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# DOC TALK



**Gerald Pierone, Jr., M.D.**

*Dr. Pierone was unable to submit a column this month, so I'm rerunning this one from May because, as that song says, "Trust me on the sun block thing."*

## **Welcome to Melanoma Land!**

You won't find this caption displayed anytime soon on Florida tourism posters but summer is here and so are more of the damaging ultraviolet rays that promote skin cancer. Although sun-worshippers might beg to differ, there is no question that the Florida sunshine should be consumed in moderation.

Why the concern about sun exposure? In one word – melanoma. Of all types of skin cancer, melanoma is the most feared. If the diagnosis is delayed, melanoma has the potential to spread to distant

sites and can be deadly. More than 44,000 people are diagnosed with melanoma every year in the United States and the rates have more than doubled over the last 20 years.

Melanoma is largely preventable because most cases are related to excessive sunlight exposure. People with fair skin and freckles are at higher risk, but melanoma can occur in anyone. The basic principles of prevention include limitation of sun exposure during peak UV hours (10am to 4pm), regular use of sunblock with sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 to 30, and use of sunglasses and wide-brimmed hats.

Despite our best intentions, melanoma is not always preventable. Studies have shown that risk of melanoma may actually be most closely related to sun exposure and

sunburns that occur during childhood. We can't go back and reverse our childhood and adolescent sun exposure, but can practice active surveillance of suspicious skin lesions as adults.

The hallmarks of melanoma are a dark spot on the skin which has irregular borders, variable color, size more than 6mm, and is asymmetric. Rapid growth in size is also worrisome. Since it may be difficult for even an experienced doctor to identify melanoma correctly it may be best for those at higher risk to see a dermatologist for regular skin examinations. Some people are at much higher risk of melanoma because of family history and may benefit from regular skin examinations and total body skin photography.

One must keep the risks of excessive sun exposure in perspective. After all, many of us chose to live in Florida precisely because we enjoy sunshine, water sports and activities. The key is moderation and sensible precautions, then go ahead and catch those rays. ▼

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*practice in Vero Beach, Florida since 1990. He specializes in the treatment of HIV and hepatitis C, and is actively involved in research. He is also the founder and medical director of the AIDS Research and Treatment Center of the Treasure Coast, a not-for-profit HIV clinic located in Ft. Pierce, Florida. Dr. Pierone is also co-host of an expert forum on [www.thebody.com](http://www.thebody.com) regarding HIV treatment.*

*Dr. Pierone is in his Vero Beach office at 3715 7th Terrace, Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm; at the AIDS Research and Treatment Center of the Treasure Coast (ARTCTC), 2407 Okeechobee Road in Ft. Pierce, Tuesday's from 9am until noon; in Melbourne Wednesday's, at 21 Suntree Place #102, 9am to noon. Dr. Pierone's phone number is 772-770-2664*

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What I saw....

For the last five months I've been running around meeting people and trying to get this magazine off the ground. I know every inch of US 1 from Titusville to Port St. Lucie. I've seen some amazing things and some really depressing things. I've put almost 20,000 miles on my car. I've made some great friends and had some real disappointments.

One of the disappointments is this column. I really expected that there would be a number of contributions. I didn't expect a flood of submissions, but I didn't expect the lack of interest, either. Since I don't have the time to write this column nor harangue friends, acquaintances and total strangers to write for me this is the last appearance of this column. Starting in the next issue will be a Horoscope Column by Jacqueline

I've had a couple of people express an interest in contributing columns on different topics, but those will

have to wait until there is sufficient advertising to allow me to expand the number of pages.

Now some venting:

Advertising. I've had several major disappointments there – people not living up to their commitments and listening to the most incredible excuses for not advertising. I constantly hear “because it's the bible belt” or “because it's so conservative” I understand that some people need to be closeted in order to keep their jobs, but when a business owner states that they can't advertise because they'll lose all their “straight” business, well I have to bite my tongue.

First of all, I don't understand why non-gays would read *Out on the Coast Magazine* – where would they get it and if they are reading it are they really non-gay and/or GLBT hostile. Second, if the business is delivering such a poor product or

service that their clientele would walk out over the owner's sexual orientation, then they should definitely consider a different line of business or else improve quality to earn customer loyalty. Would you believe a gay hairdresser worrying about being perceived as gay?

