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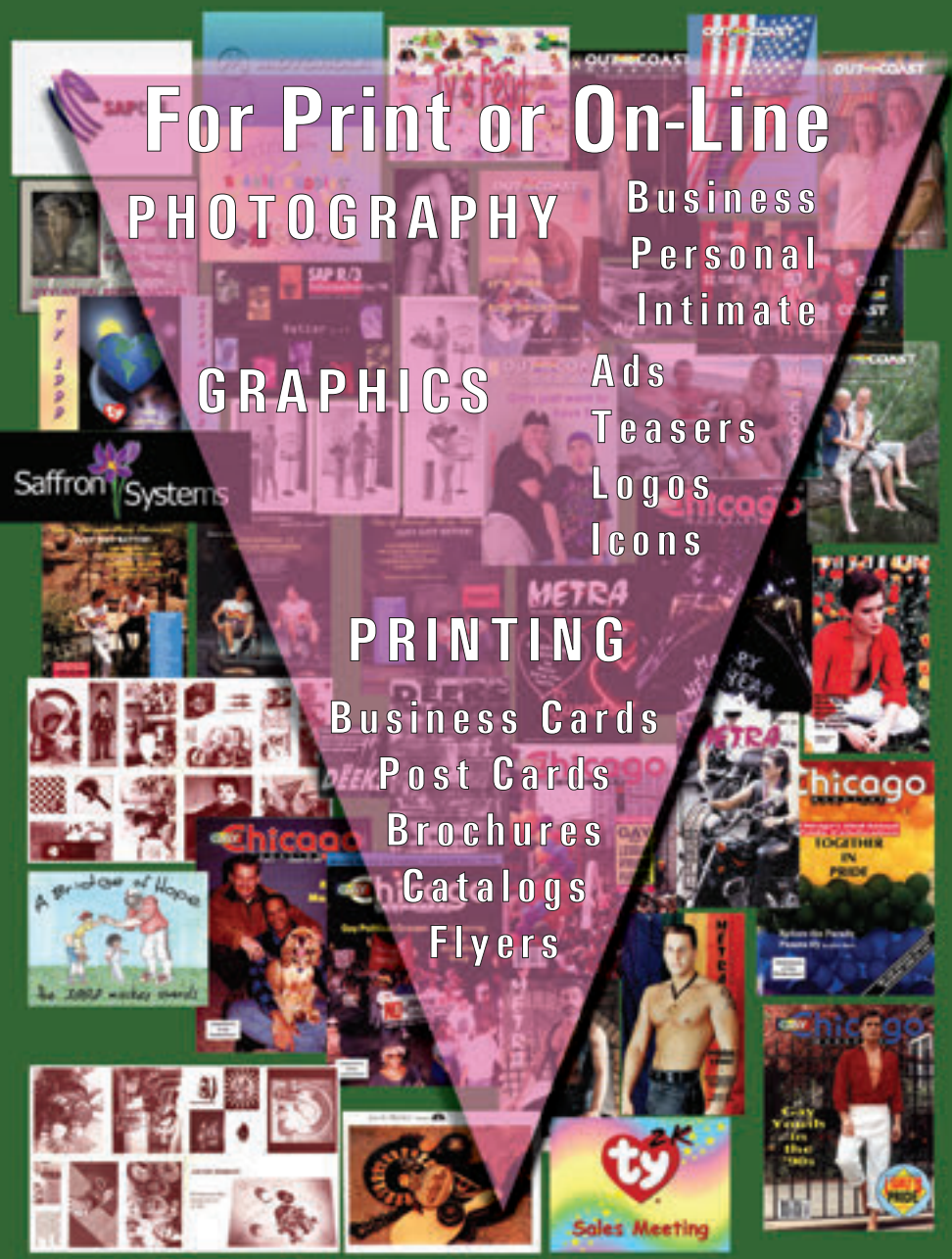


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DOC TALK

Raquel Rodriguez, M.D.

Sun Exposure

The summer is here and as we have the pleasure to live in a wonderful sunny Florida there are some facts that you should remember while enjoying this season.

