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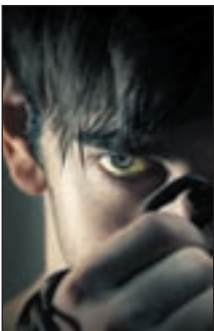
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### ■ Campaigning

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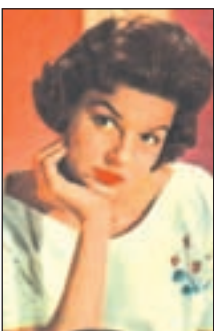
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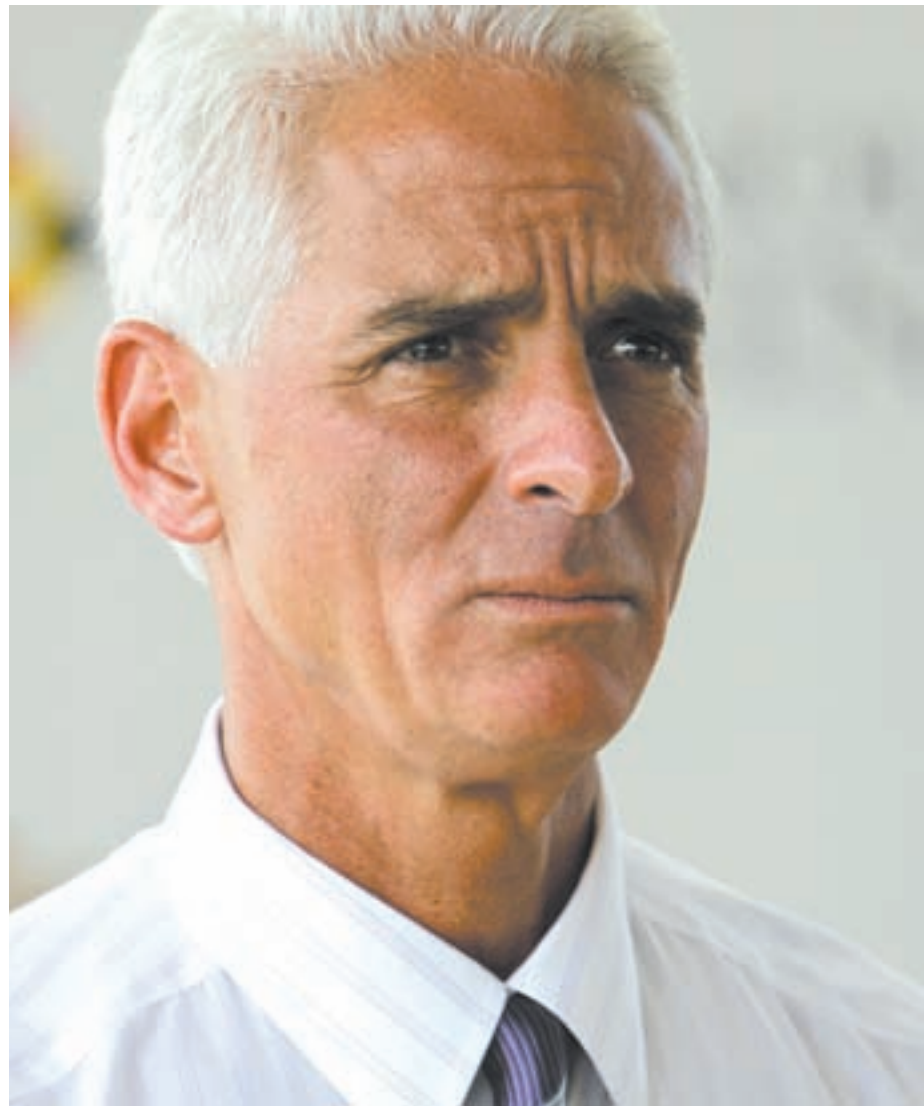
The Front Runners of St. Pete release their schedule through May of next year and invite the community to come out and join them every week.



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### ■ Anita's Role

The affect of what **Anita Bryant** did in 1977 to Florida's LGBT community is still being felt today as depicted in a documentary being shown throughout Central Florida.



Courtesy, Charlie Crist Campaign

Governor **Charlie Crist** now believes gays should get some rights.

## Florida's Favorite Flip-Flopper

By **DMITRY RASHNITSOV**

Florida Governor Charlie Crist, a man who has had two marriages for a combined less than three years in his life and has no legitimate children that he acknowledges, has come out with an interesting opinion on exactly those two subjects: marriage and child rearing.

After spending most of his political career fighting to deny the GLBT community the right to marry or adopt children, Crist — the now independent candidate for United States Senate — has changed his mind about GLBT rights.

While Crist's current Senate website, [www.charliecrist.com](http://www.charliecrist.com) does not mention his recent change of heart, a position paper with the governor's letterhead states some of his new positions regarding the toughest situations that are facing the GLBT community including adopting children, marriage rights, hospital visitation rights and the repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell', the ban on gays and lesbians serving openly in the military.

"I believe that the government should not make it harder for people to take care of their loved ones," Crist wrote in his position paper. "I believe civil unions that provide the full range of legal protections should be available to gay couples. That includes access to a loved one in the hos-

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## Court Strikes Down Ban on Gay Adoption

By **BOB KECSKEMETY**

In a 3-0 ruling, the Third District Court in Miami ruled that Florida's ban preventing gays and lesbians from adopting children is unconstitutional. The case was on behalf of a North Miami gay couple wishing to adopt their two foster children.

The court decision strikes down a 33-year old Florida law and will most likely be appealed to the Florida Supreme Court.

The final opinion stated that "Given a

total ban on adoption by homosexual persons, one might expect that this reflected a legislative judgment that homosexual persons are, as a group, unfit to be parents. No one in this case has made, or even hinted at, any such arguments. To the contrary, the parties agree 'that gay people and heterosexuals make equally good parents.'

The law prohibiting gays and lesbians adopting children goes back to the mid-1970s.

In 1977, the Dade County Commission passed a law prohibiting discrimination against the gay and lesbian community in matters of housing and employment. At that time, entertainer and Dade County resident Anita Bryant formed the "Save Our Children" campaign based on her Christian beliefs regarding the sinfulness of homosexuality and the perceived threat of homosexual

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## Asylum

**LOS ANGELES, CA:** A diplomat from Saudi Arabia has requested political asylum because he is a homosexual and has a Jewish woman for a friend. He told NBC News that if he was returned to Saudi Arabia they would "kill me openly and in broad daylight." Ahmad Asseri is the first secretary of the Saudi Arabian consulate in Los Angeles. Asseri claims that Saudi officials have terminated his employment and pulled his diplomatic passport after discovering his sexual orientation. In return, Asseri threatened to take embarrassing information public about the Saudi royal family living in the United States. ★

## Arnold Refuses to Flex His Muscles

**SACRAMENTO, CA:** California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has continued to defend against a federal judge's ruling against Proposition 8 on August 4. Both he and Attorney General Jerry Brown are being heavily pressured by conservative groups to defend the vote to repeal the anti-same-sex marriage court decision that Proposition 8 was unconstitutional. Both Schwarzenegger and Brown, on behalf of the State of California, were named as defendants in the Proposition 8 case in which the constitutionality of the anti-gay measure and the state did not offer a defense in favor of Prop 8. And, with their refusal to fight against the appeal, right wing groups have asked the court to allow them to act instead. The court has informed the groups that since they can not enforce California laws, they can not speak on the law's behalf. ★



