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In My Life

by
Becky Jeffers

Hello and happy June to all my Out on the Coast readers. It's hot, hot, hot! Beach weather for sure! All my friends are booked in Orlando for every event going for Gay Pride. To all that are going on behalf of all of us that remain behind to work and hold down the fort here- **HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME** and be Safe!! Think of us have a cocktail and Party!

May was a busy month for yours truly. Joseph and I had our first meeting of the Gay and Gay friendly Business Association. It was held May 13th on a Saturday at Joseph's and Hernado's Beach Place Guesthouses in Cocoa Beach. About twenty business owners attended and I certainly feel for our first meeting we had great interest. Less than one week later I am happy to report our list of businesses has already increased to more than forty. Joseph did a wonderful job leading the meeting. Everyone had the opportunity to speak and ideas were exchanged, the meeting went so well. Everyone knows how excited I am about this project. Family-First is so important. Our time is now. The Gay and Gay Friendly Business Directory is so important. I have people asking me on a daily basis for it. All business owners please do your best to attend our next meeting which is June 17th 1:00/3:30 PM at the Rainbow Room Club in Cocoa Beach. Beverages and Snacks will be provided. The address is 142 N. Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach 321-799-9186. For those that cannot attend be sure to at least send a representative and be counted and know what's going on at this important meeting. A note to everyone - the Rainbow Room does not open for business until 4 PM. Please readers remember "Family-First:" start making it a habit to use gay and gay friendly businesses first for all your needs. Thanks, I'm getting down off my box now.

I have met so many new people in our community this past month. People tell me they haven't been out and about in years and now of a sudden they have made the decision to get out and socialize again. No special reason given, they just feel the need to be with family. Well you know this girl, I say, "Come Out come out!" I love meeting new people and introducing folks around. Could there be a better person to do this than a bartender - I think not! I love my job! In fact I requested a shift

change just so I could meet more people and have a chance to talk to them more. I am now working the 4-9 PM shift at the Rainbow Room. Stop in and see me after work on your way home. Pick up your Out on the Coast Magazine and let me tell you everything going on in our area. Believe me there is no reason to sit home and be bored or lonely. There is too much happening here for that, and its not just for the 21 - 35 age group any longer, ah no don't go there with me! Sexy seasoned people come on and see me, honey our numbers have never been bigger! This is a great time to be alive and part of a gigantic community of proud & out people who are being accepted and treated with the respect we all deserve. Sorry, I know, I know, I was back on that box and I'm getting down... I'm still in the after glow of Pride fest - that must be what it is.

I have to say a word about last months cover. Doug knows I love him, as do many. Doug will be back home in the north by the time this issue comes out but I can't allow him to leave with out making it public knowledge how much he is loved. Yes, he is just about as adorable as anyone could possibly ever be, but there is more. Doug is everything we wish we were at his age - cute, sexy, smart - he flies helicopters for gosh sakes, talented - have you seen him dance and how about that performance at turn about, and more important than everything else, he has such a good heart. Doug's heart is so good it shines through his entire being. That's what makes me love him so. That's also what makes him so different. At that age I was something else- how about you? Un huh that's what I thought. Dougie when your home and thinking of us here without you, remember we love you land miss you and want you to visit as often as you can. You know you will always have this lesbians heart. Bye baby boy.

I have been busy selling raffle tickets for The Living Rooms benefit at Beach Place Guesthouses in Cocoa Beach and The Rainbow Room Club. I am crossing my fingers someone I sold a ticket to wins that three day cruise or a romantic night at the Guesthouses. That would be wonderful. Thanks everyone who bought one. I'll tell you more about the benefit in next months article since my article has to be in before the benefit

takes place on the 21st of May. I do know its going to be wonderful. Art Gallery opening from 1-4 at Beach Place Guesthouses hosted by Joseph and Hernando starts things off and then at 4:30 PM everyone moves to The Rainbow Room Club for a fantastic show by beautiful drag queens who are donating their time and talent for this project and also a auction of all sorts of wonderful items. Hope I see all our readers there this weekend.

Until next month everyone remember our "Family-First:, campaign. Contact me with your business listing and information as soon as possible. BeckyJ@ootcmag.com or stop by and see me at the Rainbow Room in Cocoa Beach ▼

Big hug from your lesbian representative- Becky

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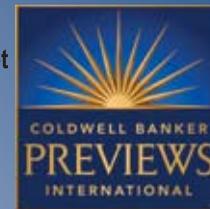


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With the Sun in Gemini, Mercury going into cancer and Mars going into Leo on the 3rd, this month's focus will be on learning how to take charge and find what nurtures us. The new moon in Sagittarius on the 11th will allow us to go one of two ways; either you will run and escape what isn't serving you, or you will find the truth and look for answers that will allow you to move through situations. (After all Sagittarius is a dual sign.) On the 23rd Venus goes into Gemini, another dual sign, which brings the opportunity to communicate what truly brings you love or ... again the ability to run. (Another dual sign) The New Moon on the 25th in Cancer will finally calm all the activity of the month and allow you to feel the nurturing you've worked for all month.

