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LOCAL COWBOY WINS 4TH IN NATION AT GAY RODEO



Larry "Cowboy" Trampish

Larry Trampish, a Eustis cowboy, who also works in the medical field, was Florida's first gay cowboy to ride and represent our state in the history of the Gay Rodeo which was held August 4-7, 1983 in Reno, Nevada.

Larry, who lives with his horse, Dusty, his dog, Peanut and his cat, Samantha, spends many hours working on his ranch. In addition to training his own horse, he spends his time training horses for other people, trail riding and performing blacksmith work.

At the Gay Rodeo in Reno, Larry proudly carried the Florida state flag during the Grand Entry. During his stay, his rodeo competitions included riding "Slack" in the Barrel Classic and also the Clover-leaf Barrel racing events. (Slack, according to 36 year old Larry, is the events that are run during the preparations of other events such as when moving stock into the chute areas).

With his skill and speed, Larry received 4th Place Overall which means that he placed 4th in the Nation!

In winning this position, Larry has now been invited to Colorado and Texas for the Gay Rodeos which are to be held there. He will carry our state flag and will represent Florida as he competes at these rodeos.

Currently, Larry, who is a member of Joy Metropolitan Community Church in Orlando where he has been nicknamed "The Cowboy," is looking for sponsorship from local gay establishments.

If you are interested in giving or helping with the sponsorship, please contact *New Direction* and we will pass the information along to him.

Congratulations, Larry!

Southern Nights Under New Ownership

Southern Nights, the popular gay bar at 375 S. Bumby St. in Orlando is now under new ownership.

Jim Nuss, the owner of the Silver Hammer Saloon on N. Mills Ave. has recently purchased Southern Nights which also houses Castro Street and has big things in the works for this club.

Starting soon, there will be a drawing each and every night for a free bottle of champagne!

Another kickoff to the club will be a big three night Halloween Extravaganza, Sat., Sun. and Mon., Oct. 29-31st. There will be trophies presented Sat. & Sun. for the best costume and on Monday night, Halloween, there will be four trophies presented for each of the following categories: Prettiest, Funniest, Most Monsterous and the Most Original.

The first drink free if in costume on these nights.

New Direction wishes Jim and his staff all the best!



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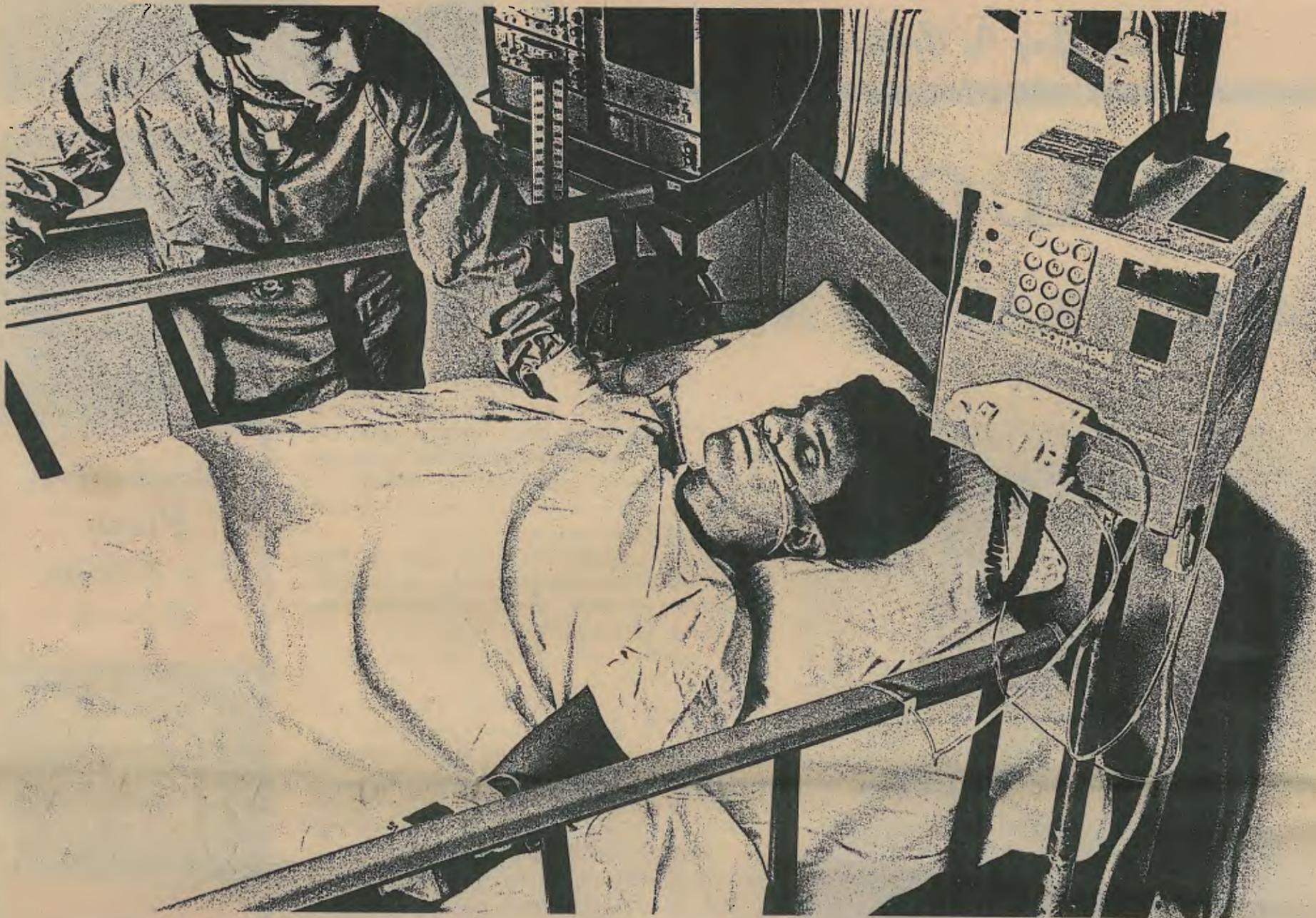
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Oktoberfest Ballet?

