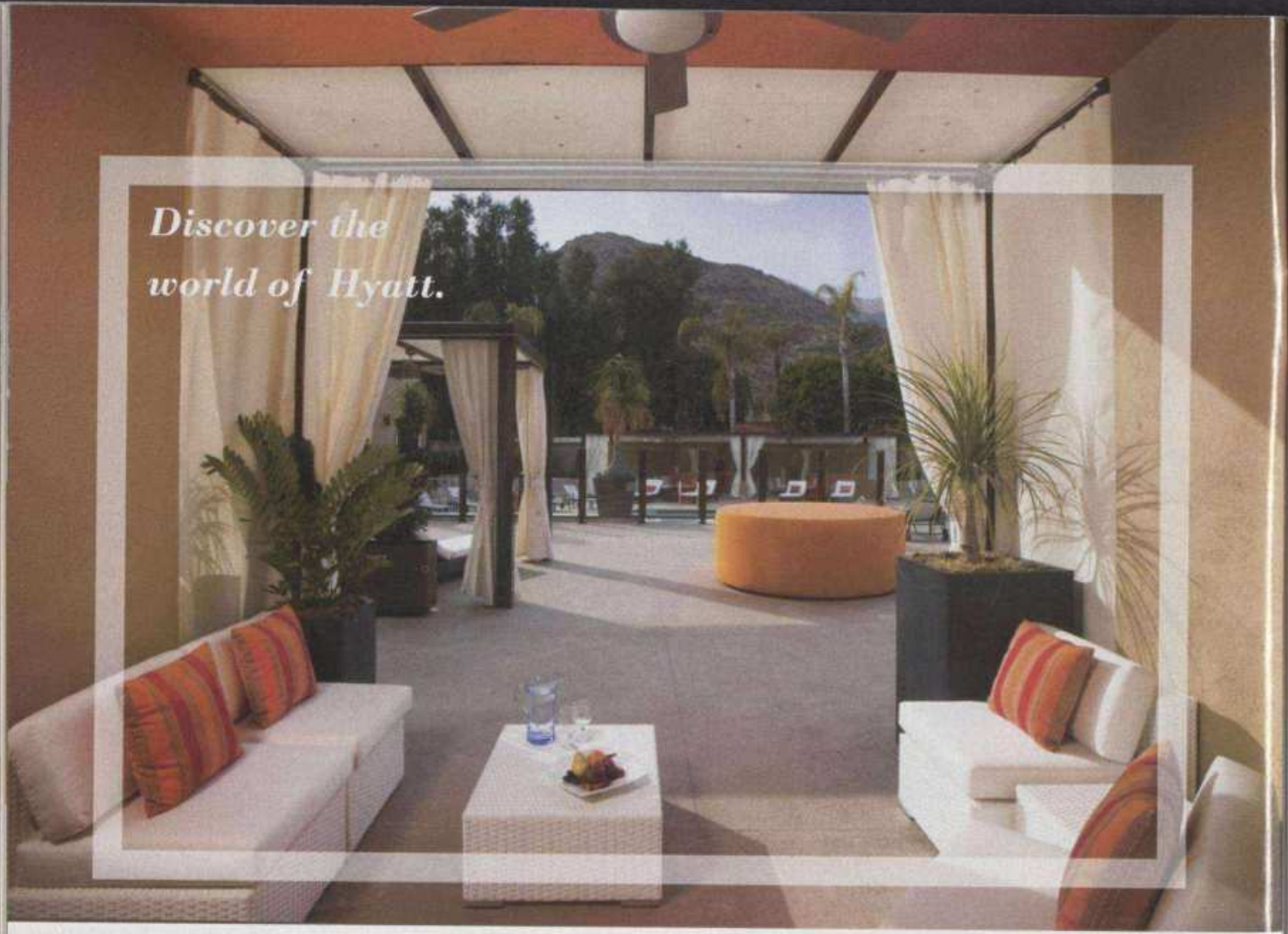
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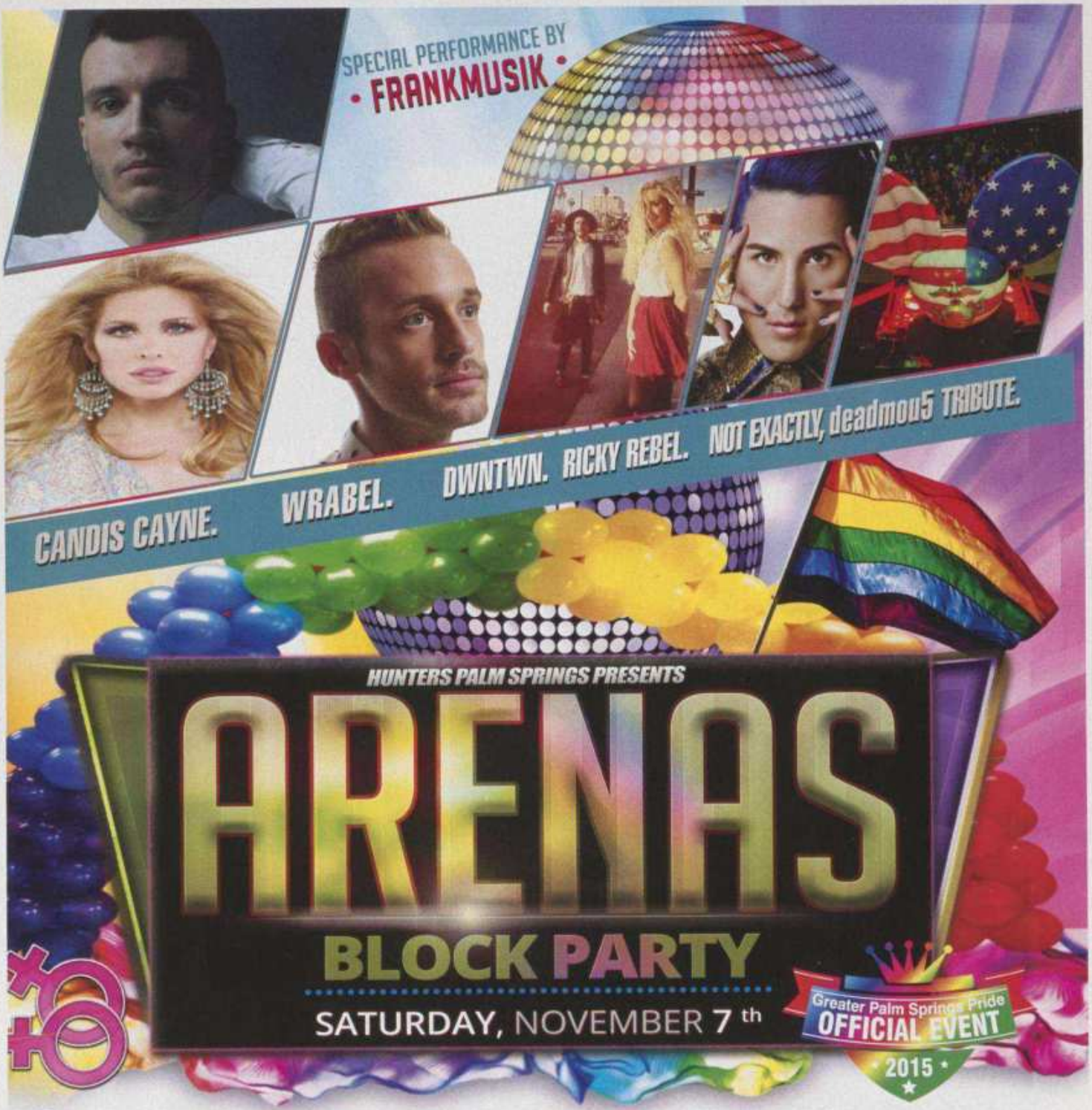
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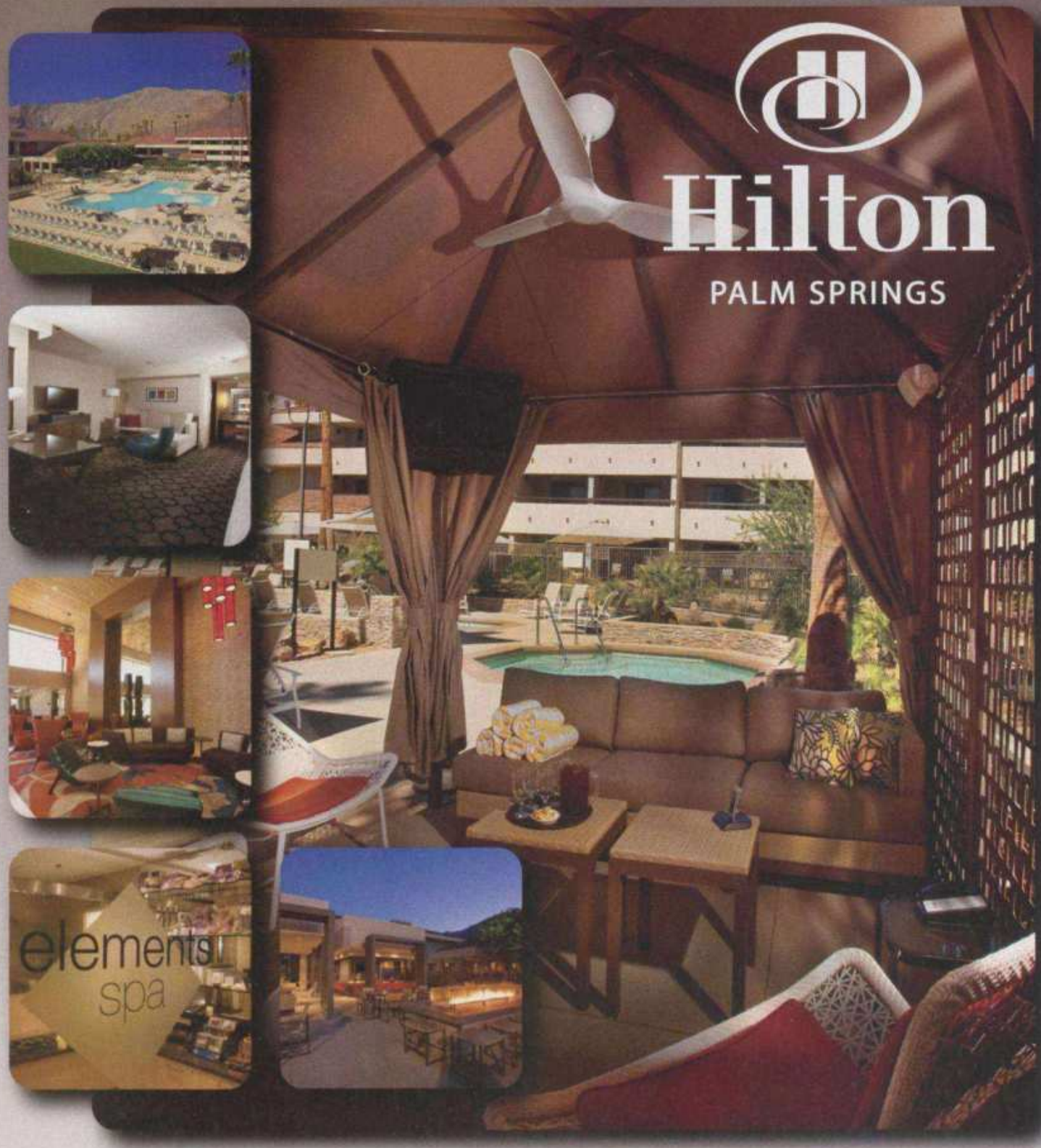
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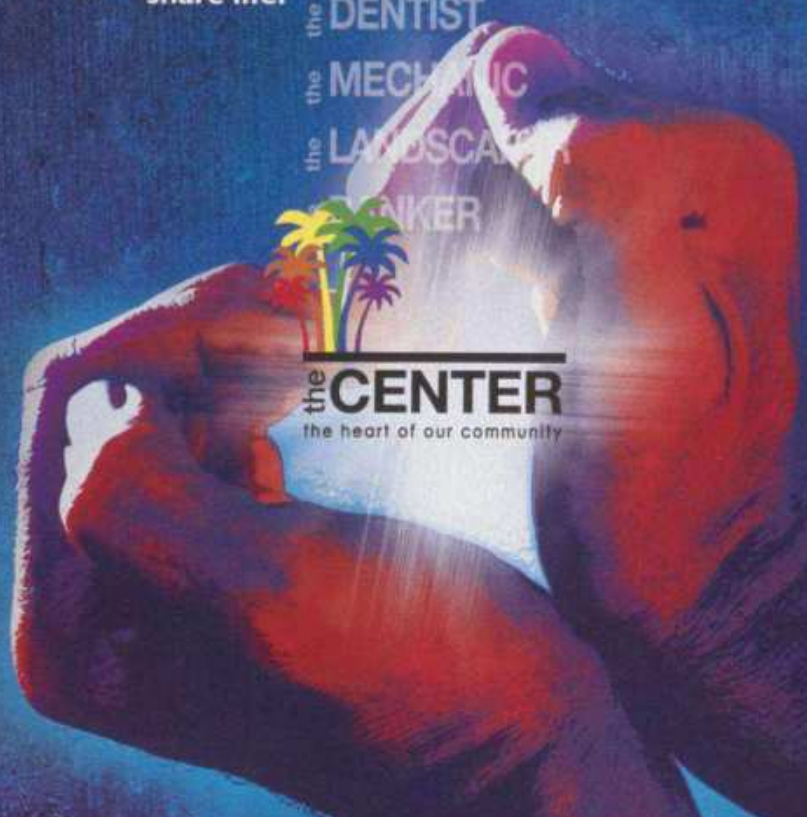
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Saturday, October 31 (6:00 to10:00 a.m.)

Join thousands of incredible and unique costumed revelers for Halloween on Arenas Rd in Palm Springs. Bands, DJs and singers along with cash and prizes for the costume contest. From October 26-30 there will be preliminary costume contests at Chill, Spurline, Hunters, Score and Streetbar with cash and prizes valued at over $200 at each contest.

Pride Honors Awards *Friday, October 9 (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 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 reception will take place at the Hyatt Palm Springs located at 285 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs. Admission $25 General Admission, $50 Honors Circle, $1,000 Champagne Tables for four. All tickets include complimentary Bud Light, wine and appetizers. For tickets visit bit.ly/pshonors15.

Spirit of Stonewall Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to the renowned photographer Michael Childers and human rights activists Melinda Tremaglio. The 2015 Volunteer of the Year is Brian Wanzek (better known as entertainment personality, Bella da Ball℠). The Spirit of Stonewall Community Service Award will be presented to Lisa Middleton and the Friend of Pride will be bestowed on Melisse Banwer. The 2015 Special Guest is Dr. Ronni Sanlo and the Spirit of Pride award recipient is Janet Malachowsky. Great Autos of Yesteryear will be recognized for supporting the community for thirty-two years with the Organization of the Year Award.



Rainbow Flag Raising *Friday, November 6 (10:00 a.m.)*

Free community event.

Palm Springs Village Green

Community leaders will be joined by civic officials at a flag raising ceremony for a rainbow flag which will fly above the streets in downtown Palm Springs for Pride weekend November 6-8. This event will commemorate the 36th Anniversary of the Rainbow flag and will be the official kickoff to a slate of Pride events and celebrations including the parade and festival.

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OUT PSP: A Kick Off to Pride Weekend

Friday, November 6 (5:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

El Mirador Plaza, 4th Floor Outdoor Patio

http://pspride.org/outpsp/tickets/

OUT PSP: A Kick Off to Pride is Greater Palm Springs Pride and the Gay Desert Guide's kick off to Pride weekend with tastings from Coachella Valley's premier restaurants, bars and beverage purveyors. Drop in and sip on signature cocktails at our open bar while you and your friends watch the sun set behind the San Jacinto Mountains!

The gathering is our opportunity to recognize and honor Evan Wolfson, National Grand Marshal and the Grand Marshals Randy Johnson and Paul Campion. Wolfson is widely credited as the mastermind behind the legal strategy that won marriage equality for all and Johnson and Campion are two plaintiffs in the historic Supreme Court case who were married in Palm Springs in 2008.

Also recognized as Community Grand Marshals is the nightclub business trio of Mark Hunter, Jennifer Seymour and Patrick Volkert. As co-owners of Hunters Palm Springs, the business partners are recognized for having a positive impact in the region through the support they have provided to community organizations and fundraising efforts large and small.

All proceeds from OUT PSP support the Pride organization's efforts to foster Pride in and respect for the region's LGBT communities.

Tickets $50 prior to October 6, $75 after. Other levels of support and recognition $250 Friend, $500 Host, and $1,000 partner. Includes tastings from restaurants, bars and beverage purveyors.

Official Pool Parties of Palm Springs Pride 2015

Friday, Saturday and Sunday November 6-8

All parties are FREE!

- Welcome Kickoff Pride Cocktail Party: November 6 (5:00 to 8:00 p.m.)
- Pride Beach Party: November 7 (Noon to 6:00 p.m.) Drink Specials, Giant Beer Pong, Giant Twister, Pool Volleyball and poolside DJs
- Sunday Funday Pride Pool Party: November 8 (Noon to 6:00 p.m.) Drink Specials, poolside DJs

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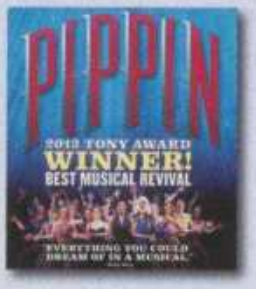


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Wed, January 13, 2pm & 8pm
Thu-Fri, January 14-15, 8pm
Sat, January 16, 2pm & 8pm
Sun, January 17, 2pm



Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo

Wed, January 27, 8pm





Pink Martini With singers China Forbes and Storm Large

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Tue, February 2, 8pm



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Latino Party

November 6 (7:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.)

Alibi Azul, 369 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs,
7:00 p.m. Doors Open – No cover
8:00 p.m. Homo Estas? Latinas Show $5 Cover
10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Latin Dance Club $10 Cover

100 % proceeds made at each door event benefit Greater Palm Springs Pride to help keep Pride free to attend.



Pride Meet & Greet Party at CCBC Resort

Friday, November 6 (8:00 p.m. – Midnight)

Complimentary Margaritas, DJ Gruvbehr

Tickets $20 online as part of Weekend Pass at http://bit.ly/ccbcparty or $25 at the door. Clothing optional. 21+.

CCBC Resort is the largest clothing optional gay men's resort in the nation, featuring infamous pool parties with award-winning DJs.

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Broadway in Drag Pageant *Friday, November 6 (8:00 p.m.)*

Palm Canyon Theatre's wildly popular Broadway in Drag! pageant returns. See a bevy of beautiful show queens vie for the crown in this lavish production around the glitz and glamour of Broadway. The contestants will be judged on evening gown, talent and swimsuit by a unique panel of judges. Hosted by Palm Springs' own drag diva, Bella da Ball℠.

Broadway in Drag is a unique, one-of-a-kind Pride event that crowds continue to flock to year after year. Last year's production was a smash hit and kicked off Palm Springs Pride festivities with real bang! Don't miss your chance to see Palm Canyon Theatre's Broadway in Drag pageant. This event continues to sell out year after year so get your tickets early! Broadway in Drag is an Official Palm Springs Pride Event. The Palm Canyon Theatre is centrally located at 538 N. Palm Canyon Dr. in Beautiful Uptown Palm Springs.



Admission is $35.00; $50 VIP Seats/Voter's Circle. For tickets, call 760-323-5123 or order tickets online at: www.Facebook.com/PalmCanyonTheatre or at www.PalmCanyonTheatre.org

Two-Day Pride Festival *Friday and Saturday November 7 and 8*

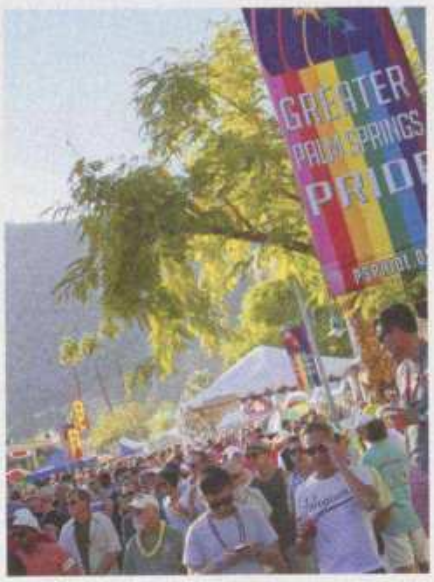
Palm Canyon Dr. 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Sat & 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sun

Tahquitz Stage 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Sat & 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Sun

Arenas Stage 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. on Sat & Noon - 6:00 p.m. on Sun

2nd year in New Downtown Palm Springs Location! Free Admission!

