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## Getting what you want

BY JAY WESLEY

*New Direction Managing Editor*

What's in your closet may be as important as coming out of the closet as a tool for Gay men and women to find success in life. That's the theory of Bette Lord of Bodyclassic, Inc. a Winter Park firm which aids people in finding the keys to increased success in the work place and on the social scene.

Lord combines her experience in physical fitness, dance, nutrition, fashion, and motivation into a program of self-improvement at a client rate of \$25-50 an hour. About 150 people have used her service since she arrived in the Orlando area from San Francisco in April, 1982.

Research indicates that people consciously or unconsciously judge others according to socioeconomic status, a perception based on a person's wealth, background, education, and career.

What counts, according to Lord, is not one's true socioeconomic status but rather how people perceive your status. In other words, you don't have to be born rich to appear successful and confident. With thought and a little effort you can create the image you want... an image that can get you a better job, more friends, and maybe that special someone... the lover that many Gay people desire.

Lord's experience indicates that people are judged more on *how* you speak than on what you say. Men and women with poor diction and a limited vocabulary generally are not trusted with the important assignment or allowed to rise in business to their full capabilities, she claims.

Lord feels that the central Florida region is on the verge of a major invasion of high level executives along with their companies. As these firms come to the area, they will be bringing with them, performance standards used in New York, Washington, or Los Angeles. Lord claims that unless local workers are more aware of successful image projection, they may be in danger of being pigeon-holed and passed over in their career pursuits.

Lord also claims that body movements can indicate status. She says people can pick out the bosses and their subordinates just by the way they stand or sit.



The third critical factor, especially in the South, is the knowledge and possession of the right social skills

### Speaking Successfully

How you speak counts - so does what you say and how often you speak up. Indeed, a survey of top executives reveals that they consider the ability to communicate the most important factor in career mobility.

A large percentage of the people polled felt that speakers with a heavy accent were from lower status backgrounds. Being a down-home Southerner in the South is not necessarily negative. But if you leave the deep South, your deep Southern accent may get you into deep trouble.

- You can get away with an accent if you speak correctly and enunciate your words. Try not to shorten words and chop phrases, or use slang. It is more unappealing than you may think. "Goin'" for "going," "comin'" for "coming", "comere" instead of "will you come here" sound ugly. Chances are you already notice a distinct difference between the people who abbreviate and those who don't. So make it a point to say "yes" instead of "yeah," "isn't" instead of "ain't," "no" instead of "nah."

Be verbal. Talk up; people who lack verbal confidence speak less. They answer questions with single words or even shrugs, while high-status, successful speakers more often use complete sentences or at least complete phrases when answering questions.

### Tips on Improving Verbal Skills

If you have a limited active vocabulary, simply adding 100 to 150 words automatically increases, in other's eyes, your educational level by three to four years. The additional vocabulary also makes it far easier to deal with lawyers, bankers and others whom you might otherwise consider to be verbally intimidating.

Women are four times more likely than men to modify their statements with weakening phrases such as "I think" and "I believe." Both signal uncertainty. Another habit that diminishes a woman's verbal effectiveness is asking for consensus - for example, "Shouldn't we all?" or "Isn't this the right thing to do?" Men, in a similar situation, are much more likely to say, "Now that we have solved the problem, let's do X." Women should avoid any tendency to modify or ask for approval.

Ninety-five percent of both men and women can increase their verbal effectiveness by lowering their voices as much as a half or even full octave.

Most women, particularly when excited, speak much too rapidly and lose effectiveness as a result.

### Body Language

Visual signals are as varied as verbal signals. Successful people walk, stand, sit and hold their heads differently than less successful people.

Here are some more surprising tips about body language and visual cues.

Posture reveals a lot about your mental attitude. People who feel good about themselves stand straight and hold their shoulders in an almost military fashion with head erect. People who are less self-assured often hunch their shoulders forward, keeping their heads down. Standing straight with your head held high will increase your own self-respect while transmitting the same message to others.

- There is a phenomenon called mirroring: If one person in a room shows signs of nervousness, there is a definite possibility that the other people in the room will pick it up. In this way the calmness of successful people - their smooth and unhurried body movements with no jerky motions - exudes a feeling of control, and also helps put others at ease.

People who sway from side to side, swing their arms out and don't move smoothly appear out of control and uncomfortable. Take the time to compose yourself if you are nervous. Pause before you speak. This will give you a moment to collect your thoughts and also will add weight to your words.

Most successful people are great listeners, or at least appear to be. The body signals of good listeners are standard. For a man the angle of rapt attention is with shoulders and head arched slightly forward. A woman should lean even farther forward.

### Social Skills


Does it still count to have the right social skills and manners? We have found that it does though today's society is much more relaxed and informal than it used to be. You don't have to learn the protocol for meeting the Royal Family, but knowing appropriate behavior puts others at ease and, most important, makes you feel comfortable in any situation. Here are the skills you should master:

- Have acceptable table manners; know how to carry on a polite conversation; know how to carry on a polite conversation; know how to introduce people properly; be aware of basic rules of courtesy.
- Most successful people admit that when they go to a party not directly related to business, they still are interested in meeting new people and making useful contacts. So, introduce yourself to people and let them know what you do. This kind of enthusiasm can open up a whole new world of acquaintances and opportunities.

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# An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

## Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

## Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

## The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids

such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

## Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

## Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

**For more information  
about hepatitis B and the  
vaccine to prevent it, contact  
your doctor, clinic, or the  
American Liver Founda-  
tion. 998 Pompton Avenue,  
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### Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not

protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In

rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.

# Rap group helping Gays to open doors

BY JAY WESLEY

*New Direction Managing Editor*

They come seeking friendship and knowledge, to share experiences, to celebrate victories and lament defeats. For more than 100 weeks, the Tuesday night rap group has been the center of an ongoing exchange of ideas for Gay men and women in Central Florida. The group celebrates its second anniversary Jan. 11.

"We've had doctors and lawyers, truck drivers, computer programmers, and civil engineers, students and teachers... they have all been part of the group," claimed Charles Hogan, a clinical psychologist which serves as moderator for the sessions. The rap group is sponsored by Gay Community Services of Central Florida (GCS). The meetings are held in the Northeast Orange County mental health center building adjacent to Winter Park Hospital.

Hogan, who has directed the group's activities since its inception, says about 17 people attended the first session in 1980. He says the group averages about 30 persons per meeting although as many as 70 have joined some sessions. The group breaks into small action groups after general announcements. The meetings usually begin at 7:30 p.m.

"It's an open forum... anything goes for subject matter," Hogan states. "We try to maintain an open door to new thoughts. The meetings are not limited to heavy subject matter all the time... people can talk about anything they want to." Hogan said the group is open to everyone, regardless of sexuality.

"A lot of the persons see the rap group as an alternative to the bars and baths,"

Hogan claimed. "It offers them a chance to really let their guard down... to interact with other persons on a personal level. We've had a lot of friendships start here... even a few love affairs. This is just not a place for people with severe problems in socialization."

