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From the Publisher

Welcome to **Out on the Coast magazine**, the only publication for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered populations of the Space and Treasure Coasts.

When I moved here a year and a half ago, the first thing I did was look for a publication that would tell me where to go and what was going on. Of course there was none. To make a long story short, through a series of coincidences I found myself able to publish this magazine and decided to give it a shot. I really must thank all those who have supported me in this effort. It means more than you know.

A little about me: I live in Brevard County, about 200 feet from Indian River County. So I identify with both coasts and have found the need for a magazine of our own stretches from Titusville to Stuart. I grew up in the Finger Lakes region of New York State, went to high school and college in Indiana and lived in Chicago for 25 years. While in Chicago I was involved in the GLBT community through the social service agency, Gay Horizons – now Horizons Social Services – and writing and photography for **Windy City Times**, **Gay Chicago Magazine** and **Metra magazine**.

I look forward to being a part our growing community along the Space and Treasure Coasts. We need more social outlets, both bars and organizations, and an annual event for us, by us, in our area. We need a voice, a way to communicate with each other and I hope to be able to provide that in **Out on the Coast magazine**. We can make a difference, make life more interesting and rewarding for all of us and for those who will be moving here. Major growth has already started in Port St. Lucie and it will spread north changing our area significantly in the coming years.

I can't make this magazine a success by myself. I need you to take an interest. Patronize my advertisers and let them know where you saw their ads, write to me with your opinions, go out and be out.

I'm glad I live on the Space and Treasure Coasts. I'm proud to be Gay. I'm looking forward to a long and rewarding relationship with our community. So if you see me out, say hello.

Ok, we're **Out on the Coast** of Florida one of the best places to be, so let's get out there and enjoy it and each other!

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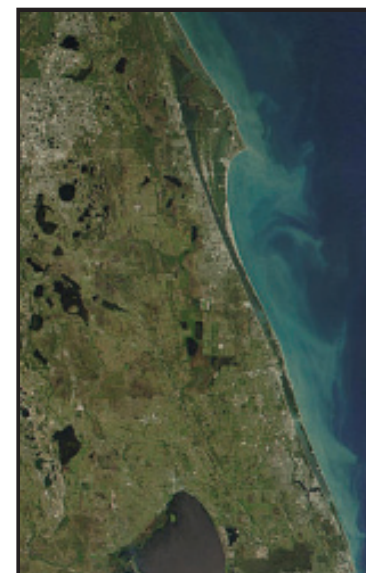


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DOC TALK

Gerald Pierone, Jr. M.D.

New challenges associated with HIV infection and treatment.

Since the introduction of highly effective antiviral treatment in 1996 there has been a major decline in AIDS-related infections and deaths, although this trend has begun to level off in the past two years. Longer survival of people living with HIV/AIDS has led to a steady increase in the number of people living with the virus in the U.S.

However, complacency has become pervasive and prevention efforts have dwindled and there has been an increase of unsafe sexual behavior. Recently, rates of syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases have been spiking along with new cases of HIV, especially in young adults.

Despite advances in therapy, HIV infection remains a devastating illness that impacts all aspects of ones life. The fallout of an HIV diagnosis changes everything - from personal relationships, to employment opportunities, insurability, health coverage, financial security, and overall quality of life. This does not mean that one

cannot live a completely wonderful, integrated life with HIV, but the hurdles and obstacles are much greater.

Although HIV does respond to treatment with a combination of antiviral medications, the drugs have significant side effects and we are still learning about new problems with them as we gain more experience.

The latest problem with antiviral medication is a higher rate of coronary artery disease and heart attacks. Several large studies have clearly shown that antiviral therapy leads to higher cholesterol and triglyceride levels and this translates into a greater chance for heart attacks. This is especially the case for those persons with other known risk factors such as smoking, diabetes, high blood pressure, and a family history of heart problems. The overall risk of heart attacks is low, but it is often necessary for additional medications to be added to treat the cholesterol and this further complicates medical care.



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By Lee Newell

What I Saw was my first Florida Pride Celebration. I've seen quite a few over the years in Chicago and even one in San Francisco. There's nothing quite like the Pride Parade in San Francisco, so I won't even attempt a comparison. But over the 25 years I was in Chicago I watch the parade go from a small affair in our ghetto to a huge, long, mostly boring thing that is only exciting to the tourists and newbies.

The best parades were small, more about being gay and proud than Stoli and politicians; more about flesh and drag than banks and political correctness; more about groups and celebrating than floats and partying. Now, don't get me wrong, I like partying, but there's a difference between a celebration and a party. A celebration is about the positive aspects of something, not just about getting high and having a good time. Again, there's

nothing wrong with getting high and having a good time, but when that becomes the whole reason for going to a pride event, then the celebration, the feeling good about yourself and feeling part of community is lost.

