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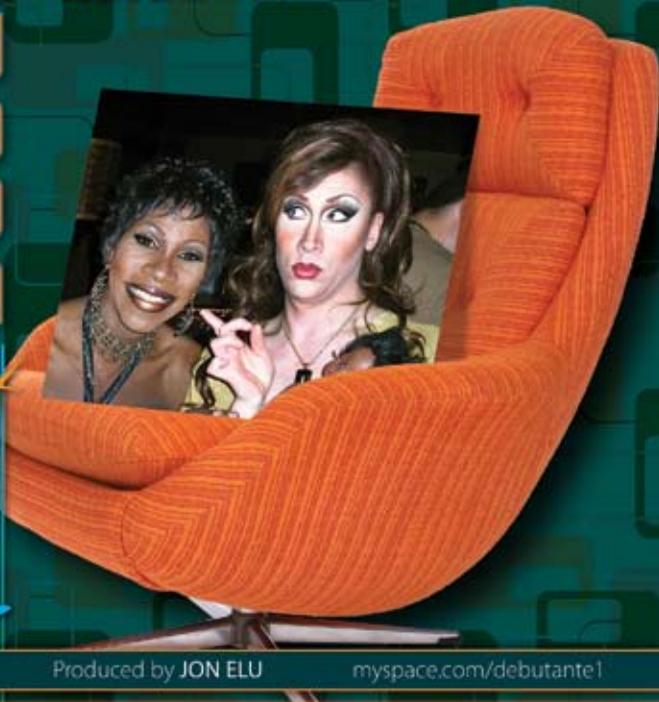
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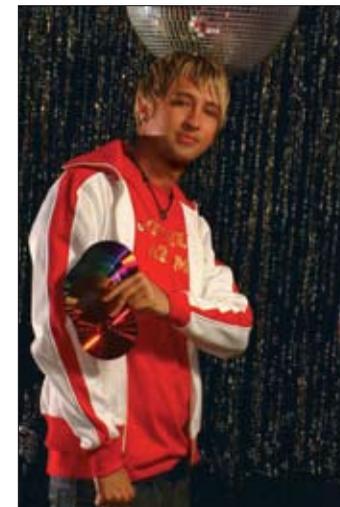
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The Gemini sun brings a lot of activity especially in communication. With the New Moon on the 14th in Gemini all will want to express their opinions, especially when it comes to their emotions since Mercury, the ruler of Gemini, is in Cancer. Mercury will be going retrograde on the 15th, which will allow us to clean up any misunderstandings that occurred as a result of last month's blue Moon. The full Moon on the 30th in Capricorn will bring new foundation to our environment and allow us to detach from those old emotions.

Aries March 23 - April 22 Jupiter is still tinning Mars in your sign. This means others will notice you and that opportunities to your benefit are still arising. Be cautious with communications after the new moon; what you want and what is being offered may conflict. Learn to ask more questions before jumping into it.

Taurus April 23 - May 22 This month time seems to linger bringing a change in your day-to-day habits. Don't get frustrated; just leave yourself a little extra time for those important appointments and all will work out well. It's giving you the time to look at the subtleties in your environment and open your eyes to new opportunities.

Gemini May 23 - June 22 Happy Solar Return! You'll find yourself wrapped up in everyone else's stuff but your own this month. Yes, they're giving you the praise and recognition you want, but they're not allowing you to do what makes you happy. The Mercury retrograde on the 15th allows others to hear what you want. Use it to your advantage and take some time to enjoy life.

Cancer June 23 - July 22 The mixed signals from last month will get easier to read after the new moon on the 14th. Stay on the path you know is right, because with Jupiter in conjunct Mercury in your sign, all communications will turn out to your benefit eventually. You just have to sit and wait until others catch up to your way of thinking.

Leo July 23 - August 22 Your creative and romantic juices are flowing so don't be surprised

if everyone notices. Take charge of what you want. Saturn is still teaching you lessons in patience so it will take some time, but you'll succeed! Use the down time to stop and smell the roses.

Virgo August 23 - September 22 You'll find things will appear more complicated for the first half of the month. Go with the flow. Don't worry as all will become clear once the full moon appears and Mercury goes retrograde. Only then will your normal strategies work.

