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Nikki Adams & Miss Noel



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# HOROSCOPE by Jacqueline

We begin this month with a Grand Trine in all the earth signs. For you this means that you are grounded, enabling you to bring forth new energies and thought in your day to day routine and set a new physical direction in all our lives. The new Moon on the 5<sup>th</sup> reinforces our emotional need for security. The good thing is on the 19<sup>th</sup> the Full moon in Scorpio will change our emotions to physically see our true security. Be careful after the 26<sup>th</sup>. Mercury will go retrograde in Gemini and miscommunications will be prevalent.

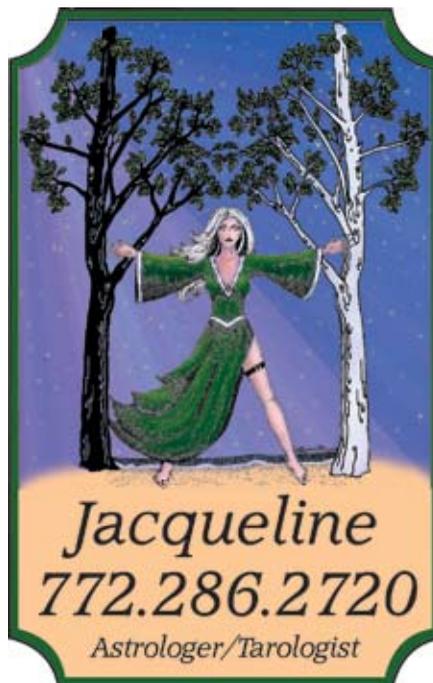
**Aries** March 23 - April 22 Let the good times roll! The spontaneity and excitement you've been experiencing continues throughout the month. Expect improvements in your financial situation. Be careful after the 26<sup>th</sup>. You'll find those risks you've been taking won't work as well when Mercury goes retrograde.

**Taurus** April 23 – May 22 Let your love light shine! Venus is in your corner this month others will be attracted to you more than usual. Enjoy the attention, but wait to see who sticks around. Venus is also in a grand trine with Jupiter and Pluto. Use this time to set new

foundations in your life towards your own personal happiness.

**Gemini** May 23 – June 22 Open your mind and listen to your spirit. Your intuition is kicking in. Just because you don't have concrete proof, doesn't mean that it's not worth the effort. Take events in stride, one step at a time and you'll do well. Rest up because Mercury will be going retrograde in your sign on the 26<sup>th</sup> and you'll need your strength.

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difficult decisions you've had to make in the last 2 months are over. You're free now to enjoy spending time with friends and loved ones. Problems do indeed find a way to resolve themselves and you'll find that to be true until the 26<sup>th</sup> when Mercury goes into retrograde. Don't try to fix it.

**Leo** July 23 – August 22 The plans you've made are now in view. You will find enlightenment beginning on the 9<sup>th</sup> when Mars enters your sign. Be willing to take chances but know the risk before you jump in. Use the Grand Earth Trine to your advantage; this is where you'll find success.

**Virgo** August 23 – September 22 Make preparations now that the grand Earth trine is here. Plans made now will manifest in July and August. Write your decisions down and strategize, but don't act upon them until after Mercury goes direct in June.

**Libra** September 23 – October 22 April showers, bring May flowers to you! The work you've done last

month will pay off now. You only have the fine details left. Take some time to smell the roses, find a little romance, and know that all will be done once Mercury goes direct in June.

**Scorpio** October 23 – November 22 The Grand Earth Trine brings challenges this month with Mars hanging over you. Don't dwell on the physical day to day, keep it simple. Go back to the quieter, simpler times of your life and find that corner which is pleasing to you.

**Sagittarius** November 23 – December 22 The time has come, no more procrastinating. Those big decisions that you've neglected must now be addressed. Put one foot in front of the other and walk through them. It won't be as bad as what you think; especially in business. You'll find once you do, you'll eventually receive the benefits. The best part of this month is that you'll feel honorable again!

**Capricorn** December 23 – January 22 This month, the grand earth trine empowers you to accomplish

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your desires through your own personal work. Use this time to make practical goals and before Mercury goes retrograde on the 26<sup>th</sup>, put those plans into action. You're on top of your game right now, use your negotiating skills to get what you want.

**Aquarius** January 23 – February 22 No more looking through rose colored glasses now that the Grand Earth Trine has you grounded. You'll find your relationships with others to take some interesting turns. Don't get caught up in the drama. You have the ability to see how it will play out. Walk in that direction and you won't feel like others are controlling you.

