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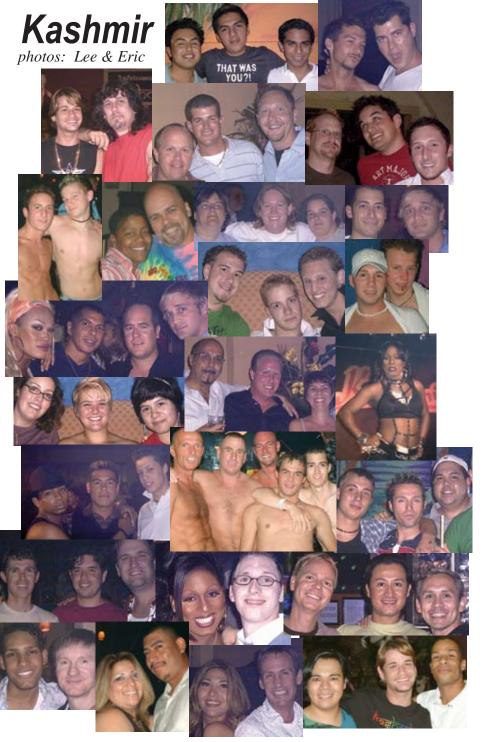
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In My Life Becky Jeffers

Hello, *Out on the Coast magazine* readers! Big bang to you all! Happy 4th of July! Picnics and party time!

Hurricane season is here and you all know I have to talk a bit about this - Is Everyone Ready? Arlene and I have generators ready, camp stove ready, bottled water ready, emergency food supply and snacks for us and our pets ready, first aide for pets & people ready, important papers ready, portable air conditioner & fans ready (please this lesbian has to be comfortable,) and last but not least small pre approved loan from bank to purchase gas for generators and cars during hurricane and after math. PLEASE EVERYONE BE READY and be safe this season and make sure everyone you care about is prepared too! OK - getting down off my box now.

The second meeting of the newly forming. Gay and Gav Friendly Business Association is this Saturday the 17th of June, the day before Fathers day. My article - the one your reading now - has to be in by the 15th of June so I won't be able to report on that meeting until next month, such is the life of a columnist.. I can tell you things are going great so far. Response has been wonderful. People are joining, interest is fantastic the number of businesses is growing by leaps and bounds. Our directory should be ready by our third meeting and I am praving it will be a reality by January 2007! Everyone, please spread the word, let us move forward with our dreams for our Business Association, our Directory and our Community Center, The Living Room of Brevard, Inc. Get involved in these projects and make our dreams a reality. Together everything is possible.

I want to take just a moment to send Garrison prayers and love on the passing of his beloved Richard. Only those who have gone through a lengthy illness and the loss of their own partner know the road you have traveled, but certainly all of us share in the loss of a wonderful member of our community. Richard was loved by everyone who was blessed to know him.

I am so pleased to announce the Rainbow Room has found an entertainer for Tuesday nights. I met this gentleman months ago and as hard as this is to believe I did not get his phone number. He had been in but not during my shift and then finally I looked up and there he was!! So light jazz is on for Tuesday nights!!! I've had so many requests for this entertainment you just wouldn't believe. Tuesday is my only night shift. I work 4-9 normally. I love it when I can talk to my customers. I've made so many new friends. Friendships that I value very highly. Just this past 8 weeks. I've met the most handsome single Italian fella. He has the most beautiful eves and long dark lashes. I find it so hard to believe he is single. Not only is he handsome, he is smart and that's not easy to find, and to top it off he is a gentleman. If I wasn't 100 % lesbian I'd be all over that ! I'm so happy to call this man my friend. Interesting to talk to and easy on the eves.

I also have met a beautiful dark haired lady who recently moved here from the north. Attractive and smart and a joy to know. Another plus for our community!

Linda the O.A.D. for Brevard Lesbians, and my best friend, organized a small group outing to Sea World recently. I borrowed my brother Jim's van and off we went. Maggie, who with my sister Rita, became the lesbian tour guides of Sea World, Jackie a visiting lesbian from Pa., Arlene my partner, yours truly, Linda and Laura who is our newest member yes the cutie pie I mentioned in the previous paragraph. We had a ball! Six womyn out for a fun filled adventure at Sea World!

Arlene and I finally got our pontoon boat splashed for the first time this season. Deena, Gretchen, Maggie, Jackie, Linda, Arlene and I took off from Harbor Town on a quiet Saturday afternoon recently. We saw dolphins racing in the wake of a passing boat and a group of wild pigs running around a jut of beach looking for food. It was an adventure that's for sure. Of course Maggie and Deena had lots of hot womyn sightings- thank you girls. We docked at a local restaurant ate, had a drink and finished off our day.

