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Now aren't you glad that nasty Mercury retrograde is over? We begin on the 4th with a full moon in Gemini; communication and travel are two operative words for the month. Saturn goes retrograde on the 5th, which means that your lessons now are in romance and dating. This is a good time to express how you feel to those you love. We end the month with a full moon in Sagittarius. This gives you the lightheartedness to be able to have a good time and enjoy the holidays.

Aries March 22-April 23 Your energy is high. The time is right for you to get what you want through ambition and dedication. Others will notice and reward you. It's a good time for your love life as well. Feel free to express your emotions and you'll be happy with the response.

Taurus April 22 – May 23 This month the key word for you is: conditions. It's time to get rid of habits, possessions and people who are limiting you to obligations of the past. Take action and allow them to leave in peace. What comes into your life to replace them may surprise you.

Gemini May 22 – June 23 With the full moon on the 4th in your sign, be careful not to be too easily influenced by others pulling on your emotional side. Make sure you ask to see the facts before getting involved. This is not a month to make decisions quickly.

Cancer June 22 – July 23 Your worries turn to your finances this month. Be frugal. Use your crafty ability to come up with new and inventive ways to hold on to your money. There is a fine line between frugal and cheap. Make sure you know the cost before investing your time or you may end up chasing your tail.

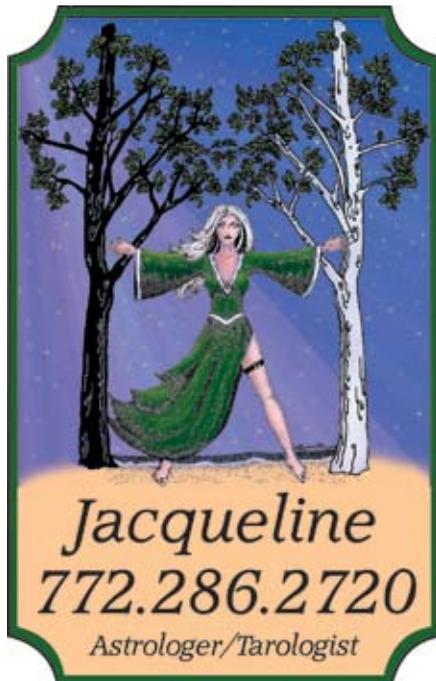
Leo July 22 – August 23 Your focus this month is on your love life. This is a test. Your challenge is to show your true romantic-self, even though there appears to be conflict. I know you need the right setting, but now

you need to create it on your own. If you keep the faith, you'll reap the benefits.

Virgo August 22 – September 23 You'll feel like others are being sharp and critical of you. Don't take it personally, because this is just a busy time and others forget the details. Instead of stewing, take the time to form your thoughts and express them productively.

Libra September 22 – October 23 This month you'll mix business with pleasure and every action you take will be in the limelight, for better or for worse. Learn to laugh at your mistakes. It's a good time financially, as long as you don't make hasty decisions. Make sure you do your homework before making any decisions.

Scorpio October 22 – November 23 Thank God that last month is over! However, Mars and Mercury are still in your sign. You have



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the desire to let go of old baggage and ties. Choose wisely instead of allowing frustration or stress to be your guide. Friends in high places are mentors to you now. They'll be there when you need them.

Sagittarius November 22 – December 23 Happy solar return! Your lighthearted approach to life may be confusing to others who you have serious thoughts about. You feel they aren't showing you how much they care. Talk about it seriously without the sarcasm. You'll get the results you're looking for. By the way, when does your marathon shopping spree end?

Capricorn December 22 – January 23 Someone in your life will approach you with a great opportunity. Take the time to do the research and don't pass it up. The new income will allow you to clear up old debts. Remember who gave you the chance, you will return the favor another day.