Next is something I don't understand at all: I offer a discount if you buy four ads and pre-pay. Three different people in three different industries listened to the pitch and signed a contract – which has the pre-pay condition in bold – and then announced that they were going to pay part. What's up with that? Not one of those business owners let their customers determine how and when they will pay. Everyone wanted the discount, but no one wanted to live up to the terms. I'm just not going to give special deals to people, that's not the way to build a long-term business – everyone gets the same deal.

Now that I've gotten that off my chest, I want to ask you to ask any gay business owner you know — that doesn't advertise in *Out on the Coast* — why they don't. If you want this magazine to continue and grow, I need more advertisers. I didn't win the lottery and I can no longer afford to underwrite the publication. I was hoping to be able to support this magazine with local advertisers – I know there are enough of them to make it work,

but now it looks like I'll have to turn to Orlando and West Palm Beach businesses in order to survive.

If you know of someone who should advertise send an email to [sales@ootcmag.com](mailto:sales@ootcmag.com) and ask them why they don't advertise. I want to succeed (and I know I'll never get rich off from this). I know you want me to keep going – people keep telling me how wonderful it is to have a magazine for us. I'll try to keep the magazine coast-business oriented, but I have to go where enough businesses support me. I don't plan on going the way of this column.



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# Tea Time

with Miss T

Pardon me my slip is showing. John F.'s last name is Medeiros. I really have to stop having the glass(es) of wine while I put the mag together!

I also have a couple of passings to report: The Cabana Grill in Fellsmere is no more. Francisco started the gay nights because the restaurant business wasn't enough to keep him going. Unfortunately what restaurant business he did have dried up before the bar nights picked up. So he just locked the doors and walked away a couple of weeks ago.

Second, Bombay Louie's in Vero tried gay night on Sundays – well a Sunday. They went for the 8 minute dating thing, but not enough people signed up and apparently not enough people showed up last Sunday, so they just closed it up. Hmhmhmhm. Neither advertised here. One advertised in the personals in the Press Journal. Both failed. Is there a lesson to be learned? Hello. If you want us to come, you need to let all of us know you're open. Oh, and if you can't hold out for a couple of months to let the crowd build, just don't start, OK?

Finally, I'm taking a break. We'll be back the last week of August. Promise. I just need time away from putting the 'zine together and focus on selling (and maybe I'll manage a day or two away to just zone out and relax).

I had lunch a couple of weeks ago at Show Time Deli in Titusville. Good food, very busy. Nice place, cute owners. Live music Fridays, DJ on Saturdays. Best wishes for success to Gwen and Kristen. I sincerely hope your customers don't find out you're lesbians and all run away. I think it's a good thing to have GLBT businesses and I like to support them. Maybe if we support each other we'll all grow together – hint, hint.

Speaking of support, Val at the Bellwood is a long-time community supporter. It's a good thing to know that you can stop in on your way back from Playalinda, and treat that hot number you picked up to dinner and a room. They're cute, clean and cozy and for \$35, a bargain you just can't find anywhere.

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## Hug-A-Butt Benefit



# Spiritually Speaking

*Family of God Community Church continues to offer Worship Services on Sundays 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 & Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. They are located at 801 Forrest Avenue in Cocoa. They are an open community serving Central Brevard County. You may browse their website at [www.familyofgodbrevard.org](http://www.familyofgodbrevard.org) for a complete listing of all their church events.*

We all seem to have expectations of what and where God should be in our lives. Some of us may have lower expectations than others but never the less... expectations are a part of life.

Normally in healthy interactions of life we carry expectations of all our relationships. Our significant other, family, friends, co-

workers all need to meet some of the expectations we have placed on them. If they don't meet our expectations, than we sometimes compromise the inter-actions we have with that person. I expect...and if our expectations aren't met than we pull away and lessen that relationship.

This is how some handle their relationship with their God. God didn't meet what I expected of him so I will lessen his presence in my life.

