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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

Next two meetings are Wed 4/16/08 and 05/21/08 7:30pm-9:30pm

Lawmakers fight for gay adoption rights - Washington Blade Gov. Crist said he opposes changes to ban TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

Two Florida Lawmakers are trying again to pass legislation that would allow gay people to adopt children.

Senator Nan Rich has proposed a law that would allow a judge to decide whether gay adoption would be in the best interest for a child. Representative Mary Brandenburg is sponsoring the bill in the House.

Gay people can be foster parents, but can not adopt. Rich says this current law makes no sense. There are more than 3, 400 children currently available for adoption in Florida.

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City passes transgender ordinance

Sun staff writer

Gainesville city commissioners voted 4-3 early Tuesday morning to approve an ordinance protecting the rights of transgender citizens, after listening to more than two hours of comments.

A majority of citizens who spoke during the meeting opposed the ordinance, and several times Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan had to ask the large crowd to quiet down their cheers and jeers.

In the end, Hanrahan and Commissioners Craig Lowe, Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Jack Donovan voted to approve the ordinance, which adds the words "gender identity" to a list of classes of people protected from discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodation and obtaining credit. Already covered in the ordinance are race, sex, sexual preference and religion.

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Miami Gay & Lesbian Film Festival 2008 preview!

Jenny Sherwin

Like a gale-force hurricane wind, queers from around the globe will blow into Miami April 25-May 4, 2008, to screen the best of the best of LGBT flicks, mix and mingle with film-industry professionals and be seen at the most delectable parties in the country's steamiest city

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New Twist In Okeechobee Gay Club Suit

by 365Gay.com Newscenter Staff

(Okeechobee, Florida) A lengthy lawsuit by the ACLU against the Okeechobee school district over its refusal to allow a Gay-Straight Alliance to meet on campus has taken a new twist a week after it was learned the GSA had no students.

Two students this week reorganized the GSA after all of its original members had either graduated or left the school.

Even though the organization was without members this month the ACLU said it was continuing the lawsuit. The new students are being added. The original president of the club, Yasmin Gonzalez, now a college student, remains on the suit.

Last week a judge rescinded an earlier ruling that required the school board to allow the GSA to meet on campus while the lawsuit played out because the club had no members. (story)

The lawsuit will go to trial in June.

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Broward extends civil rights protections to transgender residents

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) - Broward County is the latest local government to provide civil rights protections to transgender residents.

County commissioners voted unanimously yesterday to add "gender identity" and pregnancy to a list of protected classes in Broward's anti-discrimination laws. That means it's now illegal to deny housing or jobs to transgender or pregnant residents. They are also protected from discrimination in public venues such as hospitals or restaurants.

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Universal CityJazz morphs into Rising Star, offering Karaoke with a live band -- Minority Groups, Universal CityWalk, Ryan Seacrest -- OrlandoSentinel.com

Tokyo Bubbles descends upon Tatame at 223 W. Fairbanks Ave. in Winter Park on Sunday and every last Sunday of the month. This new monthly gay night is a concept that owner Maggie Lee borrowed from the Shinjuku ni-ch(omacron)me district of Japan "to pay homage to the emerging gay culture in Tokyo." Well, I guess once a month is something. The sake bar asks those of you to dress to impress for the night that will feature sake bottle service and drag shows. There's no cover for the event that starts at 8 p.m. Call 407-628-2408.

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Group targets public nudity at gay film festival in Pasco County

By Times Staff Published Thursday, March 27, 2008

A gay film festival planned for a campground resort north of Dade City has drawn the ire of a group that campaigns against pornography.

Sawmill's Gay International Film Festival is scheduled to start at 7 tonight and run through Sunday at Sawmill Camping Resort, a gated clothing-optional park for gays and lesbians off U.S. 98. The event will feature a concert by RuPaul.

"Sawmill is a private club on 100 secure acres behind a gate. Sawmill caters to the gay community and The Gay International Film Festival recognizes the best in Gay & Adult Cinema," according to a Web site and flier for the event.

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