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HOROSCOPE by Jacqueline

July brings the mother out in all of us. With the New Moon in Cancer on the 6th and the Sun in Cancer, all will be looking into what nurtures their soul. Be an observer, don't change your routine, because the Full Moon in Capricorn on the 21st, Sun conjunct Saturn in Leo, squaring Mars in Aries, and Chiron in Aquarius opposing the Sun and Saturn on the 22nd, will provide you with the opportunity to release what does not nurture you. Rest at the beginning of the month because not only do we have all the above-mentioned aspects, but Mercury will be going retrograde, as well, which means the end of this month will be busy trying to clean things up. Remember all will be done in the right time.

Aries - March 22- April 21 You are taking your work too seriously and it is not making you productive. This is a time for balance. Don't take your work home with you; keep work at work. You have been avoiding, either consciously or unconsciously, your personal life. You will have to take time not only for your mate, but yourself as well. You'll have plenty of time for all as long as you focus only on what you are doing at the time.

Taurus - April 22- May 21 Patience is the key word for you this month. Your communication skills are being challenged, so be specific. Don't assume anything. Ask more questions. This won't take away the anxious feelings, but it will allow you to use your time more effectively. You will be feeling more aggressive than normal. Make the time to pamper yourself. It will take the edge off.

Gemini - May 22- June 21 Hi HO Hi HO it's off to work you go. This is a foundational month for your work. It's time to put in the extra hours and go the extra mile. In the long run it will pay off. Your total focus should be on work. If you are planning on changing jobs, do so before the 21st or it will be the wrong move. Your personal life will have to wait and if they truly love you, they will be patient.

Cancer - June 22- July 21 Happy Solar Return! You are starting a new phase. Finally Saturn will be going out of your sign. This will bring down a lot of walls, removing barriers

that have been in your way. Change always has its challenges. Relax, they are only momentary now. Take the time to enjoy the close relationships you have with others. You will have many memorable experiences.

Leo - July 22- August 21 Did you read the first paragraph? If not, there are a bunch of planets heading right for you ... duck! That just means it's time to make some long-term decisions. You know what you want in your life. Now is the time to go for it! ALL of it. Start with setting your goals as to what you want. After the 21st, start eliminating the things in your life that are holding you back from the goals you set earlier. Your fun will come next month.

Virgo - August 22- September 21 Love is in the air for you this month. You will feel quickly connected with the people you meet. There is no need to act in haste. Live in the now and enjoy what you are experiencing. As far as your work is concerned, you'll have to experience a few co-workers with kid gloves. But, those above you will admire your work and patience with them.

Libra - September 22- October 21 Reevaluation will be the tone for you this month. You'll be taking a closer look at all aspects of your life. It's not a time for action, but for contemplation and education. Stay with your routine and watch your life like it's a movie. If you do, when mercury goes direct, you will have the answers you need to make the right choices to enhance your life.

Scorpio - October 22- November 21 If you are sensing that it's time for expansion and to reach out beyond where you are, then you're right on-track. You'll find that allowing your fears to hold you back will imprison you. Walk through them. Open up with the feelings you have been holding back. Ask for that raise or change professions. You will find you may just get the answer you've desired.

Sagittarius - November 22- December 21 Take care of all business aspects, especially the financial-side, before the 21st. After business is taken care of it's a good time to take a vacation with a loved one. Love will be in the air and you will need the break. This can

be a very beneficial month if you are all work the first half and all play the second half. You will find if you don't work it this way, many mistakes will be made that you will have to fix next month.

Capricorn - December 22- January 21 Make sure you use caution with money matters this month. Do your research and don't act in haste. Bounce ideas off your mate or someone whom you trust. It's not that their opinion is right, it's that they might give you insight to make the right decision. Examine all the opportunities presented to you. You may just find the opportunity of a lifetime.

Aquarius - January 22-February 21 Here it is summertime, when life is supposed to be easy and suddenly your life becomes complicated. This is because Chiron, a little asteroid, is bugging you. Don't get caught up in the tiniest details. Your survival depends on making an art out of what's going on. Look at the creative aspect and use your theatrical ability to get you through. You will find, especially in your personal life, that it will make it mentally stimulating.