Conversations in the small circles can run the spectrum from the latest movie hit to discussion of suicide or the latest news of a Gay health threat. Several times the sessions have centered around programs offered lawyers, health professionals, and Gay activists. Participants are encouraged to move from group to group to find the subjects of interest. The groups have a wide range in age.

Hogan also provides a reading table at the meetings, offering Gay-related periodicals and newsletters. Each week an envelope is passed for voluntary contributions to GCS.

Persons attending the rap group are not required to divulge their names or occupations. No membership lists are kept. However, the sincerity in the group seems to break down barriers of insecurity after a short time, Hogan says.

In celebration of the group's second anniversary, a special "homecoming" is set for the Jan. 11 session. Former members of the group are urged to attend as well as new participants. Persons are asked to bring a small food dish to share as refreshments after the discussion period.

Persons wanting more information about the Tuesday night rap group should contact GCS by calling THE—GAYS (834-4287) in area code 305.



*A stranger there but once.*

## Gay club ownership dispute goes to court

BY JAY WESLEY

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A lawsuit seeking some \$45,000 in actual damages and unspecified damages for "lost profits" has been filed against Charles and James Veigle, owners and operators of Southern Nights, a popular Gay entertainment complex in Orlando. The club is located at 375 South Bumby Ave. The lawsuit was filed Nov. 23 in Orange County circuit court.

The Veigle's Evelyn Corporation is charged by Southern Changes, Inc. with illegally seizing the nightclub in a breach of an oral agreement made for the sale of the club March 25, 1982. James McCready of Orlando, an officer of Southern Changes, Inc., claims his company agreed to pay \$185,000 for the liquor license and tavern equipment located at the site of the former Abbey and Evil People lounges.

McCready says that \$10,000 "earnest money" was paid to Orlando attorney David Kerben's escrow account at the onset of the oral agreement. Another \$21,000 was to be paid on closing with the balance of \$154,000 to be carried in a promissory note and chattel mortgages drawn between the two companies.

The agreement called for Southern Changes to lease the building for nine years, paying a rent of \$2,250 per month during the first three years with rent adjustments allowed annually after that based on the national Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Before closing the deal, McCready claims the Veigles were to make certain improvements to the building including repairs to the roof, air conditioning units, substantial electrical repairs, plumbing renovations and other work. He claims the repairs were vital to Southern Changes finding a major investor to execute the license purchase.

Records indicate the Veigles began repair work to the building on April 11, 1982. On May 11, McCready says the oral agreement was altered to allow his company to begin operating a nightclub at the location while repair work continued. Southern Changes paid \$5,000 to the Veigle brothers at this time as well as authorizing the release of the \$10,000 escrow funds to the Veigles on May 20.

On May 25, the Veigles sent a letter to Southern Changes saying that failure to meet closing dates as agreed had brought about termination of the oral agreement.

The Veigles seized the property on May 27, ordering locks changed and Southern Changes officers off the property.

McCready is asking the circuit court to restore the \$15,000 cash paid to the Veigle interests and to be compensated for alleged improvements made to the building in the amount of \$25,000. Improvements listed included a sound system, paint and paneling, locks, ceiling fans, air conditioning pumps, a telephone system and improvements to a patio adjacent to the building.

Southern Changes is also seeking unspecified damages for profits lost because of their ouster from the business. McCready claims that because major improvements were not completed as agreed by the Veigles, his company would not agree to a closing date. He also claims that those unfinished repairs prevented any major investor from being interested in the business.

Orange County Circuit Court Judge Frank Kaney will hear a motion to dismiss the lawsuit on March 25. The Veigle's Evelyn Corporation has asked the court to dismiss the action because Southern Changes cannot substantiate any agreement with written documents. Bruce Bogin, attorney for Eve-

lyn, Inc., has also asked that records showing alleged improvement expenditures by Southern Changes be produced along with any corporate records and charter. Southern Changes became a Florida corporation some 15 days after the reported oral agreement was made to buy the business.

Richard Hummel, an officer in Southern Nights company, recently terminated his job as manager of the Bumby Street club. He had stayed on when the Veigle interests took over operations of the nitespot, apparently in an effort to safeguard a food trailer and other personal property he had invested in the establishment.

The Veigles have denied rumors that the club would "go straight" early in 1983. "Why should we argue with success," claimed Jim Veigle. "We want to have a good club here where everybody is welcome, gay or straight. We have plans for big things here." Charles Veigle claimed some \$90,000 had been spent by their company in upgrading the nightclub since it began serving the Gay market.

Recent investment in adjoining properties by the Veigles has fed speculation that an afterhours club, restaurant, and showbar may be added to the establishment.

## Sanlo resigns Florida Task Force post

Orlandoan Ronni Sanlo has resigned her position as executive director and lobbyist for the Florida Task Force, a Tallahassee-based political group working for Gay and Lesbian rights. Sanlo, former president of Orlando's Gay Community Services, assumed the post Sept. 14, 1981, after serving on the group's board of directors. Her resignation became effective Jan. 1.

Sanlo cited lack of payroll funding and the family demands of her two children as part of the reason for her quitting. Sanlo said she went almost five months without pay earlier this year. She said medical and hospitalization benefits promised her as part of her contract were never put into force.

Sanlo claims that her duties for Florida Task Force included traveling some 38,000 miles during 10 months this year to provide education and support for Gay rights activities in Florida. In her letter of resignation she states "... I am tired and I will not allow myself to be taken for granted... I am unable to live in a situation in

which I am unable to make personal plans because I never know if money will be available for my paycheck." Sanlo complained of being unable "to purchase even a candy bar for my children" during the holiday season.

Sanlo credited her best friend, Carole Martin with supporting her until the task force was able to organize several fund raisers in the Fall to pay the back wages. Martin and Sanlo share a house in Winter Springs.

Sanlo plans to continue her education at the University of Central Florida, needing eight semester hours to complete a masters of arts in counseling. She reportedly has applied for a university position as a counselor for minority students.

John Grannan of Tampa, president of the task force said the group will begin immediately searching for a successor to Sanlo. Persons interested in the position should send resumes to FTF Employment, Post Office Box, 3487, Winter Springs, FL 32708.



**FIGHTERS FOR GAY RIGHTS** - Virginia Apuzzo, newly-appointed director of the National Gay Task Force, is shown in December with Ronni Sanlo, executive director of the Florida Task Force. Sanlo has recently resigned her post. Apuzzo, a native New Yorker, former nun, and long-time civil rights activist met with local Lesbian leaders and members of the Gay press during a luncheon stopover while enroute to south Florida (NDPIC - Chestie).

# Here's our 'wish list' for new leadership

JANUARY MARKS THE ANNUAL ELECTION for officers and directors of Gay Community Services of Central Florida, Inc. With the coming months of 1983 rife with challenge for the new leadership, it is important that clear-cut goals are set now, early in the life of the incoming administration. Equally important is the designing and implementation of the mechanisms to accomplish those goals.

