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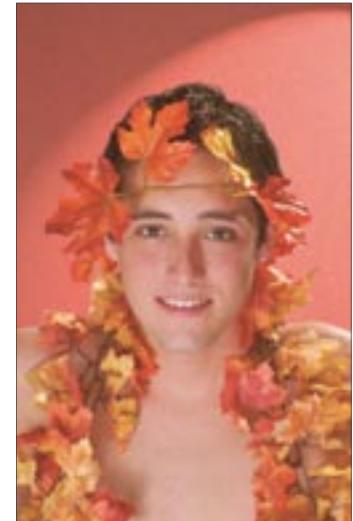
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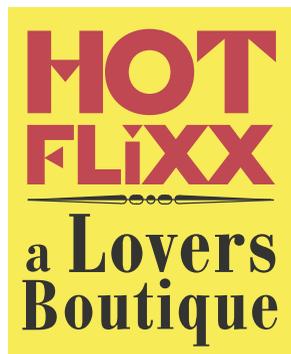
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The Keyword for this month is flexibility. The 1st brings us a New Moon in Scorpio and you're emotional desires will run high. Be careful in the way you display them or you may find yourself cleaning up your mess the rest of the month. Which brings us to Mercury going retrograde on the 14th; being that it's in Scorpio as well, look to your spiritual aspect to help ease the frustration. The 15th we have the New Moon in Taurus and will only draw you closer to your own personal beliefs; stay true to them no matter what the cost because Saturn will be going retrograde on the 22nd when the Sun goes into Sagittarius. This means anything less than staying in your truth will come back to teach you what's right for you. It's hard for us to make changes in our life, but consider that we're all changing now and the changes will ultimately be for our betterment. If you keep this in mind, it will help in those stressful times.

Aries March 23 – April 22 You are learning about timing and compromise this month. You can save yourself a lot of frustration by taking life at your own pace. Getting the job done is what's important, not how long it takes you to accomplish it. Compromise comes in when you have to choose work and others over your own private time. Some changes don't necessarily go as planned. You'll find it's for the better.

Taurus April 23 – May 22 Mars is still retrograde in your sign and will continue until December 10th. This month your focus should be on getting rid of the old, or what doesn't serve you anymore, and preparing for the new. The professional situation you had hoped for may not come to pass and will be for the better. Remember; what works this month you should keep, and what isn't working, let go knowing it's for the best.

Gemini May 23- June 22 You'll be taken up on promises you've made this month. The lesson is: if you can't keep a promise, don't make it. You'll find difficulties either in your personal life or profession. Whichever it is, don't focus on the problem while away from it. One is your safe haven and you will find the answers when you're not looking for them.

Cancer June 23 – July 22 Wishing will make it so, especially if hoping an internal fire awakens sleeping energy. Have a plan. The key is to know where you are going; you're heading into the future, not the past. You still have patches of black ice (those unmet needs) in the relationship-department. Start making practical plans to meet those needs.

Leo July 23 – August 22 Feeling a little frustrated? That's because you're not in control and looking for ways to gain control won't help. All things will happen in the right time. Learn to be more creative. Start a project that you have always wanted to. It's a time to get to know the real you. The control you do have is to know what you want in life, and then wait to get it. Patience!

Virgo August 23 – September 22 Take a deep breath and sit up straight, which will help during those stressful times. Try meditation or focusing solely on what you want. You've limited yourself in short-term thinking and lost the long-term picture. Unnecessary worry will not only slow down your progress, but will also cool down your love life. Spend some time with someone special and forget about life for a while.

Libra September 23 – October 22 Challenges from the past, both in relationships and career, are returning. Don't worry; it's all good. They're here to see if you are going to repeat the same mistakes or if you've learned your lessons. Follow your truth no matter what the cost. You have a guardian angel over your shoulder. She'll catch you. This is a time of change. Go for it.