Aries March 22- April 21 Times, they are a changin' is your motto for this month. New circumstances will call for you to address old patterns that have served you in the past. Some you may be able to adapt within your new environment and others you'll have to either save for later incorporation or abandon. Use your natural ability to live-in-the-now to craft decisions on which direction to go.

Taurus April 22 – May 21 You're feeling "lucky in love" this month, but your communication skills are being affected and you find it hard to express your true emotions. Your loved ones can feel your frustration, fear, and the barriers you've set. Take the time to express yourself in-writing, which is the medium in which understanding will be most effective.

Gemini May 22 – June 21 Happy Solar Return! You'd rather be outside playing, but you have to put in overtime with your work. Don't keep your eye on the monetary gain, but instead on the accomplishment itself; that is where you'll find reward. When Venus goes into your sign after the 23rd you'll finally get your break.

Cancer June 22 – July 21 Your life is busy

with changes in your career and friendships this month. Remember that when some leave ... others take their place. I know you don't like change, but the changes you are now experiencing will prove to be positive. Be patient while looking forward. Don't get stuck in the past. Enjoy the wonderful new experiences ahead.

Leo July 22 – August 21 This month the cosmos' are giving you a break. Work will take care of itself; all you have to do is put in minimal time. Invite friends over or take a quick trip. It's time to relax and have fun. However, you need to avoid sudden decisions until after the 28th when Mercury goes into your sign or you may regret the choices you've made.

Virgo August 22 – September 21 Communications and making plans for travel are on your agenda. This could lead to love or a promotion at work. Try not to jump to any hasty conclusions while you are analyzing the situations around you. You'll find that it's better to ask more questions this month. As a result, life's conclusions will come with ease.

Libra September 22 – October 21 The transformation of your love-life has begun. You're being given an opportunity to let go of the pains love has brought. Forgiveness is crucial as a close relationship. You're being drawn to a higher level in your relationships and will be coming closer on a new level. Be careful when making major decisions right now. Take your time and examine all the aspects before coming to any conclusions.

Scorpio October 22 – November 21 Compromise and balance are the key words for you this month. There may be trade-offs at work. Just be sure to look at the big picture. You'll find those negotiations will pay off. Nothing will solve itself right now. You must use your ingenuity and initiative to accomplish what needs to be done.

Sagittarius November 22 – December

21 Jealousy and possessiveness are not your friends this month. They will lead to behaviors that you should have rid yourself of years ago. Take the time to ask yourself what old behaviors you need to let go of and develop new behaviors that will serve you better. Now is the time for change.

Capricorn December 22 – January 21 The heat is on. Others will be asking more of you right now. They do need your help. You may be very busy with personal matters right now, but you can do it. Organize your time and stick to your schedule. Before you know it, all will be accomplished. Remember: You are the mountain goat and you make it to the top by taking one step at a time.

Aquarius January 22 – February 21 Communications regarding long-term commitments are in the air for you this month. You must make a decision. If you are feeling pushed, speak from the heart and listen to the feedback you receive. Through this you'll find the answers you're looking for. This applies most specifically to your work. You can expect changes by mid-month.

Pisces February 22 – March 21 You're enlightenment stage has begun. This month is a time to sit back and be an observer. This doesn't mean neglect your responsibilities, but instead, observe where your day-to-day actions are leading you and to what purpose they serve your life. Jupiter trining Uranus in your planet gives you the vision to look deeper into what does and doesn't serve you in your life right now. ▼

For those who want to know: Gemini is the first of 4 dual signs and the most known. That is because its element is air. The planet that rules it is Mercury. It rules our lines of communication in all forms. Its symbol is the twins, again showing prominent duality. Gemini's are a hard one to keep in one spot. But the good thing is that although Gemini's are always doing one thing or another, they'll always stop to tell you of their adventures ... even though it might switch the next day!