New Direction has its own "wish list" for the new leadership.

We believe that first and foremost, membership in GCS must increase. A special committee is already at work on that project. They are examining the marketability of the organization, planning to broaden the appeal of belonging to an action group dedicated to securing a rightful place in the Florida sun for Gay men and women. Through increased numbers will come strength.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY MUST BE A MAJOR GOAL IN 1983. A special effort is being mounted to secure large donations to GCS from Gay men and women who have been blessed with some success. Our right to live and love is under constant attack from a variety of sources, many of which are very well financed. It seems, however, that the Gay community's response to these attacks, if there is any at all, is usually wrapped in beggar's threads.

It is time to forget buying another piece of Waterford or the latest Armani creation... at least for a short time... and put that money and more to use for the betterment of the Gay existence in central Florida.

THIS IS THE YEAR GCS SHOULD BRING HEALTH INFORMATION and VD screening, at little or no cost, back to the bars and baths. Early detection, where possible, of the several unique health threats to Gay men and women is of extreme importance. Budget slashing in Washington and Tallahassee has almost all but ended governmental support for this type of screening. It is time for GCS to assume a leadership role in lobbying for, and securing, through public or private resources, the funds necessary for proper screening.

## Editor's notebook

# Economic threats won't dull pen's point

BY JAY WESLEY  
New Direction Managing Editor

Every editor is faced with decisions that seemingly can make or break a publication... either financially or ethically. Oft times the two appear in the same dilemma.

So it is with this month's story on the lawsuits and takeover attempts in several establishments catering to Gay men and women in Orlando. A recent meeting of Gay Community Services centered, in part, if that story should be reported at all.

It was suggested that the reporting of the story would result in ruffled feathers and possible retaliatory cancellation of advertising space.

Others told of efforts by area Gay businessmen, especially some tavern owners, to blunt New Direction's message by destroying bundles of newspaper left for their customers. These persons apparently have chosen to act as censors, believing their customers, and our hoped-for readers, have neither the intelligence or ability to form their own opinions as to the value of the news and views we present.

The GCS leaders, after sometimes heated discussion, decided properly that the veracity of information being delivered to the local Gay community is of primary importance. I'm reassured by their decision and hopeful that we can work out the problems at our distribution points to insure the widest possible circulation of this publication.

There is currently no direct outreach to local law enforcement by the leadership of the Gay community in an effort to raise consciousness about each others particular problems. It is time for GCS to launch an effort to place an "educational study unit" concerning homosexual lifestyle and the law in the local police academy. Such course programs are being used in Houston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco with success. Our need for better police communication is no less than those cities.

WE ARE URGING CREATION OF A "LEGAL TRAUMA TEAM", a network of Gay attorneys, social workers, and others interested in serving their fellow Gay friends in time of the deep distress that comes with an arrest for so-called "victimless crimes" involving homosexuality.

We see this team offering various types of support to a person who may be arrested. This support could include legal counseling, psychological aid, and just a strong shoulder to lean on when a person is swept up into the gut-twisting experience of arrest for assignation, solicitation, or other misdemeanors.

THERE IS A GROWING NEED FOR A GCS MEDIA WATCHDOG COMMITTEE. Each day some new "white knight" seems to ride onto the media field to slay the dangerous dragon of alternative love. Their access to the media seems assured, especially if they offer a remedy or cure to solve their preception of sexual diversion.

As we reported recently, among some religious circles - the anti-Gay message "preaches good". It also seems to titillate readers and viewers. Let's see

GCS open a dialogue with local media leaders, editors, and directors in an effort to be sure the whole story gets told.

NEW DIRECTION PLEDGES ITS CONTINUING SUPPORT for these efforts. There are no doubt, other areas that also need attention. It is up to all of us as citizens in our community... our Gay community... to shoulder the mantle of citizenry, to join GCS to see that this "wish list" becomes a list of achievements for the new leadership of Gay Community Services of Central Florida in 1983.

Watch for another Gay club to open very soon. With a **downtown Orlando location**, this restaurant and bar is expected to be a membership club for evening dancing and shows. Several familiar faces will be manning the work stations when the new watering hole opens its doors. It should be a welcome addition to our growing lifestyle.

Larry Wood, security chief at the **Parliament House**, has made it clear that news suppression efforts concerning a November homicide at the popular resort were a result of concern for the best possible case against the suspect apprehended in the case. I met recently with "Woody" to review our concerns about the handling of news of incidents involving crime against Gays, committed by Gays or straights.

The meeting also gave me further insight into the extensive efforts Woody is making to reduce crime on his particular "beat". *New Direction* will be taking an in-depth look at the local club security system in an upcoming issue. It should make interesting reading, watch for it.

I recently had a chance for a luncheon meeting with **Ginny Apuzzo**, who became Executive Director of the **National Gay Task Force** Nov. 1. She was in Orlando for a stop-over meeting with old friends while enroute to south Florida. Florida Task Force lobbyist **Ronni Sanlo** hosted the gathering of lesbian officialdom at Park Avenue's East India Co.

Apuzzo, a former nun and native New Yorker, blends a sensitive intelligence with a forceful manner to get her point across. The obvious support she enjoys in the lesbian community was apparant from the warm interaction enjoyed around the table.

Reaction to our December, 1982, story about **Be Whole, Inc.**, an evangelical approach to homosexual aversion therapy drew lots of fire. Seems like many readers felt the local operation just wasn't worth that much ink.

To be a creditable publication and just not another "bar rag", we must tackle issues that come at us from many directions, including those from the bible belt.

This writer and others of the staff will be continuing to search out organizations and individuals who may somehow influence peoples' perception of Gay life, for better or worse, and will bring their story to you. Witness to that fact is the story in this issue concerning the second anniversary of the **Tuesday night rap group**. If you haven't enjoyed the warm friendship of that group, try it sometime ... but be careful, it could become habit forming.



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# NIGHTCLUBBING

with Zi

Hello, Dollface...here it is already a new year and Zi is just sure that 1983 is going to be the year to set us free. Zi is also going to be working real hard to get free of extra poundage I picked up during the recently completed holiday season. I decided to diet when that cute little bitch at the employment agency asked if I had ever considered having advertising messages painted on my side and floating over the city.

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Speaking of advertising, Zi recently spotted a good-looking thing doing his thing with this thing while standing in a window not wearing a thing. This one-man show took place from an upper story window in one of the high-rises around **Lake Eola**, Zi's happy hunting grounds.

While Zi was not close enough to witness just what stroke our window wacker was using, it did appear that he did have his hands full. Hope he keeps the Windex handy.

Zi was so busy keeping my eyes above the horizon that local Orlando Police undercover agents working in the park thought I was looking for the second coming...and I think I saw it!

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Speaking of coming, have you had a chance to visit the new **City Bath Club** at 3400 South Orange Blossom Trail? Somebody must have read that purple was the royal color because those queens painting the place did not spare the puce.

