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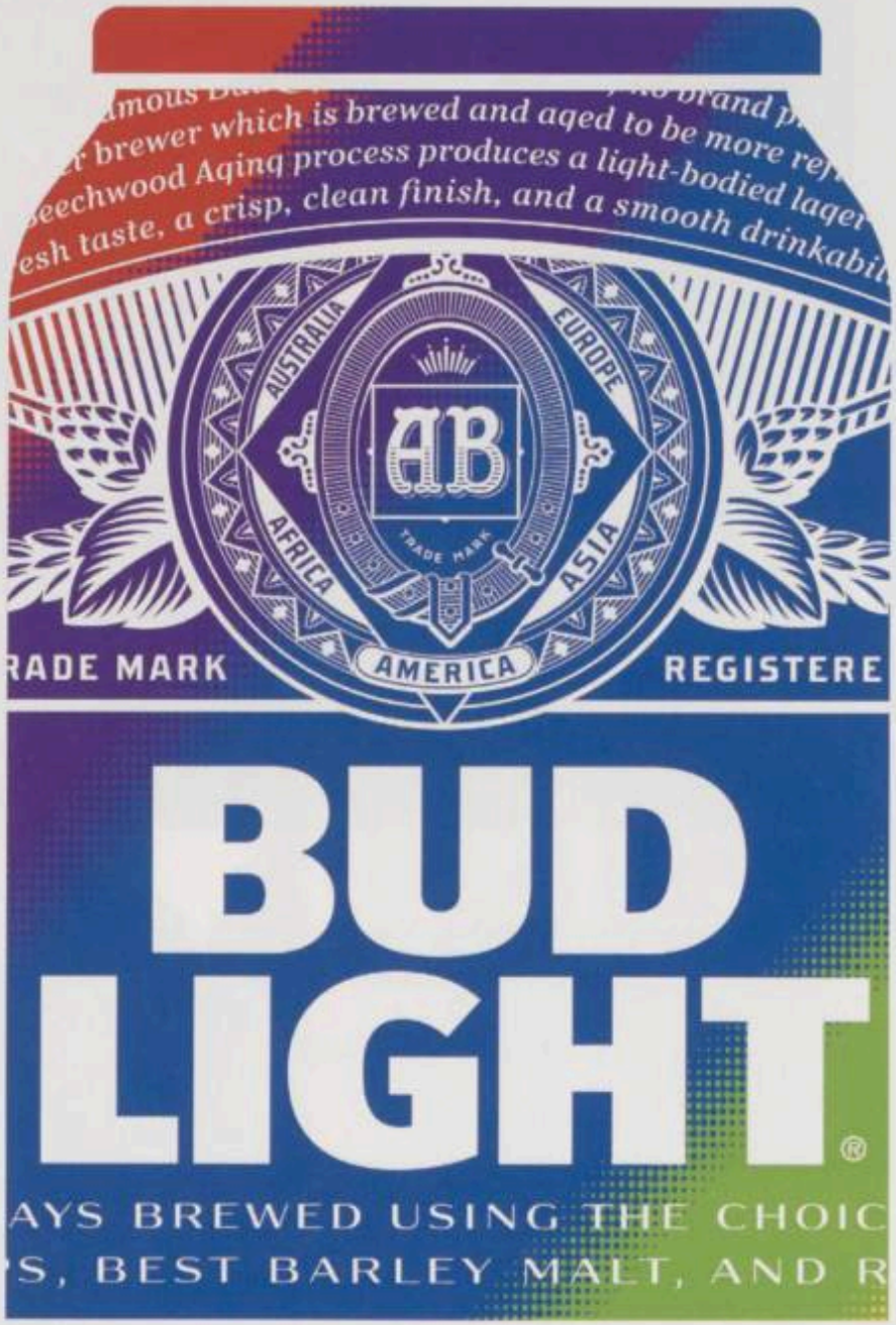
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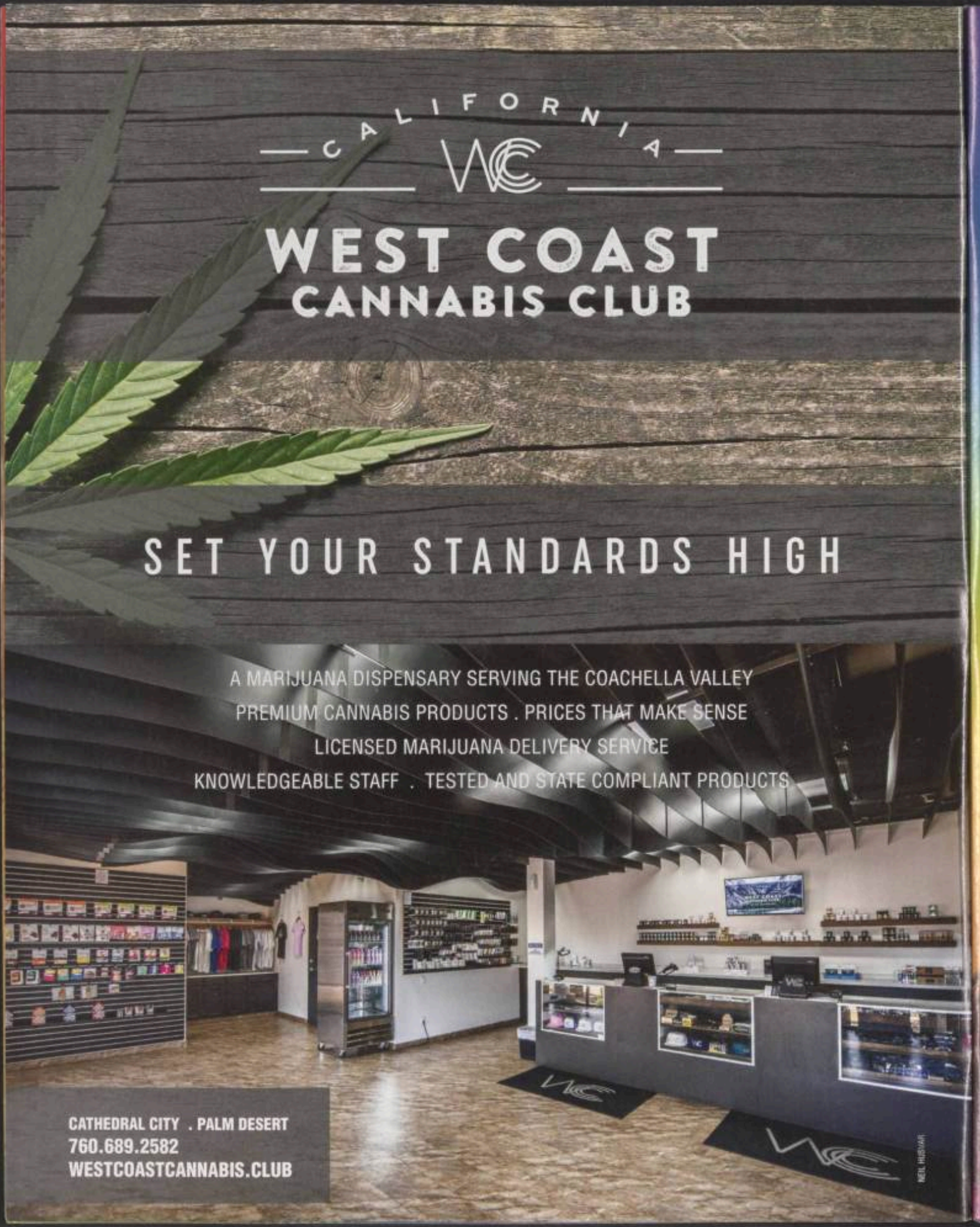
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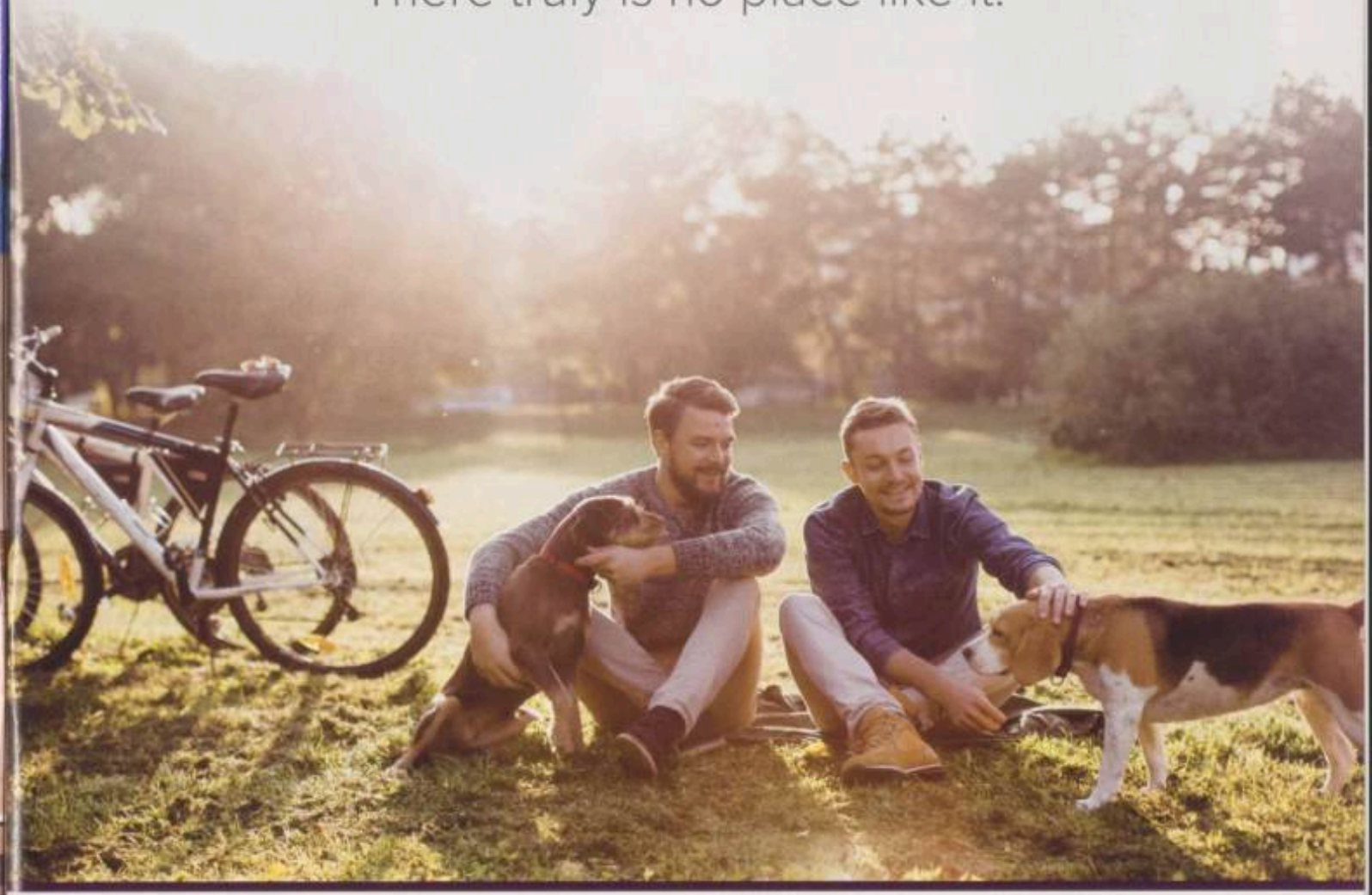
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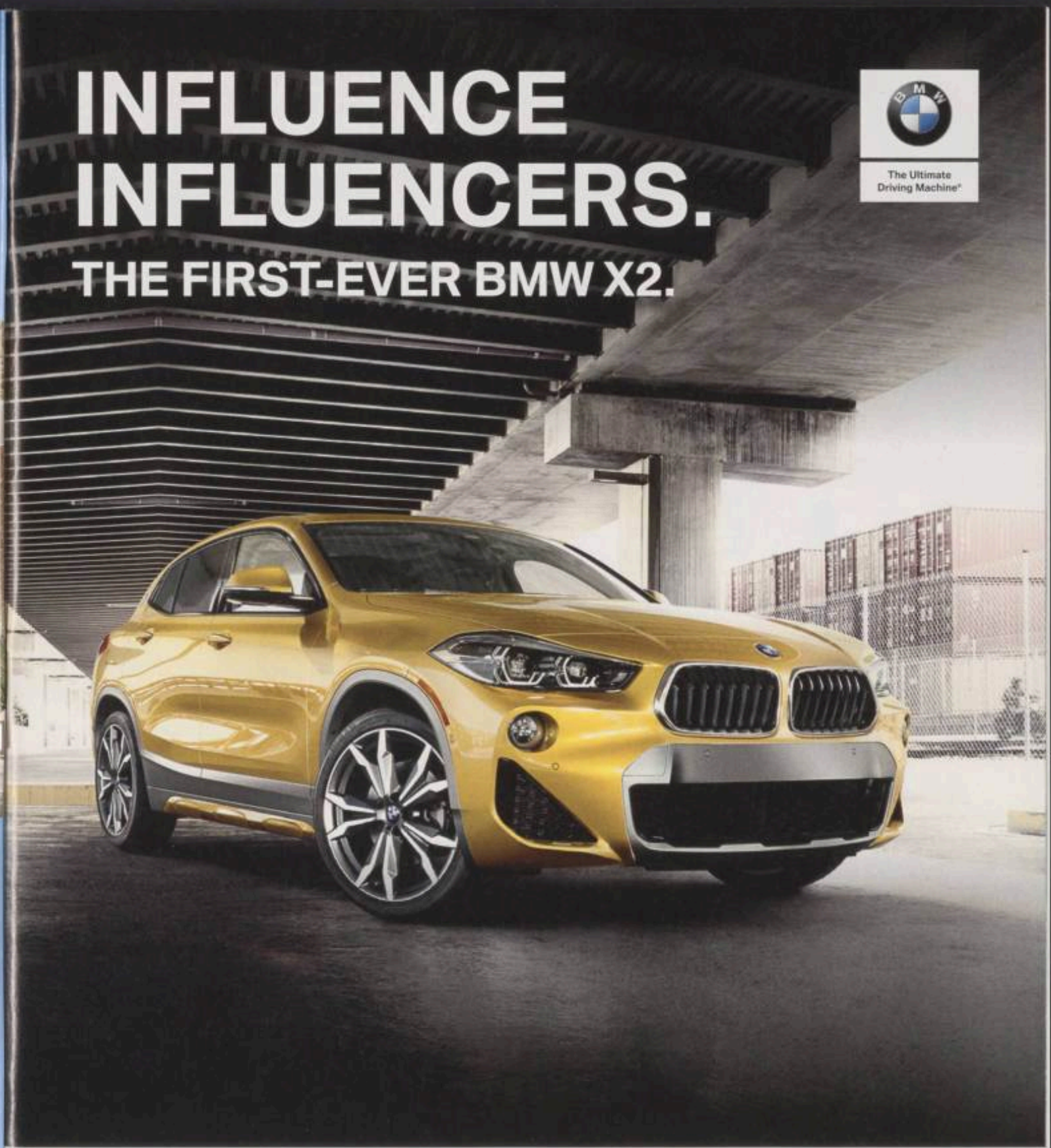
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Thank you for celebrating our diversity, advancing equality, and working for social justice for all.

This year's event is dedicated to our nation's youth and all they're doing to make our world a safer, more respectful place. As Daniel Vaillancourt writes in his cover story, "Fighting the Good Fight" (page 18), "it's estimated that millennials make up almost a third of the American electorate, and come Nov. 6 of this year, millions of newly minted 18-year-olds will be eligible to make a difference at the ballot box."

Inspired by and in support of youth-led movement-building efforts that are awakening critical conversations for social change, Greater Palm Springs Pride kicks off the 2018 Pride season under the theme of Youth Power for Change and **Youth of Coachella Valley have collectively been named Grand Marshals of the 2018 Pride Parade**.

It's inspiring to see the number of teens and tweens who are standing up and saying "enough!" to intolerance, discrimination, and gun violence. After all, Pride is, and always has been, a show of resistance. Resistance to discrimination, resistance to hatred. Resistance to fear, to violence. What started as a rebellion has become a global movement nearly 50 years later. As we honor those who have courageously fought for equality and are no longer with us, we welcome the support and strength of the next generations.

With the support of the City of Palm Springs, some of the highlights of this year's event include a new Downtown Stage on Museum Way; more than 100 performances throughout the weekend; 150 back-to-back exhibitors booths; and plenty of outdoor food and beverage booths, featuring products from Festival supporters Budweiser, Effen, DeKuyper, Sauza, and Jim Beam.

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Pride is for everyone. So, whether you're a member of the LGBT community, a supportive ally, or someone who's questioning where you fit into the spectrum, you are part of our diverse and vibrant community, and your place is here with us.

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Fighting the Good Fight

A quintet of local activists age 13 to 21 put their energy where their heart is.

By Daniel Vaillancourt





It's estimated that millennials make up almost a third of the American electorate, and come Nov. 6 of this year, millions of newly minted 18-year-olds will be eligible to make a difference at the ballot box. Last July, bisexual student activist Emma González — alongside other survivors of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting last Valentine's Day in Parkland, Florida — brought their 20-state summer bus tour, "March For Our Lives: Road to Change," to Southern California. "Get out the vote," González said in an interview with Karen Ocamb, news editor for the *Los Angeles Blade*. "If you can't vote then register other people to vote. Get people to the polls, make sure that people who need to vote can vote."

Here in Greater Palm Springs, there are countless young men and women who are endeavoring to effect change. So many, in fact, that the youth of Coachella Valley have collectively been named Grand Marshals of the 2018 Pride Parade. Here we salute just a few of these remarkable individuals.



Enrique Campos

This 21-year-old gay man who lived in Yucca Valley until the age of 18 used to love spending as much time as possible in Palm Springs. Now a student of languages and literature (with emphases on Spanish and French) at UC Riverside, he's also a social media intern at the college's LGBT Resource Center. He's been heavily involved in Safe Schools Desert Cities (SSDC) since he graduated high school in 2015.

According to its website, SSDC "works directly with the Gay Straight Alliances (GSAs) at 20-plus high schools and middle schools in the desert area and beyond. [It] welcomes the opportunity to work with students and families when school districts do not follow California laws that provide protection and support for LGBTQI students." Just some of the nonprofit's most popular annual events include the Pride Prom, the LGBT Leadership Camp, and the Rainbow Youth Summit.

"We teach students from middle, high school, and college the kind of comprehensive and inclusive sexual health education they would never receive at their own schools," Campos says of the Summit. Working with the Stonewall Democrats, Summit leaders also register peers to vote — and encourage those still too young to register to urge their friends to do so. "In our quest for equality, my fellow Safe Schools volunteers and I start at the root — our students. The faster they realize that not only are they unique and deserving of being loved, but that they are part of a huge community, the faster they can mobilize and become outstanding members themselves."

Hannah Gillbank



Identifying as agender and pansexual, this 17-year-old Coachella Valley High School senior from Coachella was part of YPAR (Youth Participatory Action Research) during her freshman and sophomore years. Among other achievements, the group successfully launched the first annual Eastern Coachella Valley Pride.

"I've also been lucky to be part of my school's GSA — which is now called SAGA for Sexuality and Gender Acceptance — since my freshman year," says Gillbank, who is now the group's president. "The club has grown from five people occasionally coming to meetings — with not much happening except our sharing our struggles of not being accepted by staff — to ending the year with 30-plus members who every day become more accepted by the ones who once despised us."

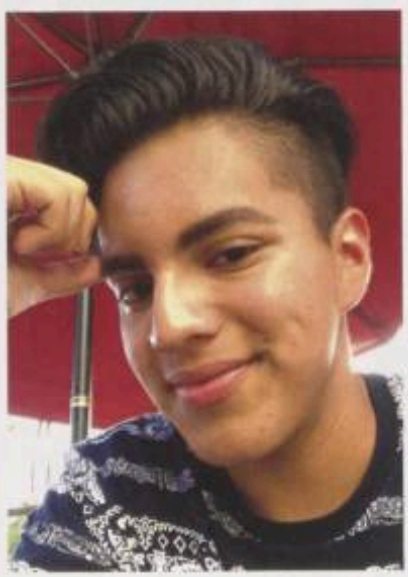
Other efforts in which Gillbank has been involved include a CVHS Coming Out Day and an educational initiative bringing together teachers, staff, trans students, and student allies. "The transgender plan was very successful, allowing one of our out students, Roman, to use the men's bathroom and locker rooms instead of suffering anxiety by having to use the girls'," Gillbank says, adding that Roman has even joined the boys track team. "He's become a shining example so that other trans students don't have to be afraid."

While Gillbank will not be old enough to vote in the midterm elections, she says, "I'm going to do everything I can to encourage people to vote, to explain to them how their opinion matters, and to make them see how their vote can greatly impact the outcome of everything."

Hector Jimenez

"Before I got involved with Safe Schools I didn't know anything," says 18-year-old College of the Desert student Hector Jimenez, who lives in Indio and identifies as gay. "I wasn't aware of the issues people face or the organizations that have been set up to try to help LGBTQ+ youth." In addition to Safe Schools and local GSAs, Jimenez has worked with Inland Empire Future Leaders, a program whose broad mission includes motivating students to graduate from high school and to pursue their college education.

"I will in fact be able to vote in the coming midterms in November," he says. "I hope to be able to convince my peers, if they're not already planning to do so, to get out and vote — to go out there and make a difference. I want to show them that every vote counts, and that theirs is just as important as mine."





Carly Jacobs
This 19-year-old psychology student at Joshua Tree's Copper Mountain College (CMC) is a pansexual cis female who met her partner — who identifies as a trans male and prefers the pronouns they/them and he/him — at a Safe Schools event three years ago. "They have been one of the reasons I became so passionate about LGBT+ activism, especially trans rights," Jacobs says, adding that she eventually would like to work as a clinical psychologist for LGBT+ youth.

In addition to Safe Schools, just some of the organizations with which Jacobs has aligned herself include Transgender Community Coalition, Indivisible Morongo Basin, and Yucca Valley High School's GSA, True Colors. She served as president of CMC's Spectrum Club, which is dedicated to spreading awareness of all underrepresented groups on campus, during the 2018 school year.

"I've been an activist since 2015," Jacobs says. "I want to bring more acceptance to the High Desert. I live in an area where I constantly wonder if my vehicle will be vandalized for my Human Rights Campaign bumper sticker. I worry about my partner being assaulted because they identify as trans. I've witnessed threats to LGBTQ+ students on my own college campus. Many others in the High Desert also feel unsafe. I want to change this area by increasing visibility, spreading awareness, and motivating my peers. By working with my community and engaging with the various organizations I'm involved in, I believe that, with time, this area can grow into a supportive place for the LGBTQ+ community."

Solange Signoret
This 13-year-old eighth-grader from Raymond Cree Middle School, who lives in Palm Springs with her parents and eight brothers and sisters, is proof that you're never too young to start fighting for equality.

"I made my first public speech when I was just 7 years old," she says. "It was against Prop 8 [a ballot proposition that eliminated the right of same-sex couples to marry in California]. I was so small they had to put me up on the back of a pickup truck so everyone could see me! My size and age didn't stop me then, and they're not going to stop me now!"

Signoret has since been involved with Equality California and local foster-adoptive parent support group For the Children. She's currently an ambassador for Boo to Bullying and is preparing to be in a PSA for The Hero in Me Foundation.

"Although I'm straight," she says, "I truly believe we're all equal and that we have to treat each other the same. You don't have to be gay or Latino or an immigrant in order to speak up for what's right. I'm standing up for what I believe in, and I believe in gay rights."

It should come as no surprise that Signoret can't wait until she's old enough to vote. "I want to make my opinion count and help be the change that this country needs," she says. "But trust me, until then, I'll keep speaking up. I'm going to continue to do what I've always done, and that's to fight for the rights of others." ■



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Matthew and Tom have volunteered together since they met in 2008, and since they arrived in Palm Springs three and a half years ago from San Francisco, they have become the indispensable duo for many organizations and events.

With hearts of service and in humble fashion, Matthew and Tom have made a positive impact in the community. They actively volunteer, raise funds, and donate to Desert AIDS Project, The LGBT Center of the Desert, Sanctuary Palm Springs, The L-Fund, AIDS Assistance Program, Palm Springs Preservation Foundation, Greater Palm Springs Pride, National Center for Lesbian Rights, Human Rights Campaign, Emerald Kingdom, ONE-PS, Halloween Palm Springs on Arenas Road, and Modernism Week.