The gifts we share as a free-willed human being allow us to enrich as well as minimalize our relationships not only with one another but also with our creator. We can tend to speak for the feelings of others without regard to the reality of what that relationship offers to us; good or bad.

Institutional Churches sometimes place expectations of God before us, with the hope that the gift of free will should lead us to their way of theology and thinking. We have all been subject to church doctrines of many forms, and for most of us we were not able to meet those expectations and of course God becomes minimalized and fractioned from our relationships.

Jesus himself never hurt anyone. His ministry of teaching and conversion was to open our hearts, minds and lives to a deeper relationship with God his father. Jesus enabled and empowered his believers to continue his gift of ministry to enrich the relationships people had with their God and with one another, NOT destroy them.

Jesus showed us that LOVE was the center of his ministry on earth. Acceptance, conversion and healing were a central focus of his life here on earth. It was the human-ness of others that crucified him. His teachings threatened nothing but challenged others to live as God has called them to live. His ministry, His teachings and his love led him to be crucified.

So pray and meditate on your expectations and your relationships... An open and healthy heart leads you to unconditional love, unconditional forgiveness and most of all unconditional acceptances. That's the peace that God offers to all of us. Whether you're Afro-American, Indian, Caucasian, Straight, Bi, Gay a relationship with your God is a reality to be celebrated. You are God's creation, a true gift and a true and lasting relationship.

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# News Bits

## NSU Scholarship Promotes Tolerance Florida

It was a parent's wish to honor her son Gordon's life that led Eve Rose to establish a scholarship at Nova Southeastern University (NSU)'s Center for Psychological Studies this year in order to promote tolerance and understanding of gays and lesbians in South Florida.

The creation of the scholarship highlights how the psychological establishment's view of homosexuality has changed dramatically in recent years. Just three decades ago, psychiatrists and the scientific community defined homosexuality as a human mental illness—something to be cured, not tolerated. Not until the burgeoning social pressure of the gay rights movement demanded change in how Americans viewed and categorized gays and lesbians did the country's mental healthcare workers surrender their focus on unsuccessful treatment and correction and move the nation instead toward understanding, social acceptance and tolerance.

The A. Gordon Rose Scholarship: Another View is the result of a \$100,000 gift by the Hollywood, Florida-based family. Gordon Rose,

56, who was the driving force behind the development of the Tanglewood Music Festival, never told his mother that he was gay.

## Bike it & B.E.A.R. it for AIDS South Florida/Vero Beach



We are very excited about this event and your participation in it. We are very excited about our upcoming fundraiser and your participation. We are grass roots-drive organization who's goal is to improve the lives of those infected and affected with HIV/AIDS. Today, Florida ranks #2 in the nation for HIV/AIDS, a less then distinguishable recognition. We know with your help and the riders commitment to each raise at least \$1203, we can improve the lives of those already infected. We will succeed, because WE CAN, WE ARE ABLE, WE CANNOT FORGET, AND MUST REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED.

Vero Beach PFLAG President, Kevin Casey will be among those event participants. Contact Vero Beach PFLAG to help him to meet his commitment!!!!!!

## Gay Chorus Makes History Florida

Aug. 12—The Fort Lauderdale Gay Men's Chorus will be the first gay chorus ever to perform the national anthem at a Florida Marlin's game. Express publisher Norm Kent invited the chorus to perform as the organizer of an AIDS Awareness Fundraiser to benefit AIDS Project Florida and Care Resource.

Funding for the Fort Lauderdale Gay Men's Chorus is provided in part by The Express, TWN, Norwegian Cruise Line, American Express and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Division.

For more information about the Fort Lauderdale Gay Men's Chorus, call 954.832.0060.

## A trip to the video store turned into an ugly drama Florida

On Monday, July 14 two cousins in Boca Raton Adam Gleicher and his cousin, Ed Loomis, said they were waiting in line at the Blockbuster store at 7056 Beracasa Way when a woman behind them became impatient. According to Gleicher, the woman started yelling anti-gay epithets at them, followed them out to the parking lot and assaulted Gleicher with a videotape box.

