We Made a Mistake

An apology from the editor-in-chief of POZ for a production error in the October/November print issue.

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When an error is made, it's usually best in the end to be upfront about it. At least that's been my experience. So here it goes: Due to a production error, we made a mistake on the cover of the current October/November print issue of POZ.

The updated POZ October/November 2021 cover.

Each year our October/November issue has a Latino theme. This year, we wanted to celebrate

Latin American countries by using their flags. We inadvertently omitted the Cuban flag by using the Puerto Rican flag twice.

That was not intentional. It was a mistake. We apologize. For online and social media purposes, we've updated the cover to include the Cuban flag. However, it's too late to reprint the cover, so print issues will still contain the error.

For those who may not know, the Cuban flag and the Puerto Rican flag are essentially mirror images. The Cuban flag has a red triangle with blue stripes and the Puerto Rican flag has a blue triangle with red stripes.

A last-minute image swap at the end of the production process created the error. Despite the similarities the flags share, this error should not have happened. As a Cuban American, I am particularly embarrassed by this error.

The incorrect POZ October/November 2021 cover.

That said, as the saying goes, to err is human. We hope our readers will accept our apology. We'll

continue to serve our audience to the best of our abilities, despite sometimes stumbling along the way.

Thanks for reading this post and many thanks for being a POZ reader!

P.S. A shout out to long-term survivor Xio Mara-Lopez for alerting us to this error! You can read more about her journey here.

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