The background of the cover is a photograph of two young men lying on their stomachs on a colorful beach towel on a sandy beach. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The man on the left is wearing blue patterned shorts. In the background, there are waves breaking on the shore under a clear blue sky. A portion of a beach umbrella with pink and yellow sections is visible in the top right corner.

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HOROSCOPE by Jacqueline

Now aren't you glad that nasty Mercury retrograde is over! The 8th brings a full moon in Aquarius and definitely some drama in our lives. Take some time to look into the future and get a picture of what you want in life, because Mercury on the 11th and Venus on the 12th go into Leo. This will give you ideas about how to make the changes you need to have the future you want. On the 23rd we have a new moon and sun going into Virgo. This will help motivate you to take action on some of your new ideas. However, before you take action, wait until after the 27th when Mercury goes into Virgo. You'll have the better approach.

Aries March 22-April 23 Feeling a need for attention? Be careful because you're in a dreamy month and people may not be as they appear. Listening will give you the clues you need to make the right choice. By mid-month you'll find your attention turns to your love life. Go with the flow and have some fun!

Taurus April 22 – May 23 Early this month, you'll be swept off your feet, but your practical side will feel off balance. There is a reason for that. Move slowly and enjoy getting to know more about this one. Once Mercury goes into Virgo you'll know if this is love or just a good friendship.

Gemini May 22 – June 23 Changes are in the air for you. You've been practical and waited for the right time. Now the time has arrived. You'll feel rushed by mid-month. Don't worry ... it will all be done on time. Some people may feel you're not making the best of choices. Don't let them stop you. Eventually they'll see you've made the right move.

Cancer June 22 – July 23 The beginning of the month starts out with you clearing the air from the Mercury retrograde in your

sign last month. Take your time and let them know how you feel, more than what's right or wrong. On the 11th Mercury goes into Leo and you finally get some relief, so take a break and do something relaxing. After last month you deserve it.

Leo July 22 – August 23 Happy Solar Return! You're in the spotlight. Use this to your advantage at work. You may get a raise or promotion. Life will be busy this month. Learn how to write things down or organize your thoughts in some way. The point is not how soon you get something done but that you do accomplish it.

Virgo August 22 – September 23 Feeling a little frustrated with life? Are you thinking of an escape? Keep in mind that running away won't help. Communication is important right now, especially with your mate. Instead of ignoring their body language, ask them to tell you how they're feeling, in-turn express how you feel. This will help with the resolution.

Libra September 22 – October 23 When you're ready for change, your answers will come. Use your intuition and true understanding and it will appear. You're always listening to others advise. This will not serve you now. Allow what is right to fall into place without you controlling it and you'll get the desired results. Compromise and forgiveness is all you need to do.

Scorpio October 22 – November 23 Let's call this your do-over month. Why, because mistakes from the past will be returning for you to correct. Chronic delays make it appear as if the odds are against you. Be adaptable and take things one-at-a-time. If you just do it and don't worry about the timing of it, all will be accomplished.

Sagittarius November 22 – December 23 The beginning of the month starts with needing a Plan B for all your activities,

but by mid-month you'll be so well versed that you'll be ahead of everyone else. This practical adaptability will get you the solid results you've been looking for, both in your personal life and financial status.

Capricorn December 22 – January 23 Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's off to work you go... This is not the month to take a vacation. You're setting a new foundation for your long-term financial well being. Keep your nose to the grindstone and you'll realize the financial benefits. Actions speak louder than words, both in your professional and personal life right now.

Aquarius January 22 – February 23 You normally solve your problems by playing your hunches, and that usually works. Not this month. You need to do a 180 degree turn. Rely on tried and true techniques and what you can physically see or you'll find yourself in a bigger hole than when you started.