Palm Canyon Dr. will be closed to traffic and transformed into a vibrant, pedestrian friendly Pride Festival, unique to Southern California. Enjoy a diverse array of artists, entertainers, multiple beverage gardens and purveyors of all sorts including, jewelry, snacks and sweets. Add all that to great shopping restaurants, clubs and entertainment venues located along world-famous Palm Canyon Dr. and the result is like no place else – Palm Springs Pride.



Festival highlights include: US Bank stage, Tahquitz stage, the Infusion Beach & Hotel Big-ass amazingly awesome homosexual sheep DJ stage, PNN DJ stage, Pride Stage at HooDoo, Souleil Dance tent and the Karaoke Stage. The festival will feature full concert performances by 10,000 Maniacs, Frankmusik, the London based pop artist, American Idol Finalist & pop artist David Hernandez, Candis Cayne, Los Angeles based synth pop band DWNTWN, DJ Casey Alva, local pop artist Blake Lansing, Avant Americana genre-bending good time band the Evangenitals, big beat alternative rock band Lunden Reign, GayC/DC the world's only all-gay tribute to AC/DC, and the rising LA-based pop singer/songwriter Wrabel.

The two-day lineup features live performances by soulful pop artist Marcella Detroit former Shakespear's Sister, emerging artist Sam Tolson and the DJ Baz show "Cuban Nights". The incomparable Irene Soderberg returns to the Pride stage as does techno-pop, Seattle singer Jack Mozie. Special appearances include the former local resident, Brian Scott who has always been a favorite across the Valley with his hugely popular country voice, and the modern music


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Guest DJs will spin from the top of a 40' wide, two-story tall DJ stage on Palm Canyon Dr at Baristo. The stage presented by Infusion Beach & Hotel is known as the Big-ass amazingly awesome homosexual sheep DJ stage and will be home to DJs Nick Ayler, Erick Diaz, DJ Femme A, DJ Jake, Steve Sherwood, DJ Paparazzi, Aaron C, Aly B, Serge P, Coo Ley and DJ Waide.

The Souleil Dance Tent promises a full day of house music where you'll be free to dance, dance, dance with featured DJs Cris Herrera, DJ Ala, Trever Hartung, Olga Arteaga, Mikeytown, CaliParis and Saber.

Festival Emcees include the desert's very own hostess, social ambassador and Walk of Stars recipient Bella da Ball℠. Bella has coordinated an impressive lineup of 100 entertainers for the Tahquitz stage will be featured as well as individuals and performing groups, singers, dancers, drag personalities, celebrity impersonators, gay men, lesbians, transgender, straight men and women allies, all coming together to have a great time with music-comedy-song-dance-costuming-headdresses-photo ops-audience participation. Performers have appeared locally, regionally, nationally and internationally on stage, screen, in movies and television, in theatre, on tour, with many having CDs and DVDs released.

Transgender entertainer Allison Annalora, recent McCallum Open Call Finalist, will appear and the National Anthem will be sung November 7 by Doug Graham and November 8 by Jerome Elliott. Vocalists will include Carol Kamenis, Keisha D, Morganne, Eve Holmes, Francesca Amari, Roger Snofsky, Robbie Wayne, Tommy Dodson, David Hirsch, David McBride, and many others. Groups appearing include the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus, Steven Michael's Dance Machine, and Carnival Cabaret.

Drag personalities scheduled to appear include Marina Mac, Pinkie Meringue Shimmer, Anita Rose, Cher-Javier, Cherilyn, Eddie DLite, and many others.

The newly crowned Broadway in Drag from Friday evening's pageant at Palm Canyon Theatre, is scheduled to appear.

Features include a Children's Headquarters (CHQ) space for games and crafts, the Youth Zone by Safe Schools Desert Cities, and HIV/AIDS testing by Get Tested Coachella Valley. Over 150 exhibitors and non-profit organizations, food and beverage vendors will be on hand along with the Tahquitz Beverage Garden by Trio, the Arenas Beverage Garden, and a Dance Tent Beverage Garden featuring Bud Light, Deep Eddy Vodka and Rex Goliath wine.

The Festival is a free community event held on Palm Canyon Dr. between Amado and Baristo Rd and on Arenas Rd from S. Calle Encilia to Balardo. Donations will be accepted at entry points to keep Pride free.

Hot Wet & Proud Pool Party "4"

Saturday, November 7 (Noon to 10:00 p.m.)

Join men from around the world for a day of sunshine, music and fun. This colorful, gay men's resort hotel is 6.7 miles from the Palm Springs Art Museum.

Noon-3:00 p.m. free BBQ and DJ Gruvbehr.
1:00 p.m. Jersey Shore and Mr CCBC Nude Contest Winner
2:00 p.m. Mr. CCBC Palm Springs Pride Contest
8:00 p.m. DJ Gruvbehr until 4:00 a.m.

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DYKE MARCH & Rally *Saturday, November 7 (5:00 to 6:00 p.m.)*

Be a part of Lesbian History. Why?

We are marching in Palm Springs Pride as an official event of Pride Weekend. This is a call to the Valley, Inland Empire and beyond to be a part of the First Annual Dyke March On Saturday, November 7th. We will start gathering (PURPLE ATTIRE REQUESTED) at Jackie Lee Houston Park directly in front of the Palm Springs Convention Center at 4:00 p.m. Women will be marching united and striving to bring awareness to all women's issues. The one mile walk will begin at the gathering site around 5:00 p.m. We plan to take the Arenas Stage about 6:00 p.m.

Water will be provided but make sure you have a sun hat!

Bring your signs, musical instruments and your great energy. There will be plenty of parking. For those returning to their cars later in the evening consider the BUZZ bus. For more information and details on the route please contact womenunitedps@gmail.com.



We will provide you with details about the march, speakers, parade participation, etc. as the time draws near. Let's color our world with Pride. Join Women United Palm Springs as we celebrate all women and their allies.

PLUS – Look for The DYKE March contingent in the Parade on Sunday gathering at 10. Be there to meet and greet your sisters! See you there!

Facebook.com/psdykemarch

Arenas Rd. Block Party '15 presented by Hunters

Saturday, November 7 (6:00 - 11:00 p.m.)

Free event, 21+

Located between Indian Canyon Dr. and S. Calle Encilia on Arenas Rd. in downtown Palm Springs.

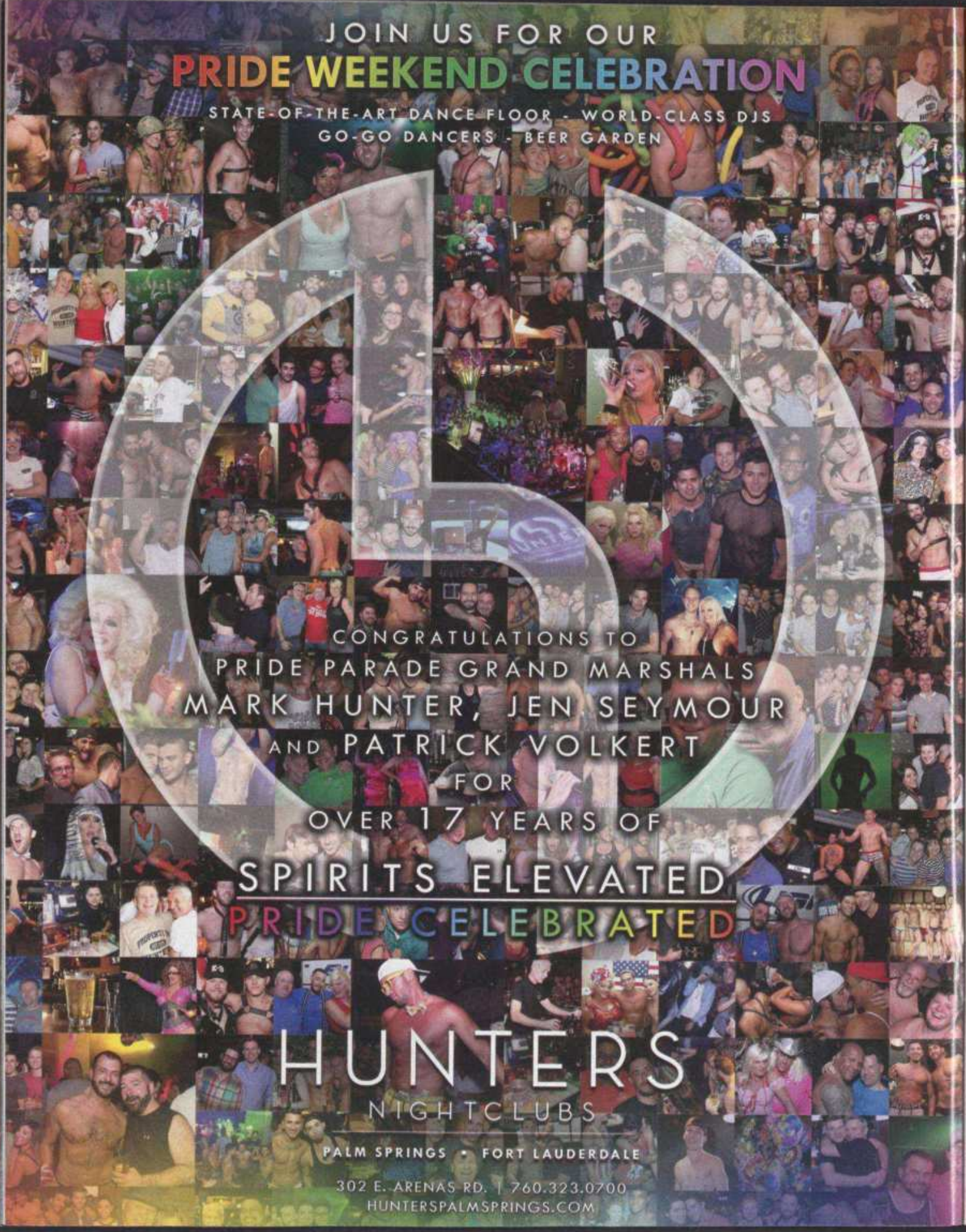
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This street party has become a highlight of Pride weekend. Join guest Emcees for live music and featured headliners, standout stars, and live performances on the US Bank Stage. Featured headliners include Candis Cayne, Frankmusik, the London based pop artist, pop singer Wrabel, Los Angeles based synth pop band DWNTWN, Ricky Rebel, and a spectacular closing act Not Exactly, Deadmau5 Tribute.

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3rd Annual Official Ladies' Party

November 7 (6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.)

Chix Mix Returns

Alibi Azul presents the Official Ladies' Party of Palm Springs Pride for women who love women.

6:00 p.m. Doors Open - $5 Cover

7:00 p.m. TBA Show - $5 Cover



10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Chix Mix Returns - Djs, Lady Dancers, Lady Bartenders. 21+ event. $10 Cover

100 % proceeds made at the door benefit Greater Palm Springs Pride to help keep Pride free for everyone to attend

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Women's Pride Dance *Saturday, November 7 (7:30 to Midnight)*

Presented by L-Fund and Rainbow Women.

A benefit for lesbians in crisis in the Coachella Valley.

Admission $20 in advance from www.l-fund.org, $30 at the door.

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After Hours Dance Party

Sunday, November 8 (12:00 a.m. – 4:00 A.M.)

Come frolic under the stars at the Official Pride after hours party for men at CCBC Resort, the largest clothing optional gay men's resort in the nation.

Tickets are $20 in advance as part of Weekend Pass and $25 at the door. For Weekend Pass visit http://bit.ly/ccbcparty. Clothing optional. 21+.

CCBC Resort, 68300 Gay Resort Drive, Cathedral City, CA. 92234

dish Creative Cuisine Official Event

Sunday, November 8 (9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

(Parade steps off at 10:00 a.m. from the front door of Dish Creative Cuisine at Tachevah Dr. and Palm Canyon Dr.)

Celebrate the 29th Annual Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade in typical Palm Springs style at the Official Parade Kick-Off point at dish Creative Cuisine. Experience all the action in a prime balcony location with VIP seating as the parade contingents pass right in front of the party. dish Creative Cuisine is a proud Official Partner and will donate $10 of each ticket sold to Greater Palm Springs Pride.

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Tickets are $100 in advance and $125.00 at the door subject to availability. Located at 1107 North Palm Canyon Drive at Tachevah in the historic Twist Building in the Uptown Design District. 21+

Call now for reservations as this event always sells out 760-322-7171 or visit www.dishCreativeCuisine.com

29th Anniversary Pride Parade *Sunday, November 8 (10:00 a.m.)*

Free Event

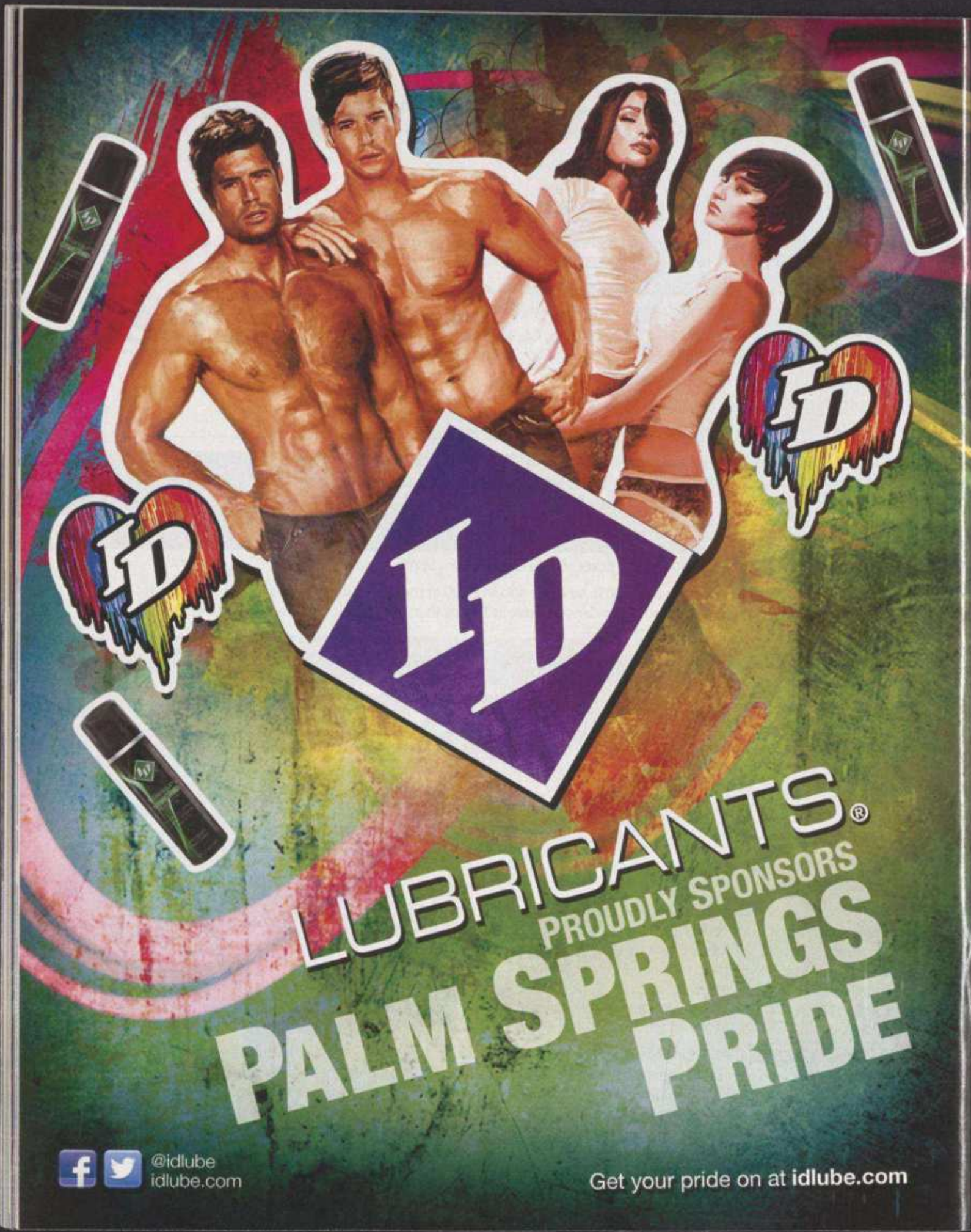
For the second year the parade steps off in the Uptown Design District at Tachevah and Palm Canyon Dr. and travels south through downtown ending at the entrance to the Pride Festival at Amado Rd.

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Known for its crystal blue skies and year-round sunshine, the city of Palm Springs comes alive during the annual Pride celebration. 60,000 spectators are expected to gather along palm tree-lined streets to cheer and support local organizations, activists and themed floats along historic Palm Canyon Dr. The parade is scheduled for Sunday, November 8 at 10 a.m.

Recognized as Community Grand Marshals is the nightclub business trio of Mark Hunter, Jennifer Seymour and Patrick Volkert who co-own Hunters Palm Springs. Evan Wolfson, founder and president of Freedom to Marry, one of the lead legal and political organizations in the marriage equality fight, will be the National Grand Marshal and honored as Grand Marshals are plaintiffs in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, Paul Campion and Randell Johnson who married in Palm Springs on July 3, 2008, in the legal "window" before Prop 8 prohibited same sex marriages.


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Sunday Funday Pride Pool Party

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Sunday, November 8 (Noon to 6:00 p.m.)

Free Event.

No Cover all weekend, 21+. Drink Specials, poolside DJ's and Private Cabanas.

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Poolside Mimosas and music!

Sunday, November 8 (10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

DJ Gruvbehr spins at the clothing optional CCBC weekend pool party. Mimosa Served Pool Side along with Continental Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Tickets are $20 in advance as part of Weekend Pass online at bit.ly/ccbcparty and $25 at the door.

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"Hey T!" Official T-Dance Party

November 8 (Noon to 7:00 p.m.)

Noon to 3:00 p.m. - Jersey Shore - Sunday Disco Drag Brunch!

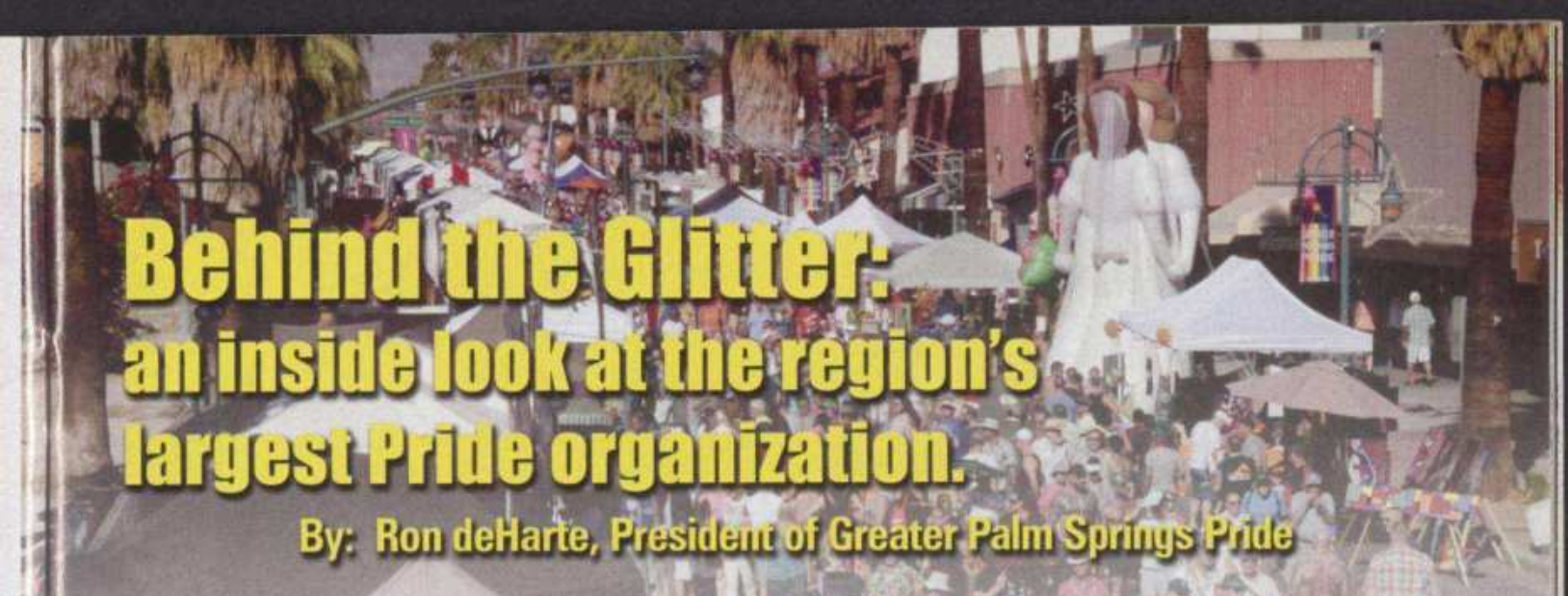
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Hey T Official T-Dance $5 Cover (Budweiser All you can drink! $10)

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Behind the Glitter: an inside look at the region's largest Pride organization.

