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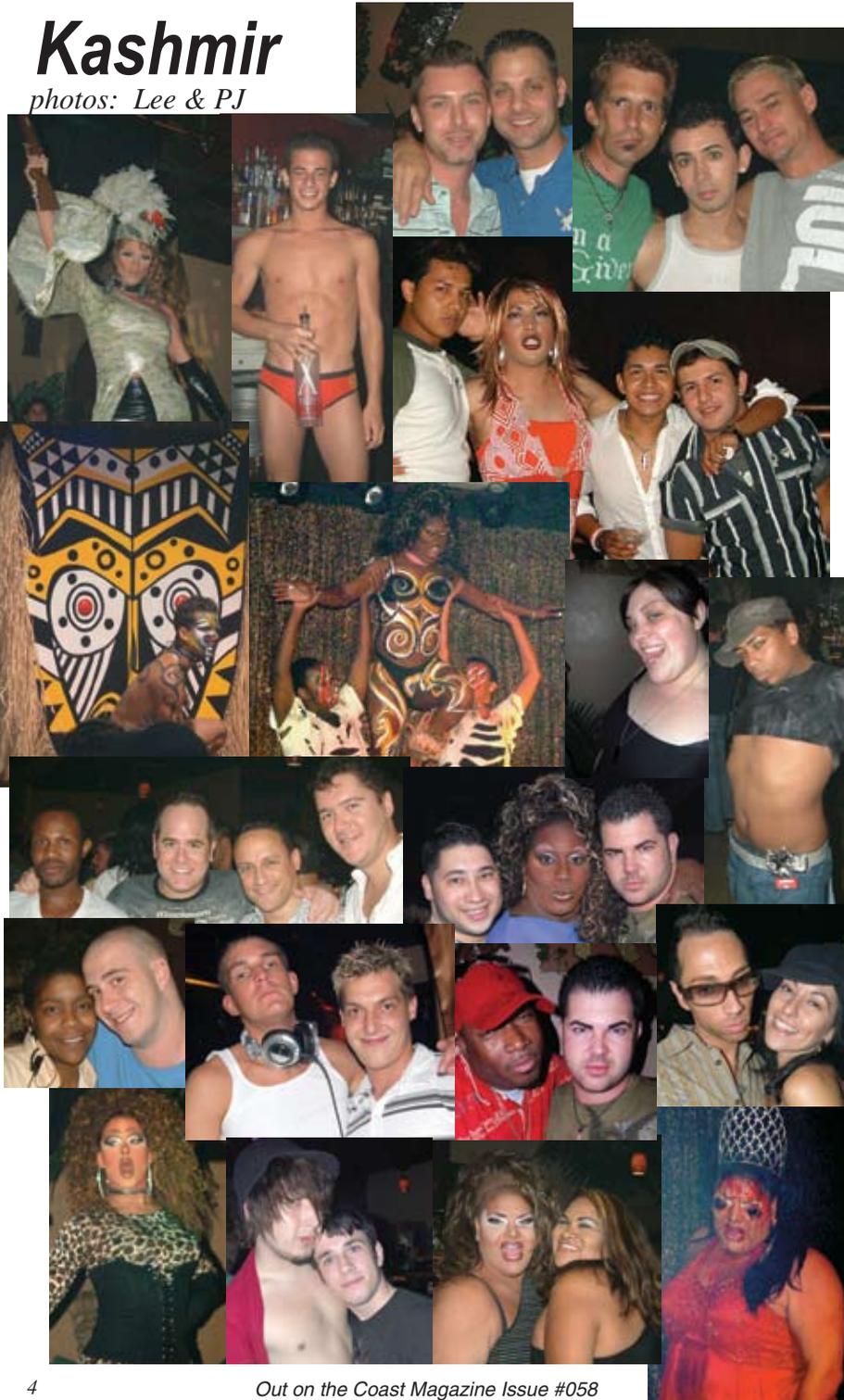
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HOROSCOPE by Jacqueline

The tone for this month is change. On the 2nd Saturn will go into Virgo; while on the 5th Mercury leaves Virgo entering into Libra, and the new moon and solar eclipse will be in Virgo on the 11th. What this means is that we are being guided to discover the balance of our physical and psychological beings. Pluto and Venus have recently limited our ability to go for what we love, but they will both be going direct on the 7th and 8th giving us the freedom to make a choice as to our true happiness in life; allow its flow to be positive. On the 26th the full moon in Aries allows you to let go of the pains from the past and move toward what is best in the future.

Aries March 23 - April 22 You've been working hard and this month will bring more of a highlight to your social life. With the Sun in Virgo you'll still continue to work, but it doesn't need the attention you gave it last month. So, relax and have some fun with old and new friends. Work will take care of itself.