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

## Pentagon Issues Warning



**ARLINGTON, VA:** A Pentagon spokesperson stated that the recent ruling by a U.S. judge that "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is unconstitutional isn't going to stop the military from dismissing soldiers in violation as it does not make the policy null and void. The Pentagon spokesperson, Cynthia Smith said at a recent press conference: "This ruling has no impact on the current law. The current law is still in effect." She also stated the Justice

Department and the law will not change without an act of Congress. ★

## ACS States LGBT Community at Higher Cancer Risk

**ATLANTA, GA:** The American Cancer Society has said that the LGBT community is at higher risk than the general community for several forms of cancer and that the LGBT community is not aware of it. In a March 2010 research done by Community Marketing, Inc., a LGBT market research organization showed that only 10.5% of the LGBT population were aware that certain types of cancer were more prevalent in the LGBT community. The ACS stated that gay and bisexual men were 17 times more likely to develop anal cancer. They also said that cigarette smoking is nearly double that of the general population and that 80% of all lung cancer cases are reported from the LGBT community. The report also shows that there is evidence that lesbians have a dense cluster risk factor significantly raising their risk of developing breast cancer. ★

## Americans Defining "Family" Differently

**BLOOMINGTON, IN:** New research reveals that the way Americans define "family" has changed. According to a new survey out of Indiana University, more people are recognizing unmarried couples, both gay and straight, as families. Still, there is a solid core resisting this trend and those people are more willing to include pets in their definition of a family than same sex couples. However, the presence of children significantly counted in people's definitions of a family. ★

## Prop. 8 Overturn May Only Help 2 Couples

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA:** ProtectMarriage.com says that failure of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn a lower court's decision that California's anti-same-sex marriage Proposition 8 would only help the two couples that were listed as plaintiffs in the original court documents. According to the L.A. Times, ProtectMarriage is contending that if the 9th Circuit only permits California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and/or California Attorney General Jerry Brown to appeal the lower court's ruling to the 9th Circuit, then the most previous ruling that Proposition 8 was unconstitutional would only benefit the four plaintiffs of the case and would continue to ban other same-sex couples from marrying in the state since the case was only filed on behalf of the two couples and not the entire LGBT community of California. ★



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# Governor Crist Now Believes Gays Should Get Some Additional Rights

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pital, inheritance rights, the fundamental things people need to take care of their families."

The one-page paper articulates ten different policy points related to gay rights.

The positions that Crist now supports for GLBT individuals include:

- Civil Unions
- Hospital visitation
- Inheritance rights
- Adoption rights
- Repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"
- Employment Non-Disimination Act
- The Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act
- Uniting American Families Act
- Appropriations for HIV/AIDS Programs
- Federal Safe Schools Improvement Act

Signs that the Crist campaign were thinking of targeting the GLBT vote came out this summer when the Governor mentioned a change of heart during a television appearance on CNN.

"I feel that marriage is a sacred institution, if you will. But I do believe in tolerance. I'm a 'live and let live' kind of

guy, and while I feel that way about marriage, I think if partners want to have the opportunity to live together, I don't have a problem with that. And I think that's where most of America is. So I think that you know, you have to speak from the heart about these issues. They are very personal. They have a significant impact on an awful lot of people and the less the government is telling people what to do, the better off we're all going to be. But when it comes to marriage, I think it is a sacred institution. I believe it is between a man and woman, but partners living together, I don't have a problem with," Crist said on TV, kind of playing both sides of the issue.

In 2008 Crist supported Amendment 2, a constitutional ban on gays and lesbians getting married in Florida that passed by less than 2 percent of the vote.

Crist's democratic opponent in the U.S. Senate Race, Kendrick Meek, immediately attacked his newfound position.

"Can anyone believe anything Charlie Crist says anymore?," said Abe Dyk, Kendrick Meek's campaign manager. "It's obvious Charlie Crist is willing to say anything. The only thing Charlie Crist says today that you can believe tomorrow is that he wants to be elected. Kendrick, in contrast, has been a cham-

pion of LGBT rights. He co-sponsored multiple attempts to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and has been a leader in calling for the repeal of Florida's gay adoption ban. Unlike Charlie Crist, Kendrick stood against Florida's gay marriage ban, Amendment 2."

A spokeswoman for one prominent Florida gay rights group praised Crist's position paper: "This is the furthest a sitting Florida governor has ever gone in publicly supporting [gay rights] issues," said Nadine Smith, executive director of Equality Florida. "There's no position he's taken that a majority of Floridians and Americans don't already support."

His whole political career, Crist has fought rumors that he himself is a gay man who has been in the closet. These rumors were fueled on by allegations from former interns, but Crist has never publicly acknowledged that he has engaged in homosexual behavior. Crist and Meek are also running against the Republican Senate nominee Marco Rubio in what's amounting to be the most exciting political race in the midterm elections.

Election Day is November 2. The three candidates have agreed to participate in a series of debates on national television. ★

## Gay Adoption Ban Unconstitutional

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recruitment of children and child molestation. As a result of her efforts, the Dade ordinance was repealed and the Florida Legislature passed a law prohibiting homosexuals from adopting children in the state. The law, however, did not prevent homosexuals from becoming foster parents.

ACLU attorney, Rob Rosenwalk, Jr. represented Martin Gill and his partner in their attempt to adopt two sons they fostered since the the children were 4-years and 4-months old. The actual names of the children were never identified.

Gill's attorney attempted to have the question taken directly to the state Supreme Court but Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum insisted that it first be heard by the Miami appeals court. However, legal scholars assumed the case would eventually go to the state's highest court all along.

Florida's Solicitor General, Scott Makar and Deputy Solicitor Timothy Osterhaus represented the state and claimed that it was not in the best interests of the children to be raised by homosexuals. ★

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## Did You Know?

By "CRAZY JOHN" BRIZENDINE

Were you aware that parts of the HBO mini-series, "From the Earth to the Moon" were shot at The Parliament House Resort? Did you know that the first lesbian bar in Orlando was opened by Sue Hannah? Have you ever heard of a nightclub called The Lazy Pig? All those tidbits of gay Orlando history and much more are available online at The GLBT History Museum of Central Florida's website: [www.gayorlandohistory.com](http://www.gayorlandohistory.com).

The online museum augments the actual physical exhibits that the museum currently has in its possession. It's really eye-opening to see pictures of The Parliament House when you could drive through what is now the courtyard. The Wall of Remembrance has moving tributes to the legacies of members of our community that paved the way for all of us still making history on a daily basis. As their mission statement says, the main objective of The GLBT History Museum is to collect, preserve and exhibit the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community's history in Central Florida. You have the opportunity to help make history with your donation of memorabilia or photos to the museum. You can contact the museum through the [gayorlandohistory.com](http://gayorlandohistory.com) website. They are also in need of volunteers to help catalog and organize the physical and online exhibits. Make your mark and help to preserve our rich LGBT heritage here in Central Florida.