While volunteering with the Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco, Matthew, a Bay Area native, founded the durable medical equipment and supplies reuse/recycling program in which volunteers pick up no-longer-needed equipment and supplies and deliver them to patients with no insurance or other resources. He also volunteered with Maitri Hospice, Coming Home Hospice, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, AIDS Emergency Fund/Breast Cancer Emergency Fund, The Hearing Dog Program, Pets Are Wonderful Support, and the San Francisco Bike Coalition.

Tom, a San Francisco transplant from the Midwest, is driven by service to others and has dedicated his life to helping AIDS-related organizations and people living with HIV. As part of the San Francisco Ducal Council he found a supportive extended family. In 2007, as elected Grand Duke XXXIV of San Francisco, he and Grand Duchess "Big D" raised over $40,000; to this day, he remains active in the nonprofit.

He currently serves as chairman of the Warm Sands Neighborhood Organization and participates in the monthly cleanup of the Tahquitz Creek Wash.

In 2016, Tom received the prestigious University of California, Riverside, Chancellor's Award "People Helping People" for his service to the community, and in 2017, Matthew and Tom were recognized by Desert AIDS Project as Everyday Heroes for making a difference in the community.

When asked about their various volunteer activities, Matthew says, "When we volunteer our time, money, or skills, we help make the world a better place and make ourselves better people as well." To which Tom adds, "We will serve as long as we can serve, so that those who receive services can be served."

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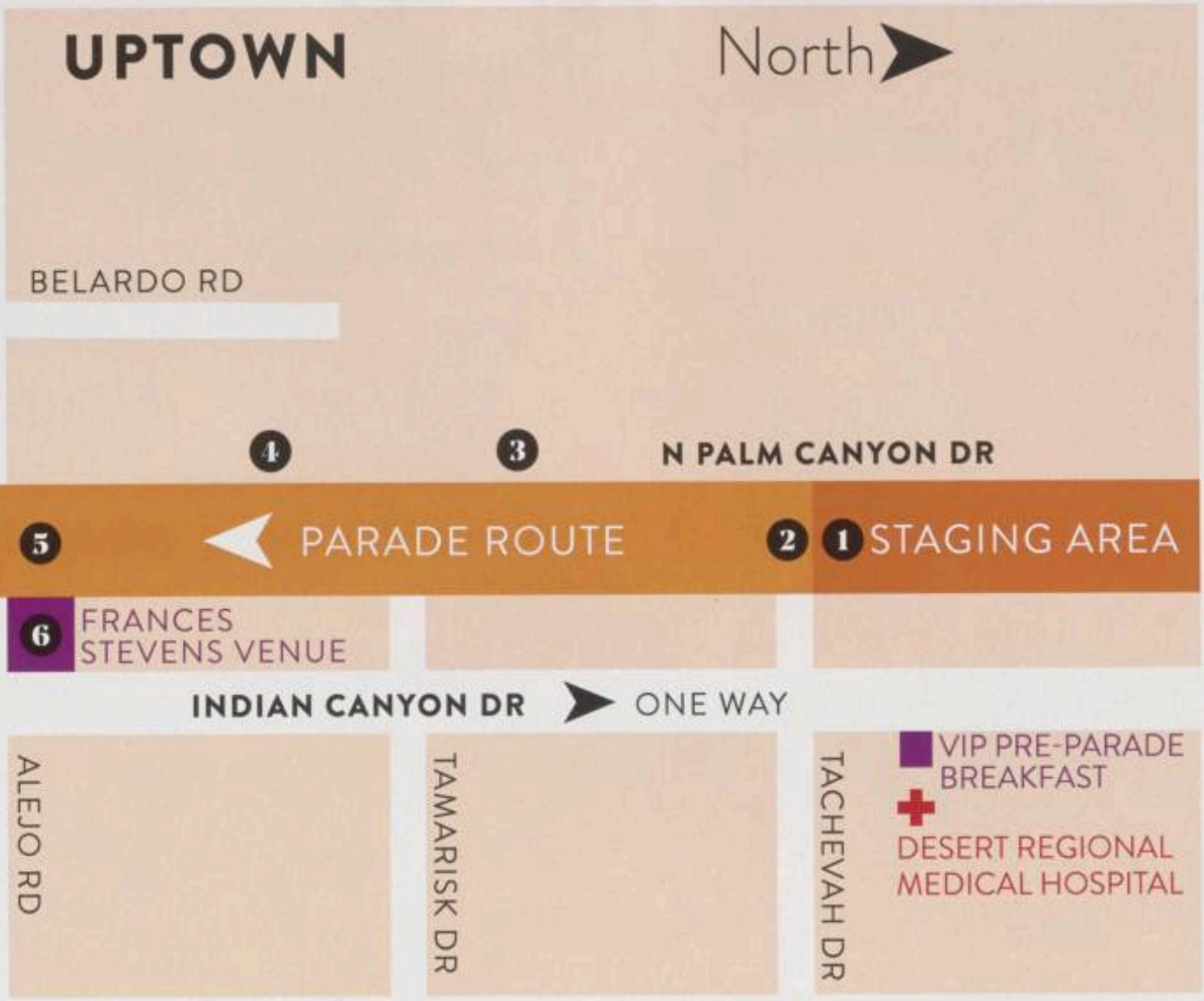
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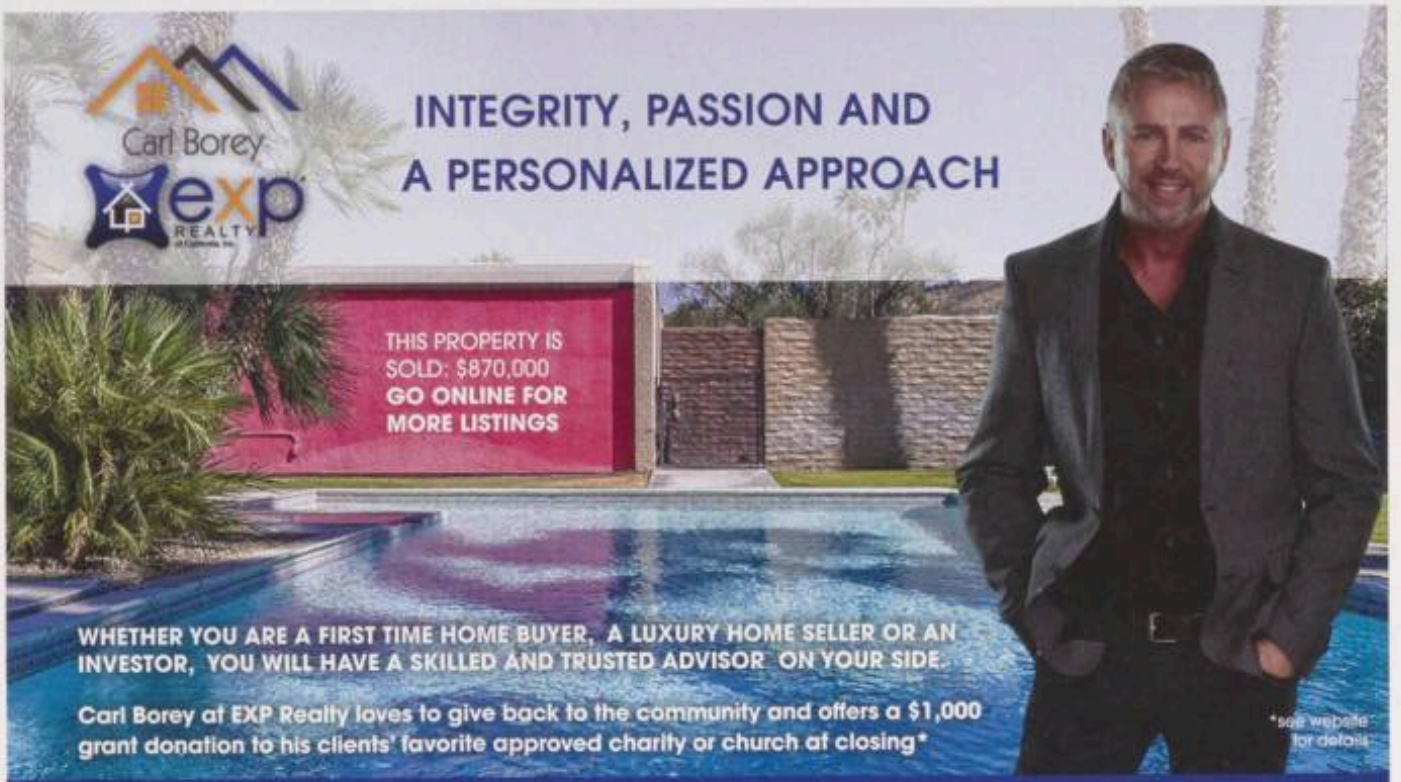
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Pride Parade and Festival Information









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- E. Amado Road and adjacent side streets
- Andreas Road toward Calle El Segundo
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- Downtown Parking Structure, 275 S. Indian Canyon Drive
- The new Downtown Project Parking Garage is accessible from N. Palm Canyon Drive at Amado Road in front of the Hyatt Palm Springs. The garage can also be accessed on North Museum Drive in front of the Palm Springs Art Museum. Parking is free with a four-hour time limit.

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Bins are located throughout the Festival. The nonprofit Pride organization encourages attendees to donate a buck or their loose change in the big collection bins to help keep Pride free for everyone. The Donation Brigade will collect donations all weekend.

LOST AND FOUND
Lost items can be picked up at the main Pride Welcome Center located near Belardo Road and Museum Way. After the event, you can contact Palm Springs Pride at 760-416-8711.

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.

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Depression, Surviving Suicide Loss, and LGBTQ-Affirmative Care

By Teresa Theophano



Teresa Theophano

Teresa Theophano is a New York City–based social worker and freelance writer who is on the board of directors of Trinity Place Shelter for LGBTQ homeless youth. With Stephanie Schroeder, she is co-editor of the forthcoming anthology *Headcase: LGBTQ Writers and Artists on Mental Health and Wellness* (Oxford University Press).

As a member of New York City's LGBTQ community, I have long been passionate about ensuring that queer and trans folks have access to culturally competent mental health care. I identify as a peer — someone who receives mental health services — but have been in remission from major depressive disorder since 2012. I have been thrilled in recent years to live symptom-free, thrive professionally as a social worker and writer, and enjoy many close relationships.

So I was unpleasantly surprised to find myself spiraling downward last year as early fall arrived. I began to feel emotionally unwell upon sustaining an injury that impeded my mobility and entailed weeks of throbbing pain. Added to the mix were a breakup and increased work responsibilities. Suddenly, I was crying daily, having anxiety attacks at the office, and experiencing such fatigue that I could barely keep my eyes open after dinner each night — if I could even eat.

I took a mental health day off from work here and there; I was fortunate enough to have a very understanding supervisor. I then needed to take a mental health week. When I put in for an extended leave, my supervisor could tell from my voice how poorly I was doing and was alarmed enough to ask me if I was going to hurt myself. I told him, "No. Of course not."

As a survivor of multiple suicide losses, I know all too well how devastating it is to be left behind. And since I had long ago promised my mother that I would not take my life, I told myself over and over that it was possible to get well, even though I didn't believe it in the moment. "You don't have to die, you just have to get better," I repeated silently to myself during those dark days. It's what I would have said to anyone I care about.

I survived by seeking out more intensive treatment: inpatient and outpatient hospitalization programs, which disrupted my daily schedule for a month and a half — but it was without a doubt what I needed. I was fortunate that my health insurance covered most of my treatment costs and that the care I received was largely effective and compassionate.

Not everyone has this experience, especially within queer and trans communities. Particularly for community members whose gender identities or expressions are nontraditional, treatment programs can be uncomfortable and even unsafe environments. That's why it's so important that mental health providers are trained to offer LGBTQ-affirmative services.

I am grateful to be making inroads back to myself, and I have realized all over again how crucial it is to reach out for help when we need it. None of us have to be alone.

To learn more about American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's LGBTQ+ suicide and suicide-risk initiative, visit afsp.org/about-suicide/lgbtq-suicide-suicide-risk.

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The DOCK sexual health clinic has eliminated many of these barriers. This year we lowered screening and treatment fees to only $25, covering all three of these infections. This price includes labs and treatment. Anyone at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level is eligible for a sliding fee scale for these services. The DOCK is a program of Desert AIDS Project (DAP).

Remaining free-of-charge are screenings for HIV, hepatitis C (HCV), and access to post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).

The importance of making this testing and treatment accessible to everyone in the community, including visitors, is reflected in recent news from the California Department of Public Health. Whereas the national average for syphilis is seven cases per 100,000 people, some neighborhoods in Palm Springs had 185 cases per 100,000 people, according to the Riverside University Health System.

Yes, it's official — we are in the middle of a syphilis epidemic. And the state does not have funds to help with screening and treatment costs. Thanks to funding from the Desert Healthcare District Foundation, DAP built The DOCK sexual health clinic. DAP responded to the rising pervasiveness of syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia by lowering prices and offering both testing and treatment for one low cost.

This would not have been possible without generous and caring support from individual members from our two major donor groups.

"Because of the generous support of our Partners for Life and 100 Women programs, we have the resources to make treatment and access more affordable to everybody," says DAP CEO David Brinkman.

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100 Women is our donor program supporting the development of community and medical services for women and children affected by HIV/AIDS and to address the unmet needs of their families.

Partners for Life supports our patient-centered total care all under one roof: access to primary and specialty medical care, dentistry, behavioral health, re-employment, housing, social services, and youth outreach and education.

Out in the Community: The Orange Van

Residents may be used to seeing our orange Get Tested Coachella Valley (GTCV) van parked at community events. Staffed by friendly DAP Community Health educators with tables of literature, the air-conditioned vehicle doubles as a private testing room offering anyone confidential HIV and hepatitis C screening.

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Take Advantage of The DOCK

The DOCK is the brick-and-mortar storefront of our successful GTCV program, offering an array of screenings, treatment, and education in a judgment-free, friendly, and confidential way. The staff screens for and treats syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia. They test for HIV and HCV, and in cases of positive results, they offer linkage to care by our medical center staff.

They also provide free emergency post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) evaluations and assistance.

The DOCK accepts walk-ins Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–6:30 p.m., although appointments are recommended.

For more information about The DOCK, visit thedockclinic.org. For information on donor programs at Desert AIDS Project, visit desertaidsproject.org.

The DOCK and DAP are located at 1695 N. Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

Just the Beginning

At the age of 18, Ares Rey Flores has lived many lives. Thankfully, this latest one is a success story.

By Winston Gieseke



JIM AUGUSTO

I meet Áres Flores on the street outside of a coffee shop in Palm Springs. The ambitious 18-year-old who was born female but identifies as male has graciously agreed to tell me his story. The bullet points alone are daunting: undocumented immigrant, abused child, foster care, transgender ...

... But after spending an hour talking with him, I add a few more: ambitious, intelligent, well-spoken, and — most important — survivor.

Born in Hermosilla, Sonora, Mexico, Áres was 3 years old when his mother took her four children and crossed the border into Arizona sans documentation. Three years later, after enduring sexual abuse and domestic violence at the hands of his father, Áres and his siblings were put in foster care. "They separated the boys and the girls, so I was with my sister. My two male siblings were placed in a different house. As a result, we lost a lot of that childhood connection." He also lost a parent; ashamed of his behavior, his father drained the family's bank accounts and fled back to Mexico. Áres hasn't had contact with him since.

Because a crime had been committed against him in the United States, a social worker and the government of Arizona decided it was best for Áres to remain in the country. Through the foster care system, he received his permanent residence card. (He's now applying for American citizenship.) Eventually, Áres went to live with an aunt in Indio, where he remained until this past February when he turned 18 and was asked to leave. Not wanting to switch schools so close to graduation, and with support from the Safe Schools of the Desert Scholarship Fund, he lived with a friend for four months.

After graduating with honors from Desert Mirage High School in Thermal, Áres moved to Harrison House in Thousand Palms (a safe house for homeless young adults between the ages of 18 and 22) and enrolled at College of the Desert, which he began in August. The change has made all the difference for this ambitious young trans man. "It's been great," he says of his new surroundings. "They're really supportive of me transitioning. They're amazing with that. When you get to Harrison House, your priority is to get a GED. If you already have that, your priority is to get a job. They have a job coach that helps you build your resume, then they let you borrow the laptop, and you apply and try your best. That's really all they ask, that you try your best."

At the time of our interview in early August, Áres had just completed the paperwork for his legal name and gender change. He was also scheduled to begin hormone treatment as part of his transition. Couple that with his other transitions and you've got a lot of changes for this 18-year-old. But becoming an adult — being on his own and making his own decisions — was something he had long longed for.

"When I was 8, I discovered you become an adult at 18. I remember looking in the mirror and thinking, *Ten more years*. Because I'm the youngest, I often felt disregarded. Especially among my siblings. Four kids and all these legal matters. I couldn't wait to turn 18 — mostly because adults were making decisions for me that weren't necessarily beneficial to my situation or to my circumstances."

Flores is talking about navigating his transgender identity while also getting caught up in a whirlwind of foster care, immigration, and family issues.

"When I was 4, I went to preschool, and the teacher separated us into boys and girls. I didn't know where to go. I'd never had to make this decision, so I asked the teacher. She told me to go with girls. When I moved in with my aunt, we went back-to-school shopping, and I asked her if I could get some Tony Hawk shoes. She said, 'No, those are boys shoes.' I was so confused. I was like, *Why is no one understanding this?*"

To help me understand, Áres proffers a simple explanation. "To understand being trans, don't picture yourself as the other gender. Picture yourself as your gender." He gives me a look and says, "I assume you identify as male." I nod, and he continues. "Now imagine everyone telling you you're wrong. 'You're not male, you're female.' But when you try to imagine yourself as female, it doesn't work because you don't see yourself that way. In your mind, you're just being yourself — but everyone else is telling you you're wrong."

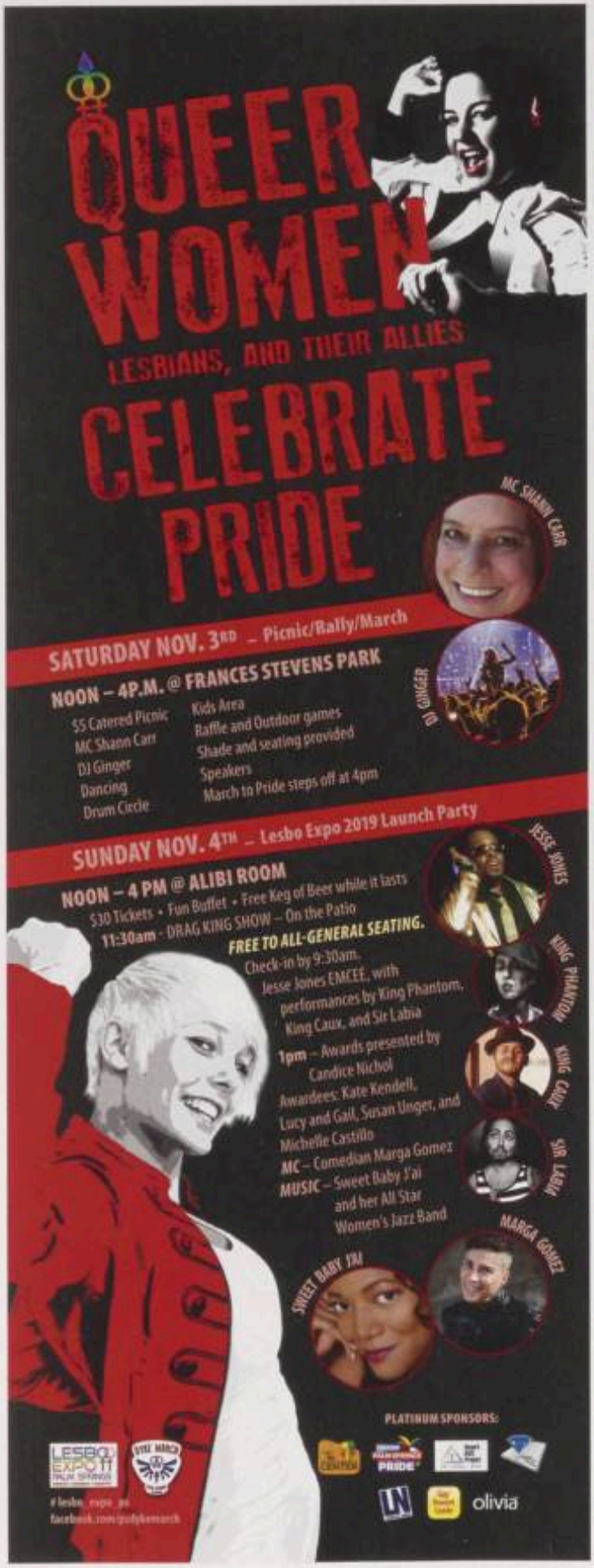
The lightbulb of recognition went off in Áres' head when he was around 16. Still presenting as female, he began educating himself. Searching things. Googling things. Watching people on YouTube. Looking for information that wasn't made readily available to him — and he realized he was overcompensating in the wrong direction. "I was always uncomfortable. I was always checking how I was sitting, always making sure my hair was this or that way. I was checking my face, I was looking in the mirror, I didn't like how I looked."

At the time of our interview, Áres had not yet legally become Áres. "What will the name change do for you?" I ask.

"It will relieve so much anxiety," he says. "The first few days [of school] were always tough because I had new teachers. I had to get to class early and say, 'Hi, my name is this, but on your roster it says *this*. I would really appreciate it if you didn't call me this in front of everyone.' It was so important to me that I not be addressed by the name that was on their roster. Most of the time it was OK. But I did have some bad experiences, and they completely crushed me. They would call a name that was mine legally but not really mine, and everyone would be like, 'Who's that? Oh, that's a funny name.' I would cry and leave the room."

Áres knows better than most that if the opportunities you seek aren't there, you can always go out and make them. In addition to officially transitioning from female to male (both medically and legally), looking for work, and going to school full time, it's also important for Áres to be involved in his community, which has led to one of his long-term goals. "I joined Youth Organizing Council during my senior year of high school, which helped me greatly in communication, presentation, and organization. I found that being involved in the community was what I wanted to do, so that's why I want to study law." He goes on to talk about the difficulties of a layperson navigating the law and all its loopholes, and how he wants to understand all of them. "Imagine how many people I can help," he says.

