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Although this month begins in chaos, don't fret, all will work out in the end. As Venus goes into Cancer on the 1st and Mercury goes into Virgo on the 2nd, it allows us to reflect with a renewed insight on what nurtures and serves us especially in work and love. With the advent of the full Moon on the 5th in Aquarius, drama will ensue clouding ones judgment and sense of responsibility however, with the new Moon on the 20th, it brings us insight and a means of clearing the way to see the facts beyond the fiction. Mars going into Cancer and Mercury going into Libra on the 25th will finally bring this month back into balance.

Aries March 23 - April 22 Your sensitivities are heightened this month. Use this time to enjoy the simple pleasures of life. Be patient with those close to you. Be patient on your approach to the problem, ask more questions before coming to a conclusion. A better solution will present itself, one that will satisfy the problem.

Taurus April 23 - May 22 Relaxation is the key for you this month. Take yourself out of the equation. What you have put into motion is now running without your effort. Stay true to your beliefs and let the rest take care of itself. The new Moon on the 20th brings a turning point to your health or financial issues.

Gemini May 23 - June 22 You have

choices to make this month. Weigh the facts in both love and business and don't go on speculation. Don't be pressured in making a decision based on friendship and associations, the choices will be made for you between the 13 and the 20th, so sit back and let destiny do its work.

Cancer June 23 - July 22 With Venus going into your sign on the 1st, you'll feel the love from those around you. This month is a good time to throw a party or go to a social gathering or both. You'll find a boost in your ego. Have fun and rest now, the responsibilities will be back on you in the fall.

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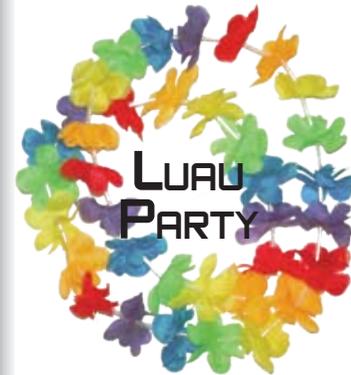
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with Miss T

Wow, last month was a month of changes with comings and goings and changes everywhere. Some people deal well with change and some don't. So there's been drama (oh my, drama in our community *quelle inhabituel*). With rumors a-flying about this that and everything it sure has kept MySpace and Facebook active – or so we hear. We have both accounts but are way too busy with real life to do more than log on a few times a week to deal with whatever needs doing. Lord knows we never actually read all the postings – there are too many to begin with and we don't want to spoil the fun of trying to come up with a bigger whopper when someone calls to tell us what they read!

One thing that is true is that our community comes together to support good causes and June was the Project Response Camp Heartland effort at three bars, netting over \$6,000! The penultimate event was June 28 at the **Cold Keg**, and was Sharon's last event as owner – see pictures on page 23. The result was \$3,000 plus from that event alone (helped along by **The Living Room** donating \$1,000 from **Space Coast Pride** proceeds). **Kelli Randell** and Alexi Leigh promise bigger and better events next year to raise even more money for this excellent cause – they're queens on a mission!

There does seem to be some confusion the mission of **The Living Room**, which is to raise enough money to open a GLBT community center and be able to keep it open until it is fully funded. In the meantime **The Living Room** does its best to provide events for our community and support for all the organizations in our community. Experience has shown that our community was not willing to support the center when it was open so **The Living Room** needs to raise significant funds before opening a center again and that's where the bulk of the money they raise goes. Not all, as once again they took a respectable amount from the **Space Coast Pride** receipts and distributed it to PFLAG Melbourne and NOW as well as Project Response. Organizations that work for our community would do themselves a favor if they attended board meetings and events, wink, wink, nudge, nudge....

Gay Skate is back! Due to popular demand **The Living Room** is putting on another one on August 29th at Galaxy Skateway. If you really want this to be a regular thing you need to turn out – the cost of putting on a skating event is significantly more than, say bowling, so everyone who wants to see **Gay Skate** happen more often needs to be there (besides it's more fun since we have the whole place to ourselves).

Emerald City's opening had a great turn out. Seems like everyone came out to see the new bar and enjoy the music and shows. And **Emerald City** is continuing events with something every week, starting the month off with a blackout party.

