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We begin this month with the 1st of 3 major planets, Neptune going direct on the 2nd. Which means the veil is lifted. The challenges that were brought to you in September and October can now be finalized. The full moon in Taurus will bring you the energy to succeed. On the 26th Pluto goes direct on the 26th and a new change begins. The New Moon and Uranus goes direct the 27th, brings a new enlightenment to all, especially because Jupiter, the planet who brings you benefits, trines Uranus right now.

Aries March 23 - April 22 Stand tall and let your voice be heard! With Mars going into Sagittarius on the 16th you'll be capable of fulfilling your desires in work and in love. This is the perfect time for you to stand your ground, make your intentions known and get your voice heard above the masses.

Taurus April 23 - May 22 The truths in your words are now at hand. What you started last May or June is revealed. Now you must decide if you want it or not. The full moon in your sign on the 13th, gives you the opportunity to let it go easily or allow it to bond closer to you. Choose wisely.

Gemini May 23 - June 22 Patience is what you need to practice this month for those summer projects have returned. Watch and wait until after the Sun goes into Sagittarius on the 21st. This will give you the knowledge and opportunity to succeed in anything you set your mind to do.

Cancer June 23 - July 22 Relax, put your feet up and sit a spell. Home priorities are at the forefront and you're reeling from the pressure. Use your intuition, go with the flow you're the natural nurturer. All will turn out well. The only obstacles are created by you.

Leo July 23 - August 22 Shine on you crazy diamond! With most of the personal planets transiting through Sagittarius this month, you're in the spot light. You'll be more active with your social life and looking for a new adventure. However use caution, you may find yourself being overly generous.

Virgo August 23 - September 22 Life changes are abundant this month, making it seem like your security and safety are threatened. I know it's hard for you to deal with but you have no control over the bigger picture. All you have control over is today and your actions. Keep it simple during this month and you'll find your happiness.

Libra September 23 - October 22 Just because you feel like your spinning your wheels and making no progress, in actually you are. After Mars goes into Sagittarius on the 16th you'll find a new perspective and see the light at the end of the tunnel. Then you'll see at all your efforts where not in vain and you can be happy with the end results.

Scorpio October 23 - November 22 Happy Solar return! The beginning of the month sees you on the go with an abundance of energy to

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spare however, after the full moon on the 13th, that natural high will dissipate and you'll feel like you're stuck in the mud. Don't worry, it's nature's way of giving you the time to observe, relax, and re evaluate where you're going. Take advantage of it and reflect on the lessons learned.

Sagittarius November 23 – December 22 The universe has heard your call and this month is for you. Seek opportunities that will enhance your friendships and love life. Take advantage of all that arises. You'll find it to be to your benefit. However, remember, nothing is without a challenge. So, rise to it and you'll succeed!

Capricorn December 23 – January 22 With Venus going into your sign on the 12th, you'll be in a Holiday festive mood. Others will gyrate to be at your side and bask in your energies. The Full moon on the 13th strengthens their attraction to you. Use this time to gather what you need to succeed with your desires.

Aquarius January 23 – February 22 Your perceptions will be unclear before the full moon on the 13th, so hold off on making any permanent plans until after. Though the seasons emphasize home and family, you'll be most fulfilled by going to new places and meeting new people.

Pisces February 23 – March 22 After the full moon on the 13th, projects or activities that you were involved in during the summer reach a turning point. You may find yourself traveling or moving now. Wait until after Uranus goes direct on the 27th and you'll find all will work out better for you.

For those who want to know: Jupiter in Capricorn has been sextile to Uranus in Pisces

for a bit now, but this month Uranus goes direct. What this means for you is that Jupiter in Capricorn brings a new foundation for your benefit. Uranus in Pisces tells you that you will be enlightened to your right path via your spiritual beliefs. Uranus going direct means all that has been hidden will be revealed. Finally the sextile brings ease and comfort to those who are following their true path.

Monthly horoscopes by Jacqueline. She is at B&A Flea Market in Stuart every weekend from 10 to 2. For more information on Astrology or for a private reading call: 772.286.2720



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WHATEVER YOU DO VOTE NO ON 2 • WHATEVER YOU DO VOTE NO ON 2

There's only one thing that's important this month: voting. Get out and vote. Get your friends out to vote. Talk to everyone you know and ask them if they're voting. Don't argue politics, politicians, just ask that if they like/love/respect you that they do one thing for you, that no matter how else they vote, that they vote no on Amendment 2. Even if you're so disgusted with the whole political scene that you can't bring yourself to vote for anyone, please go in and vote no on 2 (you can write in your own name for the other offices, if you want). It's really important that we defeat this amendment.