**Pisces** February 23 – March 22 Remember these word's "I CAN!" You need to take control of your life and not rely on the advice of others. Make a plan, stand by it and let no one deter you from your goals. You'll find accomplishing those goals will lead you to your security and give you a better sense of pride and accomplishment. ▼

**For those who want to know:** Since this month we have a Grand trine in the earth signs, I thought I'd tell you now about the aspects in astrology. Aspects are just angles. A trine is a 120 degree angle. In astrology they would call it an easy aspect. What a trine does is give you an easy use of energy between 2 planets, making wherever those planets are in your chart easy to use together. A Grand trine is 3

planets energizing each other at the 120 degree angle. Right now Saturn is in Virgo, Venus is in Taurus, and Jupiter is in Capricorn. So this grand trine is giving all of us the opportunity to be able to make a solid path to our own happiness and benefit.

*Monthly horoscopes by Jacqueline. She is at B&A Flea Market in Stuart every weekend from 10 to 2. For more information on Astrology or for a private reading call: 772.286.2720*



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# Tea Time

with Miss T

Well! We just got home from **Pride of the Treasure Coast at REBAR**. Someone noted that Pride day guarantees the temperature will be 10 degrees higher. It was HOT! So the good news was that you could go inside and get out of the heat and sun. The bad news was that with most of the people inside it looked a little sparse around the vendors. The best news was that Jim, Jerry, Randy and Dan pulled off a fantastic event. Great entertainment culminating in Blue's *Nighclubbing* show; a nice variety of vendors; a nice sized crowd; a great setting; no rain. The 4:30 PM appearance of 4 Sheriff's cars responding to noise complaints couldn't destroy the mood. Even though all the permits were in order and the noise level was not excessive the good officers demanded the outside music and performances cease

– under threat of confiscation of equipment and arrests. So by 5 PM everyone moved inside as the skies clouded up, surely Mercedes spirit expressing her displeasure. But the mood was not stifled and the show went on. See the pictures on page 20. Blue's performance was a full nightclub show and is impossible to describe, so see those pictures on page 13. **REBAR** outdid themselves again! This was the kind of thing that could never have been put on in a public park and was a huge Pride present to our community.



And finally, **REBAR** has brought our community to the attention

of politicians. First a St. Lucie councilwoman turns up at the bar after speaking at last year's Pride and this year a group was present promoting a candidate for county commissioner! This is significant. City and county politicians are recognizing our importance as a voting bloc, so get registered, get informed and VOTE in November!

Have you seen the new performers appearing at **REBAR**? They will be regular fixtures on Friday nights, and they're not drag queens or kings. They even turned up on Pride eve to help warm up the crowd. If you like them, make sure you tip them — don't just stand and fantasize, I mean stare at them — they make money the same way as the queens and rely on tips to encourage their performances. Kapeesh?



Up in Melbourne, everyone is gearing up for **Space Coast Pride Fest** on Memorial Day weekend. It's a first year event, so no one knows quite what to expect but sponsors are on board, vendors are reserving space and the entertainment is

coming together so everything looks like a solid start for Brevard's very first Pride Celebration. Check out their web site at [SpaceCoastPride.org](http://SpaceCoastPride.org) for details.

**Cold Keg** is the largest sponsor and starts off the month with Hug-a-butt's birthday on May 6 and leads up to **Space Coast Pride Fest** with their Pride Party on Saturday, May 24, and the after-party starting at 6 PM on Sunday, May 25 AND you have Monday, Memorial Day, off to recover!

**East Coast MCC** in Melbourne is growing, too. They have announced a change of schedule in their Melbourne service: Beginning in May, **East Coast MCC** will have two services on Sunday evenings – at 5 and 6:30 p.m. The 5 p.m. service will be a more traditional formal service with the 6:30 p.m. service being more contemporary and informal. **East Coast MCC** is located at 1603 S Wickham Road in Melbourne. They will be hosting the May Space Coast Business Guild meeting to show off their new digs.



*Angelica/Johnny will be missed in Brevard and I'm sure a big hit way up north in Alaska*

Another Brevard change is the departure of Angelica Marie Kincade for Alaska. Angelica did her last show at **Rainbow Tonic** in Vero at the end of April and has left for the cold north. We had to see her go and wonder how she'll find high-heeled mukluks! I know she went to high school here so I don't know if she's really ready for 6 months of snow. A ski vacation is one thing, six months of dark and snow is something else entirely.

Oh, and we see that Family of God Community Church up in Cocoa is gearing up for their spring yard sale, the date hasn't been set yet so you'll have to check their web site [www.familyofgodbrevard.org](http://www.familyofgodbrevard.org) for details. Family of God just concluded one of their regular legal workshops, so essential for our community in view of our lack of legal protection in so many areas.

