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# In My Life

by  
Drake Austin

Hello again readers, hope all my fellow Leo's had great birthdays. So a lot has happened in my personal experiences in the last few weeks. First and foremost I want to send off a huge hand to Brian, Jimmy and Becky at The Rainbow Room for the huge hit of ladies night. Everything there is so wonderful, the drag king shows, the lesbian help group that's held before hours and not to blow my own horn but the great music that I personally take care of.

In noisy little excavations that I usually make I have come across a large divisionary line in the homosexual community, which isn't that big of news. This one is over a fight for power. It's seems that a rather large homosexual on-line community leader has severed all connections with a local club due to that leader's position with the owners. Now I'm trying to be as discreet as possible, not naming any names so that things stay clean, but I think it's a great story. So, this leader wanted to hold one of their group's events at the club and went behind the owners back to set up an entertainer and take almost total domination of the establishment. Now when I hear things, I don't follow them without research, so I dug a little deeper in this person's past and found that a trail of failed and achieved domination has been left in their wake.

So now that I know that, what does a teenage queen like myself know about of this and why am I so bothered by it??

Well it seems that because of this person's position of power they have instructed every member of their on-line group, which numbers a little over 400, has been told to stay away from a homosexual establishment. Because of a spat that they are at fault for, they have started a boycott of a place that once gave shelter to that group. The club's management really doesn't care about the situation and just wants it to be over but still has to take the stand that they won't be pushed around.

So all I really want to say is why deny yourself a club for something petty. Your fault or not, every person should have enough power in themselves to mend a problem or admit fault. I don't care what a person says or does, one thing that shows maturity to me is the ability to admit you did wrong and apologize. This leader obviously isn't that mature and should learn to be. Life is too short to bitch and nag about the little things, if you take up too much time nagging, the flowers you should smell will just wither and die. So be a bigger person, un like this leader, stay strong to yourself yet be considerate of others.

And if this leader is reading this, this is not OOTC's position but mine – got any beef about it talk to me, not Lee or anyone else. Because, trust me, I will hear everything one way or another be it your lips to my ears or to someone else's. And if you're aware of this situation and know all about it or are a member of the on-line community just a word of advice: slavery and serfdom ended long ago, stand up. It's your right to voice your opinion and say what you want, good or bad.

Oh and a nice thing I found on the internet: two yahoo groups. One for Lesbians called Space Coast Lesbians and one for gay youth called Young Queens of Brevard which is youth oriented one so make sure to drop by and register if you like, with your help these things can grow and flourish. ▼

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# HOROSCOPE by Jacqueline

**Practicality is the tone for this month. Starting the month with the sun in Virgo, mars in Taurus, and the New Moon on the 3rd, taking steps to prioritizing what is truly important in your life is your number-one goal. With Pluto going direct on the 2nd, this will enable you to move forward with those goals. The full moon on the 17th will be a void of coarse moon. This is not the time to start new projects, but to get all the details ready to make that change.**

**Aries** *March 22 – April 21* You focus on your goals this month. Be flexible; there's always another way. Even if you have to give up something in the short term, you will gain it back tenfold. Your goals are right. Don't abandon them. Just find another path to get you there. Use your youthful optimism to handle the daily pressures.

**Taurus** *April 22 – May 21* Don't let the pressures of work stop you from pampering yourself. Your focus this month will be on your work. Prioritize and know when to leave. Make sure you leave the pressures of work at work. If you do, you will find the answers come easier and you will be less stressed.

**Gemini** *May 22 – June 21* You will find the balance between your personal and professional life this month. Some of the adjustments may need fine tuning, Prioritizing helps. Be open and flexible as this is a time for learning new patterns that will work for you. You will find your mate to be happier.

**Cancer** *June 22 – July 21* Take time to sit and relax in your home alone. Your thoughts this month will lead you to hold onto the past and contemplate the future. Stop looking at the past; there is nothing you can do to restore it. Focus your

thoughts on the future and you will find the answers you are looking for.

**Leo** *July 22 – August 21* This last month you were held back. This month it's time to move forward. Ask for that raise or promotion, but don't do it with a grudge. Use assertiveness, not aggressiveness. Your success lies with letting the chip on your shoulder go. The obstacles have been removed from your path. It's time to move full-speed ahead.

**Virgo** *August 22 – September 21* Happy Solar Return! With the new moon and the sun in your sign this month, you will find your social life opening up. Go with the flow. You have been taking work too seriously. Enjoy a little time in the spot light. Allow the simple pleasures of life to bring you joy. Basically this is your month to stop and smell the roses.