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REBAR has been hosting a Vote No on 2 information table for the past month, once again showing their concern for their community. Community involvement, caring for their own, and being out and proud is a hallmark of **REBAR** and it shows in the number of non-gays who frequent the place. They know where to go for a good time and that they are in a place that respects, and looks out for, everyone. Jim and Jerry have every right to be proud of what they've created: an attractive, friendly staff that makes a venue that everyone wants to go to. And everyone in St. Lucien County will be there on Halloween for Cirque de Evil. They started decorating a week ago and it's already incredible so by the 31st it should be unbelievable as only a **REBAR** event can be.

You do know that the last Sunday of every month at **Rebar** is a benefit for **Pride of the Treasure Coast**, right? Now that it's cooling off you can drag yourself away from the beach and stop in to support the cause. Remember, the group is starting over from scratch each year, so they need the funds to put it on and they need volunteers to help. Stop in or see Jim, Jerry, Randy or Danny and ask how you can help. If nothing else, grab your friends and head on over for benefit night – stopping in any Sunday for food, drink specials and a show is a great idea, too.

And don't forget Girlpalooza on hump night. Wednesdays are really special with women everywhere, a great show with Velvet and guests. Again, now that it's cool outside, stop in for some hot action at **REBAR** for Girlpalooza.

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Elsewhere in Port St. Lucie, there's an event coming up on November 8th, with the opening of the Red Ginger Asian Bistro at 1726 St. Lucie West Blvd (just east of Peacock/Fountainbleau). From 5 PM to closing the festivities will include complimentary wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment! Most importantly, this evening will be dedicated to the LOCAL Victims of Tropical Storm Fay! City of Port Saint Lucie Vice-Mayor Jack Kelly will be there, with other city officials, to accept the evening proceeds on behalf of those in need. So stop in and check out the new restaurant (and say hi to Jim and Brandon while you're there) and bring your checkbook to help out local people who really need it.

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A few people have opened their checkbooks for **The Living Room of Brevard's** anniversary dinner and silent auction at Yellow Dog on November 16. Tickets are \$100 each for the

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Spiritually Speaking

Rabbi Harold Kushner, in his book, *Why Bad Things Happen to Good People*, says that religion is foremost a way of 'seeing'. I would add to that saying how we perceive God sets the tone how we treat each other and how we either respect or loathe ourselves. As we enter into the holiday seasons, especially Thanksgiving, we are confronted with the concept of being thankful. Many people are grateful for the blessings that come into their lives, but seem only to have a 'speaking relationship' with God when the road is rough. When the good times roll, many are not so apt to have any relationship with God, because the perception is: I only need God when I have problems. That is far from the purpose of religion. God wants a personal relationship with all of us. But, it is dependent upon how we 'see' God; how we understand and experience life as it comes to us.

There is a difference between seeing and really seeing. Our eyes give us sight and our hearts give us perception of observation. In what we see: we sense, we feel, we make opinions, and sometimes we make wrong decisions based upon our perception of something—like the drunken man who staggers into a Catholic church and sits down in a confessional box and says nothing. The bewildered priest coughs to attract his attention, but still the man says nothing. The priest then knocks on the wall three times in a final attempt to get the man to speak. Finally, the drunk replies, "No use knocking, there's no paper in this one either."

Jesus said: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall **see** God." What kind of God we see is dependent upon our purity of heart. If we see a God who plays the role of a cosmic 'Santa Claus' who answers to our every whim—then our perception of God is very selfish indeed. But, if we are able to envision God as a Sovereign Creator who does not need our opinion or consent to rule the world, then we possess a vision

that is pure; And our motivation to serve this Sovereign Lord will be one from loyalty and love, not from self-centered gratitude or egocentric motives, wants, and wishes. The Sovereignty of God means that God will bless and have mercy upon whom God will, apart from consulting us in the process.

Remember good ol' Job? Job was a man who lost everything—family, wealth, health—and in his extreme suffering and pain he does not curse God, but is obsessed with the 'why' of it all. "Why me, Lord? I am a good person. I don't deserve this..." And in the end Job takes on a sort of self-righteous attitude, as if he were singing the old spiritual: *Nobody Knows De Trouble I've Seen*...oh please... Many of us at times have these same feelings and questions, as humanity has for thousands of years. The entire book of Job is a poetical treatise concerning the anguish of the innocent, why bad things happen to good people. The answer though, may not be enough for the egotistical, but for the pure in heart it is more than enough.