HE TOOK THE CHANCE OF GETTING HEPATITIS B— AND LOST.



NOW THE CONSEQUENCES ARE JUST BEGINNING. CHRONIC ACTIVE HEPATITIS, CIRRHOSIS ... OR DEATH.

You undoubtedly know someone who's had it. The "bad hepatitis" that can keep you in bed for weeks and out of a job for months—that can cause lifelong disability and even death from cirrhosis or cancer of the liver. Where do you get it? From people who have become carriers of the virus. Today, it is estimated that at least 100,000 gay men are carriers of the hepatitis B virus and spread the infection through intimate contact. That's the main reason

why more than half of all gay men will sooner or later become infected.

How can you tell who's a carrier? You probably can't. Most carriers seem to be perfectly healthy, and many are themselves unaware that they harbor the virus.

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If you'd like more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine, call The American Liver Foundation at (201) 857-2626.

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Studies showed that the vaccine protected against infection caused by hepatitis B virus in 85% to 96% of those who received the required three shots.

Hepatitis B 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.

Because of the long incubation period for hepatitis B, it is possible for unrecognized infection to be present at the time the vaccine is given. The vaccine may not prevent hepatitis B in such patients.

In three studies involving 3,350 persons, the overall rate of adverse reactions did not differ significantly in those given vaccine and those given placebo (an inactive substance). As with any vaccine, broad use often reveals rare adverse reactions not observed during clinical trials.

Over 200,000 people are estimated to have received the vaccine since its release, and the vaccine continues to be generally well tolerated. Hepatitis B has a long incubation period, and unrecognized infection may already be present at the time the vaccine is given. Thus, reported cases of hepatitis are to be expected and do not appear to be caused by the vaccine. Reactions such as fever, nausea, vomiting, headache, and local pain have occurred. Joint pain has been reported; rash has been reported rarely. Serious illnesses affecting the nervous system—including Guillain-Barré syndrome—have been reported rarely, but no cause and effect relationship has been established.

Halloween Happenings

**LIONS . . .
and TIGERS . . .
and BEARS . . .
Oh, My!**



Halloween, the night that witches, goblins and spooks abound. Black cats prowl, skeletons dance and Jack-O-Lanterns glow like headless demons, lurking around every corner.

It's also time to get your best costumes out or make new ones for the parties which will, once again, fill the Central Florida area.

Plan to attend one or all of the following:

Palace Club — Halloween Party. Sat., Oct. 29th. Trophies for: Most Original, Ugliest, Funniest and Prettiest. Starts at Midnight.

