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Central Florida's "Family" Newspaper

*"Mr. President, we are a million points of light, only you are too morally blind to see it." Bob Batty, HIV positive, and Bush Advisor on the AIDS task force, speaking at the Democratic National Convention in July.*

*Bob Batty, HIV positive, and Bush*

## ORLANDO PUBLIC TV STONEWALLS ON GAY FILM CANCELLATION

by Bill Cosgriff

Recently, WMFE, Central Florida's Public Television station, canceled the scheduled airing of the TV movie, *The Lost Language of Cranes* (LLOC), adapted from David Leavitt's widely acclaimed novel.

The film deals with a gay son's coming out to his parents and his discovery that his father is also gay. It contains some frank and adult-although certainly not graphic-scenes of gay men together and WMFE has been accused of pulling the show solely because of this content.

Also, the cancellation has again stirred criticism of the power of Central Florida's pseudo-Christian fundamentalist fringes to effectively veto what everybody else gets to see. Over the past few years public media in Orlando from film (the *Temptation of Christ*) to art (the Mapplethorpe show at Valencia Community College) to television (Portrait of a Marriage) to even the Press (the recent censorship of the Orlando Gay Chorus ad in *Centerstage* magazine) all have been influenced by these small but vocal pressure groups.

And these are only the most notorious examples. No one knows how many controversial ideas and projects have been killed by self-imposed censorship, fueled by the unsalted premise that "we're not ready for that down here."

So, when I heard via the Clive Thomas radio talk show, that WMFE's Board of Trustees was going to hold a public meeting on Monday, July 27th, I decided to attend.

The Board's Chair, Leon Handley, welcomes us, announces a full agenda, and asks how many people want to speak. There's a show of maybe a dozen hands. Handley assures us that "we'll certainly have time for all of you to speak," and then throws the meeting and the microphone open to anybody.

Quickly and, as it turns out, smartly, Robert Swedberg, artistic Director of the Orlando Opera, goes to the microphone and asks the Board about the amount of Broadcast time devoted to vocal music on WMFE FM. There ensues and his is significant there ensues a discussion between Mr. Swedberg, Mr. Handley, and other staff for WMFE. The object of vocal music gets immediate, on-the-spot response.

Then, after Swedberg's questions are satisfied, there is a brief silence, finally broken by Clive Thomas who steps up to he mike and gets right to the heart of the evening: Who authorized LLOC to be pulled-How was this decision reached- Was pressure brought to bear on WMFE and, if so, by whom- Why does Orlando find itself linked with a handful of small owns like Bonita Springs in being deprived of this program? I'm a supporter of WMFE, but I'll be damned if you're going to get another nickel of my money until we get some answers

to these questions!"

There followed about a dozen or more audience members, all questioning the decision to drop LLOC and/or raising issues of censorship. All courteous and all with specific questions for the Board.

Brian Arbogast said that he had made a presentation to WMFE's Community Advisory Board last June regarding lesbian and gay programming and related matters and that there had to be some initial response from the Board "tonight."

The issue of "Family values" was also raised by Chris Alexander of the IGLPC (International Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition). He pointed out that, since LLOC depicts a real family dealing with their gay family members, that canceling the film has harmed the large number of Central Florida families in the same situation.

And then, after the last questioner had spoken, the Board did something I had never expected them to do. Mr. Handley thanked everyone for their input, told us that the Board-in its majesty would discuss this issue in its own good time and that, since the agenda was a full one.

In effect-thank you for sharing and we'll get back to y'all by and by or, in the immortal words of Hollywood-don't call us, we'll call you.

Well, readers, I'm proud to say that, finally, in sleepy little old hush-my-mouth-and-call-me-faggot Orlando, finally all hell broke loose. Clive Thomas started to walk out, everybody was on their feet shouting, chants of "we want answers, we want answers," and "no money, no money" arose.

One woman, who was never the still-live mike, caught the mood of the crowd when she shouted to Handley "That's it! We're to be sent to our rooms now, like children!"

The Board's 5 minutes break turned into closer to 15, and there were some impromptu asides from the audience during their conversation but, in the end, a sort of compromised was worked out: the Board would adjourn their meeting to a smaller nearby conference room, to "go over financial projections, budgets and the like," and Beck, and the WMFE staff present, would stay to answer questions "as best we can."

So, the net result is: the Chair is gone, the dozen or so rest of the Board slips gingerly down the hall and off the hook and we, the audience, are left with Beck and two employees. Neat. And they call Clinton slick Willie!

Responding to tough questions from Thomas and others, Beck repeatedly denied that any pressure had been brought to bear members. When asked about rumors that certain corporate donors had threatened to pull their funding over any



specific corporations and repeated that no pressure had been involved. What about pressure on staff members? None. No one pressured anybody.

Curiously, Beck managed to steer all questions away from Ben Hardcastle. And, as it approached 10 P.M., with the audience beginning to drift out, Beck declared an end to the questions-for now. The next WMFE Board meeting is scheduled for Mon. Sept. 28, at 11510 E. Colonial, the Public TV Broadcast Center. It should prove to be a lively evening. And the public-including gays and lesbians-is invited.

### Metropolitan Business Assoc. Grows Into New Home

by Mary Brooks

About 50 members and guests turned out August 6 for the Metropolitan Business Association's debut in its new home at the Radisson Hotel.

The group now numbering more than 40 members has outgrown the space which was so generously provided by Sam and Marcy Singhaus at The Big Bang.

"We're now at the level that the Tampa Bay Business Association was after six years." MBA President Keith Morrison said of the MBA, which officially kicked off in March. "So you all should be very proud, and it's all because you wanted to take part."

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# What You Need to Know Before Choosing a Mental Health Practitioner

by Regina M. Pavone

Regina M. Pavone has a master's degree in psychology and is a volunteer counselor at GLCS. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in psychology at the University of Miami and lives part-time in the Orlando area. Comments and inquiries regarding the article can be made through GLCS to the attention of the author.

Every person encounters personal strife at some point during their lifetime. Adjustment and transition issues, relationship difficulty with significant others and work peers, illness and problems with coping in a modern society are only a few of the reasons that individuals seek professional support. For the gay male, lesbian or bisexual individual many of these issues can be compounded by society's rejective and exclusionary stance against non-heterosexual persons.

A person desirous of relief from the emotional turmoil associated with problem issues finds her/himself in the position of choosing a mental health practitioner who can assist and lend support. Many may know friends or relatives engaged in counseling, psychotherapy or psychoanalysis and will make a contact to a professional based on a recommendation. Others resort to resources such as advertisements, *The Yellow Pages*, community listings or referrals from other health professionals. However, you may have no information regarding your chosen professional's treatment of gay, lesbian or bisexual individuals. Lesbian, gay and bisexual affirmative psychological practice necessitates specific education and training. Ideally, the professional who practices in a gay, lesbian and bisexual affirmative manner possesses the attitude, knowledge and skill necessary for effective work with members of the community. How can you be sure that the mental health professional that you contact conducts a gay male, lesbian and bisexual affirmative

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practice?

Upon meeting with the prospective counselor, psychotherapist or psychologist make an inquiry regarding their view of homosexuality or bisexuality. If the response from the professional includes phrases such as "arrest in normal development", "pathological adaptation," or "maladaptive parental relationships" it is recommended that you **not** continue with treatment. This view of homosexuality or bisexuality stems from old standing perceptions that attributed same gender sexual orientation to pathological (or diseased) adaptation. A response more indicative of an affirmative practitioner may include the belief that sexual orientation be viewed as a distribution of persons along a continuum, from non-gay to gay (or lesbian), without negative stereotype attached to gay identity.

The biased mental health practitioner may automatically attribute your reasons for seeking psychotherapy to your sexual orientation without evidence that this is indeed true. After all, your reasons for seeking professional support may have no connection with your sexual orientation and should not be treated as such when unwarranted. If you suspect that your practitioner may harbor this type of bias, be aware of an over focus on your sexual orientation during the session when at times it is clearly irrelevant. If you are not comfortable with initial disclosure of your non-heterosexual orientation to the practitioner you may want to discern whether or not it is assumed that you are heterosexual. Automatic assumption that you are heterosexual when you are not (or gay/lesbian when you are non-gay) may signal bias on the part of the professional.

When you are in doubt regarding the level of care that you

are receiving your best gauges are your thoughts and feelings during and after the session. Even if you or your practitioner made no direct disclosures or commentary regarding issues of homosexuality you may come away with the feeling that you are dealing with a competent, sensitive, empathetic professional. These and other positive impressions may indicate that you will be treated in an affirmative manner. Again, if you are unsure you may want to share with the professional your questions and reservations about initiating a therapeutic relationship. The practitioner's response will help you to clarify your impression about them. When you do disclose you should feel that your sexual orientation is treated by the professional as a key part of your identity with respect and dignity.

Take advantage of the resources available to you. Community services like GLCS maintain listings of professionals that specialize in the treatment of members of the gay male, lesbian and bisexual community. In some instances counseling is available directly through the service. Some practitioners choose to advertise in non-heterosexual community publications. This is normally a reliable indicator that the practitioner is gay male, lesbian and bisexual affirmative. However it is always advisable to ask questions for the sake of surety.

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## CIVIL RIGHTS FOR GAYS

by Jeff Campbell, Center Fold Staff Writer

"We have met the enemy, and he is us" was an astute observation made by a cartoon character by the name of Pogo. Now Pogo wasn't gay, but this perceptive commentary would have been right on target had he been.

As a community, we read and write endlessly about Gay Rights but we must realize this phrase is a buzzword for the radical right and for the fanatics that preach hate from the altars of Christianity. We know the phrase is applied to separate and segregate us from the family of man; to create a mental illusion of threat to the straight community. This is a display of bigotry and segregation at it's worst.

Gay Rights are nothing more than Civil Rights. The problem is that gay people are denied civil rights because we allow the application of the term "Gay Rights" to designate an isolation. But the truth is that most of us have come into this world born as United States citizens. Equal rights, therefore, are equal under the law. It is a matter of entitlement.

Whether it was an individual in the press or someone in the Gay political spectrum who coined the phrase, "Gay Rights," is not important. The importance is that it has become a tool of division; it is used to make us less than equal - segregated and disconnected from the whole community. And we accept that!

Now we must use a segregation of our choosing

as a means to have the sociopolitical/business community seek our participation. We must segregate our money from them to whatever extent we can. Just as Siamese twins are joined, so are the worlds of business and government. The most basic law of business is to obtain the greatest profit with the least resistance and expense and effort. Despite every virtue it may express and every high moral road it pretends to travel, the business world will abandon professed principles overnight for bottom line profit. An effective politician is the most profitable purchase business can make to assure continues profit. Therein lies the power of organized boycott.

Boycott does work but it is not easy and in some instances requires some sacrifice. Total boycott is impossible because industry today is so diversified. A recent boycott by the gay community of the Miller Brewing Company for that company's ongoing support of Jessie Helms, realized only limited success because of their diversity. The company acknowledged the boycott, but because the business conglomerate includes also Kraft Foods and a number of the nation's top selling cigarettes, to list just two. Successful boycott was difficult.

A current boycott of the Bank of America and Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco reversed policies of those two banks. These banks had pulled political funding from The Boy Scouts of America because of that organization's anti-gay policies. The Christian Coalition, a radical group headed by infamous Jerry Falwell began making good on threats of members withdrawing large funds on

deposit. Overnight, the morality of the banking community did a complete reversal. So much for ethical convictions of business.

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## ATTENTION!

### The Center Fold Wants Your Stories!

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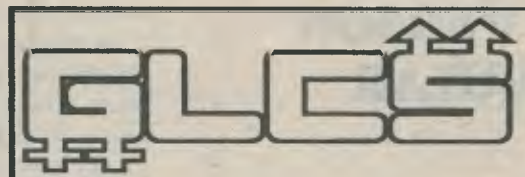
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## More on WMFE-24 & 'Cranes'

**Editor's Note:** The following letter was sent by Malcolm Wall, Executive Vice President of WMFE-24 in reply to a letter sent by this editor re: The Lost Language of Cranes. Please note also that this letter turns out to be a standard letter mailed back to the station. In other words, Wall obviously made a form letter for gays complaining about this programming decision!

Dear Mr. Sopoliga:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding our decision about GREAT PERFORMANCES. The Lost Language of Cranes. We appreciate your caring about the issue and Channel 24, and for taking the time to write us.

Channel 24 makes choices every day about which programs are made part of the broadcast schedule. Many excellent programs are included while some never make it to the schedule for a variety of reasons...subject, treatment, production values, fairness and content. Channel 24 has a long and respected record of bringing challenging issues to television; issues presented in a manner that is a service to the audience.

It is never the intent of Channel 24 to insult, embarrass or inflame. The station intends to provide room for as many voices and opinions as possible.

The Lost Language of Cranes was a program whose subject was not at question, but whose presentation/treatment was. To some media, it could be seen as suggestive and explicit. For that reason, Channel 24 elected to not broadcast the program in June.

We seek opinions and views from the community and will always be open and sensitive to concerns raised on the many sides of the issues. Nonetheless, we believe the decision to not broadcast Cranes was in the best interest of community. Additionally, it is important to remember that the station has broadcast many programs which dealt with homosexual matters in a responsible manner.

Thanks for your letter and comments. Please know that we are listening to you.

Cordially,  
MW/ja

## Daytona Singles

Dear Mr. Sopoliga:

Thanks for running my notice about a possible singles group in Daytona. I have had several responses, and would like to remind others of the group. Could you run the following as a letter to the editor?

"Thanks to you Daytona area singles who wrote me of your interest in forming a group. I expect to return about November 1st and will call each of you. How about other single males? Always room for more. John A.

Chase"

Now for the sad news. I didn't get my copy of The Center Fold with the article. The earlier one and, just now, the July issue. My #02677.

Very truly yours,  
John A. Chase  
Fire Island Pines, NY

## Gay Slang

Hello Michael, et. al.:

I enjoyed the article on gay male slang terms, and would like to slightly disagree with one conclusion, and then add a few terms not covered.

The author, Yoshi Fujiwara, concludes that calling buttocks, "buns" is euphemistic and not metaphoric. I do not agree. The idea of "buns" and the image associated undoubtedly refers to buns as in "hot cross" or "hot-dog" etc. There are plenty of visual similarities, even sexual innuendo, as in the case of hot dogs.

"Queen" is a term that is often qualified as in "rice q." a male interested in Oriental males, "chocolate" or "ding" queens, interested in whites.

Let me know when your dictionary gets published and please do get the meaning of "faggot" right when you do.

Sincerely,  
Daniel H. deCournoyer

## FIRST PERSON SINGULAR

I used to be a Republican, but.....

The wonder of our electoral system in this country is our "Two Party System." Other nations and countries have experimented with other kinds of governments, in particular, the system now practiced in England, called "Parliament", which I believe would be the best system for us to mimic in the long run, because elections and impropriety is dealt with as it happens, not every four years. Another reason is because the Prime Minister must debate and defend his or hers party's government in an arena which guards against the notorious "newsbite" orchestrated by politicians and stage managers. Just watch C-Span, when they broadcast the House of Commons.

*I used to be a Republican, but.....*

But, alas, we do not have that healthy spontaneous exchange between individuals of different points of view. Instead, we have Hollywood producers, point men, and political purveyors, packaging, and presenting their brand of politician for all the country to idolize, and, of course, vote for. But what becomes lost in this kind of packaging, is the real feelings, thoughts, and potential behavior of the candidate. We don't know what this person whom we have voted for will actually do. Sure they tell us what they will do, but, of course, they are only mouthing the words of their political speech writers, just as actors mouth the words of the script, attempting to give real meaning and emotion to words which

are as far removed from what they believe as the politicians.

So why am I a Republican? Because, for the most part, Republicans used to believe that all Americans should use their talents to make a living for themselves. Republicans used to support the business person. Republicans encouraged making a living, not at the expense of the state, but in spite of it. That those who use their talents aggressively should, and would be rewarded. Gays and Republicans would have a lot in common!

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**MBA, from Page 1**

The lively meeting the first for which admission was charged featured invaluable information on setting up business partnerships and incorporations from Elliott Barber; campaign strategy and some tough questions asked of state senatorial candidate Ben Everidge, and a spellbinding performance from The Wizard of Oz by Lewis Routh, founder of Orlando's own Act Out Theatre.

Barber, a licensed realtor and certified public accountant, detailed the differences between a sole proprietorship, a partnership and a corporation. He also discussed how much liability accompanied each business form, and the importance of business owners protecting themselves with liability insurance.

Everidge, a public relations firm owner who has worked on numerous campaigns, is running for the seat currently held by Senator Tony Jennings. He said education would be his first priority, and he would ease the budget crisis by restructuring numerous government agencies and cutting the money state lawmakers spend on themselves.

Everidge, who has a master's degree in American Government, said he opposed a state income tax; supported adding sexual orientation to the state's non-discrimination policy; and would not question a person's sexuality when hiring his staff.

