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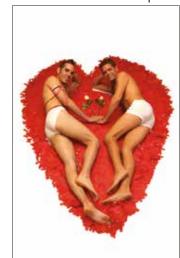


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Jen Time

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It seems a number of faithful readers missed a semicolon in last month's column, so let me clarify: CHARLOTTE'S WEB IS OPEN as a GLBT bar now. Charlotte assured me that she staying open to provide a place for women, men and anyone else who wants to party. Actually she wanted to get an ad in this issue but our slacker sales rep didn't get in touch with her until too late! Charlotte's Web is looking forward to welcoming the women from the cruise departing January 29 and returning February 2. Stop in and check out the show with Melissa Mason and guests – just give them a call (they're listed in the directory on page 23 and on the map on page 9) to get the details on times and line up.

It's been a terrible production week with lots of problems with people getting sick, missing commitments, computer problems, hosting snafus, oh my! Computer problems did in Drake Austin's column this month, but he'll be back next month. It's made things so confused around here this week that I'm not going to try to knit things together with my usual aplomb or bother with order either.

The People Care Center in Vero Beach had a wonderful kickoff benefit luncheon on the January 20 at Carmel's. Fabulous food, an excellent turnout and the incomparable Kelli Randell as hostess of ceremonies and they raised over \$1,000 – enough to get them going although they need much more. The People Care Center is an important addition to the area and we urge everyone to support it at every opportunity.



People Care Center officers Lourdes, Bonnie and Annette

Speaking of support, **Vero Beach PFLAG**, doer of immense good all along the Treasure Coast can use some at the moment. Look for some fund raising events in the near future and be sure to turn out for them – there is no other group on the Treasure Coast that does as much for everyone! And if you need some financial support to better yourself with training or education, did you know that **Vero Beach PFLAG** has scholarships available? Contact them or me for an application.

We have a couple of new advertisers in this issue: **Nu-2-U Boutique** in Stuart, just north of the bridge is an amazing place with something for everyone who performs on stage, in the bedroom or a combination of both. If you don't believe me stop in and check it out. Lori is a gem and deals abound.

If you're in Brevard and spring a leak or need repairs, give Stokes Plumbing

a call. We all know that having family in to do service makes things much more comfortable. No need to explain or hide and excellent service to boot make everyone a winner!

Family of God in Christ Community Church in Cocoa continues to expand their ministry. They have revised their membership requirements to broaden their welcome to all who support their ministry without regard to individual doctrine. They are working to reopen their food bank and are still planning to open their SHARE house residential ministry for those ill or in transition when they can get all the necessary details worked out.

Rainbow Room: dancers, shows, fun, 'nuff said. If you've been there you know, if you haven't you should check it out and their Mardi Gras Party and fetish Valentine's Party make the

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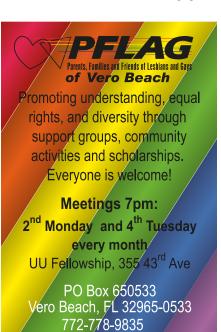
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Expect Changes this month. With the Sun, Neptune, Mercury, Venus and the full moon (on the 8th) being in Aquarius, life will be full of surprises. Saturn is in opposition with Chiron and Venus. Make sure you know that time is not important. Look to the end result and don't worry about how it gets there. When the full moon in Virgo arrives on the 23rd, you will have the time to analyze the drama and correct whatever mistakes you may have made.

Aries March 22- April 21 Your focus this month is on communication; when to speak and when to remain silent. Take every opportunity to network and express your positive ideas. Although you may feel irritated by the day-to-day demands, it is wise to keep your criticisms to yourself for now. Change is in the air. Once those changes are made you can correct the problems that are annoying you.

Taurus *April 22- May 21* This is a great month for you. You now have the opportunity to finish all those annoying projects that have been weighing on your mind. You manage it with grace and others will wonder how you got everything to fall into place so easily. It's a gift given because of your determination to finish what you have started. Enjoy your accomplishments.

Gemini *May22- June 21* Early in the month you will find you work is going fabulously. Use this time to promote your attributes. By the middle of the month your focus will be on romance. If you're involved in a relationship, you will find it to be more

passionate. If you are not, you may find someone from your past returning. Enjoy the attention, but remember why the two of you didn't stay together.