Taurus April 23 – May 22 New insights to situations in your life will arise and the details are important this month. The solutions to your problems will be more complex now so don't try to take the easy way out; it won't work. Learn to ask more questions and wait before you act, especially in your friendships. You'll find circumstances will work in your favor.

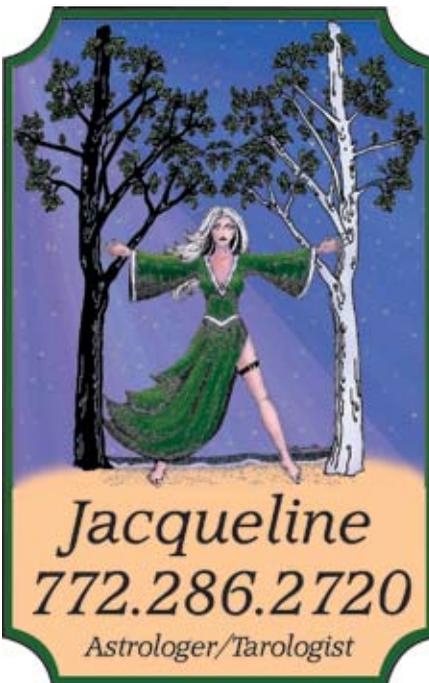
Gemini May 23 – June 22 With Mars in your sign, now is not the time to sit on the fence; the actions you take today will have long-term ramifications. Now is the time to get to those projects you've put off and change habits that don't serve you any longer. Live in the now, but work on what will get you to those wants and desires in the future.

Cancer June 23 – July 22 You're geared toward analyzing others, but this is not the time to fix their problem, even though you may know how. This month you'll find that calling them on their issues and letting them figure out how to change those situations

themselves will give you much less stress. The lesson here is that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. You can't and shouldn't fix everyone's problems.

Leo July 23 – August 22 Now that Saturn is direct in your sign you'll start to see the rewards for all of your hard work. Pamper yourself, but don't hold it over others. This month your focus is still on work and you'll need your allies. Remember they're still waiting for their pat on the back.

Virgo August 23 – September 22 Happy solar return! You'll be caught up in the problems of others so choose wisely in which ones you want to be part of. Details will get you lost now; keep everything simple and you'll find greater success. You're in the beginning stages of learning how to focus your intuition instead of focusing on the facts. Listen to that knot in your stomach.



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Libra September 23 – October 22 This is another busy month. Your focus will still be on work, but your personal life will demand a little more time. You're communication skills are high so use them to your benefit. Others will be more agreeable now, especially after Mercury goes into your sign on the 5th. When that sudden short trip comes up, take it! It'll be to your benefit.

Scorpio October 23 – November 22 Work is your focus this month; you'll feel like your not getting enough credit for your work, but they do give you credit. However, it may not be in the way you wanted or expected it. Be patient, as your time will come. This just isn't the right time. Take solace in knowing that you're doing the right thing; know that the benefits of stability and consistency will get you a lot further than bitterness and resentment.

Sagittarius November 23 – December 22 Your desire for freedom overrides your desire for responsibilities this month. You can do both as long as you go with the flow and live in the moment. Now is not the time to make the changes you want in your life; so, laugh and have fun. All will be done in its right time and not in yours. With Saturn now direct, everything is going in the right direction.

Capricorn December 23 – January 22 With Saturn going into Virgo on the 2nd and the full moon in Virgo on the 11th, you'll be getting your feet back on a level playing field. Progress will be slow but steady now. Because of your newly regained confidence, others will be looking to you for advice. Listen before speaking. Your compassion will be well appreciated.

Aquarius January 23 – February 22 Now that last month has shown you where to go and Chiron is entering your sign, the time to act is now, especially with your career. You'll find others will be receptive toward you and your ideas, particularly on a one-on-one basis. The door to what you've seen for the future is open; all you have to do now is walk through it.