Everyone grab some friends and get out and enjoy our beautiful weather and the fact we live in such a great area. If you don't already have area friends come by the Rainbow Room in Cocoa Beach and I'll introduce you to some terrific people. I'm there 4pm - 9pm Thursday_ Sunday and Tuesday 9pm - 2am. Moose's bingo on Sunday is loads of fun. Last Sunday he and Raquel dressed in drag pizza was served and everyone had a great time. Live entertainment is starting after bingo this Sunday. Easy listening I believe. Be sure to come check it out.

Well, I better wind down and close for this month. Remember if you need <u>anything</u> think "Family First", and use Gay and Gay Friendly businesses, check out everyone who advertises in this magazine. Get on the web site for The Living Room - TLRBrevard.org - and sign up. Volunteer your services and get involved in the community. If you have a business, join the Gay and Gay Friendly Business Association and attend the meetings and put an ad in this magazine.

Big hug from your lesbian representative, Becky

Becky Jeffers has been a resident of the Space Coast since 1973. She has been involved in the Lesbian & Gay community for years as an out and proud Womyn. She and her partner Arlene have a home in Titusville and started Space Coast Lesbians Womyn's group. Becky is also an account executive for **Out on the Coast magazine**. Send comments, questions or event notices to BeckyJ@ootcmag.com

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HOROSCOPE by Jacqueline

We begin this month with Mercury going retrograde on the 4th and bouncing back for Leo into Cancer. This means that even though we want to take charge, all we can do is try to get our point across. With Jupiter finally going direct, at least they'll get the point. The full moon on the 10th in Capricorn gives us a more serious tone than we may desire. Try to use it to make serious plans for the future, because when the new Moon comes on the 25th, it will lighten us up and fill in the details we've been missing.

Aries March 22-April 23 This isn't the month to run at your normal pace. Slow and steady will win the race. You'll find all will be revealved in its own time. It's a good time to ask more questions, or investigate a little more before taking action. You'll find those who crossed you will get their just rewards, just wait.

Taurus *April* 22 – *May* 23 You're working hard helping others this month. Is that because you're avoiding what needs to be worked on in your life? Remember Mercury goes retrograde on the 4th and won't let you avoid addressing your own issues. Face them in an open and honest way, even if you don't have the answer. You'll find that it won't be as bad as you might think.

Gemini May 22 – June 23 You're focus is on the home this month. Don't be surprised if you find yourself doing some redecorating or rearranging in your home. Even though you aren't going to buy anything now, it's a good time to look into investing in real estate. You may find great benefit from it.

Cancer *June* 22 – *July* 23 Happy Solar Return! You're natural ability for patience

is being tested now. Wait! Don't do everything for everyone just to get them to catch up to you. Instead, use your time to learn about something that you've wanted to know for a while, but have just put off. Believe me; you'll be less frustrated if you do.

Leo July 22 – August 23 Get ready to be in the social light. Meeting new people and learning different things are in the air for you this month. Be open to the differences in your new social environment. It can open your mind to new possibilities, especially with your love life. Go with the flow and see where it leads you to. You may be pleasantly surprised.

Virgo August 22 – September 23 Be careful not to be guided by your emotions this month. People, both in work and your personal life, will be revealing another side. Learn to ask more questions before coming to any conclusions. Then, adjust your actions to reflect what you know is right.

Libra September 22 – October 23 What you think is professional business will have a more social tone to it this month. You will be called upon to use your natural Libra diplomacy, not only in business, but also in your personal life. Know that you can't acquire peace between others who have nonsensical quarrels. Instead, move on to concrete concerns.

Scorpio *October 22 – November 23* Hurray! Jupiter goes direct on the 6th in your sign. Those afflictions that have been holding you back have now released and you can finally move forward. I know you've been feeling a little restricted, but try not to come out of it like gang busters. All will now work itself out in a timely matter. Enjoy the rest from all the stress

and have some fun!

Sagittarius November 22 – December 23 Double check everything this month or that detail you neglected will come back to haunt you. Details are important and now is your time for that lesson. If you learn it now it will save you a lot of time later.

Capricorn December 22 – January 23 You're financial judgments are right-on this month, however, until after Mercury goes direct on the 28th, you will not be able to act upon them. Make notes and watch how it progresses during the month. Then, after the 28th you can act upon it. You'll find the benefits in the long run will be significant.

