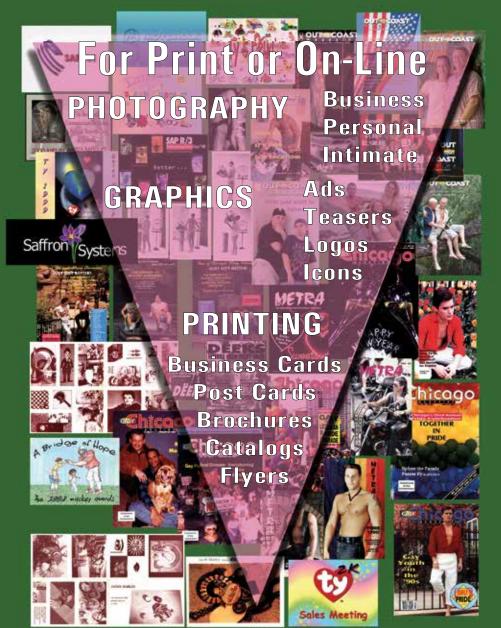
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In My Life _{by} Drake Austin

Hello Readers, I am Drake and this is my new column. I hope to shed light on issues and just have a great time. I'm going to shed a quick ray of light on my self and then go into the writer mode. I am currently a senior at Astronaut high school. So, right now I would like to explain about my first fight with the Brevard County school board.

By now I hope all of the readers have heard of a school organization called a GSA or Gay-Straight Alliance. These clubs start in public schools to promote understanding and tolerance to gay and bisexuals within the student body. They are enforced by federal law in a lot of public schools in out the great land of the somewhat free. But here in Bizarre County everything must be done the hard way.

GSA's came close to being formed in a few schools here but collapsed near the end and never got started. Our GSA was the first in actually established in the county after my two-year battle, alone, with the school board. It eventually fell, crashed, crumbled and burned

before my eyes due to lack of interest. We had help from a few sources like the Show Time Deli in Titusville as well as Out On The Coast Magazine, Brevard Together and a few private citizens, which we much appreciated, but it was not enough. That is why I wanted my first article not to be about my accomplishments but the failure of something that could have been great and something I'm sure most of our readers would have appreciated in there own time in high school. Things like this need exposure.

Our GSA, immediately after forming was given the title of High Tolerance GSA to show our support system for our school, which was perceived as a joke throughout the minds of our peers but we moved on. We held a few fundraisers all of which consisted of me, my vice president and our adult support -- who donated things to us but couldn't very well put all their money on us.

So after that the club went to look for more students to come to our bi weekly meetings. We found students willing to come from other schools but we were hit by county red tape that said no student from one school could participate in an extracurricular activity at another (this was said while the two high schools were cooperating in the production of Grease for the school musical, plays of course being an extracurricular activity).

A few weeks after that we were hit with more red tape. My twoyear fight with the school board was well fought and the County had no leg to stand on. But in the meanwhile they passed a rule to make clubs that had no ties to actual school classes put into a separate category. into which our club was placed. We couldn't use the school bookkeeper to hold funds, we couldn't use school copiers and meetings could only take place for 25 minuets a day and if we went over the time limit, we were escorted off school property.

Needless to say the club failed. I would like to remind everyone that there are many clubs like ours, which need help and hope and support from everyone. Keep your ears open and when you hear of one, by all means get involved and help all you can, because the rules makers will be doing all they can to frustrate the effort. **V**

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HOROSCOPE by Jacqueline

The 2nd Mercury goes direct. Now life will be moving forward again. With the new moon on the 14th, Mars, sun, Mercury, and Jupiter in Virgo this month, it's time to look at the purity of what you want in your life and get to work on achieving that goal. Remember anything worthwhile takes time because when the full Moon arrives on the 28th, you will become impatient. Venus going into Leo on the 6th will help your creative juices to flow. Use this creativity to accomplish your hopes desires and dreams.

Aries New work opportunities arise this month. If you still haven't figured out what you want to do, don't take advantage of the prospects. If you know what direction to go, don't compromise. Wait for the right door to open. Your personal life, friends and family will require your attention. Take time to enjoy your loved ones. You will find it rewarding.

