

# THE CENTER FOLD

The Monthly Newspaper from Gay & Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida, Inc.

## New Theater Group 'Acts Out' Gay- and Lesbian-Themed Plays

By Cornelius Van Pelt  
Center Fold Staff Writer

**E**rnest Hemingway once remarked that anyone aspiring to be a writer must experience everything in life at least once.

You don't have to be a writer to try out Hemingway's philosophy. Or, even an aspiring writer. New life experiences abound for everyone. Many of us have already participated fully.

There is one experience, however, that I suspect has been shared by only a scattering of Central Floridians. It's an experience that's targeted *specifically* to us area gays and lesbians, and it's one that shouldn't be missed.

I speak of Lewis Routh's Act Out Theatre, where plays by the country's leading gay and lesbian playwrights are performed regularly for those of us who inhabit this dynamic subculture.

Act Out Theatre (AOT) is Florida's *only* non-profit corporation organized to produce plays with gay and lesbian themes. And it does so with gusto, professionalism and finely tuned performances by area actors. Four performances of each new play are given monthly in the spacious and tastefully appointed disco at the newly decorated and "newly discovered" Phoenix at Aloma, 7124 Aloma Ave., Winter Park (formerly The Flamingo Lounge, now with "new management, new environment, no attitudes and friendly faces").

After Lew and his partner of 15 years, Marlin Haindfield, arrived in Orlando in late 1990, Lew says: "I realized that Orlando's gay and lesbian community was ripe for theater with a decidedly gay perspective. Lots of good theater was being presented in Orlando, but there

was still room for something more. I wanted to bring the plays of America's top gay playwrights to Central Florida's growing alternate lifestyle community — who are always in search of something new, different, well-done, cultural and *dedicated to us.*"

Lew moved into action rapidly and by mid-1991 the dream of starting his own gay theater company became a reality.

His first production, the GLCS benefit *The Whores of a Different Color*, drew considerable attention and applauding audiences during its Parliament House performances. While putting his second production "on the boards," Lew gathered together a group of theater friends who would form the nucleus of Act Out Theatre.

Initially, the name of the group was "Out Cast Theater," but with the loss of an "s" and a couple of rearranged words, the name of this crusading band of troupers became Act Out Theatre.

Early on it was decided that the group would be a non-profit corporation, whose purpose was to produce gay-and-lesbian-themed plays. "We wanted to provide a theatrical image of the gay experience," Lew says, "and we wanted to entertain. Whether the audience is straight or gay doesn't really matter. We want to let them see us as we really are!"

While busy promoting his second production, a benefit for AREA, Lew met two vital persons who were able to move his dream forward: David Hardy and Dennis



Act Out presented 'The Madness of Lady Bright' last month. The play featured Herb Kelly (on couch), Michael Helle (center) and Debbie Barretta.

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Garmon, the new owners of the Phoenix.

"Since our first meeting, Dennis and David have donated their time, energy, money and enthusiastic support to AOT. Let's face it, with our shows costing us well over \$1,000 per production (promotion, sets,

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## GOBA Organizes

Twelve people met at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Jan. 15 to discuss what has been nick-named GOBA, the Greater Orlando Business Association. For the past few months, *The Center Fold* has rallied support to create a mutually beneficial association of gay and lesbian business people, as well as non-gay businesspeople who are friendly to or supportive of the gay and lesbian community.

In this issue, there is a questionnaire on Page 15 which should be answered by all businesspeople who are interested in expanding their economic base, as well as promoting gay and lesbian businesses.

The next GOBA meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Joy MCC, 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando, for all those who wish to participate in GOBA.

## GLCS Holds Annual Elections

The annual meeting of Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida Inc. was held on Jan. 12 at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Approximately 40 members and their guests gathered as the board of directors gave its annual reports to the membership and elected a board and officers for 1992.

The annual report was given by GLCS President David Bain, followed by reports from the directors of the Delta Youth Alliance and the Center, and the managing editor of *The Center Fold*.

At the conclusion of the meeting, board member John Rose presented former Center Director Linda

Cartwright with the GLCS Community Service Award for her contributions over the past year to the lesbian and gay community.

The results of the election were as follows: Bain, Harold Strait and Jeff Sullivan were elected to two-year terms, and Michael Barbee and Richard Veblen were elected to one-year terms.

They join board members Lee Moody and Rose who are completing the final year of their two-year terms. Officers for 1992 are David Bain, president; Richard Veblen, vice president; Jeff Sullivan, secretary; and Lee Moody, treasurer. All three bylaw amendments were approved by the membership.



# GLCS Survives the Storm, Looks Ahead in 1992

By David Bain  
GLCS President

The last year was a commendable one for Gay and Lesbian Community Services. We began 1991 in enormous debt, our board was exhausted, there was rumor of recession, the Internal Revenue Service came knocking at our door and our largest fund-raiser of the year was getting off to a shaky start. It's not a time I like to look back on. But now that the year is over, I am happy to report that we have survived the storm and are looking forward to the coming year.

But first, let me review our accomplishments in 1991. To begin with, we successfully negotiated our first ever joint GayEscape cruise with the Metropolitan Community Church of Tampa. The ship set sail on time from the Port of St. Petersburg for our third annual cruise to nowhere with a capacity crowd of 850 passengers who enjoyed an evening of food, dancing, gambling and entertainment that included Monica Grant and headliner Jimmy James.

We then were immediately in the middle of Pride Week activities, which featured Orlando's first-ever Pride Parade, organized by Orlando Pride, followed by our own Pride Picnic which drew record crowds. A few weeks later, *Whores of a Different Color*, a play by Lewis Routh, was produced on the stage of the Parliament House.

GLCS showed its community involvement again in 1991 by sponsoring various community events to support funding and awareness for the AIDS crisis. As part of Pride Week, GLCS produced the annual AIDS memorial at Lake Eola, where the traditional reading of the names was presented.

This past fall, GLCS was pleased to co-produce, along with other AIDS-service organizations, JAMAA Jam (Jazz Musicians Against AIDS) at Rollins College, which featured area jazz artists in an outdoor concert.

And as part of World AIDS Day, GLCS supported Orlando Cares and its third annual AIDS Walk around Lake Eola by providing volunteers and serving water and fresh fruit along the walking route.

As the holiday season approached, GLCS again became involved with the AIDS com-

munity through its annual Holiday Appeal for food and necessities, which were donated to local AIDS-service

organizations.

GLCS continued its support for the formation of new organizations. Act Out Theatre (which produces plays with gay and lesbian themes) followed in the footsteps of Orlando Pride and the Orlando Gay Chorus as the newest independent gay and lesbian organizations in Central Florida.

Other GLCS programs were successful in 1991 as well. The Delta Youth Alliance, which provides counseling and services to 13-21 year olds (under the guidance of Terry Deischer) continued to grow throughout the year. *The Center Fold*, our monthly newspaper (under the guidance of Michael Sopoliga), continued to hold its own.

Our Gay and Lesbian Community Center continued to grow under the watchful eyes of past Center directors Linda Cartwright and Terry Deischer.

The year also confirmed the need for our Emergency Housing Program, which provides temporary shelter for individuals displaced from their homes, and our Professional Counseling Program, which continued to provide affordable counseling services five nights a week.

As the year progressed, our activities also grew as GaySkate repeatedly broke its own attendance records. In fact, GaySkate is now being presented twice a month,

on the second and fourth Mondays — due to overwhelming demand (and a shortage of skates).

I can't mention all the good without also elaborating on some of the bad.

During the past six months, our monthly pledge billings have dropped nearly 50 percent to an all-time low.

We do not expect to hire a replacement Center director until possibly May and our board will be forced to carry the additional burden of operating The Center until our finances improve. We've been forced to cut back on telephone service, capital expenditures and staff until we can replace the lost revenue. We made



GLCS President David Bain

some mistakes due to our inexperience with payroll taxes, and were penalized by the IRS.

And an error in human judgment caused some unexpected expenses for GayEscape III. Our recent fund-raising effort at Sleuths' Mystery Theater was a disappointment to say the least.

So where does that leave us here at the early part of 1992?

Well, fortunately we started the year completely out of debt and it looks like our financial situation is beginning to improve. We have successfully negotiated a lower lease payment on our building at 750 W. Colonial Drive. The board's priorities will be the donations and increasing volunteerism in our community.

We have some exciting plans for the year ahead. This year has already marked the debut of our merchant discount program, where GLCS members receive various discounts by presenting their membership cards to participating businesses.

This program received an overwhelming response from the membership and the business community, and we plan to continually update and expand the service to our members.

We've also expanded our counseling service into the weekends with Saturday counseling now available.

We are currently in negotiations for GayEscape IV and other gay and lesbian travel and entertainment opportunities for 1992.

We'll also meet with various business leaders in the next few weeks to finalize plans for a Central Florida gay and lesbian business guild.

Planning is under way for the 1993 March on Washington and GLCS will take an active role by acting as a home base and providing services and resources for the planning of the Florida Region.

Also in the planning stages for 1992 is the development of our Member Organization Program, which in an attempt to broaden our support of the entire community will offer financial support to other gay and lesbian organizations that wish to participate.