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## LESBIAN AND GAY SQUARE DANCERS HOLD 9TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

A record breaking 1,103 gay and lesbian square dancers (along with many straight friends and supporters) attended the International Association of Gay Square Dance Club's 9th annual convention. Aptly entitled "Diamonds in the Desert, the event was held Albuquerque, NM over the July 4th Weekend, and was attended by dancers from all across the United States and Canada with one dancer arriving from Japan!

The first gay and lesbian square dance club was the South Florida Mustangs, founded in Miami in the late 1970's. Currently, clubs can be found in 23 states and three Canadian provinces, with several cities having more than one club. California, with ten extremely active clubs, boasts the largest number of clubs in one state. The largest single club is the Times Squares in New York City with 297 members.

Gay and lesbian square dancing is high energy, great fun and very popular. Traditional square dance clothing is not required. Singles, as well as couples, are welcome to attend classes. In addition to dancing, many clubs host social events, pot luck dinners, theater parties and other activities.

Learn to dance this year and join the

IAGSDA at their annual convention, Remake the Circle, a return to the host city of their 1st convention, Seattle, Washington. Each club sponsors at least one yearly class to teach Modern Western Square Dancing, usually beginning in the early fall. For information about square dance clubs in your area, please call the IAGSDA at 1-800-835-6462.

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## GAY AND LESBIAN PARENTS COALITION INTERNATIONAL

The Central Florida Chapter of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI) and the Clarion Plaza Hotel on International Drive in Orlando have

announced that GLPCI's 14th annual international conference will be held at the Clarion on July 14, 1993. Co-chairpersons for the conference are Central Florida residents Scott Alles, partner in Scott Laurent Gallery in Winter Park, and Diane P. Kerkhoff, president of Kerkhoff Computers, Inc. in Orlando.

Mr. Alles commented, "Many of our members are looking forward to bringing their families to Central Florida. We're expecting this to be our biggest and best conference ever with over 500 attendees." Ms. Kerkhoff added, "The conference will feature speakers, workshops, business meetings, social activities, and a complete and separate conference schedule for children (6-12) and youth (13+)."

Debby Kelberman, a representative of the Clarion, stated "The Clarion Plaza is very excited about the opportunity to work with GLPCI. We look forward to welcoming the attendees next July."

The 13th annual international conference was held in Indianapolis on July 2-5, 1992, and featured speeches by State Senator Louis Mayhern and Amity Pierce Buxton, author of *The Other Side of the Closet*.

GLPCI is an organization for gay men and lesbians who are parents, co-parents, or otherwise interested in parenting.

**Sep. 11, 7:30 P.M.-Parents Rap Group (adults only) at GLCS.**

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## THE STONEWALL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

South Florida's lesbian and gay literary scene in all its diversity is the theme of the Stonewall Library and Archives' seventh annual "Heritage of Pride" (HOP) program of gay and lesbian history in the making. Lesbian and gay authors, columnists, critics and booksellers will gather at South Florida's only sexual minorities' community library to celebrate this region's unique contributions to lesbian and gay reading and writing. Hop VII will take place at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 20th, appropriately enough at the start of Lesbian and Gay Pride Week.

**Lesbian and gay authors, columnists, critics and booksellers will gather at South Florida's only sexual minorities' community library to celebrate this region's unique contributions to lesbian and gay reading and writing.**

The moderator of HOP VII will be Jesse Monteagudo, columnist and book critic for THE WEEKLY NEWS (TWN) and other publications and anthologies and past president of the Stonewall Library. Speakers include Kathy Mistretta, owner of West Palm Beach's Backdoor Bookstore; Jack Ricardo, author of DEATH WITH DIGNITY and LEATHERMEN SPEAK OUT; Shelly Roberts, contributor to TWN and author of THE DYKE DETECTOR; and ALLAN H. TERL, activist and author of AIDS AND THE LAW. All five speakers will talk about South Florida's gay literary life and their contributions to it and answer questions from the audience. Following the program, the audience is invited to stay for refreshments, tours of the Library and an opportunity to meet and talk with the speakers.

HOP VII will be held at Fort Lauderdale's Church of the Holy Spirit, 330 S.W. 27 Street, where the Library is housed. Admission is free. For more information contact the Stonewall Library and Archives at (305) 587 0683 or (407) 391 7356.

### THE FAMILY THAT CARES CHURCH

We would like to thank you for the very favorable response to our last article in the Centerfold. It is very encouraging to know that there are many of you who are pleased that our ministry is continuing.

Our 'Family' is an independent Christian Congregation made up of people from all walks of life and all types of backgrounds. We extend to all the Christian hand of love and fellowship and invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 4:30 P.M. at 200 N. Denning Dr., Winter Park. Our pastor, Rev. Mary Jo Gunn is readily available for Counseling and to help you in any way. We are here to serve Christ through you!! In Christian Love, J.T.  
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## THEATRE DOWNTOWN

THEATRE DOWNTOWN will present Entertaining Mr. Sloane, an outrageous, offbeat comedy by Joe Orton. Mr. Sloane is an attractive, opportunistic young man who believes that his good looks and flexible morals will get him just about anything he wants. Then calamity erupts as he falls into the clutches of a household even more depraved and hypocritical than he is. Tables turn and turn again as Entertaining Mr. Sloane weaves a tangled web of deceit, decadence and desire masquerading behind "traditional family values."

Entertaining Mr. Sloane runs September 11th through October 10th on Thursday Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m., and on Sunday October 4th at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10.00 on Fridays and Saturdays, \$7.00 on Thursdays and matinees.

For further information or reservations, call THEATRE DOWNTOWN at (407) 841 0083. Tickets are also available for purchase through Ticketmaster at (407) 839 3900. MasterCard and Visa accepted.

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## ORLANDO BROADWAY SERIES

**FLORIDA THEATRICAL ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW SCHEDULE FOR 1992-93 ORLANDO BROADWAY SERIES AT THE BOB CARR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

ORLANDO, FL The curtain will rise on Andrew Lloyd Webber's "most beautiful music ever" when Florida Theatrical Association opens the 1992-93 ORLANDO BROADWAY SERIES at Bob Carr performing Arts Center with the critically acclaimed ASPECTS OF LOVE this fall. The five-show season will feature Tommy Tune's 1991 Tony Award winning "Best Musical," Keith Carradine in The Will Rogers Follies, followed by CAMELOT starring Robert Goulet; Kander and Ebb's runaway musical hit revue, THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND; and the 25th Anniversary production of MAN OF LA MANCHA. Subscriber specials include A CHORUS LINE, the American Tour, and advance, priority seating to THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA when it appears at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center in 1994.

**THEATRE IS A CULTURAL EVENT THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS A LARGE STAKE IN! PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS THROUGHOUT GREATER ORLANDO.**



## "IN A SERIES" Adding "Them to Us": The South the New Battleground for Gay Rights

By James T. Sears, Ph.D.

Beginning its third century of constitutional government, our country continues to struggle with the meaning of "We the People." Who are we?

In March 1789, "we" were white, land owning males. African Americans were 3/5 of a human, women could not vote. Native Americans had not lost their sovereignty, and the term "homosexual" had yet to be invented. Through the generations, "we" have changed: The 15th and 19th Amendments provided suffrage to blacks and women; Waves of immigrants, westward expansion, and southern migration created a multi-cultural society; the riots of Haymarket, Watts, and Stonewall questioned social justice; the trials of Scopes v. Tennessee, Roe v. Wade, and Hardwick v. Georgia raised troubling questions about individual and state rights.

In July 1992, Governor Mario Cuomo, nominating Governor Bill Clinton for President, spoke passionately of the need to replace the old political arithmetic of division and subtraction with a new democratic formula of addition and multiplication. In his

acceptance speech, Clinton spoke of the costs of dividing our world into "us and them" them the blacks, them the elderly, them the poor, them the gays. The South has played a pivotal role in our evolving understanding of the place of the "us" and the "them" in "We the People." The most recent example is the modern day Civil Rights Movement.

National gay rights leaders are fond of drawing parallels between the Civil Rights Movement and our own fledgling movement. The cite similarities in minority status, legalized discrimination and random violence perpetrated against each, and the need for legislated equality. Not surprisingly, some African-Americans find such comparisons disturbing. I agree. Drawing such parallels focuses on only one goal of the Civil Rights Movement (equality) and ignores fundamental principles such as the transformational power of resistance, coalition building, and individual responsibility for social action. These gloss over differences in economics (compare, for example, the earning power of two white gay men living together with a single black mother of three) and discrimination (you can't hide your skin color).

Since Stonewall the movement has rooted itself in urban areas (primarily on the coasts), adopted the model of minority politics (claiming 1 in 10 to be gay), and built separate homosexual communities. Acknowledging the accomplishments of the Stonewall generation, we must also recognize that Main Street has yet to cross the Castro.

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# CENTER FOLD READERS'/ADVERTISERS' SURVEY

This month, the Center Fold is conducting a survey of its readership and advertisers to help us better map out the direction which *The Center Fold* will head in the new year. We have tried to make this survey as inclusive and concise as we could.

Please take the time to answer the 10 questions asked, and kindly drop your responses in the mail to the following address: Managing Editor, *The Center Fold*, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, FL 32853-3446.

Your help in making *The Center Fold* even better will be deeply appreciated.

**Directions:** Simply check the appropriate box, or fill in a brief response as necessary.

1) Where do you get your copy of *The Center Fold*?

☐ subscription ☐ The Center ☐ gay bar/business  
☐ non-gay bar/business [supply name of bar/business: \_\_\_\_\_]

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☐ yes ☐ no

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☐ continuing my existing subscription ☐ becoming a new subscriber ☐ I think a rate increase is justified

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☐ yes ☐ no

5) I would like to see the newspaper improved by:

☐ more pictures ☐ graphics ☐ cartoons  
☐ more features ☐ use of color  
☐ change to newsmagazine format  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

6) Concerning features and articles, what do you like most:

☐ community minded features  
☐ local/state/national features  
☐ interviews with gay officials  
☐ interviews with personalities'  
☐ in depth stories of persons  
☐ editorial commentaries/perspectives/insights  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

7) What do you consider the role of *The Center Fold* to be?

☐ community advocate and watchdog  
☐ community sounding board for grievances and injustices  
☐ source of good reading stressing literary quality and thought provoking articles.  
☐ main source of GLCS activities calendar

8) Do you think *The Center Fold* has improved,

and is growing and maturing in the right direction?

☐ yes, it is heading in the right direction  
☐ no, it needs better direction  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

9) What would you like to see more of in *The Center Fold*?

☐ more pictures ☐ more pages  
☐ more graphics ☐ more stories  
 other: \_\_\_\_\_

10) Is *The Center Fold*:

☐ a newspaper that I keep longer than others.  
☐ something I rarely keep after reading  
☐ a newspaper that I save past issues of regularly.  
☐ a newspaper I enjoy reading throughout the month  
☐ a gay publication which has merit over and above simply being a source of local activity announcements.

Please do not hesitate to expand upon your answers, if you wish, on a separate piece of paper.

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Sept 6	Sept 7 LABOR DAY - The Center is CLOSED TODAY	Sept 8 7:00pm CODA-Co- Dependents Anonymous 7:00pm GLCS BOARD MEETING 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Men's & Women's RAP Group	Sept 9 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS 7:30pm LCN - General Meeting	Sept 10 6:15pm Lucky Ladies Bowling - Call Cherie @ 293- 8849 info	Sept 11 7:00pm MOVIE NIGHT - "Maurice" 7:30pm GLPCI Parents Rap Group	Sept 12 The Center is OPEN-- Noon to 5:00 PM 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service 8:00pm -4pm Gay- Rage Sale at the Center
Sept 13 0pm Fantasia- Transvestite/ transsexual support Group	Sept 14 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance - Rap Group 9:15pm Gay Skate	Sept 15 7:00pm CODA 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Men/ Women RAP Grp	Sept 16 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Sept 17 7:00pm MBA Board Meeting 7:30pm NOSOTROS - Spanish Social Group	Sept 18 7:30pm Deaf & Hearing Impaired Group 7:30pm BINGO at the Center	Sept 19 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service 3:00pm Gay & Lesbian SF Club 8:00pm Star Trek Party
Women in Paradise (Key West) 1-800-535-7797 info						
Sept 20 0pm Dignity	Sept 21 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance - Rap Group 7:00pm GLCS Board Meeting 7:30pm Singles Group	Sept 22 7:00pm CODA-Co- Dependents Anonymous 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Men's & Women's RAP Group	Sept 23 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Sept 24	Sept 25 7:30pm Bisexual Support Group 7:30pm BINGO at the Center	Sept 26 The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service
Sept 27 0pm Fantasia- Transvestite/ transsexual support Group	Sept 28 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance - Rap Group 7:30pm Committed Couples 9:15pm Gay Skate	Sept 29 7:00pm CODA-Co- Dependents Anonymous 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Men's & Women's RAP Group	Sept 30 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Oct 1 6:30pm General Meeting - Radisson Hotel Downtown 7:00pm Safer Sex Seminar	Oct 2 7:30pm BINGO at the Center	Oct 3 The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service
Oct 4	Oct 5 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance - Rap Group	Oct 6 7:00pm GLCS Board Meeting 7:00pm CODA-Co- Dependents Anonymous 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Men's & Women's RAP Group	Oct 7 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Oct 8	Oct 9 7:30pm GLPCI Parents Rap Group 7:30pm BINGO at the Center	Oct 10 The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS DESCRIPTIONS

CODA is a group for co-dependents meeting Thursday nights. COMMITTED COUPLES network is a social planning group for couples meets the fourth Monday of every month. FANTASIA is a transvestite/transsexual support group open to gays and non-gays. GAYSKATE is open to all ages and held twice each month at Semoran Skateway. GLCS BOARD MEETINGS are open to the public and are held on the first and third Mondays of every month. Any items for the agenda must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. HEALING CIRCLE is back and meets every Monday. MEN'S DISCUSSION and WOMYN OF GLCS are each general discussion groups. MOVIE NIGHT is every Friday night. As with other GLCS activities, there is no admission fee, but donations will always be gratefully accepted! RAP GROUP is a mixed discussion group of men and women. SINGLES GROUP is open to all singles meets the third Monday of every month and offers activities that are an alternative to the bar scene. YOUTH RAP and all other Delta Youth Alliance activities take place off-site and are open only to 13-21 year olds. DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Friday of every month. BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP meets on the fourth Friday of every month. Call (407) 425-GLCS for information on any of these events.

### OPERATING HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

1:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY

Noon - 5:00

### MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. BOX 533446, Orl, FL 32853

### LOCATION

750 WEST COLONIAL DRIVE

### PHONE

(407) THE -GAYS

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### BISEXUALS

BISexuals! NOW WE HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP FOR YOU! COME JOIN MEETINGS AT THE CENTER THE 4TH FRIDAY EACH MONTH AT 7:30.

### GWF NEEDING SPONSOR

NEED WOMAN WITH CLEAN RECORD TO BE COMMUNITY SPONSOR AND TAKE ME TO JOY METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH. I AM IN A WORK RELEASE CENTER. PLEASE WRITE: KIMBERLY SOUBIELLE, 7300 LAUREL HILL RD. ORLANDO, FL 32818

### CROSS DRESSING

BEGINNER MALE INTERESTED IN CROSS-DRESSING FOR DAILY WEAR ONLY; NOT SHOWS. WOULD LIKE HELP IN MAKE-UP, HAIR, CLOTHES, ETC. ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED. LIVE IN GAINESVILLE, BUT TRAVEL TO ORLANDO LOOKING FOR FRIENDS, AS WELL AS INFO. CONTACT GAIL: (904) 332-8178

### MUSICIAN WANTED

BASS & DRUMS SEEKING LEAD & RHYTHMS; GUITAR OR KEYBOARD FOR UNIQUE SHOWBAND. CALL: BOBBY OR TERRY AT (407) 843-7199.

### WATER ACTIVITIES

BOAT AND SCUBA CENTRAL, A RECREATIONAL GROUP FORMED TO BRING TOGETHER GAY MEN AND WOMEN WHO ENJOY SAILING, POWER BOATING, AND SCUBA DIVING, HOLDS MONTHLY EVENTS, MEETS ON 2ND MONDAY IN JULY AT 7:30. CALL HOWARD EISNER AT (904) 742-8122

### HISPANIC SOCIAL GROUP

NEW GROUP FORMING AT GLCS! MEETING THE 3RD THURSDAY EACH MONTH AT 7:30 PM. ALL GAYS/LESBIANS/BISexuals WHO KNOW SPANISH WELCOME. CALL DIMITRIUS-348-3893 FOR MORE INFO.

### HARASSMENT

ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN STOPPED BY THE ORLANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT AS THEY WERE LEAVING THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE (IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS), PLEASE CONTACT RANDY AT 843-4561.