So I liked the early Chicago Gay Pride Parades, where I felt more a part of them, not just another "impression" amongst the hundreds of thousands along the route.

That said, here's What I Saw at Pride Fest 2003 in Lake Worth last Sunday: rain. Well, rain and a lot of people having a lot of fun. From little kids playing in the rain puddles in the park to adults enjoying the parade and entertainment, there were smiles everywhere. Both hugs and rain showered, love and pride was in the air. It was a small affair, an inclusive affair: people of all colors, genders, ages and orientations coming together to celebrate our Pride.

It was wonderful. It may not have had the dynamics of hundreds of thousands of people, but what it did have was the personal ownership of the event that is lost in huge crowds. You should definitely experience one of the major Pride events especially in San Francisco, but you really can't get a better personal experience than at a small event.

The pictures I took are in the back of this issue. I hope you enjoy them as much I did taking them.

Editor's comment on the *What I Saw* column:

This is a column that you will write. That's right you! Just put down your impressions of something you saw: a move, a show, a new attraction, concert, whatever you saw. Make it first person and 300 – 400 words as counted by Microsoft word. Then email it to WhatISaw@ootcmag.com and I will let you know when it will be printed. Don't be vulgar and if you want to dis something, make it entertaining, as nobody likes a whiny complainer.

If you've got something to promote, bring it on. If what you're promoting can buy an ad on this page, so much the better! Sorry to all you starry-eyed idealists, but this is a business and so the folks with

money in their hands move to the front of the line. At least I'm being up front about it.

I will not pretend that this space is not biased. Sometimes bias is good. Sometimes it's ok to hear a slanted viewpoint, as long as you understand that it is just the writer's opinion.

Do not email photos. Contact me and I will assist you in getting them to the correct specs and uploading them to ootcmag.com.

I look forward to hearing from you and we all look forward to reading about what you saw.



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with Miss T

Well, now, isn't this special! A column for all that's going up and down, I mean going on up and down...the Space and Treasure Coasts. If you know something that should be in this column, email MissT@OOTCmag.com, 'cause, honey, she's just waitin' to spill the tea on everything and everyone! And to dish up some tasty tidbits on the side

Now take a look around. Can you guess who bought the very first ad in our magazine? That's right: **Eclectus** in Vero gets a surprise free full page ad! It's a great place where you can show your stuff for darling Peter and hunky Anthony to appraise with a practiced eye. And if you're looking for some goodies, this is the place, honey. Don't forget to check out the back room and Peter's intimate space for treasures galore. This girl was wandering for an hour, but my mean old publisher wouldn't let go of the plastic – just wait until I start decorating our offices.

When it comes to wandering, this old girl is really looking forward to wandering around Playalinda Beach at the Canaveral National Seashore, taking in the sights. And I hear there's plenty up there to see if you hike far enough. Speaking of sausages, while you're in Titusville get yourself a nice Polish sausage, or breakfast, lunch or dinner at the **Bellwood Restaurant and Motel**. There's a delightful little restaurant with genuine Polish cuisine. The motel part has beautiful rooms, many in little freestanding buildings, so there's lots of privacy, too. Stop in to see why they have so many return visitors. If you're driving up from St. Lucie or Martin counties you might want to spend a weekend to check out both the Kennedy Space Center and the beach, just give Waldemar a call and tell him Miss T sent you.

Talking about telling, Miss T was distraught when told by Herb and Steve over at the Space Coast Eagle in Cocoa Beach that yes, they're really going to do it this time: close it up. They even asked us to not list them or show them on our map. Miss T is just beside herself over this news 'cause a sweaty cowhide clad body does something for me. Actually it may have more

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Spiritually Speaking

The Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Seay is a former pastor in the Assemblies of God. He has been a pastor in the Metropolitan Community Churches since 1989. He and his life-partner of twelve years, Mike Lufriu, recently moved to Brevard County to start a new church, East Coast Metropolitan Community Church. East Coast MCC meets in Melbourne at the Unitarian Uni-

versalist Fellowship (2185 Meadowlane Avenue) on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 6 p.m. Services in Vero Beach are at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 355 43rd Avenue on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.

In the Christian faith tradition, we are currently in a period of time called "Lent." Lent is traditionally a time to prepare for the Easter Season by giving up something that is important to you. For a period of forty days (not counting Sundays), one is expected to make a sacrifice. People have been known to give up eating meat, bread, chocolate, soft drinks, or almost anything else.

But I wonder what would happen if we each decided to give up preconceived ideas for Lent. Imagine what life would be like if we allowed each person we

know to just be themselves instead of expecting them to be who we want them to be. How many people in our community could breathe easier if they didn't have to defend their lifestyles to their families? Imagine living a day without having to meet the expectations of another person.

Would we be free to change our dress codes, the type of vehicle we drive, or even where we like to go out for fun? Would we be free to choose the person we really want, and not someone just to please our friends or family?