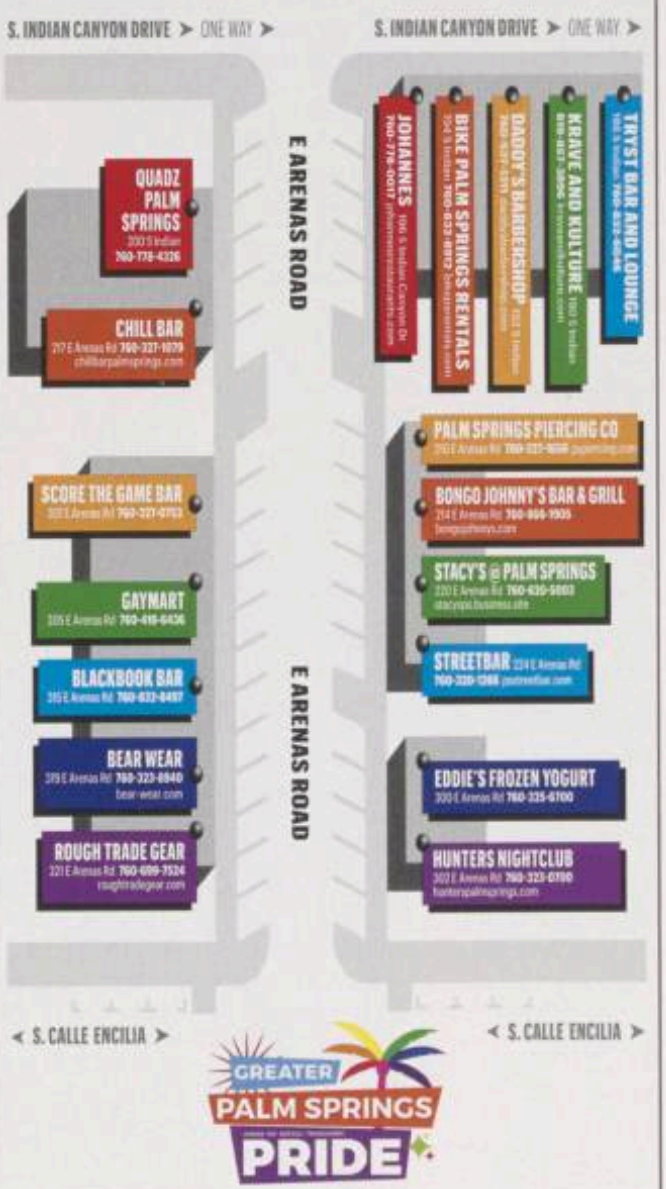
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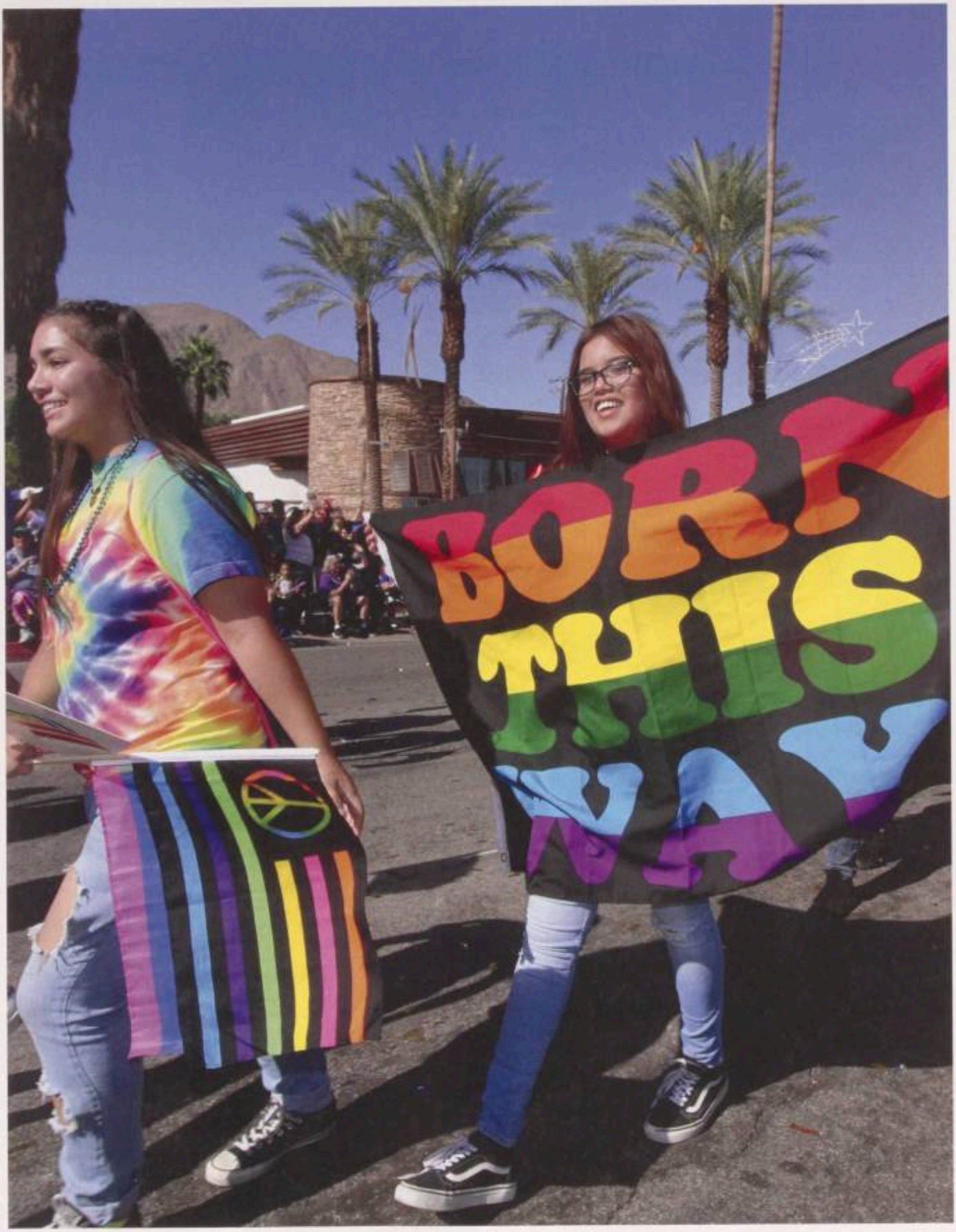
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Official Pride Events

Enjoy Pride in Palm Springs! Honor those who have courageously fought for equality and are no longer with us. Gather your friends and together we will celebrate our diversity and advance the cause of individual freedom for all. A portion of proceeds from all Official Pride events helps keep Palm Springs Pride free for all to attend.

SEPT. 26

Wednesday
6–8 p.m.

Pride Honors Awards
Hilton Palm Springs, 400 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
tickets: *pspride.org*

The prestigious Palm Springs Pride Honors Awards are presented annually to honor individuals and recognize their accomplishments in furthering the causes of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals and their allies. Admission: $40 Honors Circle, $1,000 Champagne Tables for four. All tickets include complimentary Bud Light, wine, and appetizers.

Presented by Desert Care Network, Desert AIDS Project, Bud Light and Hilton Palm Springs.

OCT. 11

Thursday
5:30–8 p.m.



OUT PSP: A Kickoff to Pride Weekend
El Mirador Plaza, 1180 N. Indian Canyon Rd., 4th Floor Outdoor Patio
tickets: *pspride.org*

Greater Palm Springs Pride and the Gay Desert Guide's Kickoff to Pride Weekend includes tastings from select Coachella Valley 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 the Grand Marshals of the 2018 Pride Parade. On hand for the kickoff will be Community Grand Marshals Matthew Stocker and Tom Oliver.

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

Tickets are $50 prior to Oct. 6 and $75 after. Other levels of support and recognition available for purchase: $250 Friend, $500 Host, and $1,000 partner.

Sponsored by Desert Care Network, Desert AIDS Project and Effen Vodka.



DAVID A. LEE

Official Pride Events

OCT. 31
Wednesday
5–10 p.m.



Halloween Palm Springs
Arenas Road between Indian Canyon Drive and Calle Encilia, Palm Springs
halloweenpalmsprings.com

No. 1 Billboard® Dance Chart artist Debby Holiday ("Dive," "I Like You") will headline Halloween Palm Springs. Bringing the beat to the street will be Phil B., one of the top DJs on the American and European circuit today who was recently named DJ of the Year at the 10th Annual Just Circuit Awards. The talented lineup also includes DJ Baz, Keisha D, Marina Mac, an Andrew Christian Fashion Show, and a Sunny 103.1 FM "Disco Dance Contest."

There will also be a costume contest with more than $1,500 in prizes (sign up at 6 p.m.; contest begins at 8 p.m.).

Purchase your Ketel One/Smirnoff Vodka VIP Backstage All Access ticket for only $75, which includes hosted bar, beer and liquor tastings, a meet-and-greet with Debby Holiday and Phil B., snacks, and the coolest and scariest Halloween decorations in Palm Springs!

NOV. 1
Thursday
6–7 p.m.



George Zander Candlelight Vigil and March
Grand Central, 160 La Plaza, Palm Springs

Free Event. Join us in Downtown Palm Springs to reflect, remember, and stand up against hate violence around the world. We will honor the memories of all victims of hate crimes and remember George Zander on the third anniversary of the day he and Chris Zander were attacked in Downtown Palm Springs. George died on Dec. 10, 2015. Help us carry forward the social justice efforts that defined his life. We must remain determined to change hate, intolerance, and ignorance into love and acceptance. We must never forget.

The vigil will begin at Grand Central and features a rally and march through the heart of Palm Springs.

EVENTS

Official Pride Events

NOV. 2
Friday
noon–6 p.m.

Gay Desert Guide presents "Dip Into Pride" (21+)
Hotel Zoso, 150 S. Indian Canyon Dr.
bit.ly/dip2018



noon–2 p.m. Holly Adams (Subliminal Radio/Holly's House and KCRW)
2 p.m. Win & Model Andrew Christian Swimwear contest hosted by Alexander Rodriguez from Glitterbomb
2–6 p.m. DJ Ray Rhodes (L.A. DJ for such events as Tiger Heat and Out on the Mountain)

Join Gay Desert Guide as we raise funds for Palm Springs Pride at this event featuring DJ Ray Rhodes, live performances, swimsuit and underwear models, and a fun day in the sun before Pride gets underway. Includes a special performance by San Diego artist Elisia Savoca and a special appearance by 2017 Pride Grand Marshals Craig Ramsey and Brandon Liberati.

You'll also be a part of a special "POT-UP" event, an exclusive cannabis-themed product showcase focused on the ways we live our lives ... morning, noon, and night ... and of course after-hours!

Admission is $15 in advance; $20 at the door. Day beds and VIP cabanas with bottle service available.

NOV. 2
Friday
5 p.m.–4 a.m.

Pride Meet & Greet Party (21+)
Runway at CCBC Resort, 68-300 Gay Resort Dr., Cathedral City
tickets: *bit.ly/ccbcparty*



5–8 p.m. Runway Happy Hour Hors d'oeuvres and more!
8–10 p.m. Karaoke at the Runway: Come show us what you have!
10 p.m.–4 a.m. CCBC Erotic After-Hours Party
midnight–1 a.m. Runway late night appetizers

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

Online early bird tickets are $30; $35 at the door. Clothing optional.

EVENTS

Official Pride Events

NOV. 2
Friday
5–7 p.m

Kiehl's Pride Celebration
Kiehl's, 175 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs
kiehls.com

Kiehl's celebrates Pride with a shopping & cocktail party to benefit Greater Palm Springs Pride. Enjoy complimentary healthy skin consultations, SPF samples, and access to our popular skincare essentials!

NOV. 2
Friday
6 p.m.



Shower of Stoles Project
Temple Isaiah's Lobby, Palm Springs, CA
welcomingresources.org

Visit the interfaith "Shower of Stoles Project" installation in Temple Isaiah's lobby this Pride weekend. It's a traveling national tribute to religious leaders who lost their jobs because they were gay. This is the first time a large portion of the collection will be on display in the Coachella Valley!

According to the Shower of Stoles Project, "The Shower of Stoles is displayed with the profound hope that God's loving church will someday fully recognize and accept its lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender members."

Presented by Temple Isaiah and Bloom in the Desert Ministries UCC. Open Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday afternoons (Nov. 2–4).

NOV. 2
Friday
6–8 p.m.



Trina Turk Pride Kickoff
891 N. Palm Canyon Dr.
RSVP: *palmsprings@trinoturk.com*

Trina Turk, Mr Turk, and celebrity guests invite you to kick off Pride with an evening of sipping, shopping, and giving back in the Palm Springs boutique!

EVENTS

SHOWER OF STOLES PROJECT (CENTER), TRINA TURK (BOTTOM)

Official Pride Events

NOV. 2
Friday
6–11 p.m.

6 p.m. Femme A

7 p.m. Miss Rusty Waters and the ladies of Risqué

7 p.m. DJ Paul Cowling

9 p.m. Rhyann Besco

9 p.m. DJ Ray Rhodes

Spirit of Stonewall Street Party
Free outdoor Pride street party. U.S. Bank Stage on Arenas Rd.

Weekend kickoff! Join us at the U.S. Bank Stage on Arenas Road between Indian Canyon Drive and South Calle Encilia. Celebrate that we feel alive — alive because we are different, because we are unique, free ... happy. Palm Springs is a city where we live life, a life full of the things and people that we love.

Guest Emcees Jesse St. John, Sarah Hudson, and Ferras take the stage along with a host of artists with upbeat performances to get the weekend started. Bring your friends and dance in the street to your own beat!

Admission is free, however, gate donations help keep Pride free for everyone to attend.

NOV. 2
Friday
6 p.m. reception
7–8:30 p.m. performance



Desert Ensemble Theatre Company Season-opening musical revue *Double Time*
Pearl McManus Theatre, 314 S. Cahuilla Rd.
tickets: *detctheatre.org or brownpapertickets.com/event/3474943*

Desert Ensemble Theatre Company presents an award-winning season-opening musical revue for the fifth year. This year's show, *Double Time*, is conceived and directed by popular Desert cabaret entertainer Jerome Elliott. The cast includes Elliott and three of our community's most dynamic and popular singers: Keisha D, Charles Herrera, and Darci Daniels. The performance includes contrasting songs, duets and medleys, and — of course — show tunes!

Tickets for Friday show and reception are $40.

NOV. 2
Friday
6:30–8 p.m.



2018 Interfaith Welcoming Pride Shabbat Service
Bochner Sanctuary at Temple Isaiah JCC, 332 W. Alejo Rd.
For information, call 760-325-2281 or visit *templeisaiahps.com*

People of all-faith communities and no-faith communities are invited to join the Interfaith Welcoming Pride Shabbat service. This pluralistic service, with a core of Jewish liturgy, includes singing, praying, and meditation as well as ancient and contemporary readings, led by representatives of our diverse community faith groups. Hospitality reception follows for people to enjoy refreshments with friends and neighbors as we begin the Greater Palm Springs Pride weekend with this third annual interfaith gathering.

EVENTS

Official Pride Events

NOV. 3

Saturday
6:30–10 a.m.
(race starts at
8 a.m.)

Palm Springs Front Runners & Walkers 5K Run and Walk
North Palm Canyon Drive at West Chino Drive
(behind The Corridor Shops complex)
online registration: *priderunpalmsprings.com*

This run/walk goes through the Old Las Palmas neighborhood for a 3.1 mile out-and-back loop with a slight elevation change of approximately 200 feet. All participants receive a colorful, microfiber T-shirt, and each finisher will get a 3-inch commemorative medal. Awards will be presented to top male and female finishers in designated age categories.

Registration Fee: $30 (through Sept. 15), $35 (Sept. 16–Oct. 30), and $40 on race day. Same-day registration will be available from 6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. A portion of race registration fees assists Greater Palm Springs Pride to keep the festival free, and the run benefits The LGBT Community Center of the Desert.

Palm Springs Front Runners & Walkers is a running and walking club for the LGBT community and friends throughout the Coachella Valley. We are dedicated to good health through exercise, enjoy frequent social activities, and believe it is important to give back to our community through fundraising for worthy causes. To learn more about Palm Springs Front Runners and Walkers, visit *psfr.org*.

NOV. 3

Saturday
11 a.m.–11 p.m.



Pride Festival Day 1
Youth Power for Change
Downtown Palm Springs

Free event. A street fair, a music festival of diverse artists, and a gathering place, the Pride Festival is a celebration of all that is LGBTQ in Palm Springs.

Three Venues in Downtown Palm Springs!
- Downtown, between Palm Canyon Dr. and Museum Dr. from Tahquitz Canyon Way to Andreas Rd.
- Arenas Rd., between Calle Encilia and Indian Canyon Dr.
- Frances Stevens Park

11 a.m.–8:30 p.m. Downtown Park on Museum Way
11 a.m.–6 p.m. on Arenas Rd. U.S. Bank Stage
noon–4 p.m. Frances Stevens Park
6 p.m.–11 p.m. Arenas Rd. Block Party

EVENTS

Official Pride Events

NOV. 3
Saturday
11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Youth Zone
Downtown Park area on Museum Way

Free event. Open to those 21 and under.
Sponsored by Grace Hellen Spearman Foundation

Children's Garden – C-HQ
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.

NOV. 3
Saturday
11 a.m.–10 p.m.

Official Palm Springs Pride Saturday Pool Party (21+)
CCBC Resort, 68300 Gay Resort Drive, Cathedral City
tickets: *bit.ly/ccbc2018*
information: *ccbcps.com*





Runway — Dining, Drinking, and DRAG
Join celebrants from around the world for a day of sunshine, music, and fun. The all-new, Runway/CCBC Entertainment Complex is 6.7 miles from the Palm Springs Art Museum.

noon–2 p.m. Runway special Pride lunch
1 p.m. Mr. CCBC Pride 2018 contest (first place wins a two-night stay)
3 p.m. Keisha D sings live poolside
9 p.m. Keisha D returns to the Runway
11 p.m. Foam party up on The Hill CCBC

Admission is $30.00 in advance; $35 at the door. Clothing optional.

NOV. 3
Saturday
noon–4 p.m.

Dyke March Picnic, Rally & March
Frances Stevens Park, 555 N. Palm Canyon Dr.
facebook.com/psdykemarch



Free event. Join the catered picnic ($5) or bring your own at the fourth annual Palm Springs Dyke March. We will have shade, tables, chairs, and a fabulous DJ with a dance floor. There will be games, speakers, and a march at 4 p.m. to Downtown Palm Springs.

EVENTS

Official Pride Events

NOV. 3
Saturday
noon–6 p.m.



GED Pride Pool Party
V Palm Springs, 333 E. Palm Canyon Dr.
PSPridePoolParty.gedmag.com

GED Magazine and Palm Springs Pride bring you fun in the sun at the Pride Pool Party. Lounge, dance, drink, and mingle at the V Palm Springs. DJs, celebrity guests, giveaways, drink specials, and more await you. Throw some glitter on and join us!

Tickets are $10 in advance; $20 at the door. A portion of the proceeds benefits Palm Springs Pride.

NOV. 3
Saturday
noon–6 p.m.



Want to Get Married in Palm Springs?
Various pop-up locations

All Couples' Nuptials can officiate your wedding at Palm Springs Pride 2018! Want to have the most amazing, one-of-a-kind pop-up wedding while celebrating Palm Springs Pride? Of course you do! The Greater Palm Springs Pride is the perfect place and the perfect time for the two of you to say "I do."

Call 949-416-5870 now to reserve your time and your favorite pop-up wedding location. Don't miss your chance to celebrate your marriage with thousands of your closest friends!

NOV. 3
Saturday
6–11 p.m.

Arenas Rd. Block Party '18
Arenas Road, Downtown Palm Springs
pspride.org

NOV. 3
Saturday
6:30–9 p.m.



ENCORE: A Celebration of American Idols
Zeldas Nightclub, 611 S. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs

Ada Vox, David Hernandez, and Effie Passero bring down the house in concert to celebrate Palm Springs Pride. Don't miss this fun, festive night of music and dance, which benefits AAP Food Samaritans.

EVENTS

GPS PRIDE (MISS GEDL): GETTY IMAGES (COMSTRINGS)

Official Pride Events

NOV. 3
Saturday
7 p.m.–midnight



L-Fund Women's Pride Dance
Hotel Zoso, 150 S. Indian Canyon Dr.
tickets: *l-fund.org*
info: 760-304-8487

Dance the night away at the L-Fund Annual Women's Pride Dance at Hotel Zoso in the heart of Palm Springs, featuring DJ TLA Storm for the third year. Put your dancing shoes on, bring a partner (or not), and come on out for a good time. There will be a no-host bar and light snacks. This is one of the annual fundraisers benefiting lesbians in financial crisis in the Coachella Valley.

Admission is $20 in advance; $30 at the door.

NOV. 3
Saturday
7–8:30 p.m.
performance



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NOV. 4
Sunday
8–9:45 a.m.



VIP Pre-Parade Breakfast
Presented by Desert Care Network
1180 N. Indian Canyon Dr., #W120
tickets: *bit.ly/PreParty17*

Join us for a pre-Parade breakfast just steps away from the Parade staging area at Desert Regional Medical Center's El Mirador Tower Building.

This gathering is an opportunity to celebrate with friends and meet the Pride Honorees and the Grand Marshals, Matthew Stocker and Tom Oliver.

Tickets are $30 and include a delicious hot breakfast, including a fruit buffet, mimosas, bloody marys, and screwdrivers. One hundred percent of the proceeds support the Pride organization's efforts to foster pride in and respect for the region's LGBT communities.

EVENTS

GETTY IMAGES.COM (PANCAKES)

Official Pride Events

NOV. 4
Sunday
9 a.m. 'til the
Parade ends

EIGHT4NINE Restaurant & Lounge Champagne Brunch and Parade Party
849 N. Palm Canyon Dr.
reservations: 760-325-8490 or *eight4nine.com/#reservation*

The special EIGHT4NINE Pride Champagne Brunch menu is a great way to eat and drink well while enjoying the Parade and helping your local Pride organization. EIGHT4NINE will donate 25 percent of the sales from the Pride Brunch menu to Greater Palm Springs Pride to help keep Pride free and accessible for everyone.

Make your reservations early!



NOV. 4
Sunday
10 a.m.–noon

Palm Springs Pride Parade
Steps off at Tachevah and Palm Canyon drives. Travels south on N. Palm Canyon Dr. to Museum Way.
pspride.org



Free event. Known for its crystal blue skies and year-round sunshine, the city of Palm Springs comes alive during the annual Pride celebration. Thousands of spectators will gather along palm tree–lined streets to cheer on and support local organizations, activists, and themed floats along historic Palm Canyon Drive. The Parade usually lasts two hours.



Youth of Coachella Valley are collectively serving as the Grand Marshal of the 2018 Palm Springs Pride Parade under the theme of "Youth Power for Change."

Recognized as community grand marshal is the all-about-town duo Matthew Stocker and Tom Oliver. Matthew and Tom are celebrated for their endless volunteerism with events and organizations throughout the community and have been making a positive and lasting impact on Palm Springs for many years.

EVENTS

GPS PRIDE (TOP); DAVID VASSALLI (CENTER); DAVID A. LEE (BOTTOM)

Official Pride Events

NOV. 4
Sunday
10–11:30 a.m.

Transgender Pride and March
Presented by Transgender Community Coalition
During the Palm Springs Pride Parade
transcc.org; facebook.com/groups/transcc/

Come join the transgender community and its allies as they march for trans-equality in the Pride Parade with their 100-foot transgender flag. We will gather on Parade Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parade staging area on Palm Canyon Drive between Tachevah and Vista Chino.

NOV. 4
Sunday
10 a.m.–7 p.m.



Pride Festival Day 2
Youth Power for Change
Downtown Palm Springs

Free event. A street fair, a music festival of diverse artists, and a gathering place, the Pride Festival is a celebration of all that is LGBTQ in Palm Springs.

Two Venues in Downtown Palm Springs!
- Downtown, between Palm Canyon Dr. and Museum Dr. from Tahquitz Canyon Way to Andreas (11 a.m.–6 p.m.)
- Arenas Rd., between Calle Encilia and Indian Canyon Dr. (11 a.m.–7 p.m.)

NOV. 4
Sunday
noon–4 p.m.

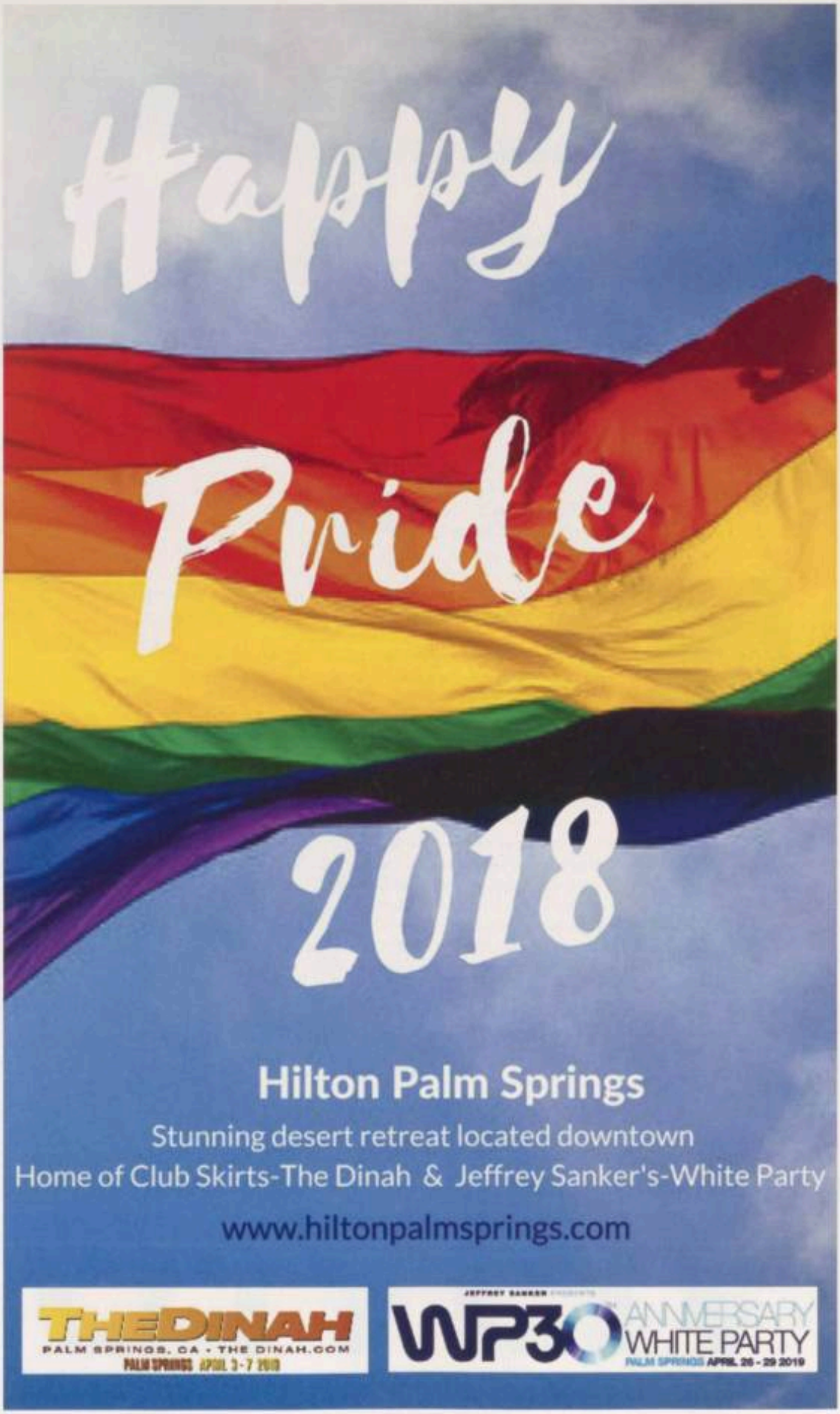


Lesbo Expo
Azul Palm Springs, 369 N. Palm Canyon Dr.

