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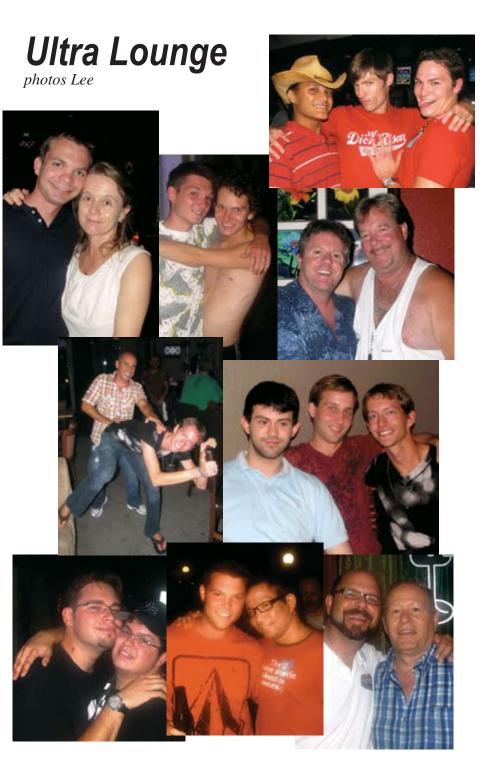
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Aries March 23 - April 22 Before the 12<sup>th</sup>, let not the vacillations or indecisiveness of other's be a detractor for you, instead be a listener and not a facilitator, let them find their own solutions to issues. After Mercury goes direct, you'll be in a better position to aid them and point them in the right direction without becoming engulfed in their problems. Seek advice from your water friends; together you will see that nothing is impossible with time and patience.

**Taurus** *April 23 – May 22* Now is the time for you to care for yourself and address what troubles you. After Mercury goes direct, indulge yourself in activities that not only rejuvenate your spirit but your body and mind as well. Your personal health and wellbeing should be your utmost concern and a new routine will aid you. Focus on the truth and your happiness and don't go with what is socially acceptable. This new routine will not only relieve the pressure but also make you feel good about yourself.

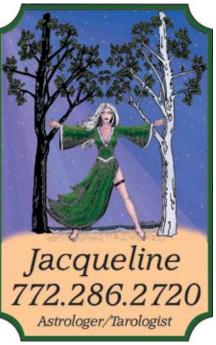
**Gemini** May 23 – June 22 Start this month observing what others are revealing to you. Use digression and safeguard those ideas as they could be used against you. After the 12<sup>th</sup>, when Mercury goes direct, you'll have the perfect opportunity to submit ideas that will markedly improve your standings in the workplace.

**Cancer** June 23 – July 22 The duality you feel as Mercury goes direct has you in need of an

emotional rescue. Don't let the actions of other's cause you to reciprocate in kind. After the 12<sup>th</sup>, you'll have a better grasp on the situation and your feelings and when you speak, everyone will take notice and be appreciative of your wisdom. Until then, ask questions, make notes and be not drawn into situations that you can't handle.

Leo July 23 – August 22 Your kindness of heart beckons all to come to in times of need but now is not the time to show such consideration. Be careful not to obligate or over extend yourself during this Mercury retrograde. You're not the only one who can help them out. Ask more questions, do some research and after the 12<sup>th</sup>, you will truly see who is in need of your assistance.

Virgo August 23 – September 22 Happy solar return! Good fortune is upon you if you're willing to take the risk. During this transition, you'll find yourself venting a bit more than usual. Don't worry, your true friends will understand. Set aside time for yourself, outside of the norm or routine and do something that's adventurous. This will



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Libra September 23 – October 22 The past experiences of last month continue into September as Mars concludes its journey through your sign. Don't procrastinate; don't delay as projects need to be finalized and your immediate goals come to sight. Be decisive and bold in the expression of your ideas in business and love as others are waiting to hear your plans. Because you are focused and your passion high, use it to your advantage and after the 12<sup>th</sup>, be ready to follow-up on the groundwork you have laid.

**Scorpio** October 23 – November 22 You're on an emotional high this month. This is the most intense time of your year because of Mercury going direct on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Venus and Mars enter your sign sextiling the transiting Sun, you feel intense love and compassion for those around you. Stay true to your beliefs and not give into the emotion. Be careful, when those lost loves of your past return, remember why you parted in the first place, say goodbye and move forward into a new romance or intensify the one you are in.