**Libra** *September 22 – October 21* Welcome to a lull in normal activity. People or situations from the past may be returning. Stay alert and keep your emotions in-check. Don't make any decisions in haste. Wait and the right answer will come. Remember this is a month that nothing is started or finished, so relax and observe.

**Scorpio** *October 22 – November 21* You meet your share of competition this month. As usual you are a formidable opponent. By taking each obstacle one-at-a-time you will be able to succeed. Old flames from your past may appear. You know better, so don't go there. This is not the time to start a new relationship or reunite with one from the past. It's time for you to rely on your own abilities.

**Sagittarius** *November 22 – December 21* You have the opportunity to make successful career moves now. Don't ignore

the power of the friends you have in business. You need to prioritize your goals. Otherwise, you could push for what you really don't want. Remember the details this month. This is what will make or break you.

**Capricorn** *December 22 – January 21* You have an itch for something new, but you want it to have a proven and practical quality. That's an oxymoronic approach, don't you think? Chances are, the executive genie that could grant your wish is also confused. Now is the time to clear things up. Make concrete decisions without that proven record.

**Aquarius** *January 22 – February 21* Your focus will be on relationships this month. Listen, first and foremost! In all your one-to-one relationships you need to revise your way of doing things in accordance with changing times. Yes, even you can get caught behind the times. Your financial situation is changing for the better. This will make you feel better about those changes.

**Pisces** *February 22 – March 21* Of course your full moon has to fall into a void of course, and that will add to your confusion. This month is a time to prioritize for you as well. Get your thoughts and plans in order. Make a list and put it in a prominent place where you can see it daily. Imagination is your greatest asset; make sure your insights are written down. You will find them useful later. ▼

For those who want to know: The sign Virgo represents purity. The symbol for it is the vestal virgin. She shows us all the details of any situation. Be careful not to over analyze what she reveals. Remember to look at the simple purity of the circumstances. Act upon that and you will find life easier during her reign.

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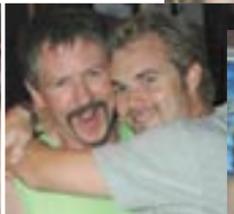
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# Tea Time

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Top of the news this month is the \$1,531 raised at the founding fundraiser for The Living Room Community Center in Melbourne. Sharon and the staff at the **Cold Keg** did their usual outstanding job hosting; **Kelli Randell**, Roz Russell and Mr. Ed (Ed Sparan is the president of The Living Room) headlined the show with performances by Felecia Blackhart, Shelita Cox and Veronica Ray – we all missed Dominique Golden and wish her a speedy recovery. Of course the real salute goes to the people who cared enough to show up and contribute and the business that donated the prizes for the raffles and auctions. This is the money that will get the ball rolling, get the initial t's crossed and i's dotted. Anyone interested in getting involved with the center, just email [TheLivingRoom@ootcmag.com](mailto:TheLivingRoom@ootcmag.com). And look for more fundraisers this fall. The goal is \$15,000 to get the doors open and they're off to a great start!

Speaking of new starts, **East Coast MCC** is moving its services in Brevard from UUF (Unitarian Universalist Fellowship) in Melbourne to UCC (United Church of Christ) in Palm Bay. The services will be every Sunday at 6 PM at Riviera UCC, 451 Riviera Drive NE. For those who don't know how to use a mapping program, Riviera Drive is across from the Wal-Mart on Palm Bay Road. The **East Coast MCC** services in Vero Beach are now on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 PM at the Vero Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's new sanctuary at 1590 27th Ave (that's on the southeast corner of 16th Street and 27th Avenue). And in Port St. Lucie the **East Coast MCC** services will be every Sunday morning at 9 AM and are schedule to start in September at the Shriner's Club at 4600 Oleander (north of Midway Road and south of Weatherbee Road). The info came a little late for this issue, so the maps won't be updated until next month. Plus Jerry Seay and the board are pitching in to help The Living Room become a reality.

