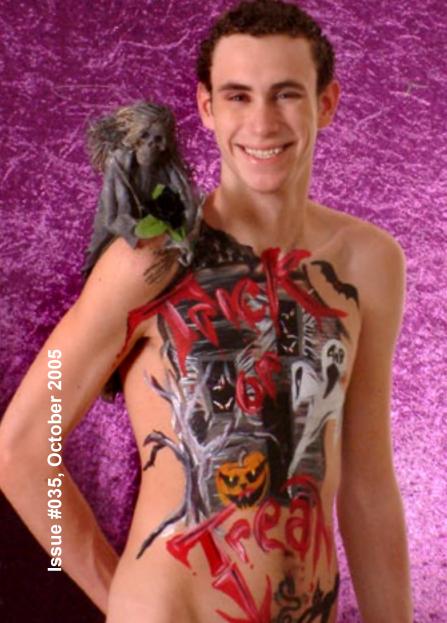
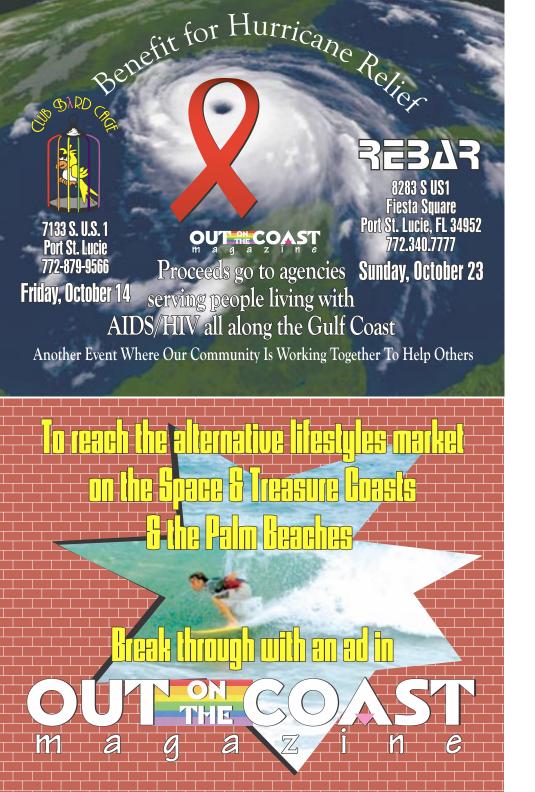
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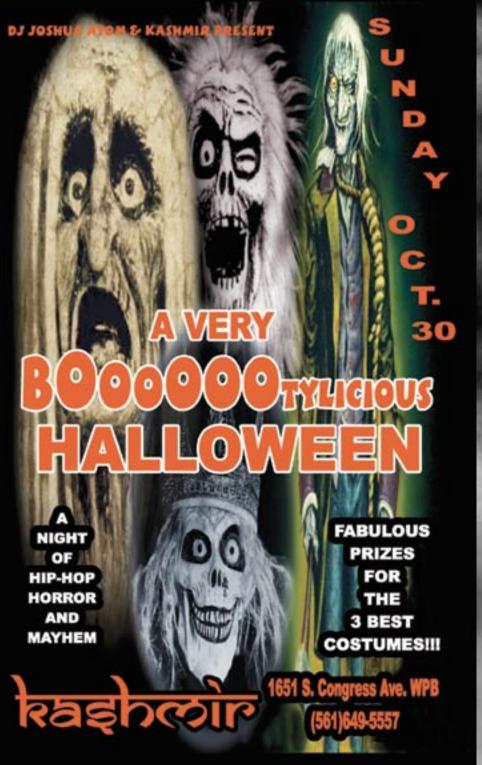
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In My Life Drake Austin

Well hello again readers and happy October, this past month has just been full of excitement and there is oh so much to talk about.