Scorpio October 23 – November 22 Happy solar return! Welcome to an important month. Look forward to a more pleasant year than the last. That being said, be aware that the inner sense of dissatisfaction you feel is part of what motivates you. Pay attention to it. If you use it properly you'll find you can achieve two-thirds of your goals this year. Disagreements will arise in relationships. It's because you aren't listening to what's being said.

Sagittarius November 23 – December 22 Actions speak louder than words at this

time. You can talk your way out of anything, usually, but not this month. You'll be put to the test to prove you can back up your words. Don't worry because with time and patience you can. On the other hand, when it comes to your relationship, it's time to talk. Open up emotionally to your mate. You may be surprised at the response you get.

Capricorn December 23 – January 22 You are the problem solver and you do it well this month. Think out of the box. Stretch your mind. You may feel like you're over your head in the situation, but you're natural, creative talent will shine through. Others will be amazed at what you can do and you will be surprised at the opportunities that arise. Wait until after December 10th to take advantage of them. Your rewards will be greater.

Aquarius January 23 – February 22 Learning not to look so much into the physical world, but to go on trust and faith is the focus for you this month. You're wearing your emotions on your sleeve; be careful how you display them and express them constructively. Showing faith and revealing to others your dreams and desires gives you the courage to achieve them.

Pisces February 23 – March 22 Transformation and change are your keywords for this month. You may not see the physical changes this month, but what you put in motion now will pay off. By now you should be used to the delayed payoff. Set goals for what you want to achieve. You have the energy to do it now. Take the challenges you face lightly; you'll find resolution with little effort. ▼

For those who want to know: This month not only the sun, but also the new moon and Jupiter are also in Scorpio. Scorpio is like the phoenix rising from the ashes. As we all should know by now, this is a time of transformation and change, which is what Scorpio energy represents. However, remember when a scorpion is backed into a corner it will sting itself to death before it's caught. It's ruled by water so remember there is always another way out; go with the flow of the tides to find it. If you do, you'll fly like the phoenix.

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What won't be returning is Good Times gay night. Drama with the straight folks acting up (nothing anti-gay, just some flashing and lap dances) got the ownership bent out of shape at the staff and the result is a change of staff and schedule and no more gay night.

Gay night went bye-bye along with Ivories Nightclub. Seems the hotel was fine with a dueling piano bar, but not a nightclub. Again nothing anti-gay, just anti-nightclub. It's a shame because the venue is spectacular and the event was going to be equally special – the planning was done, the shake down nights were done, the ads were done and then the landlord pulled the plug!

This is my last plug to sponsor a rider or ride for **Compass** in The Smart Ride – give them a call or go to <http://www.themartride.org/3/> for details. Don't wait – the ride is November 4th and 5th. Compass' next event opens on November 13th: Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945 exhibition. They've renovated the center to accommodate the 250 historic photographs and documents for this event. It's historic in two ways because not only is the exhibition history, but this is the first time it has been shown at a gay and lesbian center. As pointed out by **Compass** president/CEO, Tony Plakas, "The exhibit is a significant tool in educating our community of the importance of accepting diversity."

To facilitate visitors, **Grandview Gardens Bed & Breakfast** is participating in the Palm Beach County Bed & Breakfast promotion offering VIP double accommodation for two nights, including breakfast; two tickets to two featured exhibits (the other exhibit is French Impressionism and Boston: Masterworks from the Museum of Fine Arts opening November 19); one dinner for two at one of three local restaurants; welcome amenities. The package starts at \$325, so make your reservations now as it is subject to availability.

I understand that information on the new location of the **Rainbow Room** will be avail-

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At a cocktail party announcing that **Compass** would host the Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945 exhibit supporters showed up to celebrate. Pictured above left are Kerensa Butler, Tony Plakas, Rebecca and Bill Cozart; above right: Todd Bonlarron (Legislative Affairs Director of Palm Beach County), Mayor Lois Frankel, Representative Anne Gannon and Commissioner Kimberly Mitchell; right: Bill Elias, Jamie Foreman, Joseph Abreu



able shortly – it's due after deadline, but word is that they'll be moving in a month or so, so make sure you stop in soon to keep up to date on the info.