I've seen some narcissistic people in my time—those who think they are always right, those whose 'business' never stinks, those who cannot get along with others, who cannot respect the opinions or actions of others, who refuse to see the bigger picture, who 'sweat the small stuff' and would rather play trivial head games of control and sarcasm. Those who are obsessed with themselves cannot see God as God is. Their motivation is distorted, and so therefore, their hearts—the very center and core of being and emotion—are impure.

Job had a vision of the Sovereign God and saw that his incessant worrying was really a sign of skepticism and mistrust in the God who is Creator and Ruler of the Universe, the One who has dominion over all. He says to God (Job 42:2, 5-6):

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To be 'pure in heart' is not just clean morals. It speaks to the very focus of our faith. Job was a moral person, a righteous person, but that was not enough. His faith had to be transformed, and the suffering and pain he endured was a sort of fiery furnace, to refine his character. To be pure in heart means that our motives are not mixed and our loyalties are not divided. God will use whatever means to refine our character.

Have you ever been talking with someone who smiles and converses, but all the while is looking around at everything else except you and seem preoccupied and not interested in you, but just pretending to be? That is how some people serve God. They go through all the motions but they really don't love God with all their heart, soul, and strength. It is only when we serve our

God from unmixed motives and undivided loyalties that we understand and see God as a Sovereign God, the All-Wise and All-Powerful One who has our best interest in mind.

I have had to learn the lesson of God's Sovereignty over and over, sometimes by very hard lessons. Maybe you are struggling today to give up your right as judge and jury, to learn the way of completely trusting by faith in all God does and allows to come into your life. Today, I challenge you to make changes in yourself, instead of someone else, to make your Creator the Master of your life, and to be a pure participant in God's Dominion.

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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 12th 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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black tie event. There is a certain group of people who enjoy a formal event and **The Living Room** appreciates those who are willing to participate in light of the unanticipated economic downturn. You can get your tickets from any board member or on their web site at <http://www.TLRbrevard.org>.

Check out the their new web site in any case, it's the result of a lot of work by Jeffrey Civey. The calendar lists all the community events they are aware of, so be sure to let them know what your group is doing so it can be listed. **The Living Room** is doing different outing, like theatre nights, movie nights and Thursday night coffee clutch at 7:30 pm at the Sun Shoppe in downtown Melbourne is now attracting quite a crowd (it had to be called of on October 23 to accommodate the re-schedule of Gay Skate but just for that one night). Get on the mailing list to be kept up to date.

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The **Space Coast Pride 09** committee is now meeting at Project Response. They had been meeting at the coffee clutch but felt that it was time to move to a dedicated room where there wasn't the distraction of leaf blowers and side conversations. A number of committees have formed and the volunteers and beginning to form up. Space Coast Business Guild is the first paid-up sponsor on board. **Space Coast Pride 09** can always use more volunteers, sponsors, and vendors. Contact them and download vendor forms at <http://www.SpaceCoastPride.org>.

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Wow did we mess up last month on **Cold Keg** info. First the new face behind the bar is

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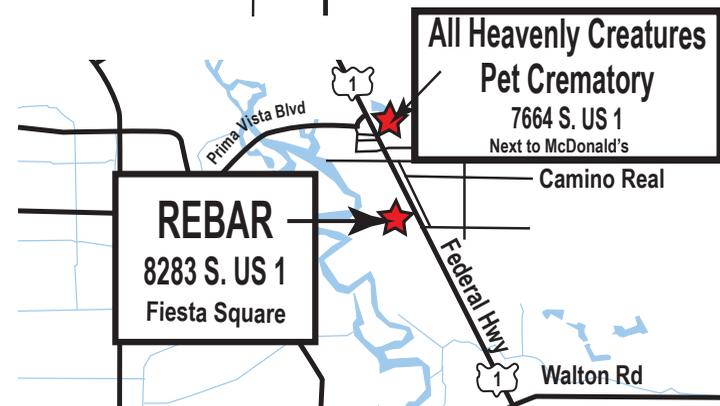
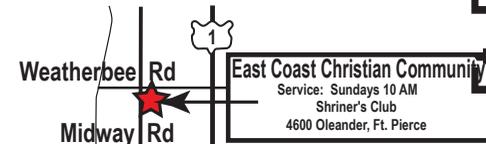
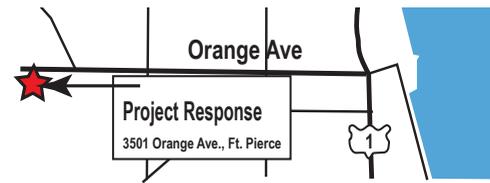