Sagittarius November 23 – December 22 This Mercury retrograde has muddied your path and caused you to tread in uneasy waters. Instead of treating this as a deterrent, use it to your advantage. This is a perfect opportunity for you *continued on page 18, right column* 



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First let's start with something new, a new HIV support group meeting in Ft. Pierce starting August 30th. Florida Community Health Center, at 1505 Delaware Ave in Fort Pierce, is



Cold Keg has a special treat for boys night out September 24: a performance by members of Body Heat. Here are a few of them to give you an idea of the kind of heat they can generate.

hosting a group for HIV+ men who have sex with men (MSM). There will be another FREE group in September. Florida Community Health Center put the group together in response to the need for support services on the Treasure Coast for HIV+ all MSMs, whether they self-identify as Gay, Bi. or other. For more information and to attend, just contact the Ryan White Program Director, Lori Zeh, at 772-461-1402 x 131. You do not have to be receiving medical services with Florida Community Health Center to attend.

Unfortunately domestic violence is not new, or rare, or limited to the non-gay community. There were 4,069 reported cases of domestic violence in Brevard County in 2009 and most domestic violence in unreported - especially in our community. Fortunately there are those who are helping the victims. Brevard NOW Chair Michele Paccione hosting a benefit "Divas Against Abuse" at the Cold Keg on September 19 for Take Back The Night II A Community Wide Effort To End Domestic Violence.

The Take Back The Night event itself is October 9th 5:00 pm to 7:30 Palm Bay City

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Spiritually Speaking

September is the month in which Labor Day is celebrated. Labor Day was first celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. This celebration was organized by the Central Labor Union. The idea came from either Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and cofounder of the American Federation of Labor or by Matthew Maguire, a machinist who was secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J. Either way, the idea was to honor those who through toil and ingenuity have created so much of this nation's strength, freedom, and leadership. Labor Day was adopted state by state until on June 28, 1885, through an act passed by congress, Labor Day became a national holiday celebrated the first Monday in September as a legal holiday.

To most of us, Labor Day is an "extra" holiday whereby we get a three-day weekend to enjoy. As a teacher, this holiday is the first of the new school year and is usually spent grading papers, creating projects for my classes, and rearranging my classroom. All of these things are worthwhile but when I thought of Labor Day this year I wondered about the spiritual implications of this holiday. In other words, WDGS (what does God sav) about the value of work?

Here are some scriptures that may shed some light on this matter:

Genesis 5:29 (New International Version) <sup>29</sup> He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed."

Exodus 34:21 (New International Version) 21 "Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest.

Matthew 6:28 (New International Version) 28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

1 Corinthians 3:8 (New International Version) <sup>8</sup>The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.

These are just a few of the 40-50 scriptures that relate to labor in the Bible. So, what does this mean for us today? Well, God is pretty clear that he who does not labor (work) does not eat. But, do not overlook the scripture in Matthew that talks about the lilies of the field that do not labor but yet are some of the most beautiful flowers on earth. The idea here is that God does provide for the lilies and God provides for us as well.

During these times of job insecurity, housing foreclosures, stock market plunges, and general uncertainty and unrest, where do we go for security and provision? We need to look for God to provide opportunities, not handouts. When times get tough, people need to look for creative ways to make a living and provide for themselves and their families. Often, God will plant an idea in your heart that will meet your needs. My brother owns a large motor home and, over the years, has had a difficult time finding someone willing to detail this monster. During the past six months or so, he has had over five people knock on his door offering to do this large task. One man, whom he hired, was a laid-off engineer. In talking with him, he told my brother that he was making enough cleaning motor homes and boats to keep his bills paid, pay his mortgage, and keep food on the table for his family...the very same things he used his paycheck for when working as an engineer! The man said the idea just came to him in the middle of the night so he acted on it and was being successful.

That's how God works in our lives. If we spend our time looking for "signs"

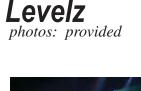
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## In My Words a personal viewpoint

It Amazes Me...

It amazes me how little comment has been made in the wake of the verdict by the United States Supreme Court in the matter of restraints on contributions made to a political candidate when that candidate is running for office.