Well first and foremost congrats to Donavan and Brad for the magnificent opening of Club 315, Miss Alicia Markstone and her quest were simply to die for and the décor and lights were always classy. Music provided by DJ Woofy and as usual he was so awesome. Club 315 although it looks to be a tight squeeze was very charming. Gave a good environment and the staff could not have been nicer. So once again Brad and Donavan bravo. And for more info go to www.club315.com

Now we move on to the spotlight of The Rainbow Room, now I'm only going to say this once so pay attention. THEY ARE NOT CLOSED NOR WILL THEY BE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, DO NOT LISTEN TO ANY GOSSIP THEY ARE OPEN. So with that out of the way you should come on down and see what The Rainbow Room has to offer. On Mondays they have their classic Underwear night. Tuesdays are College night, all the College students can get great discounts. Wednesdays are even more fun. On the first and third are Ladies Night, with a Lesbian support group starting at 6PM on every first and third Wednesday, and then every second and fourth Wednesday is Amateur drag night and on both night you can see me DJing for ladies night and performing on the other Wednesdays. Thursdays they have those hott! Rainbow Room box dancers and Friday we have our usual Life's a Drag Show with Miss Shalita Cox and company and of course a special guest. And now as an addition to the strippers on Saturday, Drag Shows will also now be taking place.

And then you just wash and repeat on Monday again. So yes when your looking for something to do there is ALWAYS something at the Rainbow Room and it's always a welcoming climate where you are free to be you. For more info go to www.RainbowRoomClub.com

And this month in Orlando we have Pride which should be the greatest of them all. The Parliament House has great plans listed that I can't wait to see. And this Pride Orlando will be having a Pride Parade so everyone should defiantly come out and see that on Sunday October 9th from 3-5 in Downtown Orlando. The Parliament House has a great number of activities for Pride Weekend. On October 8th there will be a massive Pool and Foam party and at 1 am the one and only Amber will be Performing on their poolside stage. So if you want any more info on their events go to www.ParliamentHouse.com

And for more info on Gay Pride weekend life general stuff and info on the Parade go to www. ComeOutWithRrideCFL.org

Well there is my small but informative take on things, so you must go and check out all of the above events and I hope to see you there.

And finally just a shout out to Miss Shalita Cox, who did a great job at the Miss Central Florida New Comers pageant at The Parliament house. You did a great job mama and we all love you.

Hope everyone has a great Halloween, I know the Rainbow Room is planning something simply to die for, so stop by and make a scene. \textstyle \textstyle

Drake Austin is a freshman at Brevard Community College in Cocoa. He founded a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) while a student at Astronaut High School in Titusville in 2003. Drake shares his thoughts and life experience each month as a proud gay youth.

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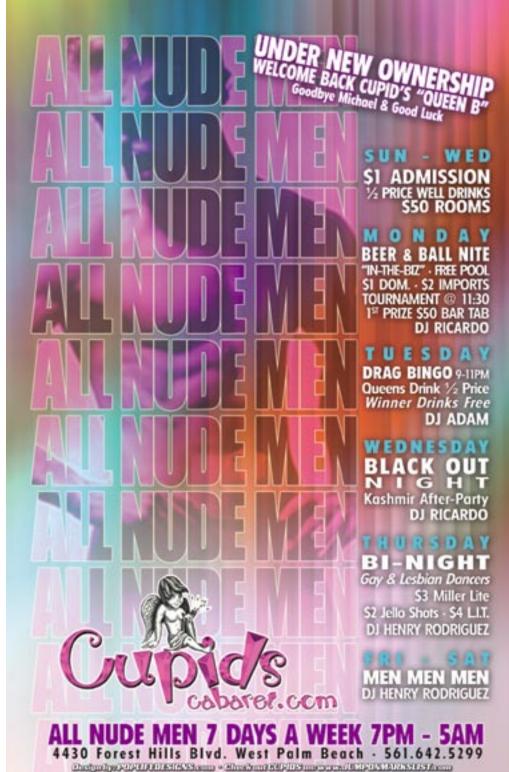
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The New Moon on the 3rd is in Libra! This means that it's a good time to form new relationships and/or draw closer to old ones, especially with Mercury, Jupiter and the Sun in Libra as well. The full Moon on the 17th in Aries will bring a sense of haste. It's there not for you to feel rushed, but to allow you to live in the now and really observe what's truly going on. It also gives you the emotional strength to let go of what doesn't serve you anymore.

