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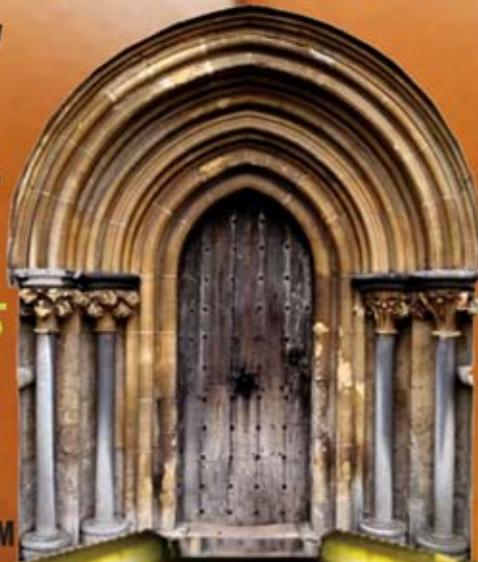
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In My Life

by
Becky Jeffers

Hello everyone. They say March is a windy month and dear readers so is yours truly; as you are about to find out. So many of you have taken time to stop by and say hello and introduce new people in our community thank you. I love meeting everyone and I love getting all the feedback on my column.

A young woman came up to say hello while I was working at the Rainbow Room last weekend. She saw what she thought was a straight couple at the end of my bar being affectionate with each other, she informed me that the sight of them made her sick and why couldn't they go to their own bars! Little sister paleeze! I was slammed with people wanting cocktails and she disappeared in the wall of hands reaching out. NOW I can address that comment. DISCRIMINATION is a word that all of us are trying to stop being used against us. What I like most about working at the Rainbow Room is the very fact - everyone comes there: Gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transsexuals and straights. Everyone gets along and accepts each other. How wonderful is that. I love the diversity and I love the acceptance. Everyone parties together. That is great!

Trying to teach some history to some younger sisters I gave the film history of events at Stonewall to them to watch a few months ago. I'm sure these girls could tell her the struggle hasn't been easy. Discrimination and violence are horrible things. Talk to her, young sisters! Getting down off my box now and moving on.

I have been busy with my Brevard Lesbian sisters this month. Dinner was great and I certainly enjoyed meeting more of you. Brenda and Ann having just moved made the hasty decision to have a meet and greet of business Womyn in their new condo. Excellent idea but so many showed up it was almost standing room only. I was so upset not to be able to attend but they very kindly saved a business card from each person and gave those to me. Thank you. You all know how important I believe it is to support "family", owned business. You girls Rock!

Arnie and I did go see *Brokeback Mountain* and we loved it. Perhaps I would have loved it just a tiny

bit more if a cowgirl or two could have been seen off in the distance somewhere- sorry fellas it's a lesbian thing... Is there a law in Hollywood that our community is unaware of? You know the one I'm talking about. "Never hire actual homosexuals to play parts portraying gays or lesbians in blockbuster films". We know our people could have portrayed two incredibly handsome but conflicted men. Oh yes, no problem.

Another reminder to everyone: April 23rd be at Tradition Field (the Mets Stadium) for the Treasure Coast Pride fest. Entertainment will be fantastic and of course tables and booths selling every pride item you can think of and food, food, food! Port St. Lucie on April 23rd will be the place to be!

I want to talk for just a moment on the word freedom and what it means to me as an out and proud lesbian. I am not a person who lives in manner that is loud and shocking to others or someone who needs to let my entire subdivision be aware two lesbians reside in the house on the corner. I also do not hide. I do not freely offer information but I do not lie. My job security no longer depends on my being discreet. I am happy. I am in womyns groups so I socialize with family. I enjoy a freedom others before me made possible and now I will do all I can to keep that freedom available to others who follow. That's why you will see me at Tradition Field - Getting down off my box now.

Everyone is excited about the Linda Nunez concert the 23rd of this month at the Rainbow Room. I'm not working that night so I'll be rocking out with my Brevard Lesbian Sisters. That's the 23rd of Feb. My article for each month is due by the 15th of the previous month so ...

You know I encourage all my area sister to join our two local groups.

Brevard Lesbians and SpaceCoastwomyn both are at Yahoo Groups. Brevard Lesbians is a social group, they will keep you as busy as you want to be. They do dinners, movies and parties. SpaceCoastwomyn is a support group, we meet twice a month. Our new meeting days and are the



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I must give much love to two of our brothers Garrison and Richard who are having a tough time right now. Richard is having a third surgery. Many of your sisters want you to know you are loved and thought about and certainly kept in our hearts and prayers. If there is anything we can do to help please call and let me know - Becky at the Rainbow Room.