My information about the **Riverside Theatre's** next production is that it's a joyous romp through alternate history, or should we say herstory? Imagine knights in shining armor, women knights. Written by writers of The Nanny and Who's the Boss?, Knight Life promises to be a night of wacky, campy, musical comedy at the theatre!

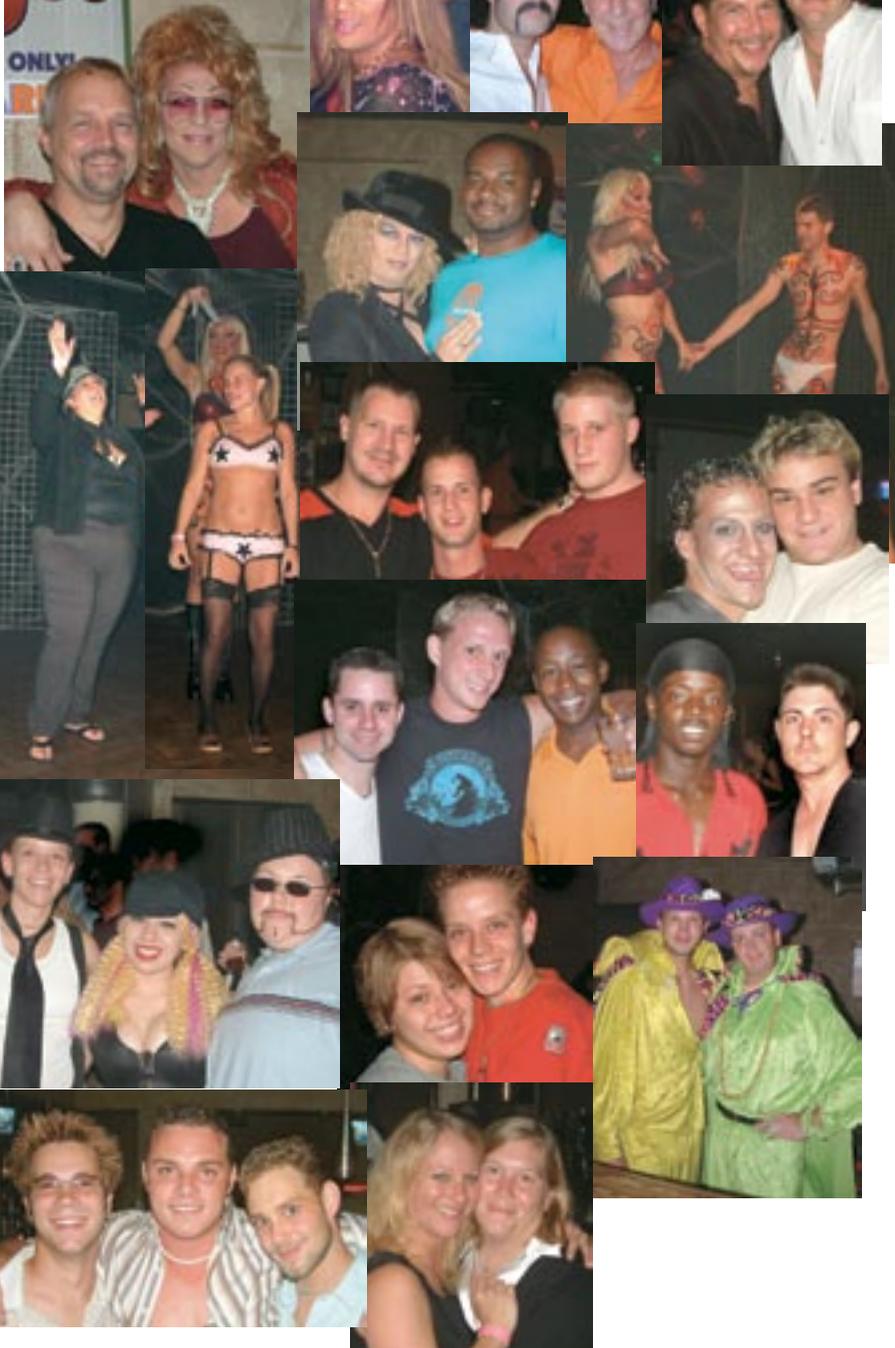
It's not funny to be hungry at Thanksgiving and once again **Club Bλrd Cage** is gathering canned goods drive starting November 7 and culminating in a "turkey shoot" on the 13th. Just drop off canned goods at the bar anytime after 3 pm all week and then turn up and test your skill with a paint ball gun on a turkey of a target. All the proceeds are going to WPTV's Food for Families program.