I would like to thank all past and present board members, volunteers, supporters and friends of GLCS who have helped us throughout the year. We shall continue to dedicate ourselves to the gay and lesbian community well into the future with your continued support in 1992.

## GLCS Annual Report

### 1991 GLCS Finance Report

<u>Category Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Fundraising Profit	\$25,996.28
Group Donations	\$ 2,264.07
Membership Dues	\$ 2,312.00
Monthly Pledge	\$15,273.29
Other Income	<u>\$ 8,367.19</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$54,212.83</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Center Rent	\$16,960.00
Electricity/Gas	\$ 5,004.38
Office Expenses	\$ 1,527.10
Payroll	\$11,842.05
Postage & Mailing	\$ 1,324.10
Tax Penalties	\$ 1,169.41
Taxes	\$ 1,248.70
Telephone Charges	\$ 4,476.26
Telephone System Purchase	\$ 1,835.64
Expenses — Other	<u>\$ 7,164.89</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$52,552.53</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,660.30</u></b>

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# 'Gold, Glitter and Glamour' II Helps Local Groups

By Bruce Wellington  
Center Fold Staff Writer

Once again, one of the highpoints of Orlando's annual gay and lesbian community social scene proved to be a double success: helping raise funds for two area organizations, the Hope and Help Center and the Gay and Lesbian Parents' Coalition International, and providing 100 plus New Year's Eve celebrants with all the trappings of a special fun-filled evening.

"Gold, Glitter and Glamour II," as was its 1991 predecessor, was an evening of festivity that everyone present will remember with special warmth. In keeping with the annual theme, the hosts' spacious home and pool were adorned with black and glittering gold decorations. Abundant and tasty hors d'oeuvres filled tables, two open bars catered to all the guests' cocktail desires and several cabaret performers provided great music throughout the evening.

Following the count-down to midnight, the appropriately dressed Baby of the Year burst forth with his own bottle of "bubbly," shooting cascading fountains of champagne high and wide into the first chilly minutes of 1992. It was a memorable moment — one not to be forgotten.

The singing of the poignant "Auld Lang Syne" filled the home with well-toned voices and moist-eyed emotions, while guests displayed both revelry and affection. It was another of those special moments that surface (much too rarely) only once a year.

Several guests lucky enough to be holding the right raffle tickets won a variety of prints and posters by Jon Reich, Chicago's master of drawing the human form. One guest received the artist's new and richly designed book, *The Nudes of Jon Reich*.

The music, provided by Eileen Hefferin (soloist and keyboardist), Tony Tooley (outstanding baritone with Disney's "Voices of Liberty") and members of the Orlando Gay Chorus' "Cabaret Singers" (including Jeff

Roush, Moe Prado, Russ Macomber, Rob Haskins and John Paul Tier), was enormously appreciated by the guests. For the second year in a row, this vibrant group of OGC singers gave us great pleasure and memorable musical moments. And, also for the second year, Terry Thomas, former accompanist for the OGC and recently returned from Chicago's world of musical theater, manned the keys of the grand piano with skill and artistry.

The mission of the evening was not only to provide moments of gaiety for the guests, but also to dedicate the evening to colleagues in need of our assistance.

"Gold, Glitter and Glamour II" achieved both goals.



**Top: Scott Alles of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International receives a check from Chris Alexander for the group's share of the funds raised by 'Gold, Glitter and Glamour II'**



**Bottom: Alexander presents Chuck Hummer of the Hope and Help Center with a check for the group's share of the funds from the event**



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# David Bain's Re-Election is Good News for Our Community

And who says there's no good news to be found anywhere? The re-election of David Bain as president of Gay and Lesbian Community Services is good news for our community.

Why? For two reasons.

The first is that David is a doer. They say that talk is cheap, and the Center has many who do a lot of talking, but very little else. While David does his share of talking, he does more than his fair share of doing. There are times when I pass the Center late in the evening and on weekends, and there in the parking lot is David's car.

I can remember when I took over *The Center Fold*. Who taught me everything I know about running it? You're right, David Bain.

After all, because there were a few months when the newspaper had no managing editor. So David, aside from his other responsibilities, had to get the paper out too.

I think he liked dabbling in journalism, because even today, I get the distinct impression that *The Center Fold* is David's "pet project." He never speaks to me without offering his help if things get hairy, which they usually do. He manages to give me great ideas for articles, especially in highlighting people and activities offered at The Center.

Secondly, he loves the fruits of his labors, and is uncomfortable with overt recognition of them. It's clear to me that

David seeks no glory for himself, and that his only reason for doing so much for The Center is because he wants to share his dream of a real community with others in this community, and will work selflessly toward that goal.

Let me take this opportunity on behalf of *The Center Fold*, the best little paper in Orlando and beyond, to congratulate David upon his re-election as president of GLCS. It's comforting to know that he's there when we need him. Good luck, David!

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**GOBA Gets Off the Ground:** In the November issue of *The Center Fold*, I spoke of the importance of networking, specifically gay and lesbian networking. Well, it's time has indeed come. It was a Wednesday evening last month when I along with a couple of others interested in the concept of networking, and getting gay and lesbian business people together to do it, sat and chatted, wondering who else would show up for the meeting. No sooner did we begin to wonder whether our efforts were in vain, then a steady stream of people started to show up for the meeting.

In all, 12 of us discussed just how we would go about getting the word out about GOBA.

I am very happy that there are like-minded people living in the greater Orlando area who see the need and importance of gay and lesbian networking. That's right, it'll be for fun and profit, literally.

I would like to invite businesses out of the greater Orlando area to become active in this endeavor, especially our friends on the East Coast. In this tight economic times, a lead from someone else might be all that is needed to help your business grow.

While the formalities of the association

have yet to be worked out, we will be setting dates for monthly meetings (get-togethers actually), similar to the one we just had. Why even at our first meeting, we were all exchanging business cards. I was happy to find a printing company operated by two lesbians near my place of business. You can be sure I will be giving them my company's business. You see how easy it is to make contacts!

I hope that every gay- or lesbian-owned businessperson, gay and lesbian friendly or supportive businessperson, as well as professionals, and anyone who works for a living actually, will come to our inaugural get-together. GOBA is definitely something you'll be hearing more about!

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**Gays Living On The Brink:** During the Cold War years, there was a phrase which depicted a kind of doom's-day dare. It was called *brinkmanship*: which country's leader could dare the other's to the brink of nuclear annihilation first?

Now that the Cold War is over, and democracy and freedom are the rule of the day, the idea of brinkmanship can be directed to other areas of our lives.

So many of us live on the brink of things. The brink of losing one's job, the brink of getting fired, the brink of being thrown out into the street, the brink of contracting some disease, to name just a few.

When I was younger, living on the brink was something which seemed exciting. It was a way of daring my mortality. Young people don't think they can die. Their youthfulness belies their mortality. That's why we shed tears every time we hear of teen-age auto wrecks and the like. In those cases, they played brinkmanship and lost.

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## Letters to the Editor

"The good-old days are gone. Let's  
not let our friends who have died  
— die in vain."

Dear Editor:

On a recent visit to a local nightspot, I was asked by four people in 20 minutes to go home with them. When I turned them down, they went off with someone else. The next night the same thing happened.

My point? Well, it's simple: AIDS. We keep blaming the straight society for our troubles, yet we haven't taken enough responsibility for it ourselves. If we want to be heard, we must shout — but we must shout with the right words and actions.

Donating time and/or money to help people with AIDS is wonderful, yet it's not enough. We, too, must be responsible and change our lifestyles to fit the times. We must seek the answers, if we have

questions and more important, we must hear what we are told and not ignore it.

I'm sick of seeing my friends slowly lose everything they have and then die. The good-old days are gone. Let's not let our friends who have died — die in vain.

Cruising for one-night stands can no longer be the norm of gay life. We must act responsibly. If we don't care — *words with actions* — why should the straight population?

B. Jones  
Deltona

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costumes, royalties and a multitude of incidentals) we couldn't afford to rent a theater. Or, if we had to rent, our ticket prices could have been unappealingly high," Lew says.

"David and Dennis have been exceedingly generous and both AOT and our theatergoers have benefitted mightily from their good will and continued support!"

The first AOT production, Harvey Fierstein's *Forget Him*, opened in early October to an enthusiastic crowd. Jack Silbaugh, Gail Terren and Drew Davenport starred. "The audience loved it! I knew from that moment that AOT would be a hit."

In November, the AREA benefit opened at the Parliament House under a prearranged booking, prior to securing the Phoenix. This production, dubbed "Double Take" (two plays, one serio-comic theme) featured stellar performances by Jack Silbaugh and Paul Wegman ("Miss P"). Both plays, Fierstein's *Safe Sex* and Robert Patrick's *Pouf Positive* focused on AIDS with great poignancy.

In her review in *The Orlando Sentinel* (Nov. 11), theater critic Elizabeth Maupin said of Wegman's *Pouf Positive* performance: "Wegman is in his element as this flashy character, who wonders aloud about a world in which AIDS has killed all the gays: 'Whole strains of ferns and poodles would die out!'"