Cancer June 22- July 21 Courage is the word for you this month. Your focus will be correcting what is wrong with the relationships in your life. Remember to do it with tact and to have an alternative way to go about achieving what the two of you want. With keeping your cool and having the courage to express yourself analytically, you will create satisfactory results.

Leo July 22- August 21 The day-to-day routine may be a little challenging this month. Those little annoying habits, both at home and work are highlighted now. Take the time to change your habits, such as make a specific spot to put your keys when you enter your home or focus on the positive with the one that is annoying you at work. You will be less sensitive next month.

Virgo August 22- September 21 Your focus this month will be on work. Management will make changes that may not be to your liking at the moment. It's a good time to go with the flow and not over analyze the transitions. You will have the opportunity later to make your own corrections. Instead, take some time away from work to focus on your love life. You have neglected romance lately.

Libra September 22- October 21 Your whole focus will be on relationships this month. Your job is to correct those pending

disagreements and to find peace and harmony. You will find being logical and taking the emotion out of the conversation will make the path smoother. A little comedy or humor will go far. Give them the benefit of the doubt and move on. Focus on where your relationship is progressing.

Scorpio October 22- November 21 Responsibilities, especially in your personal life may be draining you both mentally and financially this month. There are certain expenses that you must be responsible for as well as sacrifices you must make on a personal level. Just do it and find an escape to take your mind off it. This is a very good time to live in the now. Forget about the past and don't worry about the future.

Sagittarius November 22- December 21 You are out and about this month. Others will demand a lot of your time. You will work hard and play hard. Use your energy wisely. Make sure you take the time to recharge your body. After the full moon on the 23rd, take time to analyze all the information you have received. You will find certain perks or privileges hidden in your adventures that you will be able to take advantage of.

Capricorn December 22- January 21 Your focus will be on your finances and personal values. It's a good time to look at your long-range goals. You know what is best for you even though it may be unconventional or out of the norm. Don't let others influence you. Use you instincts and stick with your personal beliefs. It may be challenging, but it will be well worth it in the long run.

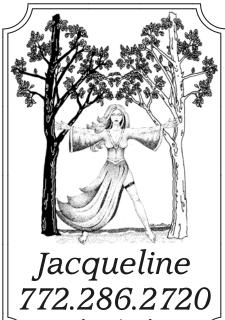
Aquarius January 22- February 21 Happy Solar Return! You are going to want to express yourself this month. Keep it on the positive side with work. Others in authority are watching. By keeping a positive spin on the crisés that occur you will receive great rewards. Your rebellious personality will want to come out. Find a way to use it for the good or next month you may find yourself digging out of the hole you're buried in.

Pisces February 22- March 21 This is the time to set limits and boundaries. Others

can make demands upon your time and energy. Pick and choose the most important. Let the others find another way of handling their situation. Believe me, they will. Take the time to pamper yourself. You are highly sensitive now and will be drained by the hard decisions you have to make. Know you are right.

For those who want to know: An opposition is 2 planets, 180 degrees apart. What this means is for the 2 planets to work well they must find a balance; kind of like a seesaw. With Saturn opposing Chiron and Venus, from Capricorn to Cancer, we as a whole are learning how to understand and change just how we nurture others and ourselves. If you do not find the balance, you will defiantly find an emotional roller coaster. With an opposition it's either or....

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perfect reason to do it. Get your tickets now, if New Year's was any measure they'll be packed.

REBAR in PSL has something I've never seen, but apparently those leading less sheltered lives are familiar with: ntn Trivia. There are wireless control boxes and trivia questions on the TVs over the bar. You compete with others nationwide both at the bar and as an individual. According to what I've heard, there was a winner last year who walked away with 50 Grand! Now that's my kind of trivia! Also **REBAR's** formal Grand Opening is the first weekend in February so if you haven't been there, it's the weekend to check it out.