Hello? Hello? Anyone interested in submitting something for the *In My Words* column? It's difficult to believe that no one out there is interested in being published. What do you want to see? I am at a loss, so if you have any ideas drop a line to [editor@ootcmag.com](mailto:editor@ootcmag.com). If you have a submission, send it to the same address.

Gay Rights Tidbits: We are slowly gaining in Tallahassee. Make sure you're registered to vote and be informed so we keep forging ahead after the November elections. And start talking to friends, family and neighbors, strangers, *everybody* about Amendment 2. The bottom line is vote no on 2. The truth is that should Amendment 2 pass it will be used against everyone, gay and straight, to deny benefits to unmarried partners— it's already happened in other states. Learn more at [VoteNoOn2.com](http://VoteNoOn2.com). This is really important.

Here are a couple of positive examples.

The Florida senate commerce committee approved a bill, cosponsored by the Republican senate president, Jeff Atwater, which would prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians in housing, employment, and public accommodations. Introduced in 2007 by Democrat Ted Deutch, the measure was passed on a vote

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## Blue "Nightclubbing"

photos: Lee



Feature performance at  
REBAR after Pride of the  
Treasure Coast.

# Spiritually Speaking

I followed with interest the recent visit by Pope Benedict XVI to America. Whether one is Roman Catholic or not, there should be an inner respect for a man who represents so much for many. I admit being awed by the ornate vestments, and especially the red Prada shoes. Fashion is important even in religion. One must have more than a hint of color! A splash and celebration of color goes a long way. The rainbow colors the gay community has come to adopt as its symbol speaks to our diversity and yet uniqueness, our dependency upon the other for our individual color, for colors are only unique dependant upon the combination of other colors. We need each other.

In the congregation I lead, many come from a Roman Catholic heritage. I recall someone referring to the late Pope John Paul II as the "old fart in Rome." Being raised a Protestant I was taken aback at such a statement. For me, the Pope was and is, a symbol of the historical church

that has been passed from the first apostles to our present generation. Surely, there is a mystical church in which all are members by a common faith, even though not necessarily by denominational affiliation. The 'old fart' comment no doubt was said in frustration of the present Catholic hierarchy not recognizing homosexuals as part of God's plan and purpose. Not agreeing with someone or something does give us right see ourselves as separate from the rest of the world. One does not throw out the baby with the bathwater.

I pray the gay community does not insist on seeing itself as separate from the rest of creation. Our struggle is not new. It is an ongoing struggle for inclusiveness and acceptance other groups of people have sought and won. Women, ethnic minorities, and alternative religious expressions have fought for affirmation and a place within society. The world still struggles to give birth to a truly all-inclusive, compassionate, and unprejudiced planet.

But, in the ongoing struggle we see and sense the presence of creation's Spirit who is poured out afresh in every generation to renew the face of the earth. God can and will breathe new life into outdated ideas and old institutions. This is a communal hope, not an isolated one. Together we can live the dream of a world without walls or conflict.

*We need each other.* God created us to live within community, not isolation. Gay militancy and political activism have their rightful place in the ongoing struggle for justice and tolerance, but somehow I feel that humility is a greater gift we are able pass to the next generation of the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender family. *Humility is not humiliation.* We do not have to lie in the mud. Spiritual humility is powerful. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Gandhi preached and lived a non-violent response to oppression and injustice. This was passed down from Jesus himself, who spoke of love and forgiveness in such strong terms. On the day of his resurrection he appeared to his disciples who were hiding in fear from the 'Jews', a reference to those who were seen as responsible for the crucifixion. Indeed, Jew-

ish leaders did oppress and persecute the early followers of Jesus. Jesus had warned them of such. But, Jesus speaks to no such reality in his resurrection greeting. Instead, he speaks of **peace, renewal, and forgiveness.** WOW! No hard feelings or vengeful attitude there!

