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Support meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the Month at the First United Methodist Church of Downtown Orlando 142 East Jackson Street, Orlando, FL, Wesley Building, Room 205 and start at 7:30pm

Our next meeting is October 17, 2007

**For a number of gay bars, it's last call
A changing gay society might not need the bars as cultural centers today.**

Jeff Kunerth | Sentinel Staff Writer

The Full Moon Saloon went back to the days when gay bars didn't advertise their existence. No signs out front. No name on the door.

Faces was for lesbians only. No men allowed.

Southern Nights, one of the first gay bars in Orlando, built its business around drag-queen shows and "Lesbo a Go-Go" nights.

The Lava Lounge was an idea hatched at poolside by four friends, gay and straight, who thought it would be fun to run a bar. It lasted five years.

All four bars are gone -- victims of circumstance and changing times. Within a matter of months, Orlando's gay and lesbian community witnessed its bar scene shrink by a third, seemingly overnight. orlandosentinel.com

Florida School Board Preparing New Attempt To Ban Gay Student Group

(Okeechobee, Florida) Despite an ongoing federal lawsuit challenging the Okeechobee County School Board's banning of a Gay-Straight Organization the board is moving to tighten its rules governing clubs.

365gay.com

Central Florida Softball League Celebrates 10th Anniversary

By Steve Roberts

September 9th will be opening day for over 300 gay men and women in Orlando as the Central Florida Softball League celebrates its 10th anniversary.

outsports.com

Mayor Naugle's Gay Views Jeopardize Tourism Seat Ted Scouten

(CBS4) FORT LAUDERDALE Broward County commissioners have scheduled a discussion on Tuesday whether to remove Ft. Lauderdale Mayor Jim Naugle from the Tourist Development Council, according to CBS4 news partners The Miami Herald. It attributes this move to the mayor's comments against the gay community.

cbs4.com

Petition for marriage amendment plows ahead

By JIM SAUNDERS Tallahassee Bureau Chief

TALLAHASSEE -- As an Iowa court decision refuels a national debate about the issue, Floridians appear headed toward voting next year on a constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriages.

Backers of the proposed amendment are getting close to having enough petition signatures to put the issue on the November 2008 ballot, potentially setting up a major political fight.

Florida already has a law that prevents gay and lesbian couples from marrying, but it's not part of the constitution.

news-journalonline.com

Okeechobee County School Board moves closer to

banning 'sex-based' clubs By RACHEL

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OKEECHOBEE The Okeechobee County School Board on Tuesday moved closer to banning what it calls "sex-based clubs," student groups that challenge the district's abstinence-only sex education, according to district officials.

However, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union said the board's intent is to attack students who have formed a club to promote tolerance of gay men and lesbians, and who have sued the district for keeping the club off school grounds much of last school year.

Should the school board adopt the new rule in a final vote next month, "I will seek further judicial relief, including additional substantial attorneys' fees," ACLU attorney Robert Rosenwald wrote in a letter to an attorney for the school district.

palmbeachpost.com

Forum on gay issues shows group's value to

Democrats By PERRY BACON JR.

At the first-ever televised presidential forum devoted to gay rights issues, Democratic candidates focused largely on reiterating pro-gay stances they have taken throughout the campaign, namely that they would seek to end the "don't ask, don't tell policy" on gays in the military and would back efforts to allow civil unions.

"I think it's a historic moment, not just for the LGBT community but for America," Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., said, using the abbreviation for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender. "I'm glad that I'm participating."

chron.com

On the record - Washington Blade

If I'm really honest about it, I could say that I'm a gay actress and get lots of gay press and get more play in the gay industry, and there's that, but that's not the full truth. And so I don't want to do that. I could say that I'm straight, and not risk cutting myself out of the mainstream. But the real, honest truth is I have been madly in love with three women in my life, and had long-term relationships with them. But I've done the same thing with men.

Bisexual actress Jessica Graham on what to say to the media about her sexual orientation (AfterEllen.com, Aug. 6)

washblade.com

Central Florida film festival calendar --
OrlandoSentinel.com

Oct. 20-21 -- Gay Orlando Film Festival. A weekend of features and documentaries with gay subject matter or themes. Enzian Theater, gayorlando.com or 407-896-8431.

orlandosentinel.com

Across the Page: Smart Summer Reading

As a bisexual butch, Jude offers her own unique insights into stereotypes and labels: "They always get that wrong in the movies, they make the girly-girl the one with all the guys in her past. Whereas in my experience it's the tomboys who hang round pool halls and cars with the guys, and fool around with them, too."

afterellen.com

MTV Will Air Bisexual Dating Show

Just weeks after its own survey showed teens place high value on family and faith, MTV is rolling out a bisexual dating show.

