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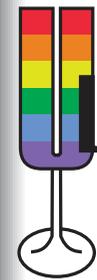
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This month we get a kick start in matters of the heart, as Venus goes into Libra on the 6th. The new Moon in Leo on the 9th will allow all to experience a renewed sense of creativity and romance. Go with your feelings, have some fun and enjoy the moment as if you were a child. When Uranus makes its return into Pisces on the 13th it heightens our intuitiveness providing us an opportunity to feel what others are feeling. However as Mercury goes retrograde on the 20th its grounding effect, allows us the opportunity to be open to sudden bursts of enlightenment and analytical thoughts. The full moon in Pisces on the 24th will bring a natural transformation to those emotions as long as we don't physically act upon them. So, play, take a vacation, or just relax now. The time for action will come.

Aries March 23 - April 22 As Mars goes into Libra, its sobering effect has a profound influence upon you. Take the opportunity to readdress and reassess the projects you started this spring. They have reached a turning point and with a few minor adjustments, you can get them back on track. Be flexible as relationships heat up, learn to understand what is behind the heat or you may find yourself in the fire.

Taurus April 23 - May 22 Your heightened sense of enlightenment this month is intoxicating. Relationships that have been challenging will be amazed on your perception of the world as you see beauty in everything that surrounds you. After the 20th, they too will be enlightened as you. Stay positive, stay focused and enjoy the moment and the additional attention.

Gemini May 23 - June 22 Your quest for balance and harmony in life heightens your observation for detail. Use these enriched attributes to your advantage. Be observant, be analytical, logical before you speak or convey an idea. With a little effort on your part you can get what you want. Practice patience as all good things come to those who wait.

Cancer June 23 - July 22 Anxiety an apprehension rule you this month as you believe nothing is getting accomplished. Relax, all is well the projects you put in motion are maturing in sequence. Nothing is beckoning nor requires your input, let things progress on its own. Take this time and enjoy some revelry with friends or immerse yourself in a hot tub or a hobby. Remember there is something greater than you doing the work, allow it to do the right thing.

Leo July 23 - August 22 Happy solar return! Jupiter shines its light upon you, guiding you on your quest. The challenges from the past are coming to a resolution. Ask questions; gather information and your presentation of the facts will be flawless. You are well admired now so use this to your advantage in promoting your ideas and to enhance your love life. Continue to ask questions after Mercury goes retrograde on the 20th and life will be invigorating.



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Virgo August 23 - September 22 Use the beginning of this month to address your personal needs and get your house in order. As a communicator, others will seek your advice but remember; you can only recommend solutions and not implement them. Be aware of the Mercury retrograde as others will attempt to draw you in to their personal situations.

Libra September 23 - October 22 With Mars in your sign, new relationships and business opportunities arise. Embrace this opportunity with love and action; look forward to the changes that await you. Your insight to the path to peace and harmony is clear. Follow fearlessly. You can do it as long as you stay focused.

Scorpio October 23 - November 22 Now is the time for you to use your natural intense personality and to reconnect with others from your past instead of those in your immediate environment. Take some "me time" and get away from your day-to-day routine. Nothing requires your immediate attention so, take a vacation, rediscover yourself and see the beauty that surrounds you.

Sagittarius November 23 - December 22 The drama that beset you in June and July are

gradually coming to an end. Now is the time for you to capitalize on your communicative skills as others will seek your wisdom and advice. Be the leader; take charge, delegate and deliberate, show the world a side of you rarely seen. Put your personal obligations aside and watch as things progress.

Capricorn December 23 - January 22 Now is the time for you to Communicate and educate instead of charging headlong. Take a step back and you'll be pleasantly surprised of what your coworkers and family members do when given the chance to go it on their own. Nothing is urgent, no one can fail. Mercury goes retrograde on the 20th so remember to think twice before you speak or act.

