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A Survivor's Story

Sleepwalker in a Fog

By Bruce Wellington
Center Fold Staff Writer

INTRODUCTION

Abuse against human beings abounds. In many forms. Against persons of all ages. And both sexes. For a multitude of reasons, all unacceptable. By persons of all ages. Against themselves, parents, children, other relatives, spouses, lovers, in-laws, *ad nauseum*.

Society is aware, but is unable to cope fully. For many reasons, most unacceptable. LeJune Perrin's profile in the January *Center Fold* underscored this issue: she confronts the facts every day ... of the ravages of humans against humans ... against bodies and minds.

The volunteers at Gay and Lesbian Community Services (GLCS) are aware. Dozens upon dozens of abused gays and lesbians seek their help each year. GLCS does provide help, when it is sought out. (See "The Conclusion.")

"Bailey" is aware, having encountered mental and physical abuse in varying degrees during his young life (recounted in an earlier issue of this publication).

Marilyn Vanderbur, a former Miss America from Colorado, is aware, and has only recently disclosed her years of sexual abuse by her professionally and socially prominent Denver father.

Other stories of victimization, as yet untold publicly, exist.

Each week we become aware of more abusive situations within our own community. The percentage of victims is high. Not surprisingly. Our lifestyle can breed instability, insecurity and unreality. Most of those abused receive no help. They may be unaware of where to go, or be unwilling to seek help. Well-documented stories abound of victims who remain with partners, or in uncivilized situations, because of fear and intimidation.

Some continue being victimized, and, regrettably, adjust to it. Some don't, and climb out of their emotional quicksands. They escape, scarred, but headed for a new life course. They are survivors.

One such episode from our community follows. It has abundant amounts of fear, depression, helplessness, ignorance, intimidation, confusion, anger and unreality. But, because it's a survivor's story (about child abuse, plus much more), it is meaningful. It is evidence that life can rebound, when one wills it to be.

THE STORY

Andre was about 14 when he feels he became programmed for life. "There probably was more to my becoming 'programmed' than just sexual abuse," he says, "but that was a good, strong part of it."

"Understand, I'm not apologizing, nor am I seeking sympathy. And I'm certainly not unhappy with what I am today. In fact, I may be a more mature and stronger person today because of what I've lived through. I really believe what someone

once told me: 'Adversity breeds strength and character.'"

"There's a good chance I've probably survived more traumas than the average person, but ... I'm still alive, healthy, content with my day-to-day life, and looking forward to living a full life for as many years as God, and the increasing marvels of medical science, will permit me.

"I was born in a small town in the Northeastern part of the U.S., into a family that was normal and stable until I was four. Then, my father left us, and a new man entered my life. For a year, there were four of us: my mom, sister, stepfather and me.

"My mom had cut my sister and me off from our real dad. I never really knew him. It was expected that I would come to regard my stepfather as my dad. That became impossible as the years progressed, and because of events that happened. During this time I became real close to my mom, who was doing double duty trying to share her love with her own two children and a new husband.

"Within a year or so, my mom bore twins, one of which soon died. That was devastating to both my mom and her husband. And eventually to me. My life began to change dramatically.

"My stepdad doted on his remaining twin son, but started to abuse my mom physically. Then he started on my sister and me. He began calling my sister 'Porky,' and me 'Sarah' and 'sissie.' I remember that on my eighth birthday, he refused to let me have a party; instead, he made me gather trash from around the house and grounds and haul it to the dump, not far off."

The stepfather's verbal abuse continued until Andre was 9. Then, the abuse took a nasty, new direction.

"Soon, he began to expose himself to me ... asking me to touch 'it' ... saying 'This is what you'll be like one day. Doesn't it look good? it belongs to a real man.' This sort of thing went on for two years.

"By the age of 11, I'd gone through puberty, a fact not lost on my stepfather."

Shortly thereafter, Andre's stepfather began to experiment sexually with him, telling him that this would "make a man" of him "but no one can know about this because it's our own manly secret."

"This always happened in the basement, on Saturday afternoons," Andre remembers. "I didn't feel it was right, but he made such a natural 'manly' deal about it ... and the physical experience did make me feel good ... that I went along with it."

Soon, the stepfather moved from oral to more intimate and harsher sexual activities. Once again, it first occurred on a Saturday afternoon, when Andre's mother was out of the home. "You know how good playing around makes you feel," he said to Andre. "Now, don't you want to make me have the same good feeling? This is a way you can really please me. You're really special to me, and this is a way I can like you even more."

"That was the first time he'd ever said anything that sounded warm and nice to me. He was the only man in my life, and I guess I thought it was the only way he could like me. Those were the only times he paid any attention to me.

"It was a terrible experience, and I was physically hurt. I ran and hid. He came after me, and said that it was natural the first time. He also warned me that if I told anyone about it he'd do the same thing to my sister. I was hurt and terrified and confused ... and yet, somehow complimented."

"After that, especially during our basement meetings, I would go into kind of a trance. I started to feel like I was sleepwalking over a pit of alligators that were snapping at my feet, with him waiting for me with open arms on the other side."

These Saturday liaisons continued for four years, until Andre was 15.

"All of that time I guess I really was in a fog ... a cloud of confusion surrounded me. I knew what was wrong about what was going on, but I couldn't get up the courage to stop him. And it had become such a regular part of my relationship with him that I sort of began enjoying the closeness it gave me to him."

Andre began to feel that this activity was normal between a father and son; part of growing up. And, as the pain began to diminish in the ensuing months, he began to feel more needed. "I even began to enjoy those moments together."

"During this time, I didn't have a lot of friends. I was an OK-looking guy, but I was much overweight, and I really never fit into the sports life of the school and with the usual activities that other guys got involved in. And, I never talked to anyone about my relationship with my dad.

"Then, one day I happened to mention it to another boy, who immediately set me straight. He said he never did anything like that with his father, and said I'd better tell my mom, which, at that point, I was too ashamed to do."

Eventually, when Andre got up the courage to tell his stepfather that "this has got to stop!", the older man became enraged, and began beating Andre.

The beatings continued for two years. "My gym teachers could see the marks on my body, but never reported it." The beatings ceased only when Andre didn't refuse his stepfather's advances.

While in high school, girls were attracted to Andre, and he had several female sexual encounters. "All enjoyable, but without quite that same satisfaction."

At the same time, he discovered that gay bars existed in larger cities not far away, and he began visiting them. This led to his first non-relative, non-forced male sexual experience. He was 17. "A whole new world of sexual fun and experimentation opened up for me!"

After Andre graduated from high

school, at 17, he enlisted in the Air force. During his early military years, he entered into his first male lover relationship, a tumultuous one for five years, as it turned out.

And, during this time, the unrelieved and repressed pressures of his childhood finally caught up with him.

He had a nervous breakdown, was hospitalized in Georgia, and, while on a visit outside of the hospital, attempted to leave town "to return home to kill my father."

He was apprehended, received additional temporary psychological treatment, and then was given an honorable discharge.

His mother brought him home. It was only then that he told her what he had endured as a child and a youth while living at home.

After confronting her husband, she immediately began divorce proceedings. In retaliation, the stepfather burned the photo albums containing Andre's baby and childhood pictures.

He moved in with his mother, and began two years of psychiatric therapy.

"Counseling helped me realize that I wasn't a dirty, twisted or abnormal person, that what had happened all those years wasn't my fault and that my

stepfather was a sick person. Most important, therapy helped me realize that not all men are like that ... that there *are* people I can trust. I felt like a new person."

Having friends in Orlando, Andre moved here, and began search-

ing for work. "I didn't expect it to be easy to find work, and it wasn't. I didn't have a lot of normal working skills that were in demand. I lived with friends, but earned next to nothing doing odd jobs. I guess I was still in a state of transition.

"Then, a friend of mine said he was making great money, living well and enjoying life. He worked for an escort service. I joined the group. I knew what I was getting into, but for the moment, it didn't bother me. For me, it provided a fairly steady income, and the life was exciting. It was like expanding my childhood experiences into a livelihood."

"Soon, however, I had second thoughts ... about the morality of a call boy's life, plus the dangers that came with it. I left, and returned to a normal working life."

"Then, one day when I was showering, I found an unusual lump on one of my testicles. I was upset by the discovery, but also by the knowledge that my coming vacation to Mexico might be affected.

"I went to the emergency [room] of a nearby hospital. The diagnosis was what I feared: I had a malignant tumor on the testicle. The doctor said, 'What's more important ... Your Mexican trip or your life?'"

"Within eight hours, the cancerous organ had been removed, and I was told that I had a 50-50 chance of beating the cancer. It was fate. My father had died of

"I may be a more mature and stronger person today because of what I've lived through. I really believe what someone once told me: 'Adversity breeds strength and character.'"

— Andre

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Event Schedule

June 6th - Gay Day at Disney
All Day

June 17th - Legal Seminar
Joy MCC 7:30pm

June 9/10 - Orlando Gay Chorus
Edith Bush Theatre
7:30pm

June 18th - AIDS Memorial
Lake Eola Bandshell
7:30pm

Tickets \$15.00/\$25.00
\$25.00 includes
Champagne Reception

June 20th - "It's a Proud World"
Parade. 10:00 am
with a Rally Following
at the

June 12th - Private Showing of
Maplethorpe Bruce
Webber's La Chappelle
Exhibit at the
Scott Laurent Gallery

Lake Eola
Bandshell

June 21st - "Street Theatre"
A two act comedy
by Doric Wilson
8pm To Benefit

June 13th - "It's a Proud World "
Gay Pride Picnic at
Camp Heronwood
11am to 6 pm

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by ACT OUT THEATRE

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Pride Month
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at 407/425-4527

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to hoist this years pride flag.
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a number at THE CENTER
where you can be reached

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Mr. Florida Drummer '92

The July *Center Fold* will feature a
complete report, with photographs, on
the Mr. Florida Drummer '92 Contest
held recently at the Parliament House.
Because of deadline pressures, we
were unable to include the story in
this month's issue.

'The Interview of the Decade' – Coming Soon, We Promise

Due to scheduling difficulties, *The
Center Fold* is unable to bring you "The
Interview of the Decade" as promised
in the May issue. This inter-view with
a major figure in the gay and lesbian
community will appear as soon as
arrangements can be made.

Letters to the Editor

PWA Complains GLCS Ruined His Vacation

Metrolina AIDS Project

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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Bob Johnson, am a PWA. My care-
giver, Debbi Hood, and I won a five-day
vacation to the Orlando area for
March 21-25, which we planned to use as
a "celebration of my life," as the trip
included the one-year anniversary of my
CMV diagnosis into full-blown AIDS. I
am writing to inform you of the mis-
representation and outright lies told to us
over the phone prior to our visit to
Orlando and upon our arrival.

Debbi called the first week of March to
see about getting passes to Disney World,
as we would be in the area March 21-25.
She never got the person's name with
whom she spoke over several calls and
days, but he assured her that many of
GLCS' volunteers worked at Disney and
that there should be no problem in
getting us passes during our four days
there.

We won this vacation, but to go we had
to write an appeal letter to our closest
friends to ask for contributions – which
Debbi explained to the person.

However, I did get names of the people
I spoke with. I explained that I am a PWA
and that we were on my "celebration of
life" dream vacation, March 17-28. I
spoke with David Reinhart [Rhinehart]
(excuse any misspelling of last names, we
never saw them written) on Monday,
March 16, and again before we left for our
vacation on March 17. He told me he
would be out of town that weekend, but
would leave passes and that a David Bain
would take care of us the other days. We
were guaranteed, by David, at least two
three-day passes for Disney and probably
into Universal Studios.