## FRIENDSHIPS/RELATIONSHIPS

### GWM, LATIN

25, 5'7", 140 LBS.; I'M CLUTE, SENSITIVE, HONEST, AND CARING. ENJOYS DANCING, SWIMMING, TRAVELING, AND CUDDLING. SEEKING YOUNGER GWM OR HISPANIC (18-26) FOR FRINDSHIP, POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP. LETTER/PHOTO TO: JAVIER SOLIS 41-06 DENMAN ST.; ELMHURST, NY 11373.

### TRAVEL COMPANION

GENTLEMAN LOOKING FOR YOUNG (18-30) TRAVEL COMPANION FOR CAMPING TRIPS AND CRUISES. BOTH ATHELETIC AND FEMININE TYPES WELCOME. CALL DON: (904) 489-6885.

### GM, MID-30'S

ATTRACTIVE, PROFESSIONAL, RECENTLY RELOCATED TO DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, SEEKS FRIENDS 18-35 FOR BEACH, MOVIES, DINNER, ETC. SEND LETTER W/PHOTO TO: P.O. BOX 3754, DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32118.

### GWM, 22

BR/BR, 180 LBS, 5'7", SEEKS SIMILAR AGES 21-39. SEND PHOTO, PHONE TO P.O. BOX 616870, ORLANDO, FL 32861-6870.

### GWM, 29

5'11", 145#, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, LOVES CANDLELIGHT DINNERS, AND WALKS ALONG THE BEACH; SEEKS SLENDER MALE, 29 AND YOUNGER; FOR FRIENDSHIP/ POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP. CALL DAN: (407) 296-9066

### GLF, 21

SEEKING G/BI WOMYN FOR FRIENDSHIP AND MORE... AGE, RACE, AND LOOKS OF NO IMPORTANCE. MUST LIKE TO HAVE FUN! WRITE TO: L.P., 2339 MYRNA ST., ORLANDO, FL 32839.

### FRIENDSHIP DESIRED

28 YR OLD INCARCERATED WM, SEEKS CORRESPONDANCE WITH GAY MALE. I'M 5'10", BROWN HAIR, TURQUOISE EYES, NICE SMILE. WRITE TO: SCOTT A. FIRST, DR # 106433; HAMILTON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, A-44; P.O. BOX 1360, JASPER, FL 32052.

### GWM, 26

SEEKS ROMANTIC, DOWN-TO-EARTH MALE, 24-46 FOR FRIENDSHIP/RELATIONSHIP. INTERESTS INCLUDE BEACH, MOVIES, AND COOKING. LETTER/PHOTO TO P.O. BOX 22722, MELBOURNE, FL 32902-2722.

### ON HOUSE ARREST

GWM, 30, YOUTHFUL FACE, MUSCULAR, EX-MILITARY, SEEKS YOUNGER MALE 18-22 FOR CONVERSATION, SUPPORT, RELATIONSHIP, NINTENDO, ???..., SOUTH ORLANDO; LARRY, (407) 851-0459. NO LATE CALLS!!

### HEARING IMPAIRED GWF, 27

LOOKING FOR FRIEND/POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP. ATTRACTIVE FEM. NO BUTCH PLEASE. PREFER AGE 21-34. SEND PHOTO AND LETTER TO 5205 VIA ALIZAR DR. APT. 86, ORLANDO, FL 32839.

### GWM, 32

GWM, 6'3", 190 #, BLACK HAIR/COBALT BLUE EYES, 32 YEARS OLD; SEEKS SINCERE ATHELETIC GWM 25-36 FOR FRIENDSHIP/POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP. I'M A PROFESSIONAL IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AND HAVE ONLY RECENTLY COME OUT (PAST 2 YEARS). I'M NOT INTO THE BAR SCENE, DRUGS, HEAD GAMES, FATS, FEMS, ETC. I ENJOY MOVIES, PUTT-PUTT GOLF, BOWLING, AND GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE. CALL TOMMY: (407) 351-3688. PLEASE NO CALLS AFTER 11:00 PM.

### FRIENDSHIP DESIRED

GWC 33/36, WOULD LIKE TO MEET OTHER COUPLES OR SINGLES IN THE KISSIMMEE AREA FOR FRIENDSHIP. PLEASE WRITE TO JIM MCDONALD, P.O. BOX 423571, KISSIMMEE, FL 34742-3571.

### GWM, 18

5'7", 140 #, BLACK HAIR/HAZEL EYES, LOVES OUTDOORS, SPORTS, NIGHT LIFE; SEEKS SAME FOR FRIENDSHIP AND POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP. CALL JOHN: (407) 281-0161.

### DECENT GWM

LOTS OF FUN, WELL-EDUCATED, MOTIVATED, WITTY, ATTRACTIVE, GOAL-ORIENTED, STABLE, HONEST--DO THESE QUALITIES APPEAL TO YOU? DO YOU WONDER WHERE ALL THE DECENT GAY MEN ARE? GWM 5'10", 170#, BLOND/GREEN, NON-SMOKER, HEALTHY, NOT INTO BAR SCENE, NEW TO ORLANDO, SEEKS SAME FOR POSSIBLE DATING RELATIONSHIP OR MORE. IF YOU ARE GWM, 34-42, STABLE, ATTRACTIVE, HONEST, AND SINCERE, SEND LETTER AND PHONE (RECENT PHOTO NICE, BUT NOT NECESSARY) TO: BOXHOLDER, 12319 S. ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL, SUITE 299, ORLANDO, FL 32837. NO BARFLYS, DOPERS, DRUNKS, FATS, FEMS, OR LOSERS, PLEASE.

### GWC, 33/36

YOUNG MINDED, NEW TO KISSIMMEE, SEEKS OTHER COUPLES/ SINGLES FOR FRIENDSHIP ONLY FOR EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES. ALL CORRESPONDENCE ANSWERED. PLEASE WRITE TO: JIM MCDONALD, P.O. BOX 423571, KISSIMMEE, FL 34742-3571.

### ORLANDO AREA

GWM, 27, 5'10", 140#, BR/BR, MOUSTACHE, HOPELESS ROMANTIC, SEEKS HONEST GWM 25-32 FOR FRIENDSHIP/RELATIONSHIP. NOT INTO BAR SCENE, DRUGS, MIND GAMES, BOOZERS, LOSERS, FEMS. PERSON MUST ENJOY ANIMALS, QUIET EVENINGS AT HOME, AND GOOD TIMES IN LIFE. LETTER/PHOTO (OPTIONAL)/PHONE TO P.O. BOX 915553, LONGWOOD, FL, 32791-5553.

## EMPLOYMENT DESIRED

### R.N.

CAREGIVER, 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE, WANTS HIV OR AIDS CASES. THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH LOCAL AIDS CASES. \$25.00/DAY REGARDLESS OF HOURS WANTED. PLEASE CALL (407) 851-7955.

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UNEMPLOYED CLUB DJ/RADIO PRODUCTION ENGINEER NEEDS WORK ASAP. 3RD CLASS FCC BROADCAST ENDORSED. CLUB/RADIO DJ SINCE 1971. HAVE MANY REFERENCES AND AWARDS. KNOWLEDGE OF DESK-TOP AND MAC COMPUTERS. CALL BOB AT (407) 892-6092. I WILL TRAVEL.

### MANAGEMENT

I AM LOOKING FOR A POSITION IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT, INSTITUTIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, OR AN ADMINISTRATIVE OF MANAGEMENT TRAINEE POSITION. FOUR YEAR DEGREE, MASTERS WORK IN SAFETY AND HEALTH, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS (GPA 3.85-4.0). LOOKING IN ORLANDO AREA. SALARY FLEXIBLE DEPENDING UPON BENEFITS. PLEASE CALL PATRICK (904) 347-3220.

## EMPLOYMENT OFFERED

### INSURANCE SALES

LICENSED 220 AND/OR 218 AGENT NEEDED FOR NEW AGENCY. HIGH COMMISSIONS. MARKETS FOR PERSONAL AND COMMERCIAL LINES. OFFERING SECURED CREDIT CARD PROGRAM. CALL (407) 648-9858.

## FOR SALE

### COMPUTER

APPLE IIC COMPUTER WITH SOFTWARE, COLOR MONITOR. OVER \$600.00 ON SORTWARE, WILL SELL FOR \$400.00, O.B.O. (HARDLY USED). ALSO, KENMORE WASHER/DRYER (ONE UNIT), WHITE, APARTMENT SIZE, ELECTRIC, GREAT SHAPE, \$400.00, O.B.O. CALL DAVID OR TONY AT (407) 296-0855.

### FURNITURE

1) QUEEN-SIZE BED (MATTRESS, BOX-SPRING, AND FRAME) GREAT CONDITION! ONLY 7 MONTHS OLD. \$100.00. 2) SINGLE POPTON CHAIR. LIGHT BLOND WOOD FRAME, (BASE AND BASKET), LIGHT SEAPOAM GREEN CUSHION. \$50.00. 3) BLACK TABLE WITH SMOKED, BEVELED GLASS TOP. 2 BLACK CHAIRS WITH WICKER BACKS. \$45.00. PLEASE CALL SEAN AT (407) 827-0648.

## SERVICES

### CLEANING-ORL/WINTER PARK

OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL CLEANING, HOMES, APARTMENTS, CONDOS, BUSINESSES. WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY, MONTHLY, ONE TIME, FREE ESTIMATES; REFERENCES UPON REQUEST. CALL BRIAN: (407) 896-1233.

## THRIFT SHOP

MICHAEL'S ARTISTIC JUNKIE: 50'S, ANTIQUES AND ACCESSORIES. 2422 E. ROBINSON BEHIND THE THRIFTY NOOK. NEAR INTERSECTION OF ROBINSON & BUMBY. SAT-SUN-MON 12-7. (407) 898-0939. GRAND OPENING.

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ROCK LAKE AREA HOME, 3BR/2 1/2 BA, CONTEMPORARY, COMPLETELY REMODELED, NEW APPLIANCES, A/C, WINDOWS, TILE, SKYLIGHTS, LARGE ROOMS, VAULTED CEILINGS. 15 X 30 FLORIDA ROOM. 12 X 16 WOOD DECK. ASKING \$89,900.00. PLEASE CALL (407) 648-9747.

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### DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

AM LOOKING TO SHARE A 2 BDR. APT. OR HOUSE WITH ANOTHER WHITE, STABLE RESPONSIBLE MALE, EITHER IN DELANEY PARK AREA OR DOWNTOWN ORLANDO AREA IN OCTOBER. HAVE OWN FURNITURE, OWN A HOUSE CAT, SOCIAL DRINKER, SMOKE CIGARETTES, NO DRUGS. AM 39 YEARS OLD. \$250.00-\$270.00/MONTH RANGE. PLEASE CALL GEORGE AT (517) 841-1942 (MORNINGS.)

### MALE

40 (PLUS) YR OLD, STRAIGHT ACTING, TO FIND A ROOMMATE, LIKES SPORTS, BOATING, OUTDOORS; SEEKING A COMPATIBLE ROOMMATE WITH A HOUSE OR APT. WITH POOL. PLEASE CALL BILL AT (407) 869-5414.

### WOMAN W/CHILDREN

NEEDED: AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR MYSELF AND 2 CHILDREN--11 YEARS AND 12 YEARS. I CAN PAY UP TO \$300.00/MONTH (NO DRINKERS OR DRUGGIES, PLEASE). LEAVE MESSAGE FOR JULIE: (407) 898-6126.

## OFFERING HOUSING

### SHARE MY HOME NEAR UCF

LARGE, MODERN, TROPICAL HOME, RELAXED LIFESTYLE, ALL CONVENIENCES. YOUR OWN PRIVATE MASTER SUITE OPENS OUT ONTO SUNDECK. PRIVATE PHONE LINE, CABLE, AND GARAGE PARKING. HOUSE PRIVILEGES. MALE OR FEMALE. \$350.00 INCLUDES ALL BUT PHONE. CALL JOHN AT (407) 365-8292.

### COLLEGE PARK

BEAUTIFUL QUIET AREA, LARGE EFFICIENCY W/POOL, UTILITIES INCLUDED. \$350.00/MONTH W/AIR CONDITIONING; \$300.00/MONTH WITHOUT A/C. CALL (407) 294-1404.

### COLLEGE PARK

ROOMMATE WANTED, (CLOSE TO FLORIDA HOSPITAL). A/C, WASHER/DRYER, HOUSE PRIVILEGES. OWNER HAS DOGS--LARGE YARD. \$350.00/MONTH PLUS % OF UTILITIES. DEPOSIT REQUIRED. (MALE OR FEMALE) CALL: (407) 894-9530.

### PINE HILLS AREA

ROOMMATE WANTED. CLOSE TO FAIRGROUNDS AND UNIVERSAL. \$350.00/MONTH, INCLUDES ALL UTILITIES EXCEPT LONG DISTANCE CALLS. PLEASE CALL MIKE OR JEFF: (407) 295-8319.

### S/W ORLANDO NEAR CLEAR LAKE

ROOMMATE WANTED. 3 BDR./2BTH. HOME. PHONE, WASHER/DRYER, CABLE TV (HBO). \$300.00/MONTH PAYS ALL RESPONSIBLE AND CLEAN PERSON, PLEASE. CALL (407) 839-1046.

### ST. CLOUD AREA

LOOKING FOR A CLEAN, STABLE STRAIGHT-ACTING PERSON (M OR F) 32-42 TO SHARE MY NICE MOBILE HOME 3 BD/2 BTH ON 1 ACRE IN THE COUNTRY ASAP. \$250.00/MONTH PMO. 1/2 UTILITIES, DEPOSIT AND REFERENCES. (407) 892-6092. LEAVE NAME, NUMBER AND BEST TIME TO CALL.

### NEAR AIRPORT

ROOMMATE WANTED. 3 BDR/2 BTH. \$250.00/MONTH, INCLUDES UTILITIES. WASHER/DRYER, FURNISHED. DEPOSIT: \$250.00, REFERENCES REQUIRED. CALL: DAVID (407) 382-6826.

### DOWNTOWN

QUAINT GARAGE APARTMENT. 1 BDR/1 BTH. NEWLY RENOVATED. HARDWOOD FLOORS, CERAMIC TILE, LARGE, PRIVATE SCREENED PORCH, CONVENIENT LOCATION. \$475.00/MONTH, \$475.00 SECURITY DEPOSIT. CALL (407) 290-0260.

### METROWEST

HOUSE TO SHARE. NON-SMOKER, PLEASE. NICE AREA, CONVENIENT TO DISNEY AND DOWNTOWN. \$325.00/MONTH, INCLUDES YOUR OWN BEDROOM, BATH, ALL UTILITIES, USE OF WASHER/DRYER, AND RUN OF THE HOUSE. CALL: (407) 291-2127.

### NEAR AIRPORT

3 BDR/2 BTH CONDO. UTILITIES FURNISHED, CLOSE TO AIRPORT. \$250.00/MONTH, \$250.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED. IMMEDIATE OPENING. CALL: (407) 382-6826.

### WINTER GARDEN

MALE OR FEMALE ROOMMATE TO SHARE HOUSE IN WINTER GARDEN (12 MILES FROM DISNEY). \$60.00/WEEK PLUS 1/4 UTILITIES--LOTS OF EXTRAS. PLEASE CALL JILL OR CHUCK (407) 656-6632.

### HOME TO SHARE

THREE BEDROOM, CABLE, A/C, MICROWAVE, WASHER/DRYER, SCREENED PATIO, FENCED YARD, AND PAID LAWN MAINTENANCE. NICE AREA, NEAR BUS LINE AND SHOPPING. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT AFTER 5 P.M. WEEKDAYS OR ANYTIME WEEKENDS. (407) 859-7513.

### OVIEDO

FOR COLLEGE STUDENT: FRUNISHED ROOM--HOUSE TO SHARE. FOR DETAILS, CALL STUART AT (407) 365-5279.

### CASSELBERRY

ROOMMATE NEEDED TO SHARE 2 BDR. TOWNHOUSE IN CASSELBERRY. \$255.00/MONTH AND 1/2 UTILITIES. AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 1. CALL STEVE (407) 830-7938.

## COLONIALTOWN

HOUSE FOR RENT. 2 BDR/1 BTH., DINING ROOM, FIREPLACE, FRONT PORCH. 1421 WOODWARD STREET, NEAR COLONIAL /MILL S. \$500.00/MONTH, SECURITY DEPOSIT NEGOTIABLE. CATS OKAY. AVAILABLE END OF AUGUST. CALL: (407) 425-7832.

## SOUTHERN NIGHTS AREA

BI-FEMALE, LOOKING FOR SINGLE PERSON (OR COUPLE) TO SHARE UNFURNISHED 2 BDR. APARTMENT. LOCATED 1 BLOCK NORTH OF SOUTHERN NIGHTS. PETS OK, SMOKERS OK. PERSON MUST BE EMPLOYED. CALL (407) 898-2909.

## DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

3 BDR, 1920'S HOUSE TO SHARE WITH PROFESSIONAL MALE. A/C, WASHER/DRYER, ALARM SYSTEM. GAY NEIGHBORHOOD. \$250.00/MONTH, \$200.00 DEPOSIT, 1/2 UTILITIES. MUST HAVE PROOF OF SECURE JOB. AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 1. CALL (407) 898-1341.

## ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

ROOMMATE WANTED. MASCULINE MALE WANTED TO SHARE 4 BDR/2 BTH HOUSE. NON-SMOKER PREFERRED. HOUSE PRIVILEGES. NICE NEIGHBORHOOD. \$65.00/WEEK AND 1/3 UTILITIES. CALL: (407) 882-2776.

## AIRPORT AREA

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY FOR STRAIGHT-ACTING MALE. SHARE A 3 BDR DUPLEX NEAR AIRPORT. \$300.00/MONTH INCLUDES ALL UTILITIES AND CABLE. CALL BILL (407) 281-0061.

## SANFORD AREA

ONE ROOM TO RENT IN 3 BDR/2 BTH HOME. BIG YARD, CABLE IN ALL ROOMS, FULLY EQUIPPED KITCHEN, POOL, A/C, W/D. FULL RUN OF HOUSE. PARK AVE AREA. \$350.00/MONTH (INCLUDES ALL UTILITIES, CABLE, AND MAID SERVICE.) CALL (407) 330-6523.

## DOWNTOWN AREA

GWM LOOKING FOR SAME TO SHARE 2 BDR/1 BTH HOUSE. CENTRAL A/C, WASHER/DRYER, CABLE TV, LARGE BACK YARD. AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 1, 1992. \$275.00/MONTH (\$275.00 DEPOSIT) 1/2 UTILITIES. PLEASE CALL STEPHEN AT (407) 898-7740 (AFTER 6 PM OR LEAVE MESSAGE).

## S/E ORLANDO

APARTMENT TO SHARE WITH GAY MALE (UNDER 30 PREFERRED). OWN BEDROOM AND BATHROOM. POOL, HOT TUBS, AND OTHER AMENITIES. POLO APARTMENTS. CALL BILLY AT (407) 382-7157 (TDD ONLY) OR 1-800-955-8770 (RE-LAY SERVICE).

## EAST ALOMA AREA

3 BDR/2 BTH CONDO (2 BEDROOMS FOR RENT). FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED. \$250.00/MONTH INCLUDES ALL EXCEPT PHONE. NON-SMOKERS PREFERRED. POOL. PREFER STABLE, DISCRETE PROFESSIONAL (MALE ONLY). CALL BETWEEN 9-12 PM, LEAVE NAME AND NUMBER. (407) 679-6338.

## TUSKAWILLA/UCF AREA

ROOMMATE TO SHARE 2 BDR/2 1/2 BTH TOWNHOUSE. W/D, POOL, D/W, NICELY FURNISHED. CABLE, PRIVATE PARKING, NO PETS. \$265.00/MONTH AND 1/2 UTILITIES (\$250.00 DEPOSIT). CALL (407) 365-1045.

## ROOMMATE WANTED

MALES TO SHARE 3 BDR/2 BTH HOUSE WITH POOL AND SPA. \$250.00/MONTH AND 1/3 UTILITIES AND DEPOSIT. CALL (407) 851-9097.

## LAKE UNDERHILL/ 436 AREA

ROOMMATE WANTED. NICE POOL HOME, WASHER/DRYER, QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD, NO SMOKERS OR DRUGS. \$250.00/MONTH AND 1/3 UTILITIES. CALL (407) 249-3917.

## MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDING: GAY ESCAPE III, 1993 AIDS MEMORIAL SERVICE, 1993 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS, AND 1993 PRIDE PICNIC ACTIVITIES. ALSO NEEDED ARE VOLUNTEERS TO ANSWER PHONES AND WORK AT THE CENTER'S FRONT DESK. FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL LYLE MILLER AT (407) 425-4527.

## WEDDING

JEFFREY ROBERT CHEESEMAN AND DAVID MICHAEL CHEESEMAN (BARBEE) WILL BE JOINED IN MARRIAGE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1992 AT 1:30 PM AT PUFF-N-STUFF AT 3535 N. FORSYTH ROAD. ATTENDANCE IS BY INVITATION ONLY.

## CLASSIFIED AD INSTRUCTIONS

WHEN YOU ADVERTISE IN THE CENTER FOLD UNDER THE CLASSIFICATIONS FRIENDSHIPS/RELATIONSHIPS, HOUSING WANTED OR FOR RENT, EMPLOYMENT WANTED AND EMPLOYMENT AVAILABLE, AND YOUR WORD COUNT IS 30 OR LESS, YOUR AD IS FREE. EACH ADDITIONAL WORD OVER 30 IS 20 CENTS.

ALL OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS ARE \$10.00 FOR 30 WORDS. EACH ADDITIONAL WORD OVER 30 IS 10 CENTS. A BORDER AROUND YOUR AD IS AN ADDITIONAL \$2.00.

HOW TO PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD IN THE CENTER FOLD

ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER, TYPE OR PRINT YOUR AD. MARK DOWN THE CLASSIFICATION YOU WANT. INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER IN CASE WE NEED TO VERIFY YOUR AD. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO THE CENTER FOLD. MAIL YOUR AD AND PAYMENT TO: THE CENTER FOLD CLASSIFIEDS, P.O. BOX 533446, ORLANDO, FL, 32853-3446. THE DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH. WE ALSO HAVE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR SERVICES, FOR SALE, AND MISCELLANEOUS. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE OR EDIT CLASSIFIED ADS.



## THE HAT BOX REVUE: Breaking the Silence... With Laughter

by Wm. Andre' Provencher

For years, the Orlando Gay Chorus has eagerly anticipated the creation of a Cabaret from within its most-talented ranks. For years, musical and/or artistic directors have stepped forward, only to stumble and fall or else they'd disappear, never having fulfilled their original promise. I hold the prestigious honor of having directed, alongside Steve Brooks and PJ Finster, the inaugural Cabaret, the one that actually happened!

The Orlando Gay Chorus presented their much-inspired showcase of music and mirth at the Parliament House on May 4, 1992, albeit in the form of a fund-raiser for their up-and-coming trip to Denver. On an otherwise ordinary Monday evening, the Chorus drew a house of some two hundred. They managed to raise a meager six hundred dollars; not to mention, the roof. Those who supported the Chorus in their folly were treated to an evening of outrageous entertainment and much inspiration, including a ten-minute version of Margaret Mitchell's **GONE WITH THE WIND**, an original song performed by female impersonator Jackie Adrian, a member of the Chorus relatively new to the Orlando area; and, least we forget, a crowd-pleasing advertisement for powdered semen, passionately delivered by Mr. Tommy Robinson, a familiar face to any and all who support local theatre.

The success of OGCs **DENVER—(or bust!): Taking Our Pride On the Road** surprised even me. I have never been more proud. And I could never have succeeded without the able-bodied bodies of Steve and PJ, not to mention the cast of seemingly thousands, simply oozing talent upon every square inch of the stage. The continuing faith and support of

the Chorus proved more valuable above all else, including the dependable yet continually inspiring talents of Dr. Charles Callahan, director of the Orlando Gay Chorus, and Kenneth Thompson, II, its accompanist.

**The Hat Box Revue is a political organization, in as much as being a gay or lesbian man or woman is.**

For those less fortunate than to witness OGC's inaugural cabaret first hand, a portion of the evening was reproduced at the Edith Bush Theatre, as part of the Chorus's Proud World Concert. **GONE WITH THE WIND: A Condensed Cinema Classics Special**, which received its premiere in the previously mentioned cabaret, was re-created by the original cast, featuring the additional accompaniment by Mr. Kenny Thompson.

Still high from an incredible reception at the Parliament House as well as Edith Bush, the Chorus was eager to officiate a cabaret. All that was required was a director.

Needless to say, I, too, was extremely eager and absolutely terrified at the possibility of directing a Cabaret, operating under the auspices of the Orlando Gay Chorus. Nevertheless, I immediately tossed my hat into the ring for the position of Artistic Director. Of course, there still remained the slight problem of a Musical Director. While it is true I have something of a history as a music critic, such hardly qualifies me as a potential candidate. In fact, I wouldn't know the first thing about directing music, only criticizing it; and, believe me, there is a difference.

Shortly following the immanent success of GWTW, despite its inappropriate appearance amid Handel and Gershwin, I began to fancy the idea of an evening exclusively featuring original gay & lesbian comedy. After all, people like to laugh; many live for the moment.

I approached a select few, all very active in the comedy portion of **DENVER—(or bust!)**, on the possibility of a gay

and lesbian comedy troupe. I received more than-enthusiastic responses. During GALA IV in Denver, Colorado, potential scripts were distributed, featuring over two hours worth of original comedy material. Selections included a re-telling of the Dawn of Civilization, introducing a lesbian Eve and a gay Adam; the satirical rantings and ravings of a hypocritical Southern Baptist Preacher delivering a heated sermon on AIDS; and a stylistic re-enactment of the events leading to Stonewall, performed by two actors.

Such an idea is tremendously unique; it is also dependable upon its politics. Comedy, especially satire, is extremely political by nature. The Orlando Gay Chorus, however, prides itself on its ability to avoid politics, unless absolutely necessary (as with **CenterStage**).

On the evening of July 15, 1992, a handful of members of the Chorus met at Cafe Italiano to discuss the potential future of a gay vaudeville in Central Florida. We agreed, amongst ourselves, a non-musical comedy troupe seemed much too far from the original intentions of the Orlando Gay Chorus. As well, we all respected and applauded the Chorus's continuing efforts to avoid politics; unfortunately, such efforts coincide with the very existence of a comedy troupe.

In the end, a dozen or so present that evening committed to the idea. Together, we would be known as **The Hat Box Revue**, a title specific enough to promote comedy, yet general enough to incorporate music, if and when it becomes available. The company is currently seeking female members, seeing as how the review did originate within a "Men's Chorus." (So far, only one female comedy writer has expressed an interest, only not as a performer.)

**The Hat Box Revue** is a political organization, in as much as being a gay or lesbian man or woman is—(which is pretty damned political, unfortunately.) The time is now! Let us all begin, "breaking the silence...with laughter!"

Anyone interested in contributing written material and/or performing in the Revue, please call Andre' at (407) 292 9088.

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## Battleground, from Page 7

The next revolution is upon us. It will not be fought in a Greenwich Village bar or on the State House steps. It will be a struggle for the hearts and minds of Main Street Americans. The major battleground will be the South: southern communities, southern families, and southern churches. The major activists will be thousands of individual Southerners.

The south is an important battleground for the Gay Rights Movement not because the region has most of the nation's sodomy laws or because there are fewer gay friendly communities within which homosexuals can reside. The South is important because it is more representative of American society than gay enclaves on the coasts, because of the South's history and culture, and because of the growing impact of AIDS in the region.

In our devotion to church, community, and family, Southerners most visibly reflect those conservative values which for many define the heartland of America. While social science research has shown the South to be less tolerant than other regions of the country on political and social issue, during the past two decades, while other regions of the country have become less liberal, the South has become less conservative. With the exception of major urban areas, the United States is becoming Southernized.

Because of the Civil Rights Movement, there is a southern tradition of non-violent action to achieve social justice and a web of progressive alliances networking the region.

The South, too, is a land of sexual ambivalence, tolerance for eccentricity, and respect for privacy. Thus, Southerners can attend "womanless weddings", honor homosexual playwright Tennessee Williams, and engage in sexual exploits in steamy sexual darkness.

Finally, the South is important because, according to the Centers for Disease Control, AIDS is increasing faster here than in any other part of the country. While the number of AIDS cases increased 5% nationwide from 1990-1991, it increased 10% in the South. As cases increased, community networks of AIDS organizations have been established throughout the South and more people in rural, southern communities have been touched by the disease.

Given the Southernization of the country, the South's unique culture and history, and the growing impact of AIDS, the South can become the major battleground in the struggle for gay rights in the '90s and the birthplace for Human Rights Movement paralleling the Civil Rights Movement a generation earlier. How can this occur?

### Gay Southerners must resist forming separate communities.

First, gay Southerners must resist forming separate communities. While only a few of the largest southern cities can support these, their development separates the lesbians and gay men from those on whom we can have the greatest impact: our heterosexually dominated institutions; our churches, our communities, our families. It is time for lesbian and gay Southerners to make our presence felt by supporting gay owned and gay-supportive businesses, by refusing to ignore bigoted comments, by challenging Scriptural interpretations, and by disclosing our sexual identity to family members. It is also time to confront our worst fears, transforming self-hatred into dignity, invisibility into courage, and anger into equanimity.

Third, gay Southerners must forge coalitions

with other progressive minded groups that share a common interest in social justice and human dignity. While gay individuals are often active in environmental, feminist, and human relations groups, lesbians and gay men seldom reveal their sexual identity. Also, gay organizations have never forged a common, working agenda with other groups.

These and other individuals actions will have a collective impact. No longer ignored, lesbians, bisexuals, and gay men and their supporters will meet genuine resistance. No longer the subject of the occasional bigoted letter to the editor, a random "fag-bashing" near a local gay bar, or rumors at work or school, we will face widespread and sustained harassment, discrimination, and violence. While gays and our supporters can be tolerated during our annual stroll down Main Street celebrating gay pride, when occasional festivities turn to day-to-day grassroots activities, resistance is inevitable.

Through resistance we will transform ourselves and those around us. As gay sons and lesbian daughters of the New South, we will transform the hearts and minds of those in the Old South. Where there is hatred, we will love; where there is ignorance, we will impart knowledge; where there is indifference, we will champion action; where there is fear, we will bring comfort.

Gays and our heterosexual allies must vow today to celebrate gay pride everyday; we must challenge discrimination with determination, we must meet clinched fists with open hands; we must dissolve fear with familiarity. As we move away from the separatist rhetoric of urban-born groups such as ACT UP and Queer Nation, a new movement will transform America by reaching into her heartland.

This new movement will be fought in a

Greenwich Village bar. This new movement will not be celebrated in a raucous display of sexual freedom. This new movement will not demand allegiance to political orthodoxies. This new movement is a Human Rights Movement.

If we march for rights of gay people to love each other then we must also bring love to those urban poor drowning in a sea of despair. If we support the rights of gay people to work then we must also join in solidarity with those who have no jobs. If we support the rights of gay people to raise children then we must also act for mother earth on which our children's children must live. If we demand the rights of gay people to live in housing of their choice then we must also build housing for those who have none.

For too long we have been invisible in the march of time. But we were in the march to Selma; we were there in the march for women's rights; we were there in the march on Washington. But, like the marches to Selma, we cannot get to the promise land of social justice and human dignity by ourselves, and we cannot march into tomorrow while clinging to the prejudices of the past.

As we continue the struggle to expand the meaning of "we the People," we must add "them" to "us" to multiply our effectiveness in pursuit of our common agenda: social justice and human dignity. Again, the South is the battleground. In this region of magnolias and moonshine whose history has been a struggle of oppression and hope, resistance and transformation, repudiation and honor there is fertile soil for new Human Rights movement.

James T. Sears, the author of Growing up Gay in the South, teaches at the University of South Carolina and speaks throughout the South.



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## AUNTY FLAME! KITCHEN QUEEN

Hello Darlings!!

Welcome to my kitchen! I'm Aunty Flame and I thought The CENTER FOLD could use a little more variety (and light hearted too!!) So I volunteered to write a column about the dearest thing to a person of the correct sexual orientation-food!!!! (I know! I know! Theirs movies, ThEATER, Partying, and Horizontal Dancing Not necessarily in that order But this is a family publication!!)

I will try to bring you recipes that use the bounty of the season in both traditional and exotic styles. You may even write to me in care of The Center Fold if you are looking for a particular recipe and I will try and locate it for you in my cookbook collection. (And Puuleeze!! Miss Thing!! If you have to ask what to do with a banana you got the wrong paper!!)

I would decide to write my first column in the month of August when the melons have been out for two months, (I do love melons, nice firm, round, sun-bronzed...oops!! Getting distracted there!) The late melons are not like the first of the season, they tend to be a little grainy textured and not as sweet and firm. About the only thing fresh in the stores are the figs. (Of course I always have fun looking under the fig leaves!!) (OOHHH!! There's a banana!!!!)

OOPS! Sorry darlings but I get distracted

by banana's. I'm back. Now where was I? Oh yes! Figs!

Figs have a very short season and are very perishable. They should be eaten within a day or two of purchase and are excellent just eaten like you eat grapes. Or you can try the following recipe from Paula Wolfert's "Mediterranean cooking". It makes and excellent appetizer or dessert if served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

FRITTURA DI FIGHI RUSPOLI  
(Hot Fried Figs) (Makes 8 Figs)

8 Firm Black Figs, Peeled  
1/2 Cup Dark Rum  
1/3 Cup Flour  
1/2 Cup Water

Vegetable Oil, Olive Oil, Or Lard For Frying  
Soak The Figs In the Rum For One Hour.  
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In a shallow bowl slowly stir the flour into the water; beat this batter until smooth and creamy. In a heavy skillet, heat enough oil or lard to form a layer about 1/2 inch deep. When the fat is very hot but not smoking, dip the figs one at a time into the batter, then into the hot fat. Fry the figs until they are golden brown on both sides about two minutes. Drain, and serve the figs very hot.

