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With the Sun and the new Moon on the 12th in Leo, creativity is the key for this month. Adding to the mix we have a Mars in Taurus. This means that we are going to try to stay in our grounded ways, but the south Node in Virgo won't let us. So let Mercury in Cancer work for you. Use your thoughts to create what you want, not what you think everyone else wants from you and you'll find by the time the full Moon in Pisces comes on the 28th, all will fall into place.

Aries March 23 - April 22 While others are vacationing, you're geared toward work. Take some time to socialize even though it may be directed toward business. This month teaches you lessons in communications. Keep an open, creative mind about what others are telling you. It'll bring answers to old questions.

Taurus April 23 - May 22 Now that you've gotten into a new routine, it's time for a vacation. Let others take the reigns and forget about the details. Others may do things in other ways but overlook their quirks. As long as the work gets done it doesn't matter how it got that way. Play and have fun, just think it's all good!

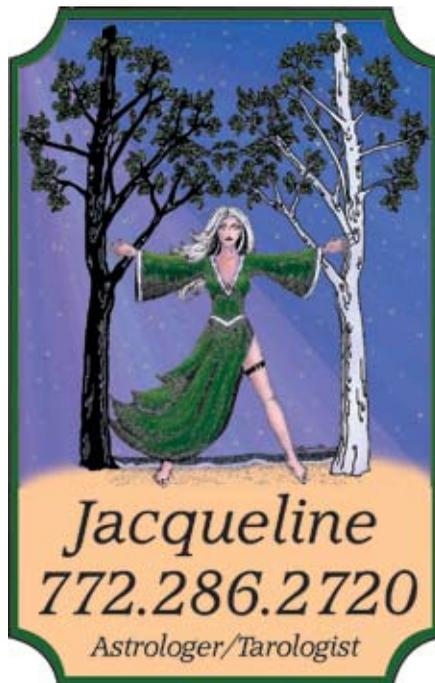
Gemini May 23 - June 22 Business is your focus for this month. Numerous opportunities will present themselves. Go with the flow, you'll have time to do them all as long as you don't let your indecisiveness get in the way. Don't try to control your environment; this way you'll have a happy and productive month.

Cancer June 23 - July 22 You'll feel like everything is coming to a screeching halt this month. Well, it is. It's the calm before the storm. You are being given time to rest and relax; Take advantage of it. This fall you will be busy. It's a good time to play and socialize with good friends who make you laugh and think. Next month you'll be off to

work again.

Leo July 23 - August 22 Happy Solar Return! No one can stop your glorious roar this month. With the New Moon and Sun in your sign, you'll easily be able to express the true you as well as see the truth in what others are saying. Use these skills; they will help lead you to your hearts desires. Remember, Saturn is still in your sign so the timing may be off.

Virgo August 23 - September 22 With the south Node in your sign this month, you'll be feeling restless. It's there to help you let go of what is old and not serving you anymore. Now is a good time to break out of old routines, clean your home, and organize your work. Life is making a shift again next month and it's giving you time to prepare. Use it wisely.





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Scorpio October 23 - November 22 You'll want credit for all your good ideas now. That's not the best approach. This month is a good time to hold onto those ideas, gather more information, and explore all the possibilities. You'll come up with better solutions and next month will get the credit you deserve. This applies to the professional and personal aspects of your life.

Sagittarius November 23 - December 22 This is party time for you. Take a vacation and have some fun, especially with your work. You're not going to get the credit or recognition you deserve. Nor is it time for obligation and responsibility. So, relax and play. The obligations and work will be back soon enough.

Capricorn December 23 - January 22 You're getting too serious and spending too much time with your work right now. This is the time to welcome distractions and enjoy the beauty of what is in your life. Take some time to visit with friends and family or take a walk in a natural terrain. You'll have a better attitude toward work and life if you do.

Aquarius January 23 - February 22 You're on the fence about some decisions

regarding your professional life. This is because you don't have enough information to see the end result. Your mission this month is to gather information and not make any judgments. If you keep asking questions you'll eventually feel the answers. Remember; not to act on the situation until you feel where it'll end up.

