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WELCOME TO GAY DAYS 2010!

WELCOME TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF GAY DAYS. The theme this year is 'Heroes'. All of us, no matter what our orientation, are heroes when we step out of the closet, or like PFLAG, support equality for all people.

We're proud to support the Gay American Heroes Foundation (www.gayamericanheroes.info) in building a national memorial honoring and remembering LGBT victims of hate crimes, and their effort in engaging and informing the public about hate crimes against LGBT persons. This work will only inspire compassion and greater appreciation and acceptance of diversity. Visit their booth in the lobby of the Gay Days Host Hotel, the Doubletree Resort Orlando—International Drive, and find out more about their mission and make a donation so this national memorial will become a reality.

Yes, Gay Days is a vacation event so plan a visit to the Magic Kingdom on Saturday, June 5th as being a highlight of your vacation. That is the tradition from when Gay Days started back in 1991 and is a must do event of most Gay Days attendees. But don't forget that if you want to see all the other great attractions that Central Florida has to offer, you need to start your planning early.

Discovery Cove, part of Seaworld Orlando, is a full day event that will have you bedazzled. The Gay Days staff visited last year and were blown away by the beauty and diversity of activities.

Blue Man Group at Universal Orlando is once again back as a sponsor of Gay Days. Visit both of their booths in the Gay Days Expo to see what great offers they have for your vacation.

We know you will love any of the other parks or events that are going on during Gay Days. Unless you plan on giving up on sleep, you'll find it hard to attend even half of what is offered during the week. Check out the calendars throughout the Gay Days magazine. We designed it to be more user friendly. The calendars follow the flow of the week with the first one highlighting Tuesday, June 1st through Thursday, June 3rd. Then we have Friday, Saturday, and Sunday calendar pages positioned around the event ads that are on those days. Let us know what you think.

Gay Days continues to grow and is one of the largest GLBT vacation events in the world. 150,000+ travel from all fifty states and many foreign countries. We know you also enjoy other great travel destinations and GLBT events. Check out some of them in this issue. Become part of Gay Days On The Road as we travel around the country, and the world, promoting the MAGIC of Gay Days.

Next time you are planning a visit to Orlando or city in Florida, check out our sister sites GayOrlando.com and GayFlorida.com.

To our Gay Days 2010 visitors, we're glad you're here! Please vacation responsibly and start making plans for Gay Days 2011, which is the 21st anniversary of this FAB event. Our theme for 2011 is Cowboys & Cowgirls and the dates are May 31–June 6, 2011. Remember, you can book your 2011 hotel room while you're here to get the best rooms.

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The resort has 28 acres of lushly landscaped grounds where you feel you're in a tropical oasis. Enjoy one of three pools on property to tan or dance at one of the many pool parties. Looking for a bountiful breakfast buffet in the morning, casual dining in a relaxing atmosphere after a busy day of attraction or event hopping, or just a quick bite before you head out to the next Gay Days event, you'll find a range of dining options to satisfy your palate at the hotel. Don't forget to pick up **THE COOKIE** at the hotel's front desk. These delicious cookies are a hallmark of Doubletree. Check out other Gay Days recommended dining opportunities on pages 28–29.

When it comes to cocktails, choose from a tranquil lounge with flat screen televisions to outdoor pool bars each offering a wide variety of your favorite beverages. Of course Bud Light, Gay Days Presenting Sponsor, will have additional drink stations set up throughout the property. On Thursday, June 3rd, we'll be hosting the 2nd annual Lush-A-Licious, a wine tasting on property. Once you head off property, check out some of the local GLBT bars and clubs listed on the map pages 52–53. The Gay Days Roundup, a

12-step recovery event, is also on property. See there ad on page 34. Remember if you're going to drink, **RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**, so take a designated driver or take a taxi. We want everyone back for our 40th anniversary.

The Doubletree also offers a larger exhibit hall, right off the main lobby, where more than 100 vendors at the three day Gay Days Expo will be sampling beer & wine, selling jewelry, clothing and more. Many vendors will be giving away great items to stuff in your Gay Days Welcome Bags which you'll receive as you enter the expo. Our Gay Days merchandise & event tickets will also be available right at the entrance of the expo.

We have more event rooms which has enabled us to double the Esurance Gay Days Film Festival, triple the Gay Days Comedy Festival, add a Literary event, and on Saturday, June 5th, we will host the first annual Gay Days Auto Show with Flamingo Auto Group West.

And for the first time we'll have children's activities for GLBT families. The Doubletree has an activities director and is also **PET FRIENDLY**.

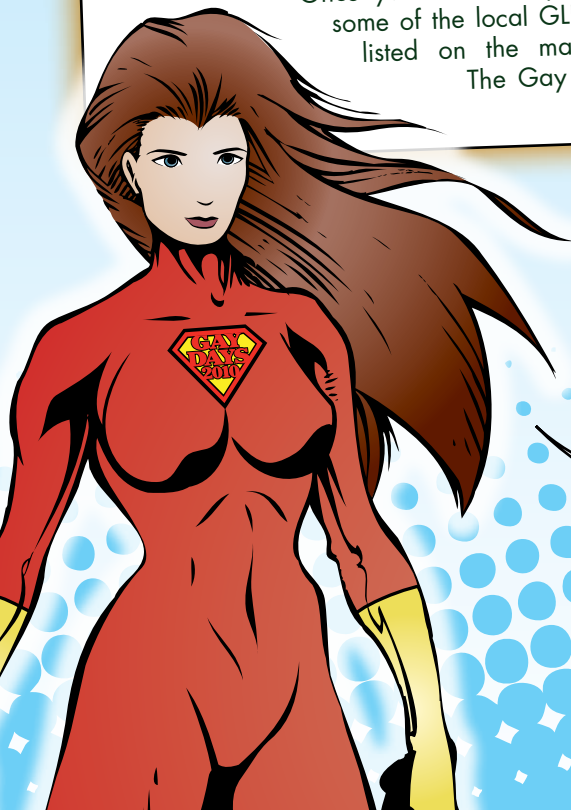
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The Doubletree Resort, located on International Drive is the home for the **2010 Annual Gay Days** weekend. Step into the luxurious, newly renovated, resort and you can easily see why this is the hotel of choice for this internationally acclaimed celebration of Gays and Lesbians. This 28 acre resort is conveniently located near many of the most popular Orlando attractions, yet guests can easily spend days within the tranquil and scenic property and never realize they are in one of the busiest tourist areas in the United States.

For visitors wanting to sightsee, **Sea World** and the latest fun filled attraction, **Aquatica** is right next door, and the ever popular **Walt Disney World** and **Universal Studios** are just a short hop down the road with complimentary transportation provided by the **Doubletree Resort**.

This family-friendly resort presents multiple first class amenities as standard fare. The newly refurbished Doubletree offers contemporary guest rooms and suites to meet any budget. Three swimming pools, and a miniature golf course are all nestled within the palm shrouded resort for the sun-loving crowd. Sun on the deck and sip Mai Tai from the **Red Parrot Pool Bar**, or enjoy a quick lunch Max's Deli while soaking up the rays of the spectacular Florida sun.

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Of course, what would a great vacation be without great food, and again, The Doubletree resort offers guests a first class experience in a casual environment. The flagship restaurant, **The Bamboo Grille** offers an all-day menu and diners may choose from the well appointed casual décor inside, or under the cooling bamboo fans on the terrace. Regardless of your style or taste the Bamboo Grille will exceed your expectations. After dinner, treat yourself to a relaxing nightcap in the exotic **Bangli Lounge**.



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TUESDAY

Gay Days® Kickoff Party Saks Fifth Avenue—Florida Mall 5:30 PM—9:00 PM *See ad on page 6*

WEDNESDAY

Funky Monkey Wine Company Downtown location 8:30 PM *See ad on page 30*

THURSDAY

Gay Day at Animal Kingdom Walt Disney World Regular park hours

Gay Days® Roundup Doubletree Resort *See page 34 for more information*

Gay Days®
Welcome & Information Booth Doubletree Resort 10:00 AM—9:00 PM

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Ticket & Merchandise Center Doubletree Resort 11:00 AM—8:00 PM

Gay Days® Expo Doubletree Resort 12:00 PM—8:00 PM

Gay Days® 18+ Expo Doubletree Resort 12:00 PM—8:00 PM

Orange County Health Services Doubletree Resort 12:00 PM—7:00 PM

Gay Days® Esurance Film Festival
Taking Woodstock Doubletree Resort 1:00 PM *See ad on page 26*

Girls at Gay Days® Literary Festival Doubletree Resort 3:00 PM—5:30 PM

Gay Days® Esurance Film Festival
Homewrecker Doubletree Resort 4:00 PM *See ad on page 26*

Gay Days® Pool Area Vendors Doubletree Resort 5:00 PM—10:00 PM

Gay Days® Wine Tasting Event Doubletree Resort 6:00 PM—10:00 PM *See ad on page 8*

Funky Monkey Wine Company Two Locations—
See ad on page 30 Shows 9:30 PM & 10:30 PM

Gay Days® Welcome Pool Party Doubletree Resort 9:00 PM—3:00 AM

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PI at PH Parliament House *See ad on page 16*

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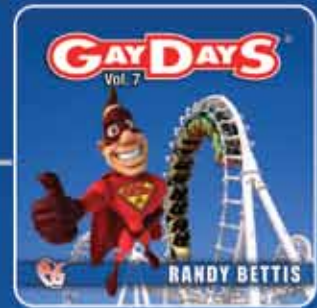
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Here are some of those FAMILY friendly activities that are planned starting at Noon on Thursday, June 3rd through Noon on Sunday, June 6th. Check out GayDays.com to see updated events during the week, or just stop by the hotel. Outside families with kids are welcome.



ACTIVITIES THAT ARE FREE

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2010 GAY DAYS EXPO

No matter where they vacation, gays and lesbians everywhere always seek out the local GLBT shops to visit. Just imagine a vacation where the shops come to you. At the 2010 Gays Days Weekend you'll experience one of the largest gay and Lesbian Expos in the world. Located inside the Great Lakes Ballroom, and spilling out into the

foyer and onto the outdoor pool areas of the Doubletree Resort, over a hundred vendors will come together to offer the Gay Days attendees and visitors a vast array of eclectic offerings from GLBT-friendly businesses, travel and entertainment vendors. There is even a special 18-year-old-and-over expo for the daring shopper.

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Traditionally “community” has been defined as a group of interacting, inter-related people living in the same place, such as a neighborhood or town. But the word is more often used to refer to a group that is organized around common values, desires, and needs, and shared stories, stories that because of their common themes, help to create social cohesion. For most women, social groups are how they form associations with others and learn about themselves. Women will share feelings and stories to create and cement relationships and will straightforwardly bond together to help friends paint, move furniture or tile a bathroom. Women will watch each other’s children along with Sunday night football or make an effort to get together just to eat, talk, listen to music, and laugh. To women, community has been important for their physical and emotional well being and survival. No one knows this better than lesbians, who have connected and reconnected with each other in bars and clubs, at potlucks, churches and softball fields. Even when physically finding each other is difficult, we have managed to maintain relationships and build community through online forums, chat rooms, and blogs.