By: Ron deHarte, President of Greater Palm Springs Pride

In the first week of November our community will host the largest demonstration of equality and diversity it has ever seen with the 29th annual Pride celebration. Pride is a time where our community can come together celebrate and raise awareness for human rights, social justice, equality for all individuals, and for the right to love whoever we want.

When as neighbors we walk hand in hand, we collectively breakdown walls of discrimination, bullying, and shame. At Pride, we are proud of the activism and stewardship of our neighborhoods. We take pride in who we are individually and collectively and in doing so, we celebrate the amazing lives we are living.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community enhancement organization, Greater Palm Springs Pride serves as a catalyst for celebrating the strength, equality, dignity and self-determination of the LGBT community locally and globally. We've been recognized as the Organization of the Year by the Desert Business Association. We're local, we're in the community and we work year round to produce the region's Pride events which take place in and around the downtown corridor.

Pride showcases our city to the world unlike any other entity. We are the only large-scale Pride Festival in Southern California offering free admission. With our move downtown last year, we are now the largest Pride Festival in Southern California. Sounds, crazy, right? The Palm Springs Pride Festival is now larger than the Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Diego and Orange County Pride Festivals. Our parade has as many, if not more contingents as any other southern California Pride parade.

In June, Jetsetter Magazine named us as one of the Best 11 Gay Pride Festival Trips on the planet ranking us alongside Amsterdam and NYC. Attendance at all the official Palm Springs Pride events in 2014 was in excess of 140,000.

This year our marketing and advertising investments promoting Greater Palm Springs Pride as a diverse gay friendly cultural tourism destination will pass the half million dollar mark in key Southern California markets, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Portland, Toronto, Edmonton, Montreal, London and Munich. Our marketing efforts fuel the $19 million economic impact Pride has in the region. Our funding comes directly from individual donors, business and civic supporters and from those who participate in our programs.

Programs of the organization include the Pride Parade and Pride Festival, Pride Honors Awards, the unique Arenas Block Party and OUT PSP: A kick off to Pride weekend. We also serve as the lead collaborator with Equality California to host the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast. In 2016 we will also host Taste of Pride, a food and drink festival along with the Big Gay BBQ.

As neighbors we celebrate during Pride and we raise awareness of key issues in our community including immigration reform, access to quality and safe education, insurance, health care, trans* rights (transgender and gender nonconforming people), rights for incarcerated LGBT individuals and religious discrimination against LGBT individuals.

As you make plans to participate in Pride events this year please keep in mind that your support helps sustain the operations of the organization that works year round fostering pride in and respect for the LGBT community locally and globally.

THE LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL MAP OF WORLD LAWS

ILGA, THE INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANS AND INTERSEX ASSOCIATION



These laws are aimed at lesbians, gay men and bisexuals and at same-sex activities and relationships. At times, they also apply to trans and intersex people. This edition of the world map (May 2015) was coordinated by Renato Sabbadini and Alessia Valenza (ILGA). Design: Eduardo Enoki. Data represented in this map is based on "State-Sponsored Homophobia: a World Survey of Laws: criminalisation, protection and recognition of same-sex love - 2015", an ILGA report by Aengus Carroll & Lucas Paoli Itaborahy, available in various languages on www.ilga.org. ILGA thanks its member organizations which contributed to the annual update.

PERSECUTION

DEATH PENALTY
6 countries and parts of Nigeria and Somalia

IMPRISONMENT
75 countries and 5 entities

⚠ "Anti-propaganda law" restricting freedom of expression and association

Death penalty

? = NOT IMPLEMENTED
Iraq: persecution by organised non-state agents.

Imprisonment from 14 years to a life-long sentence

Imprisonment up to 14 years

Imprisonment, no precise indication of the length /banishment

Anti-Propaganda law without other legislation persecuting on the basis of sexual orientation

RECOGNIT

RECOGNITION OF SAME
34 countries and entit

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17 countries and entit

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GNITION

SAME-SEX UNIONS

entities

entities

names of States.
entities of one country
the whole country is
green color (Marriage).

Marriage

Equal (almost equal) substitute to marriage

Clearly inferior substitute to marriage

Joint adoption

PROTECTION

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS
69 countries and 85 entities

Countries which introduced laws prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation

NO SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

No specific legislation

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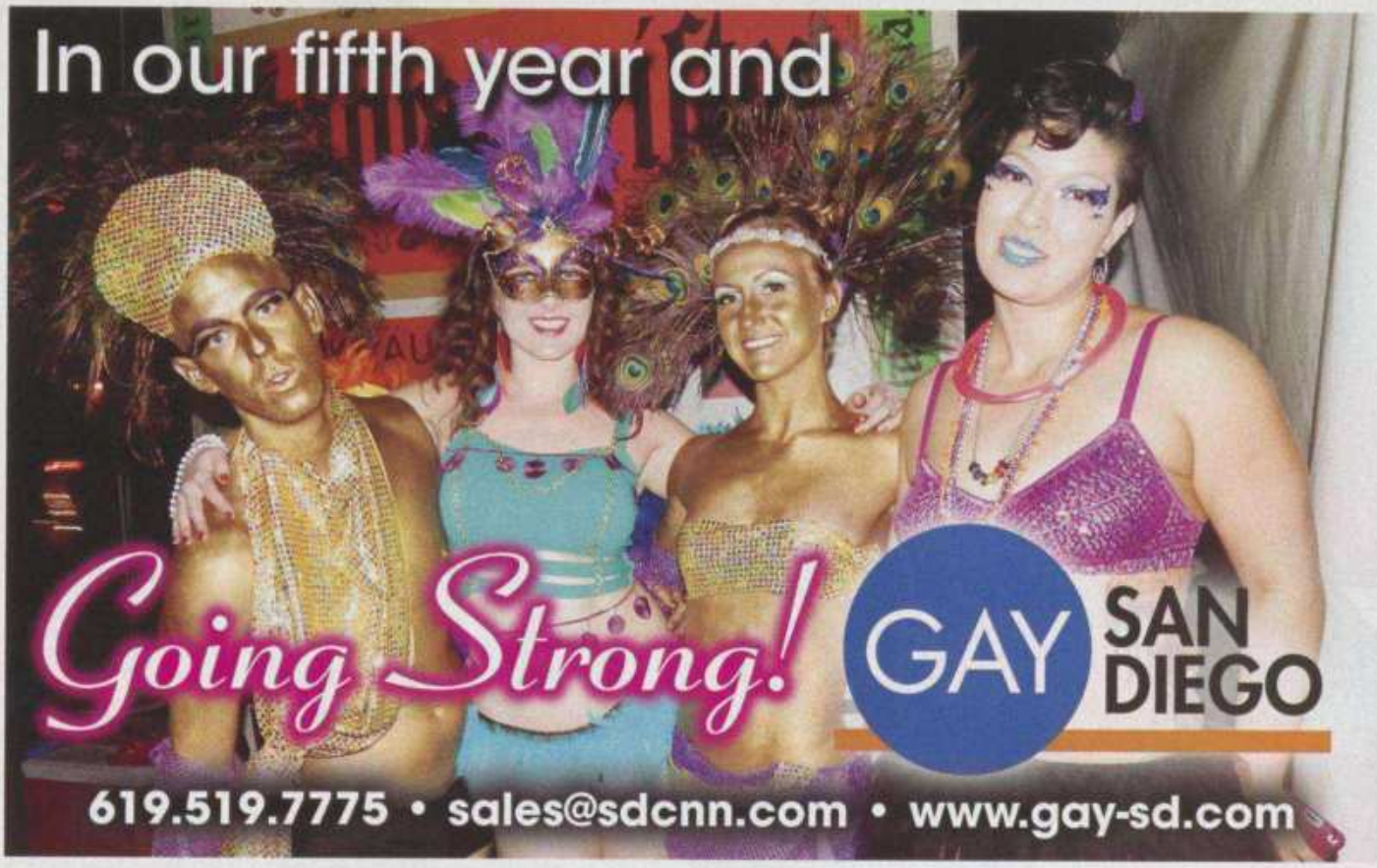
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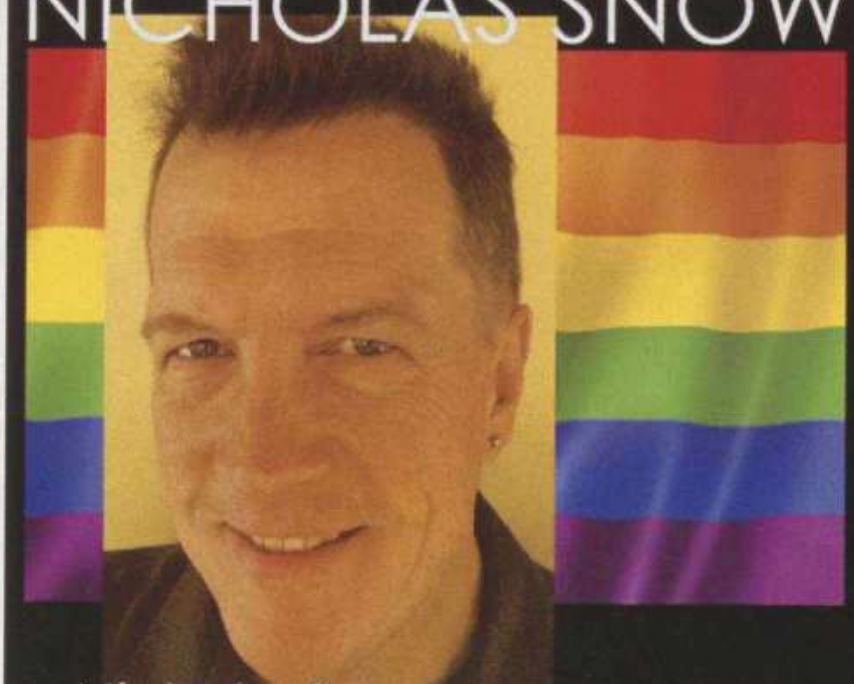
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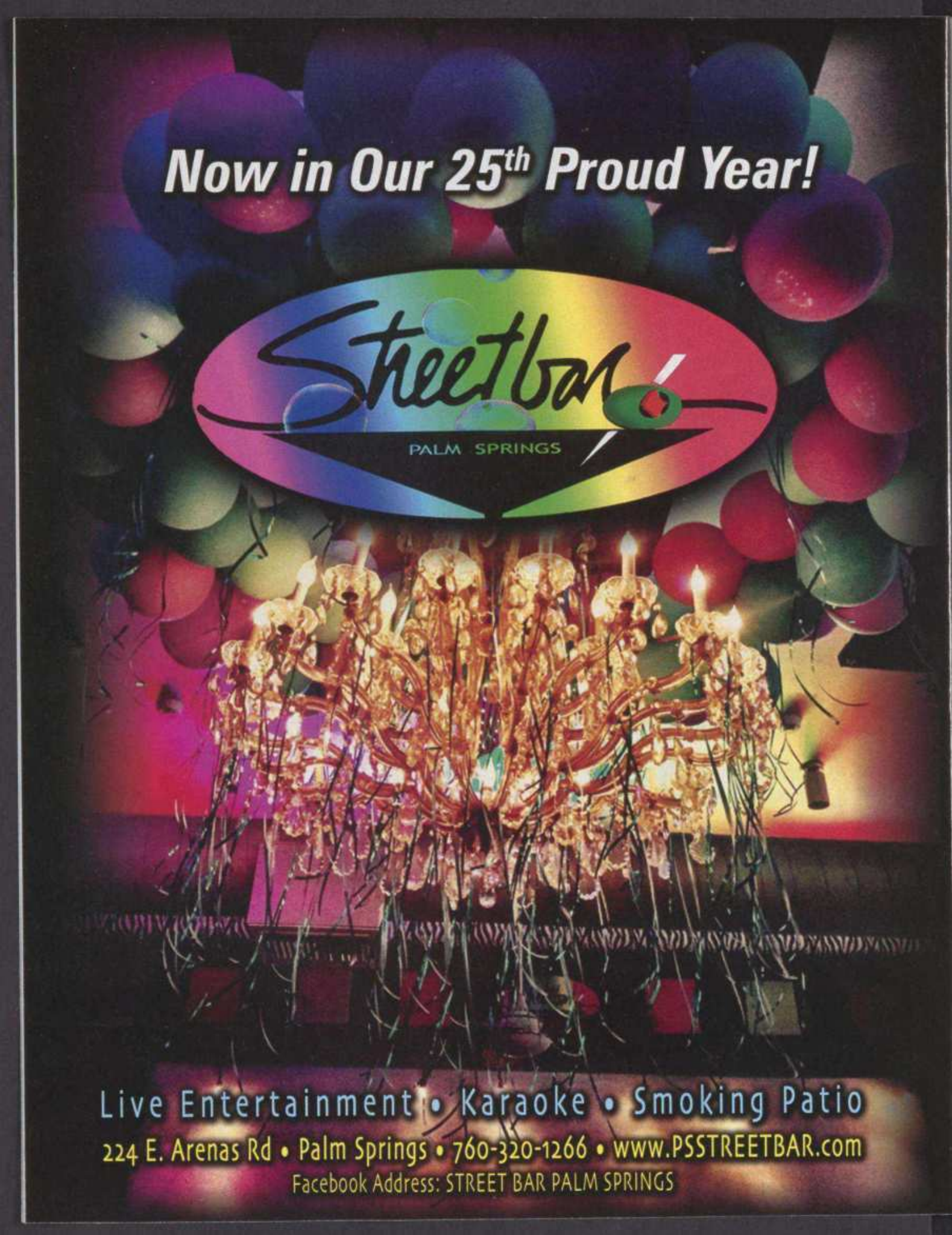
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Pride Festival

A street fair, a music fest of diverse artists, a gathering place. The Pride Festival is a celebration of all that is gay in Palm Springs.







Downtown Palm Springs

On Palm Canyon Dr. from Amado to Baristo Road and on Arenas Road from Belardo to Calle Encilia

Saturday, November 7

10 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Palm Canyon Dr. and up to 11pm on Arenas Road.

Sunday, November 8

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Palm Canyon Dr.
Noon to 6:00 p.m., Arenas Rd. US Bank Stage
10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tahquitz Stage

Palm Canyon Dr. will be closed to traffic and transformed into a vibrant, pedestrian friendly Pride Festival, unique to Southern California. A diverse array of artists, entertainers, multiple beverage gardens and purveyors of all sorts including, jewelry, snacks and sweets. Add all that to great shopping restaurants, clubs and entertainment venues located along world-famous Palm Canyon Dr. and the result is like no place else – Palm Springs Pride.

The unique two-day pride festival will attract more than 50,000 participants each day to beautiful downtown Palm Springs. Palm Canyon Dr. will serve as the gathering spot for friends, family and visitors from around the world to celebrate the diversity and unity of our community. The festival includes music stages, cutting edge DJ stages, dancing in the streets, food vendors, exhibitors and non-profit organizations.

Free Admission for All.

You MUST be 21 years of age or older to consume alcoholic beverages. Wristbands and ID will be required and checked. Anyone without a valid wristband will not be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages in any Festival beverage venue.



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Pride Festival Highlights









Highlights include

- US Bank stage on Arenas
- Tahquitz stage between Palm Canyon Dr. and Indian Canyon
- Infusion Beach & Hotel presents the BAAHS DJ stage at Baristo and Palm Canyon. The Big-ass Amazingly Awesome Homosexual Sheep is a spectacular art car coming to Palm Springs direct from Burning Man
- Souleil Dance Tent behind Lulu
- Pride stage at HooDoo
- PNN Dance stage
- Karaoke stage
- 120 performances all weekend
- Youth Zone by Safe Schools Desert Cities at Arenas and Palm Canyon Dr.
- Children's Headquarters (CHQ) at the Village Green
- HIV/AIDS testing by Get Tested Coachella Valley
- Beverage Gardens on Arenas and Tahquitz
- Food and Beverage booths
- 150 exhibitors and nonprofit organizations
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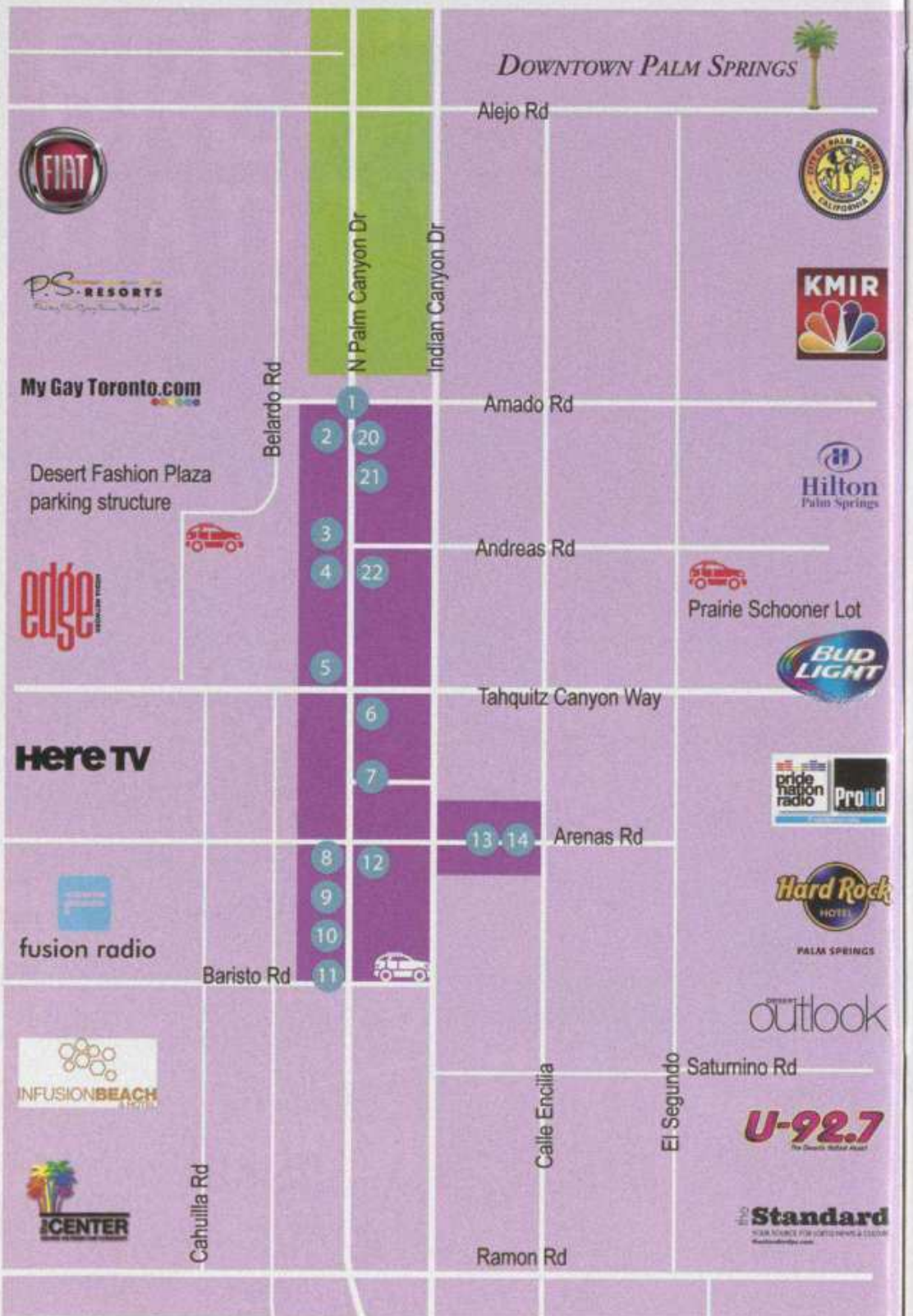
Pride Festival Map











Pride Festival Map

Guide to Locations on the Map

1. **Main Entrance**
2. **Pride stage at HooDoo**
3. **First Aid – Desert Regional Medical Center**
   First Aid tent is located on Palm Canyon Dr. near Andreas, look for the red FIRST AID tent.
4. **Karaoke stage**
5. **Information Tent**
6. **Tahquitz Beverage Garden**
   Staffed by the team from Trio. 60% of proceeds benefit Palm Springs Pride to help keep the festival free for everyone to attend.
7. **PNN Dance stage**
8. **Youth Zone**
   The hub for LGBT, questioning and ally youth at the Pride Festival! The Zone 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 co-sponsored by Palm Springs Pride
9. **Children's Headquarters – C-HQ**
   At the Village Green - Families are invited to join us for arts and crafts and games. C-HQ is a playful place for children and accompanying adults. There will be hands on fun for you and your kids – from infants to pre-teen
10. **Get Tested Coachella Valley**
    Free confidential HIV testing by will be offered on site at the Get Tested Coachella Valley testing van. At Pride, we support the mission of Get Tested Coachella Valley to dramatically reduce HIV by making voluntary HIV testing standard and routine medical practice and ensuring linkage to care. If everyone in the Coachella Valley gets tested – and if everyone who tests positive receives treatment – we can launch the beginning of the end for the spread of HIV in our community
11. **Infusion Beach & Hotel presents the BAAAHS DJ stage on Palm Canyon Dr. at Baristo**
12. **Souleil Dance Tent and Beverage Garden 21+ venue**
13. **Arenas Rd. Block Party - 21+ venue**
14. **Us Bank stage – 21+ venue**

Bike Parking
Bike to the Festival and park in the bike corrals at the corner of South Palm Canyon Dr. and Arenas Rd., on the east side of Palm Canyon Dr. in front of Welwood Murray Library and in the north parking area at the Palm Canyon Theatre. There are sixty bicycle-shaped racks, twenty "hitch" bike racks, and three bike corrals in the downtown area, providing 166 spaces for bike parking.