Pisces February 23 - March 22 Slow and steady are the key words for you this month. If you're feeling rushed you're going the wrong direction. You have two moons in your sign this month. The first moon on the 1st will make you indecisive, while the full Moon on the 28th will bring the grounding you are looking for. So, just put one foot after the other until the 28th and you'll be fine. ▼

For those who want to know: In Astronomy the sun is considered a star, but in Astrology it's a planet. The planet that rules our soul; It's the answer to what's your sign. It rules Leo. It dictates how we will act on a primitive level and what brings us to our greatest joy. On the physical level it brings us many nutrients to allow us and the living creatures in our environment to thrive. The key word in Astrology for the Sun is ego. Because the Sun is in its natural placement this month all should be looking into what brings them their greatest happiness and follow it no matter what obstacles are put in the way.

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

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Tea Time

with Miss T

D'oh! We've got to stop outsourcing our layout to monkeys in Zaire – last month they put the wrong **Joe & Craig's Place** ad in: instead of running the July ad we ended up printing the June ad. Joe spotted the problem in the on line version and called right away but our printer had started printing early and we couldn't stop the presses. So help us out here and run on down to **Joe & Craig's Place** in Boca and have a drink to help them recover from our boo-boo. You'll notice the videos and video wallpaper – the likes of which you'll see nowhere else. And don't spend all your time staring at the small single monitor over the bar. If you've not had a chance to make it to **Joe & Craig's Place** you really should check it out. It's always a good time, promise!



DJ Oren Nizri will be spinning at **Kashmir** at the Compass HIV Prevention Black Out

Moving up the road to **Kasmir** they're heating up the road to **Kasmir** they're heating up Screwmanity Thursdays and cooling them off with a wet underwear contest – check the **Kasmir** ad for details. Also coming up on Saturday, August 25th, is a Black Out Party benefit for Compass' HIV Prevention Program with DJ Oren Nizri. Mark the date now for another of **Kashmir's** famous parties.

Another benefit, this one a flea market, in West Palm Beach is coming up August 18, for Rainbow Kids – a new charity set up to provide safe and secure facilities in a daycare and learning center environment primarily for children of low income families, ages 3-12, with special needs and disabilities. The flea market will be held from 9 am to 4 pm on August 18 at St. Christopher's

Episcopal Church. Call 561-506-0284 for more info.

On up the road in Port St. Lucie, **REBAR Idol** wrapped up with a fantastic finale. It was a difficult choice but in the end it was the crowd favorite that ended up winning, so now the question is who will Christine take on the Carnival Cruise (and will he be on a leash). Velvet pulled off another great contest that was fun for all! Also, as you'll notice



Velvet Lenore poses with the finalists at **REBAR Idol**



Sapphire brings Karaoke excitement to **Joe & Craig's Place** on Sundays, 7 to 11 pm



Christina La Belle, winner of the 2007 **REBAR Idol** contest.

as you page through this issue, **REBAR** is adding two performers to their family: Melissa Mason and Nikki Adams are adding their considerable talents to the **REBAR** lineup. We hear Mercedes is doing well with a new heart! We know everyone's thoughts are with her for a speedy recovery and look forward to her eventual return to the stage at **REBAR**.

Brevard's Got Talent 2 at the **Cold Keg** is three quarters over with one more preliminary before the finals on August 3. It got off to kind of a slow start but last week, with guest host Melissa Mason filling in for an under-the-weather Leigh, there were four contestants, three of whom sang live. That's one of the differences between **REBAR Idol** and **Brevard's**



(clockwise from upper left) Leigh Shannon with the first week contestants at **Cold Keg's Brevard's Got Talent 2**; week two winner, guest host Melissa Mason with week 3 winners; week 3 contestants

Got Talent – the former has mostly kings and queens while the latter has mostly live performers.

The Living Room's benefit at the **Cold Keg** last Sunday raised \$1,300! Unfortunately, due to some miscommunication Roz Russell was unable to attend and family in town kept



(left to right) Foxy Rocket, Veronica Rae, Marissa, Alexi Leigh and Angelica Marie Kincade perform at **The Living Room Benefit** at the **Cold Keg**

Kelli away, but nonetheless Foxy Rocket and Angelica Marie Kincade put together a great show that ended in a drag free for all that was hysterical. The highlights of the auction were tickets from the King Center and gift baskets from Badpuppy (which were stuffed to overflowing with all kinds of naughty and handy goodies). Badpuppy also kicked in a free week of access for the first 200 people in the door! And Wayne of Brevard Florist even brought his birthday party to the benefit! Way to go Brevard on a hot summer Sunday! **The Living Room's** next fundraiser is a rummage sale on Saturday, August 25, at 9 am at the center. If you want to rent a table or donate items, call 321-505-0077 for information. Game night and movie night are growing in popularity so more people are using **The Living Room**. Their newest offering is a bereavement group run by VITAS. For schedules and information check their ad and their website at www.TLRbrevard.org.