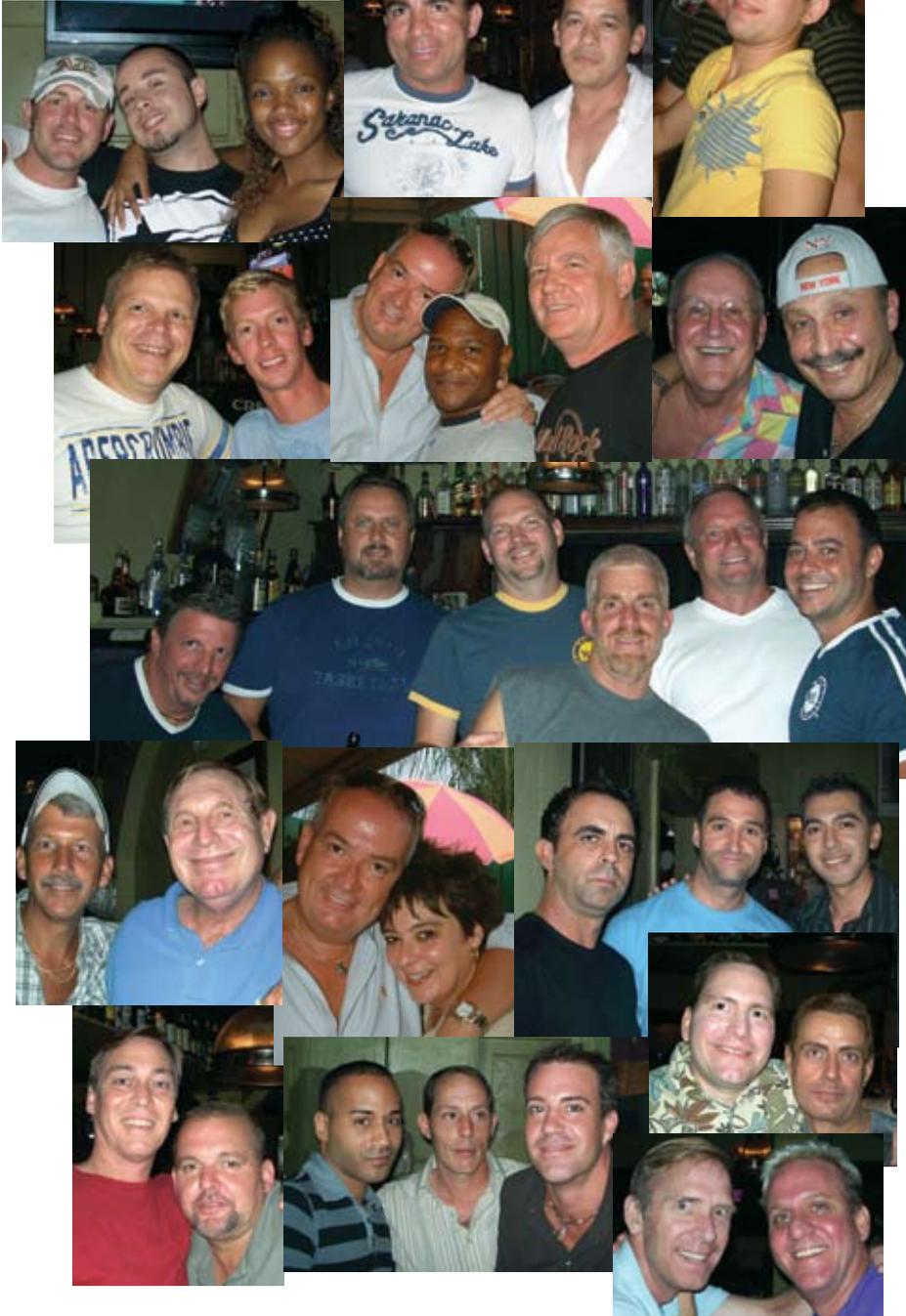
Pisces February 23 – March 22 Balance is the key word for you this month. You're intuitive abilities are strong, yet your world is still not catching up with what you know to be the right direction. The best thing to do is start moving in the direction you know your life is leading you toward and not worry what others are doing. Life will find its rightful balance in its own time; be patient. You just have to walk that tight rope until then. ▼

For those who want to know: Since we just finished with Saturn being retrograde and it's changing signs, I thought I'd tell you a little about it. Saturn is our teacher and our timekeeper. It shows us our responsibilities and obligations. Saturn represents the father figure. It's what drives our career. Its element is earth. I compare it to a steam roller; it's a large force coming at you slowly. You can choose to move out of its path or you can try and change its path. However, if a steamroller has to change directions quickly it'll topple over and you don't know where it'll land. Now that Saturn is going into Virgo, it's teaching all of us in a very physical form about the simple purities of life. So, go back to the basic principals in life and there you'll find your happiness.

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Tea Time

with Miss T



Boy, oh boy am I glad August is about over. It couldn't have started out worse with the passing of Steve Gallant, Mercedes, Queen of Hearts. Mercedes was well known all along the coast as an inspired performer and tireless worker for good causes. Her heart attack last fall was a huge shock for one so young and then to come through a heart transplant with flying colors only to suddenly die a week later...it just leaves one speechless. I worked with Steve on the **REBAR** ads and loved her many character performances but I can't imagine the loss to Jim and Jerry, Kelli Randell and all of her innumerable friends in Port St. Lucie. Goodbye Mercedes, you'll always be in our hearts!