Don't forget, the Come Out with Pride Parade & Festival will be on Sunday, October 10th in downtown Orlando near Lake Eola and Thornton Park. I'll be there hoping to meet all of you as we frolic and celebrate the rich diversity of our Central Florida GLBT community! For more information on the parade and festival, check out the website: [www.mbaorlando.org](http://www.mbaorlando.org) and click on the Come Out with Pride icon.

This is just my second column of "Central Florida Beat" and I want to thank everyone for the support and kind words about the Florida Agenda as we enter the Central Florida market.

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621-1741. Twisted Tom will be here next week. I'll see you again on October 7th. Bye for now. ★

## Pigskin Predictions Pt. 2

By RYAN DIXON

I wish I could say I wrote this prior to the NFL games played during week one, but alas, I didn't. Call me a cheater but there were way too many important games in week one for me to just throw these predictions out there. Allow me to apologize ahead of time to all the Dolphin and Bucs fans out there now.

Let's start off in the NFC with the East division. The Super Bowl is being held in Dallas and the Cowboys are going to play like it. No doubt they take the division. I wish my Eagles could do it but not with Kolb at the helm. In the North it'll be one last shot for Brett Farve. All he needs is for Adrian Peterson to hold on to the ball this year. The Saints take the South hands down, but it's going to take more than a Gulf oil spill to excite this team back to the Super Bowl. If Alex Smith doesn't completely suck this year, then the 49ers will take the West. Sorry Pete Carroll. The Packers and the Redskins, behind two great quarterbacks, take the two wild card slots for the



playoffs. In the Wild Card round, the Redskins upset the Cowboys in Dallas. I'm taking the Packers over the 49ers in the second game. The Saints handle the Redskins easily to reach the NFC Championship game. In a battle of Division rivals, Brett Farve makes one last push and reaches his second consecutive NFC Championship game by defeating the Packers. Farve continues the miracle run by shaking off the monkey on his back and defeating the Saints to reach Super Bowl XLV.

The AFC will feature some very lopsided games this year due to the high scoring offenses. The Jets take the East again this year thanks to another stellar year from their defense. The Ravens take the North. Many are pegging the Bengals, but with the signing of Owens, they took catches away from Ochocinco. The South goes to the Colts for the millionth year in a row. The Texans will give them a run, though. Even without Tomlinson, the Chargers win the West. My wild card picks for the AFC are the Texans and the Patriots. The Texans fall to their division rivals, Colts and the Patriots upset the Ravens in the Wild Card round. In the second round, the Colts will easily dispatch the

Chargers and the Jets somehow manage to beat the Patriots. The AFC Championship game will be won by the Jets on the road in Indianapolis to set up Farve to face one of his former teams in the Super Bowl.

My picks may be a little out there, but how "feel-good" would it be when Brett Farve throws a game winning touchdown as time expires to win Super Bowl LXV 23-20 over the Jets?

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# Black Magic Women

By **BOB KECSKEMETY**

I'm not sure that then-Presidential candidate Senator John McCain knew what he was unleashing on this country when he introduced us to Alaskan Governor Sarah Palin as his V.P. running mate in 2008. So many of my friends have told me how much they dislike the former governor, but I'm very honest when I tell them how much I love her. Who else, but Sarah Palin could have introduced us to the new fresh faces of GOP women. Here are some of my favorite quotes from my favorite candidates:

## **Michele Bachmann, Minnesota's 6th Congressional District**

Michele Bachmann has to be one of my favorite people. Her deep thinking and her love of country moves me every time she speaks because I admire her for not allowing facts to get in her way. My first introduction to Bachmann was when she appeared on the MSNBC program "Hardball" with Chris Matthews: "I wish the American media would take a great look at the views of the people in Congress and find out: Are they pro-America or anti-America?"

"I find it interesting that it was back in the 1970s that the swine flu broke out under another -- then under another Democrat president, Jimmy Carter. I'm not blaming this on President Obama, I just think it's an interesting coincidence." (April 28, 2009, referring to the 1976 Swine Flu outbreak that happened under Republican President Gerald Ford.)

"I want people in Minnesota armed and dangerous on this issue of the energy tax because we need to fight back." (March 2009, speaking out against Cap and Trade legislation)

"Does that mean that someone's 13-year-old daughter could walk into a sex clinic, have a pregnancy test done, be taken away to the local Planned

Parenthood abortion clinic, have their abortion, be back and go home on the school bus?" (October 2009, speaking out against a woman's right to choose)

## **Sharron Angle, Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate from Nevada**

Sharron Angle won the Republican nomination for U.S. Senator from Nevada after she beat out frontrunner, Sue Lowden whose campaign imploded when Lowden suggested that we pay for our healthcare with chickens. But, as they say, out of the frying pan and into the general election -- Angle won.

"... you know if this Congress keeps going the way it is, people are really looking toward those Second Amendment remedies and saying my goodness what can we do to turn this country around? I'll tell you the first thing we need to do is take Harry Reid out." (January 2010 to talk radio host Lars Larson)

"You can make more money on unemployment than you can going down and getting one of those jobs that is an honest job, but it doesn't pay as much. And so that's what's happened to us is that we have put in so much entitlement into our government that we really have spoiled our citizenry and said you don't want the jobs that are available." (July 2010 on unemployment benefits, interview with KRNO)

"... I have been in the situation of counseling young girls, not 13 but 15, who have had very at risk, difficult pregnancies. And my counsel was to look for some alternatives, which they did and they found that they had made what was really a lemon situation into lemonade." (July 2010, explaining why she is against abortion even in cases of rape or incest)

Now my personal favorite: "They [Republicans] say, 'You're too conservative.' Was Thomas Jefferson too conservative? I'm tired of some people calling me wacky." (March 2010)

## **Christine O'Donnell, Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate from Delaware**

Last week, most of us were treated to our first meeting to Christine O'Donnell. O'Donnell's no stranger to television as she's been a semi-regular on Bill Maher's "Politically Incorrect". Though she may be relatively new to the national scene, she has a trail of quotes behind her. After all, how many candidates do you know that would go on television to further her campaign against masturbation?

"You know, these are the kind of cheap, underhanded, un-manly tactics that we've come to expect from Obama's favorite Republican, Mike Castle ... Mike, this is not a bake-off, get your man-pants on." (September 2010 on her opponent for the Republican nomination Mike Castle's allegation that she illegally coordinated campaign activities with the Tea Party Express and denying that she has referred to Castle as a homosexual)

"We took the Bible and prayer out of public schools and now we're having weekly shootings practically. We had the '60s sexual revolution and now people are dying of AIDS." (1998 appearance on Bill Maher's "Politically Incorrect")

"They follow me home at night. I make sure that I come back to the townhouse and then we have our team come out and check all the bushes and check all the cars to make sure that -- they follow me." (September 2010 in the Weekly Standard claiming that unnamed political opponents are following her)

These just happen to be my favorites. To be fair, many Republican men have made just as outlandish statements -- so have Democrats of both genders. Perhaps it's like Michele Bachmann said in November 2005, "Not all cultures are equal." ★

## **Q: Do you feel you are addicted to Facebook?**



No, because I'm not into it. I don't need everyone knowing my whereabouts or business. I like to lead a private life.