We arrived in Orlando and checked into
the Delta Resort. I called GLCS and spoke
with one of your board members, Harold
[Straight], who looked all over the office
and in everyone's mailbox and could not
find an envelope with our names on it; he
said he would make some phone calls
and in the meantime gave us directions
on how to get there.

Harold was most gracious when we got
there, but had no luck in reaching
anyone. He scrounged around in his car
and found us two passes so we could at
least go to Disney on Sunday; by then
David Rhinehart would be back in town
and Harold had left a message on David's
machine that we were in town and where
we were staying. No one called Sunday
night as promised.

We got up early Monday morning and
went out for breakfast and to get familiar
with the area.

By 12:30, we still had had no word. I
called at 1:30-2 and no one had heard
from either David. We were promised a
returned call and assured again we
would be able to get passes to Disney. No
one ever called back on Monday. On
Tuesday, I spoke with Michael Collins. He
assured me that he would reach one or
the other or both Davids and a message
would be left at the front desk for us.

All day Tuesday we sat and waited by
the phone, hour after hour after hour.
Everyone there at GLCS whom we talked
to knew our budget constraints and how
important it was to me to see a park I had
not seen in over 15 years!! – much less the
whole reason for our trip.

We essentially wasted two of our five
Orlando days, waiting by the phone in
our room for the promised GLCS phone
calls which never came. I was so upset, I
had to stay in bed for most of one of these
days as I watched one of our promised
dream plans evaporate.

Needless to say, certain individuals in
your organization ruined the majority of
our stay and that leg of our trip by their
"guarantees." I was and am still very
angered and hurt. Your people *promised*.
We didn't ask for the world, and were
told it would be very simple and that
GLCS would be glad to help out. I hope
and pray that I am alive and can
somehow get us back down there next
year, because *you owe us!!!*

We are very grateful for the one-day
passes Harold was able to give us and do
want to pass on our gratitude for his
compassion.

As you can see I am copying this to
your area publications and newspapers.

Bob Johnson
Debbi Hood
Charlotte, N.C.

P.S.: The s—ticker of all of this is that
we turned down two three-day passes
from a local friend of Debbi's because
your volunteers, David and David,
assured us we would have no problems!

On our last day in Orlando, we were
able to reason with the Guest Relations
Department at Universal Studios and
were able to get one-day

passes there. That ended up being the
highlight of our disappointing Orlando
stay. We realize the Disney and Universal
are probably easy to take for granted
when you live in Orlando, but this was a
once-in-a lifetime trip for us. We don't
want to seem ungrateful – if we had
made an unreasonable request, someone
should have tactfully told us in early
March when Debbi spent \$23 in long-
distance phone calls to try to arrange
these surprises for me.

We would appreciate a response. Please
know that if one of Orlando's PWAs had
contacted us in Charlotte with similar
requests, we would have gone out of our
way to at least try to comply. Aren't we
all in this together?

cc: *A Friendly Voice*, *The Center Fold*, *The
Orlando Spectator*, *Southern News*, *Our
World*, *David Magazine*, *The Orlando
Sentinel*, *The Weekly News*

GLCS Responds to PWA's Complaint

Bob Johnson, Debbi Hood
Metrolina AIDS Project
P.O. Box 32662
Charlotte, N.C. 28232

Dear Bob and Debbi:

It is unfortunate that you feel that Gay
and Lesbian Community Services of
Central Florida Inc. was responsible for
ruining your vacation to Central Florida.

We have worked long and hard at
serving the needs of the Gay and Lesbian
Community of Central Florida for the
past four years.

We are proud of the services we
provide, such as a 24-hour information
hotline, professional counselling service
at reduced rates, over 10 support groups,
recreational opportunities, an emergency
housing program, AIDS referral and
information, a bi-annual AIDS food drive
plus sponsorship of several AIDS fund-
raisers and an annual AIDS memorial.

We also publish an award-winning
newspaper, *The Center Fold*, operate
Florida's only gay and lesbian com-
munity center and facilitate the Delta
Youth Alliance, another Florida first.

All these programs are operated and
funded by a 100 percent (and I must em-
phasize this) volunteer staff. We process
over 1,000 phone calls and serve over
1,000 individuals who walk through our
doors every month.

We are always striving to provide
assistance to all individuals who seek our
help. Sometimes we are unable to provide
the services or information that is
requested, but I can assure you that we
will always try our best and that is
exactly what was done in your case.

It is unfortunate you felt slighted by
only receiving two complimentary tickets
to Walt Disney World. It was the best we
could do given the unfortunate circum-
stances surrounding your visit. We have
to depend on the generosity and avail-
ability of our staff to grant special
requests.

I am indeed sorry that circumstances
precluded us from granting your every
wish.

I am proud of our staff and its
eagerness to please by providing for a
request that was totally outside the scope
of services that we are here to provide.

I hope in future that I will have not
have to ask my volunteers to try and
help, for fear of being chastised should
they fail.

We will continue to offer help,
assistance and information to all whom
we are able.

I hope you will understand.

Sincerely,
David Bain
president, GLCS

cc: David Rhinehart,
GLCS board of directors

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LETTERS

from Page 4

More on
Pizza Hut

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent by a concerned citizen to the Central Florida Pizza Hut franchisee in protest of the bigotry and homophobia recently displayed by a local Pizza Hut.

April 18, 1992

Roger L. Kennedy
P.O. Box 2171
Gainesville, Fla. 32602

Pizza Hut
1080 Woodcock Road
Orlando, Fla. 32804

Re: Pizza Hut 0106, Winter Park

Greetings:

News of the use of the term "fags" to identify a bar to which it frequently delivered pizzas has reached me here in Gainesville recently, and it has prompted me to write to you about it.

First and foremost, we Americans must all get over our prejudices, whatever they may be, once and for all. Each citizen is entitled to be him or herself, be that as an atheist or Bible scholar, Democrat or Republican, Christian or Jew, Caucasian or Negro, or hetero- or homosexual. None of us wants or needs neighbors dictating

how we should live our lives.

Secondly, if Pizza Hut or any business chooses to discriminate against homosexuals, they are at a greater disadvantage since most of us go about our daily lives unnoticed. You never know which customer(s) you are offending, and homosexuals as a group tend to be more educated and more affluent than the general population. It makes good business sense to accommodate rather than offend educated customers with money to spend.

Since most prejudice is rooted in ignorance, it would behoove Pizza Hut, and all businesses for that matter, to learn the truth about homosexuality and offer awareness training to all employees. Most misconceptions about gays and lesbians are myths, not reality. Your organization would bring credit upon itself for doing the right thing in this regard.

The negative connotation of "fags," "queers" and all such references to homosexuals is offensive and should not be tolerated in any workplace by customer or management alike.

Be advised the not-so-silent, but mostly invisible, minority will be watching and reporting on the situation at all Pizza Huts, and to a widely scattered audience throughout Florida, as well.

Sincerely,
Roger L. Kennedy

Together 23 Years

23 Years!

Whenever I tell people (even gay people) how long my lover and I have

been together they are amazed. Why is that? Are gay/lesbian couples with long-term relationships so invisible?

Ours is not even the "oldest" marriage: we have friends who have been together 30, 32, 37 and 43 years, and one couple who made it to 52 years.

I can understand straight people being aghast, but gays should be in open-mouthed surprise! It is sad that we "old married folks" are not more visible in our community, so as to provide role models, a counter to the one-night stands and weekend flings that are all too common among homosexuals.

We have been asked: Do we still sleep together? Is there romance? How have we stayed together so long? How? The same forces that bind together straight marriages work for us, too (except for a legal contract): love, friendship, trust, monogamy, a strong desire to make it work, and a realization that you're better off together than apart.

I hope that my lover (life partner) and I will live long and healthy lives together. I can't imagine a life without him! This is the true and lasting happiness – not a new "face" every week.

If you want a long-term relationship – find the love of your life and work every day on keeping and building your love and life together. I wish for you, too, a long and healthy life with the one you just couldn't live without.

Yours in pride,
David Rhinehart

P.S.: The Center has a Couples Support Group, and several books in its library on

gay/lesbian couples. Come in and check them out.

The Center Fold welcomes letters from our readers in response to articles that run in the newspaper, or on topics of interest to our gay and lesbian community. Send your letters to The Center Fold, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32804, Attn.: Michael J. Sopoliga, managing editor.

Where's
Michael J. Sopoliga?

Because of the demands of his day job, Center Fold Managing Editor Michael J. Sopoliga has decided to take a break from writing this month. His "From the Editor's Desk" column and "News bites ... Ouch" will return in the newspaper's July issue. He wishes to extend to every Center Fold reader and member of Central Florida's gay and lesbian community his wishes for a happy and healthy Gay Pride Month.

CORRECTIONS

The "Clegg Notes" column headlined "Orlando Gay Chorus Prepares for Denver Festival" in the May Center Fold was written by André Provencher. His byline was inadvertently left off in the rush of production. The newspaper regrets any inconvenience this omission may have caused Mr. Provencher.



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Start the day off visiting with all
your friends at your favorite fairy tale park
The Magic Kingdom!

Gather around Cinderella's Castle at 3 p.m. and
meet your friends for an afternoon of excitement!

Then, when the sun goes down,
head to the center of Orlando's nightlife--
Pleasure Island!

The sophisticated Mannequins Dance Palace and the
progressive/alternative Cage are the places to be!

Best of all, admission to The Magic Kingdom is just \$22 for Florida residents!
Admission to Pleasure Island is an additional \$11.95. Ask your ticket seller about special deals
on multi-day passports, Four Season Salute passes and Annual Passports.

WEAR RED AND BE SEEN!

Wear something Really Red and let everyone know you're proud to be seen!

In 1991, The Walt Disney Company enacted written protections against sexual orientation discrimination for all Cast Members.

Admission to The Magic Kingdom is slightly higher for non-Florida residents.

Nationally Known Author To Appear at New Orlando Gay, Lesbian Bookstore

By Cornelius Van Pelt
Center Fold Staff Writer

Amity Pierce Buxton, Ph.D., nationally known author married to a gay man for 25 years, will visit Orlando to discuss her latest book, *The Other Side of the Closet: The Coming-Out Crisis for Straight Spouses* in early June.

Buxton's appearance will be at Orlando's new bookstore for the gay and lesbian community, Out and About Books, 930 N. Mills Ave., Orlando; phone: (407) 896-0204.

She will appear on Saturday, June 6, from noon to 2 p.m. She will tell about her experiences as a straight wife married to a gay man, closeted for much of their 25-year marriage.

Following the book signing, Out and About Books and its owner, Bruce Grimes, will honor the author with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m.

The public, including all lifestyles, is invited to meet the author and to view the newest cultural/literary addition to Central Florida's gay and lesbian community.

The bookstore is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Amity Pierce Buxton grew up on the East Coast, earning a Ph.D. from Columbia University. For 25 years thereafter, she taught classes, from pre-school to graduate school, in New York, Michigan

and California.

A leader of the Teachers' Center Movement, Buxton has conducted workshops nationwide on professional and personal growth for educators. While working in multiethnic schools in San Francisco and Oakland, Calif., she did research, and published articles, on education and language development throughout the U.S., and in Canada and Japan.

After her husband of 25 years came out, and at the request of the Gay Fathers of San Francisco, Buxton began a five-year study of the effects of coming out within a marriage. She led a support group for gay fathers and their current or former spouses for Gay Fathers. Further, she organized a support group for straight wives and husbands within the Oakland chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P/FLAG).

As the present national chair of P/FLAG's Task Force for Spouses and Children of Lesbians and Gay Men, Buxton counsels spouses across the United States, and gives workshops for organizations such as the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International and P/FLAG.

Remarried, she lives near San Francisco, with her grown children nearby.