A real thought provoking event is coming up at **Family of God Community Church** in Cocoa. They will be screening the film *Fish Can't Fly*. The film is a truthful look at the tragic effects of ex-gay "therapy" on those who have gone through it. This is timely considering the story last June of Zach Stark, the Tennessee teenager whose parents sent him to Love in Action (a camp where he was to "cured" of his homosexuality). You may remember that Zach's blog (web log/internet diary) about his fears and the resulting publicity effected in his release from the camp and pending charges against Love in Action for lack of a counseling license and investigation of child abuse. *Fish Can't Fly* will be shown at the **Family of God Community Church** at 7 PM on Wednesday, September 14th. For those unfamiliar with ex-gay "therapy" this will be an eye-opener, for sure!

Another eye-opener will be the Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945 exhibit at Compass in West Palm Beach. Compass is proud to be the first gay and lesbian center in the nation entrusted with this traveling exhibit from The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. This internationally-renowned exhibit will be at Compass from November 13 through January 6. If you don't know the significance of the pink triangle or thought only Jews were persecuted in the holocaust, this exhibit will reveal the horrible truth. Compass is hosting the exhibit in partnership with Florida Atlantic University's Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education. And if you're a serious bike rider, sign up with Compass for The Smart Ride on November 4th and 5th, then get your friends (or your favorite bar) to sponsor you so you can raise funds as you enjoy the leisurely two-day, 167 mile, bike ride from Miami to Key West. And if you're a typical American who gets winded walking to the

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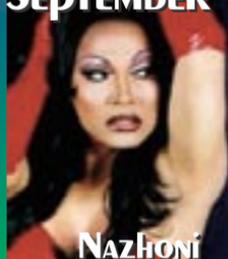
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# Spiritually Speaking

## Who do YOU say I am?

This is a question that Jesus in scripture put before His disciples. This is a question we sometimes need to ask of ourselves. Who are we? Who are we as individuals and who are we as community?

If you were to ask your co-workers, friends, and even family members this same question I'm sure there would be an array of answers, the bottom line remains the same. We are here to make the best out of our gift of life. Our lives are a gift that is precious and is short. We need to make the best of what we have no matter what life circumstances may bring us.

Many times, I'm confronted by those who feel that all is hopeless that there is no getting out of the "rut" we are sometimes in. Those "ruts" are sometimes in our relationships with others or the influences others can place on our lives. At times we accept those influences without regard to their consequences and once we sink into despair we grow hopeless in our challenge.

We must look deep within ourselves and be thankful for what we do have. The ole saying "There is always someone worse off than ourselves" is kind of harsh but real. We are all on different paths and journeys. We need to say to ourselves I am thankful for "\_\_\_\_\_" and use that thanks-

giving for a starting point of recovery. One thankful gift at a time, we realize that we do have something within our grasp that is good and wholesome. Sometimes it's as simple as the thanksgiving for the ability to wake in the morning and get ourselves to the start of our day. At a hospital visit recently, a patient was so thankful for the ability to raise himself out of his hospital bed. Simple thanksgiving for what we do have brings us to a reality of the abilities that will re-build our doubts into achievements and then our faith and hope is slowly restored.

Faith begins with believing in oneself. Without faith in oneself it is hard to have hope for our futures. At times we invest so much into our relationships that when that relationship, fails we have little resource left to ourselves. Be good to yourselves first, and then you can become a gift to others.

It's in the beginning of the day that we must have faith and hope in the challenges that may confront us. We must be thankful at the end of that day, [and some say hour] that we were blest to get through those challenges. A foundation begins to be laid for us. We lay that foundation of faith in oneself, and hope for our futures.

As one who has lived in our community for over 14 years I hear a constant undertone that our community

offers little to us. Look a bit differently at what is out there and with eyes of faith and hope you will see and find some hidden treasures out there. Many dedicate themselves to the future of our community. There is a wealth of opportunity to reach out to our community with bonds of fellowship and acceptance. We just need to "seek and you shall find" and also "Knock" because you may be surprised what may open.

If you don't search for that light in our challenges, no light will be found. There are always answers to what challenges all of us but we must be willing to search not only in ourselves but also around us to really see how blest we are as individuals and as a community.