**CHRIS GI,**  
Event Planner,  
Fort Lauderdale



No, I'm fully recovered. I've cancelled my account when my old high school girlfriend contacted me and asked if I was gay. Duh!

**JEFF T.,**  
Nightclub Security,  
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Facebook? Addicted to face! Smiling face -- prefer eye-to-eye, one-on-one contact. Technology is overrated.

**REV. FR. JOE GALLANT,**  
Pastor, Holy Family Church,  
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Definitely not. I believe it is an important social networking site and Java Boys is on Facebook, however, I do use it for personal reasons.

**NICKI ROSE,**  
Owner, Java Boys,  
Plantation



Yes, in a good way. It's a great way to associate with friends, keep informed and excellent for business.

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## Three Letters that Can Change Your Life - And They're Not What You Think

By SAM KNEW, MSW

It seems week after week we read about one three-letter acronym after another that can affect our health, but here's one you may not be as familiar with: HPV (Human Papilloma Virus). For gay and bisexual men, it can be a secret killer. There are 6.2 million cases in the U.S. each year and over one hundred strains of the virus, forty of which are transmitted sexually. In previous years, there have been studies linking HPV to cervical cancer, which encouraged the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to approve a vaccine for women. Recently, the FDA has also approved a vaccine for young males (ages 9 to 26). But now there is talk about protecting the rest of our population, seeing as studies have linked HPV to genital infections as well as some other types of cancer.

The virus in men can typically go undetected and untreated for a lifetime or until more severe infections and diseases develop. In some cases, the virus can develop into genital warts in areas of the penis, testicles, groin, thigh and

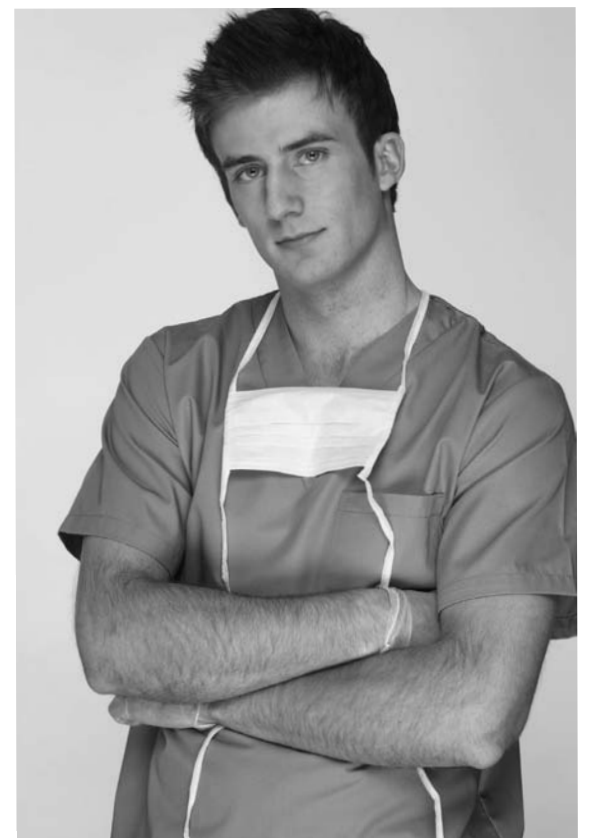
anus. These cauliflower-like warts tend not to be painful and disappear shortly after they appear, creating a misguided sense of recovery. Genital warts affect about one percent of sexually active men. And, although symptoms may disappear or the warts can be treated and removed, they can always reappear, making treatment a life-long process. However, you may have bigger problems than warts to deal with in the long run.

Fortunately, science has kept up with times. Unfortunately, insurance companies still have some catching up to do.

Gay and bisexual men are 17% more likely to develop anal cancer. In addition, HPV increases those risks, especially for individuals with weakened immune systems, such as men with HIV. Individuals with anal cancer can experience bleeding, pain, itching or discharge. Other symptoms include swelling of the lymph nodes in the groin and anus area. Penile cancer is also a risk factor linked to HPV. In the early stages, individuals might notice discoloration, toughing skin texture and build up of tissue on the penis. This could be

followed by painful sores and bleeding; however, in some cases there may be no symptoms until the cancer has advanced.

Fortunately, science has kept up with times. Unfortunately, insurance companies still have some catching up to do. The FDA has approved the vaccine for young women and men, primarily focusing on the pre-sexually active population. One reason for the age restriction is the belief that nearly half of sexually active people already have acquired an HPV infection; which is why some older individuals (anyone over 26) might find it more difficult to cover the \$375 cost of the vaccine. That hasn't seemed to stop some doctors, however, from encouraging clients into getting vaccinated; arguing it can't hurt and it's a lot cheaper than the cost of battling cancer. ★



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# On REYATAZ,

**INDICATION:** REYATAZ® (atazanavir sulfate) is a prescription medicine used in combination with other medicines to treat people who are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). REYATAZ has been studied in a 48-week trial in patients who have taken anti-HIV medicines and a 96-week trial in patients who have never taken anti-HIV medicines.

REYATAZ does not cure HIV or lower your chance of passing HIV to others.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

**Do not take REYATAZ if you are taking the following medicines due to potential for serious, life-threatening side effects or death:** Versed® (midazolam) when taken by mouth, Halcion® (triazolam), ergot medicines (dihydroergotamine, ergonovine, ergotamine, and methylexgonovine such as Cafergot®, Migranal®, D.H.E. 45®, ergotrate maleate, Methergine®, and others), Propulsid® (cisapride), or Drap® (pimozide).

**Do not take REYATAZ with the following medicines due to potential for serious side effects:** Camptosar® (irinotecan), Crixivan® (indinavir), Mevacor® (lovastatin), Zocor® (simvastatin), Uroxatral® (alfuzosin), or Revatio® (sildenafil).

**Do not take REYATAZ with the following medicines as they may lower the amount of REYATAZ in your blood, which may lead to increased HIV viral load and resistance to REYATAZ or other anti-HIV medicines:** rifampin (also known as Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®), St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)-containing products, or Viramune® (nevirapine).

Serevent Diskus® (salmeterol) and Advair® (salmeterol with fluticasone) are **not recommended** with REYATAZ.

**Do not take Vfend® (voriconazole)** if you are taking REYATAZ and Norvir® (ritonavir).

The above lists of medicines are not complete. **Taking REYATAZ with some other medicines may require your therapy to be monitored more closely or may require a change in dose or dose schedule of REYATAZ or the other medicine.** Discuss with your healthcare provider all prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamin and herbal supplements, or other health preparations you are taking or plan to take.

Tell your healthcare provider if you are **pregnant, breast-feeding**, planning to become pregnant or breast-feed, or if you have **end-stage kidney disease** managed with hemodialysis or **severe liver dysfunction**.

Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any side effects, symptoms, or conditions, including the following:

- **Mild rash** (redness and itching) without other symptoms sometimes occurs in patients taking REYATAZ, most often in the first few weeks after the medicine is started, and usually goes away within 2 weeks with no change in treatment.