Libra September 23 - October 22 You have no place to hide from responsibility this month. Face them head on and one at a time. You'll be able to handle the pressures you carry after the new moon on the 14th. Don't forget to take some time to find a good distraction from the demands put upon you by both yourself and others.

Scorpio October 23 - November 22 Last month you saw the path to achieve what you

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wanted. Now is the time to enlist others to help you along the way; you'll find you have more support than you thought. This Mercury retrograde will throw obstacles in your way. Just remember that they're small and are there to make sure you don't miss the details.

Sagittarius November 23 - December 22 This month, you're on a roll! If only others would get out of your way, you'd get further! Or at least that's your perspective. Know that a little compassion for the differences in others will enrich your life as well as the life of others around you. You know where you're going; don't be in such a rush to get there.

Capricorn December 23 - January 22 Last month allowed you to know where all the problems lie. It's now time to face the facts and change direction. Such measures will empower you to take action both verbally and non verbally. Take the time to think before you speak or you'll make life harder than it needs to be.

Aquarius January 23 - February 22 This month brings a change of heart about a work situation. There's always another way in which to approach those circumstances. It'll take more effort than it usually does, but it'll be well worth the struggle. Remember, if at first you don't succeed, keep on sucking 'til you do succeed!

Pisces February 23 - March 22 This month the phrase to keep in mind is: "If you don't take care of yourself first, you can't take care of others". Others will need lots of encouragement from you, but limit your time with them. Learn to laugh about the verbal misunderstandings and know all will be right in the end. ▼

For those who want to know: Mercury's element is air and is the planet that rules the flow

of our communication. The sign ruled by Mercury is Gemini and is the reason why Gemini's are always in movement or communication-mode. Its movement is quick. It takes about 1 year to go through all 12 signs; however, it goes retrograde (stops for a short period of time) approximately 3 times each year. This stop-and-go action points out the duality within and allows all of us to stop and reassess what we think and how we feel.

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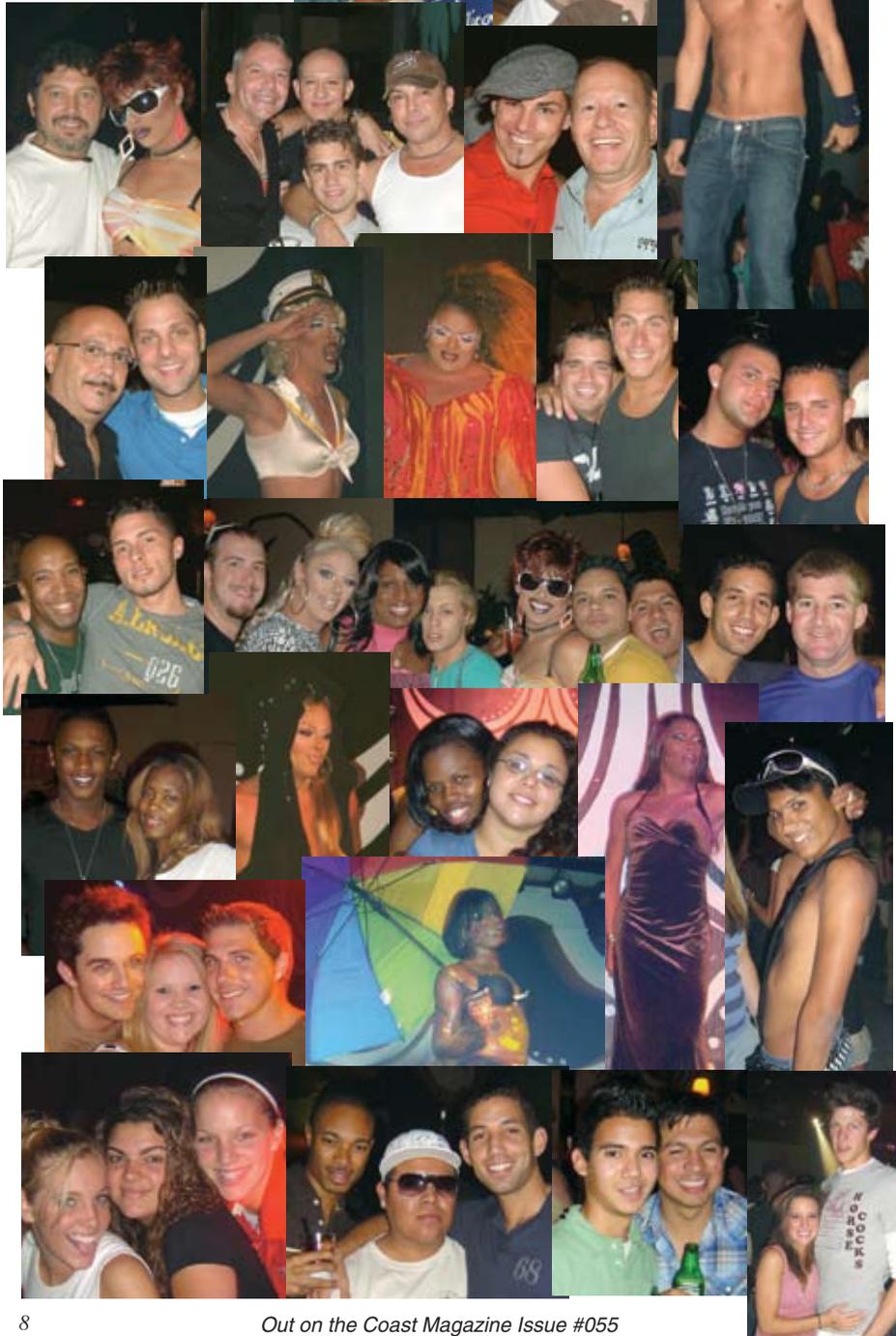
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June is being celebrated with music at **East Coast MCC**. They will have special musical guest Linda Cozine from St. Augustine FL on Sunday, June 24, at Port St Lucie at 9 a.m. and Melbourne at 6 p.m.