Of the many aspects of our lives that have helped connect us, art, beauty and emotion as reflected in our music and literature have given us a home and an identity. For many of us, finding women we could relate to in books and lyrics made us feel less different. This year, **GIRLS AT GAY DAYS** recognizes, affirms and celebrates our communities and relationships by offering a series of events—author chats, concerts, readings, and films—where you can make new friends and spend time with old friends, where you can revel in the power, the beauty, and the language of women.

Lesbian and bisexual women writers and musicians are the heroes that affirm our identities and give us a place in culture. When this year’s Gay Days salutes heroes—the everyday, the well-known, and the ones drawn from fantasy and the media—**GIRLS AT GAY DAYS** will also be celebrating those heroes, who in word and song, encouraged us to know who we were, made us feel less alone, and helped us form community.



I am proud
of being different.

I am proud
of my dog, Sparky.


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to be part of
a great community.

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to have understanding and
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WOMEN AND WORDS

In Lee Lynch's narrative "Cruising the Library," she writes about her difficulty in finding images of herself in books available for young and adolescent readers: "Wasn't there one picture book," she asks, "when I was five, of a little girl fighting to the death the horror of being skirted up for a first day at school—and winning?" Like Lee, many of us found ourselves perplexed and saddened by the exclusion of lesbians in mainstream and popular literature, and wondering why, even when we were included, the characters' sexuality was so subtly written that we had to wonder if we were possibly reading lesbians into the stories. While lesbians were not wholly invisible, books were hard to find and we had to read them in secret.

Lesbian authors helped us to identify ourselves and see the diversity within our community, to know that one could be a lesbian and still wear makeup. Remember reading Rita Mae Brown's *Ruby Fruit Jungle*? Or Jeannette Winterson's *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*? In these texts, lesbian sexuality was not only accepted, but affirmed and joyfully celebrated. Stories about lesbian life are essential to building our community.

A master of characterization, **KARIN KALLMAKER** is a prolific author of lesbian fiction whose works span lesbian romance, lesbian erotica, and lesbian science-fiction and fantasy. She publishes exclusively in the lesbian market as a matter of personal choice. Set primarily in romance novel situations, Kallmaker's protagonists face contemporary social challenges. Her body of work that reflects lesbian community history since her debut novel, *In Every Port* (1989), which included events surrounding the assassination of Harvey Milk in 1978. Her second novel, *Touchwood*, established her as a writer with "a sure sense of the power of language and of the power of eros." Her typical heroine is the kind of indestructible and talented woman we all dream we could be—much like Molly Bolt in *Rubyfruit Jungle*. Kallmaker's ability to push the boundaries of genre fiction while maintaining her popularity is epitomized by her novel *Maybe Next Time*, which won a Lambda Literary Award. In 2008, she joined Bella Books as the press's first Editorial Director.

LEE LYNCH, born in Manhattan in 1945, has been proudly writing lesbian stories since the 1960s when she was a frequent contributor to *The Ladder*, the only lesbian publication at the time. Since then she has published novels and essays, and her stories have appeared in a number of anthologies. Lee has written reviews and feature articles for *The Lambda Book Report* and many other publications. Her syndicated column, "The Amazon Trail," has been running in papers across the country since 1986. Many younger lesbian writers such as have cited her influence, especially regarding the importance of authenticity in lesbian literature. Lee's skillful way of characterizing butch and femme characters in her writing set the standard for

many novelists writing since the 1970s. In 2006, Lee was inducted into the Saints and Sinners Literary Festival's Hall of Fame in New Orleans, and her novel *Sweet Creek* was a finalist for a Golden Crown Literary Society Award and was named one of the top ten fiction books of the year by the Q Syndicate. In 2009 Lynch was awarded the Golden Crown Literary Society Trail Blazer award for lifetime achievement, in recognition of the contributions she has made to the field of lesbian literature. Lee's new novel, *Beggar of Love*, is now available from Bold Strokes Books. A sweeping story of lesbian passion about Jefferson, an anchorless innocent wandering through a world of women who can resist her no more than she can resist them. Every woman has known Jefferson—or is Jefferson

LYNN AMES is the author of six best-selling, critically acclaimed novels—*The Price of Fame* (which was short-listed for the first annual Golden Crown Literary Society award in the category of lesbian romance), *The Cost of Commitment*, *Outsiders*, *The Value of Valor* (winner of the 2007 Arizona Book Award for Best Gay/Lesbian Book), *One~Love* (formally published as *The Flip Side of Desire* and a finalist for the GCLS 2007 Ann Bannon Best Popular Lesbian Fiction Award), and *Heartsong* (short-listed for the 2008 GCLS award for best lesbian romance). Her short stories have been published in several anthologies, including *Telltale Kisses*, *Stolen Moments* and *Call of the Dead*. Even with all the writing she publishes, Lynn has worked as an award-winning former broadcast journalist, former press secretary to the New York state senate minority leader, former public information officer for the nation's third largest prison system, and former editor of a national art magazine. Lynn Ames is a nationally recognized speaker and CEO of a public relations firm with a particular expertise in image, crisis communications planning, and crisis management.

BELLA BOOKS is a small press publisher of lesbian literature that is based in Tallahassee, Florida. Since the publication of its first title in 2001, its primary focus has been on lesbian fiction and the total titles in print exceed 250 books. The chief executive officer is Linda Hill, who is also the chief executive officer of Spinsters Ink and BeanPole Books. The editors of **Bella Books** believe stories about lesbians are a vital part of our lives. They publish books about lesbian romance, mystery, action/thriller, science-fiction, fantasy, erotica, and lesbian literary fiction.—books with exciting, fresh plots, and engaging characters whose complexities, struggles and triumphs celebrate their hopes and dreams. They know that readers want books they can't put down, stories they think about for days afterward, and characters so compelling they wish they could meet them. More than fifty of Bella's catalog titles have been shortlisted or have won Lambda Literary Awards or Golden Crown Literary Society Awards, and in 2004 it won the Lambda Literary Foundation's *Independent LGBT Press Award* itself.

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While growing up lesbian, most of us never had the chance to hear music that might have made our lives a little bit easier or made us feel a little less different from our classmates. Thankfully, most of us survived our childhoods and finally heard “lesbian music,” music filled with the chords of our love, pain and joy, lyrics that reflected our passions and desires, music that used the right pronouns. Remember the first time you heard the Indigo Girls sing “Closer I am to Fine” or Melissa Etheridge croon “Come to My Window”?

Girls at Gay Days knows how important music is to making community, capturing our feelings, and reminding us of who we are. The Girls at Gay Days team has planned three nights— Friday, June 4th until Sunday, June 6th—from 6pm until midnight, where you’ll be able to sit by the pool and enjoy Kym Berry, Julie Schurr, Hollin Gammage, Vanessa Brown, Patti B, and other musicians from around Florida.

Florida indie artist **KIM BERRY** is a Multi-talented Singer Songwriter, who performs on piano, guitar, bass, and drums; she also plays the mandolin, ukulele, and banjo. Kym Berry and Crew have performed in Texas, Ohio, Florida, California, Michigan, and Georgia. Kym’s musical influences—reflected in songs like “I Can’t Stop the Rain,” “Open the Door” and “Without You”— include artists such as Carol King, Melissa Etheridge, Laura Love, and Lisa Presley. The eclectic style of her music lends itself to wide audiences and is laced with the sounds of blues, rock, and salsa. Kym Berry and Crew are currently in the studio working on their third album, to be released later this year.

An original creation, **JULIE SCHURR’S** fusion of musical styling and technique is all her own: Indierockbitchfolk. Julie writes from her experiences. Like a good storyteller, she sucks you in with unlikely metaphors and imaginative, sensual imagery. Although her songs are personal—check out “Drowning” and “Not My Crime”— they are surprisingly honest and emotional. She has been singing and playing guitar for over 12 years, touring Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Julie Schurr’s debut album *To Her the Bittersweet* was released in 2007.

HOLLIN GAMMAGE was born in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1969. She spent most of her childhood in the suburbs of Atlanta, where she found several female songwriters who made her want to play guitar—Kristen Hall, Wendy Bucklew, Natalie Pharr, Caroline Aiken, the Indigo Girls, and Dede Vogt to mention a few. Hollin has performed her music in Florida, Atlanta, Mobile, Nashville, North Georgia, and Alabama. Hollin is currently shopping for publishing and record deals.

Acoustic folk rock singer/song writer **KAREN GRENIER** has performed in clubs, festivals, coffee houses, restaurants, and colleges in all six New England states as well as New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Florida, Illinois, Wisconsin, and California. A polished performer as well as an exceptional songwriter, Karen received a songwriting award from Nashville’s Music City Search in 2002. In addition, several of her songs have been featured on *Dawson’s Creek*. Karen has spent the past seven summers performing in Provincetown, MA and has propelled herself into a full time music career. She has released four CDs—*Capacity* (1999), *Bring on the Sun* (2003), *Take My Hand* (2004), and *Karen Grenier Live* (2005), featuring Laura Wood and Karen’s talented sisters, a truly special live CD recorded at Valentine’s Rock Club, Albany, NY; The Acoustic Cafe, Bridgeport, CT; and The Tupelo Music Hall, Londonderry, NH.

VANESSA BROWN’S fans claim she sounds like early Melissa Etheridge meets the Indigo Girls but with an activist punch. Her music holds our feelings in the melodies and rhythms with lyrics that “settle in the recesses of your soul.” Her music, a blend a folk and blues (interlaced with little bursts of country and pop) has been described as soulful and intelligent. “I want to convey an experience that means something,” Vanessa Brow says. “I write from the soul and I want the listener to see the color of the experience in the melody and feel the deepness of human emotion in the words. If I’ve stirred that in someone, I’ve done what I’ve hoped.” She began writing lyrics at age 12 and picked up the guitar some years later. Two years ago, she made a serious commitment to sharing her songs. This year, Vanessa signed a management and promo deal with Tammy Lam and Brighter Day Productions, and has played



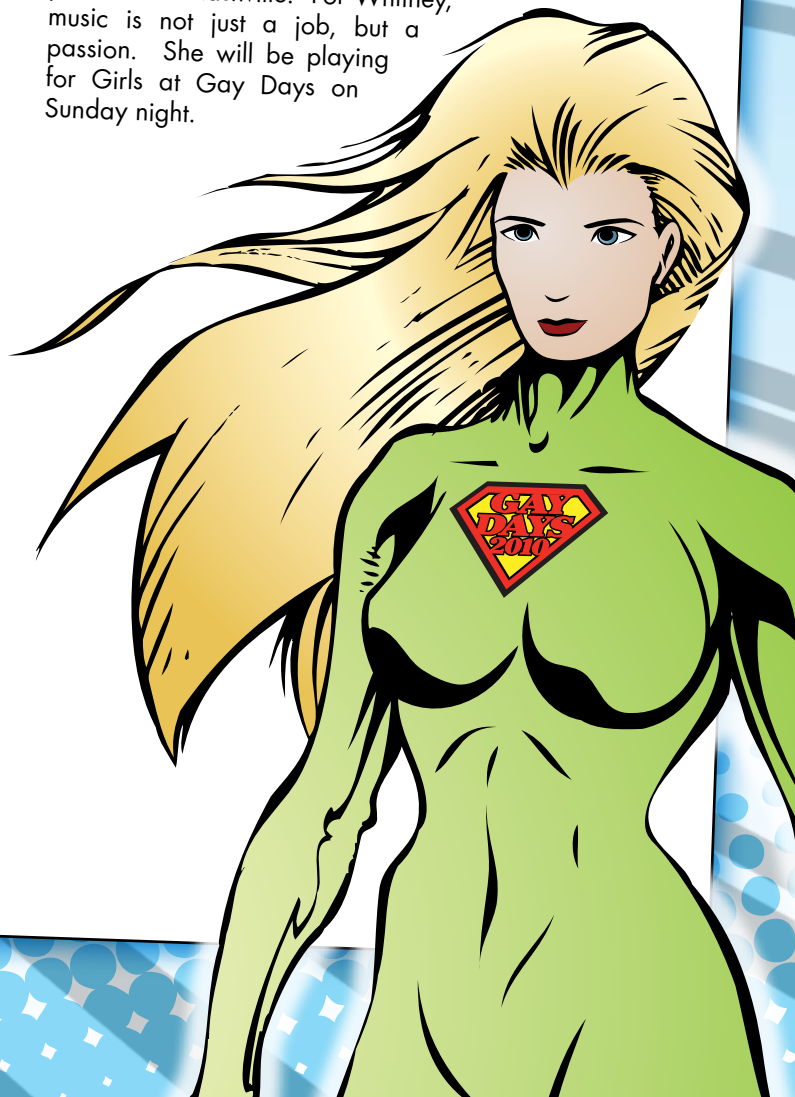
numerous venues, including Exodus, Sacred Grounds, Les Beans, Southern Nights, and Borders. She participated in the "Women Who Rock Battle of the Bands," has played shows with Melissa Crispo, Julie Schuur, Michelle Lucey, and JD Danner, and was featured on the Battle of the Bands compilation CD.

