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In My Life

by

Drake Austin

Hello-hello readers, hope everyone had a happy pride and Fourth of July and that everyone has contacted their local cable or satellite provider to ask for Logos, because I'm sure everyone will love all it has to offer. So I'm gonna talk this month about an issue that seems to plague gay culture, especially that of our youth. And this plague would be that of things that come out of break ups, it seems for some reason that when a break up occurs even the tiniest bit of humanity that was between those two people before they dated is completely gone and they all seem to wage war against each other.

With a break up comes a complication that most people find it difficult for them to react to one another in a regular circumstance and some find it harder to be in their presence privately. But with the gay youth it now seems that it's not just as simple, sharing a room could start a rumor war that could shatter anyone's image for a long time. It seems that we just thrive on saying things about our ex's that will make any person talk or glance twice, or even say something that will make our ex's blood boil. Lying quickly about having a new lover, or saying that your ex's cock is small to ruin his reputation are all common things that we have all heard or even said. But what is the reason behind this? I mean is it so bad that you have to say such things to just ruin someone's social status, which is a major thing for some people and others could care less.

I have witnessed this so much recently, they claim to love each other so much and then when they break up it's a vulgarity and rumors about things they were bad at and what pissed them off the most about that person. It's just something that I have seemed to notice and even fallen a victim too. I just find it so hard to wrap my mind around.

My mother asks why we do this to each other, why we just rip each other to shreds. I honestly didn't know what to say to her, it's such a strange thing that we do to each other and I realize it's not just a gay thing -- I've seen this in many other relationships but it doesn't



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seem as harsh and it hardly has the repercussions of the rumors in our world. Heterosexuals are everywhere but we have fewer resources so our love lives are more intertwined.

It just makes little sense yet we all do it, as I even do. But it's fairly easy to stop and I'm not calling for world peace between fighting ex's but we should really lower our weapons and just let each other be, not just fight and bicker between each other for days about why who left whom and how they did it. We should just be happy with what we have and not look back on the past. Just focus on the now and if you had a tough break up, well your not alone, everyone has. It's not the easiest to raise yourself from but what I've personally seen as a life saver has been music. Whenever I think of my most recent ex, which wasn't to long ago and still stings now and then, I just play a song that makes me forget about him. Not a hard thing or an expensive psychologist, it's just something simple that you can do. ▼

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Drake Austin graduated in 2005 from Astronaut High School in Titusville and will be attending BCC this fall. He founded a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) there in 2003. Drake shares his thoughts and life experience each month as a proud gay youth.

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HOROSCOPE *by Jacqueline*

Are you tired of the Mercury retrograde yet? Finally it ends on the 15th. But before this occurs we have the new moon on the 4th in Leo, which for the fire signs, energizes them. It is here to show all of us how to lighten up and not take life so seriously; a chance for another glimpse at childhood. The full moon on the 19th will bring complications to light. Remember to take it one step at a time and keep it simple. Time is not moving in our time, but in it's own time.

Aries - March 22- April 21 You will find yourself to be more social this month. Enjoy the new as well as renewed relationships you will find. Take the time to travel, especially to foreign places. You will not only have fun, but it will bring new understandings in due time.

Taurus - April 22- May 21 You find yourself taking all of life too serious and business-like at this time. Where did that fun cow go? Now is the time to find it. All will be done in the right time, even though it may not be done on your time. You will find that if you balance your life between business and pleasure, all will be easier and the details more clear.

Gemini - May 22- June 21 Others will bring you new, creative and investment ideas. Don't run headfirst into any of them. Take the time to listen and wait to see what happens toward the end of the month. This will bring you to the right choices. Then, don't hesitate on acting upon them.

Cancer - June 22- July 21 Unexpected information or an unusual event changes your viewpoint dramatically. Keep an open mind. Don't worry ... it's all good. Clearing up disputes and reconciling with friends are what this month is all about. Come from the truth and know all will be, as it should.

Leo - July 22- August 21 Happy solar return! This marks a new phase in your life. You will find yourself stronger in your own personal beliefs and the true knowing of the right direction your life should take. Use this time to put down in black and white what you truly want in your life and keep them throughout the year as a reminder of the direction you desire. You will achieve them if you don't compromise.