A Shot At Love With Tila Tequila, which is scheduled to premiere on the cable network Oct. 9, will feature 16 heterosexual men and 16 lesbians competing for the attention of the show's namesake.

citizenlink.org

Tenacious star | The Bay Area Reporter Online

The film's a fascinating mess, but Hepburn makes a most appealing youth. When her bisexual contemporary Marlene Dietrich donned tuxedos or an Admiral's uniform, she seemed more feminine than ever. Greta Garbo, another bisexual, in male drag for Queen Christina (33), looked like a goddess. Hepburn, with short hair and a scrubbed face, is butch, far more relaxed in men's clothes than in dresses. Her performance is extremely revealing, given biographer William Mann's assertion that today she would be considered transgendered. The openly gay Cukor admitted that the movie's hostile reception made him cautious for the rest of his career. ebar.com

"The future world will be bisexual"

Umberto Veronesi, an Italian scientific, predicts we will have less virile men and more manly women.

The world will develop into a "unique model" in which bisexuality will prevail in three generations' time, according to Umberto Veronesi, aged 81, married several times, father of half a dozen sons and daughters and one of the most renowned scientists in Europe.

In an interview for several Italian media including "Il Reformista" and "Corriere della Sera," Veronesi talked about this issue that has been the center of attention during the European summer.

"The differences between men and women reduce." Man has no longer to fight for survival and, as a consequence, produces less androgen hormones. Women live a social revolution that give them every day new roles, which makes them produce less estrogens."

This statement calls into question the validity of the famous sentence "Me Tarzan! You Jane!" that literature and cinema turned into the model of the traditional sexual genders. Nowadays, thanks to cloning and artificial fertilization, sex is not the only way to procreation.

Scientific and science-fiction hypothesis predict that powerful incubators will be responsible for the fertilization and birth of the children.

According to Veronesi, sex will become a "gesture of affection but not a way to reproduction". It will not be important whether we choose one sex or the other any more. The result? A growing reality of the unique bisexual model, the Italian professor says.

He adds we will have less virile men and more manly women.

eitb24.com

FX network orders transgender drama

The transgender-themed drama 4 oz. is a new show slated for the fall on FX about a family man who decides to have a sex-change operation. The show, created by Brian Falchuk and Nip/Tuck creator Ryan Murphy, will be executive-produced by Brad Pitt, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

The first season deals with the revelation of his secret. In the second season, he begins dressing like a woman, Murphy said in an interview with Variety in September 2006. The third covers the surgery and his inherent doubts about going through with it, and by the fourth season, he's living as a woman and attempting to find love."

Murphy said the title of the show refers to the average weight of the human penis. (The Advocate)

advocate.com

Fisher:Stanford safeguards transgender students
 By Patty Fisher

Most students returning to Stanford this fall probably won't notice, but the list of people protected against discrimination and harassment on campus just got longer.

After years of debate and months of discussion, Stanford has become one of California's first private universities to add transgender students to the groups covered by its anti-discrimination policy.

mercurynews.com

Idaho judge rejects state bid to stop hormone therapy for transgender inmate

A federal judge says the state still must provide estrogen to an inmate who castrated herself after prison doctors refused to give her female hormones. edgeboston.com

BBC3 commissions new teen transexual documentary

BBC3 has commissioned eight documentaries for its third Body Image season, including the story of an 18-year-old trans woman who travels to Thailand to undergo genital surgery.

BBC3 will follow up last season's Lucy: Teen Transsexual with Lucy: Teen Transsexual in Thailand, which continues the story of 18-year-old Lucy Parker as she travels to Thailand to undergo male-to-female genital reconstruction surgery to bring her body into harmony with her gender identity.

Lucy has already undergone two years of hormone treatment, psychological analysis and surgery, making her one of Britain's youngest transsexual women.

The cameras will follow her throughout her surgery in Thailand and painful recovery.

It is one of three documentaries in the season made by UK production company Endemol's Brighter Pictures.

Brighter Pictures has also made Danny: My Secret Female Body (working title), which follows a 22-year-old female-to-male trans man, Danny, who has lived as a man for the past four years.

The documentary follows him as he gets chest reconstruction surgery to remove his breasts.

In the UK, there is estimated to be around 15,000 transsexual people who self-identify as the opposite gender from the physical body they were born with.

Around a third of them have surgery to change their bodies to be the opposite sex.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk>

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