PATTI B., who hails from Jacksonville and plays classic rock and blues, has been performing acoustic and electric music professionally since the age of 15, as a solo performer and in duos, trios, and with full bands. Patti enjoys performing cover material and doing popular songs but also concentrates on writing and performing her own tunes. Patti plays guitar, bass and sings lead and backup vocals. Patti B. worked with Billi Hall in the duo Billi & Patti, and they were compared to the Indigo Girls, but their voices are more bluesy and their lyrics more direct. Billi & Patti were local favorites and veterans of Southern Womyn's as well as Withlacoochee Womyn's Festivals. Her CD *Breakin' Through* (2001) has been described as "in your face southern rock right off the farm." Patti B. currently performs as a soloist, but is often blessed with Cat Hawthorne on Djembe.

LIVE HART, an aspiring singer/songwriter knew at a very early age that the creative urges inside her had to emerge and be heard. During the earlier stages of her career, Live was a part of the R&B girl group called Urbanesque and spent several years working under the direction of multi-platinum producer Veit Renn (N'sync, Backstreet Boys). While working with Renn and the group, she was inspired to further pursue her artistic endeavors, taught herself to play guitar and continued to chronicle her experiences in song. Her most recent composition, "The Rain," was recorded by Rachel Black. Live has already been recognized for some of the songs that are to appear on her upcoming album, receiving a 2008/2009 Effigy Award Nomination for "Best Song in Style R&B" for "Please Don't Say It's Over." DJ X-Treme of Basement Soul Radio, an online streaming radio station playing the hottest in Hip-Hop/R&B/Soul, relates that Live's music is "soulful and I love her vocals. 'What Is Love' is hot and will be in rotation for awhile." More of her songs are in the process of becoming Live Hart's first full-length album which will be released this year. Shaun Fisher is on board as producer

and is working to further define and refine her soul, R&B and pop style into what they label as "Alternative Soul."

With "All-American Retro Queen" at #19, **WHITNEY HOGAN** just found out that she is in the Top 20 of Lilith Fair's Talent Search for its scheduled Florida dates. Whitney's early influences include her mother's recordings of Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and Sly and the Family Stone, Motown and Stax, as well as her father's country offerings—George Jones and Loretta Lynn. She attended Full Sail University, receiving an AS in Recording Arts and a BS in Entertainment Business. After an internship in LA, Whitney moved back to Florida to begin her music career. Her first CD *Revolutionize* is the result of hard work, determination, and persistent phone calls to a record producer in Nashville. For Whitney, music is not just a job, but a passion. She will be playing for Girls at Gay Days on Sunday night.



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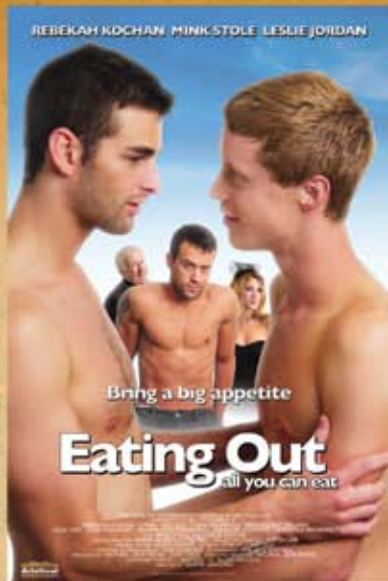
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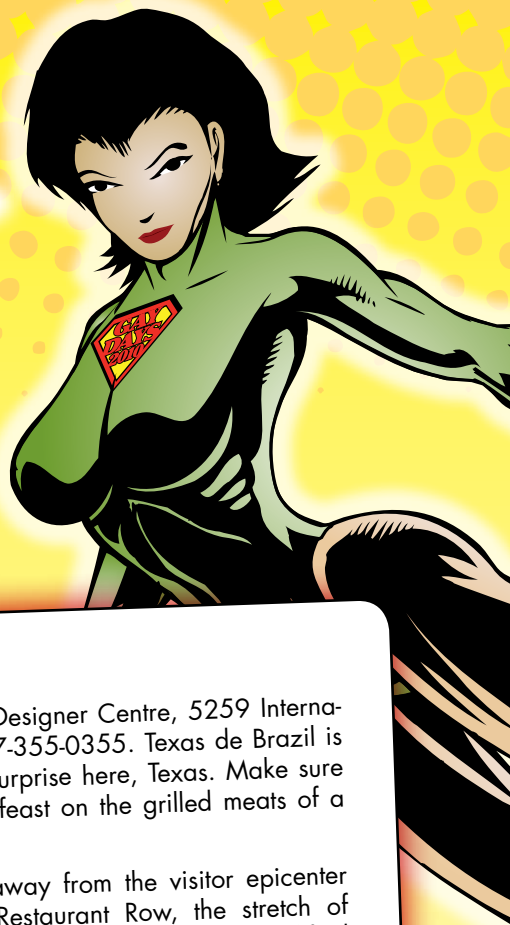
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DINING AT GAY DAYS



BY SCOTT JOSEPH

With more than 4,000 eateries in the Orlando area, how do you find the good ones? We're here to help. In the areas that locals refer to collectively as Tourist World, there are myriad choices for good food, everything from quick bite casual cafes to full-out elegant dining, quiet boites suitable for conversation to boisterous halls with loud bands, belly dancers and singing waiters. And just about every international cuisine you can imagine.

Along **INTERNATIONAL DRIVE** itself is a vast array of good eats and a number of multinational flavors that give credence to the street's name.

Passage To India—6129 Westwood Blvd., Orlando; 407-351-3456. Located directly across from the Gay Days Host Hotel, this location offers a very nice lunch buffet with all the Indian favorites, including terrific naan. See ad on page 29 for special offer.

Funky Monkey—Pointe Orlando, 9101 International Drive, Orlando; 407-418-9463. Sushi and American kitchen foods are the focus here. The atmosphere is stylish and chic. Drag shows are offered throughout the year; look for lots of festivities during Gay Days. See ad on page 30 for their Gay Days schedule of events.

Blue Nile—7040 International Drive (north of Sand Lake Road), Orlando; 407-354-0026. Wash your hands—you'll be eating Ethiopian cuisine with them—and order an array of wat to sample. If you feel lost, ask one of your gracious hosts to guide you.

Bergamo's—5250 International Drive, Orlando; 407-352-3805. The servers are the stars here. There's an incredible amount of talent on display, most of it from the singing staff with occasional accompaniment from the kitchen with classic Italian dishes.

Texas de Brazil—Belz Designer Centre, 5259 International Drive, Orlando; 407-355-0355. Texas de Brazil is a small chain out of, no surprise here, Texas. Make sure you're really hungry and feast on the grilled meats of a Brazilian churrascaria.

Just a biscuit's throw away from the visitor epicenter of International Drive is Restaurant Row, the stretch of **SAND LAKE ROAD** west of Interstate 4. Here you'll find a concentrated collection of good restaurants with barely a clunker among them. Highlights include:

Moonfish—7525 W. Sand Lake Road, Orlando; 407-363-7762. Concentrate on the fresh fish selections and avoid anything too fancy. Have the calamari as an appetizer and spring for the sorbets at dessert—there's enough to share.

Rice Paper—7637 Turkey Lake Road, Orlando; 407-352-4700. Most of the area's Vietnamese restaurants are situated north of downtown Orlando. Rice Paper breaks away not only geographically but in its more creative offerings. The traditional Vietnamese dishes are good, but try one of the chef's specials.

Cedar's—7732 Sand Lake Road, Orlando; 407-351-6000. You can put together a lovely meal with the mouhara dip, a bowl of lentil soup and the fish tajine entree. Other entrees may seem repetitive, but they are good, especially the lamb.

Seasons 52—7700 Sand Lake Road, Orlando; 407-354-5212. Forget about the food being healthfully prepared, you won't notice a difference when you taste the grilled pork with polenta or the filet mignon. If you start feeling too goody-goody, go crazy and order all the mini desserts.

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS AND CITYWALK have surprisingly few restaurants worth recommending, but there are some standouts:

Hard Rock Cafe—Universal CityWalk, Orlando; 407-351-7625. The granddaddy of music-themed restaurants, this Hard Rock is one of the largest, and sits next door to the Hard Rock Live performance venue, which makes it a convenient spot for a pre- or post-show nosh.

Emeril's Orlando—Universal CityWalk, Orlando; 407-224-2424. Don't expect to see celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse here. Not that he doesn't visit, but when he does, he pretty much stays in the kitchen. The food can be very good, but the quality can also be spotty. It's a very noisy restaurant, too, so it's not a good choice for a romantic meal. But if you can, choose a spot at the bar for your meal, it's more entertaining. The menu changes frequently, but if Lagasse's oyster stew is on the menu, order as big a bowl as you can.

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California Grill—Contemporary Resort, Walt Disney World; 407-939-3463. California Grill is still one of the Central Florida's best restaurants. The pork tenderloin remains

a favorite, but the filet mignon is a contender for best entrée. Sushi from master chef Yoshi is a treat

Jiko The Cooking Place—Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge; 407-939-3463. Jiko's food may not be entirely authentic African, but it's good. Be sure to try the ostrich schnitzel and the berbere-braised lamb shanks.

Citricos—Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa; 407-939-3463. Braised veal shank is very good but seafood selections are better. Erich Herbitshek's desserts alone are worth the drive.

Flying Fish Café—Disney's BoardWalk; 407-939-3463. The potato-wrapped snapper is a perennial favorite, but don't miss out on some of the other fresh fish selections. The banana Napoleon is a must.

There are even more wonderful restaurants outside Tourist World, but even if you stay close to your hotel, you'll find some good eating.