Aquarius January 22 – February 23 Your expansive ideas are wonderful, but it's time for you to live in the now. Take one step at a time to simplify your life, especially in your

love life. You'll find serious topics arising in you intimate conversations. Express your true thoughts and you'll find the answers.

Pisces February 22 – March 23 This month your mind is focused on the past and not on the future. Take stock, as the deep, still waters of your emotions are urging you to go back and try something again. Make sure the circumstances have changed or you'll find yourself right back where you started. ▼

For those who want to know: Sagittarius is the most fun sign we have. It is a fire sign, which means that they are active creatures. Sagittarius is ruled by Jupiter; our guardian angel. These personality types are extremely intelligent and humorous, usually the one with the lampshade on their head at the party. It is a dual sign, so when the pendulum swings the other way they can be extremely serious, especially with their religious beliefs. Because this month is influenced by Sagittarius, you'll find yourself busier than ever. Remember that balance is the key for this time.

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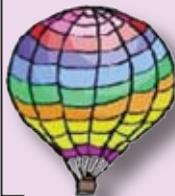
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COVER: Yes it's that time of year again and Voices of Pride, the Gay Men's Chorus of the Palm Beaches, is presenting their holiday concert, Voices of the Season III, on December 15 and 16 at the Duncan Theater, Palm Beach Community College, call the Duncan Box office for tickets: 561-868-3309. Come and enjoy!

Come and gone, that's Club Asylum in Cape Canaveral and, apparently, Spank Sundays at On the Rocks in Delray Beach (at least we've never heard back from them) and the Sapphire Lounge in Jensen Beach has never gotten its gay night off the ground. One starts wondering about Karma. Perhaps if we all think positive thoughts venues with staying power will come along soon -- we need more places to go all up and down the coast. It's nice to go to an area with several bars, but it's also nice to have places to go close to home. Sigh, we can always hope for the New Year.

REBAR is teaming up with **The Prima Vista Grille** for a New Year's eve promotion where you get a free bottle of wine at dinner and a free bottle of champagne the bar -- see page 22 for details -- just tear out the page and stick it in your wallet so have it with you. **REBAR** is even arranging for free private taxi service New Year's eve for those living within 5 miles of the bar, no waiting, no attitude, no worries -- another example of Jim and Jerry's creativity in making their patron's experience a little nicer.

Now that we've been around a few years it's nice that we're starting to get mail more interesting than credit card offers -- we got a book sent for review (and if we get time to read it, we will review it). Just the other day a CD arrived. It was a pleasant surprise to actually enjoy the CD! The artist is Wibby White. *The Trendsetter* has ten cuts with enough variety so that at least one will appeal to most listeners from mellow to dance. It's on sale at most online music stores we found it easily at cdbaby.com and itunes.com -- we don't use IE so we couldn't use sonyconnect.com -- check it out, you might like it and we might get more free CDs! We'll bring the CD to **Gay Skate** and they can work it into the music program there.

Compass GLCC has grown to become the largest center in the Southeast through their programs and outreach. Their success can be directly linked to well executed programs and events like the upcoming World AIDS Day observance in conjunction with The Names Project Foundation. On December 1 at Compass' main facility seven 12 by 12 feet AIDS Memorial Quilt blocks, composed of eight panels each, will be on display from noon to 6 p.m. A candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. will be followed by the reading of names, which honors those lost to HIV and AIDS. The vigil begins as one candle being lit, which lights the following candles in a domino effect, representing the growth and transmission of HIV. Following the reading of names, the new panels are inducted into the Quilt. The evening candlelight vigil is always a moving event,

East Coast MCC is offering two Christmas Eve services this year: a 6 pm one at the Shrine Club in Port. St. Lucie and a 10:30 pm one at Riviera UCC in Palm Bay. **ECMCC** is looking forward to expanding in the new year with changes in locations and growth in staff as well -- we look forward to welcoming new pastors to help build the church in PSL allowing Jerry and Mike to focus more on Melbourne and Vero. And once **The Living Room** is open **ECMCC** will be moving its services there. Lots of changes are coming.