The club is really a knockout. **Mr. Miller** and company have spared little in making it a real grand addition to our little town. Zi is especially entranced with the spacious whirlpool in the atrium. I just love to feel the swirlies around my curls. Especially neat too are the several extra-large guest rooms, just right for a Tupperware party. Zi loves a self-seating top!

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Speaking of a tight pair, **Von Gretchen and Jackie Marquis** have been teaming up for some great duets at local clubs. The salt and pepper combination seems to add real spice to some otherwise bland offerings. Especially naughty was their rendition of "Nasty Girls" Christmas Eve.

Zi would like to see the pair combine their talents again in the future...why not on the cut "White Boys/Black Boys" from the musical Hair. It seems it would be a great production number with lots of hunky men to add to the delight.

Try it Ladies, you may like it! Rumors have these entertainers considering leaving town for the bright lights of **Atlanta** and points north. While wishing them well, Zi thinks such a move would be a real loss for Orlandotown.

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Speaking of moving, two of Orlando's brightest real estate men are finding increased success after coming out to serve the Gay

house-buying Market. **Jerry Bulger** and **Lewis Okoniewski** (both real dolls) have associated themselves with Stanley M. Alday (he of mansion fame) and are providing service for those Gays looking for that cute, little vine-covered tax shelter. The secret of their real estate success is being out and about.

Zi get two achers just looking at Lewis!

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Speaking of pain, the management changes at **Southern Nights** is sure to leave some scars. Zi's conversations with club operators **Jim** and **Charlie Veigle** have lead Zi to dismiss rumors that the club will "go straight" in the near future...at least for now. The brothers claim it would be foolish for them to "fight the success".

What might not be so foolish is for new floor boss **Eric Toles** to figure out how to shorten the shows. The nightly telethons are a little much.

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Speaking of wanting to dance, new Parliament House disc jock **Danny** is a fine addition to the top spinners already handling the music chores at the popular club. His handling of dance programs for Sunday tea dances is real fine.

Watch for some remodeling efforts in the Power House disco now that the P-House work crews have completed major work at the baths. Zi hears a new floor is in store for the danceteria.

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**WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT-HOT**, - Dustin Hoffman's role. **NOT** Tricks that go bump in the night. **HOT** Component television **NOT** Rep. Fran Carlton's efforts to raise the drinking age. **HOT** The upcoming GCS Valentine's party. **NOT** Exchanging Christmas presents. **HOT** Suspenders **NOT** Poppers which don't.

## G.C.S Meeting

February 20

4:30 p.m. P-House

# Maneater

# hunting?

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Questions you've always wanted to ask

# Getting some straight answers

Here's a chance to turn the tables on those nagging heterosexuals

1. What do you think caused your heterosexuality?
2. When and how did you first decide you were a heterosexual?
3. Is it possible your heterosexuality is just a phase you may grow out of?
4. Is it possible your heterosexuality stems from a neurotic fear of others of the same sex?
5. Isn't it possible that all you need is a good Gay lover?
6. Heterosexuals have histories of failures in Gay relationships. Do you think you may have turned to heterosexuality out of fear of rejection?
7. If you've never slept with a person of the same sex, how do you know you wouldn't prefer that?
8. If heterosexuality is normal, why are a disproportionate number of mental patients heterosexual?
9. To whom have you disclosed tendencies? How did they react?
10. Your heterosexuality doesn't offend me as long as you don't try to force it on me. Why do you people feel compelled to seduce others into your sexual orientation?
11. If you choose to nurture children, would you want them to be heterosexual, knowing the problems they would face?
12. The great majority of child molesters are heterosexuals. Do you really consider it safe to expose your children to heterosexual teachers?
13. Why do you insist on being so obvious, and making a public spectacle of your heterosexuality? Can't you just be what you are and keep it quiet?
14. How can you ever hope to become a whole person if you limit yourself to a compulsive, exclusive heterosexual object choice, and remain unwilling to explore and develop your normal, natural, healthy, God-given homosexuality potential?
15. Heterosexuals are noted for assigning themselves and each other

to narrowly restricted, stereo-typed sex-roles. Why do you cling to such unhealthy role-playing?

16. How can you enjoy a fully satisfying sexual experience or deep emotional rapport with a person of the opposite sex, when the obvious physical, biological, and temperamental differences between you are so vast? How can a man understand what pleases a woman sexually or vice-versa?
17. Why do heterosexuals place so much emphasis on sex?
18. With all the societal support marriage receives, the divorce rate is spiraling. Why are there so few stable relationships among heterosexuals?
19. How could the human race survive if everyone were heterosexual like you, considering the menace of overpopulation?
20. There seem to be a very few happy heterosexuals. Techniques have been developed with which you might be able to change if you really want to. Have you considered trying aversion therapy?
21. A disproportionate number of criminals, welfare recipients, and other irresponsible or antisocial types are heterosexual. Why would anyone want to hire a heterosexual for a responsible position?
22. Do heterosexuals hate and/or distrust others of their own sex? Is that what makes them heterosexual?
23. Why are heterosexuals so promiscuous?
24. Why do you make a point of attributing heterosexuality to famous people? Is it to justify your own heterosexuality?
25. Could you really trust a heterosexual therapist/counselor to be objective and unbiased? Don't you fear he/she might be inclined to influence you in the direction of his/her own feelings?

—Martin Rochlin, Ph.D.  
Reprinted from M Magazine

## Used furniture search often rewarding

There's a lot of used furniture around and some real bargains for those people who want to look beneath the old finishes and grime to find the good wood. In the first of a two-part series, *New Direction* offers you some clues in finding the best buys, including tips on what to look for and what to avoid. *The Editors*

Look at all parts to determine whether they are made of the same wood or of cheaper woods stained to match the top or other prominent surfaces. Whatever the piece, examine the front, sides, tops, legs, legs and ornaments, or you may find yourself with a patchwork of woods, often requiring professional refinishing.

Next look at **construction**. If it's a chest you're considering, remove all drawers to make certain no parts (such as the backs or bottoms), checking that they are in place and not broken or too badly worn. Look at the back, which is usually thin plywood. If it has started to split, the piece has probably been stored in a damp garage or basement and the back will need replacing. (A piece with a strong odor of mildew from having been stored in a damp place will invariably have loose joints; the odor will always recur on humid days.) Open a drop-leaf or console table to insure that all the hinges and support hardware are in good, functioning condition. Some hardware has been specially designed and is not generally available. If the table is an extension type, open it completely, not only

to be certain the slides are functioning but to see that the leaves fit properly. Many times unscrupulous dealers substitute leaves from other tables. A pedestal table should be checked carefully to make sure that the legs are firmly anchored to the column. If loose, they generally require professional repair. End tables, coffee tables, magazine racks and small, miscellaneous pieces are often constructed very cheaply. It doesn't pay to purchase them with the idea of stripping and refinishing especially if they have thin shelves and fretwork. These are usually made from low-quality plywood and require careful hand stripping.