Aries March 23- April 22 You'll find work will balance itself as long as you finish one task before moving on to the next and keep track of those deadlines. However, your home life will need your attention. This month actions speak louder than words. Make sure you act on what you promise.

Taurus April 23- May 22 Take a step back; look at your work from another angle. You are taking things too seriously. This month brings Mars retrograde in your sign. Which means it's time to stop, observe, and change the direction of your actions. Don't forget to take some time to escape the frustrations and pamper yourself a little. It will go a LONG way!

Gemini May 23- June 22 Your focus this month will be on one-to-one relationships. This is the time to speak openly and honestly. You will have the opportunity to clear the air and move on to a closer friendship. If you don't, your issues will intensify. They will not go away, one-way or the other, they will be resolved.

Cancer June 23- July 22 Your finances haven't been the best lately but that's about to change. By the end of this month you'll have renewed optimism. When it comes to your love life, you may be feeling neglected. Express your feelings and listen to the response. You'll find you insecurities might be false.

Leo July 23- August 22 The anxiety you feel now may be due to promises made that have yet to happen. Don't push; patience works to your benefit. Other people haven't made the necessary decisions and you may be thinking only about the short term, when they have long-term plans. That patience also goes along with your love life. This is not the time for major

Virgo August 23- September 22 You will feel that you are at the mercy of your emotions this month, and you will not be alone. Others in your environment will feel the impact as well. Focus on maintaining a balance. Clean and organize your house. Observe the actions of others. They can be beneficial tools right now.

Libra September 23- October 22 Happy Solar return my fellow Librans! Fortune smiles upon you through the 27th. The first week, spend your time networking. Don't act upon the information, but retain it for later use. It will come in handy. You'll find the rest of the month taken by your personal life. Go with the flow and enjoy your month!

Scorpio October 23- November 22 This is the time of the year that you feel a need for a change. Your wish is the universe's command. The 1st. Mars in opposition to you goes retrograde. The direction you have been going will change. The 8th, Mercury goes into your sign. Your thoughts will find the answer. The 25th, Jupiter goes into your sign and brings you to the right path. Follow it blindly. You'll find the experience enlightening.

Sagittarius November 23- December 22 You're feeling bogged down with responsibilities right now. You've taken on more than you should. Limit your promises and finish those you have left hanging. You'll find the tension that you have been carrying will be lightened. As far as your love life, perhaps a change is needed. Try something new.

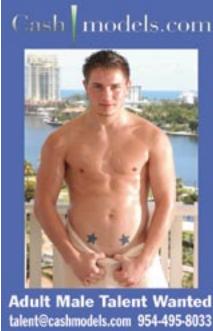
Capricorn December 23- January 22 Business associates, friendships, and personal relationships are quite beneficial at this time. The more social interaction, the more opportunities there are to charm. The only problems are others sticking to the facts. Ask questions; read the fine print and double check everything before signing.

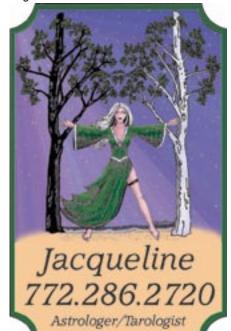
Aquarius January 23- February 22 Funds may be slow at this time. There is a purpose for this. It's there to tell you to slow things down. This is a month for you clean things up. Finish what you have left dangling. It may not be fun, but it will be satisfying. Face it; you have no choice. There is no place to run and hide.

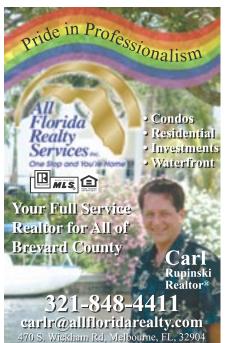
Pisces February 23- March 22 Let your past go now. What has been done cannot be changed. Look to the future and what you want. Be specific; take the time to fill in the details and write it down. This is a time for change and you don't have a choice. The 26th, your planet, Neptune goes direct. Life will look a lot better then.