Family of God Community Church, in Cocoa, continues their outstanding service to the

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August 4:
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Spiritually Speaking

Many years ago there lived a man named William Booth. While most have not heard of him, he was able to leave a legacy that most of us have heard of. William Booth was the founder of the Salvation Army. He was a man who could look at the outcasts of society and see something worthwhile in them. He could see beyond the social status and poverty and lack of education and see something of value in the people.

Michelangelo was a man who could look at a block of stone and see an angel. Over a period of time, he would slowly chip away the outer covering to release the angel for all to see.

We tend to see people at their worst, with the talents and abilities hidden behind blocks of stone or through eyes blinded by the opinions of others. We only see people by their exteriors. The exterior hides the possibilities and potential inside each one of us.

In the early days of Christianity, while the leaders were still arguing over who could be a part of the new religion of Christianity, the story is told of Peter going to speak to a group of people who did not meet the previous membership

requirements. As he talked, they all believed in what he was saying and they all experienced the gifts of God. A new problem occurred – what do you do when a group of different people want to join? What if these people don't meet the same requirements every one else meets? What do you do with the outsiders? Peter asks the question, "If God has accepted these people, who are we to deny them?"

Today, while many in the Christian faith question whether or not there are groups of people who are not acceptable to God, the ancient question is still being asked: If God has accepted these people, who are we to deny them?

One day Jesus was asked "what is the most important commandment we can follow. His answer was not what they expected: love God, love your neighbor, and love yourself. I think we often forget the last part of that commandment. We are to love ourselves. We are to realize that we are created in the image of God and God did not make a mistake in creating us.

We need to become more like Michelangelo. When we look at ourselves, we need to see

beneath the outer shell of stone and see the beautiful creation that is hidden. We need to have eyes like William Booth and see great potential and possibilities in our own lives.

We are valuable and worth loving. We have potential and positive possibilities within us. There is something within each of us that is worth loving. We are not worthless. It doesn't matter where you are in life or what you have experienced in the past. It does not matter what your sexual orientation is. You are worth loving. So experience the greatest gift you can give yourself – learn to love yourself for who you are – a valuable child of God.



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 thirteen years, Mike Lufriu, moved to Brevard County to start the East Coast Metropolitan Community Church. East Coast MCC meets in Melbourne at The Living Room, 165 N. Babcock, Unit B, every Sunday at 6 p.m. Services in Port St. Lucie/Ft. Pierce are at the Shriner's Club, 4600 Oleander Ave, every Sunday at 9 a.m.

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- August 11th: Bedtime Stories (see above)
- August 18th: Leigh Shannon with Dancers Skyler & Ivy
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THURSDAY:

- Trash Night
- Strip Contest at Midnight
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- August 9: Amber Douglas
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- August 30: Kelli Randell

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In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

I started this column for the June 2007 issue of *OOTC* but then had a small health setback and was not able to finish it in time for inclusion in that issue. But I like the topic so much and think it so important, I decided to finish the column and send it along for the August 2007 issue. With the idea that every day is “Gay Pride Day”, I hope you will find it relevant and useful.

Barbara Gittings, 1923-2007

I’ve tried. I really have. I thought I should be able to come up with a topic for June that *wasn’t* about the Stonewall Rebellion. But June and Stonewall go together in my mind like November and the Pilgrims do for other historians. And since context is critical in understanding history, I decided the way to approach the importance of the events at the Stonewall Inn on June 28, 1969 in Greenwich Village was to talk about Barbara Gittings. It is safe to say that without Barbara Gittings the events of that summer evening in Greenwich Village might have only been a solitary disturbance instead of the catalyst for a movement.

Many people see the Stonewall

Rebellion as marking the birth of the modern GLBT movement for freedom and justice. But GLBT people were agitating for their rights and dignity well before that monumental event. Barbara Gittings was one of the leaders in that effort.