Chairs offer the widest variety in style, material and quality. The seats may be wood, cane, rush or upholstered. Check the chair to see if it's sturdy. A shaky chair will need regluing, at the least, which frequently is not all that easy. Simply squeezing glue into a joint is just a temporary and sometimes disastrous remedy. Unless you are prepared to take the chair completely apart and have the necessary clamps and blocks to reconstruct it, you will have to add the price of a professional repair to your purchase price. The "tourniquet" method, using rope to hold glued parts together, works only occasionally. Watch out particularly for shaky cane- or rush-seated chairs; most likely the chair cannot be taken apart and reglued without destroying the seat.

Check **veneered pieces** carefully; they require more care than solid pieces when being stripped, even if in good condition.



For instance, a bubble or crack in the center of a veneered dining table will require special skills or a professional to repair it. Yet veneer is not something to shy away from automatically; it detracts neither from value nor quality of a given piece. Veneering has been practiced for hundreds of years, and many seventeenth and eighteenth-century veneered pieces have inestimable value. If only the edges of a top are loose, it can easily be repaired.

For that matter a piece constructed of "solid" wood does not guarantee easy stripping and restoration. "Solid wood" does not mean it is made of one piece of wood. Tabletops, cabinets and chair seats are frequently glued together from several pieces of wood. Improper stripping can cause your solid piece of wood to come apart in pieces. An advantage of solid wood is that many blemishes or scratches can be scraped out, which would be difficult, if not impossible, with veneers.

Examine all **joints of glued-together pieces**. If joints are open along the entire length of the piece—a condition frequently found in dining tables, cabinet tops and bureaus—they can be repaired with glue and clamps without too much difficulty. If they are open only at the ends—a condition caused by shrinking—they are impossible to reglue and have to be filled with wedges.

The **ornamentation** on any piece you are interested in should be carefully scrutinized. Not every carving is done by hand or, for that matter, made of wood. Decorative molding is usually stamped out. The back of a golden-oak chair is stamped out, hence the name "press back." The rosette in the center of a headboard or dropleaf is frequently plaster. It is impossible to tell the difference between wood and plaster under a coat of paint. Even in naturally finished pieces plaster can be carefully blended into the surrounding wood by mixing stains to make it appear real. Only by scratching the surface can you tell if you've got wood or plaster. Otherwise, when you have that painted golden-oak table stripped, you may find one of the carved feet was replaced by a plaster one that may dissolve in the stripping process. Or if it has been heavily painted, no amount of stripping will remove all the paint from the carved crevices. The carvings on recently manufactured pieces are often molded from plastic and impossible to strip or refinish.

**Tops** (other than veneer) applied to wood can make a piece very costly or virtually impossible to strip and restore. Leather tops on desks, for example, are expensive to replace if damaged, and the desk can be stripped only by hand. Plastic-laminate tops, if damaged, are difficult to remove, and the wood underneath cannot be used alone since it is only a core for the plastic laminate.



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BY CURT BOCKES  
New Direction Staff Writer

**Alexander's**

★ ★ ★

There's a new restaurant in town which warrants dining for that special occasion. **Alexander's**, located in the Park Plaza, 431 East Central Boulevard in downtown Orlando, offers fine cuisine aimed at quenching one's tastebuds, not at filling a bottomless pit.

A full page of appetizers meets your eyes upon opening the menu. You can choose such morsels as snow crab claws (both hot and cold), a type of beef tartar, or the ambrosial Escargots in Brioche; six tender snails in a Camembert sauce and served in a pastry cup. Scrumptuous! One complaint, though, they weren't sufficiently heated.

My date tried the winter vegetable soup—a cup of creamy, self-thickened greens. Tasty, he said, just not quite enough.

We split a salad. The Christie's was sufficient for the two of us. Watercress, almonds, tomatoes, and a vinaigrette sauce were worth the price of the table-side tossed salad. If one wishes, the traditional Caesar's is also available.

The menu is lengthy, offering several variations of seafood, fowl, beef, lamb, and veal. It ranges from Chicken Picatta for \$9.95 to French Double Lamb Chops for \$16.95. I opted for Quail with Triple Sec, a delicacy in its own right. A pair of

sautéed baby quail served with a sauce of wine, pan juices, and Triple Sec. It is a dainty portion and a struggle to remove from the bones, but tasty. The accompanying garnish of Montmorency cherries added just a touch of sweetness. The side vegetables of broccoli and cauliflower were steamed to tenderness and the rice pilaf rounded out the plate.

My dining partner finally decided on veal with zucchini cream after being told his first two selections were unavailable. His dinner consisted of medallions of Provim veal ribeye, sautéed and served on a bed of grated zucchini in a cream sauce. Although he cleaned his plate, he later confided he had difficulty discerning whether he had really eaten veal.

Neither of us cared for dessert and the espresso machine hadn't arrived yet, so Cappacino was out. We sat there for a few minutes, relaxing in the comfortably stuffed chairs, enjoying the shimmering of lights off the lake, and each other.

Alexander's is new and in the process of smoothing out its wrinkles. Service was prompt and very efficient. Never was there more than one cigarette butt in the ashtray and the water glasses were kept filled. Once the word is out, Alexander's should rival other chic establishments in the area.

Reservations are not required but are requested. Valet parking is available for those who wish it, although adequate parking is nearby.

In a word: Try it.

**FOTOFAX!**

Compiled by Timothy Burns

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**Daniel Ellis**

**Daniel Ellis**, ALIAS: Miss Winter Park; OCCUPATION: Fine Jewelry Manager, Robinson's, Fashion Square Mall and waiter, Southern Nights; CHEST 40"; WAIST: 31; HEIGHT: 6'1"; HAIR COLOR: auburn; EYE COLOR: dark brown; BIRTHDATE: Nov. 3, 1954; FAVORITE COLORS: red, black, white; HOBBIES: producing the Miss Winter Park Pageant, the beach and men watching; FAVORITE ENTERTAINERS: Barry Manilow and John Davidson; FAVORITE DRINK: Boodles gin and tonic; FAVORITE FOOD: chicken and all salads; FAVORITE TYPE OF COMPANION: my lover Jerry; TURN ONS: sincere eyes, "guts" and my friends; TURN-OFFS: lazy people; FAVORITE VACATION SPOT: New York City; PEOPLE YOU'RE TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT: Nancy Reagan; FAVORITE PUBLIC FIGURE: George McGovern; LEAST FAVORITE PHRASE: I'm over it; LIFETIME AMBITION: furthering my career in the fine jewelry business by owning and operating my own jewelry boutique.