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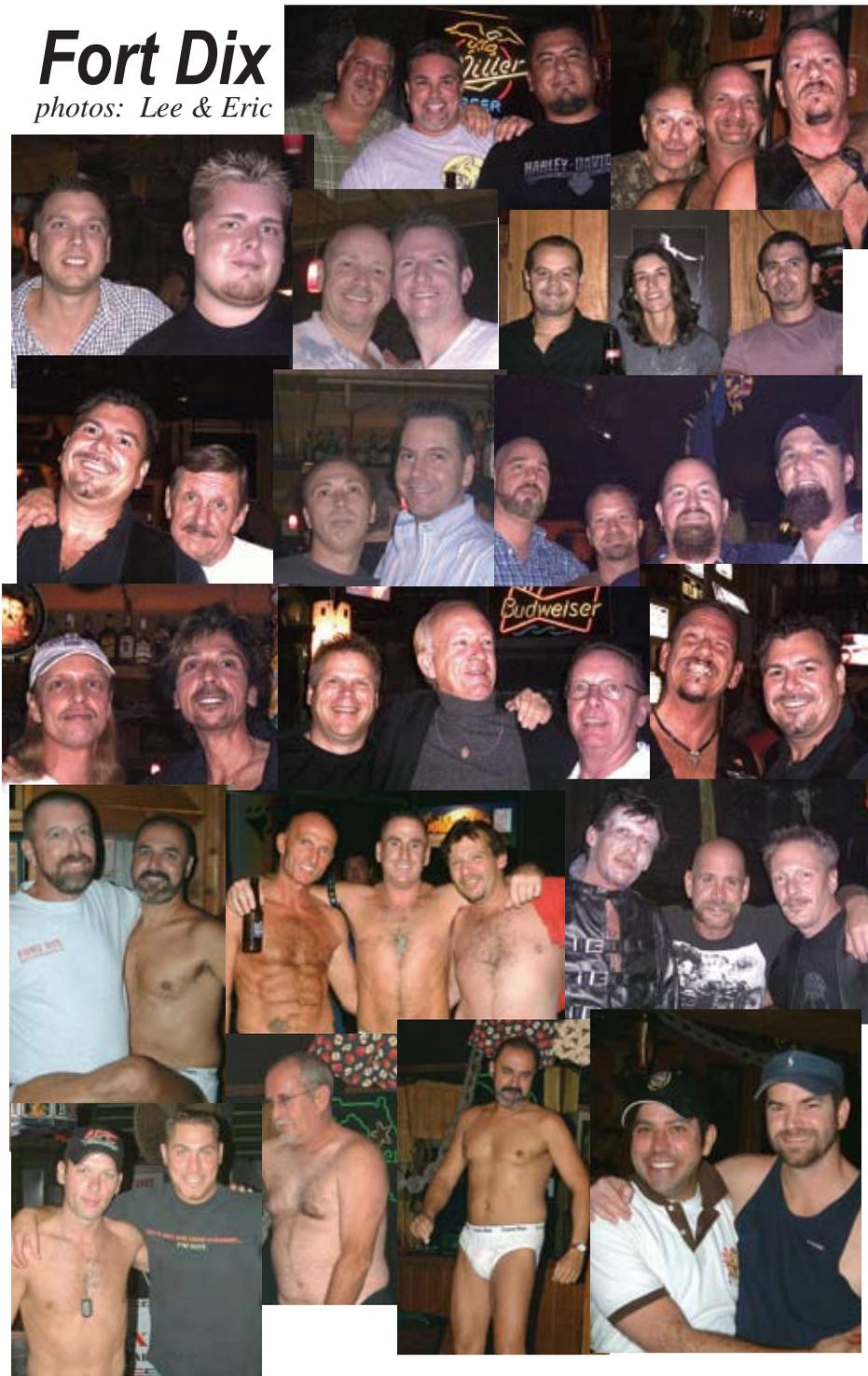
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There's a sense of renewal. Maybe this wasn't a very good year for you; it might even have been your worst. Maybe it was your best year yet. Whatever this year was to you, you know the next one will be different. You make well-meaning resolutions with that sense of hope, that sense of change.