The altercation began when Loomis inquired about a problem with his account. According to Loomis, while

he was discussing the situation with the clerk, the woman behind them said, "I'm a patient woman, but you're not opening a bank account." She then explained that her dog was in the car.

Gleicher told her that she shouldn't leave her dog in the car because it's against the law. According to Gleicher, the woman became progressively ruder and more impatient.

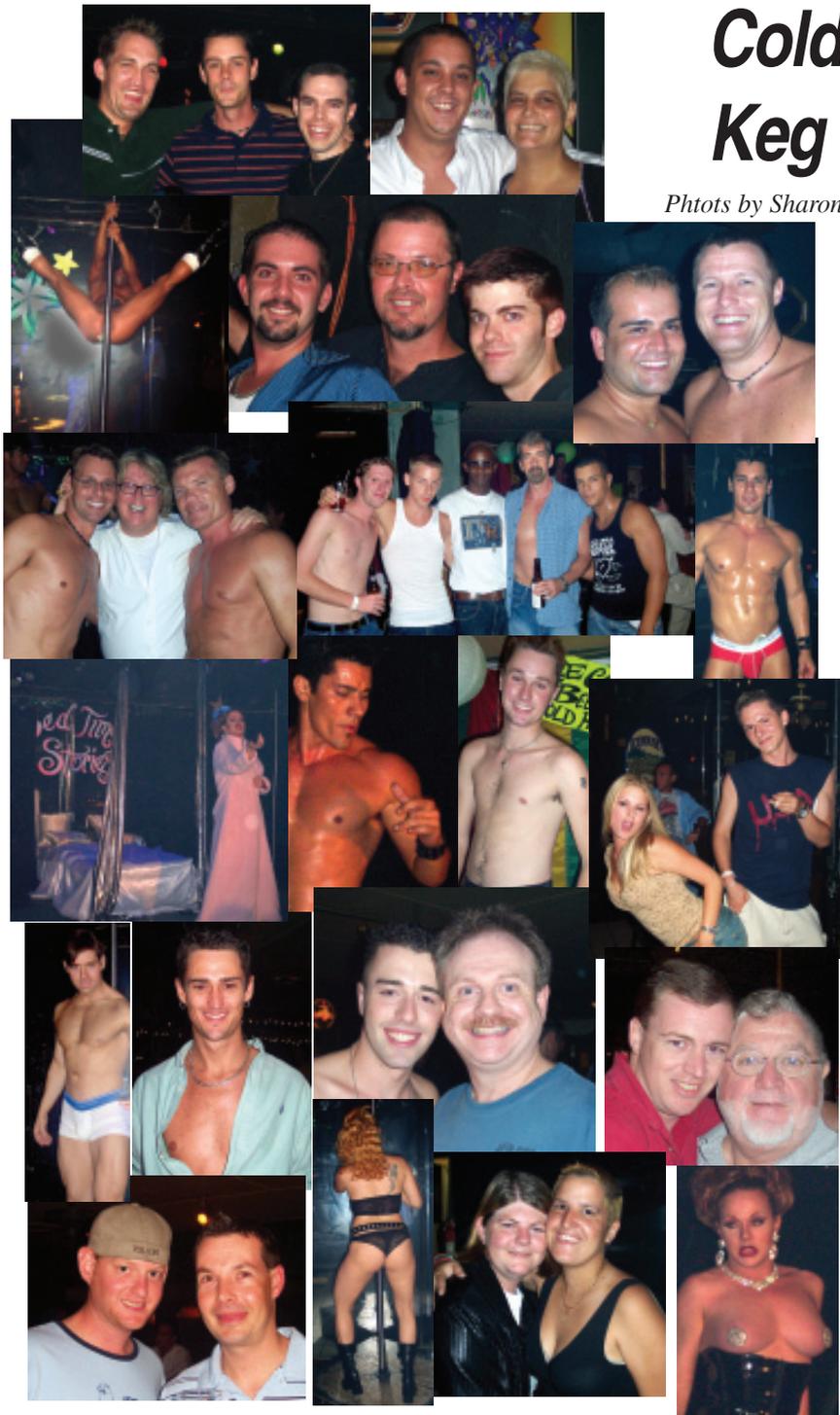
"While we were walking out to the car, she had more to say," Gleicher said. "She got really nasty and called us 'faggots,'" According to Gleicher, the woman said, "Go home and watch your movies, homos." Loomis said the woman also said, "I hate faggots."

