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HOROSCOPE by Jacqueline

The full Moon on the 4th in Aries starts off the month with a feeling of urgency; relax live in the moment because nothing is urgent now. You'll find the emotional balance you are looking for with the new moon on the 18th. The sun, mercury, Saturn is going into Libra and Mars goes into Leo now, Love and romance is in the air. Uranus is inconjunct with the Libra planets, so let your intuition and spiritual beliefs guide you.

Aries March 23 - April 22 Expect sudden delays in your plans until the new moon on the 18th. Unresolved issues from the Mercury retrograde are lingering. Live for the moment, resolutions will come at the right time and usually at the last minute. So, go with the flow and all will be well.

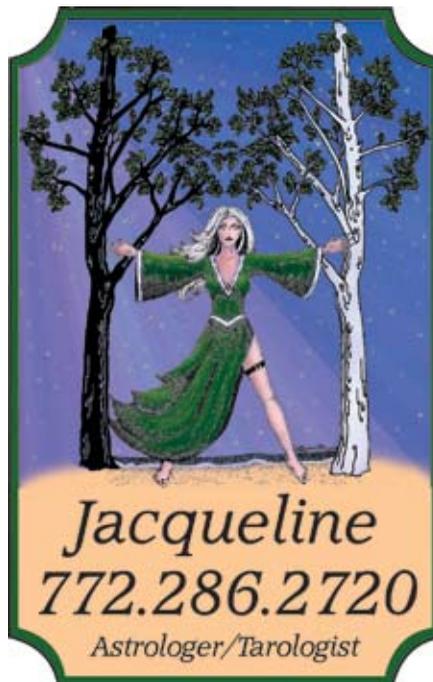
Taurus April 23 – May 22 The Drama you experienced has not subsided. Be extra careful with what you say, remember, "It's not what you say but how you say it" that will calm the situation. Do not let other's control your emotions or get caught up in the blame game. Stay consistent and let the universe clear a path to resolution. Curb your spending habit; what looks good in the window may not look good in the home.

Gemini May 23 – June 22 Stop over criticizing every situation. Pick your battles carefully. Make a choice, seek advice and choose the optimum solution before you act. Be careful with your financial situation between the 4th to the 18th, if you're not focused on where your money is going, you may find your finances in trouble. The good thing is by

mid-month you'll find new career and education opportunities available.

Cancer June 23 – July 22 This is the time to not act upon your emotions. You need to do research before engaging in any situation whether it is private or professional. You have some intense decisions to make now; don't look into the future. Learn as much as you can and make a smart, healthy choice that you can be happy with. Turn your thoughts towards learning more about your health and good nutrition.

Leo July 23 – August 22 Rejoice! From now until February 2010 enormous opportunities both in your business and personal life will arise. Take charge;



show off your management skills. Others will respond and appreciate your talents. This month your love life heats up. Stay in your truth and define your boundaries. There is where you'll find your happiness.

Virgo August 23 – September 22 This month concludes the 21/2 year cycle of Saturn in your sign. Those minor responsibilities that have plagued you in the past can now be released. It's time to celebrate and have some fun. Venus is in your sign until the 15th so let your hair down and enjoy playing with those you love.

Libra September 23 – October 22 Happy solar return my fellow Libras! The Challenges that started mid August will now start to clear up. You'll feel your natural tendencies for harmony after the 17th. New Ideas for new opportunities will arise after the 11th. Take advantage of them and you'll find the success and peace you're looking for.

Scorpio October 23 – November 22 Now is the time you need to align all your P's and Q's, before the 18th or you may encounter unexpected conflict from otherwise tranquil parties. Use your natural curiosity and charisma to your advantage. Don't assume anything and seek clarification to bewildering dilemmas. A loved one may seem indecisive and confused, allow them to make their own decisions and accept responsibility for their own actions.