Family of God Community Church up in Cocoa as a number of programs going on, one of which is the collection of old cell phone and ink cartridges. Drop them off and help recycle while generating income for the church! Also their Thift Shop celebrated its one-year anniversary recently. They have fellowship bowling, a woman's support group, and a monthly potluck and game night. As part of their regular second-Wednesday speaker series on November 9th at 7pm attorney Beverly James will be speaking on legal issues of concern to the GLBT community. Then on Sunday, the 13th, Fred Rios will be installed as their second pastoral Deacon. Wrapping up

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Spiritually Speaking

It's amazing to me how much our pets can teach us. This summer, we had the chain-link fence in our back yard replaced with a nice wood privacy fence. While we enjoy the added privacy, our dogs greatly miss being able to see what is on the other side of the fence.

One of our dogs is a small rat terrier who seems to be able to dig under any barriers we place around our new fence. Our other dog, who is four times as large, tries to follow his little brother. (Our other dog is a mixture between Bassett and Brittany spaniel). The little dog seems to be able to dig a small hole and escape the yard. He can crawl back into the yard anytime he wants.

The large dog can sometimes get out with his little brother, but has difficulty returning. As I write this, I have just taken a break to walk to the end of the street and walk down the alley behind our house (in the dark) to bring the big dog back. He just can't seem to get back into the yard through his escape tunnel.

Jake and Rosco remind me of many different people I have known in our community. We have our places of safety. But sometimes we just have to get out and try something different. Some are able to successfully maneuver their way back into safety. Others are not. They find themselves out of their safety zone, exposed to the outside world, unable to find their way back.

Some are able to slip in and out of their closets, with only a few people knowing, and being able to slip back before they are missed. Others slip out of their closets and are unable to return. They are out, exposed, with everyone knowing who

they are and what they are. They can't get back to their hideaways of safety.

There are people who try to keep us in our safe places. I guess I can understand how my dogs feel sometimes. There are those who wish I stayed where they want me to stay and be the person they want me to be.

Like many in our community, I did try living in the safety of my yard. Many people were convinced I was as straight as they were. I discovered that the fences in my world were fences I had constructed. At one time, I had the chain link fence around my life. I could see out into the other world, but I was able to remain safe in my little private world. When I constructed a privacy wall around my life, I was no longer able to see what was on the other side.

There was a voice inside me that kept calling me to see what was on the other side of the fence. As I would crawl under the barriers in my life, I discovered I liked what I found outside the walls of my closeted world. The more I slipped out, the more difficult it was to crawl back under the barriers I had constructed to keep me in.

Sometimes I forget how out I am, thinking everyone knows that even when I tried, I couldn't get back under the fence into a world of safety and others not knowing. My mother lives in a world where no one knows her youngest son is out. Our two worlds collide when we get together.

At the recent funeral of my step-father, I was reminded of this conflict when my brothers and sister told me that my mother tells no one that I am gay. She even refuses to tell her sisters and brother. Little does she know that my brothers have



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helped me tell everyone close to the family who I am. While some choose to live in denial or unacceptance, I am proud to be the person I was created to be.