There was a sense of change a couple of thousand years ago that began with a small infant lying in a manger in a stable. A baby that would change the world. Shepherds in the fields were the first to find out about this birth, what it would mean, and rejoiced. A star in the east brought some wise men looking for this child to share in the celebration; a message of hope and a message of love.

I know that that is not an easy thing for some in our community to accept. There are some who have been hurt badly by their church growing up, made to feel unworthy and unaccepted, so they have anger or disgust towards organized religion. Elton John recently gave us his opinion on that subject and simply wishes that no religions exist at all. Then there are others who, because of the religion they were raised in, having trouble accepting that they are gay and keep trying to go "straight". Even though everyone else knows they are gay.

There are still great conflicts in organized religion today over us and who some of them think we are. The Episcopal Church

opens itself more and more to accepting us, even choosing an openly gay bishop. But within this denomination there are those who disagree with that idea and have split off from the church. Crystal meth and gay prostitutes have become the new buzzwords for the heavily anti-gay Evangelical community as the head of their organization and pastor of a mega-church got caught apparently engaging in both of these things.

Now let's go back to that little baby in the manger in swaddling clothes. It's hard to even think that one has anything to do with the other but this child became the reason for the creation of churches and the Christian religion. This baby grew up into someone who treated everyone that others considered "sinners" as equals. Jesus didn't fear the lepers and he didn't judge the prostitutes. He challenged the Jewish leaders and even his own disciples. He took care of the poor. Jesus loves everyone.

This Christmas, remember that this little baby came here for you. God is for you. God is with us. God loves you. Jesus made that clear.

Merry Christmas! ▼

Rev. Nancy Dupree is Associate Pastor at Family of God Community Church. Rev. Nancy was ordained in 2004 but has been active in ministry specifically for the GLBT community since 1988. She was a founding member and deacon of Breaking the Silence Metropolitan Community Church, where she and Rev. Mark Osdras served in ministry together. Her partner, Sandra, is her love, her best friend, and her strength as Rev. Nancy faces the continued challenge of cancer. "Hope and love are the oars by which we gain momentum; faith is the vessel."

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In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

"Involving the use of all her faculties." Jane Addams and Mary Rozet Smith

Jane Addams graduated from Rockford College in 1882. At that time, there were few professions open to college-educated women. After graduating, Addams had no idea what she wanted to do with the rest of her life and with opportunities slim to near invisible, Addams experienced a terrible depression. This depression was exacerbated the year following her graduation when she went to Europe for "finishing" as young women of her social class often did. The trip that was intended to "finish" her as a refined young woman of the upper class instead became a beginning.

While in London, Addams visited East London where she saw up close the horrible poverty and misery in which much of humanity lived. Her upper-middle class upbringing had sheltered her from any knowledge of this world. Addams, later in her life, would claim that it was this European experience, which made her understand that her "modern" education, which stuffed a young woman with culture and nothing more, was useless.

If there was one thing Jane Addams was determined not to be it was useless. Jane Addams took the eye-opening experience of her European trip and returned to the United States and fashioned a new career opportunity for herself and scores of other college-educated women. Jane Addams founded what would be come known as the social work profession. She did this by opening the first settlement house in the United States. Hull House, as it was called, was located in Chicago and it would become the first of many settlement houses throughout the United States.

Jane Addams became the nation's conscience. She constantly pointed out that what Hull House was doing – child care and food programs for the poor to name just two of their dozens of programs – should be done all over the country and would be much better accomplished by the federal government. She argued that private beneficence was good and necessary but not sufficient to deal with the disinheritance of the urban world.