Sagittarius November 23 – December 22 Now is the time to take that vacation and recharge your life's energies. When Mars goes into Leo on the 16th, your dynamic personality and ability to solve all problems will shine and all well seek advice from you. Be careful around the full moon on the 4th, communication can be challenging. Repeat what they say and make sure they get your point.

Capricorn December 23 – January 22

As with your brother Taurus, the drama you experienced has not subsided, duality is on its way. Be prepared to do things twice. Don't be over critical when you have to do things over again, its making you look into the moment instead of anticipating what the future will bring. Go with the flow and you'll fly through this month with ease.

Aquarius January 23 – February 22 New ideas and opportunities are at your fingertips and all you need to do is act. But before you rush headlong, seek advice and listen to what others have to tell you, their ideas and experience will be both gratifying and beneficial in a mutual cause. Don't let the moment pass you by; you'll only get one shot at it.

Pisces February 23 – March 22 The light of the New moon on the 4th will heat up your love life. However, be careful not to send out mixed signals, make your intentions known. You don't have to be in the spot light to have a positive effect on a given situation, even the best leaders know how to lead from behind. You may think that others are getting the recognition for your efforts but don't worry; the important people know you were the one who made it happen. ▼

For those who want to know: The final pattern in a chart is the bowl pattern. What indicates this pattern is all of the planets in the chart are in one hemisphere. The person who has this type of chart, are self contained and focused on a specific area of life. The leading planet indicates the area their focal point. This month with the concentration of planets in Libra and Mars going into Leo, the concentration will be on the romance of love.

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Tea Time

with Miss T

What a month! The thing is to remember that change is good. Some things happen, some things don't and some times you bite off more than you can chew. Our publisher found that the thing is that he's no longer a spring chicken, that he just can't work two full time jobs and do justice to either one, so he's back with us full time and no longer full time a **Cold Keg**. He's still going to work on some special things with JoJo but his main focus is back with us. Thank goodness, at least the covers will improve! They've been lame-assed for the last couple of months and this month he didn't even have a plan B for when the models flaked out – so the best thing he could do was shoot the props! Trust me Lee's used to being turned down, so the thing is just say no and don't lead the poor old fool along.

It seems we missed the biggest thing of the weekend: Barry & Tom's wedding in Titusville. We are so sorry we couldn't be there, but we were on deadline and things just didn't work out. We hear it was quite the event with a ton of people and everything was fabulous. There are so many things we've missed in the last couple of months that we're looking forward to getting back into the mix.

We also hear that some things are changing down at **REBAR** but one thing that will never change is a good time provided by a great staff (belated happy 40 to John Scott). There's no cover on Fridays now even though there's a show! We hear the benefit at **REBAR** for **Pride of the Treasure Coast 2010** was a huge success. We thought we had some pictures coming but they were a no show, too. Everyone who did attend just raved about the food and the show. Jim, Jerry and Velvet pulled off an incredible event raising some \$2,000 for next year's event. And we hear there are more of these things coming up, so if you missed this one be sure to make it to the next.

The other thing going on in PSL is over at **O'Malley's** every Friday, that's five events in October starting with a Pimps & Hoes Night with a \$50 prize for the best costume and ending the month with a pre-Halloween costume party with more cash and prizes. **O'Malley's** is going All Out to see to it that you have a great time every Friday.

There are a couple of things changing at East Coast Christian Community. The first being that, in Port St. Lucie, the first Sunday of each month will now be a covered dish picnic at White City Park on Midway Road starting at 10 AM. The other services in Port St. Lucie will remain at the St. Lucie Shrine Club, 4600 Oleander.

Up in Melbourne, East Coast Christian Community is moving it's services back to the Riviera United Church of Christ, 451 Riviera Drive in Palm Bay starting in October. The services will remain at 5 PM with the weekly Bible Study continuing on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. Riviera UCC is also where PFLAG Melbourne meets and it's a good thing to have a church that is not just welcoming but opens it arms, and building, to help our community.

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You know, it's the strangest thing, but this thing thing seems to be quite the thing!