Remember Womyn supporting Womyn what could be better. Big hug from your Lesbian Representative - Becky ▼

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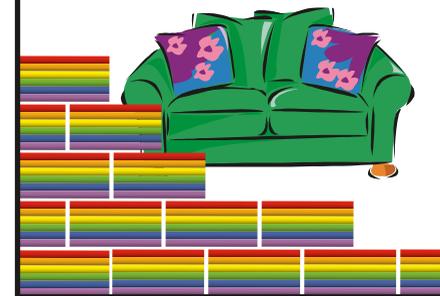
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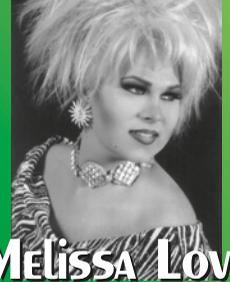
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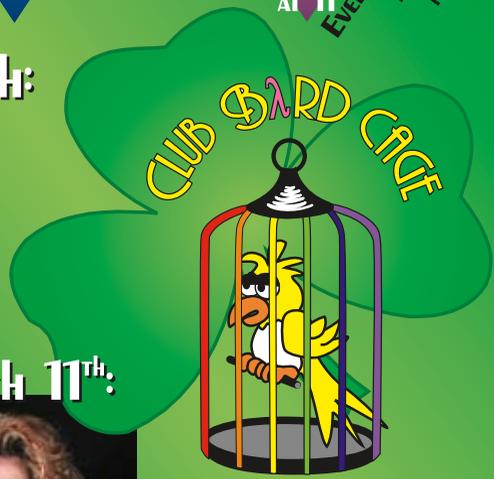


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HOROSCOPE by Jacqueline

Go with the flow is the key phrase this month. With the sun in Pisces, Venus in Aquarius and Mercury retrograde from the 2nd to the 25th of this month, life is taking a step back to show us the details we have missed. Be careful not to get caught up in those details on the 14th with the full moon and a lunar eclipse in Virgo. The best way to get through this month is to just do what you know is right and not judge what's going to happen next because when the new Moon comes in Aries with a solar eclipse on the 29th, you'll be able to see the truth of where life is taking you and then you will be able to take charge again.

Aries March 22 – April 21 It's going to be a busy month, so put your work boots on. There are exciting new changes on the way. However before you can reap the rewards, you must finish the projects at hand. Don't scatter your forces. Finish one thing at a time. Don't worry; if you do it this way, by the end of the month all will fall into place. (Especially for those Aries Suns with Virgo moons.)

Taurus April 22 – May 21 You are being enlightened and awakened to the truth of how others fit into your life. Move past those who are not in sync with your life. Sometimes change is good. Move closer to the ones whose beliefs match yours. Your routines are upset this month. Don't worry, by next month they will be back but more tailored to your own happiness.

Gemini May 22 – June 21 One thing at a time is your theme this month. Everybody is going to want something from you now and you're usually good at multitasking, but not this month. Details can get lost.

Time is not relevant. However, accomplishing each task is. Relax, by keeping to the task and asking others to help, all will be accomplished by the end of the month

Cancer June 22 – July 21 You've gotten caught up in the romantic whirlwind of last month and now you must come back down and go back to work. Financially this isn't the best month for you. Remember the wonderful vision you've just experienced and put it on the back burner. Know it will come back to you when you've worked through some of the immediate problems that must be addressed.

Leo July 22 – August 21 Lessons in restrictions at work are in store for you this month. Use your natural creative talents to release the feeling of bondage in your work. As far as your love life is concerned, wait until the middle of the month before it will become exciting again.

Virgo August 22 – September 21 With the full moon and lunar eclipse in your sign, you're feeling more assertive and confident. Don't overanalyze; go after what you want. All the details will become clear along the way. This is a wonderful time to open up and express your true emotions. They will be greeted with the sensitivity needed for you to feel safe and secure.

Libra September 22 – October 21 Learning to trust and have faith is the theme for you. Don't make any quick judgments or decisions or you may find that you're wrong. Go with my favorite key phrase, "when in doubt, do nothing". One of two things will happen: either you'll, out of the blue, know what to do or it will resolve itself. Remember, nothing for you is urgent this month.

Scorpio October 22 – November 21 This is a good time to ask more questions like, "Where did you get that information?" or "How did you come to that conclusion?". Don't take things people say literally right now. Communications are off with others and you may find yourself making decisions on false information. Your intuition is strong, use it.

Sagittarius November 22 – December 21 You'll want to escape this month. Don't shirk your responsibilities, especially with your work. You're quick, do the work and escape by looking at new opportunities to use your creative talents. You'll feel the tension this month; don't bring it into your romance. Spend some time outside with nature.