And down in Boynton Beach **New Hope First Community Church** will be hosting a Dedicatory Concert of our Rodgers Heritage 990 organ on Sunday, May 27th 2007, Dr. Jack W. Jones, organist of the Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach, will be the guest artist. Dr. Jones is also the founder and musical director of the famous Masterworks Chorus. General admission is only \$5.00. They using the admission as a way of helping to defray installation costs of this gift that was given to **New Hope First Community Church** a gentleman in California who heard about them and donated the organ outright.

And there are new place to go, in Vero Beach, of all places. **Vero Beach PFLAG** has always been the outstanding activist group on the Treasure Coast with two meetings a month (and their annual Pride Dance is coming up June 16 at the Italian American Club in Vero – if you want tickets contact them or this magazine) but now there are also two places to go on Sundays. A couple of women new to the area are putting on new monthly event party at Undertow, the dates will change and for now each will have a theme. There's a \$12 cover, but here's also never ending munchies buffet and a DJ. The next party at Undertow is Sunday June 24th, 4 to 10 pm, and will be a Celebration of Pride (email freshgirlprod@aim.com for info). Plus Elton Brown has begun his Sunday night gay event again. It's at Tonic Nighclub (formerly Bombay Louie's) from 9 pm to midnight. *Kinky Boots* is the name of this return of something for the Indian River folks to do every Sunday with a show and dancing.

Speaking of Vero and returning, we're overjoyed with the news that Celeste DeRoche has recovered well enough to return with her *In Our Past* column next month. We always looked forward to her insightful and informative articles on our past and can hardly wait to see them start again. Just to remind you of her writing we've re-run her column from our June issue last year further back in this issue. Welcome back Celeste!

While some things start others end, at least for the summer. Family of God Community Church in Cocoa has ended their bingo night for the summer; it will start again in the fall. They are continuing to gather on some Saturday Evenings at Val's European Deli and Restaurant, 3434 South Washington Avenue (US-1) in Titusville. For all the details call Val's at 321-385-3232.

The Living Room is starting a movie night; they're kicking it off on June 15 with *Brokeback Mountain*. They have a busy month coming up with their Pride Picnic at the center on Sunday, May 27, the one-year anniversary of Gay Skate on Thursday, June 6, their new game night on Friday, June 7, the Gay Cosmic Bowling fund raiser on Fathers Day, June 17 and their new movie night on Friday, June 15! To think that **The Living Room** is less than two years old and that the center hasn't been open but a few months.