Aquarius January 22 – February 23 You'll find yourself making deals and getting promises from others during the beginning of the month. Make sure you get it in writing and that you check the fine print. Because if you don't, at the end of the month, those promises will be broken and those deals null and void.

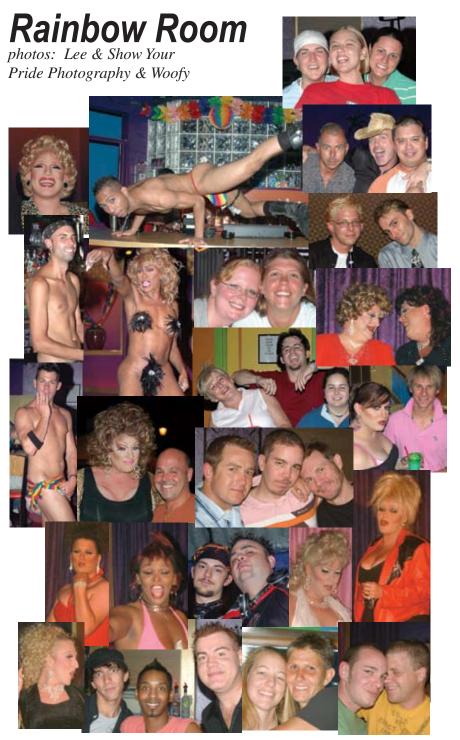
Pisces February 22 – March 23 The veil has been lifted for you this month, even though you may feel others are still in a fog. You're being enlightened and awakened to the future. Exam the information and make plans for your long-term future. You'll find your happiness there. ▼

For those who want to know: During the month of July, all of us are more emotionally sensitive; the reason being is that this time is ruled by the zodiac sign Cancer. Cancer is ruled by the Moon and the moon is what control our emotions. Cancers are a water sign and it's what drives that nurturing urge. Like the crab, they can have either a soft shell or a hard shell, but are always tender on the inside. It also rules your home and your mother. Don't be surprised if during this time you have a more domestic urge than usual.

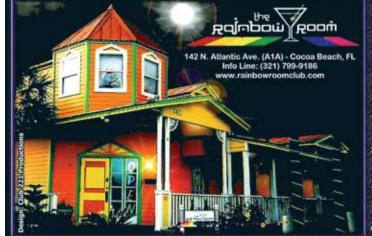
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Ten Time

with Miss T

Oh, my: last month I said Lisa from Viera won the cruise, it was *Linda* from Viera — I've just got to remember that no matter how pretty those rhinestone glasses are I can't see unless I wear the horn-rimmed ones! Anyway, **The Living Room of Brevard** is going great guns by starting a family-oriented social event and with a couple more fundraisers on the calendar. Gay Skate is planned to be a regular event at Galaxy Skateway, 1488 Aurora Rd in Melbourne, from 7 to 9 pm. The first one will be on Thursday, June 29, so here's a chance to bring your friends and kids and family and just have a gay old time. Their fundraiser is being thrown by Leigh Shannon at the **Cold Keg** on Friday, July 21: Night of a 1000 Divas. The show will start at 9:30 pm to accommodate a truly amazing lineup. There are over a dozen queens confirmed for the show and more being recruited as we write. There will also be both a silent auction and regular auctions — Leigh is going all out on this event, putting out a fantastic effort putting this all together, so show up for an incredible night of drag for a good cause. Also mark your calendar for Sunday, August 27, when **Kelli Randell** and Roz Russell will be hosting a **Cold Keg** fundraiser for **The Living Room of Brevard** — be sure to check out TLRbrevard.org for all the details and late breaking news about the center.

The big news last month, of course, was the sudden closing of Club B λ rd Cage in Port St. Lucie. While it was truly a case of Karma that the deal fell through after the owner had stripped all the fixtures out of the bar, it's still a big loss for our community. During the four-and-a-half years it was open you could count on Club B rd Cage to raising money for good causes from babies with AIDS, or someone with unmet medical bills. Always doing their best to build and stand behind our community they are missed. **REBAR** is celebrating what Club B λ rd Cage was on Friday, July 7, when Mercedes, Port St. Lucie's Queen of Hearts and **Kelli Randell**, the First Lady of Port St. Lucie gather with The Ladies of the B λ rd Cage and The Bang-Bang Sisterhood to say thank you to all the B λ rd Cage patrons and all the good times it was known for.