Pisces - February 22- March 21 Silence is the key word for you. Perhaps you have taken on too many responsibilities alone. Now is the time to ask others to help or to put the responsibility back on the shoulders in which it belongs. You are normally a sensitive person, but this month you are feeling more than usual. Take the time to pamper yourself with a bath and some music. This is where you will find your peace. ▼

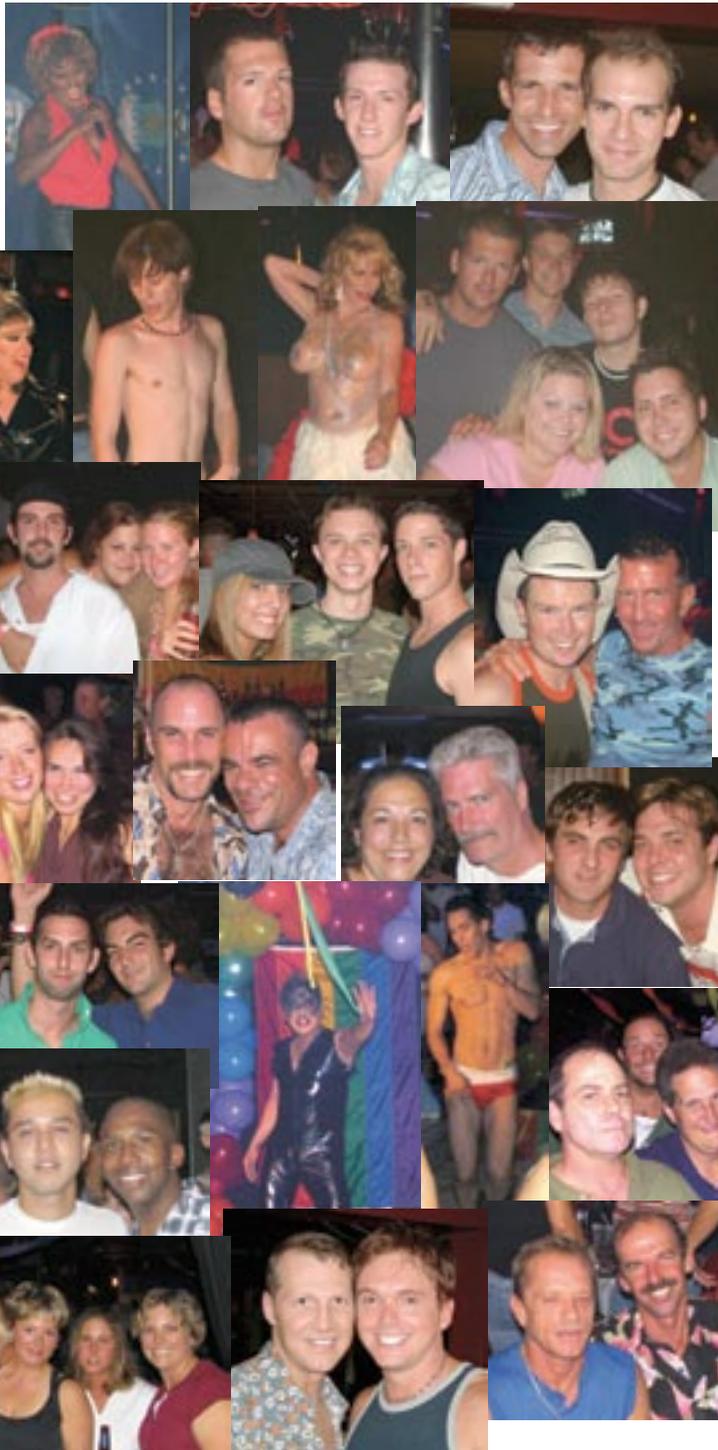
For those who want to know: I told you that Saturn will be conjunct the sun, mars will be squaring the sun, and Chiron opposes the Sun. These are what Astrology calls aspects. An aspect is when 2 or more planets are at a specific degree with each other. For instance, a square is a 90-degree angle. When two planets such as Mars and the Sun are 90 degrees apart, they are in aspect of each other. It creates certain energy. In this case, because of the signs they are in, it can create accidents if you act too quickly or go against what your soul truly is. With a lot of aspects in play it can create many colorful experiences in life. So have fun on Friday the 22nd.