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Janise, we spelled it wrong, then we didn't mention Lesbo-a-Go-Go and even left the ad out. I talk about a blond moment! We must have been overheating in the dog days of summer. Now that the weather is cooling off hopefully we'll be more together. You'll notice that this month Spikey and the After Midnights will be at **Cold Keg** on November 28 (that's the night after Thanksgiving) – the boys will be back in December, according to our sources.

Texas Hold'em finals will happen on the Saturday after this issue comes out so that popular event will be starting over soon. There's quite a turn out on Tuesday nights and Saturday afternoons for some socializing, poker and fun.

If Karaoke is your idea of fun, **Cold Keg** will have it on Mondays, starting in November. So tune up your pipes and come on out on the third and warble it your way.

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East Coast Christian Community, EC3, is the new name of the former East Coast MCC. It's a big move in their 6th year, but one they felt was best for their congregation. This is a great group, active in many areas, including Thanksgiving dinner for those alone for the holidays and helping with Christmas gifts for indigent seniors. If you feel a spiritual need that isn't being fulfilled by your current church, stop in for a service in Melbourne or Port St. Lucie, you my just find what your spirit needs.

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Election Guides

To help you in your voting the next few pages contain voter guides from Equality Florida for Brevard, Indian River and St. Lucie Counties. The only note OOTC Publishing as added was to the Steven Blythe entry as he did not respond to the Equality Florida questionnaire, yet he appeared at Space Coast Pride 08 and spoke eloquently in support of our issues.

In Brevard County OOTC Publishing endorses the following candidates because we know them personally and know that not only do they support our community but that they would to an outstanding job if elected to their respective offices:

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U.S. Congressman, District 22 - Ron Klein (Dem.)
U.S. Congressman, District 23 - Alcee Hastings (Dem.)

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A Woman's Right To Choose	✓	✗

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*DOMA - Defense of Marriage Act defines marriage as between a man and a woman and prohibits interstate recognition of same-sex

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Connecticut last week, or the Legislature could change it.

Burns is a relatively new force on the state political scene. A Republican investor and philanthropist, he gave \$500 contributions to Gov. Charlie Crist, Gov. Jeb Bush and Sen. Ken Pruitt.

Last year, he told Florida Red and Blue that he'd match contributions of up to \$250,000. Then he contributed another \$150,000. The group's campaign manager, Derek Newton, declined to talk about Burns, saying he respected his contributors' privacy.

Burns is a former chief executive of publicly traded Telco Communication Group, a discount long-distance service provider. It was sold in 1997 for \$1.2-billion.

In the decade since then, he's launched the Donald A. Burns Foundation, a Palm Beach charitable foundation to "promote educational and social institutions." Tax records show assets of \$10.7-million in 2006.

Burns also owns the New York building where actor Heath Ledger died this year.

The DeVos family, on the other hand, is a familiar name in Florida politics and beyond. It owns the Orlando Magic basketball team. Richard DeVos Jr., the 52-year-old son, ran an unsuccessful campaign for Michigan governor in 2006.

The DeVos family has contributed millions toward conservative causes nationwide, including school voucher, antiabortion and anti-gay marriage efforts.

Over the past 12 years in Florida, both DeVos Sr. and his son have given \$700,000 to Florida Republicans.

In 2004, when Michigan considered and ultimately passed its own gay marriage ban, the DeVos family spent \$125,000, according to the Grand Rapids Press.

ST PETERSBURG—A report in the St Petersburg Times says two wealthy Republicans are fueling both sides in the fight over Amendment 2

Jennifer Liberto, a Times Staff Writer wrote on Thursday, October 16, 2008 that the patriarch who founded Amway Corp is pro-2 and on the other side is a little-known telecom multimillionaire.

According to the story, Donald A. Burns, 45, of West Palm Beach, contributed 18 percent or \$400,000 of the \$2.2-million raised by Florida Red and Blue, the most prominent group fighting Amendment 2.

State records show billionaire Orlando Magic owner Richard DeVos, 82, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has given \$100,000, or about 15 percent of the \$676,700 raised by Florida4Marriage, the group that collected signatures to put Amendment 2 on the Nov. 4 ballot.