**Steve Webb**

**Steve Webb**, ALIAS: Damien; OCCUPATION: serving people; CHEST: 41"; WAIST: 31"; HEIGHT: 6'1"; HAIR COLOR: brown; EYE COLOR: blue; BIRTHPLACE: Bitburg AFB, Germany; BIRTHDATE: Oct. 8, 1961; ZODIAC SIGN: Libra; FAVORITE COLORS: BLUE, BROWN, RED; HOBBIES: art, weight lifting; FAVORITE MOVIES: Conan, E.T.; FAVORITE FOODS: Manicotti, steak; FAVORITE DRINK: Tiny Tina; FAVORITE ENTERTAINERS: Barbara Streisand, Van Halen; FAVORITE TYPE OF COMPANION: masculine; TURN ONE: boots, leather, chests; FAVORITE VACATION SPOTS: London, England; PEOPLE YOU'RE TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT: my former lover; FAVORITE PUBLIC FIGURE: Arnold Schwarzenegger; FAVORITE SPORTS: weightlifting; LEAST FAVORITE PHRASE: "have a nice day" and "girlfriend"; LIFETIME AMBITION: becoming a flight attendant or cartoonist.

**Manilow rebounds with product mix**

BY DANNY VAZQUEZ  
New Direction Staff Writer

**HERE COMES THE NIGHT** is the new release by **Barry Manilow** on Arista Records and Tapes. It is a step forward for Manilow, whose last two releases suffered from minimal hits and lagged sales. His first ten albums hit gold or platinum.

On *Here Comes the Night*, Manilow branches out into new types of music rather than rely exclusively on big romantic ballads. He experiments with jazz, rock and more upbeat music.

Manilow experiments with jazz as shown on "Let's Get on With It" co-written by Barry. Keyboards, percussion, and vocals capture the sound very much like Steely Dan. There is also a rock and roll-ish "Some Girls" and the 50's remake of "I'm Gonna Sit Down and Write Myself a Letter" (from his "Oh, Julie" Lp).

In his traditional style, Manilow relays on ballads by releasing "Memory" as the first single. "Memory", from the Broadway hit **CATS** was also recently sung by Barbara Streisand on her "Memories" album. It appears it will be a bigger hit for Manilow than for Streisand whose version didn't make the top 50.

As sole producer of *Here Comes the Night*, Manilow has put together a less organized album than his past works, but a more daring and adventurous one.

★★★½

"Get Nervous, Get Nervous", coos **Pat Benatar** on her latest Chrysalis release simply titled "Get Nervous". Do not get inhibited by the album cover. Pat has not turned punk, but has advanced on song writing and lyrics. She still croons about bad relationships, women's lib, and being cheated on.

The first release "Shadows of the Night" speaks of surrendering all your dreams to Pat because they will come true at the end, is currently \$13 on Billboard's "Hot 100."

The best cuts include the title cut, Looking for a Stranger, Fight It Out, and Tell it to Her.

This isn't a "Hell is for Children" or a "Promises in the Dark" but it thrusts Pat a step forward as being well planned and better engineered. It is her best work to date and will prove to be another platinum hit for her. ★★★½

**RATINGS CODE**

- ★ - Don't punish yourself
- ★★ - If you can find it on sale, it's worth a try
- ★★★ - Cute, worth buying
- ★★★★ - Very good
- ★★★★★ - "THE ONE!"



**Weather Girls top play list**

New Directions Top 20

Compiled by Central Florida disc jockey - **DANNY BOLANI**

1. IT'S RAINING MEN - The Weather Girls
2. DON'T STOP (most cuts) - Sylvester
3. WORK ME OVER/I WILL FOLLOW HIM - Claudja Barry
4. THE LOOK OF LOVE - ABC
5. 1999 (most cuts) - Prince
6. BODY SLAM - William Bootsy Collins
7. NASTY GIRLS - Vanity Six
8. MICKEY - Toni Basil
9. MIND WARP (All cuts) - Patrick Cowley
10. NIPPLE TO THE BOTTLE - Grace Jones
11. SHAKE YOUR BODY - Sunfire
12. PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK - Planet Patrol
13. SOUL MAKOSSA - Nairobi
14. SHOCK THE MONKEY - Peter Gabriel
15. HEAVY HANDS (Pump it Up) - Heavy Hands Band
16. EVERYBODY - Madonna
17. BACK IN MY ARMS - Cynthia Manley
18. LAST NIGHT A D.J. SAVED MY LIFE - Indeeep
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# New City Bath Club Opens



**SOAPING UP-** Clean, well-kept showers await City Bath Club patrons who work up a sweat. A one-time annual membership fee is charged to bath users as well as fees for use of the facility. Shot through a steamy glass, these patrons compare notes on which soap is best for them. (NDPIC-Wesley).



**POOLING THEIR TALENTS** - The newly-opened Orlando City Bath Club features an open atrium and large hydro-spa. Adjacent to this area is a dry sauna and steam room. Sun bathing can be enjoyed on the atrium deck while the spa offers a chance to soak tight muscles. The City Bath Club is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. (NDPIC-Wesley).



**VIP LOUNGES** - The new City Bath Club contains several so-called VIP rooms which feature extra large sleeping platforms. Some 34 sleeping rooms are available to bath patrons as are television lounges, electronic games and refreshments, and weight room. Rates for the private rooms vary according to room size. (NDPIC-Wesley)

# Officer elections top meeting plans

Election of officers of Gay Community Services (GCS) of Central Florida, Inc., is planned for the annual membership meeting of the group Jan. 9, in the Playhouse Theatre of Orlando's Parliament House. The business meeting is slated for 4:30 p.m.

Nominations will be accepted for president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Directors will also be elected. Office seekers must be regular members of GCS to be elected, according to the group bylaws. Memberships may be taken out at the meeting.

The volunteer leadership of GCS is responsible for implementation and overseeing of several on-going programs serving the Gay community as well as planning special events and programs.

GCS currently supports the 24-hour crisis intervention telephone service with fee payments and counselors. The call-in telephone service also serves as a clearinghouse for Gay community information.

The "rap group" currently meeting weekly at a Winter Park location is a GCS-sponsored service that allows Gay men and women to meet for communication and socialization in a non-alcoholic atmosphere. The group has been meeting for two years at no charge to participants.

Gay Organized recreation and athletics (GO Sports) is receiving seed money and leadership support in their efforts to provide leisure time pursuits for the community. The group held several successful outings in 1982, its first year of operation.


GCS also sponsors such social events as Gay skating parties, a Valentine's Day Party, and the Celebrity Salute.

1982 was the first year GCS undertook to publish *New Direction* the monthly newspaper tabloid that has become the group's newsletter as well as a Gay news vehicle for Central Florida. The group staffs a speakers' bureau to share information with the general public on living Gay.

The organization of a Gay community blood bank account and support of disease screening efforts have also occupied GCS' officers' schedules.

Expected for the general election meeting will be reports on two-pronged membership drive being planned by current members. One side of the drive will focus on increasing general membership in the group while the other will be charged with soliciting larger cash donations through the creation of a special award membership designation.

The meeting will be followed by a social hour with refreshments. All current and former members of GCS along with interested men and women are encouraged to attend the sessions. Persons interested in learning more about GCS should call THE-GAYS (843-4297) in Orlando. j.w.



