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Be whole in Florida

Former Gay doing God's work in strange way

**Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do—
Jesus Christ 33 A.D.**

BY JAY WESLEY
New Direction Managing Editor

Russell McCraw claims there is a caste system in heaven. On Glory Day, God willing, Russell plans to be near the top of the salvation pile. He's building up his heavenly bank accounts by converting homosexuals to the straight and narrow path through a fundamentalist mix of prayer, confession, and a little bit of showmanship.

McCraw's ministry, directed under the banner of Be Whole, Inc., is active in central Florida, now meeting in Orlando and Lakeland. The local operation is directed by Gala Durrance, a 40-year-old "Born again" Christian who is a candidate for a Master's degree in counseling at Central Florida University.

McCraw, on tour from his Montgomery, Ala. headquarters, was in Orlando during November and was interviewed by New Direction. He also made appearances on local educational television and met with some of the "25-30 former homosexuals" involved in his ministry.

Durrance, whose first direct introduction to sexual alternative was several years ago that a former boyfriend was bisexual, conducts as many as three meetings a week with Be Whole participants. The meet-

ings blend prayer, discussion, and bible study on the evils and dangers of the homosexual lifestyle.

McCraw, 36, captured a brief share of the nation's celebrity spotlight earlier this year when he was photographed boogying with Anita Bryant in Atlanta's chic discotheque "Limelight", a club not unknown to Gays. He claimed that the photographer chose the "most unflattering picture of the former orange juice queen for release to the press.

McCraw relates that he "was raised in a Christian home" in Tennessee and that he enjoyed "a normal childhood." He says that Satan planted the seeds of evil (homosexuality) when, as a boy of five or six, "I was forced into a situation where I fondled an older teenage boy..

McCraw, who believes that being Gay is a decision of choice and not chance, points toward too many domineering women in his early years; "the balance was just not proper", he claims. He said that his strict Southern Baptist upbringing helped him to form an adolescent belief that "sex was bad."

In his later teen years, McCraw became interested in politics; "the avenue which Satan would use to open up homosexuality to me. Not one to take chances, McCraw was active in both major political parties, settling finally, "because of the influence of his father," on the Republican side of the aisle.

Tennessee state politics offered McCraw his first chance for a homosexual encounter; cloakroom debates leading to bedroom trysts. While claiming to have "enjoyed the release", McCraw said he didn't "enjoy the guilt". He also did not stop the action.

McCraw's testimony on the pathway to righteousness takes a strange swing, when, after leaving his third year of college at Austin Pea University, he entered the U.S. Army.

"Satan really know what button to push in my life... fame", McCraw states. "It was the way for me to escape the hayseed label of my small town existence."

McCraw, then an enlisted man, claims "I did not want to go to Vietnam... like many young guys that didn't want to go at that time. I was willing to do everything in my power not to go." Anything apparently included lying and spying.

McCraw says he was approached by "certain people" to use his growing experience in the Gay lifestyle to gather information (apparently sexual data, too) on people in high positions in the United States. He assumed, after what he termed as a "six month indoctrination," the name of Russell McCraw and posed as a part of the McGraw-Hill publishing family. McCraw aka McGraw claims he collected several different dossiers on influential people during his stint in the secret service of sin.

McCraw, thanks to his new identity, relative good looks, and unaccounted for source of cash, apparently enjoyed the good life. He claims to have been actively seen in all the right spots,

Before his fall from the grace of his earthly friends and his arrest by the FBI (for reasons that remain mysterious) McCraw tells of Hollywood nights, Rodeo Drive days, and hunky lovers by the score.

"It was spiritual emptiness that brought me back to the Bible-believing church. He claims that a six-day fast locked in a Los Angeles apartment brought him to his spiritual senses. "I had a chance to pig out on the spiritual. I was very hungry for God in my life." McCraw said seeing a videotape of a deceased gospel singer (it was a repeat) on Christian television gave his the belief that resurrecting his life was possible.

It took him several years to set his plan for ministering to Gays into action. During that time, as the fair-haired boy gone straight, McCraw became the darling of many of the nation's show-business fundamentalist preachers. He says he resisted offers that he jump on the television bandwagon.

McCraw's Be Whole efforts were begun more than a year ago. He says Be Whole meetings are held regularly in Orlando, Raleigh, N.C., and in the Los Angeles area. He said that groups may soon be forming in Chicago, Denver, and Washington D.C.

McCraw receives \$400 a month for his efforts, minimizing his expenses by staying with believers when he visits other cities. He depends on donations to support his ministry.



Russell McCraw

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An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

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

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

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

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

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

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

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

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

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

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

**For more information
about hepatitis B and the
vaccine to prevent it, contact
your doctor, clinic, or the
American Liver Founda-
tion. 998 Pompton Avenue,
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009
(201) 857-2626.**

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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

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

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

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

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

rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

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

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

Orlando police await murder suspect's return

Orlando Police investigators are awaiting the outcome of extradition proceedings in Scranton, Pa., before a 21-year-old man is returned here to face murder charges. William Sakosky is charged in the Nov. 3, death of Paul Carlisle of Fort Lauderdale. Carlisle's body was discovered tied to a bed in room 109 of the Parliament House Motel and Resort, 410 N. Orange Blossom Trail. The murder scene was discovered by a maid who had entered the room for afternoon housekeeping duties.

Sakosky refused to waive extradition proceedings when he was arraigned on a fugitive warrant from Florida following his arrest outside a Scranton bowling alley, Nov. 6. According to police reports, Sakosky and two other men were leaving the bowling alley when he was spotted by officers. When approached, he attempted to flee and police fired several warning shots before Sakosky stopped and surrendered. Officers discovered Carlisle's blue 1974 automobile outside the recreation spot.

Sakosky's return is being handled by the extradition section of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. A spokesman said that because of Sakosky's decision to fight returning to Florida, a governor's warrant would be issued for his return and forwarded to the governor's warrant would be issued for his return and forwarded to the governor's of-

lice in Pennsylvania. The hearing process connected with the formality may take as long as 90 days, the spokesman said.

Sakosky and Carlisle apparently travelled together to Orlando from the Fort Lauderdale area, arriving about 4 p.m. Nov. 2. According to reports compiled by the Orlando Police Department, only Carlisle registered with the motel desk. Carlisle allegedly worked as a free-lance photographer in the south Florida Gay community. He had been reportedly involved in a recently-developed relationship with Sakosky.

Witnesses at the murder scene said that Carlisle's body was found tied to a bed. He apparently died from strangulation with a bandana. Carlisle's arms had been slashed deeply with a sharp weapon and he had been beaten. Local press reports labeled the murder as "sado-masochistic".

Sakosky, according to police was on a work release program from Lackawanna County (Penn) Prison where he had been serving a one-to-three year sentence for receiving stolen property. He is facing charges for parole violation for leaving Pennsylvania without permission in addition to the homicide charges pending in Orlando. j.w.



CHRISTMAS COUPE - Southern Nights entertainment complex will be awarding this restored 1971 Cadillac to some lucky ticketholder Christmas Eve. Sporting a new interior and paint job, the car will be the envy of the neighborhood. In fact, it's big enough to take the entire neighborhood for a ride.. Details of the holiday giveaway are in this issue of New Direction. Photo/Wesley

Cadillac for Christmas brightens spirits

The *Southern Nights*' Santa will be awarding some lucky ticket holder the keys to a Cadillac this month. Club manager Richard Hummel has announced a holiday giveaway for patrons of the popular South Bumby Ave. entertainment complex.

Hummel said persons entering the bar on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights during December will receive a numbered ticket. On Dec. 24, a winning number will be drawn for the completely restored, fully operational 1971 Cadillac Sedan DeVille. The car is currently on display on the patio at the club. Ticketholders must be present to win, Hummel said.

Southern Nights has also announced a variety of guest artists in performance during the holiday month. Freda Payne will appear Dec. 10-11 with two shows nightly. Renee Russo will be appearing in the showroom Dec. 17-18.

Popular Rusti Fawcett will present a special concert Christmas Eve. "The Many Faces of Rusti" is being billed as a Christmas present from the talented entertainer.

Christmas Day will bring a repeat of the popular community suppers held at the club. Participants are being asked to bring a covered dish for the buffet supper served at 6 p.m. Christmas Day.

New Year's Eve the club will provide noisemakers, a champagne toast, and plenty of top flight entertainment for the \$6 cover charge. Reservations are being accepted at the club by calling 894-1421. Reservations can be held only until 9:15 p.m., according to Hummel. j.w.

GCS offering video prize

Entertainment tonight... and every night of 1983... it could be possible for the lucky winner of a video tape recorder being offered by Gay Community Services (GCS). Tickets for the grand prize drawing will be sold throughout the month of December. Ticket prices are 25 cents each or five for one dollar. All proceeds of the event will go to forward efforts of the Gay community service group.

Drawing for the grand prize will be held Dec. 31, New Year's Eve at Orlando's Parliament House. The lucky ticket holder need not be present to win the video tape recorder. The drawing will take place in the Playhouse Theatre at the popular motel resort complex.

GCS is the parent group for much of the Gay service programming in the greater Orlando area. The not-for-profit organization meets monthly.

Among ventures operated or supported by GCS are *New Direction*, the 24-hour crisis counseling telephone service, GO (Gay Organized) Sports, the Tuesday Night Rap Group, Gay roller skating parties, VD information service and the Gay community speaker's bureau.

Ticket sellers for GCS can be spotted by the "Take A Chance for GCS" buttons they will be wearing while selling tickets in local Gay clubs and meeting places.

A report on the success of the drive as well as the name of the lucky winner of the video tape recorder will be published in the future editions of *New Direction*. j.w.

Annual meeting date set

The annual meeting of the Gay Community Services of Central Florida, Inc.'s general membership has been called for Jan. 9, 1983. The meeting, which will include election of officers, will get underway at 4:30 p.m. in the Playhouse Theatre of the Parliament House, North Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando.

Nominations for the offices of president, vice president, secretary, and business manager will be accepted. Candidates must be a regular member of GCS and in good standing. Nominations will be accepted from the membership the day of the meeting.

GCS officers direct a variety of ventures serving the area's Gay community. These include information resources, crisis intervention and counseling, mental and physical health improvement, and the publication of *New Direction*.