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Red, White & Groove, July 2nd

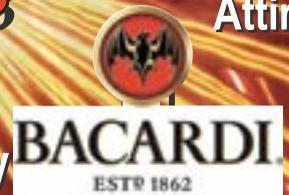
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Tea Time

with Miss T

The **Treasure Coast Pride Festival** was a huge success. What an auspicious start for this event. Hats off to **Kelli Randell**, Jim & Jerry of **REBAR**, Janet of **Club B rd Cage** their staffs and all the sponsors, volunteers and vendors that made this happen. It was so spectacular that the sun even came out! If you weren't there this year you need to make sure you're there next year. Speaking of next year, there is talk about moving to Tradition Field on an earlier date (to avoid conflicts and in search of better weather) – it will all be decided by a committee now being formed to handle the event, so if you're interested in getting involved talk to Jim at **REBAR** or **Kelli Randell**. The event raised beaucoup dollars for **PFLAG Vero Beach**.

Up in Vero, **PFLAG Vero Beach**, just handed out it first two \$500 scholarships. Two deserving young women were awarded the money at their last meeting. They are a little puzzled about why no one locally applied (both winners are from out of state), but hope that next year there will be some local winners. Of the funds raised at **The Treasure Coast Pride Festival**, all the money from the Tropicana stand is going to **PFLAG Vero Beach's** World AIDS Day fund. For those of you who don't remember, Back in August of 2003, when the Indian River County Aids Support Group dissolved, Mark Wygonic brought **PFLAG Vero Beach** a check from them donating all of their remaining funds. At a **PFLAG Vero Beach** meeting in March 2004 as a result of a discussion on how to use the funds, Salvatore Di Cola, (a Fort Pierce Businessman) proposed that if **PFLAG Vero Beach** members would vote that very night to use those funds as part of a special aids relief fund, Sal Di Cola would donate One Thousand Dollars to spearhead the fund. Part of the deal was to pass the hat at all **PFLAG** meetings, parties, etc. and then on World AIDS Day the money would go to help a needy victim of AIDS. The Fund is now in it's second year and to date has fifteen hundred dollars collected (thanks to the generosity of attendees at St. Lucie Pride, June 12th where eight hundred dollars was collected). There will be additional funds raised at **PFLAG Vero Beach's** **Pride Dinner Dance** on June 25th, and all of this goes to help other victims this coming December. **PFLAG Vero Beach** and Sal Di Cola thank all for their generous contributions to this a worthy cause.

Down in West Palm Beach we hear Gary is working on a worthy special event at **Kashmir**, we won't tell, but you'll know when it happens! Of course the foam party is on the 25th and summer nights are heating up at **Kashmir**.

And if you can't stand the summer heat, get out of the kitchen and get yourself over to the **Rhythm Café** in WPB. If you haven't been there (note reservations recommended) and you like food, you should check it out. Now if you on a Checker's budget you'll want to save up for a few months, but there's not a better place to take a special someone for a special dinner to guarantee a special treat for you later.



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This weekend is also the Compass Stonewall Ball on Saturday the 25th but if you've got the idea you'll just drop by at 6 for dinner be warned that dinner seating is limited to 100 and the ball begins at 8 (\$60 for the ball only; dinner and ball \$150).

There'll be a ball for all at The Living Room (Melbourne's community center in formation) at **The Cold Keg** at 10 PM on Sunday, August 21st. It'll be a show you won't believe with Roz Russell, **Kelli Randell** and Mr. Ed. For a small donation you'll help make a room for us all.

The **Family of God Community Church** up in Cocoa has now opened their Family Room for fellowship activities, food bank and as a conference space for the whole community! And the deal of the summer is next door at their newly remodeled thrift shop where clothing is only 25¢. The **Family of God Community Church** is having their open house on the 26th, starting at 2:30 PM with a dinner served by the congregation at 3:00 PM, a special presentation at 4:30 PM and worship services at 6:00 PM. Every Wednesday evening they are presenting a special series on what the Bible truly says about homosexuality. There will be

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Spiritually Speaking

Did you know that July is National Hot Dog Month? It's also National Baked Bean Month, Peach Month, Blueberry Month, Ice Cream Month and Picnic Month. Detect a theme? You bet! While July is a perfect time for picnics, barbeques and vacations, July is also a great month to go a little deeper and spend time with our spirituality.

Vacations are times when we seek to regain balance in our lives. After months of hard work, we take time off to renew friendships, revisit hobbies and sports, explore new destinations, and just rest. This seeking of balance, this rest, renewal and revisiting is all part of the central disciplines of a spiritual life.