Gay Rights Tidbits: **Advertisers are pulling their dollars from Media General** – parent company of WFLA Ch 8 – in response to the media company's decision to air an hour-long infomercial of hateful anti-gay propoganda on St. Pete's Pride Day this year.

While other stations across the country rejected the hour-long hateful infomercial, Media General/WFLA management made the business decision to take a reported \$35,000 while ignoring their responsibility to provide honest, balanced information.

Instead, they argued that disclaimers before and after the program should be sufficient to distance them from the repugnant message.

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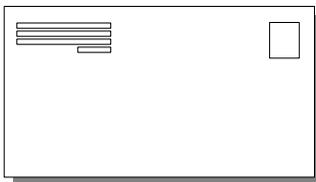
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Spiritually Speaking

Imagine, if you will, going to your mailbox and receiving a letter



with the return address: 'God.' Upon opening this precious communiqué you find but one word: **LIVE**; one simple word, yet many an intricate implication. Biologically, we are already living. We are breathing, we are mobile, and we are animated. Live? What does live mean? It must mean something within us that is yet UNLIVED, not from a physical, but an emotional or spiritual perspective. Jesus said: **"I am come that you may have life, and have it to the full."** (John 10:10) There is something beyond mere biological life that Jesus invites us to experience abundantly—to the full. St. Paul, in his epistle to the Ephesians, tells us that God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. We are chosen and destined for adoption into the family of God, redeemed and forgiven from all sin. But, there's more: To us has been revealed the mystery of the divine will and purpose: **"so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might LIVE for the praise of his glory."** (Ephesians 1:12) As people of faith, we have so much to live for; and so much quality of life waiting.

Yet, whether we like to admit it or not, there are parts of us—within each one of us—filled with so much hope and aspiration; yet also with so much regret and fear. These opposing emotions wrestle with each other to gain the upper hand; and either the positive or the negative emotions chart whether we live our lives to the fullest. And we are given plenty of opportunities to choose a life more fully lived. Perhaps, there are dramatic moments that bring us to a crisis of decision: a terrible accident, unbearable sorrow, a major loss—whether our jobs or our loved ones; a healing, an unexpected windfall, a new beginning—all these move us closer to

the challenge to LIVE, to reach our absolute potential. Notice the letter from God did not explain how to live, just live. But, I think that we can only LIVE when the hunger we feel for more meaning and aliveness within us compels us to change and transformation. We must desire life in all its abundance to experience it. We must want to 'live life on purpose,' not just get by.

Quality of life is measured, not by what we possess or accumulate, but by the purpose that motivates us everyday. Either we get up in the morning and say: "Good Lord, it's morning!" or "Good morning, Lord!" And since the letter from God did not state the ins and outs of living, we turn not only to sacred texts, but the observation of lives already lived. The great Hebrew prophets, John the Baptist, Jesus himself, Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi, and so many others were those LIVING *their consciousness* in conflict with the politics of their time. Yet, they spoke out and stood up for what they believed was God's will and purpose. Whether it was social corruption, unfair prosperity of the rich and powerful, immorality, injustice, religious hypocrisy, the plight of the poor and the downcast, etc.—they lived their principles even to the point of torture, exile, death, and martyrdom.

These heroes of history left legacies behind that continue to inspire us to live lives that have meaning and significance; because lives that leave nothing behind seem a waste of potential and expression. Are we living for great purposes and ultimate meaning? Are we living life to the fullest even if it means the chopper's block? It is not how we die that is important—it is how we have lived—that we will be remembered. Some people are so afraid of dying, that they never really begin to live in the here and now. What a shame...As Auntie Mame said: **"Live, Live! Life is a banquet and most poor souls are starving to death."** Our faith admonishes us to live. Jesus gave his life so we could truly live. Life is a gift, that's why they call it the 'present.'