(NOTE! to peel a fig: with a very sharp knife cut off the stem end of the fig, nick the skin at the stem end and grasp a corner between your thumb and the knife and pull a strip of skin away the flesh. Continue until all the rest of the fruit is peeled.)

Of course it is beastly hot outside in august and the only thing that makes it bearable (BAREABLE?) Is a trip to the pool. (But this years speedos give a whole new meaning to the term "HOT FLASH"!!)

One of the methods (I was going to say tricks but we have community standards to uphold and you might get the wrong ides!) Of keeping cool that is used in the islands of the caribbean, Latin America, and the American Southwest, is to eat foods loaded with spicy hot peppers. The kind that make you break into a sweat when you just smell them. That's how it works, they make you sweat and cool you down. (But personally I think its just all the cold beer you drink trying to put out the fire that does it)>

And the quintessential (surprise!! The old queen knows some big words!!!) example is chili! And chili is gay!! In the late 1880's in San Antonio where it is believed chili was invented, after the produce vendors in the military plaza (Talk About Irony!) Had gone home for the day, the "Chili Queens" as they fondly called set up their pots of liquid fire. They even gained national

Attention when they set up the San Antonio chili stand at the Columbia Exposition in Chicago in 1893. Sadly the girls were put out of business after world war ii by the state health department.

And for you Florida "Chili Queens" Who think you know it all-real chili is made with 1/2 to 3/4 inch cubes of good beefsteak-not with hamburger!!

And not one word about beans!! That's an

explosive subject around a bunch of flaming queens!! No beans!!!!

Serve this chili with lots of cold beer and garlic bread to sop up the juices.

The following recipes are from the book "Southwest Tastes" by Ellen Brown. It is a compilation of all the recipes from the excellent PBS series "Great Chefs Of The West".

These come from "Aunt Chilad's" restaurant in Pheonix, Arizona.

This first is a relatively mild sauce that is used as a base for the chili recipe tp follow. It makes more than is necessary for the chili but the extra can be frozen in one and three quarter cup quantities for use in later batches of chili.

NOTE: Crisco (no comment!!) Can be substituted for the lard but every effort should be made yo obtain lard. It's usually available in the Mexican section of most supermarkets in one pound packages and keeps well in the refrigerator.

See Aunty Flame, Page 16

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## AUNTY FLAME!, from Page 15

### GREEN CHILI SAUCE

(Makes Two Quarts)

2 Quarts Beef Stock

1 1/2 Yellow Bell Peppers, Seeded And Chopped

6 Green Onions, Chopped

1 Medium Yellow Onion, Peeled And Chopped

1 Pound Mild Green Chilies, Such As Anaheim Or Poblano, Roasted, Seeded, And Cut Into Strips

2 Green Bell Peppers, Seeded And Chopped

1/4 Teaspoon Dried Oregano

2 Garlic Cloves, Peeled and Minced

1 Tablespoon Salt

3 Tomatoes, Peeled Seeded, And Chopped

3/4 Cup Lard

3/4 Cup Unbleached All-Purpose Flour

Bring the stock to a boil and all the ingredients except the lard and the flour. Simmer the sauce, uncovered, for 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

Melt the lard in a skillet over medium heat and, when hot, whisk in the flour, few tablespoons at a time. Stir the roux until it reaches an almond color, then whisk it into the sauce. Let the sauce simmer for a few minutes to thicken.

NOTE: This sauce can be kept refrigerated for up to 5 days and will keep in the freezer for up to 3 months.

Sweat-Hot Chili

(Serves 4)

3 Tablespoons Lard

10 Ounces Beef Sirloin Or Tenderloin Trimmed And Cut into 4/4 Inch Cubes

1 3/4 Cups Green Chili Sauce

4 Jalapena Chilies, Seeded And Cut Into Thin Rings

### GARNISH:

1/4 Cup Grated Monterey Jack Cheese

1/4 Cup Grated Cheddar Cheese

4 Tablespoons Chopped Green Onions, White Part Only

4 Cilantro Sprigs

In a heavy saucepan or dutch oven. Heat the lard over medium-high heat. When hot, add the cubed beef and brown on all sides. Add the green chili sauce and the Jalapeno rings to the pot and simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes.

To serve, ladle into bowls and top with a sprinkling of the two cheeses, green onions, and a sprig of cilantro.

NOTE: The sauce can be prepared up to 3 days in advance and frozen. The dish itself can be prepared in advance and reheated, but the chilies will lose pungency.

It is the Jalapenos that give this chili its break into a-sweat fire. If you can't stand that heat, (or just don't like beer) cut down on the Jalapenos or just leave them out all together. (Mary!!)

Well darlings it has been fun putting this together but its made me hungry. So until next month TA-TA!! (Now Where's That Banana??)

Aunty Flame!!

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### WORLD WIDE BIGOTRY SPONSORED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In about the middle of July, word was out that the Vatican, home office of the Roman Catholic Church, gave its blessing to wholesale discrimination against gays and lesbians. This does not surprise me, since I have first hand knowledge of the workings of the Catholic Church. The timing, as well, is if not politically right on, is expedient. I mean after all, with the big push in this country on the part of the Republicans to promote "family values" as they interpret them, I'm sure welcome this political endorsement from the Vatican. One might think that there are Republicans roaming the halls of St. Peters.

For those of you who are not aware of the shenanigans in Rome these days, let me tell you. It seems that Rome is urging U.S. Catholic Bishops to defeat anti-discrimination legislation being sought in this country. Of course this legislation will allow gays and lesbians to adopt, become teachers, coaches, and military personnel, and that's why the Catholic Church is hell bent on not allowing this legislation to become laws.

Once again, this does not surprise me,

since the Church has had it's nose in the bedrooms of married couples for years. They have tried to dictate a persons free will, and manipulate human behavior for decades. The Catholic Church has always had the "us against them," or more succinctly: "God's Only Church against all others who are worshipping someone else," mentality.

The moralistic high ground which the Catholic Church has planted itself, has long been seen as a green light for hatred and persecution throughout the ages against those which the Church deemed the infidels. As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, we are the infidels.

They can discriminate against hiring gay janitors, or teachers in their schools of they want to, and if they want to discriminate within their own conclave, then let them. The Roman Catholic Church, once again, is intruding into an area which they have no business, namely, America's social maturity. They, like the Republicans can say they are acting in the name of "Family Values" all they want, but the Roman Church also slaughtered thousands during the Inquisitions, and Crusades, all in the name of God and the Roman Church. I say stay out of our lives, especially if you wish to demean our very existence.

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## OPPORTUNITY FOR TOMORROW

by Jeff Campbell, Center Fold staffwriter

A letter of invitation that was hand delivered to *Center Stage* magazine went unanswered. The contents of the letter were published in the August issue of *The Center Fold* and in the body of the letter was my residence phone number. The spurned offer was seen as an opportunity by a reader named Doug Hoover who reads us up in Jacksonville.

It seems Doug found his first copy of *The Center Fold* when he lived in San Diego (I'm impressed that we occasionally reach over that distance) so when he moved east, he looked for the publication without success in Jacksonville. The August issue he found on a recent visit to our fair city and sitting at home reading he saw my phone number. I received a call.

**He feels the gay community is so fragmented and sees a need of networking**

Doug is my kind of person although I have met him only in electronic conversation so far. He is proud of his community and celebrates his pride in himself. When he feels that he has been offended or slighted because of his sexual orientation he speaks out and he acts.

In recent negotiations to purchase a new automobile, he was offended by some derogatory or critical remarks by sales personnel commenting on their assumption of his sexual orientation. "I am not effeminate," he said to me. "Nor am I stereotypical gay." Doug is a proud man and not shy about where he spends his money and he spoke up. He terminated negotiation, told the dealership why, went elsewhere and purchased an auto from the dealership of a different make.

He returned to the offending dealership after the purchase, again told them why he cancelled the purchase of their vehicle. He also advised them that the gay community in Jacksonville will know of their offensive remarks and of his ultimate purchase.

Incidentally, with full knowledge of Doug's sexual orientation the dealer from which he made his purchase was happy to have the business. The make and model of the car Doug purchased is one that makes heads turn so we can feel certain the first dealer has not missed the point.

When Doug called me, his concern was

not so much about this incident. He feels the gay community is so fragmented and sees a need of networking. He tells me that many in the Jacksonville community make frequent visits to Central Florida because of our gay activities here but have only little knowledge of our gay merchants and other businesses sympathetic to us. As myself, Doug chooses to spend his gay dollars within our community.

Because of wide interest the Jacksonville community has in Central Florida, Doug suggested we consider distributing *The Center Fold* in that city. In this fashion, visitors from Jacksonville will know before leaving home where to spend their money on motel rooms and restaurants and entertainment. It sounds good to me, it should sound good to our community and it should certainly command the attention of our advertisers.

Acting on Doug's thinking and his commentary concerning the gay community appreciation of our greater Orlando activities, I shipped him some copies of the August issue. He will distribute them to several active and upscale clubs and, perhaps our business community will realize an important influx in visitors and we can have an opportunity to make new friends. Wouldn't it be nice if we can assist our advertisers in broadening their horizons.

The fact that Doug had the interest and took the time to call me (now twice) from Jacksonville, confirms to me that we have a lot of strength within our gay community. It is not only that we must act together in support of our community but that we must act in concert against those who willingly accept our business but reject us and work against us in the process.

The responsibility is ours and I am confident we are now going to begin networking throughout the gay community. Knowing Doug and others who share his feelings are alert and caring, we can only look to a brighter and more powerful future.

Our recognition and support of the business community that respects and acknowledges us can only increase our strength. Perhaps it will also encourage a networking of the Metropolitan Business Association with other, similar organizations in other cities. With this kind of organization and the selective spending of our money what a beautiful tomorrow we will have.



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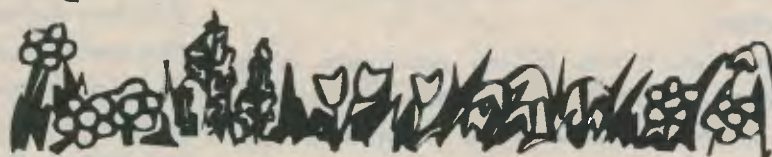
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There are lessons for our community in the successes of the groups who continually attack us; we fail to acknowledge or comprehend our strength. The gay community is a diverse albeit fragmented society but we should not allow our diversity to deny us our effectiveness. Seeking our part in the whole community is not a surrender of our individuality nor should it be taken as an appeal on our part. This would presume that it is somewhere written that we are excluded from the basic protections and privileges of citizenship. We seek only to assume our rights and our responsibilities.

The straight world does not speak in unison either. People have different personalities and wants and needs. But we gays must stop attacking each other because we are rendered ineffective, without one voice that can speak with authority. We must be organized if we are to boycott or to gain any more than the tokens of recognition we

have received. More than twenty years have passed since Stonewall and we have failed in our pursuit of the challenge.

Our gay community has a greater disposable income per capita than that of the self segregated straight community. We spend more on a greater variety of things from clothing and travel to food and entertainment than any other group. As long as we give unconditional support to those businesses that pay for the politicians, we will not enjoy our basic civil rights. When we unconditionally drink their beer and eat their food and wear their clothes, they have no motivation to recognize us.

Too much time and effort have been spent trying to force the hetero world to recognize our rights to our share in the American Dream with legal and moral arguments. But their individual right to ignore or belittle me is equal to my right to reject or dismiss them. Business must have our willingness to spend our money on their product in order for them to have the money to pay for the politician.

It is the ongoing violations of our civil rights and the denial of our equality that has galvanized the gay world to stand and be seen and heard. We have gotten the attention of the hetero world. But campaigning to recognize our Gay Rights serves only to perpetuate the segregation assigned us. It is Civil Rights, not separate rights, we seek. Assimilation into the whole community is our aim and our due.

Morality doesn't seem to carry much weight in the world today so we can't use that argument.

Our national leadership doesn't see the homeless, the hungry or the sick, the violated and despairing. Our youth is sent to wars not to help the people but to protect the assets of the petroleum business. Our government has gotten into the business of legislating morals rather than the duty of defending the laws and representing the people. What could possibly make us believe our rights will be returned to us without major, organized efforts on our part?

The gay community must organize its program to realize the influence we can have on civil rights. The character and climate of Central Florida business has the potential of being a very strong civil rights location for the gay community. The very nature of major commerce here are in fields in which we dominate or enjoy major representation. The entertainment field is ours, lodging and dining are fields in which we excel, and both retail and office procedure are fields in which we enjoy a high performance and profile.

Yet while appreciating this, it is only Disney World that has expressed recognition without regard to sexual orientation. Many gay people here in the Orlando area are still stigmatized in a closeted world because they fear for their well being.

We have a lot of work cut out for us and much of what we have already done has proven to be exercises in futility. Until our various factions come together, we will be too divided to achieve our aims.

Now, let us pursue our Civil Rights together.

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## MORAL BREAKDOWN-OR VALUE READJUSTMENT THE 92 ELECTION

by Michael J. Sopoliga  
Managing Editor

Much has been made about "Family Values." So much so that I have decided to use its initials: FV in this commentary for expediency. When the United States politicians speak about "FV", it could be compared to Hitler speaking about ethnic inclusion.

It's that hypocritical. Ever since the Pilgrims celebrated their first Thanksgiving Day, albeit without Macy's wonderful balloons, this country was in for a fatal bout of double standard-hypocritical-ego-moralistical soul searching, which would eventually lead to sexually repressive, overly sophomoric, and totally unhealthy sexual and social morals. If you don't believe me, just look at the reality of life in America.

In the aftermath of the Olympics, we should look at our conduct, as a nation, like the Games. If we lament the fact that we did not win enough medals in the Olympic games, we should take heart. We have won the Gold in other games, like the Human Pentathlon, for example. When it comes to the events like: sexual limits placed upon married couples, we've won the Gold. When it comes to laws against consenting adults having sex, we've won the Gold. When it comes to government taking children away from parents because government thinks they are saving the child, we've won the Gold. When it comes to the religious right condemning human beings as being less human because their gay or lesbian, then we've won the Gold. When it comes to women having government control their bodies, then we've won the Gold!

I can just see it. The "Family Values Olympics" sponsored by the likes of David Duke, George Bush, Dan Quale, and Jerry Fallwell.

They would certainly win the Gold just as long as you don't dwell into their own past, nor the pasts, or presents of their team members.

But let's face facts, the United States, ever since the Pilgrims, has never been able to deal with human sexuality realistically. What it has allowed, quite to the detriment of the nation and society, was to allow religions to mould, and inevitably warp what, in many countries, is healthy sexuality. The United States leads the world in spouse abuse. The United States leads the world in violent death by guns. The United States leads the world in rape, whether it be date rape, or the despicable behavior by U.S. Navy men at Tailhook. The United States has more deaths due to drug related activity as well. The United States' treatment of minorities including gays and lesbians has been abysmal, second only to the treatment of blacks in South Africa. All because we, as a society has a double standard when it comes to our sexual makeup, who we are as human beings.

What religion, and government have tried to do, either

jointly, or individually, is to attempt to make us less sexual, by repressing sexuality, or couching it in a Victorian sterility. That's why we have sexually repressive individuals who become serial killers. That's why we have the highest abortion rate in modern times, that's why we have more teenage pregnancies than other countries. We have forgotten the proven adage which tells us, when you repress a human emotional/sexual need, you create an aberration which lashes out at those who have repressed. The serial killers being the exception to the rule, all of us have suffered because of our parents, and our parents refusal to accept the fact that we are in fact sexual beings, and that rather than rejoicing in that fact, we should rather legislate laws and morass which thwart and distort normal sexual behavior

### The Last Word!

Sure, we titter and smirk at overt sexual nuances at parties and comedy clubs, and we squirm when an "R" rated movie struts its stuff on the silver screen, but, as real human beings, we are aroused by it, lest no one discover our humanness.

The religions of the world (not all but most) have successfully squelched any natural acceptance of our human sexuality by placing almost insurmountable plateaus in front of us to traverse. They have made sex a privilege, a gift of religion, rather than a natural longing for any human being.

They (religions) have told us how to have sex (missionary position), how to not have sex (for pleasure only), and, of course, only to bring life into the world, and a great swarm of religious bigots and zealots, who, because of scorned sexual humanness, have waged war on those of us who see sex as an extension of our being human.