Aquarius January 23 - February 22 Those progressive ideas you proposed in the past are finally coming to light. Others who thought that they were a bit radical are now seeing them in a different light. Take some time and socialize with friends and family, you'll be amazed how your ideas are now being accepted. You are a part of the big change occurring and your message will be received with love and understanding. Know you are here to plant the seed, not to make

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Tea Time

with Miss T



Guess which one of these two asked to get his picture in a gay magazine? Just goes to prove that sometimes you do get what you ask for.

We're on a diet this month so we're a little squished for space. If you want more, we need more ads so tell everyone you know to advertise so we can grow.

Before we go any further: we wanted to do a big ad on endorsements but because we're just a little teeny operation and the statewide groups are all geared for weekly magazines we don't have much information. We do know two people to vote for in the primaries: **Vote for Joe Pishgar and Kendrick Meek** both are strong on GLBTI issues and are good moderate politicians. Don't let the far right fool you, these guys are not crazy liberals – our editor is a left wing liberal and he assures us that these guys are quite moderate in their views. Watch out for the fearmongers: they want you to be afraid of someone else's position. They don't have anything positive in their campaign so they want everyone to be afraid of their opponent. And be careful of those who espouse lower taxes and smaller government. The taxes on the rich have been cut and cut and the government

has gotten smaller: there are a lot less food inspectors and other government watchdogs. How's that worked out for healthy food and drugs, safety and pollution control? Well, at least the Republicans have kept us safe from gay marriage and gay adoption. **THINK ABOUT IT.** Don't vote for people who oppress us, look at what the politicians represent and do realize that they are politicians in the end.

Let's see, on the bar front. Cold Keg is now closed Sundays having moved bingo to game night on Tuesdays and Wednesdays are back to all Goth; JoJo's birthday bash was packed as was the grand re-opening; if you missed it you missed it big time! Emerald City celebrated its first anniversary and their Wednesdays are now Service Industry Night with karaoke at 6 and 2 for 1 drink specials from 9 to close. **Ultra Lounge** is fabulous; their pajama party had some inventive nightwear and was lots of fun. We always have fun there, hanging out in the village. Everyone is anticipating the **Ultra Lounge** jailbreak party on the 21st 'cause it's a chance to get out the handcuffs and chains and... oh, my!

And lastly, there's a new gay night coming to Melbourne (technically West Melbourne) at **Levelz Lipstick & Lollipops** on the first Wednesday of every month. Check out their ad: no cover until midnight, drink specials and shows and a great venue. It is definitely something to check out – pix next month! Just west of Cold Keg, across from Sam's Club, **Levelz** promises to be a great new experience.

We're still hearing rumblings of future venues around the area, but it's like summer thunder:



Ken really enjoyed the Boys of Thunder at Emerald City's Anniversary Party.

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The other Thursday Mike Connley set up a Titusville Social at the Holiday Inn on 50 next to I-95, in conjunction with **The Living Room** that by all reports was a great success. We hear with was a great venue and very well attended and they've decided to do it on the second Wednesday of each month, 6 to 9 pm, starting August 11.

On a just a general nightlife note there are now comedy nights in Sebastian and Vero. **Thursday** LOL at Costa d'Este, beachside in Vero, put on by the **Sebastian Comedy Society** is quite an affair as the hotel is the nicest venue for anything that we've seen in a long time and the comedians are pros. Check out www.ComedySebastian.com for information on all their activities.

Since we've axed the news section for now, we want to note here that Argentina has legalized gay marriage, joining Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Canada, South Africa, Norway, Sweden and Portugal. Here in the US it looks like the lawsuit challenging California initiative 8 will end up at the Supreme Court which could end the debate in our favor, but don't hold your



At Emerald City's First Anniversary Party there were some interesting audience participation games to go along with a great show and great strippers

Spiritually Speaking

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Summer is upon us once again. In south Florida, summers can be very hot and seem a continuation of the sub-tropical paradise in which we live. On the other hand, in Maine where I am from— we joke that the summer season is the Fourth of July, since the ‘hot season’ seems so short: simply two months and a little more. South Florida hosts a ‘hot season’ many more months than the northern climes. Fun in the sun is the norm for summer, a season that sees vacations, school breaks, rests, and retreats. It is a sort of a breather for the coming autumn, winter, and spring cycles possessing their own charm. So whether it’s lobster season in Maine or tourist season in Florida; humanity has always been pushed along in a constant stream of time and seasons: “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.” (Genesis 8:22)