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And so, I ask you: Does your life inspire, challenge, and shake things up? Does your life exhibit the divine purpose in all you say and do? Do you take time to marvel at the wonder of creation all around you? Do you see the beautiful image of the Creator in all those you meet? Are you living your fullest potential? Are you a messenger of the Good News or just a listener? What will we be remembered for? What progress have we aided? What acts of charitable kindness have we so freely given? What issues have we stood up for? These are very important questions to consider, if we are to be complete and whole people. You do not have to be a religious freak to live the divine purpose. We live God's purpose by committed faithfulness, not by our religious dogma.

I know first hand life is not always fair. I know that life is not always a bed of roses. I know that life can be so low, that you have to look up to tie your shoe laces. You may feel like a bug on the windshield of time today—but rest assured of God's love and God's purpose motivates and enlivens you with the will to live and to go on. There is only one YOU. You

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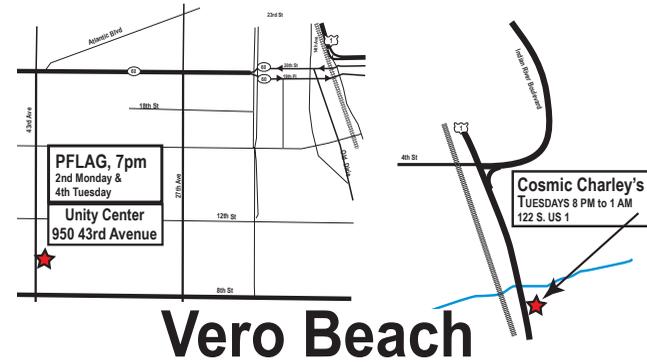
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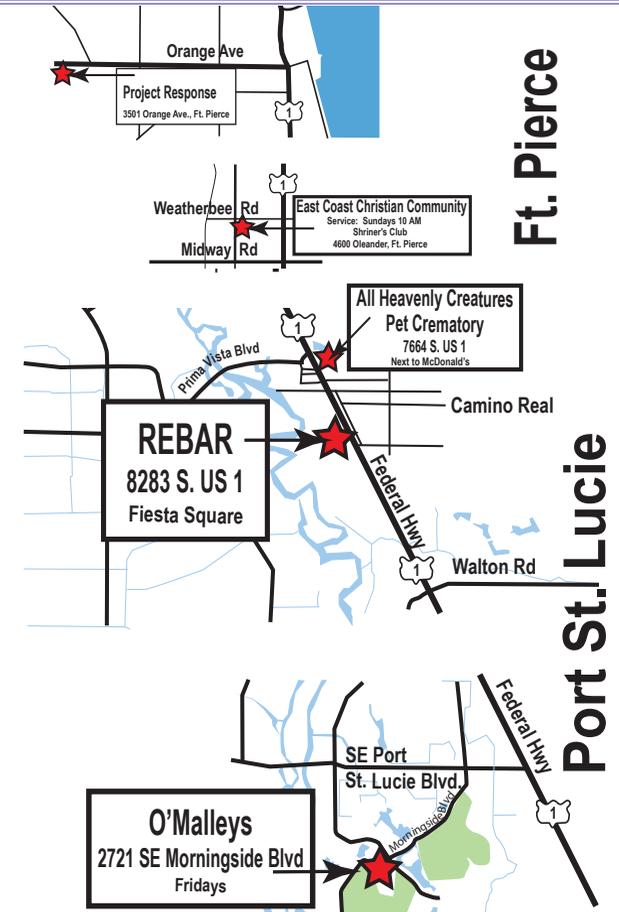
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I have worked in health care most of my adult life. I am a Registered Nurse. My resume includes years in both acute care.... hospital, and I am thinking today about a child's story I remember as having been read to me when I was a little boy. It's message has stayed with me through the years and down to the present day. The story was "The Little Engine That Could." The story tells the tale of a small train engine that takes on the task of moving a huge and heavy train over a high mountain against immeasurable odds. Throughout the performance of the task he repeats over and over to himself: "I think I can... I think I can...." on and on. Struggling mightily he reaches the mountain top and he changes his saying to; "I thought I could... I thought I could..."