Virgo - August 22- September 21 Professionally you are feeling more creative, which makes you critique the work of others. Don't be too eager to point out their flaws to your superiors. Take the time to choose the best words to make it the least derogatory. Focus more on your love life, as there are new understandings and emotional beginnings in the air.

Libra - September 22- October 21 Take the first 2 weeks and dedicate it to your work. You will find yourself more organized and ready to spend the second half on your love life. With Venus going into your sign on the 16th, love is in the air. Make sure to enjoy this time with that special someone, but don't look for it to be love until after the 11th of next month.

Scorpio - October 22- November 21 Your career requires hard work now and that creates inner tension. It helps to be flexible with the disruptive changes that will continue for the next few months. Plan and rehearse your communications before you speak to others. This is not the time for speculation or changes with your financial matters.

Sagittarius - November 22- December 21 Situations from the past are returning. You may feel a little tense this month. Remember that they are returning for you to finalize what you have left hanging. These strolls down memory lane will end

toward the middle of the month and you are full-speed ahead again. The second half would be a good time for a vacation or just a little fun.

Capricorn - December 22- January 21
 The beginning of the month brings a lack of communication with others. Ask first, "What did you mean by that," "where did you get that information," or "how did you come to that conclusion?" This will help ease their understanding. By the end of the month you will find your love life taking an easier flow.

Aquarius - January 22-February 21
 Balance is the operative word for you this month. Others will find your normal tone of voice demanding now. State your point quietly. They will get it. With Chiron going into your sign, examine the emotional changes going on around you. Let go of what doesn't serve you anymore and make plans for what you are trying to achieve.

Pisces - February 22- March 21
 Investment opportunities will arise in the beginning of the month. Wait! Don't act upon them until after the middle of the month and bounce it off of someone you trust. Take the time to pamper yourself. Without your private time you will take life too seriously. ▼

For those who want to know: There are 4 elements used in Astrology. Each of the 12 signs has one of the 4 elements assigned to them. They are fire, earth, air and water. For instance, Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius are all fire signs. Fire represents action or activity. With a large portion of planets in Leo this month, there will be a lot of activity for all. This makes it a good time to take action without fear in directing your life in the way you would like it to go. Remember that with Saturn in Leo it's not prudent to rush or push too hard. All good things come to those who wait.

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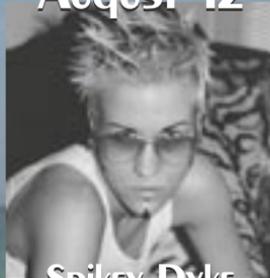
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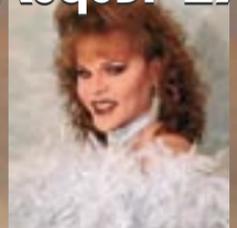
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Tea Time

with Miss T

Wow, the effects of Pride month is still going on. My desk is piled high with notes about those goings-on. First, I know there was something about **The Treasure Coast Pride Festival** and **PFLAG Vero Beach** but I can't find it anywhere - I'm sure it will turn up stuck to the cover of something around here. I do have a couple of pix lying here from **PFLAG's** 6th annual Pride Diner/Dance (lucky I have so much to cover so the pictures can be small as that was the night I discovered how to shut off autofocus on my camera). Anyway a faboo time was had by all, as usual. The proceeds will join the money from **The Treasure Coast Pride Festival** to endow many a good work all along the Treasure Coast.



Once again, hats off to **Kelli Randell**, Jim & Jerry and the staffs of **REBAR** and **Club Blvd Cage** for the fest. BTW, they're *not* doing it again next year. That's right they're not, but there is a committee forming to take the fest to the next level. If you're interested in participating contact **Kelli**, Jim or Jerry.

Did you participate in the sneak opening of **Good Times** Gay Tuesdays up at the north end of St. Lucie County last Tuesday? The newest weeknight place for fun with a different theme every Tuesday is just a hop, skip and a jump from Vero. Turn up, check it out and say hi to James behind the bar.