And how much relief would our friends experience if we allowed them just to be themselves. Movies and T.V. shows would have a difficult time creating GLBT characters because there would be no stereotypes. Perhaps we would not find as much disappointment in our lives if we allowed others to be themselves instead of who we expected them to be.

Lent – a time to give up something to improve our world. Maybe we could each expect a little less of each other and become a little easier to live with.

Editor's comment on Spiritually Speaking column:

Considering how important religion is to people we feel it is important to address this aspect of our readership's lives. As we meet and speak with spiritual leaders we will strive to include more voices for this column to provide a breadth of thought and ideology.

This could be a way for individuals who feel left out of mainstream Christianity to share their belief systems. It is important that we embrace diversity, lest we appear hypocritical for espousing acceptance of ourselves under the banner of diversity and then limiting discussion of something so personal as spiritual beliefs to a few viewpoints.

One thing this column **will not** be is a forum for religion or belief bashing. We will not provide space for individuals to belittle, ridicule or deride other belief systems. This space is for the expression of what the authors find rewarding about their beliefs, of how their beliefs better the world and a forum for positive thoughts, a way of furthering understanding and expanding people's spiritual experiences.

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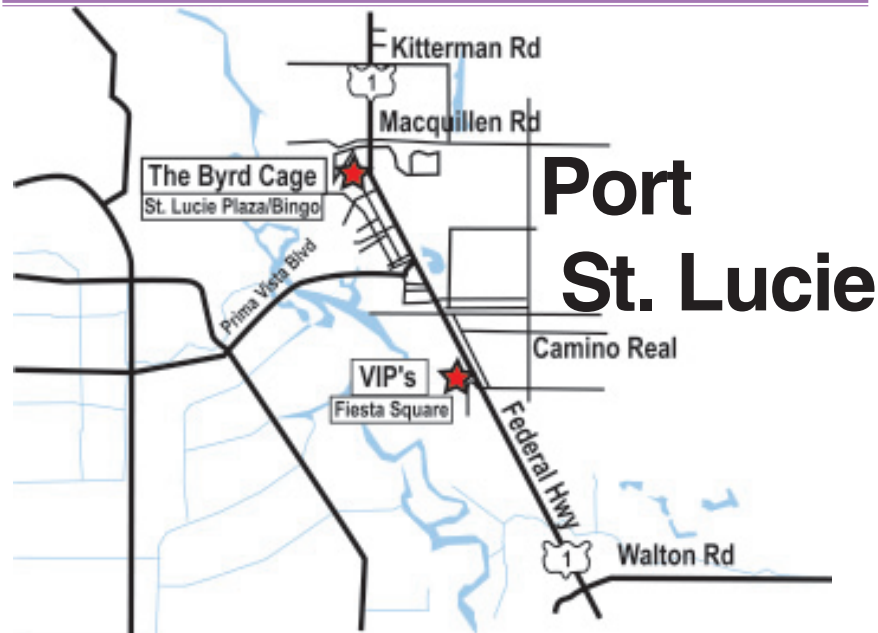
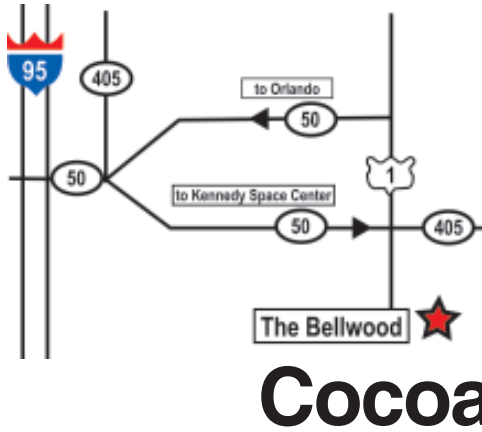
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to do with the fact that once they're tied up they can't run away.

And speaking of runways, last Thursday at the Drama Club I saw a boy doing a boy – no, no, no! Not what you're thinking. It was part of their preliminaries for their Mr/Ms contest and while there were boys being girls and girls being boys, there was a boy being . . . a boy! Just like Victor, Victoria, only completely different. After a few drinks it's hard for this old girl to keep it all straight, aaa, so to speak.

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Meadowlane Ave. (just north of Helen St near Minton and New Haven – 192). So if you need a spiritual lift and a healthy dose of acceptance, stop in. It's also a place where can pick up a copy of **Out on the Coast magazine**.

Other places to find us in Melbourne are at Project Response and Dr. Pierone's office. We're hoping to find a place at BCC to hand them out too. Stay tuned and Miss T will let you know where we're welcome in South Brevard.