For those who want to know: Libra is ruled by Venus; the Goddess of love. The element for it is air and is the only zodiac sign ruled by a machine. Since the sun, new moon, Mercury and Jupiter are in this sign this month, all will be focusing on and communicating more with the one(s) they love. Finding out more information is a good thing. The machine is the scale, and balance is the keyword. Know that the ones you love will hurt you. The answer is to talk to the person, observe their response, and have the courage to let the destructive ones go. With Jupiter in the end and it will be to your benefit.

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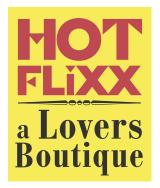
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Ten Time

with Miss T

Well, I've got to be concise this month, so let's get to it in no particular order: first off is another Club B\(\text{rd}\) Cage and REBAR collaboration: a benefit for hurricane relief. Friday, October 14 at Club B\(\text{rd}\) Cage and Sunday, October 23 at REBAR. Proceeds are going to AIDS/HIV agencies on the Gulf Coast to help those hit with the double-whammy of destroyed homes and destroyed healthcare. Be there to show how our community works together to make things better. Hats off to Jim and Jerry and Kelli Randell for making this happen.

A new look is happening down at **REBAR**, stop in and watch it evolve, it's going to reach an amazing culmination on Halloween.

There must be something about SR520 in Brevard County. **Rainbow Room** is still going strong at their location on Merritt Island just south of 520 at the causeway to beach side and now Brad and Donovan of Drama Club fame have opened Club 315 on, Fridays and Saturdays, just over the causeway in Cocoa Beach. I stopped in for a drink on opening night – it's a nice place and you can hop over to the **Rainbow Room** and back to enjoy what both clubs offer – and last Saturday the **Rainbow Room** was packed, so it seems there really are enough people to support more than one club. I now hear there's going to be a new Thursday Gay night at Ivories on 520 at the bridge over Sykes Creek – and what's up with the clubs being near bridges,

Leather folk should check out the Mr. & Ms. Florida Olympus link at www.FetishAlliance.net for details on a new statewide contest in January. The press release was long and confusing, but apparently it will be happening in Orlando early next year. The event is billed as pansexual, open to TV/TS competitors in their respective gender identity categories. Apparently the only real requirement is being a bit kinky.

The MTV Real World cast and crew turned up at **Kashmir** recently and had such a good time they shot a segment there so watch for it on a TV near you soon. It should be amazing to see our very own **Kashmir** on national TV. See, you don't have to go south to meet famous people or even end up on MTV!

For all of you who are fans of Gage Gatlyn, a favorite Drag King at **Club B**\(\textit{R}\) **rd Cage**, he won the Mr. Gay USA FMI pageant – if you've seen Gage perform you know this was well deserved. He is an amazing performer and the next time you have the chance don't miss his performance.

Brevard Team Works is doing a Halloween pot luck dinner and dance on the 29th in Satellite Beach, contact Georgia for tickets (or the magazine if you don't have Georgia's phone number).

There's still time to sponsor a rider or ride for **Compass** in The Smart Ride – give them a call for details. Just do it. Now.

Everyone complains that there's nothing to do except go to the bars, well we have two new advertisers that prove that there is much more to do in season. **The Theater Company of Palm Bay** community theatre has many members of the old Phoenix Theatre Company in Melbourne give you the opportunity to see quality community theatre.

And the well-kept secret of **Riverside Theatre** in Vero Beach gives you the opportunity to see some of the best professional theatre in the country. **Riverside** has been around for 30 years and mounts it's productions – so when you see a play there it's not a touring company doing it's 300th performance of the play, it's a professional cast doing an original production. There is a difference and it's one worth the drive from where ever you are to beach side in Vero.

And if you're planning some in-home entertainment of a personal nature you can find everything you need at **Adult Video Warehouse** in North Palm and **Hot Flixx** in Melbourne whether your event is a solo act, a duet or a group event.