Refreshments will be served during the annual meeting. Reports from several standing and new committees are also expected to be presented.

Magnetic Memories offer unique work

BY GREG GRIFFITHS
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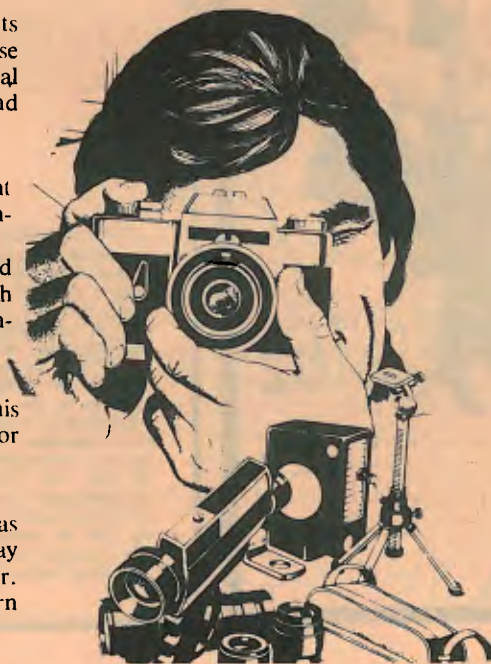
It's always refreshing to see people positively combining their talents and forming businesses to serve the Gay Community. One of these enterprises is just in the early stages and already has completed several projects. "Magnetic Memories" is the name of the company and their name describes their purpose.

Jeff Chandler and Ricky Wright have put together the equipment and abilities to provide the Gay community with a reliable and economical still photography and video recording service.

Jeff Chandler, a six year veteran of video production has worked on several nationally telecast programs and recently worked with Walt Disney Productions for video coverage of the Epcot center opening in October.

Wright, a graduate of Western Kentucky University, utilizes his business management experience by handling sales and promotion for the company.

Among some of the recent projects the group has undertaken was video taping the celebrity salute to Paul Wegman held by GCS (Gay Community Services) at the Parliament House in Mid-November. You've possibly seen them taping shows and special events at Southern Nights.



Eventually they hope to compile numerous special events involving the Gay community across the state and offer them as special video presentations. They are presently involved in covering the David Awards, December 6th in Fort Lauderdale and hope to have a completed tape for viewing before the holidays.

Aside from video taping, Magnetic Memories offers still photography and show conceptualization. Along with John Tannian, a local artist, they presently are at work devising the stage setting for what promises to be a most unique approach to theatre presentations.

As another service to the entertainment industry within the community they have photographed and compiled personal portfolios for several individuals. One of the most popular of these entertainers in Orlando is Von Gretchen who is just completing sessions for her own portfolio, and will be one of the first entertainers in the area to utilize video as part of her presentation. Shooting began recently of Von's renditions of Diana Ross's new hit song "Muscles".

Jeff foresees a day when the Gay community broadens its communication with each other through the use of television. Although he realizes it's just a dream right now, he hopes to see the day when you can slide your little cablevision selector to L, for the Lambda Network.

An opinion

Let's make 1983 the year of giving

1983... A NEW YEAR IS WAITING IN THE WINGS, waiting to be welcomed into existence by a world eager for new hope and a chance for a better life.

There are few people, who as a group, look toward each new year with more anticipation and vigor than the Gay community. We look forward with excitement that this will be the year... finally... that the so-called straight society in which we must function will cast off the shackles of fear and mistrust, of misunderstanding and condemnation of the way we love and live.

If the new year is to hold the freedom so many of us are seeking, we must be willing to pay the price.

Because society has chosen to place us apart in so many areas, perhaps we should look to joining in the activities that directly benefit our close community. Your involvement in the several Gay-orientated public service and community action endeavors sponsored by groups like the Gay Community Services of Central Florida, Inc., and the Florida Task Force may bring greater meaning to Gay pride for the new year.

Gay Community Services, Inc. is the not-for-profit group that is working to provide nourishment for the growth of several out-reach programs that serve you and your friends. These programs include GO (Gay Organized) Sports-Orlando, the 24-hour peer counseling telephone service, the crisis-fighting "rap line", the Tuesday-night "rap group", and the publication of *New Direction*.

GCS WILL BE NEEDING TWO THINGS to keep all these programs operating in

1983; volunteers and voluntary donations. Both always seem in short supply.

The ending year has seen the financial resources of GCS sorely tested because of a variety of new program offerings and ventures. It was also a year that saw several volunteer casualties lost to "burn out", a syndrome caused by too few trying to do too much for too many who really don't care to become too involved.

The need is great for an infusion of new talent and finances to keep this vital local group functioning. Plans are under study by present GCS leadership for a variety of fundraising and volunteer producing activities.

Because we have chosen not to follow many of the "Horns" of PTA, bridge clubs, Kiwanis, Toastmasters, Boy or Girl Scouts, Red Cross, or other similar groups, we should not consider ourselves free of duty or responsibility to our special community. The myriad hurdles to be faced in the Gay lifestyle should add special meaning to "being thy brother's (or sister's) keeper."

AS THE NEW YEAR DAWNS, let's take time to take stock with our lives. Surely there is time, despite the press of things, to serve your fellows... with "hands on" sweat equity or hands in your pocketbook with a donation of sorely needed funds.

More information on how you can help in 1983 is available by writing, GCS, P.O. Box 4355, Winter Park, Fla. 32793. Telephone callers may dial THE-GAYS (843-4297) in area code 305 for instant information.

Let us join together in making 1983 the year we truly joined the Gay community. j.w.

Editor's notebook 

Protecting your right to know is important task

BY JAY WESLEY
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The guardian of a free society is a free press. A responsible press is also vital to the Gay community: *New Direction*, since its beginnings in June, has sought to bring news and views to the central Florida homosexual community in a professional way.

Over the past months this paper's editor and writing staff have been working to build a better repore with officials in government, the media, and law enforcement. To the most part, we have been successful.

It is therefore a sharp slap in the face when it was discovered that someone who likes to believe he is in a position of authority in our community recently tried to use his influence to suppress details of a homicide involving two Gay men at Orlando's Parliament House.

Larry Wood, security officer at the local club and self-styled spokesman for the Gay community, reportedly urged press information officers of the Orlando Police Department, *not to cooperate with New Direction* writers attempting to gather information. To his credit, Officer Rick Detreville told Mr. Wood it is the policy of his office to cooperate with recognized community publications.

In the inaugural issue of *New Direction*, we featured an interview with then newly-appointed Orlando Police Chief William Koleszar. The Chief made it clear that the path to increased understanding and cooperation between his department and the Gay community was through mutual assistance. Mr. Wood's attempts to suppress or restrict the news flow seems counter to the community's welfare.

The bright light coming from the flow of the holidays is spreading. At least three local Gay clubs were involved with special Thanksgiving dinners for friends and fellow workers. These festive occasions brought Gay men and women together for food and friendship. I can't help but hope that this may be the start of something good.

There will be several more chances to enjoy the spirit of sharing this month. Jim Nuss, owner-operator of The Silver Hammer Saloon is asking that patrons bring Toys for Tots when they attend his Holiday party Dec. 22. Each toy donated results in a free beer. Nuss will see that the toys get into the hands of the U.S. Marines who direct the nationwide toy collection effort.

In this case, it will be a bunch of great men helping a few good men.

Over at Southern Nights, the bartenders and waiters will host their second "family-style" dinner Christmas Day. Participants are asked to bring a dish to pass and to join the hospitality. The event should get underway about 6 p.m. We expect that several other clubs will also be hosting similar get-togethers so that no one really need spend the holidays alone.



Guiding the efforts of the all-volunteer staff of *New Direction* is an interesting challenge. Each issue seems to spring together at the very last minute, defying the odds offered by typesetter and printer alike. This issue marks another milestone along the way toward a better product. This issue was printed locally.

Prior to this issue, we had been sending off the "flats" of our pages to be shot and plated for a press run in a printing plant located in south Miami. Some of the horror stories in getting the paper back and forth from that distant site are the stuff that classic newspaper movies should include... midnight rides, lost and found page proofs, air freight, shoddy bus stations, circulation and distribution problems, and an irate, cranky, demanding editor making life miserable for everyone around him,... especially his best friend and companion.

Not only is the new printing location handier, it appears we'll be able to save money too. They ought to love that in the front office.



Last, but not the least. Here is *New Direction's* wish to you for a happy holiday season. Use care and caution in your celebrations... we'd like to think that 1983 is going to be a great year and we would like to share it with you. Joyous Noel!

TZ-ers by Chestie

... And now, lest we forget whose birthday it is,
a medley of Christmas carols



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Don't let burglars turn holiday vacation into disaster



Is your home an easy target for a "hit" by a burglar? We tell you how to outwit robbers by making your home safe and secure.

Before you hide a spare key under the doormat or run to the grocery store without locking your windows, consider these statistics:

One in every 12 homes will be burglarized this year. The F.B.I. crime clock tallies one burglary every 10 seconds, and some studies show burglary rates increasing faster in suburban and rural areas than in cities. What's more, experts say, burglary has grown to the point where it is no longer a question of whether you will become a victim, but *when*. Why this dismal forecast?

"First, there's the increasing number of women working outside the home, making it easier for criminals to 'hit' a vacant house or apartment," explains Sharon Knast, crime prevention specialist for the National Council on Crime and Delinquency in Hackensack, N.J.

Another reason for the rise in home burglaries is that there is an abundance of things worth stealing in the average American home. According to James Michael Edgar, author of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration's *Guide to Home Security*, few households today are without a color television, stereo, tennis racket or two, golf clubs and a great many other valuable—and portable—items. Any highly marketable property that cannot be traced is what the average burglar wants and what most modern American homes have.

Edgar also blames the rising burglary rate partly on poor locks. "Homes are easier to break into than they used to be. Most doors and door locks in new houses are highly vulnerable to penetration by even the most unskilled burglar. The lock-in-knob lockset—a lock used on 90% of all new home—has made these homes vulnerable to any criminal with a screwdriver and wrench," he says.

But while even a poor lock can deter a robber, many people fail to use them. In fact, an estimated 18% of all burglar entries are made through an unlocked door or window, and in more than 75% of all burglaries the thief merely forces a door or window open to gain entry. In other words, about 93% of last year's home thefts might have been prevented had the homeowners installed sturdy door and window locks.