Join us following the Pride Parade. For the price of admission, you will receive a fun buffet and keg beer while it lasts. We will be awarding Kate Kendell a Legacy Award from the Dyke March. Two other awards will be given for Community Visionary and Emerging Voice. Entertainment will be Marga Gomez, a comedian from San Francisco, and Sweet Baby Ja'l and her Women's All-Star Jazz Band from Los Angeles.

Tickets can be purchased at the door.

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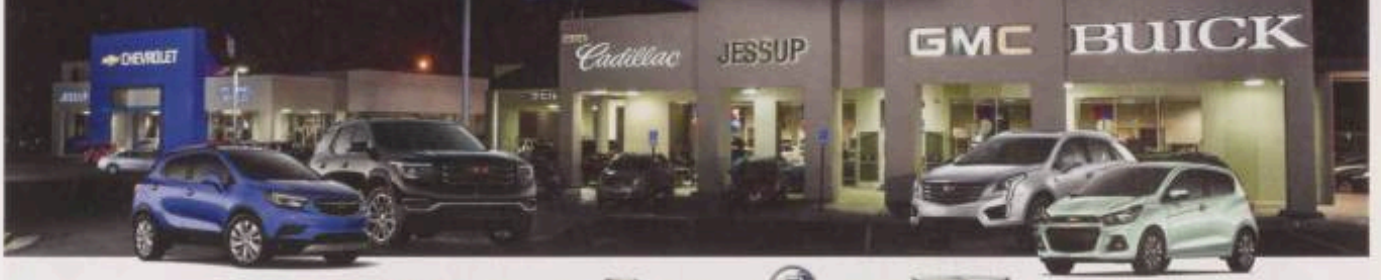
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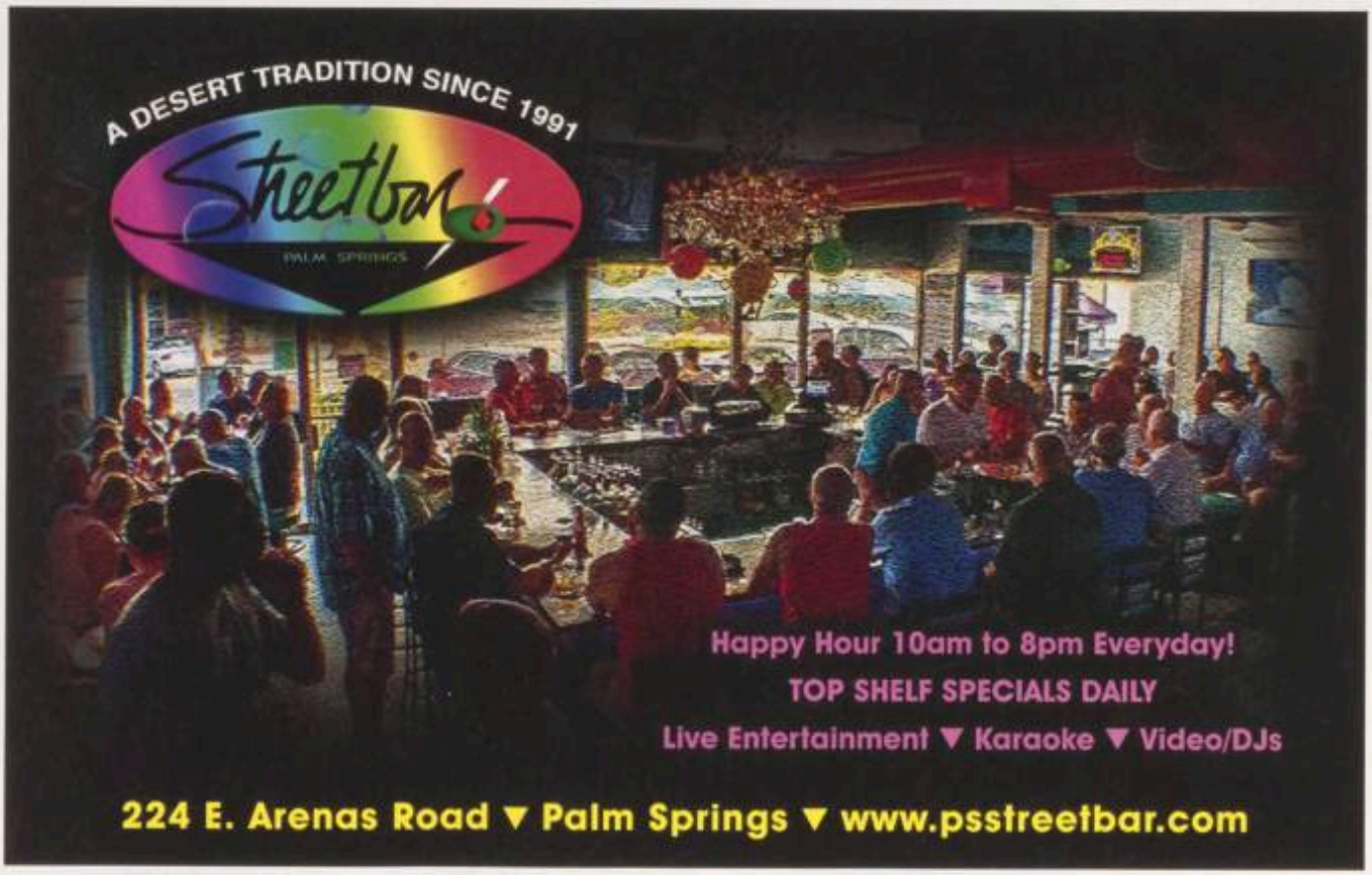
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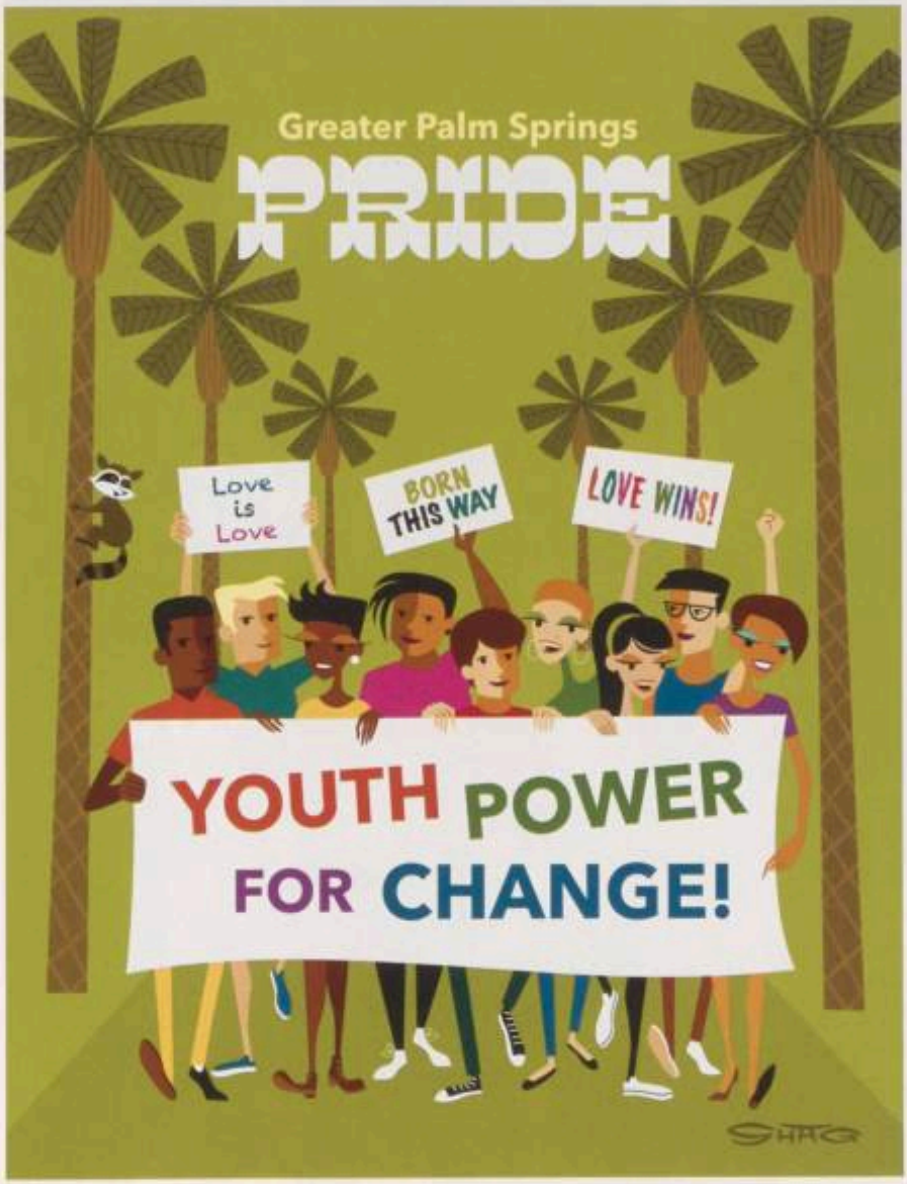
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Shag's Artwork Featured in 2018 Pride Event Poster



Shag is a painter, designer, and illustrator working in Southern California. His distinctive artistic style draws from commercial illustration from the past five decades, but the work is imbued with an attitude and sly sense of humor, which is unmistakably of our time. Solo exhibitions of Shag's work have been held in the United States, Europe, Japan, Australia, and South America.

The paintings themselves celebrate consumerism and consumption on vividly colored, sharply rendered panels; the characters drink, smoke, and eat in lavish, stylish surroundings. But Shag sees the visuals of his work as window dressing or stage scenery. He's more concerned with the themes and narratives in the paintings and the meanings a viewer might find when he looks at a piece of Shag art.

In 2009, the Shag Store opened in Palm Springs at 745 N. Palm Canyon Drive. It is the world's first retail boutique and gallery dedicated solely to his art, prints, and merchandise, and it has quickly become a must-see destination for people visiting the city.

The 2018 Palm Springs Pride commemorative Shag poster will be available at the Shag Store and the Pride Welcome booth at the Pride Festival.

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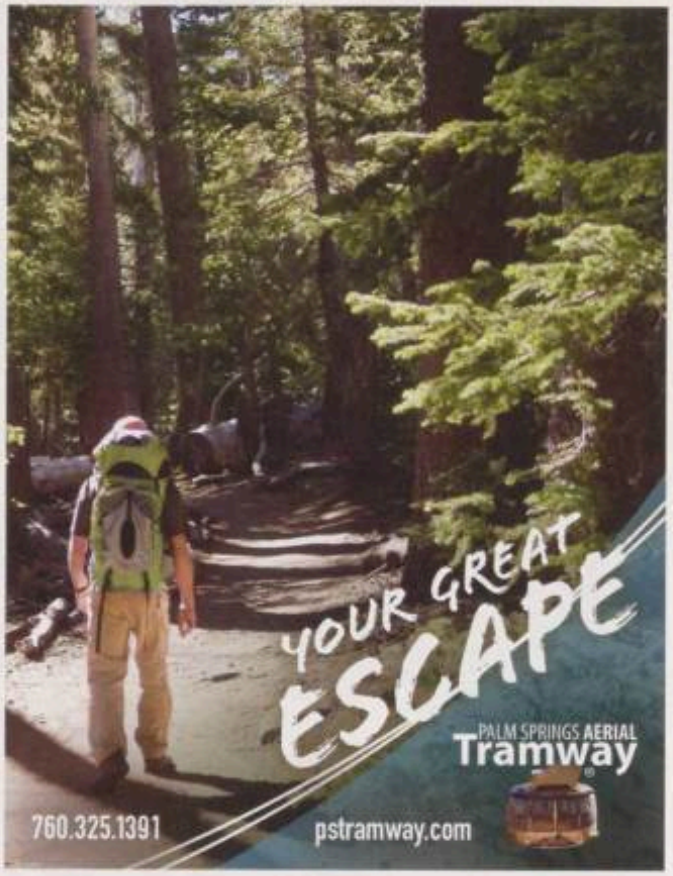


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Pride by the Numbers



The position GPS Pride holds in Palm Springs' most attended annual events (the Palm Springs International Film Festival is No. 1)

Named "One of the 11 best Gay Pride Festival trips on the planet" by *Jetsetter* magazine and among "14 must-visit Pride Festivals worldwide!" by Holiday Lettings, a TripAdvisor company, Greater Palm Springs (GPS) Pride is not only a celebration highlighting the LGBT civil rights movement, it's a highly significant, free, and fun cultural tourism attraction. Here are some Pride-worthy statistics.

For more on Greater Palm Springs Pride, visit pspride.org or facebook.com/PalmSprings.Pride.

$24,000,000

Economic impact of GPS Pride as of 2017

140,000



Number of attendees at official GPS Pride events in 2016 (making it the largest free California Pride Festival south of San Francisco)



14,589,999

Number of photos tagged #pride on Instagram

5,200

Number of volunteer hours it takes to put on GPS Pride

61%

The amount of Pride attendees who spend more than one night in a local hotel



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FRIDAY
NOV. 2
Arenas Road and Indian Canyon Drive

SCHEDULE

6 p.m.
DJ Femme A

7 p.m.
Miss Rusty Waters and the Ladies of Risqué

7:55 p.m.
DJ Paul Cowling

9:30 p.m.
Rhyan Besco

9:50 p.m.
Ray Rhodes


Emcees Jesse St. John, Sarah Hudson, and Ferras



DJ Femme A


Rusty Waters


DJ Paul Cowling


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SATURDAY
NOV. 3
Arenas Road and Indian Canyon Drive

SCHEDULE

12 p.m.
Glitter & Sand

1 p.m.
Merle G

1:30 p.m.
MDA

2 p.m.
Kaitlin Colombo

3:15 p.m.
Jon Doss

4 p.m.
Subliminal Radio presents "Holly's House" with Holly Adams and friends!

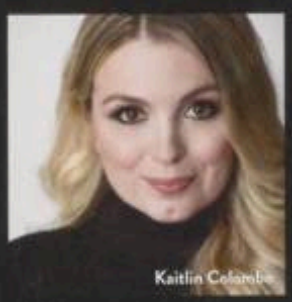
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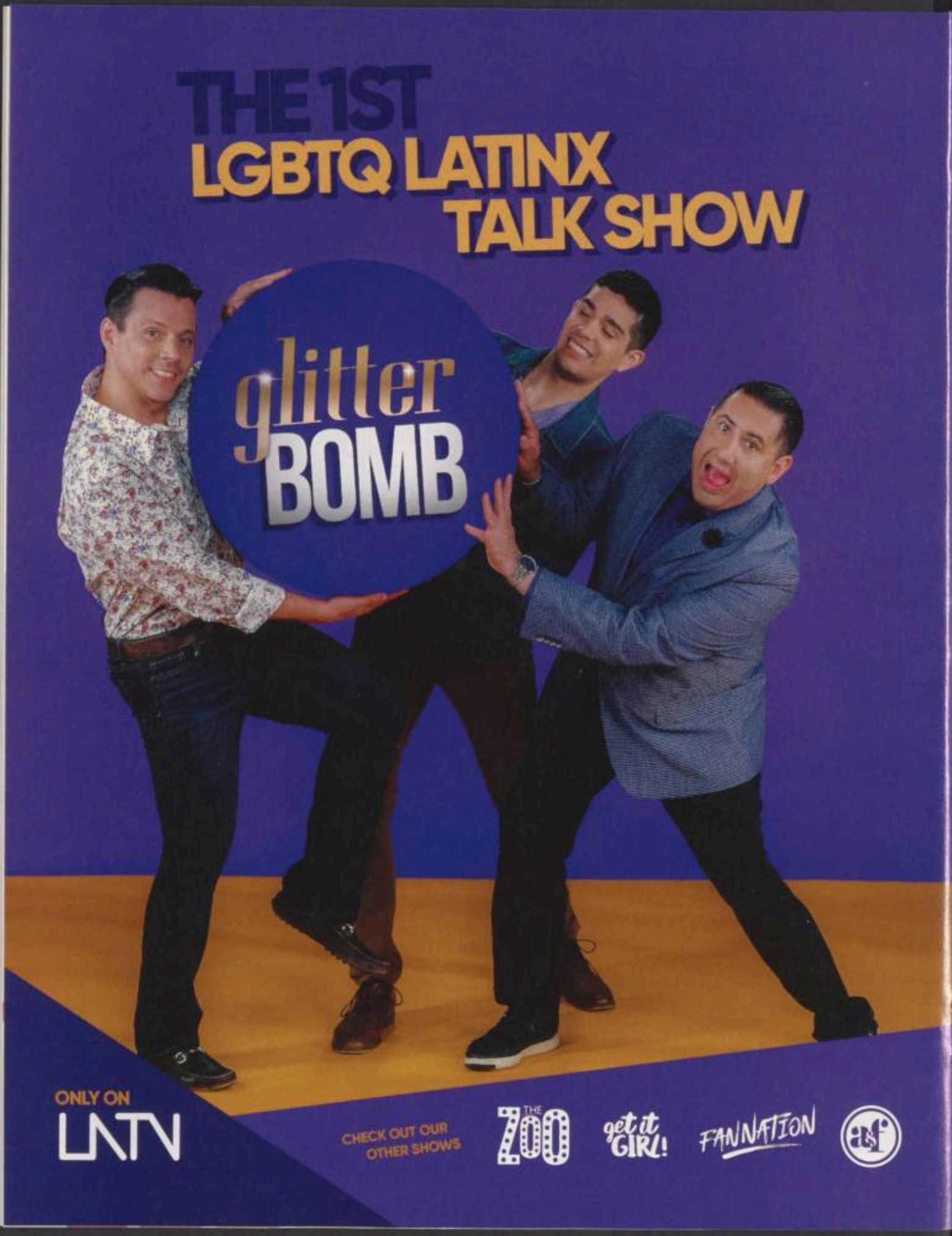

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Arenas Block Party

Featuring Emcee Alexander Rodriguez of "On the Rocks Radio"

SATURDAY
NOV. 3
Arenas Road and Indian Canyon Drive

SCHEDULE

6 p.m.
Gage Hanks
Sunset jams and live body painting with Whorlow Jones

7 p.m.
Holly Adams

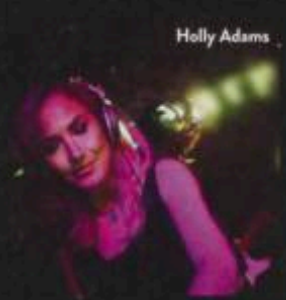
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Tiaan

8:35 p.m.
HYM

9:30 p.m.
Elisia Savoca

10 p.m.
Dyson

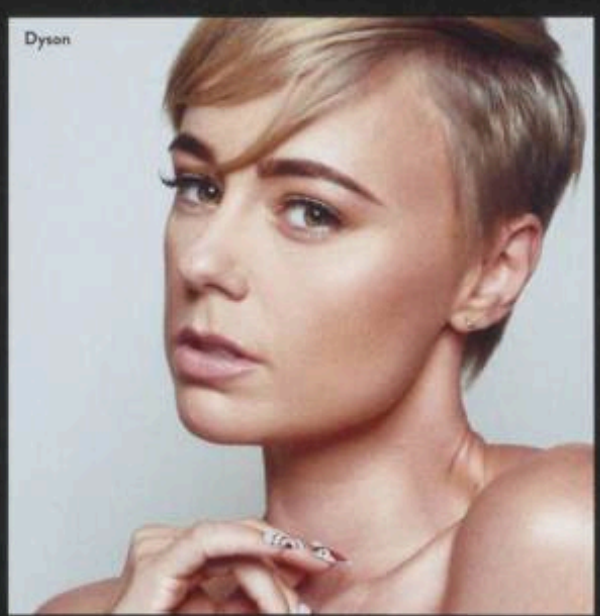

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Museum Stage

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SATURDAY NOV. 3

Museum Way and Museum Drive

SCHEDULE

11 a.m.
Dance workshop

12–5 p.m.
Emcee Nicholas Snow

12:30 p.m.
Cisco

1 p.m.
Little Giant Acorn Records Takeover with EVeryman and friends!

3 p.m.
Simeon Den Dance Performance

3:15 p.m.
Jacob St. Aubin

4 p.m.
Nikki Paige

4:30 p.m.
Echo V

5–8:30 p.m.
Emcees Pauly and Monks

5:05 p.m.
Git'er Done

5:45 p.m.
Kayla Starr

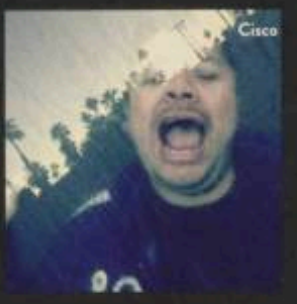
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Diva

6:30 p.m.
Head

7:30 p.m.
Alise King

8 p.m.
Tom Goss

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SATURDAY NOV. 3

Belardo Road at E. Andreas Road

SCHEDULE

12:30 p.m.
Francesca Amari, Jeff Stewart, and Wayne Abravanel

1 p.m.
Douglas Graham

1:15 p.m.
Anita Rose

1:20 p.m.
Keisha D

1:35 p.m.
Candace Camera

1:40 p.m.
JB

1:55 p.m.
Anita Rose

2 p.m.
Allan H. Jensen

2:15 p.m.
Candace Camera

2:20 p.m.
Tony Romano

2:35 p.m.
Divas on the Dance Floor!, Anita Treadmill, Champagne Showers, Angelique Va Gorgeous

2:50 p.m.
Sean Taylor Jackson

3:05 p.m.
Larry Bennett

3:20 p.m.
Jason Hull

3:35 p.m.
Divas on the Dance Floor!

3:50 p.m.
Carol Kamenis

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Bella da Ball

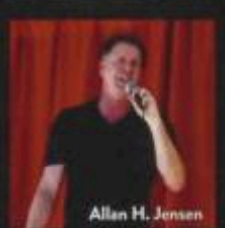

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SATURDAY NOV. 3

Belardo Rd. at E. Andreas Rd.