In rendering the verdict the Court has, in essence turned over the political system to the Corporations of America and to the very wealthy. The average individual, the poor and the working person who can afford to contribute \$5.00 or \$50.00 or \$100.00 to a campaign will no longer have a voice that can be heard. The voices of all of the \$5.00 donors will at first be muted, and then will be drowned out entirely by the mega contributor. The needs of the individual will no longer be considered seriously by Congress, but rather, the dictates of the major contributors will drive the law makers. Any semblance of balance is gone, and the way has been prepared for a big business, corporate hijacking of our country.

The Supreme Court decision that lifted the restrictions on the sources and the amounts of contributions that opened this door is a direct outgrowth of two factors: The lifting of controls and restraints the Government had in place regarding business until Ronald Reagan was crowned with the admonishment from his Conservative base that he see that those controls were lifted. He went at it with a vengeance, laving ground work and beginning a dismantling process that continued under Bush the first, and was pretty much completed under Mr. Clinton. Deregulation was the first step in giving Big Business ultimate wealth and therefore ultimate power.

The second step in the process was the election (??) of an ultra-conservative government and maintaining them in power for eight years. This President Bush 2 and his neo-con minions believed that Big

Business was always right, and that laws should be made to encourage corporations and any laws that were on the books that discouraged the growth of these entities should be repealed and replaced.. To that end, judges were appointed at various levels, and sadly, those levels included the Supreme Court. The Court already had its foot in the dear, departed past with Clarence Thomas, Antonin Scalia and Samuel Alito already in place to vote nay on any social legislation. Anthony Kennedy remained a cipher. He was a Conservative appointee who at times did side with his more liberal cohorts.

When President Bush the 2nd nominated John Roberts to be Chief Justice. he cemented the potential power being handed to Corporations. When Mr. Roberts was guestioned by Congress, the usual guestions were asked and the usual lies were told. No one seemed to be concerned as to what this man's belief was regarding the preservation of individual rights and the preservation of the few restrictions left on corporate entities. People were very hung up on whether Mr. Roberts, a devout Roman Catholic would support a woman's right to choose, but no one foresaw a possible catastrophe that could be disastrous for our whole system of elections.

We are now entering a phase where Big Business is in a position to overtly or covertly dictate the agenda for both parties and thus for the potential president and for the country. Is this what is deserved by the voters in the United States? Do we deserve to have our elections bought and paid for by the moneyed interests? The Supreme Court, in an example of activism that should be a shock to conservatives cut so many holes into the legislation that restricted the role of corporations in elections that we are no longer even secure in the knowledge that foreign corporations can be kept out of our election processes.

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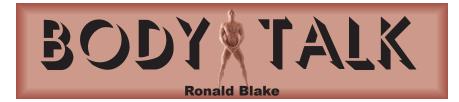
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I am forty-one years old and I recently desired a change in my life. I contemplated the notion of dying my hair, buying a convertible, wearing skater shoes, and purchasing a cool puka shell necklace. I was informed that these are all signs of a midlife crisis. I certainly can't be associated with any labels like that. I thus decided to satisfy my hunger for variety in a non-crisis fashion and I joined a softball team. It's been about a month and I've managed to survive about a half dozen softball games. These are my stories.

I have been a solitary runner for twenty years. Teamwork has not been a necessary part of my designated sport of distance running. I have been master and commander of my ship. Softball demands that ten players contribute for the common good of the team. My days of spinsterhood, playing solitaire, and reclusiveness are over. I have to look out for my fellow brethren. It has been great learning to be part of something. I can't function without them and vice versa.

Not everyone is good. Some of the outfielders race in to catch a fly ball only to see it sail thirty feet over their noggin. There are still others who throw like Blanche, Rose, Sophia, and Dorothy. I have experienced the befuddlement of watching guys swing the bat with all the grace of a fairy godmother and her wand. I don't mind these dreadful displays of athleticism. It is humbling to me because I know that there is something out there that I am horrible at. I proceed with this mindset and complete understanding

The theme song for this season of roundball could easily be REM's *Everybody Hurts*. To my disbelief I have already been injured and I have felt the sting of many a painful practice and game. I run forty miles

a week, I workout three days per week, and I even take long bike rides for crosstraining purposes. How could this suffering be a possibility for someone like me? The reality is that I am working a different range of motion for my muscles. Even Superman had his Kryptonite and Achilles had his heel. I have given greater credence to the expression that what doesn't kill me will only make me stronger.