I hope your gift of life is truly blest with an abundance of faith so that you will be strengthened in the never-ending gift of hope. A Hope that can conquer what life challenges may bring to all of us. ▼

God Bless Your Journey,

Rev. Mark Osdras, Pastor, Family of God Community Church

*Rev. Mark Osdras is the pastor of Family of God Community Church in Cocoa. Family of God Community Church is a vital and growing congregation with worship services on Saturday at 10:00 a.m., Sundays at 6:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. They also have a thrift shop and their community room is available to any organization that needs a place to meet. You can reach them by calling 321-632-3767 or visit their website at [familyofgodbrevard.org](http://familyofgodbrevard.org) for a list of their activities and schedules.*



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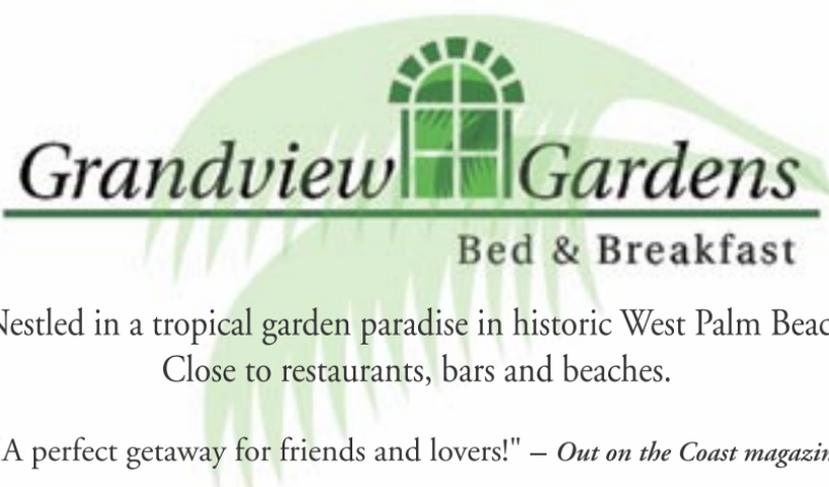
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Riding to the rescue once again was **Kelli Randell** and **Club Bλrd Cage** at their family day benefit for PK and Patrice. With the barbecued food donated by Carol & Tracy providing the sustenance there was \$2,000 raised for medical bills. And if you haven't been to **Club Bλrd Cage** recently you have stop in and see the new layout and check out the faces behind the bar. The traffic jam at the end of the bar has been removed by relocating the pool table, dartboards and projection TV. It makes it a lot easier to move around and to play pool or darts even when the place is packed (I never understood the attraction of playing pool when the table is surrounded by people watching the show). As mentioned above, Dominique was incapacitated, but is ok; Helina is out of the hospital and we all look for her to return to her place at the front door soon.

Sooner or later you'll want to spend a few days away from it all (or in it all) and a perfect getaway for friends or lovers is the **Grandview Gardens Bed & Breakfast** in West Palm Beach. Rick and Peter are the perfect hosts and the place is spectacular, with a pool and spacious rooms and close to the bars and beaches, yet secluded from the hustle. So if you just want to get away to relax with your lover or if you and some friends want a place to recover from a night at the Palm Beach clubs in nice surroundings check out **Grandview Gardens Bed & Breakfast**.

Speaking of nice surroundings, I stopped in at **Lulu's** in Delray Beach and was blown away by the beautiful decor, friendly people and mix of people. Billy and Jennifer made me feel right at home and what a change to be able to see who you're talking to (stress talking, not shouting). With outdoors and indoors spaces (since they sell food the indoors space is smoke free) **Lulu's** is definitely a place to check out for a good time.

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If you haven't already, check out **Good Times** Gay Tuesdays. Last Tuesday there was a nice crowd for the amateur strip contest. People were there from all over and it seems to be developing nicely as a place for the other bars' staff to hang out and have fun knowing they won't be called on to work. So for a good time on Tuesday, be at **Good Times**.

I know our photographer had a good time at **Cupids** but I can't make much sense of what he tells me. It seems everyone is named Dick (nicknames can be so crude, so I'll call them Richard)! When I ask about it he just talks about Richards being long, or cute or sexy or pulsating (is that a new dance?), anyway I know they're nude but when I press him for details he just excuses himself and takes a shower! I swear he's spent more time in the shower this week than he has in his entire life! When I asked why we didn't get pictures of more people he just said all he noticed was Richard! Labor Day weekend, porn star Jason Adonis will be working "hard" at **Cupids**! Here's your chance to get up close and personal with a real porn star! They're open till 5 AM so you can go before or after another club or make it an all night party. The music's great, the Richards are everywhere and we all know that it's good to find a hard man! PS, women aren't left out, on Thursdays **Cupids** has female performers, too.

You can see performances of a different sort by Delores Cartier, Velvet Lenore, Broward County's Anita Fixx and some new faces at Cartier Productions opening fundraiser for the season Saturday September 17th at H.G. Roosters. The fundraiser is for the Names Project South Florida Chapter which represents the AIDS Memorial Quilt. It will start at 10 PM will have a raffle for some fabulous prizes. H.G. Roosters will also showing off its new renovations.