I have met many with a chip on their shoulder, who still have not let go of past hurt, still clinging to a certain "us and them" mentality. The past has not been fair to GLBT people. But, hanging on to unresolved hostility and frustrated hopes will not free us to live as

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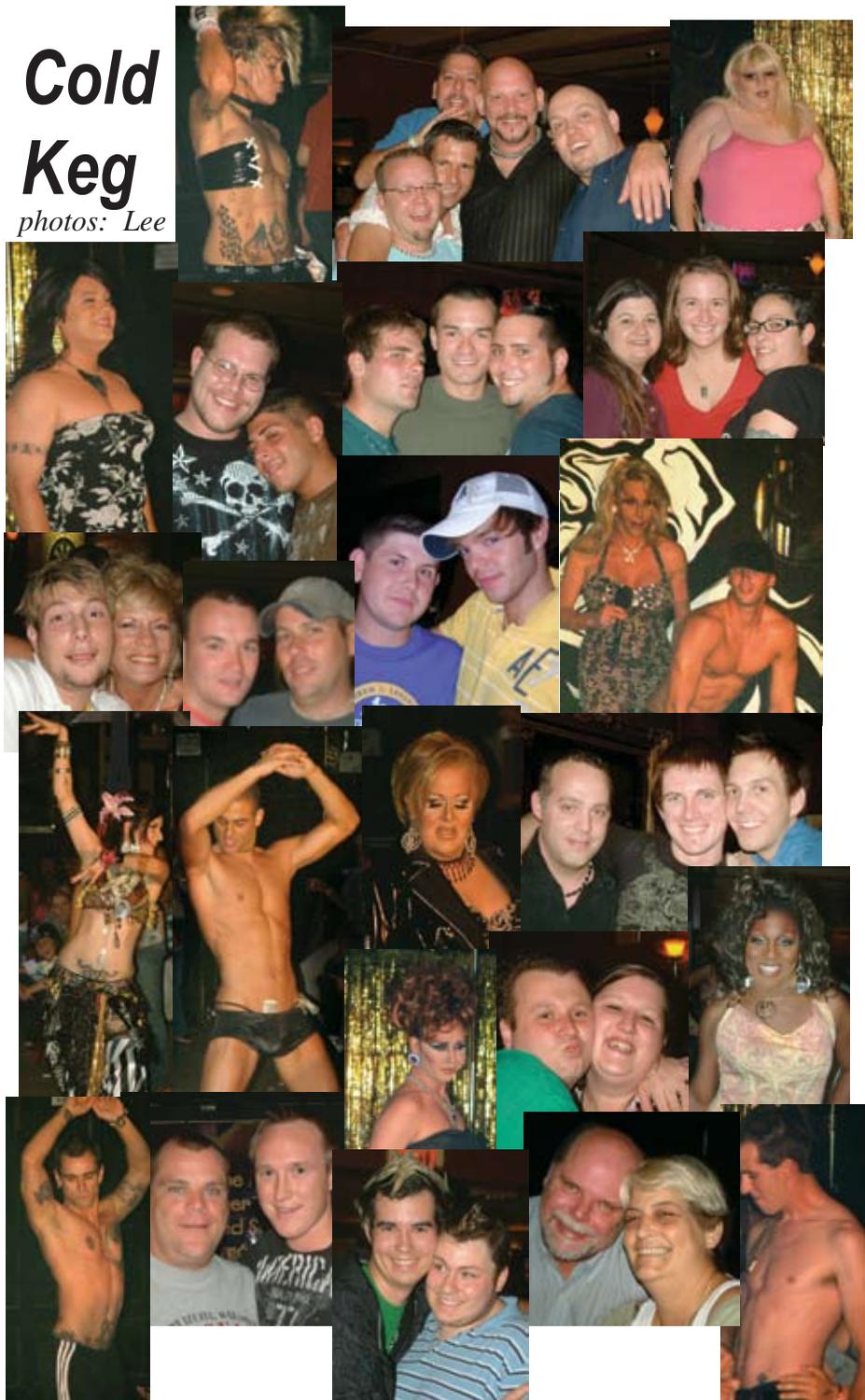
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Dancers Valo & Dalani  
May 24<sup>th</sup>: Pride Party (see above)  
May 31<sup>st</sup>: Faith Taylor with  
Dancers Blake & Ivy



# Cold Keg

photos: Lee



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liberated human beings. We must forgive the past of intolerance, embrace the present possibility of inclusion, and strive in hope for a world transformed... This is not a message most want to hear, and this was not the message the first disciples wanted to hear. They were expecting Jesus to be a literal warrior messiah who would raise an army to fight against the yoke of the Roman Empire. But, Jesus, who instead went to death voluntarily as a lamb led to the slaughter, left with them (and us) a legacy and teaching of non-violence, humility, and forgiveness of even our 'enemy', and oppressor.