Softball certainly has its gadabout tendencies. I am especially fond of this social side of the sport. The reward for engaging in the weekly ritual of two consecutive seven-inning games is found in a mug of Bud Light at ye olde watering hole after the barbarism has subsided. Rewards have even been known to involve some backyard frolicking in our shortstop's pool. The horse is bound to gallop when he has that carrot stuck in front of his nose. Our team has tremendous galloping power thanks to our "carrots".

I am enjoying the break in my daily monotony that has come from this thing called softball. I am reaping the benefits from the healthy mental and physical aspects of the activity. I have found a niche that has proved exciting for me. It has been quite cheaper than acquiring that box of Clairol, the ragtop Mustang, the black pair of Vans, and the island accessory with the shark tooth that would have adorned my neck. I even feel ten years younger since my first day of taking to right center field. My midlife emergency has suffered a crippling blow. The world is safe now; but for how long?

This health and fitness column is brought to you by that guy whose ten gallon hat has been largely unaffected by his fifteen gallon mouth. That guy is Ron Blake and he can be reached at www.myblakefitness.com.



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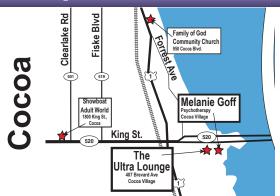


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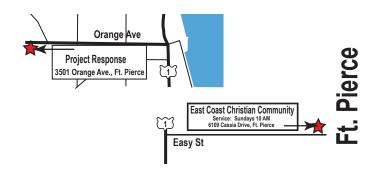
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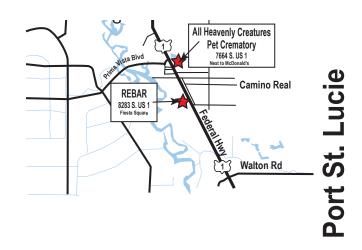




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we will often miss the blessings God has planned for us. We need to spend less time looking at our circumstances and more time looking at God's promises of provision. This does not mean that we can sit back on our "laurels" (whatever body part that may refer to) and do nothing. We must be willing to put action to the ideas and opportunities God provides. God tells us God provides for the birds of the air but those same birds must gather that provision. God provided food for the children of Israel in the form of manna as they wandered in the desert for forty years but they still had to gather the manna.

So, as you think about Labor Day, think about all of those creative workers who have gone before making America the great country it is still today. But also spend a few moments thinking about God's provision for God's people from Exodus to Revelation and know that the same provision God supplied to God's people during biblical times is still very real and alive today as God provides for us as well.

Rev. JaneE Lee is originally from Brevard County, FL having been raised on an orange grove in Mims. She is a Special Education Teacher at a local Middle School and her partner of 15 years, Debbie, is a nurse. Together and separately they have raised 6 boys and 2 girls and recently have taken custody of their 8 year old granddaughter. Currently Rev. Lee is Pastor of East Coast Christian Community (ECCC), Formerly East Coast MCC, meeting at 6109 Cassia Dr., Ft. Pierce.

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The only possible way that this can change is for the President to propose and the Congress to pass new laws that will potentially bring some sanity to a process that is spinning more and more wildly out of the control of the voters. Encouragement needs to be given in this regard, letters need to be written.

David has a blog at http://thedavidvbf. multiply.com/journal and has generously allowed us to reprint it here. Please note that the opinions expressed in this column are those of the author.

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to venture out of the norm and explore different means of achieving your goals. Do the research, make a plan, ask your water sign friends for advice before you act and you should overcome any obstacles with little or no effort.

**Capricorn** *December 23 – January 22* Patience and timing is your key this month as the universe is telling you to slow down. Nothing is of great importance, as your goals will be met in a timely manner. Use this transition to evaluate your objectives. Gather as much information as you can from business associates and friends before you act on any project. After the 12<sup>th</sup>, you find that what you thought as urgent wasn't urgent at all. Nothing ever goes as planned, be more flexible and you'll get through life's little nuisances without much problem.

Aquarius January 23 – February 22 That whirlwind tour you initiated last month continues onto today. New friends, new opportunities have basically worn you out making you in need of a place of refuge. Instead of pressing forward, turn your interest towards your home front. Things you've neglected are in dire need your attention and you need the time to settle in. Seek solace in your home, as it is your true sanctuary.