Gay Rights Tidbit: One step forward was the United Church of Christ's endorsement of gay marriage; one step in place was the failure of the Evangelical Lutheran Church's failure to follow suit; another step forward was a recent letter with a scathing condemnation of the movement he helped create by Love in Action co-founder John Evans to LIA's current director John Smid, saying the movement leads to "shattered lives." We can only hope that the tide is beginning to turn against the so-called Christian's anti-gay movement. One half step backward is the announcement by the organizers of the Florida anti-gay marriage amendment that they are within days of having enough signatures to trigger a review by the Florida Supreme Court. I say half step because they still don't have anywhere enough signatures to get it on the ballot and they have to get it past the Florida Supreme Court, who may have a problem since amendments are supposed to be single issue while this one defines marriage as only being between a man and a woman *and* prohibits any other kind of legal union being the equivalent of marriage. Keep your fingers crossed on that one. ▼

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# In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

*“A call to me . . . more important than life.”*

## Henry Hay and the Founding of the Mattachine Society

Perhaps as long as there have been human beings, there has existed the desire to come together in groups. World history is filled with examples of people organizing around shared interests and concerns. Lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgendered history is no different. Our history is filled with examples of organizations founded specifically to meet the needs of gay people of all sorts.

Over the next two issues of *Out on the Coast magazine*, this column will explore the history and legacy of two foundational organizations – the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis. Each of these organizations played a critical role in creating a foundation of activism on behalf of gay people that current day organizations like the Human Rights Campaign and others carry on. The Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis remind us that the past is indeed always prologue.

During the 1950s in California it was illegal for two gay men to congregate. Henry “Harry” Hay believed that gay men and lesbian women not only had the right to congregate but that gays and lesbians had a unique viewpoint to offer the world. Over the many years of his activism he would develop a theory he called “gay consciousness”. Hay believed that “We [gay people] differ most from heterosexuals in how we perceive the world. That ability to offer insights and solutions is our contribution to humanity, and why our people keep reap-

pearing over the millennia.”

In 1948, Harry Hay created a political strategy no one had ever thought of before. He advanced the notion that since homosexuals made up a cultural minority (he was the first to name homosexuals a “minority”) that in exchange for ideological support, homosexuals would give their votes. Hay proposed, that if the then Vice-President Henry Wallace, who was running for President in that election year as the Progressive Party’s candidate, would back a sexual-privacy law Hay would organize homosexuals to vote for him. Hay planned to call this first organizational conception, “Bachelors Anonymous”. Hay wrote and discreetly circulated a prospectus calling for “the androgynous minority” to organize as a political entity. Hay’s called for an “international bachelor’s fraternal order for peace and social dignity”.

Two years later Hay’s organizational efforts were successful. On November 11, 1950, at Hay’s home in the Silver Lake district of Los Angeles, a group of gay men met and formed the Mattachine Society. With Harry Hay’s flair for all things dramatic ((he was an actor who performed on Los Angeles stages with Anthony Quinn in the 1930s and with Will Geer, who became his lover. Geer went on to play the grandfather in the television series “The Waltons.”) and his vast knowledge of history, he took the name “Mattachine” from a group of French medieval dancers who appeared publicly only in mask, a device well understood by homosexuals in the 1950s.



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Harry Hay used the grassroots organizing skills that he had learned as a member of the Community Party to build the Mattachine Society. He devised a secret "cell" structure similar to the one used by the Communist Party to protect individual gay members of the nascent Society and to build a gay network. The Society quickly grew to include thousands of members in dozens of chapters, which formed from Berkeley to Buffalo.

In 1952, Mattachine successfully defended a gay man who had been entrapped by Los Angeles Police and charged with "led and dissolute conduct." It was one of the first times such charges, which Hay and others came to see as a kind of organized harassment, were thrown out by a California court.