Ultra Lounge events have been quite successful from their pajama party to the Drama Club reunion after party and they're doing two big events in August, ending with a blackout party.

Hmmmm. That leaves the middle of the month – seems everyone thought that August in glowing terms, including **Cold Keg** with their Glow party on the 22nd. They're trying something new on Fridays with the first and third Fridays being Girls nites out and the second and fourth being Boys nites out, so the entertainment will be oriented primarily toward women and men respectively on those Fridays. Thursdays and Saturdays remain the same show format and, of course, everyone is open everyday. One completely new thing at **Cold Keg** is Wednesday talent nights. Come join Miss Christine and show off your talent, it'll be great fun with lots of giveaways and who knows where it might lead.



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Working for exposure in the larger community, the Space Coast Business Guild undertook cleanup at the park in the village, resulting in getting their name up as the adopt a park sponsor. The only other group with their name on a sign is PFLAG Vero Beach with their name on the section of US 60 they clean up in downtown Vero.

We're going to close out with a couple of community related notes. One is that once again this year we're participating in the GLBT community survey. Last year we got over 100 people to participate and we're hoping that this year we'll make it to the 200 mark so we'll get our area broken out so we can go to our local governments with statistical proof of our economic impact – go to LGBTsurvey.com (and be sure to say you saw it in Out on the Coast magazine) or click the link on our web page.

On a local note, there's a doctoral student at FIT looking for couples to participate in a survey.
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Spiritually Speaking

Pass it on!

Whether you view summer as a time of outdoor fun, a time to travel, or a time to stay out of the heat with a good book, the fact is it's here! The celebrations of pride are past for the year and we have moved into our summer routine. For many of us that will include worship at a church of our choice. The good news is that the choices are becoming more positive. Yet there is still much to be done.

There was a time when openly Gay Christians had to expect to be scorned and censored in every mainstream Christian denomination. Our only choice was to minister to one another in churches whose primary ministry was to GLBT individuals and their families/friends. MCC blazed a path, and in the 70's and 80's other gay friendly community churches began to offer alternatives. Still the verdict was grim from the denominational churches where most of us grew up.

In the 80's there were some support groups beginning to form within those churches, but they were largely outside the denominational structure. These renegade gay Christian support groups added their voice to the controversy that was being generated by the community churches which serve our community. Because of the faithfulness of those who left to form gay-friendly ministries; and the faithfulness of those who stayed in their denominational homes to maintain the vigil and fight the battles, the controversies eventually began to demand the attention of denominational leaders.

It has taken 3 decades of turmoil

within even the most progressive denominations, before there has been much visible acceptance of GLBT people in ministry or in the sacraments. Forty years ago it is questionable whether any traditional Christian Church would offer Christian burial to an openly Gay man or Lesbian. Our people were quietly sent to their graves without the celebrations which affirm eternal life. They were prayed over like the black sheep who had gone astray to the shame of their family. How disgusting it was to attend the grave side ceremony of a friend, where his name was never spoken. Only the grief of the family was acknowledged, never the life or death of the deceased!

We have come a long way, but still there are mighty few denominational churches who will celebrate our unions. Ministers who are willing to affirm our unions still do so outside local church sanctuaries, and surrounded by controversy.

There is much work still to be done. Respectful celebrations of eternal life, affirmation of our unions, ordination of our ministers, and full participation in church leadership are still elusive experiences for Gay people in denominational churches. They are available in our community ministries. But too often we leave the work of ministry to others.

It's time for us to take the next step of responsibility in our life as a community. Our service to the church must be more than to call it to be the light of Christ for us too! Each of us can find a place to serve in the church of our choice. Whether it is to take up the vigil and raise