Southern Nights — 3 night Halloween Extravaganza. Sat. \$25.00 for Best Costume. Sun. \$25.00 for Most Original Costume. Mon. \$25.00 in each of the following categories: Funniest, Prettiest, Most Original and Scariest. Starts 8 P.M. each night.

Parliament House — Halloween Party. Mon., Oct. 31st. Trophies and cash prizes for: Most Original, Prettiest, Ugliest and Funniest. Starts 8 P.M.



Harvest Moon Ball "A Formal Affair"

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Formal Reception and Dance

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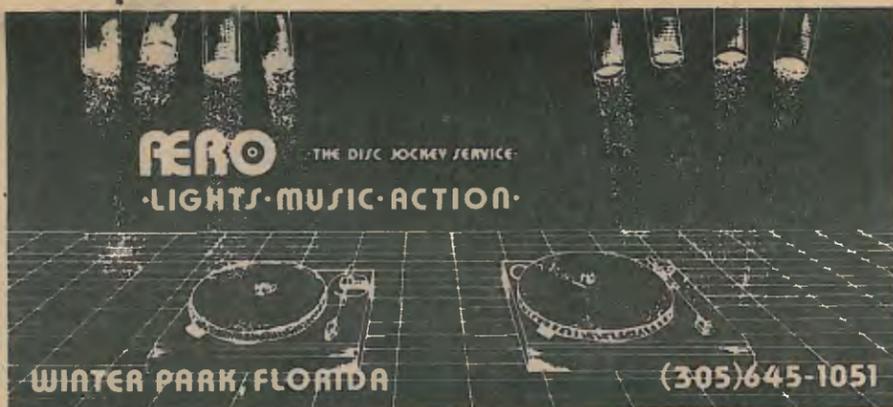
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3400 South Orange Blossom Trail
(The Palace Club)



Harvest Ball plans include buffet, music

It will be a night to remember . . . the first Harvest Ball for the central Florida Gay community set Monday, Nov. 14. The formal reception and dance will be at the Palace Club, 3400 South Orange Blossom Trail with starting time at 8 p.m.

A orchestra will provide music for the dancing following the elegant buffet, according to party planners. An open bar featuring popular call brand liquors will provide party-goers with plenty of good spirits. Light beer will also be on tap. The entire cost for the party is \$25 per person. Planners say tuxedos and formal gowns are in order for the evening.

The Palace is a popular after-hours club that features a large dance floor and stage. It has been rented by The Committee and will be redecorated to reflect the them of The Harvest Ball, a spokesman said. Only 250 tickets will be available for the reception and dance and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are expected to be on sale in several locations in Orlando. To prevent unnecessary bookkeeping expenses only cash and money orders will be accepted for ticket orders, a planner said.

Arrangements are being made with tuxedo rental businesses for discounting the cost of formal wear. Ticket purchasers will receive information on these benefits.

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Local AIDS Scare. Become Informed

BY F. STEWART
New Direction Staff Writer

The worries about AIDS has a far more impact in our community than I realized.

In September, I was at a popular bar when a friend of mine came up to me and asked if he could talk to me for a few minutes. We sat down away from the general rush of people and I asked what he had on his mind.

"What do you know about AIDS," he asked me.

I tensed up somewhat at the questions as I have heard it mentioned off and on but not really in the serious vein that he was asking.

"I know what I have read and constantly keep up with all the updates on it," I told him. "What seems to be the problem?"

"There's a guy in here that has AIDS and I don't think he should be here," he said.

"Why not," I asked.

As my friend explained to me, I got the picture.

It seems that the man has the possibility of having AIDS and that it has not been diagnosed as of yet. The man and my friend have been friends in the past, however, have not had a relationship and as my friend was getting a drink at the bar, the other man had stood next to him to get a drink.

My friend, whom I will refer to as "Pete", which is not anywhere near his real name, was extremely worried that he was going to contract AIDS because the man had touched him.

"Even though the health officials are not sure, at this time, exactly how AIDS is being transmitted, they suspect that it is through sexual encounters and through blood transfusions, NOT through handshakes or just plain touching," I explained.

"They should quarantine the guy and not let him go out to the bars," Pete said.

"You said that it is only a slight possibility that the man MAY have AIDS and that it has not been diagnosed yet," I said.

"Would you shake hands with the guy and talk to him," I was asked.