Any time the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays reach the earth, you need to protect yourself from excessive exposure. UV rays can cause skin damage during any season or temperature so protection from sun exposure is important all year round, not just during the summer or at the beach, but UV radiation is the greatest during the late spring and early summer.

Relatively speaking, the hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. during daylight savings time are the most hazardous for UV exposure. If possible, avoid outdoor activities during midday when the sun's rays are strongest. Remember: UV rays reach you on cloudy and hazy days, as well as on bright and sunny days; UV rays also reflect off water, cement, sand, and snow.

Although getting some sun exposure can yield a few positive benefits, excessive and unprotected exposure to the sun can result in premature aging and undesirable changes in skin texture. Such exposure has been associated with various types of skin cancer, including melanoma, one of the most serious and deadly cancers. UV rays also have been found to be associated with various eye conditions, such as cataracts.

For eye protection, wear wraparound sunglasses that provide 100 percent UV ray protection. They also protect the tender skin around your eyes from sun exposure.

For skin protection wear a broad-spectrum (protection against both UVA and UVB rays) sunscreen and lipscreen with at least SPF 15. Remember to reapply the sun- and lipscreen as indicated by the manufacturer's directions.

Check the expiration date. While sunscreens without an expiration date have

a shelf life of no more than three years, exposure to extreme temperatures can shorten the life of all sunscreens. So if you have a tube that's been in your beach bag for the past couple of years, throw it out and get some new.

Sunscreens come in a variety of forms such as lotions, gels, and sprays, so there are plenty of different options. There are also sunscreens made for specific purposes, such as the scalp, sensitive skin, and for use on babies. Regardless of the type of sunscreen you choose, be sure that you use one that blocks both UVA and UVB rays and that it offers at least SPF 15.

Protecting yourself from the sun's UV rays doesn't have to be a major chore; it's just a matter of knowing your options and using them. Wearing a dry t-shirt is a good start, but it is not enough if you are going to be outside for more than a few minutes.

If you can't wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, you can boost your protection by seeking shade whenever possible and by always wearing sunscreen. Hats can help shield your skin from the sun's UV rays. Choose a hat that provides shade for all of your head and neck.

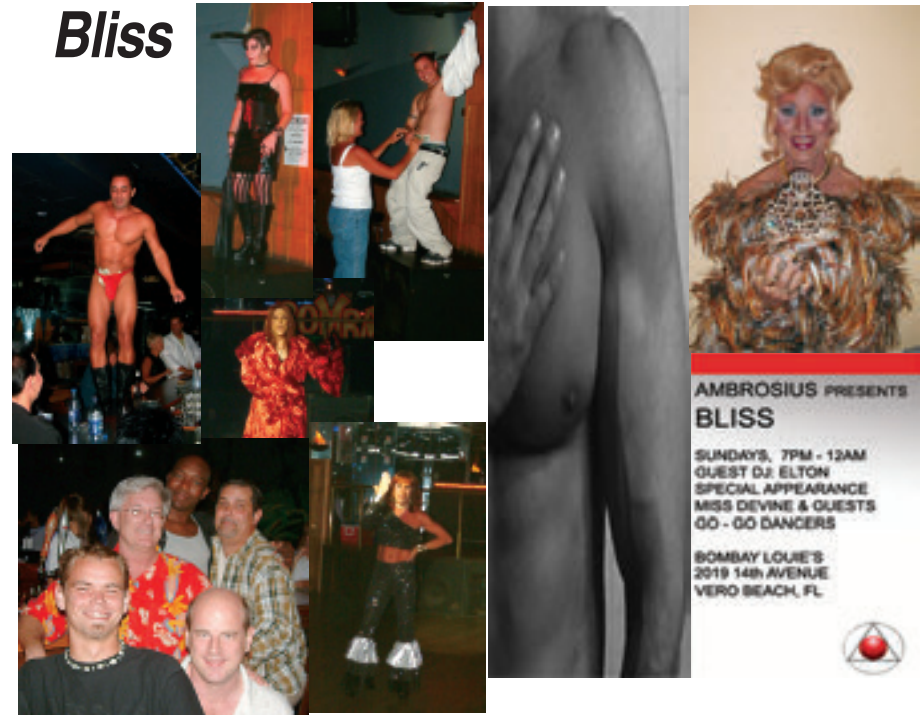
For the most protection, wear a hat with a brim all the way around that shades your face, ears, and the back of your neck. If you choose to wear a baseball cap, you should also protect your ears and the back of your neck by wearing clothing that covers those areas, using sunscreen with at least SPF 15, or by staying in the shade.