At least a decade before Stonewall, when few gay people felt able to come out, Barbara was a vocal and highly visible figure in the nascent gay rights movement. In the late 1950s, she founded the New York chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis, the first national organization for lesbians.

In the 1960s she took part in the early gay rights demonstrations that occurred at the White House in Washington D.C. and in other parts of the country. The sign she carried at a 1965 White House protest—SEXUAL PREFERENCE IS IRRELEVANT TO FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT—now resides at the Smithsonian. In the early 1970s, she helped lobby the American Psychiatric Association (APA) to change its stance on homosexuality. This lobbying effort resulted in 1973 with the APA rescinding its definition of homosexuality as a mental disorder.

Barbara was committed to gay and lesbian people being able to find accurate information about themselves in libraries. As a young woman she had haunted the libraries in Chicago trying to unearth information about homosexuality. “I had to find bits and pieces under headings like ‘sexual perversion’ and ‘sexual aberration’ in books on abnormal psychology,” Barbara once related. She was determined to change this dearth of information. Though not a professional librarian, she was for many years the head of the American Library Association’s Gay Task Force. (It is known today as the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgendered Round Table.) In her capacity as head of the Task Force she oversaw and edited the association’s comprehensive bibliography of literature by and about gay men and lesbians.

Barbara received many awards, among them honorary membership in the American Library Association. The Free Library of Philadelphia named its gay and lesbian collection for her. Gittings and her partner of 46 years, Kay Tobin Lahusen donated their papers, which chronicle more than half a century in the gay rights movement, to the New York Public Library.

Barbara Gittings was an activist into the final phase of her life. “Before Barbara died, we went jointly into an assisted-living facility here,” [Kennett Square,

Pennsylvania] her partner related. “Our last bit of activism was to come out in the newsletter of our assisted-living facility.”

Barbara Gittings died on February 18, 2007 at the age of 74 from breast cancer. ▼

Celeste DeRoche received her doctoral degree in United States History from the University of Maine. She currently resides in Vero Beach with her life partner. She loves to read. She would welcome any suggestions for historical topics you might like to learn more about. You can reach her at CelesteD@ootcmag.com



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PORT ST. LUCIE — Members of the Gateway project have a lot of work ahead of us for the rest of the year. For starters we are working on following up with all of you that completed our survey (about 300 people!) and said you want more information about GATEWAY, Compass, and/or PFLAG. Then in September, we are holding our first community based training for professionals. The training will be for the professionals to understand GLBTQ issues and make better assessments. Look for that training on www.cscslc.org. You can also expect to see more community events by the beginning of the year! We will be forming a corporation and submitting for our non-profit status by the end of 2007. To stay connected and informed visit us at our temporary website: <http://home.bellsouth.net/p/PWP-Gatewayproject> or contact us at gatewayproject@bellsouth.net

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — Olivia announces k.d. lang as their headlining act for its first cruise in 2008. Olivia customers will set sail with k.d. lang for one exclusive show prior to leaving for the Caribbean cruise on January 26, 2008.

"We are thrilled about entering our 35th year with k.d. lang as the featured entertainer. We have an amazing line up of entertainers joining us on this trip and will be announcing new acts every few weeks until the ship sails," said Judy Dlugacz, Founder and President of Olivia. Earlier this year, Olivia announced the creation of "traveltainment" platforms, trip themes that allow travelers to get completely immersed in particular trips unique offerings. For example, Olivia guests will not only get the opportunity to see k.d. lang perform but the cruise will include moments of her musical career, from in-cabin videos to free CDs for all guests.

"We are excited not only to have k.d. as a performer but as a partner in providing unique experiences to Olivia customers,"

said Lisa Henderson, General Manager of Olivia. "We are currently working with several marquee entertainers in innovative ways that will allow them to reach Olivia's powerful community and vice versa. These deeper, richer partnerships will result in once in a lifetime experiences for our guests and extend the reach of our partners." To find out more about this trip visit www.olivia.com

TITUSVILLE (Orlando Sentinel)— State Rep. Bob Allen was arrested Wednesday afternoon at a local park after offering to perform a sex act on an undercover officer in exchange for \$20, police said. Allen, R-Merritt Island, was booked into the Brevard County jail in Sharpes on a charge of solicitation to commit prostitution, a second-degree misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in the county jail and a \$500 fine. He was released a few hours later after posting \$500 bail, according to a jail spokesman.