And while you're in PSL, stop in at for their Mardi Gras Party on February 4. So you can party at both bars by doing one a night or going back and forth, or both! And make sure you're at **Club B** λ **rd Cage** for **Hearts of Pride** benefit for babies with AIDS on February 13 – there are more performers than you can shake a dollar at, so bring plenty of them. And if you're around on a Thursday, check out the karaoke contest, \$500 for belting out the best song in the finals is nothing to sneeze at, so get warmed up and get in there to qualify.

There are lots of new faces at the bars in PSL, which is great and bodes well for Pride Celebration coming up in March. It's been too insane around here for me to get in early details, but I know it's going to be at a park, there will be beer and some entertainment, food, sports and surprises. With Jim and Jerry working with **Kelli** you know it's going to be done up fabulously.

I hear that Todd is leaving for Ocala soon, so PSL will be loosing a favorite face. We expect he'll come visit often as it just won't be the same without his smiling face and the presence of Tasha Absolute. One who isn't leaving, thank goodness, is Tony, a PSL familiar face and one tabulators for **Club B** λ **rd Cage** events. We hear he survived long odds with his by-pass operation and is now doing extremely well in Bill's loving care. We look forward to seeing them both our and about soon.

The Cold Keg is throwing their **Fireball IV** Valentine's Party on Saturday, February 12. It's guaranteed to be another incredible party as only **The Cold Keg** can throw one. And with the return of karaoke on Wednesdays, there's one more reason to cruise out 192 and join in the fun.

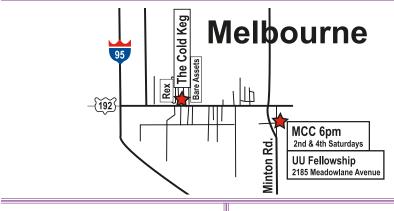
Bliss is having **Kelli Randell** back, with the Grand Dame of Melbourne, Roz Russell, on Sunday, January 30. There are more changes in the wind down in Vero, so make sure you stop in every week to check out **Bliss** as you never know what the experience will be.

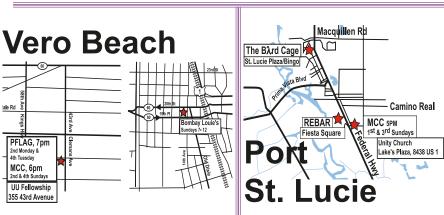
Gay Rights tidbit: As our presence grows and we become more visible through bars and organizations we will be seen as a threat by the Christian Fundamentalists who will use us to instill irrational fear in their followers who, in turn, will spread the lies and fear to our elected officials. We need to be ready. We need to do an end run by educating our elected officials and being ready to confront and dispel the fear. Join a group or start a group and make a difference.

Send your news, gossip and tidbits to MissT@ootcmag.com

Bars & Meeting Places







Spiritually Speaking

HURTS IN THE NAME OF GOD

We are all aware of the hurts that are prevalent in the name of Religion. It has been more the norm at our church membership meetings when those gathered share their religious journey and how they have been condemned on behalf of certain religions, and/or made to feel "less than" as a Christian because of the sexual orientation. Some have even been admonished from their place of worship and told never to return.

It is important that we differentiate the differences between Religion, Faith and Spirituality; all are very different chapters in the life of ones faith. Religion has marred many of us, and this is due to our human imperfections. The Priest, Minister, Rabbi and or Pastor are merely human tools of service to bring us hopefully to a healthy way of a stronger spirituality and faith. human-made element of religion is what harms us when those in the "ministerial authority" of God take it upon themselves to judge, condemn and exclude others because they don't fit in to their mold of righteousness.

I apologize sincerely for those who have been abused, those who have been hurt, angered and excluded. It is a difficult road for any minister to justify the bad choices and behaviors of other clergy. Personally, it saddens me. but I don't blame those who say I won't return to any church because of the poor experiences of Religion and the abuses of some clergy. These are the pit-falls of religion; the human element of religion just as ourselves we do fall short of God's glory because the human element is FAR from perfect!

Jesus Christ came to put the human laws and expectations of righteousness in their proper place; but it seems many use the name of Jesus to condemn and that is sad. Jesus Christ came so that we may live in love, not divide ourselves over love but unify ourselves as Christians and servants to his word. Jesus Christ, all perfect and divine NEVER HURT ANYONE but of course those who did not agree with those teachings put him to death. How many of our community have been led to spiritually die, because of a self righteous pastor, minister, rabbi or priest.