Spirituality is knowing, and practicing, how to separate the essential from the non-essential. Spirituality is about finding and re-finding a sense of balance in our lives. We are all human beings. But all too often, especially in our work lives, we slide over the line and fall into the easy trap of becoming human doings. It is so easy to assess our lives by what we do rather than by who we are. There are endless ways we get rewarded for our doing. And we get even more rewarded for our over-doing! We get paid for a normal work week. Then we get more pay, over time pay at time and a half, if we work more than a normal week. Reward comes from excess doing. Recognition comes, often, from excess doing. Sooner or later we stop wondering if this excess, all this doing, is what we want or what we need or even if it's right for us. We stop reflecting and we're trapped in a relentless cycle of doing, doing more and doing even more than that.

We can temporarily break those cycles

by taking vacations, having picnics, barbeques, relaxing with our friends. We can break the cycles of excess doing by taking time to look within, to rest, to renew our spirits. This is not about right or wrong! This is about how to recognize when we need a break, how to regain balance, how to separate the essential from the non-essential.

There is much to be said for doing. Doing things is how we earn a living, promote our values, care for our loved ones, create art, struggle for justice and bring positive change into our lives. But if we do too much, there is a shadow side. When we get stuck in doing alone we are a high risk for burnout. We get cranky, exhausted, cynical, humorless and self-destructive. This is the point where we have to balance our doing with rest, renewal, acceptance and grace. This is where we need to embrace the spiritual disciplines that teach us we are loved, no matter how much we do or accomplish, we are loved.

But this focus on spiritual renewal can have a shadow side as well. If we spend too long in renewal, too much time looking inward, we run the risk of becoming so self-absorbed that we become isolated from others and we lapse into spiritual narcissism where we loose our concern for the well-being of others. When we sink down that side of the balance, we can gather ourselves up and out again by doing something to help someone else.

This balancing, this movement between human doing and human being is what we need for satisfying and wholesome lives. When we get too tired from all our doing, we need to pull back, rest, renew our sense of connection with the holy, re-

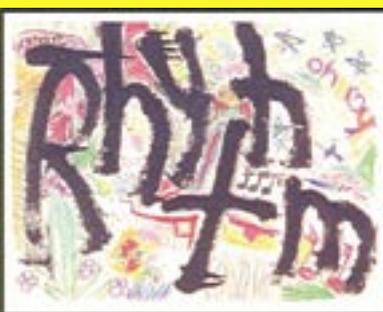


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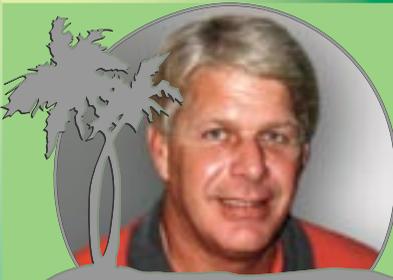
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visit our sense of the loving embrace of all creation. Then, when we are rested, when we are connected to our authentic selves, we need to move on again, to reach out in love and support of someone else, to assist in bringing justice to all of creation. It's all about balance. Work is good. But we can't work every minute of every day. Rest is great. But we need activity as well as rest.

It's July! Have a hot dog, baked beans and peach cobbler! Strut your beautiful Gay selves to the beach, museum, resort, or your own backyard. Just do it with balance! ▼

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Sample Menu Only...Changes Daily

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videos and discussion. This promises to be a welcome respite from the ranting of the religious right.

Gay Rights Tidbit: The active bigotry of the religious right has given the Tampa area quite a Pride present: Hillsborough County commissioners passed an ordinance barring the county government from any acknowledgement of Gay Pride, and a second ordinance making it virtually impossible to repeal the first one. It seems one of the commissioners, Ms. Ronda Storms, saw a Gay Pride display at a local library and became so outraged that not only did she orchestrate the display's removal, but when it reappeared much smaller she pushed to have her bigotry enshrined in a county ordinance.

Her successful ordinances were approved without debate or public input. The first motion stated, "I move that we adopt a policy that Hillsborough County government abstain from acknowledging, promoting or participating in gay pride recognition and events – little g, little p." The second motion requires a 5 to 2 supermajority vote, following a public hearing, to repeal the first ordinance.

If you had any doubts about the religious right's intent to total oppress us and to eventually recriminalize our existence, this "gay pride gift" to Tampa should help convince you to get involved now. ▼

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In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

“FREEDOM IS NEVER A FINAL ACT”

The Legacy of Bayard Rustin

Bayard Rustin is probably not a name that comes to mind when one stops to think about important figures in lesbian, gay, transgendered, and bisexual history. In fundamentally important ways, there would not be a movement working for the civil rights of GLBT folks if it weren't for the legacy of Rustin. In a month that features the celebration of “inalienable rights”, the life and work of Bayard Rustin bears consideration. He believed that “The struggle must be continuous, for freedom is never a final act.”