"No home can be made absolutely burglar-proof," notes an F.B.I. spokesman, "but there are a lot of very commonsense ways to reduce your vulnerability to burglary." The following tips can help you make your house or apartment more secure.

10 Home-Security Measures

1. A good way to begin burglar-proofing your home is to play cops and robbers. Crime-prevention expert Ray D. Johnson suggests that you stand outside your home and look for ways you could break in if you were a thief, and then correct those vulnerable areas.

Today, through his Dallas-based consulting firm, Crisis, Inc., Johnson earns his living by telling people how they can thwart criminals. Johnson should know; he spent nearly half his 53 years in prison for committing armed robberies, theft, burglary and forgery.

"I go through clients' homes and businesses and show them all the places I could get them. Then I tell them how to fix it. If you make it tough to get into your house, a burglar might try next door," he says. Johnson also suggests that you call your local police department and ask if it offers any home-security help. In some areas, police will come to your home as a public service and recommend appropriate home security measures.

2. If you do nothing else, install deadbolt locks on exterior doors. Johnson recommends a one-inch throw deadbolt lock, in a sturdy wood or metal door, or a metal door and doorjamb as an effective burglar deterrent.

3. Be careful with your keys. Don't leave your spare ones in obvious hiding places such as under the doormat, in the mailbox or in a flowerpot. Never put your name and address on a key-ring and, when leaving your car in a parking lot, only give the attendant your ignition key. Get new exterior locks and keys when you move into a new home.

4. Don't give burglars a place to hide outside your home. "People grow shrubbery right up around windows," says Johnson. "But they're thinking about beauty, not security." Well-trimmed shrubs will allow you, your neighbors and

the police a better chance to see any suspicious activity around your home. Prune trees near the house so that they don't provide easy access to the roof or second-story windows.

5. Light the doors of your house to help discourage burglars. The F.B.I. suggests 40-watt lights over front and side doors and a 60-watt one over the back door. Outdoor lights, installed out of normal reach, should illuminate the sides of your house and adjacent yard. To prevent vandalism of outside lighting fixtures, cover them with wire mesh or shatter-resistant plastic.

6. If you have a garage, keep the door closed and locked at all times. An empty garage is a tell-tale sign that the house could be vacant. An intruder may steal not only your car, bicycle or tools, but may also use your tools to break into your home.

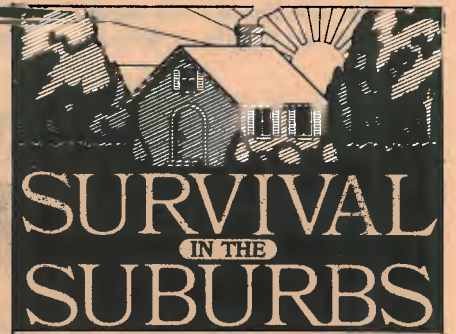
7. Install a high-security deadbolt lock on any door leading to your house from the garage. If the garage windows are not used for ventilation, they should be securely closed with nails or screws.

8. Ground-floor windows should have a good lock, such as a key-operated sash lock. Or, you can secure double-hung windows by drilling holes through the inside sash and three-quarters of the way through the outside sash at a slight downward angle. Put nails or eyebolts in the holes, loose enough to be removed from the inside to use the window for ventilation or an emergency exit, but snug enough so that an outside intruder can't open the window. Burglars prefer not to break windows, as the noise can attract attention.

9. Refrain from publicizing your whereabouts in your local paper's society pages. Professional crooks read newspapers to see when people will be on vacation. They also look at obituary and wedding notices in order to hit the home while everyone's away.

10. Beware of strangers who go door to door offering to give you an estimate, perhaps of the cost of cleaning your carpets or draperies. These are common ruses to "case" your home.

Take measures to stop increasing crime rate



10 SPOT CHECKS TO MAKE BEFORE YOUR VACATION

1. Turn down your phone so a potential burglar standing at the door won't hear unanswered ringing.
2. Set automatic timers on lights and a radio. But don't overdo it. Overzealous use of timers can signal a burglar that you're trying to make house look occupied. Attach times to two lights in different parts of your home and set them to go on at staggered hours. Attach another to a radio so that it switches on to a talk show or music twice a day.
3. Unplug all small electric appliances, including lamps not on timers, for safety.
4. Close the fireplace flue and make sure outside water taps are drained. Turn off water to the automatic washer.
5. Hide your valuables. Ex-convict Ray Johnson suggests putting rings in ice trays in the freezer, and watches in socks at the bottom of your laundry hamper.
6. Put window shades in normal daytime position to make certain all drapes and curtains are arranged so that neighbors and police can see in your house.
7. Take a last walk around the house. Check all windows and doors to see that they're locked. Make sure the front door, the garage and any cars in it are locked.
8. Advise your local police and a trusted neighbor that your home will be unoccupied.
9. Tell a trusted neighbor where you'll be and ask her to pick up your mail or newspapers, use your trash cans, occasionally park in your driveway and anything else to make your home appear lived in. Arrange for someone to cut your grass and trim shrubs if you'll be gone for an extended period of time. If you live in an apartment, ask a neighbor to use your parking spot, and don't tell the desk help that you will be gone.
10. Finally, ask the local police department to put you on their surveillance list while you're away from your home for the weekend or longer.

Giving the gift of gab



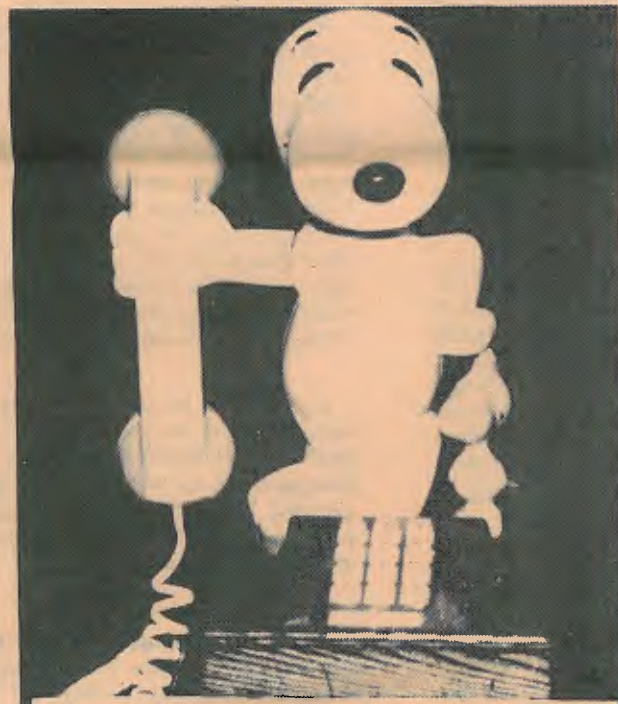
Telephones have become the newest status symbol... cordless, image phones, phones that look like other things... it's all part of the craze. After February, 1983, almost everybody can own their own phone without restriction. Many different models are flooding the market. Here are some of the cleverest allowing you to give the gift of gab. (Photos by Chestie)



BOOZE TALKING-Alcohol often loosens the tongue. This model allows you to tap into long lines to pass mellow messages to old drinking buddies. Available at Orlando's Office Automation at 1232 East Colonial Street, near Mills Avenue. The 18-inch high can of talking suds is \$94.47.



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Reach out and touch someone!

Saloon aiding Toys for Tots

Orlando's Silver Hammer Saloon, 1300 North Mills Ave. will be celebrating the Christmas Holidays with events for customers and community alike. On December 15th, it will host a tree trimming party beginning at 8 p.m. Customers are invited to bring in an ornament for the tree in exchange for their first drink.

On December 22nd, in hopes of spreading a little holiday cheer The Silver Hammer presents a special Christmas party at 9 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a toy for a free drink. All toys will be turned over to the local "Toys For Tots" Program to help bring happiness to some of the area's needy children. A special holiday buffet will be available to all at no charge.

Jim Nuss, owner of the Silver Hammer, wished to remind everyone that both these nights are 2 for 1 nights, with 2 for 1 drinks offered between 8-9 p.m. and 11 to midnight.

Fab Fifties party on tap

Putting the "Fab" back into the "Fabulous Fifties" will be the fun of a special Wednesday night party set Dec. 8 at Orlando's popular Parliament House. Special drink prices and costume contests are part of the plans to let the good times roll.

Prizes will be awarded in a 50's dance contest and a hoola hoop contest. Special awards will also be given for the best 50's costumes.

A spokesman for the nation's largest all-gay entertainment resort said that all bar brand drinks, wine and draft beer would be sold for only a nickel. Call brand drinks and canned beer will cost 75 cents, he said. The prices apply only in the lounge bar and discotheque, the spokesman claimed.

Special shows and decorations will highlight the holiday celebrations at the Parliament House. A complete schedule of events was unavailable at press time, however resort managers have promised a gigantic New Year's Eve celebration. Special cover charges prices will be in effect, he said. j.w.

Dignity sets workshop

On Christmas Eve Joy Metropolitan Community Church and the newly forming chapter of Dignity will share in workshop and fellowship. On the 24th of December beginning at 9 p.m. and going until 10:45 p.m. there will be an Open House with egg nog and a dessert table. This is an opportunity to dress up for those of you who like an excuse to get out your "glad rags".

A candle light service will begin promptly at 11 p.m. with a processional of the cross, candles and ministers. The liturgy of the World will be led by the Rev. Nancy Radclyffe. The service is full of Christmas Caroles and the traditional scriptures. The liturgy of the Sacrament will be a Roman Mass celebrated by Father Marty Keller, a Dignity chaplain.

Both the Open House and the worship will be held at 2500 Curry Ford Road which is one block east of Bumby. It is a white church building whose sign says "Community Centre".

Leather shop offering goods

Leather lovers are finding their way to a new shop offering a selection of hide goods. "The Leather Works" is being operated as a boutique at the Circle J's Bar, 4910 Edgewater Drive. The bar was formerly known as "The Odds and Ends".

Most of the shops goods are produced locally, according to owner Mike. These include several colors of vests, a variety of harnesses, chokers, bracelets, keychains, and other leather trappings. A shipment of leather pants is expected in time for the holidays from a San Francisco maker. The Leather Works' craftsmen also offer custom design and manufacturing, claiming if the customer can draw a sketch of the wanted item, the item can be made to specifications.