With that, I walked over to the man in question and struck up a conversation. It was during this conversation that I found out that the man had recently been treated for a severe case of VD and also an allergic reaction to some over the counter drug. He also told me that there was a very little possibility that he may have AIDS, but that he just could not sit at home and do nothing but watch TV.

I shook hands with the man and walked back over to Pete who had been watching the whole thing.

"Nurses and others who have been taking care of the AIDS victims have not come down with it," I told him.

I suggested that he find all the AIDS literature that he could find and educate himself and others as to the information available to date for his own relief and peace of mind.

I am glad to see that there is an awareness of AIDS and would like to see the disease totally wiped out!

LATER THAT EVENING

I kept my eye on the man that had been in question and was dismayed to see him get ready to leave with another male. I managed to get him aside and asked him if he had alerted the other man to the possibilities that he may have AIDS.

"He wouldn't go home with me if I did," I was told.

"Don't you think that you should wait until you find out for sure what the diagnosis is before possibly infecting others," I asked him.

"Mind your own business," was the attitude given.

I warned the other fellow as to the possibility. It was not an easy thing to do but I felt it should be done.

To possibly infect somebody, no matter what the disease, is not right!

Word has come back to me that the man is being completely shunned. That is not right either.

Educate yourself on the disease and keep up to date with the developments. Offer to help where you can and keep yourself aware to possibilities when you are out.

FOTO/FAX!

Compiled by Timothy Burns

Collect the whole set!



Roy Stojsh. ALIAS: Sophenda Peters; PROFESSION: Bartender; HEIGHT: 5'7"; WEIGHT: 132 lbs.; CHEST: Hairy; HAIR COLOR: Brown; EYE COLOR: Brown; BIRTH-DATE: 2/11/58; BIRTHPLACE: Mt. Clemens, Michigan; RAISED: Mt. Clemens; BROTHERS: 2; SISTERS: None; Roy is the middle; FAVORITE FOODS: Chicken ala Grecian, Shishkabob; FAVORITE BEVERAGES: Root Beer Float, Milk; FAVORITE TYPE OF PET: Old English Sheepdog; FAVORITE NIGHT SPOT: Home; FAVORITE T.V. SHOWS: Cheers, NBC Overnight; FAVORITE MOVIES: On Golden Pond, Trading Places, Frances; FAVORITE ACTOR: Dustin Hoffman; FAVORITE ACTRESS: Katherine Hepburn; FAVORITE MUSIC: Jazz; FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Paul McCartney; FAVORITE COLORS: Blue; FAVORITE SPORTS: Competitive Roller Skating; TURN-ONS: Swimming, Old Movies, Outdoors; TURN-OFFS: Bar fly's, Gossip; MOST SENSITIVE PART OF YOUR BODY: Lower Torso; PET PEEVES: Someone who says they'll call and never do; PEOPLE YOU'RE TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT: James Watt, Beach Boys, everyone else in town; FAVORITE PHRASE: Hi Sailor, new in town? Wanna go sailing? I have a waterbed; LEAST FAVORITE PHRASE: I'd like to get to know you better (Never happens); FAVORITE VACATION PLACE: Lake TaHoe; FAVORITE TYPE OF PERSON: 5'9", dark hair, hairy chest, mustache, outdoorsy; YOUR LIFES AMBITION: To one day own my own restaurant and bar; ANY COMMENTS TO FRIENDS OR FOE: I would like to thank all the people who have given me support in troubled times. I'll love you all forever.



Dan Potter. NICKNAME: Danny; PROFESSION: Disc Jockey; HEIGHT: 6 ft.; WEIGHT: 135; CHEST: 30; HAIR COLOR: Light Brown; EYE COLOR: Brown; BIRTH-DATE: 3/23/64; BIRTHPLACE: Cocoa Beach; RAISED: Orlando; BROTHERS: 1; SISTERS: None; Dan is the youngest; ZODIAC SIGN: Aries; FAVORITE FOODS: Prime Rib; FAVORITE BEVERAGES: Boilermakers; FAVORITE NIGHT SPOT: The Saint-Atlanta; FAVORITE T.V. SHOWS: Dallas; FAVORITE MOVIES: Starwars, The Meaning of Life; FAVORITE ACTOR: Clark Gable; FAVORITE ACTRESS: Julie Andrews; FAVORITE MUSIC: Disco/New Wave; FAVORITE MUSICIAN: The Late Patrick Cowley; FAVORITE SPORTS: Baseball, Tennis; FAVORITE SPORTS FIGURE: Pete Rose; FAVORITE COLORS: Baby Blue; FAVORITE TYPE OF PET: Siamese Cat; FAVORITE TYPE OF PERSON: Intelligent, congenial; LEAST FAVORITE TYPE OF PERSON AND WHY: People who think they have attitude and really don't because they are ridiculous; MOST SENSITIVE PART OF YOUR BODY: Ear lobes, pats below the waist; TURN-ONS: Dark hair, blue eyes, hair on face; TURN-OFFS: "Preppies"; PET PEEVES: People that look at themselves in the mirror when dancing; PEOPLE YOU'RE TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT: James Watt; LEAST FAVORITE FAD: The Prepy Syndrome; FAVORITE PHRASE: "Scandal"; LEAST FAVORITE PHRASE: "Gag Me"; FAVORITE VACATION PLACE: San Francisco; YOUR LIFES AMBITION: To spin at the Copa; ANY LAST COMMENTS: I need a man.