Your best bet to protect your skin and lips is to use sunscreen or wear protective clothing when you're outside — even when you're in the shade.

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The Full moon in Sagittarius on the 3rd and Mercury entering Gemini on the 5th brings expansion and growth especially in communication and education this month. Watch out after the 10th when Uranus goes retrograde which just accelerates your learning curve. By the 17th when the new moon is in Gemini you'll be used to the routine. Go with the flow, sit back, and absorb the information. After the 29th when Venus goes direct you find the answers.

Aries Time alone is your goal for this month. The people in your personal life will want your attention. Work will require you to be more aware of your actions. If your not focusing on your financial situation you'll have an unexpected expense. Don't worry, as it's a month to make you aware of the details in your life. Next month you can relax again.

Taurus This is an inward month for you. It's time to catch up on what you have neglected including your beliefs and values. Take the time to organize your home. Wash and wax your car. Make a list of what you want to accomplish. By keeping busy this month you will find what you truly believe in.

Gemini Happy Solar return! This is a busy month for you. Change is in the air. Whether moving or remodeling, you will be changing your home to make it more you. Your love life is going through a modification. While it's showing all its flaws, look for the solution. The answer will come. This shift of energy is setting a new pattern for the long term.

Cancer By now you should be asking for a vacation. It's a great time to get away. The struggles you have gone through the last few months are finally ending. They're some lingering details to clean up. You have a tendency to hold out until the last possible minute. Finish them and put the experience behind you. Now that Saturn is direct, relax all is calm.

Leo You will shine without your ego this month. The people in your environment will love you better that way. Watch for an excellent business opportunity. It may be a new job, partnership, or investment. It will

pay off in the long term. After the 23rd when Mars goes into your sign, be careful. Quick actions can bring accidents.

Virgo It's all about sharing. Caring for others in your environment will be your focus for this month, especially with your work. Remember to make time for yourself; it will ease those responsibilities. Take some time to check on your joint financial dealings, holdings, and insurance policies. You may find a better way of managing them.

Libra Communication is your key for this month. You have been holding back with some things that must be discussed openly with family or others close to you. Since greater importance must be placed on communication at this time, find a way to start the discussion. Listen to what others have to say. Remember everyone has something to contribute. There is where the solution lies.

Scorpio Relax; the world did not just come to an end. Even though you might feel emotionally that way and are inclined to let others know. All of these problems will work themselves out without your help. Relax; spend some time playing with your mate. Find a way to take a weekend getaway. Let those problems fix themselves.

Sagittarius Listening instead of speaking would be a good idea this month. Be careful to think before you speak or you will find you foot in your mouth. With the full moon in your sign on the 3rd, you will find yourself emotionally sensitive. While at work, go with the flow. Take some time for romancing that special someone. You'll have heightened pleasure.

Capricorn The past is gone but not forgotten. The mistakes from the past remain there. It does not mean they will be repeated. You will find yourself looking at past issues that you may not be prepared to deal with. You must decide if bringing them up at this time serves a purpose. Allow for the possibility that circumstances have changed hence the outcome as well.

Aquarius With all the activity around your life at

this time, you're ready for a change. Wait! Think about it. If you make it in haste, you will not like the outcome. Next month would be a better time to change your hair or appearance. This month focus on your work. There will be enough activity to keep you entertained.

Pisces Money is your goal for this month. Watch what is coming in but also what is going out. Now is a good time to ask for a raise. If you wait until after the 10th when Uranus goes retrograde, you won't get it. Put off any major purchases. A better deal will come along. You have many unexpected experiences to focus on. ▼

For those who want to know: With the Sun in Gemini, this is a time for thought and communication. The Ruler of Gemini is Mercury. The key phase is "I think." Mercury represents your mind. Remember a man can achieve only what he can conceive.

