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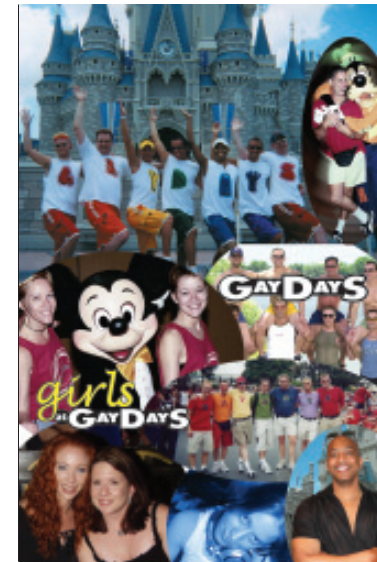
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DOC TALK



Gerald Pierone, M.D.

Welcome to Melanoma Land!

You won't find this caption displayed anytime soon on Florida tourism posters but summer is here and so are more of the damaging ultraviolet rays that promote skin cancer. Although sun-worshippers might beg to differ, there is no question that the Florida sunshine should be consumed in moderation.

Why the concern about sun exposure? In one word – melanoma. Of all types of skin cancer, melanoma is the most feared. If the diagnosis is delayed, melanoma has the potential to spread to distant sites and can be deadly. More than 44,000 people are diagnosed with melanoma every year in the United States and the rates have more than doubled over the last 20 years.

Melanoma is largely preventable because most cases are related to excessive sunlight exposure. People with fair skin and freckles are at higher risk, but melanoma can occur in anyone. The basic principles of prevention include limitation of sun exposure during peak UV hours (10am to 4pm), regular use of

sunblock with sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 to 30, and use of sunglasses and wide-brimmed hats.

Despite our best intentions, melanoma is not always preventable. Studies have shown that risk of melanoma may actually be most closely related to sun exposure and sunburns that occur during childhood. We can't go back and reverse our childhood and adolescent sun exposure, but can practice active surveillance of suspicious skin lesions as adults.

The hallmarks of melanoma are a dark spot on the skin that has irregular borders, variable color, size more than 6mm, and is asymmetric. Rapid growth in size is also worrisome. Since it may be difficult for even an experienced doctor to identify melanoma correctly it may be best for those at higher risk to see a dermatologist for regular skin examinations. Some people are at much higher risk of melanoma because of family history and may benefit from regular skin examinations and total body skin photography.

One must keep the risks of excessive sun exposure in perspective. After all, many of us chose to live in Florida precisely because we enjoy sunshine, water sports and activities. The key is moderation and sensible precautions, then go ahead and catch those rays.

Dr. Pierone is married with two children. He was born and raised in New Jersey, attended medical school at The University of Florida in Gainesville, and did his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He completed his Infectious Disease fellowship at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

Dr. Pierone has been in private practice in Vero Beach, Florida since 1990. He specializes in the treatment of HIV and

hepatitis C, and is actively involved in research. He is also the founder and medical director of the AIDS Research and Treatment Center of the Treasure Coast, a not-for-profit HIV clinic located in Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Dr. Pierone shares his time between 3 office locations. The main office is located at 3715 7th Terrace Vero Beach, FL 32960. Telephone number (772) 770-2664. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm. He is also at the AIDS Research and Treatment Center of the Treasure Coast (ARTCTC) Tuesday's from 9am until noon. They are located at 2407 Okeechobee Road Ft. Pierce, FL 34950. And he is in Melbourne Wednesday's, at 21 Suntime Place #102, Melbourne, FL 32940 from 9am to noon ▼

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a personal viewpoint

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By Jeffery Goebel

What I Saw was a very unique toy store. I was shopping last week in an area of Melbourne known as Old Eau Gallie, and I came across TMJ Antique Toys & Things. Keep in mind now that a true old-fashioned toy store (like this one) is a rare and wonderful thing in 2003. Kay Bee and Toys 'R Us are great if you are shopping for small children, but walking in here is like stepping back in time because it is filled with new and old toys.