As this season of the giving of thanks arrives, I am thankful that one day I was not able to crawl back under the fence in the safe world of others not knowing. I am so thankful that I can be who I am. It's not always easy living outside the fence, but the freedom one finds there is great. ▼

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 thirteen years, Mike Lufriu, moved to Brevard County to start the East Coast Metropolitan Community Church. East Coast MCC meets in Palm Bay at the Riviera United Church of Christ, 451 Riviera Drive, every Sunday at 6 p.m. Services in Vero Beach are at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1590 27th Avenue, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. Services in Port St. Lucie/Ft. Pierce are at the Shriner's Club, 4600 Oleander Ave, every Sunday at 9 a.m.



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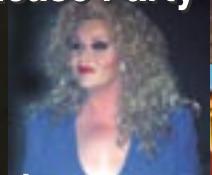
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In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

“Love from both of us to both of you”

November brings to mind all things “electoral.” Even though this November does not see us in the middle of a heated election, it is an appropriate time to consider the key role lesbian women played in securing the right to vote for all women.

Getting women the franchise was a long process. It began in 1848 in the small upstate New York town of Seneca Falls. The first convention for the express purpose of working for the vote for women was organized and held in Seneca Falls.

Some of the names at this historic gathering may already be familiar to you. Elizabeth Cady Stanton was a founding member of the committee, which convened the meeting. Lucretia Mott, a leading Quaker abolitionist of the day participated, as did Susan B. Anthony.

When the history of the suffrage movement is usually told the focus is on how over the course of 72 years women worked to become full citizens. It usually includes how other social reform movements, most notably the movement to abolish chattel slavery, informed, influenced and shaped women’s drive for the right to vote.

Not until the work of Lillian Faderman, professor of English at California State University, Fresno, do we get as Paul Harvey likes to say, “the rest of the story.”

A substantial handful of the nineteenth and early twentieth century women who were critically responsible for securing the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment were women whose lives can be described as lesbian. For most of these women the noun “lesbian” did not exist. They would not have used the word to describe their identity.

This is where the doing of history can get tricky. Women of the 19th and early 20th century lived before a time when sexual identity was defined by clear-cut labels. These women would have been baffled by the terms “heterosexual” and “homosexual.” So can we call them lesbian?

What Faderman proposes is that rather than using “lesbian” as a noun to identify these women, it is more accurate and supportable by the historical evidence of what these women said and did to use “lesbian” as an adjective. These women were clear that their primary relationships; the relationships that empowered them to do their pioneering work; the most intimate relationships of their lives were with other women.

Who were these women?

Mary Grew and Margaret Burleigh lived most of their adult lives together. Both Grew and Burleigh

were well-regarded among abolitionist and suffrage women. Grew was an especially powerful speaker for the women’s suffrage cause. Burleigh was a schoolteacher who worked closely with Grew in the antislavery movement and for women’s rights. Within their abolitionist and suffrage circles of friends and acquaintances Mary and Margaret made no secret of the fact that they shared both a home and a bed.

Grew and Burleigh were part of a large circle of women who worked together to expand women’s possibilities. Many of the women were engaged in a romantic and committed relationship with another woman. They often knew each other well.

One of the most important leaders of the suffrage movement was Anna Howard Shaw. She was close to Susan B. Anthony, perhaps the woman most strongly identified with the suffrage movement and with the woman Anthony called her “lover” Emily Gross. Shaw was also friends with M. Carey Thomas, the president of Mt. Holyoke College, and her partner, Mary Garrett. Thomas was friends with Jane Addams, the founder of Hull House in Chicago and Addams’ partner, Mary Rozet Smith. These women stayed in touch with one another and rarely wrote to each other without also sending best wishes and regards to the partner of the correspondent. “Love from both of us to both of you” was the phrase used to convey the love, warmth, support and high esteem with which the women regarded these relationships.