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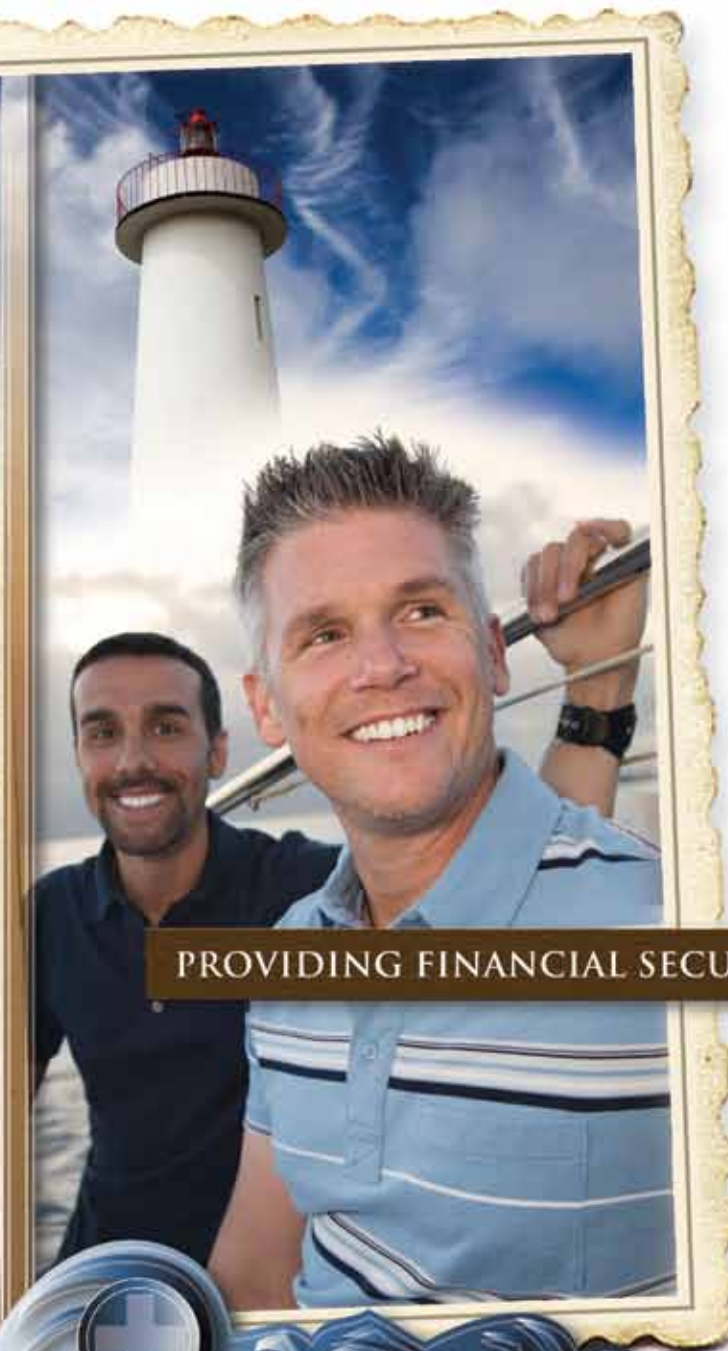
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12-STEP RECOVERY AT GAY DAYS

BY MICHAEL WILSON

Gay Days may be known for its world class parties and entertainment options, but the Gay Days Roundup proves that there is room for everyone. Hosted at the Doubletree Resort Orlando—International Drive, the Gay Days Roundup is back for a sixth year for members of the 12-Step recovery community. Separate from, but well supported by Gay Days, the Roundup provides attendees with a hospitality suite, The Serenity Lounge, which acts as a the heart of the event where people in recovery can come to relax, have fun and enjoy each other's company. In addition to The Serenity Lounge, the Roundup includes workshops, meetings, entertainment and socials.

According to Jimmy M. (full name withheld for anonymity purposes), this year's Roundup Chairperson and a recovering alcoholic, "It is important to be here for people in recovery who choose to experience Gay Days and want to have an option to be around others in recovery."

And that is exactly what the Roundup offers. Open 18-hours a day, the Lounge is a great place for people to escape the temptations and pressures of the Gay Days Event. "We are encouraged to go live life, do what you want to do. But it can be a trying environment for an alcoholic or addict, so we're there," he adds.

Usually unaffiliated with any specific 12-step program, Roundups around the country are sobriety conventions often held in destination locations. In its 6th year, the "We Are Not Saints" Gay Days Roundup promises to be better than ever. A \$45 registration fee includes access to all speaker meetings, workshops, general fellowship receptions, entertainment and The Serenity Lounge. However, all 12-step recovery meetings are open and free.

Those interested in supporting the Roundup could become "Hero Sponsors" for a donation of \$100 or more. Hero Sponsorship includes Roundup registration; entrance to all Roundup-sponsored events throughout the year; a gala reception preceding the first annual Miss Gay Days Roundup Pageant; and a Roundup T Shirt.

Last year, more than 90 people registered for the event and even more participated in recovery meetings – which included everything from Alcoholics Anonymous to Overeaters Anonymous. However, this year the "We Are Not Saints" Roundup is focusing on drug and alcohol recovery. This years meetings will include Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Crystal Meth Anonymous and Sex Addicts Anonymous. One of their goals "is to invite people [in recovery] who are choosing to come to Gay Days which can be a trying environment; there's drugs, alcohol, and temptation," says Jimmy.

Even still, "We Are Not Saints" encourages locals to take advantage of all the Roundup has to offer. Whether it is the free local meetings or the registration-necessary events, "We Are Not Saints" provides a gathering place for people in recovery regardless of whether they are staying at the Doubletree or just visiting for the day.

For travelers new to recovery, "We Are Not Saints" wants them to know that they are here for them. "We want to be there for someone who doesn't know about us, who suddenly realizes, this could be a problem. Here I am, far away from home, on vacation, and maybe this is a safe place for me to come to a meeting for the first time. We're always there for the newcomer," adds Jimmy M.

The "We Are Not Saints" Roundup has been instrumental in keeping members of the community sober during the Gay Days festivities. In fact, Jimmy M has experienced the gratitude first-hand: "A random person will walk up and say, Thank you so much for being here. I needed a meeting so badly and I didn't know this was going to be an option."

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ON MEETINGS OR THE ROUNDUP,
VISIT THE REGISTRATION DESK ON
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OR THE WEBSITE AT:

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The We Are Not Saints GayDays Roundup provides a safe, secure & serene environment for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered individuals in recovery during GayDays. Our program features workshops & speakers plus a variety of 12-step meetings. **All meetings are open to the public.** Workshops, dining & hospitality suite require registration. Registration is available on-site — day passes & scholarships are available. Visit our Registration Table on the second floor of the Tower for more information.

THURSDAY JUNE 3RD

All 12- Step mtgs are open & held in the Tower, 2nd floor, Pensacola Room

4pm — NA

5pm — AA

6pm — CMA

10pm — SCA

11pm — AA

Registration & Hospitality Suite open at 4pm†
Get Acquainted Mtg 7-8.30pm†

FRIDAY JUNE 4TH

All 12- Step mtgs are open & held in the Tower, 2nd floor, Pensacola Room

Noon — AA

1pm — CMA

2pm — NA

5pm — AA

7pm — AA Speaker Mtg
— Linda N., Orlando

9pm — SCA

11pm — AA

9am — Morning Meditation†

10am — Workshop†

11am — Workshop†

3pm — Workshop†

4pm — Workshop†

6pm — Dinner Buffet[#]

9.30pm — Drag Bingo†

SATURDAY JUNE 5TH

All 12-Step mtgs are open & held in the Tower, 2nd floor, Pensacola Room

Noon — AA

1pm — SCA

2pm — NA

5pm — AA

7pm — AA Speaker Mtg
— Amy S., Delray Beach

9pm — CMA

11pm — AA

9am — Morning Meditation†

10am — Workshop†

11am — Workshop†

3pm — Workshop†

4pm — Workshop†

6pm — Dinner Buffet[#]

9.30pm — Serenity Lounge†

SUNDAY JUNE 6TH

All 12-Step mtgs are open & held in the Tower, 2nd floor, Pensacola Room

10am — AA Speaker Mtg
— Hal T., Miami

Noon — NA

1pm — AA

8am — Morning
Meditation†

9am — Breakfast
Buffet[#]

† EVENTS MARKED WITH THIS SYMBOL REQUIRE REGISTRATION # REQUIRES ADDITIONAL PURCHASE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. MOST UPDATED & DETAILED SCHEDULE & ADDITIONAL INFO AVAILABLE AT

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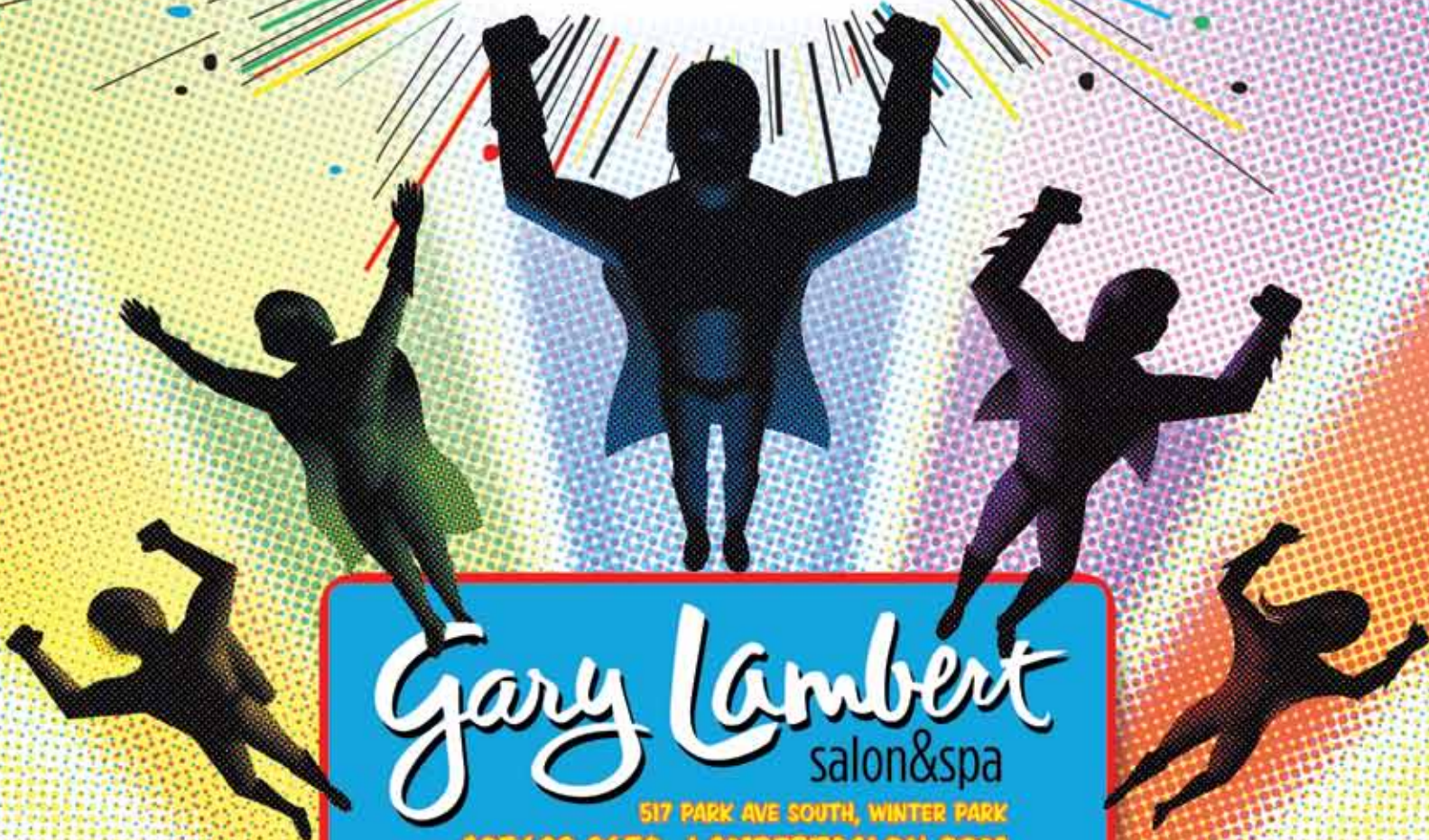
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WHAT