Jane Addams was also clear that she could not have founded Hull House nor sustained her work for justice and peace were it not

for the support and love she found in her primary relationships with women. Addams had absolutely no interest in heterosexual marriage. She spent her adult years with other women in long-term relationships. Today, we would describe Jane Addams as a lesbian. In her own day the term was not used.

Jane Addams first important relationship was with Ellen Starr. Jane and Ellen were students together at Rockford Female Seminary in Illinois. Their relationship began in 1877. They were 19 years old when they met and their relationship grew slowly from a friendship to a more romantic friendship and then to a "Boston marriage" as women's intimate same-sex relationships were then described.

It was with Ellen Starr that Jane Addams first had the idea to open a settlement house in the United States. In 1888, Jane and Ellen traveled to Europe together, and in London visited Toynbee Hall, a settlement house that brought male Oxford students to live and work among the poor. From that visit the idea of Hull House was born.

By 1889 they had founded Hull House and in doing so inaugurated the settlement house movement in the United States. But for Jane Addams what mattered more was that she was at long last joined with a partner. She wrote to Ellen during this period, "Let's love each other through thick and thin and work out a salvation." Their salvation at this time was their love for one another.

As Ellen Starr began to move in different direction her intimate relationship with Jane Addams came to an end. Jane Addams in her autobiography was always clear in crediting Starr as being her partner in the establishment of Hull House. Their fifteen-year relationship empowered each woman. Jane Addams found her great love with Mary Rozet Smith. The historian Lillian Faderman notes in her book, *To Believe in Women: What Lesbians Have Done for America – A History*, "Yet a perusal of their correspondence leaves little doubt of the romance and commitment of their relationship and the fact that they considered themselves a married couple."

Jane Addams and Mary Rozet Smith enjoyed a forty year committed relationship together. Mary died of pneumonia in 1934. Jane was devastated by Mary's death. She herself

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was ill at the time. She wrote to her nephew, James Linn: "I suppose I could have willed my heart to stop beating, but the thought of what she had been to me for long kept me from being cowardly." Jane survived Mary by only fourteen months.

Thanks in large measure to the work of Jane Addams, a new generation of college-educated women would find professions waiting for them. Many of those women would continue the legacy of Jane Addams, Mary Rozet Smith and Ellen Starr. ▼

For more information about all of the women mentioned in this four-month series on the contributions of lesbian women to the professions of education, professional ministry, medicine and social work see the work of Lillian Faderman in her exceptional book, *To Believe in Women: What Lesbians Have Done For America – A History*, (Houghton Mifflin Company, 1999).

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January 22 marks the return of the fabulous **Miss Brevard County Pageant** at the **Cold Keg** in Melbourne. The theme is fairytales which sets the scene for extravagant gowns and perhaps some fun talent entries – can't you just picture a queen and a couple of hunks doing an original interpretation of *Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's off to work we go* (or should that be that High Ho?)!

In a production of another sort, Palm Beach Dramaworks' has announced that the company's acclaimed production of Arthur Miller's *The Price* currently playing at their intimate downtown theatre (322 Banyan Boulevard) will extend its run by 8 performances and close on December 10th. They are thrilled to have received such incredible critical and audience response to *The Price*. For ticket information contact the box office at (561) 514-4042, open Monday through