SCHEDULE

4 p.m.
Marina Mac

4:05 p.m.
Dan Westfall

4:20 p.m.
River Gibbs

4:30 p.m.
Kevin Miller

4:45 p.m.
Marina Mac

4:50 p.m.
Willie Guerrero

5:05 p.m.
River Gibbs

5:15 p.m.
Drag King Jesse Jones

5:25 p.m.
Cher-Javier

5:30 p.m.
River Gibbs

5:35 p.m.
Drag King Jesse Jones

5:45 p.m.
Cher-Javier

5:50 p.m.
Desert Rose Playhouse

6:10 p.m.
Robbie Wayne

6:20 p.m.
Steven Michael

6:45 p.m.
Lola, Queen of the Desert

7 p.m.
Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus


Marina Mac


Dan Westfall


Drag King Jesse Jones


River Gibbs


Kevin Miller


Willie Guerrero


Cher-Javier

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SUNDAY
NOV. 4
Arenas Road and Indian Canyon Drive

SCHEDULE

12 p.m.
DJ Galaxy

1 p.m.
Jaie

1:30 p.m.
Jonathan Aleman

2:30 p.m.
Isaiah Grass

3:15 p.m.
EVeryman

5 p.m.
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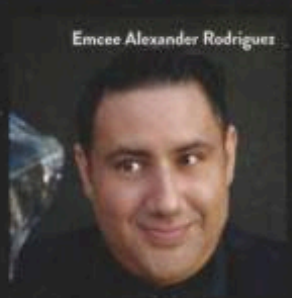

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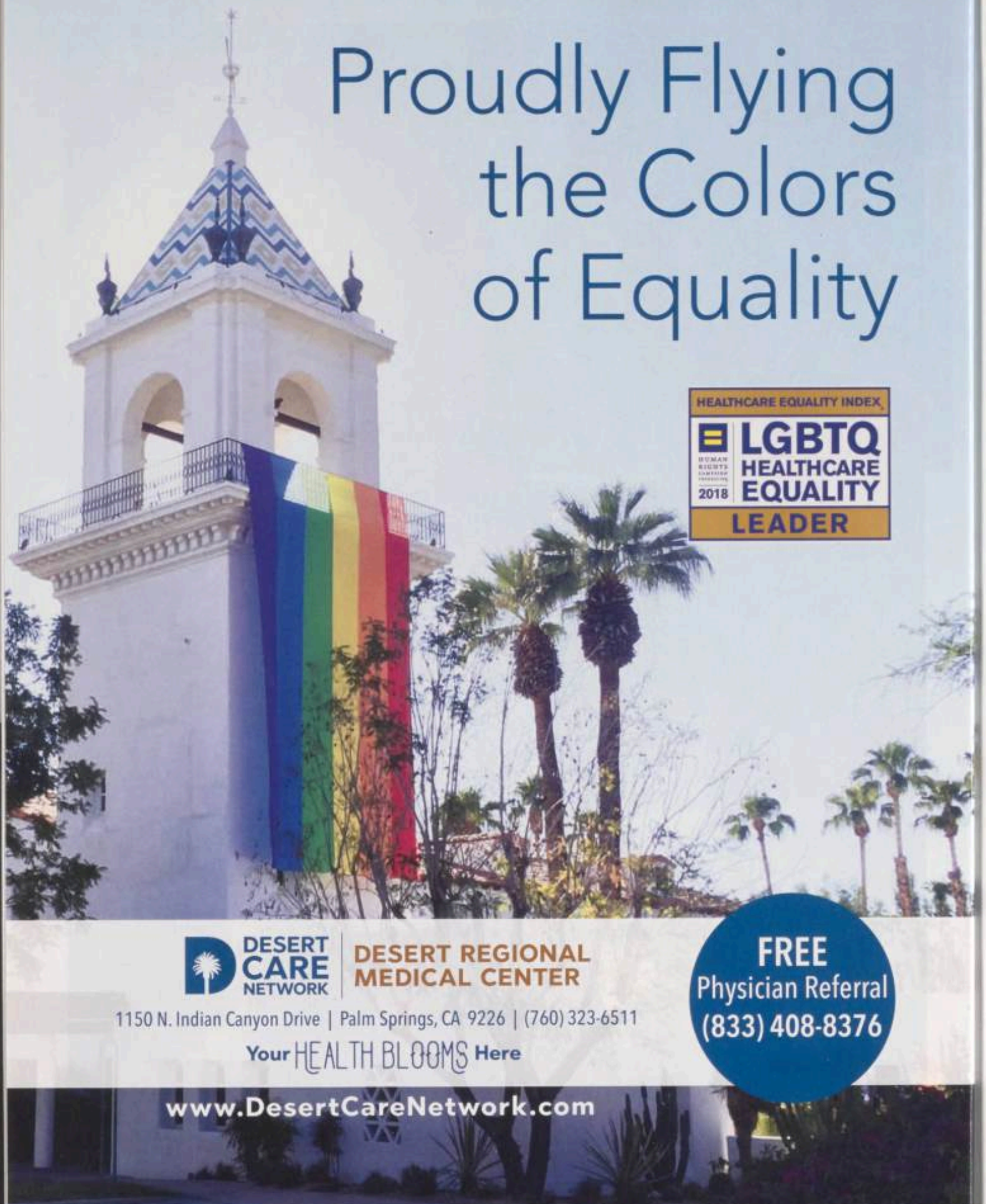

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SUNDAY
NOV. 4
Museum Way and Museum Drive

SCHEDULE

12 p.m.
John Joseph

12:25 p.m.
Luka

12:50 p.m.
Trans Chorus of Los Angeles

1:15 p.m.
Rhyan Besco

2 p.m.
Elisia Savoca

2:30 p.m.
Madame Gandhi

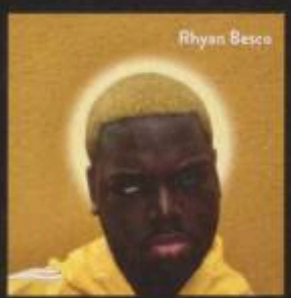
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Chico's Angels

4 p.m.
GayC/DC


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SCHEDULE

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Marina Mac

12:05 p.m.
Kevin Miller

12:20 p.m.
Anita Rose

12:25 p.m.
Allan H. Jensen

12:40 p.m.
Marina Mac

12:45 p.m.
Sean Taylor Jackson

1 p.m.
Anita Rose

1:05 p.m.
Keisha D

1:20 p.m.
The Ladies of Risqué feat. Miss Rusty Waters

1:30 p.m.
Dan Westfall

1:45 p.m.
Steven Michael

1:55 p.m.
Divas on the Dance Floor!, Anita Treadmill, Iowna Mann, Kitt


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SCHEDULE

2:10 p.m.
Jerome Elliott

2:25 p.m.
Steven Michael Dance Machine

2:35 p.m.
Douglas Graham

2:50 p.m.
Divas on the Dance Floor!, Anita Treadmill, Iowna Mann, Kitt

3:15 p.m.
Eve Holmes

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Alexander Rodriguez



Tom Goss



Rhyan Besco



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Emcee Sarah Hudson
Hudson, a songwriter, vocal producer, poet, and muse, is currently signed to Katy Perry's Unsub/Warner Chappell/RX Songs. Her co-write, "Dark Horse," became the third single on Perry's album *Prism*. The song was a commercial success, charting at No. 1 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100. The Los Angeles native has featured/co-written on multiple EDM records such as "Fuzzy Peach" by Brillz, "Saturn" by Kill The Noise/Brillz, "Can't Get Enough" by Tommie Sunshine/Halfway House, and "Reality" by Brosafari. She released her own EP "Songs from the Sea" in early 2017 and continues to write for the top artists in the game.

Emcee Ferras
Ferras has been writing songs since he was 5 years old, but it wasn't until his debut record in 2008, "Aliens & Rainbows," that the real accolades came. *People* magazine referred to him as "Baby Elton" and said he was the "new piano man on the scene." *Billboard* magazine's review simply stated, "A star is born." In the last year, he has written with Katy Perry (including the gold single "Bon Appetit"), Dua Lipa ("Genesis," the lead track from her UK-certified gold eponymous album), and Idina Menzel (the single "Queen of Swords") while also balancing his own artistic endeavors.

Emcee Jesse Saint John
Name a pop star, and chances are Jesse Saint John has written for them. Camila Cabello? Yep. Charli XCX? You bet. Britney Spears? Of course. The mind behind some of the most successful global releases and your favorite songs of the past few years is ready to step into the spotlight. The 27-year-old California native released his debut single *#MOVE* in 2018 to acclaim, with many media outlets and listeners taking note of him as a singular pop force with bloghaus and alternative influences bleeding through. The Huffington Post called him "a Gregg Araki character sliding between gender roles," while Galore simply called him "one of pop music's go-to songwriters." Fusing his pop sensibility and his background in the Los Angeles nightlife and art world, Saint John is breaking through in a major way in the world of music.

Emcee Alexander Rodriguez
This true renaissance man's sense of humor shines through in his cabaret shows (when he can remember the words), daily life, and his nationally syndicated radio show *On the Rocks with Alexander: Where Celebrities & Cocktails Mix* on iHeartRadio and Universal Broadcasting Network. Listeners never know who they are going to find him rubbing elbows with on this non-stop laugh fest; Academy Award winners, Golden Globe winners, Tony Award winners, Emmy Award winners, and pop culture headliners — he's drank with them all. Rodriguez also serves as entertainment editor for *Bear World Magazine*, a national LGBT media outlet, and co-hosts *Glitterbomb*, a weekly national TV talk show on LATV, the first Latinx nationwide LGBT programming.

Tom Goss
This indie singer-songwriter and prolific writer and performer mixes tender ballads with energetic folk/pop. He has released seven albums and played a thousand shows across the United States, Canada, and Europe. Goss' songs have been heard on ABC and HBO, in several films, and in his inventive music videos ("Son of a Preacher Man," "Breath and Sound," "Bears," and "Click"), which have been viewed more than 10 million times. He has shared the stage with performers as diverse as Andy Grammer, Martha Wash, Taylor Dane, Steve Grand, Adrianne Gonzalez, Matt Alber, and Catie Curtis, and he enjoys a particularly strong following in the LGBT community.

Rhyan Besco
Rhyan Besco is a rapper-singer-songwriter from Fort Smith, Arkansas. Also known as The River, Besco has been writing, performing, recording, and releasing music since the age of 13. His writing has been called "pop perfection" (Tim Schou of BMG) and "limitless" (Grammy Award–winning engineer Miklos Malek), and he has been labeled "a true chameleon" by Nico Farmakalidis of Avex Music Publishing. He released a track titled "We Came to Party" in 2015 and has been a part of pop's new duo 1323, writing their debut single "Paradisin'," which went on to get more than 100,000 Spotify streams and placed on multiple official Spotify playlists.

Dyson
Dyson is a multiplatinum artist and songwriter. The UK native started her career touring sold-out arenas with dance music phenomenon Basshunter and has written hits for artists such as Girls Generation, Red Velvet, Cascada, Anastasia, and Wiktoria; her vocals and songwriting skills can be heard through her collaborations with EDM DJs Borgeous, Micheal Woods, Shaun Frank, Loud

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Luxury, Sander Kleinenberg, Tydi, and more. Dyson released her first solo single, "Up All Night," in 2016. Legendary choreographer Brian Friedman has used the catchy, dance-pop track in his master classes worldwide. In a short time she has gained a huge following, especially within the LGBTQ community, and will release her debut EP later this year.

Tiaan
Born and raised in Sydney, singer-songwriter-artist Tiaan has captivated audiences around the world. Her songwriting and artistry took her to Stockholm for some time; while working there with producer Arnþór Birgisson, she released her self-titled debut EP. She has written and been featured on Urth Boy's "Have and Hold," Dance Cult's "Danger," and Cali Satellites' "In the Sunshine," which was the No. 1 trending electronic song on AudioMack, the United States' biggest hip-hop and dance blog. Since being based in Los Angeles, Tiaan has worked for top artists such as Iggy Azalea, Minzy, Kiiara, Charli XCX, Jennifer Lopez, Britney Spears, and Jason Derulo. She is now working on her next EP, which she describes as raw, unveiling, and sexy.

Elisia Savoca
Elisia Savoca is politely being compared to legends such as Amy Winehouse and Lady Gaga. With her powerful voice, enchanting melodies, and vulnerable truths, this young woman exceeds well beyond her 17 years. The San Diego native released her self-written "Mood" style EP "One of You" on July 1, 2018. Savoca is managed by respected industry professional Sarah McCann (Band of Others, previously AAM), who was instrumental in launching the careers of artists such as Julia Michaels.

EVeryman
EVeryman, aka Evan Shafran, delivers a fluid flow with conscious optimistic lyricism. As a DJ, EVeryman drops anything from breaks and glitch hop to sexy house and drum and bass. He has performed with acts such as Pretty Lights, Odesza, and Mark Farina (to name a few) and has graced some massive festival stages, including Coachella, Burning Man, and Lightning in a Bottle. He is also a published playwright and screen actor, with a brief appearance in the Oscar-winning film *Get Out*. He most recently starred in Smashwerks Films' *Storyteller*, which was selected as a semifinalist for Best Dramatic Short at The Los Angeles Independent Film Festival. You can see also catch him in his hip-hop comedy web series *Boyz in the Wood*.

Isaiah Grass
Isaiah Grass is an American singer and songwriter who is quickly gaining recognition as "one to watch." His debut single "I'm a Freak" was released worldwide on Jan. 11, 2011, and became an internet hit, with nearly 100,000 views in less than a month. Due to the phenomenal acceptance Grass received after launching his career as a singer, he released his debut album titled *Expect The Unexpected* in December 2012. The album contains 13 pop, dance, and acoustic songs written by Grass. He is currently ranked No. 1 on the Chicago Reverbnation Pop Charts.

Madame Gandhi
Kiran, who performs as Madame Gandhi, is a Los Angeles–based musician, activist, and music industry thinker. She has toured professionally, drumming for M.I.A and Thievery Corporation, and currently DJs, drums, and produces music under her own name. Her song "The Future is Female" climbed to No. 8 on the Viral U.S. Top 50 Spotify Charts following the 2017 Women's March. She has also partnered with various menstrual health organizations to improve women's access to affordable and safe menstrual care and was part of the early roundtable discussions that led to the elimination of the "luxury tax" on tampons in her home city of New York.

Chico's Angels
The south-of-the-border hotties Chico's Angels are returning to Palm Springs to perform on the Palm Springs Pride stage for the first time. Chico's Angels are three beautiful and comedic Latina drag queens — Kay Sedia, Chita Parol, and Frieda Laye — who work for pennies for their unseen boss but are now moonlighting as sexy cabaret stars. Think of the '70s series *Charlie's Angels* meets '70s TV variety shows (like *Donny & Marie* or *The Brady Bunch Variety Hour*) starring a Latino Three Stooges in drag. Chico's Angels will entertain the Pride audience with songs, dance, and comedy.

Trans Chorus of Los Angeles
Trans Chorus of Los Angeles is leading the way in the choral world by being visible, bold, and proud! They are a chorus of transgender, gender non-conforming/gender non-binary, and intersex individuals who use their voices to bring awareness, understanding, power, and victory for the trans community. They want every trans-identified individual to hear and appreciate the lyrics of their signature song, "You Have More Friends Than You Know!"

Marching with Pride

From ballrooms and back streets to parades down Palm Canyon Drive, Greater Palm Springs Pride has grown alongside the city.

By Stephen Bridges

ven though the Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade is among the last to take place during the nation's LGBTQ pride season, it's first in terms of family-friendly atmosphere and entertainment. "It's unlike any other pride parade in the country," says Ron deHarte, president of Greater Palm Springs Pride.

The annual event has a hometown feel with marching bands, moms and dads, local businesses, and civic leaders. Yes, there are parade entries like Dykes on Bikes and muscled leather men from places like The Tool Shed and Barracks, but many first-time visitors to Greater Palm Springs Pride are surprised at how wholesome the parade is. Void of the disco decadence you see at festivities in major cities, our pride events are unique, much like Greater Palm Springs itself. >

Remembering Our History

1969
June 28 – The community fights back following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village (police harassment was common at that time for gay bar patrons due to a NYC law requiring a minimum of three articles of "gender-appropriate clothing").

1970
The nation's first Gay Pride March is held in New York City.

1978


Gilbert Baker designs the Rainbow Flag to fly in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade. Baker would later be honored by Palm Springs Pride with a 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award.

1986
The first Pride celebration takes place in Palm Springs.

1988


Charles Pierce performed in a gay Pride benefit concert at the McCallum Theatre in what was billed as "a comedy show of female impersonation by America's best known performer of his kind!"

1989


Pride featured a Friday reception at the Fashion Plaza, a Saturday performance by Eartha Kitt, and a Sunday Country Fair hosted by the Desert Women's Association at The Villa.

1990
The Pride Festival was staged at the Perez Auto Park and organized by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance of the Desert.

1991
Palm Springs chapter of PFLAG, an organization formed to "help others unlearn the homophobia inherent in the socialization process," holds its first meeting. They later received their 501(c)(3) in March 1994.



The Festival moved to Demuth Park.

1992


The first Desert Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade took to the streets of Palm Springs with 35 units. Making its way down Williams Road to Mesquite and into Demuth Park, site of the Festival, the Parade was greeted by hundreds of men and women. The Parade and Festival were hosted by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance of the Desert and held over Memorial Day weekend.



When Gov. Pete Wilson visited Indian Wells Racquet Club in 1992, PFLAG picketed him at the country club where he was speaking.

1995


Pride is moved from Memorial Day weekend to Veterans Day weekend. This move, combined with promoting Palm Springs Pride at other Southwest Pride events, resulted in significantly increased hotel occupancy rates. The Pride celebration would grow each year over the next 15 years, when the first economic impact study was conducted.

1996
The Parade was held on Ramon Road. David Mixner was the grand marshal.

1997
The Pride Parade moved to Palm Canyon Drive. Michael Feinstein was the grand marshal. Members of Desert Chapel congregation marched on city hall to protest the move because of their anti-homosexual beliefs.

1998
The Pride organization incorporated under the name Greater Palm Springs Pride as a nonprofit organization Nov. 4, 1998.

2000


Pride moves from Arenas Road to the Angels Baseball Stadium in Sunrise Park. Critics believed that the move from the "street fair" atmosphere of Arenas to the "festival village" at the Sunrise Stadium was a bad decision.

2003
The Festival and Parade, which experienced a 20 percent growth rate in the previous five years, attracted close to 60,000 attendees over the two-day period in 2003, making it the largest annual special event in the city of Palm Springs.

2004


Ron Oden, the first openly gay mayor of Palm Springs, and the first openly gay and African-American mayor of any city in the United States, rides in the Palm Springs Pride Parade. Grand marshals were the 4,000 same-sex couples who were married in San Francisco the past spring.

2005


LGBA Combined Marching Band marches in Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade.

2006


In the fall of 2006, Palm Springs High School band director Brian Ingelson decided it was time for his marching band to perform in the Palm Springs Pride Parade. What started out to be a controversial decision, viewed as anti-Christian and inciting death threats against the band director, has become one of the band's most meaningful performances of the year.

2010
Pride events attracted 57,502 attendees, who pumped $12.3 million of direct spending into Palm Springs. Of those attending, 72 percent were from out of town. Pride generated $122,978 in hotel transient occupancy tax (TOT), $108,173 in city of Palm Springs Transactions and Use Tax (PSGT), and 314 full-time equivalent jobs were supported in the community by the expenditures made by Pride and its audiences in 2010.



2011
The economic impact from organization and audience expenditures in Palm Springs increased in 2011 to $14.1 million

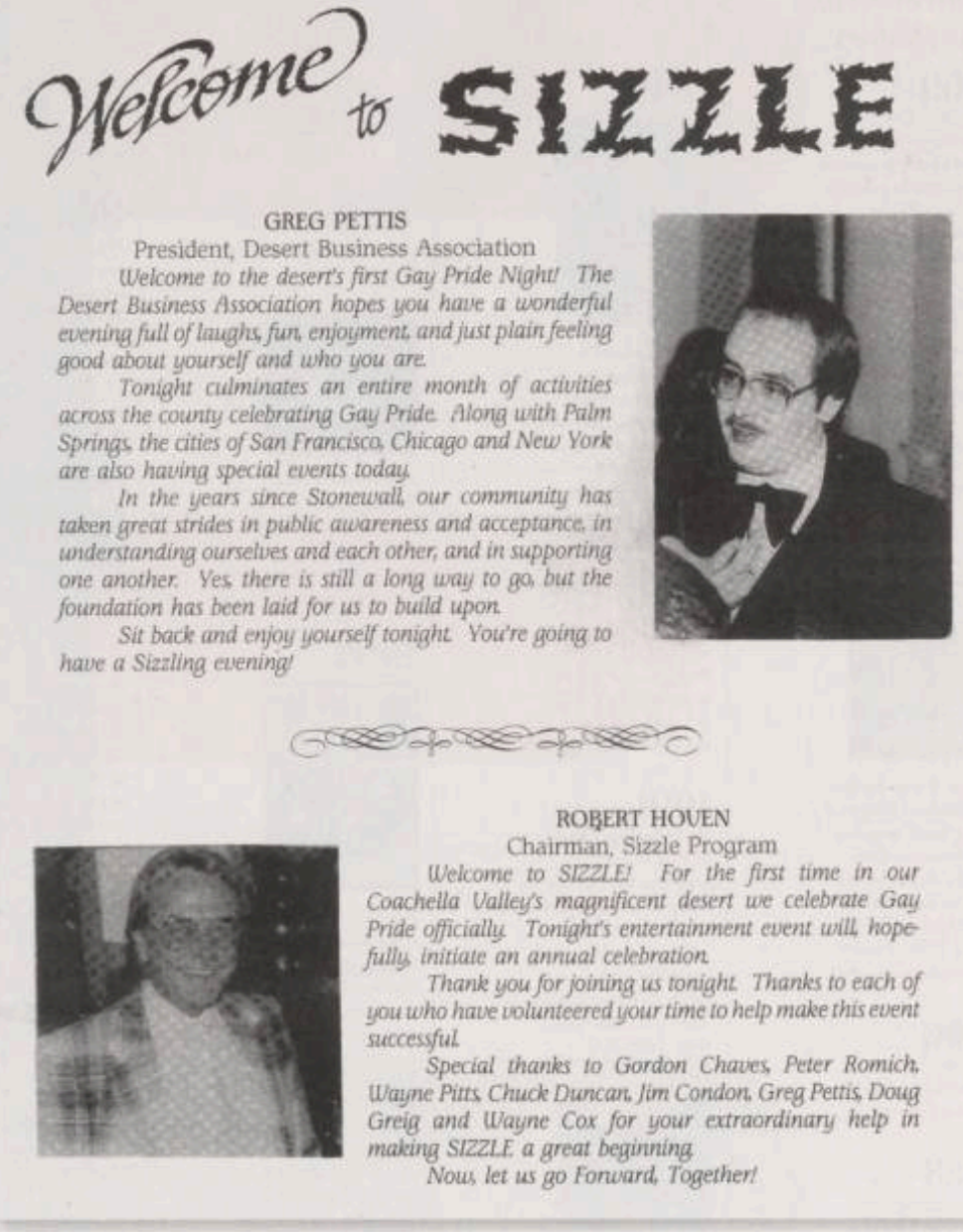
2012
Desert Hot Springs High School Marching Band appears for the first time in the annual Pride Parade.

2013
The Pride Festival is held for the last time in Sunrise Stadium.



2014
The city of Palm Springs approves closing Palm Canyon Drive for two days to accommodate the Pride Festival's move to downtown Palm Springs. The Festival takes place on Palm Canyon from Amado to Baristo and on Tahquitz Canyon Way and Arenas Road between Indian Canyon and Belardo. The Festival main stage is set up on Arenas Road between Calle Encilia and Indian Canyon.

The Pride Parade route is changed to accommodate the Pride Festival's move to Palm Canyon Drive, and the street closure becomes the largest closure in the city's history. The Pride Parade steps off at Tachevah and travels south to Amado.



Welcome to SIZZLE

GREG PETTIS
President, Desert Business Association

Welcome to the desert's first Gay Pride Night! The Desert Business Association hopes you have a wonderful evening full of laughs, fun, enjoyment, and just plain feeling good about yourself and who you are.

Tonight culminates an entire month of activities across the county celebrating Gay Pride. Along with Palm Springs, the cities of San Francisco, Chicago and New York are also having special events today.

In the years since Stonewall, our community has taken great strides in public awareness and acceptance, in understanding ourselves and each other, and in supporting one another. Yes, there is still a long way to go, but the foundation has been laid for us to build upon.

Sit back and enjoy yourself tonight. You're going to have a Sizzling evening!

ROBERT HOVEN
Chairman, Sizzle Program

Welcome to SIZZLE! For the first time in our Coachella Valley's magnificent desert we celebrate Gay Pride officially. Tonight's entertainment event will, hopefully, initiate an annual celebration.

Thank you for joining us tonight. Thanks to each of you who have volunteered your time to help make this event successful.