Although I never knew him, a lot of people who knew him will miss Dick Wachter who had a massive heart attack Friday, June 9th, and passed away at his home in Alabama. He and his wife, June, opened Devons Place, which eventually became Bourbon Street. He and his family were supportive of the gay community in Port St. Lucie for many years and they had only recently moved to Alabama. While last month was full of endings in Port St. Lucie, I am sure that we can look forward to beginnings of new things there in the not too distant future.

The Gay Business Owners Association in Brevard County is beginning to take form. The brainchild of Becky Jeffers and Joseph Paulus (**Beach Place Guesthouses**), their efforts have resulted in 56 people signing up. Now with Joseph leading the group they are moving to the next step: getting a formal organization set up. Austin Smith of **Trim-N-Shape Lawn Service** will host the next meeting on July 22, 3 pm upstairs in the 9 Stone Club at The Dog 'n' Bone British Pub at 9 Stone Street in Cocoa Village, 321-636-2828, (the old Drama Club). There will be light refreshments and a cash bar. The agenda will include electing a board and getting the legal, discussing membership fees, costs estimates for printing a business directory, setting up a web site and a Yahoo! Group. The BGOA is open to any gay or gay friendly business owner.

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Spiritually Speaking

Some opponents of Gay Marriage complain that if we allowed "them" to marry, then marriage would be forever changed. Well.., yes, it would! Gay, Lesbian, Transgendered and Bisexual people are experienced agents of change. Most anything we get close to, be it dress codes, gender roles, or cohabitation practices, it all gets changed. And that's a wonderful, hopeful, encouraging state of affairs.

Are you old enough to remember when only homosexual men wore earrings? Do you remember the "clone" look, when gay men pioneered a "look" that included shaved heads, tight T-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, and daily hours sculpting in the gym? Did you grow up in a church that taught marriage and sex were only good if your plan was to make babies? Are you, now, a sexual pioneer in a relationship where sex and committed partnership are good purposeful because they celebrate the joy in human sexuality, respect each partner and promote emotional, spiritual, psychological and physical health and well being?

It's an old pattern that GLBT folks have crafted creative ways to live that have been copied and absorbed by the more conventional heterosexual population. This is true from earrings and hoodies to gender role parity and sex for joy not just procreation. Be sure on one thing: if GLBT folks gain access to civil marriage rights and privileges, the institution of marriage will change. And it will change for the better for all people!

For those among us who have the commitment and focus and strength to do battle with a Federal government that would leap at the chance to write discrimination into our Constitution, I say, "God Bless you. Keep up the noble work!" But for those of us who are weary with pleading for full citizenship, I

say this, "God Bless you. Keep up the noble work!" You see, every day Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer, and as yet "unclassified" folks are creating new and more just and more loving ways to deepen human relationships. Daily, we are creating patterns of living that are more free, more empowering. Just by living our lives, we are making change. Years ago, I remember my lover and I being asked, "which one of you is the man?" Now, both homosexual and heterosexual couples are more free to define their roles as partners more broadly because of all the pioneering work we have done.

If you have the kind of summer where you have time to relax, time to reflect, time to think things over, I have a suggestion. Let's speed up the Revolution. Let's create more social change. Let's give the churches that fear us something to tremble about. This summer, I invite each of us to take time to reflect and consider the nature of the relationships in our lives. Let's take a close look at each and every friendship, our lovers and partners, if we have them! And let's ask ourselves: is this relationship morally good? Do I treat this friend, lover, partner, with deep respect? Do they treat me with deep respect? Are we kind to each other? Is this friendship/ partnership mutually empowering? Does the relationship encourage me to be less selfabsorbed, more caring of others? Does this partnership empower me to grow spiritually, emotionally, psychologically more mature?

Love of one another, compassion in all human relationships, are ideal sought in all the world's major religions. Some practitioners of some religions would have us believe that the good, the holy, the true is reserved for those who are narrowly defined as exclusively heterosexual. I have found that the good, the holy, the true and just

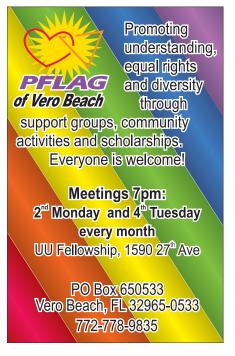


and compassionate are to be found in the quality of our relationships, not the gender of our lovers. So let's take a close look at all our relationships. Are we kind? Are we respectful?