Donation Stations
Bins are located throughout the Festival. The non-profit Pride organization encourages attendees to donate a buck for Pride and keep Pride free for all to attend. Donations are collected by the Donation Brigade all weekend. So be ready to drop your loose change in the big collection bins and do your part to keep Pride free for everyone.

Information Booth
Friendly volunteers will provide you with maps, programs, and entertainment schedules, plus answer lost-and-found inquires.

ATM
ATMs will be located inside each beverage garden and food court.

Exhibitors
Booths are located along Palm Canyon Dr. from Andreas to Baristo and on Arenas from Calle Encilia to Palm Canyon Dr. located along Palm Canyon Dr. and on Arenas

Restrooms
Banks of porta jons are located at:
- Andreas and Palm Canyon Dr.
- Tahquitz and Palm Canyon Dr.
- Arenas between Palm Canyon Dr. and Indian Canyon

Restrooms available at:
- Trio Restaurant, 707 N. Palm Canyon Dr.
- Azul Restaurant, 369 N. Palm Canyon Dr.
- Hyatt Palm Springs, 285 N. Palm Canyon Dr.
- Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, 100 N. Palm Canyon Dr.
- Jus Chillen, 190 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
- IHop, 471 S. Indian Canyon Dr.

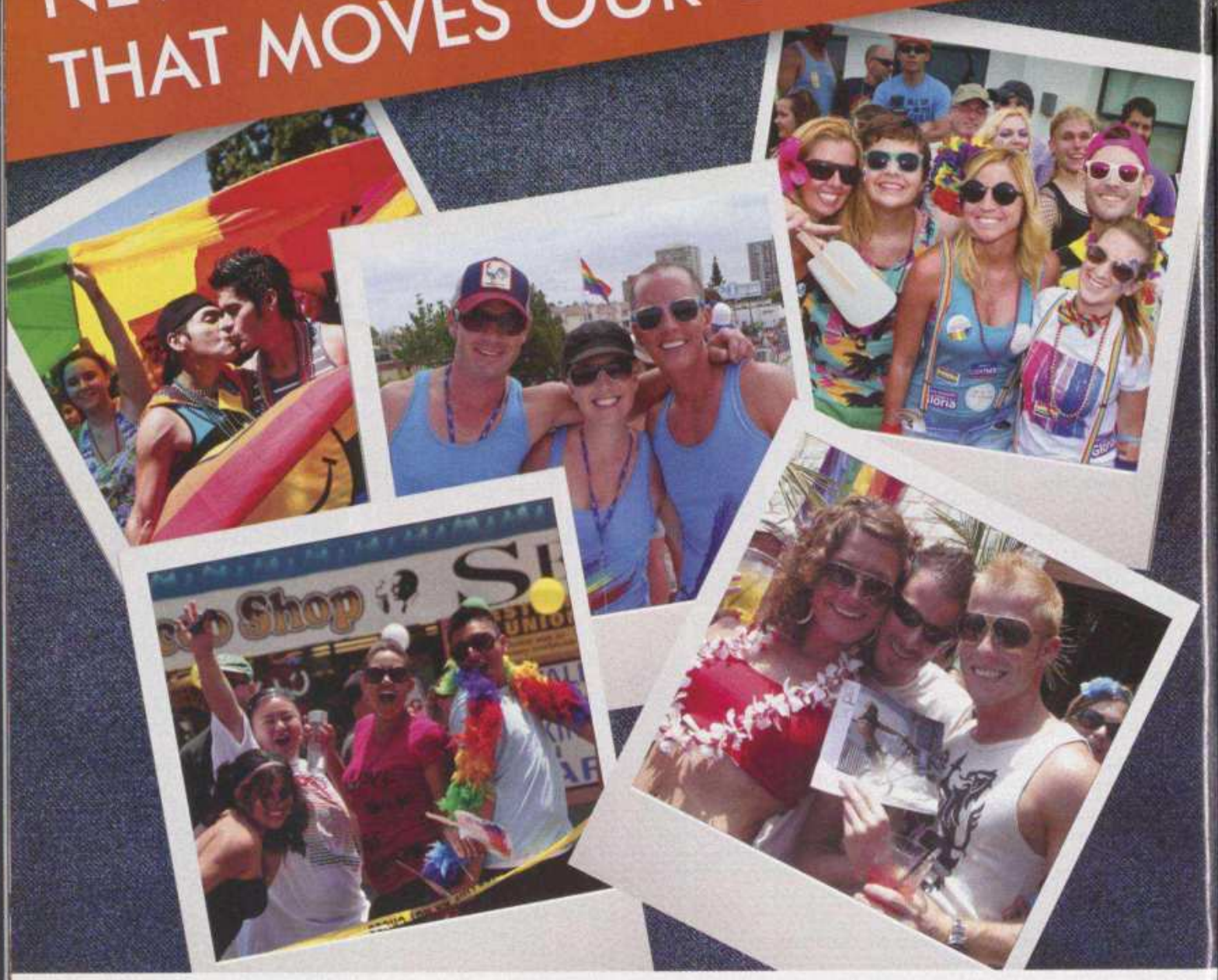
Lost and Found
Lost items can be picked up at the main PRIDE INFORMATION booth located at Tahquitz and Palm Canyon Dr. After the event, you can contact Palm Springs Pride at 760-416-8711.

Food Courts
Vendors are located at the corner of Tahquitz and Palm Canyon Dr. and on Arenas east of Indian Canyon Dr. Enjoy the many tempting choices from fresh lemonade and aguas frescas and es cendol to frog legs, sate, pupusas and bratwurst. Mexican food, Philly cheese steak, fried pickles and more await your taste buds.

Security
Both Palm Springs Police and private security staff will be on-site to ensure everyone's enjoyment of the event. Please report all suspicious activity or problems to Palm Springs Pride Committee managers or directly to security or the police. If you see something, please say something.

Pets
Pet are welcome! However, please be aware of the hot pavement during the day. All dogs must be on leash or harnessed.

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SATURDAY. NOV 7th

TALENT LINEUP & SCHEDULE

12:15-1:00	805 South
1:30-2:15	Brianna Becerril
2:30-3:00	Blake Lansing
3:10-3:40	Marcella Detroit
4:00-4:45	DAVID HERNANDEZ
4:50-5:20	Brian Scott
5:25-5:55	Sam Tolson

Arenas Block Party

6:00-6:15	Dyke March Rally
6:15-7:00	Ricky Rebel
7:00-8:00	DWNTWN
8:00-9:00	FRANKMUSIK
9:00-9:30	CANDIS CAYNE
9:30-10:00	WRABEL
10:00-11:00	Not Exactly, Deadmau5 Tribute

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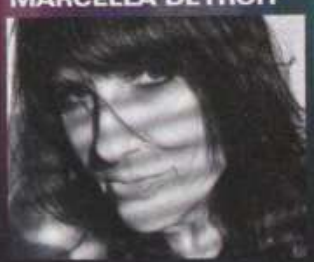
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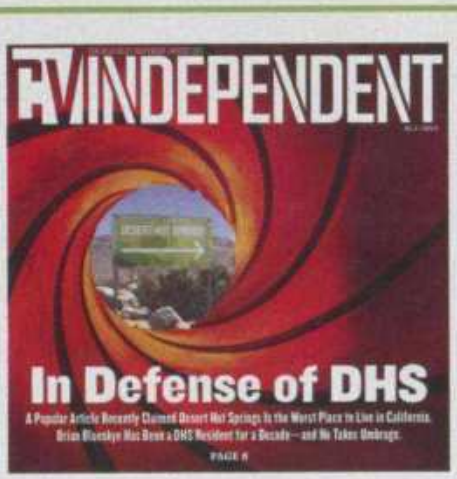
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SUNDAY. NOV 8th

TALENT LINEUP & SCHEDULE

10:00-12:00	Dj
12:00-12:40	Small Wonder Experience
1:00-2:15	Evangenitals
2:30 - 3:00	GayC/DC
3:15-4:30	10,000 MANIACS
4:30-6:00	DJ CASEY ALVA

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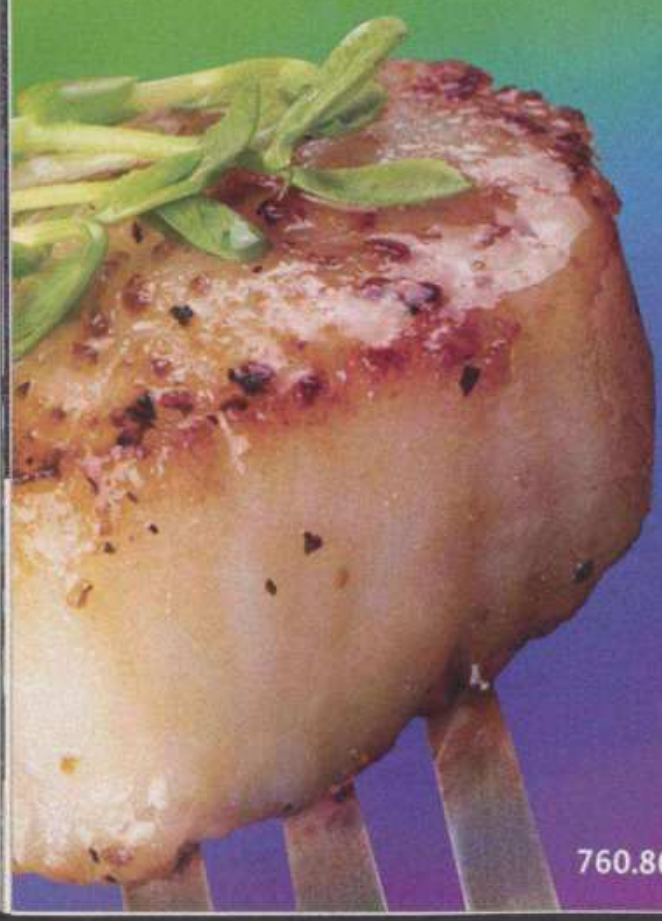
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Schedule

11:45	Phillip Moore
12 noon	Doug Graham, National Anthem and set
12:15	Roger Snofsky
12:30	Jerome Elliott
12:45	Amy Lewis
1:00	Mark Gerard
1:15	Roger Snofsky
1:30	Phillip Moore
1:40	Anita Rose
1:45	Amy Lewis
1:55	Pinkie Meringue Shimmer
2:00	Jerome Elliott
2:10	David McBride
2:25	Animae Brighteyes
2:30	Noni
2:40	Anita Rose
2:45	Claudia Sussman
3:00	Pinkie Meringue Shimmer
3:05	Carol Kamenis
3:20	Animae Brighteyes
3:25	David McBride
3:40	Sini Man
3:55	Francesca Amari
4:10	Keisha D
4:25	Doug Graham
4:40	Cher-Javier
4:45	Francesca Amari
5:00	Keisha D
5:15	Dan Westfall
5:25	Pat McCann
5:35	Allison Annalora
5:50	Cher-Javier
5:55	Dan Westfall
6:05	Morganne
6:25	Broadway in Drag
6:30	Allison Annalora
6:45	Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus
7:30	Cuban Nights with DJ Baz
9:00	Lunden Reign
10:00	Close


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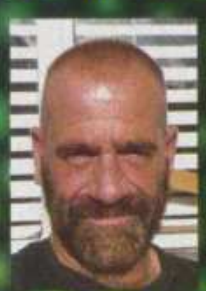

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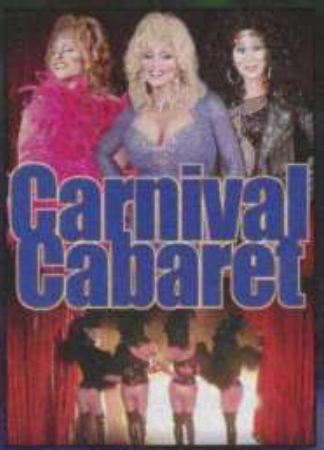
at Palm Canyon Dr.

Schedule

12 noon	Jerome Elliott, *National Anthem* and set
12:15	Cherilyn
12:20	Robbie Wayne
12:30	Anita Rose
12:35	Mark Gerard
12:45	Eddie DLite
12:50	Jerome Elliott
1:00	Cherilyn
1:05	Robbie Wayne
1:15	Anita Rose
1:20	Eve Holmes
1:30	Eddie DLite
1:35	Steven Michael's Dance Machine
1:45	Pinkie Meringue Shimmer
1:50	Keisha D
2:05	Marina Mac
2:10	Cher-Javier
2:15	Jason Hull
2:25	Pinkie Meringue Shimmer
2:30	Tony Romano
2:40	Marina Mac
2:45	Anime Brighteyes
2:50	Eve Holmes
3:00	Sassy Ross
3:05	David Hirsch
3:25	Tommy Dodson
4:00	Carnival Cabaret



Jerome Elliott



Carnival Cabaret



Robbie Wayne



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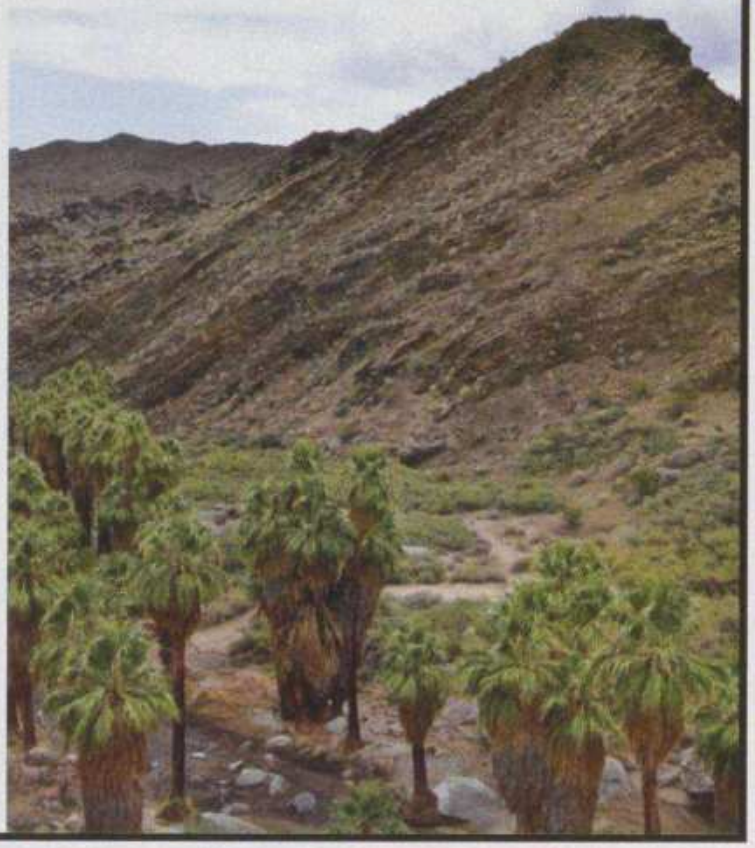
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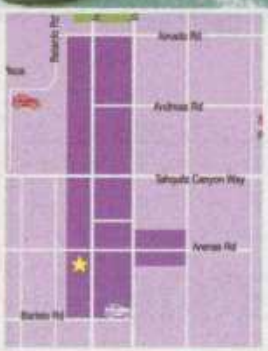
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Complimentary snacks and cool drinks, a nap area and a clean port-a-potty along with a diaper changing station ensure that the children's space fulfills the needs of a Festival going family. Parents are required to stay in the Children's play area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

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NOON - CRIS HERRERA





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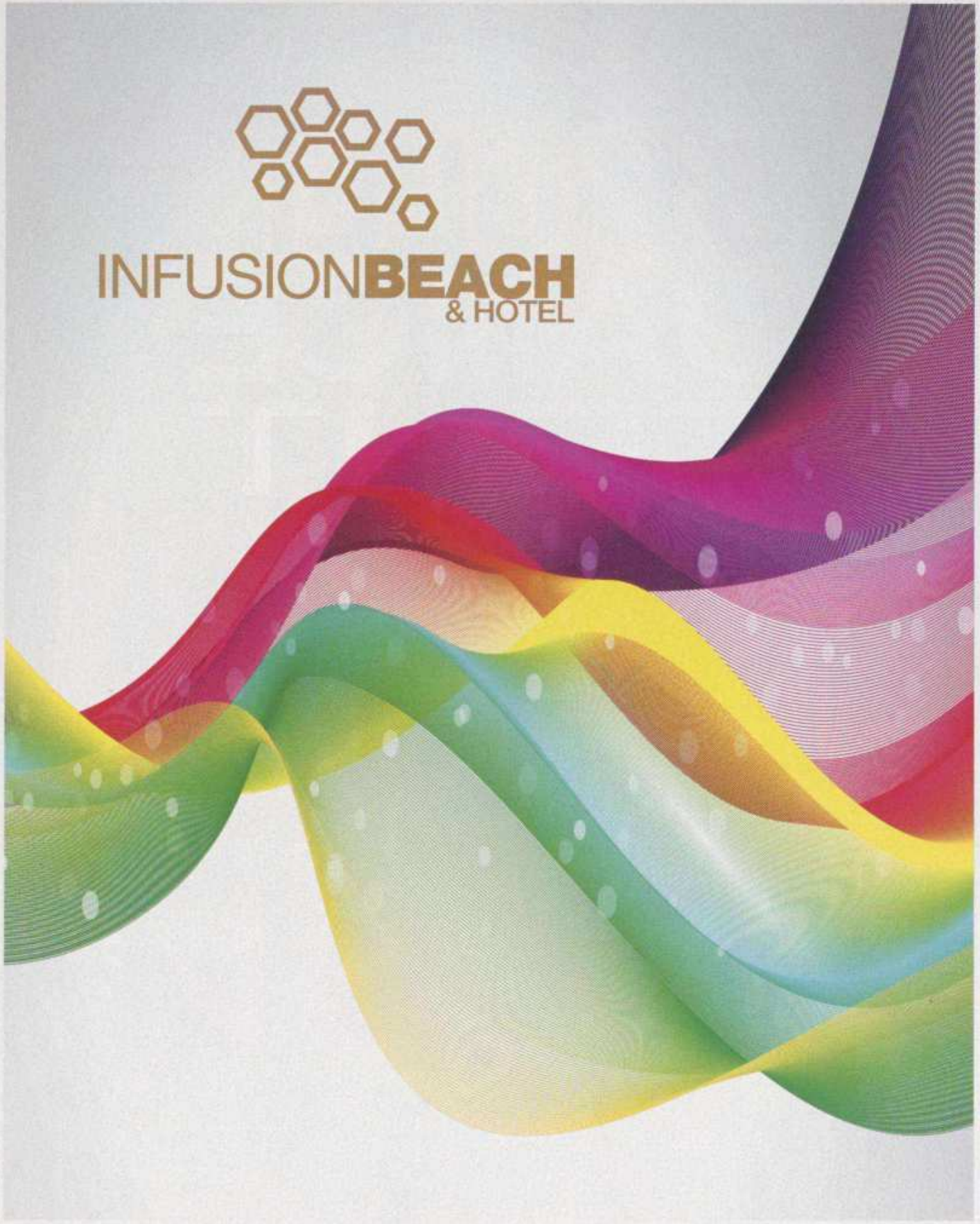
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8:00-9:00pm	DJ Femme A
9:00-10:00pm	Erick Diaz