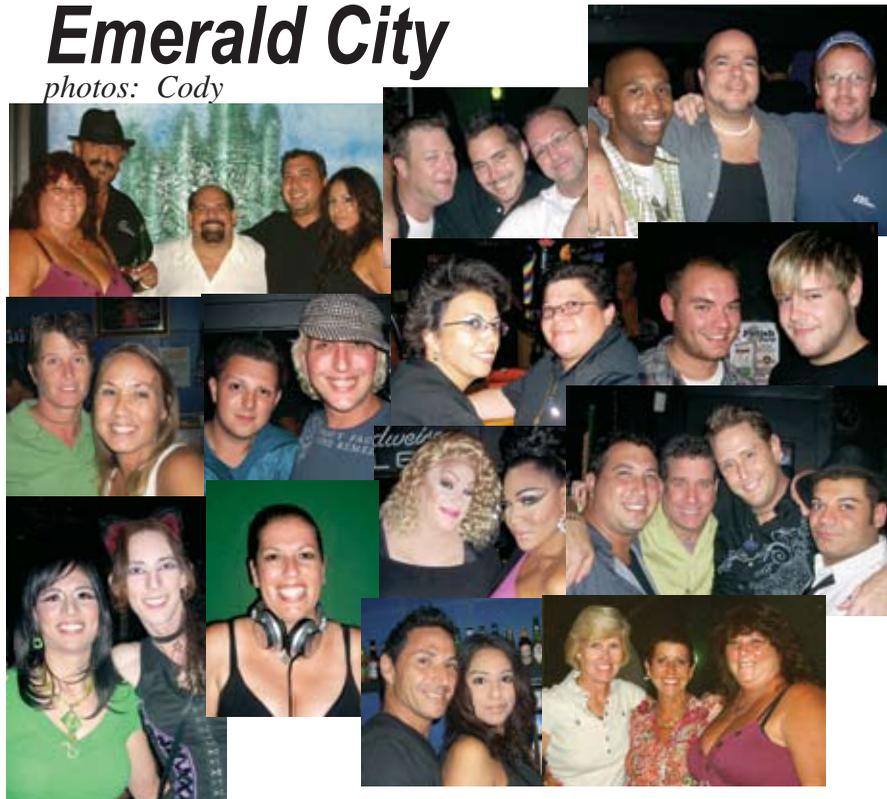
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Emerald City

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the consciousness in the denominational struggles to become more inclusive; or whether it be to support a ministry outreach to gay's within our community, we need to step up.

We are the next generation of gay Christians. It is not enough that we know that God loves us. We must perpetuate that understanding in our community and in our churches in positive ways. It is not OK that there are still Christians who teach our sisters and brothers that they have to be straight to be acceptable to God. It is not OK that there are still preachers telling our friends that they are doomed to hell. We cannot leave the job half done.

As the first generation of gay activists, and the first generation of openly gay and lesbian Christians are passing on to eternal life, we must do more than honor them with our words, we must do their work. We must remain in the churches and speak out in our communities of the spiritual heritage which is ours. God loves us. No one can ever take that away from us, because we have experienced it! Pass it on!

Susan Kliebenstein has been pastor at Family of God Community Church in Cocoa since January, 2009. Born in Iowa, she graduated from Mankato State College in 1972. She and her life partner, Ricci Richards, first moved to Brevard County in 1989. They founded Breaking Silence MCC that year, and pastored here in Brevard until 1999. They moved away for a time but returned in 2005. Ricci passed on last October. Family of God is located at 950 Cocoa Blvd, Cocoa, FL. Services are at 6:30 PM Wednesday and 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM Sunday. Their web site: www.FamilyOfGodBrevard.org

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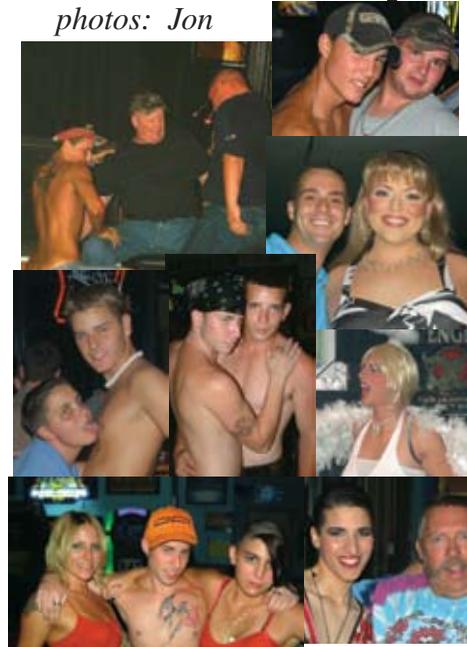
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with Janise & James

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Leo July 23 – August 22 Happy Solar return! Keep your eyes open and alert now, especially with your financial matters. Mars will cause you some discomfort this month especially questioning the loyalty of your friends. Don't worry; this will pass after the new Moon on the 20th.