Our lives are experienced in seasonal cycles also. After all, life is not as Quentin Crisp, British writer, ‘queen’, and homosexual icon has suggested: “*You fall out of your mother’s womb; you crawl across open country under fire, and drop into your grave.*” There’s more to life than that! All living entities have a ‘circadian rhythm,’ which is a 24 hour cycle linked to the dark and light cycles; rest and work cycles. More than that, our entire life is like clock-work. As the natural world ticks away through its apportioned phases, so we tick away (as time cannot stop). Socially and psychologically we develop and mature through the aging process in ‘seasons’ each with unique concerns:



1. Infancy and Early Childhood (Birth–Age 5): child development; confidences gained, and curiosities explored.

2. Childhood and Adolescence (Ages 6-20): the years before and during adolescence; the stressful task of molding an identity while the biological and social clocks are out of synch.

3. Early Adulthood (Ages 20-40): Young adults hear the first of many messages from the social clock: to separate from family, get a job, find a mate, set goals, and face reality in this period of intense social

growth.

4. Middle Adulthood (Ages 40-60): Older adults are concerned with creating a legacy for the next generation, changes in life direction, and personal goal achievement.

5. Late Adulthood (Ages 60+): An examination of the last stage of life, when people consider what they might still do to change or add to their lives.

And then connected to our biological time-clock, there are *spiritual seasons* which challenge us to inner change and distinctive transformation. These seasons are at times rough and precarious. It is through pain, suffering, and tribulation we are shaped into better people. But, we have to allow the process to work or else we do not learn life’s lessons. After all, there are no mistakes in life, just lessons. St. Paul says that we “rejoice in our suffering,” knowing that from suffering come endurance, character, and hope. (Romans 5:3-5) And hope does not disappoint...for God is in control: as Creator God is in charge of the seasons—so the seasons of our lives have meaning and purpose. It may not seem like it in the midst of the fiery furnaces, tests, and trials we endure. But, we must have faith, that as surely as the sun rises— so God is faithful to us, rich in mercy, boundless in compassion; to bring us to maturity—the very image and divine prototype of Christ himself. (Romans 8:29) We are meant to be living divine beings on earth!

“Life is meaningless only if we allow it to be. Each of us has the power to give life meaning,

To make our time and our bodies and our words into instruments of love and hope.” ~ Tom Head

There was a man who had four sons. Wanting them to learn not to judge things too quickly, he sends them each on a quest— to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away. The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall. When they had all gone and returned, he called them together to describe what they had seen. The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said it was covered with green buds and full of promise. The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever

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seen. The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment. The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen only one season in the tree’s life. He told them that one cannot judge a tree, or a person, or experiences, by only a single season. That the essence of who they are, and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life, can only be measured at the completion of the seasonal cycles.

Live Simply. Love Generously. Care Deeply. Speak Kindly. And leave the rest to God.



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In My Words

a personal viewpoint

They're Playing The Last Dance

It seems as though this world just spins faster and faster. Part of it has to do with the fact that it is growing older. (as are we) Part of it has to do with the wealth of events out there, and part of it, maybe the biggest part has to do with the way those events are presented to us and how we are diverted from them.

Our world is embroiled and mired in the most dangerous state in recorded history. There are events happening that are so momentous that they could lead to the alteration of the planet and of our lives. Incredible events are going on around us, and for the most part, their importance flies over our heads as we ignore them or practice a fostered sense of denial.

We are diverted. We are diverted and the medium that is supposed to bring us the awareness of those things around us has not only neglected their duty, but papered the truth with such falsity, such diversion, such fiction. And we.... we know we are being diverted, but instead of demanding truth, insisting on relevant and important information, we dance along the yellow brick road like some stumbling scarecrow. Only this yellow brick road leads to neither Oz nor a happy ending.