WHERE

WHEN

SATURDAY

Gay Day at the Magic Kingdom —20th Anniversary	Walt Disney World	Regular park hours
Gay Days® Roundup	Doubletree Resort	See page 34 for more information
Gay Days® Welcome & Information Booth	Doubletree Resort	9:00 AM—9:00 PM
Gay Days® Ticket & Merchandise Center	Doubletree Resort	10:00 AM—6:00 PM
Gay Days® Expo	Doubletree Resort	10:00 AM—4:00 PM
Gay Days® 18+ Expo	Doubletree Resort	10:00 AM—4:00 PM
Gay Days® Auto Show	Doubletree Resort	10:00 AM—6:00 PM
Gay Days® Pool Area Vendors	Doubletree Resort	11:00 AM—8:00 PM
Girls at Gay Days® Pool Party	Doubletree Resort	12:00 PM—6:00 PM
Gay Days® Men's Red Pool Party	Doubletree Resort	12:00 PM—6:00 PM
Mari-Con Comic and Collectible Show	Doubletree Resort	12:00 PM—8:00 PM See ad on page 48
Girls in Wonderland Pool Party	Courtyard Marriott	12:00 PM—5:00 PM
Gay Days® Esurance Film Festival <i>I Can't Think Straight</i>	Doubletree Resort	1:00 PM See ad on page 26
Girls at Gay Days® Literary Festival	Doubletree Resort	3:00 PM—5:30 PM
Gay Days® Esurance Film Festival <i>Eating Out 3</i>	Doubletree Resort	4:00 PM See ad on page 26
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Gay Days® Bud Light Pool Bash	Doubletree Resort	6:00 PM—2:00 AM See ad on page 45
Gay Days® Comedy Night: Alec Mapa	Doubletree Resort	7:00 PM—8:30 PM See ad on page 23
Laugh Out Loud Comedy Show —Suzanne Westenhoefer	Holiday Inn	7:30 PM—9:30 PM
Girls at Gay Days® Red Dance Party	Doubletree Resort	9:00 PM—2:00 AM
Euforia—A Gay Days® Bear Dance Party	Doubletree Resort	9:00 PM—3:00 AM
Girls in Wonderland 10	House of Blues	9:00 PM—2:00 AM
Taylor Dayne	Parliament House	See ad on page 44
Black Pride—Boyz Party	Doubletree Resort	11:00 PM—5:00 AM
Black Pride—Girlz Party	Doubletree Resort	11:00 PM—5:00 AM

THE BIG DAY

Can you believe it's really been 20 years since this event began? From a few hundred brave red shirts to thousands! Saturday is **THE DAY** to be at the Magic Kingdom and the 3:00 parade is the highlight of the day. Be sure to find your space in front of the castle early, it fills up quickly for the fun of the Celebrate a Dream Come True Parade.

9 AM PARK OPENS*

11 AM GAY & LESBIAN YOUTH
MEET AT CINDERELLA'S CASTLE

This is an informal gathering of other young adults and a great time to make some new friends.

12:45 PM LESBIAN MEET & GREET
AT TOWN SQUARE

Girls at Gay Days Unite! Meet at Town Square and mingle with women from around the world. Then head up to the top of the train station for the best circle tour of the Magic Kingdom. See the calendar for more info on these events.

1 PM ANNUAL BEARS GATHERING
AT COUNTRY BEAR JAMBOREE

What better place to gather with other Bears and their admirers. Enjoy the show before watching the parade from the great vantage point of Frontierland. Remember to leave some time to rest before attending Eufuria: the Bear Dance at 9 PM at the Doubletree Resort Orlando-International Drive, the Gay Days Host Hotel. See the calendar for more info.

1 PM LESBIAN EXPRESS

All aboard! Take a ride on the Walt Disney World® Railroad—for the moment known as the "Lesbian Express".

1:40 PM WOMEN'S STROLL

Celebrate our dream of walking arm in arm down Main Street USA to join the Pre-Parade Meet & Greet at Cinderella Castle.

1:45 PM PRE-PARADE MEET & GREET

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The 3 PM gathering to watch the parade is a tradition and is amazing fun. Be part of this 20th annual event this year. After the 3:00 parade, take some time to relax and rejuvenate before attending the Comedy Night performances with Vickie Shaw and Michele Balan at the Girls at Gay Days Host Hotel, the Doubletree Resort Orlando-International Drive. See the calendar for more info on these events.

10 AM - 4 PM GAY DAYS EXPO

NOON - 6 PM AND 6 PM - 2 AM POOL PARTIES

Need a break from the heat? Jump in the pool at the Gay Days and Girls at Gay Days Pool Parties at Host Hotel or you can browse through the wares and exhibits of an eclectic collection of vendors and enter to win a *FREE trip to Gay Days 2011*. The Doubletree Resort Orlando-International Drive, THE place to be. (See Gay Days Expo page for directions)

PLEASE NOTE: if you intend to return to the Magic Kingdom later today, be sure to get a hand stamp prior to exiting the park. Both a hand stamp and a ticket are required for re-entry.

Be sure to visit these other great Magic Kingdom attractions: Pirates of the Caribbean with Capt. Jack Sparrow, Monsters Inc. Laugh Floor, Mickey's PhilharMagic, Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin, and The Haunted Mansion.

10 PM WISHES @ NIGHTIME SPECTACULAR

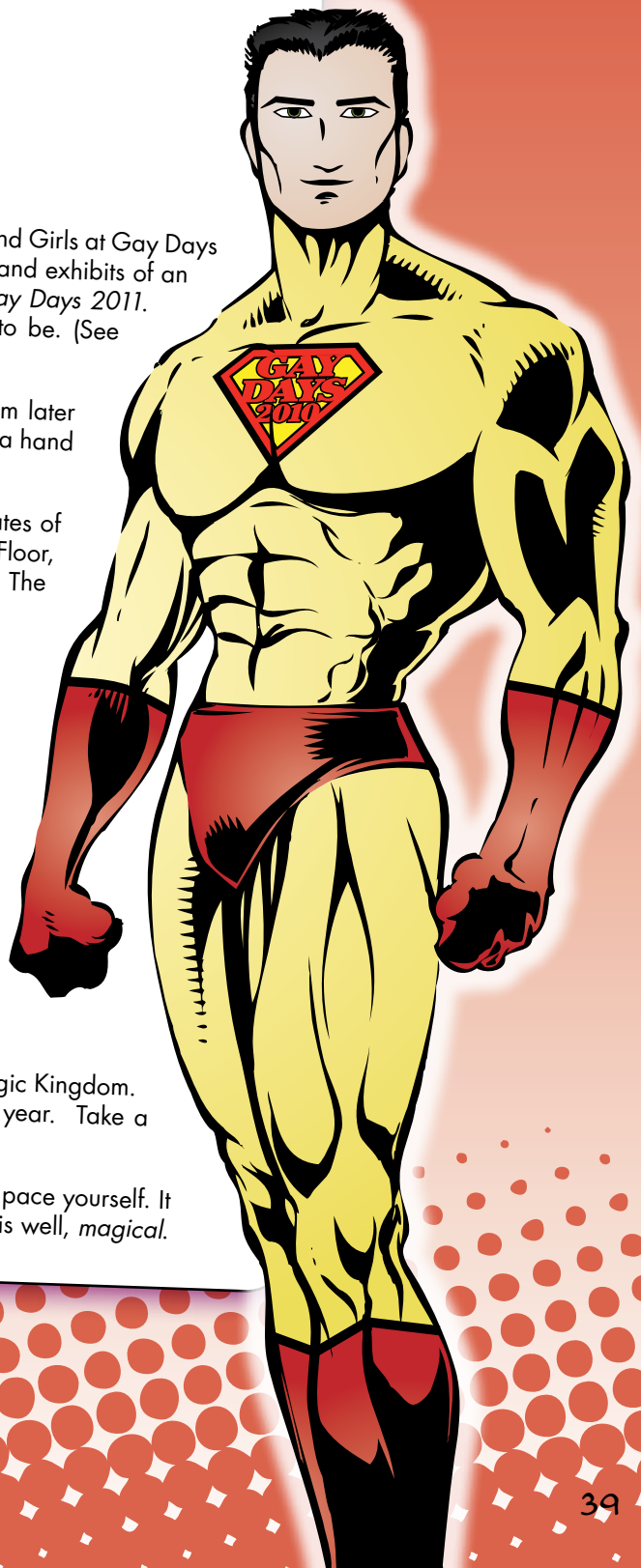
10 PM PARK CLOSSES*

*Disney Park Hours, Events and Entertainment times are subject to change without notice.

WEAR RED-BE SEEN! Of course, how can you be missed? By now, it's a well-loved tradition to wear red. Be creative or you can buy one of the Official Gay Days t-shirts at Gay Days Central at the Host Hotel-Doubletree Resort Orlando-International Drive.

HINT: buy your park tickets in advance and arrive early at the Magic Kingdom. Magic Kingdom employees look forward to this festive day each year. Take a minute to thank them for any assistance.

The weather will be hot and may be wet so remember to relax and pace yourself. It will be a wonderful, fun-filled day. Any day at the Magic Kingdom is well, *magical*.



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TRAVEL AROUND

ORLANDO & TAMPA/ST. PETE

BY BILL SIEVERT

Ask nonresidents about Orlando and the first thing they'll likely mention is the theme parks. While locals appreciate these world-class attractions, many will quickly point out that their "City Beautiful" (its official nickname) has a lot more going for it than any park pass can cover. Decades before Walt Disney broke ground on his "World," Orlando was already the commercial hub of Central Florida, nurturing architecturally splendid neighborhoods and a rich tradition of art and cultural diversity. Today, it is the focal point of an energetic metropolis of over 2-million people.

Orlando's **GLBTQ Community Center** (www.glbcc.org) is the oldest in the state, having started as a telephone hotline in 1976. The Center (as it's commonly known) opened its first permanent building (946 N. Mills Ave) in 1987, providing a home base for scores of support groups and events ever since. Stop by their booth in the Gay Days Expo for tickets to the Miss Gay Days pageant. The event is a fundraiser for The Center. See their ad on page 49 and visit their booth at the Gay Days Expo.