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# Careers

## Hopeful playwright using life's lessons

BY JAY WESLEY  
New Direction Managing Editor

Alan Hicks and Hamlet have something in common...to both, "the play is the thing". Hicks, 22, of Orlando, has been focusing much of his creative energies during the past year on completion of his play, a dramatic comedy under the working title of "Rhapsody."

"There is a lot of myself in the main character", Hicks claims. "He's a struggling actor, a gay man who is trying to excel in his trade while facing the daily struggles of living and loving." The play is set in Los Angeles, according to the author.

Hicks' devotion to his craft includes working on the script virtually every day. "I don't always sit at the typewriter each day, but I seem to be always thinking about the plot. I'm also listening and observing the life around me...especially the gay lifestyle...for ideas and language patterns."

Involvement in theater began for Hicks at age three, when he was cast as the youngest Foy in a Miami production of "The Seven Little Foyes", a musical salute to vaudeville's top family act. Hicks says that his own family has always supported his interest in the dramatic arts despite having no strong ties to the stage. His father is retired after a career in the U.S. Navy.



Alan Hicks

During his high school days, Hicks found himself drawn to community and semi-professional theater. "The local (Miami-area) theater groups seemed to offer more positive training than the school programs. I was able to learn a lot more, to get into a larger variety of experiences. In 1975, I even became involved with the Greater Miami Opera Guild, which motivated me to take classical voice training."

Hicks followed his interest in theater into college. He attended Pennsylvania State University for three years, studying dramatic art. College summers were spent playing a dinner theater in a small town in the Keystone State. His roles include Tony from West Side Story, Pippin from the

show of the same name, and the role of Jack in "Angel Street", among others.

"I believe it was the atmosphere of freedom in the theater that allowed me to accept my being gay," Hicks said "I had been active sexually with men since about age 12, although at one time I was engaged to be married. I think that's why gay men and women become good actors, because they often live a double life."

Since arriving in the central Florida area, Hicks has been increasing his activities in local theater efforts. His most recent acting was in a Seminole College production of "Any Wednesday".

Hicks has held a variety of jobs while continuing his efforts as a playwright including selling tickets at a local jai alai fronton and spotting shoplifters for Sack and Save, an Altamonte Springs market. Most free time is spent with plot outlines, character development, and blocking charts for his play. A relic-quality typewriter turns his ideas into black on white.

"I think there is a lot of potential in this area for both film and live theater," Hicks claims, defending his decision not to seek stage fame in New York or Los Angeles. "With the major studios building here (Universal, Disney) there's going to be a real opportunity for those willing to work for it. I want to be part of that action."

Hicks hopes to have his play produced locally when it is complete. He says that he'll continue his interest in being on the bright side of the footlights by trying out for casting calls of local production companies.

"I'd really like to have a chance to play Professor Higgins, the Rex Harrison part in 'My Fair Lady'...I think that is one of my dream roles," Hicks said.

In the meantime, he'll continue efforts on his unfinished work, a rhapsody that for the moment, only he can see and hear.

## Media critic offers lecture

Rex Reed, considered by many as the nation's top film critic, will bring his particular brand of caustic commentary to Orlando for a public luncheon and lecture Jan. 11. The event is being sponsored by Stage Door Inc. and will take place at the Expo Centre, 500 West Livingston St., Orlando. The lecture will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Reed's syndicated column is carried by some 400 newspapers in the United States. His articles also appear on a regular basis in Esquire, Holiday, Cosmopolitan, Gentlemen's Quarterly (GQ) and the New York Times. He appears in guest slots on many television talk shows.

Reed's books include "Do You Sleep in the Nude" and "People Are Crazy Here", a so-called complete guide to the celebrity social game. He is the author of "Travolta to Keaton", a collection of personality interviews.

The son of an oil company field tentative, Reed spent his youth traveling from one southern town to another. He attended Louisiana State University where he was the general campus critic and literary magazine editor.

Whether loved or loathed, Reed usually leaves little doubt as to his position on matters of film, food, fashion or social style.

Hosting Reed's appearance in Orlando will be Dean Johnson, entertainment editor for the Sentinel.



Rex Reed

Stage Door, Inc. is an effort of Janet Smith of Longwood to bring a variety of thought-provoking guests to Orlando in a continuing forum of idea exchange.

Tickets for the lecture are available at local ticket outlets as well as at the door. Luncheon reservations are required by Jan. 7. Cost of the lecture is \$10; luncheon, \$20 or a combined ticket priced at \$30. Information about the appearance is available by calling (305) 834-4764.

## Silver Hammer site object of takeover?

Evelyn, Inc., the corporation operating Southern Nights, a nightclub catering to Gays, is reportedly involved in an attempt to take over a Mills Avenue tavern serving the same community. Jim Nuss, owner of the Silver Hammer Saloon, told New Direction that Jerry McClintock, owner of the building housing the saloon, had informed him that Evelyn, Inc. would be leasing the building unless Nuss met certain terms by Dec. 30.

Nuss said that the terms included willingness to pay rent of \$900 a month, nearly twice his current rent. Nuss claims

that his lease prevents the large rent increase. Nuss has turned the matter over to an Orlando attorney.

McClintock, reached by telephone, claimed that his lease with Nuss was on a month-to-month basis and that he was just looking out for his business interests. McClintock denied knowing Jim and Charles Veigle, principals in Evelyn, Inc. and operators of Southern Nights. "I'm only doing what my bookkeeper told me to do... he looks out for my interests in these matters," he said.

Nuss claims that McClintock informed him that the Veigle brothers were interested in getting the building to operate a tavern.

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# Annual resolutions seem very familiar

How many people made New Year's resolutions this year? Come on, let's see those hands. That's what I thought.

How many of you are going to forget them by the 10th? Mm-hm. Same number. Fear not, you're part of a majority for a change.

## Getting It (Con't from Page 1)

### Other Tips for Getting Ahead

- It is always to your advantage to add to your sense of presence. One way of doing this is wearing what is commonly called "serious" clothing. Dark suits with white shirts or blouses and obviously expensive accessories will add to your psychological sense of confidence, because you will al-

ways be conservatively, but appropriately, dressed.

- Women don't have to act passive or be over-polite to men in business. In fact, a woman can be quite aggressive when dealing with a man - especially when she is selling something. This may be due to the inability of most men to say no to a persistent woman.

- Successful people seem to have a lot of energy. They jog, attend art classes, read books on success, and so on, even after a 10- to 12-hour day. So, since it's "doers" that get ahead, make it a point to be active and interested in at least one thing that you feel successful at.

- Success, which has many benefits, has this extraordinary one: when people become successful they have more energy. Conversely, energy begets success. It's a cycle. So use your energy in positive, self-fulfilling ways and you'll find that you will have more energy and more success.

Lord suggests that bedroom preferences be left at home. "People who let their sexuality come to force in the workplace often find it used against them... either straight or Gay. "You want to be known as the person who can get the job done right and not just as a good lay."