Sunday, November 8

10:00-11:30pm	TBD
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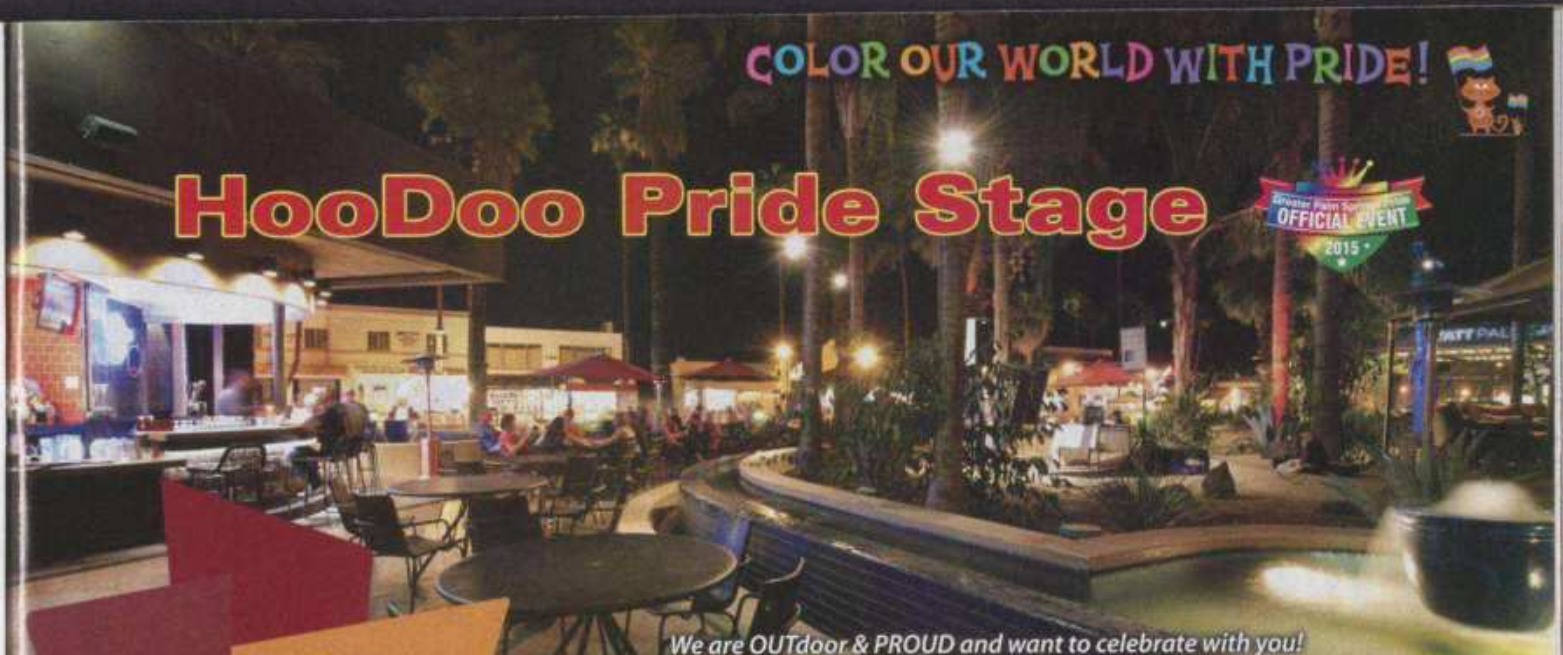
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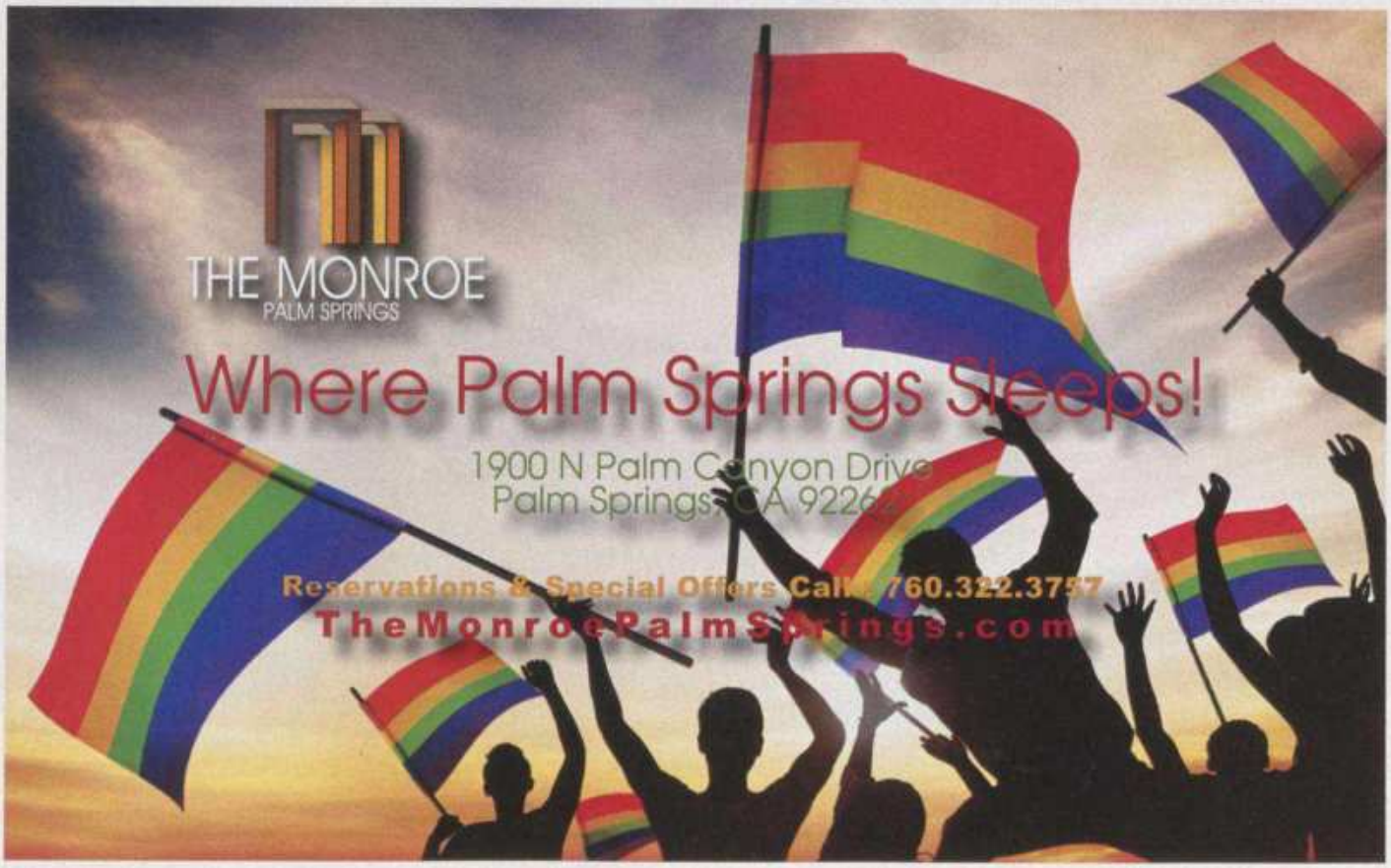


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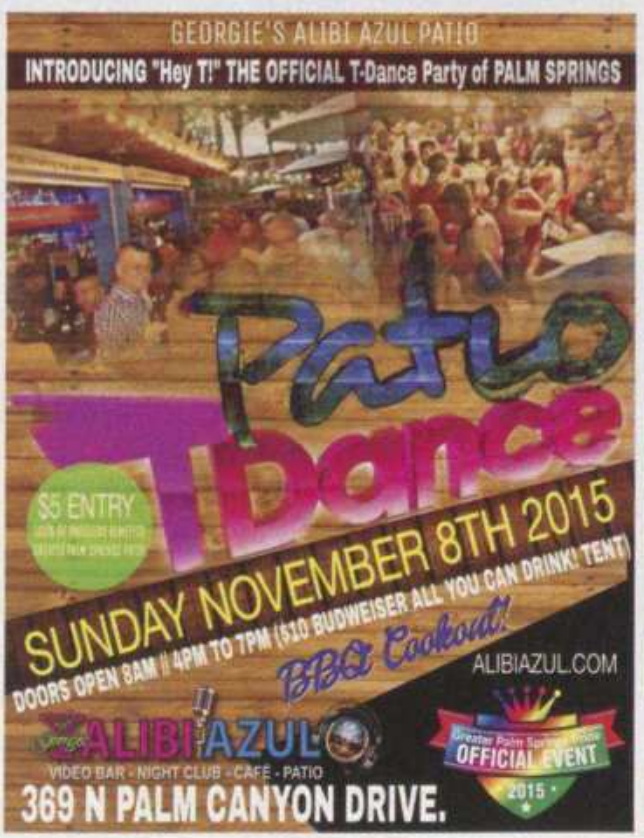
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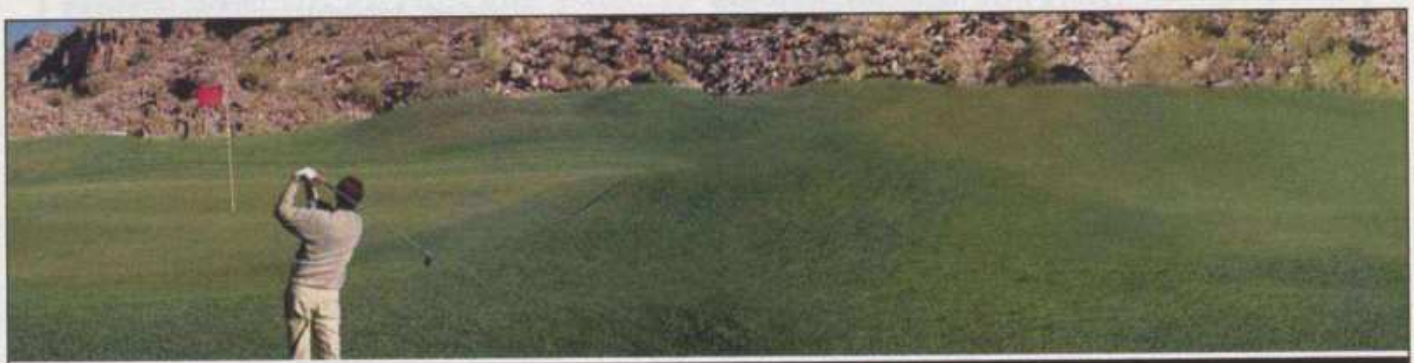


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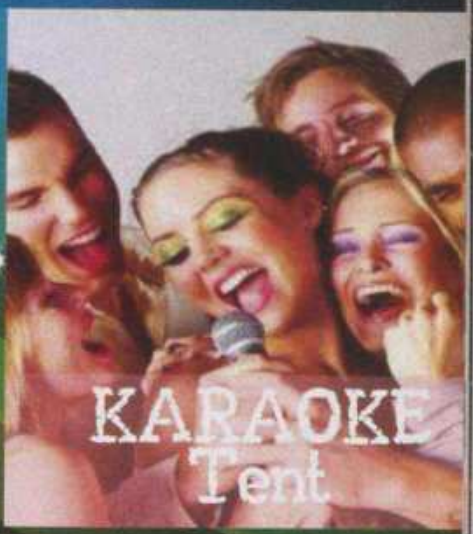
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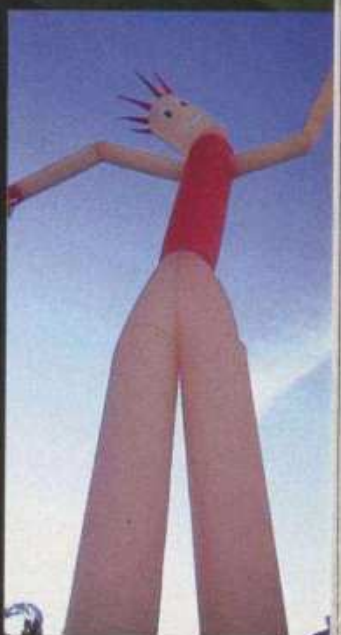


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Entertainer Profile

10,000 Maniacs

US Bank Stage
Sunday, November 8
3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

One of the most critically acclaimed bands of the last three decades, 10,000 Maniacs were founded by Robert Buck, Dennis Drew, Steven Gustafson, John Lombardo and Natalie Merchant in the fall of 1981. Jerry Augustyniak joined in 1983. Together with artists like R.E.M. they defined *college rock* and created the first wave of *alternative rock* bands and what became know as the alternative rock format on FM radio.

Writing and performing powerful, danceable and socially conscious original material in and around their hometown of Jamestown, New York the group toured extensively and produced two independently released records, *Human Conflict Number Five* ('82) and *Secrets of the I Ching* ('83) on their own Christian Burial Music label. By producing, manufacturing and marketing their own recordings 10,000 Maniacs were one of the original "indie" bands before signing with Elektra Records and making *The Wishing Chair* in 1985 with producer Joe Boyd (Fairport Convention, Nick Drake, REM). After touring extensively with REM and though out Europe John Lombardo left the band in July of 1986 and the band continued as a five piece.

In 1987 the Maniacs recorded and released *In My Tribe*. Produced by Peter Asher (James Taylor, Linda Ronstadt) this album broke into the charts, where it stayed 77 weeks, peaking at #37 and selling over two million copies. *In My Tribe* featured the hit singles "Don't Talk," "Hey Jack Kerouac," "Like The Weather" and "What's The Matter Here?" It was voted **one of the 100 most important releases of the decade by *Rolling Stone Magazine***. 1988 saw the band debut on national television with appearances on The Tonight Show, Late Night with David Letterman and Saturday Night Live.

Blind Man's Zoo, the 1989 follow-up, hit #13 on the Billboard charts and went platinum. It featured the hit singles, "Trouble Me and "Eat For Two."

The following world tour featured several European festivals, a string of US amphitheatres and the renowned Fourth of July concert with the Grateful Dead in front of 80,000 in Buffalo NY.

In 1990 the band released a compilation of their first two independent recordings called *Hope Chest: The Fredonia Recordings* along with a companion video entitled *Time Capsule*.

Our Time in Eden was released in 1992, and featured the hit singles, "Candy Everybody Wants" and "These Are Days" selling more than three million copies. Rolling Stone's four-star review called it a "*...gripping new album ...with a provocative, unnerving power.*"

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Candis Cayne



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Saturday, November 7
9:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Before Caitlyn Jenner began documenting her gender transition on E!'s eight-part reality TV series I Am Cait, there was Candis Cayne, the actress and performance artist known in the NYC nightclub scene who came to international attention in 2007 for portraying transgender mistress Carmelita on ABC's prime-time drama Dirty Sexy Money.

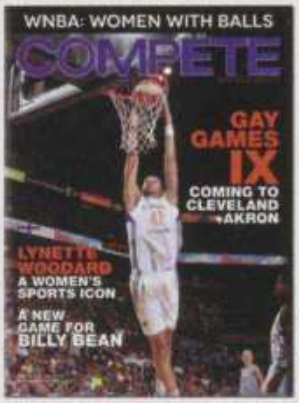
Cayne made history then, becoming the first transgender actress to play a recurring transgender character in prime-time television. Now Cayne is making her way to Palm Springs to perform at the free outdoor concert during Palm Springs Pride.

Candis moved to New York in the early 1990s, making a name for herself as a choreographer and drag performer performing at Barracuda and Wigstock, the annual drag festival in the East Village. In 1995 Cayne appeared in the related documentary film Wigstock: The Movie, the comedy-drama film Stonewall, and the Universal Studios comedy film To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar, for which she also did choreography. That same year she had a supporting role in the comedy-drama film Always Something Better (a.k.a. Never Look Back). In 1997 Cayne co-starred in the music video for RuPaul's "A Little Bit of Love." She also starred as the title character in the 1998 independent film Mob Queen, and won the 2001 Miss Continental pageant. In 2007, she was cast as Annaka Manners in the 2007 RuPaul film Starrbooty.

From 2007 to 2008 Cayne played Carmelita Rainer, a trans woman having an affair with married New York Attorney General Patrick Darling (played by William Baldwin), on the ABC prime time drama Dirty Sexy Money. She had a recurring role as the transgender character Alexis Stone in season six of Nip/Tuck. Candis has appeared as a judge and Dean of Dance on RuPaul's Drag U. Necessary Roughness, Elemental, and can currently be seen in the E! TV Series I am Cait. She is known for her high energy and often comedic performances.

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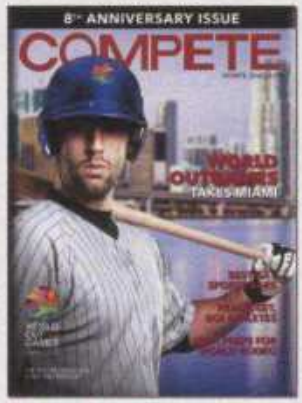
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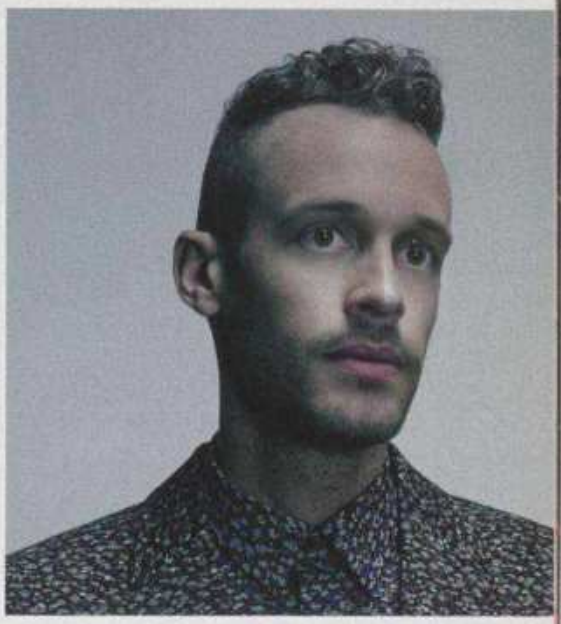
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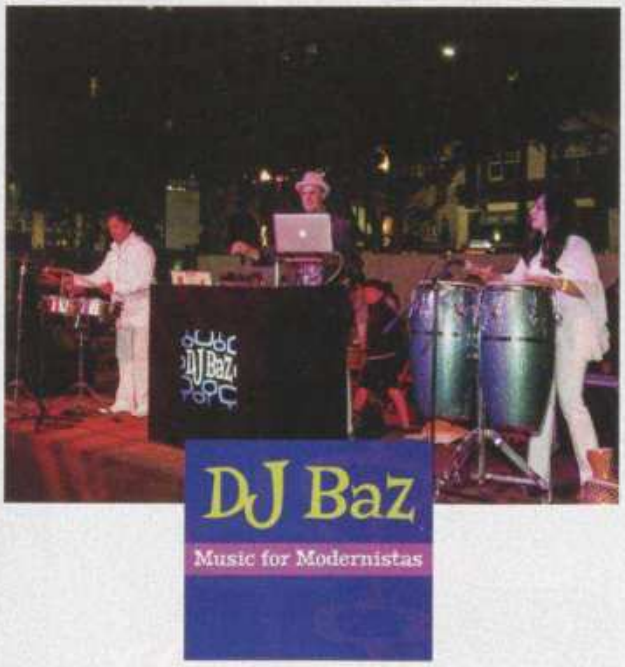
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WRABEL



When pop singer and songwriter Wrabel's first single "Sideways" was featured on iTunes, it was downloaded nearly half a million times and NYLON magazine said the song was "Stocked with the soulfulness of a Sia or Sam Smith, and a melodic pop DNA that throws back to icons like Paul Simon…" He has performed on various global platforms including Good Morning America, VH1's Fashion Rocks and at the Ultra Music Festival in Miami alongside Dutch DJ Afrojack who remixed Wrabel's hit song "Ten Feet Tall."

The Huffington Post declared Wrabel as "An Artist To Watch," while Arjan Writes says, "Pop can use some fresh new voices and Wrabel is one of those exciting newcomers to keep your eye on." He has written songs for Phillip Phillips, Pentatonix, Katharine McPhee, Adam Lambert, and Will Young and is consistently called upon by top producers in the music industry while continuing to write for his next record.