Titusville police were at Veteran's Memorial Park on East Broad Street on a burglary detail when they noticed an unshaven man acting suspicious, going in and out of the restroom three times, said Lt. Todd Hutchinson. An undercover officer decided to go into one of the bathroom stalls, Hutchinson said. Moments later, Allen knocked on the stall door and offered to perform oral sex on the officer for \$20, according to the police spokesman. The officer identified himself and took Allen into custody. Hutchinson said the officers had no idea the suspect was a state lawmaker. "After he was arrested, he (Allen) mentioned he was a state legislator," Hutchinson said.

Allen told a television reporter that what happened was a "misunderstanding." But Hutchinson said the representative did not dispute the undercover officer's version of what happened in the park. Allen, 48, who chairs the House Committee on Energy, is married and has one child.

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TALAHASSEE — Equality Florida has initiated a letter writing campaign calling on House Speaker Marco Rubio to remove Rep. D. Alan Hays from his position as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Health Quality where his wrecklessness and prejudice speak for the leadership of the House. Hays has angered LGBT voters statewide after commenting, “I had a cousin who died of AIDS; he was queer as a three-dollar bill. He had that homosexual lifestyle and deserved what he got.” during a meeting with AIDS services providers. Go to EQFL.org for more information and to participate in this effort.

WEST PALM BEACH — Comprehensive AIDS Program of Palm Beach County, Inc announces its Honors and Awards Celebration (CAPPYS), October 27, 2006.

Anthony Jordan and Orlando Chiang Will Nelson Chairmen and the Comprehensive AIDS Program of Palm Beach County, Inc cordially invite you to honor this year’s winners of the CAPPY (CAP Persons of the Year) Cocktails & Dinner Buffet and Silent Auction on Friday, October 27, 2006 7:00 P.M. at The National Croquet Center, 700 Florida Mango Road (corner of Summit Boulevard & Florida Mango Road), West Palm Beach Tickets \$150.

Master of Ceremonies: Paul Cavanaugh, “Guy in the Sky” WRMF and WPEC News12 Air Traffic Reporter **2006 “CAPPY” Award Honorees:** W. Trent Steele - Lifetime Achievement Award; Dr. James Howell - Medical Achievement Award; Michael Calhoun - “Kevin Kitchen’s” Media Award; Dwain Wall - Fundraiser of the Year Award; Fred and Annette Scheiman - Major Donors Award; **Volunteers of the Year Award:** Frank Hernandez, Jean Schultz, Doris Liebhart and Carmen Valentin; **Staff Member of the Year:** Martha Allen; **Special Presentation of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Award:** Yvette Bonnet Chief Executive Officer of CAP

CNN — A cancer ravaged Tammy Faye Messner (formerly Baker) bravely appeared on Larry King Live July 19 and unabashedly proclaimed that the “gays rescued her” when she and husband Jim lost everything following his sex and financial scandals in the late 80s. How disheartening to see

anyone in such a state; but how absolutely heartbreaking to see that one of the few famously pious people in the world willing to say that gays are human and decent uttering the words from her deathbed. Ms. Messner died July 20 from colon cancer after a 3-year battle with the disease.

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – Citizens from across Florida have mobilized on behalf of Fairness for All Families, a broad coalition opposing an amendment slated for the 2008 ballot that threatens to strip away legal rights, employee benefits and health coverage that families throughout the state rely on. Fairness for All Families has grown into a broad coalition of more than 140 organizations with volunteer teams in 15 cities and on 17 college campuses. In the past 15 days the campaign has raised more than \$50,000 in small contributions from more than 600 contributors.

“People from across the state are stepping forward to say “no” to this attempt to put discrimination in our constitution and take away protections from seniors, police, firefighters and thousands of unmarried Floridians, said Barbara A. DeVane, secretary of the Florida Alliance for Retired Americans and a founding member of Fairness for All Families. The backers of the so-called “marriage amendment” have directed most of their comments at taking rights away from committed gay couples, obscuring the fact that their measure is written so broadly that it could take existing rights, health care and other employee benefits away from a wide array of Florida families.

“This is a real grassroots effort to stop a measure that poses a real threat to Florida families,” said Gregory Wilson of Fairness for All Families. On June 14th, the Fairness for All Families Coalition launched a campaign to get 300 donors to give \$11.04 or \$20.08 to symbolize their willingness to vote NO on the amendment in the 11/04/2008 election. Online contributions alone exceeded the goal and the campaign will report more than 600 donors in total this quarter.