Pisces February 22 – March 23 The intensity level has just risen. You're at the height of your sensitivity. Don't be afraid; break it down to one thing at a time. Nothing is urgent and all will be resolved, as long as you use your intuition to make each choice. I know your knees may tremble a little, but I promise that will go away. ▼

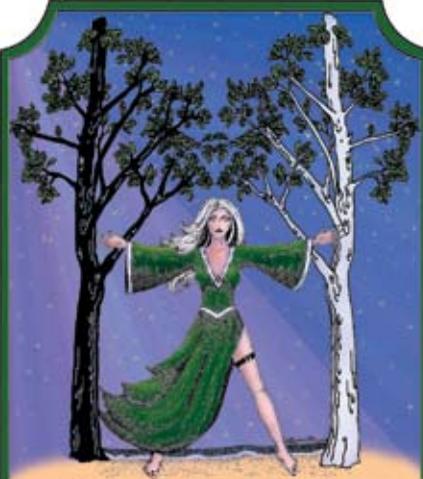
For those who want to know: All will be more romantically inclined during this month because we're under the sun sign of Leo. Leo rules our creative juices, both romantically and work-wise. The sun is its ruler, which is our true soul or self. Leo is the element of fire, and creates both positive and negative energies. It brings out the romance and beauty of life as well as like its totem the lion, our laziness to want others to make it happen for us. Allow yourself some time this month to really look at what gets your creative abilities going and make a plan to play with what you've found.

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Tea Time

with Miss T

Changes are everywhere these days. We want to wish all the best to Becky Jeffers, who's other commitments have led her to un-complicate her life by leaving us as both a representative and a columnist. Never fear, Becky is not going away – she's still bartending at the **Rainbow Room** in Cocoa Beach and we hear that she'll resurface in the near future in a new role in our community.

Grandview Gardens down in West Palm is actively involved in our community to build both the community and it's influence. We were lucky enough to be making our monthly trek to West Palm the very night **Grandview Gardens** was hosting the Palm Beach Human Right Council candidate meet and greet. People and politicians were everywhere. What a refreshing experience to speak with politicians who were not only aware of our issues, but to be treated as another constituent and not be patronized. We can only hope this political involvement will move up the coast to bring a reality check to Treasure and Space Coast elected officials. The sooner the better!



Quite a crowd gathered at Grandview Gardens for the Human Rights Council candidate meet and greet.

Getting better organized, the Space Coast Business Guild has arisen from the efforts of Becky Jeffers and Joseph Paulus to put together a gay business association. It was felt that the group should be for both GLBT and LGBT friendly businesses so the name should be neutral. Their next meeting will be 3-5 pm, August 12, at the **Cold Keg**. With officers elected, a Yahoo! Group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/spacecoastbusinessguild>), a web page on the way and incorporation underway the group is really taking off! Yearly dues will be \$50 and include a plain listing in their published directory as well as a listing on their web page. This is another instance of the incredible growth of our community in Brevard County.

A Brevard County favorite bartender, Jeffrey, formerly of the **Cold Keg** and now at **Rainbow Room** has another talent (no! besides that!) that many don't realize – he paints. Jeffrey paints more than just bodies and bar mirrors for special events and backdrops for pageants and murals, he paints on canvas, too. His paintings will be on display in the Gallery at **Beach Place Guest Houses** (1445 N. Atlantic) in Cocoa Beach the entire month of August. If you haven't had a chance to check out **Beach Place Guest Houses** here's a great opportunity to scope out this very special place and see some of Jeffrey's art, too (and buy some!).



Some of Jeffrey's art

REBAR in Port St. Lucie is always working up some special event. Last month their month-long **REBAR** Idol contest was not only well attended but culminated in a "super" event. Myesha took away this year's honors and we can look forward to her special appearances throughout the coming year. And leave it to **REBAR** to make their new Karaoke on Sundays (7-11) special with giveaways and drink specials. Finally **REBAR** marks the middle of August with their second

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Spiritually Speaking

Four years ago, when Mike and I first moved to the Melbourne area, we purchased a Bird of Paradise plant for the patio of our apartment. For the two years we lived in the apartment, we faithfully watered the plant and watched over it to protect it from any harm. Two years ago, when we purchased our home in Rockledge, we planted it in our front yard. At that time we discovered it was not just one, but three plants in the planter.