There's a new show at **Kashmir** beginning Saturday, May 26. **Kashmir** will be hosting the county wide exclusive engagement of Rebecca Glasscock Cabaret Live starring Rebecca Glasscock and featuring a weekly changing lineup of south Florida's top drag acts and



Rebecca Glasscock and friends

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Spiritually Speaking

There is a very common phrase used in the Bible – “The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” This phrase refers to three different generations and how they viewed God. Abraham was the father of the clan, the first one to begin to verbalize a statement of belief. His son Isaac introduced the second generation of believers. The third generation was led by Jacob. Each one of these individuals played a different role in the history of the founding of the Judeo-Christian belief tradition.

Abraham started when he was too old, when there was no support for his beliefs. He lived in a foreign place and followed a God who was alien to the people where he lived. He started with nothing but laid the foundation for a new dynasty. His son Isaac had things a little easier. He found better acceptance in his faith because his father had introduced the new faith before him. It was Jacob in the third generation who had the greatest success in establishing the new faith. Jacob had twelve sons (with two wives and two women he wasn't married to – so much for the Biblical standard of marriage being one man and one woman).

In the modern gay history, we have had our Abrahams. These were those individuals who started the Mattachine Societies and broke the ground for our modern gay movement. They struggled to find acceptance in an alien world. They had few friends. They faced the John's committee here in Florida in the 1950's. They faced the loss of jobs and families when they came out. They started our modern gay religious movements, starting MCC in 1968. They led the riots in New York in June 1969 in what became known as the Stonewall Riots. These leaders were arrested, beaten, and threatened.

The second generation of modern gay history are the Isaacs. Isaac had limited success in establishing a family. He had to work hard and fight for every success. The Isaac generation experienced the health pandemic we know as AIDS. We lost many of our friends and lovers. We faced prejudice in the health system. We became known as the modern day “lepers”. But as we pulled together in community, we showed the world what could happen when we stood together to help each other. We marched on Washington and in our local communities.

We began to have political power. We stood up to the Jerry Falwells and Anita Bryants.

Our third generation, the Jacob generation, is the generation of growth. This is the generation when the twelve tribes of Israel were established. Today, in our third generation of modern gay history, we see many tremendous advances. We have our pride fests, our community centers, our gay/straight alliances in our schools. We go to Disney and walk around the parks holding hands with our special friends. We fly our rainbow flags openly and have stickers on our cars. We have come a long way.

The third generation is our generation to grow. With the passing of the Rev. Jerry Falwell, I have been surprised at how many younger people don't even know who he was. I am happy to hear that. Those who used to be identified as major voices against our community have lost most of their power in this third generation of the modern gay movement.

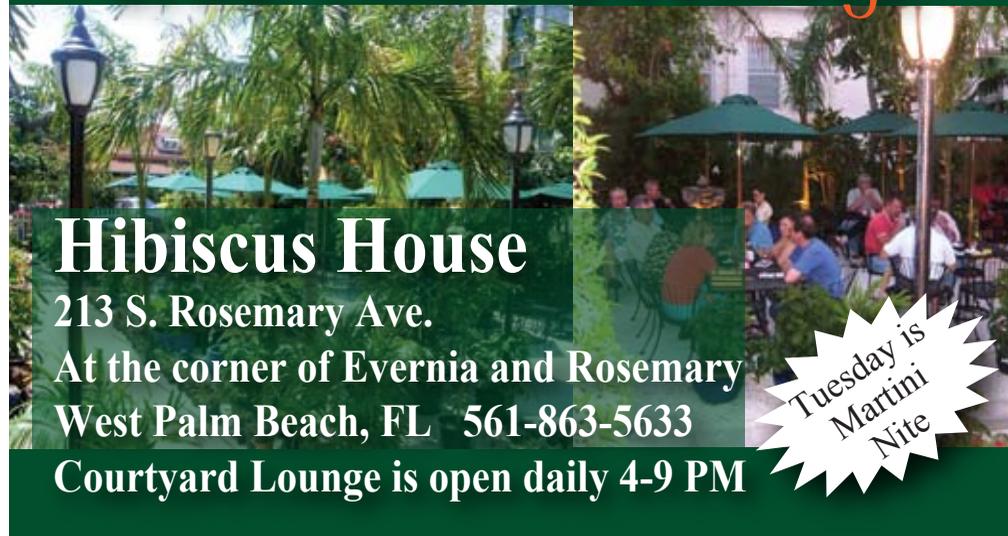
As we celebrate another pride month is June, I am happy to say that we have reached our third generation – the generation of growth and success. The political parties now have to recognize us if they want to win an election. Advertisers reach out to our community. We have our own television shows and network. Large companies help sponsor our community events. Those who used to have power over us have lost most of that power. It is our time to grow and let our voices be heard. We are the third generation – the generation of growth. Abraham is gone. Isaac is growing older. This is Jacob's day. So take your partner to the school dance. Have a civil union in Vermont or Connecticut. Get married in Canada. This is our day to celebrate. This is the new generation of pride. This is our time. ▼