Gleicher, who is heterosexual and married with children, then showed her his wedding ring. But the woman was apparently unimpressed. "She said, 'Oh, so you've got your gay lover with you, faggot,'" Gleicher said.

"I guess seeing two guys at the video store, she just assumed we were both gay," Gleicher said. "She made it very apparent that she did not like homosexuals, because that's all that kept coming out of her mouth."

As they were trying to leave, Gleicher said the woman hit him on the shoulder and left leg with the videotape box she was carrying. "She

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# Cold Keg

*Photographs by Sharon*

**Come Play With Us!**

**Saturday  
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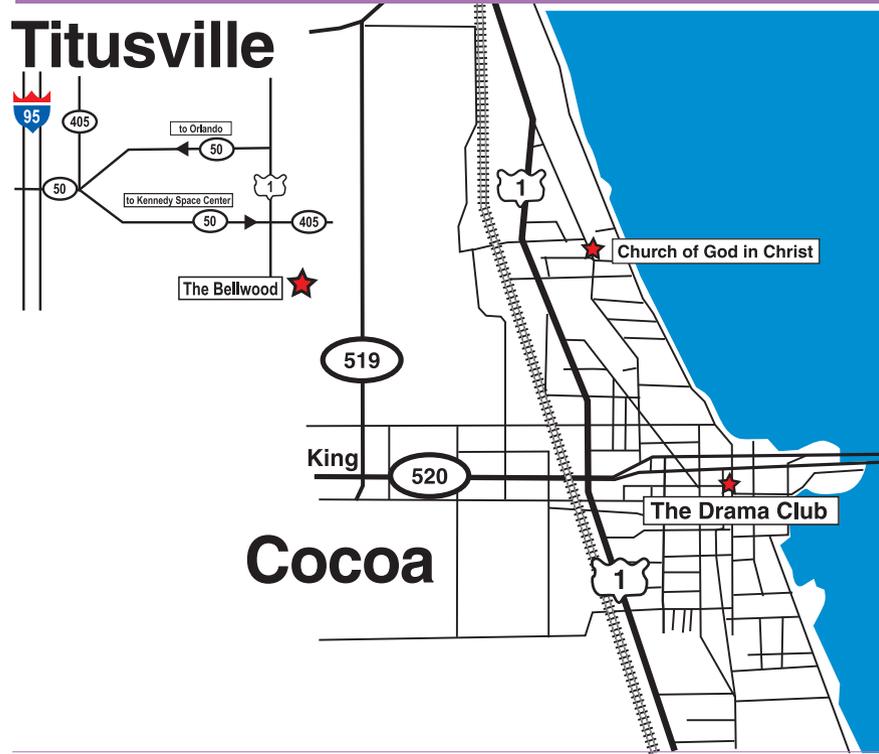
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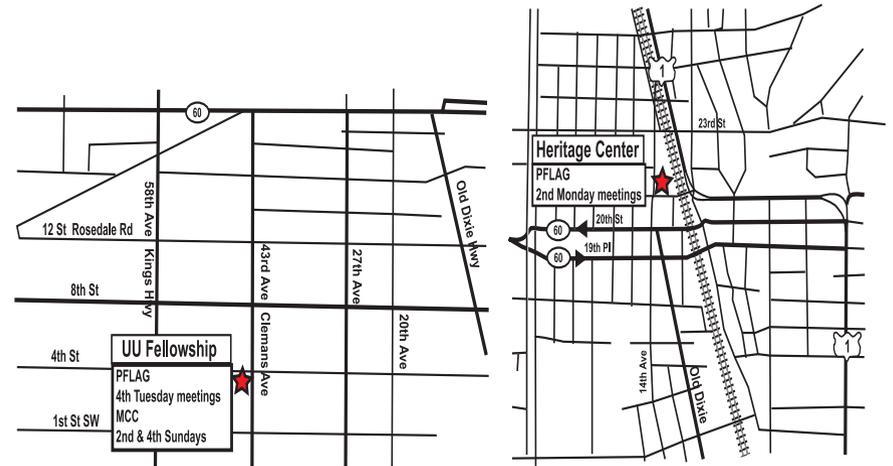
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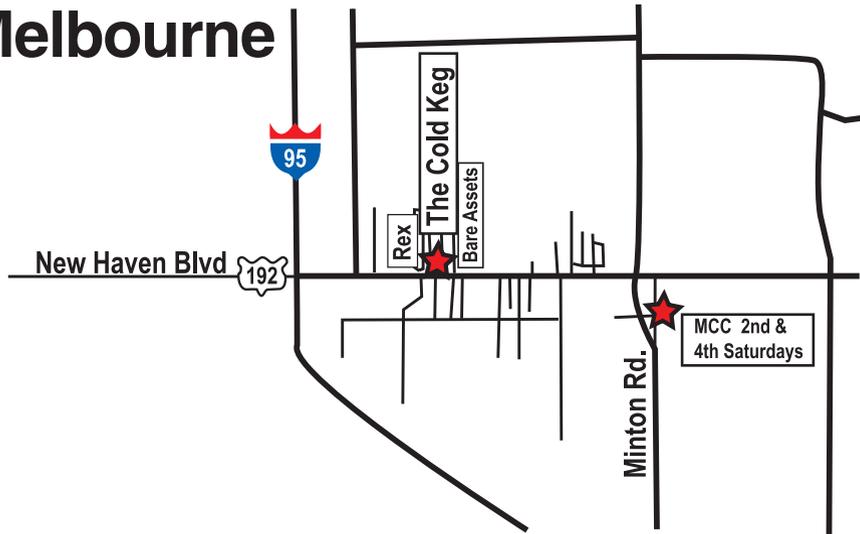