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Starting the top of the column at the top of our area, we'd like to welcome a new advertiser: **Park Villas** apartments in Titusville. Amenities, spacious apartments and great rates, what more could you ask for? Give them a call today and move in tomorrow!

Moving down to Cocoa, remember that the Family of God in Christ Church has confidential, HIV/Hepatitis testing on June 4 and a garage sale scheduled for Saturday, June 19 starting at 8 am at the complex their church is in. For more information call 321-632-3767 or visit www.FamilyOfGodBrevard.org.

The newest information in Melbourne is that **Nautical Jack's** is now a gay bar! Yeah! We always welcome new places to go and things to do for our community. **Nautical Jack's** is more of a neighborhood bar with karaoke a couple of times a week and strippers a couple of nights a week and drinking every night of the week! Come in and see some familiar faces and maybe meet some new people. **Nautical Jack's** is proud to be coming out in June!

The **Cold Keg** is showing their pride on June 19 with their pride party and next month we'll have pix from their Military Party this Saturday – can't wait to see what "uniforms" the go go dancers will have! The **Cold Keg** seems to always be the place to go after you've been out running around, so remember that they've got cold drinks all afternoon this holiday weekend. And it's an excellent stop on the way home from a day at Disney, too.

There were a lot of people stopping in at **Bliss** at Bombay Louie's in Vero last week – seems the promise of a little kink can attract a nice crowd – not to mention a stripper. June 20 they're bringing in a stripper from Orlando for another **Bliss**-full Sunday in IR County!

IR County is lucky to have **PFLAG Vero Beach** and if you don't move quickly you'll be luck to get a ticket for their Pride dinner-dance June 12 at the Italian American Club in Vero. For your ticket call **PFLAG Vero Beach** at 772-567-8070 or 772-978-0044 before they're all gone.

When the contributions were all in, **Club Błrd Cage's** Miss \$1.69 contest raised \$2,237.69 for babies with AIDS. The winner is always the contestant who gets the most tips (read brings the most friends) and once again **PFLAG Vero Beach** shows it's dedication with VP Lourdes AKA "Sofonda Pussy" bringing in the fullest tip bucket. A tip for the contestants next year: make sure all your friends are there, with cash. The contest was indescribable, of course, with Kelli, Mercedes and Danielle Starr providing the professional touch. Isn't it great to see everyone cooperating for a good cause? And just for those of you who make sure to read my column on Thursday, **Club Błrd Cage** is having a CD party giving away "All My Love" by Anna tomorrow, May 29. On Sunday, May 30, customer appreciation day kicks off a bigger and better Sunday T-Dance at the **Club Błrd Cage** with the addition of boys and girls dancing and Dominique doing a show – all out back in addition to the free food and volleyball. **Kelli Randell** is throwing her annual White party on June 26 with blow-out customer appreciation party on Sunday the June 27. Don't forget the karaoke contest culminats on June 24 with a \$500 cash prize. Make that a date to see the winner!

The women have won their very own night down at **VIP's!** Yes, Mondays are now Ladies' night with Mandy, the cute new bartender. There are 2-4-1 drink specials from 10 pm to midnight. So here's a night for just for the women – of course the girls are welcome, too. If you've never won at darts because you don't want to play against the really good players, check out **VIP's** Beginner Dart league on Thursdays. JohnScott and Glenn will be there to coach and teach and soon you'll be able to hold your own.... um,



Mandy, the new bar wench at VIP's

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We've Come Out!

Nautical Jack's

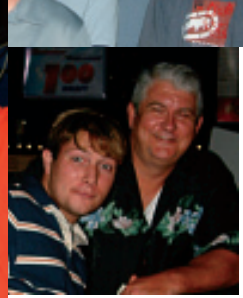
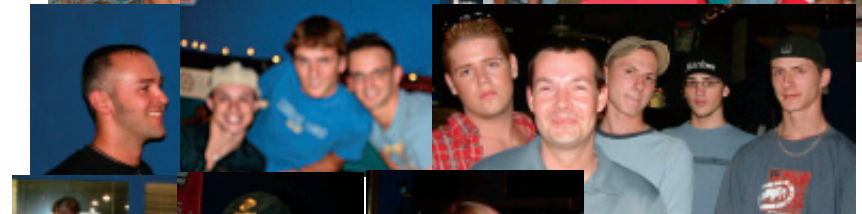
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Spiritually Speaking

Rev. Mark Osdras

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The Two Visions of Pride

One definition of pride as spelled out in a popular dictionary is "A sense of one's own proper dignity or value; self-respect." Looking further we have another definition; "Arrogant or disdainful conduct or treatment; haughtiness."