Here we are, four years later, and we have finally seen the first blooms on the plant. After four years of waiting, sometimes impatiently, we have four beautiful blooms on the plants.

Those who know me well know that I sometimes have difficulty with the concept of having to wait. When I decide something is the right thing for me, I want it right then and don't want to have to wait for it. It can be a challenge for me to wait for the right time for what I want.

As a child, it was difficult to wait for the magical day of Christmas once Thanksgiving arrived. The end of the school year couldn't come fast enough and vacation trips seemed to never arrive. One of the greatest challenges for me was waiting to turn sixteen and to be able to gain the coveted Driver's License. The year I was fifteen was nothing but pure torment.

Even today, I tend to lean towards the impatient side of things waiting to see my plans come to pass. It seems that when I am impatient, plans take a lot longer time to come to pass. I have accepted a new challenge and am looking at a new major goal for my life. The end result of this new task won't come for between four and five years. One of my greatest concerns is "will I be able to pace myself and follow the prescribed program of my challenge?"

Most of us have difficulty waiting. If we diet,

it seems that the weight doesn't come off fast enough. If we join a gym, the muscles don't seem to develop quickly enough. When we are looking to purchase a house or new car, it is difficult to wait during the contract negotiations, the waiting for an answer on a mortgage or loan, and then waiting for the day the deal closes. It is difficult waiting for an elected official's term of office to expire so that we can have a chance to vote for someone else.

Modern technology has helped us learn how to be impatient. We complain at a restaurant if it takes too long to get our food. We complain if the microwave doesn't cook our food fast enough. If traffic doesn't move fast enough, we become angry and begin to make comments to other drivers. When we call to make an appointment we become agitated if the time we want isn't available.

It's been said that patience is a virtue. The Apostle Paul wrote that having patience is a sign of personal maturity, when someone has reached the place in their lives when they have become productive, producing fruit in their lives.

Like the Bird of Paradise in my yard which took four years to bloom, patience can take time to develop in our lives. Waiting for the fulfillment of a dream can be a real challenge.

For years we have been waiting for equal rights in our community. We patiently wait for the day we can legally have our relationships recognized by the government. We wait for the day when there is no more discrimination against our community.

It took four years for my Bird of Paradise to bloom. Some of us have waited for years to see our dreams realized. Patience comes with maturity, with learning how to wait for the flowers in our lives to bloom.



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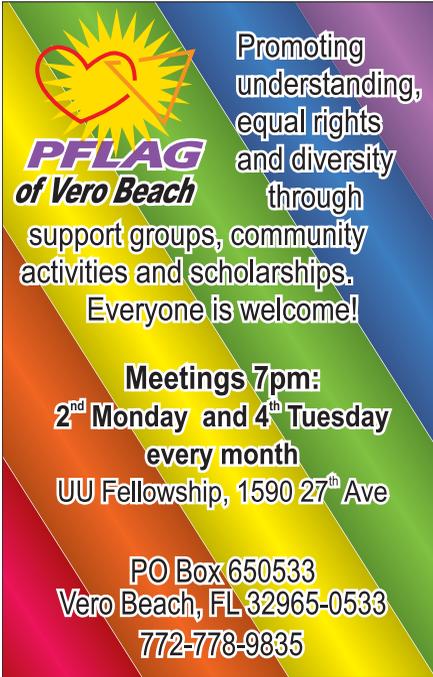
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The Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Seay is a former pastor in the Assemblies of God. He has been a pastor in the Metropolitan Community Churches since 1989. He and his life-partner of thirteen years, Mike Lufriu, moved to Brevard County to start the East Coast Metropolitan Community Church. East Coast MCC meets in Palm Bay at the Riviera United Church of Christ, 451 Riviera Drive, every Sunday at 6 p.m. Services in Vero Beach are at the Holiday Inn Express, SR 60 & I-95, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 12:30 p.m. Services in Port St. Lucie/Ft. Pierce are at the Shriner's Club, 4600 Oleander Ave, every Sunday at 9 a.m.