Certainly there were many heterosexual women who were key leaders in the suffrage movement. Elizabeth Cady Stanton is the first to come immediately to mind. But recognizing and knowing that there was a significant “lesbian presence” in this most important movement in United States history reminds us that we are indeed everywhere and have been for a long time. The efforts of women like Mary Grew, Margaret Burleigh and Anna Howard Shaw changed society in ways that continue to benefit us today. We need to know the achievements of these ancestors whose “love from both of us to both of you” created possibilities for us to live, love and vote. ▼

To learn more about the women mentioned in this article see, *To Believe in Women: What Lesbians Have Done For America – A History* by Lillian Faderman. Published by Houghton Mifflin Company, 1999.

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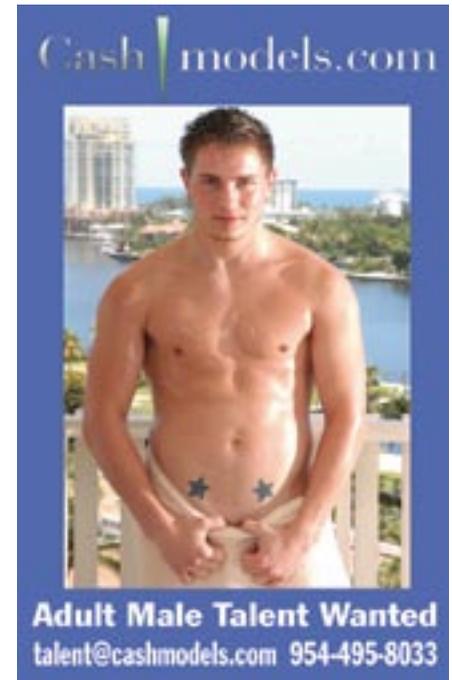
I can't imagine why the word long brings to mind **Cupids Cabaret** but if you haven't been there in a while make sure you check it out. New management and some old familiar faces have made it more welcoming and as always they're always proving that Mies Van der Rohe was right: Less is More!

And something to be truly thankful for is the pairing on Thanksgiving weekend of Matthew Rush and Zeb Atlas for shows not to be missed. They'll be doing three shows so not matter if you're an early bar goer who is home by midnight or can last until the climatic show at 3 am, there's a time and a place for you at **Cupids Cabaret**.

Gay Rights Tidbits: With the anti-gay marriage amendment before the Florida Supreme Court the truth behind Liberty Counsel's (the legal group behind the initiative) goal has come out: they want to ban civil unions and domestic partnership laws. According to the brief filed by Liberty Counsel in support of the amendment, the proposed initiative was drafted to specifically ban not only marriage for same-sex couples but also laws that provide same-sex couples with alternative protections, such as civil union and domestic partnership laws in effect in Vermont, Connecticut and California. A legal challenge to the initiative filed by six same-sex couples, Equality Florida and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union (AFSCME) last month charges that the deceptive language of the initiative violates the Florida constitution's single-subject rule, which bans initiatives that raise more than one question. The challenge was brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

"This initiative is dangerously deceptive. Liberty Counsel has already tried to strip lesbian and gay employees of the City of Gainesville of domestic partner health insurance benefits," said Nadine Smith, Executive Director of Equality Florida. "If this initiative passes, you can bet that Liberty Counsel or groups like them will be in court trying to use it to deny same-sex couples any and all protections for their relationships."

In their brief, backers of the initiative claimed that it would not disturb domestic partner