The message is, of course, that no task is too daunting if we believe in our goal, and if we believe we can achieve it. No task is too daunting! Or is it? Did that children's story tell me a lie? Was President Obama's mantra throughout the campaign a lie? Should "Yes We Can" become "Yes We Can if the task isn't too difficult?" Is that where we are going? Is that where we are?

The Party of Jefferson and Jackson seems to believe that, and since that is the party into which I have placed my hope, I am dismayed. I was listening to a radio report yesterday when a representative of the current Democrat House majority stated that his group believed in a Health Care Bill with the Public Option, but they were willing to forgo that option because passage

would be "a long, hard climb."

A Long Hard Climb???????????????
Who in hell told them that their job would be easy? Who in hell told them their job should be easy? Who told them that lie? And if they believed it, who is holding their brains and can they get them returned so that they can do the job for which they have been elected? While they are waiting for their brains to be returned, they might try shopping around for a spine that fits, because this Party that holds my hopes is vastly in need of a back-bone. Oh yes, and there are two smaller items that also must have been left somewhere and these are also a requirement... they have many names, but I believe one of the medical terms for them is "gonads." My Party needs its own Wizard of OZ, they need a brain and a heart, and also, they need a spine and a working set of gonads.

I have not abandoned this Party. I most definitely have not abandoned the President's Health Care Bill with the Public Option. Unless this Bill passes as Mr. Obama proposes it, I may have to abandon any of my Representatives who have not accepted it. It is that important to me. I have, in the course of my career, seen too many persons suffer because of the machinations of insurance company bureaucrats and price-gauging pharmaceutical houses. It has gone on for far too long and hurt far too many people.

In the course of the so-called debate, people like Limbaugh, Beck and

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Palin have put forth and perpetuated misinformation that they themselves know to be untrue. The myths of "death panels," , loss of physician choice, health care being denied to Republicans, Medicare being lost, abortions being funded, and health care being delivered to millions of illegal aliens .. all of these are lies that have been repeated over and over until some people believe them as truths.

And the biggest lie of all, that this man, President Barak Obama, does not deserve to be President, and, that being the case, he does not deserve the respect accorded to that office. His proposals, no matter how good they are, must be fought tooth and nail so that his Presidency will be looked upon by history as an abject failure. A black man in the White House..... Oh my God! This African American man who is more educated than most of us, who

is a sophisticated and knowledgeable user of the English language, who has a beautiful wife and wonderful children, this man who has devoted his adult life to public service..... to some, this man is not deserving.

Where does that come from, except from deep-seated racial prejudice. As most of us who make up any kind of minority realize, prejudice is alive and well in these United States, only now, for some it has become the elephant in the room that no one acknowledges. These haters need to know that they are wrong, and that the voters have spoken.

My party can change this possible verdict of failure. My party can get behind their President. My party can drop the excuse that the passage of an intact and complete Health Care Bill is a "long hard climb." They need to

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do this because across the length and breadth of the United States, people are hurting and people are dying because of lack of proper health care and the lack of insurance coverage. My party's representatives needs to reclaim their brains and their compassion in order to recognize what is happening and the effect of this so-called debate on their constituents who are suffering. They need to put their constituents first and put aside any influence or cash that is coming from the Insurance Companies, the pharmaceutical houses, the Hospitals and the American Medical Association. These Representatives need to reclaim their spines. They need to stand up and be counted. They need to push back on the lies and not legitimize them.