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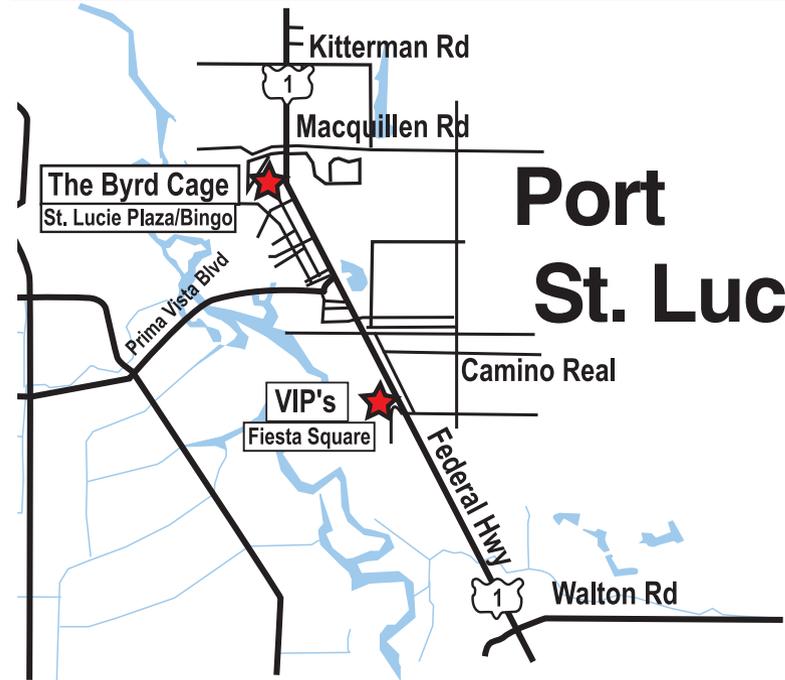
## Vero Beach



## Melbourne



## Port St. Lucie



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Speaking of anywhere, the Family of God in Christ church in Cocoa is rumored to be moving again. And not just to anywhere, but to a facility more suitable for a church— hopefully that means more parking, too. We'll let you know when we come back at the end of August. Let's hope they'll be able to grow back to a position to be able to open the community center again, soon.