Skipping on down to Palm Beach County, I've got a last-minute destination for the spontaneous amongst you: singer and songwriter Baroness Elisa will be performing "Embarrassing Moments" at 2 pm on Sunday, August 7 at the Crest Theater in Delray Beach as a benefit for Compass. You can get the \$50 tickets at www.ticketweb.com or by calling 866-468-7630. A little farther in the future, Compass is a beneficiary from The Smart Ride, the Southern Most AIDS/HIV Ride 3 from Miami to Key West on November 4 & 5. So if you start now, you can be in condition for one of the most spectacular bike rides around and help out Compass to boot. You can register at www.TheSmartRide.org or give Compass a call and they'll sign you up. Then something you will want to see will be the special exhibition at Compass of Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945. Compass will be turned into a gallery from mid-November until after New Years showing reproductions of some 250 historic photographs and documents. It is important to remember to insure that it never happens again.

Happening up in PSL is **REBAR's** First Annual GLBT Prom on August 6. As we all remember you don't have to have a date to attend a prom (nor do you have to dress formal) - I guess this gives a whole new meaning to "stag or drag." **REBAR's** next foam party will be on August 27, a week after **Kashmir's**. There're rumors of even more special events coming so stay tuned for an exciting fall.

Speaking of rumors, I hear there's going to be another venue opening in a county that doesn't have a gay bar right now. I'll tell as soon as it's official. We are growing as a community and need additional places.

The place-in-planning in Melbourne, The Living Room Community Center's first fundraiser will be August 21st at **The Cold Keg**. The doors will open at 7 and the show's at 8. They are already lining up some great raffle prizes and Roz Russell, **Kelli Randell** and Mr. Ed are planning a real treat. It's \$5 at the door to build a space for us all.

The **Family of God Community Church** up in Cocoa used their new Family Room for their very successful open house. They are such a vibrant presence in north Brevard.



Pictures from the Family of God Community Church open house

Also in north Brevard, **The Rainbow Room** is waiting anxiously to finalize the details for their move. I can't say anything this month, but you just wait....



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The Rev. Dr. Jerry Seay and Mike Lufriu of **East Coast MCC** didn't wait. They were in Canada when the Canadian Supreme Court legalized gay marriage, so they got married! After 14 years, finally legal! Well, at least in Canada, some states here and a few countries in Europe (did you see that Spain legalized gay marriage last month, too). Congratulations. If others send in wedding announcements, we'll print them as we have room.

Gay Rights Tidbit: County Commissioner Rhonda Storms is still storming away over in Hillsborough County. If you do business with a business in that county and can switch to another supplier in another county you should take the only action Republicans understand: economic action. Switch your money out of Hillsborough County and tell your old supplier why. If we pull our business out of Hillsborough County, they'll get Storm out of our business.

Enough on the downers, here's something that was emailed to me – it's Spanish Premier Sapatero's remarks on the occasion of the legalization of gay marriage in Spain. It's good to hear good words on occasion:

July 01, 2005 SPANISH PREMIER ZAPATERO'S REMARKABLE GAY MARRIAGE SPEECH

When the Spanish parliament yesterday took its historic vote legalizing both gay marriage and adoption of children by gay couples, Socialist Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero -- who put the full prestige of his office and party behind passage of the gay human rights legislation -- made probably the most remarkable speech in favor of full equality for those with same-sex hearts ever delivered by a head of government anywhere, in which he quoted two of the most illustrious gay poets in history. Here are excerpts from Zapatero's speech:

"We are not legislating, honorable members, for people far away and not known by us. We are enlarging the opportunity for happiness to our neighbors, our co-workers, our friends and, our families: at the same time we are making a more decent society, because a decent society is one that does not humiliate its members. "In the poem 'The Family,' our [gay] poet Luis Cernuda was sorry because, 'How does man live in denial in vain by giving rules that prohibit and condemn?'"

"Today, the Spanish society answers to a group of people who, during many years have, been humiliated, whose rights have been ignored, whose dignity has been offended, their identity denied, and their liberty oppressed.

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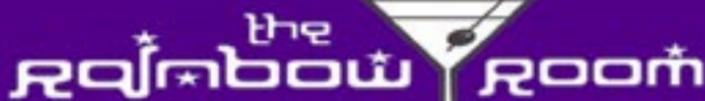
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Spiritually Speaking

Who owns God? We hear so many religious groups claiming that they are right and others are wrong. That is one of the major reasons for the big uproar over same-sex marriages – everyone thinks their opinion is the same as God's. During political campaigns and in justifying wars, leaders will claim that "God is on our side."