Virgo August 23 – September 22 Change is in the air. Tread carefully until after the 13th, when Mars will trine Jupiter. Weigh your thoughts before voicing your opinion. Mercury goes into your sign on the 2nd, bringing clarity to your communication. Don't try to over explain things now. They'll get it the first time.

Libra September 23 – October 22 New ideas and new ways of working within your business and personal life flourish this month. Even though you'll feel unmotivated as Venus is in Cancer, take that step forward. The benefits outweigh the sweat and discomfort.

Scorpio October 23 – November 22 You're feeling amorous and social this month. Indulge in the playfulness and public eye it brings upon you. Most of all have fun with it now. Be careful around the 5th to the 20th regarding your health or the health of a loved one. It must be looked at and attended to.

Sagittarius November 23 – December 22 That awesome sense of humor that you possess will be utilized greatly this month. There are some tricky passages you must navigate. Love or work may let you down before the 16th. Wait until after then to consult your friends or find a resolution or they won't take you seriously.

Capricorn December 23 – January 22 Use this month to treat yourself and reenergize your batteries. Now is

the time for you to take a mini vacation or enjoy your favorite hobby. Don't get caught up in the drama of others, as it is non-beneficial to you. You're looking for them to help you, but they'll get you fixed in their problems. Be an observer and all the rest will fall into place at its right time.

Aquarius January 23 – February 22 With Mars in Gemini and the full Moon on the 5th, you're golden. Flexibility this month is the key. Others will listen to you and appreciate your insight. Go for your dreams and in the long run you'll achieve them.

Pisces February 23 – March 22 Keep your head low now. This month is a good time to get out of an unpleasant job or relationship. This is an excellent time to go inward. Others will not be sympathetic to your challenges. Take the time to clean your house and get rid of things that aren't serving you anymore.