A review of the author's latest work, reprinted from the Aug. 26, 1991, *New York Times*, written by James O. Clifford, is reprinted at the right.

'The Gay Rose' Blossoms

THE GAY ROSE has blossomed this spring.

It is not a botanical phenomenon, but a newly conceived wire service for flowers.

The network behind the phone number 1 (800) THE GAY R(ose), will be staffed by operators who are specifically trained to be sensitive to the needs of the gay and lesbian community.

They know the difference between a

society coming out party and a friend's "coming out", and can make appropriate recommendations for a lover's birthday or today's all-too-frequent condolence wish.

THE GAY ROSE network's trained staff will assist Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (EST) on Sunday.

They promise to help customers select

Side of the Closet'

By James O. Clifford
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A married homosexual may feel a thrill of liberation when he or she goes public. But

an unknowing spouse says an author who interviewed hundreds of people for a book on the unusual subject.

"Almost everybody knows somebody to who this has happened," says Amity Pierce Buxton. It even happened to her. Her personal experience led to

The Other Side of the Closet: The Coming Out Crisis for Straight Spouses (IBS Press \$14.95).

Buxton estimates that at least 2 million Americans have found themselves in a

"Few people including professional counselors, realize how a married partner's coming out impacts the straight spouse, the children and friends," said the El Cerrito, Calif., writer. "We all need better understanding of each other."

Buxton, 62, spent five years gathering material for the book. She interviews 300 women and 150 men. She got started after her husband, John, ended a 24-year marriage that produced two

"He told me that not only was he gay but he had a lover before we were married," said Buxton who has recently remarried. "My first husband still loves me. I'm just the wrong sex."

Buxton figures that 15 percent of the couples remain together. Most experience divorces more devastating than the breakup of a marriage in which the couple is heterosexual.

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A Place Discovered

By Jeff Campbell
Center Fold Staff Writer

It could have been an advertisement for a cruise line or a country retreat: "A place to relax and unwind – to be with friends and escape from the hectic world that surrounds us most of the time." This was the invitation I received from a young man who feels he has found such a place, and wondered if I could possibly write about it for our gay community. This was such an appealing writing assignment that I pursued it and went to his home to talk with him.

Darrell's presentation was enthusiastic. His relaxing and unwinding place is the First Unitarian Church of Orlando, 1815 E. Robinson St., and as a gay man who is active with his church, he is quite comfortable and relaxed in a congregation that is non-judgmental about his sexuality.

One takes to the church whatever beliefs one has and receives from it that which serves his or her personal needs, as there are no conditional theologies or creeds or oaths that one must profess in order to participate. The Unitarians are open and liberal, a people who share a common belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person. They share a faith and belief in justice and compassion with the right of conscience and the application of the democratic process within all of society. All of this they contemplate without a dogma that commands their actions.

As our conversation continued, I found myself discovering the Unitarians to be at peace in this world, living by the principles they emulate while seeking the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice and spiritual growth. Humanity is understood to be interdependent within the web of all existence, not as superior and independent and immune to the concerns

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of existence.

This is a fresh and vigorous feeling for it places upon the individual a responsibility of purpose and creativity, yet within a fellowship of other like minds. As I have had time to reflect on our conversation, I find more and more the choices I make and the thoughts I have are more my personal dedication to others. My actions and my thoughts may reflect only me, but they relate to my relationship with all things around me. I like this because it puts me in control of my life but with an acute awareness of my duties in living.

I would be uncomfortable pretending that I am someone other than myself; it is painful and unsettling to live in a closet for the sole purpose of satisfying the intolerance of other people. I do not choose to segregate myself from the whole of society by living in a gay ghetto. I am comfortable with my gay friends and support the gay business community, but life is not all black or all white. It is foolish to isolate ourselves from the joys of sharing the fullness of life.

My choice has been to stand proud as the gay male that I am. What I have discovered in my conversation with Darrell and with my visits to the Unitarian Church is that I am having the joys of both worlds in the company of people who accept me for who I am and do not judge me for the sexuality given me by nature.

There is no component of mankind that is totally free of homophobia – not even the gay community. I am a member of The Metropolitan Community Church, and I see and hear expressions of homophobia there and I am certain similar attitudes are expressed by members of the Unitarian community. But in both of these environments I am accepted for myself. The primary acceptance of me in one situation is because I am gay while in the other I am accepted because I am me.

Not to mislead here, the Unitarian Church is not a church for homosexuals and they would be unhappy if I

described them as such. But it is a church for all people, and they accept homosexuality as a part of natural and normal humanity. There is no intention here to say other religious organizations and faiths are not for humanity, because they are. But so few sincerely welcome those of us who do not share their interpretations of sexuality. While our sexuality should not be displayed on our sleeve or broadcast in our comments, we should not be hesitant to display our commitment or our affection to our lifetime companions.

The church is a very active with activities that are varied and versatile and activities that many would find exciting and rewarding. As with most churches, this is not necessarily a Sunday-only activity but offers opportunities to help the larger community or to simply have a good time sharing with people who have similar interests.

The First Unitarian Church of Orlando publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Oracle*, and the May issue presents an interesting page of comments relating to homosexuals. Among them, it notes that if about 10 percent of a congregation's membership is not gays, lesbians and bisexuals – these people must not have felt welcome; gays are searching for a spiritual community and once they feel truly welcomed will join a church that is predominantly heterosexual.

Also noted is the importance of acknowledging committed relationships by accepting the use of words such as "union service," "partner," "lover," "gay or lesbian couple." Some couples prefer to use the word "spouse" to define their relationship. In reading these thoughts and accepting the expressions of friendship extended to me, the Unitarian Church clearly illustrates one of its primary principles: "The belief in the inherent worth of every person."

Shortly after arriving in Florida, my partner and I celebrated our 28 years together at the Metropolitan Community Church. As we now approach our 33-year celebration, we expect to share with them again. But for those who have not found a spiritual community and are still seeking one, the First Unitarian Church of Orlando extends a welcome.

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'The Khaki Closet': What Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals Need to Know About the U.S. Military

Editor's Note: This article is excerpted from the *Citizen Soldier Handbook*, via New Liberation News Service.

Today, public opinion strongly supports the right of gay men and lesbians to serve in all branches of the military. In 1991, Penn and Schoen, a respected polling organization, conducted a study in which two-thirds of those surveyed endorsed military service for homosexuals and 81 percent agreed that they should not be discharged solely because of their homosexuality.

Newspapers in major cities across the country have published recent editorials urging the Pentagon to eliminate Directive 1332.14 – which bans gay men and lesbians from serving in the military. Three of this year's candidates for the democratic presidential nomination, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, Sen. Tom Harkin and former Sen. Paul Tsongas, have all gone on the record opposing the policy.

A number of distinguished professional and religious associations, such as the American Psychological Association, American Nurses Association, the American Council on Education and the Unitarian church, have taken public positions against the ban. Not only does this rigid policy cause great human suffering but it also represents a waste of millions of dollars in training costs when GIs who are performing skilled jobs are discharged simply because of their sexual orientation.

Despite strong and growing opposition to its homophobic policies, the Pentagon continues to cling to its no-gays rule. Assistant Defense Secretary for Personnel Chris Jehn recently offered the following defense to *The Washington Post*: "Homosexuality is viewed by a large segment of the population as not just distasteful, but also immoral and sinful."

The military can punish GIs for what they do off-base and off-duty. A few years ago, the Supreme Court changed the law so that military commanders can now prosecute members for virtually anything they do – off base as well as on. Civilian prosecutors are often happy to step aside and let military courts handle off-base "crimes" which occur in their jurisdictions. The prosecutor for Bell County, Texas, which surrounds Fort Hood, explained to *The Dallas Morning News* why he follows this policy: "Their justice is swift, they get them to trial quicker and incarcerate them longer."

As part of its continuing campaign to root out homosexuals in uniform, the military often sends undercover agents into towns and cities, which are adjacent to its bases, in search of "wrongdoing" among GIs. It also makes use of reports by civilian police agencies about service members who are suspected of homosexual activity or interest.

BEWARE OF UNDERCOVER POLICE AGENTS AND INFORMERS

In cities such as Norfolk, Va.; San Diego, Calif.; and San Antonio, Texas, which have large military installations, the military and civilian police have a long history of cooperation. They send agents into clubs and discos that cater to gay men and/or lesbians. If you're from a large city like New York or Los Angeles, it probably wouldn't occur to you that just visiting a base-town "gay" bar could be risky to you as a soldier – but it is!

Undercover police and informers are usually quite skillful at blending in with the regular customers. Any conversation or even a turn on the dance floor can lead to an agent learning your identity and reporting you to your military unit.

Bars and discos aren't the only place they check, either. Undercover police and informers also visit house parties and other social functions where gay men and lesbians gather. One group of airmen who partied off-base in a

private home near Wiesbaden, Germany, learned this the hard way. Unknown to the guests, one airman who was facing trial for sodomy attended and then provided a full report to the prosecutor. As a result, two party-goers were arrested. One of them, a highly decorated squadron commander, was convicted of sodomy and sentenced to a year in prison.

Capt. Paul Starr told the press after his court-martial: "I thought the worst they'd do is kick me out. Never in my wildest dreams did I think they'd send me to prison."

The other party-goer, Sgt. Ron Miller, was accused of indecency for touching a candy cane that another party celebrant was wearing on his belt. Miller was eventually drummed out of the Air Force with a "bad" discharge in lieu of a court-martial, which cost him a life-time pension that could have eventually netted him \$500,000.

Gay rights organizations claim that when a single GI comes under suspicion of homo-sexuality, the military police often will organize a "witch hunt," which sweeps up many people.

One recent "witch hunt" that occurred in the Ft. Carson/Colorado Springs, Colo., area, illustrates this practice. Military police had persuaded an Army captain that he should help them catch other gay servicemen in exchange for leniency in his case. Before he was done informing, at least six other soldiers had been court-martialed and Air Force major had committed suicide.

The highest ranking soldier caught up in this dragnet was Col. Edward Modesto, a 17-year Army veteran. He received nine months in prison, a \$27,000 fine and dishonorable dismissal for having sex with his male lover, touching his lover in a gay bar, appearing in "sexually provocative" snapshots that were seized in a raid on his home, and dressing in drag for an AIDS fund-raising party.

For some reason, female GIs are three times more likely than males to be discharged for homosexuality. In the Marines, the rate climbs to eight times as high. Some observers argue that this disparity exists because the military treats suspected lesbian more harshly than it does gay men.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE CALLED FOR INTERROGATION

Those who are suspected of homosexuality will be approached in different ways, depending on custom and local practice.

Sometimes, suspects will be ordered to report to the military police unit for formal questioning. Other times, suspects are invited to have an informal "chat" with their commanding officer.

In other cases, a police investigator will drop by unannounced, ostensibly to "clear up a few facts."

Whatever the means of approach, you should always follow the same course – *tell them nothing*. Your commander may become angry when you refuse to discuss any allegation, but you should insist on your legal right to remain silent.

Police investigators are usually skillful at concealing from suspects how much they actually know about a particular offense. They develop this technique because many times they can use a suspect to help build a strong case against him or herself. To repeat the guiding principle — *tell them nothing* (except your name, rank and unit).

Under law, once someone has begun to talk, investigators are allowed to use virtually any trick to get him or her to continue.

Navy Conducts Anti-Gay 'Witch Hunt'

On March 25, Miriam Ben-Shalom, national chairperson of the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America, posted a message on GLBVA's national computer bulletin board system alerting members to an anti-gay witch hunt in progress.