The double bill review ended with Maupin's calling *Pouf Positive* "comedy that wrenches the gut."

AOT performers in other productions have given equally stirring performances: Skip West and Tony Tilk in the comic December production of Murray Schisgal's *Closet Madness* and Herb Kelly, Debbie Barretta and Michael Helle in Lanford Wilson's just-completed tender and pathos-filled January production of *The Madness of Lady Bright*.

The latter was one of the plays which marked the beginning of what has been called the off-off-Broadway "Gay Theater" series at New York City's well-respected *Caffe Chino*.

Lew's background as a professional director began in his home town in Arkansas, where he was artistic director for the Northwest Arkansas Council for the Arts. His earlier directorial credits include *The Fantasticks*, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *The Belle of Amherst*, *On Golden Pond* and *Tommy*.

He has worked with the Experimental Theatre Group and Workshop, Living Arts Theatre and the Tulsa, Okla., Central Library Lower Level Theater, Mecca Productions and Midtown Productions, both in Atlanta (the latter as owner/producer/director).

"I've always known I would be involved in theater. I also knew that I would have an interest in the gay lifestyle," Lew adds. He met his partner while working as an actor on the Goldenrod Showboat in St. Louis. "Marlin always has been a part of my productions; he's consistently there with me, sharing the ups and downs that spell good theater."

So what's next? As I write this, AOT is in rehearsal for John Olive's *Minnesota Moon*, a richly drawn one-act character study of two adolescents at the dawn of their sexuality.

Also scheduled are Robert Patrick's "hilariously dazzling" *Bill Bachelor Road*, Doric Wilson's arts to the Stonewall Riots in *Street Theatre*, John Gline's tribute to Jane Chambers, *In Her Own Words*, and Emily Mann's searing portrait of Dan White's trial in *Execution of Justice*.

"Each of these plays touches on our individuality, our uniqueness," Lew says, "It is theater for all of us!"

With each new production, AOT grows in membership, in appeal, in reputation and in stature.



**Act Out Theatre founder and director Lewis Routh.**

"People are beginning to realize that we're here to stay. I'm pleased that with each new play more and more of our 60 seats are filled," Lew says.

"The doors open at 7 p.m. and the productions begin at 8. Play-goers can come early and enjoy an hour of pleasantries, meeting old and new friends and ordering their favorite drinks from either of the two bars before the curtain goes up."

"Our community is getting more involved with us, and, best of all, they're trekking out to East Aloma to see us. We aim to please, and we haven't failed yet! Hope to see you all soon."

## Act Out Theatre Presents 'Minnesota Madness'

Act Out Theatre's February production will be John Olive's one-act comedy-drama *Minnesota Madness*.

"On a moonlit, late summer evening in 1968, Al and Larry break into old man Pearson's fenced field to share a few beers before Al leaves for college. Beneath the horseplay is the closeness and affection of 18 years of friendship ... growing up together in a small Minnesota town, sharing one buddy's death and another's military enlistment."

"By the end of this haunting play we realize that their youth is over, and that their friendship has come to an end. They share an embarrassed embrace, and their lives move on. This is the moment which will all too soon be the subject of nostalgia. As they leave the farmyard, we can

feel the scene receding from the youths' memories."

As a touring production of the Playwright's Lab of Minneapolis, *Minnesota Moon* was produced at New York's Circle Repertory Theater in 1979.

Act Out's production of *Minnesota Moon* features Ofir Eyal as Alan and Donald Frantum as Larry. Wade Hair understudies. The production is directed by Act Out founder Lewis Routh.

Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings, Feb. 14 and 15 and 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. at the Phoenix at Aloma, 7124 Aloma Ave. Tickets are \$4 in advance (available at the Phoenix) or \$5 at the door. For reservations and information, call Act Out at (407) 677-5407. Theater seating is limited to 60. "Reserve early," Routh says, "we fill up early!"

## Act Out Sets Auditions for 'Bill Bachelor Road'

Act Out Theatre, Central Florida's only gay and lesbian theater group, will hold auditions for Robert Patrick's one-act comedy, *Bill Bachelor Road*, on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. at the Phoenix at Aloma, 7124 Aloma Ave., Winter Park.

Casting requirements are for three middle-aged men. Bob and Bill are gay lovers in 1940s California who have continually opened their home to servicemen before the boys go off to World War II. Howie Larson, a young soldier who died while overseas, had written his folks back home telling them what a lovely time he had visiting Mrs. Bill Bachelor. The Rev. Lawson, Howie's father, has come to California to call on Mrs. Bachelor, only to find "sin, degradation and homosexuals!" The one-act play is biting funny, a comedy with a punch, and written in typical Robert Patrick style.

Actors will read from the script. Backstage volunteers are encouraged to attend and sign-up.

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## Corrections

**Editor's Note:** Due to a computer problem, the following quotes by GLCS board member LeJune Perrin were omitted from the article "LeJune Perrin is Helping Out All Over" in the January Center Fold.

"Of course, the rights of both groups [women and gays and lesbians] are much the same. We need the same kind of health and life insurance rights, and other benefits, that heteros now get. We need to be given the right to adopt children. There are so many children needing good parents and homes that it's criminal to deny them those natural rights.

"We've all got a lot of work to do to make us blend with the majority heterosexual world. We can do this in many ways — quietly, militantly, creatively, athletically, professionally. Many of those options are open to me, along with the chance to help everybody I can through GLCS.

"This is where I feel I can do the most



good. I will always want to contribute to our community's inquiring, curious and needy. Working through Central Florida's Gay and Lesbian Community Services is where I can do it best for now!"

## Jon Reich Displays New Art at Recent Local Showing

By Cornelius Van Pelt  
Center Fold Staff Writer

At a recent fall showing of his newest works, Jon Reich, well-known mid-Western artist, previewed many of his most recent creations to central Florida collectors, friends and an ever-growing assemblage of admirers. Old favorites, including the four famous female and male nude torsos ("Transparencies"), also were displayed. Prominent among these major works were his stunning "Designer Robe" and the inspirational "Gift of Spring."

While continuing to work in his most familiar media (pencil, watercolor and pastels), Reich recently has broadened his media experimentation to include wax (alone) and oil and paint sticks with wax (evoking a delicate three-dimensional effect, and providing uniquely bright and colorful effects).

A major new project for Reich is the production of a film, *On Surviving*, dedicated to those millions who are sur-

living illnesses of all kinds, and to those who are sustaining the survivors through loving and listening, through caring and sharing, through warmth and wisdom.

Despite the incapacities of AIDS-related neuropathy and other illnesses brought about by his susceptible immune system, Reich continues to produce new and highly acclaimed artwork prodigiously. He is living proof of the power of enterprise, hard work, healthful living, a buoyant spirit, unfaltering enthusiasm and a mission in fighting AIDS.

Reich will return to Jacksonville and Orlando in late March for a showing of old favorites (originals, prints and posters), and a preview of his newest original. Details of this event will be announced at a later date.

Reich's works are on display at the Scott Laurent Galleries, 533 N. Virginia Ave., Winter Park, phone (407) 629-1488. Call proprietors Scott Alles and Laurent "Larry" Nicastro for more information on their eclectic collection of "art for everyone."

## Group for Gay, Lesbian Catholics Forming

Many Catholics believe that our sexuality can be expressed in a physically unitive way that is consonant with Christ's teaching. With this single thought, a few people have made a choice to begin a "start-up committee." The goal of this committee is to build a community of lesbian and gay Catholics and friends committed to being both Christian and gay.

The Start-Up Committee will hold its first meeting Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at The Center, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando.

Our goals at this meeting will be: Call upon the Church to strongly condemn all forms of anti-gay violence — physical, spiritual and emotional; challenge the Church to minister more fully to all persons with AIDS; support the full

equality of women in the Church; and challenge Church leaders to support laws which protect our basic civil rights to fair housing, employment and accommodations.

If you can not attend this first meeting, please feel free to contact us at: Dignity/Orlando, P.O. Box 616870, Orlando, Fla. 32861-6870, attn.: Jim Hedrick, Start-Up Committee.

Dignity will work to develop sexual ethics guidelines for the Christian lesbian and gay. Contributions to the guidelines include an extensive survey of our membership base and consultation with theologians on matters of sexual ethics. These guidelines have been completed to be tried and tested by lesbian and gay persons for generations to come.

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# Educated Discrimination Tears Apart a Friendship

By Jeff Campbell  
Center Fold Staff Writer

To say that Susan has been a friend of mine for 30 years is fair; in fact, Susan was more than a friend for she in fact seemed more of a *patron*. I was a professional man when she entered my life as a client and we developed a mutual respect for one another. Susan is an educator and the wife of a college professor.

Over these 30 or so years, she has encouraged me to enter the political arena in the local area or even just to write in the field of government. Something in this business relationship we shared prompted her to see roads for me to travel other than that which I pursued.

The world of politics was not beyond my interests — in fact, as a young man I imagined my future was to be in politics. But as I matured and acknowledged my homosexuality, it became clear that politics was not to be my life. Exposed homo-sexuality then, even more than now, ruined careers and destroyed lives. So I always found reasons to dismiss these suggestions from Susan, but never the true reason.