Taurus Job prospects look good for you as well this month. Take advantage of them. Your financial gain will arise through your work. Listen to others opinions and collect as much information as you can before making a decision. This is not the time to act in haste. Balance your time between work and personal life. Focusing too much on one will lead to frustration.

Gemini You finally get a break from the recent stress. What this period has taught

you is to be more careful, especially with love. You may find yourself still analyzing everything. Relax; take a break. Throw yourself a party or take a vacation. Answers will come without the analyzation.

Cancer With Saturn sextiling Jupiter, education is the keyword for you this month. You'll learn from everything you do during this cycle. It's a good time to entertain in the home. Judge your work according to your personal life. Make sure if you change jobs you do it for the time with your family and not for the money. Your financial situation is secure.

Leo Family issues will resolve themselves without your involvement now. It's time to direct your energies toward your goals. However, expect some delays. The details you have forgotten will appear. Have patience; use your lighthearted sense of humor to get you through. Venus goes into your sign on the 6th. Take some time to work on something for you.

Virgo Happy solar return! This is definitely your month to shine. You will find yourself without enough time. Make sure you keep your eye on your desires. All the rest will balance itself toward the end of the month. Be careful about your spending habits. The opportunity to spend more money than you should exists this month.

Libra Patience is the key to your month. The changes you have waited for will be coming next month. Use this time to clear the details from your path that are in the way of your goals. It is through your own personal efforts, not financial means, in which things will change. You will have the urge to spend more than normal. This is not the time. Listen to and remember your dreams. The vail between you and the other side is lifted now.

Scorpio Things are still a little complicated for you this month. Challenges with family, work, and love may try your patience. Keep the faith; all will balance out toward the end of the month. Take some time to work on your health. The stress has caused your immune system to be compromised. Socialize with groups now. You will find some relief there.

Sagittarius This is an excellent month to design your life the way you want it starting with your work. New friends and associates will enter your life. Pay off those old debts and clean up the things you have let fall by the wayside. Start a new routine tailored to your lifestyle. The effort you put into these changes now will pay off soon.

Capricorn The walls that have blocked you from your goals are coming down this month. Through your own self-determination you can succeed with what you want out of your career. All legal issues will be in your favor. Financially, you are paying for your mistakes from the past. Once you have cleared them up, your finances will stabilize.

Aquarius Your social wings are clipped. This month brings you down to earth. There are lessons to be learned about day-to-day living. Take care of the details and by the end of the month you will be back to your social self again. Pay particular attention to your health. The routines you set this month will set a new foundation for your well-being.

Pisces You may feel like carrying last month's relaxation time into this one, but don't. Your work is highlighted this month. Authorities will be recognizing your work habits. Have patience and recognize your social style, especially your language, others will notice. This is a good time to set a new routine with your spiritual beliefs. You will find your peace there.

For those who want to know: The sign Virgo is referred to as the vestal virgin She is known for seeing the purity of any given situation. Because it is an earth sign and Virgo's are noted for their practicality, most do not see the duality. Virgo is ruled by Mercury, which tends to make one over analyze. However, if a Virgo gets involved in organizing or cleaning their environment, they will find the answer to what they have been attempting to solve.

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with Miss J

The astute readers will have already noticed that the "Doc Talk" column is missing from this issue and in its place is "In My Life" by Drake Austin. We're not giving up on health issues, but we think it's important to provide you with more and different articles so we going to rotate several writers in the space formerly solely occupied by the "Doc Talk" column. Dr. Rodriguez will still be writing that column and it will appear next month. Taking the long view, when the magazine adds pages we will need more columns and this is a way develop new writers to prepare for that eventuality.

Looking into next year I see something, some words: surfing, women's, Stacey, spring, weekend. I'm sure it will all come together soon and I'll fill you in on the details in the coming months.

I ran into Reverend Mark Osdras from The Family of God in Christ Community Church in Cocoa at the **Cold Keg** and he filled me in on their expansion. They've moved to another suite in the same complex with twice the square footage and room for a resale shop next door! Additionally they're finishing up plans for a safe space residence for people in need. For a church many thought was collapsing just a year or so ago, they've proven that faith and determination leads to great work. Cocoa may be missing GLBT nightlife but they sure have a strong community anchor.