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 Port St. Lucie/Ft. Pierce are at the Shriner's Club, 4600 Oleander Ave, every Sunday at 9 a.m.

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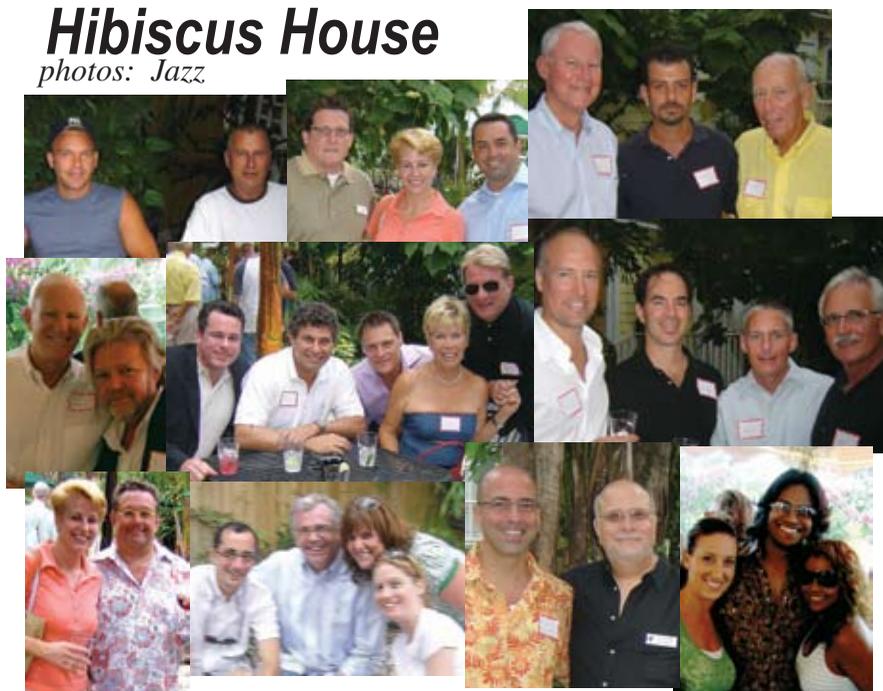


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In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

[To re-introduce you to Celeste, we are reprinting her column from our June 2006 issue. It's worth repeating that due to our brave predecessors this magazine is possible. Ed.]

ONE Magazine

Often history is made in the unlikeliest of places by the least expected people. The drag queens who initiated the Stonewall Rebellion didn't have making history on their minds in 1969. They, like Rosa Parks in 1955, were tired. You don't want to mess with tired people. Tired people do unpredictable things. Rosa Parks sat down and wouldn't give up her seat. The drag queens wouldn't back down and consequently stood up a little straighter.

Don Slater made history from a modest bungalow located on a side-street in Los Angeles. From this location Slater quietly with little fanfare launched the first openly publicly sold magazine for homosexuals in the United States. Don Slater's actions like Rosa Parks, like the Stonewall drag queens vibrates down the years. Slater's efforts made it possible for publications like *Out On The Treasure Coast* to exist. Not only did Slater publish the first magazine for homosexuals but he gained for us all the right to send through the United States mail printed matter dealing with homosexuality.