They seem to specialize in large, metal, pre-assembled automobile models, which are scattered throughout the



store – featuring cars from the 40's through even the most current models. I also noticed an impressive

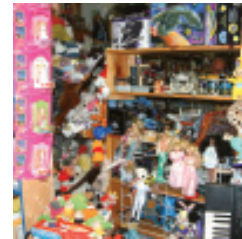
display of smaller Matchbox and Hot Wheels cars. I am proud to say that I still have all my toy cars from when I was a kid, and I was surprised to know that they really have gone up so much in value. Being from the North originally, it was too cold to play outside for the better half of the year, so my all Matchbox cars have been driven carefully over carpet and linoleum for most of their miniature die-cast lives. Did I sound like a used-Matchbox salesman there? Colin, the owner of the store, is something of a car nut himself – so it's easy to see why he got into this business.

I understand he also does 'toy consignment', so if you think it's about time to part with your mint-condition, 'never-been-peed' Betsy-Wetsy doll, give Colin a call – and just think of the great gift you could buy me with the proceeds! Anyway, I'll be the first to admit that I, myself, am a total gear-head, so just about anything



automotive will catch my eye. In fact, I think I spent an hour just searching the various shelves and cabinets throughout the store for models of every car I've ever driven (or dreamed of owning).

But the walls and shelves are filled with a lot more than just the car stuff that



had me panting. There are board games from the 50s through the 70s and 80s, original Barbie

merchandise, and just about every toy from your childhood you can remember, and some that will bring back some memories (who wants some 'Make it & Bake it' cookies?).

There is also a huge array of collectibles, including figurines, posters, and lunch boxes from just about every TV show and movie. There was so much to see; it was awesome- and a bit over-whelming.

And the really cool part? Everything is out on the shelves where you can get a good look at it, it's okay to test something out before you buy it. Does



Barbie's ponytail grow when you pull on it (and retract when you wind the key in her back)? Does the buzzer sound in the game

"Operation" (when you mess up while removing the funny bone for \$50)? I was even afforded the dream opportunity of a life-time – I pulled down Bo Duke's pants! Well, it was the 11-1/2" doll from the TV series "The Dukes of Hazzard", but I've been waiting since 1978 to get a peak down there - sadly disappointing.

The store is located at 581 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., in between the Indian River and U.S. 1. The hours are 10-7, Monday – Saturday. This area of Melbourne is filled with numerous antique galleries, bookshops, new and used furniture outlets, and now, an amazing toy store. Stop in like I did – whether you're looking for a terrific gift, or just a walk down memory lane.



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I can guarantee that if you've been somewhere else, like Disney, this weekend, and bring your ticket stub to the **Drama Club** you'll be in for a special surprise. Rita and Gretchen were debating exactly what your reward would be but there will be something. Check out their ad on page 5 for the details on their upcoming toga party. There will be theme parties all summer – so once you get your toga in order you might as well start on your red, white and blue outfit and looking for grass – skirts, girls, skirts – for the upcoming parties. I'll leave it to you to figure out when they'll be happening (I know, I know, you're going to cheat and just read the ads aren't you)! If you're into a little more severe scene, the Sunday Goth parties are happening on the first, second and fourth Sundays, something else to check out!

Check out the pictures of the military party at **The Cold Keg** on page 14. Yum, yum, yum! What a party. **The Cold Keg** sure knows how to celebrate and I'll have to try that new way to tip the bartender! They're going to do it again in June with a Pride Party, see their ad on page 15 for details. In the mean time, Leigh Shannon's shows are always fabulous and a little birdie tells me that Fridays are going to be changing into something special, too. Watch for details. We want to thank Sharon for the pictures, we're getting stretched a little thin with a 100 mile spread among our bars, even with lovely Lauren, our new photographer, shooting for us we will have to start rotating

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Pastor Mark Osdras has spent most of his life in pastoral ministry. He and his partner John Murnahan sidestepped their plans to move from the Space Coast to help their Family of God in Christ Community reorganize their efforts to serve the Christian Gay and Lesbian Community of Brevard. Services are offered every Sunday at 10:00am and 6:00pm and on Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm. You may

email Pastor Mark directly at familyofgodbrevard@yahoo.com or visit their new website at www.familyofgodbrevard.org

Pride... More than a Parade and Party!

This month we celebrate Pride month and the bustle of celebration is just begun.