Special thanks to Gordon Chaves, Peter Romich, Wayne Pitts, Chuck Duncan, Jim Condon, Greg Pettis, Doug Greig and Wayne Cox for your extraordinary help in making SIZZLE a great beginning.

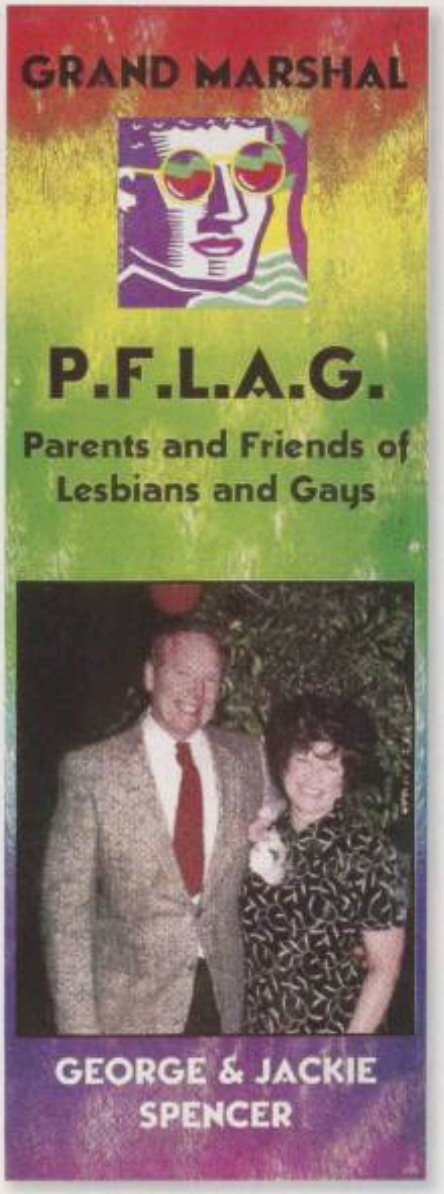
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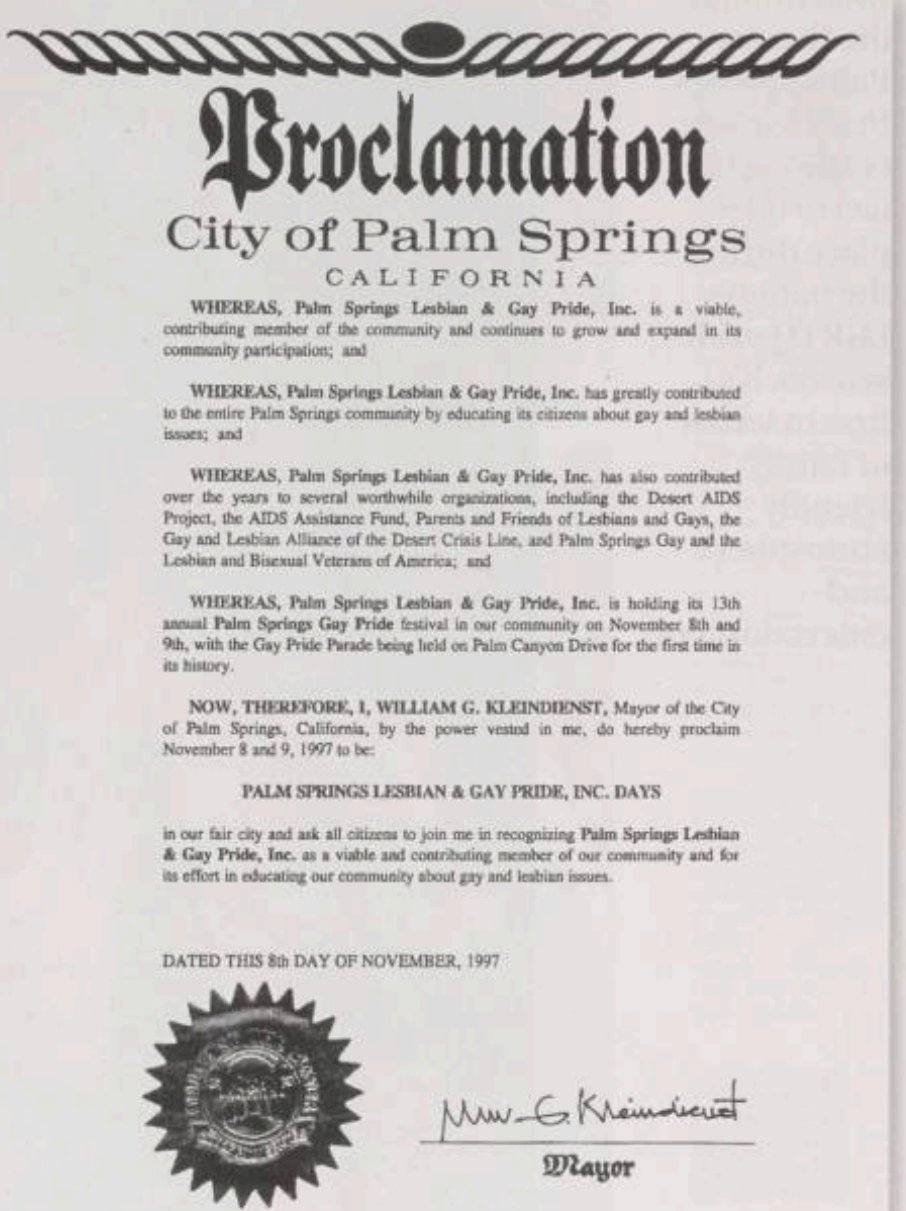
A program from "Sizzle," the desert's first Pride event, 1986

The Desert Business Association (DBA), a group of gay and lesbian hotel and bar owners formed in 1979, originally started the event. From the beginning there were stumbles and squabbles as leaders in the community disagreed on the type of celebration to have. DBA president Bob Hoven wanted an event that focused on friends and neighbors suffering from HIV and AIDS, according to Jim Suiguitan, whose online memoir (dejaival.com) chronicles gay life in the desert from the early 1980s onward.

Others disagreed and wanted a traditional parade. In the end it was decided, because of the intense June heat, to throw a party indoors at the Riviera Palm Springs hotel.

Aptly named "Sizzle" due to the soaring temperatures outside, the musical-comedy revue featured local musicians, singers, and, of course, a bevy of drag queens. The event was considered a smashing success. The next year, however, due to some off-color jokes and poor production value, most were calling the





Proclamation

City of Palm Springs

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Palm Springs Lesbian & Gay Pride, Inc. is a viable, contributing member of the community and continues to grow and expand in its community participation; and

WHEREAS, Palm Springs Lesbian & Gay Pride, Inc. has greatly contributed to the entire Palm Springs community by educating its citizens about gay and lesbian issues; and

WHEREAS, Palm Springs Lesbian & Gay Pride, Inc. has also contributed over the years to several worthwhile organizations, including the Desert AIDS Project, the AIDS Assistance Fund, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Desert Crisis Line, and Palm Springs Gay and the Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America; and

WHEREAS, Palm Springs Lesbian & Gay Pride, Inc. is holding its 13th annual **Palm Springs Gay Pride** festival in our community on November 8th and 9th, with the Gay Pride Parade being held on Palm Canyon Drive for the first time in its history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM G. KLEINDIENST, Mayor of the City of Palm Springs, California, by the power vested in me, do hereby proclaim November 8 and 9, 1997 to be:

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in our fair city and ask all citizens to join me in recognizing **Palm Springs Lesbian & Gay Pride, Inc.** as a viable and contributing member of our community and for its effort in educating our community about gay and lesbian issues.

DATED THIS 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1997

Mayor

event "Fizzle," and the organizers decided to try something different, according to Suiguitan and deHarte.

From then on Pride became nomadic — each year seeking a different location and trying newfangled events: a festival in Demuth Park; a reception at Desert Fashion Plaza (the old downtown Palm Springs shopping mall); there was even a "Pride" show at the McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert, featuring drag entertainer Charles Pierce. Some years were more successful than others. People still rave about Eartha Kitt performing at the Renaissance Palm Springs in 1989. But a Pride festival held the following year at the Cathedral City Auto Mall was considered a flaming disaster (almost literally), with temperatures so hot people's shoes were melting into the asphalt.

Pride celebrations have traditionally been held in June to commemorate the Stonewall uprising of 1969. Late at night on June 28,

Above left: George and Jackie Spencer show their support for PGLAG, 1998. Above right: Palm Springs Mayor William G. Kleindienst makes Pride legal, 1997.

Even though the Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade is among the last to take place during the nation's LGBTQ pride season, it's first in terms of family-friendly atmosphere and entertainment.



Ruby Murry, the biggest Queen on the white Isle of Ibiza, Spain, served as the international celebrity grand marshal of the Palm Springs Pride Parade in 2015.

New York City police officers raided the popular Greenwich Village bar The Stonewall Inn. Fed up with the harassment — and, say some historians, still reeling from the death of their beloved icon Judy Garland less than a week earlier — gay men, lesbians, and more than a few drag queens fought back, culminating in riots that lasted three days and beginning a decades-long fight for equality.

But history was no match for the Palm Springs heat. After a few rag-tag parades and festivals down Mesquite Road toward Demuth Park, the board of Greater Palm Springs Pride voted to move the celebration to November to take advantage of the cooler temperatures.

The parade route traveled down Ramon Road, but it was still a side street, populated with gas stations, churches, and condos with their gates closed.

When the Pride committee applied for a permit to march down Palm Canyon Drive,



a local conservative church made their opposition known. Suiguitan remembers a particularly contentious city council meeting where church members signed up their kids to speak before chambers. There were children crying, claiming that seeing gays and lesbians march down Main Street would scar them for life. "It was really ugly," Suiguitan says.

The move was made with the support of council members Ron Oden (who would later be elected Palm Springs' first gay mayor) and allies Jeanne Reller-Spurgeon and Deyna Hodges.

In 1995 the Pride Parade marched down Palm Canyon Drive with singer/composer Michael Feinstein as grand marshal. Since then, Pride has grown, bringing in an estimated 100,000 visitors and $22 million to the local economy annually. But it's not just the good weather that brings people back. Greater Palm Springs Pride now takes over all of downtown for two days of music, art, and civic engagement. ■



2015

On Nov. 1 George and Chris Zander are attacked after leaving Arenas Road. (George Zander later died on Dec. 10, 2015.)

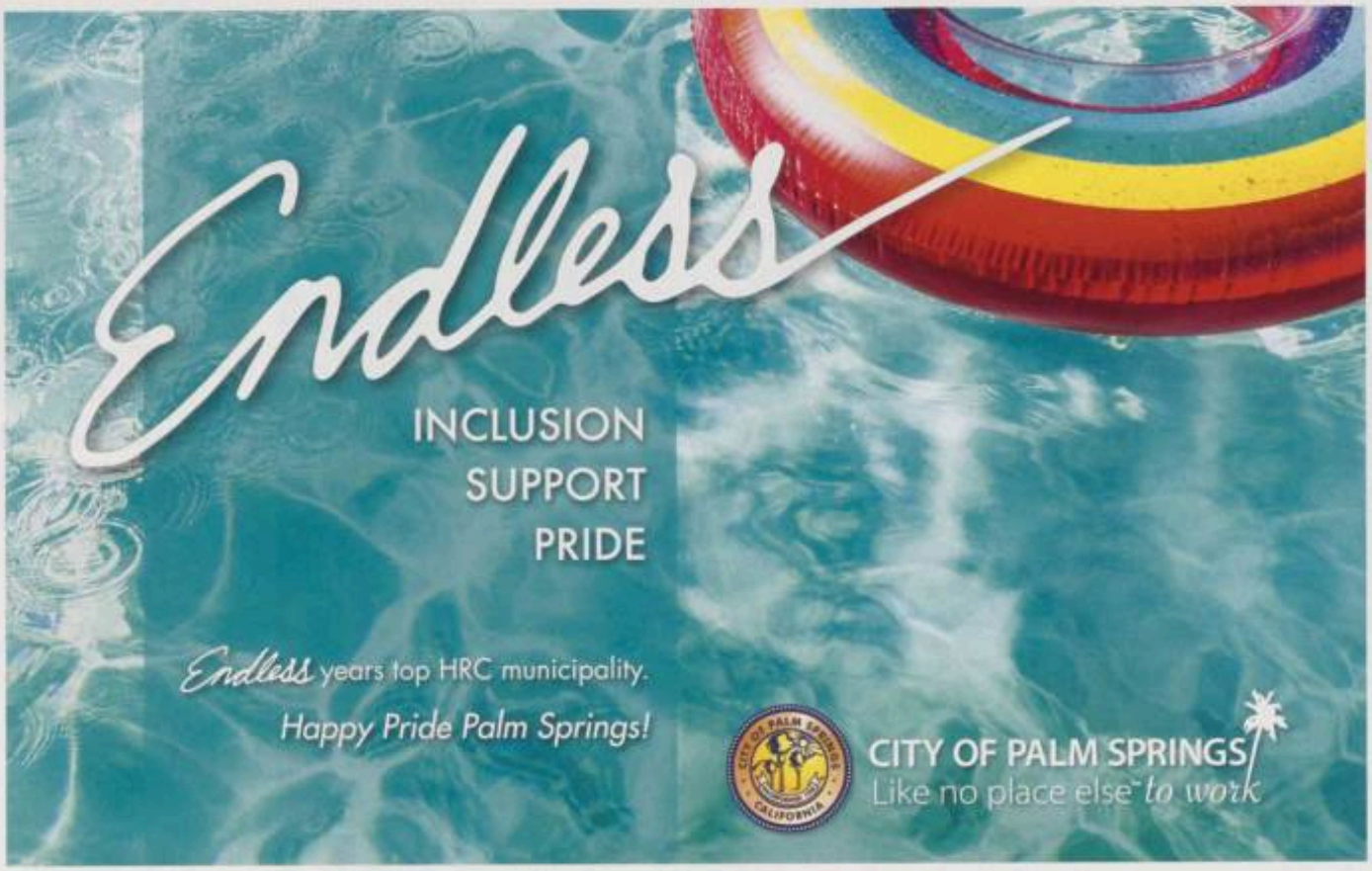
Greater Palm Springs Pride announces $20,461 donation to GSA Clubs of Coachella Valley from the Pride Youth Fund. The funds are intended to assist students and school advisors at the grassroots level and include $7,500 in grants for 15 GSAs to support programs and activities of their choosing.

Palm Springs Pride events grew significantly in 2014 and 2015, becoming the largest California Pride Festival south of San Francisco. Attendance increased from 15,000 to more than 100,000.



2016

Celebrating 30 years of Pride in the Coachella Valley, the Pride Parade had 175 contingents and honored those who lost their lives in the deadliest incident of violence against LGBT people in U.S. history, the June 12 Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida. ■



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No Justice

For many LGBT immigrants, asylum is a matter of life and death.

By Margarita Sánchez, National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) Immigration Project Assistant

"In my country, there is no justice or protection for gay or transgender people like me. Our lives are in danger in all parts of Mexico. I know this because in all the places I lived, I suffered many abuses and attacks because I was different. I also know this because in the support groups I attend, I have met other gay and transgender people from different parts of Mexico who have been fleeing to this country to save their lives. Returning to my country today would be to return to die."

—Carlos*, an NCLR transgender client granted asylum



Margarita Sánchez

"Asylum is a critical LGBT issue, and now, under the Trump administration, the rights of immigrants and asylees have never been more at risk."

The ability to seek asylum in the United States is often a matter of life and death. Carlos, a transgender client from Mexico, faced extreme physical and sexual violence by the institutions and people who should have kept him safe. Since the age of 5, Carlos has suffered abuse at the hands of relatives such as his stepfather, uncle, cousin, and neighbor — all because of his gender identity and perceived sexual orientation. Everyone threatened to kill or beat him if he told anyone. Much of this happened while Carlos was living with his grandmother, and never at any time did she come to his rescue. Carlos felt that she hated him for his masculine appearance and behavior.

As a child, he confided in a priest about the abuses he suffered. But instead of offering support, the priest responded by telling him the devil was inside of him. This priest also abused him sexually — and then subsequently publicly degraded and humiliated him, telling people Carlos was marked by Satan and that no one should come near him.

As an adult, attacks by police, soldiers, and others often involved rape, physical assault, and verbal abuse, taunting him for being a lesbian. After these attacks, he was often left for dead in remote places and forced to walk miles home, half-naked and bloody. On one occasion, he attempted to report these attacks to the police but faced only further physical assaults from the police and threats. No report was ever made.

Carlos said, "If I had to return to Mexico today, I know for a fact that I would be killed for being who I am." But Carlos doesn't have to return. He has been granted asylum and is now living in California.

Since 1994, NCLR has won more than 300 asylum cases — forever changing the lives of people like Carlos and many others. Asylum is a critical LGBT issue, and now, under the Trump administration, the rights of immigrants and asylees have never been more at risk. Recently, the Trump administration imposed stringent new limitations on asylum claims based on fear of domestic or gang violence. These new limitations will fall hardest on women and LGBT people, who are more likely to experience these forms of abuse.

But we will keep on fighting for the safety and security of our community members. We are more committed than ever to protecting their right to asylum. Because their lives depend on it.

**Pseudonym used to protect the safety and identity of our client.*

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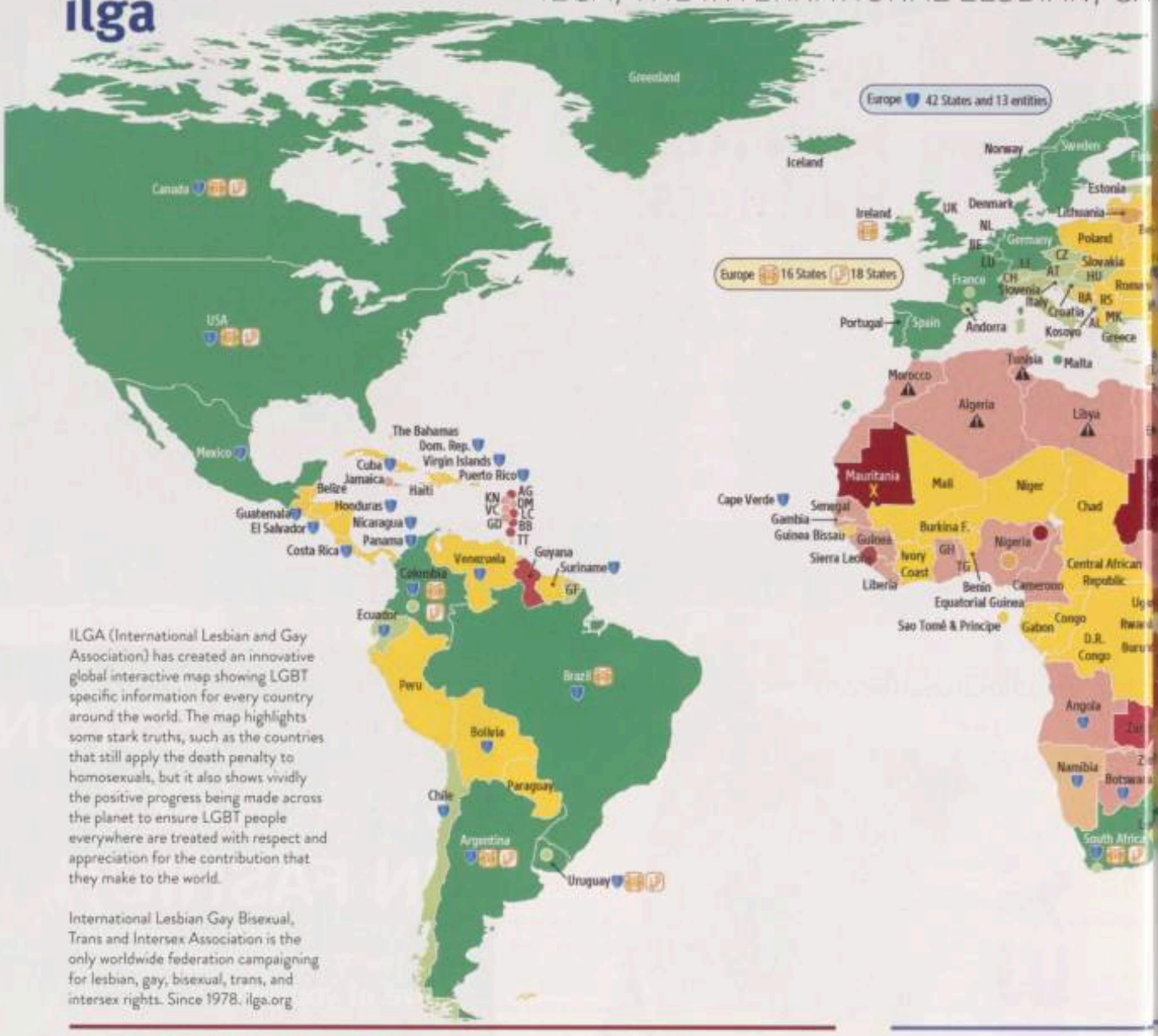
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ILGA (International Lesbian and Gay Association) has created an innovative global interactive map showing LGBT specific information for every country around the world. The map highlights some stark truths, such as the countries that still apply the death penalty to homosexuals, but it also shows vividly the positive progress being made across the planet to ensure LGBT people everywhere are treated with respect and appreciation for the contribution that they make to the world.

International Lesbian Gay Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association is the only worldwide federation campaigning for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and intersex rights. Since 1978. ilga.org

CRIMINALISATION

72 STATES

Death

- implemented in **8 States** (or parts of)
- X not implemented in **5 States**

⚠ Religious-based laws alongside the civil code: **19 States**

14 Y - life (prison)	**14 States**
Up to 14 Y	**57 States**
'Promotion' laws	**3 States**
No penalising law	

In green, yellow and orange countries, same-sex sexual acts were decriminalised or never penalised: **123 States**

PROTECTION

85 States

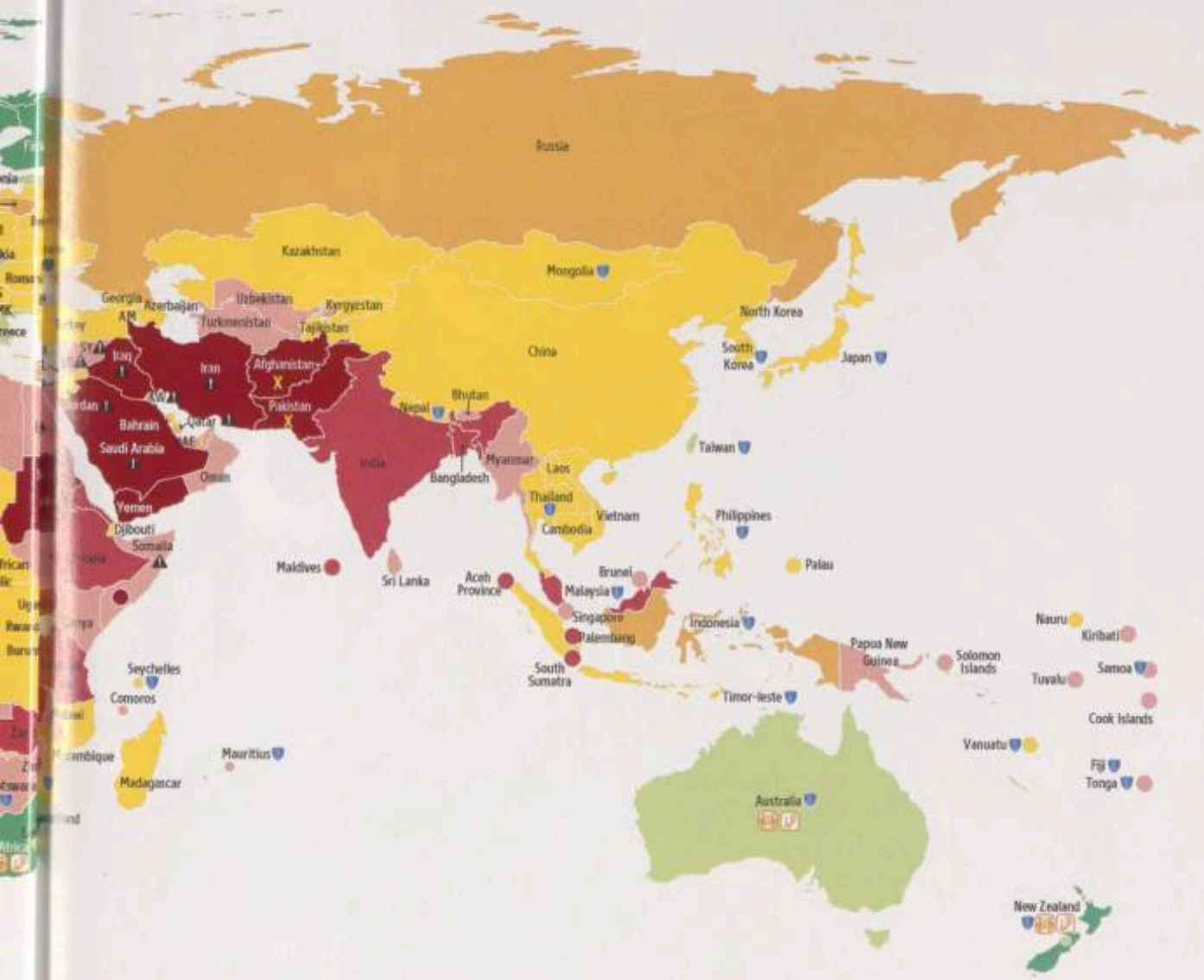
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- Incitement to hate
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RECOGNITION

47 States

A small number of States provide for marriage and partnership concurrently

Marriage	24 States	Joint adoption	26 States
Partnership	28 States	2nd parent adoption	27 States

Separate detailed maps for these three categories are produced alongside this Overview map.