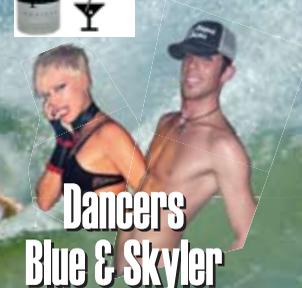
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In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

“Gutsiest cross-dresser of all time”

Proving that trans-gender issues are as old as the Pharaohs, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City recently concluded an exhibit on Hatshepsut. Hatshepsut can teach us all about not being afraid to dare.

Hatshepsut was married to Thutmose II who died in 1479 B.C.E. Upon his death Hatshepsut became regent for her stepson. It was customary for regents to step aside when the child came of age. Custom seemed to hold no interest for Hatshepsut. She had herself crowned king and ruled alongside the stepson as “senior co-pharaoh.” While women could be leaders in ancient Egypt, a pharaoh was male by definition. Definitions and customs were meant to be changed according to Hatshepsut. And she certainly knew the import of what she was doing as once a pharaoh was crowned the move could never be reversed as pharaohs were gods and could not renounce their divinity.

Thutmose III, Hatshepsut’s stepson seemed all right with his stepmother’s decision. Indeed Hatshepsut’s reign was among the most prosperous in Egypt’s history. Art and architecture flourished. Peace prevailed. Historians compare her rule with that of Elizabeth I of England.

Yet twenty years after Hatshepsut’s death, her stepson, Thutmose III, for inexplicable reasons had all images of her destroyed. Maybe he didn’t want other women to get ideas about bending rules about gender in order to lead?

But erasing her memory proved more

difficult as the exhibit at the Met demonstrated.

The first look at Hatshepsut afforded by the exhibit was in the Met’s Great Hall, where a gargantuan sphinx of the gender-bending pharaoh, 11 feet long and carved of granite, looms. Met researchers working with fragments excavated by archeologists pieced together the statue which has a lion’s body and a “royal portrait head adorned with the striped head cloth and stylized ceremonial beard worn by kings.” Another reconstructed statue also depicts Hatshepsut with the traditional kingly head cloth and beard. A third statue shows Hatshepsut much more informally as a seated feminine Hatshepsut, beardless and clothed in a sleeveless sheath.

Reviewers of the exhibit noted that Hatshepsut was “no Nefertiti”, meaning her physical beauty was not her strongest attribute, they also noted that her smile suggests a “confident oneness with divinity.” Perhaps that smile also conveyed Hatshepsut’s confidence in herself and her life choices. ▼