Orlando residents take their art seriously, supporting major exhibitions at **The Orlando Museum of Art** (www.omart.org) as well as installations by up-and-coming local artists at the eight-gallery downtown **CityArts Factory** (www.cityartsfactory.com). Theater is king (or, often, queen) at such venues as the **Orlando Shakespeare Theater** (812 E. Rollins Street, www.orlandoshakes.org) and the **Orlando Repertory Theatre** (1001 East Princeton Street, www.orlandorep.com). Both are located near the OMA in Loch Haven Cultural Park. Each May, those theaters play host to the zany **Orlando International Fringe Festival** (www.orlandofringe.org), which is the nation's oldest continuous Fringe event. It serves up nearly 70 different "uncensored" independent productions, many of them quirky comedies created by GLBT playwrights and performers. See their ad on Page 36.

All year round, the multi-media stage shows of **Blue Man Group—a sponsor of Gay Days** (Aquos Theatre at Universal Orlando, www.bluman.com) merge modern-art inspired theatrics, comedy and original music to produce a blissful party attitude. The Orlando troupe has long

supported Central Florida's gay community, and vice versa. See their ad on page 18 and visit their booth at the Gay Days Expo.

For independent films, the place to go is the cozy **Enzian Theatre** (www.enzian.org), where movie buffs can dine and sip wine as they partake of cutting-edge cinematic fare.

GLBT nightspots are spread out, so you'll need wheels to club hop. **Revolution** (www.revolutionorlando.com) is one of the biggest, with 14,000 square feet of video and dance bars, a theater for live shows, and a large outdoor patio. Founded way back in 1975, **Parliament House** (410 N. Orange Blossom Trail; www.parliamenthouse.com) is Orlando's original gay resort entertainment complex, with 130 poolside motel rooms, a half dozen bars, shops, a restaurant and The Footlight Theatre for plays and drag shows. P-House frequently features name entertainers, too. See their ads on pages 16, 44, & 50 and visit their booth at the Gay Days Expo.

Formerly Faces, **R Bar** (4910 Edgewater Drive) is currently Orlando's only club especially for women. It features frequent game nights, pool and speed dating evenings. See more bars on pages 52-53.

The most prominent social soiree of the year is the black-tie **Headdress Ball** (www.headdressball.org), a 21-year old fundraiser for the **Hope and Help Center of Central Florida**, which provides support to people with HIV. Contest entrants strive to out-accessorize Carmen Miranda with the most extravagant headgear, and nationally known entertainers (Jennifer Holliday headlined last year) perform for a sparkling audience of luminaries. Scheduled for Oct. 2, this year's Ball definitely merits a return trip to Orlando. Lush-A-Licious, a wine tasting at Gay Days, is a fundraiser for them. See ad on page 8.

Central Florida celebrates Pride in October (when the temperature is typically a little cooler than June), and its **"Come Out with Pride"** parade and festival are growing by leaps and bounds, surpassing 40,000 participants in 2009. Timed to coincide with National Coming Out Day, this year's event is set for October 10 at the park at Lake Eola. Visit their booth at the Gay Days Expo.

People travel from all over the world to shop Orlando, whether in the upscale boutiques of Winter Park, the designer shops of **Mall at Millenia** or the 110 discount-driven name-brand stores at **Orlando Premium Outlets** (8200 Vineland Ave., www.premiumoutlets.com). See their ad on page 18 or visit their booth at the Gay Days Expo.

A satisfying way to end an action-packed visit to Orlando is with a relaxing tropical mini-vacation at **Discovery Cove**—a Gay Days Promotional Partner (www.discoverycove.com), which is adjacent to and affiliated

with Sea World. Only about 1,000 guests are admitted to the 30-acre retreat each day, so everyone has ample access to the bird aviary, snorkeling reef and long white beaches. What's more, you can swim with a bottlenose dolphin. See their ad on page 41 and visit their booth at the Gay Days Expo.

FOR MORE ON WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO DO DURING YOUR ORLANDO STAY, CHECK OUT YOUR OPTIONS AT WWW.GAYORLANDO.COM.

TAMPA & ST. PETE— JUST AN HOUR AWAY!

Where's the largest GLBT Pride festival in Florida? No, not Miami, Fort Lauderdale or Orlando. The answer is St. Petersburg, where the annual "**Pride in Paradise**" (www.stpetepride.com) draws queer folks and their friends from around the state. This year's event on June 26 promises to be the largest ever. Though related revelry runs for a week, it culminates on Saturday with the Street Festival and Promenade (a more genteel, southern way of having a march).

The largest gay club in the Grand Central is the predominantly male **Detour** (www.detouroncentral.com), a 13,000-square foot complex with a massive dance floor and large enclosed patio. Other popular venues include **Georgie's Alibi** (3100 3rd Ave. N), which draws locals and visitors to the historic Kensington neighborhood. The 41-year-old **Hideaway** (www.myspace.com/thehideawaygirls) bills itself as the oldest lesbian bar in America. Its tradition-soaked ways include darts, pool, karaoke and local musicians on weekends.

While visiting St. Petersburg, you definitely should soak up some art as well as sun. **The Salvador Dali Museum** (www.salvadoralimuseum.org) offers an unforgettable experience in surrealism. Another don't-miss venue is the

Museum of Fine Arts (www.fine-arts.org), which boasts dramatic collections of Steuben glass, decorative arts, and pre-Columbian objects.

A causeway away in Tampa, the top-drawing GLBT event of the year is the **Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival**—TIGLFF (www.tiglff.com). The 21st edition is set for October 7–17, 2010, with screenings downtown at the historic Tampa Theatre (home of classic movies and indie fare) and some in St. Petersburg. TIGLFF is a sponsor of the Esurance Gay Days Film Festival. Visit their booth at the Gay Days Expo.

Clubs are everywhere in Tampa, but the key entertainment area is Ybor City – now referred to by queer devotees as "**GaYbor**" (gaybor.com). This national landmark district, originally the site of cigar factories, draws plenty of straight clubbers but it's also home to numerous gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses, including **MCFilmfest**, an old-school Pride store featuring gay videos, apparel and novelties. Top Ybor clubs include gay-friendly **Ritz Ybor** (www.ritzzybor.com) and gay-owned **Streetcar Charlie's** (streetcarcharlies.com).

FOR MORE ON TAMPA AREA NIGHT-LIFE, VISIT THE WEBSITE OF THE GLBT TAMPA BAY BUSINESS GUILD AT WWW.TBBG.ORG.

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SUNDAY

Gay Day at Epcot	Walt Disney World	Regular park hours
Gay Days® Roundup	Doubletree Resort	See page 34 for more information
Dignity Gay Days® Mass	Doubletree Resort	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Gay Days® Welcome & Information Booth	Doubletree Resort	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Gay Days® Ticket & Merchandise Center	Doubletree Resort	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Funky Monkey Wine Company —Gospel Brunch	Two Locations	10:30 AM – 2:00 PM See ad on page 30
Gay Days® Pool Area Vendors	Doubletree Resort	11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Girls at Gay Days® Pool Party	Doubletree Resort	12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Gay Days® Men's White Pool Party	Doubletree Resort	12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Wet Bear Pool Party	Doubletree Resort	12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Girls in Wonderland Pool Party	Courtyard Marriott	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Gay Days® Villains Brunch	Doubletree Resort	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Gay Days® Esurance Film Festival <i>Hannah Free</i>	Doubletree Resort	1:00 PM See ad on page 26
Girls at Gay Days® Literary Festival	Doubletree Resort	3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Gay Days® Esurance Film Festival <i>Milk</i>	Doubletree Resort	4:00 PM See ad on page 26
Girls at Gay Days® Poolside Chillout	Doubletree Resort	6:00 PM – Midnight
Gay Days® Bud Light Pool Bash	Doubletree Resort	6:00 PM – 2:00 AM See ad on page 45
Girlie Idol— A Girls in Wonderland Event	Kitty O'Sheas	6:00 PM – midnight
Miss Gay Days® Pageant	Doubletree Resort	7:00 PM See ad on page 49
Gay Days® Comedy Night: Bear, Jeff Jones and Friends	Doubletree Resort	8:00 PM – 10:00 PM See ad on page 23
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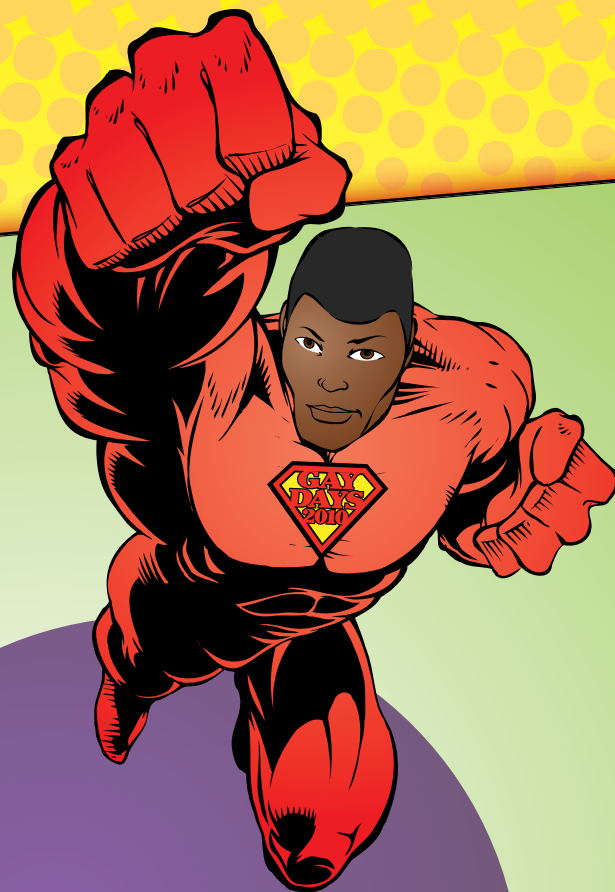
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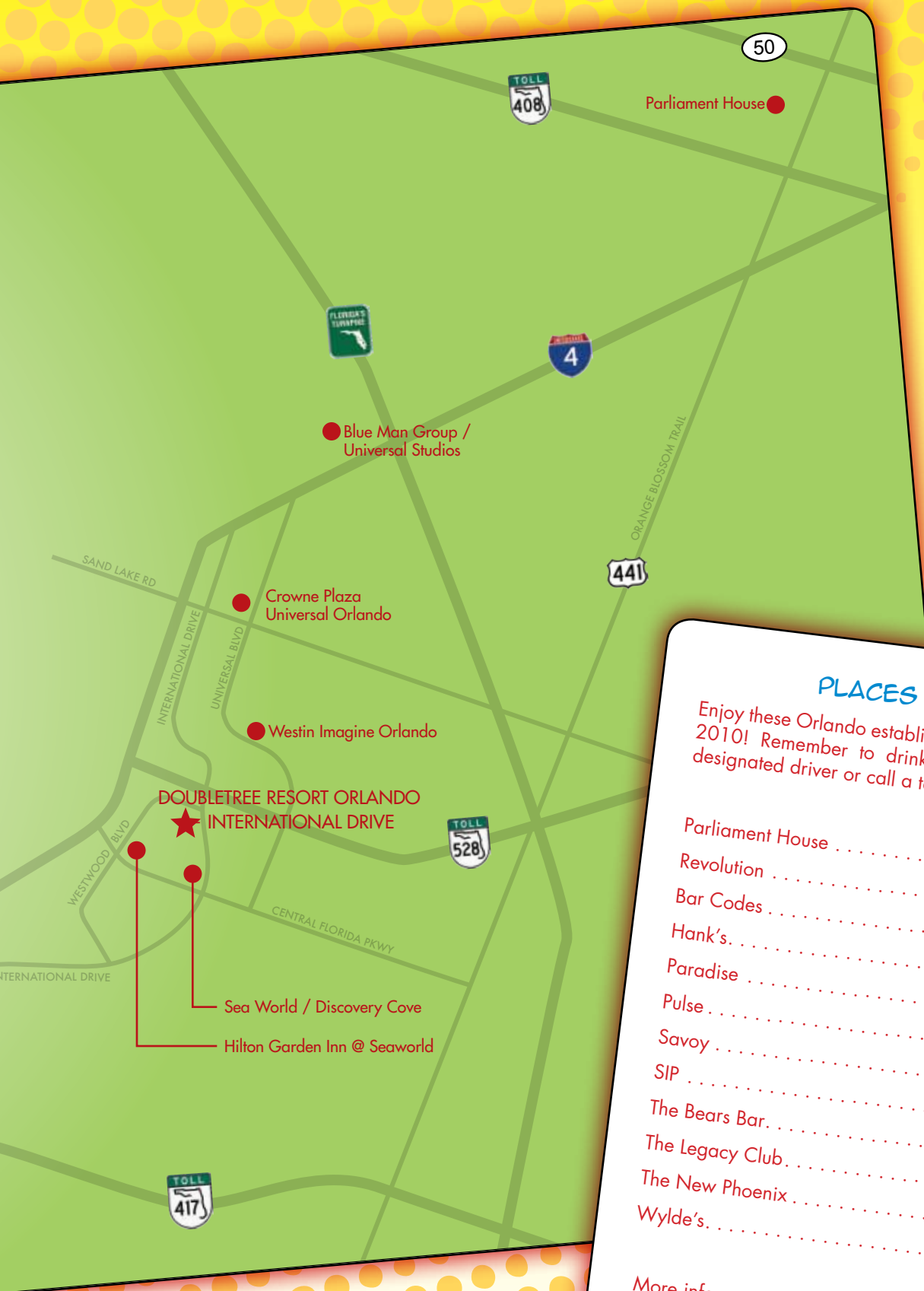
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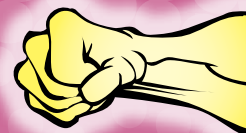
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BY BILL SIEVERT