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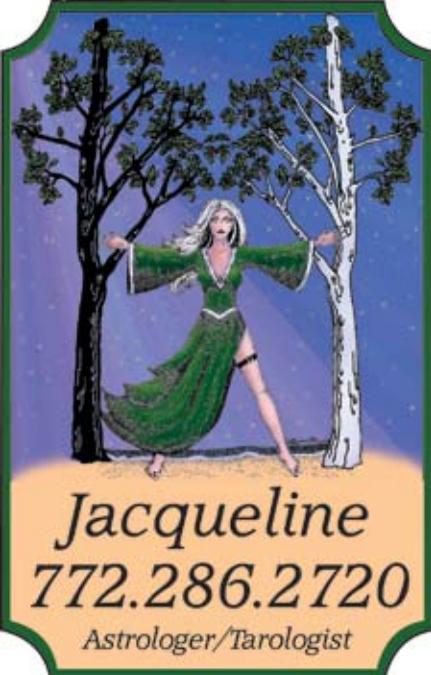
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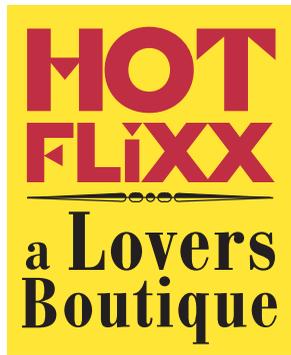
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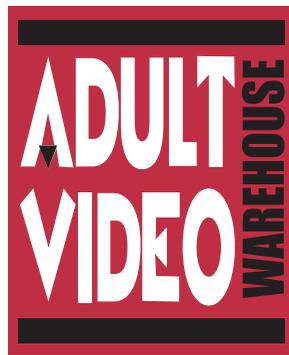


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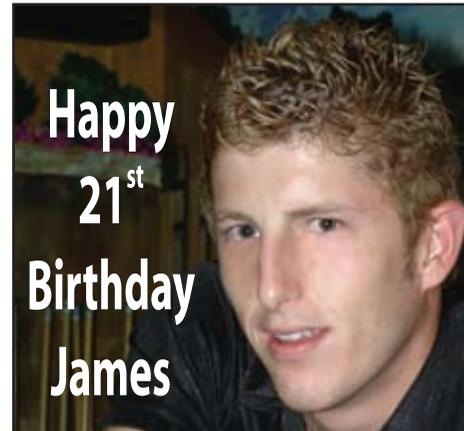
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We were running all over last Sunday as we started out at a planning meeting for PFLAG. **Family of God Community Church** in Cocoa is helping generate interest and has offered their family room to host a local chapter. Carol Benowitz, Florida State Coordinator, was there to get things started – if you're interested in starting a PFLAG chapter in your town email Carol at pflag@pobox.com. PFLAG is a vital organization for parents, family and friends of gays and lesbians. They are an important voice with our legislators and one place where concerned parents can turn for help in dealing with their children's sexual orientation without the condemnation presented by the conservatives. It's something that this area has sorely needs. **Family of God Community Church** is also holding its annual open house on June 25th. Stop in and tour their facilities and meet the members of Cocoa's welcoming congregation and see how our community is growing.

Brevardians may have noticed that the wild growth around the **Cold Keg** has been tamed and there's new landscaping out front. It's been artfully executed by **@Rockit** landscaping – and you thought Mike and Pete just hung out there. Sharon hired them and it's made a tremendous difference, as you don't need a jungle guide to find your way to the bar from a parking spot in the lot next door! Now it's an easy walk through the manicured foliage, pleasant as a day at the beach.

Beach Ball is the theme for **PFLAG Vero Beach's** Pride Dance on June 10. There was a little mix up last month about the phone number in the ad (funny how a how room full of people can look at something and not notice any problem) but we hope all who wanted tickets have them. If not, give our office a call and we'll see if we can dig some

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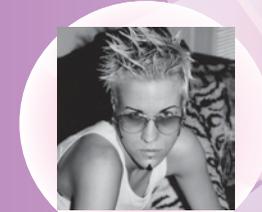
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Spiritually Speaking

By Deacon Tim Swenson

And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love
1 Corinthians 13:13

Here is a little bit about me and how God has changed my life.

As human beings, at one point in life we all endure times of pain and sufferings; some more than others. We also experience points of immense joy and happiness. I have to say that the first few years of my life were not exactly the greatest, in fact very painful. I battled abuse and depression for many years and through it all I always felt alone.

My parents didn't believe in religion nor did they allow their children the knowledge of a loving God. I lived the first eighteen years of my life as a depressed, angry and bitter individual with no faith or hope and definitely no love for anyone or anything.

At the age of seventeen, I had come to the conclusion I was not going live life like that anymore and decided to leave everything behind me and move here to Florida. After about six months or so, I became curious with the idea of God and began to seek him out. As I think back, at the time I didn't know it, but

I have to say that step was one of the greatest things God has done for me.

I believe I received my first calling as God came down to me, put his hand on my shoulder and whispered into my ear telling me everything was going to be okay. As time progressed, God continued to bless me with the friendships of several people whom have aided me in my journey. Through them I have received many profound messages; number one being there is no doubt that God loves each and every single one of us; and secondly, do not take anything for granted as it may be stripped away from you the next day.

Each of us, no matter our class, color or orientation, are blessed in an infinite number of ways and I believe it is our duty to learn to open our hearts and ears and eyes to see that life God has called us to live.

Through everything that has happened to me in the past few years I know none of it would have been possible without the gift of God. So many people have opened their arms and hearts to me and showed me a life so much better than that of this world.