Tahquitz Stage
Saturday, November 7
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Cuban Nights

Barry Martin a.k.a. DJ Baz is relatively new to the Coachella valley, having lived here for just over two years. His passion for Latin music, particularly Latin jazz, began as a teenager growing up in Dayton, OH. Inspired and encouraged by musician friends, he hosted a college radio show playing an eclectic mix of jazz and world music. Today, as DJ Baz, Barry spins mid-century jazz, swing, big band, Rat Pack and vintage Latin grooves all around Palm Springs.

This year's Outfest film festival theme was "Cuban Nights", and DJ Baz was signed on to curate and spin music for the event. Flanked by a conga player on one side of the DJ booth, a timbale player on the other, and salsa dancers in colorful costumes, it was a big hit visually and sonically. The DJ Baz show "Cuban Nights" has become a regular theme for large events, and PS Pride 2015 is excited to showcase it on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. on the Tahquitz Stage.

So, what types of music will you here at the show? "I combine Latin-style songs from The Great American Songbook, classic disco, and contemporary Latin island grooves", says Barry. "It's fun, colorful and high energy."

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4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.



David Hernandez

David Hernandez gained national attention with his powerful voice and affable personality as an American Idol finalist.

He began acting and singing at age six, starring in musicals and performing with various theatre companies throughout Arizona. As a teenager David began writing original music and recording his material. A Phoenix native, Hernandez recently moved to Hollywood where he is writing new songs, working in the recording studio producing his newest music, and pursuing his passion for acting. He has already completed his first feature film as the lead in the movie Synthetic Truth.

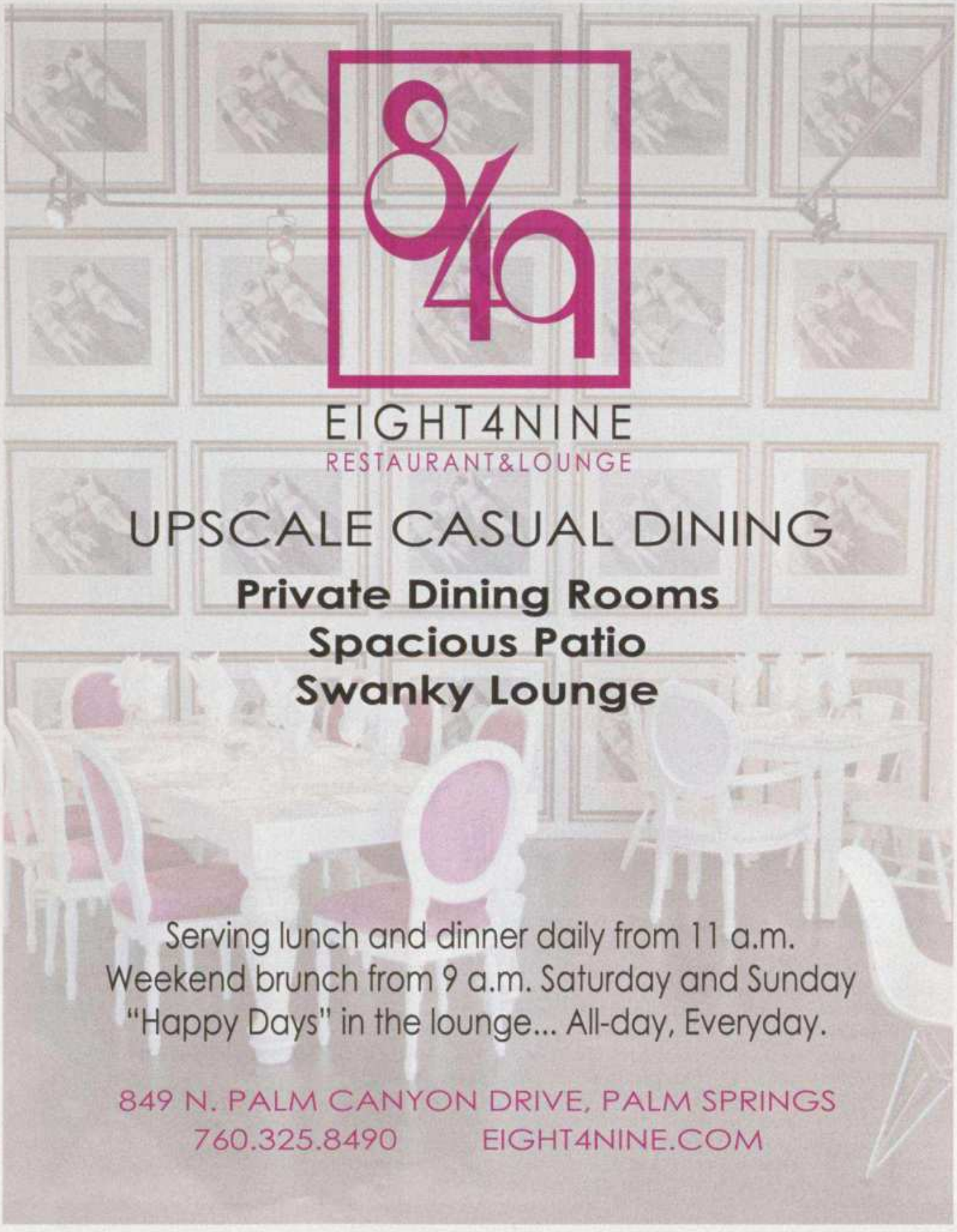
In addition to American Idol, David has showcased his talents on The Ellen Show, The Today Show, MTV's TRL, EXTRA, Entertainment Tonight, Access Hollywood, Teen Choice Awards, TV Guides' Sexiest Stars 2008, Idol Tonight, Idol Gives Back and FOX-TV.

A once-in-a-lifetime invitation came to David when he was asked to sing at the Inaugural Kick-Off Celebration ball for President Barack Obama. He was honored to share the stage with Jamie Foxx, John Legend and Maroon 5, along with event hosts Jessica Alba and legendary TV producer, Norman Lear.

Scottsdale, Arizona's most exclusive restaurant/show club, Barcelona, was David's performance home for nearly a year, performing three nights a week with his band Generation. Featured several times on FOX-TV, David's high energy stage presence and flawless vocal delivery kept the club packed every night. During holiday season 2008 and 2009, David traveled throughout the US, singing for over 250,000 fans, as the star of a twenty-four city tour entitled Idols at Christmas.

Las Vegas was home for David over the July 4th weekend 2009, where he headlined three sold out shows in the showroom at the South Point Casino in Las Vegas. Vegas called again when he was asked to be the featured performer in a major Las Vegas Casino's showroom for their 2010 New Year's Eve Show.

David recently starred in the national & international-tour of Ballroom With A Twist, which is a spinoff of TV's hit show Dancing with the Stars. It's directed and choreographed by Dancing with the Stars' own Louis van Amstel. This show was a nonstop music and dance extravaganza. And if that wasn't enough to keep David busy, he also performed in Motown Memories, Jersey Rocks and the Celebrate Motown tour.


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The world of pop music is littered with stories of awkward beginnings, but in the case of Los Angeles synth pop outfit DWNTWN, the meeting of founding members Jamie Leffler and Robert Cepeda takes uncomfortable beginnings to a whole new level. "I was dating Robert's brother," explains Leffler. "And then when he and I broke up I pretty much immediately started a band with Robert." The band, which initially started as a heartbroken lark back in 2010, eventually became a full-time pursuit. Over the course of four years Leffler and Cepeda went from recording twee folk experiments into their iPhones to making resplendent indie-pop that sounds as warm and intoxicating as the city they both call home. They first made waves after appearing on two different Kitsune compilations—"See My Eyes" appeared on Kistune America and "Move Me" (a collab with Giraffage and Jhameel) on Kitsune America 2. Both tracks subsequently charted at #2 on Hype Machine. Eventually expanding from a duo to playing live as a four-piece—releasing a handful of singles and two excellent EPs (Cowboys and The Red Room) in the process—the band have grown from shy bedroom recordists and reluctant performers into a formidable pop outfit (logging time on the road with the likes of Capital Cities and Gold Fields). On the band's new EP, the self-titled DWNTWN, their music comes into even sharper focus—heartfelt daydreams distilled into pitch-perfect 3-minute confections. The kind of music made for late-night makeouts, winsome self-reflection, or better yet—endless sun-filled drives with the top down.

"The way we write music has developed a lot over the years," say Leffler. "We always begin with a melody and an acoustic guitar, so the songs—at their core—are very inspired by folk music that we love, stuff like The Carter Family and Johnny Cash. What changes them into something else is the way Robert builds on them, layering instruments and electronics. Our process is trial and error, but mostly it's try everything. This new EP is kind of evidence of that. On earlier releases essentially everything was electronic, but this time we've brought in all these live instruments—more guitars and drums and piano."

"We never wanted to be a boy/girl duo, we always wanted to be a band which over time has changed the way we sound," says Cepeda. "Thinking about the way we can play this music live actually affected the way we write."

The four songs on the DWNTWN EP—the follow up to 2012's self-released The Red Room—represent a quantum leap forward for the band and present a lovely soft-focus statement of intent. The EP's first single, "Til Tomorrow" (whose recently-premiered video features the band playing songs, taking shots, and building literal houses of cards in what a appears to be an empty LA bar) is the sort of jangly, pop gem that wouldn't sound out of place on an old Phoenix or St. Etienne record. Breezy but far from slight, the tracks on DWNTWN manage to weave music a much broader sonic palette. "Missing You,"—a song that addresses the passing of Leffler's grandfather--is one of the only songs in recent memory to make the marriage of synths, handclaps, and a banjo sound like the most natural thing in the world. Elsewhere, tracks like "Skins" and "Blankets" employ the kind of seamless production and breathless vocals (not to mention heavenly synth-scapes that could have drifted off of a long-long Tangerine Dream single) that make DWNTWN a truly sanguine listening experience—feather light electro-pop.



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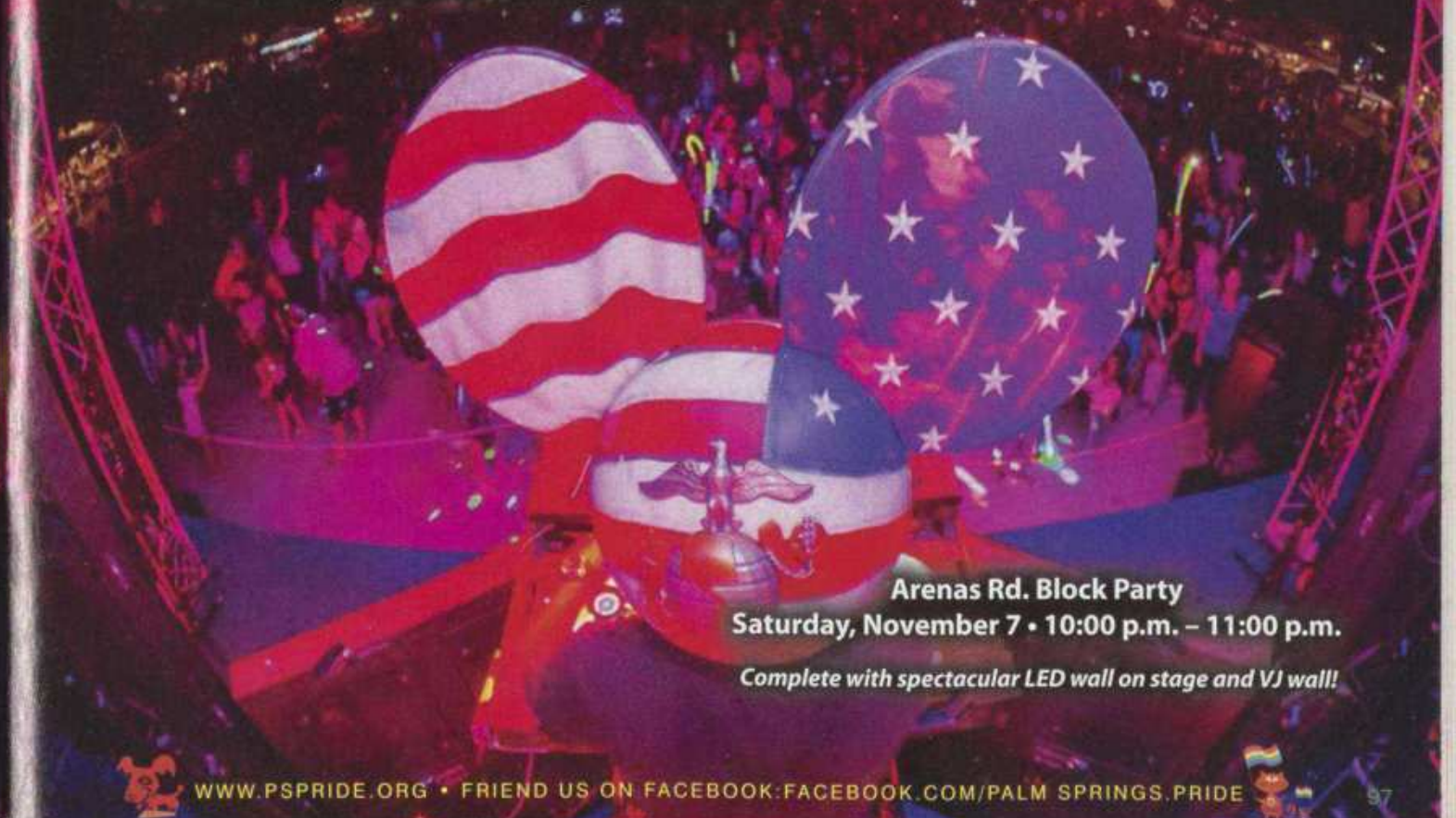
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About the Parade

Known for its crystal blue skies and year-round sunshine, the city of Palm Springs comes alive during the annual Pride celebration. 60,000 spectators are expected to gather along palm tree-lined streets to cheer and support local organizations, activists and themed floats along historic Palm Canyon Dr. The parade is scheduled for Sunday, November 8 at 10 a.m. The parade will step off in the Uptown Design District at Tachevah Dr. and Palm Canyon Dr. and travel south to downtown ending at the entrance to the Pride Festival at Amado Rd.

Three Reviewing Stands!

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

- **KSPI-FM 93.7** will be located near **Eight4Nine Restaurant & Lounge** at 849 N. Palm Canyon Dr.
- **KDES-HD2 107.3** will be near Trio at 707 N. Palm Canyon Dr. in Uptown.
- **U-92.7** will be just south of the old Hamburger Mary's at 395 N. PalmCanyon Dr.
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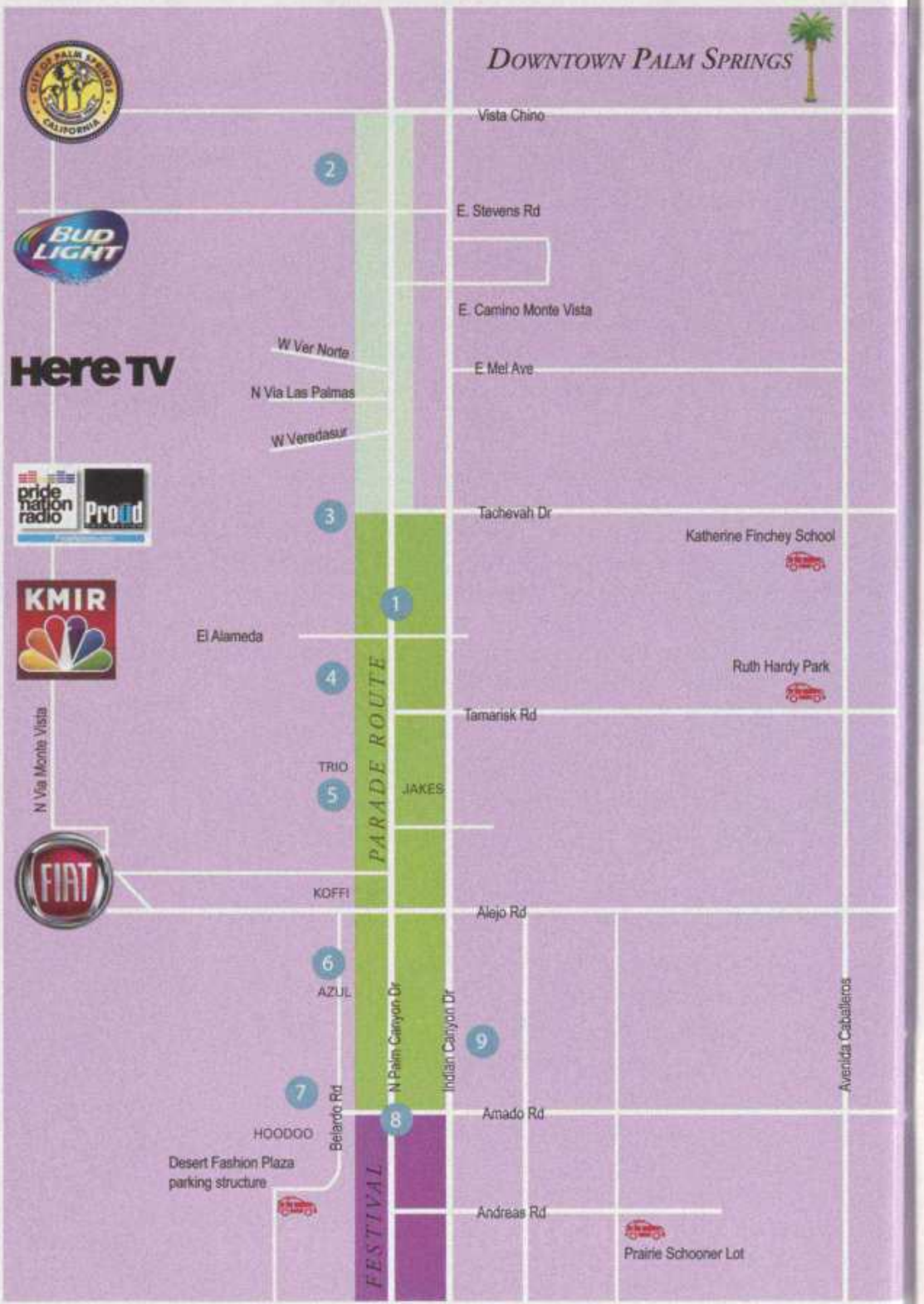
Pride Parade Map











Pride Parade Map

1 **Parade Route**
The parade steps off in the Uptown Design District at Tachevah Dr. and Palm Canyon Dr. and travels south to end at the entrance to the Festival at Amado and Palm Canyon Dr.

2 **Staging Area**
Will be closed to local traffic at 7am Sunday, November 8 on N. Palm Canyon Dr. from Vista Chino to Amado. Enter the parade staging area driving east on Vista Chino to N. Palm Canyon Dr.

3 **Step Off** – *Tachevah Dr.*

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8 **End of Parade**
Amado and Palm Canyon Dr

Dismantling Area
Indian Canyon just north of Amado up to Alejo. If needed, your parade contingent 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. Please keep our city clean and take your trash with you.

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

Consider parking away from Palm Canyon Dr. for both the Festival and Parade. A few suggestions that are only a five to ten minute walk from the action include:

- Park on E. Amado Rd. and adjacent side streets going toward the Convention Center
- Andreas toward Calle El Segundo

Parking continued

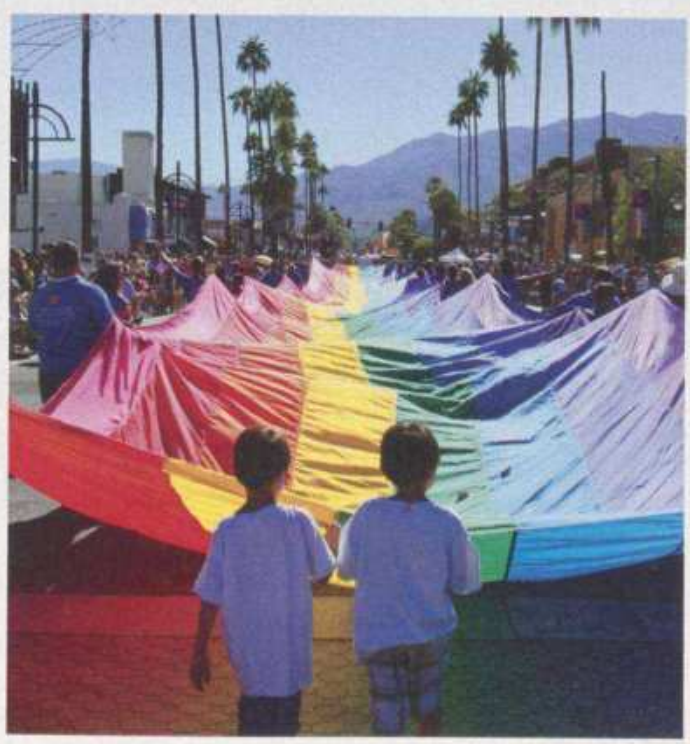
- 1/3 mile east of Palm Canyon on Tamarisk to Ruth Hardy Park
- 1/2 mile east of Palm Canyon Dr. on Tachevah to Katherine Finchey Elementary School
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National Grand Marshal

Evan Wolfson



Evan Wolfson, founder and president of Freedom to Marry, one of the lead legal and political organizations in the marriage equality fight, will be the National Grand Marshal. Wolfson has been called "the godfather of gay marriage" by Newsweek and The Daily Beast, and, "the indispensable man in bringing marriage equality to America" by Andrew Sullivan. He is among those credited with the United States Supreme Court's historic ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges*. In a 5 to 4 ruling, the Court determined that the Constitution guarantees every American the right to marry the person they love.