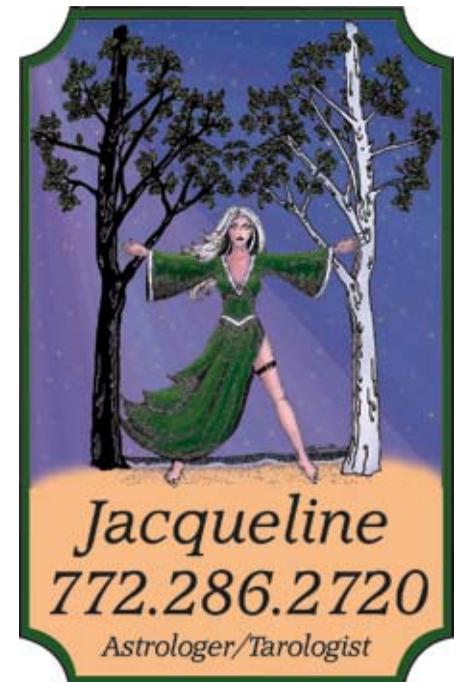
Capricorn December 22 – January 21 Your key word this month is sharing. You'll be learning the value in not only sharing your feelings, but also your problems. You don't always have to be the one in charge and now the universe is telling you this. It's giving you the opportunity to learn to trust not only others but also your own instincts.

Aquarius January 22 – February 21 You can feel change is in the air. As usual you're ahead of your time. Don't get restless waiting for it to come. That will be next month. Instead, use this time to plan the details of what you truly want to change and look at new ideas and opportunities. You'd find this month will bring heightened levels to your religious and spiritual beliefs. It's a good time to journal your thoughts.

Pisces February 22 – March 21 Happy solar return! This is not the time to be looking at the past but to the future. Your visionary skills are strong. For you things take time to manifest. With this mercury retrograde being in your sign you'll have a lot of things to finish. Don't brood just do it quickly and put it behind you. Then you can continue to enjoy what is coming in the future. ▼

For those who want to know: Mercury retrogrades are the most common of retrogrades. A retrograde is when a planet stops moving for a period of time. As we look at the sky the planet appears to be moving backwards. That's because the earth is still moving forward. How it affects us is it makes us look back and fix the problems we have ignored. In Mercury's case this brings problems to fix with communications and information.

Monthly horoscopes by Jacqueline. Listen to Jacqueline on WPSL 1590 am every Thursday from 6-7pm. Offices throughout the Treasure Coast and Palm Beaches. For more information on Tarot, Astrology, or a Private Reading call: 772) 286-2720



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Benefits are the theme of March: on March 5 there's a Oscar's benefit for the **Treasure Coast Pride Fest** at **REBAR** on March 5 and a benefit at the **Rainbow Room** on the same day for Richard, **Garrison's** brother who needs another operation. On March 18 Cartier Productions is doing a benefit for **Palm Beach Pride Fest** at **Roosters** and the next day, March 19, theatre legend Ms. Carol Channing will be appearing at **REBAR** for another **Treasure Coast Pride Fest** benefit while up in Cocoa Beach **Rainbow Room** will be throwing a benefit for **The Living Room of Brevard** community center. Such a crowd of events just goes to show the dynamics of our growing community.

The biggest crowd celebrating our community will be at the **Palm Beach Pride Fest** on March 25 & 26 at Bryant Park in Lake Worth. Between the festival and the parade on Sunday, it's always a great time -- and it benefits **Compass GLCC** which in turn benefits us all.

All the Treasure Coast queens will be heading up to Port St. Lucie on Monday the 27th for the **Miss Bλrd Cage Pageant**.

Are you tired yet? Well then take a disco nap and then head on over to **Kashmir** any Saturday and check out the Kashmir Kids, sure to warm up your night, and if you're "up" for more try out a lap dance in the Living Room Loft VIP area. If you haven't been in recently, **Kashmir** has new couches and a lot more going on: **Rear Entry** on Thursdays and Techno on Fridays. **Kashmir** is warming up for the official after party after **Palm Beach Pride Fest**. So it's the place to be in WPB!

The place to be in Brevard on March 5 will be the **Rainbow Room** for the benefit for Richard Mazzara. I can't stress enough how important it is to support our family, so even if you can't show up on that Sunday, make sure you drop off a little something to help out any time before the event, Brian or Jimmy will be happy to add it into the benefit.

If you're planning on being in PSL on the 5th, here's a sample of their press release: "Ladies, find your most fabulous gown, and gentlemen break out those tuxes (or should that be the other way around?) Join the crème de la crème of the Treasure Coast for an Academy Awards night to remember! This event, a benefit for **Treasure Coast Pride**, is sponsored by **REBAR** and **Club Bλrd Cage Club Bλrd Cage**.

Rumor has it that you can get your hands on these sizzling HOT tickets if you know the right people -so ask your friendly bartender at **Club Bλrd Cage** and **REBAR**, or seek out a **Treasure Coast Pride** board member!" It's \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door, so get your ticket now!

Just the ticket for your lawn is Austin Smith's **Trim-N-Shape** lawn service up in central Brevard County. He's just getting started down here (had a big lawn service/snow plowing business up east) and so here's another opportunity to support our family with your business dollars.