Gay Rights Tidbit: There's going to be a big push for safe schools in Indian River County following a 13 year old girl's two year problem with harassment that the schools have refused to deal with. The ultimate harassment came when *The Vero Beach Press Journal* named the girl in an article about the problem. This is a new low for Scripps-Howard Publishing, outing a 13 year old! I guess they hoped it would embarrass her family into leaving the county, as she has no chance now to attend high school next year in peace. The lawyers are going to have a field day and it will give us all a chance to bring up the safe schools programs with our respective school districts. If you need more info on safe schools programs, contact Equality Florida at www.EQFL.org. \blacksquare

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Spiritually Speaking And the not necessary! We can unhook

A wise woman once wrote, "Let us never forget, we are all slaves to those whom we cannot forgive." How on earth can this be? A person does something wrong to us, and we are then a slave if we cannot forgive the harm done? I get dissed, and I'm at fault if I do not forgive? I'm enslaved to the person who dissed me?

Well, that just goes against the grain of the little, "Miss Thing," that lives in my queer soul. She wants to bite back and say, "Honey, you talk trash about me, you'll get yours!" My own personal Miss Thing usually wants revenge. This part of my soul usually wants to make very, very sure that others know I've been hurt.

What my "Miss Thing" inner child doesn't realize, is that every time I bitch about some wrong done to me, I am reliving the injury. Each time I repeat the mean thing said, or the hurtful snub, or the unkind gesture, I am repeating the hurt. It's like taking small doses of a poison and hoping that your enemy will get sick! Craziness.

Twelve steppers will recognize this as the all too human practice of letting someone live rent free inside your head. Do you do that? Have conversations with folks who are not there? Relive anger with folks who are long gone? Every time I repeat what a creep that person is, what a nasty thing they did, I'm repeating the injury done to me. I'm giving their bad behavior more and more air time. How crazy is that?

That is crazy enough to make us sick. When we repeatedly poison ourselves with mentally repeating the bad behavior of others, we make ourselves soul-sick.

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And it's not necessary! We can unhook from this repeated injuring of ourselves if we will practice forgiveness.

Forgiveness gets a bad rap for two reasons. One is that we mistake forgiveness for weakness. The other is that we have heard "forgive and forget" so often we think they belong together. Wrong on both counts! Forgiveness is a spiritual discipline, a practice that takes great strength. When we forgive, we unhook. When we forgive we get ourselves loose from the hurtful behaviors of others. To forgive is to step back, to stop repeating the original hurt. That takes strength.

Healthy forgiving does not mean forgetting. We need to learn to forgive and stay mindful. When I forgive and forget, I go right back into the hurtful situation. I hang out with the very people that were mean spirited to me in the first place. Friends, if nothing changes, nothing changes. If I want to feel better, I have to separate myself from the people who do me harm. I need to forgive past hurts, so I do not repeat them in my head. And I need to get a distance from hurtful people so I won't be hurt again. Forgive and be mindful. Get some distance and protect myself.

I am advocating self-care, self-protection, not saintliness. My dear "Miss Thing," that part of my soul that cries out to flaunt, to be seen, to scream, rant, rave, and get revenge, that part of me still gets recognized when I practice forgiveness. Ever hear the phrase, "Living well is the best revenge?" Well, it is! When I take the hurtful things people say or do and I dwell on them, it is like a slow poison for my soul. When I repeat harms done to me,



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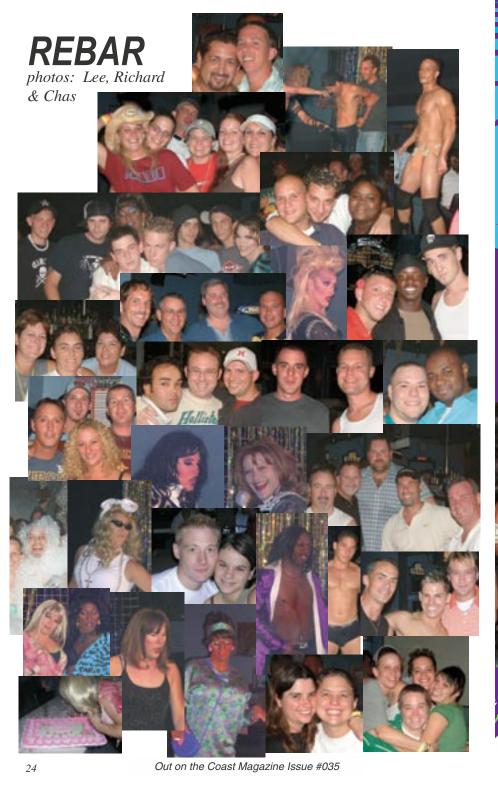
I wither. When I step aside and let the hurts float past me, when I refuse to take the meanness into my soul, I feel better! When I feel better I live better. I get the ultimate revenge on folks who are mean to me when I live a full, rich, rewarding life.