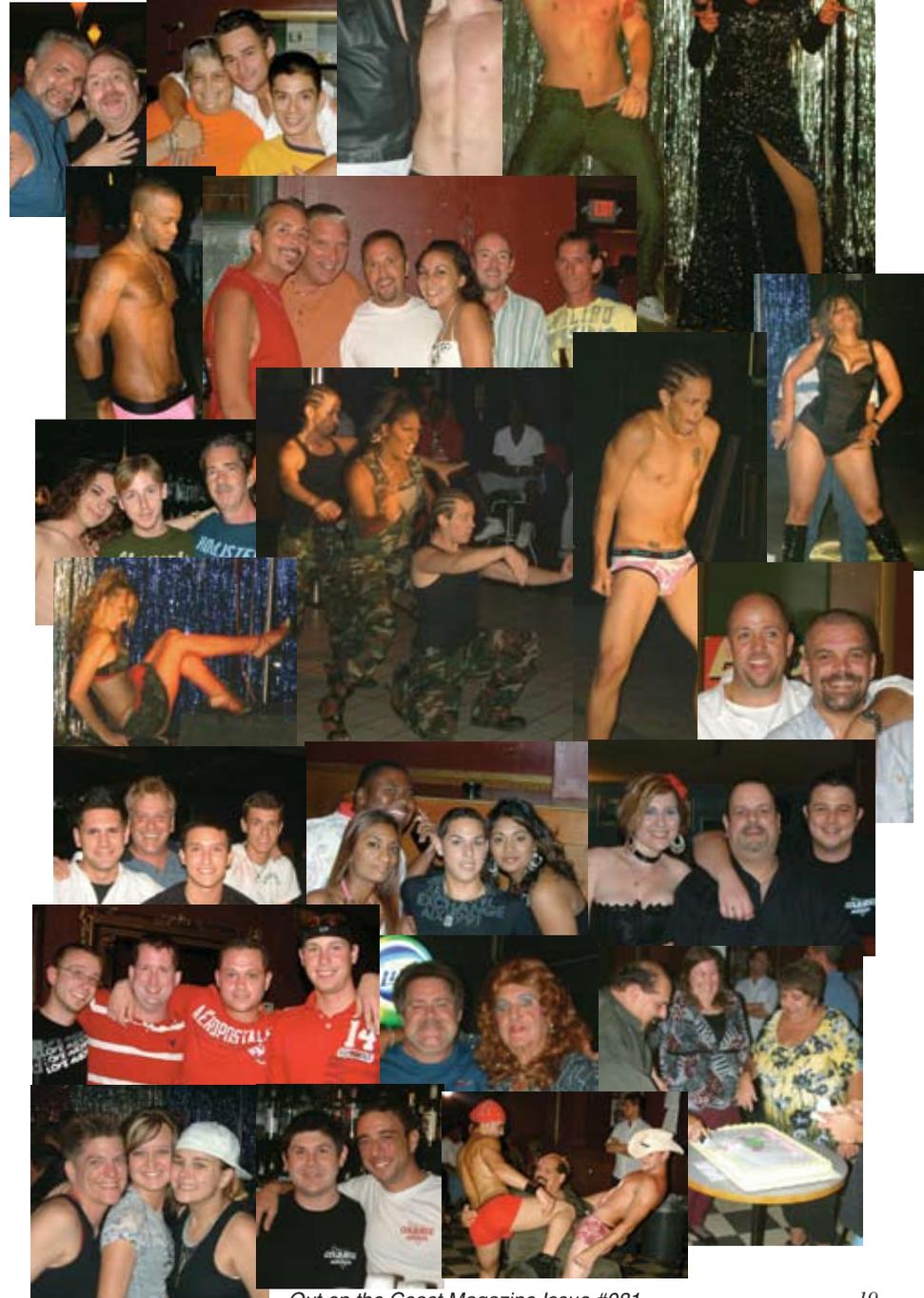
For those who want to know: This month the pattern is more like a seesaw pattern, but I've already explained that one. So I decided to explain the bundle pattern. The bundle is the rarest planetary grouping. It consists of a close grouping of all the planets within very few houses. It's a clear indicator of a specialist. There is preoccupation with living and thinking in depth, often-academic pursuits. The difference between this month and the bundle is that there are 2 specific focuses for all now. The trick this month is to find a balance between both.



Monthly horoscopes by Jacqueline. For more information on Astrology or for a private reading call: 772.286.2720

Cold Keg

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In My Words

a personal viewpoint

Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are

by David McKinnon

The enshrining of bigotry in the laws of the State of California regarding same-sex marriage has been discussed, debated, excused and fought. It has had the benefit of opinion by the famous and by the man on the street. It has made history in a most shameful way, being the first time a minority has lost rights due to the popular vote of the majority. It has been the subject of reams of news-copy, it was an occurrence that should cause any California voter who cast a ballot that helped foster this disgrace, to hang his/her head in shame.

Equally shameful, less mourned and maybe even more oppressive was the majority choice in the State of Florida to alter the State Constitution to insert the definition of marriage to be between one man and one woman. This was a case of political over-kill at its most vicious, in that the State already had laws forbidding same-sex marriage and also forbidding the recognition of same-sex marriages legally performed in other states. Once again, the rights of a minority were determined by an unfriendly majority and the Florida voters thus took an unnecessarily, vicious swipe at their homosexual daughters and sons. The voters produced sufficient numbers to amend the State Constitution to, in effect, produce the same result as that which was produced in the State of California. The majority had voted to suppress an unalienable right of the minority... the pursuit of happiness. They did

so with the blessings of many Florida politicians and the leaders of the many Fundamentalist Churches that dot the landscape of the Sunshine State. They voted to save the children, the family, god, apple pie, baseball, hot dogs and motherhood. They voted away the rights of this minority to save the USA.

Since the Florida Campaign ended and the vote was decided, there has been some discussion as to whether anything could be done. The answer is of course, yes. As difficult as it may be, there is something that can be done. The answer may be to borrow a page from our own history. Turn back the calendar to the mid to late 1970's and borrow the tactic the gay martyr Harvey Milk used to beat the homophobes of his time and place.