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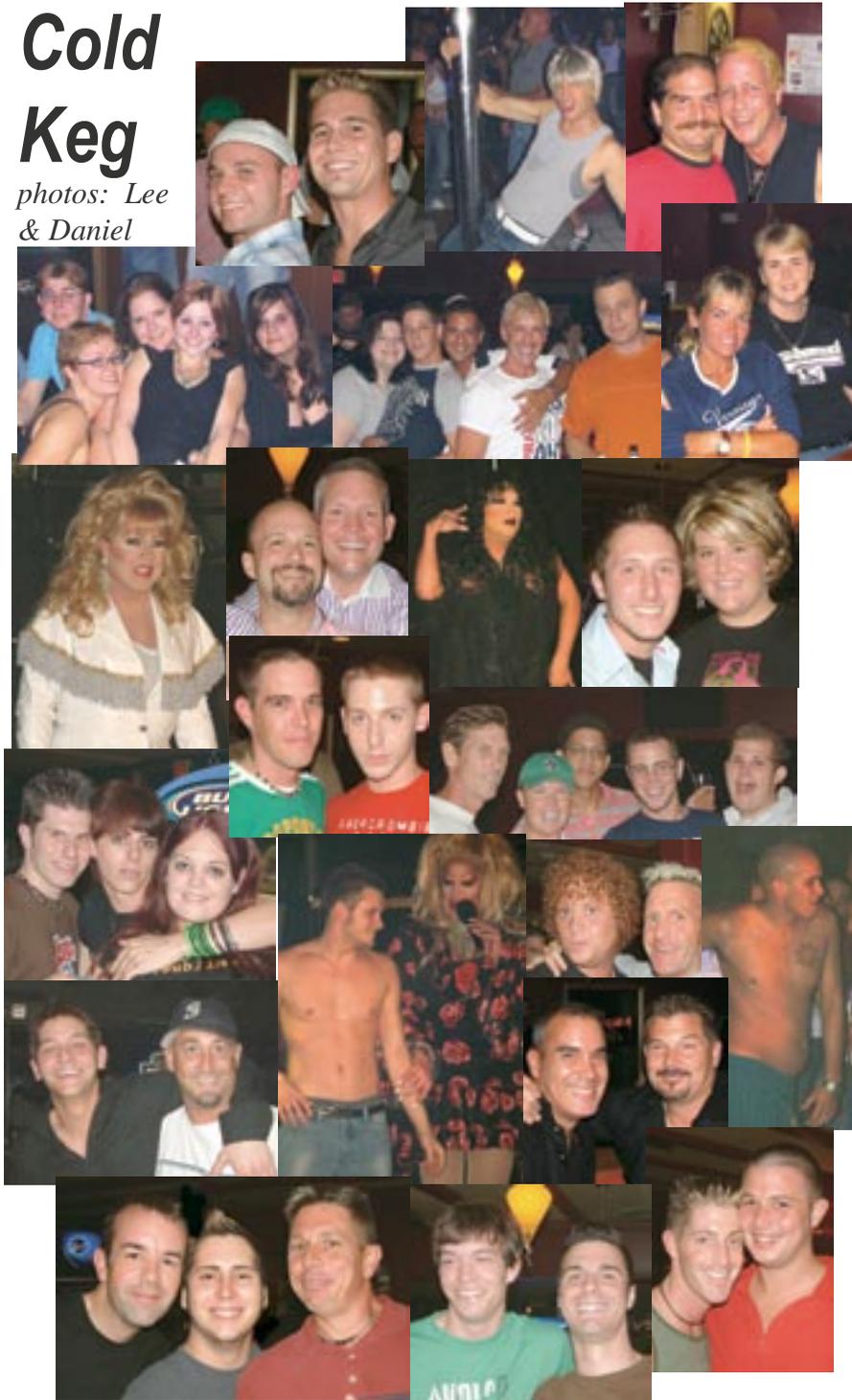
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health benefits offered by several municipalities in Florida because they are not the “substantial equivalent” of marriage. However, Liberty Counsel took the opposite position when it challenged the City of Gainesville’s policy of providing domestic partner health benefits to its lesbian and gay employees. In that case they argued that the city’s domestic partner benefits “mimics marriage” and “establishes a relationship that is the equivalent of marriage” in violation of state law prohibiting marriage by same-sex couples. Attorneys for the Liberty Counsel drafted the proposed anti-marriage amendment and are the attorneys for the group pushing the amendment.

A big win for gay rights was on October 19 when the city of Miami Beach passed Florida’s first equal benefits ordinance. The ordinance requires vendors, who do business with the city, to provide domestic partner benefits equal to the benefits offered to spouses of married employees. Miami Beach will become the 11th government body in the nation and the only one in Florida to provide these workplace protections.