Just a couple of weeks ago, the United Church of Christ, a denomination of over 1 million members, lifted their voices in support of same-sex marriage. It hasn't been easy for them. They have been attacked and at least one of their churches has already been the victim of arson.

As I write this column, I am in Calgary Canada. While traveling to Calgary, news reached us that the legislators in Canada had finally approved same-sex marriages for all provinces in Canada. So today, after fifteen years together, after a commitment ceremony 14 years ago and a civil union in Vermont 3 years ago, Mike and I went to get our license to be legally married. By tonight, we will be legally married.

While we are here in Calgary, the Metropolitan Community Church conference will hear speakers from several faith traditions, including the Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson, openly gay Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire. We will also have the Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, President of the Episcopal Divinity School. There will be speakers from the United Church of Christ,

Presbyterian, and other faith groups.

So, who owns God? Recently, a pastor told me that it is so difficult to find gay individuals of faith. Many in our community have believed what others have told them about God having nothing to do with people in the gay and lesbian community.

Here in Calgary this week, there are a few thousand individuals (four hotels full) who are openly gay and lesbian people of faith. We are Christians joined by a few Jewish friends. We are from Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Pentecostal, and almost every other faith you can name. I even met one person last night who is from one of the most conservative Christian universities in the world – Bob Jones University in South Carolina. Attending that school and even working at that school after graduation could not prevent her from being lesbian.

Who owns God? I think the answer is obvious – no one does. While people sit and argue about it, the real answer is in asking a different question: Who are God's people? We all are God's children. It doesn't matter what our past is or what our orientation might be. We don't own God.

I am so thankful for faith traditions that are joining their voices with the Metropolitan Community Churches and beginning to be heard. Thank God for the voices of the Unitarian Universalists, the Unity Churches, and the United

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On Thursday evening, July 21, 2005, the Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Seay and Michael C. Lufriu were legally married at the Hyatt Regency Calgary in Canada. The 10 p.m. ceremony was officiated by Patricia Ablett, Marriage Commissioner. The wedding cake was provided by the Hyatt Regency Calgary.



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Church of Christ. Thank God for those who don't spend their time arguing about who owns God, but instead just live as God's children. ▼

The Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Seay is a former pastor in the Assemblies of God. He has been a pastor in the Metropolitan Community Churches since 1989. He and his life-partner of fourteen years, Mike Lufriu, moved to Brevard County to start the East Coast Metropolitan Community Church. East Coast MCC meets in Melbourne at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2185 Meadowlane Avenue, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m. Services in Vero Beach are at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 355 43rd Avenue, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 6 p.m. Services in Port St. Lucies are at the Unity Church in Lake's Plaza, 8438 US 1, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 5 p.m.



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In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

PROVINCETOWN

With vacation time upon us, it is nice to think about places that represent rest, relaxation and liberation. There are places in this country where it has been possible to find all three – all at the same time! Vacation places famous for their hospitality to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender folk, like San Francisco, Fire Island, and South Beach come immediately to mind. One of the oldest spots in the country where gay folk have been finding their way for decades is Provincetown. In its illustrious history it has been called “A Gay Mecca.”

Provincetown, or “Land’s End”, as it was called is a narrow strip of sand located at the outermost curve of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. On August 5, 1910, the dedication ceremonies for the Provincetown Pilgrim Monument were held, commemorating the spot where the Pilgrims first made landfall in North America. Over the years, Provincetown has meant different things to different people. For gay folk, Provincetown has been called “Queersville, U.S.A.” The town’s history is inextricably tied to our history.

Provincetown is nearly an island. Its geographic dimensions have been critical to its economic and demographic changes over the decades. It is surrounded by water on three sides – the Atlantic Ocean to the north, Cape Cod Bay to the west, and Provincetown Harbor to the south. It is bordered by only one town, Truro. More than one thousand acres of Sahara-like sand dunes lean up against its four miles of length and barely two streets of width. Only 8.35 square miles of land, but 21.3 miles of tidal shoreline give Provincetown its distinct features.