- **Severe rash** has occurred in a small number of patients taking REYATAZ. This type of rash is associated with other symptoms that could be serious and potentially cause death. **If you develop a rash with any of the following symptoms, stop using REYATAZ and call your healthcare provider right away:**

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| – Shortness of breath                        | – Conjunctivitis (red or inflamed eyes, like "pink-eye") |
| – General ill-feeling or "flu-like" symptoms | – Blisters   |
| – Fever                                      | – Mouth sores  |
| – Muscle or joint aches                      | – Swelling of your face                                  |

- **Yellowing of the skin and/or eyes** may occur due to increases in bilirubin levels in the blood (bilirubin is made by the liver).

- **A change in the way your heart beats** may occur. You may feel dizzy or lightheaded. These could be symptoms of a heart problem.

- **Diabetes and high blood sugar** may occur in patients taking protease inhibitor medicines like REYATAZ. Some patients may need changes in their diabetes medicine.

- **If you have liver disease**, including hepatitis B or C, it may get worse when you take anti-HIV medicines like REYATAZ.

- **Kidney stones** have been reported in patients taking REYATAZ. Signs or symptoms of kidney stones include pain in your side, blood in your urine, and pain when you urinate.

- **Some patients with hemophilia** have increased bleeding problems with protease inhibitor medicines like REYATAZ.

- **Changes in body fat** have been seen in some patients taking anti-HIV medicines. The cause and long-term effects are not known at this time.

- **Gallbladder disorders** (including gallstones and gallbladder inflammation) have been reported in patients taking REYATAZ.

**Other common side effects** of REYATAZ taken with other anti-HIV medicines include: nausea; headache; stomach pain; vomiting; diarrhea; depression; fever; dizziness; trouble sleeping; numbness, tingling, or burning of hands or feet; and muscle pain.

You should take REYATAZ once daily with food (a meal or snack). Swallow the capsules whole; do not open the capsules. You should take REYATAZ and your other anti-HIV medicines exactly as instructed by your healthcare provider.

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- ◆ Is taken once a day with a snack or meal

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Ask your healthcare team about REYATAZ [www.REYATAZ.com](http://www.REYATAZ.com)

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Read the Patient Information that comes with REYATAZ before you start using it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This leaflet provides a summary about REYATAZ and does not include everything there is to know about your medicine. This information does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment.

**What is REYATAZ?**

REYATAZ is a prescription medicine used with other anti-HIV medicines to treat people who are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). HIV is the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). REYATAZ is a type of anti-HIV medicine called a protease inhibitor. HIV infection destroys CD4+ (T) cells, which are important to the immune system. The immune system helps fight infection. After a large number of (T) cells are destroyed, AIDS develops. REYATAZ helps to block HIV protease, an enzyme that is needed for the HIV virus to multiply. REYATAZ may lower the amount of HIV in your blood, help your body keep its supply of CD4+ (T) cells, and reduce the risk of death and illness associated with HIV.

**Does REYATAZ cure HIV or AIDS?**

**REYATAZ does not cure HIV infection or AIDS.** At present there is no cure for HIV infection. People taking REYATAZ may still get opportunistic infections or other conditions that happen with HIV infection. Opportunistic infections are infections that develop because the immune system is weak. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, and *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infections. **It is very important that you see your healthcare provider regularly while taking REYATAZ.**

**REYATAZ does not lower your chance of passing HIV to other people through sexual contact, sharing needles, or being exposed to your blood.** For your health and the health of others, it is important to always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom or other barrier to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood. Never use or share dirty needles.

**Who should not take REYATAZ?**

**Do not take REYATAZ if you:**

- **are taking certain medicines.** (See "What important information should I know about taking REYATAZ with other medicines?") Serious life-threatening side effects or death may happen. Before you take REYATAZ, tell your healthcare provider about all medicines you are taking or planning to take. These include other prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.
- **are allergic to REYATAZ or to any of its ingredients.** The active ingredient is atazanavir sulfate. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in REYATAZ. Tell your healthcare provider if you think you have had an allergic reaction to any of these ingredients.

**What should I tell my healthcare provider before I take REYATAZ?**

**Tell your healthcare provider:**

- **If you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.** It is not known if REYATAZ can harm your unborn baby. Pregnant women have experienced serious side effects when taking REYATAZ with other HIV medicines called nucleoside analogues. You and your healthcare provider will need to decide if REYATAZ is right for you. If you use REYATAZ while you are pregnant, talk to your healthcare provider about the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry.
- **If you are breast-feeding.** You should not breast-feed if you are HIV-positive because of the chance of passing HIV to your baby. Also, it is not known if REYATAZ can pass into your breast milk and if it can harm your baby. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby, talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.
- **If you have liver problems or are infected with the hepatitis B or C virus.** See "What are the possible side effects of REYATAZ?"
- **If you have end stage kidney disease** managed with hemodialysis.
- **If you have diabetes.** See "What are the possible side effects of REYATAZ?"
- **If you have hemophilia.** See "What are the possible side effects of REYATAZ?"
- **About all the medicines you take** including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Keep a list of your medicines with you to show your healthcare provider. For more information, see "What important information should I know about taking REYATAZ with other medicines?" and "Who should not take REYATAZ?" Some medicines can cause serious side effects if taken with REYATAZ.

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**How should I take REYATAZ?**

- **Take REYATAZ once every day exactly as instructed by your healthcare provider.** Your healthcare provider will prescribe the amount of REYATAZ that is right for you.
  - For adults who have never taken anti-HIV medicines before, the dose is 300 mg once daily with 100 mg of NORVIR® (ritonavir) once daily taken with food. For adults who are unable to tolerate ritonavir, 400 mg (two 200-mg capsules) once daily (without NORVIR®) taken with food is recommended.
  - For adults who have taken anti-HIV medicines in the past, the usual dose is 300 mg plus 100 mg of NORVIR® (ritonavir) once daily taken with food.
- Your dose will depend on your liver function and on the other anti-HIV medicines that you are taking. REYATAZ is always used with other anti-HIV medicines. If you are taking REYATAZ with SUSTIVA® (efavirenz) or with VIREAD® (tenofovir disoproxil fumarate), you should also be taking NORVIR® (ritonavir).
- **Always take REYATAZ with food** (a meal or snack) to help it work better. Swallow the capsules whole. **Do not open the capsules.** Take REYATAZ at the same time each day.
- **If you are taking antacids or didanosine (VIDEX® or VIDEX® EC),** take REYATAZ 2 hours before or 1 hour after these medicines.
- **If you are taking medicines for indigestion, heartburn, or ulcers** such as AXID® (nizatidine), PEPCID AC® (famotidine), TAGAMET® (cimetidine), ZANTAC® (ranitidine), AcipHex® (rabeprazole), NEXIUM® (esomeprazole), PREVACID® (lansoprazole), PRILOSEC® (omeprazole), or PROTONIX® (pantoprazole), talk to your healthcare provider.
- **Do not change your dose or stop taking REYATAZ without first talking with your healthcare provider.** It is important to stay under a healthcare provider's care while taking REYATAZ.
- **When your supply of REYATAZ starts to run low,** get more from your healthcare provider or pharmacy. It is important not to run out of REYATAZ. The amount of HIV in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time.
- **If you miss a dose of REYATAZ,** take it as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose at its regular time. If, however, it is within 6 hours of your next dose, do not take the missed dose. Wait and take the next dose at the regular time. Do not double the next dose. **It is important that you do not miss any doses of REYATAZ or your other anti-HIV medicines.**
- **If you take more than the prescribed dose of REYATAZ,** call your healthcare provider or poison control center right away.