The Leather Works is open from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight Thursday through Sunday.

Peace through understanding just a stone's throw away



Original fiction

BY JAMIE BARTON
Special to New Direction

Editor's Note - The following short story was written by an Orlando man. In a short and concise way, it illustrates the misunderstanding and fear that exists between Gays and other elements in the community. New Direction is pleased to present this fiction as a holiday gift to our readers, knowing it will have value all year.

It had been an exhausting week. But when I saw the lights, heard the music, and saw the people having a good time, I knew it was all worth it.

I had always wanted to open a "good" gay bar, and the "Anchor" was my first attempt. I had done my best and everyone seemed to like it. It was an older building with hardwood floors that looked like a deck, and I had added a ship's helm to one side of the bar area. There were extravagant neon lights placed so that they reflected off brass port-holes on the wall. Also, tucked in the most strategic corner, was a large iron anchor. The anchor was the favorite cruise spot and the patrons of the bar perched themselves on it to see the crowd.

The Friday night that everything happened was the night of the "grand opening". I had been open for about two weeks and finally had everything ready. The doors opened early in the evening and as the night wore on, the crowd grew. I was pleased with the turnout.

I don't remember what happened first. I know what I heard. First, I heard the screaming tires on the pavement, squealing a little louder than normal traffic noise. Then, the large front window came crashing in. I threw down the beer in my hand and went rushing to the front. People were running around, yelling and screaming. There was a brick on the floor next to the slivers of plate glass and one of my bar patrons. I pushed the glass aside with my foot and stretched the hurt man out flat. He was conscious, but in pain. He complained of a sore neck. I could see the swelling and the blood on the back of his neck and shoulder where the brick had struck.

While we waited for the ambulance, I realized that I recognized the young man. He was the one who had been slipping in quietly since the *Anchor's* first night. I had imagined these were his first experiences in a gay bar. I wanted the young man to know that someone was with him that cared. I asked the man his name.

"David Harding; I'll be okay."

"Jack Barette. Let a doctor be the one to say."

Another man came over to me. "Three cars have had their tires slashed."

I called to the bartender for help. "Rick, call the police. Ask the people in the bar to leave quietly."

Rick was frantic. He told me that he didn't like being ordered around and that he didn't work here anymore.

I called to Steve. He had already called the police when he called the ambulance. He'd locked the cash drawers and asked people to finish their drinks and return another evening.

"Be careful," I warned, "don't cut yourself."

Steve was a good employee, but headstrong. "Yes, mother, I'll be careful," he said cynically. "It's not often that you encourage me to work slowly."

"All I need is a bigger hospital bill. I don't want the glass cleaned up at the expense of your hand."

"How is David, anyway?"

I wasn't sure. Last night they said everything looked good - a mild concussion; abrasions; a few cuts. "Oh, he's fine. He'll be in here in a week or so partying again." I walked behind the bar. "This place is a mess!"

Steve stood, put one hand on his hip and gestured wildly with the other hand as he lisped, "Well this girl has had plenty to do lately! While you were out traipsing around 'window' shopping..."

I interrupted, "- you were rolling your hair?"

We laughed. We both needed to. Besides our first cleaning detail, we had the added mess and worry of last night's episode. And on top of that, I had to replace Rick. The only thing going right was a good rapport with my remaining employee, Steve.

"I'll tell you what, Steve," I said, "I'll get down, get dirty, and do your dishes."

"But I thought you just had your nails done!" Steve said in mock seriousness.

We laughed again.

I looked around as I began the mechanical motion of washing glasses. It had been so beautiful the night before that my surroundings were curiously dismal. Maybe this wasn't a "Good" gay bar after all. Maybe this was just another bar.

I realized that I was only about half finished. "Judging by the number of dirty glasses, we must have sold all the liquor in the house."

"Yes, Mr. Bare-it. You are a wealthy man of leisure." Steve chimed in. "Don't forget to wash the pitchers."

"Ba-RETTE. Please stop saying my name that way."

Steve's eyes glinted, "But Jackette, the customers just love it when..."

"You just do your job, I'll do mine."

Steve was a blessing and a curse. "Don't get lovely with me!" Steve spoke melodramatically, "Miss Jack is testy today." We laughed and we didn't laugh. There was a growing feeling that maybe everything was *not* going to be all right. So much had gone wrong so fast. I kept my eyes on my work and let Steve's ravings go through my head.

Suddenly, the emphasis in Steve's voice changed to a whisper. "Oh, shit." Something was wrong. "Oh, God." There was an urgency in the quiet tone of his voice.

I was afraid to look up. "Please don't tell me you've cut your hand..."

"Worse."

I looked up and saw what he was talking about. A small group was beginning to assemble in the afternoon sun in front of the bar. We walked to the broken window and looked out.

Steve began to read the signs, "'Parents against Porno', 'Clean up our Community', 'Stop Violence and Immorality'."

Steve and I looked at each other and back at the small crowd. It was only eight people, but it was exactly the kind of thing that makes its way into the newspaper and exactly the kind of thing that cripples a new business.

Steve was serious at last. "Do you want me to run them off?" His intentions were good. "I've never been a bouncer, but..."

"No," I interrupted. There was a brief silence as we both let it all sink in. "First, some jerk decides to crash the party, but besides that, he has to hurt someone. As if that wasn't enough to kill the business, they have to nail the coffin shut with this!"

"What are you going to do?"

Suddenly the proverbial light bulb lit. I smiled at the idea and looked at Steve. The longer I held my stare, the wider the smile became.

Steve repeated, "What *are* you going to do?"

"Join them."

Steve took a step back, folded his arms, and turned his head slightly to one side. "What?"

I was already in motion. "Let's see, what can I use for a placard..."

"Have you gone out of your mind?" Steve followed me as I rushed around assembling my picket sign. "Those people won't care if you parade around with a pro-gay sign."

"It won't be pro-gay."

Steve stopped following me and folded his arms again. "Now I know you're crazy. Just what is your sign going to say?"

"'Stop Violence and Immorality', I like that one."

Steve began to smile, "Okay, stop kidding with me. I know you're not serious. What are you doing?"

"Let me tell you something," I said. "Those people out there think that just because we're gay, we're bad people. But I've got news for you, I hate immorality just as much as the best guy out there..."

Steve looked at me blankly.

"... and if you don't understand, go to Community Hospital and talk to David Harding about violence and immorality."

A wide smile of understanding crossed Steve's face.

I began to babble out instructions as I headed for the door, "You stay in here and secure the premises; call the police, just in case there's trouble; if the window repairman comes, pay the COD balance out of the till."

The group stopped pacing in circles when I came out of the bar. My heart was pounding. I felt anxiety from the uncertainty of the situation, but a certain amount of exhilaration from the knowledge that I was right. I watched the group from the corner of my eye as one member established himself as the leader. I could see that there was going to be a confrontation.

The man spoke to me. "I see you step into the light occasionally."

"Of course." I was determined not to lower myself to a cheap exchange of insults. "You realize of course, that I agree with your position."

The man's face reddened with anger. He thought that I was making fun of him. He raised his voice somewhat and blurted out, "Well, then how can you tolerate all that pornography?" He pointed his finger

toward the *Anchor*.

"I assure you, there is no pornography in my establishment. I guess you haven't checked for yourself."

"I don't want any part of that kind of sex," the man retorted.

"Sex?" I pointed to the *"Anchor,"* "this is a bar, not a massage parlor. I run a respectable place."

A lady from the group spoke over the man's shoulder. "This was a nice, peaceful community until you brought all of this violence." She motioned to the broken window with a nod of her head, "Look at that!"

"If I remember correctly, the brick that came crashing into my bar came from your community. It looks more like you brought the violence to me."

The man was smiling now. "Yeah, and you never know when it will all end." He had an insistent smile and an insolent look on his face.

There was very little that he could have said or done that would have bothered me, but that was it. I wanted to punch him. But the distant sound of sirens reminded me to keep cool. There I stood, confronted with the cause of the trouble, unable to take any action.

The police car drove up.

There was a quiet sadness in my voice, "Did you know someone was sent to the hospital last night?"

The policeman got out of the patrol car.

The man raised his voice in a show for the officer, "Well no one asked us if we wanted a queer bar in our community!"

I spoke quietly, "Well no one asked David Harding if he wanted to go to the hospital last night."

"The hospit-", the man's voice trailed away. The entire group fell curiously quiet. It was as though I had suddenly gotten through to them.

The policeman walked up, "Good afternoon, Mr. Barette. I hear you called for a policeman."

"Yes," I said, "I did."

The policeman looked at the man. "Well hello, Mr Harding! Good to see you again. Is there some problem here?"

There was silence as suddenly pieces fell into place. I realized what had quieted the group. It was a cruel coincidence. Mr. Harding's son was apparently well-known in this community, but not as well understood. The policeman waited for one of us to speak. Mr. Harding lowered his sign slowly, and the group began to dissolve. In response, I lowered my sign.

The policeman was confused. "Gentlemen?"

Mr. Harding ignored the policeman. Still shocked with the new light on the circumstances, he stared distantly. "My boy."

I still spoke quietly, "He's not a boy, Mr. Harding. He's a man. He's a fine man."

I knew I'd said enough. I turned and went back into the bar. I knew that I had more than just another bar. This was the day that the *"Anchor"* became part of the community.



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with Zi

... Now we don our Gay apparel,... don't you just love to hear all those people singing that song. Zi just loves Christmas and New Year's and the social swirl. Zi has been on a fast since Thanksgiving so that last year's outfit doesn't look like this year's potato sack. Provided that Zi can keep her mouth shut for just a little longer, she should be able to slip into that little sequined number without the help of Vaseline.

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Fasting was not the order of the day at a recent house warming for Silver Hammer Saloon owner Jim Nuss and Timothy Wayne Steele (love the name, honey). Just about everybody who is everybody was there. Jim's famous spaghetti casserole even satisfied Miss G. The Hammer twosome's new Winter Park address makes a great party house and the furnishings are pee elegant. Rumor has it that a certain Gay home furnishings salesman helped the boys add the class touches to their dream home.