Nautical Jack's is anchoring their weekends with two contest: buns/bulge contest on Fridays, and amateur stripper on Saturdays. Then they're rolling it all together each month with the winner getting a special additional prize – I know what it is, you'll have to go find out! I stopped by **Nautical Jack's** to participate in the XPLRM Forum and only a few others wanted to talk, until that is, Ed cracked his whip. Suddenly everyone wanted to share something. Funny how a little piece of leather breaking the sound barrier loosens people up! I'm looking forward to the one featuring dollar store "pervertables," that is every day things that can be used in a sex scene. Next time you're in a dollar store, have a look around and let your mind wander....

Wondering what the benefit for Greg Edwards, AKA Moose, AKA Scoobydoo420s at the **Cold Keg** raised? About \$2,000. It was no wonder considering the show featured Roz Russell, **Kelli Randell**, Felicia, Dominique, Mercedes, Ashley Monroe and (she's going to kill me I know, but I just drew a blank on her drag name) the girl from Cocoa. I wonder what would happen if the girls from Port St. Lucie didn't support these things? There seems to be a line of queens wanting to perform for a fee and tips, but only a few regulars when it's benefit time. I mean, even the **Cold Keg** opened their doors for someone who isn't a regular patron. Now that's community support! I missed **Cold Keg's** Bedtime Stories II Pajama Party, just a blonde moment, but I hear the place was packed! The two strippers were hot! Next up is Tropical Temptations on September 25 sponsored by Beefaater Wet Gin. Be there to check out the Wet Boys, giveaways, strippers and another **Cold Keg** PARTY! Oh, and don't' forget to stop in Labor Day Weekend to check out the goings on, no theme party, just a great time for the long weekend.

Going on down Vero way, you may have noticed that Rusty's Relics is closed. Rusty has had to go north to deal with a major family crisis and his partner Ron has joined him to lend support. So, for the present, they've closed the shop and will be reopening when the crisis is resolved. Rusty will be in my thoughts until



he and Ron return.

There are more new boys in the **Nest at the B** λ rd **Cage**, along with returning favorites Aaron and Ryan – always a fun time sweaty diversion from the main bar. If it's a benefit you know who's there: **Kelli Randell**. This time it was for Karaoke Chris' mom who is suffering with cancer. As a warm up for **Mr. B** λ rd **Cage Pageant**, is too late for pix in this issue, so check out the ones from the J'ville Kings's show on August 6 and we'll have the winners next issue. Labor Day weekend beings **Club B** λ rd **Cage's** Construction Party, and the month winds up on the 24th with their employee turnabout show. Another fantastic month at **Club B** λ rd **Cage!**

Vip's is not out of business, just going through a slow period, that's why they aren't advertising right now, but do turn out for Lori's 50th birthday bash on the 25th to wish her the best. She been getting promotions at work, so her time is going to be more limited in PSL as her responsibilities in Orlando increase. They're not going away anytime soon, so stop in and have a drink, and meet old and new friends!

Vote '04 A Change tidbit: A third of all federal HIV-education money - some \$270 million more in Bush's latest budget - now goes to abstinence-only programs, almost universally to Christian groups as part of Bush's "faith-based initiatives" (no Jewish or Muslim groups receive any funds). This is a brilliant maneuver - Bush has turned money earmarked for fighting AIDS into political pork for his right wing Christian base. Much of this money goes to anti-abortion groups masquerading as "women's health" or "crisis-pregnancy" centers. Others receiving such funds engage in religious propaganda - a federal judge found that Louisiana's federally funded Governor's Program on Abstinence illegally handed out Bibles, staged anti-abortion prayer rallies outside women's clinics, and had students perform Bible-based skits.