The U.S. Postal Service has a history of discriminating against materials it deemed repugnant. When Margaret Sanger was first starting her efforts to secure birth control measures for women in 1912, it was the Postal Service that sought to curtail her efforts by using the early 20th century obscenity statutes against her magazine *The Woman Rebel*. Her magazine celebrated female autonomy, including the right to sexual expression and control over one's body. When she distributed her pamphlet *Family Limitation* which instructed women in safe means of birth control, postal inspectors confiscated copies and she found herself facing forty-five years in prison.

Not a great deal had changed in 1953. The 1950s were a reactionary period. Many people, including the postal authorities, equated anything that talked about homosexuality with pornography. The very concept of homosexuality was understood as nasty, repugnant, unacceptable, un-Christian and un-American. Freedom of the mail and of the press was for "nice normal" people not homosexuals.

Don Slater had a different perspective. Slater was perfectly comfortable with his homosexuality. He was not interested in letting anyone else define him. And he wanted to reach a broader reading public. *ONE Magazine* became the medium for him to broadcast his message of healthy self-acceptance.

ONE came into being on a November night in 1952. By January 1953 the first issue was being printed. Finding a professional typesetter-printer willing to risk association with the magazine was difficult. At the place they finally found, Slater recounted years afterwards, "the linotypist was a frail little old man with thick glasses. And we all roared when we saw the first galleys. Every time he'd come to the forbidden works, his skills had failed him. Over and over again he wrote 'homoseeeeeexual!'"

News dealers were just as shocked: "A what-kinda magazine? What are you—trying to get me arrested?" Slater was not to be deterred. He rounded up friends and they each took a different section of the sprawling city of Los Angeles and literally walked from one gay bar to the next, peddling copies from bar stool to bar stool; from the sober to the drunk, from the business-suited to the muscle-boy, to the drag queen, to the just out of the closet. Copies of the first issue of *ONE* cost 25 cents.

More challenge was on the way. The October 1954 issue turned out to be an historic document. Assertedly because of a lukewarm lesbian love story and some crude comic verses, the Los Angeles postmaster deemed the issue legally obscene and refused to let it through the mail. The issue was impounded and sent to the solicitor general in Washington, DC. *ONE's* lawyer Eric Julber went to bat, bringing a court action against the postmaster. After a year's delay (during which time no issue of *ONE* could be mailed) the U.S. District Court ruled that the October 1954 issue was nonmailable because it contained "filthy and obscene material obviously calculated to stimulate the lust of the homosexual reader". Julber, fully aware that *ONE* would not be able to pay him but sensing a landmark civil rights case was involved, appealed the verdict. Another year went by and in March 1957, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco affirmed the lower court verdict.

Some at *ONE* were ready to give up, but not Don Slater and Eric Julber. Julber bought his own plane ticket to Washington and filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court. On January 13, 1958, without hearing oral arguments, by unanimous decision the United States Supreme Court reversed the lower court findings, concluding that the October 1954 issue of *ONE Magazine* was not in fact obscene but was an exercise of American free speech. ▼

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For the women athletes, note that the Greater Palm Beach Women's Slow Pitch Softball League will not have games May 27th due to Holiday weekend. June 3rd games will resume play. It's too late to join, but if you want to watch show up at Howard Park in West Palm Beach on Sundays – first game starts at 10 AM, last one starts at 12:30 PM. Howard Park is located on Parker Avenue off of Okeechobee Blvd. just south of the Kravis Center, close to I-95.

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Gay Rights Tidbit: from FairnessForAllFamilies.org. A diverse group of Florida leaders have joined Fairness for All Families – the campaign to oppose a constitutional amendment slated for the 2008 ballot that could strip away employee benefits while barring the passage of future measures to help Florida families. New members of the campaign's honorary board of directors include: U.S. Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz, former Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Bentley Lipscomb and Florida NAACP President Adora Obi Nweze. These prominent Floridians join a growing group of leaders that includes Florida Alliance for Retired Americans Secretary Barbara A. DeVane, Civic Concern Executive Director Pamela Burch Fort, Managing Director and Creative Director of Parsons-Wilson Gregory Wilson, Florida Consumer Action Network Executive Director Bill Newton, National NAACP board member Leon Russell, ACLU of Florida LGBT Advocacy Project Director Robert F. Rosenwald, Jr. and Equality Florida Executive Director Nadine Smith. The campaign has recently been endorsed by the Florida branches and affiliates of the ACLU, NAACP 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. ▼