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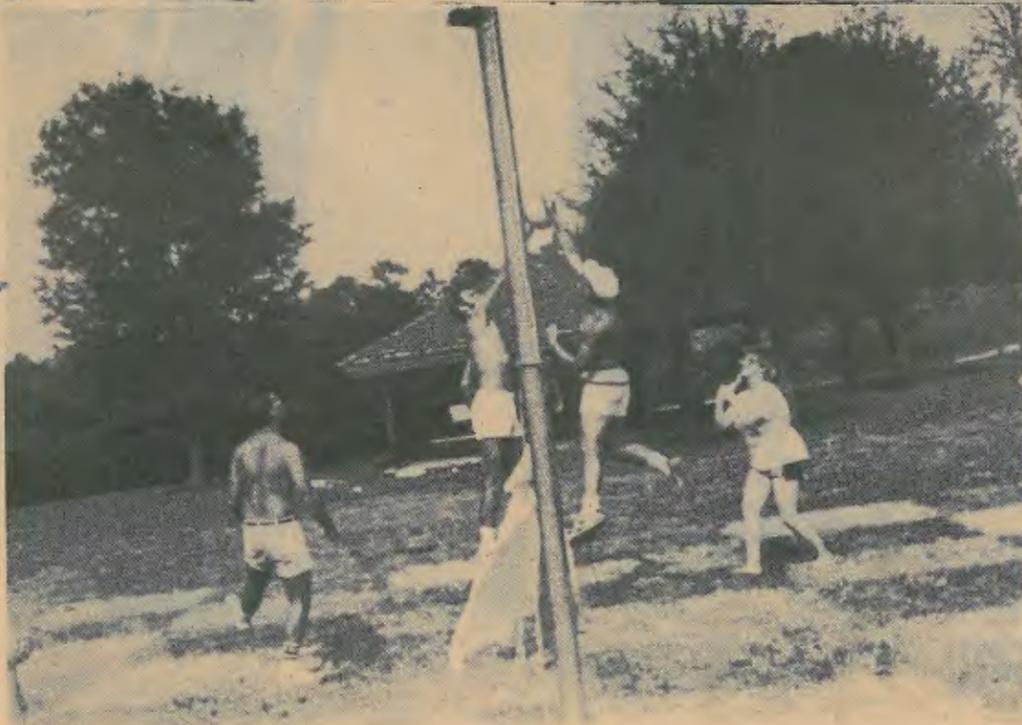
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Oktoberfest Picnic "Goot"

BY JOHN SCOTT

Beer, music, fun and games flowed in great amounts at the annual GCS Oktoberfest at Turkey Lake Park last Saturday, Oct. 8th. All afternoon gay men and women enjoyed the sunshine, volleyball, frisbee and informal conversation lakeside.

Adding to the festive atmosphere were musical requests from German Polkas to Top 40 and dance hits, played by AERO Disc Jockeys, while one of the members of our Gay Community, Ollie, appeared in full lederhausen and was dubbed Burgermeister of the day. Along with displays of literature, merchandise and services of interest, guests could indulge in delicious homemade cookies, cakes and brownies baked by the Orlando Chapter of Dignity.

The park personnel were very friendly in helping with directions to the secluded site of the festivities, which unlike past events, did not have TV cameras present. Everyone who attended had a "goot" time, and will be watching for GCS to repeat the success with another fun picnic in the next few months!