Our economy has tanked and the effort and sacrifice necessary to correct it are not presented to us. Instead too many still insist on getting theirs, and to hell with the rest. We don't get angry at this, we just dance along.

We despoil the planet. We have treated our home so badly, with such lack of deference that the signs and the results of our disrespect are everywhere. All we have to do is look. All we have to do is stop our ignorant, uncaring dance and really look

for ourselves and see what is happening. We need to look at our world and stop allowing ourselves to be mind-fucked by a media that has its own agenda. But no, we swallow the pabulum we are being fed, and we dance along.

The oil spreads itself over the Gulf of Mexico, smothering countless fish, contaminating the shrimp and the oysters. It is murdering the birds whose home-place is on that water, on that shore. Those creatures are paying for all of the corporate and political greed that we, as consumers and as voters should never have allowed. We give lip service to our concern for these creatures, for what is happening to the Gulf, yet we continue on our way, driving our big cars, living our wasteful life-styles and never really seeing the connection between what we are doing and that murderous black gelatinous mass that is suffocating the inhabitants of those miles of ocean and befouling the marshes and beaches. Still there are voices that shout the need to continue the off-shore drilling, saying that one accident does not mean its continuation would be unsafe. After all, the economy needs it, the environment be damned! These foolish, greedy voices of selfish desperation shout it out. We hear them, we know they are wrong, yet we slip and slide our way and still, we dance along.

Our environment has been put at risk on a global basis. Those of us who read are very aware of the ramifications of our 20 to 21st century life-styles. We are aware that the Arctic temperatures are being raised. We are aware that the glaciers are disappearing. We are aware that the oceans are rising. We are aware the permafrost in the tundra is disappearing as it thaws, and we should be aware that the existence of such marvelous creatures as the polar bear is being threatened as

never before. We are aware, but the noise from our cable "news" networks becomes louder, we allow our heads to be turned away, and we dance along.

What we are ignoring there is just another example of how we imperil ourselves and the generations that are to come. The ramifications of the way we have chosen to live need to be told to and by us over and over again. The news media have an obligation to pound it into our heads, and we have an obligation to insist that they do it. We do not need diversions in our news. We do not need reinterpretation to make us feel good while we choke on our own pollution. We do not need to be influenced to buy more. We do not need louder more insistent noises. We should be tired of it all and yet through our exhaustion, we dance along never voicing our recognition that most of what passes as news is really just a noisy diversion like the rattling of garbage cans. We are presented with:

Bulletins regarding Tiger Woods' woes, the latest pending divorce from the movie starlet of the moment, and who is to get what in today's big lawsuit. It is a diversion that keeps us from hearing what is important in the world, and it is a tune we can dance to.

Interpretations of the bible by religious fundamentalists who tell us the only way we can preserve our society and keep marriage safe is by stamping out homosexuality and curtailing rights to "those people." And the media panders to the purveyors of this trash-talk and makes stars of such people as Rick Warren and Franklin Graham... even soliciting their take on political candidates even to the Presidency, as if the faith of the candidate (or the lack of it) is important to the success of their decisions as Representatives, Senators, Governors or President. There is a campaign going on in my state for the Republican nomination for Senator. All of the ads, all of the news about these candidates have to do with whether they are Pro-Life, whether they support and foster illegal immigration, Not one word is being said about the problems that are truly effecting this poor world of ours. No one is asking the hard questions. Instead of protesting this lack of important

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Behind curtain number one is the buccinator. This little guy is happy being one of the muscles of mastication. The buccinator is shy and doesn't want to take all the credit for chewing. He just keeps the food between the grinding surfaces of the teeth while you enjoy that mouthful of mostaccioli. He relishes the company of his colleagues named obicularis oris and masseter as he proudly performs his duties. The buccinator and his muchachos work the first shift in the digestive process.