Kate Kendell, the executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights said, "It is not hyperbole to say that Evan Wolfson occupies the top slot when it comes to leaders responsible for winning marriage in the country. Evan's many years' commitment and dogged determination rallied both the LGBT community and non-gay allies to support our full dignity and equality. Long before others, Evan believed we could win this fight. I am honored that he is my colleague and friend."

From 1989 until 2001, Wolfson worked full-time at Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, the nation's preeminent advocacy group working on behalf of gay and lesbian individuals. As director of Lambda Legal's Marriage Project, Wolfson created the National Freedom to Marry Coalition and began leading the ongoing national marriage equality movement for equal marriage protections. He was co-counsel in Hawaii's landmark Baehr case for the freedom to marry, which launched the current global marriage equality movement. Wolfson also contributed his expertise to the team in *Baker v. Vermont*, the Vermont Supreme Court ruling that led to the creation of "civil union," a new legal marital status for same-sex couples, and to the Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders team in *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health*, which on May 17, 2004 led to the freedom to marry in Massachusetts. Wolfson has also played a part in work to win the freedom to marry in other nations, including Canada, Argentina, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Australia.

"One of the 100 most influential people in the world" – *Time Magazine*

When asked about the impact Evan Wolfson has had on achieving marriage equality, civil rights activist, best-selling author and the 1996 Grand Marshal David Mixner said, "Evan Wolfson, without a doubt, is the modern day founder of the marriage equality movement. In good part, we have achieved our most recent victory in the Supreme Court because of his leadership and vision. He is a hero of mine."

In 2000, the National Law Journal honored Wolfson's civil rights leadership by naming him one of the "100 most influential attorneys in America". In 2004, Time magazine named him one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World." In 2012, Wolfson was awarded the Barnard Medal of Distinction alongside President Barack Obama.

"Thirty years ago Evan Wolfson set out to change history, and did. He understood that winning the freedom to marry for same sex couples would drastically reduce prejudice and make the lives of millions of LGBT individuals and their families immeasurably better. He is a passionate advocate who saw an injustice that needed to be addressed, created a long term plan and built a movement to get it done. He is a true hero," said Geoff Kors, member, Freedom to Marry Board of Directors.

On April 26, 2000, Wolfson became the first Lambda attorney to argue before the United States Supreme Court when he urged the justices to reject the Boy Scouts of America's appeal of a unanimous ruling from the New Jersey Supreme Court striking down their ban on gay members and leaders. Wolfson had represented Eagle Scout James Dale since he was expelled from the BSA in 1990. Following the 5-4 vote, Wolfson helped shape the extraordinary national response from non-gay and gay people and institutions against the BSA's discrimination, challenging their harmful message to youth.

In other cases, Wolfson championed gay and lesbian military personnel fighting for the freedom to serve, gay parents wishing to adopt children and preserve their visitation rights, a Florida deputy sheriff fired for being gay, a person with AIDS seeking life-saving medical treatment refused to him by his insurer, a woman denied work as a Dallas police officer because of the state's anti-gay "sodomy" laws, and NYC employees demanding equal health benefits and recognition for their partners.

Wolfson's first book, *Why Marriage Matters: America, Equality, and Gay People's Right to Marry* was originally published by Simon & Schuster in July 2004, and was re-released in paperback with a new foreword in June 2005.

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Recognized as Community Grand Marshals is the nightclub business and family trio of Mark Seymour, Jennifer Seymour and Patrick Volkert who co-own Hunters Palm Springs. The business partners are recognized for having a positive impact in the region through the support they have provided to community organizations and fundraising efforts large and small.

Starting in 1982 with his first club, Hunters Chicago located in Elk Grove Illinois, Mark Hunter has been an entrepreneur and nightclub owner for over 31 years. After many years of success in the suburbs of Chicago he decided to open a second location in Palm Springs California in 1998 and then a third location in Ft. Lauderdale Florida in 2013.

Mark has been involved with several community programs and organizations such as Desert AIDS Project (DAP), AIDS Assistance Project (AAP), Orphan Pet Oasis, The LGBT Community Center of the Desert (the Center) and his favorite Les Dames Du Soleil, a drag comedy troupe based in Palm Springs. His involvement earned him several awards including Businessman of the Year from the Desert Business Association and the Steve Chase Humanitarian Warner Engdahl Community Service Award.

Patrick Volkert is guided in life by hard work, determination and doing what he can to benefit those in need. He started out early in life training horses, and helping foals with difficult birth. He also worked closely with man's best friend sometimes comforting sick, homeless and needy dogs in a shelter.

As part of the Hunters family he has helped raise much needed funds and support for many community organizations, causes, and projects that benefit the greater Palm Springs area. In the Chicago area, he has helped many organizations including the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the Alzheimer's Association, the Center on Halsted and Chicago House.

Currently Patrick is over-seeing a remodeling project at Hunters Fort Lauderdale that will better serve the LGBTQ community through improved entertainment, traffic flow, and customer service for future community events. Patrick has been happily partnered with Mark Hunter, the love of his life for the last 10 years

After graduating from Clarkson University with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Toxicology in 1992, Jennifer Seymour made her way to Palm Springs via career stops in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles and arrived in the Coachella Valley in 1999. She purchased the Tomboyz restaurant on Arenas Road in 2000 and served great food in a comfortable atmosphere. When she became the general manager of Hunters Palm Springs in 2005 she sold the restaurant.

Jennifer is guided by the goal to support a motivated group of employees and position Hunters as a socially responsible leader in the community. Hunters' staff is involved with various charitable initiatives throughout the year and they are members of softball, bowling and golf leagues. The Hunters team created the annual Orphan Pet Oasis charity golf tournament that was held for eight years and raised over $50,000 for the Humane Society of the Desert.

Jennifer oversees Hunters involvement and support of many charity organizations like the HRC, DAP, AAP, American Cancer Society, Shelter from the Storm, Palm Springs Pride, Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast and the Center. Hunters dedication to charitable causes includes annual events such as International Bear Convergence, Gay Rodeo, Guns and Hoses, Gay Pilots Association, the Winter Classic Softball Tournament, Dining Out for Life, Steve Chase Humanitarian Awards and the Evening Under the Stars.

Working with her uncles and a very special Hunters crew has been the most fulfilling part of her career. Mark, Patrick and Jennifer are honored and very excited to be recognized by Greater Palm Springs Pride as Community Grand Marshals and will continue their support of the LGBTQ community in the years ahead.

Grand Marshal

We are so proud to highlight two dads whose contribution to the LGBT community and the fight for equal rights ended with them at the center of the biggest Supreme Court case of the year. Paul Campion and Randy Johnson are celebrated as Grand Marshals of the 2015 Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade. Paul Campion and Randy Johnson were one of the plaintiff couples in the case before the Supreme Court.

The Johnson-Campion Family and the 14th Amendment



The Fourteenth Amendment expanded the protection of civil rights to all Americans. In *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the Supreme Court held that the "Fourteenth Amendment requires a State to license a marriage between two people of the same sex and to recognize a marriage between two people of the same sex when their marriage was lawfully licensed and performed out-of-State."

Paul Campion, born and raised in Jamestown, New York, met Randy Johnson, from just south of Louisville, Kentucky in 1991 and immediately felt a connection. Both came from conservative towns with religious families, Paul was Roman Catholic and Randy was Southern Baptist. Randy rejected his sexuality until the day he met Paul. Paul moved to Kentucky to live with Randy, and they knew that they wanted to have children.

When Randy and Paul decided to begin the adoption process in the fall of 1994, they could only find one adoption agency that would allow a gay man to adopt a child, *Adoptions of Kentucky*. To their benefit, the agency was more concerned with whether a person would be a good parent, rather than focus on stereotypes and prejudices, which was exactly what Paul and Randy were looking for. However, only one of the men could be the legal guardian of the child; therefore, Paul became guardian of their first two children, Tevin and Tyler, born in February of 1995. Paul and Randy later wanted to include a daughter in their family and adopted

Grand Marshal

No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

The 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

Mackenzie who was born in 2003. Randy became the legal guardian of Mackenzie. In 2006, Paul met DeSean at the school where he was working and adopted him through the state rather than a private adoption agency.

Paul and Randy began to worry that if something were to happen to one of them, the other would not have legal rights to care for the child who was not his or her adopted parent. Although Paul and Randy legally married in Palm Springs, California in July 2008, Kentucky and many other states at the time refused to recognize valid marriages from other states. This was one of the motivating factors that prompted them to join other same-sex couples in the *Bourke v. Beshear* case against the state of Kentucky. Once Bourke reached the Supreme Court, it was consolidated with three other related cases pending before the Court from Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee, which included *Obergefell v. Hodges* (the first of the four cases filed). Two main questions that the Supreme Court decided were:

1. Does the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause require a state to legally marry same sex couples?
2. Does the 14th Amendment require states to recognize valid marriages from other states?

Paul and Randy never expected to be part of the biggest Supreme Court case of the year when they joined with the plaintiffs in Kentucky to challenge the state's rejection of their valid out of state marriage. Family is extremely important to the couple and they knew that they had to fight for same-sex couples' familial benefits. Sensitive to their children's wishes, Paul and Randy had many discussions with their four children about the case and whether or not they were comfortable with it. Randy said that the support they have received from everyone, but especially from their children, was the most enriching part of their journey. Paul and Randy's 20 year old son, Tevin, documented his journey and that of his two fathers on his Tumblr page, "Making History with My Two Dads."

1991 Paul met Randy



1994 Began the adoption process to start their family

1995 Paul becomes guardian of Tevin and Tyler born in February.



2003 Randy becomes guardian of Mackenzie when she was born

2004 November 2 voters in Kentucky approve state constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman



2006 Paul adopts DeSean

2008 June 17 California county clerks begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples

2008 Wedding bells rang in July and Paul and Randy legally married in Palm Springs, CA

2014 February 12, the Bourke v. Beshear decision issued and Judge Heyburn found that Kentucky must recognize same-sex marriages from other jurisdictions because withholding recognition violates the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of equal protection.

2014 November 6, The Sixth Circuit ruled 2–1 that Kentucky's ban on same-sex marriage does not violate the constitution.

2015 January 16, The U.S. Supreme Court consolidated cases Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee and agreed to review the case.

2015 April 28, The U.S. Supreme Court hears oral argument in Obergefell v. Hodges and related cases

2015 June 26, The United States Supreme Court rules in Obergefell v. Hodges that because the fundamental right to marry extends to same-sex couples, same-sex marriage bans are unconstitutional under the Fourteenth Amendment. The decision renders same-sex marriage legal throughout the entire United States.



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Lifetime Achievement

Spirit of Stonewall Lifetime Achievement

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to recognize an individual whose lifetime body of work has left a lasting major imprint on the LGBT community.

Michael Childers

Michael Childers, recipient of the Spirit of Stonewall Lifetime Achievement Award, began his renowned photography career when he studied with Robert Heineken and Edmund Teske in New York City. Childers created the mixed media work for the record-breaking run of the hit off-Broadway musical *Oh! Calcutta!* Childers subsequently worked for Sir Laurence Olivier's National Theatre in London, and he remains the only American photographer invited to photograph productions at this prestigious institution.

He went on to become a founding photographer for Andy Warhol's *Interview* and *After Dark* magazines. For *Dance* magazine, Childers produced many covers including those featuring the Joffrey Ballet, the Royal Ballet, and the Alvin Ailey Dance Company. He also co-authored the book *Bejart: The World of Dance*.

From his Melrose Avenue and Venice studios, Childers photographed more than 200 magazine covers, including GQ, New York, TV Guide, Esquire, Los Angeles, Elle, Paris Match, Life, London Sunday Times Magazine, and both English and Italian Vogue. He created more than 150 album covers and film posters for major motion picture studios and worked as a special photographer on dozens of films, including *Grease, Marathon Man, The Year of Living Dangerously, Coal Miner's Daughter, Pennies from Heaven, The Terminator, Hammett, Torch Song Trilogy, Endless Love, The Champ*, and *Oceans 12*.

In 2003, Palm Springs Desert Museum presented a forty-year retrospective of Michael's work titled Icons and Legends: The Photography of Michael Childers. The three-month show was enjoyed by more than 55,000 visitors. Michael has received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Hollywood Photography at the Temecula Film Festival (2004) and from the Provincetown Film Festival in 2004. In 2006, the Tom of Finland Foundation inducted Michael into their Hall of Fame for his erotic photography.

Childers has received the Crystal Lens Award from Palm Springs Modernism Week (2013), the Distinguished Photographer Award from the Palm Springs Fine Art Fair and has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

In March of 2008, Childers received a star, presented by Lily Tomlin, on the Palm Springs Walk of Fame. The star is for his work in photography, film and humanitarian causes. In 2014, Childers was honored with the Humanitarian of the Year award from Jewish Family Service of the Desert for his fundraising efforts on their behalf.



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Melinda Tremaglio



Melinda Tremaglio, Spirit of Stonewall Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, was born and raised in Wallingford, Connecticut, where after graduating high school, she joined the Army and was discharged for being a "homosexual" in 1961. This event was the start of her journey as an activist for women and gays.

Before moving to Palm Springs in 1997, she was part of the West Hollywood LGBT movement in the mid 1960s. In Palm Springs she operated a flyer distribution company to the real estate industry.

As a member of the Palm Springs Association of Realtors, she chaired the special events committee helping to raise money for local charities. In the past, she co-chaired a committee to help produce MLK day in Palm Springs, created and produced the Halloween event on Arenas Road through 2014 and served as President of the Palm Springs National Organization for Women from 2009-2014.

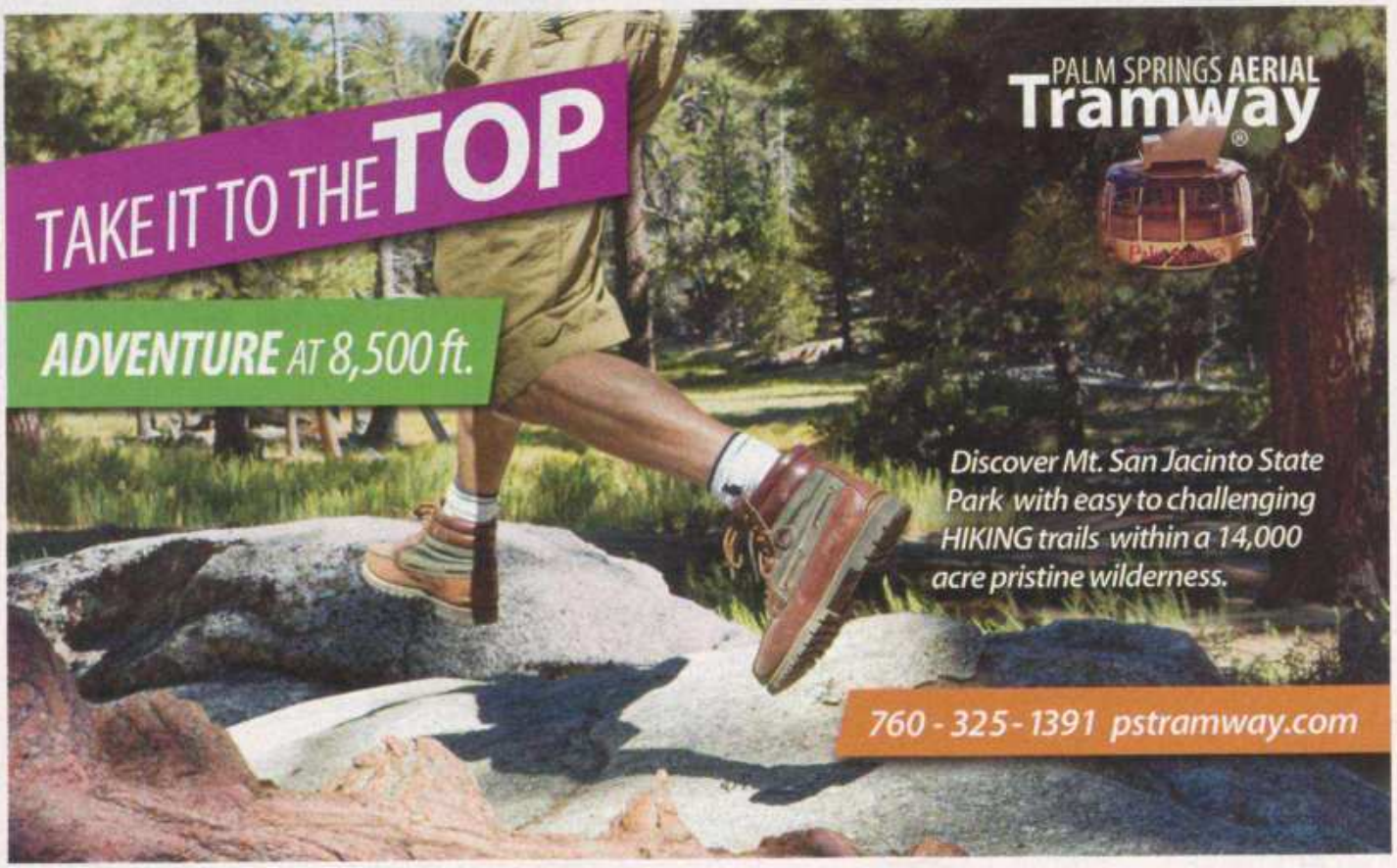
Currently she is in the process of recreating her television series from the gay 80s. She helped to produce and host Lifestyle Update, a show with news, entertainment and stories of gay and lesbian lives. The show recorded over 100 thirty-minute episodes and eight one-hour documentaries including The 1987 March on Washington, Gay Voices, Gay Legends Volumes 1 & 2 and interviews with the celebrities of the 80s who attended and supported AIDS fundraising events.

Melinda has received numerous awards including Woman of the Year of West Hollywood (1985), City of Los Angeles Public Library Commission Outstanding Service Award (1989), Gay and Lesbian Press Association Outstanding Service (1991), Outstanding Service Award Desert Rainbow Foundation Hall of Fame (2003), Palm Springs Gay Veterans Award For Outstanding Service (2004), Palm Spring Human Rights Commission Award of Recognition (2006), Lifetime Achievement Award Veterans for Peace, Cathedral City (2010) and California Desert Association of Realtors, Advocate Award (2013).

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Dr. Ronni Sanlo



Dr. Ronni Sanlo, recognized as the 2015 Spirit of Stonewall Special Guest, is the Director Emeritus of the UCLA Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Center (LGBT) Center and a frequent keynote speaker and consultant on LGBT issues in Higher Education. LGBT rights pioneer, Dr. Sanlo has led a lifetime of educational service at such renowned institutions as UCLA, Cal State Fullerton and the University of Michigan.

Prior to her work in higher education, Dr. Sanlo was an HIV/AIDS epidemiologist in Florida where she earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Florida, and a masters and doctorate in education from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. Her consultation, research, and many publications focus on sexual orientation issues in higher education.

Dr. Sanlo is the founding chair of the Consortium of Higher Education Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Professionals, and is the originator of the award-winning Lavender Graduation, a commencement event that celebrates the lives and achievements of graduating LGBT college students.

Dr. Sanlo lives in Southern California where she continues to research and write and is the owner of Purple Distinctions Writing Retreats and Self-Publishing. Her focus on LGBT history is the foundation for her award-winning 2014 documentary Letter to Anita. Ronni's memoir is The Purple Golf Cart: The Misadventures of a Lesbian Grandma.

The meaning of Pride goes very deep with me. Being an educator, activist, mother, and grandmother, Pride is imbedded in my soul. While annual street parties are important events for us where we feel our collective joy, I believe that Pride also means staying informed, overcoming complacency, not waiting for someone else to stand up for us, and for us to stand up for other disenfranchised communities

When Ronni isn't playing passionate but rotten golf, she is working on an historical novel about the last five months of WWII Europe.