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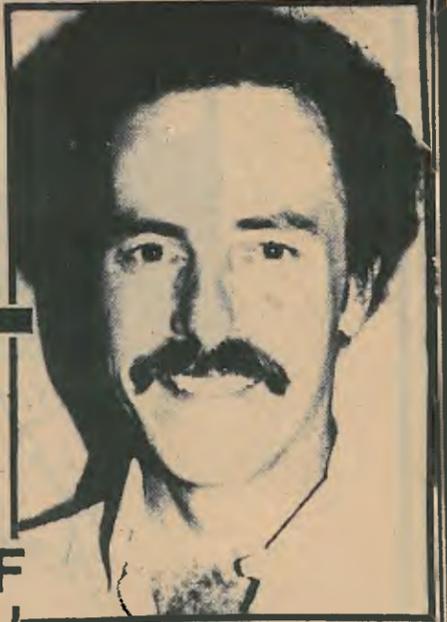


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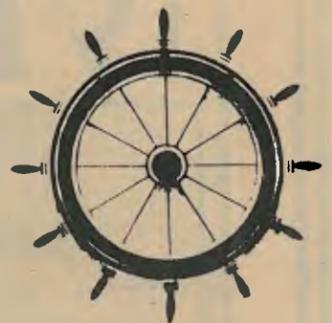
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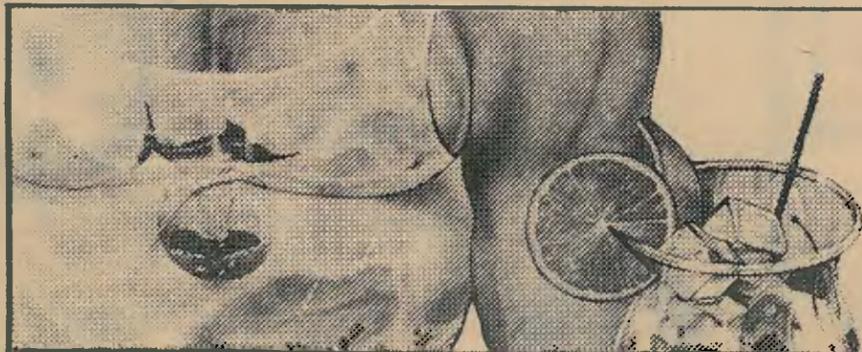
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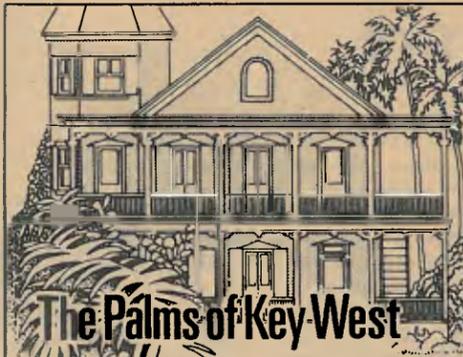
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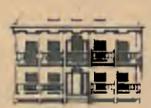
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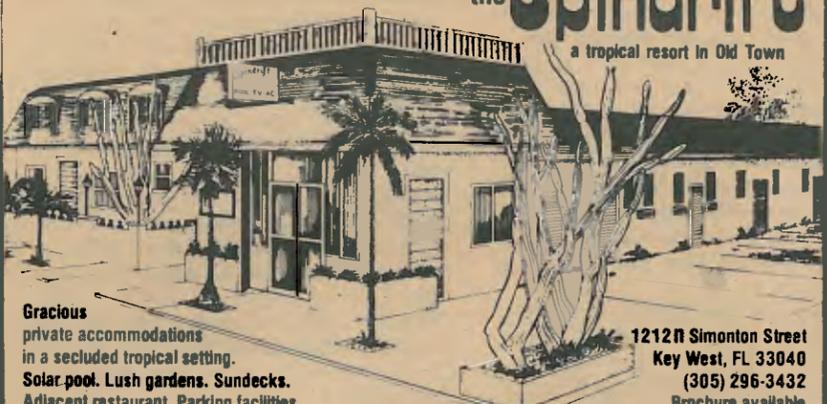
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The "electronic bank machine" scam

In an attempt to make banking faster and more convenient, many banks now provide electronic teller machines that give you access to your account 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You get your own personal card, plus a separate personal identification number. You need *both* to instruct the machine to give you cash. In theory, therefore, you should be safe even if your card is lost or stolen, as long as you are the only person who knows your number. In practice, however, swindlers have developed schemes through which, when they find or steal your card, *you help them get access to your number, your account and your money.*