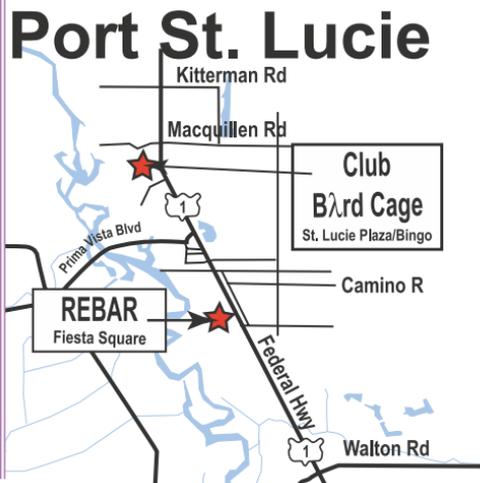
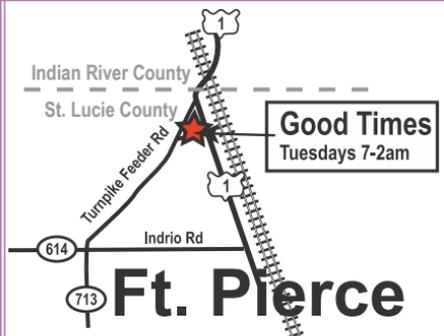
Hay's politics were revolutionary for the time. When it was dangerous to publicly identify as a "homosexual" Harry Hay

was not only out but actively organizing. As often is the case, it turned out that Harry Hay was too radical for the organization he created. By 1954, Hay had been ousted by more conservative members of Mattachine. Harry Hay had a penchant for wearing "the knit cap of a macho longshoreman, a pigtail, and a strand of pearls". He started the Mattachine Society "upon this feeling of idealism, a great transcendent dream of what being Gay was all about." Even after he left the organization, Hay knew the dream would continue.

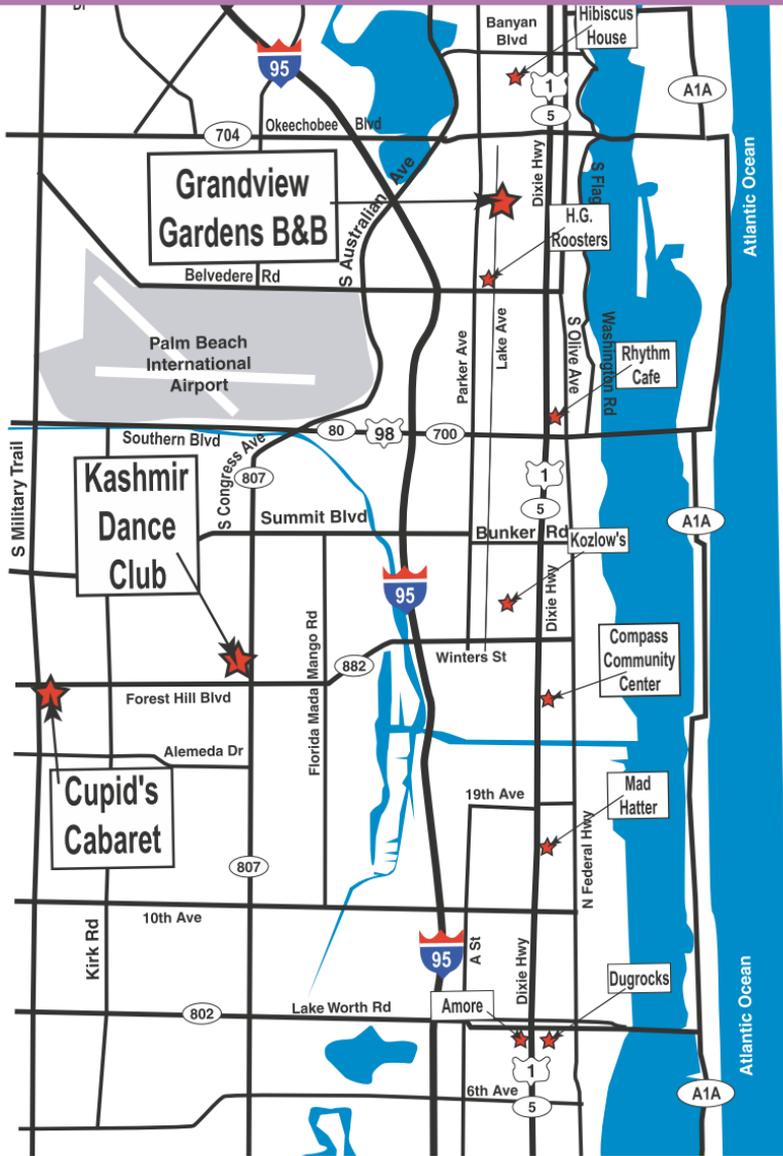
Harry Hay died on October 24, 2002, at the age of 90. ▼

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