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The above-mentioned Miss G appeared at the party looking like a poster child for the Central Florida Zoo. Using an owl wing for her fan and swathing her neck with fox squirrels, Miss G gave the party a real outdoors look. All that was missing was the

blonde bird's nest he usually uses for a hairpiece.

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The recent "Celebrity Salute" for Paul Wegman (P), was a great affair, although it was hard on Zi's mascara... all those tears as we looked back over all those years in Paul's career on stage. Too bad they didn't invite Walter Windsor, host of Channel 9's Filmography series. The way he walls over Bette Davis, Zi is sure he could have found something to gush about too. Special salutes to David Scott for his set and production touches. The roast promises to be a great annual affair.

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Speaking of great... Zi could not help but notice how great Mathew, property manager of the P-House, looked at the roast. Never has Spandex been asked to do so much with so much. Matt's white tails were reportedly borrowed from Glenn Turner, Zi did notice what appeared to be a cosmetic smear on one of the lapels or was that a crumb from the incredible cheesecake served that night.

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Speaking of cheesecake... If you haven't noticed the variety of hunky male calendars on the store shelves this season, get those glasses adjusted. Zi just can't decide between the "Buns" calendar, the Colt calendar,

or the "Men of Venice" masterpiece... all sure to take a Gay boy's breath away. You can find them in the most respectable bookstores and gift shops all over town. Looks like this year's favorite stocking stuffer may be a book of stuffed crouches. Fa-la-la-la-la.

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Look for some great entertainment as the December holidays get closer. Of special notice should be the Dec. 24 presentation by Rusti Fawcett at Southern Nights, South Bumby Street. Called "The Many Moods of Rusti", the showcase will feature glimpses of this performer's varied talents. It really brings home what sacrifices Rusti has made for show business when Zi sees her surrounded by Christmas balls.

It may be a little early for 1983 party dates, but Zi urges everyone to circle Feb. 14... Valentine's Day... as a highlight for the Winter social scene.

Some lucky Gay couple could be the winners of a "Loveboat-style cruise, courtesy of Gay Community Services. Watch for announcements after the first of the year. The prize could be going for the twosome with the best heart-ons.

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WHAT'S HOT, WHAT'S NOT- Hot,...

The middle European menu offerings planned for the new Blue Danube Restaurant soon to be opened on South Street, just a long stones throw from Church Street Station **NOT**-Christmas shoplifting. **HOT**- A tiny eight-inch high Waterford crystal lamp, just right for an elegant boudior. **NOT**- The lack of any organized efforts for VD screening in local Gay clubs and gathering places. **HOT**- The cruising action around the counter at Ronnies' in the Colonial Plaza Mall on Saturday night. **NOT**- PErsons spreading literature for the so-called "Association for the Protection of White People" a racist hate-group, in local Gay establishments.



LOOKING GOOD - Parliament House property manager Matthew, left and friends were all decked out for the first annual Celebrity Salute Nov. 15 in the Playhouse Theatre. Matthew denied rumors that he had been asked to double for the Great White shark during recent filming of "Jaws III" at nearby Seaworld. Joining the former "Bowling for Dollars" star were Ricky, Lee, Jimbo and friend. ND Photo/Wesley

First Celebrity Roast wins rave reviews

Tears and champagne flowed in sizable amounts during the first "Celebrity Salute" held at the Parliament House Nov. 15. A crowd of 200 was on hand to honor Paul Wegman, a longtime figure in the entertainment community as character "P". Wegman was named the first recipient of the Gay Community Services' Gold Faerie Award.

A cast of about 30 persons took part in a celebrity-style roast that spotlighted Wegman's varied career. The show also included visits by characters portraying Wegman's teacher, scout master, and other significant people.

Special video equipment was used to broadcast large screen pictures from Wegman's past to accompany guest speakers. The entire celebrity event was video-taped by Electronic Memories, a Gay-owned and operated video business.

Wegman's response to the crowd included a presentation from "The Elephant Man", a role he portrayed in local community theater as well as tear-filled remembrances of experiences in entertaining for the Gay community.

Miss G served as emcee for the event which was preceded by a desert buffet. The

Parliament House Playhouse Theatre was decorated with a variety of flowers and the stage featured a large replica of the Golden Faerie Award.

Two Orlando newcomers received awards from the Gay Community Services organization as part of the program. Rev. Nancy Radcliffe, who became pastor of Joy MCC church this summer, was chosen as Outstanding Woman of the Year. She has been credited with steering the rapid development and membership growth of the local church body serving Gays. Services, held on Sundays, are reportedly drawing over 100 worshippers.

Jay Wesley, managing editor of *New Direction*, was awarded the Outstanding Man of the Year title. Wesley became managing editor of *New Direction* with its first edition in June. He is credited with the continuing success of the new publication.

Pastor Radcliffe came from seminary training in New York City to begin her work in Orlando, while Wesley arrived in Florida from Michigan in March. Both recipients promised to continue their work in behalf of the central Florida Gay community.

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Of Special Interest!



Pirates of Penzance, first show in Bufman Broadway Series: performances Dec. 21 through 26; Carr Performing Arts Centre, Orlando; for ticket information about the six-show Bufman series, call 841-7146.

The Nutcracker, with Ballet Royal and Florida Symphony Orchestra: 2 and 8 p.m. Dec. 18, 2 p.m. Dec. 19; Carr Performing Arts Centre, Orlando; tickets \$4 to \$8.50, on sale at Carr box office.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Theatre on Park's production of the Shevelov-Gelbart-Sondheim musical: opens 8:15 p.m. Tuesday and continues at 8:15 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7:15 p.m. Sundays through Jan. 23; Theatre on Park Dinner Playhouse, 401 Park Ave. N., Winter Park; \$15.95 Tuesdays through Thursdays and Sunday, \$17.95.

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, satiric Abe Burrows-Frank Loesser musical: 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays through Jan. 9; Once Upon A Stage Dinner Theater, 3376 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, dinner and show \$15.75 Tuesdays through Thursdays and Sundays, \$16.75 Fridays, \$17.75 Saturdays. Buffet served 1 1/2 hours before show.

Dramatic fireworks spark local play

Central Florida theatre-goers will get a special holiday treat from the local civic theater group with a production of Lanford Wilson's drama "The Fifth of July". The production will be staged at the Tupperware Children's Theater located at Loch Haven's Edyth Bush Theater, 1010 E. Princeton Ave., Orlando during the first two weekends in December.

The story is set in Lebanon, Missouri, at the ancestral farm home of the Talley family. Action revolves around the gathering of several friends during the July 4th holiday. The central character is Ken Talley, an embittered Vietnam veteran who describes himself as "a bilateral, gay, man hooked on Percodan and alcohol." Also on hand are Jed, Ken's devoted lover; Ken's sister, June, a friend, John, and several other interesting characters. Their interaction and revelations to each other

concerning their feelings and frustrations are the catalyst for the show's action.

Linda Hornsby is directing this "mini-series" show. Skip Schulte has designed the multi-level set for the arena-style production. The Central Florida Civic Theatre is producing the show.

Appearing in the cast are Tom Nowicki, Anne Dodd, David John Gerrard, Robin Swartz, Sally McCarthur, Estelle Snyder, Brian Donnelly, and Kim Nordstrum.

The play, is being presented at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10, 11 and 12, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 and at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, in the Tupperware Theatre, 1010 E. Princeton St. in Orlando's Loch Haven Park.



FIFTH OF JULY FIREWORKS - David John Gerrard as Jed comforts his fallen lover Ken played by Tom Nowicki while Anne Dodd supplies the verbal fireworks for a rehearsal of Lanford Wilson's "The Fifth of July". The show plays the two weekends in December in the Tupperware area theatre at the Edyth Bush Fine Arts Center, Orlando. NDP/Wesley



George Thorogood and the Destroyers: 8 p.m. Dec. 11; Carr Performing Arts Centre, Orlando; tickets \$9.50, on sale at Carr box office, Infinite Mushroom in Orlando and Fashion Square and Altamonte Mall ticket agencies.

Holiday Arts Festival, arts and crafts, music and food: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 12; Hyatt Hotel Exhibit Hall, Interstate 4 and U.S. Highway 192 East; free.

Busch Gardens, 300-acre African-theme amusement park: 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. today through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through next Friday; 8 miles northeast of downtown Tampa at 3000 Busch Blvd.; admission \$11.75, children 2 and under free, parking \$1.

Kennedy Space Center Visitors Center: 8 a.m. - dusk daily; turn east from U.S. Highway 1 onto NASA Parkway 1 mile south of Titusville; tours \$3 adults, \$1.75 children 13-18, \$1 children 3-12 with adult, children 2 and under free. Tours leave from 9 a.m. until two hours before dusk; call (800) 432-0297 for tour departure times.

They Call Me Bruce, Heaven knows that comedian Johnny Yune's new comedy has its faults, but they seem to slide away. Like Yune himself, the film's got an amusing innocence. The comic, who is Korean, plays a hapless cook from Mainland China who works for a group of West Coast mafiosi. The cook is an

admirer of Bruce Lee, although he's not nearly as nimble — or as knowledgeable — as the master when it comes to martial arts. "You must know kung fu," a woman inquirers. "Yeah. I once stepped in it," the cook shoots back. Seminole Plaza, Fashion Square.

The Sender, Psychological thriller involving a young man (Yugoslav-born Zeljko Ivanek) whose thoughts and nightmares are telepathically transmitted to others and the psychiatrist (Kathryn Harrold) who tries to help him. Parkwood Cinema.

Diner, Evocation of the American 1950s told through the lives of five Baltimore youths, a few years out of high school, who are emerging reluctantly into adulthood, clinging to their music, pranks, male camaraderie, obsession with sex, and late-night meetings at the neighborhood diner. The casting is inspired, especially the troubled quintet: Steve Guttenberg, Daniel Stern, Mickey Rourke, Kevin Bacon and Timothy Daly. Northgate Fourplex.

Time Bandits, John Cleese is Robin Hood, Sean Connery is Agamemnon, Ian Holm is Napoleon and Sir Ralph Richardson is God in cameo parts in this fantasy-comedy made by two of England's Monty Python Flying Circus group. Fashion Square Cinema, Interstate Mall Six.

TRON, Walt Disney Productions' look at an electronic world involving one man's (Jeff Bridges) encounter with the electronic civilization within a computer's memory, complete with fantastic optical effects. Cinema Pub, Conway Cinema Tavern.