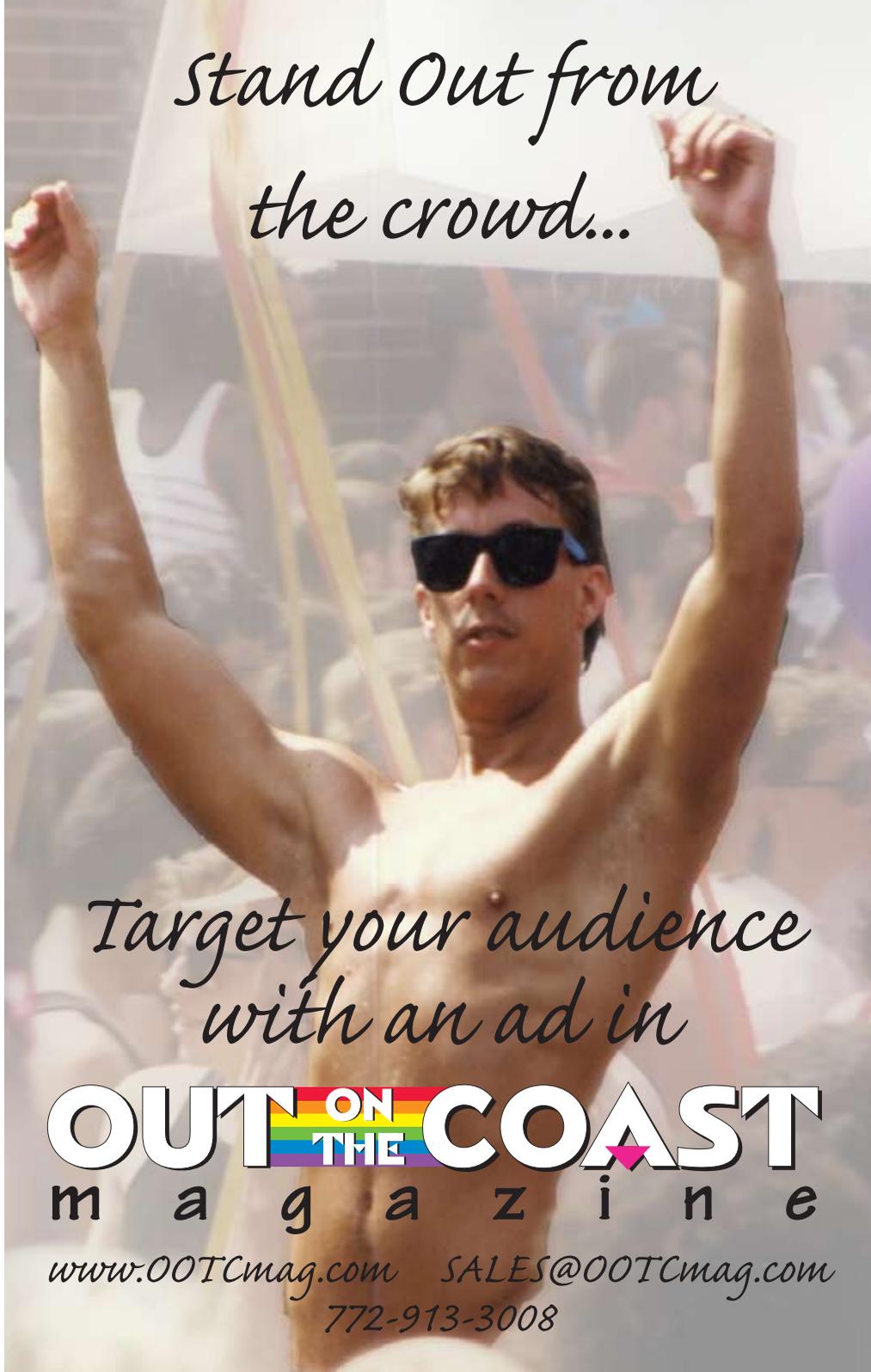
And they need to grow a pair! This is *not* an option. They need to have the courage to stand up for what is morally right. They need to educate their constituency about this bill and not pass on the lies being spread by the Conservative and the Christian Right. They need to question the agenda of those who are fighting this bill so vigorously.

An uphill climb is it? Then get to work and start that climb. No one, and I mean no one who voted for you did so to give you a pass on the hard work of legislation. So Senators, so Representatives, get out there, do some of the hard week and

earn your salary (and your exceptionally good health care benefits I might add.) Fight the liars, pass the President's Bill with the public option, and give your constituents who are poor and/or out of work some relief from their worries.