The affected commands are the U.S.S. Independence and the U.S.S. Blue Ridge. The witch hunt is reported to have spread to Yokosuka, Japan, and to the Yakota Air Force Base. This appears to be an extremely serious witch hunt, involving possibly 50 officers and enlisted personnel.

Ben-Shalom says: "The witch hunt started when two men were 'caught' on the Blue Ridge. One of the sailors resigned and turned in a list of three other names. In addition, that sailor was allowed to continue 'dating' people while he was being processed; he then turned these individuals in. (I.e. he was being used as an entrapment tool for the Navy.) Two of the three turned remained silent to the interrogators, but the third 'broke,' and turned in 15 others."

These reports come from sailors on duty in the affected areas. The latest information available is that the net has expanded to include three Navy commanders (the equivalent of Army majors) and three lieutenants (the equivalent of Army captains). At least some of the affected personnel are reported to have been forced to sign statements admitting homosexuality, without being allowed access to legal council.

Three sailors on the Blue Ridge who refused to cooperate were reportedly sent to captain's masts (a non-judicial hearing before the ship's captain) and

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One trick used by some military investigators is to show a suspect a "press release" announcing his or her arrest and threaten to send it to hometown newspapers unless he or she "cooperates."

The military's highest court recently ruled that once a suspect asks to have defense counsel present during questioning, police must terminate *all* questioning (*U.S. vs Fessler*). Again, it's up to you to assert your rights!

It's funny; everyone has seen TV shows and movies in which suspects take "the Fifth Amendment" to protect themselves against self-incrimination during questioning.

Yet all too often, intelligent people give investigators valuable information because they think they can talk their way out of trouble. Investigators are skilled at their job – you won't outsmart them by talking.

Any prosecutor knows of convictions that were won only because the defendant volunteered information. Efforts to help yourself by co-operating and "naming names" will only dig you in deeper and create misery for others.

Please don't think that there's anything unpatriotic or cowardly about choosing to remain silent. Our Constitution guarantees that no citizen can be forced to give testimony against him or herself. This is an important hallmark of a free society and helps prevent the use of torture to extort confessions.

Citizen Soldier is a GI rights organization. It can be reached at: Citizen Soldier, 175 Fifth Ave., Suite 108, New York, N.Y. 10010; (212) 777-3470.

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lymphoma two years earlier, and both my sister and half-brother had had cancer operations.

"Then another cancerous growth was found on my pituitary gland. It, too, was removed. I went through 17 weeks of radiation. I lost my hair, and was constantly nauseous. But I did manage to return to my job during this time.

"Of course, my blood had been tested during this period, but I wasn't prepared for the next blow.

"Within two weeks of my two cancer operations, my doctor told me that I was HIV positive. I was totally numb. I just could not believe that I'd been diagnosed with two terminal illnesses within two weeks. I was devastated!"

But, as Andre discovered, time, thoughtful self-evaluation, patience, a belief in a greater being and good emotional and physical support can help heal wounds.

"Working through local resources, I re-entered therapy. Little by little, I came to accept my 'fate.' I didn't know which would kill me first ... cancer or being positive. But, along the way, I also vowed that 'fate' couldn't destroy me!

"My cancer now is in remission. If I can keep it there for about three more years, I have a good chance of beating it.

"Now, I'm on AZT. My doctor, the local ASOs [AIDS support organizations]. My mother and my friends have helped me find a new focus in life. I've lived in good health for two years now, and I expect to continue living for many years to come. I'll beat the virus, too!

"As soon after being diagnosed with cancer and HIV as I could, I tried to stop being dependent on others to the best of my ability. I have tried to take control of my life. My attitude toward life has changed. I will survive ... all the way. The only losers are the deniers ... the winners admit the facts, and learn how to take care of themselves. I

won't let either illness control my destiny. I will not succumb!"

THE CONCLUSION

With his buoyant attitude and deeply positive outlook on life, Andre may be an exception to those of us to whom fate might have dealt a bad blow. But, I suspect that he's not totally exceptional. We've met people like him. Maybe they haven't had to endure as many of life's blows as he has, but there are thousands like Andre out and about in Central Florida who have decided to not yield to disease, physical handicaps or disabilities.

Much of the survivors' successes have come from good living and good support. Much of their help and strength comes from positive attitudes. Hope and Help, Centaur, the AIDS Resource Alliance, Gay and Lesbian Community Services and other AIDS support organizations know this, and are prepared to lend strong and long-lasting support.

In the end, it seems that what really counts is our won willingness to help ourselves recover from whatever it is that is bothering us ... by reaching out to comforting hands, understanding minds and compassionate hearts. Help is available from many sources, whether it be for abuse of any kind or other afflictions.

To those who need help, we say in unison: "Let us help you put your lives back in order." Included in the list of local resources available for counseling is Gay and Lesbian Community Services, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, (407) 425-4527. Licensed, professional counselors are available through GLCS for individual counseling. In addition, group counseling sessions are held regularly by the Men's and Women's Discussion and Rap Groups.

You may also wish to call the AIDS Resource Alliance, 741 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, (407) 425-2233, and Central Florida AIDS Unified Resources Inc. (Centaur), 1235 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, (407) 849-1452, for more information and assistance.

Church Chat

Dignity Being Restored to Orlando

On Easter Morning, 1992, as Christians around the world celebrated their belief in the Resurrection of Jesus, they were joined by a small group of Central Florida Catholics who also celebrated a resurrection of another sort. Approximately 25 men and women gathered that Sunday morning for an outdoor Mass, sponsored by the newly formed Orlando chapter of Dignity, a national organization for gay and lesbian Catholics and their friends.

Orlando had a Dignity chapter several years ago; however, its absence in recent years has left local gay and lesbian Catholics without a true spiritual community. The Easter offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was especially joyous because for some it marked a personal renewal of their Faith, and for all it inspired the hope of a new life for Dignity/Orlando.

After Mass, several members of the group had a brunch at a local restaurant. The next liturgy is slated for Sunday, June 21, and thereafter on the third Sunday of each month at The Center, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. For more information, write to Dignity, P. O. Box 616870, Orlando, Fla. 32861-6870.

Zion A.A.C. Changes Name, Affiliation

Zion Apostolic Anglican Church has joined the Free Catholic Church In America and we have changed our name to Zion Free Catholic Church. The Free Catholic Church is a Catholic church that is non-judgmental and non-discriminatory in regard to race, color, national origins, language, gender or sexual orientation.

Due to transportation problems, we have had to temporarily move our Worship Services to Saturdays at 3 p.m. We would like to invite everyone to visit one of our services and see what we are about. For more information call the Church Office at (407) 298-4717.

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By Michael Collins and Barry Kerr
Center Fold Advertising Staff

WOODLAWN CEMETERY – Whoever said ignorance is bliss was correct. For many of us, not knowing is an important part of life.

One subject we remain particularly ignorant about is what can happen after our deaths. Let's face it, we are all going to die; it's a fact of life.

It is comforting to know that we have the opportunity not to burden our loved ones with the task of arranging our burial. We purchase cars, clothes and paint our homes all to our own tastes. So why not arrange our own burial, have it all taken care of, and then forget it?

According to Joanne Sommer, an advanced planning counselor at Woodlawn Memorial, "Preplanning keeps you in control after death."

There are no last-minute decisions, no second guessing and no unnecessary spending. Everything can be planned before death. You enroll in the program to give you peace of mind. But most importantly, preplanning relieves your loved ones from "the burden of having to make decisions at such an emotional time," Sommer said.

There are many inexpensive ways to get into a pre-planned burial program. There is a down payment, and monthly payments are agreed upon. Interest-free payments also can be arranged. There is even buyer's protection insurance. And the payments can even be deducted right from your checking account. Savings on

pre-arrangement are also considerable, and most importantly, it can be paid for in installments.

Quite frankly, if your burial is not prearranged your loved ones can be taken on the "death shopping tour." Not to mention the fact that some of our families do not approve of our lifestyle, and the last thing that we want to deal with is being shut out at such an emotional time.

Pre-arranging your burial puts you in control of your own destiny. Your wishes are not questioned, they are the law.

Quite amazingly, I was at ease when I toured the facility. I participated in the process from A to Z. When you put the whole thing into perspective, there is little or no fear.

For the most part, the prices are not prohibitive. In an immediate need situation there are no payment plans, the balance has to be paid in full. For example, the casket room can be quite disturbing to begin with, even when there has not been a death and you are not emotional.

But to have a family in a state of grief coming in to make a selection can be confusing, disturbing and stressful for them. Pre-planning can eliminate the over-spending that occurs. You can take your time, and compare different options.

You can plan for as little or as much as necessary. There are advantages to being able to pre-purchase a better grade of casket, and they can even be ordered to match

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your own tastes. In fact, you are customizing your own arrangements, and keeping control after death.

The Woodlawn park has been owned by the same family since 1926, and is related to Forest Lawn in California. Special events are held right on the property. There are services in the Veterans' Garden, on Memorial and Veterans Days. There is even an Easter Sunrise Service. The grounds are meticulously kept, and there is 24-hour security.

In touring the facility, the first things you notice are the rolling hills and the beautiful lake. Both are kept in their natural state to discourage intrusion. This also creates a buffer zone to keep the park peaceful and quiet. There are various monuments and areas of the park which are designed to incorporate your spiritual beliefs. All this is done to create a genuine aura of serenity.

The centerpiece of 40 newly acquired acres is a mosaic depicting 21 scenes from the life of Christ. The "Life of Christ Mosaic" will dominate the facade of an open air chapel/mausoleum. The art work was created in Italy, then shipped to the United States, and took seven years to complete. During the installation process, it was noticed that some of the mosaic was damaged and Woodlawn is still in the process of reaching a settlement with the insurance company.

However, even partially completed, one can get the impression of the majesty, scope and beauty of the project.

Pre-arrangement of burial is not a new idea, but one which is coming of age. For example, Woodlawn had a definite plan for its new 40 acres. A new mausoleum was to be built every four years. Now, due to the demand, the cemetery is eight years ahead of schedule. There are also pre-construction discounts for the crypts, which is why the construction dates have been moved up. After they are built, they will become more expensive to purchase.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE.....