**Can children take REYATAZ?**

Dosing recommendations are available for children 6 years of age and older for REYATAZ Capsules. Dosing recommendations are not available for children from 3 months to less than 6 years of age. REYATAZ should not be used in babies under the age of 3 months.

**What are the possible side effects of REYATAZ?**

The following list of side effects is **not** complete. Report any new or continuing symptoms to your healthcare provider. If you have questions about side effects, ask your healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider may be able to help you manage these side effects.

**The following side effects have been reported with REYATAZ:**

- **mild rash** (redness and itching) without other symptoms sometimes occurs in patients taking REYATAZ, most often in the first few weeks after the medicine is started. Rashes usually go away within 2 weeks with no change in treatment. Tell your healthcare provider if rash occurs.
- **severe rash:** In a small number of patients, a rash can develop that is associated with other symptoms which could be serious and potentially cause death.

**If you develop a rash with any of the following symptoms stop using REYATAZ and call your healthcare provider right away:**

- shortness of breath
- general ill feeling or "flu-like" symptoms
- fever
- muscle or joint aches
- conjunctivitis (red or inflamed eyes, like "pink eye")
- blisters
- mouth sores
- swelling of your face
- **yellowing of the skin or eyes.** These effects may be due to increases in bilirubin levels in the blood (bilirubin is made by the liver). Call your healthcare provider if your skin or the white part of your eyes turn yellow. Although these effects may not be damaging to your liver, skin, or eyes, it is important to tell your healthcare provider promptly if they occur.



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- **a change in the way your heart beats (heart rhythm change).** Call your healthcare provider right away if you get dizzy or lightheaded. These could be symptoms of a heart problem.
- **diabetes and high blood sugar (hyperglycemia)** sometimes happen in patients taking protease inhibitor medicines like REYATAZ. Some patients had diabetes before taking protease inhibitors while others did not. Some patients may need changes in their diabetes medicine.
- **if you have liver disease** including hepatitis B or C, your liver disease may get worse when you take anti-HIV medicines like REYATAZ.
- **kidney stones** have been reported in patients taking REYATAZ. If you develop signs or symptoms of kidney stones (pain in your side, blood in your urine, pain when you urinate) tell your healthcare provider promptly.
- **some patients with hemophilia** have increased bleeding problems with protease inhibitors like REYATAZ.
- **changes in body fat.** These changes may include an increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the legs, arms, and face may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

Other common side effects of REYATAZ taken with other anti-HIV medicines include nausea; headache; stomach pain; vomiting; diarrhea; depression; fever; dizziness; trouble sleeping; numbness, tingling, or burning of hands or feet; and muscle pain.

**Gallbladder disorders** (which may include gallstones and gallbladder inflammation) have been reported in patients taking REYATAZ.

**What important information should I know about taking REYATAZ with other medicines?**

**Do not take REYATAZ if you take the following medicines (not all brands may be listed; tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take). REYATAZ may cause serious, life-threatening side effects or death when used with these medicines.**

- Ergot medicines: dihydroergotamine, ergonovine, ergotamine, and methylethergonovine such as CAFERGOT®, MIGRANAL®, D.H.E. 45®, ergotrate maleate, METHERGINE®, and others (used for migraine headaches).
- ORAP® (pimozide, used for Tourette's disorder).
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- Triazolam, also known as HALCION® (used for insomnia).
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**Do not take the following medicines with REYATAZ because of possible serious side effects:**

- CAMPTOSAR® (irinotecan, used for cancer).
- CRIVIVAN® (indinavir, used for HIV infection). Both REYATAZ and CRIVIVAN sometimes cause increased levels of bilirubin in the blood.
- Cholesterol-lowering medicines MEVACOR® (lovastatin) or ZOCOR® (simvastatin).
- UROXATRAL® (alfuzosin, used to treat benign enlargement of the prostate).
- REVATIO® (sildenafil, used to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension).

**Do not take the following medicines with REYATAZ because they may lower the amount of REYATAZ in your blood.** This may lead to an increased HIV viral load. Resistance to REYATAZ or cross-resistance to other HIV medicines may develop:

- Rifampin (also known as RIMACTANE®, RIFADIN®, RIFATER®, or RIFAMATE®, used for tuberculosis).
- St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), an herbal product sold as a dietary supplement, or products containing St. John's wort.
- VIRAMUNE® (nevirapine, used for HIV infection).

**The following medicines are not recommended with REYATAZ:**

- SEREVENT DISKUS® (salmeterol) and ADVAIR® (salmeterol with fluticasone), used to treat asthma, emphysema/chronic obstructive pulmonary disease also known as COPD.

**Do not take the following medicine if you are taking REYATAZ and NORVIR® together:**

- VFEND® (voriconazole).

**The following medicines may require your healthcare provider to monitor your therapy more closely (for some medicines a change in the dose or dose schedule may be needed):**

- CIALIS® (tadalafil), LEVITRA® (vardenafil), or VIAGRA® (sildenafil), used to treat erectile dysfunction. REYATAZ may increase the chances of serious side effects that can happen with CIALIS, LEVITRA, or VIAGRA. Do not use CIALIS, LEVITRA, or VIAGRA while you are taking REYATAZ unless your healthcare provider tells you it is okay.
- ADCIRCA® (tadalafil) or TRACLEER® (bosentan), used to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension.
- LIPITOR® (atorvastatin) or CRESTOR® (rosuvastatin). There is an increased chance of serious side effects if you take REYATAZ with this cholesterol-lowering medicine.

**REYATAZ® (atazanavir sulfate)**

- Medicines for abnormal heart rhythm: CORDARONE® (amiodarone), lidocaine, quinidine (also known as CARDIOQUIN®, QUINIDEX®, and others).
- MYCOBUTIN® (rifabutin, an antibiotic used to treat tuberculosis).
- BUPRENEX®, SUBUTEX®, SUBOXONE®, (buprenorphine or buprenorphine/naloxone, used to treat pain and addiction to narcotic painkillers).
- VASCOR® (bepridil, used for chest pain).
- COUMADIN® (warfarin).
- Tricyclic antidepressants such as ELAVIL® (amitriptyline), NORPRAMIN® (desipramine), SINEQUAN® (doxepin), SURMONTIL® (trimipramine), TOFRANIL® (imipramine), or VIVACTIL® (protriptyline).
- Medicines to prevent organ transplant rejection: SANDIMMUNE® or NEORAL® (cyclosporin), RAPAMUNE® (sirolimus), or PROGRAF® (tacrolimus).
- The antidepressant trazodone (DESYREL® and others).
- Fluticasone propionate (FLONASE®, FLOVENT®), given by nose or inhaled to treat allergic symptoms or asthma. Your doctor may choose not to keep you on fluticasone, especially if you are also taking NORVIR®.
- Colchicine (COLCRYS®), used to prevent or treat gout or treat familial Mediterranean fever.