I don't take this stance because I have been a supporter of the President, I take this stance because it is the only Moral and Right stance one can take. Like that little engine from my childhood, this Congress, if it puts its mind to it, CAN climb this mountain. ▼

David has a blog at <http://thedavidvbf.multiply.com/journal> and has generously allowed us to reprint it here. We will be printing blogs from David on a variety of topics. Please note that the opinions expressed in this column are those of the author. All I can ad is to ask each of you to contact your Senators and Representatives and ask them to support the Public Option – it only takes a minute and in the end we may have a viable health care system instead of a health care industry. And remember, according to the World Health Organization, our "best system in the world" has given us these rankings: First in health care expenditure. First in Obesity. 47th in life expectancy. 35th in mortality of children under 5. 37th in over-all health care. We rank behind most of Europe, Canada and many third world nations. [ed.]



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JACKSONVILLE—Equality Florida's GSA Alliance reported that two north suburban Yulee High School students were "grateful" when they learned that a federal judge ruled that the Gay-Straight Alliance can meet on campus and have the same privileges as other student groups.

U.S. District Judge Henry Lee Adams issued a permanent injunction Friday that the district can't make the group change its name or interfere with its ability to "advocate for tolerance, respect and equality of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people."

Adams also ordered that the district cannot retaliate against any students or school staff involved in the legal action or with the group.

"We're grateful that the court recognized that the GSA should be allowed to meet and be treated like any other club," Hannah Page and Jacob Brock said in a statement. They could not be reached for further comment.

"The Yulee GSA met regularly after Adams issued a preliminary injunction in March and had no problems," said Benetta M. Standly, director of the northeast region of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida. She said about 18 students were still regularly attending, with as many as 35 students in attendance when the club began meeting in the spring.

Page and Brock sued the Nassau County School Board in February after the district said GSA couldn't meet unless it changed its name.

The ACLU, which represented the students, said the district will pay the ACLU about \$40,000 in attorney fees and court costs.

Page previously said she wanted a safe environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender students and their straight friends. Page and Brock both said they had been harassed because they're gay. District officials have said the name Gay-Straight Alliance violated the district's abstinence-only policy and was potentially

disruptive. A spokeswoman for the district declined to comment, and referred questions to the district's attorneys on the case.

Orlando-based attorney Frank Sheppard said the School Board believes it's time to let the issue go.

Sheppard said the district's insurance carrier will pay the ACLU's legal fees. He said the district has spent about \$5,000 on its own legal fees.

Page was also suing because the district denied her request for a GSA at Yulee Middle when she was a student there in 2007-08. Adams did not rule on that issue last week. The district believes that portion of the lawsuit is closed because she's no longer a student there but the ACLU wants a ruling from the judge.

Robert Rosenwald, the attorney for the ACLU, praised Page and Brock.

"These courageous students took a stand to address the [bullying] problem and the school policies that exacerbate it," he said in a statement. "Hopefully, Nassau school administrators will follow their students' example and become part of the solution rather than part of the problem."

TAMPA—LezGetReal.com reported that the University of South Florida has announced it plans to start offering full domestic partner benefits to both heterosexual and gay employees at the university.

"We believe it's the right thing to do, and we'll work to make it happen this year," said USF president Judy Genshaft during her annual state of the university address September 9.

The USF system has about 13,000 employees with campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota and Lakeland and about 6,000 of those employees would be eligible for domestic partner benefits.

When contacted, USF said that the details of the benefits and eligibility requirements are

still being worked out, but the DP benefits would indeed cover both heterosexual and same-sex couples.

The schools administrators and faculty members have been discussing the issue of benefits for domestic partners for about two years now, but Wednesday's announcement by Genshaft is the first public acknowledgment that the USF is committed to providing those benefits.