Our next bachelor is a real workhorse: the sinoatrial node. His job is to keep the pace for the heart which further determines the functioning of the rest of the body. No pressure here for our friend! He provides about 75 impulses a minute and is located at one of the two entrances of the heart. He has been known to fraternize with the blood system's movers and shakers as they make their way back from the upper portion of the body. His close pals call him by his nom de plume: the pacemaker.

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Entering the studio next is the tarsus. He is comprised of the seven bones of the back part of the foot. It's sort of like having Dopey, Sneezzy, Doc, Happy, Grumpy, Bashful, and Sleepy to keep you upright and moving forward. The tarsus forms the heel of the foot and joins the lower leg bones to the foot bones. The tarsus doesn't mind being walked all over because he knows his true value to the body.

Strutting down the catwalk is senior lacrimal caruncle. He is that red tissue located on the inside corner of the eye. He is one of the toughest guys you'll ever meet but he's not afraid to cry during a Lifetime Channel airing of *Beaches*. He is responsible for the formation and draining of tears. He keeps the eyes moist and free from impurities such as dust, allergens, and the errant fingertip. Ouch! Lacrimal caruncle will let you know if your contact lens is torn or just this side of Methuselah's age. Don't blink or you'll miss this guy.

Our last player to enter the game is one who likes to mess with your mind. Literally! He is the body part known as the decussation of the pyramids and is located at the lower back part of the brain. He's the reason that fibers from the two hemispheres of the brain cross over at this point. The result of this little

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Feel better now? You learned something and you're better prepared for the next medical question on *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* or *Jeopardy*. Never stop seeking out information about your body. Increased knowledge of thyself equates to a healthier you.

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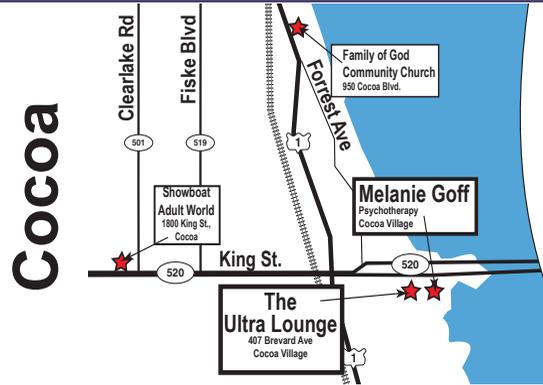
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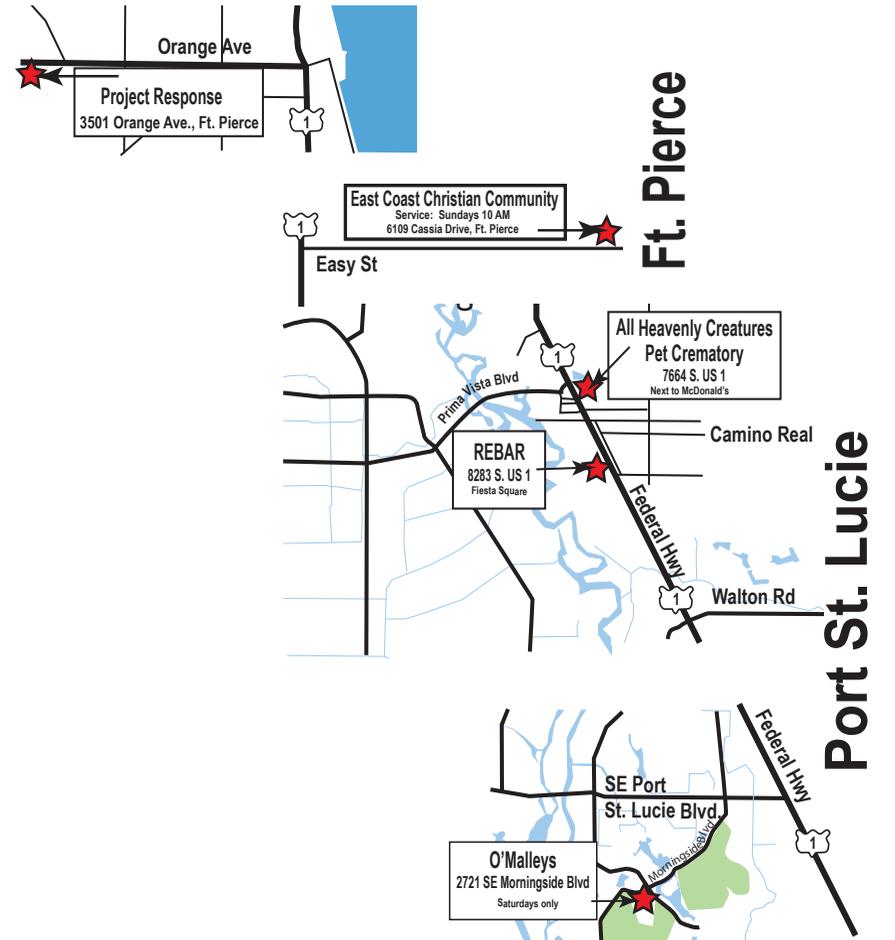