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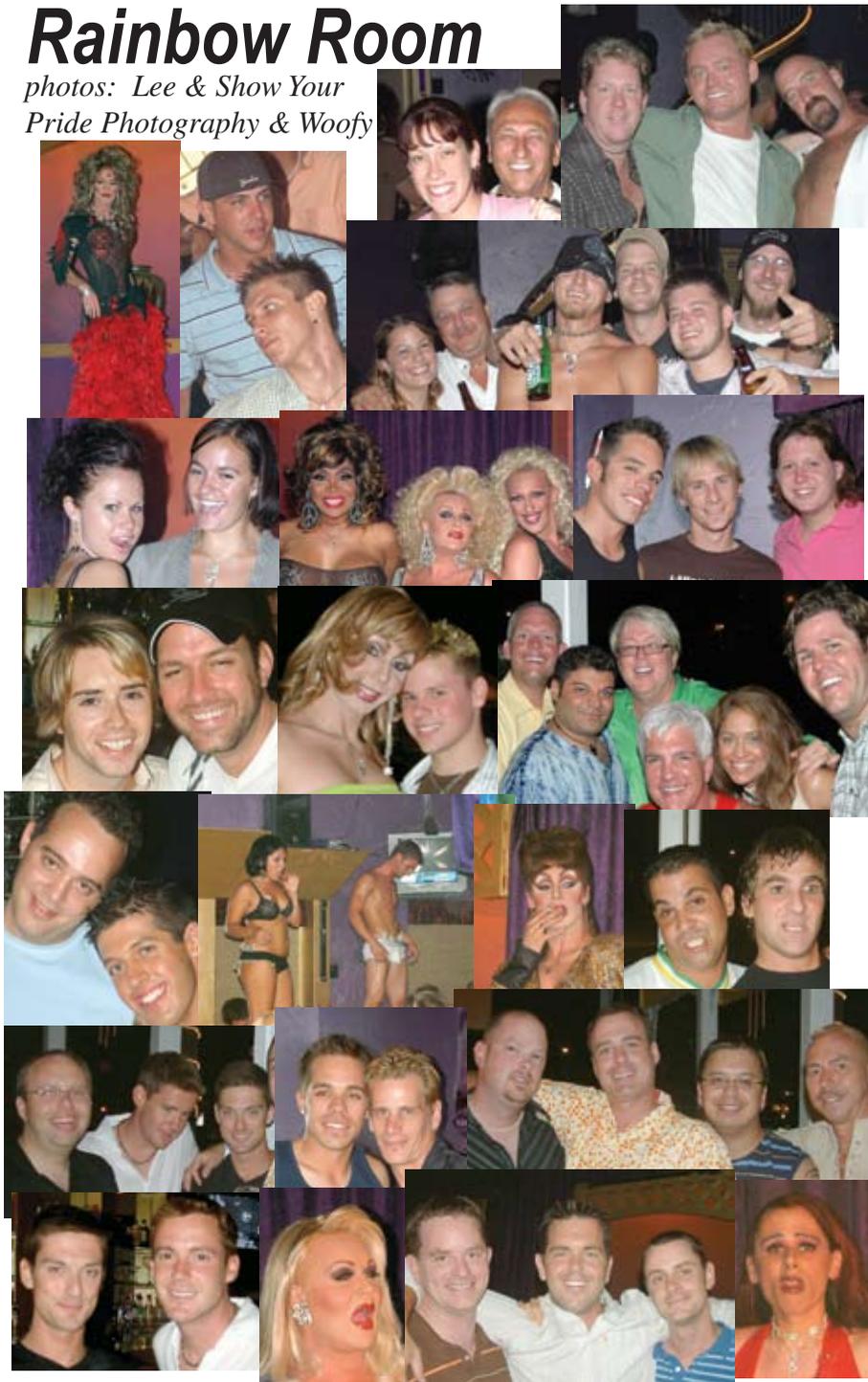
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Isn't it convenient that **The Living Room of Brevard** has started its first social outreach program just as it nears its stage 1 goal of \$15,000 and gets its 501(c)3 charity status from the IRS. It happened much more quickly than anyone imagined, which just goes to show that the timing is right for a community center in the Melbourne area. Now all they need is a physical location. Several places have been looked at but each one has had an insurmountable problem like no handicap access or a short lease in a bad area. So if you know of an appropriate place for rent, leave a message at 321-505-0077 or send them an email at info@TLRbrevard.org. **The Living Room** had such a success with Gay Skate that they've decided to make it a regular event, their first program. It isn't a fund raiser, it's a fun time, an event designed to give people things to with their kids or friends in the early evening. The regular day hasn't been set yet, as the schools get first dibs but by mid-month they should have it locked in so check their web site for the day and date (www.TLRbrevard.org).