We are familiar with Glinda the good witch in "The Wizard of Oz." In the classic film we see her arrive in a bubble, and then she sings to the Munchkins, "Come out, come out wherever you are." Slowly the tiny people come out from their hiding places.... from their "closets." Come out, come out wherever you are.... it is time. It is time. If one can do it without physical harm befalling him or her, it is time. It has to be done. We need to make ourselves known. We need to become known to our parents, our siblings, all of our relatives, our teachers, our co-workers and our friends. It is time.

The tactic used in Mr. Milk's campaigns in California defeated the anti-gay hate sweeping across the nation that was engendered by Anita Bryant and in

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California by the politically opportunistic Senator Briggs, and secured the rights of gay people in the California of the 70's. The tactic also helped secure the election of Harvey Milk as a Supervisor (Councilman) in the San Francisco city government.

His theory was that if parents, friends etc. knew who their vote was hurting, they would be less likely to vote that way. It makes good sense actually... and it has worked. Does this mean there would be no risk? Decidedly not. In the United States we live in a moralistic culture. The oddity is that so many of those who wear their morality on their shirt fronts, so many of those who preach so-called family values with its anti-gay rhetoric are as phony as three dollar bills. We live in times where few if any of us have secrets, and the indiscretions (or worse) of these people becomes public knowledge. Look at the past few years and see the sexual "sins" of Senators, Congressmen, Governors, Preachers, Priests and teachers who have been held up by themselves and by others as veritable paragons of morality. These people who forgot that only those without sin could cast the first stone, and yet they threw stone after stone. Their favorite target seemed to be those of us in the LGBT Community.

If we become visible. If we come out from behind the closet doors that have

been created for us by a society that is out-moded and doesn't know it as yet, if we make it a priority to let those who love us know that we are gay, and to let the community at large know that among us are doctors, lawyers, nurses, teachers, politicians, mechanics, scientists, factory workers, office workers, wait-persons, sales people, etc. We are everywhere and we are legion. Florida needs to know this. Every state where we are oppressed needs to know this. We need to be registered to vote... we need to influence our friends to register. We need to show who we are in the community. We need to make our families know what effect their votes have on us. We need to do all we can so that no other initiative that hurts gay people or diminishes their rights can ever pass at the ballot box again.



David has a blog at <http://thedavidvbf.multiply.com/journal> and has generously allowed us to reprint it here. We will be printing blogs from David on a variety of topics. Please note that the opinions expressed in this column are those of the author. If we did not agree with him or find his comments thought provoking we would not be printing them. In this case we could not agree with him more. Come Out! Come Out! Wherever you are, Come Out! Ed.

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MIAMI—The judge who ruled in November 2008 that the state's ban on adoption by gay couples – in existence since the days of Anita Bryant – is unconstitutional has been demoted from her position on the Miami-Dade circuit court.

The new Chief Justice of Miami's courts, Orlando Prescott, ended the 15-year tenure of the top administrative judge over Miami-Dade's juvenile courts allegedly to provide new perspectives and leadership for the position.

Her honor's, Cindy Lederman, November ruling may lead to the end of Florida's ban on adoption by same-sex couple. The case is on appeal, with the state of Florida preparing to defend the ban.

Judge Lederman, who will now serve as a juvenile court judge, says she respects Prescott's decision.

ANAHEIM, CA—A July 15 story in the Irish Examiner explained that Episcopalians in the US declared gays and lesbians eligible for "any ordained ministry", a vote expected to upset world Anglican leaders who had sought a clear moratorium on consecrating another gay bishop.

Leaders of the Episcopal Church, the Anglican province in the United States, insisted they were still committed to membership in the Anglican Communion.

Some Anglican leaders, however, predicted the vote would break their fellowship.

The Episcopal General Convention, meeting in Anaheim, California, gave final approval to the measure during their once-every-three-years legislative assembly.

"God has called and may call" gays in committed relationships to "any ordained ministry" in the church, the resolution said.

Lay people voted 78-21 and clergy voted 77-19 to approve the measure. The House

of Bishops had earlier voted 99-45 to adopt the statement. In the debates, delegates said they worried about the reaction of other Anglicans, but felt a duty to vote yes.