To forgive, according to the Aramaic-speaking Jesus, is to LET GO, SET FREE, RESTORE TO AN ORIGINAL STATE. Yes, the gay community has been sinned against by governments, religion, red-necks, and small-minded simpletons—but that is beyond our control. *We do have control* over how we respond to such actions. Forgiveness frees us from inner disappointment that wrecks havoc upon all of who we are. The tangled behaviors of our oppressors will be judged by the Universal Judge. We are called upon to see and live in a spiri-

tual humility that loves, forgives, and yet celebrates in a healthy pride who we are as unique and diverse—all part and parcel of the same quest for that Realm of God, heaven on earth, and Nirvana all religions seek after. Through **restraint, respect, and resolve** we shall overcome! The God of justice and mercy wills it...Amen! ▼

*The Reverend Gregory L. Denton is Pastor of New Hope First Community Church, "A church built on love where everyone is welcome," an independent growing congregation that believes in God's all-inclusive love. New Hope, celebrating its 12<sup>th</sup> year in the Palm Beaches, is located at 2929A South Seacrest Blvd. in Boynton Beach, FL. Sunday services are 10:30 am. Discussion Group/Bible Study Thursdays at 7:30 pm. On the web at: [www.newhopefla.org](http://www.newhopefla.org)*

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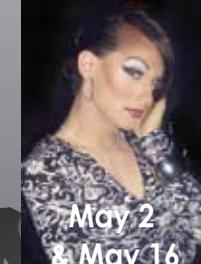
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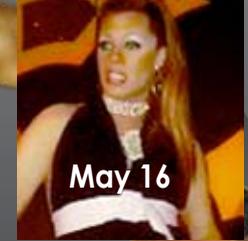
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# IN THE NEWS

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TALAHASSEE—A report in *Florida Today* noted that the Florida House finally passed an anti-bullying bill, but without specific protection for “gender preference,” which is apparently the current code phrase for sexual orientation or identity. The article states that the bill directs school districts to develop policies and punishments to deal with bullying and put the focus on changing the behavior of the bully. Rep. Nick Thompson, R-Fort Meyers, the bill’s sponsor said listing motivation for bullying is less critical than changing the bully’s behavior but did include specific references in the bill to bullying for race or religion.

When Democrats wanted to add gender to the list a 45-minute debate ensued, according to the article. The opposition insisted that children should not have to say why they were bullied and the amendment was defeated.

Rep. Shelley Vana, D-Lantana, noted that listing some behaviors while excluding others makes it easier for school administrators “to hesitate and not protect the victim.”

This magazine thinks that some school administrators will try to say that openly gay behavior is bullying conservative bigots on religious grounds.

It will be interesting to see what form the final bill takes.

WASHINGTON, DC—We found this on line and could not phrase it better:

From the Carpetbagger Report ([www.thecarpetbaggerreport.com](http://www.thecarpetbaggerreport.com)):

Gay employees gain email access at DoJ, right declares end of Western Civilization

Posted April 19th, 2008 at 9:35 am

Guest Post by Morbo

Last week I reported on Oklahoma state Rep. Sally Kern, and her dire warning that homosexuals have taken over Pittsburgh.

Fresh from that victory, the gays have now besieged the U.S. Justice Department. Can no one stop them?

The latest important update comes via Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council, and it is shocking indeed: Attorney General Michael Mukasey is a total gay symp.

Yeah, I was floored too. But I read about it in the FRC’s “Washington Watch” newsletter, a publication as infallible as the Bible. Get this: Mukasey is letting gay employees at the Department of Justice “celebrate homosexuality within the department.”

What does this mean? Well, the gays will now have “complete access to the department’s internal communications systems and facilities to promote and host DOJ Pride activities and events.”

My God. This means gay people will actually be able to use E-MAIL, right at their desks! They’ll also be allowed to congregate in ROOMS where they’ll hold CONVERSATIONS.

If the DOJ has any other forms of internal communication, such as bulletin boards, phones, memos or semaphore flags, gays will be able to use those just like any other person to spread their vile propaganda. Clearly, no one at DOJ is thinking of the children.

Perkins mopes:

“This could easily have a ‘ripple effect’ on government agencies at all levels throughout the country. The negative impact on our legal system could be enormous.”

Yes, it sure could. The next thing you know, gay employees at the DOJ will demand the right to eat in the same cafeteria as heterosexuals or even drink from their water fountains! Imagine this being the policy throughout the entire federal government.

It turns out this is all old news. This blogger reported on it back in February.

So why is Perkins making such a fuss now (and including a petition of outrage to send to Mukasey)? I can’t say for certain, but I have a guess: slow fund-raising month.

DENVER—The debate on the Senate floor over a bill that would expand the prohibition of sexual orientation-based discrimination became personal and emotional after a senator offered a rhetorical amendment to ban discrimination against short people. Sen. Greg Brophy, R-Wray, withdrew the stunt amendment after arguing that there is no need for the bill because he has not seen evidence that gays and lesbians are discriminated against when seeking a job or a home.