As most of my clients and their spouses, Susan and her husband have been in my home — the home I share with my lover. As the holiday season most years we held an open house for our clientele, entertaining as many as 50 people in our home at one time. This necessitated the use of our bedroom for coats and meant that our guests were in all parts of the house. It was not difficult to see that this three-bedroom home had one office, one den and one bedroom. As curious as people are about others, I am certain this was noted.

But getting back to Susan, not long ago she read a piece of fiction I wrote concerning a Christmas Day celebration given by a man in memory of his lover who had died of AIDS. Part of this story involved a fictional holiday trip my lover and I shared. This caught Susan's eye and she wrote, "Your writing is so unusual that it is difficult to separate the fictional from the real," and she asked me to send her some of my work.

I sent her a selection of my articles and the resulting sudden silence has been deafening. No longer can Susan walk through my house and "not see" my gay lifestyle or my shared bed. Suddenly, there is no separation of the fictional from the real for they are the same. The fiction was the premise of the story, not the circumstance of my life.

Susan's devotion is to a church which considers homosexuality a sin. The advice of this church is *hate the sin but not the sinner*, but condemns he who maintains a lifestyle that is quite instinctive to him. But the observation here is not of dogmatic intolerance but a commentary on education.

Even the greatest education cannot free us of prejudice if we set limits on what we

will understand, what we will see and what we will learn. A true education sets us free to pursue real truths pertaining to the world in which we live and empowers us to integrate this knowledge into our real world. A true education frees us from the restrictions that a society has placed upon our values and our understanding. Education is limited in specifics to exactly what it teaches but it opens the abilities of our mind to expand upon that already limited knowledge.

What purpose would education serve if, once a degree is awarded, the final chapter had been written? Every graduate of each category would know exactly the same thing. Unless the mind is left open and free and inquisitive, one could seek the services of any doctor, and attorney or any scientist and receive the same information. This is no indictment of the educational system — this is a puzzle in trying to understand people and the limitations they place upon themselves.

Human logic tells even the uneducated that, in the face of hate and violence and abuse and insults and ridicule, one would not *select* a homosexual lifestyle because it would be *fun*! It is not a matter of choice, rather it is an instinctive actuality; it does not take an education to understand the difference. I was born to be who I am and, therefore, I am me.

In times past, having been discharged from employment because of my sexual orientation, I assure you that I would not *choose* homosexuality for my life. Having been harassed and embarrassed and hassled and molested because I am gay, given a second choice for a second time I would have changed my mind. But that choice is not mine to make.

Our job — our obligation to ourselves — is to teach not only the shallow-minded people but the educated people, too. My friend Susan has all the education and capacity to accept me for who I am; to appreciate the fact that I did not enjoy the luxury of choosing my sexuality. *She* has the luxury of an education to understand this but she has limited her outlook to the limits of those who taught her. She has been unable to grow beyond that restriction.

If we of the gay community truly want to be a part of the social fabric, we must make efforts to educate the whole society. The first step is to represent ourselves, be who we are and be proud of what we are. Many will respond, "Who gives a damn?" but that is simply an escape mentality. If we are to be enabled to leave the closet behind and live in the light of the real world, we must assume the position of teacher. The rewards will be wonderful for everyone.

I want my friend Susan to accept me for who I am. She accepted me for years as the person she pretended me to be, yet she certainly knew of my relationship with my partner. She simply chose not to acknowledge it to herself. Perhaps we shall be friends again some day.

It would be nice. She's a great lady.

## Perspective

To: GLCS Singles Group

From: Jeffery R. Cheeseman  
Group Facilitator

Welcome to the GLCS's Singles Group. It is our hope to excite you with our plans for the coming year and in so doing, get you to join in this our alternative to the bar scene.

In this group, we hope to bring together those single persons in our community looking to form lasting friendships and relationships. It is our hope to provide an interesting alternative to the never easy bar scene.

We have tentative plans for this new year but, in order for it to be successful we need your interest and enthusiastic participation.

The group will meet every third Monday of the month at 8pm. Meetings basically consist of planning outings for the following 2 months.

As a member of the group you will receive a who's who list. This roster will include the names of members who wish their names to be placed on this roster. It is our hope that by providing you with this roster you will keep in touch with the group and each other.

We do understand that not everyone will be able to attend every outing. However, we will try to schedule outings so that most of, if not all of you can attend.

I hope that we will see many new faces as well as the old as the group embarks on a new year. Remember it takes you and your ideals to make this group work.

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## GLCS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Jan 26</b> 7:00pm Fantasia-- Transvestite Support Group 7:00pm Reality-- Transsexual Support Group 7:00pm Zion AAC Service	<b>Jan 27</b> 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group 7:30pm Committed Couples Network 7:30pm Orlando Pride 9:15pm Gay Skate	<b>Jan 28</b> 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Rap Group	<b>Jan 29</b> 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	<b>Jan 30</b> 7:30pm CODA-- Co-Dependents Anonymous	<b>Jan 31</b> 7:00pm Movie Night--"La Cage Aux Folles" Subtitles	<b>Feb 1</b> The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM
<b>Feb 2</b> 7:00pm Fantasia-- Transvestite Support Group 7:00pm Reality-- Transsexual Support Group 7:00pm Zion AAC Service	<b>Feb 3</b> 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group 7:00pm GLCS Board Meeting	<b>Feb 4</b> 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Rap Group	<b>Feb 5</b> 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	<b>Feb 6</b> 7:30pm CODA-- Co-Dependents Anonymous	<b>Feb 7</b> 7:00pm Movie Night--"La Cage Aux Folles 3: The Wedding" 7:30pm Zion AAC Game Night	<b>Feb 8</b> VOTER REGIST- RATION DRIVE ALL DAY Tomes & Treasures Book Sale 12:00- 4:00
<b>Feb 9</b> 7:00pm Fantasia-- Transvestite Support Group 7:00pm Reality-- Transsexual Support Group 7:00pm Zion AAC Service	<b>Feb 10</b> 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group 7:30pm Orlando Pride 9:15pm Gay Skate	<b>Feb 11</b> 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Rap Group	<b>Feb 12</b> 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	<b>Feb 13</b> 5:30pm -7:00 PM Gay & Lesbian Leads Group 7:00pm Fundraising Committee 7:30pm CODA-- Co-Dependents Anonymous	<b>Feb 14</b> 7:00pm Movie Night--"Torch Song Trilogy" 7:30pm GLPCI Parents Rap Group	<b>Feb 15</b> The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM
<b>Feb 16</b> 7:00pm Fantasia-- Transvestite Support Group 7:00pm Reality-- Transsexual Support Group 7:00pm Zion AAC Service	<b>Feb 17</b> 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group 7:00pm GLCS Board Meeting 8:00pm Singles Group	<b>Feb 18</b> 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Rap Group	<b>Feb 19</b> 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	<b>Feb 20</b> 7:30pm CODA-- Co-Dependents Anonymous	<b>Feb 21</b> 7:00pm Movie Night--"Longtime Companion"	<b>Feb 22</b> The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM 6:30pm Singles Group Game Night
<b>Feb 23</b> 7:00pm Fantasia-- Transvestite Support Group 7:00pm Reality-- Transsexual Support Group 7:00pm Zion AAC Service	<b>Feb 24</b> 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group 7:30pm Committed Couples Network 7:30pm Orlando Pride 9:15pm Gay Skate	<b>Feb 25</b> 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Rap Group	<b>Feb 26</b> 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	<b>Feb 27</b> 7:00pm Fundraising Committee 7:30pm CODA-- Co-Dependents Anonymous	<b>Feb 28</b> 7:00pm Movie Night-- "Outrageous!"	<b>Feb 29</b> The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM
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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS DESCRIPTIONS

CODA is a new group for co-dependents meeting Thursday nights. COMMITTED COUPLES NETWORK is a social planning group for couples. COMING OUT GROUP deals with the issues of coming out. FANTASIA/REALITY is a transvestite/transsexual support group open to gays and lesbians. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE meets the 1st and 4th Thursday to plan upcoming GLCS fundraising activities. All are welcome. 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 the first and third Mondays of every month. Agenda items for the agenda must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance. MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP 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! PALS (Patrons And Loving Supporters) meets the first and third Thursdays to plan and orchestrate the GLCS membership drive. RAP GROUP is a mixed discussion group of men and women. SINGLES GROUP open to all singles meets the third Monday of every month. YOUTH RAP and all other Delta Youth Alliance activities take place off-site and are open only to 13-21 year olds. Call (407) 425-GLCS for information on any of these events. ZION AAC GAME NIGHT meets the first Friday to play board and card games.