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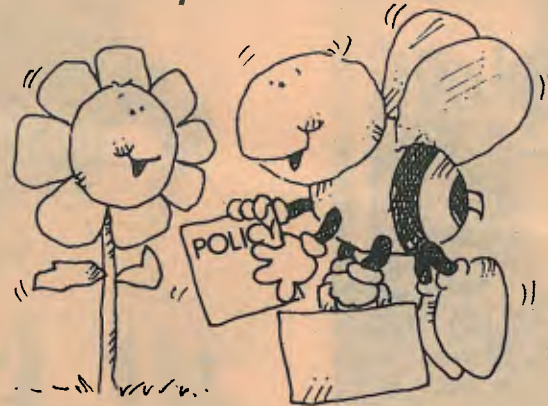
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BY CURT BOCKES
New Direction Staff Writer

Before the days of McDonald's, Burger King and Wendy's, there existed ice cream shoppes. A shoppe where one could go to munch out on banana splits, hot fudge sundaes, and burgers. Keeping tradition in tact and going several steps further is **The Dairy Bell**.

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Now, down to particulars. On a recent visit, the Quiche D-Bell proved heart

warming. Owner-manager **Dick Barnett's** family recipe is served crustless and includes such ingredients as ground beef,

onions, pimentos, mushrooms, and three types of cheese. A must to try, it melts in your mouth.

The spinach in the spinach salad has always been fresh and crisp. Once, it was a little too crisp. Bits of grit met my bite during the destruction of that salad. That's always a hazard in choosing a spinach salad anywhere. The D-Bell's sweet and sour mustard sauce spread lusciously over the spinach is most pleasing to the palate.

The niblets at the Dairy Bell tempt me everytime the thought of one occurs. Cheese lovers, try the D-Bells version of fried cheese. Bit-size tidbits, golden toasted and oh, so savory. Hot flashes, be gone!

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The next time you're out bicycling, going crosstown, or just cruising around, drop in and see Dick at the Dairy Bell. His outgoing, friendly concern warrants customers into coming back again and again. But then, so does the reasonably priced delectables he offers.

FOTOFAX!

Compiled by Timothy Burns

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Vicki Bebout



Jim Marshall

Vicki Bebout, ALIAS: None. OCCUPATION: Bartender. CHEST: 42". WAIST: —. HEIGHT: 5'4". HAIR COLOR: Brown. EYE COLOR: Green. BIRTHDATE: Nov. 26, 1947. BIRTHPLACE: Sanford, Fla. raised: Tampa, Fla., ZODIAC SIGN: Sagittarius. FAVORITE COLORS: Black, Rose. HOBBIES: Ceramics, Crocheting & Jai-Alai. FAVORITE MOVIES: Honeyuckle Rose, Gone With the Wind. FAVORITE ENTERTAINERS: Willie Nelson, Paul Newman, Jane Fonda. FAVORITE FOODS: Soups, Pizza & Eggs Benedict. FAVORITE DRINKS: Southern Comfort & 7. Margaritas. FAVORITE TYPE OF COMPANION: Butch Men & Young Boys. TURN-ONS: Cute Asses on Guys, Smiles. TURN-OFFS: Attitudes. FAVORITE VACATION SITE: Key West, San Diego. FAVORITE SPORTS: —. PEOPLE YOU'RE TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT: Liberace. (Leave the poor man alone). REAGAN: FAVORITE PUBLIC FIGURE: Lady Di, Anwar Sadat (A TRULY peaceful man). LEAST FAVORITE PHRASE: "Miss Thumper". LIFETIME AMBITION: Own my own business, finish writing my book.

Jim Marshall, ALIAS: Jimbo. OCCUPATION: Day Bartender at the World's largest and Most famous. CHEST: 38" WAIST: 30". HEIGHT: 6'2" HAIR COLOR: Brown EYE COLOR: Brown BIRTHDATE: 12-18-58. BIRTHPLACE: NJ RAISED: NJ ZODIAC SIGN: Sagittarius. FAVORITE COLORS: Red, Blue, Blue and greens. HOBBIES: Art, music, dating, and dancing to the beach. FAVORITE MOVIES: E.T. and Blue Lagoon. Wizard of Oz. FAVORITE ENTERTAINERS: Barbara Streisand, Celine Dion, Run D.M.C. FAVORITE FOODS: French Cuisine. FAVORITE DRINKS: Blue Margaritas. FAVORITE TYPE OF COMPANION: Young, blue-eyed blonde boys. TURN-ONS: Nice Ass (bare for day!) TURN-OFFS: Hair on back (other carpet boken) on floor, fat people. FAVORITE VACATION SITE: Fiji Island. FAVORITE SPORTS: swimming and boating. PEOPLE YOU'RE TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT: Princess Charles. FAVORITE PUBLIC FIGURE: Steven Spielberg, Walt Disney. LEAST FAVORITE PHRASE: "Sex you a few". LIFETIME AMBITION: to be a famous artist.

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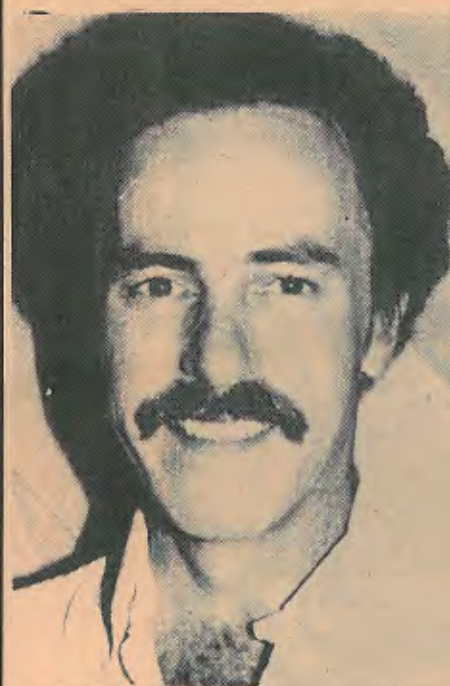
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AGELESS LOVE- Russell, 79, and John, 53, have discovered that a true loving relationship does not know the restraints of age. They have shared three years of life together. ND/Photo/Wesley

Couples

Boundless love cements their manly romance

New Direction is pleased to present a series of profiles on couples in our community. We'll try to determine the unique link that bonds two people together despite much of society's attempts to pull it apart. This new feature will appear every other month. Couples wanting to share their strength with other readers should write New Direction, P.O. Box 4355, Winter Park, Fla 32792. - Editor.

Russell turns four score in January, 80 years of life tucked behind twinkling eyes and a ready smile. John, at 53, is younger and appears too stern, a characteristic left from the long years of military service he gave to his country. He says that, "Russell is his life" with a feeling that leaves little room for doubt.

Russell is a "piney", growing up in the rolling woodlands of southern New Jersey. In his childhood years, he spent much time at the ocean shore, breathing the salt air. It was on a lonely section of beach that he had his first Gay experience, with an older man. "I really didn't know about Gayness, I just knew I enjoyed it," Russell remembers.

"I've been Gay all my life, but didn't know what to do about it until I was in my 60's", Russell said. In 1925, on the advice of a good Gay friend, he married a hometown girl and later became the father of one son.

"My life with my wife was very good. She accepted the friendship of my closest Gay friend, Sidney. We were all very happy around each other.

John's life led him to Orlando after retirement from the Air Force. He had seen duty in several foreign countries. "I enjoyed the companionship of other men. I especially like the close physical contact in sports and wrestling."

The father of four children, including a Gay daughter, John met Russell in 1979 playing Scrabble at a function of the newly-formed Joy Metropolitan Community Church in Orlando.

Russell and John remain deeply involved in their church activities, finding an inner peace in their desire for Christian charity. Sitting close together, their hands search out one another in a gentle way.

Their simple household in Orlando is filled with the knickknacks of two long and successful lives now linked together. They share in the successes of the other's grandchildren.

"Loving one person is not enough," Russell claims. "We need to share our love for life with others. Don't let age become a barrier. Try to enjoy your life to the very fullest today... but be careful not to abuse your health... it's the one thing you never want to lose."

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Little Pleasures

Cocoa Village eatery offers rustic respite

BY JEFF OLUND
New Direction Staff Writer

Spare the elegant dinnerware and cloth napkins and bring on the good old fashioned home cooking! Strickly adhering to that rule is **Myrt's Village Restaurant** (also known as the Greenhouse Restaurant), located in Cocoa Beach's **Cocoa Village**. What Myrt's may lack in surrounding and decor it most certainly makes up for in unequalled home cooking.

The unique combination of a full service restaurant and bakery makes it a popular morning and afternoon spot among local residents and shop owners. An interview was even taking place for the daily newspaper on my last visit.

Whether your taste buds crave eggs, homefries, grits & toast (all for \$1.39) or their home made fruit Danish which overflows with the topping of your choice, Myrt's Village Restaurant and Bakery knows how to please. Best of all you get cooking that has the personal touch that fast food restaurants lack, and prices that will equally please you.

Aging, yellowed plastic table cloths adorn the 10-15 tables which one waitress serves by herself. Plants of all sizes, shapes, and scents are the primary decor of Myrt's, adding a garden-like feeling which enhances the old-time, country atmosphere. The bakery case which separates the restaurant from the kitchen comes to life with the spread of fresh breads, rolls, and danish, all of which are baked daily. Awkward atop the highest shelf in the case is an array of cigarettes, candies, mints, gum, and even Midol! It's strange display further adds to the uniqueness of this everything-in-one, taste tempter.

Breakfast at Myrt's features eggs or french toast, as the choices. That's it! Plain and simple... and delicious! Their luncheon items include subs, sandwiches, soup of the day, and salads. A threat to the Whopper is the Myrt Burger -1/4 of beef, cheese,

ham, on a homemade roll. For \$1.85 it is the best burger in town. The other items are also as reasonable, with no one single item on the menu being more than \$2.70.

The quaintness of Cocoa Village and the many specialty shops which line the cobblestone streets are truly a "piece of New England" on Florida's East coast. While dining at Myrt's you are taken away from 1982 and brought back in time to the days when food was good, reasonable, and served in a home-style atmosphere. Unfortunately, however, the 20th century has to invade even the smallest of little restaurants. Myrt's is poisoned with the beeps and noises of the video game craze, which has brought Frogger to their business. Although 20th century entertainment has become a part of Myrt's, it's unlikely that the rest of today's world will invade this garden of tranquility.