“What I’m talking about is economic discrimination, political discrimination, employment discrimination,” Brophy said. “I find no pattern of any of those.”

Senate President Peter Groff, D-Denver, said he was disgusted by Brophy’s amendment. “Discrimination is a practice that has gone on in this country too long,” Groff said. “It is the birth defect of this country. And I think it’s time we deal with that.”

WARSAW—According to a report on 365.com, Poland’s upper house approved the European Union’s proposed charter of rights, with a provision allowing Poland to ignore EU guarantees of equal rights for gays and lesbians.

The lower house had already approved ratification after reaching an accord between the government and opposition-linked President Lech Kaczynski. Kaczynski claimed the treaty would force Poland to endorse homosexuality and legalize same-sex marriage.

Kaczynski even went on national TV to denounce the treaty, using pictures from the Canadian wedding of two New York City men.

A Warsaw television station has invited the couple to Warsaw and conducted a number of interviews promoting LGBT civil rights in Poland.

The Law and Order Party, led by Kaczynski’s twin brother lost the last Parliamentary election to the more moderate Civic Platform Party which supported ratification of the EU

charter.

But with Law and Order holding up a vote, and President Kaczynski’ threatening a veto it appeared the charter was doomed.

Then Prime Minister Donald Tusk reached a deal by inserting a clause in the rights bill guaranteeing Poland’s sovereignty within the union. The cause is seen as a means where the government can opt out of EU LGBT rights protections.

Kaczynski has said he will sign the revised bill.

Before becoming President Kaczynski was mayor of Warsaw where he rejected gay pride parade applications from 2004 to 2006.

In 2005 dozens of militant youths were waiting as the marchers arrived at the Parliament buildings and pelted the crowd with eggs. Police struggled to try to regain order, but were vastly outnumbered.

Gays appealed to the European Court of Human Rights which subsequently ruled that Kaczynski acted illegally and discriminatory in banning gay pride marches.

WASHINGTON, DC—Prior to the Easter recess, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was forced to intervene with Defense Secretary Robert Gates in order to get Democratic Rep. Tammy Baldwin’s domestic partner on a military flight for a congressional fact-finding trip to Europe.

The speaker succeeded, but the issue continues to simmer for both sides. The Pentagon appears to be self-conscious about transporting gay domestic partners at a time when it continues to enforce a “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy in its own ranks. The speaker is sensitive to the gay rights issue but doesn’t want to be drawn into a situation where it appears she is dictating policy for the use of military planes.

Under House guidelines, members of Congress may take their spouses with them on military flights if there is room for them and when it is “necessary for protocol purposes.” Although Baldwin, the only openly gay woman elected to Congress, exchanged wedding vows with Lauren Azar in 1998, her home state of Wisconsin does not officially

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recognize same-sex marriages, and military officials were apparently unwilling to consider Azar a "spouse" within the meaning of the House guidelines.

In appealing to Gates, Pelosi aides said their boss was simply asking the defense secretary to follow a precedent established by her predecessor, former Republican Rep. Dennis Hastert of Illinois. Pelosi told Gates that Hastert had allowed Baldwin to take Azar on a previous trip abroad.

Gates, who was apparently unaware of any earlier trips, told the speaker that she was responsible for the House travel rules and had the authority to make an exception, according to officials on and off the Hill. His only requirement was that Pelosi send him a letter authorizing the trip. Pelosi sent such a letter moments after the phone call ended, and Azar was allowed on the plane.

The Pentagon and the speaker's office remain divided over what the Gates-Pelosi agreement means for member travel abroad. Pelosi's office awaits a follow-up letter from Gates laying out new criteria for the congressional use of military airplanes, while the Pentagon argues this was one instance in which the speaker waived her own rules to create an exception for an individual lawmaker.

"This is not an issue of DOD regulations," said Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell. "Secretary Gates honored a request from Speaker Pelosi to make an exception to the House rules.

"But that's really as far as it goes," Morrell continued. "This should not be viewed as a precedent which would now permit all nonspouse travel. That said, Secretary Gates will, on a case-by-case basis, entertain the speaker's future requests to make exceptions."

Pelosi spokesman Brendan Daly said, "We want to work with Secretary Gates to establish a procedure going forward."

Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), another openly gay lawmaker, believes the military's initial refusal to let Azar fly with Baldwin has more to do with the Bush administration's opposition to same-sex marriage than with the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

"I think the military was following orders," Frank said. "I think the administration disapproves of same-sex marriage."