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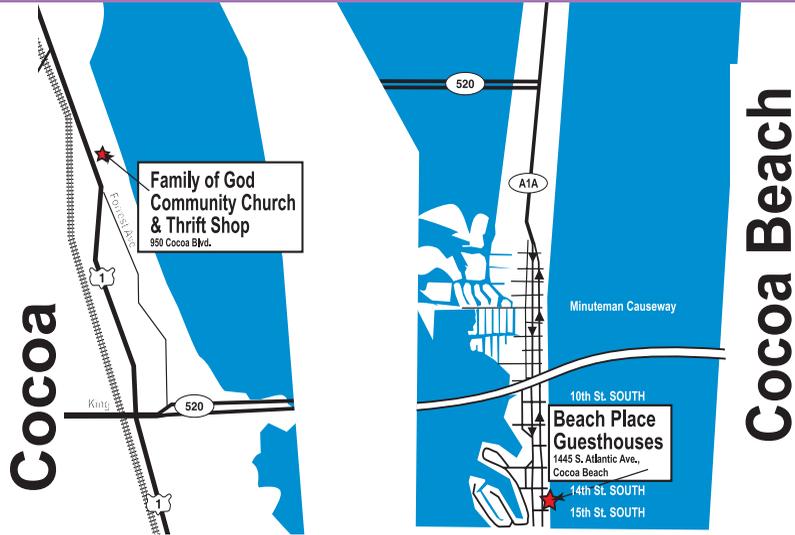
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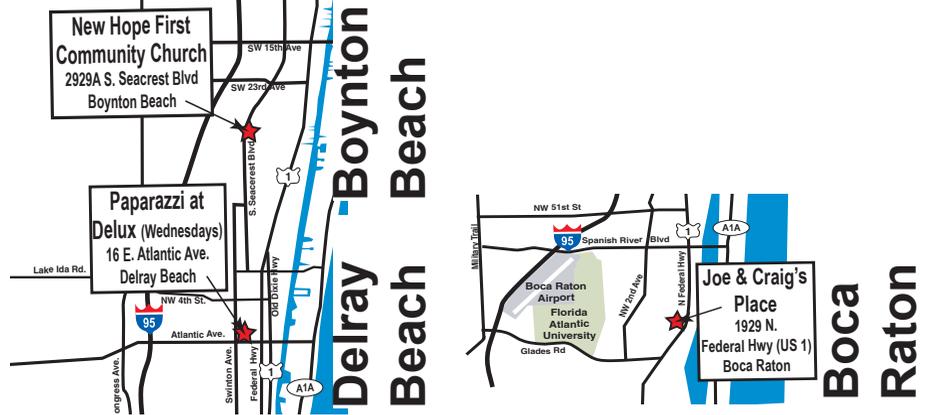
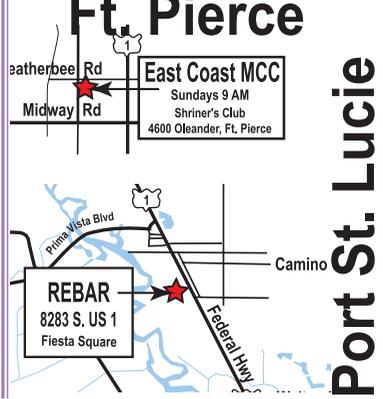