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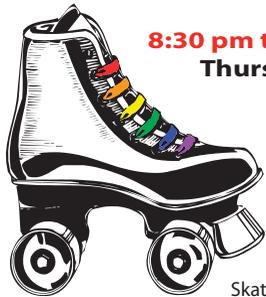
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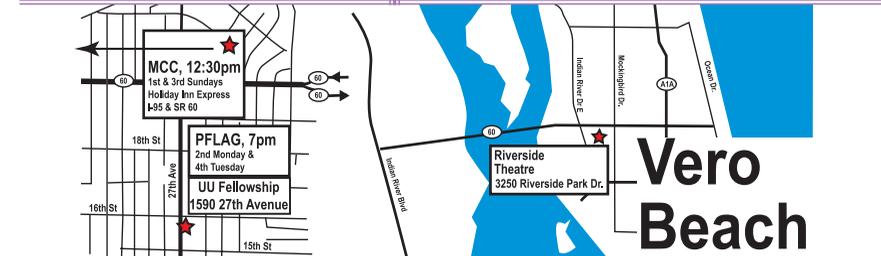
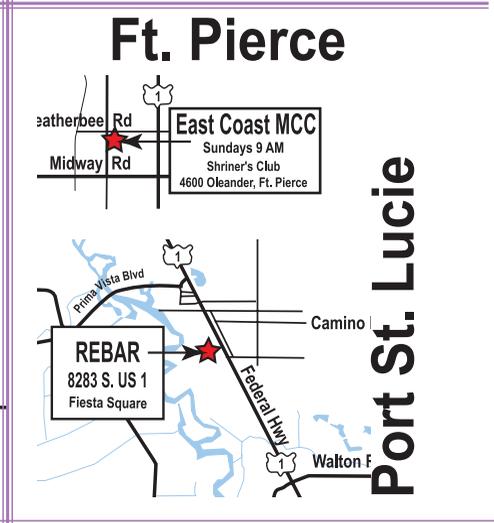
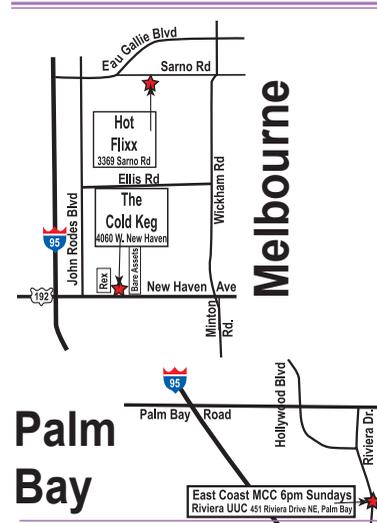
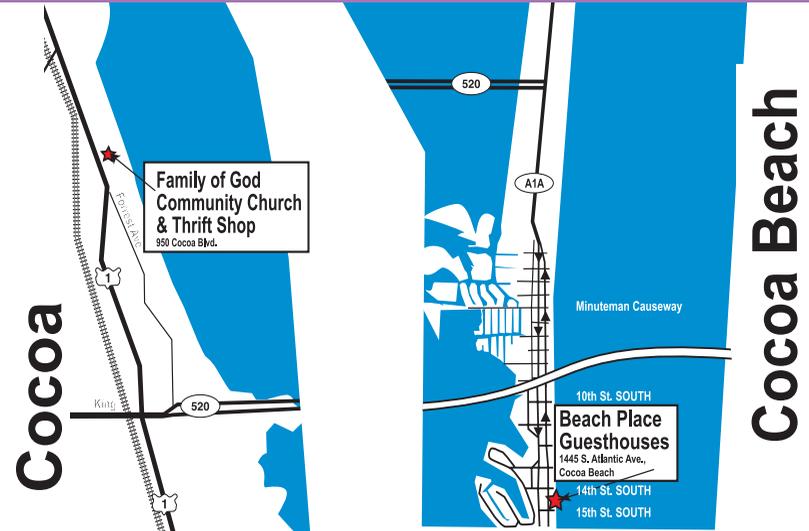


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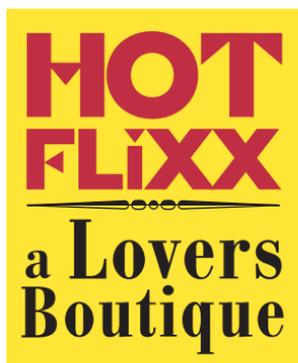
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