People in other parts of the world see our society in America as one which is self destructive because we fail to realize our humanness. We fail to take our lives one step further than Cro-Magnon man, and leave living our lives to ourselves. Why do you think Homosexuals and Lesbians are so despised in this country? Because we do not fit the religious/puritanical/victorian concept, which has been the brainwashing of every citizen in this country. Being gay and lesbian is bad, wrong, perverse, so the moralists say. Yet they do not speak with any knowledge as to the real forces behind human sexuality. They embrace the bible, a book of biased words written by biased individuals trying to prove their existence was justifiable, while others were not, only to keep some sense of political order. Yet, those blind believers see these words of hatred and discrimination as a credo which they should defend, even if they, in their defense of the bible, justify outright hatred and harm on the part of others. But then

the bible is like that, pitting the "justified" against those who are not worth living

The founding fathers tried to foil any attempts of religious leaders to inject their venom into the framework of the Constitution. The separation of church and state is a shining example of their efforts. But you still have religious oligarchies still trying to unravel the cloth of freedom in this country. They have succeeded in making this country the most sexually repressed in the world, and we all pay the price. By making sex a dirty word, only used two or three times in the life of a married couple, they have made us all less human. That's why we can kill someone else without blinking an eye. That's why we have sexually repressed individuals make a name for themselves through the infamy of serial killings. That's why we have TV shows which almost seem to glorify crimes of rape, cold blooded killings, mutilations, child and spouse abuse. Hey, they have taken a American trait, based on repressive human growth and are making millions. You have TV stations like WMFF here in town who contribute to bigotry and hatred by shielding the hateful members of our community from the insight of a gay film, only to reinforce homophobia in our area. The list goes on and on, and we are the victims. We are the ones who suffer. We are the ones who can't leave our homes at night because of the drug trade. because government thinks we have to be protected from drugs because we're too ignorant to realize what a life of drugs would hold for us. I guess that says it all. We're too ignorant. We're too stupid to live our lives, so government will do it for us. Religious will tell us when and how to have sex. Government will tell us with whom having sex is allowed.

No, we're not experiencing a moral breakdown. We're experiencing a dose of reality, in that we realize government and religion have done enough in making our nation a nation of psychopaths, preoccupied with the most human of human experiences, the experience of our sexuality. We should not allow government and religion to mandate that what was not theirs to give. Something which, in their hands, has made us to be pitied around the world.

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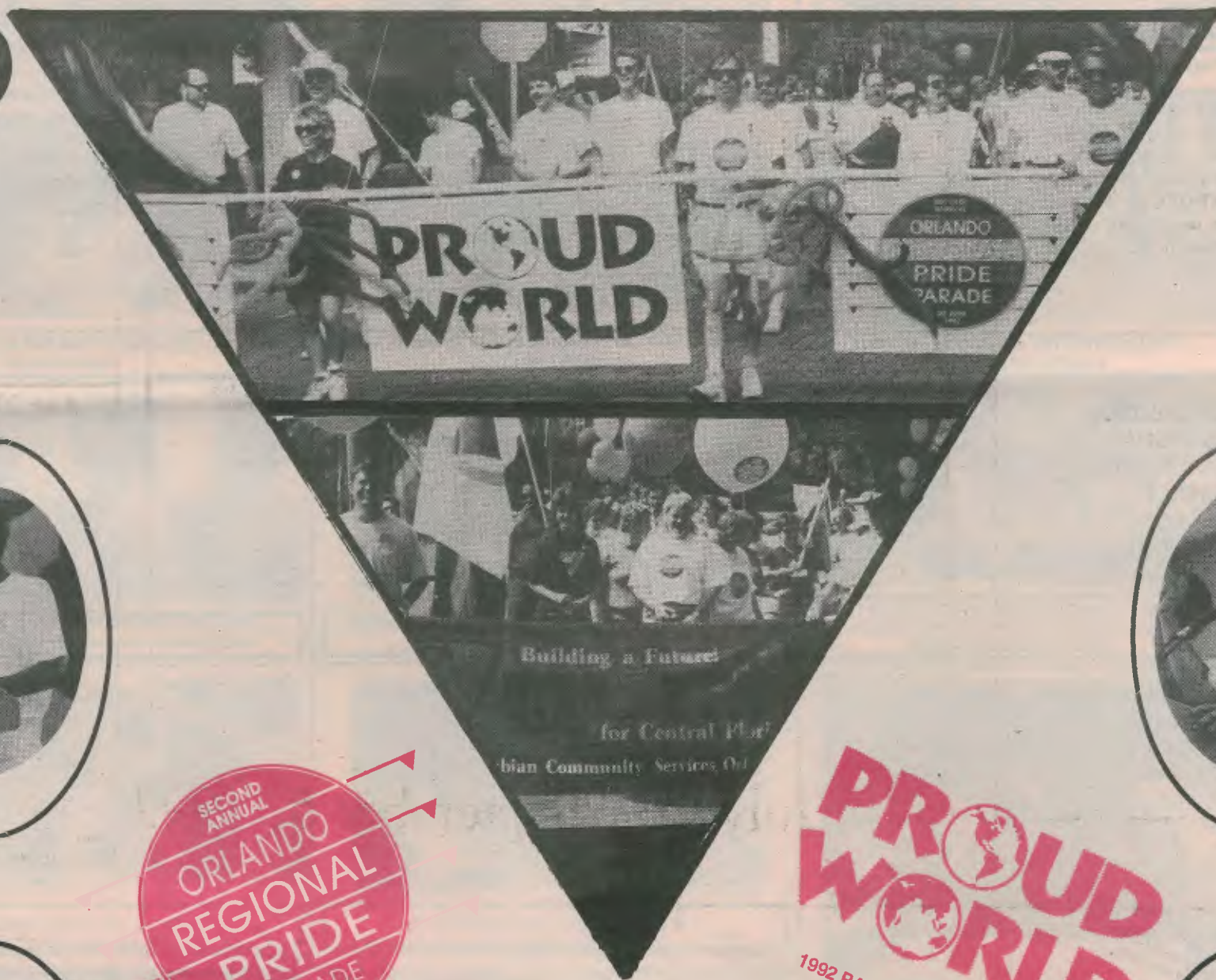
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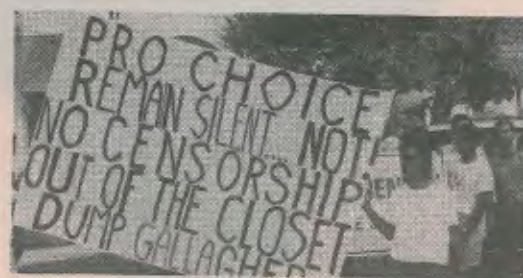
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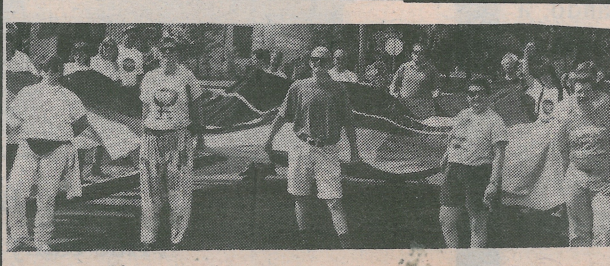
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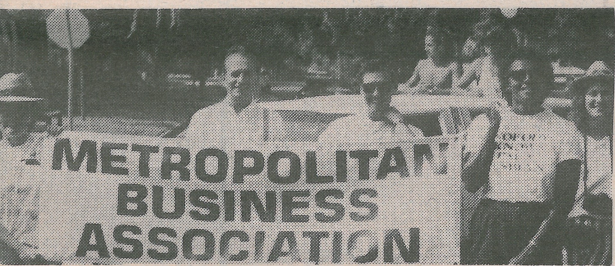
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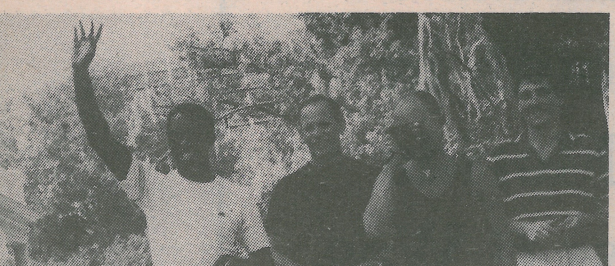
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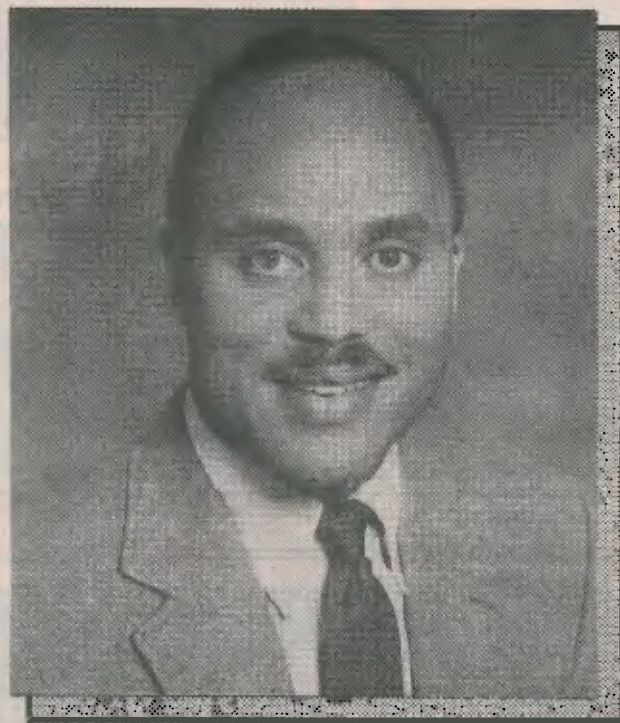
Gay and lesbian America is a part of every circle of life. We are teachers ... we are stockbrokers, we are actors and actresses, we are bank presidents, we are sports champions ... and, yes, we are even weekend TV weathermen! We all come from different walks of life, but we all share a common thread ... we are proud of who we are.

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# Restaurant Serves Up Great Steaks, Bad Management

By Michael J. Sopoliga  
Managing Editor

**L**ittle did I think I would become the "Gay Mystery Diner" or is it the "Gay diner who's a mystery?" Aside from all the public institutions which deserve our ire for their homophobic stance on various issues, there are also those in the private sector that need our diligent scrutiny.

A case in point is a restaurant called Great Steaks, in Maitland. As the name suggests, it certainly does have great steaks; the key word here would be "big!" Of course, if you're on a budget, then forget about eating in this place. Anything worth having in the meat department was from \$15-25, not including appetizers, drinks, etc.

But reviewing the culinary artistry of this restaurant is not the purpose of this article. It's because of the insensitivity of the management; one in particular, that is: the bar manager.

As we entered the restaurant and were about to be seated, lo and behold, I spotted a familiar face. This is a face that nobody would forget, even though I hadn't seen it for some time. He used to be a lifeguard at the Disney Resorts, and believe me, you'd want to go to the pool and pretend to drown just to be given mouth-to-mouth by this one.

Anyway, lest I digress, he came over to say hello. I asked if we could be seated at his station, but the assigned waiter saw that we knew one another and gladly offered his table to my friend. So far, so good. It was nice to be able to give my business to "family" members anyway.

The mood changed when at the table next to us sat a husband and wife-type couple who apparently were

## Gay Mystery Diner

speaking to this bar manager about, of all things, the enemy of gays everywhere the (soon-to-be-replaced-with-gay-voter-power) sheriff of Orange County, Walt Gallagher.

I couldn't hear the entire conversation; however, my gay radar was set off when, after being pinned with what appeared to be a "Gallagher for Sheriff" badge in the shape of a star, the bar manager mentioned that Gallagher was against "homosexuals" and that Gallagher was, in the bar manager's opinion, "my kind of sheriff."

Well, that's all I needed to get my beads all kinked up! Here I was with my lover, looking forward to having a pleasant dinner thanks to a gift certificate (which only paid for half the check, by the way) from my boss, and this insensitive, oblivious bore lets his stereotypical, heterosexual homophobia all hang out. Or should I call it stupidity? Here he was in a restaurant, part of whose

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management is gay, not to mention some of its waiters, and he talks so openly about something which I would have thought he'd struggled with just by looking at him!

While my other half pleaded with me not to make a scene, I told my waiter friend what I had just heard, and that I was upset by this person's lack of concern for someone who was staring him in the face with daggers flying. He mentioned this incident to the management, as any good waiter would do when seeing their guests upset. He reported to me that the bar manager was informed of his indiscretion, and that the bar manager had told him to offer me a drink as compensation for the bar manager's upsetting display. I told him that I could not be bought with just one drink, and that I would write about this experience in the next issue of *The Center Fold*.

I really don't want to trash the restaurant (albeit for the high prices, the food was presented with mediocre imagination and care) just like *The Center Fold* did not wish to trash Pizza Hut; however, we have to draw the line with those business that gladly take our money, but have no respect for us. Such bigotry must be rectified, and the only way to do so is if we speak out and let businesses know that we are here, and that we will not tolerate being discriminated against in any way, shape or form!

That's why I am writing about this restaurant, and why I will write about any restaurant or establishment where, when I patronize it, I sense intolerance or respect. We should never allow disrespect to go unnoticed, nor should we endure jibes and off-color remarks from straights. We can make fun of and laugh at ourselves, but no one else had better dare do it to us!

My waiter friend was as concerned as he could be, and I thank him for relaying my protest to his superiors, but the damage has been done. With all the beef restaurants in Central Florida, I don't see why anyone should patronize a place that serves indigestion to its gay customers through homophobic comments, regardless of if they were meant to patronize ignorant, bigoted diners or not. A great steak isn't worth it.

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## An Uneven Battle

# FSO vs. Shaquille O'Neal

By Michael J. Sopoliga  
Managing Editor

What do the Florida Symphony Orchestra (FSO) and Shaquille O'Neal have in common? Absolutely nothing.

Not only that, but it seems that Central Floridians will do anything to get this basketball player to come to Orlando, and at the same time, not give a damn about their very own symphony orchestra.

Sure, the Orlando Arena is a lot bigger than the Carr Auditorium, and most Central Floridians would rather pay for overpriced tickets to see someone throw a ball through a hoop than muse over the genius of Mozart or Beethoven. After all, this is the South, home of the Bubba Tub at a local water park, Fat Boy's Barbecue, and Bithlo, the pride of Central Florida.

So, what do we expect? Basketball, as well as any other sport, appeals to the lowest common denominator of human behavior, just like chariot races and duels to the death pleased crowds in ancient times. The World Wrestling Federation makes Novenas every day in thanksgiving for the "good ol' boys" who have made such a farce into a multi-million dollar rip-off.

And here in Central Florida, we have a small group of transplanted snob-wannabes who will shed tears in their Melba toast (but give little dough) because the FSO is in financial trouble. Now you might be asking, "Just what does the Shaq have to do with all of

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this?" I would have hoped that it would be obvious by now. The corporation called the Orlando Magic is, at this point, ready to sell off every first born male child fathered by a Magic player for at least the next 10 years just so the team can lure Shaquille O'Neal (I didn't know he was Irish!) to sign up. Magic players are being bounced (traded) so fast that there's a waiting line for "stages out of Dodge City," but those stagecoaches go by the name of Cadillac and Lincoln Continental.

In the meantime, on the other side of the street at the Carr Auditorium, gifted musicians who bring the timeless beauty of the classics to thousands are also packing. They might very well have to leave too, but their "limousines" are \$100,000 buses lined up at the local Greyhound terminal.

As always, it appears that communities will support the things that they feel will benefit the community, and the people of Central Florida have spoken.

The results, clearly, ladies and gentlemen, who are reading this in other cities and even other countries, are clear: our citizens would rather pay a basketball player close to \$6 million to throw balls around than fully and generously support a symphony orchestra.

Those who say we should have an orchestra have done little more than talk about it. The only term for them is derived from the second syllable of the word symphony: phonies!

The Shaq will play in Orlando, and he will make millions. Maybe someone could persuade him to give a couple hundred thousand dollars to the FSO, which has suffered in this frenzy to catch the Shaq. It would only be poetic justice.

# Editor: What Part of the Public Does WMFE Serve?

By Michael J. Sopoliga  
Managing Editor

Since *The Center Fold* inaugurated its "Shame on You!" awards last month, there have been a plethora of new contenders for such dishonorable mention.

This month we have reserved the award for WMFE-Channel 24, our local public broadcasting station, which, quite frankly, only caters to a certain segment of the public, mainly those of the WASP, Bible-thumping, Religious Right and very non-gay variety.

Why else would those stuffed-shirted, narrow-minded puppets who run the station choose not to show *The Lost Language of Cranes*? I'll tell you why: MONEY. The Politburo of WMFE decided that too many right-wing, probably white, religiously upstanding donors would once again throw tantrums at such despicable programming, and perhaps, just perhaps, threaten to cancel their donations to the station.

So instead, we homosexuals, who might also be benefactors of what I thought was our station too, must stick it to WMFE.

If we are not considered part of the "public" in public broadcasting, and if those so and sos who program WMFE didn't think that we would get angry or offended, boy were they wrong.

