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LAVISH WEDDING PLANS

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ELLEN DeGeneres and her girlfriend, **Portia de Rossi**, will tie the knot in a big way. Now that gay marriage is legal in California, the couple have set a wedding date, although they haven't said when. Now an insider tells Page Six they plan to hold the nuptials at the Riviera Resort and Spa in Palm Springs. "They didn't sign the contract yet, but they're working out final details and security," said the source. "The hotel is doing \$70 million in renovations that will be done in October. They said they wanted to have the ceremony in the tropical gardens by the pool and the reception in the grand ballroom. They will also close a significant portion of the hotel, so it looks big."

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