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March 18: Mona Martin &
Gusta Wind

March 25: Shelita Cox &
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Spiritually Speaking

**"I once was Lost but Now I'm found,
Was Blind but now I see"**

Recently while preparing one of my sermons, I came upon the popular parable of the Prodigal Son. Many of you can recall the story from the Bible; a son wanted his inheritance early from his father and went off living a life of leisure and recklessness spending his whole inheritance on worthless self-satisfactions. Once the funds and the good times were over he realized his actions and missed his former way of life and yearned to the life he once led. He returned to his father to much joy and celebration and his Father celebrated his return with compassion, welcome and love.

In many ways we as individuals feel that there is a "better" way of life than our own. We yearn for those good "ole" days of quick satisfactions and life in the fast lane. Some leave their way of life and some significant relationships and search again for the reality of past good times and realize the emptiness and loneliness that exists looking for that ultimate "good time". They loose everything they once had with themselves and others for what they think is a better place only to come up empty handed.

God is always ready for us to return to him when we are ready. God is always waiting and yearning for our return to Him and a life of peace and love. He was born in that humble stable and died on that cross we soon celebrate, to offer to all of us a life of goodness, joy and peace both here and in the afterlife. It is up to ourselves to forgive our mistakes and return to the

life that God has created us to live. Many come up with every excuse in the book because it is sometimes easier to forgive others rather than to forgive ourselves.

God calls us to be his presence of peace and forgiveness to others. When we get these feelings of uselessness and restlessness, when we yearn for what "used to be" we must remember where we have come as individuals. We cannot go back to the yesterdays because the yesterdays are no longer there. Today and the future is what are important and we must realize that we are loved, a fact we should never take for granted.

Yes the prodigal Son did return, he realized the true love he once celebrated with his Father. Now is the time for you to realize the love our heavenly creator has for each and every one of you. Come back to His welcome. God is waiting for each and every on of you with open arms. Are you willing to return?

God Bless your Faith Journey,
Mark Osdras, Pastor ▼

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3/9: Amber Douglas
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In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

We'wha

Lesbian, gay, transgendered and bi-sexual folks often possess the wonderful audacity to be themselves no matter what the strictures of the times may try to demand. Thank goodness we have many models in our past for pride and self-awareness no matter what the larger culture may think.

In the nineteenth century there were many people who dared to be themselves when the society around them would have rather had them try harder to “blend” in. In this issue and in the April issue, we will get to know two of the most important examples and models from the nineteenth century of GLBT people who were clear with themselves about who they were and relentless in their determination to live their lives on their terms and by their definitions.

We'wha was the most famous *Ihamana*, or *berdache* (“two-spirit”) of the Zunis and quite possibly in all of Native American history. We'wha (WAY wah) was born shortly after the United States took control of New Mexico in 1848 following the Mexican-American War. This war set the stage for an influx of missionaries, anthropologists, Indian agents, traders, and settlers into the Zunis' homelands that threatened the tribe's cultural and economic survival. We'wha was a significant and prominent player in the events of this period.

We'wha's parents died in a smallpox epidemic. He was then raised by a paternal aunt. He exhibited an interest in activities that were defined by his culture as the province of women at an early age. He learned weaving and pottery, women's activities, from female relatives.

Zuni culture and social structures made more room for movement across traditional gender lines and roles. While We'wha cross-dressed, his *berdache* status could encompass his male role and his “female” interests. We'wha and his Zuni community had no trouble allowing him to be a farmer,

a male pursuit; a weaver, an activity both men and women did; and a potter and housekeeper which were women's activities.

We'wha underwent the first of two initiations held for boys and became a member of the men's kachina society, which performed masked dances. Male kinship terms were used in referring to him and his male sex was freely acknowledged.

The Zuni culture never saw anything curious about We'wha. Their language and culture could deal with the fullness of his person. When speaking of We'wha in English, which requires gendered pronouns that the Zuni language lacks, Zunis past and present will say, “She is a man”, without any of the discomfort the juxtaposition presents for Western English-speaking culture!

In 1879, an expedition of the newly-formed U.S. Bureau of Ethnology arrived at Zuni under the leadership of James Stevenson. His wife, Matilda Coxe Stevenson, a brusque and officious woman whose bearing often alienated the Zunis, accompanied her husband and took over his research when he died in 1888. Matilda Stevenson soon discovered that the Zuni “girl” working at the Protestant mission was “especially versed in their ancient lore” and “possessed an indomitable will and an insatiable thirst for knowledge,” making him an ideal anthropological informant. We'wha facilitated Stevenson's research in various ways, despite Matilda Stevenson's difficult personality. (The present Zuni view is that Stevenson's impact on their tribe was largely detrimental.)