A study done by USF prior to the announcement showed that many large national research universities with whom the school competes for faculty members already offer domestic partner benefits, and to attract top educators USF needed to do likewise.

Similar benefits are also currently offered at the University of Florida in Tallahassee.

South Florida officials don't know how much the added benefits will cost, but say that state funds cannot be used. They also said they expect "to hear some feedback" on their decision to provide the benefits by some residents of the State.

The University of South Florida is one of the nation's top 63 public research universities and was 14th among the nation's top 20 "up and coming universities" in the 2009 U.S. News & World Report college rankings.

USF serves more than 46,000 students across its various campuses.

TAMPA—In a special report by Mike Wells for Creative Loafing on September 16, 2009, it was reported that Tampa native Jane Castor humbly accepted an appointment today from Mayor Pam Iorio to become the city's next police chief.

The 6-foot, lanky mother of two will be the first woman to command the Tampa Police Department when she is sworn in on Oct. 1. She also is set to become the state's first openly lesbian police chief.

Though her appointment is historically significant to Tampa's LGBT community, Castor treated it as a non-issue when questioned.

The 49-year-old never dodged LGBT-related questions, but said she'd rather focus on what she plans to do as chief. Castor made it clear that she has never experienced homophobia

on the part of other Tampa officers or the public.

"When I came on the department 25 years ago, the trails had already been blazed," Castor said. "I've never had any issues within this department or within this city."

However, her appointment is still a milestone, said Equality Florida Director Nadine Smith. Castor had served for several years as the department's highly visible liaison to Tampa's gay and lesbian community.

"There was a time when sexism and homophobia would have prevented the most qualified candidate from getting selected," Smith said. "And so it is a testament to her impressive résumé and the progress we've made as a society that she's been named as the new police chief."

Smith said Castor's sexuality should have been included in news coverage by the mainstream news organizations. None mentioned it.

"If you deem it's important to say she's the first woman police chief, then it's equally significant to say she's the first openly lesbian chief," Smith said. "She's out and she always has been."

Castor succeeds Steve Hogue, who retires Sept. 30 after six years as chief and 29 years with the department. As chief, Castor's starting salary will be \$144,394.

Castor earned a bachelor's in criminology from the University of Tampa, where she attended on volleyball and basketball scholarships and holds a master's degree in public administration from Troy State University. She is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Earlier this year, Castor was named Law Enforcement Executive of the Year by the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives.

As for the hundreds of men and women who will serve under the new chief, Castor said they should expect no surprises from her.

"They can expect the same thing they have seen for the last 25 years," Castor said. "That's someone who is very approachable, very fair and very open and honest."



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Over 200 Equality Florida Members raised “red flags” in front of WFLA and Media General’s headquarters as part of a swiftly organized rally.

Every major news outlet covered the protest, including a St. Pete Times columnist who noted that Media General/ WFLA would not have broadcast such an assault on any other community.

More than 3,000 messages from the community flooded the station ensuring management heard firsthand the injury they have inflicted on their community, their friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers by selling the airwaves to dehumanizing propaganda.

But we’re not done yet.

Equality Florida volunteers and staff have been reaching out to Media General’s advertisers and asking them to pull their ad dollars in an amount equivalent to the \$35,000 they made off the backs of Tampa Bay’s LGBT community.

Major advertisers are contacting Media General (parent to WFLA, the Tampa Tribune, and TBO online) as their advertising contracts expire in October letting them know they don’t want their company associated with such anti-gay propaganda.

In a letter to the station’s management, Chris O’Brien explained why he is pulling his \$900 a month advertising account from the media conglomerate. He wrote:

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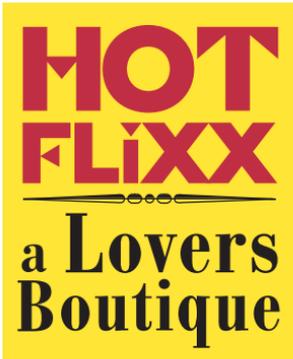
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