And soon Rita at **The Drama Club** will be another year better. A Luau for a birthday party – sounds like fun to me. So August 9<sup>th</sup> you'll find me in Cocoa. Those theme parties are big hits – just check out the picture from the Heaven and Hell party. I heard from several different people that it was either a hell of a time or just heavenly – I guess the take depended on their prescription, I mean their disposition. It's great to know that some people from Port St. Lucie have made it up the coast to see the cute boys, I mean great shows. **The Drama Club** is always a great time and Alicia and Sassy make sure everyone is welcome. There's something special about how you can just hang out downstairs and into the mall that isn't matched by any other bar in our area. Of course, I can't not mention the **Miss Gay Sunshine State at Large** contest – an official preliminary for the Miss Gay US of A at Large – on August 16<sup>th</sup> at **The Drama Club**. With two past Miss Gay US of A at Large winners performing, as well as Alicia (the reigning Miss Gay US of A at Large) as well as surprise performers, there will be a lot show for your \$15 (\$20 at the door) so get your tickets now.

Supporting our community seems to be a theme throughout this issue and a quick glance at page 9 will show you an outstanding example of just that. **The Cold Keg's** benefit for Hug-A-Butt (Robert Strike) was incredible. Here's a man who worked behind the bar and made everyone feel special. Now he is undergoing cancer treatment and has no health insurance. With **Kelli Randell** and Roz Russell emceeing, the show featured the entire cast of **Club B!ird Cage** and then some. A couple of local performers plus a sexy boy who sort-of-stripped, a ton of food incredible raffles and even cover girls Rita and Gretchen from **The Drama Club** were on hand to make a difference. Over \$3,600 was collected at the event and by the time outside donations were counted, Hug-A-Butt walked away with more than \$4,100. Our hat's off to Sharon and **The Cold Keg** for caring and giving us a chance to show how much we care. To anyone who wasn't there or didn't participate: shame on you. Shame. Shame. Shame. The day may come when you turn to our community for support and we'll be there, but what goes around comes around.

Speaking of **The Cold Keg**, you don't know the lengths owners and managers have to go to insure that you have a good time and that there are new and

interesting thing for you to enjoy. Take new drinks, now they have to try them first and make sure they taste good and are practical as well (I get a sudden flash of the flaming drinks in Auntie Mame). Well, Sharon at **The Cold Keg** is always willing to put herself out to test out a new drink for you, this one is called a bellybutton, I think. The problem, though, is that a really cut six-pack means you have to pile up the whipped cream really tall to fit a shot in a bellybutton. Sharon promises to keep trying to perfect it though. Come to **The Cold Keg's** Blackout Party on the 19<sup>th</sup> and maybe you can try one, too!



And perfect is the August 9 benefit for Project Response at the Imperial's Hotel and Conference Center. It's a chance to support an important cause. \$75 gets you dinner and entertainment by Joe Davis of The Drifters. There'll be a silent auction and Brevard County Commissioner Jackie Colon will be the MC. Call Project Response at 312-724-1177 for tickets.



*Joe Davis*

PFLAG Vero Beach has officially set up a scholarship fund. The first benefit for it will be August 15<sup>th</sup> at Club B!ird Cage's Employee Turnabout night. There's a committee of five who will be putting together a proposal for the whole organization to approve in September, so when that happens you can be sure I'll let you know how the whole thing will work. Once PFLAG Vero Beach has adopted a plan there will be more benefits – maybe even one in Vero!

Speaking of the **Club B!ird Cage**, **Kelli Randell** is busy planning ahead. Getting Wednesdays going with Dominique and booking talent for Friday and Saturday and planning special parties means she needs a vacation again, but lots of fun for us! As I mentioned above the **Club B!ird Cage** Employee Turnabout night will be a hoot and the next big event will be Labor Day Weekend: their second annual Construction/Hardhat party. So it'll be a chance to butch it up for everyone and promises to be another great party!