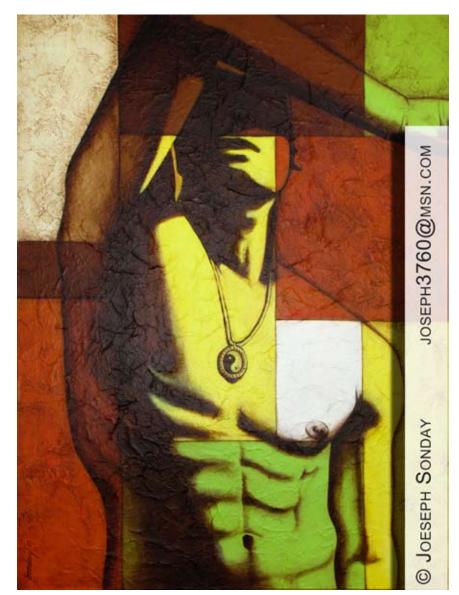
**Pisces** February 23 – March 22 You are on a Rocky Mountain High this month as everything around you blossoms! As Mercury goes direct, it heightens all of your senses increasing your ability to show compassion, understand and love to all you encounter. However don't over indulge yourself or spread your good cheer unwisely as the benefits may not outweigh the consequences of your good deeds.

For those who want to know: As Jupiter backs up into Aries, it is a good time to talk about it. Jupiter is your benevolent urge, it rules expansion and growth, the law, your guardian angel, it rescues you. It changes signs approximately once and year. It is ruled by Sagittarius. As it retrogrades into Aries, it gives us the chance to review the events of our past. Basically this is a "do-over", a time when the universe gives us an opportunity to correct past mistakes. Jupiter brings with it good fortune and prosperity and combined with Aries we can go back to the beginning, something we rarely have in life. Look forward to this celestial event as a blessing, with your Guardian Angel guiding you, you have the good fortune to expand your horizons, to grow and reap the benefits' that this duality brings.

Monthly horoscopes by Jacqueline. For more information on Astrology or for a private reading call: 772.286.2720



Joseph Sonday, a self-taught contemporary artist, expressed an interest in art and exhibited exceptional talent from a very early age. During his teen years he accepted many private and corporate commissions. At the age of 17 Joseph moved to Miami where he worked as an illustrator in a local publishing house. Joseph has designed greeting cards as well as a line of handcrafted home décor (Bohemian Chic). He is currently exhibiting in Art Fusion Gallery in Miami. Joseph lives in Sebastian and can be contacted at Joseph3760@msn.com.



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on the forums at www.ootcmag.com

Animal Safe House and others. Survivors will speak of their own personal trauma. The Silent Witness and Clothesline Exhibits will be displayed. The Event will conclude with a Candle Light Vigil honoring lives shattered and lost.



Our poor photographer was shattered and lost when he discovered that his batteries dead (don't were you hate it when that happens) at Levelz first gay night SO we're running some pics they had to show you their amazing space. We'll be there September

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of batteries, all the

A festive group turned up at Galaxy Skateway for The Living Room's Gav Skate in August. Bowling is their September event.

better to get you in the pictures, too!

September 1 also marks the start of Leather & Lace at Cold Keg a co-event with their popular Goth night. There's quite a drink special, check out their ad.

We do regret that Ultra Lounge's Jail Break party was after deadline, so we may well miss it as we finish this distinguished tome - it takes a lot of work, especially for one person, to pull all this together. Nonetheless we expect it will be another great party in the village.

That about wraps it up for this issue except to remind you to get your tickets to Project **Response**'s 20th anniversary Gala at Beach Place Guest Houses, see their ad on page 9. It's a worthwhile cause and they need your support, so empty your change jar, skip a dinner out and get yourself a ticket!

Gay Right tidbit: Remember the importance of registering and voting. If you missed the primaries make sure you vote in the general election in November. Be Proud of who you are, be a force to be reckoned with: be registered and vote! This year is a non-presidential election year when turnout is traditionally low which means that everyone who does vote has a bigger impact.

We ask you to consider this: when the Republicans were in charge they cut taxes and reduced government by cutting funds for inspectors and industry regulators. How's that worked out? They had plenty of money for two wars and to give to the banks, though. Expecting a new administration to clean up the mess in two years is naïve. Give change a chance. Last time around they gave us warantless wiretaps and a ruined economy. Think about it. On Florida Constitutional Amendments, remember: 4, 5 & 6: YES!

Don't see your event mentioned? Did you tell me about it? I'm a fairy, not a seer, silly! Let me know, drop a line to MissT@ootcmag.com

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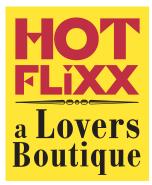
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