Episcopalians caused an uproar in 2003 by consecrating the first openly gay bishop, Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. Since then, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, the Anglican spiritual leader, has struggled to prevent a permanent Anglican split.

Last month, breakaway Episcopal conservatives and other like-minded traditionalists formed a rival national province to the Episcopal Church called the Anglican Church in North America.

The new body includes four seceding Episcopal dioceses and is supported by several overseas Anglican leaders who have broken ties with the Episcopal Church.

The 77 million-member communion is the third-largest grouping of churches worldwide, behind the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christian churches.

Additionally, LezGetReal, reported on July 18 that the Episcopal Church has asked their scholars to begin researching the creation of a same-sex union prayer for ceremonies blessing same-sex unions. Any such prayer would be presented at the next convention, in 2012.

Currently there is no specific blessing in the Episcopal Church for services blessing same-sex unions or marriages so the churches that currently celebrate them rely on blessings from the normal run of prayers.

Debate took into consideration that this action may drive the conservative faction within the church further away.

MIAMI—An Equality Florida press release announced that In Meeting with Equality Florida, AAA South Pledges Family Memberships to Same-Gender Spouses

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Equality Florida launched conversations with AAA several months back after receiving calls from gay couples who had been denied family memberships.

"We had not talked about this issue very much at all until you reached out to us, and that has caused us to talk about it quite a bit," said Tom O'Brien, President and Chief Executive Officer, AAA Auto Club South. "Our policy does include gay and lesbian spouses, wherever they were married. Whether in other states or countries, they qualify."

Thanks to all our Equality Florida members and supporters who reached out to help educate AAA on this issue.

Your support makes this kind of important progress possible.

AAA South management says it will take about 2 weeks to train 3,000 staff members to implement the policy uniformly.

Same-sex couples applying for a membership need only state that they are married to receive the family benefit. Management also left the door open to expand the policy to include domestic partners - gay and straight.

"We are pleased with the outcome of our meeting. AAA is an iconic American company that many of us associate with summer

vacation and family road trips. To have AAA South set a standard for full equality for all married couples, regardless of sexual orientation, is an important message and one we hope other companies will follow," said Nadine Smith, Executive Director of Equality Florida.

"We appreciate the professional manner in which representatives from Equality Florida met with members of our executive management team to gain a better understanding of each organization's position and concerns. The result, from our perspective, was a very meaningful and productive conversation. Our door is always open," said O'Brien.

AAA South has more than 4 million members in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Puerto Rico.

You can participate in the important work of Equality Florida by signing up for their news alerts at www.EqFL.org

MIAMI—On July 24, the City of Miami voted unanimously, 4-0, in favor of a resolution supporting passage of the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, which would repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell and lift the ban on gays and lesbians serving openly in the U.S. military.

"Picture a person with the skills, expertise and bravery to protect an entire platoon of soldiers in the battlefield. The current rules prevent that would-be hero from sacrificing it all to protect our Democracy – simply because his or her sexual orientation," Commissioner Joe Sanchez said. "We must change the rules, so all of our best and brightest can serve our military."

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Gay Rights Tidbits: \$150,000 grant awarded to OUT Federation. Organizations United Together Federation (OUT), is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from the prestigious Tides Foundation, on the recommendation of the State Equality Fund, a philanthropic partnership that includes the Evelyn Greer and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund, the Gill Foundation and an anonymous donor.

The three-year investment provides OUT funding to educate and train lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender ("LGBT") leaders across Florida, with a goal of creating the environment where statewide LGBT policy change is possible, by strengthening local organizations.

OUT is leveraging the grant to build the capacity of local organizations throughout Florida through in-person workshops, webinars, web-based resources, and ongoing support for local leaders.

This grant will allow OUT to continue providing high-quality, professional training to local LGBT organizations across the State of Florida. OUT is collaborating with SAVE Foundation, ACLU of Florida LGBT Advocacy Project, the Miami-Dade Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, Tampa Bay Business Guild, and Yes Institute on implementation of this grant, and looks forward to working with all local LGBT and supportive organizations in Florida as well as with state and national partners to implement the grant and advance LGBT equality in Florida.