Pelosi was scorched early in her tenure as speaker for her use of a military jet larger than the one Hastert used, a controversy that eventually died down after she pointed out that the smaller plane Hastert used cannot make the trip from Washington to her San Francisco district without stopping to refuel.

Congress established a special entitlement for military travel in 1954 as part of broader legislation to expand the country's foreign aid programs. At the time, lawmakers gave themselves discretion to reimburse the military directly from the Treasury for any travel expenses, meaning the Pentagon doesn't have to dip into its own budget to pay for members' trips abroad and in the U.S.

All committee chairmen have the discretion to make a travel request. In the House, the speaker signs off on those requests and then works with the Pentagon to find an available aircraft.

If members' spouses cannot travel, lawmakers may bring "an adult child" when protocol calls for it, according to the House guidelines. In select circumstances, members may also bring an adult child if their spouse is on the trip, but they must reimburse the government for the flight expenses.

The main issue with Baldwin's trip concerns the definition of the term "spouse."

During her tenure in the House, Baldwin has been a forceful advocate for gay rights. She unsuccessfully pushed party leaders last year to include protections for transgender people in legislation prohibiting workplace discrimination against gay, lesbian and bisexual employees.

Late last month, she sent a letter to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in which she asked her to establish basic protections for gay and lesbian State Department employees. Among the changes Baldwin requested were equal travel rights for domestic partners accompanying foreign-service officers to their postings overseas.

Baldwin and Azar travel together frequently, according to records filed with the House clerk. Baldwin registered Azar as her spouse

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on each of those disclosure forms, and last December, the House ethics panel officially cleared Azar to travel with Baldwin to a health care conference in Philadelphia.

Azar, an environmental attorney in Madison, has a deep background in public policy. Gov. Jim Doyle appointed her last March to the Public Service Commission, a state board that oversees local utilities and economic development.

CHICAGO—Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are battling it out for the Democratic Party presidential nomination at debates, luncheon speeches, bowling alleys--and now, in the pages of gay and lesbian newspapers.

Obama was the first to turn to the gay press in the campaign, and -- according to his lead volunteer in outreach to the LGBT community -- the first presidential candidate ever to buy a campaign ad in a local gay paper.

"The campaign bought full-page and full-color, in some circumstances, ads in some of the LGBT publications in Ohio and Texas," said Eric Stern, co-chair of the National LGBT Leadership Council of Obama for America. "It was the first time a presidential candidate had bought ad space in local LGBT publications for the express purpose of asking for the support and the vote of LGBT voters statewide."

In the 2004 primary season, then-candidate Howard Dean bought an ad in *The Advocate*, the national gay-oriented news magazine, Stern said.

The Obama ads, which made reference to the Stonewall riots of 1969, said in part: "Too often, the issue of LGBT rights is exploited by those seeking to divide us. But

at its core, this issue is about who we are as Americans."

The ads, timed just before the March 4 primaries in Ohio and Texas, appeared in four papers, including the *Dallas Voice* and the *Gay People's Chronicle* in Cleveland.

Now that the campaign has moved on to the critical state of Pennsylvania, which votes April 22, the Clinton campaign looks ready to make some gay newspaper ad buys as well.

"We've been told by the campaign that (Obama) is going to buy -- but we haven't gotten an insertion order," Philadelphia Gay News Publisher Mark Segal said Thursday. "We've also been told that Hillary Clinton is going to, likewise."

The newspaper offered to interview both candidates, offering the same questions in the same order with no follow-up to each. "Obama did not take up that request, Hillary Clinton did," Segal said.

It took 7 days of continual email requests sent to media all over the country to get Obama to join Clinton in encouraging the Pennsylvania legislature not to pass a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

With the LGBT vote representing as much as three percent of the electorate the newspaper is well-positioned to influence the vote. Demographic studies of its readers, who stretch across Pennsylvania, show that 90% are registered to vote.

The paper will come out with its presidential endorsement on the Friday before the primary, Segal said.