How fortunate we are as a community to have so many affirmations in our lives that were never present a decade ago. For me, the opportunity we have to worship, as Gay & Lesbian Christians is truly one big reason to celebrate.

Gay Pride is so much more than a party or parade.. much more than a red shirt or a day at a theme park. Gay pride is a way of life. A way of life that promises us that we are overcoming many of our obstacles and the road ahead is filled with more possibilities in our lives. Our progress as a gay and lesbian community is slow yes, but we are making progress and united as a community our progress will continue.

If we look at our own individual lives there was a period of acceptance, an acceptance of ourselves as gay and lesbian individuals. That process for some of us was very painful. In that pain we grew to fully accept ourselves as gay and lesbian individuals. For others they are still in that painful process of acceptance and we must as community respect others who are dealing with their coming out issues and unite with them in our support and love for those in our community who are going through this process.

It is in our suffering that we are able to see the goodness of others as we unite to support them, strengthen them and gather to pray for them. Pride doesn't begin the first of June and end on the 30th. It is a way of life for us to live centered on a balance of health of mind and spirit. It takes an effort on our part to find that balance and many are searching for this

balance, but we are up to the challenge only if we unite as a community.

We are God's creation. Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Bi-Sexual, Black, White, Yellow we are all living as productive men and women in our society and we are good people. Many times, especially in our young I find an acceptance of "I'm going to burn in hell because of my lifestyle". It takes a major effort on my part to dispel their fears and anxieties that are so ingrained in them because of the ignorance of many organized religions.

We are not going to "burn in hell" my friends due to our lifestyle. We are living a life that we have been called to live by God himself. Once you realize that God DOES love and care about you deeply, you can live with that sense of pride we celebrate knowing that your salvation is no different than any other Christian.

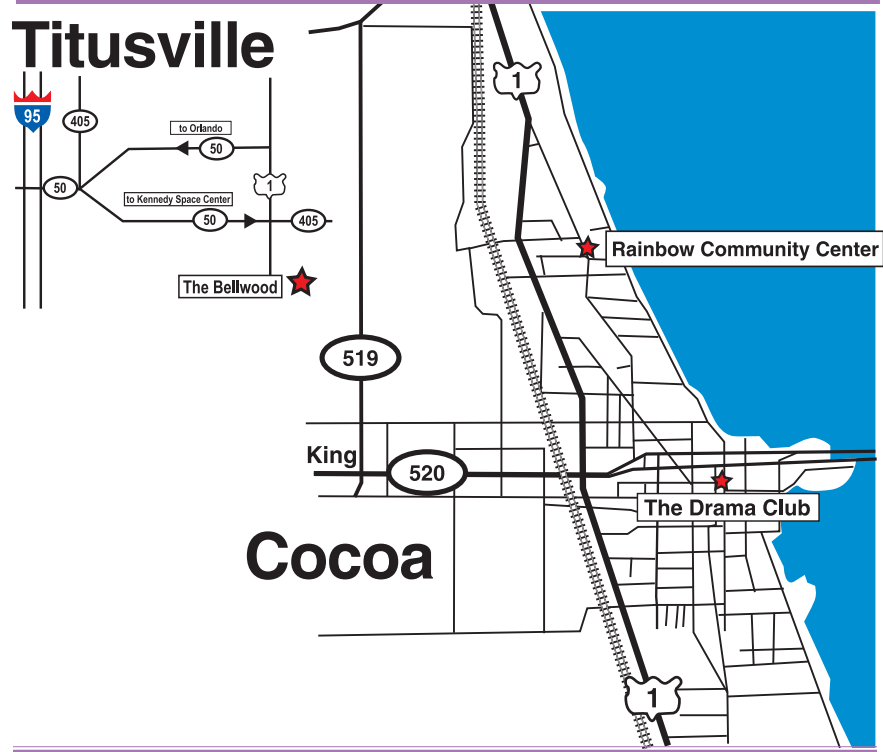
I invite you to look deep within yourselves in the silence of your own hearts, to find that God that does love and accept you without condition. Once you begin that faith journey Pride becomes a way of life that is truly filled with God's peace, understanding and compassion not only for yourselves but the significant others in your life.