I was talking with Joe & Craig Ardolino of **Joe & Craig's Place** in Boca. It seems they've recently sold all of their interests in Fort Lauderdale businesses. At the moment **Joe & Craig's Place** is their only business, of which they are the sole owners. However, they have a new venture they'll be announcing soon — in Ocala! Joe and Craig will be spending a lot more time at **Joe & Craig's Place** enjoying the company of "some of the nicest people and great friends. This is home for us." Said Joe. Both Joe and Craig are looking forward to the continuing growth and involvement in such a great community.



Craig and Joe Ardolino

Speaking of community, **The Living Room of Brevard** is busy growing, with a couple more programs in the formation stage. Since they are wholly donation supported, things do get tense from time to time and now is one of those times so if you've been thinking about helping out just do it! Go to www.TLRbrevard.org and click on the donate button for instructions. In the meantime **The Living Room** has another fundraiser in September: a gambling cruise on Sterling Casino out of Port Canaveral on Saturday, September 22. Email info@TLRbrevard.org, call 321-505-0077 or ask at a local bar for tickets.

Kasmir is doing its bit for the community with the Compass benefit Blackout Party featuring our cover boy, DJ Orin Nizri, on Saturday, August 25. That's going to be followed by their First Annual Prom on Friday, August 31st. **Kashmir** has it going on! Were you there a couple of weeks ago when Velvet Lenore did her big "animal" production number? It was a hit, let me



Velvet Lenore and troupe on stage at Kashmir



*The Animal from Velvet's performance. Body paint by Jeffrey Freeman
Photo by PJ Buza*

tell you: sweaty boys all painted up and Velvet strutting her stuff. She really knows how to fill up the stage with a spectacle. She brought in Jeffrey from Melbourne to paint everyone up (Jeffrey will be back to do body painting for the Blackout Party).

It was a spectacularly successful inaugural season of the Greater Palm Beaches Womens Gumbo Limbo Softball League. The spring league ended on July 8th followed by a picnic at Lake Lytal Park. The league is looking for new players for the Fall season. Anyone from the Greater Palm Beaches and Northern counties is encouraged to join!! All skill levels welcome. For more details email: raynboleague@aol.com and visit our web page at: <http://members.aol.com/raynboleague/> or call (561)-758-8082.

And it was quite the spectacle at Cold Keg in Melbourne, for the Brevard's Got Talent 2 finals a few weeks ago. Boy, oh boy, am I glad I wasn't a judge! The talent included an outstanding Elvis impersonator and a couple of outstanding live performances plus some top-notch drag. The judging was so close that it was the audience votes that proclaimed Tim Curry the winner. It's a real surprise to find out that someone you know not only has an amazing voice but the guts to get up there in front of everyone and win! The **Cold Keg's** Beer Pong Mondays is taking off complete with Budweiser sponsoring it. Lots of fun and what a way to spend Labor Day! With Texas Holdem on Tuesday nights and Saturday afternoons plus the infamous Trash Night Thursdays, Leigh Shannon & Friends Cabaret on Fridays and drag shows with both male and female strippers every Saturday, Sharon's striving to provide something for everyone at least one day a week.



Leigh Shannon with Brevard's Got Talent 2, Tim Curry and runnerup Alexi Leigh

REBAR is keeping on with the show, just as Mercedes would have expected. Although there have been some teary moments the party is still going on, one day at a time. There will be some changes eventually but it's going to be a huge job to fill Mercedes shoes as show director. On Sunday, August 26, **REBAR** will host the Celebration of Life reception after Mercedes' 2 PM memorial service at the First Congregational Church in Port St. Lucie (the church is located at the corner of Port St. Lucie Blvd. and Sedonia St. next to the fire station).