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# Drama Club

photos:Woofy



# Miss Gay Sunshine State at Large

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**August 9th:** Melissa St. John  
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**August 16th:** Production Shows  
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**August 23rd:** 90's Party  
 Deja Devonier from Club Kashmir

**August 30th** VIP's welcomes back  
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VIP's

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wouldn't go away," Gleicher said. "She kept yelling at the two of us and using the same terminology. I told Ed, 'Get in the car, we're leaving.'" I never threatened her in any way. She stood behind the car and said, "You're not going anywhere."

Eventually the woman left, and Gleicher and Loomis went home.

Gleicher filed a report with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. According to the report, titled Case No. 03089951, "attempts were made to locate and identify the female, but were unsuccessful."

The report describes the "verbal altercation" and Gleicher's allegation that he was hit with the video box, but it does not include any of the anti-gay language that Gleicher recounted.

Julie Ann, a clerk at the Blockbuster store, only witnessed part of the altercation, but she corroborated much of what Gleicher said. "I was having a conversation [with Loomis], and she got really impatient," Julie Ann said. "I was like, 'Ma'am, don't start a fight. I heard her screaming at them. She shouted something at them as she walked out the door.'" Julie Ann said she didn't witness the incident in the parking lot.

"I've been discriminated against in my past job, and I never really did anything about it," said Loomis, who is openly gay. "But this time, I wanted

to do something about it."

### **Cuisine of Queens** Memphis, TN

Through Nov. 15—All "girls" who like to perform, along with all current and former pageant title holders, may submit their favorite recipes for the Spring 2004 edition of the Cuisine of Queens cookbook. Recipe categories for the book include Appetizer/Hors d'oeuvres, Dip, Soup/Salad, Main Course, Dessert, and Odds & Ends.

Send your recipes, stage name, up to five of your most recent titles and the name of your favorite charity to Cuisine of Queens, PO Box 752882, Memphis, TN 38175. You may also include a photo and booking information.

### **Reality Show with a Straight Twist** National

Cable network Bravo may have been on Cloud Nine because of the highly rated and much praised debut of their new show *Queer Eye For the Straight Guy*, but a flap over their other gay reality series, *Boy Meets Boy*, may bring them crashing down to earth.

*Boy Meets Boy* is a gay version of *The Bachelor*, in which a gay contestant, James, dates and chooses from a pool of potential suitors. What James doesn't know, however, is that some of his potential mates are straight.

In fact, none of the men were let in on the joke, except of course for the

straight men, who were encouraged to make up gay dating histories. If James chooses one of the straight men, the straight man wins \$25,000.

Now that filming has wrapped and the show is set to debut Tuesday, July 29, James is speaking out about the ruse.

"I felt betrayed," the California executive told *Newsweek* magazine. James wasn't told that some of his suitors were straight until he narrowed his choices to three men. "They told me they put a twist in there because they wanted straight people to watch," he says. "I said to them, 'Well, you've played gay people as entertainment for straight people. Of course they're going to watch.'"

### **Lesbian Cancer Project Receives Grant** National

Foundation Founded by Tour de France Champ Gives \$5,000

The Lance Armstrong Foundation, founded by cancer survivor and Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, will give a grant of \$5,000 to the Mautner Project for Lesbians With Cancer to support the organization's lesbian cancer survivorship program. The grant, which was announced July 14, is the first ever given by the foundation to a gay or lesbian health group.

"The Lance Armstrong Foundation works to promote all areas of cancer survivorship," said Douglas Ulman, the foundation's director of survivorship, in a press release announcing the grant. "Through our partnerships with dedicated organizations like the Mautner Project, we will continue to enhance the quality of life for cancer survivors everywhere."

The Armstrong Foundation works to promote the optimal physical, psychological and social recovery and care of cancer survivors and their loved ones.

"We are proud to partner with [the foundation in its] quest to improve the quality of life for all cancer survivors and their families—regardless of their sexual or gender orientation," said Mautner Executive Director Kathleen DeBold. "The Lance Armstrong Foundation knows that although doctors, researchers and insurance companies may discriminate against LGBT people, cancer does not."

Founded in 1990, the Mautner Project provides education, support and services to women who are living with a cancer diagnosis, caring for a partner or family member with a cancer or coping with the loss of a loved one. The project also provides programming, training and technical assistance to local groups seeking to improve lesbian health.



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