From the seventeenth to the twentieth

centuries, Provincetown residents used the sea as its choicest asset. The manufacture of salt combined with whaling, fishing, trading, and smuggling gave residents ample opportunities for creating a livelihood. Anglo-Saxon “Yankees” were the first to make Provincetown their home. They made fortunes in the whaling and cod-fishing industries. They built an economic empire and dominated the town’s cultural, political, and religious structures. They also hired Portuguese sailors from the Azores.

Portuguese immigrants started out as fishermen but as that industry dwindled they soon moved into entrepreneurial ventures like barber shops, bakeries, grocery stores, and restaurants. As Provincetown moved from fishing village to resort town it was Portuguese Americans who staffed this evolution. Portuguese fishermen turned their fishing boats into excursion boats and Portuguese women cooked in local restaurants and worked in retail stores. Portuguese women joined the entrepreneurial upswing and opened boarding houses for the tourists discovering Provincetown.

It was the arrival of artists at the end of the nineteenth century and Provincetown’s establishment as an artist colony that paved the way for an openness to gay and lesbian people. Tennessee Williams painted a festive portrait of a flourishing gay world in Provincetown during the early and mid-1940s. He wrote, “I have just returned from a most extraordinary all night party on Captain Jack’s Wharf, as a mater [of fact] the third consecutive of a series, but this the most extraordinary of all.”

A range of restaurants, clubs, and inns enticed lesbian and gay tourists to P’Town. Provincetown’s nightclubs guaranteed less staid entertainment than other vacation

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destinations. The clubs spearheading this entertainment culture included the Weathering Heights Club, the Atlantic House, the Pilgrim House, the Moors Restaurant, and the Townhouse. By the 1950s Provincetown's visiting and native lesbians and gay men had created a gay world at Land's End. The ritual that organized social life was and is the "tea dance". The parade began at approximately four o'clock from the beach down the road to the Moors Bar and Restaurant. An elaborate cocktail hour featured a piano player who orchestrated at least one hour of audience participation comedy skits and Broadway show sing-a longs. At five o'clock, the revelers made their way down a sandy path to the Weathering Heights Club where the famously "big queen" Phil Baoine was the headline feature. A number of cross-dressing men and women waited on tables and performed as Baoine's "Weathering Knights". Dinner would follow. Places like the Bonnie Doone Restaurant or the Flagship Bar and Restaurant were favorite destinations.

Provincetown continues to be a destination where fantasy and freedom coexist. In its history we can find important pieces of lesbian and gay culture on which to build. ▼

For a recent history of Provincetown see: *Provincetown: From Pilgrim Landing to Gay Resort* by Karen Christel Krahulik, New York University Press, 2005.

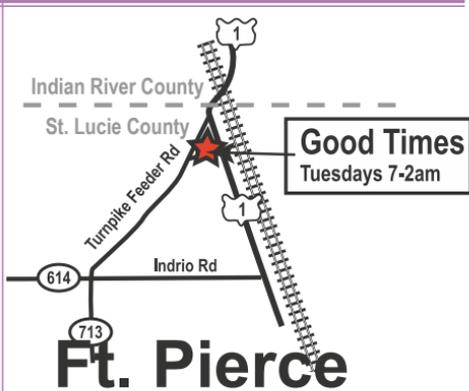
My favorite fictional piece about Provincetown remains *Franny, The Queen of Provincetown* by John Preston, a noted gay male writer who died too soon from AIDS. *Franny* was first published in 1983. It is being reissued in September 2005.