“This measure could jeopardize health care and other employment benefits that many seniors and their families rely upon across the state,” said Lipscomb. In

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addition to broadening its leadership base, the campaign has recently been endorsed by the Florida branches and affiliates of leading national civil rights organizations such as the ACLU, NAACP, Planned Parenthood, SEIU and Florida NOW. These organizations join a diverse and growing coalition of seniors, business leaders, consumer groups and social justice organizations working together to oppose the effort to take away benefits and enshrine discrimination in Florida’s constitution.

“This amendment threatens the legal protections and benefits of families across Florida,” said Rep. Wasserman Schultz. “I am honored to work with the campaign to ensure this attack on Florida families doesn’t become part of our constitution.”

24TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT — Clint Curtis announces his run against Rep. Tom Feeney.

“The Campaign season has begun. My campaign bus is on the road letting everyone know that Clint Curtis is running for US Congress in ‘08. The constituents of District 24 and the nation deserve a Congressman willing to work for what is vital for a prosperous economy, for you to feel secure at home and America to be respected abroad.

“We need to keep jobs in America by requiring balanced trade and business incentives, to revitalize NASA and return America to a position of strength both militarily and scientifically, to bring our troops home from Iraq to guard our borders and make America safer, to provide Universal, no-fault health care and eliminate the cost to business, to protect Social Security from being raided by special interest groups,

to achieve energy independence now and reduce fuel costs by 70%.

“I have a plan to achieve each of these goals and together we can make a real change. With the Abramoff scandal finally catching up with Tom Feeney, District 24 has been targeted by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) and the Florida Democratic Party. We have the opportunity to turn District 24 Blue.”

Clint’s Commitment List:

- *Requiring a paper ballot (as the official document of record) so that voters know their vote counts, regardless of the type of voting system used.

- *Revitalizing NASA and returning America to a position of strength, both militarily and scientifically.

- *Providing Universal no-fault Health Care and eliminating the cost to business and workers.

- *Protecting Social Security for generations to come.

- *Keeping jobs in America by requiring balanced trade and business incentives.

- *Restoring fiscal responsibility to our Budget.

- *Ensuring that all shipments into the country are secured by Americans working for American companies.

- *The redeployment of our troops from Iraq to guard America’s borders and make America safer.

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community with medical outreach for the un-insured and low income individuals and families which began Wednesday, July 18th and continues on Wednesdays from 9:00 am till Noon and Saturdays from 12:30 - 6:30 p.m. through August 11th. A dedicated medical Doctor has agreed to provide free medical evaluations/consultations. Project Response will also be available to take HIV immediate results testing. If cost is preventing treatment, now is the time to get some peace of mind. Transportation can be arranged. Call the Church office at 632-3767 for an appointment or further information.

Gay Rights Tidbit: Florida Equality has started the Florida GSA Network. As you probably know GSA are gay-straight alliances (clubs) formed in high schools to support LGBT youth. They are paramount in creating a safe learning environment that is welcoming and free of harassment and bullying for all students. The Network is therefore dedicated to promoting safe schools through the establishment and growth of student-led GSAs by providing peer support, leadership development and student empowerment.

By supporting GSAs, the Network will help students to:

1. create safe schools where students support each other in a fear-free environment,
2. educate their school community about homophobia, gender identity and sexual orientation issues, and
3. fight discrimination, harassment and violence in schools.

The Network will provide students with numerous resources to aid them in the success of their clubs, including an online GSA registry and a discussion board, legal artillery for clubs that are banned or pressured to disband, and an annual gathering of student

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leaders. Students will also receive a GSA Manual and Resource Guide, with valuable information on how to start a club, leadership skills, activity ideas, legal information, and a list of community resources.

The Network will be headed up by FIU student Gloria Bauta, a native of South Florida, who has been instrumental in the leadership and success of various collegiate GSAs.

"Gloria has a passion for student organizing that is contagious," said Stratton Pollitzer. GSAs are changing the world by erasing bigotry in the schools. They deserve support and Gloria will be a tremendous resource for thousands of students across the state.

Most recently, Gloria has spearheaded the student movement for the creation of an LGBT Resource Center on the campus of Florida International University. She has also been involved in youth leadership development programs, such as the Barton Center's Adventure Camp program and FIU's Center for Leadership and Service.