So begin that journey, celebrate that pride that is offered to you as Christian Gays and Lesbians. God is with you till the end of time. Truly a reason to celebrate!!

In His Name ▼

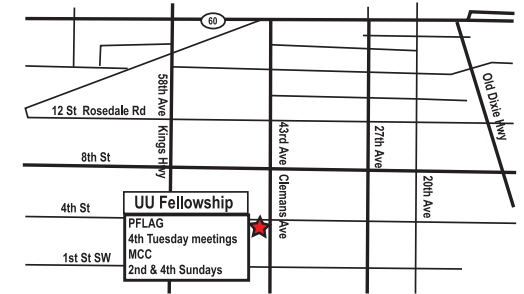
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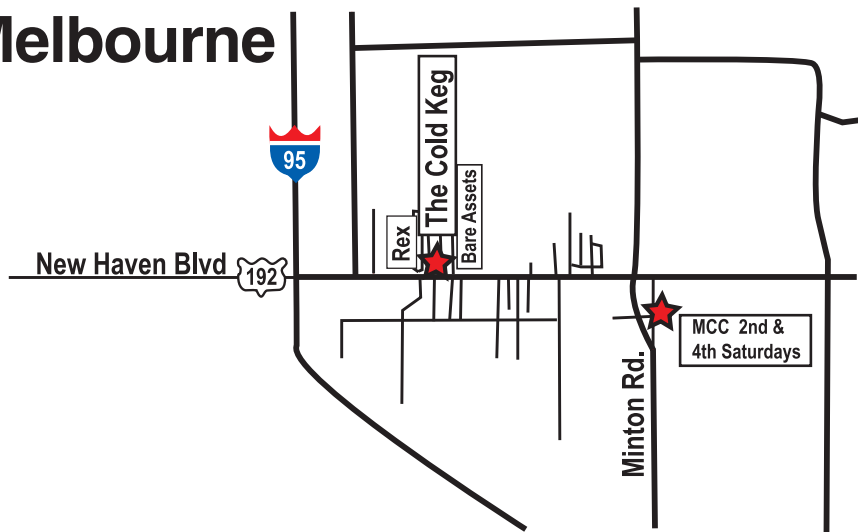


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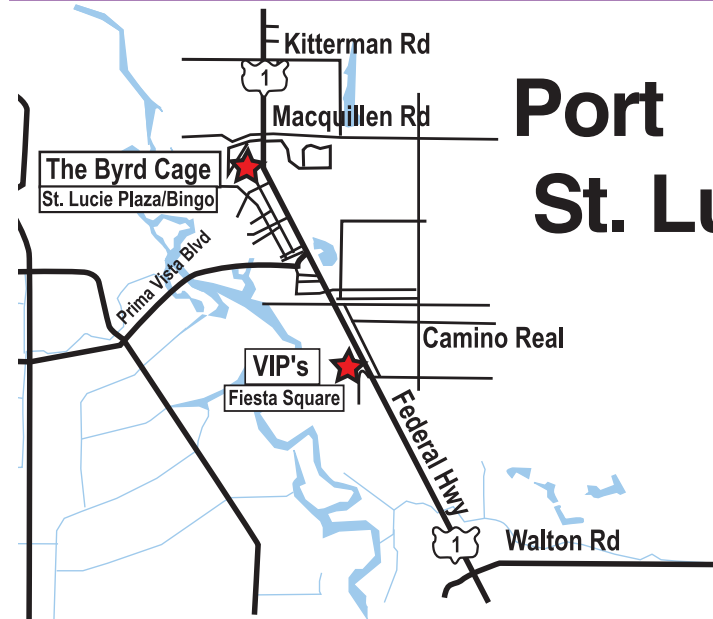
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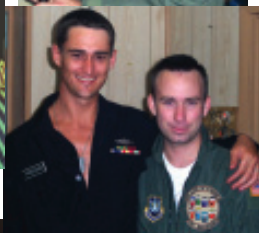
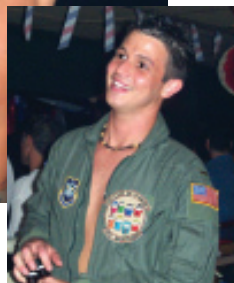
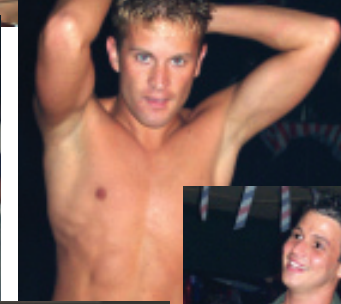
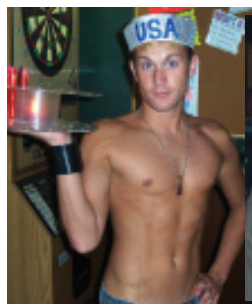
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where we are each weekend. So as you can't rely on us to give you the latest pictures you'll just have to go to the bars yourself!