As a member of the kachina society and a curing or medicine society, We'wha was active in Zuni religion. According to Stevenson, he frequently offered prayers at feasts and “was the chief personage on many occasions”.

In early 1886, We'wha traveled with

Stevenson to their home in Washington, D.C. Over the next six months the Zuni “princess” (as he was identified in newspaper articles) attended society events, gave public demonstrations of weaving (and posed for a number of documentary photographs). He continued to assist Matilda Stevenson and other researchers, he befriended the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and his wife, appeared in a major charity event at the National Theater, and called on President Grover Cleveland.

We'wha's height and masculine demeanor were commented on in local newspapers, the Zuni *Ihamana* was nevertheless taken to be a woman throughout his stay. Matilda Stevenson was unaware of We'wha's true sex for some years. She described We'wha as the tallest and strongest member of the tribe and in her 1904 monograph she used both male and female pronouns to refer to him.

We'wha was a skilled diplomat for his people while in Washington. Over the years, Zuni leaders had carefully cultivated relations with the U.S. government hoping to protect their lands from encroachment. We'wha was able to advance and foster appreciation of his tribe's culture and Native Americans in general during his stay in the city.

We'wha's death in 1896 was seen as a calamity by his tribe. The loss of such a renowned *Ihamana* created a leadership void. Even in death, however, We'wha's whole person was honored and respected. He was dressed in both male and female clothing and was buried on the male side of a sex-segregated cemetery. ▼

For more information about We'wha see *The Zuni Man-Woman* by Will Roscoe. University of New Mexico Press, 1991.

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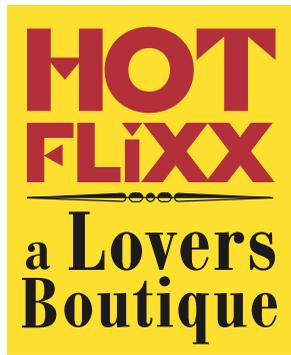
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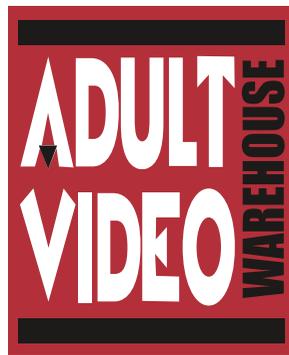
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Over on beachside is **The Riverside Theatre** and they've got quite a line up for the rest of their season, after which they're doing a little remodeling (well, actually *a lot*) and will be back next season with a larger main stage, a new black box theatre, easier access and... Well, you'll just have to turn up and see, won't you? In the meantime if you want to see Ambassador Dennis Ross speak, the show *Chicago*, Carol Channing perform, **The 5 Browns perform** (an American family of magnificent concert pianists), the Miami City Ballet, Walter Isaacson speak, Bobby Vinton perform, or catch the world premiere of *Unhinged* By Catherine Bush get yourself to **The Riverside Theatre** in Vero!

People keep asking me about. Yes, it's incorporated as a not-for-profit and slowly the board is getting all the paperwork done and trying to raise enough money to open a community center. The problem is that four or five people can't do it all. Grated **The Living Room** gets fabulous support from the bars and performers, but they need people to put together programs, do promotion, find a location, run some meetings, be involved. It's great to show support by showing up at a benefit, but nothing gets done if there's no one to help do the actual stuff that a community center does. **The Living Room** won't have money to pay staff for a few years, so we need volunteers to staff the place and a volunteer to run the place and a volunteer to keep track of the volunteers. You get the picture, so get involved and be a part of growing our community!

Gay Rights Tidbits: We lost an important voice for reason and equality with the passing of Coretta Scott King. If you are unfamiliar with her stand, know that she understood that equality for all includes LGBT people, too. And she had the "intestinal fortitude" to stand up and say so. Unfortunately her failing health had prevented her from being as forceful a voice in the black community as she had been in the past and her passing has created a void that will be difficult to fill. The black community needs respected black leaders to stand up and tell the truth: we are all God's children and all deserve respect and equal rights – hell, we need respected white leaders to stand up and say that too! I just don't understand why the right wingers can lie and say whatever they want while the so-called liberals avoid standing up to them under the guise of avoiding offence. I find it *very* offensive. I just had a woman demand that members of the Space Coast Equality Florida meetup come out to her anti-war protests, but she doesn't see why she should come to our meetings! I say enough. It's time. We need to get organized and become a political force. We need people, we need money, we need leaders. And in case you think we won on the anti-gay marriage amendment, you're wrong. They didn't make it this year, but now they have two more years to get signatures *and* \$150,000 from the Florida Republican Party to make sure it gets on the ballot in '08. Call Equality Florida, HRC, NGLTF, the Democratic Party, the Green Party, whomever – just get involved: it our own rights at stake here folks. Educate yourself on the facts and don't be afraid to speak up and defend us. You'll feel better for it, promise. ▼