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information that could help one decide for whom to vote, we accept this noise masquerading as news, put a tune to it, and continue our mindless dance.

This is the problem: We could list page after page detailing how we are diverted with lies and trivia. There are so many occasions when our emotions are skewered so that our intellect is not brought into play. Think about genuine war heroes who are made to seem like cowards and cowards who are made to seem like war heroes even though they fought their war in Texas and in Georgia. Lies are made into truth, and truths become lies. We believe it all because it is reported as fact. We are the most willing mass of deluded people in the history of our country. It is much easier to believe the lie than to question the liar. Where are our balls?

It is our responsibility as citizens to question, and that responsibility is strong and it is real. We should not abdicate it. The results of such abdication are too serious, as we are now seeing.

It is time for us to admit that along with those who are in charge and along with those in the news media we share the responsibility for our own delusions because we have allowed ourselves to be put into that state. That means we also share in the responsibility for the damage that has been and is being done.

The cacophony continues, and some of us are tired of dancing along, and we want to stop. It is time for us to let it be known that we want the truth, we want honesty. We no longer wish to be diverted. We want to be told what sacrifice we need to make to help correct some of the damage.... if it is not already too late. The yellow brick road on which we have been dancing is now chipped and cracked..... If we keep dancing along, we will trip and fall...



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it grow. That's someone else's job. So party on!

Pisces February 23 – March 22 Your intuitiveness is at an all time high but now is not the time to act. Instead, take the time to do something out of the ordinary. Indulge yourself in something you enjoy or go rafting down a lazy river. Let your faith guide you as all will change and you'll know when it's the right time to act.

For those who want to know: Uranus is at 0 degrees in Aries. Uranus is the awakener. I use the phrase divine discontent to describe its personality. Where ever it is; expect an unexpected change. However, it is slow in moving. It takes 7 years to go through 1 sign and 84 through all 12. It is ruled by Aquarius, so as long as you don't get caught up in the drama of it, you'll gain the knowledge of what it is showing you for the betterment in the long term.



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breath as conservative Republicans are still in the majority. On a positive note the DC Court of Appeals rejected the effort to put an initiative on their ballots to revoke gay marriages in the district. So it will be interesting to see where this all leads.

Gay Right tidbit: We will be reminding everyone of the importance of registering and voting until, well, forever. Be Proud of who you are, be a force to be reckoned with: be registered and vote! And know who and what you're voting for. There are several Constitutional Amendments this year that are as important as the candidates. So start right now and repeat after me: 4, 5 & 6: YES!

If you don't know what that means, look it them up. See <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/initiatives/initiativelist.asp> and look in the serial # column for (4), (5) and (6).

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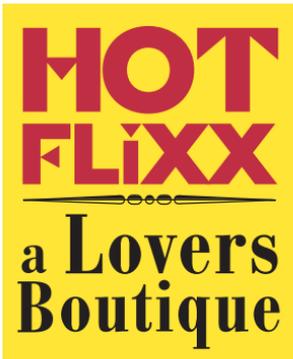
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