Lord had kind comments for the apparent interest in physical fitness in the Gay community, claiming that the emphasis is switching to preventive health care in lieu of illness treatment. She urged men and women alike to take part in a regular exercise program aimed at reducing health risks. She also urged moderation in health-endangering habits of excessive drinking, drug abuse, and fadist health techniques.

Lord operates her business from her office at 1850 Lee Road. The wife of a building contractor and an expectant mother, she none-the-less finds time for civic and social activities as well as the operation of Bodyclassic, Inc.

I've made resolutions for as long as I can remember and I did again this year. I always feel that the first of the year is the time to completely overhaul myself. Never during the rest of the year, just the first. The only thing I didn't wait until the first for was to stop smoking in November '81. Then again, there were wagers on that.

Keep in mind your own resolutions through this and see how many sound familiar:

- I'm going to lose weight. This one lasts until I decide that all of those left over holiday goodies shouldn't go to waste.

- I'm going to write more letters to family and friends. This one makes it to one round of "How My Christmas Went" letters to everyone, another half-round of additional letters to keep the resolution alive and then it dies out.

- I'm not spending as much money on alcohol. This one depends on Christmas bills, phone bill, and so on. It usually lasts until the first special night.

- I'm going to be easier to get along with. Until, of course, someone crosses me.

- No more one night stands. The fact that I make this one every year should say something.

- I'm going to budget my money better. No big deal, really. It couldn't be handled any worse.

- I will keep the apartment cleaner. This is the shortest-timed resolution of them all. It makes it about twelve hours.

- This year, I'm going to get that book written. No comments here... I am going to get it written this year.

- I'm going to get involved with GCS and put my best foot forward for Gay rights. Same as eight. I am doing it.

- All of my articles will be in well before deadline. This one should have an interesting follow-up. Watch out for it.

- I'm not using any more "Gay phrases". Oh, Mary, please! Miss Thing not use any more tired old phrases? Be real, girl. That's what the festive lifestyle is for; flawless dialogue.

- I'll quit cruising people at work. I work at Disney, what do you think?

- I'm not waiting until the last minute to do my Christmas shopping. Once again, one of my standard resolutions. However, if I can somehow remember this past Christmas, I'll stick to it.

- No more staying out late when I have to work in the morning. That one is my own private joke. No one in their right mind would make a resolution like that.

- Next year I'm not bothering with resolutions. This one will probably last about a year. Then, I'll break it and do the same thing all over again.

—Scooter



## Lucky Louis

**CADILLAC WINNER** - Southern Nights club manager Eric Toles, left, congratulates Louis Vining of Orlando, winner of the 1972 Cadillac sedan given away by the club Christmas Eve. Vining, who had collected some 250 tickets for the drawing, said he planned to sell his prize. Vining's lucky ticket was drawn after three other numbers were selected without the ticketholder being present to win. (ND-PIC-Wesley)

## Activist seeks council seat

**TAMPA** - John Grannan, president of a local community group, has announced his candidacy for the Tampa City Council.

Grannan, 35, is president of the Bay Area Rights Council and is a member of the Florida Task Force. Both organizations focus on gay issues.

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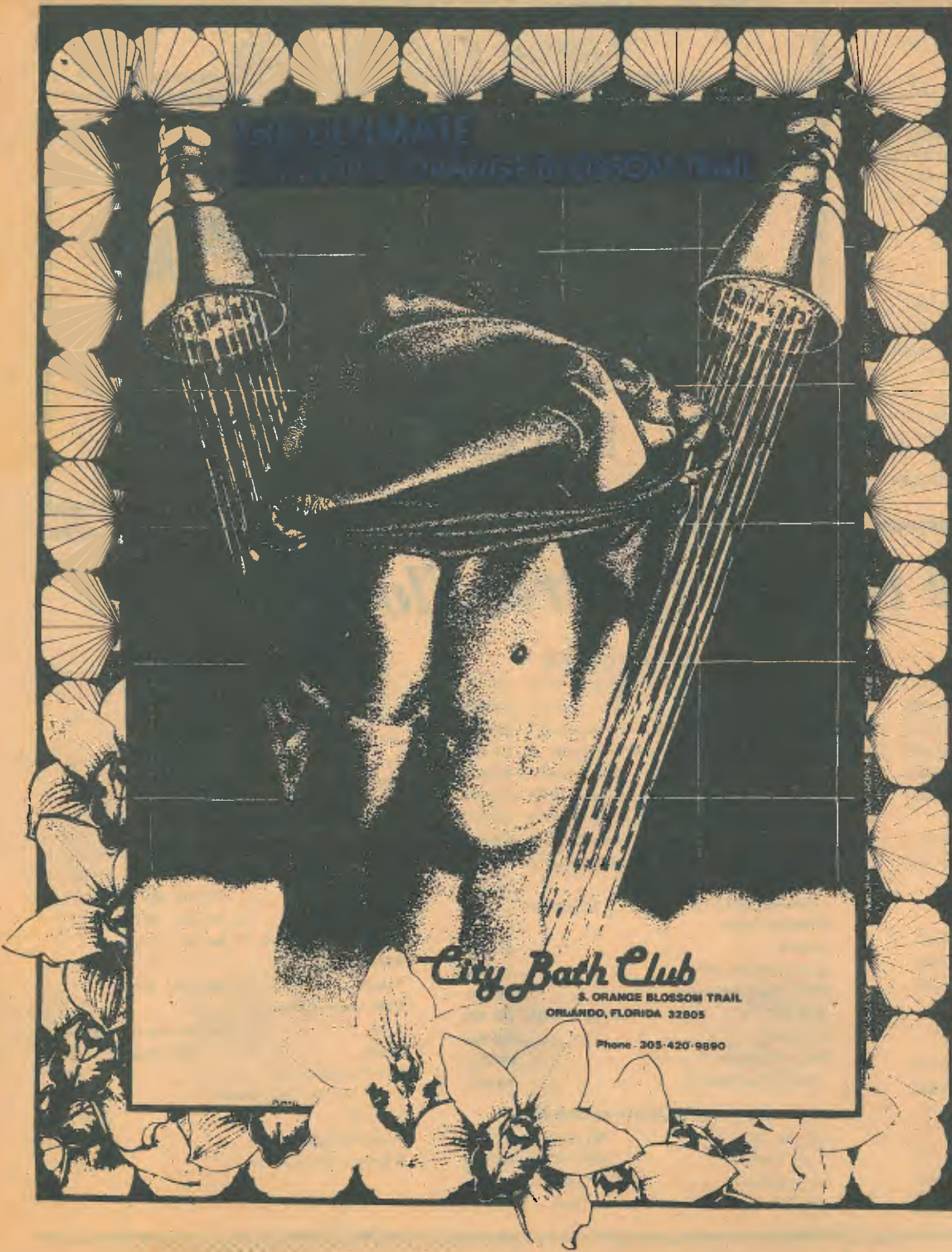
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