Yet Bush's Health and Human Services Department refused demands to audit the

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The Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Seav is a former pastor in the Assemblies of God. He has been a pastor in the Metropolitan Community Churches since 1989. He and his lifepartner of twelve years. Mike Lufriu, moved to Brevard County to start the East Coast Metropolitan Community Church. East Coast MCC meets in Melbourne at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2185 Meadowlane Avenue, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m. Services in Vero Beach are at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 355 43rd Avenue, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 6 p.m. Services in Port St. Lucies are at the Unity Church in Lake's Plaza, 8438 US 1, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 5 p.m.

There are times in my life when I wish I could go back in time and have the opportunity to live a certain time over again. It's not that it was such a great time, but I would like the opportunity to make some different choices. It would be great to be able to erase a bad experience from our lives and start over.

Our little dog recently suffered a stroke and one of the effects was

a loss of much of her memory. She has forgotten some of the bad habits she had developed over the past few years. It has been like having a brand new pet.

Short of having a stroke or Alzheimer's, we don't erase our memories. We have to live with the decisions we made in the past. And we have to live with their consequences.

In the Jewish faith, there is a wonderful concept of starting over each year. The month of September brings us Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year. It is a time to start thinking of changes we can make in our lives and how we can not make the same mistakes over again. Ten days after Rosh Hashana, the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, arrives. That is the day when the mistakes of the past are erased.

In Christianity, we teach we similar concept. We teach that our failures are forgiven by God and are no longer held against us. The problem usually is found within ourselves. We have difficulty forgiving ourselves for some of the mistakes we have made. That is why I would love to be able to have the opportunity to go

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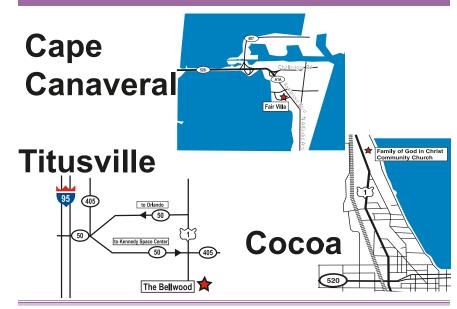
back in time and change some of the decisions of my past.

While we can't go back and undo the past, we can learn to accept the forgiveness that comes from God and learn to forgive ourselves. We can learn from our mistakes and move on in the process of living. As the Apostle Paul said, "leaving those things that are behind me, I move on toward the goal."

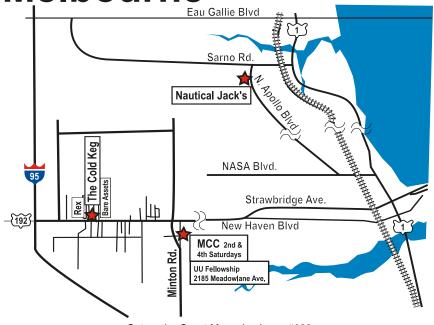
Let us learn to let go of the mistakes of the past and move on toward a greater future. While we might not forget our previous choices, we can move on and not make the same mistakes again.



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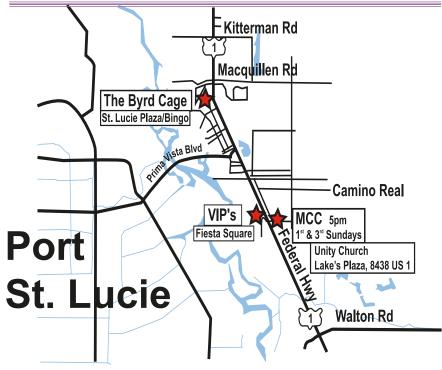