The data represented in these maps are based on *State-Sponsored Homophobia: a World Survey of Sexual Orientation Laws: Criminalisation, Protection and Recognition*, an ILGA report by Aengus Carroll and Lucas Ramón Mendos. The report and these maps are available in the six official UN languages: English, Chinese, Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish on ILGA.org. This edition of the world map (May 2017) was coordinated by Aengus Carroll and Lucas Ramón Mendos (ILGA), and designed by Eduardo Enoki (eduardo.enoki@gmail.com).

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Don't Be Isolated When Illness Strikes

Experts at Desert Care Network can help.

By Collette Carroll, Desert Regional Medical Center

When a person experiences an illness, the physical symptoms may only be a part of the problem. Prolonged or chronic illness can often result in isolation from one's network of friends, family, or partners. The pain of isolation may be particularly acute for members of the LGBTQ community, whose supportive networks can be unique. Some individuals may have support from family and friends, while many may not.



Anita Chatigny, Ph.D.

Debbie Inocencio, LCSW, a social worker at Desert Regional Medical Center, encourages her patients to be proactive and reach out to others rather than retreat. "People with support systems typically do better overall; they follow through with treatment and their emotional and physical adjustments are improved," Inocencio says. "So we try to get people to see the importance of communication and take away the fear of telling people that they're sick."

Anita Chatigny, Ph.D., Manager of Oncology Support Care Services for the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Desert Regional Medical Center, sees many cancer patients who struggle to maintain connections with friends, relatives, and other supportive peers.

Fortunately, the LGBTQ community in the desert has blossomed significantly, giving rise to a supportive network, Chatigny says. The Comprehensive Cancer Center can help connect patients with complimentary support services that encourage relationship building and resilience. These services include counseling, Reiki therapy, service dog therapy, meditation, and exercise classes, among many others.

Chatigny encourages individuals struggling with illness to not lose sight of the life they want to lead. Illness does not define the individual, and lifestyle adaptations can bring forth positive feelings of well-being.

"Fortunately, the LGBTQ community in the desert has blossomed significantly, giving rise to a supportive network that may not have existed with such strength and resilience 15 years ago."

Beyond isolation, maintaining independence also can be a challenge. Patients can confuse the caring nature of a partner and friends with losing their sense of independence, causing further social withdrawal.

Inocencio encourages patients to focus on things that will help them maintain their independence, such as community centers, meals offered at senior centers, and mobility aids like wheelchairs and walkers.

"It's about perspective," she says. "Those services are out there to help you preserve your independence, not take it away. It's key to see the positive in how those are going to help you keep independence, but in a different way."

If you or a loved one are struggling with isolation or other emotional issues surrounding illness, reach out to your healthcare provider. Desert Regional Medical Center, which has been named an LGBTQ Healthcare Equality Leader by the Healthcare Equality Index, works diligently to meet the needs of the LGBTQ community. If you need help from a physician or other healthcare provider, call Desert Care Network's referral line at 833-408-8376, or go to desertcarenetwork.com for more information. To directly reach out to the Comprehensive Cancer Center, call 760-416-4800.

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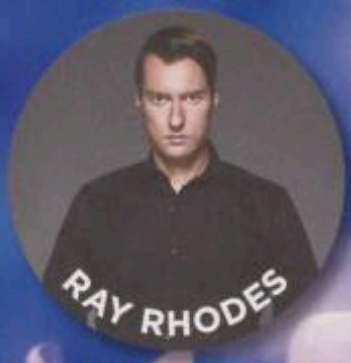
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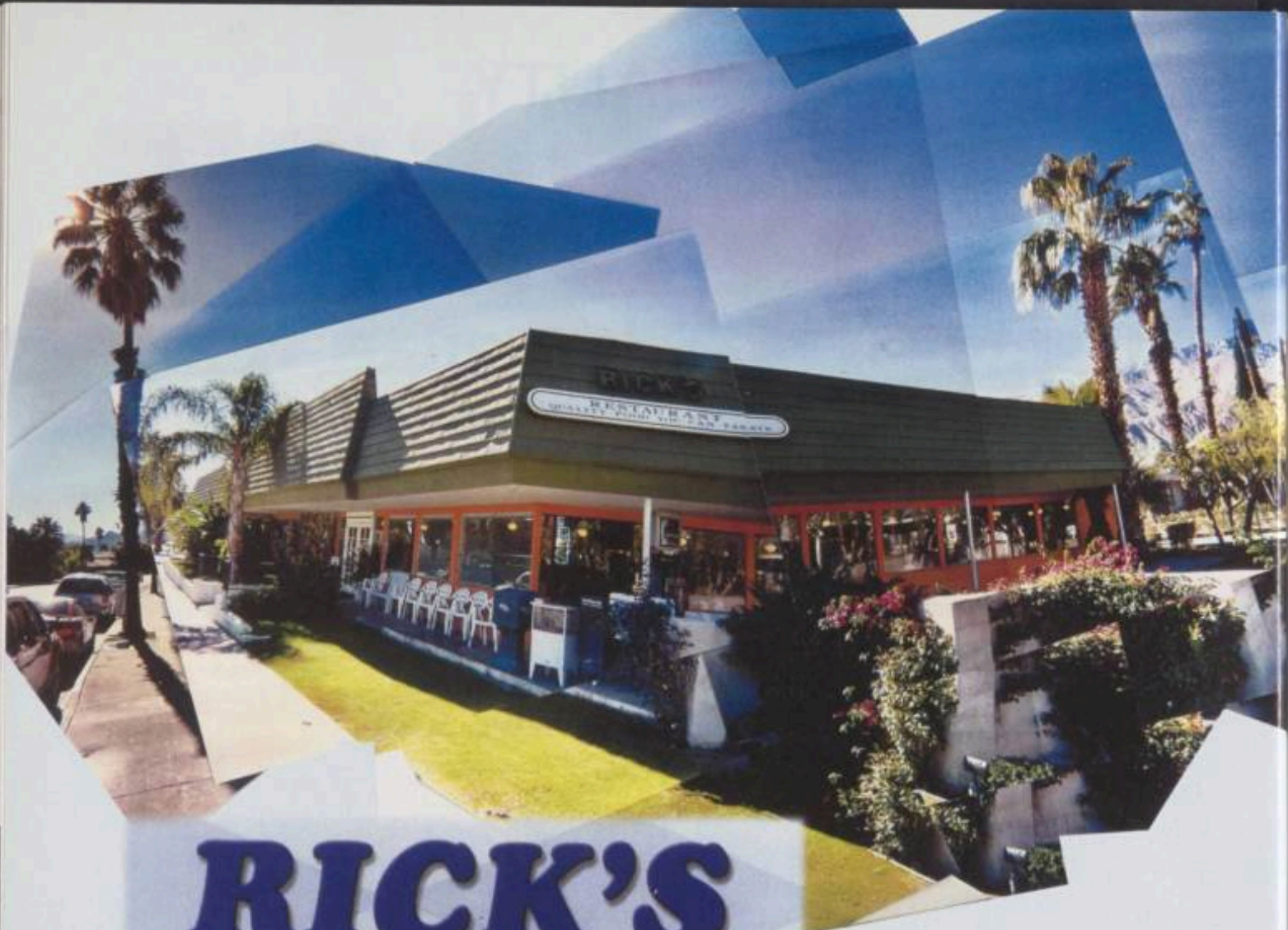
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Jon Colbert, MSN, FNP-DC, oversees Eisenhower's Sexual Health Clinic.

As cases of syphilis, chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV, and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) continue to rise, it is more important than ever to have a safe, nonjudgmental space where members of our community can feel confident discussing their sexual health.

Eisenhower Health Medical Center recently opened a Sexual Health Clinic in Palm Springs, located at the Eisenhower Health Center at Rimrock, to ensure that everyone in the Coachella Valley understands their risk of contracting an STI, including HIV, so they can make educated decisions about their sexual health.

"We are here to partner with our patients and assess how they may be at risk for any number of conditions — including hepatitis C or HPV — and address those risks so they have all the information they need."

The Sexual Health Clinic is particularly beneficial for people who have sex without a condom, have multiple sex partners, have symptoms that appear to be an STI, have been informed by a partner that they may have been exposed to an STI, and/or are sexually active but do not know their status.

Walk-in services include screening and treatment for gonorrhea, chlamydia, general herpes, genital warts, and syphilis as well as post exposure prophylaxis (PEP). Patients are not required to have a primary care physician to be seen at the clinic, and as in all Eisenhower Health facilities, Medicare and certain commercial insurances are accepted.

One of the clinic's goals is to work toward eliminating HIV transmission within the next few years.

Eisenhower's Sexual Health Clinic is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. The last walk-in appointment is at 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call 760-837-8447.

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By Rick Zbur, executive director, Equality California



Rick Zbur

If there were ever a clear illustration of the LGBTQ community's political power when we turn out to vote, it would be right here in Palm Springs, where we elected America's first-ever all LGBTQ city council last year.

Living in California — especially in such a welcoming and inclusive city like Palm Springs — it's easy to feel like we're doing OK. We've got marriage equality, nondiscrimination protections, and pro-equality leaders representing us in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Walk down Palm Canyon Drive on any given day and you'll be reminded of how lucky we are.

But every time we see the cost of healthcare rise again or turn on the TV to see that there was another school shooting or that the president is tearing families apart at the border and nominating radical anti-LGBTQ judges to the Supreme Court — we're reminded of how much work we have left to do. That's why this election is so important. We have a chance to take back our government, to win back a pro-equality majority in Congress who will fight for us and our values. We can elect a governor — Gavin Newsom — who has the courage to keep pushing California forward as a beacon of hope for the rest of the country.

That's why we're getting loud and making our voices heard. Not just for Pride, but all the way through Election Day. We're mobilizing across California — from big cities to small towns, in every corner of the state.

"We have the power to choose — not just between Democrats and Republicans, progressives and moderates and conservatives, but to choose leaders who represent our values."

Because elections are choices. We have the power to choose — not just between Democrats and Republicans, progressives and moderates and conservatives, but to choose leaders who represent our values. We can choose between leaders who will move us forward or leaders who will keep dragging us backward to a time when we didn't have civil rights and social justice.

We, the LGBTQ community, have the power to elect leaders who will unite us instead of those who want to divide us. We can't afford to wait for someone to come save us. It's up to us to fight for the change we want to see — online, in the streets, and at the ballot box.

All across the country, we're seeing people rise up and demand a future free from gun violence and discrimination, with affordable education and housing and quality healthcare for all — a world that is healthy, just, and fully equal for all LGBTQ people.

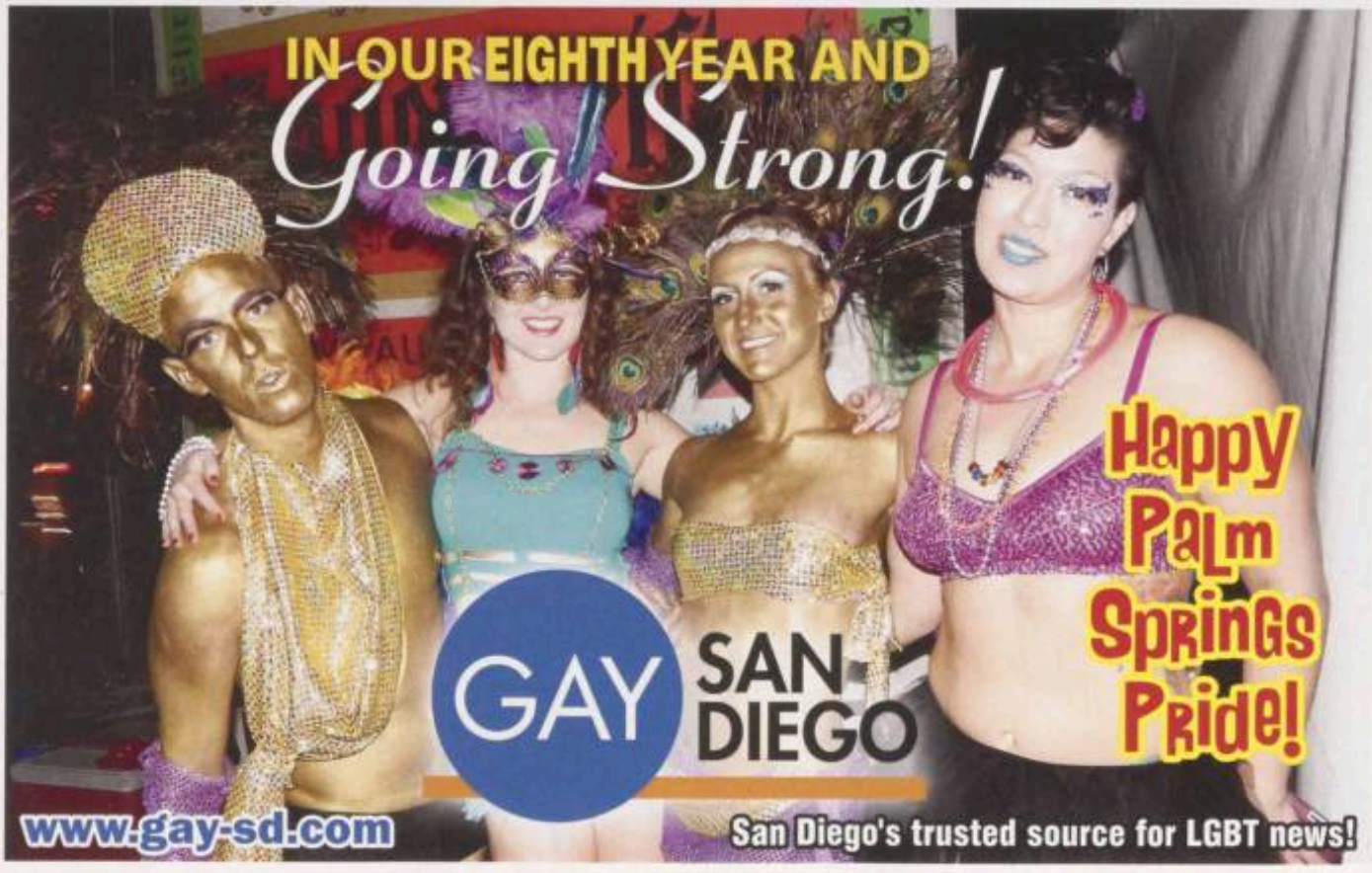
I've heard a lot of people talking about a big blue wave this November. Personally, I'm ready to see a big rainbow wave, as our community puts our nation back on the right track.

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1 Not all trans people identify as male or female. Trans people have all sorts of different identities outside the gender binary.

2 Trans folks actually have many different sexual orientations. Gender identity and sexual orientation are separate spectra.

3 Trans people led the Stonewall Riots. Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson were two among many trans women of color who were on the front lines.



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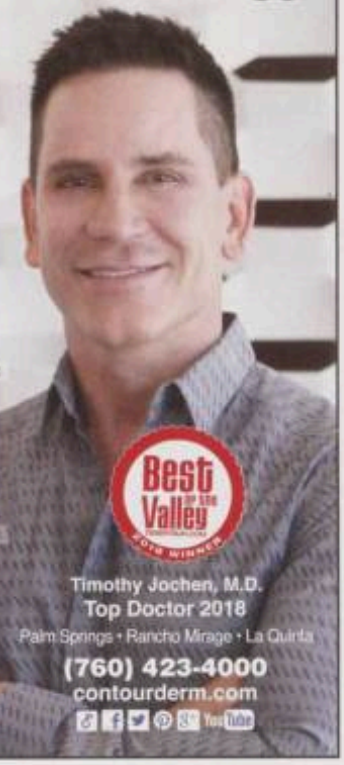
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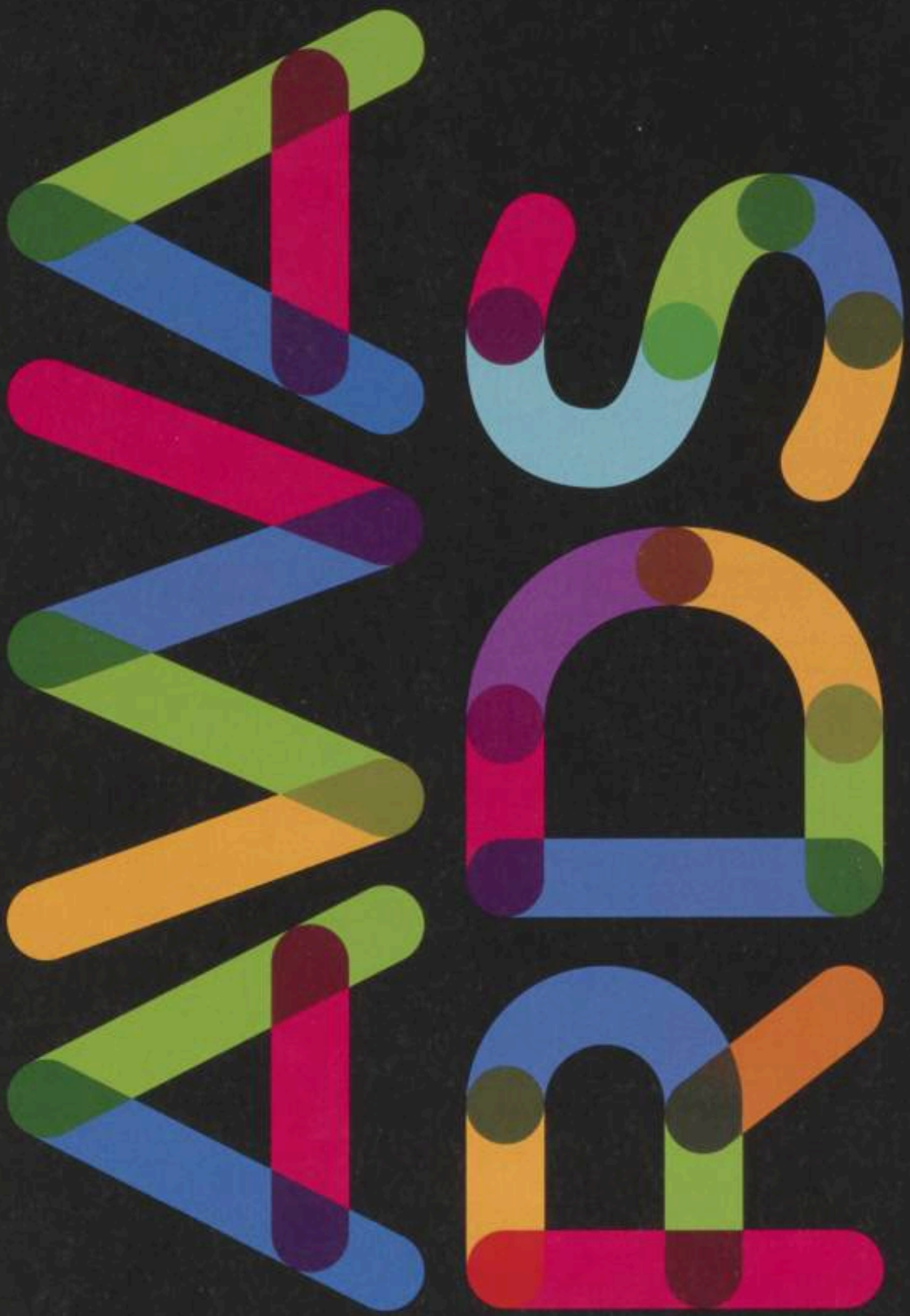
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SPIRIT OF STONEWALL

Advocate of the Year Award

Acknowledges outstanding persons, organizations, events, or businesses working to make a difference in the community through advocacy or service.



LISA MIDDLETON

***USA Today* recently named Lisa to their 2018 Faces of Pride list as the face of California.**

Shattering the light blue, pink, and white glass ceiling, Lisa Middleton became the first transgender person ever elected to any non-judicial office in California when she was elected to Palm Springs City Council in November 2017.

Whether it's advocating for the Right to Equality, Freedom from Discrimination, and standing up for the Right to Marriage and Family, Lisa is an active community leader who works tirelessly, building bridges within the community and promoting collaborative relationships between neighborhoods and the people of Palm Springs.

Lisa has served as a member of the Palm Springs Planning Commission and as Chairwoman of the Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS). She is on the board of directors of Neighborhoods USA, Equality California Institute, and The LGBT Community Center of the Desert, among others.

Lisa has previously 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, and the Pastoral Council of Most Holy Redeemer Church in the Castro.

In her time as chair of ONE-PS, Lisa worked to improve cooperation and understanding between the neighborhoods, the city, and other civic organizations. ONE-PS has taken the lead on numerous neighborhood issues with a high degree of compassion and understanding of the people involved. Giving a voice for the right to own property while providing a platform for individuals from all walks of life to express their right to freedom of opinion and onformation is no easy task. But for Lisa, the role of community builder comes naturally.

Representing Palm Springs, she serves on the Sunline Board of Directors and the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, as well as on the following Coachella Valley Association of Governments Committees: Transportation, Energy & Environment, and Conservation.

She retired after serving 36 years with the State Compensation Insurance Fund of the State of California. At the time of her retirement she was the Senior Vice President of Internal Affairs with executive responsibility for Internal Audit, Fraud Investigation, Public Records, and Governance.

Lisa graduated from UCLA and received her master's in public administration from USC. She has also completed the UCLA LGBT Leadership Institute.

After 13 years together, Lisa and her wife, Cheryl, were married in July 2013. She is the proud parent of two accomplished educators.

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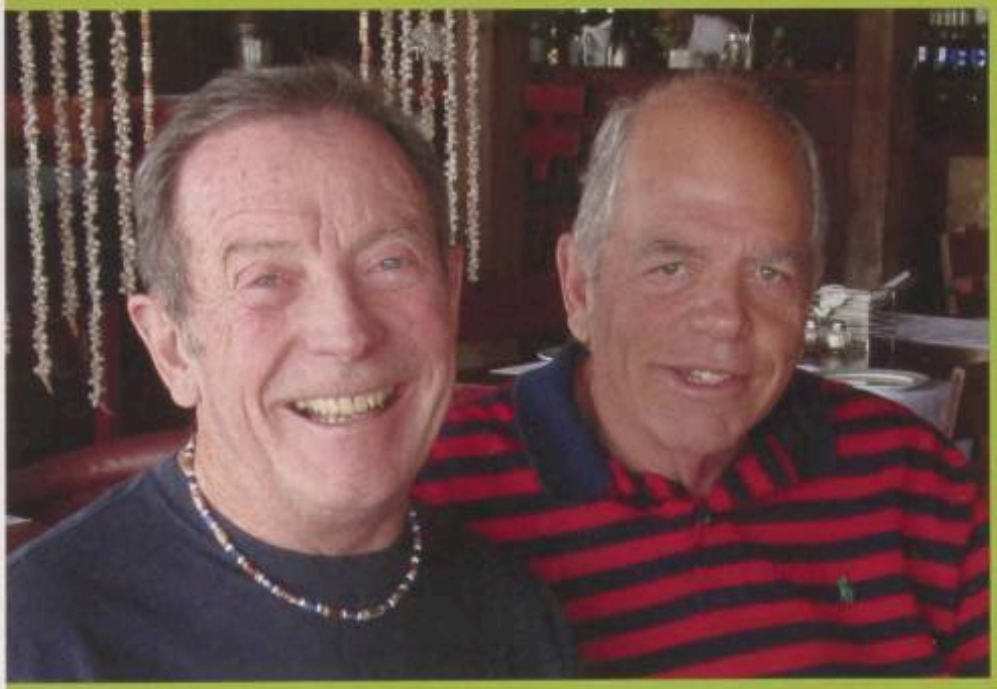
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DOUG HAIRGROVE AND WARREN "WOODY" WOOD

Doug and Woody were married in 2008 after a 47 year "engagement."