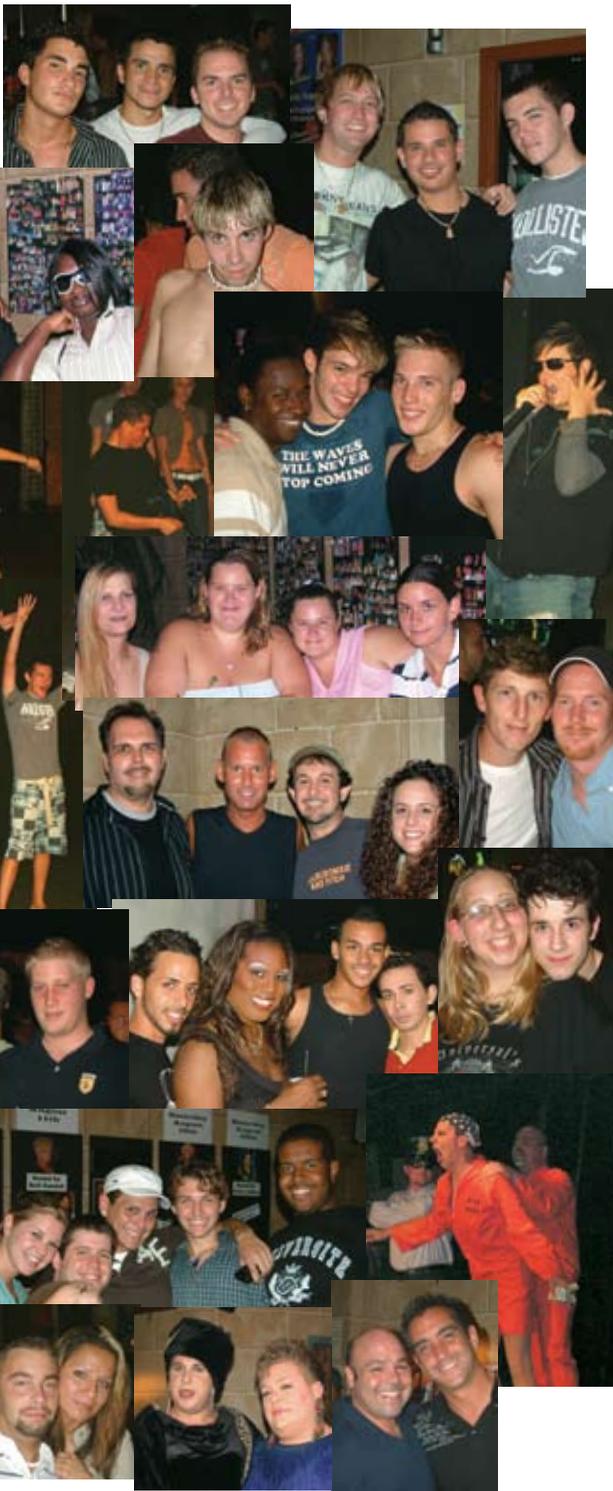
New Hope First Community Church in Boynton Beach invites you to start the season off right with Fall Into Fun Bingo, on Friday, September 7th and again on Friday October 5th at 7:30 PM. People have asked for more and **New Hope** has listened! This is Bingo, like you've never played it before. \$500 in Cash Prizes, surprises, raffles, refreshments, and more. \$12 admission includes two cards, extra cards are \$1.50 each. Specials are \$2 for a strip of three cards. **New Hope** is located at 2929A S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33435. **New Hope** can be contacted for further information at 561-424-0699, or on the web at www.newhopefla.org.

A little later in the fall, there's going to be a 20 block Quilt Display held at Compass GLCC on December 1st World AIDS Day 2007 this year. This is to commemorate the 20th year Anniver-

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Spiritually Speaking

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"Ah yes, now I remember," said the sales lady. "We don't sell many of those. Mostly our customers want the Catholic type, the Salvation Army type, or the Presbyterian type."

Confused, the man asked, "What's the difference between them?" The lady responded, "It is all really quite simple... the Catholic bra supports the masses, the Salvation Army bra lifts up the fallen, and the Presbyterian bra keeps them staunch and upright. Then there's the Baptist bra...It makes mountains out of molehills."

A little humor is OK, in fact it's good. Humor is a way of looking at the world. Humor generally revolves around natural contradictions of life. Quentin Crisp, the English author and flaming queen, said: "Life was a funny thing that occurred to me on the way to the grave." But, I surmise we would agree that life is not always funny, but life is more than years that pass by before one ends up in the grave.

It has been said that: "God is always filling us with endless opportunities and sources of happiness...we just keep leaking." The world around us is full of wonder and beauty, but many

go through life not appreciating the blessings and gifts of God's bounty and generosity. We must grasp a hold of the reality of creation. God is a God of goodness who created all things to be enjoyed. But the choice is ours.

The greatest gift of God's highest good is the gift of LIFE. But this implies more than just biological life. When Jesus said: "I am come that you may have life and have it more abundantly," (John 10:10) he was referring to spiritual life—that is, *quality of life* that is surrendered to God, the Source of Life. He is speaking of God's very energy and presence. God gives us quality of life in abundance when we choose to follow *the way, the truth, and the life*. We have a conscious choice to choose life or death. Many people can be termed 'the living dead.' They are alive biologically, but dead spiritually. Jesus calls us to spiritual life, eternal life, God's very life.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus raises a young girl back to life. Now I know the girl at some point after that had to die again—we don't live forever biologically. But, this was a sign of God's power over death. This was a sign of hope. This was a sign of the Creator's authority. This was a sign of God's mercy.