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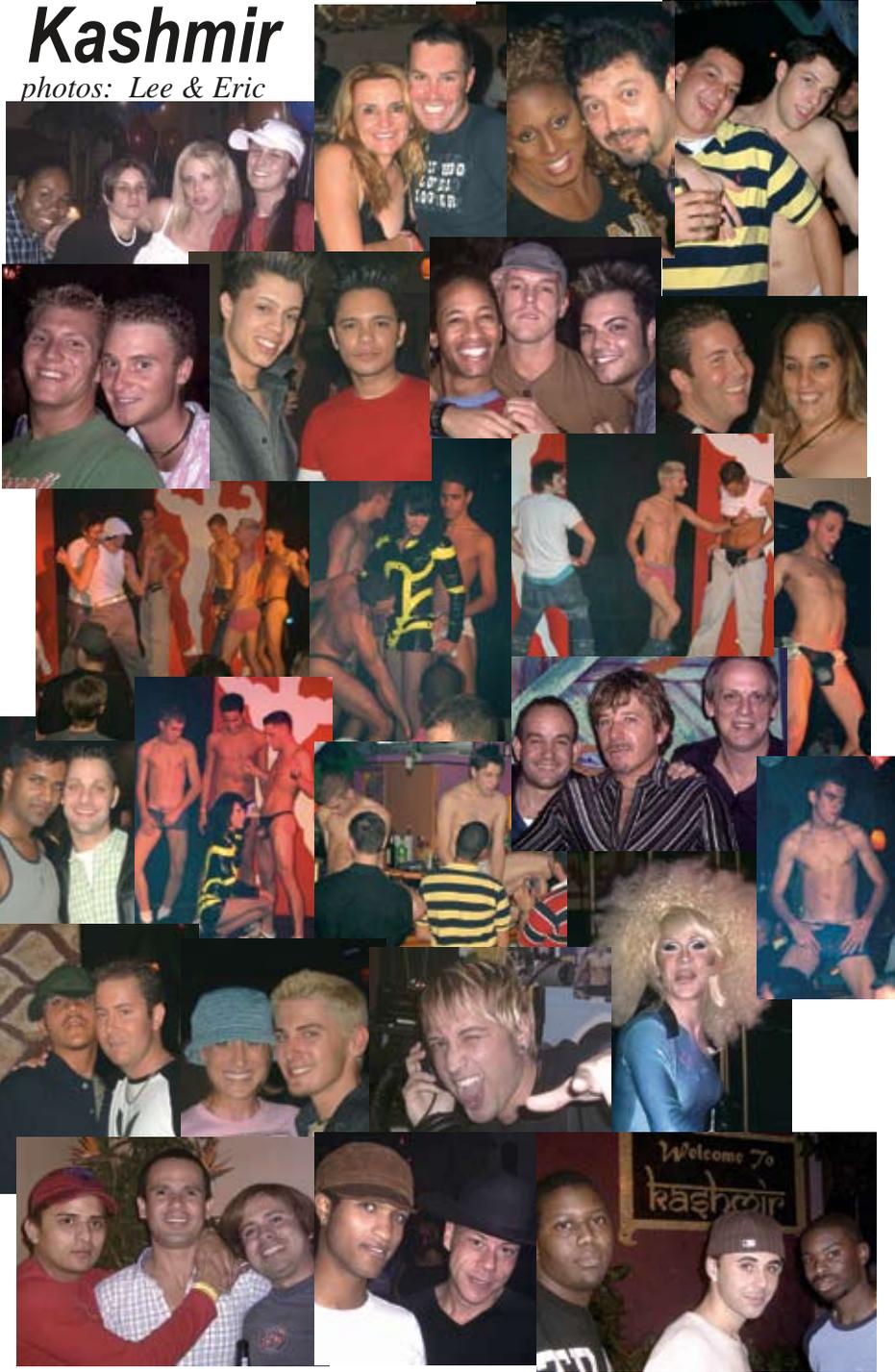
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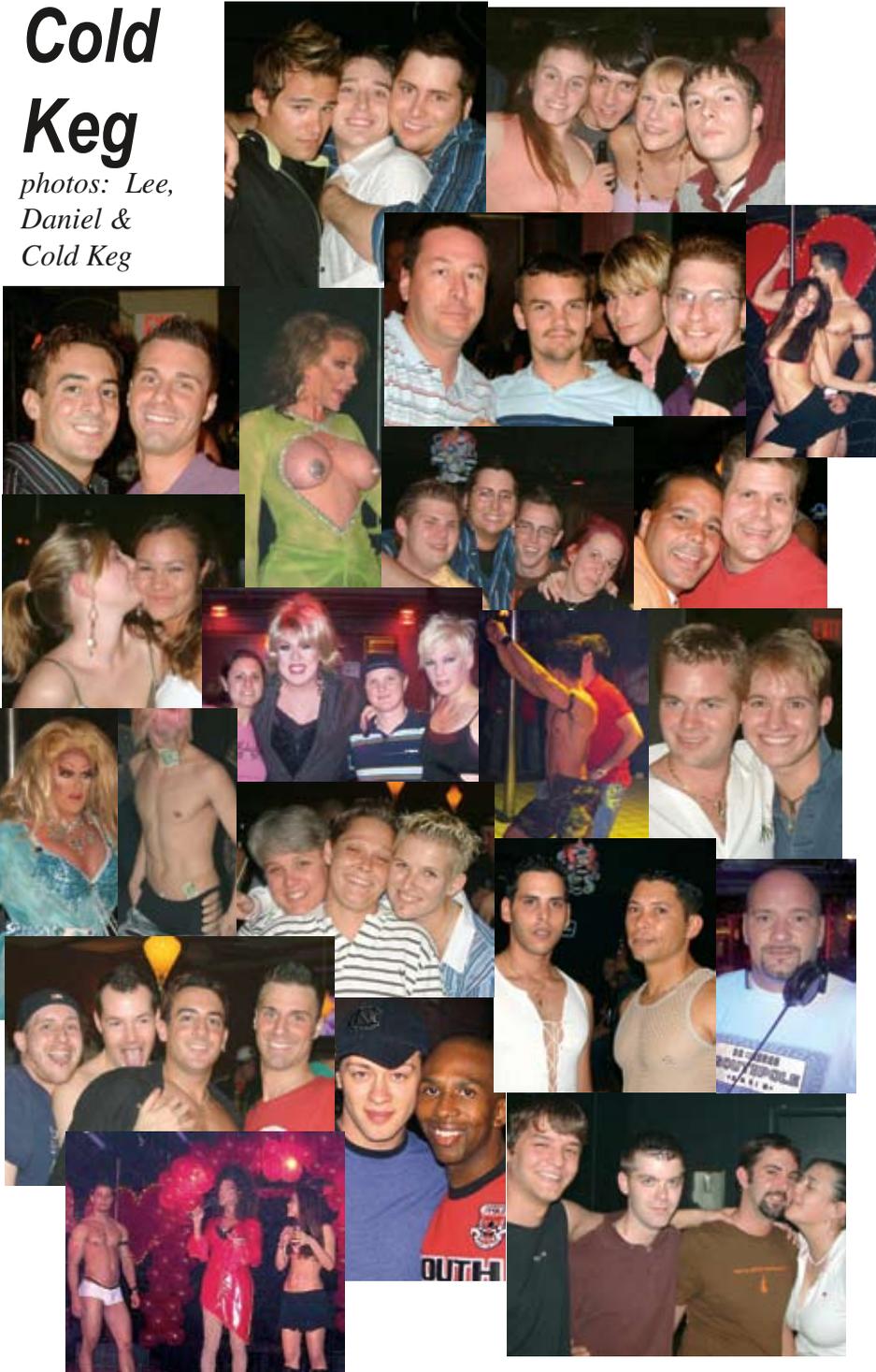