GLCS EVENTS May 31 - July 11, 1992



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 31 7:00pm Fantasia-Transvestite/Transsexual Support Group	June 1 <div>6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group</div> 7:00pm GLCS Board Meeting 7:30pm Circle of Healing... 7:30pm Singles Group	June 2 7:30pm Rap Group	June 3 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	June 4 7:00pm Safer Sex Seminar 7:30pm CODA--Co-Dependents Anonymous	June 5 7:00pm Movie Night: "Silence Of The Lambs"	June 6 The Center is OPEN-- Noon to 5:00 PM Gay Day At Disney!!! Wear Red and be counted 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service
June 7 7:00pm Fantasia-Transvestite/Transsexual Support Group	June 8 <div>6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group</div> 7:30pm Orlando Pride 7:30pm Circle of Healing... <div>9:15pm Gay Skate</div>	June 9 7:30pm Rap Group <div>7:30pm Orlando Gay Chorus Pride...</div>	June 10 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	June 11 7:30pm CODA--Co-Dependents Anonymous	June 12 7:00pm Movie Night: "Longtime Companion" <div>7:00pm Mapplethorpe/Weber Exhibit</div> 7:30pm GLPCI Parents Rap Group	June 13 The Center is closed today. <div>11:00am Pride Picnic at Lake Heronwood Park</div>
June 14	June 15 <div>6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group</div> 7:00pm GLCS Board Meeting 7:30pm Singles Group 7:30pm Circle of Healing...	June 16 7:30pm Rap Group	June 17 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS <div>7:30pm Legal Seminar at Joy MCC</div>	June 18 The Center will close at 6:30 PM <div>7:30pm AIDS Memorial at Eola Park</div>	June 19 7:00pm Movie Night: "Desert Hearts" 7:30pm Deaf & Hearing Impaired Group	June 20 The Center is OPEN-- Noon to 5:00 PM <div>10:00am 2nd Annual Pride Parade</div> 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service
June 21 <div>11:00am LCN Picnic</div> 7:00pm Fantasia-Transvestite/Transsexual Support Group 7:00pm Dignity <div>8:00pm Act Out Benefit</div>	June 22 <div>6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group</div> 7:30pm Committed Couples Network 7:30pm Circle of Healing... <div>9:15pm Gay Skate</div>	June 23 7:30pm Rap Group	June 24 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	June 25 7:00pm MBA Board Meeting 7:30pm CODA--Co-Dependents Anonymous	June 26 7:00pm Movie Night: "Personal Best"	June 27 The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service
June 28	June 29 <div>6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group</div> 7:30pm Circle of Healing...	June 30 7:30pm Rap Group	July 1 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	July 2 7:00pm Safer Sex Seminar 7:30pm CODA--Co-Dependents Anonymous	July 3 7:00pm Movie Night: "The Rainbow"	July 4 JULY 4th THE CENTER IS CLOSED TODAY
July 5 7:00pm Fantasia-Transvestite/Transsexual Support Group	July 6 <div>6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group</div> 7:00pm GLCS Board Meeting 7:30pm Circle of Healing... 7:30pm Singles Group	July 7 7:30pm Rap Group	July 8 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	July 9 7:30pm CODA--Co-Dependents Anonymous	July 10 7:00pm Movie Night: "Prick Up Your Ears" 7:30pm GLPCI Parents Rap Group	July 11 The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service

Boxed Events occur outside the GLCS Center!!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS DESCRIPTIONS

CODA is a group for co-dependent Thursday nights. **COMMITTED COUPLES** work is a social planning group for couples the fourth Monday of every month. **FANTASIA** a transvestite/transsexual support group for gays and non-gays. **GAYSKATE** is a group for ages and held twice each month at Skateway. **GLCS BOARD MEETING** to the public and are held on the first Mondays of every month. Any items for discussion must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. **HEALING CIRCLE** is back and meeting the first Monday. **MEN'S DISCUSSION** and **WOMYN OF GLCS** are each general discussion groups. **MOVIE NIGHT** is every Friday night. In addition to other GLCS activities, there is no admission but donations will always be gratefully accepted. **RAP GROUP** is a mixed discussion group for men and women. **SINGLES GROUP** open to all meets the third Monday of every month. **TRANSVESTITE/TRANSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP** RAP and all other Delta Youth Alliance events take place off-site and are open only to members. **DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED GROUP** meets the third Friday of every month. **BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP** will be meeting on the fourth Friday of every month in July. Call (407) 425-GLCS for information on any of these events.

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MONDAYS

7:00 P.M. AEGIS OF BREVARD COUNTY MEETS THE THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT THE MELBOURNE LIBRARY. (407) 784-3063 .
7:30 P.M. HOPE & HELP AIDS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS EVERY MONDAY. (407) 894-1992 .
7:30 P.M. THE PROJECT RESPONSE RAP GROUP FOR CENTRAL BREVARD COUNTY MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY EVERY MONTH AT THE BURNHAM-WOODS COUNSELING CENTER, 640 N. BREVARD AVE., COCOA VILLAGE, COCOA. CALL (407) 242-0352 .
7:30 P.M. THE PROJECT RESPONSE VISUALIZATION/RELAXATION GROUP MEETS THE SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAY AT THE BURNHAM-WOODS COUNSELING CENTER.
8:00 P.M. THE JOY METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH (MCC) ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GROUP MEETS IN THE MARK CARDWELL HALL EVERY MONDAY EVENING. JOY MCC IS LOCATED AT 2351 S. FERNCREEK AVE., ORLANDO. (407) 894-1081 .
9:15 P.M. GAYSKATER ROLLS INTO THESE MORAN SKATEWAY IN CASSELBERRY THE SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH. ADMISSION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES, \$5 PER PERSON. (407) 425-GLCS.

TUESDAYS

7:00 P.M. CENTAUR'S MEDITATION/RELAXATION GROUP MEETS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING. (407) 849-1452
7:00 P.M. AEGIS OF BREVARD MEETS THE LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT CAPE CANAVERAL HOSPITAL., 2ND FLOOR LIBRARY. (407) 784-3063 .
7:00 P.M. THE OCALA-MARION COUNTY COMMUNITY AIDS NETWORK SPONSORS A PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP TUESDAY EVENINGS. (904) 629-5124.

7:30 P.M. JOY MCC HOLDS A BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY EVENING IN THE MARK CARDWELL HALL. (407) 894-1081.
9:00 P.M. THE ORANGE BLOSSOM BOWLING ASSOCIATION (OBBA) BOWLS AT BOWL AMERICA, 1111 W. FAIRBANKS AVE., WINTER PARK EVERY TUESDAY EVENING. SPECTATORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. (407) 644-2244.

WEDNESDAYS

7:15 A.M. JOY MCC PRAYER BREAKFAST IN THE MARK CARDWELL HALL. (407) 894-1081 .
6:00 P.M. CENTAUR'S SOCIAL "DROP IN" AND HANG OUT NIGHT IS EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY EVENING UNTIL 9 P.M. (407) 849-1452 .
7:00 P.M. CENTAUR'S SUPPORT GROUPS FOR MEN, WOMEN AND FAMILY IS EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY EVENING UNTIL 9 P.M. (407) 849-1452.
7:00 P.M. AEGIS OF BREVARD MEETS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 200 N. 1ST ST., COCOA BEACH. (407) 784-3063.
7:00 P.M. HOPE MCC IN ORMOND BEACH HOLDS SOCIALS, STUDY GROUPS OR DISCUSSIONS EVERY WEDNESDAY. FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 56 N. HALIFAX, ORMOND BEACH. (904) 676-1030
7:30 P.M. THE JOY MCC WEDNESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS IN THE MARK CARDWELL HALL. (407) 894-1081.
7:30 P.M. PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG) MEETS THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, WESLEY BLDG. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM PORTION OF THE EVENING. THE RAP GROUP IS OPEN ONLY TO PARENTS AND MEMBERS. ALLENE BAUS AFTER 6:30 P.M. (407) 896-0689.
OPEN THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION OF GAY/LESBIAN OCALA (LOGO) HOLDS A GENERAL MEETING THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. (904) 620-0157.

THURSDAYS

6:30 P.M. METROPOLITAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT VARIOUS BUSINESSES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. (407) 425-4527.
7:00 P.M. CENTAUR HOLDS NAMES PROJECT QUILT NIGHT UNTIL 9 P.M. EVERY THURSDAY EVENING. (407) 849-1452.
7:30 P.M. THE HOPE & HELP SUPPORT GROUP FOR HIV-POSITIVE PERSONS AND CAREGIVERS EVERY THURSDAY EVENING. (407) 894-1992.
7:30 P.M. THE FIGHT FOR LIFE AIDS SUPPORT GROUP IN KISSIMMEE MEETS EVERY THURSDAY. (407) 846-0456.

FRIDAYS

7:00 P.M. AEGIS OF BREVARD HOLDS A MEETING EVERY FRIDAY FOR HIV POSITIVES AT THE AEGIS OFFICE, 200 N. 1ST ST., COCOA BEACH. (407) 784-3063 .
7:30 P.M. THE JOY MCC SINGLES GROUP MEETS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT THE MARK CARDWELL HALL FOR A FRIENDLY GET-TOGETHER. (407) 894-1081.
7:30 P.M. GAY & LESBIAN PARENTS COALITION PARENT'S RAP 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH 750 W. COLONIAL DRIVE, (407) 420-2191.

SATURDAYS

2:00 P.M. AREA (AIDS RESOURCE, EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE) HOLDS RAP GROUPS THE SECOND AND FOURTH SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH. (407) 647-2765.
4:00 P.M. PROJECT RESPONSE HOLDS A POT LUCK AND SOCIAL THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN NORTH BREVARD COUNTY. IT ALL HAPPENS AT THE WUESTHOFF PARK BLDG. ON BARNUM RD., SOUTH OF HWY. 50. (407) 242-0352.
OPEN GAY & LESBIAN PARENTS COALITION SOCIAL MEETINGS 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. KID'S DAY 4TH SATURDAY WITH OUTINGS FOR THE KIDS. (407) 420-2191.
OPEN THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION OF GAY/LESBIAN OCALA (LOGO) HOLDS A GENERAL MEETING THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. (904) 620-0157.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 1992

SUNDAYS

10:30 A.M. & 7:15 P.M. JOY MCC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ..(407) 894-1081 .
2:00 P.M. THE BLACKSTAR LEVI/LEATHER CLUB MEETS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT THE FULL MOON SALOON. MICHAEL (407) 420-2787.
5:00 P.M. THE NEW CREATION CHURCH, A CHRISTIAN CHURCH "WHERE EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME" HOLDS SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 1815 E. ROBINSON STREET. (407) 236-9188.
7:00 P.M. HOPE MCC HOLDS SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 56 N. HALIFAX, ORMOND BEACH. (904) 676-1030.
7:00 P.M. BREAKING THE SILENCE MCC IN BREVARD HOLDS SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH, 1261 RANGE RD., COCOA. (407) 254-5884 .

TO HAVE YOUR GROUP'S MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS LISTED IN THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR, SEND INFO. TO: THE CENTER FOLD, ATTN. CALENDAR SECTION, P.O. BOX 533446, ORLANDO, FL 32853. INCLUDE DAY, TIME, ORGANIZATION, AND PHONE FOR EACH LISTING. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

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Judy Shaw
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Act Out Theater Announces June Production

By Cornelius Van Pelt
Center Fold Staff Writer

Act Out Theater, Central Florida's only non-profit corporation organized to produce plays with gay and lesbian themes, announces its production of Doric Wilson's one-act comedy, *Forever After*.

"This is our Gay Pride event, and it will be fun!" says Louis Routh, director and founder of Act Out Theater. *Forever After* is a romantic comedy centering around two young men celebrating their first year together.

But wait! Are they really gay, or are they just actors playing roles?

Is all of this for real? Melpomene, the muse of tragedy (isn't that a drag queen?) and Thalia, the muse of comedy (I think she's real!), have descended from the proscenium to add to the mayhem.

A wildly funny, sharp-tongued look at relationships, theater and Orlando's hottest gay and lesbian nightclubs *Forever After* is the perfect choice for a Gay Pride event.

Act Out Theater's production of *Forever After* is directed by Lewis Routh. Performances are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 19, 20 and 21, and 26, 27 and 28 at 8 p.m., at the phoenix AT ALOMA, 7124 Aloma (one mile east of Semoran Boulevard [Highway 436].)

Tickets are \$5 in advance, available only at the nightclub, or \$6 at the door. A special benefit performance, with all ticket sales going to Gay and Lesbian Community Services (GLCS) will be held on Sunday, June 21, at 8 p.m. For more information, call Act Out Theater at (407) 677-5407. The theater seats only 60, so purchasing tickets in advance is strongly advised.

Actors take note: auditions for the July production, Robert Patrick's one-act comedy *Fog*, will be held on Sunday, July 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the phoenix AT ALOMA. The cast will consist of two men, one aged 46, or thereabouts, and one young man, 21-29.

For more information, call Routh at (407) 644-5407.

Groups Offer Healing for Men's Incest Wounds

By Leslie Bennet
Special to The Center Fold

In many of the images we see on a daily basis in the things we read, the television we see, and the movies we view, we see childhood portrayed as a safe and loving time in which children are free to learn about themselves and the world in which they live.