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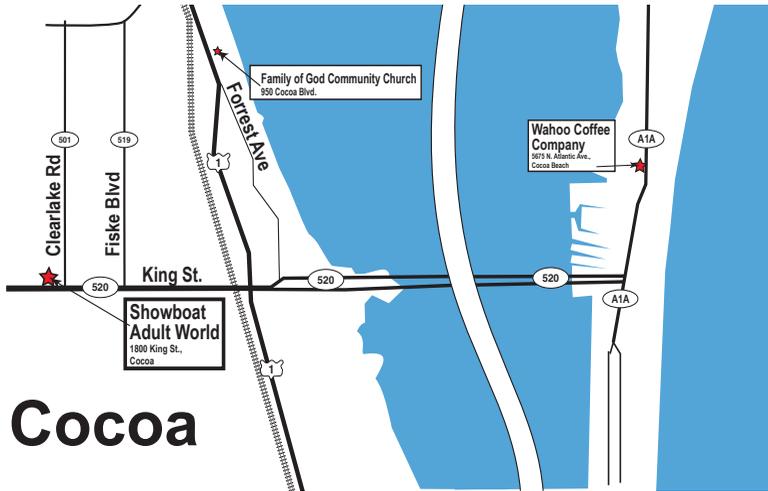
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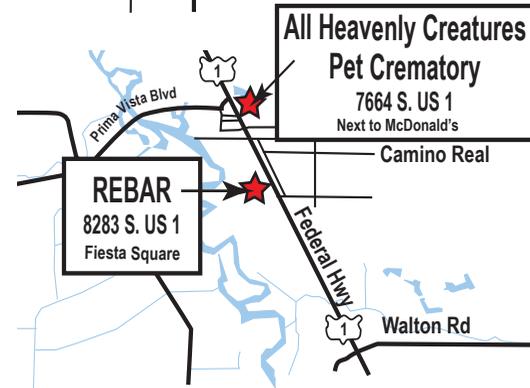


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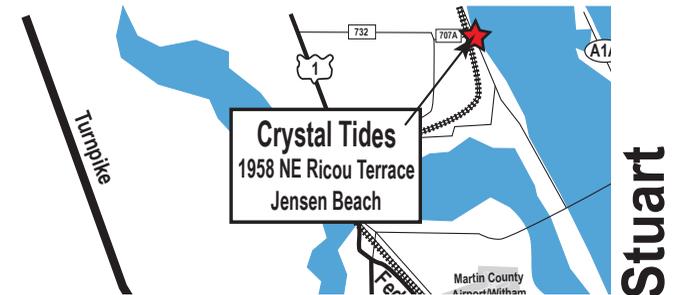


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of 7-1, with one abstention, on Tuesday. Four Republicans and three Democrats affirmed the bill.

While the proposed law does not include protections for transgender Floridians, Rep. Kelly Skidmore has been approached to introduce a transgender-inclusive bill into the house, which if passed would then leave that inclusion up to a conference committee.

And, by a unanimous vote, the Florida House of Representatives passed a state-wide Safe Schools bill that, bill sponsors say, will prohibit all forms of harassment including bullying targeted at students based on their race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical appearance, disability, and religion.

Reps. Dan Gelber, Jack Seiler, and a bi-partisan coalition brought forward an amendment that would have expanded the examples of harassment included in the bill to encompass all of the characteristics listed in Florida's hate crimes statute. The amendment failed only after assurances from sponsors that all of these groups were already protected.

Legislators zeroed in on the issue of protecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students from harassment with the sponsor and supporters repeatedly insisting that anti-gay bullying would be outlawed by this bill.

Rep. Bogdanoff (R-Broward) and Rep. Thompson (R-Lee), prime sponsors of the bill, both stressed that protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity were already covered in the bill. "No member of this legislature believes a child should be bullied because of their sexual orientation," Bogdanoff said.

Equality Florida and the Florida Safe Schools Coalition noted the importance of promises to protect all students but vowed to continue to push for more specific language. "We continue to believe that the strongest bill would include a complete listing of all of the forms of harassment we know plague our schools" said Nadine Smith, Executive Director of Equality Florida, "but we take heart in the fact that legislators have promised repeatedly that schools must address all forms of bullying, including anti-gay attacks, or they will be breaking the law."

The bill must now pass the Florida Senate where a similar amendment is likely to be brought forward.

At least 10 other states have passed fully inclusive anti-bullying laws that include categories, which experts say are essential to ensure schools don't shy away from intervening.

Representative Thompson, the bill's lead sponsor, put school districts on notice during the floor debate that they will be in violation of this law if they do not effectively confront all forms of bullying in their schools. Thompson warned that the examples of harassment listed in the bill were not an exhaustive list and specifically highlighting anti-gay bullying as an issue that must be addressed under the bill.

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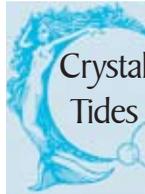
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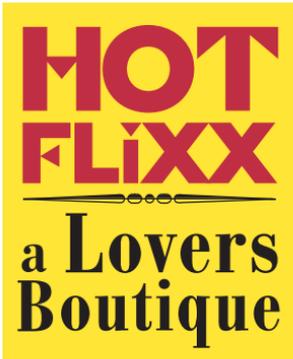
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