As we all know, as different as we are as individuals "pride" can take many forms in our community. Our approach to the pride we celebrate in the coming month would kind of define who we are as a people, and who we are as individuals.

Pride is more than a party, more than a celebration at Disneyland or Parliament House or even a March on our Nation's Capital. Pride is a way of life that we endure not only one month a year but we are called to live month after month, year after as a united community and as individuals.

Many of our community give us reason to celebrate pride in a special way. Those who serve us in meeting our needs through Project Response, Comprehensive Health Care, those who facilitate and offer H.I.V. counseling and group support. Those involved with PFLG in Indian River County and Brevard Together who offer social activities continually throughout the year. Lee Newell, the publisher of this magazine who gives us a shared voice in this community. We have two homes of faith East Coast MCC, and Family of God, who offer places of worship, safety, and comfort for those Christians who wish to fellowship and celebrate a God who truly loves them.

We have choices. To take a proper dignity and respect to whom we are as a community, or we know well the option we have out there to be arrogant or choose disdainful treatment of others or even ourselves.


We have the opportunity to affect positively the lives of others. By our actions we do have the ability to

effect change in other people. It is my hope and prayer as a minister among you that you do choose to celebrate a pride of respect, dignity and value. A respect that unifies us rather than tears us down, a respect that calls us to grow as a community rather than diminish ourselves to something we are not proud of.

Together let us unify ourselves to a point that pride is truly a part of who we are as a people. Then maybe in this small part of the world we call the Space and Treasure Coasts can shine forth as an outstanding source of pride and growth to take the satisfaction for our achievements we can truly call pride. ▼

God Bless You

Rev. Mark Osdras, Pastor



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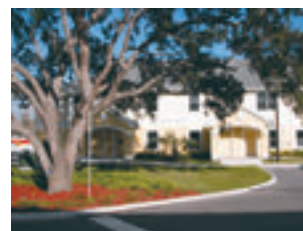
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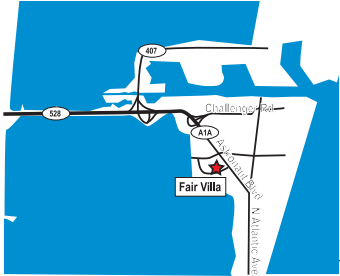
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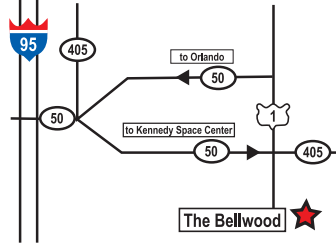