Unfortunately, for many adults, this picture is a far cry from their memories of their actual family experiences. For some people, all childhood memories are scary, painful and abusive.

For others, the negative memories are laced between other more pleasant memories. For some, still the horrible and abusive memories are hidden from consciousness until sometime ling into adulthood, when for reasons that are not always clear, they rise to the surface of awareness and unearth the same feelings that were present in childhood.

The aftermath of these unpleasant, difficult or abusive childhood experiences may crop up in adult life in a variety of ways. There may be depression, loss of motivation, feelings of hopelessness or helplessness, addiction problems, and trouble concentrating, to name a few. In addition, problems relating to people

both in intimate relationships and friendships are very common.

In years past, counseling would have focused on the current problem by addressing the present. Now we know that isn't enough.

Now, we connect the things in present adult life that are painful or just not working with the original childhood wounds. We heal these wounds by respecting the feelings associated with them and restructuring the understanding of them. We are then able to create a new and healthier present and future.

Toward the goal of healing childhood wounds, particularly sexual abuse and incest, a new group for gay male survivors is forming. Barry Davidson, M.A., the facilitator of the group aims to provide a caring and supportive atmosphere in which to accomplish these goals. In a safe and non-confrontive environment, the group will explore the process of understanding the effects of sexual abuse on their lives and correcting hurtful childhood learnings.

This group meets on Tuesday nights in Leslie Bennet's office (MTO394) and will be led by Barry Davidson, M.A., (MHC intern).

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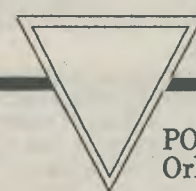
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DAYTONA SINGLES

Tired of the "bar scene?" Want a gay activity group? Want one similar to the GLCS Singles Group in Orlando? Want a nexus where you can meet and socialize with others who enjoy getting together? We don't have it yet in the greater Daytona area, but why not?

I'm a volunteer at Outreach Inc. in Daytona and I've found lots of gays who are not one of a couple who feel "left out." So, I've gotten permission from Outreach for the use of its facility to start a group.

I just read the GLCS announcement and that got me going. I won't be able to do anything right now but learn of others who are interested. When I get back in November, I'll contact everyone who writes me, and get an announcement in *The Center Fold* to let you know when the majority would like to meet and get started.

I don't see this as a social group for or excluding those who are HIV-positive or PWAs. I hope it will be a group of guys who like playing cards, seeing movies, eating out, going to the beach, and other things.

What do you think? If you like the idea, please drop me a line during the summer: John A. Chase, 631 Fire Island Blvd., Fire Island Pines, N.Y. 11782-5999. And don't worry about who'll read your name; I'm the Pines summer postmaster.

Write, and we'll get together in November 1992. That's not so far off, particularly when you're single.

MELBOURNE AIDS OFFICE MOVES

Project Response, of Melbourne has relocated to bigger and better offices. its new address is 17 N Babcock St. With this new beginning will need a lot of help from volunteers. Please call Project Response for information on becoming a volunteer. Its phone number is (407) 253-1910.

GAY AND LESBIAN RIGHTS GROUP WELCOMES SUPPORT FROM PEROT

WASHINGTON, DC (April 24) The nation's largest gay and lesbian political organization, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, today welcomed remarks made by potential Presidential candidate Ross Perot on the issues of gay and lesbian rights, AIDS funding and abortion rights. According to the *New York Times*, "Mr. Perot said he considered an individual's sexual orientation a matter of individual rights." Mr. Perot, who contributed \$20 million in 1988 to research facilities in Dallas, also stated that he would increase funding for AIDS research. "If I am in this job, we will go night and day to get that done," Perot said. Speaking of a vaccine for AIDS, Perot stated "we want to be the country that discovers these things."

News Round-Up

NATIONAL GRASSROOTS EFFORT COUNTERS FAR-RIGHT ATTACKS, LOCAL COORDINATORS NEEDED FOR 'SPEAK OUT '92' PROGRAM

WASHINGTON D.C. (April 22)– The Human Rights Campaign Fund is looking for local coordinators to help sign up participants in Speak Out program during this year's gay and lesbian Pride Season. The Campaign Fund, the nation's largest gay and lesbian organization, hopes to dramatically increase grassroots political participation by signing up new participants during Pride events and other community activities in coming months. Speak Out, the largest grassroots mobilization in the history of the gay and lesbian political movement helps thousands of individuals make their voices heard on Capitol Hill by sending mailgrams to their Members of Congress.

We are in the process of recruiting part-time paid volunteers to work with us in cities throughout the United States during the months of May and June – Gay and Lesbian Pride Season.

The SPEAK OUT program of Human Rights Campaign has been instrumental in winning victories on Capitol Hill, and defeating every bigoted attempt by Jesse Helms to restrict our rights. SPEAK OUT makes our community stronger by amplifying our voice in Washington, D.C., and countering right-wing hate mail. Your help at this time is crucial to advancing fairness and equality for gay men and lesbians in the upcoming congressional session. Finally, since we pay individuals to enroll new members to SPEAK OUT, any organizations have successfully used our program to raise funds for special projects. If you are interested in coordinating a team of SPEAK OUT volunteers for Pride Day, or for more information call Tom Swift, national canvass manager, at 1 (800) 777-HRCF.

GLOWS

GLOWS was established in September 1990 with the goal of getting people together for some water skiing fun. In the water skiing world, Orlando is known to be the Water Skiing Capital of the World. It helps that we have lots of fresh water lakes and warm weather. GLOWS offers the opportunity for skiing year-round from the beginning skier to the advanced skier. If you are interested in water skiing give GLOWS a call at (407) 679-0507, ask to speak with Gary.

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found guilty of sodomy and "indecent" acts solely on the basis of a statement from another witch hunt victim.

The three were reportedly sentenced to three days in the brig on bread and water, and are expecting "other than honorable" discharges upon return to the United States.

The sailor who named 15 names is said to be newly out of the closet and has been placed in "protective custody." It is feared that he may still be naming names.

GLBVA is asking all concerned individuals to express their outrage at these events by writing to the following: Commander of the 7th Fleet: Vice Admiral Stanley Arthur, FPO-AP 96601-6003; Commanding Officer: USS Independence (CV-62), FPO-AP 96618-2760; Commanding Officer: USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19), FPO-AP 96628-3300. Letters of support can be sent to "Any Sailor" at the above addresses.

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By Michael Collins and Barry Kerr
Center Fold Advertising Staff

Suntimes better eyewear is Central Florida's exclusive source for high-fashion eyewear lines such as L.A. Eyeworks, Oliver Peoples, Matsuda, Giorgio Armani and Jean Paul Gaultier.

Suntimes, at 104 Park Ave. S., Winter Park, provides full optical services for adults and children who want the best in quality, trend-setting designs. Suntimes, known for its tagline, "Not for the masses glasses," is part of an emerging trend of retail shops known as "optiques," of which there are approximately 20 throughout the United States. Although prominent in

New York City and Los Angeles, this new category of specialty retail/eyehealth shops, represented here by Suntimes, is unique to Central Florida.

Tina Wolpaw, the president of Suntimes, is a native of New York City, and relocated to Florida seven years ago to open her own business. She opened her first Suntimes in the Osceola Square Mall five years ago. Her second Central Florida location, on Park Avenue, celebrated its three-year anniversary in June.

Suntimes has over 1,500 frames in stock but if you can't find what you want, the store will pull out over 300

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knowledgeable and well-trained. They can fluently describe their own product line, and even a product you have bought elsewhere, and also explain why Suntimes is better. They will tell you if something looks lousy on you, and if it looks gorgeous.

Suntimes offers very personalized service. Suntimes can do everything a chain store can do, and it can do it better. There is no optometrist on staff, but the store can refer you to someone with whom it

feels comfortable sending its customers. You can even go to the shop, pick out a frame, go to your doctor, and have the prescription phoned in, or Suntimes will call in the prescription itself, much like a pharmacy. Then your next visit will be to pick up your glasses.

The store has a lensometer which can read an existing pair of glasses, and an optician with 20 years experience to make glasses for you. Quality is very important, and glasses cannot be done properly in just "one hour." Besides, would you really like such an important purchase rushed through in that small amount of time?

Suntimes has entered its fourth year on "The Avenue," and in the midst of the recession has renewed its lease until 1999. A Park Avenue address does not add to your costs, however.

Frequent lens price checks are done with all the major

super stores, and Suntimes is right in the middle. However, Suntimes is offering much better quality. But most importantly, Suntimes is a fun place. Just check out the shop window.

There is also art on display from Metropolis gallery. Everyone is made to feel welcome – from the puritanical to the progressive. Of course, Suntimes is interested in making a sale, but not necessarily the most expensive sale, and that is what sets the store apart from the rest, and what makes Suntimes "not for the masses glasses."

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Singles Group Shows the Gay Lifestyle Is More Than Just Bars

By Jeff Cheesman
Contributor

Can you believe it? June is already upon us and summer is only a few days off. I guess it's time to dust off the water skis and get that scuba gear checked out and ready to go. Summer, in fact, does turn our attentions to the beach and long lazy days in the sun.

Enough about summer, though, let's talk about the month of June. June, as many of you undoubtedly are aware, is Gay Pride Month; so why don't you sit back and think about that. Gay Pride Month is the one month that we as a community stand together and celebrate with each other. During this time, we seem to find more to do than just going to a bar.

The bars, to some, are the only places that we as gay people can go to and have a good time. I can understand that attitude to a point; yes, the bars are the only places that we can be ourselves and not have to worry about what society thinks, but isn't there more to the gay lifestyle? Surely, we as individuals can find more and better ways to amuse ourselves than just going to the watering holes.

Having been given the chance to head up the Singles Group that is run by Gay and Lesbian Community Services (GLCS), I have learned that many young gay people think that all there is to being gay is the bar scene. Having been out for about four years, I can truthfully say that is not true. Take a look around you, and what do you see? A lot of you will say the bars. I can't deny that going to the bars isn't fun, but they are not the only thing to life.

Having moved here from New Jersey, I can tell you Orlando has much more to offer than just bars. In the time I've lived here, I've discovered GLCS. This

wonderful organization provides the gay and lesbian community with information on about every topic that will concern us at some point. It also offers a variety of events that take place every week and at no cost to you (GLCS does accept donations; The Center operates through our donations and receives no state funds).

Now I know what you're thinking, this guy is trying to promote The Center; well, yes and no. I say no, because I've been in the bar scene and I learned very early all the games that people will play and what they will say just for a one-night stand. Why go through all that heartache, when you can go to a place where you won't be judged or feel as if you are on display?

I say yes, because the Center has much to offer. By this, I mean weekly rap groups and many other kinds of specialty groups. One of these is the Singles Group. You might recall a letter that appeared in *The Center Fold* a couple months ago, explaining the group's intent.

The basic idea behind the group is to provide a comfortable atmosphere for gays and lesbians to meet in and also to provide a network of friends.

As a group, we plan many events — such as canoeing trips, barbecues, and get-togethers at other members' homes. Being in this group, I have learned that it is easier to do things with a group of people than stand on the side lines by yourself. So the next time you think or hear that all there is to being gay is the bar scene, think about The Center and all it has to offer.

As a growing community, it is our responsibility to help those who are just coming out and, if needed, point them in the right direction and let them know that there is more to being gay than just the bars.

Shocking Gray Issues New Catalog

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – In late April, Shocking Gray Corp. started delivering 1 million Summer/Pride Catalogs to gay and lesbian households across the United States, four times the amount the company initially mailed for its premiere holiday issue.

"We received thousands of calls requesting catalogs, so our mailing naturally increased. We are striving to reach every gay household in the country," says Cynthia Cenalis, chief operations officer.