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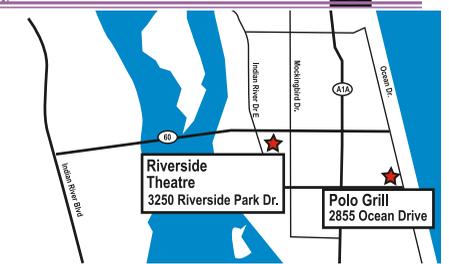
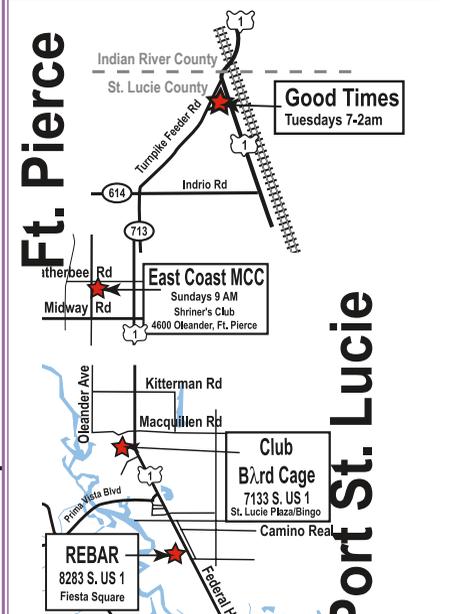
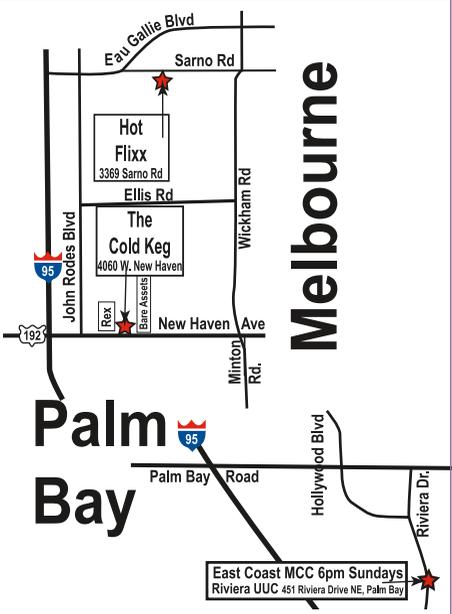
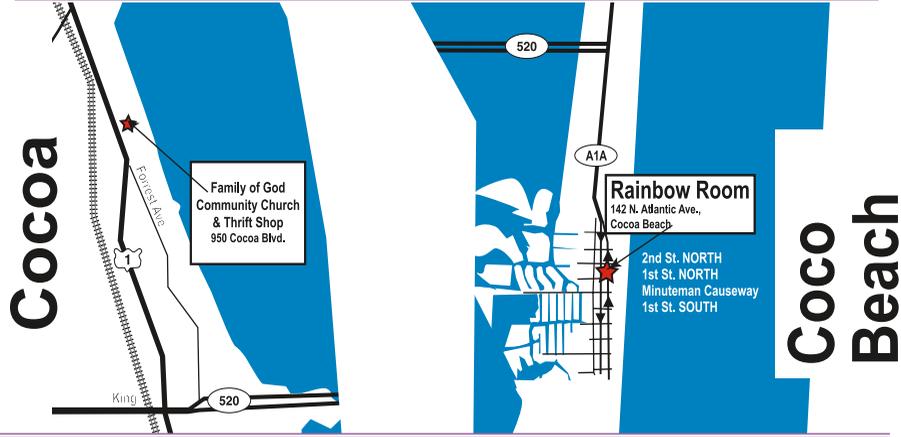