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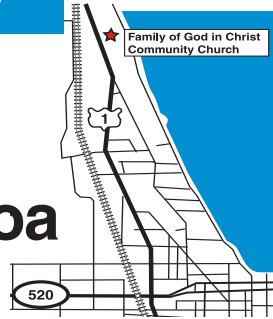
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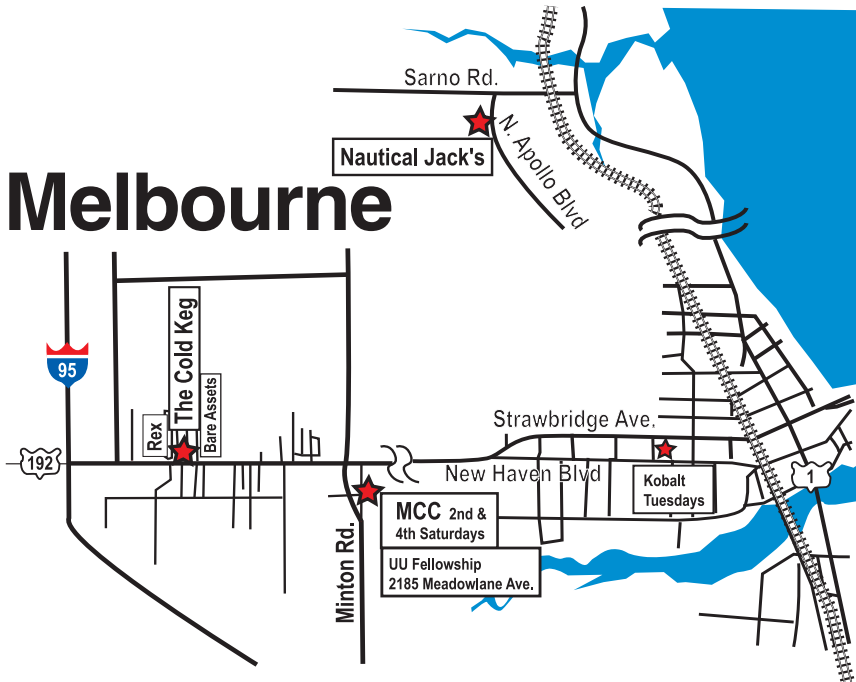
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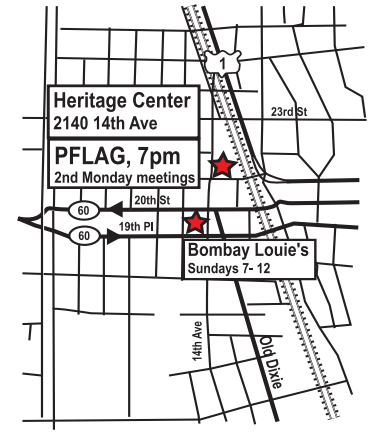
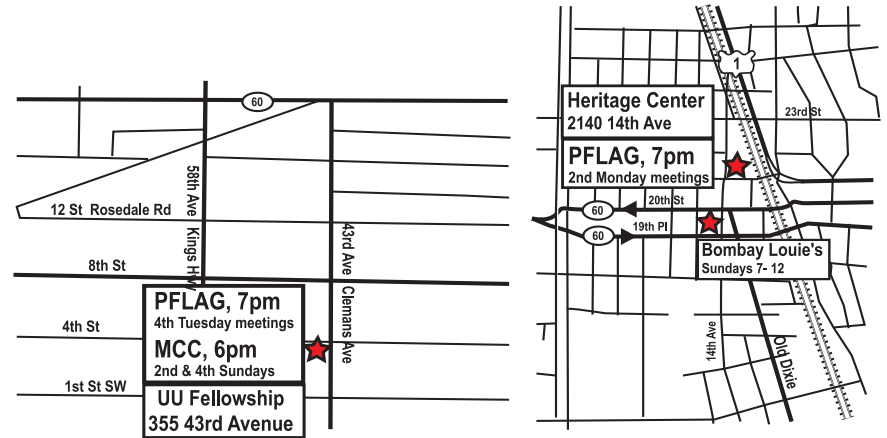


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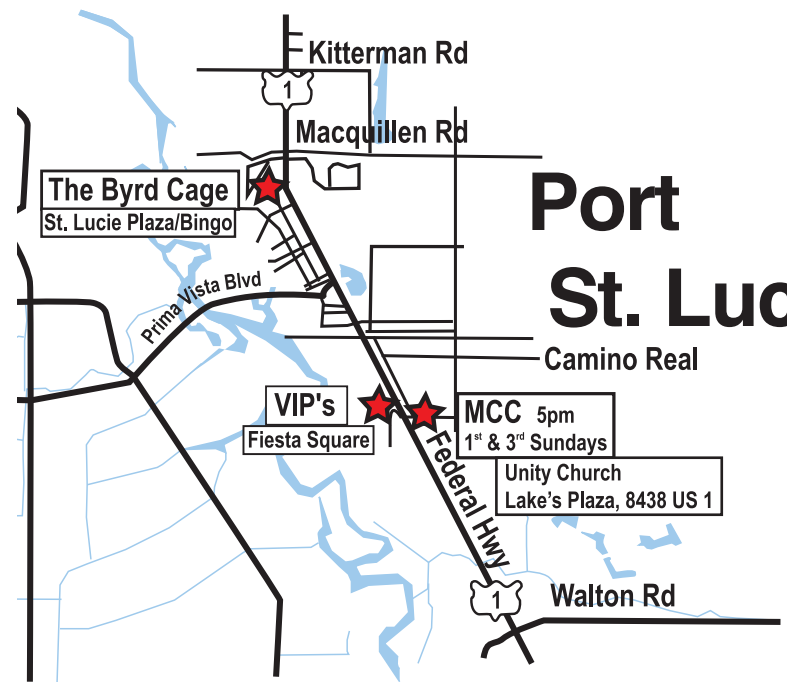