Shocking Gray is the first mainstream retail catalog company to overtly target the gay/lesbian community nationwide. In the latest issue are lifestyle photos depicting gays and lesbians in normal situations tinged with humor, including shots with characters such as a lesbian police officer and an Air Force captain.

"We wanted to present nonstereotypical images to show that gays and lesbians exist and thrive where society thinks they should not," says Michelle Friesenhahn Wilby, chief marketing officer.

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lymphoma two years earlier, and both my sister and half-brother had had cancer operations.

"Then another cancerous growth was found on my pituitary gland. It, too, was removed. I went through 17 weeks of radiation. I lost my hair, and was constantly nauseous. But I did manage to return to my job during this time.

"Of course, my blood had been tested during this period, but I wasn't prepared for the next blow.

"Within two weeks of my two cancer operations, my doctor told me that I was HIV positive. I was totally numbed. I just could not believe that I'd been diagnosed with two terminal illnesses within two weeks. I was devastated!"

But, as Andre discovered, time, thoughtful self-evaluation, patience, a belief in a greater being and good emotional and physical support can help heal wounds.

"Working through local resources, I re-entered therapy. Little by little, I came to accept my 'fate.' I didn't know which would kill me first ... cancer or being positive. But, along the way, I also vowed that 'fate' couldn't destroy me!

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"Now, I'm on AZT. My doctor, the local ASOs [AIDS support organizations], my mother and my friends have helped me find a new focus in life. I've lived in good health for two years now, and I expect to continue living for many years to come. I'll beat the virus, too!

"As soon after being diagnosed with cancer and HIV as I could, I tried to stop being dependent on others to the best of my ability. I have tried to take control of my life. My attitude toward life has changed. I will survive ... all the way. The only losers are the deniers ... the winners admit the facts, and learn how to take care of themselves. I won't let either illness control my destiny. I will not

succumb!"

THE CONCLUSION

With his buoyant attitude and deeply positive outlook on life, Andre may be an exception to those of us to whom fate might have dealt a bad blow. But, I suspect that he's not totally exceptional. We've met people like him. Maybe they haven't had to endure as many of life's blows as he has, but there are thousands like Andre out and about in Central Florida who have decided to not yield to disease, physical handicaps or disabilities.

Much of the survivors' successes have come from good living and good support. Much of their help and strength comes from positive attitudes. Hope and Help, Centaur, the AIDS Resource Alliance, Gay and Lesbian Community Services and other AIDS support organizations know this, and are prepared to lend strong and long-lasting support.

In the end, it seems that what really counts is our won willingness to help ourselves recover from whatever it is that is bothering us ... by reaching out to comforting hands, understanding minds and compassionate hearts. Help is available from many sources, whether it be for abuse of any kind or other afflictions.

To those who need help, we say in unison: "Let us help you put your lives back in order." Included in the list of local resources available for counseling is Gay and Lesbian Community Services, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, (407) 425-4527. Licensed, professional counselors are available through GLCS for individual counseling. In addition, group counseling sessions are held regularly by the Men's and Women's Discussion and Rap Groups.

You may also wish to call the AIDS Resource Alliance, 741 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, (407) 425-2233, and Central Florida AIDS Unified Resources Inc. (Centaur), 1235 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, (407) 849-1452, for more information and assistance.

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Tiger Tail runs June 5 through July 4, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, June 28 at 2:30 p.m.

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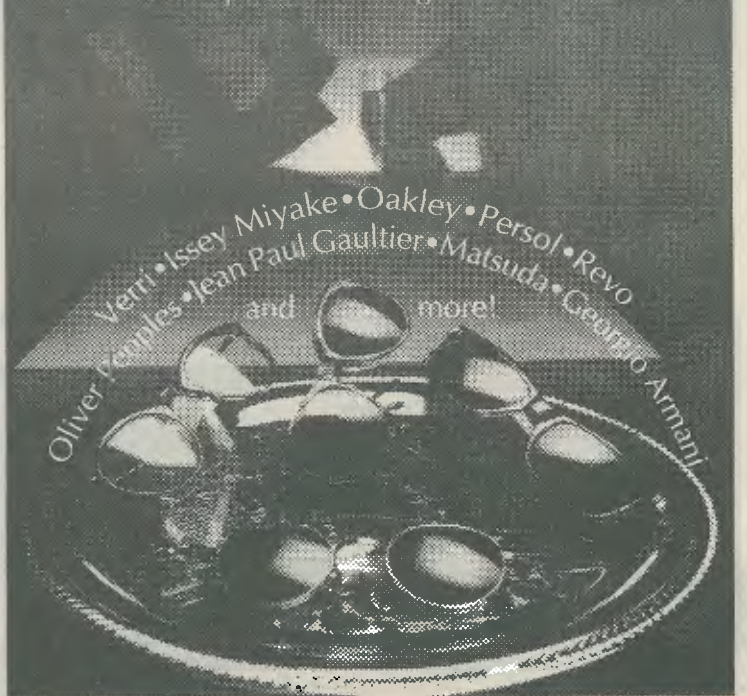
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MBA Learns from Its Tampa Counterpart

Words of wisdom and hilarious entertainment highlighted the general meeting of the Metropolitan Business Association (MBA) held at Big Bang on May 7.

About 50 people attended the gathering, which featured Nancy Valmus and Rand Hall of the Tampa Bay Business Association (TBBA), Brian Arbogast of Florida, and a short act from the camp-fest "Lola Olay" to close the meeting.

Arbogast discussed the preparation of this year's gay and lesbian directory, which for the first time will cover the entire state instead of just Central Florida. Other business guilds in the state are working with the MBA to compile the comprehensive directory.

"It won't be entirely comprehensive, but it is going to be as close to a central data point for the state as we can possibly have," he said, adding that initial plans called for the distribution of 15,000 directories.

Arbogast said that with the third-largest gay and lesbian population in the country, it was "high time" Florida had a statewide directory.

"We're all spread out and we're all different, but one thing we have in common is discrimination based on our sexual orientation," he said. "There's no reason that gay Cubans in south Florida shouldn't be able to relate to gay Baptists in north Florida."

TBBA's Valmus gave a synopsis of the history of the Suncoast group, noting that it was formed in 1982 after two gay men were killed. The first meeting was attended by just four people. Today the group has several hundred members and is the second-largest guild in the United States, she said.

"What you're doing here has more impact on you and your rights than pride celebrations. Your political clout and rights are going to come from this group, the people right here," Valmus said.

"Whether you really have money or not, if the politicians think you have money, that's what counts," she said.

Valmus said the group worked hard to become more visible in the community at large over the last several years. "We hadn't really put our names out there," she said, "to let people know there are gays and lesbians out there who are serious individuals."

She stressed the importance of the MBA becoming a visible force in the Orlando area. "A lot of people feel the need to remain closeted – you know what's good for your life. But your organization cannot be in the closet – officials need to know that your organization is here," Valmus said.

MBA President Keith Morrison announced before the close of the meeting that the guild will have a banner in Orlando's pride parade on June 20, and that everyone is welcome to march with the group.

The next board meeting was set for Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m. at The Center, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. During that time, the board will draw up the bylaws. Anyone wishing to contribute to the process should attend.

The next general meeting will be Thursday, June 4, at Big Bang, 102 N. Orange Ave., Orlando. That meeting will feature a certified public accountant talking about organizing your business.

"What you're doing here has more impact on you and your rights than pride celebrations. Your political clout and rights are going to come from this group [MBA] ..." – Nancy Valmus of the Tampa Bay Business Association

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Sheriff's Candidates Discuss Gay Rights at Joy MCC Forum

By Dorothy Kuhlman
Special to The Center Fold

About 90 people attended a forum for candidates for Orange County sheriff held at Joy MCC church on May 20.

WWNZ talk show host Clive Thomas posed the most succinct and pointed question to the four candidates and the representative of Orange County Sheriff Walt Gallagher. The question was simply: "Would you rehire Tom Woodard as an Orange County sheriff's deputy?"

The candidates' answers, based on review, were an unequivocal "yes" from Democrat Gerald Brewer, Libertarian Charles Manhart, Republicans Kevin Beary and Dennis Dayle, and a definite "I can't say" from Gallagher representative Bill Amidon.

Only five of the nine people running for sheriff were invited to the Wednesday Discussion Group held in the auditorium of the predominantly gay and lesbian church. "We wanted a cross section from the many that were running for the office," said Phyllis Murphy, coordinator for the event. "I only wish that we could have accommodated the entire field of candidates."

Opening remarks reflected a common thread of community awareness in each candidate's platform. Dayle, a former supervisor with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, stressed that the holder of the sheriff's office must be a "sheriff for everyone" and must afford "dignity, justice and equality" for all. Brewer, formerly the police chief of Edgewood, brought out the need for bilingual services and highlighted the

necessity of bringing a sheriff department's budget that in his words is "out of hand" into line and making the visibility and response of deputies a priority.

"Total quality management" was the theme of Beary's remarks. Beary, commander of the Kennedy Space Center's SWAT team and formerly an Orange County sheriff's captain, also said that a special effort was needed to break down barriers between citizens and law enforcement officers. Amidon said that Gallagher's job, as sheriff, was not to make the law but to enforce it. Equality of groups within the community was the main thrust of Manhart, a member of the Libertarian Party of Florida's Executive Committee.

Entrapment in public spaces was the subject that John Rose, a member of the board of directors of Gay and Lesbian Community Services, tossed into the ring for the candidates' views. The word itself, said Dayle, should be a matter of a covert operation by an undercover officer. Having headed the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation in the past, as a candidate for sheriff, he said the agency should be disbanded or given stricter priorities.

All candidates agreed that the MBI should concentrate its efforts on organized crime, including economic crimes in the area.

Brian Arbogast of Floridata pushed the candidates to make their commitment to fair treatment for gays and

lesbians more concrete by asking if they would support gay deputies and actively engage in recruiting in the gay and lesbian community. Beary, who insisted throughout the forum that it was not his job to make moral judgments, said he would enlist a voice from the community so that a liaison could be established.

Both Dayle and Brewer promised an open access to the sheriff's office with Manhart heartily in support of gays. The candidates agreed fairer treatment and sensitivity to the gay and lesbian community was a matter of education, especially during training, and weeding out "bad apples" from the force.

Amidon was repeatedly embarrassed and defensive at the absence of the sheriff. As a volunteer, unable to comment on the issues presented, the message he received was a lack of support, trust and respect from all in attendance. Woodard, whose suit against the sheriff's department over his forced resignation in 1989, will be settled on June 1, was the least surprised of anyone at Gallagher's snub of the gay community.

"This [event] marks a first for us," Murphy said, "and we are looking forward to inviting and hearing more from the candidates on gay rights issues in forums of this kind. It is a big step to bring the people who shape our government here, in a setting that allows us, as responsible gays and lesbians, to ask questions, be recognized and seek support for gay rights."

Many people lingered after the event to talk with the candidates. Beary spent extra time at Joy MCC's Caldwell Hall following the meeting to answer questions and personally introduce himself to the gay community.

Sheriff's candidates not invited to the forum were Republicans Fred Roberts, owner of a lie-detector business, and Robert Eagan, former Orange-Osceola state attorney, and Democrats Roger Clark, a former Florida Highway Patrol sergeant, and Albert Kell, a retired U.S. Army officer.

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Libertarian Runs for Orange Co. Sheriff

Editor's Note: The following press release was received from Charles Manhart, the Libertarian Party's candidate for Orange County sheriff.