Each time we insist on growing more mature in our loving, we encourage all those around us to do the same. Who knows, non-Gay society might just imitate us in our kindness, our compassion, our justice making the way they have imitated our fashion trends!

May each of us be loved in ways that are kind, respectful, empowering and unconditionally supportive. ▼

The Reverend Gail R. Geisenhainer is Minister with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach, 1590 27th Ave. Worship begins at 10am Sundays. All are welcome! For more information, go to www. uufvb.org and www.uua.org or call 772-778-5880. Gail and her life partner are transplanted New Englanders who make their home with two dogs and lots of books!



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In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

PEARL M. HART

The Fourth of July always makes me think of the United States Constitution. Okay, I know I am a little strange, but it is one of those documents that we tend to take for granted until we really need it. It is also one of those documents that is easy to forget about until folks like Senator Bill Frist decide that it should be used as a means of exclusion, instead of inclusion as it has historically always been used.

The lesbian, bi-sexual, transgendered and gay communities are fortunate that at this juncture in the early twenty first century we have entire organizations dedicated to ensuring that GLBT persons are as included in the protections the U. S. Constitution offers an any other citizen. This was not always the case. In the not so distant past it was up to individuals to zealously guard and actively advocate for protection under the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

We are extremely fortunate in our history that such persons of courage and distinction were present. One of the most important forebears for organizations like the Human Rights Campaign and the Lambda Legal Defense Fund was lawyer Pearl M. Hart.

Born Pearly Minne Harchovsky, Pearl M. Hart was known all of her life as "Hart". She was called Hart but was known for her large "heart" and dedication to defending the rights of "the least lucrative and most oppressed kind of clients" namely, children, women, immigrants and gay men and lesbians.

Hart practiced law in the city of Chicago from 1914 to 1975. She was one of the first female attorneys in the city to specialize in criminal law. Hart attended the night-school program at Chicago's John Marshall

Law School in 1911, earning her tuition by working during the day as a law clerk and stenographer. She graduated in 1914 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar on October 7 of that same year and began to build her criminal law practice.

Her early legal career focused on the needs of children. She was regarded as an expert on juvenile justice and drafted legislation, served on committees, and spoke before a variety of civic groups, all in her dedicated effort to protect Chicago's most vulnerable citizens.

In the 1950s, Hart devoted increased time to defending individuals accused of subversions against the U.S. government. The three major laws under which her clients were prosecuted were the Alien Registration Act of 1940, the Internal Security Act of 1950, and the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. (In these days of heated debate over immigration and the rights of immigrants as well as personal civil liberties under life with Homeland Security, Hart would probably feel all too at home in the U.S. of 2006.)

Hart's most prominent case from this era was *U.S. v. Witkovich*. George Witkovich received an order of deportation on June 15, 1953. In a subsequent hearing before the Immigration and Naturalization Service, he was asked twenty-two questions about his activities and affiliations. On Hart's advice, he refused to answer the questions because they were not relevant to whether or not he should be deported. The United States filed a lawsuit compelling his answers, and Hart countered with an appeal that eventually made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court. She won the case in 1957.

In the final two decades of her life she

became directly involved with the gay and lesbian community, although she had represented many gays in court before that time. She probably felt freer to express her own lesbian sexuality only after the death of her parents. She was extremely close to her large extended family but kept her relationships with women hidden from them, never openly identifying as lesbian.

Yet this did not prohibit her activism on behalf of the lesbian and gay communities. She co founded the Mattachine Midwest. which had its first public meeting on July 27, 1965. She served as its legal counsel until her death. In addressing one of the early meetings of the group, she urged the members to stop viewing themselves as members of a minority and assert the equal rights which are guaranteed to them by the Constitution. Her advocacy for her gay male clients arrested for soliciting sex in a public place, those entrapped to do so, and those caught in the crossfire of a bar raid, earned her the nickname, "Guardian Angel of Chicago's Gay Community."

On the fiftieth anniversary of her graduation from the John Marshall Law School she was accorded an honorary doctor of law degree. The City of Chicago honored Hart twice, posthumously. In 1992 she was chosen to be inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame. In 2001 Hart was the recipient of a Chicago Tribute Marker of Distinction.

The Bill of Rights was Pearl Hart's moral compass. She practiced law the way she lived her life with compassion, integrity and an unwavering passion for social justice.