A place we're definitely welcome in Vero Beach is PFLAG. There's great fellowship, interesting presenters, political action, social gatherings, I could just go on and on. But I must say, girls, it doesn't all happen at every meeting: you gotta go to several to get in on it all. I just don't know about

There's something completely different at the Rainbow Community Center in Cocoa. The only gay community center on our entire coast offers a library, free, anonymous HIV testing, groups and Bingo on Friday night. They even have resale store across the street. And there's a gay church adjoining their space. Trust me, girls, this is something special. Show your support, have some fun and help our community grow. With all the goings on in Cocoa we hope to see the entire Brevard crowd stopping in there.

Moving down to Melbourne, there's a new place to worship. The **East Coast MCC** has services on the second and fourth **SATURDAY** evenings at 6 pm in Melbourne at UU Fellowship on

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There was a young man from Nantucket,
Who place all his ads on a bucket.
It didn't do much good,
Though he thought it would.
And finally he just said:

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Pride Fest 2003 Lake Worth



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those people who show up just once. What's up with that? Some sort of attention deficiency? Maybe they just can't get the hang of PFLAG's first Monday and that fourth Tuesday meetings. Luckily, Miss T's cabana boy keeps her on track – he's always reminding me which nights I'm going to be out of the house and where to go.

Another is the **East Coast MCC** services on the second and fourth SUNDAY evenings at 6 pm in Vero Beach at the UU Fellowship on 43rd Ave. This church is spreading along the coast in response to our growing community and its spiritual needs. And while I'm at it, let's give a big smooch to the Universal Unitarian Association for their acceptance. They that realize that having two of something doesn't necessitate competition. By working together they give our community more and our community grows in response. Alternatives to nightlife are important for the soul.

When it comes to nightlife in Indian River County, there's nothing for a girl to do but hit the road. It's only 25 miles down to Port St. Lucie where we're lucky enough to have two bars. Choices, choices, what's a girl to do? I just have to do them both! And I never complain about having two to do, honey. You lucky girls in Ft. Pierce and PSL have something going on at each bar every night of the week.



Tanya Lewis at The Bryd Cage on Pride eve



Oh, so close! Maybe it's in the wrist action?

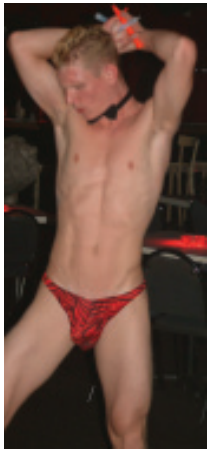
A couple of Sundays ago, the **Byrd Cage** had a dunk tank benefit. What a hoot! Half the fun was seeing who could hit the target, the other half were the unintentional dunkings from the flaky catch on the seat. A great time was had by all and it was for a great cause. After that the guys showed up to smack some balls around – volleyballs, dear, like they do every Sunday. And when that 'ole hunger hits, this girl just loves how you just hold open your buns and Jessie slips in some hot meat – fresh off the grill.

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Speaking of slipping in, what do you think will be slipping into Ft. Pierce soon? No, think using the top end of your body, Mary. The answer is: **East Coast MCC**. They are working on a place to have services, there too. We'll keep you posted about when and where, as soon as we know, we'll pass it on, 'cause there's no keep secrets around this old gal!

If you weren't there, you should have been when **VIP's** was sporting Wood for



Wood at VIP's

Tony's birthday. Now that dancer's quite a handful, let me tell you! Yes, siree, bobby! Miss T remembers Wood fondly, when I got home I almost wore out my cabana boy!

And if you like throwing little things around, stop by on Tuesdays – and after Todd dulls your wits with some tasty libations you can join the dart league. And then there're shows and ladies night and, well you can read the ads, dearie. It just a bar hopping good ole time in PSL all week long!



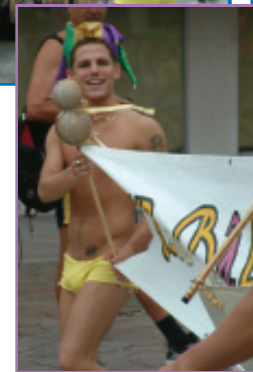
Tony and Andrew at VIP's birthday party for Tony

You know Miss T has been wandering all over the place looking for dirt – ah, em – advertisers. I'll tell you, honey, I just can't believe where I've been. For instance just last week I was looking for a place in Ft. Pierce. Driving West, past 95, past the Turnpike, I was about to check the 'skeeter netting and the load in the 'gater gun when I saw their sign. Down a lane, through a break of trees and Miss T was confronted with one of those idyllic Florida spaces that we all treasure so much. And this one was for dogs! A boarding kennel with beautiful lawns and peacocks; a peaceful and wonderful place with a warm and friendly staff; let me tell you, dears, Miss T had visions of hoop skirts and crinolines, of swooning, strong arms and willing....

UM, I think the cabana boy needs some ... personal supervision, so you'll have to excuse me right now. Be sure to email me dirt:

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