We are called to be a people of faith. A faith that is life giving and doesn't take away ones dignity. ones respect or ones peace of mind. Worshiping, as a Christian family can be life giving and the support we give to one another in community strengthens our bonds of faith. We must let go of the human element of disappointment and open our hearts and minds to what Jesus has asked of all of us: "To love one another as I have loved you." That is the new commandment he shared with all of us and we need to celebrate that love as a Christian family. That's what a healthy church experience is all about to be united in God's love and not divided as a community of faith.

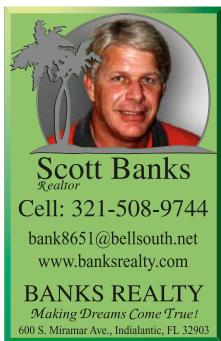
Support what is good in your communities, let go of our past negative experiences of religion. Don't base your faith, spirituality or lack of on the faults of a religion, institution or bad clergy experience. Base your faith on the love of Jesus Christ that sets all of us free and is unconditional and eternal.

Rev. Mark Osdras is the Pastor of Family of God in Christ Community Church which is located at 950 North U.S. 1 in Cocoa. They operate a thrift shop to benefit the outreach ministries to our community within the same building complex. Their website details all of their services and activities www.familyofgodbrevard.org



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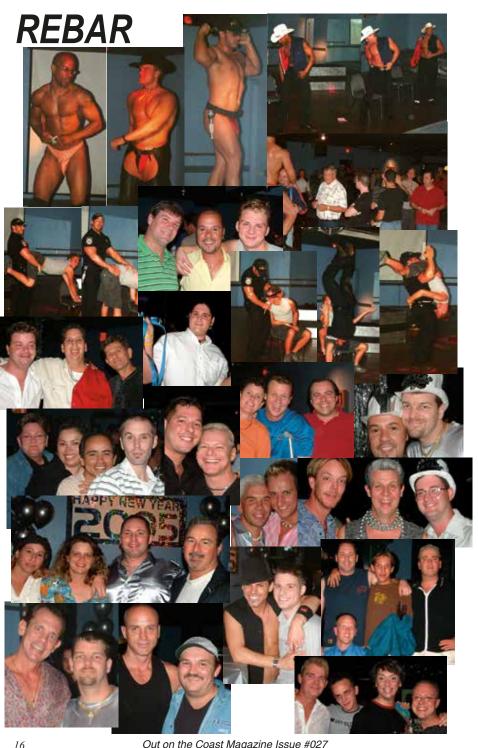
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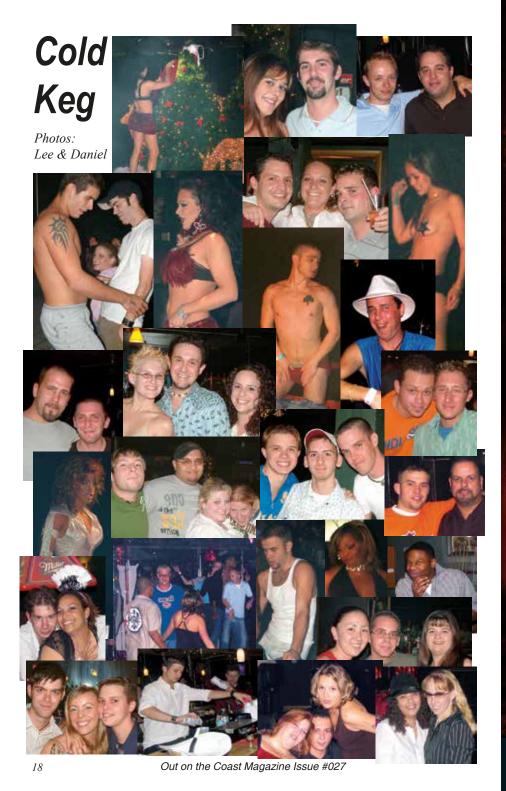














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