In the coming months, the Network will reach students through a multifaceted web of contacts including an interactive website, online social networks and a coalition of local, state and national organizations. You can make a difference in this important work! Help them reach students in your area by referring them to the Network by going to either the Equality Florida web site or emailing Gloria directly: Gloria@eqfl.org. ▼

Don't see your event mentioned? Did you tell me about it? I'm a fairy, not a seer, silly! Send your news, gossip and tidbits to MissT@ootcmag.com

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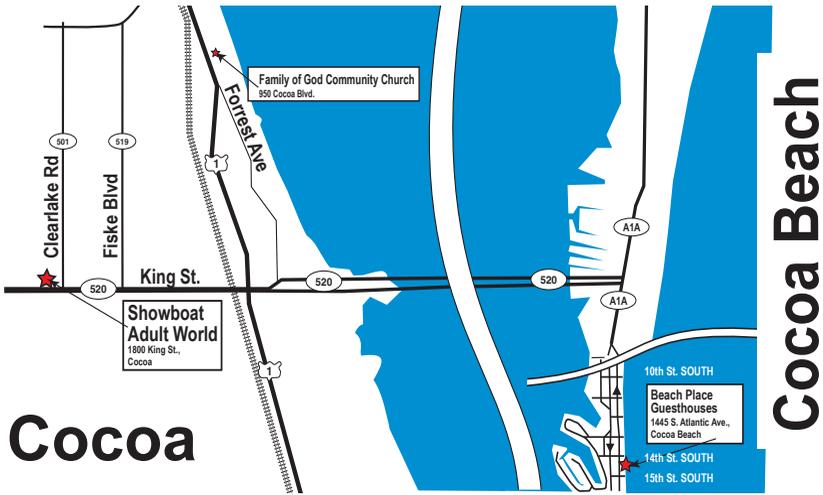
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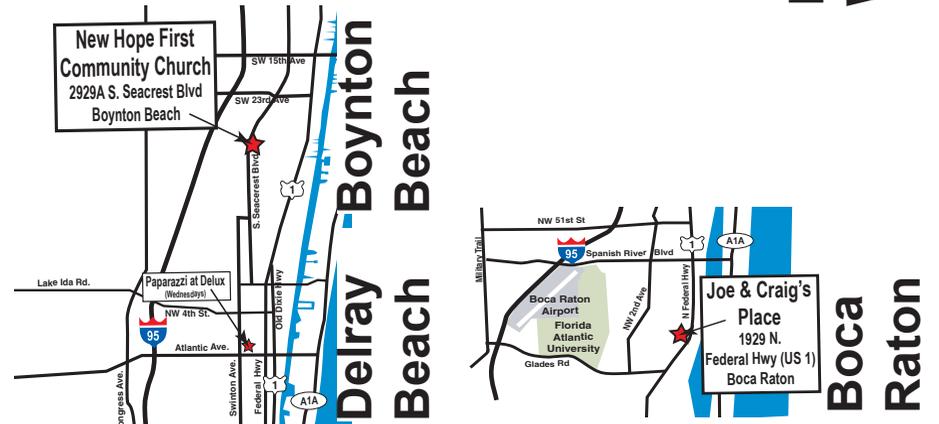
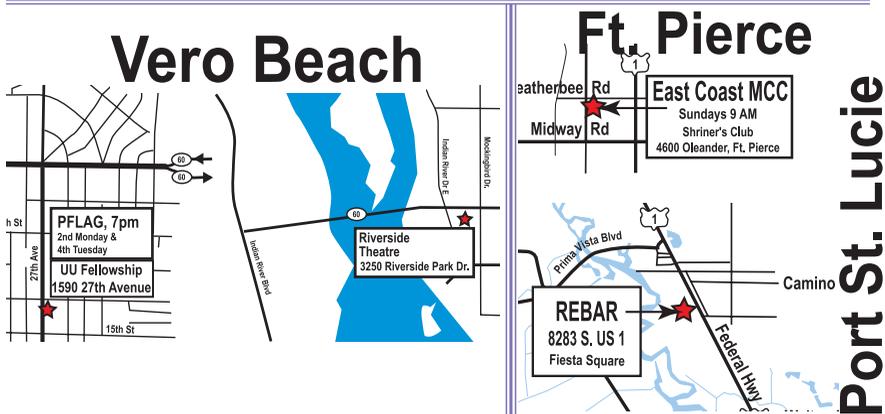
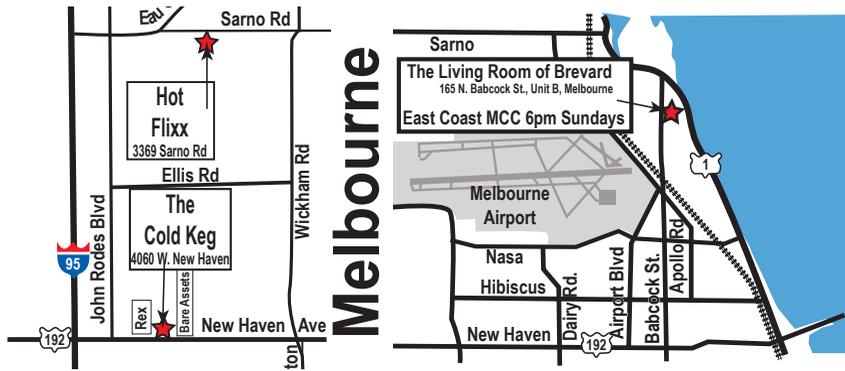
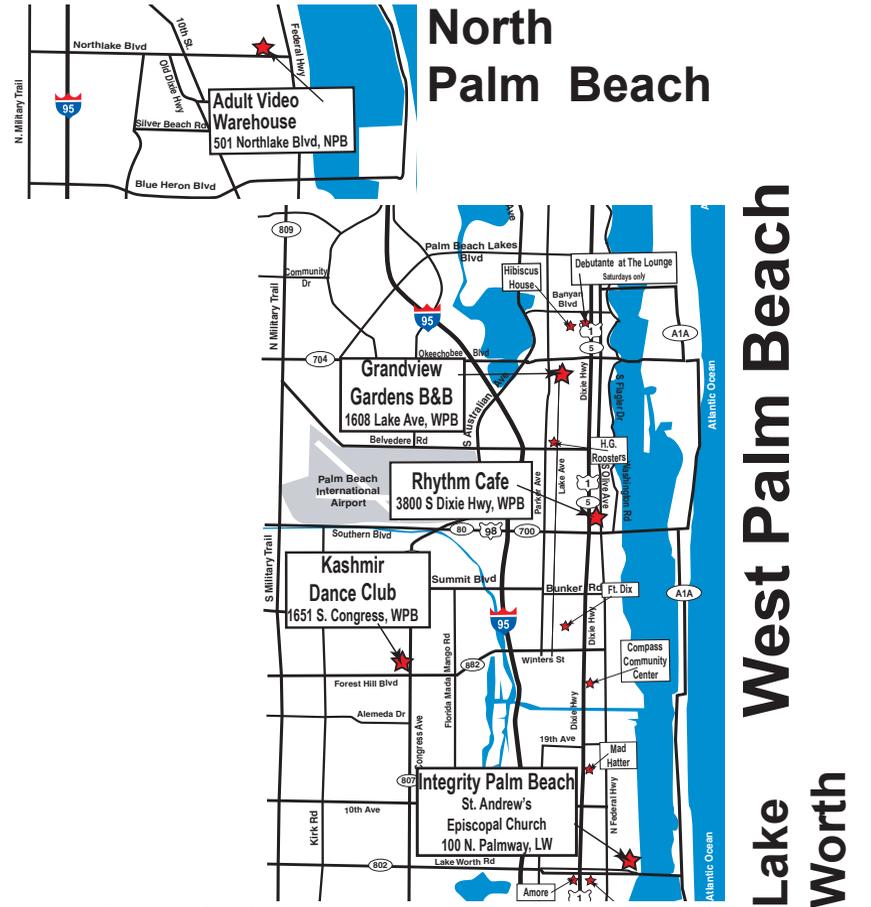
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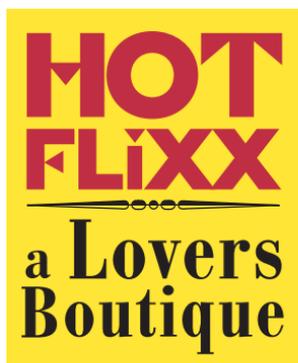
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