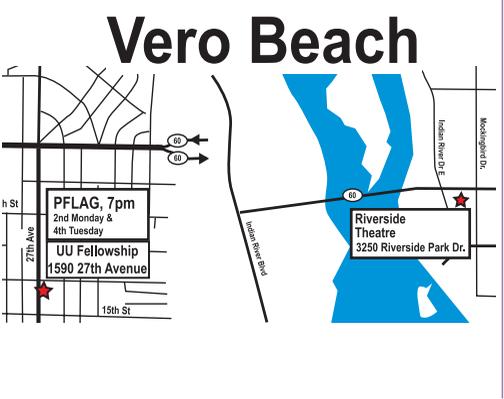
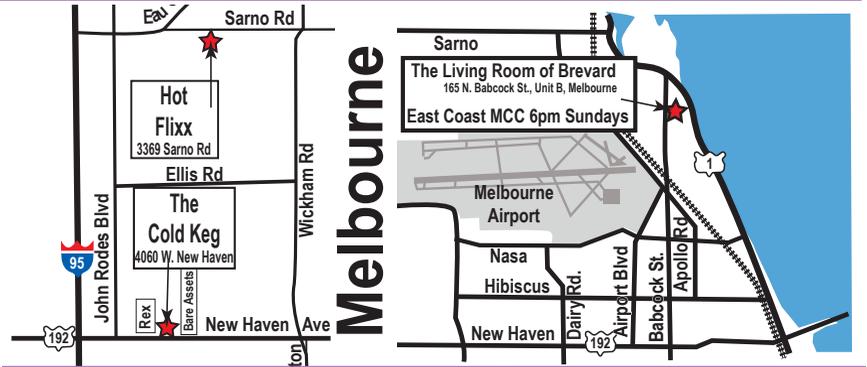
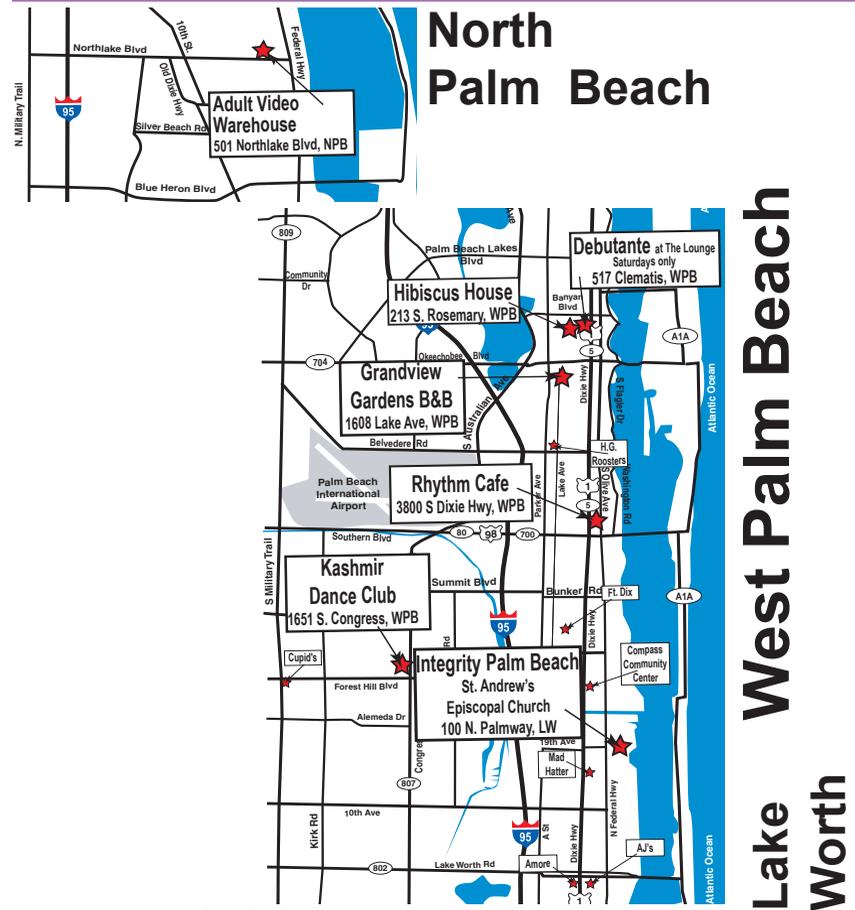
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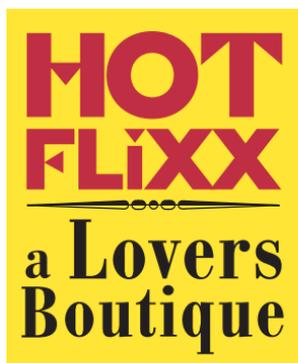
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