[Of course it was the Republican Party of Florida that donated \$300,000 of that amount at the precise time it was needed to keep the effort from failing to get anywhere near enough signatures to qualify – ed.]

Liberto was unable to get a comment from either man.

Florida4Marriage has provided sample sermons for pastors across the state hoping they'll promote Amendment 2 as part of a "Marriage Sunday."

Florida Red and Blue has launched television commercials, while allies have taken to staging news conferences across the state and debuting Web-only videos, including one featuring Michael Schiavo, the widower of Terri Schiavo.

Amendment 2 would define marriage in the state Constitution as between one man and one woman. Florida already has such a state law, but Amendment 2 backers say the law could be overturned, as it was in

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Federal Races

United States Representative	Supports Employment Non-Discrimination Act	Opposes Const. Amendment Banning Same-Sex Marriage	Opposes Amendment 2	Supports LGBT Hate Crimes Law	Supports Repealing DOMA	Supports Domestic Partner Benefits	Supports Same-Sex Immigration Rights	Supports a Woman's Right To Choose
District 16								
Tim Mahoney (DEM)	Yes	No Response	No Response	Yes	No Response	No	No Response	No Response
Tom Rooney (REP)	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No	No Response	No Response
District 23								
Alice Hastings (DEM)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marion Thorpe (REP)	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No Response	No	No Response	No Response

State Races

Florida State Representative District 82	Ban LGBT Discrimination	Opposes Amendment 2	Supports Gay & Lesbian Adoption	Supports Civil Unions & Domestic Partnerships	Supports Same-Sex Marriage Equality	Supports Protecting LGBT Students	Supports LGBT Hate Crimes Laws	Supports A Woman's Right To Choose
Catherine Hilton (DEM)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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This year, DeVos' contribution to the Florida's gay-marriage ban prompted a protest of 30 people outside of Amway Arena, where the Magic play, on Sept. 28, the Orlando Sentinel reported.

Orlando City Commissioner Patty Sheehan, who is gay, called for an investigation on whether DeVos' support of Amendment 2 violates the city's ordinance banning discrimination.

STATEWIDE— Michael Schiavo hasn't lost his fighting spirit!

Schiavo first drew the national spotlight a decade ago, when he began his battle to remove his brain dead wife Terry's feeding tube. Her parents objected, thus sparking a lengthy court battle that putted Schiavo against the nation's right-wing conservatives, including Congress' Republicans, who turned the family matter into a political circus. Michael Schiavo ultimately prevailed.

Well, now he's back and fighting against Florida's Amendment 2, which would constitutionally define marriage as between a man and a woman even though same-sex marriage is already prohibited in the Sunshine State. The Amendment reads: "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." Such a measure would also prevent straight and gay domestic partners from gaining marital benefits, an argument that provides the thrust for Schiavo's argument.

Saying he's "troubled" by the Amendment,

Schiavo takes on "the same people who thought they knew what was best for my wife, Terry," who are "once again trying to tell others how to live." He goes on to say it's "hard to respect people who only pay lip service to family values. As a former Republican, I think that if the people behind Amendment 2 really cared about legal marriage between husband and wife, they would have respected mine."

The Schiavo video is on YouTube.com, just search for Michael Schiavo.

WASHINGTON, DC—The LATimes reported that the Social Security Administration -- not the most controversial of federal agencies unless a monthly check goes missing -- may have stirred up a new round of controversy for the Bush administration in its closing days, in conjunction with the Justice Department.

In a little-noticed move, Social Security lawyers sought a ruling from the Justice Department on this question: Are the offspring of same-sex couples entitled to benefits from a non-biological parent, or are the benefits prevented by the Defense of Marriage Act? Under the law, which drew protesters to the Supreme Court when the Senate passed it in 1996, same-sex couples may not receive federal benefits.

The Washington Post editorial page noticed the ruling that came down from the Justice Department's office of legal counsel: Elijah, the son of a couple identified as Karen and Monique, did indeed have a right to such benefits.

The Post summarized the ruling this way:



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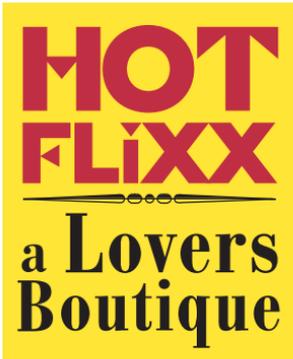
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