**The following medicines may require a change in the dose or dose schedule of either REYATAZ or the other medicine:**

- INVIRASE® (saquinavir).
- NORVIR® (ritonavir).
- SUSTIVA® (efavirenz).
- Antacids or buffered medicines.
- VIDEX® (didanosine).
- VIREAD® (tenofovir disoproxil fumarate).
- MYCOBUTIN® (rifabutin).
- Calcium channel blockers such as CARDIZEM® or TIAZAC® (diltiazem), COVERA-HS® or ISOPTIN SR® (verapamil) and others.
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- Medicines for indigestion, heartburn, or ulcers such as AXID® (nizatidine), PEPICID AC® (famotidine), TAGAMET® (cimetidine), or ZANTAC® (ranitidine).

**Talk to your healthcare provider about choosing an effective method of contraception.** REYATAZ may affect the safety and effectiveness of hormonal contraceptives such as birth control pills or the contraceptive patch. Hormonal contraceptives do not prevent the spread of HIV to others.

**Remember:**

1. **Know all the medicines you take.**
2. **Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take.**
3. **Do not start a new medicine without talking to your healthcare provider.**

**How should I store REYATAZ?**

- Store REYATAZ Capsules at room temperature, 59° to 86° F (15° to 30° C). Do **not** store this medicine in a damp place such as a bathroom medicine cabinet or near the kitchen sink.
- Keep your medicine in a tightly closed container.
- Keep all medicines out of the reach of children and pets at all times. Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Dispose of unused medicines through community take-back disposal programs when available or place REYATAZ in an unrecognizable, closed container in the household trash.

**General information about REYATAZ**

This medicine was prescribed for your particular condition. Do not use REYATAZ for another condition. Do not give REYATAZ to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them. **Keep REYATAZ and all medicines out of the reach of children and pets.**


This summary does not include everything there is to know about REYATAZ. Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets. Remember no written summary can replace careful discussion with your healthcare provider. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider or you can call 1-800-321-1335.

**What are the ingredients in REYATAZ?**

**Active Ingredient:** atazanavir sulfate

**Inactive Ingredients:** Crospovidone, lactose monohydrate (milk sugar), magnesium stearate, gelatin, FD&C Blue #2, and titanium dioxide.

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## Fort Lauderdale

### FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

Dine & Donate Movie Night at Courtyard Café benefiting Women in Network (WIN). Thurs., September 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy the movie *Fried Green Tomatoes* and the great food at Courtyard Café. 100% of every fried green tomatoes order will go directly to WIN. 10% of all other food orders from 6 to 10 p.m. will be donated to WIN. Join in the fun, have a great meal, enjoy a classic movie and help WIN. For more information, email [information@womeninnetwork.com](mailto:information@womeninnetwork.com). ★

### BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER

Join Southern Country South Florida in supporting a great cause at Scandals Saloon on Thursday, September 23 starting with happy hour at 6:30 p.m. Couples country dance lessons at 7:30 p.m. with Lee Fox. D.J. Gina will be spinning your favorite country tunes, 50/50 raffle. ★

### FOR FILM LOVERS

Get your tickets now for the Fort Lauderdale Gay and Lesbian Film Festival which runs from October 7 - 11. Fourteen great films are being shown at The Manor, 2345 Wilton Drive in Wilton Manors. Individual movie tickets can be purchased for \$8 for festival members, \$12 for non-members. Discount ticket packages are also available. For more information, visit [www.flglff.com](http://www.flglff.com) or call (305) 534-9924 (Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.) ★

### SPA DISCOUNTS FOR STUDENTS

It's only the beginning of the semester; exams haven't started and the only stress students are feeling is deciding which bar to go to on Thursday night. But bliss spa at W Hotel Fort Lauderdale knows that campus is your catwalk no matter what time of year, so they're introducing a 20 percent discount on spa treatments for college students. Students can visit bliss in the W Fort Lauderdale to indulge in signature services, famous facials and must-have mani/pedis. The special continues through October 31st when students present their college I.D. Bliss spa, 401 North Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd. (at W Fort Lauderdale) on Fort Lauderdale Beach. To book an appointment, call (954) 414-8230. ★

### THE VEEP VISITS

Vice President Joe Biden will be in Broward County on Friday, September 24 at 12 noon at the Westin Diplomat Hotel, 3555 South Ocean Drive in Hollywood. The Vice President is here to support Florida's Democratic candidates. To RSVP or for more information, email [JLutini@FlaDems.com](mailto:JLutini@FlaDems.com) or call (954) 290-9321. ★

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## Miami

### POTLUCK DINNER

Families Like Yours and Mine, a LGBT family group, will be holding a potluck dinner on Sat., Sept. 25 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Parish Center, 2750 Mc Farlane Road in Coconut Grove. This will be the group's first dinner get together. For more information or to RSVP, email [tfrontado@gmail.com](mailto:tfrontado@gmail.com). There will be great food, nice people and a playground for the kids. ★

### HELLROTIKA

SAVE Dade presents: Hellrotika: Circus of Lost Souls, the 16th Annual Halloween Extravaganza will be held on Sat., Oct. 30 starting at 8 p.m. at The Awarehouse, 550 NW 29th St. in Miami. This year's event is envisioned as a perfect combination of dance party, mingling forum and themed spectacle. Event guests will be treated to an immersive, multi-media experience with macabre interactive "circus" performances, a costume contest, food vendors and the latest dance music played by world class deejays. Tickets are now on sale for "Hellrotika" — general admission tickets are \$25, VIP tickets are \$45. VIP tickets give you access to unlimited cocktails at the Grey Goose-sponsored bars. There is a discount for tickets purchased prior to Oct. 1st. You can get tickets at [Hellrotika.com](http://Hellrotika.com). ★

**'WHIT & WILDE AND OTHER SUCH POETS'** INSIGNIA, the vocal ensemble of the Miami Gay Men's Chorus proudly presents its long-awaited performance of "Whit & Wilde and Other Such Poets". Through poetry and song, the members of Insignia will explore the richness and complexity that flowed from the pens of the gay giants of the literary world. The ensemble will present new settings of Oscar Wilde's "The Grave of Shelley" and Walt Whitman's "The Mystic Trumpeter" both commissioned for this concert. The program will also include pieces with texts by Langston Hughes and Elton John. The concert will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 2750 Mc Farlane Road in Coconut Grove starting at 4 p.m. on September 26. Tickets can be purchased at [miamigay-chorus.org](http://miamigay-chorus.org). ★

### MIASCI COMMUNITY DAYS

Miami Science Museum (3280 South Miami Avenue in Miami) is proud to announce the launch of MiaSci Community Days, a series of free admission opportunities on select weekdays to ensure that each and every member of the community has the opportunity to visit the Museum. Residents of Miami-Dade County are invited to visit the Museum on weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m. now through Thursday, September 30th. ★



## Bay Area

### FRONT RUNNERS ST. PETE

The Front Runners get together every Saturday morning through next May at 9 a.m. followed by breakfast. The first Saturday of the month they meet at Old Northeast Northshore Pool in downtown St. Petersburg; the second Saturday at Pinellas Point/Bay Vista Park; the third Saturday at Sunset Beach/Bedrox Pavilion located at W. Gulf Boulevard and finally, on the fourth Saturday at Gulfport-Clymer Park (Gulfport Boulevard at Beach). For more information, contact Barry Dingman at [barrydingman@gmail.com](mailto:barrydingman@gmail.com). ★