I would suggest that the gay community cancel its donations immediately. Heck, if you haven't yet been seduced by the station's seemingly incessant pitch for money, pledge something and then withdraw your pledge! At least you'll give the station a paperwork nightmare.

## Shame On You

Another thing we can do is attend the next meeting of WMFE's board of directors on Sept. 28, at 6:30 p.m., at the station's recently rebuilt (of course with some of our hard-earned gay money) digs at 11510 E. Colonial Drive, near Alafaya Trail. Let's show the station that we are tired of being skipped over because WMFE thinks being gay or having gay relationships are too upsetting for "normal" people to see. I say, the hell with "normal" people. You call the rubbish we see heterosexuals doing on TV socially redeeming?

I say, hit WMFE where it hurts. No, not in its narrow-minded and homophobic posterior, but where it will really hurt: its pocket book. I say, until WMFE changes its evil ways, we don't need to watch it much less support it!

And so, it is with great pleasure that I present *The Center Fold's* monthly "Shame on You" award to such a deserving nominee: WMFE, for its apparent lack of concern for the gay community and for kowtowing to pressure from hateful bigots, of which there are many in Orlando. I couldn't think of any institution that is more deserving... this month!

PLEASE CALL AND REGISTER YOUR DISSATISFACTION WITH WMFE'S DECISION NOT TO AIR *THE LOST LANGUAGE OF CRANES*. The station's telephone number is: (407) 273-2300. Do it now!

## CFAC Protests WMFE Decision Not to Air 'Cranes

**Editor's Note:** This is an open letter from Central Floridians Against Censorship to the WMFE-TV (Channel 24) board of directors protesting the station's decision not to show *The Lost Language of Cranes*.

While CFAC appreciates the courage previously shown by WMFE-TV for its support of freedom of expression and diversity in programming, we are disturbed by its recent decision not to show *The Lost Language of Cranes*. The decision suggests that WMFE-TV cannot be counted upon in the future to resist the pressure from undemocratic factions that attempt to dictate what the rest of the community can read, view or transmit.

CFAC recognizes that WMFE-TV seeks to include the various types of entertainment and informational programming which certain groups within the community wish to view, and periodically seeks input from the community about these preferences. It was to provide such diversity that the Public Broadcasting System was created. However, when some within the community seek to exclude certain types

of programming because simply they are offended by them, or because they see them as inconsistent with their narrow definition of the community, such efforts to censor what the rest of the community can view must be strenuously resisted.

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## NGLTF Crashes GOP Platform Hearings

WASHINGTON, D.C. ( June 11, 1992) - A representative of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) pushed the national gay political agenda behind the scenes at the Republican National Committee (RNC) platform hearings in Salt Lake City last month after being denied a spot to testify.

Earlier in May, NGLTF did testify at the Democratic National Committee (DNC) platform hearings held in Cleveland. Upon arrival, Peri Jude Radecic battled heightened security measures at the meeting site in order to reach Republican officials.

Along with other groups frozen out of the RNC hearings, Radecic was relegated to an "overflow" room, which was later closed to the public during the afternoon session. After spotting Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Radecic handed the senator NGLTF testimony and expressed disappointment that NGLTF was unable to testify.

Prior to the RNC shut out, Radecic traveled to Cleveland on May 18 to testify before the DNC platform committee.

"Previous platform committees have responded to (gay and lesbian) concerns by recognizing our rights to live free of discrimination," Radecic stated to the committee. "In 1992, the gay and lesbian community seeks more than simple recognition. We seek a platform that will lead the Democratic Party on all policy matters that affect the gay and lesbian community."

Radecic noted several important difference between the Republican and Democratic party platform hearings. NGLTF was denied a witness spot at the RNC while granted a spot at the DNC; the public was not granted access to most of the RNC meeting, which was a "ticket-only" event, while the public was allowed to attend the DNC meeting; security people blanketed the RNC meeting while they remained more in the background at the DNC meeting; the RNC meeting was dominated by Far Right rhetoric, with only abortion as a contested issue, while debate was more free-flowing on a variety of issues at the DNC meeting.

## 'Let Your Gay Fingers Do the Walking' in the Donnelly Directories

Well, score another slam dunk for the Central Florida gay/lesbian community!

After the complaint filed by the owners of the new Out and About Book Store was reviewed by Donnelly Directory executives, it was decided that the inclusion of the subdivision titled "Gay and Lesbian books and magazines" did fit the company's copy guidelines, and therefore, would be accepted in the 1993 Yellow Pages.

It all started when Bruce Ground of Out and About Books filed a complaint with GLCS because he could not get a gay/lesbian listing in the directory. John Rose, a GLCS board member, took the ball, and carried it right to the Donnelly Directory offices in Altamonte Springs, and from there, to the corporate offices in King of Prussia, Penn., where Publication Practices Manager Mary C. McHale issued the following memo: "Subject: Controversial Text in the

Central Florida Publication ...using the phrase 'Gay and lesbian books and magazines' will be accepted for the Central Florida publication under the heading of 'Book Dealers-Retail'.

"This is information that the user should probably be aware of when scanning ads for book dealers. If there are any questions or concerns regarding this ruling, please contact me, (signed) Mary McHale."

Also included on the copy of the memo sent to the GLCS was a scribbled "Agree!" hand written, and signed "Guy M." with an arrow pointed to the designation "Book Dealers-Retail." At this time we cannot identify just who is "Guy M."

In a subsequent letter sent to Rose, Katherine Hardman of the local Donnelly Directory offices stated: "Further research into our copy guidelines shows that this information (gay/lesbian listing) is acceptable for the 1993 issue of the Yellow Pages."

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# Orlando's Pride Parade Delivers Pride Plus

By Laurence Sheldon  
Center Fold Staff Writer

When I wrote about last year's Pride Parade (the first ever in Orlando!), I remember using words like "electrifying," "emotional" and "moving."

True, the parade participants outnumbered the onlookers at times, but I knew that each subsequent year, this parade would grow. Well, it did! This second annual Pride Parade numbered close to 1,500 participants and onlookers, had floats worthy of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and will become, no doubt, a major source of conversation, say consternation in Orlando.

Call me irresponsible, call me controversial, but while covering the parade you could call me hot and sweaty. You'd think that we could have the parade during the cooler months, but then again, it wouldn't be Pride Month, would it? Oh well, I'll need to double up on the sweat shields next year.

With 40 separate groups marching in the parade, some numbering 20 or more people, there were also the brave souls marching in groups of one, still smiling, still proud.

Since I'm known as *The Center Fold's* "social butterfly," I just had to get to the parade staging area early to witness the building of this momentous event, and as

the hours passed, the crowds of marchers swelled and covered a two-block parking lot.

The first "gentleman" I met, wearing a beautiful chiffon gown, stood alone and looked pensive. I walked over to him as his eyes caught my smiling face. He asked quite sheepishly: "Is it OK for me to march?" He must have thought I was some official walking around with my pad and pencil, maybe a judge. I noticed a sign he was about to don. It simply said: "Heterosexual Cross Dresser." He exclaimed: "I thought I should be here, I think it's important!" I reassured him that if there is one thing we don't do in our gay community, it's discriminate! I welcomed him and a big smile came to his face.

As I took my spot under a shady oak tree, the parade began with Orlando's civic, social and health organizations marching with banners and signs. The onlookers were many, gay and non-gay, and all kept applauding the marchers with cheers and shouts of approval. The bars used their many talents to create beautiful floats adorned with the stars of their evening entertainment.

There were limousines, motorcycles, and the faithful foot soldiers all marching in what seemed a never-ending display of unity and diversity, not to mention just having a ball!

The band shell at Lake Eola Park marked the end of the parade route and the

beginning of the rally marking the end of Pride Month activities. Opening and closing the rally were the singers and dancers from Jim Rossi Productions. This first-rate troupe of men and women thrilled the crowd of more 3,000 spectators with their good looks, voices and dancing feet. The women were beautiful and all the young men were pretty as a picture, and I would have loved to seek out a few for an exclusive interview, but time and duty called, darn it!

The sense of togetherness was a great feeling throughout the parade and rally, due largely in part to the host of eloquent speakers who addressed the crowd. The parade co-chairman welcomed everyone, and was the first to speak about unity and togetherness so important to our community. Taking a very well deserved bow was LeJeune Perrin, one of the chairpersons of the Pride Month celebrations, whose untiring effort and energy made these events a reality.

Brian Arbogast de Hubert-Miller reflected on the Stonewall Rebellion, the catalyst for the gay movement nationwide. Keith Morrison, Phyllis Murphy, both parade chairpersons, left us with wonderful thoughts about our community spirit as did Burd Bullock, from WFTV-Channel 9. In an eloquent speech, he decried the forces of jealousy and gossip which, if continued, could undermine everything we, as gay and

lesbian Central

Floridians, are striving to accomplish, and how even such an unfortunate experience built upon baseless rumors affected his personal life.

Tampa's Nadine Smith, the national co-chairperson for the March on Washington (April 25, 1993), commented "Boy, Orlando sure knows how to throw a gay pride parade!" for which she received a standing ovation. Smith encouraged all Central Floridians to plan the trip to our nation's capitol, and rally for our rights nationally just as vigorously as we are striving for them locally.

While there were many of us who felt the need to be onlookers rather than marchers, due to employment considerations, the consensus was that we all hoped one day no one would have to conceal who they are just to keep a job.

The rally came to a close, and with an invitation by Michael Hodge, of the Parliament House, everyone was invited to a pool party, with free hot dogs and beer! Just what we all needed after sitting in 95-degree heat! Other local bars also had similar festivities for what was to be the closing of Pride Month in Central Florida.

Happiness, pride, togetherness, oneness, purpose, and, most of all, pride in who we are were just some of the feelings this reporter felt throughout the day's activities. I hope these feelings last a long time.

## AIDS Memorial Ceremony Brings Tears of Joy, Sadness

By Laurence Sheldon  
Center Fold Staff Writer

The third annual AIDS Memorial Ceremony will be remembered as one of the highlights of the Gay Pride activities.

The memorial, held at the Walt Disney Amphitheater at Lake Eola on June 18, was attended by a near capacity crowd. As in previous years, the service was sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida (GLCS). The Rev. Marnie Harmony, of the First Unitarian Church of Orlando, gave

the opening address.

Rose thanked several organizations for helping "make it happen tonight." He singled out the Orlando Parks Department, "for extending courtesy and beyond." Rose announced that GLCS staff were manning an Orange County voter registration table that evening. He urged all attendees to register as well as to determine the stand of various candidates with regard to AIDS research and funding.

David Bain, GLCS president, made a moving short speech thanking the

### AIDS Memorial Benefits Hope and Help, Centaur

They say one good turn deserves another, and it happened on that balmy Thursday back in June. It was fitting to remember the loved ones of our collective family who were victims of AIDS. The names of the dead for 1992 fell among saddened ears who contemplated their memory in silence. But amongst the sadness of loss, came

the light of hope for the agencies who take care of those afflicted with HIV.

"Their food banks are rapidly being depleted," said John Rose, board member of GLCS. He continued: "These people need our help to feed and take care of those afflicted with HIV, and we must help." A bucket was passed around and the results were heartwarming. Both Hope and Help and

Centaur each received checks in the amount of \$581.97, the proceeds from the appeal. GLCS made the presentation during the final days of the Pride Month activities.

caregivers of AIDS patients. These people are "those who are truly living with AIDS," he said.

The keynote speaker was Robert Russell, outreach coordinator for Hope

and Help Center. Russell, who has been HIV+ for six years, described how he has been dealing with the disease in a

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# GLCS Volunteer: 216 Gays, Lesbians Need Your Help!

By David Rhinehart  
Contributor

The metropolitan Orlando area has a population of 1,072,748. If the estimate of one in 10 is valid, then there are approximately 107,274 homosexual men and women in our community.

Of that number, only 216 are members of Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida, Orlando's only full service gay and lesbian social service organization.

Even fewer, make monthly pledges to provide the much needed operational funding of Florida's only gay and lesbian community services center.

If you are not a supporter, WHY NOT? You probably support other charities like the Heart Fund, American Cancer Society, Muscular Dystrophy, Red Cross, Salvation Army and the United Way. Then why not YOUR OWN group? Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida is a 14-year-old social service organization that has provided our community with much needed counseling activities. GLCS serves as our own gay and lesbian "United Way," by providing facilities and resources to promote the formation and development of the other gay and lesbian support programs and organizations.

During each month, GLCS provides resources and guidance for numerous

groups that meet free of charge in the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, a safe and non-threatening environment where discrimination does not exist. These groups include:

- Fantasia (a peer group for transsexuals and transvestites)
- Delta Youth Alliance (a specialty peer group for 13-21-year-old gays and lesbians)
- Orlando Regional Pride (Central Florida's pride planning organization)
- Singles Group (a social interaction group for gay and lesbian singles)
- Committed Couples (a peer and social interaction group for gay and lesbian couples)
- Healing Circle (spiritual healing based on the works of Louise Hay)
- Coming Out Group (peer group to aid individuals in the process of coming out)
- Rap Group (peer group for both men and women to discuss issues facing the gay and lesbian community)
- Dignity (for gay Catholics)
- Men's Discussion Group (a peer group for men)
- Womyn of GLCS (a peer group for women)
- CODA (Co-Dependents Anonymous)
- Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (a peer support group for gays and lesbians who are parents)
- Deaf Group (for the hearing impaired), Bisexual Group (peer support for bisexuals)

• Metropolitan Business Association (a gay and lesbian professional guild) and the Zion Free Catholic Church.

GLCS also provides a number of services to the gay and lesbian community including the publication of a monthly newspaper, *The Center Fold*, and emergency housing program, 24-hour computerized phone information retrieval service, roommate, housing and employment referral, community bulletin board, discounted professional counseling and a complete gay and lesbian library.

During an average month, we process in excess of 1,200 phone requests and serve over 1,000 individuals who walk through our doors.

All these services to the gay and lesbian community are provided 100 percent by volunteers. We do not receive any federal, state, county or city funding. Our operating income comes from memberships, monthly pledges, advertising, merchandise donations and fund-raising activities such as Gay Skate and our annual Pride Picnic.

We are also a business office. As such, we have to pay rent, electricity, water, sewer, telephone, office supplies, insurance and printing. The current recession has had a major impact on

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donations to GLCS. We have been forced during the past year to cut back on telephone lines, social activities and staff so that we could continue to keep the doors open to the various organizations and groups we serve.

We're good, but we want to be better. To be better, we need greater participation from OUR gay and lesbian community.

Why aren't YOU a member? It only costs \$15 a year. ANYONE can afford that!!! Of course, we encourage larger donations too.

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## 'Center Stage': Still No Response!

Ms. Mary Johnston,  
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Dear Ms. Johnston:

In the event you have not yet seen the July 1992 issue of *The Center Fold*, I have enclosed a copy for your review.

You will see there was much mention of the unfortunate incident concerning the advertisement efforts of the Orlando Gay Chorus to be published in *Center Stage*.

I feel the criticisms have been made and noted, but now the time has come for reasoned and calm discussion between your publication and the gay and the artistic communities.

We need an arts publication supporting the arts – one that enjoys the support of the artists and performers. This is not a time for rebuttal nor is it to be an ongoing debate.

If you wish, this would be an opportunity for you to state your interpretation of your position as editor of *Center Stage*.

If you elect to take advantage of having your views expressed in *The Center Fold*, I would appreciate about 30 minutes of your time at an early future date. Because of time limitations, the closing date for our August publication is July 10.

However, I know that is very short notice and I am certain that if I can assure my editor that I will have an article ready to be submitted on July 13, it could be accepted.

I hope you will consider this offer as a positive step forward for your publication, for the gay community, and for the public at large who are the ultimate beneficiaries of all artistic pursuits. You can reach me at my home telephone: (407) 896-9267.

If you prefer the mails: c/o *The Center Fold*, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, Fla. 32853-3446.

Bear in mind the importance of time and that I do not work from an office at that address. Hoping for a favorable reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
Jeff Campbell

## To Be Lovers 'Forever After' or Not: That Was Act-Out Theater's Question for June

By Cornelius Van Pelt  
Center Fold Theater Critic

Michael Helle bravely took on Doric Wilson's heroic, mythical, esoteric and free-form play, *Forever After* for his directorial debut with Lew Routh's Act Out Theater. It was no small challenge, believe me.

Full of double entendres, offering verbal nuances of all shades and employing a cast of characters that ranged from thought-to-be-straight men to would-be gay men to mythical muses of ancient Greece (or Rome or the Viking era or any other likely and handy heroic period), *Forever After* presented its audience with opportunities to see plot tension at work at its best.

And, if we listened closely and if we registered the play's lines correctly, quickly and without parameters in our little mental computers, *Forever After* offered our imaginations an open-ended chance to soar to new heights of fantasy and humor. Helle's efforts and those of his talented cast presented us with an evening of theatrical playfulness.