August 27, is the date of **The Living Room's** next event and it's at the **Cold Keg**. What an event this promises to be as the Can U Hang dance contest will be that night. The contest preliminaries are the three preceding Wednesdays (8/9, 16 & 23) see the ad on page 30 for details. There's a \$350 first prize, \$100 second prize and \$50 third prize, all donated by FMPC Enterprise. **Kelli Randell** and Roz Russell will be hosting and Frank Mead will be running the contest so come on out to the prelims (the \$3 cover goes to **TLR**) and reserve the 27th now for what promises to be a different kind of benefit (although I have privy to some of the auction items and there are a couple that will knock your socks off).

Leigh Shannon knocked their socks off last week with her Night of 1000 Divas benefit at the **Cold Keg for The Living Room**. There was a whole, um, castle (yeah, that's the word) castle of queens performing, lead by Leigh and Roz Russell. Leigh brought them together from all over central Florida on a Friday night for a good cause. Plus she rustled up some amazing auction and raffle items – from tickets to Patti LaBelle and a *The Devil Wears Prada* signed poster to a weekend for two at the **Parliament House**, admission to Universal Studios and dinner (what a package!). When the glitter and chiffon cleared, Leigh had raised \$3,014 for **The Living Room**. What an amazing effort!

Family of God Community Church in Cocoa wants to remind everyone that they are continuing their efforts collecting empty ink and toner cartridges and old cell phones. They recycle them for points towards office supplies. PLEASE remember to hold on to all ink/toner/laser cartridges and old cell phones; they have a donation collection box in the Family Room or you may drop them at the thrift shop. **Family of God Community Church** has postponed Bingo for the summer. It will return the first Saturday of October. They are continuing first Wednesday Potluck and Game Night at 6:00 pm. in the family room. They have fellowship with the meal then continue the evening with games.

Fellowship for Catholics in Palm Beach County can now be found at Dignity Palm Beach, a religious and social club for GLBT Roman Catholics and their friends at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Lucerne Ave at North Palmway in Lake Worth on the first and third Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm. For more information or to get on their email list call (during the day) 561-309-0088 or email netalfred@netzero.net. Dignity is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church and is a supportive organization.

Gay Rights Tidbits: Equality Florida is beginning to organize a Treasure Coast group. They hope to have their initial meeting on August 26 in the Port St. Lucie area. The organizers of this group realize that Vero Beach is on the Treasure Coast, too and hope to be able to alternate meetings between the two cities until there are enough people to make two groups. Anyone interested in getting involved should call Laura at 772-528-4384 or email her at HabersMelody@BellSouth.net. Equality Florida is an excellent way to get involved by focusing on a few critical issues with your local politicians. They offer training and support and ways to build liaisons with other progressive groups to help turn the tide against those who would oppress us and discriminate against our community and our youth. ▼