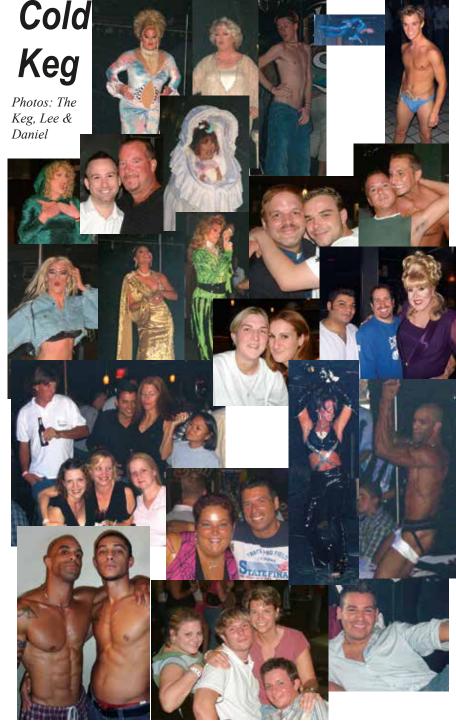
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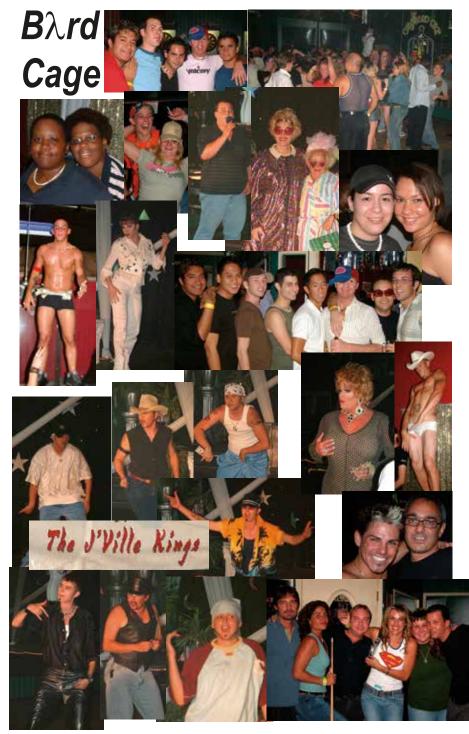
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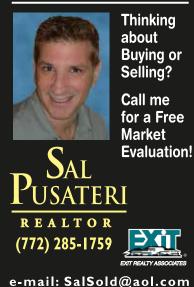
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Louisiana program, while at the same time conducting repeated harassing audits of effective AIDS-fighting groups that have vigorously protested Bush policies on AIDS, like New York's Gay Men's Health Crisis and San Francisco's Stop AIDS Project. (The latter lost its federal funding earlier this year for sex-ed thought crimes similar to those banned in the new CDC regs - a preemptive warning to all other ASOs to toe the Bush-Christian line - and subsequently got a \$100 contribution from former Bush AIDS czar Scott Evertz, ousted by Bush's theocrats, to help continue what he called Stop AIDS's "good work"). 🔻

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According to an article by Doug Ireland:

Published on June 16 in the Federal Register, ...new CDC guidelines will be mandatory for any organization that does HIV-prevention work and also receives federal funds - whether or not any federal money is directly spent on their programs designed to fight the spread of the epidemic. (The CDC is the principal federal funder of prevention education about HIV and AIDS, and its head a Bush appointee). ... nearly all of the some 3,800 AIDS service organizations (ASOs) that do the bulk of HIV-prevention education receive at least part of their budget from federal dollars. Without that money, they'd have to slash programs or even close their doors.

These new regs require the censoring of any "content" - including "pamphlets, brochures, fliers, curricula," "audiovisual materials" and "pictorials (for example, posters and similar educational materials using photographs, slides, drawings or paintings)," as well as "advertising" and Web-based info. They require all such "content" to eliminate anything even vaguely "sexually suggestive" or "obscene" - like teaching how to use a condom correctly by putting it on a dildo, or even a cucumber. And they demand that all such materials include information on the "lack of effectiveness of condom use" in preventing the spread of HIV and other STDs ...

Moreover, the CDC will now take the decisions on which AIDS-fighting educational materials actually work away from those on the frontlines of the combat against the epidemic, and hand them over to political appointees. This is done by requiring that Policy Review Panels, which each group engaged in HIV prevention must have, can no longer be appointed by that group but must instead be named by state and local health departments. And those panels must then take a vote on every single flier or brochure or other "content" before it is issued.

...Under the new regs, it will be impossible even to track the spread of unsafe sexual practices - because the CDC's politically inspired censorship includes "questionnaires and survey materials" and thus would forbid asking people if they engage in specific sexual acts without protection against HIV. For that too would be "obscene." (Questions about gay kids have already disappeared from the CDC's national Youth Risk Survey after Christian-right pressure).