Protect yourselves, dear ones. For Halloween, remember, whether from strangers or from loved ones, make sure all the candy you take is properly wrapped. Play safely.

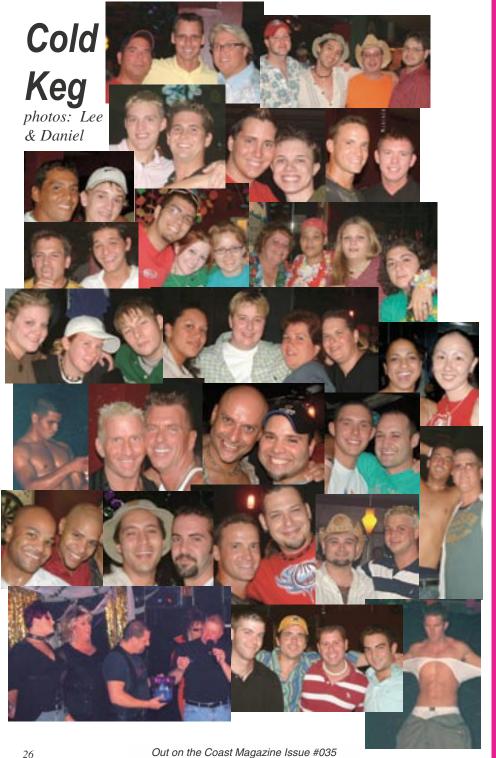
Protect yourselves, dear ones. For today and everyday, step away from fools who

say hurtful things. Get close to friends who can love and support you. Take good care of You, for each of us is precious; worthy of love and respect. ▼

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In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

This is the second of two columns which focus on two organizations central to the formation of the present-day lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered liberation movement. In the September issue of OOTC the Mattachine Society was featured. This month's OOTC History column looks at the Daughters of Bilitis.

"LESBIANS UNITED"

The Founding of the Daughters of Bilitis

On September 21, 1955 eight lesbian women met to lay the plans for "a secret Lesbian club." For four consecutive weeks, the group met to draw up a constitution and bylaws. At the fourth meeting they realized that they still did not have a name for the fledgling organization.

One of the eight said, "How about Daughters of Bilitis?" The other seven women looked at her blankly. They had never read the book by Pierre Louys that she had read. In the book a long poem called 'Songs of Bilitis,' appeared. According to Louys, Bilitis was supposed to have lived on Lesbos at the time of Sappho.

"We thought that 'Daughters of Bilitis' would sound like any other women's lodge – you know, like the Daughters of the American Revolution... Bilitis would mean something to us, but not to any outsider. If anyone asked us, we could always say we belong[ed] to a poetry club." And so what began as a social club, with an affinity for poetry, soon evolved into a civil rights organization with a strong educational outreach program.

Daughters of Bilitis (DOB as it was popularly known) elected Del Martin as its first president. In her acceptance speech, Martin called for a membership campaign and asked everyone to bring prospective members to the next meeting.

The first official meeting of the Daughters of Bilitis was held October 19, 1955 in a small apartment off Fillmore Street in San Francisco. The organizing idea was to provide a gathering place for lesbian women that offered an alternative to the bar scene. It was to be a social club "with parties and discussion groups to be held in private homes."

By the end of its first year DOB had fifteen members. The small group decided to make an all-out push for members and began to publish The Ladder. Phyllis Lyon, Del Martin's life partner was the first editor. At this same time, DOB initiated monthly public discussion meetings in a downtown San Francisco hall. The San Francisco chapter of the Mattachine Society was renting several offices on Mission Street and sublet half of one tiny room to DOB. A DOB member donated a desk. The money was found to buy a used typewriter and filing cabinet. Several San Francisco businesses "donated" small items like paper clips, staples and typing paper. DOB was officially in business.