Next time the sandy beaches of Florida's east coast call you for a day of fun and sun, go "back in time" with a breakfast or lunch at Myrt's Village Restaurant and Bakery. Myrt's is located in Cocoa Village on the south side of the street as you enter the Village. You shouldn't miss it.

Good reading list

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Lambda Rising, billed as the largest Gay and Lesbian bookstore in the world, has recently issued a 110-page catalog listing thousands of titles of interest to Gay readers. The catalog lists books from 26 different areas of interest.

Cost of the "Whole Gay Catalog-Books for Gay Men and Lesbians, their Families and Friends", is \$2 per copy. It is available by writing Lambda Rising, 2012 S. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

Books listed include selections from sociology, religion, Gay youth, sexuality and health, the Lively Arts, poetry, biographies and autobiographies. Special sections also offer books for the parents and children of Gay men and Lesbian women.

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Original rhythm tracks lost to copying cats

BY D. VAZQUEZ
New Direction Music Writer

Good Music's comin' at ya with the release of Melba Moore's "The Other Side of The Rainbow", a substantial improvement from last year's "What a Woman Needs". With the combined efforts of Paul Lawrence Jones III, Morrie Brown and Kashif producing, Melba sings with much more enthusiasm similar to her mid 70's chart toppers, "This is It" and "Lean On Me".

The LP starts out with the Top 5 disco/soul smash "Love's Comin' At Ya", an upbeat dance track much in the same vein as the #1 "Love's Comin' at Ya" with its similar blend of keyboards, guitar, and drum beat, giving it that Top 40 hook. The New Wave-like sound of "Underlove" is a carbon copy of Evelyn King's newest release, "Betcha She Don't Love You" with Melba singing her tract with a little more enthusiasm. Both cuts have the same musicians, same format, and same beat. I never realized the economic situation of the record industry was so bad.

Strangely enough the new RCA album release by Evelyn King titled "Get Loose" sounds like Melba's but not as effective. The only thing missing on "Get Loose", is a strong ballad, which is the focal point on Melba's new "Lean On Me", returning her to her gospel roots, Melba emerges with such soul and vigor, one is left breathless by the end. On the last note one could head for the restroom, powder, chit-chat with last week's trick on the way out, and Melba will still be faithfully holding her note awaiting for your return. It promises to be a very popular number amongst our local central Florida enter-

tainers. (Watch for Tasha Diane, and Tasha Thomas of the Parliament House perform their own outstanding renditions of "The Other Side of the Rainbow").

I cannot say that everything on Melba's album is good. There was a dreadful remake of the Four Tops "I Can't Help Myself" (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch). That song needs to be buried, as it has been remade by every recording artist in the industry. The local clubs were constantly punishing us last year with Bonnie Pointer's version, playing it every half hour.

Since the economy is still in a slump, my purchase would be Melba Moore's over Evelyn King's. With all their similarities, you'd actually be "buying" two for the price of one.

(On November 12, 1982, the music industry experienced a deep loss of a very talented musician, Patrick Cowley. After a lengthy illness, Patrick Cowley died of Kaposin Sarcoma. Patrick Cowley of Megatone Records emerged as disco's top favorite with a long string of hits, "Menergy", "I Want To Take You Home", "Megatron Man", "Get A Little", "Lift Off", and "Thank God For Music".

He also wrote hits for others including Paul Parker's "Right On Target", Sylvester's "Do You Wanna Funk", "You Make Me Feel Mighty Real" on his Megatone label. He recently completed synthesizer work for Stacy Lattisaw "Attack of the Name Game", and Carl Carlton "Baby I Need Your Loving". His last and current release "Mind Warp" is rising Fast on the charts.

Patrick Cowley was one of my favorite entertainers and will truly be missed by his fans and the music industry.

Murder victim identified

LAKE MARY—A murder victim whose body was discovered here in April has been identified as a New Jersey man who traveled to Daytona Beach early this year to help start a center for troubled teens, police said Wednesday.

The victim was identified through recheck of fingerprints as Matthew John Pierro, 22, of Bloomfield, N.J., police said.

"Without knowing who he was, we couldn't do much," Sgt. Samuel Belfiore said. "Now we can start tracking where he went and who he talked to."

Pierro's body was found April 10 off a

dirt road near Interstate 4 and Lake Mary Boulevard. He had been stabbed six to eight times and strangled.

Efforts had been made in the central Florida Gay community to identify the man when witnesses reportedly placed the man in a Daytona tavern frequented by Gays. Those efforts apparently met with no success. Pierro's body carried no identification when found. His wounds were similar to those in several other murders of Gay men this year in the Orlando area, although Lake Mary police have found no connection with the crimes.



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Anti-Gay message 'preaches good' says McCraw

BY JAY WESLEY
New Direction Managing Editor

Russell McCraw doesn't look like Mother Theresa. He entered the interview wearing a Ralph Lauren Polo dress shirt, kakis, and penny loafers. Mother Theresa would not be caught dead in penny loafers.

The famous nun of India is McCraw's favorite living Christian; giving herself to so many good works, just like McCraw gave himself to so many men before he found salvation. In fact, to hear him tell it, the world was laying at his zipper.

"I was pretty social," McCraw said of the period before he rediscovered his faith. McCraw seems to equate promiscuity and wantonness with the average's Gay lifestyle.

McCraw, who spends about 80 percent of his time traveling for his Be Whole ministry, claims the reason who homosexuality is under attack from the nation's fundamentalist pulpits is "because it preaches good". He claims that God "hates homosexuality" and says, "after all God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

McCraw seems to overlook the Genesis implication that Eve was created for companionship for a lonely Adam, not a sexually-starved one. The order that they "be fruitful and multiply" came later.

In fact, tailoring the rules of the Scriptures, both old and new, seem to be part of the Be Whole concept. While homosexuality is blasted, the other ancient rules stemming from the same wellspring of Judeo-Christian law; money lending at interest, hostility toward weary travellers, hair cutting, and the eating of cloven-hoofed animals all have been mostly forgotten.

The ordination of openly Gay ministers by some organized faiths came under fire from McCraw, who claimed that the church elders were wrong in allowing permissiveness.

McCraw blamed the permissive West for the rise in open homosexuality. "Gayness cannot exist in a non-free environment. That is why it is not a problem in Russia,

China, and Iran. Only in the free world where society is built on lust can it flourish."

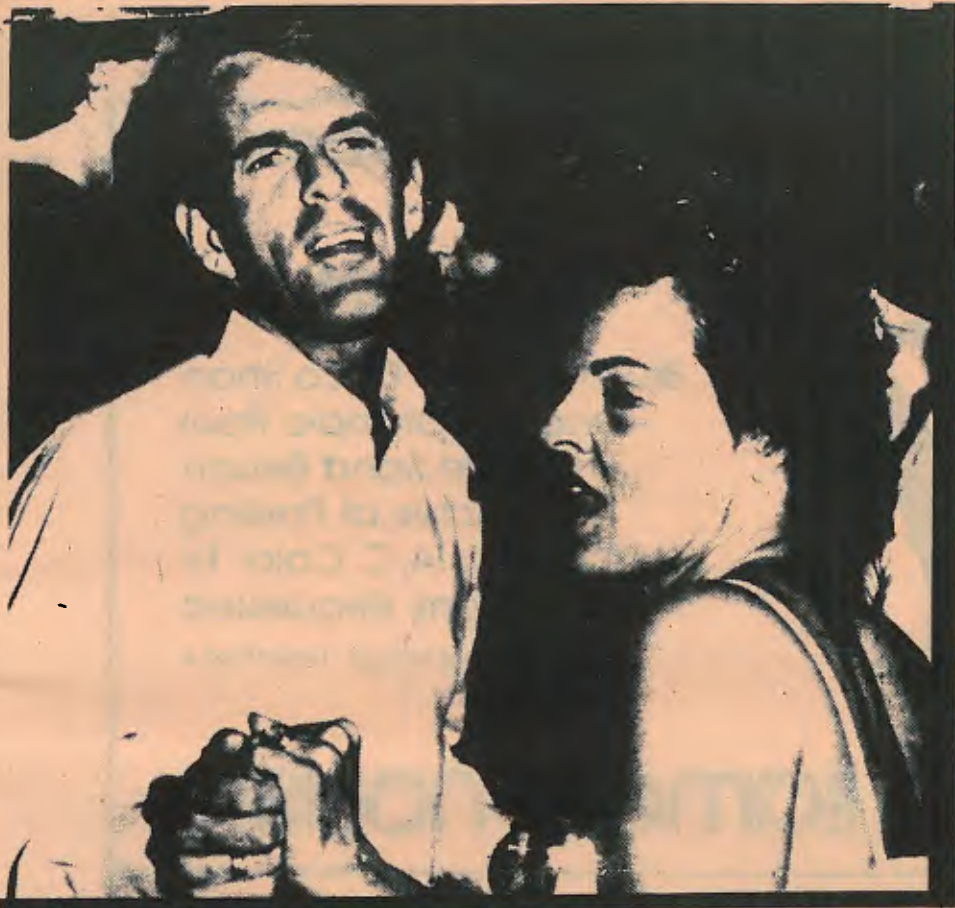
McCraw debunked the idea of a all-forgiving God. "That's just a cop-out", he claimed. "You can be a Christian all your life and never go to heaven. Accepting God at the very last minute of life may get you into heaven, but it will be at a very low level. There is a real caste system in heaven and those entering at the bottom will know all that they have missed by not living a better life."

Be Whole's "Seven Steps Out of Homosexuality" escaped McCraw during our interview. "I really ought to be able to remember them better," he said. In a July newsletter mailed to 1,100 of his correspondents he listed them as: 1) to be born again 1) to be spirit filled 3) confessing your sins to other Christians 4) inner healing 5) accepting Jesus as Lord 6) discipleship with like Christians, and 7) disciple in faith.

Be Whole joins several other U.S. ministries to Gays and former Gays with such trendy titles as "Desert Stream", the King's Ministries, EXIT, and the Christian House. All of them claim a high success rate of conversion of willing members from homosexuality to heterosexuality despite little clinical or psychological data to substantiate the claims.