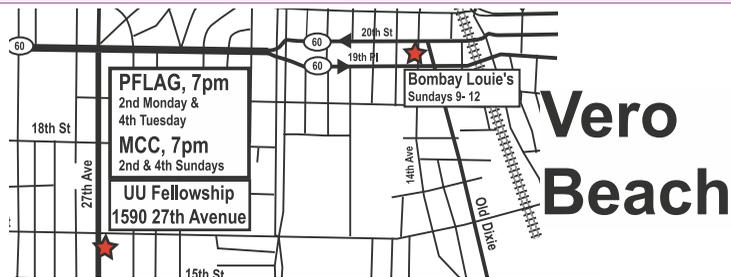
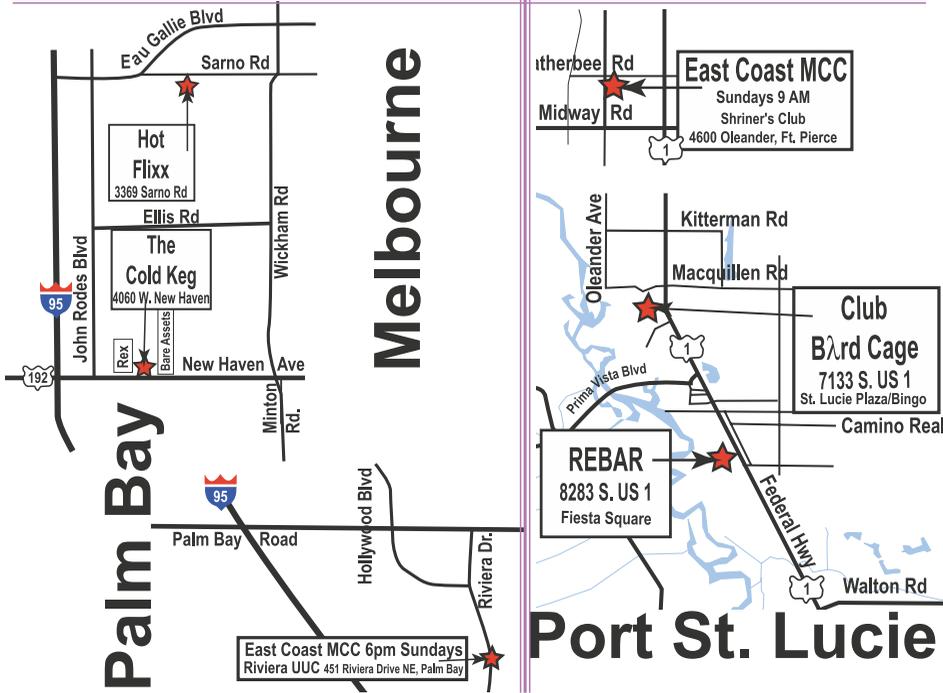
“Domestic partnership registries have been passed in every region of our state but far too often they provide benefits for only a small number of city or county employees,” said Stratton Pollitzer, South Florida Director for Equality Florida. “This policy is different. This policy will deliver on the promise of equal pay for equal work by ensuring that companies that provide employees with spousal benefits provide the same benefits to employees with registered domestic partners.” ▼

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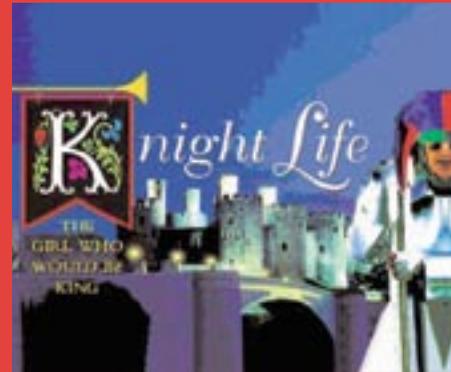
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