### "RESPECT: A MUSICAL JOURNEY OF WOMEN"

Now through Sunday, September 26, "Respect: A Musical Journey for Women" is at the Joeb Theater at the David A. Straz, Jr. Performing Arts Center. From "Someone to Watch Over Me" to "I Will Survive," it's the journey of women, told through top-40 music in the new musical production. Combining excerpts of 60 songs with women's own stories about found dreams, lost love, relationship issues, workforce entry, independence and more, this show is exhilarating! It's more than just a story worth telling, it's a must-see and must-hear event. Showtimes are Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sunday 4 p.m. ★

### BLACK, WHITE AND BLUES

The Tampa Film Institute, parent organization to The Gasparilla International Film Festival (GIFF), is proud to announce the Florida premiere of the feature film, **Black, White and Blues**. Tampa-born producers Charlie Poe, Jeff Balis and actor/writer/producer Morgan Simpson along with producer Rhoades Rader (Dodgeball) coordinated with GIFF and three other not-for-profit organizations to debut the film in Tampa. All proceeds will benefit Academy Prep of Tampa, Glazer Children's Museum, Junior Achievement and The Tampa Film Institute (GIFF). October 1 at Ferguson Hall at 6:30 p.m. ★

### SUNDAYS AT SAWMILL CAMPING RESORT

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## Central Florida

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Revolution Nightclub, The Doggie Door, BullFish, and Orange County Animal Services (OCAS) presents "Paws for a Cause - A Puppy Pageant" on Sunday, September 26th from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. The categories are "Most Original," "Best Owner/Pet Look-alike" and "Best Crowd Pleaser." Puppy pageant begins at 4:00 p.m. with host, **Baby Blue**. Special performances by **Dani Shay** (6:00 p.m.) and **Simpsons RD** (7:00 p.m.). There will also be raffles, drink specials and a complimentary buffet. \$8 cover or \$5 cover with an item from OCAS Wish List ([www.ocnetpets.com](http://www.ocnetpets.com)). Revolution is located at 375 S. Bumby Avenue in Orlando. ★

### IN ANITA'S WAKE: THE IRRATIONAL WAR ON FLORIDA'S GAY FAMILIES

This film will be presented at various Central Florida venues in the upcoming weeks and the presenters urge the "One Orlando" community to attend and bring a friend! This 70-minute documentary looks back at the hysteria surrounding the 1977 homophobic crusade of Anita Bryant and the resulting anti-gay adoption statute passed by the Florida Legislature. Featured in the film are parents and children currently fighting to save their families from a Florida government still intent on tearing them apart. When will Florida's leaders reject the loathsome politics of fear and bigotry? To be presented on **Saturday, September 25**, at the **Global Peace Film Festival**, 3:30 p.m.; **Rollins Bush Auditorium**, Winter Park. **Thursday, September 28**, **Hippodrome Theatre** at 7 p.m.; Gainesville (an ACLU event with **Martin Gill** and **Shelbi Day**); **Wednesday October 20** at **Orlando PFLAG**, 7:00 p.m., **First United Methodist** downtown, Wesley Building room 313; and, **Sunday, November 14**, in Melbourne, (location to be announced) 1 p.m. (an ACLU event). For more on this and other films, visit [vickinantzfilms.com](http://vickinantzfilms.com). ★

### "THE CRUCIBLE"

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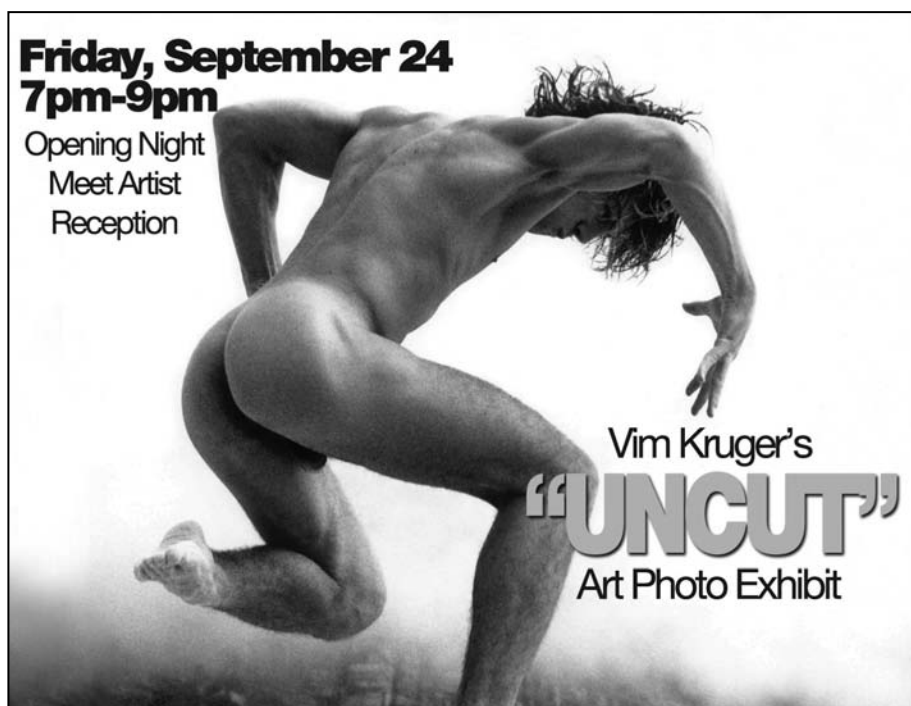
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The custard base is traditionally flavored with vanilla, but it is also sometimes flavored with lemon or orange zest, chocolate, coffee, liqueurs and even lavender. So Crème Brûlée is a symphony of tastes and sensations. The hard, warm, almost bitter tasting caramel top contrasts with the cool, smooth, sweet cream custard on the bottom. Your mouth is pleased in so many different ways! Cum'on boys, don't let your minds wander...

The only hard part about making this Crème Brûlée recipe is that it requires caramelizing the sugar topping just before serving. The aim is to get a hard shell caramelized finish without warming the cream underneath, and this can be difficult without the right tool. So, I suggest you should splurge on a blow torch. It costs very little and is well worth the price because Crème Brûlée

is so easy and delicious it's worth making again and again. Also, you can use the culinary torch for a lot of future recipes I'll be giving you. Makes 6.

**You'll Need:**

Preheat the oven at 200°F  
 10 egg yolks  
 8 ounces sugar  
 1 liter of heavy cream  
 1 vanilla pod  
 Brown sugar

**Instructions:**

1. Open the vanilla pod. Take the grains out and put them in the cream. Start heating slowly.
2. Mix the egg yolks and sugar in a large bowl beating like mad until the mixture becomes a light yellow color.
3. Add the boiling vanilla cream as you mix making sure that the mixture does not become too bubbly.
4. Delicately pour this new mixture into small individual porcelain or terracotta molds.
5. Preheat an oven to about 200°F.
6. Cook for 1 hour and 15 min; the crème should come out wobbly.

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