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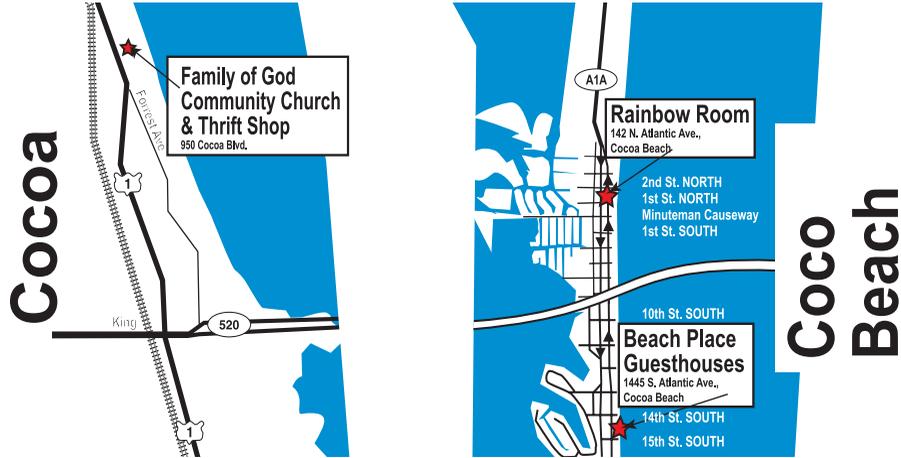
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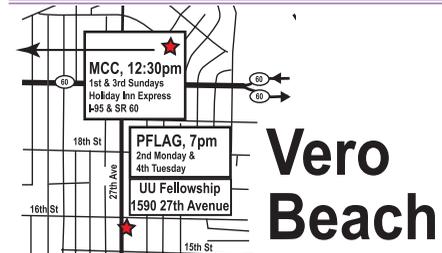
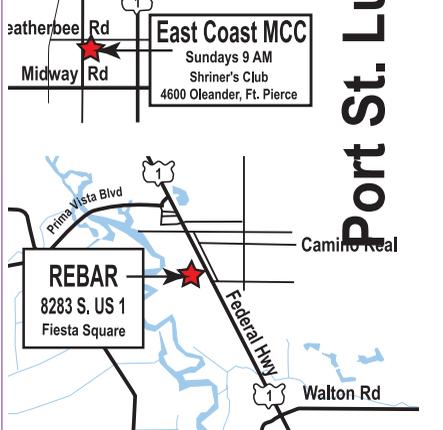
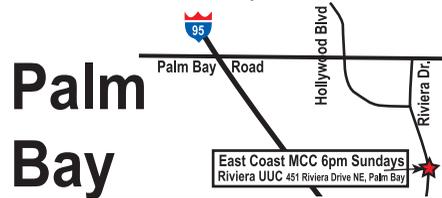
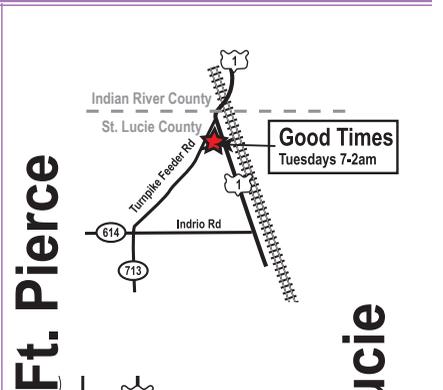
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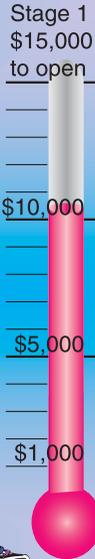
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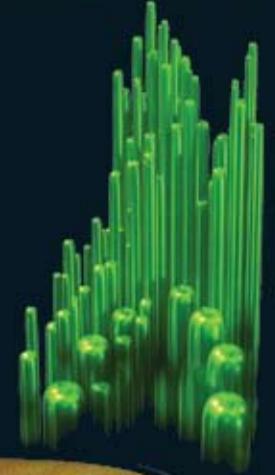
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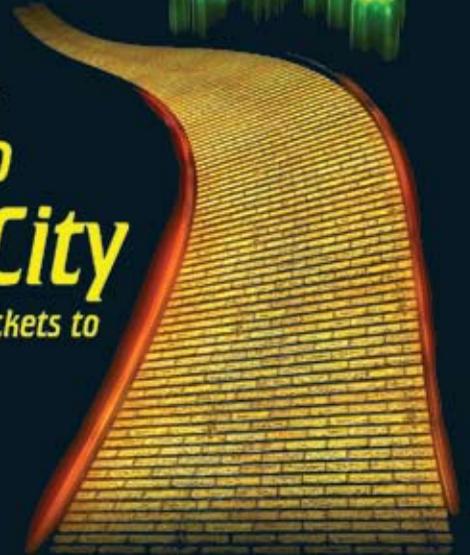


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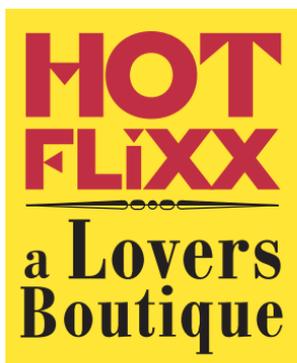
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