Jesus refused to listen to the doubt and fear of those who told him he shouldn't be bothered since she's already dead. Jesus refused to hearken to the weeping and wailing of those who mourned. He refused to be influenced by those who laughed at him when he said the girl was not dead, only asleep. *Jesus knew the power and force of life.*

Jesus called to the young girl's depth of need, restoring hope to a seeming hopeless situation.

He reached out to her and taking her by the hand commanded her to get up—and she did! The girl had a choice, and she chose life instead of death. And we must choose whether or not we will be an active participant in this active force of divine energy and power, or not. We choose to live life to the fullest or we choose to give up and kick the bucket. We are all given the spark of life, but we must keep it alive.

Jesus was forever intruding into fixed, settled, hopeless situations, granting miracles. Hear his strong voice speaking over the laments and dirges in your life today. Hear him as he calls to you: "Get up!" His voice is strong, commanding, vital. "**GET UP and LIVE!**" Hear his voice: strong, enlivening, life-changing, challenging us to live life to the fullest.

The miracle of life is not in understanding the organic and genetic logic of it all; but the miracle of life is simply in the *living*...Are you fully living today? God is the heart of life; we are the heartbeat. God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it. Let us rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation...Amen! ▼

The Reverend Gregory L. Denton is Pastor of New Hope First Community Church, "A church built on love where everyone is welcome," an independent growing congregation that believes in God's all-inclusive love. New Hope, celebrating its 11th year in the Palm Beaches, is located at 2929A South Seacrest Blvd. in Boynton Beach, FL. Sunday services are 10:30 am. Discussion Group/Bible Study Thursdays at 7:30 pm. On the web at: www.newhopefla.org

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In Our Past

by Celeste DeRoche, Ph.D.

One of the strengths of the LGBT community is the organizations and institutions we create. Over the next several months, *Out of the Past*, will examine the history of several types of the organizations that have been central and critical to LGBT communities around the country and the world. Wherever we are, LGBT folks find ways to let others know there are friends and allies around.

CHORUSES AND BANDS

Like people everywhere, LGBT folks are creative, dynamic and interactive. Nowhere is this more true than in the world of musical organizations. First established in the 1970s, LGBT musical organizations have grown not only in number and size but in sophistication, depth, and outreach. Concerts, recordings, and events now showcase the communal expression of the LGBT communities, revealing the range of our multi-talented people.

Today, most medium and large North American cities can boast a gay or lesbian chorus and in many cases a gay and lesbian chorus. This holds true in Europe and the Pacific as well. These organizations have evolved to become more than musical institutions. LGBT choruses not only represent the LGBT community but they generate powerful political and social expression both for and between those communities. The sheer emotional impact and power of music often conveys meaning where the spoken or written word has failed. LGBT choruses provide solidarity and commonality for individuals often marginalized by the larger culture.

Lesbian musical organizations first appeared in the 1970s. Composer Roberta Kosse established the earliest of these groups, Women Like Me, in

1971 in New York. In 1975, Catherine Roma founded the oldest chorus still in operation, the Anna Crusis Women's Chorus in Philadelphia.

In 1977, conductor Donald Rock, out of a desire for a chorus that would "dig music as well as each other," founded the Gotham Male Chorus in New York City. In 1980 this group began to include women and became the Stonewall Chorale, first of the gay and lesbian mixed voice ensembles.

Jon Reed Sims (1947-1984) became one of the most influential leaders in the world of LGBT musical groups. In June of 1978 he founded the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band & Twirling Corps, the first such organization to declare its gay or lesbian identity by name. The Band & Twirling Corps made its first public appearance one month after its founding at the Gay Pride Day parade in San Francisco. Following the success of the Twirling Corps, Sims founded in quick succession the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus (November 1978, at the public memorial for Harvey Milk and George Moscone), Golden Gate Performing Arts (an administrative organization, March 1979), the orchestra Lambda Pro Musica, and the San Francisco Lesbian & Gay Men's Community Chorus.

LGBT groups in other major US cities soon followed San Francisco's lead. Choruses were soon founded in Los Angeles (July 1979), Seattle (September 1979), and Chicago (October 1979). A 1981 national tour by the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus was critical in the instigation of the founding of choruses and bands in many cities.

Also in 1981, the Sister Singers Network was established among the women's and lesbian choruses. And as of 2002 this

network had forty-five member choruses. It also produced a number of regional, national, and international women's choral festivals. Out of this network came the founding of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA). In 1982 at the first Gay Games in San Francisco, fourteen choruses met for the First West Coast Choral Festival, which led to the establishment of the GALA Choruses Network.