FORT LAUDERDALE & MIAMI

Only an hour's drive separates Fort Lauderdale's Wilton Manors from Miami's South Beach, but they present distinctly different experiences to GLBT visitors. While Lauderdale's most "gay-centric" neighborhood has the relaxed casual charm of a cozy small town, Miami's Gay Riviera bustles with chic cosmopolitan exuberance.

Wilton Manors is actually a separate city just north of downtown Lauderdale with a population of about 13,000—much of it queer. In fact, it ranks third in the U.S. for its percentage of gay residents as a proportion of total population. (The Lauderdale area overall ranks fourth.) Wilton Manors has approximately 13 times more acknowledged gay men per capita than the national average—and the lesbian population is sizeable as well.

Women and gay men, locals and visitors, are welcome at most of the entertainment spots in the Wilton Drive business district. GLBT people of all ages frequent **Georgie's Alibi** (2266 Wilton Drive, www.georgiesalibi.com); it's in the same shopping strip as the **Gay Mart** apparel store and **Atomic Boom** (www.myspace.com/clubboom), an attractive two-story dance bar. Women also have their own hotspot, **New Moon Bar** (2440 Wilton Drive, www.newmoonbar.com). Several beautifully gardened guesthouses especially for gay men or women dot the tranquil residential streets around Wilton Drive, which also offers a plethora of pleasant eateries. **Tropics** (2000 Wilton Drive) draws big crowds for brunch, and its piano bar is a favorite in the evening with an older crowd.

Aside from The Manors, Fort Lauderdale offers plenty of dining options along Los Olas Blvd. (a major upscale shopping street) and in its revitalized downtown area. The **Riverwalk Arts and Entertainment District** (www.riverwalkartsandentertainment.com), a handsome brick promenade in a park setting, is home not only to fine restaurants but also to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Museum of Discovery and Science, Florida Grand Opera, Museum of Art, and independent-film venue Cinema Paradiso.

The city also boasts a topnotch gay history center, **The Stonewall Library & GLBT Archives** (www.stonewall-library.org, 1300 East Sunrise Boulevard).

From its founding in 1973, the center has grown into the largest lending library of its kind in the U.S., with more than 18,000 books and audio-visual materials. Its Archives contain more than 5,000 items including periodicals and oral history collections. For the public, there are monthly art exhibitions and frequent author appearances.

Lauderdale serves up several exciting festivals, including the annual **Sunshine Stampede Rodeo**, hosted by the Florida Gay Rodeo Association (www.fgra.org). The sixth annual roundup is scheduled for April 8–10, 2011, and it's open to "Cowboys and Cowgirls" (which, by the way, is the theme for next year's **Gay Days**). The rodeo events take place at the Bergeron Arena in Davie, but there are parties all over town. The rodeo offers over \$5,000 in cash prizes for male and female competitors, with separate categories for veterans and rookies in bull riding, steer riding, barrel racing, breakaway roping, pole bending (a male favorite) and bareback bronco (we're talking horses, fellows).

What other metropolitan area do you know that has two major Pride festivals?

Pridefest, organized by Pride South Florida (www.pridesouthflorida.org), draws over 40,000 attendees, 250 vendors and name entertainers. The two-day celebration, which even includes carnival rides, holds court each March at Jaco Pastorius Park in the Oakland neighborhood. Then, come summer, the **Stonewall Pride Festival** in Wilton Manors takes center stage with a parade and street party marking the anniversary of the historic 1969 Stonewall riots in New York. This year's festivities are June 19–20.

Lauderdale is known for its wide beaches, and several are favorites of the gay community: Sebastian Street at Route A1A, Terramar Street at A1A (a hotbed of GLBT tourists), and NE 18th at A1A (cruisy beach favored by many locals). The place to stay is **The Grand Resort and Spa** (539 N. Birch Road, 800.818.1211, www.grandresort.net). If you take a group, stay in Suite 1, a two bedroom suite with a spacious deck overlooking the clothing optional sun deck. See their ad on page 55 and visit their booth at the Gay Days Expo.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FORT LAUDERDALE'S ATTRACTIONS, VISIT WWW.GAYFTLAUDERDALE.COM OR WWW.SUNNY.ORG/RAINBOW.



Down in "SoBe" (as many regulars refer to Miami's South Beach), the most popular sport is ogling eye candy from a coveted table at one of the many sidewalk cafés attached to the pastel palaces which line the 125-block **Art Deco Historic District**. During daylight hours, other favorite pastimes include frying on the wide beach (the sands at 12th Street are a particularly popular gay gathering spot) or shopping for designer goodies at dozens of upscale stores along Collins Avenue, Washington Avenue and Ocean Drive.

After dark, beats pulsate from numerous clubs, including the world renowned **Twist** (1057 Washington Ave., www.twistsobe.com), which has seven bars, each with a distinct atmosphere. Other favorites include **Score** (727 Lincoln Road, www.scorebar.net) where tourists and locals mingle, and **Azucar** (2301 SW 32nd Ave., www.clubazucar.com), a Latin dance club and cabaret featuring a mixed crowd of gay boys, lesbians, drag queens and straight couples.

The year's biggest celebration, the **Winter Party Festival** (www.winterparty.com), comes the first week of March. Launched in 1994 as a charity dance on the sand, it has grown into a series of events drawing more than 10,000 people. To date, the Festival and its sister event, The Miami Recognition Dinner, have raised over \$2 million for GLBT causes. The festival culminates with Sunday afternoon's Winter Party Beach Party on the 12th Street Beach. See their ad on page 56.

Another popular event is the 13-year-old **Miami/Fort Lauderdale Gay & Lesbian Film Festival** (www.mglff.com), which begins in late April. Screenings occur throughout the Miami area and Fort Lauderdale.

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KEY WEST

Key West has always been a refuge for freewheelers and free thinkers, and it continues its tradition as a carefree place to kick back without concern for anyone else's business.

Day or night, it's not unusual to see male or female couples holding hands as they window-shop on Duval Street—or a glittery drag queen puckering up to pose with retirees Tillie and Bert from Indiana. Queer people own or operate many businesses and have a leading role in government. The city was the first to elect a gay mayor and it now has an openly gay police chief. The official city motto clearly sums up Key West's attitude: "One Human Family."

If you arrive by car (it's a long but frequently dazzling drive on U.S. 1 from Miami), the first thing you'll want to do is dump it. Rather than moping about traffic, rent a moped or bicycle – or hail a pedicab. The length of the main street, Duval, is just over a mile, so it's also a perfect place to lace up your Pumas and walk.

On your first visit, a good starting point is the **Gay Historic Trolley**, which offers a campy guided tour past all the GLBT hotspots, including former homes of such

literary giants as Tennessee Williams and Poet Laureate Elizabeth Bishop. The rainbow-flag-bedecked vehicle departs every Saturday at 11 a.m. from **The Key West Business Guild**, gaykeywestfl.com. You may also want to visit the **Harry S. Truman Little White House** (111 Front Street) and **the Earnest Hemingway House** (907 Whitehead), though keep in mind that all those cats came after the writer died.

One of the best ways to experience the beauty of the Keys is from the water, and the tours offered by **Blue Q Sailing Adventures** (www.blueqkeywest.com) are among the most popular. Its handsome 37-passenger schooner offers daily clothing-optional trips for men, which include stops for snorkeling and/or kayaking. A spectacular two-hour sunset trip around the harbor (with beer and wine included) is open to gay men, lesbians and their straight guests. Other companies, including **Sebago** (keywestsebago.com/gay.php), book tours especially for women.

It's a serious understatement to say that Key West has great restaurants and bars, but one place many GLBT visitors return to time and again is **La Te Da** (1125 Duval,

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lateda.com). Set in a historic old hotel (once home to Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti), its patio hosts sumptuous Sunday brunches, followed by Key West's original themed tea dances. Drag is huge in Key West, and La Te Da's cabaret offers some of the nation's most respected performers, including Christopher Peterson's Eyecons Revue.

Drag artists also hold court at **Bourbon Street Complex** (711 Duval Street, www.bourbonstreetpub.com). There you can witness resident diva Sushi performing from inside her enormous red high heel. Sushi is well known for her annually televised New Year's Eve "heel drop" from high above Duval Street (well, at least the second floor).

Dancing and live entertainment meet at **Aqua Nightclub** (711 Duval Street, www.aquakeywest.com), currently Key West's largest gay place. The multi-bar club features drag shows with The Aquanettes, Happy Hour Trivia, karaoke and more.

Key West is a festival town, and the liveliest include **Tropical Heat** (www.tropicalheatkw.com), August 19-22, 2010. This four-year-old event (at various venues) is a men-only, four-day summer marathon featuring underwear, foam and toga parties; blackout dances, and Roman steam baths. Organizers have even been known to stage nude shopping trips (wallets and hand-held contrivances exempted).

Up next, the annual **Womenfest Key West** (www.womenfest.com), Sept 7-12, 2010, will offer competitive bull riding, clothing-optional pool parties, dances, jet-ski tours and female-only water excursions. Womenfest is a sponsor of Gay Days. Check out their ad on page 58 and visit their booth at the Gay Days Expo.