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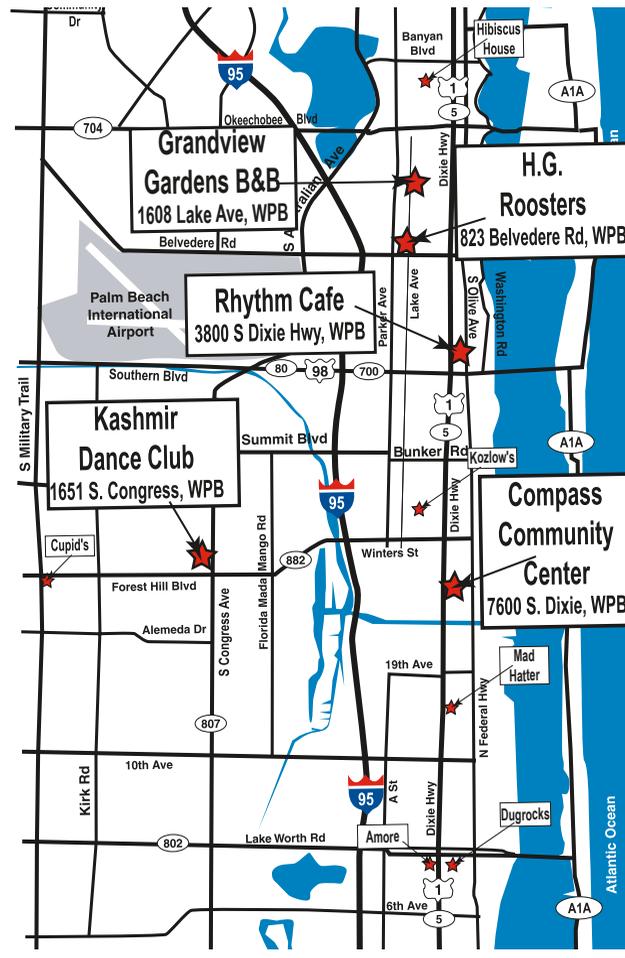
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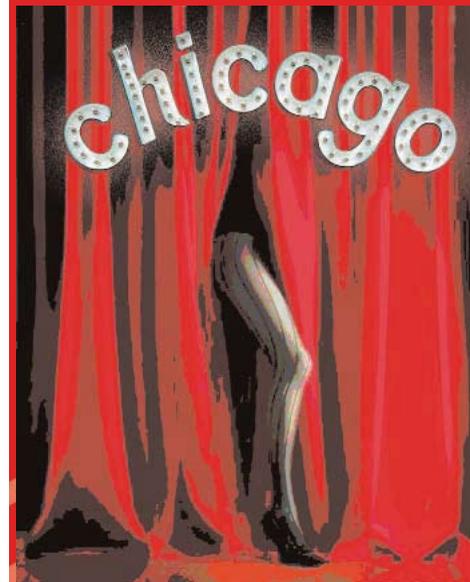
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