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He came, He spoke, I heard, and now I act. ▼

Tim at the young age of 22, now begins his period of Deacon Discernment of ministry to our Christian Community. He resides in Rockledge. Tim Serves the Family of God Community Church in Central Brevard. For more information you may consult their website at www.familyofgodbrevard.org



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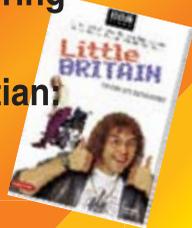
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In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

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Often history is made in the unlikeliest of places by the least expected people. The drag queens who initiated the Stonewall Rebellion didn't have making history on their minds in 1969. They, like Rosa Parks in 1955, were tired. You don't want to mess with tired people. Tired people do unpredictable things. Rosa Parks sat down and wouldn't give up her seat. The drag queens wouldn't back down and consequently stood up a little straighter.

Don Slater made history from a modest bungalow located on a side-street in Los Angeles. From this location Slater quietly with little fanfare launched the first openly publicly sold magazine for homosexuals in the United States. Don Slater's actions like Rosa Parks, like the Stonewall drag queens vibrates down the years. Slater's efforts made it possible for publications like *Out On The Treasure Coast* to exist. Not only did Slater publish the first magazine for homosexuals but he gained for us all the right to send through the United States mail printed matter dealing with homosexuality.

The U.S. Postal Service has a history of discriminating against materials it deemed repugnant. When Margaret Sanger was first starting her efforts to secure birth control measures for women in 1912, it was the Postal Service that sought to curtail her efforts by using the early 20th century obscenity statues against her magazine *The Woman Rebel*. Her magazine celebrated female autonomy, including the right to sexual expression and control over one's body. When she distributed her pamphlet *Family Limitation* which instructed women in safe means of birth control, postal inspectors confiscated copies and she found herself facing forty-five years in prison.

Not a great deal had changed in 1953. The 1950s were a reactionary period. Many people, including the postal authorities, equated anything that talked about homosexuality with pornography. The very concept of homosexuality was understood as nasty, repugnant, unacceptable, un-Christian and un-American. Freedom of the mail and of the press was for "nice normal" people not homosexuals.

Don Slater had a different perspective. Slater was perfectly comfortable with his homosexuality. He was not interested in letting anyone else define him. And he wanted to reach a broader reading public. *ONE Magazine* became the medium for him to broadcast his message of healthy self-acceptance.

ONE came into being on a November night in 1952. By January 1953 the first issue was being printed. Finding a professional typesetter-printer willing to risk association with the magazine was difficult. At the place they finally found, Slater recounted years afterwards, "the linotypist was a frail little old man with thick glasses. And we all roared when we saw the first galleys. Every time he'd come to the forbidden works, his skills had failed him. Over and over again he wrote 'homoseeeeeeexual!'"

News dealers were just as shocked: "A what-kind-a magazine? What are you—trying to get me arrested?" Slater was not to be deterred. He rounded up friends and they each took a different section of the sprawling city of Los Angeles and literally walked from one gay bar to the next, peddling copies from bar stool to bar stool; from the sober to the drunk, from the business-suited to the muscle-boy, to the drag queen, to the just out of the

closet. Copies of the first issue of *ONE* cost 25 cents.

More challenge was on the way. The October 1954 issue turned out to be an historic document. Assertedly because of a lukewarm lesbian love story and some crude comic verses, the Los Angeles postmaster deemed the issue legally obscene and refused to let it through the mail. The issue was impounded and sent to the solicitor general in Washington, DC. *ONE's* lawyer Eric Julber went to bat, bringing a court action against the postmaster. After a year's delay (during which time no issue of *ONE* could be mailed) the U.S. District Court ruled that the October 1954 issue was nonmailable because it contained "filthy and obscene material obviously calculated to stimulate the lust of the homosexual reader." Julber, fully aware that *ONE* would not be able to pay him but sensing a landmark civil rights case was involved, appealed the verdict. Another year went by and in March 1957, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco affirmed the lower court verdict.

Some at *ONE* were ready to give up, but not Don Slater and Eric Julber. Julber bought his own plane ticket to Washington and filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court. On January 13, 1958, without hearing oral arguments, by unanimous decision the United States Supreme Court reversed the lower court findings, concluding that the October 1954 issue of *ONE Magazine* was not in fact obscene but was an exercise of American free speech.