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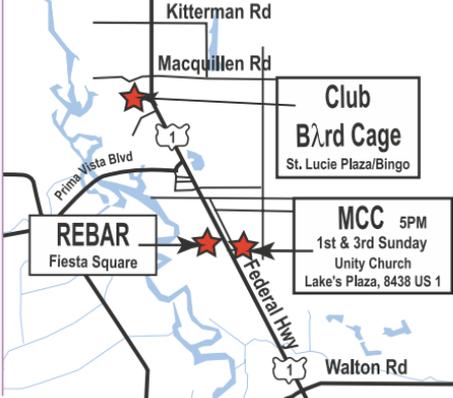
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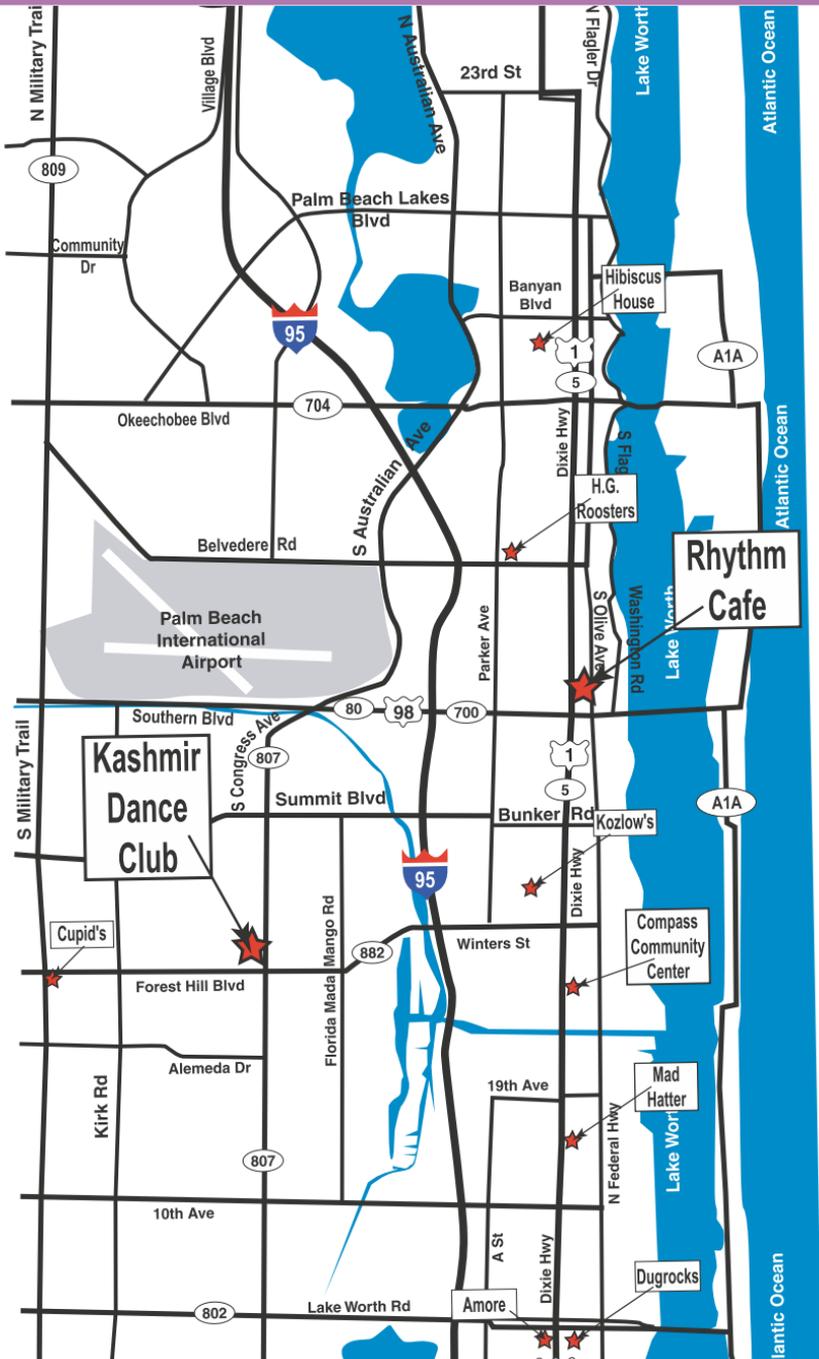
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their dignity, affirms their identity, and restores their liberty.

"It is true that they are only a minority, but their triumph is everyone's triumph. It is also the triumph of those who oppose this law, even though they do not know this yet: because it is the triumph of Liberty. Their victory makes all of us (even those who oppose the law) better people, it makes our society better.

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"Today, for many of our countrymen, comes the day predicted by Kavafis [the great Greek gay poet] one century ago: 'Later 'twas said of the most perfect society/someone else, made like me/certainly will come out and act freely.' "

Thanks to valiant gay journalist Rex Wockner for providing this translation. ▼

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