Noting the unique collaboration that exists between the organizations working to advance equality in Florida, the same funders who awarded O.U.T. and SAVE Foundation a \$150,000 grant have announced a separate \$150,000 grant to ACLU of Florida. The Tides Foundation's State Equality Fund recognizes how the combined \$300,000 will allow for real progress on issues affecting the LGBT community in Florida.

Organizations United Together, Inc. (OUT) is a federation of local lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and allied organizations dedicated to achieving equality and justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Floridians. By connecting and empowering local organizations throughout the state to share resources, skills and knowledge, OUT aims to forge our statewide strength to achieve common goals. OUT's vision is a Florida free of prejudice and discrimination where all people have full legal, political and social equality.



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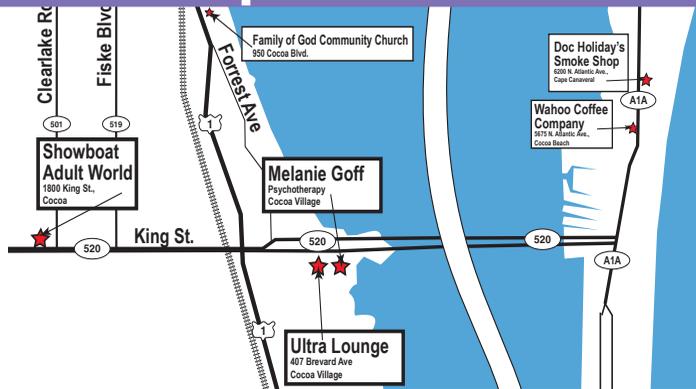
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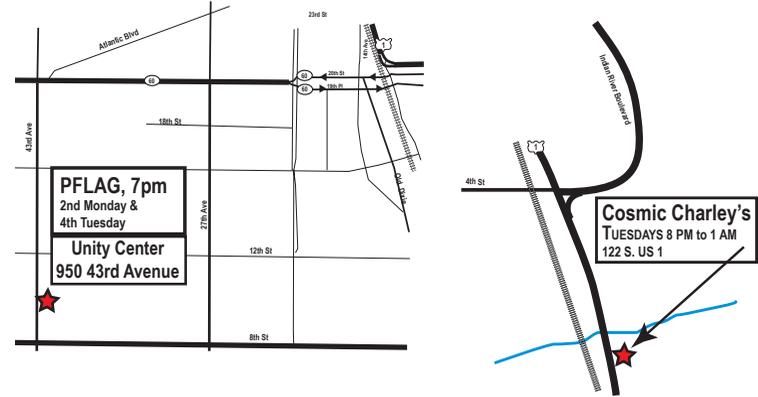
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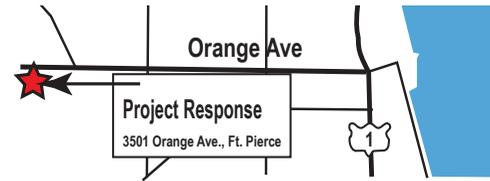
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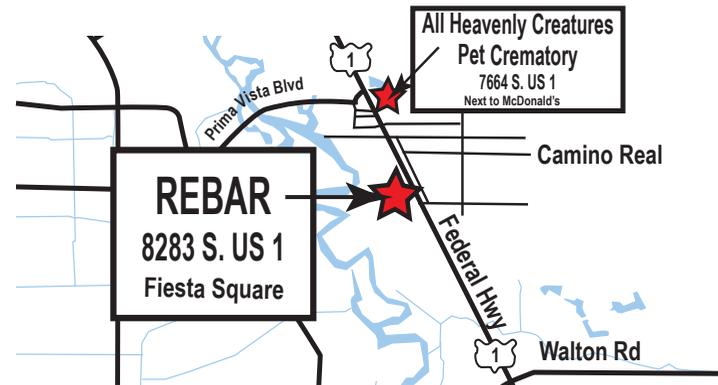
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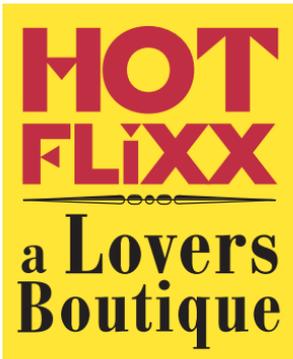


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