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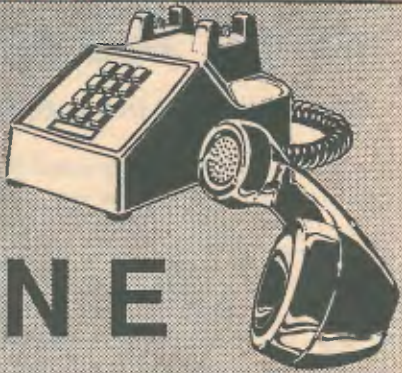
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7:30 P.M. THE PROJECT RESPONSE VISUALIZATION/RELAXATION GROUP MEETS THE SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAY AT THE BURNHAM-WOODS COUNSELING CENTER.  
8:00 P.M. THE JOY METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH (MCC) ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GROUP MEETS IN THE MARK CARDWELL HALL EVERY MONDAY EVENING. JOY MCC IS LOCATED AT 2351 S. FERNCREEK AVE., ORLANDO. (407) 894-1081.  
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FEBRUARY 1992

### SUNDAYS

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7:00 P.M. HOPE MCC HOLDS SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 56 N. HALIFAX, ORMOND BEACH. (904) 676-1030.  
7:00 P.M. BREAKING THE SILENCE MCC IN BREVARD HOLDS SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH, 1261 RANGE RD., COCOA. (407) 254-5884.

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# Chiles Appoints Gay Activist Rand Hoch to Bench

## Palm Beach County Human Rights Council

Gov. Lawton Chiles has appointed West Palm beach attorney Rand Hoch, a gay activist, to a four-year term as judge of compensation claims for District "G" (Volusia and Seminole counties). Hoch began his term on Feb. 1 at the court in Daytona Beach.

Although he has been involved in gay politics since the 1970s, Hoch did not assume a leadership role until after his law school graduation in the mid-1980s. From 1987 to 1989, Hoch served on the board of directors of the Florida Task Force, a statewide organization which provides funds for a legislative lobbyist on gay and lesbian issues. In 1989, he was elected to the board of directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

In December, as an Executive Committee member of Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America, Hoch chaired the Florida Gay and Lesbian Caucus at the Florida State Democratic Convention. Presidential candidates Bill Clinton, Tom Harkin, Bob Kerry and Paul Tsongas each met privately with Hoch and caucus representatives, seeking support for their candidacies.

On the local level, Hoch was a founding member of Palm Beach County's first gay and lesbian political organization, the Atlantic Coast Democratic Club, and served on its board of directors from 1987 to 1990. In 1987, he also founded a non-partisan political gay and lesbian rights organization, the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council Inc. Hoch has served as its president since its inception.

Instrumental in successfully lobbying Palm Beach County commissioners to revise both the county's fair housing ordinance and affirmative action plan, Hoch drafted the amendments which now prohibit discrimination against gay men and lesbians in housing, financing for housing, public accommodations and county employment.

In 1990, he was appointed to the West Palm Beach

Employment Practices Review Committee, and served as the committee's chairman *pro tempore*. When the city's commissioners adopted the committee's report last May, West Palm Beach became the first city in Florida to adopt an ordinance prohibiting discrimination in city employment based on sexual orientation. The committee also recommended that West Palm Beach recognize the "domestic partners" of city employees for the purposes of bereavement leave and health insurance.

This month, West Palm Beach is expected to adopt a domestic partnership ordinance drafted by Hoch. The ordinance will allow city employees to use bereavement leave for their "domestic partners," which are defined as "person[s] with whom the employee shares a residence in the context of a committed relationship." Current city policy only allows bereavement leave to be used for married couples.

In the spring, West Palm Beach will renegotiate with its health insurance carrier in an attempt to cover the domestic partners of city employees under the dependent coverage provisions in the city's health insurance program.

As a lawyer, Hoch, a native of Massachusetts, has specialized in labor and employment law. For many years, he maintained a private practice in serving an almost exclusively gay and lesbian clientele.

Last April, Hoch was appointed general master for workers' compensation by Florida's Chief Judge Shirley A. Walker. As a general master, he has worked with the judges of compensation claims in West Palm Beach, serving as a mediator for workers' compensation cases in Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties.

Hoch graduated from Stetson University College of Law in 1985, where he studied at the school's Center for Labor-Management Dispute Resolution.

Hoch has also served on the board of directors of the Florida Consumers Federation and the American Civil Liberties Union of Palm Beach and Martin counties. In



Rand Hoch

1990, he was appointed to the Palm Beach County Ethics Ordinance Advisory Committee and to Florida's "Leadership 2000" program.

Hoch has been elected a delegate to every Florida Democratic convention since 1981. He served as vice chair of the Palm Beach County Democratic Executive Committee in 1989 and 1990, and since 1989 he has been a member of "Young Friends of [Florida Senator] Bob Graham."

In 1987 and 1988, Hoch directed the presidential primary campaign of Michael Dukakis for Florida's 12th and 14th congressional districts. He was an alternate for Dukakis at 1988 Democratic National Convention. In 1990, Hoch took a leave of absence from his law firm to work full time in Lawton Chiles' campaign for governor. Hoch ran the campaign's direct voter contact program for Palm Beach County in the general election.

By this month, when he was sworn in as a judge, Hoch had withdrawn from all his political activity.

## EDITOR, from Page 4

Because of the recession, so many of us live on the brink of losing gainful employment. Too many gay people are employed in service jobs, whether they be of the hotel or theme park varieties. Their economic stability is dealt with from paycheck to paycheck. Statistics show that Americans now spend 93 cents out of every dollar earned. That means we only save the few remaining pennies for the future, if at all. Talk about brinkmanship!

And so when tourism is down, those who depend on that for their source of livelihood find themselves without a job in short order.

But how many gay people save for a

rainy day? I can remember growing up with my parents always telling me to "save my money." Of course, I never took them seriously, thinking that they would take care of me forever, or that at least I wouldn't have to worry about a rainy day for a while. If I'm beginning to sound like an adult, forgive me. It's just that there was a lot of sense in what my parents said. But now who can save any money? Why with car payments, insurance, mortgage and utility bills, etc., it's next to impossible to save.

So we play brinkmanship. We play it with the bank, with Ma Bell, with everyone else to whom we owe money, always wondering who is going to blink first. Did you ever wonder why creditors

always put a "due by" date on their statements? So that we can play the game of brinkmanship with them. It's like we dare them to say something if our check arrives the day they said it was "due by."

And how about playing the game of brinkmanship with relationships? We know now that playing that game with unprotected sex is no longer just a friendly game of brinkmanship, but a deadly one where the one playing always loses.

While we're on the subject of relationships, how often do we test the other partner to see how much abuse he can take, for example? We test his or her love, and if that's not enough, we then see how jealous we can make the person. And how many times do we take our relation-

ships to the brink of destruction because of how we were treated in the past by parents and boyfriends alike? We play with someone's emotions and senses, bringing them ourselves to the brink of losing them.

Brinkmanship is wrong. It's dangerous, wastes precious time and prevents us from being truly happy. Finding a job, working hard, saving money, loving honestly, forgiving readily, spending wisely, and yes, maybe saving money for a rainy day is good advice.

Playing the game of brinkmanship with a hydrogen bomb was suicidal brinkmanship during the Cold War. Playing that same kind of brinkmanship with our lives is just as suicidal.

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# Off the Beaten Path

**Editor's Note:** The following essay is the second contribution to The Center Fold by one of its most unique writers. The author is a modern-day storyteller (akin to a folklorist), and a victim of our community's modern-day disease. His stories are true; his words are simple; his messages are heartwarming. We hope you enjoy the writings of Brinson Perry.

By Brinson Perry  
Special to The Center Fold

The cop wanted to know what I was doing there. I explained that I had been exploring the small creek which crossed under the road nearby. He thought this to be both unusual and suspicious, and questioned me closely.

He took detailed information about me, such as height, weight, scars and identifying marks, place of birth, place of employment and arrest record. He radioed in my driver's license and license plate numbers to find out if I was wanted anywhere. After a half-hour's detainment, he released me.

I had explained that I was a devoted canoeist, and that I was looking for possible canoeing waters. He told me that there was no canoeable water around here, and that I had been trespassing, and that some property owner could rightfully shoot me for my offense. I knew he was bullying me, but didn't say

so. I told him that I had checked out several creeks in the area in the previous few weeks, and that I had found a couple that were indeed canoeable, and that I could only learn the size and condition of a creek by walking it for a short distance. (My maps show all the creeks, but don't give much indication of their size or seasonal variation.)

I thought it prudent to allow him to think me guilty of some small offense, like casual trespassing, in order that he not know the whole truth about my visit to the creek.

I didn't try to explain to him that all navigable waterways are the property of the state.

I didn't tell him that in my short walk I had

been mostly on a power line right-of-way and on a railroad right-of-way, and that power and rail companies generally don't complain about casual trespassing.

It was lucky that he bought the canoeist story at face value. Had I told him the whole truth I might have been taken to jail for a few hours of grilling.

I withheld the part about seeing the crawdads scurrying from rock to rock under the water.

I didn't say anything about the 20 or so mussel shells that a raccoon had left on the bank after eating a late-night snack.

I said nothing about the osprey nest on the power pole, or the rabbit tunnels through the knee-high grass under the

power poles.

I could have told him about the pileated woodpecker or the armadillo burrow, or the little musk turtle but I chose not to.

If I had told him all the truth, I would have had to say how much I love the creeks and woods. I would have had to

explain about wild grapes in August, and blackberries in June, and hickory trees, and that a mockingbird had been singing in my backyard at 4 that morning. He would have been unwilling to accept my story, because I would have had to tell him that I was talking to God.