Clearly, playwright Wilson's premise was to mix metaphors, masculinity, moods and mental gymnastics when he penned *Forever After*. He succeeded.

Best of all, I believe the director and the players succeeded with their mission. They made sense out of a plot that seemed as nebulous as an errant, roller-

coaster, free-spirited Milky Way – or an undulating black hole.

Reading the lines during auditions must have caused some puzzlement; understanding their meaning clearly must have required good (deep, or totally accepting) thought; bringing them to life with intelligence, clarity, logical purpose and the wit inherent in them must have been a minor challenge.

In the somewhat convoluted plot, two "straight men" agree to play two gay men who are attempting to fix – put into concrete – their relationship, now and/or forever after. As they (David, played by Ray Ferington and Tom, played by Michael Hodge) fence around verbally for positions of leadership and followership (and/or vice-versa), the evening takes on an air of expectation. Will these two men, purportedly heterosexual but playing gay roles, ever get together emotionally and physically?

Compounding the hilarious confusion are the two mythical, highly opinionated and rivalrous creatures, Melpomene (Herb Kelly) and Thalia (Debbie Baretta). With the latter ensconced on a high platform at the rear of the stage and sending out constant verbal laser beams of suggestiveness and accusations and with "in-drag" Melpomene scurrying around and hovering aggressively, unrelentingly and sometimes protectively over the two men, attempting to counter

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# Hatred Rears Its Ugly Head as KKK Rallies in Daytona

By William J. Murphy III  
Special to the Center Fold

Hatred and ignorance. Pure and simple. The signs read "Death Penalty for Homosexuals." They quoted Holy Scripture, saying God had condemned homosexuals to death and that since God had not seen fit to exercise this will, it is up to the God-loving Christian members of the Florida Chapter of the Ku Klux Klan to carry the banner. This was the sentiment expressed in a prepared statement by John Baumgardner, grand dragon of the Florida KKK.

The Klan was dwarfed in stature by the presence of members of the gay and lesbian community which outnumbered the Klansmen by about 5 to 1. (The actual numbers were estimated at about 200 homosexuals to about 35 Klansmen.) Yet despite this large and at times vocal counter-protest, the Klansmen stuck to their guns and made their presence known.

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positive manner, refusing to accept the negative aspects. The reading of the names was, not surprisingly, the emotional high point of the evening. This year, only local names or those submitted by local people were read. Last year the names of those who had died from AIDS statewide were read, but the list was so long that it was decided to concentrate only on local names in the future. Tears and heavy hearts were evident as loved ones, friends and relatives were remembered. The Rev. Mary Jo Gunn offered a prayer for their repose.

This year's entertainment was again of top caliber. Jack Hansen and Heather Sanders from the Southern Ballet Theater presented a pas de deux from "Romeo

Their mere presence in this quiet seaside town of Daytona Beach drew rancor from not only gays, but people of color, and members of the female community, many holding signs for the National Organization for Women. Songs like "We Shall Overcome," and "Let there be Peace on Earth" echoed as the largely gay crowd started to disperse as it was said "the best way to make our point, is just simply to leave."

Which is exactly what we did. The only positive statement made by Baumgardner (who is from Orlando), was that he admired our courage in exercising our constitutional rights.

The gay and lesbian community of Central Florida should agree in kind for despite many preconceived notions their rally was nothing but peaceful and orderly.

When it comes to groups like this, we should remember the words of Henry David Thoreau, "I might not agree with what you say, but I will fight to the death to defend your right to say it."

and Juliet." The Orlando Gay Chorus offered several outstanding choral selections. Todd Simon and Steve Allen performed a duet, "Living with AIDS," that brought the audience to its feet. It was a powerful moment.

Rose stated that the AIDS memorial had never before been used as a fund raiser for any activity, but he was making a special appeal this night. GLCS has a goal to maintain two food banks with enough food to last six months. At the present time, the food bank is empty, so he asked for cash donations. He stressed that all monies raised would go directly to the food banks, not to GLCS or any other agency.

GLCS will gladly continue to accept any cash donations for the food banks at any time. Call the Center, (407) 425-4527, for further details.

Presumably, the essence of the evening was: Should the play end happily or sadly?

Helle did a marvelous job of untangling the plot's tricky web and succeeded well in knitting the play's verbal skeins of silk into a rich and colorful fabric of good theater.

Debbie Baretta and Herb Kelly, veterans of Act Out Theater's repertory group, performed with all the verve, wit, good timing, campiness and professionalism that was found in their every line. They gleaned every possible nuance out of each line with great success. They left the audience with vivid visual and verbal memories.

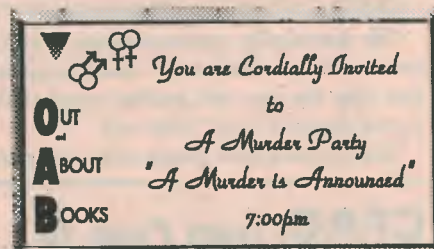
Ray Ferington and Michael Hodge were given the more daunting task of being the points of sympathetic contention around whom the tension roils and swirls – during which they were expected to be reasonably realistic as confused gay males. They were realistic and faltering in their self-discipline and mercurial in their motivations and properly confused.

What they couldn't overcome, however, were the witty, biting, seductive, persuasive and powerful lines that the playwright wrote for Melpomene and Thalia. For Baretta and Kelly, the evening was truly a theatrical *tour de force*.



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## FOREVER, from Pg.20

and intercept Thalia's shrill monologues, tension veered from peak to valley.

Should the two gay men *always* be together, as one unit, to live happily forever after? Or should they allow each of them lovers' freedom to be themselves to live happily forever after? Or should they really care whether or not they live happily forever after?

As the men's emotions ebb and flow toward and against this premise – without any discernible, constant motivation or direction – Melpomene struggles to gain control over one of them while Thalia exerts her substantial vocal powers over the other. Then, just when you think that Melpomene or Thalia has succeeded t, the men reverse direction and the muses must change horses in mid-stream.

The struggle for the men's future – living happily forever after, or not – continues like a tug of war. Sometimes Melpomene has David in his clutches; at other times he has Tom. When he wins, Thalia fumes. When he loses, Thalia rejoices. And, of course, Melpomene reacts similarly when Thalia loses or wins.

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## CANDIDATES

### from Page 3

He also adamantly favors term limits for members of Congress and when the talk turns to taxes believes that it *all* should be laid on the table – no exceptions.

Finally, Kovalski is pro-choice and opposes any cuts in education spending.

As this is an election year, it behooves all of us as registered voters to remember

these individuals when it comes time for us to stroll into the voting booth. I am not to tell anyone that they should go out and vote for so-and-so, nor does GLCS endorse any particular candidate for any particular office (as a non-profit organization, it cannot).

However, as my late grandfather used to say, "If you don't vote, you can't bitch." If you aren't registered to vote, please drop by The Center; we'll be glad to help.

### BROWN, from Page 3

winning issues for the Democratic Party ... and one part of our political strategy."

"We forcefully communicated the key issues of discrimination and prejudice that face the gay and lesbian community in this election year," Vaid said.

"Mr. Brown and other DNC officials

were open and responsive. We made an impassioned plea for leadership in support of gay and lesbian civil rights, and reminded the party that the gay and lesbian vote is not a foregone conclusion for the Democratic nominee.

"The onus is now in the DNC's court to carry out some of the suggestions and commitments made."

### CFAC, from Page 16

by pointing to alleged harms produced by the censored works. In this case, no one even bothered with this hypocrisy; the reason given was simply that some would be offended as they were by the *Tongues Untied* broadcast. Of course, they need not watch programming which offends them. What about the sizable gay and lesbian community that has been offended by your siding with the homophobic bigots, and that was denied the opportunity to view this drama so relevant to their lives? What about the promise which you make to viewers when you pitch for money that Channel 24 will provide the kind of independent programming that only public television

can provide.

CFAC urges you to reconsider your decision. We understand that you still have the broadcast rights to this program, and we urge you to show it. It is not too late to do the right thing. Show the whole community that you care about freedom of expression and that you respect all members of the community, even those who are misguided enough to try to dictate what others can view.

*Central Floridians Against Censorship meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the the Downtown Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd. (the corner of Central and Rosalind Ave.). For more information on the group, call (407) 843-CFAC.*

### HELP, from Page 19

month), a GLCS membership card, library privileges, discounts to GLCS-sponsored events and discounts at Central Florida merchants. Pledge members receive additional benefits such as a special monthly newsletter, invitations to private events, donor awards and additional discounts.

We need YOU! Your community needs US! Do your part. PROUDLY join us

TODAY, so that we can continue to provide support, assistance and a HOME for our special community. Join us now and help increase the numbers that make a difference!

A GLCS membership application can be found in this issue. For more information, call The Center at (407) 425-4561.

*David Rhinehart is an active GLCS volunteer, a member and avid supporter of the work of our organization.*

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# Metropolitan Business Association is Good for Business and Good for Gay Central Florida too!

By Michael J. Sopoliga  
Managing Editor

**B**ack in November of 1991, I wrote of the need, finally, for a business organization in Central Florida.

Well, with the help of tireless workers we have the Metropolitan Business Association.

Every gay business, gay-friendly business, and gay-managed business should cough up the \$50 membership fee to join. You definitely get something for your money.

As a member, you will be featured in *The Center Fold's* upcoming MBA business page, where your business will be advertised for the thousands of consumers out there. You will be featured in "spotlight business reviews" where *Center Fold* reporters will present an article about YOU and your business. The bottom line is that the newly formed business organization will not only acquaint Central Florida gays with your business, but will encourage Central Florida gays to do business with you. That makes for a good investment for you and for our community.

There are dinners, Business Person/Business of the Year Awards Banquets being planned, guest lectures/speakers, from other parts of the country being planned, and much more, all geared for the gay/lesbian business person who would like to go out for an evening, and perhaps find a new client. This will work for all of us. So add the fifty bucks into your budgets and join the MBA today. The future for this organization looks great. It deserves every business person's support.

*The Center Fold* wholeheartedly supports this new organization as just another manifestation of our growing community, and will do everything it can to encourage membership. Watch for monthly articles, and future plans.

If you want to join the MBA, just drop me a line here at *The Center Fold*, and I will make sure that an application for membership gets to you pronto. Write: Mike Sopoliga, *The Center Fold*, MBA, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, Fla. 32853-3446. Do it now!

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## TO SUPPORT OR NOT TO SUPPORT – SHOULD THAT BE THE QUESTION?

**I**n this issue of *The Center Fold*, you'll read an impassioned plea by an avid supporter of this organization we call GLCS, directed at those gays and lesbians who live, work and play in Central Florida.

The main thrust of this appeal is to persuade all of us to lend financial support to the GLCS. No matter how ambivalent, you may feel about the real



necessity for having a gay community center, let me remind you of the adage: "You don't know what you've got till it's gone."

No, I know by now, no threats, no ultimatums will move anyone to support something, until, perhaps, that person needs that something ... personally. The same could be said for *The Center Fold*. There are many gay communities nationwide that have a greater concentration of gays and lesbians that do not have a local community center, nor a bona fide monthly newspaper.

So what you say? Being in the deep South, the "Bible Belt" as we ignominiously are referred to, we have a lot to be proud of. But community centers, and newspapers don't run on hot air, not to mention pride alone. It takes money, and money from everyone who can afford the measly \$10 for the GLCS membership, or the paltry \$10 for a year's subscription to this fine newspaper.

That's why I find it inexcusable on the part of gays and lesbians who live in Central Florida, to not support GLCS or *The Center Fold* with their dollars.

*The Center Fold* along with GLCS took on Pizza Hut, and raked their dough over the coals. We're confronting WMFE, Center Stage Magazine, Yellow Pages, and are protecting our rights. There is strength in unity, and *The Center Fold* along with the GLCS is our mouthpiece for addressing injustices in our community.

That service, in and of itself, is reason enough for all gays and lesbians here to give their dollars so that we have a unified voice, and a newspaper to expose those who deserve our ire or our praise.

There's something that has bothered me ever since I took the helm at *The Center Fold* to this day. Why is it that I pick up another fine paper published in the Southern end of the state, obviously an integral part of gay life in South Florida, supporting gay and lesbian organizations locally, yet find Central Florida business advertising in their paper, and not in *The Center Fold*?

Could it be because of "their" ad rates compared to "ours"? Let's see.

**Fact:** A full page ad in *The Center Fold* costs about \$8 per day, for 30 days of advertising. A half page costs \$4.50 a day, a quarter page: \$2.50 per day, and an eighth of a page a whopping \$1.50 per day! No, it can't be the rates.

And don't forget, you'll get double exposure if you join our own Metropolitan Business Association, and have your business listed in their soon to be published MBA Member's Market-

place, in *The Center Fold*!

Could it be the circulation? Doubtful. Although the actual figures aren't available for this issue, the coverage for Central Florida including actual subscriptions as well as coverage in both gay and non-gay establishments hovers close to 5,500 copies!

Yes, that's five-thousand-five-hundred copies of the *Center Fold*!

True, we have had management problems, and the paper up until two years ago was notoriously late, but each one of our present advertisers get 30 full days of exposure in our CENTRAL FLORIDA MARKET! What good is your ad appearing 200 miles away from your business?

So what could be the reason for Central Florida businesses to decide NOT to choose *The Center Fold* for their advertising dollars? I would like to know, and I will address any and all grievances, and make them disappear; you have my word on that!

C'mon Central Florida business, keep your advertising dollars and your gay support in your own back yard, and that goes for all who call Central Florida home.

If I want to help a community I would want to help the community in which I reside, not someone else's. The same could be said for advertising, because your community needs your dollars. Support your community center. Who knows, you might just appreciate the work they do, and the services they supply, because you might just seek their help and support one day.

**KEEP THE GAY DOLLARS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA IN CENTRAL FLORIDA!**

I say, let's support our own community ... support GLCS and advertise in the award-winning, nationally recognized, quality publication we affectionately call: *The Center Fold*. Look for information to become a member, to subscribe, or to advertise in this issue. Keep your dollars here in your home town!

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## POLITICS AND POLITICIANS: THINGS WE LOVE TO HATE!

**I**n just three months we will be offered the opportunity to choose the individuals who will be running our government, and affecting the quality of our lives.

To most people, gay and non-gay, the prospect of affecting real change through the ballot box has gone the way of the dodo; at least in this country. I only hope those neophytes to democracy in Eastern Europe don't get the same apathetic attitude.

Maybe we feel the way we do about political activism simply because of the use of that particular nomenclature. Politics and politicians, things we love to hate. Maybe that's why for some of us, political activism is a dirty word.

It's almost as if we think that to become politically active means to become a politician. Not true, in fact becoming a political activist might be a politicians antithesis. Politicians today do nothing but protect their own interests and the

interests of their small electorates. They very rarely see the big picture.

Even the president of the United States after being in office for a few years, loses that visionary spirit or idyllic utopia of which became the meat of their campaign speeches, only to hunker down in the trenches of a "me against them (usually Congress) attitude," and as a result becomes immersed in a morass of "status-quoic" paralysis.

But there is also a more menacing reason for many of us to tune out of political awareness and activism. It's because many of us do not believe in anything, and therefore feel no compulsion to take a stand either for or against anything.

Could this be because the bureaucracy seems so entrenched, with power being in the hands of the few? Perhaps, but while career politicians and power-hungry despots would like us to continue to think along those lines, making their quest easily attainable, we must not give up all hope.

That's why Gays and Lesbians all over this country are trying to wake us up. They're attempting to light a fire under those of us who would rather just live life with the minimum of effort and distress. But being gay in a nation that would succumb to Religious Right wing demands, such as is the case in Oregon, for example, would not make our gay lives all that gay.

It's up to us, and the gay press, to rally gay people throughout the country to once and for all take a stand and believe in something for once in our lives!

When was the last time you said what you believe in? When was the last time you stood up for what you believed in? When was the last time you got involved with others in your community to make your community a better place for you to live for yourselves and others.

Don't think that when you protest anti-gay behavior in your community that your only protesting for gays. You are protesting for every minority, who at the hands of the few, could have their rights taken away.

As the managing editor, I sometimes have to walk a fine line with the powers that be so as not to make *The Center Fold* "too political." I have wondered then, just what the purpose of *The Center Fold* would be otherwise.

Don't tell me that we as a gay publication should not stand for anything because it's too risky? Then we have no business encouraging others to take a stand. Sure it's not easy and you might be criticized for it, but life would not be worth living, and this paper would be a waste of time if we avoided this responsibility of encouraging political awareness and activism, which is so indispensable to our well being.

The drive to foster political awareness and activism on the part of the gay communities is necessary, especially in light of the political activism of the Religious Right, which, in reality, is hell-bent on stripping gay people of equal rights as guaranteed under the Constitution.

Those are fighting words to me, and enough of a reason to implore other gays to heed the call to action. Quite frankly, not only does our lifestyle depend on it, but just maybe our lives too!



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