Gala Durrance, central Florida coordinator for Be Whole claims the group has no medical or psychological support staff advising it. "I guess that we really haven't thought about it," she said.

She also claimed that no direct contact between Be Whole and the local branch of the Metropolitan Community Church, which ministers mainly to Gays, has been made. "One of our people did go to their (MCC) bible study group two times to see what they were talking about."



McCraw and former OJ queen get down at Limelight disco

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Be Whole in Orlando

According to Gala Durrance, Orlando's Be Whole operates on an annual budget of \$10,000. She receives \$400 a month as coordinator. The group is lodged in offices supplied by the Calvary Assembly of God, although Durrance claims that the group is non-demoninational and welcomes all faiths. She said funding for the local effort is coming from several free will offerings as well as conservative church coffers.

Persons wanting to become a member of Be Whole are interviewed by Durrance before they are admitted to the group sessions. She said that no clergy members attend the sessions and that Bible-study is completed using "any accepted" version of the Bible."

Persons wanting more information about Be Whole in central Florida may call (305) 695-4148. Offices of the organization are in the so-called 400 Building adjacent to the Calvary Assembly of God on Michigan Street, Winter Park. Requests for information may be sent to Durrance at P.O. Box 244, Casselberry, Fla. 32707

Christmas offers renewal of human spirit

THE REV. NANCY L. RADCLYFFE
Pastor, Joy MCC

For almost two thousand years Christmas has been a time of renewed hope for much of humanity. Different groups of people have at times been excluded from that hope by other people who said they were acting in the will of God. Those who accept in themselves the love and attraction they feel for another of the same gender are among those who have been deprived of the hope that Christmas brings. Thanks to gay and non-gay theologians we now know that gay people are indeed included in the hope that is Christmas.

The hope of Christmas is, that God so loved you and me that God became a human being in order to lead us to the truth that God is love and through this love, alone, ALL people might have life everlasting. While on earth in human form God was known as Jesus. God became Jesus not to condemn the world but to save the world. (See John 3:16-17). This gift of salvation without condemnation is not something one earns by an act of human will or by "good works". not even the act of denying one's innate sexuality will gain one eternal life. Belief in Jesus as God is the one thing that gives a person eternal life. Lesbians and Gay Men are as able to believe and thereby accept this gift of salvation as non-gay women and men are. Yes, we can be Christian and gay.

A scripture which specifically holds this promise of hope for Gay Men and Lesbians is found in Matthew 19:11-12. These are the words of Jesus to the first disciples and now, to those would-be disciples who can receive this promise.

But Jesus said unto them, "All people cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eu-

nuchs, which were made eunuchs by humans: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. You that are able to receive this let you receive it."

Eunuchs, in Jesus' day were almost un-touchables. They were not allowed to worship in the Temple because they were not "normal". If a gay person is discovered they are usually blocked from worshipping in today's temples. Eunuchs of course, are people who cannot reproduce either due to a genetic factor or the human factor of having been castrated. Those who take a vow of celibacy as part of their call to a life of Christian service, such as Catholic Nuns and Priests, are yet another type of eunuch. All three of these types of eunuchs are not meeting the life pattern of the majority of humanity.

Lesbians and Gay Men are also eunuchs, especially if we were allowed to develop as such rather than beign forced into non-gay roles. Gay people ordinarily would not reproduce because they would not relate sexually with a person of the opposity sex. Jesus is voicing an acceptance of all types of eunuchs. It does not even matter what theories humans come up with to account for homosexuality Jesus is saying that these people are accepted whether the reason is genetic, environmental or a vow for the sake of the kingdom of God.

This acceptance becomes even more pronounced if we look at two corollary scriptures. The first is from Isaiah, a prophetic book which tells so much of Jesus' life and ministry and of the days of the new covenant that is now established because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In reading chapter 56 we find that eunuchs do have a place in God's plan. God speaking through the prophet Isaiah has said,

"To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which shall not be cut off." Isa. 56:4-5

God goes on to say that the offerings and sacrifices of these people will be accepted and that the offerings and sacrifices of these people will be accepted and that other "outcasts" will also be gathered to God.

In Acts chapter 8, we find that Philip teaches a eunuch about the good news of hope and the eunuch asks to be baptized as a result of his belief. Philip baptized

him, he indeed became a Christian while still a eunuch. He was not kept from baptism because he was a eunuch nor was he changed from being a eunuch once baptized.

The hope of Christmas is our hope too. God became flesh in Jesus for gay and non-gay. We may all have the hope, the salvation, and the whoeness that Jesus brings simply by believing the oldest confession of Christian faith, "Jesus is Lord."

We Wish You

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!



Dignity and Metropolitan Community Church invite YOU to share the hope of Christmas with us!

Sunday, Dec. 19th 7:15

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Joy MCC - Worship with Caroles & Communion

Thursday, Dec. 23rd 7:30 p.m.

Joy MCC - An informal sharing of prayer, communion & caroles

Friday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

Dignity & Joy MCC Fellowship & Worship

Open House with eggnog and dessert table 9 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

Candlelight Service of the Word & Sacrament 11 p.m.

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The Sacrament will be a Roman Mass celebrated by Fa. Marty Keller of Dignity

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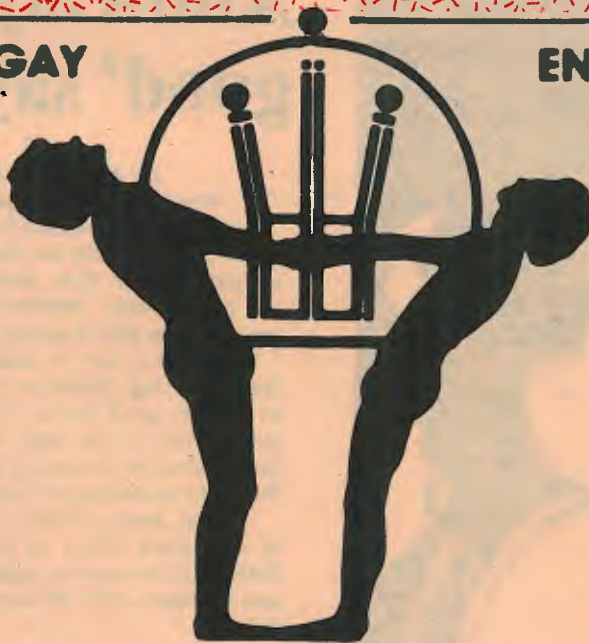
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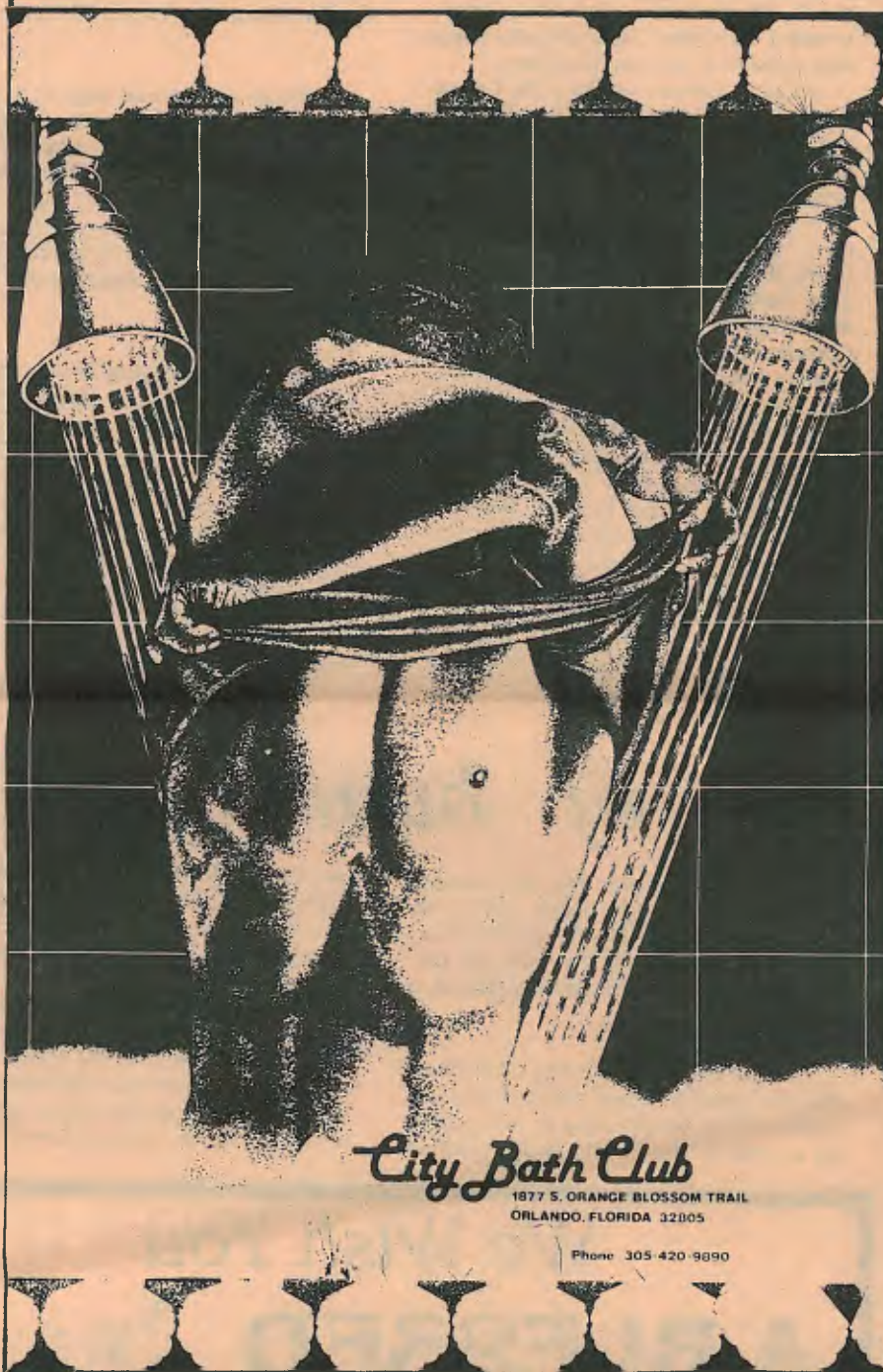


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