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## ILGA Meets in Berlin

BERLIN — The 13th International Lesbian and Gay Association Regional Conference was held here Dec. 27-31. The event was attended by 160 delegates from 21 European countries, including Russia and Turkey. The conference evaluated progress made in 1991 on lesbian and gay issues, particularly with international bodies such as the European Community (EC) and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

The opening session, held in the Reichstag Building, was addressed by Berlin Senator for Social Affairs Ingrid Stahmer, who spoke out against the "sad tradition of repression of social and racial minorities in Germany" both under the Nazi regime and today. She congratulated the ILGA's European Region for its work on human rights.

The conference greeted the positive results of the ILGA's European Region's work with the EC and the CSCE. The EC has in 1991 for the first time recognized the rights of lesbians and gay men in its Directive on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace. The CSCE for the first time paid attention to lesbian and gay issues at its Conference on the Human Dimension, held in Moscow in September. These steps by the EC and CSCE were the direct results of intensive lobbying efforts by the ILGA's European Region.

ILGA Co-Secretary General John Clark said: "This [Berlin] conference was extremely important. We worked out the details for the European lesbian and gay movement with international bodies and our priority will be explicit inclusion of

lesbian and gay rights within existing human rights conventions."

On Dec. 30, the 160 delegates staged a demonstration outside the Russian Embassy, protesting the legal and social discrimination against lesbians and gay men in Russia. A delegation consisting of ILGA Co-Secretary General Lisa Power, the president of the St. Petersburg-based Tchaikovsky Foundation, Olga Zhuk, and Selman Arikboga, president of the Berlin-based Schwule Ausländer Group (Gay Foreigners Group) was received at the Embassy and handed over an official protest letter and a petition signed by hundreds of Berliners. The conference also sent letters protesting the continued criminalization of lesbian and gay lifestyles in Romania, Ireland and the Isle of Man (part of the United Kingdom).

In Berlin, intensive contacts were established between activists from Eastern and Western Europe. Both on political and cultural issues, there will be close cooperation. A first result is the creation of rotating lesbian and gay film festivals in Eastern Europe with the assistance of Western European groups.

"After the fall of the Wall, Berlin has once again become the meeting point for Eastern and Western Europeans. It was of great symbolic meaning for all of us to meet in a city which for many years was divided and is now united," Clark said. "There have always been good contacts between lesbian and gay groups from East and West, but now we are finally able to work together toward ending discrimination everywhere in Europe."

## Local ACLU Honors 'Center Fold'

As this issue of *The Center Fold* was going to press, word was received that the Central Florida chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) had decided to honor the newspaper with a 1992 Community Honor Roll Award.

According to the ACLU, the Community Honor Roll Awards are "intended as special recognition for organizations and individuals from our local community who have taken positions that enhance or safeguard our freedoms." *The Center Fold*, published by Gay and Lesbian Community Services

of Central Florida, is being recognized for "fostering cohesiveness in the gay community and Courage to Stand for their Collective Rights."

*Center Fold* Managing Editor Michael Sopoliga was scheduled to attend the local ACLU's annual awards banquet at the Harley Hotel in downtown Orlando on Feb. 2 to accept the award in person.

The editors and staff of *The Center Fold* are deeply honored at this recognition by one of our area's and nation's foremost defenders of constitutional rights. A full report on this event will appear in the March *Center Fold*.

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- Promote the business interests of its members by bringing together gay business and professional men and women as an acknowledged economic and political force
- Provide a network and forum for the exchange of ideas and information within the community
- Focus the energies of gay and lesbian businesses and professionals to enrich the professional and personal lives of GOBA members, as well as to support community activities and causes.

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7. May we contact you: by mail ☐ telephone ☐ ?
8. Which goal(s) would you most like to see GOBA achieve:

- ☐ Networking ☐ Discounts
- ☐ Social Functions ☐ Political Force
- ☐ Business development and education
- ☐ Charity activities/fund-raising
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Would you be willing to:
- ☐ become a member ☐ attend monthly meetings ☐ help organize

You are invited to GOBA's first general meeting Thursday, March 12, at the hall of Joy MCC, 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., between Kaley and Michigan. The social begins at 6:30 p.m., the meeting starts at 7.

10. Can you attend? ☐ yes ☐ no
- Please R.S.V.P. to *The Center Fold*, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, FL 32853-3446.

*Please note: The membership list and information provided here is confidential. Membership in GOBA should not be construed as an indication of sexual orientation or preference.*

This is an exciting time, Orlando! We are working to establish the City Beautiful's first organization to promote, network and empower gay and lesbian businesses and professionals in the Greater Orlando area. Major cities such as Atlanta and even Tampa have had such organizations for years now, and their gay and lesbian communities have been greatly enhanced by them.

Come join us in spreading the word that there are gay and lesbian businesses and professionals that we can turn to for goods and services, as well as other businesses who support and welcome us. As the Greater Orlando Business Association, we could also facilitate the exchange of information and ideas between members of our community and MUCH MORE!

Complete and return this questionnaire, and join us at the first general meeting on March 12 at the hall of Joy MCC. Come be a part of history in Orlando's gay and lesbian community.

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## Low Tide

By Daniel deCournoyer  
 Center Fold Staff Writer

I think it is time that I tell you about Daytona Beach. I know that no one likes a traitor, but that is essentially what someone needs to do from here.

This is a place by the sea that isn't. There is no sense of freedom, the kind that comes from getting to the edge of it all and facing Nature. Instead you drive right into a "zone," a speed trap, a place with armed police stalking the public, with frequent arrests and confrontations. A shoot-out is just waiting to happen, there was one recently in Fort Lauderdale.

The beach used to be free, now there's a fee for the car. Lots of fees collected over the past few years; seen any changes? Except for bill collectors and two rangers per vehicle instead of city cops (Oh, how we hated Officer Loudspeaker who spent days on end going from one end to the other barking his orders to the public) there have been no changes.

No cabanas — change in your car? Try indecent exposure. No new showers, some old ones work. No playgrounds for kids, but lots of rent-the-space blow-up promotions on the beach, for beers, cars. They banned beer, and cars are next.

In fact, *The Orlando Sentinel* seems to have a thing about getting the cars off the beach. I don't read the local paper, rated worst in the USA once. If it gets its way, the hotels will be happy, and so will the land speculators who have already figured that scene out.

Of course, there will be collections then too, a good job fee collector. Maybe it runs in the family like being a ranger. It is easier to aim at the golden goose than at the fat cats with hungry eyes just waiting for the entrails. Daytona's demise will be no loss to Orlando.

A free beach went a long way into building this city. There are a lot less cars now (used to park double side, now prohibited), a lot less tourists, too. The beach was the greatest loss leader anyone ever had. I took my very first paid holidays in 1976 to Daytona to try out the legendary beach. Drove a long way to experience it. Must be other guys like me out there somewhere.

It is not surprising to me that I have accumulated more stories in the past few years I have been here than in the whole lifetime preceding. Slipping away is my naïve attitude that the unarmed and the civilized are protected from the Vandals like God protects drunks and babies.

Sitting on a bus-stop bench, I was cracked into reality by a police billy-club against the back of the bench. "Get the fuck out of here." The wood is aimed at my head. End contemplation.

A while later, I hear the same officer (his boots are very shiny) advise a black motorist passing by to "get back to the other side of the river where you belong." Blacks have limited invitation beachside. (At the moment, Officer Shiny Boots and other officers were watching a suspect, an obvious mental deficient they had handcuffed to a pole.)

## From the Beach

A tourist city that resents visitors. Ever get a thank you from a store clerk? In three years of actual observation I have only once received a "Merry Christmas" from a clerk during holiday shopping. I uded to do retail, I sure spread the news. Why I have gotten into the habit here of thanking them for the change. And as far as all those French Canadians go, why can't they just start to talk English like everyone else? (Or wear decent bathing attire for that matter.) You're in America now, you know, this isn't Hollywood.

But what can you expect from a city where the gay bars get torn down to build a parking lot (the Zodiac), where the back entrance is still the front entrance (the Boulevard), where Al Capone used to spend the night on the way to Miami (the Beachside) and where the same old drag queens perform the same old drag shows they did hundreds of years ago, so mechanical I have seen it done there with no audience at all (the Hollywood/Barn Door).

Dream of all those kids during Spring Break. Well, not a one of them seems to show up in the clubs. Incredible, one year there were 400,000 of them and, honestly, you could count without losing track the numbers that made it out. Something's amiss. We need better recruiting tactics. The majority of them are out being arrested for drinking beer in all the wrong places.

Funny how in America they make such a big deal out of it all and this is where they have a problem. Ever get carded in Canada, England, France, anywhere else?

Civil rights? They just haul the kids away in droves. Why isn't the ACLU here? Surely, their rights are as important as David Duke's?

An acquaintance, demoted from friend, decided that he could use my camera equipment more than I. Gone, second day in my new studio. I should have taken the hint.