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lost my train of thought there for some reason. Anyway, the biggest news at **VIP's** is the change from drag on Saturdays to a "roll your own" dance party. DJ Lori will keep things grooving and will mix in any music you bring along to hear! So here's a night for you to make whatever you want it to be and is certain to be fun! Oh and don't forget to tie one one with Salsa on Tuesdays - and bring some white stuff to dye; KDJ Sean and Party Time Karaoke are what make Wednesday work!

Do you know how much work goes into an art show? Well, another new advertiser, **Antiques, Jewelry & Consignments at Point Plaza** in Stuart is having an art show June 4&5 from 7 to 9pm and on June 6 from noon to 3pm. So if you not going to Orlando stop down to Point Plaza in Stuart and check it out, you might find something new for your room.

If you're looking for a new room in Stuart, check out the ad on page 21 for a 1/1 rental near IRCC. It's always nice to have landlords and tenants in the family!

Vote '04 A Change tidbit: In Brevard County the Republican candidates for sheriff have been trading accusations about who stole what and who is the "real" cop. A breath of fresh air is the entry of Mose Alexander, a Democrat, into the race. First of all Mose has been a deputy sheriff for 17 years, second is his stand, and I quote from his literature, "I will ensure that I and my employees, in the performance of our duties, will enforce and administer all laws... so that equal protection of the law is guaranteed to everyone. To that end, I shall not permit my personal opinion, party affiliations, or the status of others to alter or lessen the standard of treatment of citizens." Equal rights and equal treatment under the law, now there's a concept worth voting for!

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As we enter the season of celebrating Pride in the LGBT community, Americans should embrace the diversity that makes our nation strong and recommit ourselves to ensuring that all Americans receive equal rights.

I am proud to have fought for equal rights for gay Americans, but unfortunately, so much still remains to be done.

I am committed to using the power of the White House to advance equal rights for all Americans, including gay Americans. Together, we can help America keep her promise of liberty and justice for all.

The Bush administration repeatedly uses gay rights as a political tool to divide the nation. That's just wrong. We don't need a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. We need civil unions with full and equal rights. We don't need opposition to hate crime legislation. We need to reject hate and embrace tolerance. And we don't need a president who plays politics with gay adoption. We need a president who works every day to protect and support all children and families.

The LGBT community contributes to our nation in so many ways, in every corner of this country. Hard-working citizens, these Americans are our family members, our co-workers and our neighbors – they are, I am proud to say, my friends. Just like all Americans, they care for one another and they contribute to our communities, to our economy, to our national security and to our future.

And in return, they ask only for equal treatment. Gay Americans deserve the right to make medical decisions for one another in times of crisis, the right to inherit a house purchased together and equal access to health insurance, Social Security and retirement benefits. Together, we can provide this simple justice.

We have come so far over the past decade, but we have further still to go. I voted against DOMA, but too few others joined me. I voted for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and hate crimes legislation, but again, too few others stood with me. And of course, we have to end the discriminatory policy of "don't ask, don't tell." The bottom line is this: We can ensure equal rights for all, but only if we work together.

As we salute Pride across the country, I remember the words of Congressman Barney Frank: "Why do we talk about gay pride? The answer is that what we are proud of is our individual and collective willingness to beat back a terrible prejudice." I am proud of what we have accomplished, but I believe we can and must do better. I want to lead an America where the inscription "Equal Justice Under the Law" has both meaning and value for all Americans, not just some Americans.

But I need your help to make that happen. Join with me and let's work to make an America where all Americans are celebrated with pride and treated with dignity and fairness.

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