Volume One, Number One of The Ladder, a twelve-page mimeographed newsletter in magazine format, made its debut during October of 1956. The publishing crew was aiming for 250 copies, but the Mattachine's tired old mimeograph only had 170 copies worth of life in it. The cover design, drawn by staff artist B.O.B., showed a line of women approaching a very tall ladder, which protruded from the shore of the bay and reached up into lofty, cloudy skies. It carried the legend, "from the city of many moods – San Francisco, California."

In this opening decade of the twenty-first century, it is perhaps easy to smile kindly and patronizingly at the purpose of the Daughters of Bilitis. We now have the luxury of having radical groups like ACT-UP in our past. It seems quaint that a group would have in its organizing charter the goal of "aid[ing] the Lesbian in discovering her potential and her place in society." Remembering the context of DOB like the Mattachine Society is critical.

Each organization was born in the politically repressive climate of the 1950s. The United States State Department had just instituted a purge of hundreds of homosexual men and women who were summarily fired from their



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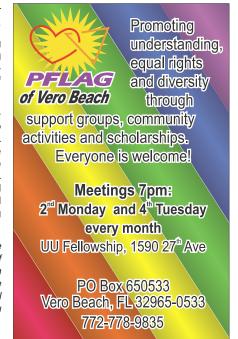


jobs with the federal government when their identity had been disclosed or even hinted at.

Many of the lesbians that DOB was reaching out to were "completely downtrodden, having been brainwashed by a powerful heterosexual church and by the much touted precepts of psychoanalysis."

Daughters of Bilitis and the Mattachine Society were two of the earliest organizations to claim space for lesbian women and gay men. Without DOB and Mattachine the raid on the Stonewall Inn in 1969 would most likely have been met with acquiescence and compliance. Instead, the years of organizing by DOB and Mattachine resulted in the drag queens and other patrons of the Stonewall Inn fighting back.

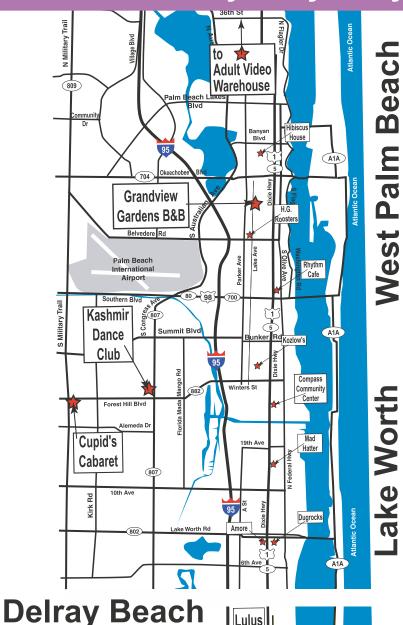
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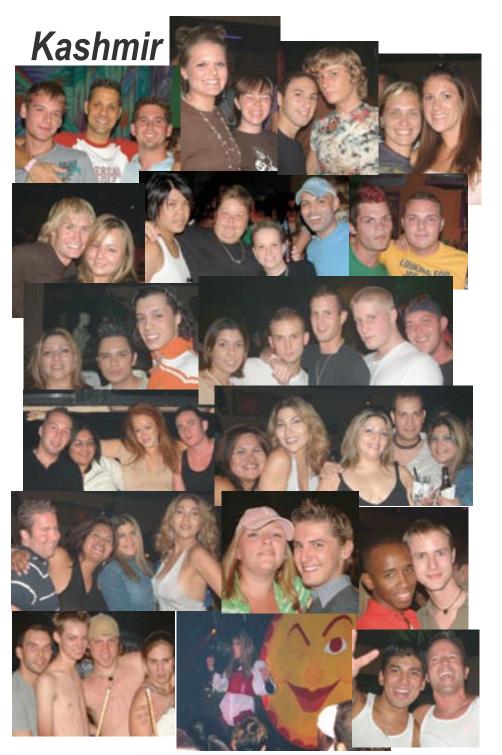


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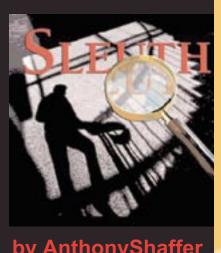






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