Teachers Doug Hairgrove and Warren "Woody" Wood have been tirelessly helping people for more than four decades. Doug taught English, journalism, yearbook, and ASB leadership while Woody was a librarian and in the vanguard of library automation at the K-12 level.

Both retired from teaching in 1994 and moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where Woody began a new career as a library automation consultant for Follett Software Company, served on the Board of the Santa Fe Desert Chorale, and sang in the New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus. Doug volunteered as a gay rights advocate, helped establish Faith Communities Against Hate Crimes, founded the Hate Crimes Crisis Line in northern New Mexico, and was an active member and program chair of PFLAG. He also held several board positions for the Santa Fe Human Rights Alliance.

During the New Mexico legislative sessions, both men testified during committee hearings on LGBT issues; Doug is especially proud of the transgender inclusive equal rights law passed in 2003.

During this time, both Doug and Woody held active leadership roles at St. Bede's Episcopal Church in Santa Fe. They also traveled to high schools to provide guidance and support to Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) clubs, advisors, and administrators to ensure equal rights for all youth.

When the couple moved back to Palm Springs in 2003, Doug was founding member of Safe Schools Desert Cities and until recently served as its president. Woody was a founder and president of the Vista Norte neighborhood organization. He was also active in planning and presenting the annual desert-wide Rainbow Youth Summit for GSA members and advisors and for organizing and leading the Pride Prom (2012-present) for GSA students and their friends from across the Coachella Valley and High Desert.

In 2012, Greater Palm Springs Pride recognized Doug and Woody as Spirit of Stonewall Volunteers of the Year.

Woody is a member of PFLAG and Stonewall Democrats. Doug currently serves on the Palm Springs Police Department Outreach Committee to the LGBT community and the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast Committee. He coordinated youth participation in the Palm Springs Pride Parade (2011-2018) and he continues as a member of PFLAG and Stonewall Democrats.

Doug and Woody fell in love during their senior year at the University of Redlands and were married in California in 2008 after a 47-year "engagement."

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DENISE GOOLSBY

"I'm appreciative and humbled by this award. I'm proud to be honored by an organization that has been close to my heart over these many years."

Denise Goolsby has served as the City of Palm Springs Office of Neighborhoods Manager since October 2016. In this capacity, she serves as a liaison between the city and Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS), a group of 45 officially recognized neighborhoods. It's a job she truly adores — working with residents in a teamwork-oriented environment and forging new relationships.

Denise worked for more than 13 years at *The Desert Sun* as a reporter and columnist and continues to write for the paper part time. She received the Publisher's Award in 2010 for her work interviewing more than 400 local World War II veterans. In 2016, she received the Riverside County Historical Commission's Achievement Award: Outstanding Contributions to Local History for stories she's written over the years about the history of the Coachella Valley.

Denise owned and operated the Bee Charmer Inn hotel in Palm Springs from 1996–2002, during which she became an active member of the community and served in various volunteer positions, including president of the Palm Springs Hotel Association, Desert Gay Tourism Guild, and chair of the Palm Springs Human Rights Commission. During her tenure on the commission, commissioners worked with the city attorney to draft a Domestic Partnership Ordinance (Ordinance No. 1578) extending to unmarried domestic partners certain rights afforded married couples. The Palm Springs City Council passed the ordinance unanimously on Jan. 5, 2000.

Denise served as vice chair on the Greater Palm Springs Pride Board of Directors and was editor of the *Pride* magazine in 1999 and 2000. She was also a member of the original Palm Springs Homeless Task Force and concurrently served on the Palm Springs Police Advisory Committee; she was appointed by Gov. Gray Davis to the Mt. San Jacinto Winter Park Authority (Tram Board). Denise was awarded the Desert Business Association's Business Person of the Year Award in 2000 and received the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism's Golden Palm Hall of Fame Award in 2002.

Denise feels her career has come full circle since she moved to the desert from her hometown in the San Gabriel Valley in 1996 to run the hotel, returning to work as a city employee after spending her first years in Palm Springs as a business owner.

She says it has been inspirational watching the growth of Greater Palm Springs Pride over the years, and she is both "appreciative and humbled" by this award, saying, "I'm proud to be honored by an organization that has been close to my heart over these many years."

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LENA INGRAM

"I really hope that I can and have inspired people in the smallest way to live their dreams."

Recognized as an up-and-coming leader who aspires to further the rights and medical care of transgender people in the world, Lena Ingram is the recipient of the 2018 Emerging Leader Award.

Six years ago, after calling the Bay Area home for 37 years and seeking out a climate to better the health of her mother, Lena arrived in Palm Springs. After spending even a short period of time with Lena, one realizes she cherishes a loving bond with her mother, Nancy. Lena is guided in life by principles learned every day at home. "Mama always says, 'Treat people the way you want to be treated; leave a place better than you found it; and your looks may get you through the door, but your brain will keep you in the room.'"

Lena, who is a mixed media artist, is active in the community as a volunteer; she is a spokesperson on issues and fears transgender people face; and she serves on various committees, including the Palm Springs Police Department LGBT Outreach Committee and the National HIV Testing Day Committee that brings local health, resource, and transgender groups together for the greater good of the trans community.

Recently she has been serving as a facilitator of Trans Talk during Trans Tuesdays at The LGBT Community Center of the Desert. She has also served on the Equality March for Unity & Pride committee, which was a grassroots movement that mobilized diverse LGBTQ communities to peacefully oppose efforts to persecute and discriminate against LGBTQ individuals.

In 2015, Lena worked with others to bridge cis- and transgender communities by creating a safe space where all genders are welcome. They organized and established a resource and networking group named The Lunch Ladies. In addition to organizing monthly social lunches, the group provides an online source of information and connects with and directs trans people in need to resources and services across the desert.

Lena has provided inspiration and guidance to others by publicly sharing her journey as a transgender woman. She also collaborated for seven months with a team to create a protocol for her insurance provider to approve outside surgeon Dr. Marci Bowers for Gender Reassignment Surgery. The protocol is now a template for the insurance company to streamline the client approval process in about a month once basic pre-surgery criteria have been met.

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LYNN HAMMOND

"She has never shied away from being involved in matters political, social, or benevolent that affect the LGBTQ community."

Andy Linsky, 2009 Community Grand Marshal

Lynn Hammond is an inspiration for her community involvement and volunteerism and for defining what success looks like when you are a socially minded business entrepreneur.

Lynn hails from the San Francisco Peninsula. After high school she went to Boston for college but then returned to her Bay Area roots where she started a career in financial services. Finding that unsatisfying and wanting more, she discovered a new passion as a professional chef on sailboats.

Lynn, skilled in a diverse range of cuisine styles and inspired by the ability to create memorable experiences through food, has a catering and culinary career that spans the last 32 years. After sailing, Lynn purchased and operated a takeout restaurant in Menlo Park for 12 years. When her mom was admitted to a rehab center for severe Alzheimer's, she felt it was time for a change and moved to Palm Springs. Once in the desert, she restarted her culinary work catering the Palm Springs Opera Guild events.

Lynn has now been in the desert for 19 years and has not only thrived in her business, operating Lynn Hammond Catering, but has leveraged her success by generously donating her time, talent, and financial resources to causes that move her and help create the society and community she envisions.

She has been involved with the Human Rights Campaign for 12 years in various capacities, including co-chairing its annual Palm Springs Garden Party and most recently being elected to its National Board of Governors.

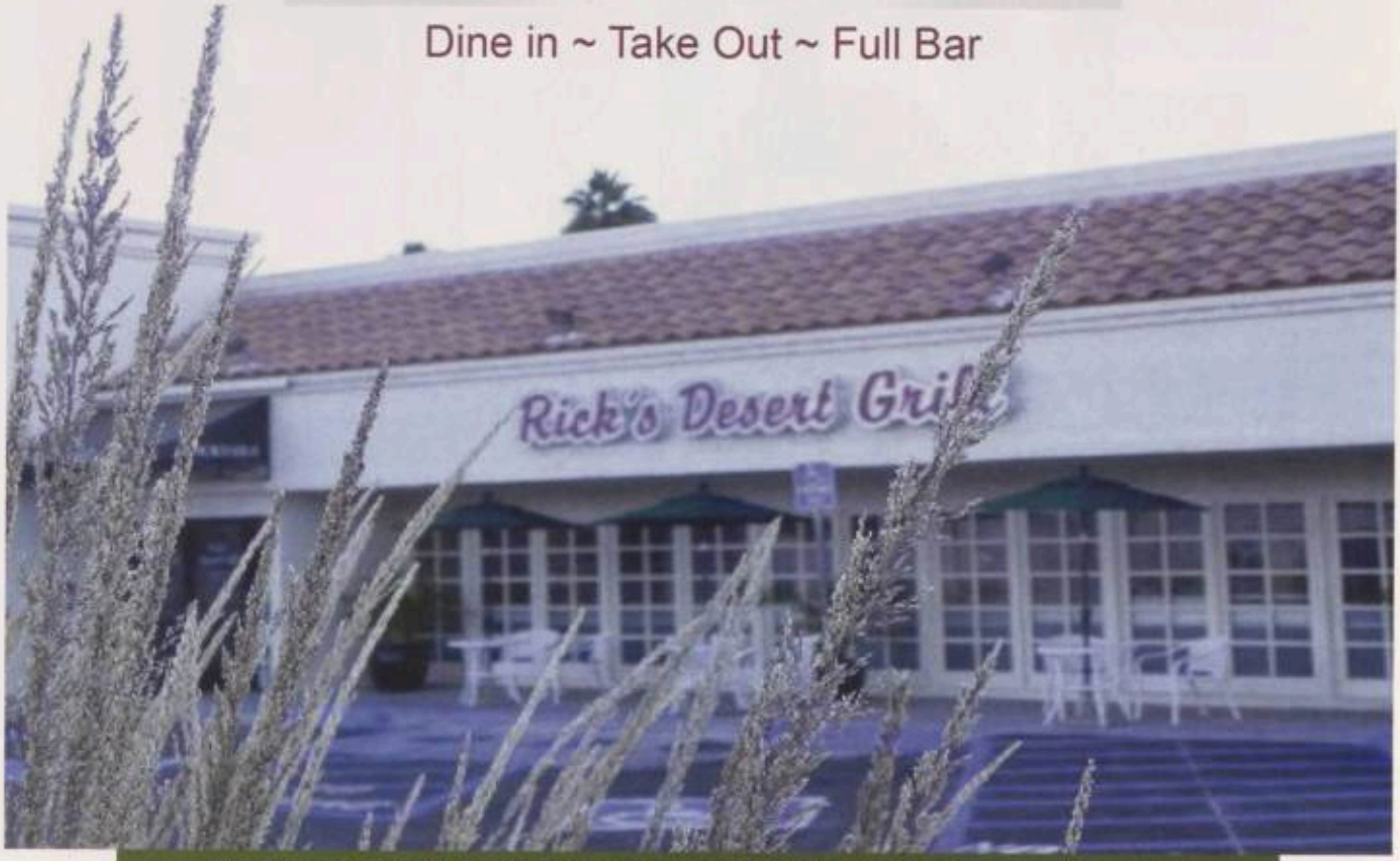
Lynn is a passionate advocate and has been actively involved with the National Center for Lesbian Rights for six years, and she has served on the Desert AIDS Project (DAP) Partners for Life leadership committee for the last four years. As a longtime community volunteer, she is also involved with the LGBT Community Center of the Desert and serves as a member of the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast Coalition.

Her work in the community was recently recognized when, on World AIDS Day 2017, she was honored as an Everyday Hero by DAP.

On any given week, Lynn can be seen behind the scenes at a charity event, fundraiser, appreciation party, or at any one of the dozens of nonprofit organizations she supports.

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SHERRY FULTON

She is passionate and perhaps most proud of her volunteer work with the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project (OLOHP).

From selling Girl Scout Cookies to documenting the life stories of lesbians, Sherry Fulton is a volunteer who works behind the scenes and demonstrates leadership by helping others.

Service in the community has played an important role in Sherry's life. In her formative years, she was a Girl Scout and a planetarium guide, and as a mother, she helped with local high school band programs on top of expected parental volunteering.

As an adult, Sherry was afraid of coming out. After taking the bold step in her 40s, she came out to colleagues, to family, and to friends. That year she carried the Minnesota state flag in the Pride Parade for the Freedom Band. Her life changed.

Still in Minnesota, she volunteered with the Twin Cities LGBT Pride organization and then at the Stonewall 25 celebration which took place in New York on June 26, 1994.

After moving to Palm Springs, she volunteered with Greater Palm Springs Pride and for several years supported the work on the model train exhibit at the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens.

Sherry is currently a volunteer for the Mizell Senior Center, Palm Springs Animal Shelter, Courageous Resistance, and Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast. You will also find her working events for Old Lesbians Organizing for Change alongside Ruth Debra who she married on Oct. 11, 2008.

In many situations, Sherry, who prefers not to go to meetings, is the devoted volunteer giving of her time behind the scenes, helping with logistics and event operations. She doesn't shy away from any task; if something needs to be assembled, carried, or set up she will be there and the job will get done.

Sherry is passionate and perhaps most proud of her volunteer work with the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project (OLOHP). The project has gathered and preserved the life stories of hundreds of lesbians 70 years of age and older. OLOHP has been collecting stories for 30 years, and Sherry has been interviewing lesbians over the age of 70 for seven years.

On her volunteer role with OLOHP, Sherry said, "If these stories are not collected, they will die with lesbians as so many have. It has been a fascinating task. And it's been such a privilege to meet so very many fascinating and wonderful old lesbians."

Born in California, Sherry grew up in Manhattan Beach. At the age of 12 her family moved to what Sherry referred to as "the scenic and liberal state of Oklahoma." She lived in the Midwest triangle between Oklahoma; Memphis, Tennessee; and Minnesota before returning to California in 2003 and settling in Palm Springs.


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The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence is a worldwide charitable organization. Community members manifest as a Sister, a Brother, or as a Guard and promote the organization as an order of 21st-century nuns with a mission of promulgation of universal joy and expiation of stigmatic guilt. The core mission and commitment to the organization philosophy calls on members to work with others, have a desire to learn and grow, serve the community with faith and without judgment, and to uplift each person's spirit.

Since the formative first meeting on Nov. 26, 2005, the Palm Springs Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence have participated in many community events throughout the Coachella Valley. Members promote the organization's mission and raise funds to provide financial support to local LGBT charities.

Last year, the nonprofit organization celebrated 10 years of being a Fully Professed house. The anniversary also marked a milestone in the amount that had been raised and donated to local charities and programs. Over the last 10 years, The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence have raised and donated over $100,000. Charities and causes that have benefited include Desert AIDS Project, AIDS Assistance Program, the Palm Springs Animal Shelter, Transgender Community Coalition, Diversity DHS, local gay-straight alliances, and others.

The calling to be a Sister of Perpetual Indulgence allows a person to get to know themselves better and find an outlet to express behavior and emotions that may have been suppressed for fear of being different or criticized, or for fear for one's safety and one's own life. That fear, also known as stigmatic guilt, is what the organization fights against every day.

As a house composed of many individuals from across the spectrum of the LGBT community, the personal identities and unique talents are combined to minister and serve in the community. Ultimately, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are reflections of the community they serve and fortunately, the organization intends to continue serving the Coachella Valley for years to come.



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Fighting for Liberation

We know how to fight for ourselves, our families, and our communities, and we know how to keep each other safe.

By Kris Hayashi, executive director of Transgender Law Center





Top: The first trans caravan to cross the border in August 2017. Above: Kris Hayashi.

We are living in a time of intense violence and hatred, and there is a lot of fear in transgender and gender-nonconforming communities. The number of murdered transgender women of color continues, horrifically, to rise. We are criminalized and arrested at alarming rates, while Trump and Sessions pledge to put transgender people in prison in unsafe and abusive conditions by denying us housing that corresponds to our gender identities. Transgender women are fleeing deadly violence across the globe and seeking asylum in the United States, only to be held in inhumane detention conditions that can quite literally kill them. Roxsana Hernandez, one such woman who undertook a brutal journey this spring in the hope of finding safety in the U.S., died in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shortly after presenting herself at the border. The Supreme Court will almost certainly add another conservative extremist to its ranks, tipping the Court toward a radical majority that will likely target the rights and safety of transgender people for decades to come.

But it's important to remember that when Transgender Law Center (TLC) was founded 16 years ago, the rights and visibility we have today were not even in sight. Before all of our movement's legal and policy wins, we took care of each other and we fought for our rights and for justice. As a trans-led organization with a strong legal arm, TLC knows that while the legal system can be used to provide relief for injustice, it was built to maintain unjust systems of power and marginalize our communities.

That's why TLC has long held that we must resist not only through courts and legislatures but through rallying together, organizing, and supporting each other as we have always done. Our Black LGBTQ Migrant Project and Trans Immigrant Defense Effort are working to build community power to tackle dangerous narratives and conditions. Too often the conversation around immigration is narrowly defined, erasing the abuse of transgender women in detention and the existence of black LGBT migrants who could be killed or jailed because of their identities if deported. Through TRUTH, a joint program with GSA Network, transgender youth are challenging the limiting stereotypes and stories about what it means to be young and trans. Transgender people living with HIV are forming their own network, telling their own stories, and developing their own advocacy strategies with the support of our Positively Trans project.

As we face an increasingly hostile climate, we must continue to center those of us who are most targeted, including trans folks who are Muslim, black, living with HIV, young, undocumented, and disabled. And of course we must continue to fight fiercely in the courts as we work on the ground to build up a trans-led movement for justice.

Trans and gender-nonconforming people are resilient. We know how to fight for ourselves, our families, and our communities, and we know how to keep each other safe. TLC is drawing on that history and that strength as we continue doing what it takes to keep transgender and gender-nonconforming people alive, thriving, and fighting for liberation.

Transgender Law Center

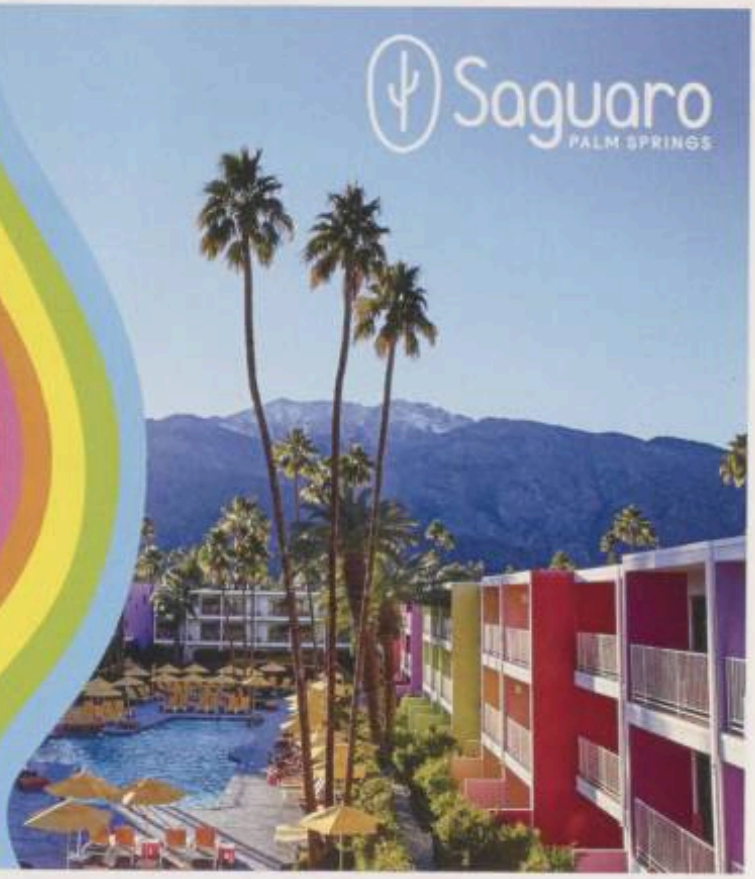
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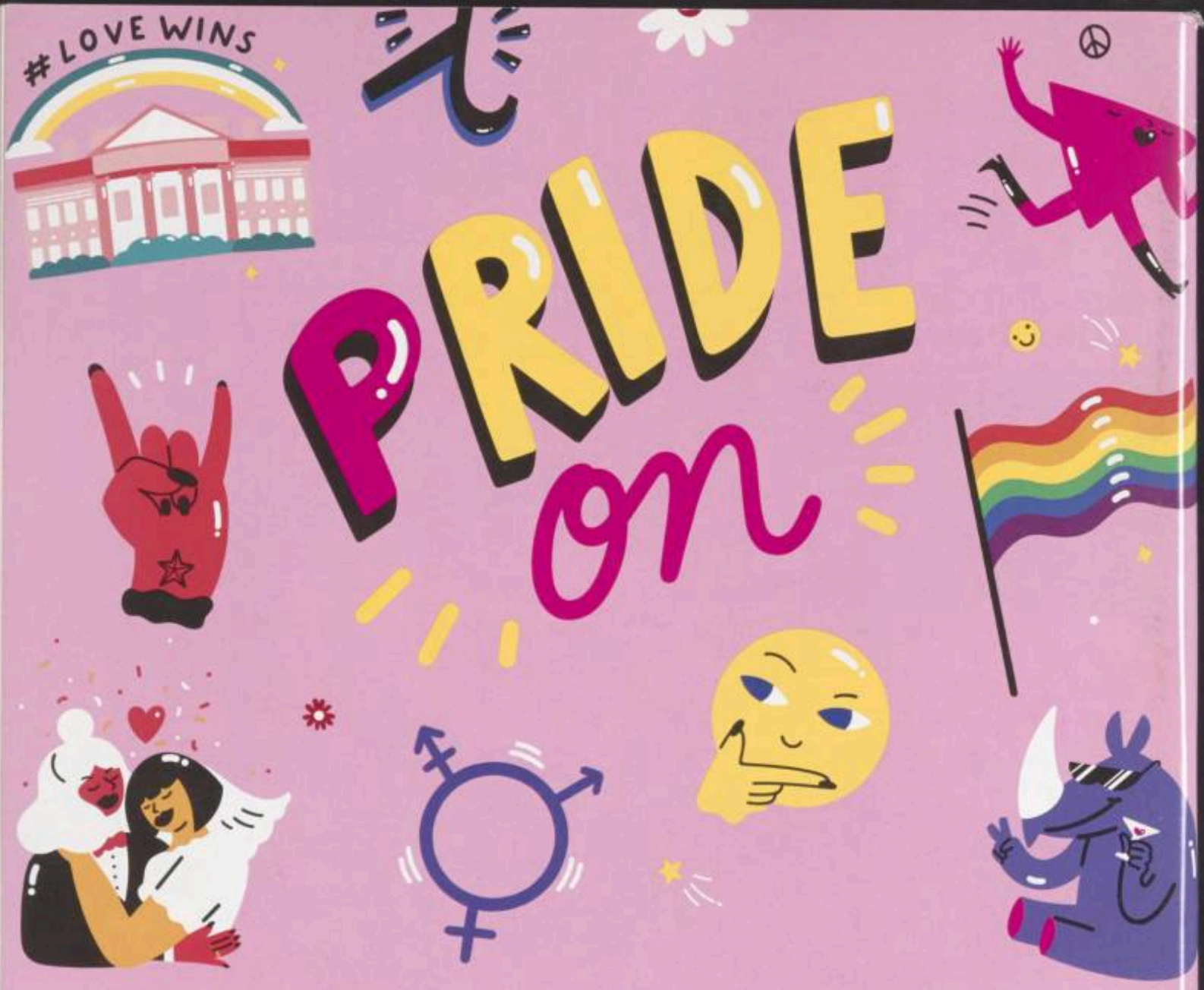


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