Joining together in large festivals to make music together proved to be popular. The first national GALA Festival (New York, 1983) was called COAST (Come Out and Sing Together). This event brought twelve choruses with some twelve hundred members together. Other festivals soon followed; Minneapolis (1986), Seattle (1989), Denver (1992), Tampa (1996) and San Jose (2000). Each festival witnessed growth in attendance and GALA membership. In 2004 the first Canadian festival was held in Montreal.

GALA's member choruses have attracted a wide range of professional performers. Maya Angelou, Natalie Cole, Michael Feinstein, Bobby McFerrin, Bette Midler, Liza Minnelli, Mark Morris, Holly Near and Bernadette Peters, just to name a few, have all appeared and performed with gay and lesbian choruses. The next time you "make your own kind of music" realize that you join a rich history of LGBT singers and musicians around the globe. ▼

The primary source for this column was "Choruses and Bands," by Paul Attinello. LGBT: Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History in America, Volume 1, Thomson/Gale, 2004.

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HILLSBORO COUNTY—Kevin Beckner announces candidacy for the Hillsborough County Commission - District 6 (countywide). Kevin is a Professional Certified Financial Planner, a former law enforcement officer, a good Democrat who is very involved in the community and Kevin happens to be openly gay.

It was the Hillsborough County Commission, led by Commissioner Ronda Storm, who banned the display of books celebrating Gay Pride (little g – little p) in Hillsboro County public libraries last year.

This race is bigger than Hillsborough County.....way bigger! Imagine for a minute how different things will be when an openly gay candidate wins in one of the biggest counties in Florida whose recent history has been one of regression towards diversity and civil liberties.

Kevin is going to need all the support and help he can get to pull off this monumental task. Please take the time to visit Kevin's website at www.KEVINBECKNER.COM for more information about his race.

DAYTONA—Equality Florida has expressed deep sorrow and outrage at the murder apparently motivated by anti-gay and anti-transgender bigotry. Early reports say that the accused killer is using the "homonpanic" defense, claiming an unwanted sexual advance led to the shooting.

News accounts describe Mosqueda as "a man in a mini-skirt and heels" increasing the likelihood that this is yet another in a long line of transgender murders.

"We will continue to gathering information from the community and work to ensure this case is properly investigated and that appropriate charges are brought," said Brian Winfield, Equality Florida spokesperson. "We will not allow yet another brutal murder apparently spurred by bigotry to go ignored."

According to the Florida Attorney General's Hate Crimes Report, physical assaults against LGBT people in Florida have increased in 6 out of the last 7 reported years.

During 2005, the most recently reported year, 62% of hate crimes against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people were in the most violent categories. No other group came close.

Equality Florida is also working in partnership with Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) to challenge any media coverage of this horrific murder that is not respectful of the victim and accurate in the portrayal of Florida's LGBT community.

RINGOES, NJ—Families Joined by Love a comprehensive bookstore, resource center, and discussion community for LGBT families and the important people in their lives, announces the launch of its website on August 1.

We have created this new resource for LGBT families in response to a growing need within the LGBT community for information and literature on topics related to parenting, adoption, legal and financial issues, and other areas of interest for current and prospective LGBT parents. Despite the ever-growing number of children in need of adoption worldwide, and the increasing cost-effectiveness of fertility treatments, LGBT individuals and couples are often viewed as unsuitable candidates for parenthood.

Visit our new website at www.familiesjoinedbylove.com to see the full range of literature and resources that we provide for LGBT families and their supporters. With this website, we strive to provide not only a comprehensive selection of informational books and resources, but also a nurturing and safe environment in which LGBT families and their supporters

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We are saddened to announce Steven Gallant, known to all as Mercedes, passed away suddenly Wednesday evening, August 1, in Tampa, FL. Steve had recently undergone a heart transplant and was in the process of recuperating in the Tampa Bay area.



Steve was well known for his extraordinary talent and astounding popularity as Mercedes which led him to be crowned Queen of Hearts of Port St. Lucie.

Always there for his numerous friends and fans, Steve helped scores of people in their time of need.

Steve will also be remembered for his innumerable acts of generosity and

kindness for his work with a multitude of benefits from the Space Coast, the Treasure Coast, through the Palm Beaches.

Through his undeniable creative talents, business sense, and true professionalism as the Show Director of **REBAR**, Steve was able to create an atmosphere of love, laughter, and fun.

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can come together for discussion, activism, and support.