Lots of troubles; even the City Mother got after my case. Hey, kid, you cannot use black paint on the building. Hey, kid, you cannot write messages on your door. Hey, kid, you ... cannot renew your lease. Maybe they ought to rename this Leningrad Beach, the name's not being used right now. Freedom? As a poet once said during Vietnam War protests: "Freedom is just another word in Webster's Dictionary."

A friend's brand-new Corvette (756 miles) taken to the dealership for service disappears overnight. Old folks, lots of them on the road. There ought to be a law against "driving under the influence of age." In a Denny's someone gets hauled away by seven officers for complaining that his food was cold. Total bill: \$11.43.

Another time, a cop aims his gun at the guy right next to me from across the place. What a scare. Another time, I get mugged outside a straight disco, report to the police station bleeding and upset. Desk cop will not take the report. I insist and insist until he does. "This will only be a statistic." (It was. No action ever taken.) They hire cops with statistics.

The local AIDS benefits society

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## LOW TIDE from Page 16

treasurer's lover absconds with the treasury. I report having seen a potential wanted murderess to the Ormond Beach Police at the local Wal-Mart. "What are you telling us for? She's wanted in Daytona Beach."

A judge so hassled by the sleaze machine, he ends his life in Hawaii; a priest is fingered by a Twinkie with a wire; a landlord gets so much grief from the city inspectors on his reasonable properties he cashes it in too. Another friend with HIV attempts but fails.

Bitter memories, lots of destroyed lives. I had a solo show in London, and art studio on Main Street for several years, did all sorts of things. Do you think anyone cared? More important to talk about art in kindergartens. Pity some kids who might take it seriously.

Government in Daytona is rule by pipedream. More important to create Potemkin Town than real ones. They spend a fortune to build an Ocean Center, rebuild Main Street, etc. The net result is less business and big losses. Pink elephants following white ones into the sea of red.

The leaders may be in charge, but no one is in control. Perhaps this is not even a nice place to visit.

## 2 New Groups to Hold Organizational Meetings at the Center

**New Alliance Party:** An organizational meeting for the local New Alliance Party will be held at the Center, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, on Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The topic of discussion will be "Is America too big for two parties?" Local activists James Bell and Chris Alexander are hoping to enlist support. For more information, call (407) 671-0967, evenings.

**Editor's Note:** GLCS does not endorse candidates nor parties but provides meeting space to local groups who support the GLCS belief "that homosexuality is a natural state of being." This group meets this criterion.

**Healing Circle:** An organizational meeting for a new healing circle type group (name still to be chosen) will be held at the Center, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, on Monday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m.

The group will be operated based on the principles of Louise Hay and other New Age teachers. For more information, call (407) 671-0967, evenings.

## Church Chat

The Family That Cares Church

A new year has begun, and along with that we have experienced many new changes.

So we say good-bye to the old and bring on the new. Through God's grace and love and through many, we are a growing church. Therefore, we have moved our ministry to a larger location, the First Unitarian Church of Orlando, 1815 E. Robinson St. Our services are held at 5 p.m. every Sunday. So, won't you join our family, invite a friend? We have special music, very special friends and, most of all, A Family That Does Care. For info, call 236-9188.

On a more spiritual note, we would like to thank the Lord, all of us in our own special way, for being there when we needed Him. Most of all, through His love and caring, bringing our pastor back to us again! God bless. — Bill Green

Information about your gay-oriented or gay-friendly church can be sent to The Center Fold, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32853-3446, attn.: Michael J. Sopoliga, managing editor.

Dear R.W.  
"I can not hear you,  
have soap in  
my eye" - - Love  
is eternal, regardless.  
I love you always

Dear BK  
It's been a year and  
things have been  
wonderful. You give  
me inspiration and  
love; I return the same  
to you a thousandfold  
I love you, Michael



Dear Pepito  
Be a dreamer, fill your  
pockets to their brim  
with fairy gold. Now's  
the time to follow  
rainbows. Do not wait  
till you are old.

Dear Jeff  
As we begin our lives  
together, I look forward  
to our future. With all  
my love, Michael



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HELP!

The Center needs volunteers to help staff the office. If you can come in once a week, please call for a training appointment. Times to be filled are, M-F, 1-5 p.m. & 5-9 p.m.; S, 12-5 p.m. Call David Rhinehart or any board member, (407) 425-GLCS. (04)

### LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL?

Come to The Center, your Valentine may be here waiting for you. Look at our calendar of events — we have several new groups for fun, games, discussion, companionship & support. Also, GaySkate has moved to 2X/mo. Our rap groups, social groups & movies are FREE. Join us — meet some new people. You never know when Cupid's bow will strike, nor where the love of your life might be. For more info & details on our groups, call The Center, (407) 425-GLCS. (04)

### VALENTINE'S CARDS FOR SALE

The Center has greeting cards and postcards for sale — get well, birthday, friendship, blank, general, Halloween, Christmas, zodiac, Passover and many others. Buy your cards here! All proceeds go to GLCS. Hrs.: 1-9, M-F; 12-5, S. (02)

### FAMILY THAT CARES FUND-RAISER

Annual Chili Dinner, Feb. 15. \$5 donation per ticket. Tickets on sale now. Lee, (407) 236-9188. (02)

### COMPUTER WANTED

GLCS needs an IBM compatible computer w/40 MB+ harddrive. (407) 425-GLCS. (02)\*

### PAY PHONE FOR SALE

Like new with stand and instructions. \$250. Call (407) 425-4527. (02)

### DO YOU PLAY GUITAR?

Female bassist into Chrissie, Debbie, Patti, Joy D., Cure, Amy/Emily looking for creative guitarist or keyboardist (M/F) to work on originals. We can do it! Contacts w/major label. Let's make a demo. (407) 381-4716. (02)

### REFRIGERATOR SERVICE NEEDED

GLCS needs person to donate repair service for 2 refrigerators that are not working. Call Jeff Sullivan, (407) 425-GLCS. (04)

## EMPLOYMENT AVAILABLE

### CENTER DIRECTOR

Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida Inc. is now accepting applications for part-time Center director. Hours: M-F, 1-6 p.m. 21+ & high-school graduate required. Prefer experience w/other non-profit community groups. Send resume & goals statement to: GLCS Search Committee, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, FL 32853-3446. No phone calls please. An equal opportunity employer. (04)\*

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Center Fold is seeking a volunteer to assume the position of executive director. Responsible for staffing, fiscal accounting, administration of policy & procedure, monthly activity report to board of directors, production coordination, development & budgeting. Motivated individuals only. David Bain, (407) 425-4527. (04)\*

### DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

The Center Fold is seeking a volunteer to assume the position of distribution manager. Responsible for packing, sorting, mailing and circulation of our monthly newspaper. Individual must be 21+ and have reliable transportation. David Bain, (407) 425-4527. (04)\*

### COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

GayEscape Cruise, Statistics & Survey, Pride Picnic, Fundraising, Membership & Benefits and Audit Committees are all looking for enthusiastic individuals with the desire to make a positive impact on our community. To become involved, call (407) 425-4527 & leave a message for David Bain or stop by in person at GLCS, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. Get involved and make a difference! (04)\*

### SALES & DISTRIBUTION

For Micro Diet. Need enthusiastic individuals with strong communications skills to follow up on TV-generated orders. T.R. Hensel, 1-354-5226. (03)

### GAY OR LESBIAN COUPLE NEEDED

to take over operation of a small family-style retirement home near Valencia-East. Must have H.S. diploma & be healthy. Duties include housekeeping, meal preparation & assistance with daily activities. Salary: \$1,000-\$4,000 /mo. + room & board. James Johnston, (407) 291-2127. (04)

## EMPLOYMENT WANTED

### LANDSCAPING & LAWN CARE

I offer complete landscaping & lawn care services w/simple elegance. My other trades include car mechanics, electronics repairs and residential carpentry. W/sincerity & dedication I offer complete satisfaction. Mark Dean, (407) 856-0875. (04)

### PERSONAL/BUSINESS ASSISTANT

Educated professional GWM, 27, seeks part-time or full-time position. Experienced in sales, bookkeeping, management & domestic duties. Tim, 3800 E. Colonial Dr., #124, Orlando, FL 32803. (407) 420-2176. (02)\*

### PARTTIME OR REPEATING

Temporary employment — daytime. Gay, middle-aged, college grad; semi-retired. Experience in science, home furnishing, real estate, teaching and insurance office. David R., (407) 644-2892. (04)

## FOR SALE

### ROTTWEILER PUPPIES

Champion-bred males. Excellent blood line, beautiful markings. \$350. Don or Nick, (407) 898-6440. (04)

## FRIENDSHIPS/RELATIONSHIPS

### GM, 5'8", 140 LBS.,

would like to meet other GWMs or GBMs under 35. Masculine & muscular a plus. John, (407) 294-9411. (04)

### GWF, 28, FEMININE & PETITE

seeks close friendship w/feminine female (age not a concern) who appreciates sharing. I enjoy simple activities like long walks, going to the park & being romantic. I am very sensitive to needs & I listen. I am a non-smoker & prefer same. I believe I have much to offer. Please write: Amy Jenkins, P.O. Box 141, Grand Island, FL 32735 or call (407) 483-2050 nights. (04)