Pride means ensuring that the next generation has an easier time than I did; that families accept their children inclusive of their sexual orientation and gender identity and expression; that we come out and be visible every time we get the chance.

Pride for me is about self-love and self-respect, and modeling those qualities for others who are afraid to come out of the closet. Pride is about community, about family and friends and lovers, about living freely despite the challenges we may face.

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Volunteer of the Year

The Spirit of Stonewall Volunteer of the Year Award

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Brian Wanzek

Brian Wanzek, perhaps better known as Bella da Ball℠, Palm Springs area social ambassador and hostess with the mostest, receives the Spirit of Stonewall Volunteer of the Year Award. Bella has a star on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars, received SafeSchools Desert Cities Champion for Youth Award for LBGT Youth in the Desert and has been named PrideNation Best Entertainer People's Choice Award for many years. In addition to being recognized with the Outstanding Community Service Leader award from the Desert Business Association, Bella has also received the Herb Lazenby Community Service Award from AAP (AIDS Assistance Program) at Evening Under the Stars.



Bella has appeared in Hairspray with Bruce Vilanch at Musical Theatre University Rancho Mirage High School. Other involvement includes the Safe Schools Desert Cities, Gay Straight Alliance, Rainbow Youth Summit, Pride Prom, Greater Palm Springs Pride and its Cabaret stage, Broadway in Drag Pageant, Palm Springs International Film Festival and ShortFest, Modernism Week, Barbara Sinatra Children's Center, Desert Winds Freedom Band concerts and events, Arenas Road Halloween celebrations, Palm Springs Women's Club, Rancho Mirage Women's Club, Fashion Week El Paseo, AAP Oscar's Night, Desert AIDS Project, Kittyland, Harvey Milk Foundation, and many others.

Bella da Ball℠, the 6-foot-6 (in heels), big hair, big glasses diva is often seen with a microphone and a clipboard in hand as emcee of events throughout the Coachella Valley. Bella also presents weekly shows at a variety of venues that include Lipstick on Thursdays, a Cabaret Variety Revue on Tuesdays, and Bingo and Trivia Game Night on Mondays.

Brian and his partner, Kenneth Hamman, came to the desert fifteen years ago and love spoiling their dog, Holly.

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Spirit of Pride Award

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.

Janet Malachowsky



Janet Malachowsky will be recognized with the Spirit of Pride Award for advancing equality, promoting diversity and celebrating the strength and talent of the LGBT community.

Malachowsky is very active in the community and recently completed a term as the president of the Desert Business Association (DBA). Her election to the DBA board in 2013 marked the end of a ten year period of men holding the president's title. She originally joined as a board member charged with recruiting more women and lesbians into the traditionally male organization.

Janet is guided by three tenets that are important to her, community, inclusion and diversity. She's a member of several organizations including the Leadership Coachella Valley Class of 2016, Desert Estate Planning Council, the Desert Business Association, the Desert Valley Builders Association, and an affiliate member of the Palm Springs Regional Association of Realtors. She also finds time to be involved with the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership's Renewal Energy Roundtable.

Pride is a celebration of our community. As LGBT people, we are loving, productive, engaged members of the world. Pride is our expression of equality to all other members – not more, not less. We are part of the diversity of humanity and Pride is that feeling of acceptance that our identities are affirmed in the entirety of the greater community. Pride is knowing that we belong. We have achieved greatness in the recent US Supreme Court ruling. Pride is having our place at the table.

Janet has been in the financial industry for over 25 years and currently serves as an associate vice president, portfolio manager, financial advisor and founding partner of the Relationship Group at Morgan Stanley in Palm Desert, CA.

Janet graduated with honors with a BS in Management and a minor in Economics at Rutgers University in 1999. A Coachella Valley resident since 2001, she enjoys debating, the desert, fitness and hiking, bringing orchids back to life after flowering, and she has a love for learning. Her joys are spending time with her life partner and wife of 38 years, Lenore Davis, and their two dogs, Puddin and Litabita-Biskit.



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Community Service Award

The Spirit of Stonewall Community Service Award

The Community Service Award recognizes individuals, a couple or organization within the LGBT community that has made a noticeable and positive impact on the community.

Lisa Middleton



Community leader and volunteer, Lisa Middleton, received the 2015 Spirit of Stonewall Community Service Award. Middleton is a member of the Palm Springs Planning Commission, the chair of the Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS), a member of the LGBT Community Center of the Desert Board of Directors and the Desert Horticulture Society of the Coachella Valley.

In her time on the planning commission she has advocated for neighborhood/developer cooperation, increased use of solar power, the creative and water wise use of desert landscaping, continued renewal of our downtown, sustainable projects that excel architecturally and economically and the elimination of abandoned buildings and blighted vacant lots.

In her time with ONE-PS, Lisa has worked to improve cooperation and understanding between neighborhoods, the city, and other civic organizations. ONE-PS has taken the lead in a number of neighborhood issues such as street repairs, vacation rental compliance, pedestrian, cyclist and traffic safety and the growth of ONE-PS to include every community within Palm Springs.

Lisa Middleton retired in December 2010 after 36 years with the State Compensation Insurance Fund of the State of California. She held a number of management and executive assignments with the State Fund in San Diego, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Ventura and San Francisco.

Lisa chaired the Claims Committee of the California Workers Compensation Institute where she was twice recognized for her leadership in the workers' compensation system. She was also a member of the Department of Insurance Fraud Assessment Commission and in 2010 chaired the Commission.

Lisa Middleton first joined the LGBT Center of the Desert Board of Directors in early 2013. In January 2014, she stepped in as the organization's interim executive director before returning to the board in June 2014. Previously she served on the board of directors for Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services in San Francisco, the Lambda LGBT Alumni Association of the University of Southern California, the LGBT Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission and the Pastoral Council of Most Holy Redeemer Church in the Castro.

After 13 years together, Lisa and Cheryl were married in July 2013. Lisa is transgender having completed a change in gender roles in the mid-1990s. She has two children by a prior marriage. John teaches high school in Ventura County and Lauren teaches middle school in Inglewood.

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Organization of the Year

The Spirit of Stonewall Organization of the Year Award

The Organization of the Year Award acknowledges outstanding persons, organizations, events, or businesses that are identified as deserving of special recognition.

Great Autos of Yesteryear

Great Autos of Yesteryear is the 2015 Pride Organization of the Year and the largest LGBT car club on the West Coast with almost 1,000 members, owning more than 2,600 cars. The club is recognized for actively supporting the LGBT community through social and charitable activities and for their involvement in community events and of course the annual Pride Celebration. The club has raised thousands of dollars for worthy causes through their annual Palm Springs Casual Concours charity car show. At events throughout the year when you've seen dignitaries riding in stunning, chrome-laden convertibles, chances are those vintage vehicles have been provided by Great Autos members.



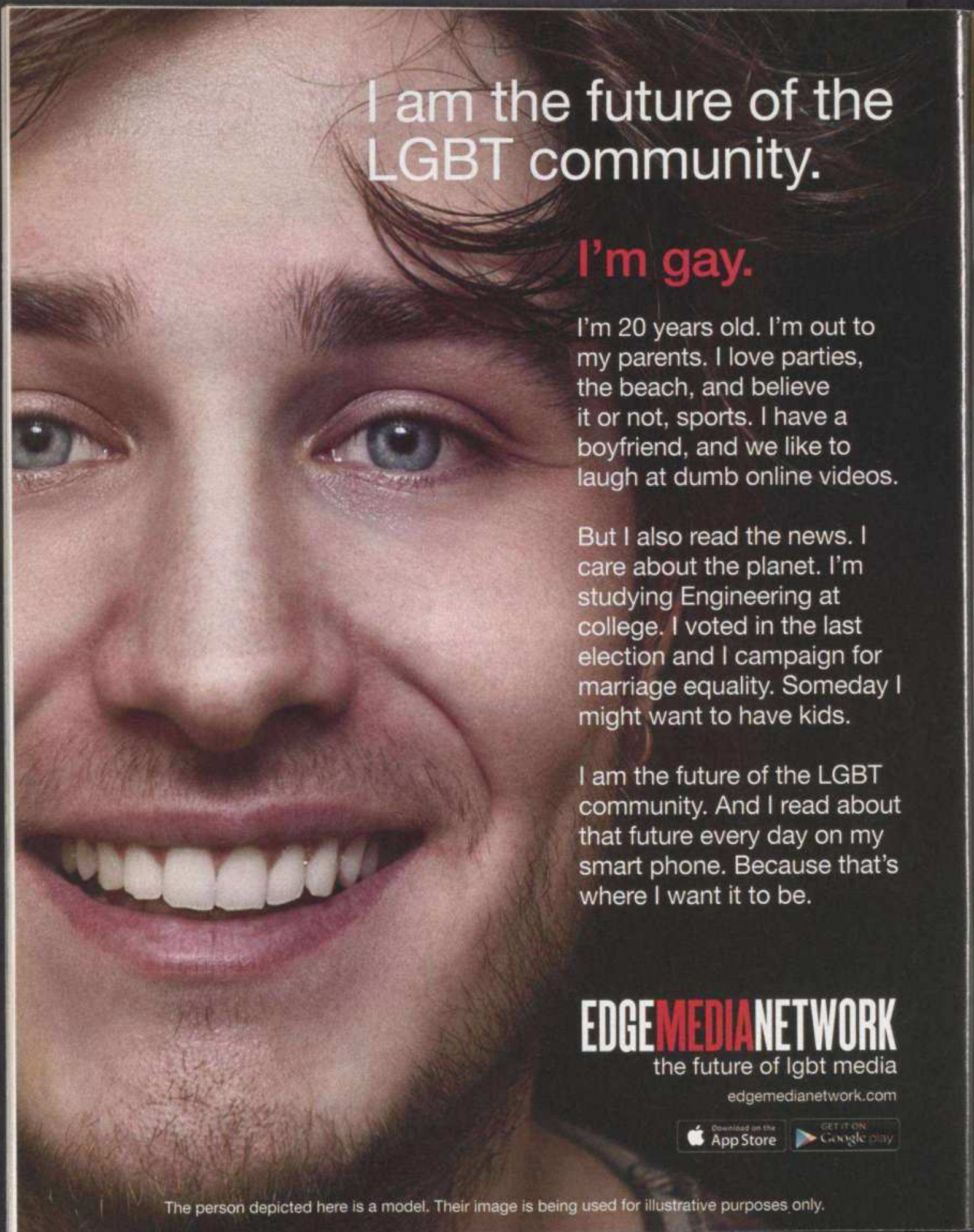
This diverse organization was formed in 1983 by veteran car collectors Ted Davidson and Herb Rothman who, though active in other clubs, felt the gay community should have a club all its own. They envisioned a club that could serve as both a social gathering place and a means of bringing together gay and lesbian individuals who share a unique enthusiasm for the automobile and its preservation.



The Great Autos of Yesteryear family of LGBT and straight members range in age from 18 to over 80, with most makes, models and years of cars represented in their ranks. The club hosts at least one event each month, such as road rallies, car collection tours, and car shows in and around Southern California. Also, Great Autos members participate in annual events including drive-in movie night, charity car shows, and the four-day extravaganza West Coast Meet.






I am the future of the LGBT community.
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Friend of Pride

The Friend of Pride Award recognizes an individual or couple, who does not identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender, but who has energetically supported the LGBT community over an extended period of years and/or has made an exceptional contribution in the past year.

Melisse Banwer



Palm Springs Pride honors Melisse Banwer with the Friend of Pride Award. Ms. Banwer has served as the executive director of the Tolerance Education Center (TEC) since its doors opened in May of 2009. She is recognized as a valuable resource to communities impacted by hatred and bigotry. She was named Humanitarian of the Year by Palm Springs Black History Committee in 2015 and she's a loyal ally providing a voice for the Transgender and Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay communities in Coachella Valley.

Under Branwer's leadership, the TEC has welcomed and embraced the LGBT community. The TEC celebrates LGBT Pride month each June, with guest lecturers, LGBT-themed movie screenings, dramatic presentations, and celebrations. LGBT issues are featured prominently in the TEC's rotating exhibits; notable ones include The Men of the Pink Triangle, The Matthew Shepard Story, and LGBT in America.

Pride means eliminating adjectives once and for all: You're not my lesbian friend, you're my friend. You're not my gay neighbor, you're my neighbor. Let's take pride in who we are as one people and celebrate our differences together.

The TEC has proudly held events for or in partnership with Equality California, Old Lesbians Organizing for Change, Transgender Day of Remembrance, Desert Stonewall Democrats, Desert Rose Playhouse, and the LGBT Center of the Desert. The TEC has provided a space for the annual Transgender L.A.T.E. Festival (Live Performance, Art, Transdender, Entertainment), educational events, and fundraising activities for the Transgender community.

Melisse is a southern California native and has called Palm Springs home for seventeen years. In her free time, she enjoys hiking with her dogs and spending time with family and friends. She also considers herself somewhat of a food and wine expert (doesn't everyone?)

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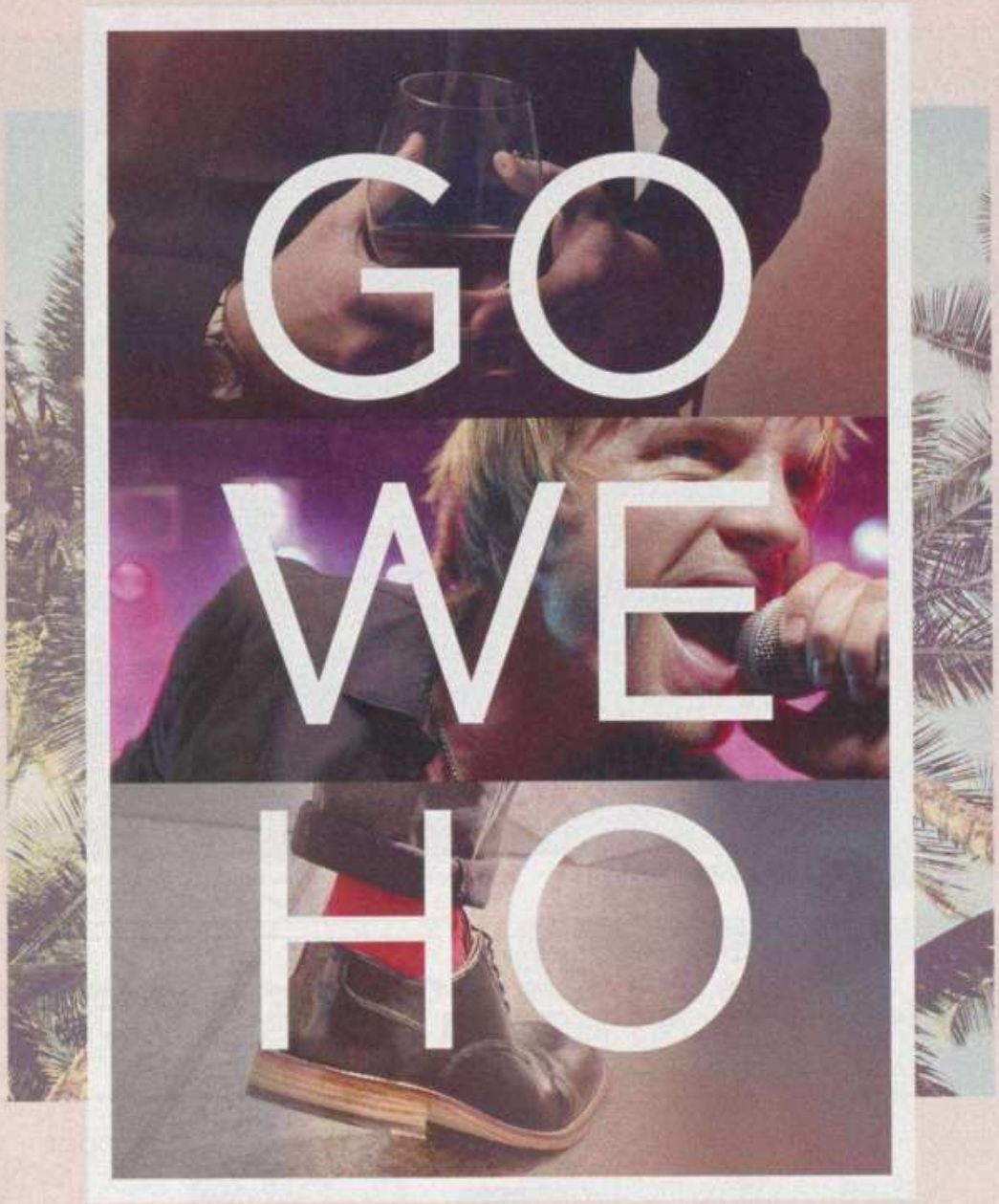
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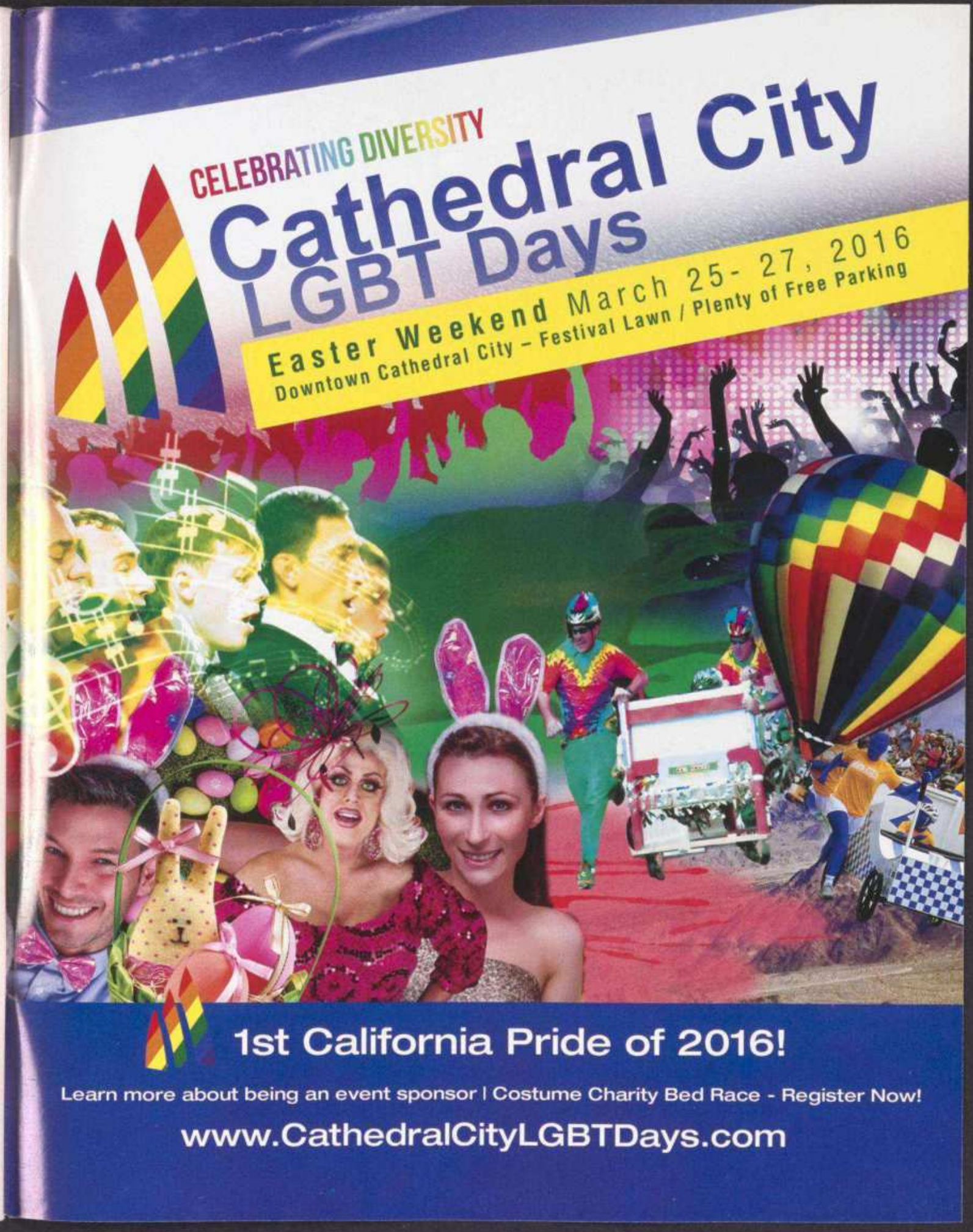
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