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The History of Martin Luther King Day

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From Wikipedia: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (officially Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.) is an American federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around King's birthday, January 15. The holiday is similar to holidays set under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

King was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years
later. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000."

Thank you for changing the world, Dr. King. Â Your dream is alive!

**Have lunch with Emmy Award-winning actress Loretta Swit**

Wednesday at Noon, at the CVRep Luminary Luncheon, in front of the live luncheon audience, Don Martin will interview Loretta Swit. Â It all takes palce at the Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa, and tickets are only $45

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From Wikipedia: Â “Loretta Jane Swit (born November 4, 1937) is an American stage and television actress known for her character roles. Swit is best known for her portrayal of Major Margaret "Hot Lips" Houlihan, Major Frank Burns' love interest on M*A*S*H, for which she won two Emmy Awards.”

Best known for her portrayal of M*A*S*H’s Major Margaret “Hot Lips” Houlihan, Loretta Swit won two Emmys for her work on the show. Â In the years since M*A*S*H concluded, Ms. Swit has been a guest star on everything from Love Boat to Murder, She Wrote and Diagnosis Murder, with many a TV movie in between. She has also found time to make her Broadway debuts in straight plays and musicals alike, and won a Sarah Siddons Award for starring in the play Shirley Valentine for almost three years in Chicago. Â Although known to millions all over the world for her work on stage and screen.

Ms. Swit has also been painting since she was six-years-old, and is known in the field of fine arts primarily for her watercolor portraits of animals. A collection of Ms. Swit’s watercolors have been compiled into a new book entitled SwitHeart: The Watercolour Artistry & Animal Activism of Loretta Swit.

At Amazon.com, we learn, "SwitHeart chronicles the artwork of TV icon Loretta Swit, a true champion of the animal kingdom. Watercolorist, award-winning animal activist and actress, Ms. Swit is renowned for her starring role on TV’s most honored series, M*A*S*H, for which she won two EMKYs and worldwide acclaim.”
What many fans may not know about the multi-talented thespian is that Ms. Swit has been an artist from age six. SwitHeart documents her animal portraits along with descriptive anecdotes about each and her extensive philanthropic work. Ms. Swit said, “I am thrilled to see my passion for animals and my passion for art merge in a book that will help benefit and protect the animals on our planet.”

SwitHeart includes 65 full-color paintings and drawings, as well as 22 photographs. Proceeds from the book will be donated to charities and programs that are as dedicated, as Ms. Swit is, to ending animal suffering and cruelty.

Tickets to the luncheon must be purchased in advance online or by calling the CVRep Box Office. 760-296-2966 

Dezart Performs Clybourne Park

Clybourne Park, the black (and white) comedy by Bruce Norris, opened this past weekend and the buzz is on, with performances Fridays and Saturdays @ 7:30 PM; Saturdays and Sundays @ 2:00 PM.

This razor-sharp Tony award-winning comedy takes a jab at race and real estate in a fictional Chicago neighborhood. The play begins in 1959 as a black family moves into a white enclave. Act Two takes us back to the same house in 2009 as gentrification sets in and the roles are reversed. One agile ensemble of actors plays two sets of characters in what The Washington Post deemed “one of the feistiest, funniest evenings in years.”

We’ll have a review next week, but there’s no doubt that this is a must see!

More Info

Photo of the Month

Our #1 Love Gay Palm Springs Photo of the Month also comes from our 30th Annual Pride celebration with two members of Cheer Los Angeles – Edwin and Marcelino Valenciac who were married in September. The photo was titled “Follow the rainbow brick road!” and appeared on Instagram.

From their Facebook page: “Award winning Cheer LA is a dedicated group of volunteers seeking to promote spirit, unity and diversity in the community through dynamic Cheer, Dance and Stunt performances. Our objective is focused on raising awareness and funds for HIV/AIDS charities and organizations through our Cheer for Life fund.”

The couple will receive a $50 restaurant gift card for submitting the photo. You can win January’s contest! Just post and tag a photo of yourself or something of interest about Palm Springs on Instagram or Twitter with #1Love Gay Palm Springs and message us when you post it!

Hot Deals
Gorge yourself on $25 worth of food and drinks and pay just $12.50 at Pinocchio in the Desert and Watercress Vietnamese Bistro. Pinocchio, at 134 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, is known for its Sunday brunch with a bottomless glass of bubbly. Watercress, 415 North Palm Canyon, offers a trendy taste of Southeast Asia. Get your 50%-off Hot Deals at GayDesertGuide.LGBT

Find All Current Hot Deals Here

Top Bookmarks of the Week

1. Palm Springs Modernism Week Entices With Robust Offerings in 11-Day February Festival
2. Palm Springs Area Builders See Market For Small Houses
3. Tips for Having a Smooth Same-Sex Wedding Ceremony on Wedding Reality Check
4. Temecula Winemakers Are Sick Of The Haters. They Want To Change Your Mind About SoCal Wine
5. Coachella Valley Storytellers Project Returns for 2017

Happy Hour at Wang’s is indeed a few hours of happiness inside, outside and every day at the Palm Springs tavern and eatery. Happy Hour is from 3 PM to 7 PM Monday through Thursdays; from 3 PM to 8 PM Saturdays; and from 3 until closing Sundays.

Wang’s offers excerpts from the menu at Happy Hour prices to go with the drinks, which includes: $3 Wine & Chardonnay; $4 Well Cocktails; $5 Margaritas & Mai Tais; $6, 10-ounce Martinis; and $6 vodka specials. The Friday Happy Hour is Boy’s Night Out at Wang’s and features DJ House Whores. It’s the place to see and be seen for locals and visitors alike.
At the bar in the Congo Room Restaurant and Lounge at 411 E. Palm Canyon Drive, itâ€™s Happy Hour all day, every day. Bar food, a snack-sized portion of menu items, are $6, and the mixed drinks â€“ Sea Breeze Ice Tea, Tiki Breeze and the Hawaiian Sunset â€“ transport you to the South Pacific. The drink menu also includes $5 well drinks, $5 house wines and $3 Rolling Rock and Pabst Blue Ribbon beers. Note: the Congo Room is attached to the Caliente Tropics Resort hotel, for those who get really happy.

Find All Our Happy Hours Here

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Welcome New Partners

Welcome aboard Moxie, a rooftop bar and lounge. Located about Broken Yolk, at 262 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Moxie opens at 4 PM, will feed you until midnight and keeps the live entertainment going at night. Broken Yoke, downstairs, takes care of your for breakfast and lunch!
ZIN American Bistro continues to be one of the most celebrated restaurants in the heart of downtown Palm Springs. Open daily for lunch and dinner; Endless Champagne and Mimosa with Brunch on Saturday and Sunday starting at 11AM. We're glad to have Mindy as a new partner at ZIN and her sister restaurant, Alicante Rated #1 Spanish and #2 for Mediterranean in Palm Springs on YELP!

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