This 4th of July, in whatever way you celebrate, light a sparkler for the life of Pearl Hart who did so much to illuminate the lives of our people. ▼

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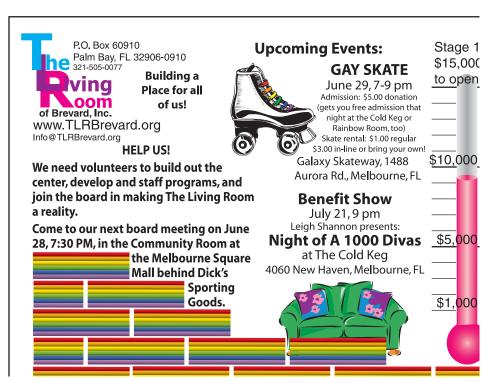
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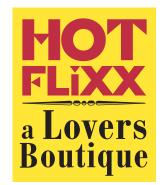
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Susie Brenner and Linda Beckstead

She brings a wonderful flavor of humor to her ministry and delivers her story in a way that will touch your soul. Linda's speaking opportunities have included preaching at MCC Vision of Hope, MCC-Omaha, and Region 8's 2004 conference in Denver.

After careful conferring, **Family of God Community Church** has decided to step back from sponsoring a PFLAG chapter in Cocoa, unfortunately there just wasn't enough interest from the community. Carol Benowitz will continue her efforts to establish chapters on the Space Coast if anyone wants to get involved, just drop me a line and I'll put you in touch with Carol.

PFLAG Vero Beach's Pride Dance on June 10 was another great success. Great fun was had by all and more funds were raised for their continuing good works.

Great fun is to be had at anyone stopping in at Fort Dix Club and Patio Bar in West Palm. It's the former Koslows with new owner John Nichols creating a new excitement with theme nights each Saturday: one for bears, country, leather and, of course, their popular underwear contest (every second Saturday). One thing Fort Dix Club and Patio Bar has that no other bar in West Palm has is its patio. It has a bar in the covered portion and an outdoor area with seating, making it a great place to get outside and the perfect setting for their free Sunday buffet. It's a true neighborhood bar with a friendly staff and a Levi/country feel and the place to meet men of all stripes.

Gay Rights Tidbits: Election campaigns are starting to get going for the fall elections. You need to make sure you attend events and voice your concerns about gay rights. Buttonhole the candidates and ask them directly how they stand on equal rights for lesbians and gays. Only when faced by voters will the importance of this issue be driven home to the politicians. Don't settle for glib religious slough-offs like "I'll pray for you." Make them tell you exactly why they want to discriminate against you, make them uncomfortable. GET INVOLVED with campaigns of candidate who support us - start putting a dollar a week (or more if you can afford it) in a jar for your personal political fund so when the time comes you have some money to donate to defeat those who would oppress us. Every dollar is important, every vote is important, every time a hate filled politician is forced to defend his hatefulness is important. Everyone must prepare themselves because it is hard to confront people, but you can do it and you won't be attacked. One way to start is to go to KnowThyNeighbor. org, click on Florida, then on Search for Names (on the left) and search for people you know that has signed the anti-gay marriage amendment petition and then talk to them - check out EQFL.org if you need help knowing what to say. But talk to people, get used to it and it will come easier and prepare you for talking with your representatives so you can remind them that they are your representatives, too, not just representatives of the far right.

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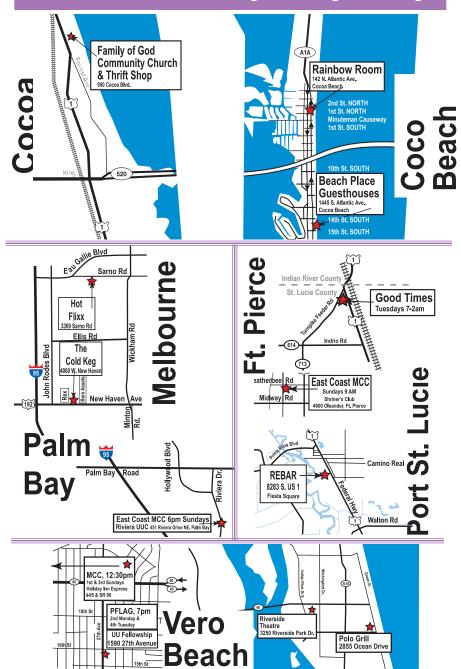
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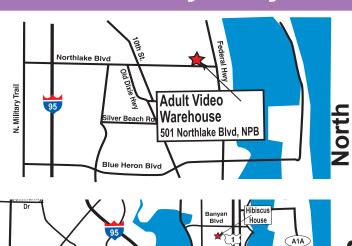
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