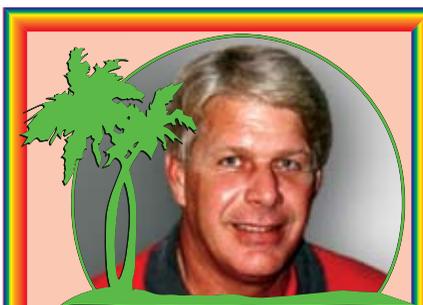
Hold on to this issue of *Out on the Coast magazine* and say "thank you" to Don Slater and Eric Julber! ▼

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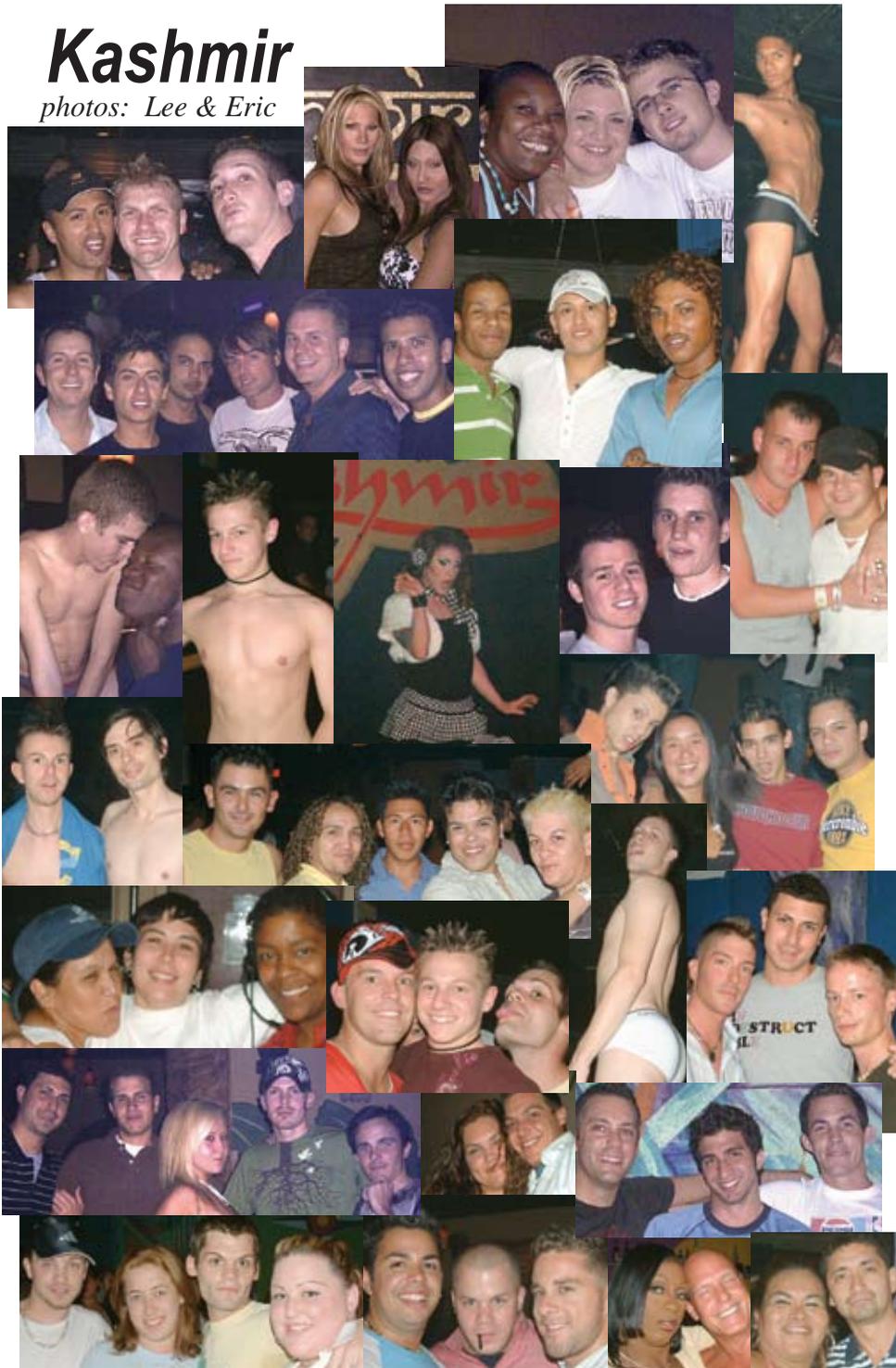