FORT LAUDERDALE—With a goal of 500 participants raising \$500,000 in their 5th year to help in the fight against AIDS/HIV, THE SMART RIDE 5 (Southernmost AIDS/HIV Ride) announces its dates for 2008. David Spacht, Director, announced that the next SMART Ride will take place the weekend of November 14th and 15th, 2008. Spacht said "With almost 15 months until the 5th SMART Ride there is a real buzz about what we have accomplished to date and eagerness from the riders, the volunteers and the sponsors about exceeding all previous goals and breaking a new record in money raised for the benefiting agencies." The ride will take participants along a 165 mile route starting in Miami heading South to Key West, through some of the most picturesque vistas in the country. All riders parade throughout Old Town, down Duval Street and end their adventure of a lifetime at the AIDS Memorial on the White Street Pier in Key West.

Over the past four years, the riders have come from as far away as Hawaii to participate and as word continues to spread, more and more riders and crew continue to come from outside the State of Florida to participate.

Unique to an event as large as THE SMART RIDE is the organization's pledge to donate 100% of every dollar raised to the six AIDS service agencies located throughout Florida. Currently The SMART Ride has announced 5 agencies and is in final negotiation to secure a sixth agency on the Gulf Side of the State. The following are scheduled to benefit in 2008: AIDS Help, Inc., in Monroe County, Broward House, Center for Positive Connections in Dade, Compass Inc. in Palm Beach County and the Hug Me Program in the Orlando area. All support staff, including Spacht, work as volunteers.

For more information, updates or to ride, crew or become a sponsor please visit: <http://www.th smartride.org/> or call 1-866-696-7701. There is a one-time, non-refundable registration fee of \$75. ▼

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sary of the Names Projects AIDS Memorial Quilt. If you have any specific panels to request, email eric@compassgccc.com or call 561-452-4583. There will also be a large candle light vigil for this event. A fundraiser to help with cost for this event will be held at **H.G. Roosters** on Saturday October 13th, more details TBA

For those of you on the Treasure Coast looking for an alternative to the bars, we've received notice of a social network for gays and lesbians on the treasure coast starting up. It's being formed through meetup.com so people can learn about it by going to www.MEETUP.com, and searching for GAY in zip code 34994 -and they will see the STUART/Treasurecoast Gay and Lesbian Social network. The purpose is to develop social/recreational things to do.

And lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't welcome **Roosters** back as an advertiser. Check out their ad on page 9 for their line up.

Gay Rights Tidbit: A St. Petersburg-based organization, the Fairness for all Families Coalition, is fighting to make sure an anti-gay marriage amendment is not passed in Florida in 2008. The group has signed up many powerful Florida residents as members, including U.S. State Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, former Florida Department of Elder Affairs secretary Bentley Lipscomb and Florida NAACP President Adora Obi Nweze.

The controversial amendment states: "Inasmuch as marriage is the legal union of only one man and one woman as husband and wife, no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized."

Similar amendments have been a hot subject of debate all over the United States, with the religious right firmly behind them. "[A similar] amendment was defeated for the first time in Arizona in 2006," said campaign manager Damien Filer. "We are confident if it gets on the Florida ballot, it will happen again."

Filer said, "Many people think that this amendment is only aimed at gay couples, but it actually would affect all unmarried couples if it were to pass. Though it depends on how the courts interpret the amendment, it is likely that unmarried heterosexual couples and gay couples would not be entitled to receive health benefits from their partners if the amendment passes."

Flier said the amendment would affect the young as well as the old by reducing their access to health care. "There is an awareness that it would have an impact on seniors," he said. The po-

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tential impact of the amendment on seniors is why Lipscomb, the former Elder Affairs secretary, got involved with the group. "This measure could jeopardize health care and other employment benefits that many seniors and their families rely on across the state," Lipscomb said.

The right-wing group Florida Coalition to Protect Marriage tried to get the amendment on the election ballot last year. However, the organization failed to gather enough signatures on its petition. Filer said far-right groups are using the amendment as a tool to get conservative Republicans out to the polls. "Republican Gov. Charlie Crist doesn't think it's a good use of Republican money to support this," he said, "so it's an interesting dynamic."

Filer said that the Fairness for all Families Coalition has been contacting grassroots organizations to persuade them to join the cause. "We've topped 100 and are still growing," he said. They have received the backing of members of many important groups, including Florida Alliance for Retired Americans, Civic Concern, ACLU of Florida and Equality Florida.

Nweze, the Florida NAACP president, stated "Everyone should stand against this attempt to make discrimination part of our state constitution," she said. "Why strip away health and partnership benefits already provided by many local governments and companies across the state?" ▼

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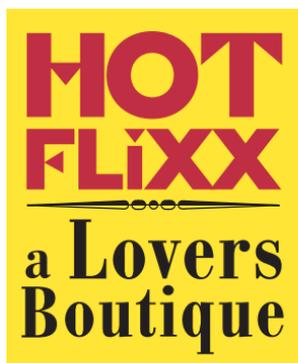
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