Then there's the grand dame of all festivals, 31-year-old **Fantasy Fest**, (www.fantasyfest.net), October 22-31, 2010, which boasts 10 solid days of costuming and lavish parties drawing upwards of 100,000 celebrants annually. This year's event is called "Habitat for Insanity," and its 28th annual Headdress Ball focuses (or unhinges) on the theme, "Diagnosis: Psychosis, an Assembly at the Asylum." The fun kicks off with the **Goombay Street Festival**, a Caribbean-flavored, food-infused carnival that stretches down Petronia Street for blocks.

At least 10 gay and/or lesbian-specific guesthouses (as well as motels ranging from semi-seedy to quite posh) offer a variety of options for GLBT visitors. **Pearl's Rainbow** is a women-only green-certified resort with 38 rooms around a pool and bar, whereas **Island House** is a staple for frolicking gay men. Whatever style of accommodation you prefer, you'll likely find it.

If you're visiting Key West or any of the other Keys, many of which offer terrific fishing and snorkeling opportunities, you'll find all the information you need at

FLA-KEYS.COM/KEYWEST/GAYKEYWEST.CFM.

And wherever your travels take you – whether around Florida or the globe – you'll find a wealth of resources on the **International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association** website: www.iglta.org. IGLTA is a Promotional Partner with Gay Days, visit their booth in the Gay Days Expo.



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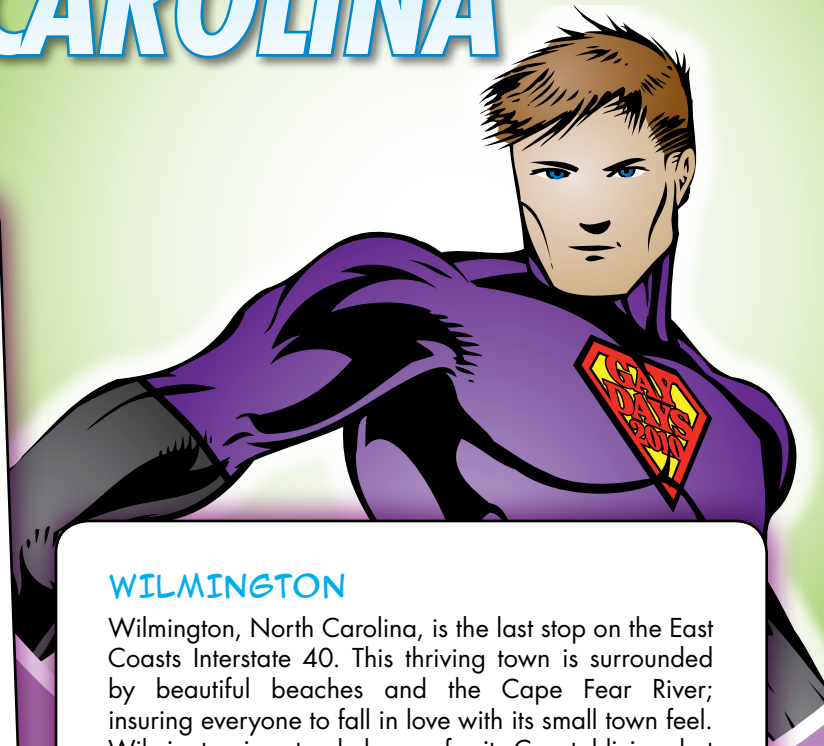


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WILMINGTON

Wilmington, North Carolina, is the last stop on the East Coasts Interstate 40. This thriving town is surrounded by beautiful beaches and the Cape Fear River; insuring everyone to fall in love with its small town feel. Wilmington is not only known for its Coastal living, but also for the University of North Carolina Wilmington and Cape Fear Community College, but also for the amazing film industry that has brought tons of notoriety to the area.

Ibiza Nightclub (see their ad on page 58) is located in the heart of the Downtown Wilmington area, two blocks from the river's edge amongst the cobble stone streets and several other bars, restaurants and little shops. Ibiza is a modern club that not only plays house music but hip hop and top 40. Open Wednesday thru Saturday from 9pm until at least 2pm, Ibiza tries to cater to all different groups of people. They offer karaoke on Wednesday nights, Drag King shows on Thursdays, Drag Queen Shows on Friday and dance parties on Saturday nights with two of the hottest DJ's in Wilmington, DJ Primal and DJ Lil' Mandy.

Recently Ibiza has gotten some national recognition for its partnership with Centaur Music, a sponsor of Gay Days and the producer of the annual Gay Days Music CD, and Jeffrey Sanker with White Party Palm Springs. Most recently (March 27, 2010), they brought in World renowned DJ Scotty Thomson to play for one of their parties... which was a huge success. Many Gay Days attendees might remember Scotty from the 2006 Gay Days Pool Parties.

Out of town guests that come to Ibiza are encouraged to stay at local owned hotel: Best Western Coastline Inn Conference and Event Center located within walking distance of Ibiza at 503 Nutt Street. Call 910-763-2800 or visit their website at www.coastlineinn.com.

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Despite competition from other popular resorts such as Ogunquit (Maine), Rehoboth Beach (Delaware) and Fire Island, Provincetown continues its reign as the northeast Atlantic coast's standout vacation destination for gay travelers.

Set at the very tip of Massachusetts' Cape Cod, "P-town" has been drawing a queer crowd since long before the birth of the modern gay rights movement. In fact, Atlantic House, the town's oldest and still indispensable nightclub, was a haunt for several of America's most noted gay writers in the 1920's—among them Tennessee Williams, whose nude photo strolling on a local beach hangs there.

To say that P-town is old is an understatement. The pilgrim ship Mayflower made its first landfall nearby in 1620. Many of the existing Greek Revival- and classic Cape Cod-style buildings were built in the 1800's or earlier (Atlantic House dates to 1798).

The must-see Pilgrim Monument commemorates the history of the Mayflower's arrival in Provincetown Harbor. Visitors walk to the top, passing hundreds of granite stones donated from all over the U.S. From its observation deck, the view of the coastline is spectacular. On August 5, 2010, the community will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the completion of the monument with—as is typically the case in P-town—a citywide party.

Provincetown is very much a festival-driven resort, and many are planned with GLBT audiences in mind. In summer, Carnival Week, sponsored by the Provincetown Business Guild (www.ptown.org), is a high point. The theme of this year's 32nd annual edition (August 15–21) is "Jungle Fantasy." Parade day (August 19) draws huge crowds, as participants and spectators alike don flashy costumes. Many guesthouses and restaurants also throw bashes.

Other important festivals include the Cabaret Festival (www.ptown.org/CabaretFest) in April, International Film Festival (www.ptownfilmfest.org) June 16–20 this year, Portuguese Festival (www.provincetownportuguesefestival.com) June 24–27, and Jazz Festival (www.provincetownjazzfestival.org) August 13–15.

Autumn has become increasingly popular, and several events focus on GLBT visitors. The 26th Women's Week, set for Oct. 8–17, 2010, is sponsored by the Provincetown Arts Council and Women of Provincetown Innkeepers (www.womeninnkeepers.com). The schedule always includes comedy and musical performances, films and soirees. (In the spring, ladies flock to P-Town for Single Women's Weekend and Women of Color and Allies Weekend.)

October also welcomes Fantasia Fair (www.fantasiafair.org). This week-long transgender event, scheduled for October 17–24, 2010, has been around since 1975, making it the nation's longest-running gathering of people of diverse gender identity for mutual support and socializing.

As for the club scene, Atlantic House (8 Masonic Place, www.ahouse.com) is open all year. The complex includes dance, cruise and leather bars. In warm weather months resort hotel complex The Boat Slip (161 Commercial Street, www.boatslipresort.com) hosts jam-packed terrace tea dances at 4 p.m. daily.

At night, The Crown & Anchor (247 Commercial Street, www.onlyatthecrown.com) draws a gay crowd to its six bars, which include Paramount nightclub, Wave video bar, a cabaret and The Vault for the leather crowd. After bar closing, many men head to Spiritus Pizza (190 Commercial Street) for a snack before venturing to the legendary cruise area known as the "Dick Dock."

Pied Bar (193 Commercial Street, www.piedbar.com) is the longest running club owned by and operated for women. It's the home of events by Girl Power Provincetown productions. The Pied's waterfront deck is lively all day long from May through mid-October.

One of the oldest artist colonies in America, P-town boasts several excellent galleries and top-notch theater companies, including the Provincetown Repertory Theatre and New Provincetown Players.

Though the long, narrow business district fronts on Cape Cod Bay, the best beaches are on the ocean to the west and north of town. Herring Cove is the most popular gay beach; it's a comfortable walk and easy bicycle ride

from the commercial district. Lesbians and gay men tend to congregate at different spots, and one section is described as "bisexual" because males and females gather there. Keep walking and you'll come to the very tip of Cape Cod. Nearby is Race Point, which is mixed but gay friendly; it's often rated as one of the nation's most beautiful strands.

Your options for where to stay are numerous (though many inns fill up months in advance for major weekends). The website www.pinkchoice.com lists 70 different guesthouses and motels catering to the GLBT community—all sorted by price and customer ratings.

Two ferry companies—Bay State Cruise Company (www.baystatecruise.com) and Boston Harbor Cruises (www.bostonharborcruises.com)—offer speedy catamaran service to and from Boston. The 120-mile drive can take three hours, but the ferries get you there in 90 minutes (and there's a full bar on board).

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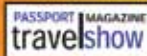


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Aspen Gay Ski Week, Gay Days sister event (www.gayskiweek.com), is always a great time to visit. Check out their ad on page 62 and remember to visit their booth at the Gay Days Expo.

GREAT BRITIAN

Plan a FAB trip to Europe later this summer. Manchester, the home of the original Queer as Folk, will be hosting the biggest 4 day LGBT party in the UK this August 20-30! Manchester Pride is one of England's biggest and best charity Pride events with over 42,000 visitors in the Gay Village festival site and over 90 floats in the city's largest parade. Visit www.manchesterpride.com.

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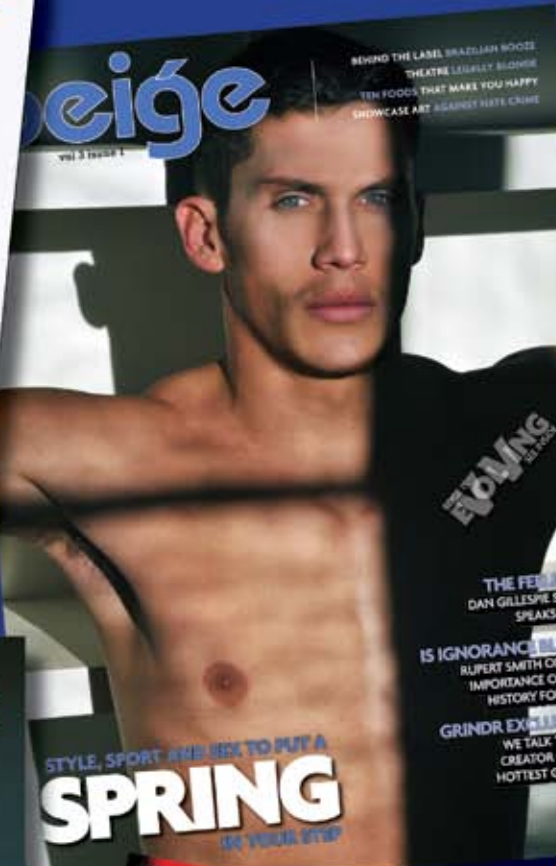


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