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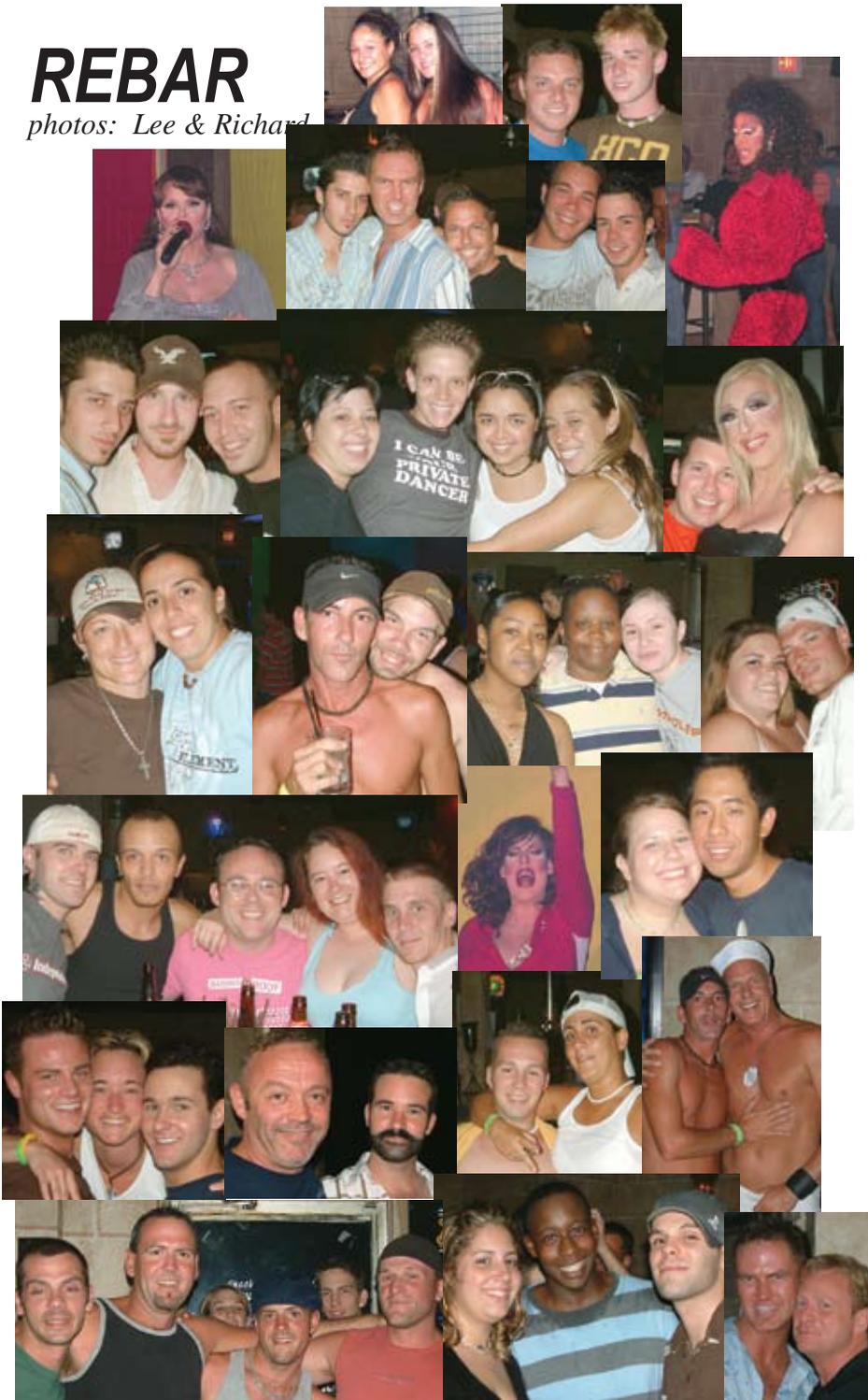
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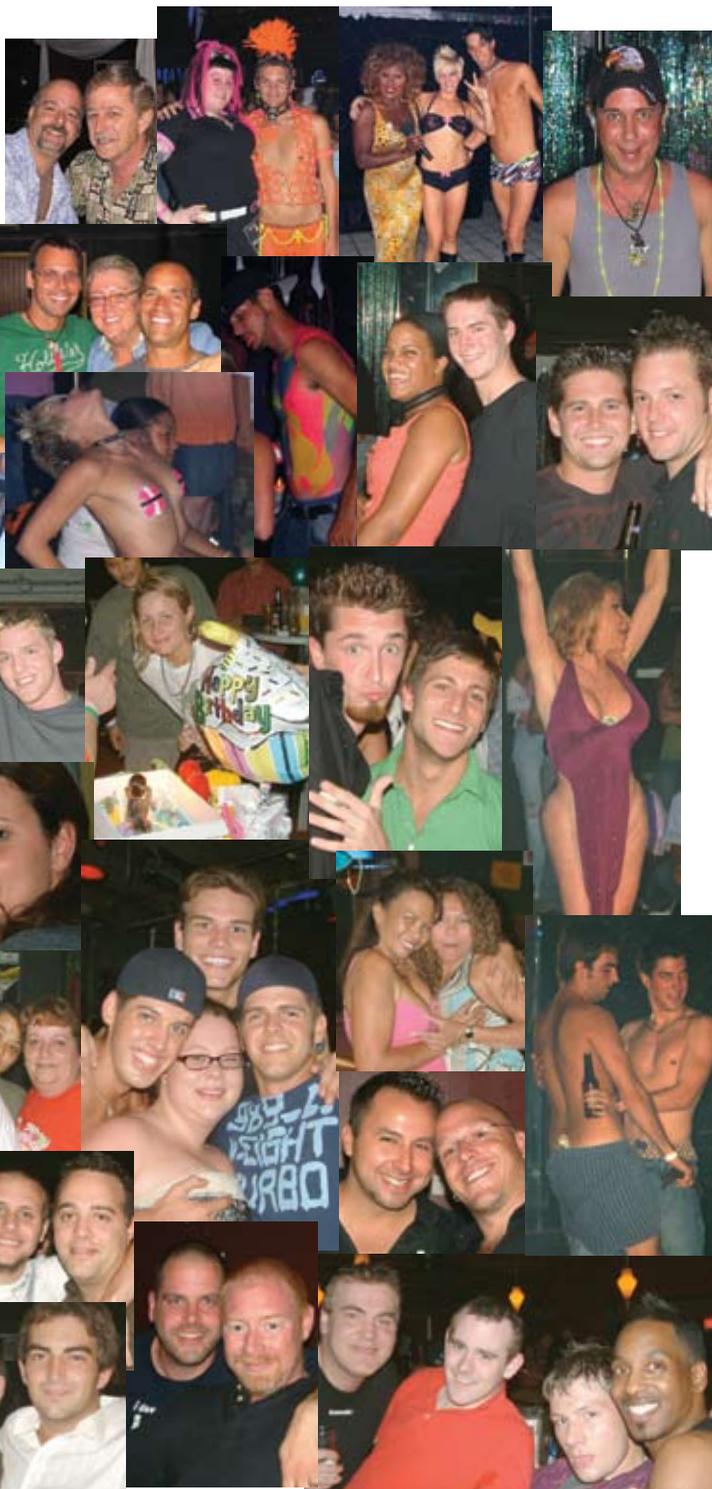