Bayard Rustin was a consummate civil rights strategist and humanitarian. His staunch advocacy of nonviolent resistance shaped the course of social protest from the 1950s through the close of the twentieth century. It was Rustin who brought the message and methods of Gandhi to the United States. Rustin insinuated nonviolence into the heart of the black freedom struggle. It was Rustin who presided over the transformation of direct action tactics into the civil rights struggle. It was these direct action strategies that would influence the Stonewall Rebellion in 1969. The black civil rights movement created the social conditions and political strategies that made the gay rights movement possible. Bayard Rustin was a key strategist in shaping the black civil rights movement and thus laid the groundwork for gay civil rights actions.

Rustin was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania in 1912. He believed that it was his grandmother, Julia Rustin's activism, which profoundly shaped his early thinking. Julia Rustin was a barrier-breaker. She served as a charter member of the newly formed National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1910. When African American luminaries

such as W.E.B. Du Bois, James Weldon Johnson, and Mary McLeod Bethune arrived in town to find no guesthouses available to blacks, Julia opened her home to them. Bayard grew up in the presence of these pioneering figures. He heard their stories of lynchings and other acts of racial brutality. Though he had no direct childhood experience of the Ku Klux Klan, their stories left a deep impression.

More than all of this, it was Julia Rustin's Quaker teachings that determined Rustin's notions of nonviolent social protest. Rustin himself said, “My activism did not spring from being black. Rather, it is rooted fundamentally in my Quaker upbringing and the values instilled in me by [my] grandparents....It is very likely that I would have been involved [in civil rights agitation] had I been a white person.” The basic Quaker belief, that all people are equal, ran contrary to the Jim Crow laws then governing race relations in the United States. It was the contradiction between Quaker beliefs and Jim Crow politics that pushed Rustin into involvement with the struggle for racial equality. It was his grandmother who impressed upon him that it was his social responsibility to combat racial subordination nonviolently.

Bayard Rustin in turn taught Martin Luther King, Jr. about nonviolent resistance. King had encountered Gandhi's teachings in college textbooks. The finer points of the Indian philosophy of Satyagraha, or “love force,” had eluded him until Rustin arrived to teach him. With Rustin's guidance, the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1956 was the first action of the modern civil rights movement to become a nonviolent protest.

Rustin went on to organize the 1963 March on Washington. This was then the largest public protest in American history. Rustin said the march “made Americans feel for the first time that we were capable of being truly

a nation, that we were capable of moving beyond division and bigotry.”

Rustin was intimately aware of bigotry. He was not only African American but he was gay. Throughout his long career as an activist Rustin was often an outsider in the very circles in which he labored. He was openly gay throughout his life. In the 1920s, 30s, 40s, and 50s to be an African American gay man was to be considered “deviant” on several levels. There were many times when the perceived political cost of his homosexuality outweighed his value to the civil rights movement and he was shunted to the side, dismissed, or asked to resign from service. Up until quite recently, civil rights historians dealt with Bayard Rustin when they chose to include him at all— as a “sideline activist” whose principal purpose was to support King and the movement.

There is probably no other figure who contributed so much to the civil rights movement yet has been so heavily penalized by it. All because he steadfastly refused to disavow his being gay.

A few months before Rustin died he spoke words that resonate for our times. A young admirer asked how he kept hopeful in dimly conservative times. “I have learned a very significant message from the Jewish prophets,” Rustin replied. “They taught that God does not require us to achieve any of the good tasks that humanity must pursue. What the gods require of us is that we not stop trying.” ▼

To learn more about Bayard Rustin see: *Lost Prophet: The Life and Times of Bayard Rustin* by John D'Emilio and *Time on Two Crosses: The Collected Writings of Bayard Rustin*, edited by Devon W. Carbado and Donald Weise.

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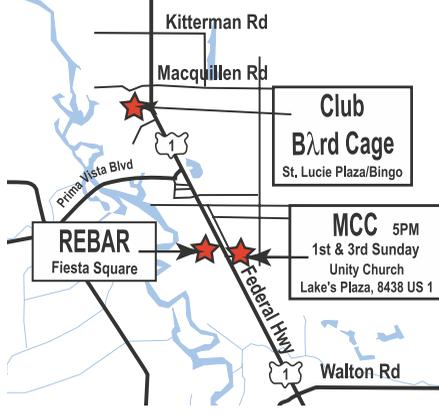
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