Get yourself in gear if you want to go to the Brevard Together 5th Annual Pride Dinner Dance at the Holiday Inn, Indialantic, is on June 20. They're also looking for any surveys that haven't been returned yet. They're itching to get more events going this summer so get those surveys in and stay tuned for details on what's coming up.

Coming up first is **PFLAG Vero Beach's** 4th Pride Dinner Dance at the Vero Inn on Saturday, June 14. If you haven't got your tickets yet, you may be out of luck. The event was almost sold out at press time, but if you call the help line you may be able to get one. So hurry up, and if you're in Vero on the second Monday or fourth Tuesday of a month, stop in to a **PFLAG Vero Beach** meeting. The places are on the map on page 13 and the meetings start at 7 pm.

Club Byrd Cage started Memorial Day weekend in style and it continued all weekend – we had a difficult time fitting all the pictures in so the next issue will have pictures of last weekend's show with Kathryn Nevets. **Kelli Randell** was, of course, in rare form. We heartily applaud her propensity for getting audience member's shirts off. One can only hope she will progress to pants! The Sunday customer appreciation party was a lot of fun and wasn't dampened by the rain. Just in time for the volleyball tournament the sun came out.

Speaking of coming out, did you see Richard Chamberlain come out on Dateline Sunday? I know Dr. Kildare always got a rise out of this old thing – back in the day. I wonder if his being 69 had anything to do with it. After all it is a good number!

VIP's 80s show was a smash hit! Everyone had a great time and Mercedes made it perfect. Lori's mixes had everyone dancing. And with cocktail boy Daniel wandering around in his "uniform" everyone had a wonderful time. Along with Danielle's great shows, **VIP's** is starting to get together the first annual Miss Gay Treasure Coast Florida Pageant for August 15. Stay tuned for details.

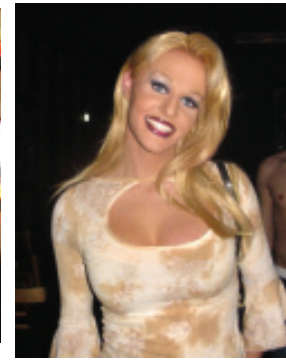
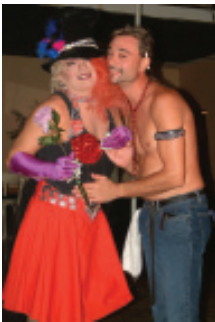
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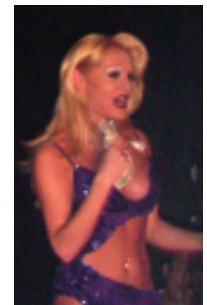
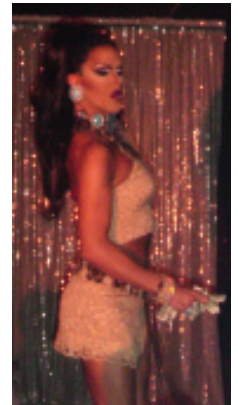
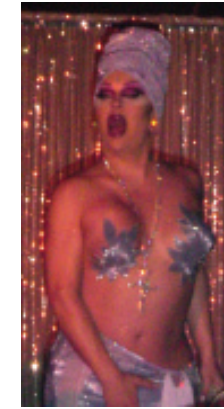


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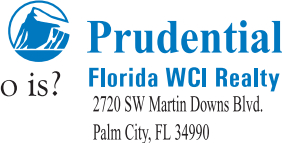
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