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Changing details is what's happening to Birdcage Cabaret at **Kashmir** in West Palm. There's been a change of staff and Gary's working on a whole new concept to open in the fall. So you'll just have to deal with partying your ass off at **Kashmir**, the best club in West Palm!

The Glow Party at **Cold Keg** put a whole new meaning to putting a glow on! Everything was glowing: decorations, people, drinks, Blue and Skyler. Wow! And coming up is their Military Party Memorial Day weekend and pride party on June 17 – always fun times at the **Cold Keg** in Melbourne.

Palm Bay is next to Melbourne and has been the largest city in Brevard for some time, but recently it exceeded 100,000 people so it's not far behind Port St. Lucie in population. As it grows more and more open minded people are arriving so it should be very interesting on July 1 at the First Amendment Rally at City Hall. If you live in Brevard, try to make it as our presence is important to show other progressives that we, too, care about the Constitution.

There's been a change in what constitutes weekends at **Club B rd Cage** in Port St. Lucie. There're now special guests on Fridays as well as Saturdays. Check out the **Club B rd Cage** ad on page 15 to see who's being spotlighted this month.

The spotlight down the street at **REBAR** is on their **REBAR** Idol contest all through the month of June. It was a wonder filled event last year and you can expect more of the same this year so polish up your act and be there on any of the first four Fridays before 11 PM to qualify, then everyone turn up to see who gets the big money on June 30.

The **Orlando Gay Chorus** is raising big money with their raffle and this one isn't for a nice little three day cruise, it's a week on an RSVP cruise along the Mexican Riviera including airfare for two! You can buy tickets on line at www.OrlandoGayChorus.com – note the dot com, if you go to dot org you get their regular site, not the one where you can buy tickets.

Tickets are going on sale shortly at **The King Center for the Performing Arts** in Melbourne for Margaret Cho! That's right, Margaret Cho, in Melbourne at **The King Center**. She will be appearing with special guest LISP, "The Greatest Gay Rapper in the World." Wow! A gay rapper and Margaret Cho – now there's a show you'll remember for a long time!

We want to send out special thoughts to Garrison and Richard. We want them to know that during this difficult time there are a lot of people thinking of them.

Gay Rights Tidbits: While the Florida anti-gay marriage amendment is not up for a vote this fall, action on the federal level has heated up – this is no time to ease up on the pressure. Even if you don't think it will pass, we need to remind Senator Nelson that he has constituents who are concerned about this issue and we desperately need to inform Senator Martinez that there are significant numbers of his Florida constituents who are concerned about his stand on this issue – he needs to know that his personal beliefs should not inflict discrimination on people he is supposed to represent. The Human Rights Campaign has teamed up with **Equality Florida** on a postcard campaign. The vote could be as early as June 5th, so you need to go – right now – to www.hrc.org/VoteNoFlorida and sign the postcards. Then call the Senators' offices and let them know you want them to vote against the Federal Marriage Amendment! ▼