### WF — DAYTONA BEACH

would like to meet athletic GWF, 35-40, for fun, friendship & possible relationship. Interests: beach, movies, dining, sports. (407) 258-6234. Leave message. (04)

### GWM — ORLANDO

25, BR/BL, medical student, outgoing, looking for friendships/significant other, 18-28. Enjoy outdoors, sports, travel, diving, concerts. Sven, P.O. Box 195764, Winter Springs, FL 32719. (04)

### ME — CLOSETED WM

30-something, straight-acting & appearing, HIV-, looking for a friend — you, the same. Boxholder, P.O. Box 540892, Orlando, FL 32884. (04)

### DIVE BUDDY NEEDED

GWF. Advanced training, enjoys all types of diving except cave. Would like other gays to enjoy diving with. Kozette, (813) 967-9544. Leave message. (04)

### GWM-ORLANDO AREA

GWM, 30, good-looking, seeks cute blond, 18-21, for friendship/possibly more. Photo & phone # gets mine. P.R., 645 Stafford Terrace, #163, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. (04)

## real estate

### caselberry best buy

Excellent terms: 3 BR/2 BA, huge family room, scrn. porch. Furnished or unfurnished, & priced at only \$68,000. Owner motivated & will pay closing costs. Call for appointment with Margaret A. Davis, (407) 425-9982 or 629-5870. (12)

### winter park — condomaximum

Huge 3 BR luxury home, private balcony, spacious living and dining rm. area. Community pools, tennis and more. This is the good life. Out of town owner will give away for only \$64,000. (12)

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### downtown's best kept secret

Executive town house (attached) with private courtyard, dramatic staircase, fireplace, two bedrooms & two baths upstairs/ 1/2 bath downstairs/garage converted to third bedroom. Walk to Lake Eola and Langford Park Colonial Town plus more. Call Margaret A. Davis, (407) 425-9982 or 629-5870. Priced for quick sale, seller motivated. (12)

### downtown multi-family property

5 rental units, two offices. Excellent income. Assumable with qualifying first/owner willing to hold second. 2 blocks from Lake Eola. Only \$215,000. Colonial Town. Call Margaret A. Davis for appointment to see. (407) 629-5870 or 425-9982. (12)

### clermont: sugar ridge subdivision

Lots from 1 acre to 5 at only \$18,000 to

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Flexible floorplan. Ideal for roommate or inlaws. Lot size & zoning will allow additional home (\$). Presently a 3 BR/2 BA. This is a country cottage in the city. Huge lot! Convenient to Hwys. 50 & 436. Only \$89,000! (12)

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## HOUSING WANTED OR FOR RENT

### GWF SEEKING SAME

to move in w/ or to find place together. Must be neat & straight-acting. I have some furniture. No drugs or heavy drinkers! Price range: \$200-\$325/mo. Prefer S.W. Orlando, but am open. No heavy smokers (moderate OK). If not home, please leave DISCREET message. Cheryl, (407) 354-1565. (04)

### ROOMMATE WANTED — SANFORD/SCC AREA

Share house. HIV+ OK. \$350/mo. + util. George, (407) 323-1276. (04)

### GWM NEEDS HOUSING

Looking to share an apt. near a bus route, around \$200/mo. Easy-going. Jerry, (407) 295-

7984. (04)

### ROOMMATE WANTED — OVIEDO

Share a 3 BR/2 BA house w/GWM. Nicely furnished except your BR. Convenient on NE side. Employed professional or full-time student, non-smoker. \$325/mo. + 1/2 util. Mark, (407) 365-9604. (04)

### GWM WANTED

to share new 3 BR/2 BA townhouse less than 15 mins. from Disney w/ 2 fun, neat guys. Pool, recreation area, TV, VCR, cable, w/d. Responsible persons only. \$55/wk. + 1/2 util. Chuck or Mike, (407) 656-6632, leave message, we'll return call ASAP. (04)

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## CLASSIFIEDS

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### ROOMMATE WANTED — UCF/VCC AREA

GWM to share best amenities, 2 BR/2 BA apt. w/other GWM. Non-smoker preferred. \$290/mo. + 1/2 util. \$100 dep. Mike, (407) 678-9550. (04)

### ROOMMATE WANTED — NEAR LANGFORD PK.

Male to share w/same 3 BR/2 BA pool home w/security alarm. Must be discreet, responsible & neat. HIV+ OK. \$325/mo. + 1/2 util. Gary, (407) 894-7808. (04)

### ROOMMATE WANTED — NEAR DOWNTOWN

Lg. BR, w/d. Non-smoker, no pets. Delaney Park, near downtown. \$290/mo. + 1/2 util. Bob, (407) 896-9850. (04)

### ROOMMATE WANTED — NEAR AIRPORT

3 BR/2 BA. \$275/mo., includes util., w/d, furnished, cable, HBO. \$275 dep. References required. David, (407) 382-6826. (04)

### ROOMMATE WANTED — E. ORLANDO

Luxurious master BR in beautiful house. Access to screened-in Jacuzzi & pool. All house privileges & util. included. \$375/mo. HIV+ OK. Dennis, (407) 277-3353. (04)

### ROOMMATE WANTED — DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

1920s home. Plenty of character. 3 BR/1 BA, w/d. Share w/GWM, professional. HIV+ OK. \$250/mo. + 1/2 util. & \$100 dep. Alan, (407) 898-1341. (04)

### RESPONSIBLE ROOMMATE WANTED

to share 2 BR/1 BA apt. Walk to Souther Nights. \$250/mo. pays all. No lounge lizards, druggies or sponges need apply. Contact John Rose at Center or call (407) 896-2357. (04)

### SPACIOUS ROOM AVAILABLE

w/private BA (pt. of 3 BR apt.). Full kitchen, w/microwave & icemaker. Looking for clean & honest male or female, gay or straight. \$225/mo. Kevin or Brad, (407) 282-9087. (04)

### HOUSING — ORLANDO AREA

3 BR/1 1/2 BA house, fenced-in backyard. I am Wiccan, must be tolerant of that. I have a cat, you having a cat is OK as long as the animals get along. No dogs, smokers, druggies! I am a straight female. Everyone's preference is their own as long as they use some sense in conducting their life. \$300/mo. + 1/2 util., 1/2 phone & your own long distance calls. Linda, (407) 897-2268, hm.; 236-1877, beeper. (04)

### KISSIMMEE

3 BR/ 1 1/2 BA. Must like pets. W/D, fenced-in

(407) 396-8016, wk. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; 740-1489, 24 hrs. (digital beeper). (04)

### M or F ROOMMATE NEEDED — NEAR DISNEY

2 BR/2 BA mobile home. \$275/mo. includes util. Quiet country living. HIV+ OK. Jessica, (813) 424-1351. If no answer, leave message. (04)

### GWM SEEKS HOUSING

1 BR apt./efficiency. \$300-335 price range. Lee (United Financial Services), 331-0576. Please! leave a message on machine if no one is in. (04)

### 2 BR APT. AVAILABLE — FL. MALL AREA

GM couple looking for roommate. BR has a queen-size bed. \$100 dep. & \$250/mo. includes all. Smoking & light drinking OK. No drunks. (407) 851-3263, ask for Alex or Suzanna. If no answer, please leave message. (03)

### ROOMMATE NEEDED — PINE HILLS

To share 3 BR/2 BA mobile home. \$175/mo. + 1/3 util. Jeff or Michael, (407) 578-1157. (03)

### ROOMMATE WANTED — W. ORLANDO

Male to share executive townhouse. Jacuzzi, privacy fence, better than average appliances, waterfall in living room. Non-smoker only. \$89/wk. includes all, or \$295/mo. + 1/3 util. (407) 578-3456. (03)

### ROOMMATE WANTED - DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

Responsible person to share apt./house. Seeking GM under 30 to share exp./rent/util. Non-smoker, no pets. Est. \$250/mo. + 1/2 util. Sabrina, (407) 363-5969. (03)

### MALE ROOMMATE NEEDED

Male, 38, seeks same to share apt. & split exp. If interested, write Vern C. Rand Jr., 3476 Fairway Ln., Orlando, FL 32804-2904. N/D. HIV -. (03)

3 BR/2 BA home near Clear Lake. Swimming, boating, fishing. Close to I-4 and O.B.T. \$340/mo. pays all. Cable TV, washer, phone. (407) 839-1046 (03)

### DUPLEX FOR RENT — NEAR UCF

2 BR/2 BA. Washer/dryer hook-up. Well-maintained. No dogs. Cats OK. \$440/mo. Dep. \$325. Lease 1 year. Bob, (407) 671-4921. (03)

### ROOMMATE WANTED — WINTER PARK

GWM looking to share 2 BR/2 BA home w/responsible GWM. Located in Winter Park between UCF & VCC. Non-smoker preferred/pets negotiable. Mike, (407) 678-9550. (03)

### MALE OR FEMALE ROOMMATE WANTED

To share 2 BA/1 BA apt. \$250/mo. + 1/2 util. Non-smoker, must be employed. 2 Blocks from Lake Eola on Summerland. Willie, (407) 849-6245. (03)



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