I am pleased to announce that I am The Libertarian Party candidate for sheriff of Orange County. My primary qualification is an absolute dedication to the principle that all citizens have the right to run their lives their way, so long as they respect the same right for other citizens. The job of the sheriff's department is to protect the safety and property of all citizens. As sheriff my highest priority will be to do that job, and do it well.

Too much effort is now being wasted on combatting minor offenses, allowing violent criminals to escape justice. I want to concentrate all efforts on protecting people from violence and theft. We are not getting the protection we are paying for. We can get it by having a sheriff with the right set of priorities, and by using all our resources wisely. Orange County can be a safe place to live.

Misplaced priorities in the department have caused problems at many levels of society. Law-abiding citizens resent the lack of protection from violence. Others fear harassment by the department. If we dedicate our efforts to protecting all the citizens from serious crime, respect and cooperation for the department can grow among all Orange County residents. This is a job well worth doing, and worth doing well.

Only one-fourth of Orange County citizens will vote for both my opponents put together this November. My campaign is aimed at the three quarters who refuse to vote for either. Low voter turn-out strikes me as rejection rather than apathy. Reaching and moving these people will not be easy, but the candidate who does so will win by a landslide.

If you agree with what I have to say, or at least think that I should have the same right to run for sheriff as a Democrat or Republican, I hope that you will sign a petition to allow me to get on the November ballot. State law says that as a "third-party" candidate, I must collect about 7,000 signatures from registered voters residing in Orange County. With the July 15 deadline for doing so rapidly approaching, I need your help.

For more information: Charles Manhart for Sheriff, c/o The Libertarian Party, P.O. Box 1034, Winter Park, Fla. 32790-1034, (407) 628-2337.

Manhart Promises to Recruit Gays for Sheriff's Department

Editor's Note: Charles Manhart has released the following statement on "Human Rights and Sexual Orientation."

Citizenship does not depend on sexual orientation. Relations between consenting adults are not matters for government regulation. Libertarians believe that individuals have an absolute right to run their lives their way, as long as they respect the safety and property of others. As sheriff of Orange County my job will be to protect the rights, safety and property of all citizens. Interfering in private concerns is not part of that job.

Hiring, retention and promotions in the sheriff's department will be based strictly on willingness and performance in doing the job of protecting the citizens. To do this it is important for the department to be representative of the population. Since people are more comfortable dealing with someone of similar background, we will aim for diversity. I will actively recruit from all segments of the county.

The first step is to set a good example. We can start with a sheriff who respects human rights,

and who will shape a department that reflects the make-up of the whole community. We can proceed by concentrating on actual crime, and stop trying to stamp out diversity. We can then earn the trust and respect of the citizens. None of this will be easy, but all of it should be done. Orange County can become a safer home for all of us.



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Charles Manhart, Libertarian Party candidate for Orange County sheriff

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parent, unless a direct relationship can be shown to exist between the sexual orientation of the parent and active harm to the child." [Nadler v. Superior Court, 63 Cal. Rptr. 352 (1967).]

Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis received in 1976 a report on foster care from a Department of Public Welfare study stating: "The results of the review in this category do not indicate that alleged or professed homosexuality, *per se*, is evidence of unsuitability as a foster parent." [B. Warden, March 3, 1976. Summary of report: Administrative case review of foster care placements. Boston, Mass.: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Welfare.]

Following a much publicized case of two qualified, gay males receiving a foster child, the Massachusetts Committee for Children and Youth sponsored a "Speakout on Foster Care," a forum for legislators, policymakers, and child welfare workers to discuss problems in the state's foster care system. The committee's report noted the new foster care policy, "[which place[d] priority on placement in traditional two parent foster families, discourage[d] placement with single parents and virtually eliminate[d] gay foster parents from among placement possibilities, has exacerbated many of the problems listed [herein], particularly recruitment.

"It ... excludes many competent, nurturing people from among the pool of foster parent resources." [Summary of the proceedings, p. 6.] (Hildt, B., Kollios, P., Parente, M., & Buell, C. (1985, December). "In the best interests of the children?" Boston, Mass.: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Joint Committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, Legislative Subcommittee on Foster Care.]

Ellen Lewin says in "Lesbianism and motherhood: Implications for child custody" [*Human Organization*, 40(1): 6-14, 1981] that data from a study of lesbian and nonlesbian single mothers strongly contradicts

assumptions that "deviant" sexual orientation is the most prominent aspect of an individual's lifestyle and that homosexuality adversely affects parenting or is in some way harmful to children.

Lewin, who did her study through the Medical Anthropology Program at the University of California in San Francisco, found that sexual orientation was overshadowed by a number of social structural and economic factors in determining mothers' adaptations to single parenthood and that the social-support systems of both groups of single mothers are constructed and maintained by similar methods.

Lewin's findings suggest that sexual orientation has no legitimate bearing on the determination of contested child custody cases.

"The fact is that homosexuals are no more likely to be sex criminals than heterosexuals are," Carole Klein wrote in *The Single Parent Experience* [New York: Walker & Co., 1973]. In support of that, she cited an American Civil Liberties Union study showing that women, heterosexual and homosexual, were involved in 11 percent of felony arrests, but that only 2 percent of these were sexual offenses, and most of that 2 percent had to do with prostitution and pandering.

The U.S. Sex Information and Education Council reported that "sexual offenses by women against either male or female children are practically nonexistent. ... The man who is sexually interested in children is rarely a homosexual with well-developed interests in adult males, and he seldom is a member of the 'gay' community."

Klein concluded with a heterosexual psychoanalyst's response to unfounded claims that homosexuals should not be parents because "everyone knows they have problems": "If people with problems can't take care of children, we'd better all have our tubes tied and get vasectomies, because if that's the criteria, there's no one that will ever be able to take care of children."

There are many more studies which conclude what the people of South Carolina and the rest of the country will hopefully realize in this new decade: That you cannot

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judge people by one facet of their character. Gay men and lesbians work, go to church, belong to social groups, play team sports and watch television just like their heterosexual neighbors. Many gay men and lesbians also seek the richness added to one's life by raising children. And as these and other studies show, we are pretty good at it when our right to is protected.

Change and the unknown are frightening things. Many professional organizations and judiciaries which once condemned homosexuality now recognize it as a viable alternative lifestyle. The American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, and the National Association of Social Workers all have adopted official nondiscrimination statements about lesbian and gay families. (E.g., the recent action of the American Psychiatric Association on foster parenting ["Position Statement," 1986].)

Knowledge dispels our fears. We hope this information will shed at least a little light on gay citizens, and our very real ability to love and care for children.

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In Massachusetts, the Senate came out in support of legislation to ban discrimination against homosexuals in housing, credit, employment and public accommodations.

In Minneapolis, a mainstream church has accepted a gay congregation. And regarding the topic at hand, a judge in Washington state allowed a lesbian to adopt the child of her female lover, despite the protests of the guardian *ad litem*. Theirs was the seventh-known adoption granted to parents of the same gender. The judge ruled that, except for their lesbianism, the couple provided their child with all the joy and stability of "a traditional home."

As in many civil rights battles that have been won, the gay community is inching ever closer toward no longer being second-class citizens.

But in South Carolina, as in 25 other mainly Southern states, sodomy laws are still on the books. And in South Carolina, state Rep. Mike Fair has proposed measures to prohibit gay taxpayers from becoming foster parents and from adopting children.

A number of studies have been done to show there is no cause for the fear and hysteria that usually arises in the heterosexual population when homosexuals and children are mentioned in the same breath.

Trying to prevent gay men and lesbians from raising healthy children is like trying to un-invent the wheel. Perhaps most surprising to many heterosexuals would be the number of homosexuals who already are nurturing and caring for their children.

The following are just a handful of the studies and documentation available on whether gay men and lesbians make good, decent parents — all of them conclude in the affirmative.

"Being homosexual is clearly compatible with effective parenting and is not a major issue in parents' relationships with their children," according to a University of Mexico study done by Mary B. Harris, professor of educational foundations, and Pauline H. Turner, professor of home economics.

The study, published in the *Journal of Homosexuality* [Vol. 12(2), Winter 1985/1986] surveyed 23 gay and lesbian parents and 16 heterosexual single



parents.

Estimates of the number of lesbian mothers in the total population range from 200,000 to 3 million [Lewin E., & Lyons, T.A. (1982) "Everything in its place: the coexistence of lesbianism and motherhood." In W. Paul, J. Weinrich, J. Gonsiorek, & M. Hotvedt (Eds.), *Homosexuality: Social, psychological, and biological issues* (pp.249-273). Beverly Hills: Sage Publications.]

About one out of every five male homosexuals in the United States has been married. "Therefore the number of homosexual mothers and fathers appears to be substantial." [Maddox, B. (1982, February). "Homosexual parents." *Psychology Today* pp. 62-69; Miller, B. (1979b, October). "Gay fathers and their children." *The Family Coordinator*, pp. 544-552].

"The major concerns in awarding (child) custody are based on the myths that children 'catch' homosexuality from their parents, or that they may be sexually molested by parents' gay friends." [Hall, M. (1978, September). "Lesbian families: Cultural and clinical issues." *Social Work*, pp. 380-385].

The study concluded that "except for a tendency for the heterosexual parents to make more of an effort to provide an opposite sex-role model for their children, there were no significant differences in the relationships of the two sets of parents with their children, a finding consistent with the majority of other studies." [see Hoeffler, B. (1981). "Children's acquisition of sex role behavior in lesbian-mother families." *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 51(31), 536-543; Hotvedt, M., & Mandel, J. (1982). "Children of lesbian mothers." In W. Paul, J. Weinrich, J. Gonsiorek, & M. Hotvedt (Eds.), *Homosexuality: Social, psychological, and biological issues* (pp.275-285). Beverly Hills: Sage Publications; Rees, R.A. (1980). "A comparison of children of lesbian and single heterosexual mothers on three measures of socialization." (Doctoral dissertation, California School of Professional Psychology, Berkeley, 1979). Dissertation Abstracts International, 40, 3418-3489B; Smith, K. (1982). "Children raised by lesbian mothers" (Doctoral dissertation, University of California, Los Angeles, 1982). Dissertation Abstracts International, 42, 3444B]

"A strong child-development orientation was found among lesbian mothers, undermining the stereotype of lesbians as aloof from children," revealed a Colorado

State University study comparing lesbian and heterosexual mothers. The study was done through the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, by research associate Ann Miller, M.S., Professor R. Brooke Jacobsen, Ph.D., and Associate Professor Jerry J. Bigner, Ph.D.

The study, published in the *Journal of Homosexuality* (Vol. 7(1), Fall 1981), compared 34 lesbian mothers who had custody of their children with 47 heterosexual mothers.

"The data ... indicate that it is the lesbian mother who appears more child-oriented in her responses to children. In two of the three statistically significant instances, the responses by the lesbian sample were characterized by overriding concern for the child's long-range development.

"Clearly, the majority of lesbian mothers see themselves as intimately involved in parenting."

At the University of California, a psychiatrist, a psychologist and a children's psychiatrist assessed the psychological status of 20 children, whose single mothers were involved in lesbian relationships and 20 children whose single mothers were heterosexual but

without male partners in the home.

After recording the children's developmental histories, the investigators could not differentiate a child or group of children according to a mother's sexual preference. Gender development of the children was not identifiably different in the two groups. Disturbances in some children were found, but the prevalence, degree, or type did not differ as a function of the mother's sexual preference. [source: Kirkpatrick, M., Smith, C., & Roy, R., "Lesbian mothers and their children: a comparative survey." *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 51(3): 545-51, 1981].

The following is from "The Adoptive and Foster Gay and Lesbian Parent," by Wendell Ricketts and Roberta Achtenberg, *From Gay and Lesbian Parents*. Edited by Frederick W. Bozett, New York: Praeger, 1987:

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