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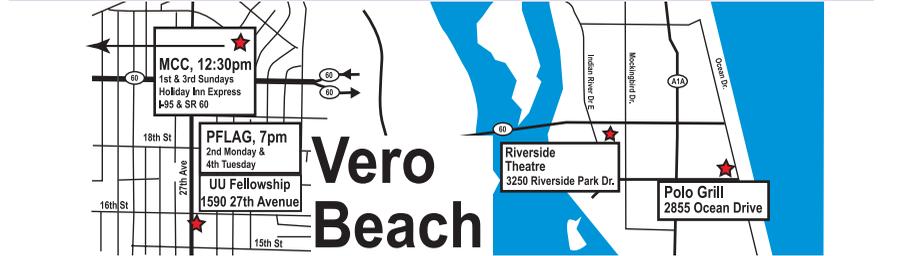
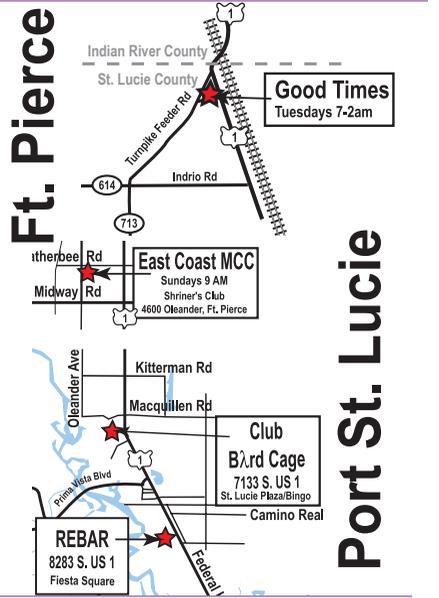
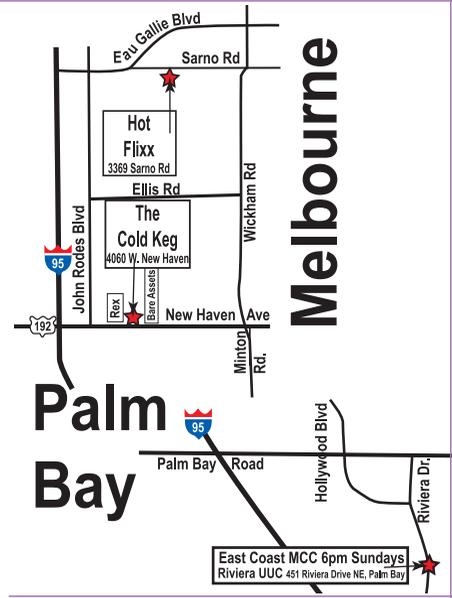
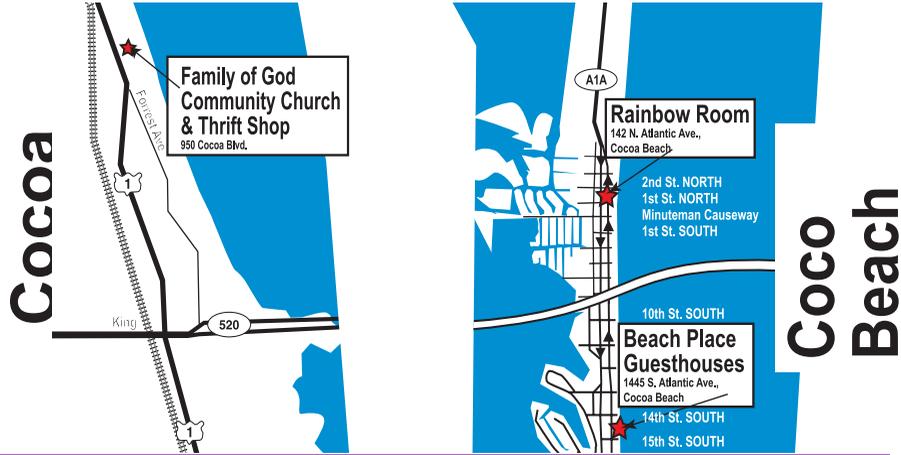
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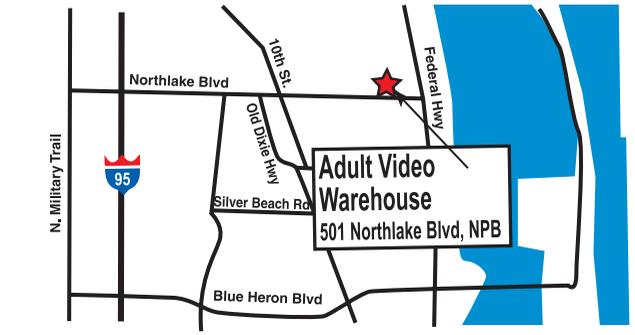
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