Here's how it works: Shortly after your electronic banking card disappears, you receive an official-sounding phone call from someone who identifies himself as a bank or police official. He reports that your card has been found and is waiting for you at the bank or police station. *But* for you to verify that you are really the cardholder listed in their files, the caller asks you for your personal identification number. You give it to him, and he happily tells you that it is indeed your card, inviting you to come down and pick it up tomorrow. By the time you do, however, you discover that the phone call was a fake. Your caller was the thief who, armed with both your card and your number, has withdrawn a substantial chunk of cash from your account.

MORAL: *Never give out your secret bank-code number to anyone. If your card is lost or stolen, it will never be necessary for you to divulge your number in order to reclaim it.*

TWO CREDIT-CARD SWINDLES

Credit-card customers are well protected by Federal law if their cards are lost or stolen, because by law you can't be liable for more than \$50 if you report your card missing within a reasonable amount of time to the company. Unfortunately, however, many credit-card holders end up paying for merchandise they never bought not because their cards were stolen or lost, but because they failed to keep proper track of their transactions. Clever crooks are now swindling people all over the country with these two schemes.

The "tossed credit-card receipt" flimflam

You use your credit card for a purchase—say, a meal or a pair of shoes—and you then either lose or throw away your copy of the credit-card receipt. It's found by a crook, who now has your name and your credit-card number, which he then uses to order merchandise by phone. By the time you receive your bill, he's received—and probably resold—the merchandise. If you

don't bother to check your itemized month-end statement carefully (because you know your card has never been out of your possession), you may end up paying for his purchases.

The "multiple-copy gasoline card" bamboozle

You drive into a gas station, fill up and hand your gas credit-card to the attendant, who takes it into the office to be imprinted. He then brings the slip out for you to sign and gives you back your copy and your credit card. You drive off.

At the end of the month, when you get your statement, it looks suspiciously large. If you check carefully, you will find several charges for gas you never bought. What happened? When you gave your card to the gas-station attendant, he took it back to the office and ran off some additional blank charge slips, using your card. Later on, he filled these in and copied your signature from his copy of the slip you did sign.

Many people don't save their copies of credit-card charges on repeat purchases, such as gasoline, and they don't bother to check the numerous individual slips when they are returned at month's end. Therefore, there's a good chance that the swindler will get away with this, and the card holder will never be aware that she's been cheated.

MORAL: *Make it a practice to keep your copies of every gasoline charge slip, keeping them in your glove compartment, a jar in your kitchen cabinet or an envelope in your desk drawer. Then check each month's bills and slips from the gasoline company against your own copies to make sure you are not paying for what you didn't buy. Report any discrepancies to the company at once, pointing out that the signature isn't yours. You should have no trouble getting the credit-card company to remove the fraudulent charges from your bill.*

The "bank-examiner" scheme

With so many people—especially the elderly—worried about the safety of their bank accounts these days, the bank-examiner scheme is attracting an increasing number of victims. Here, a swindler telephones, claiming to be a "bank examiner," and explains that a particular bank teller is suspected of dishonesty. He asks you to help with the investigation. If you agree, you are asked to go to that teller's window and withdraw money from your account, turning it over to the "examiner" as evidence that the bank teller did not record the transaction accurately. You will be given a formal-looking receipt, and believe you have helped ferret out a thief. Unfortunately—and too late—you discover the "examiner" is the real thief, who has vanished with your money.

MORAL: *Never discuss your bank account with a stranger, regardless of how official he or she sounds.*

The "good neighbor" package ploy

If you have a neighbor who works and is away from home all day, you could find from time to time that a delivery person asks you to accept a package for her. Beware a variation on this, when you are asked not only to accept the package but to pay for it. You could be doing your neighbor a favor; on the other hand, you might be a victim of a new ripoff scheme, in which a valueless piece of unordered junk is deliberately delivered to someone who is known to be away in the hope that a gullible neighbor will pay for it.

MORAL: *Restrain your impulse to be a*

good neighbor and never pay for anything someone else has ordered, unless you've been specifically asked to do so by your friend.

The "boiler room boys" in action

The phone call usually comes, long distance from halfway across the country. (*The salesperson's name and company are fictitious.*) "I'm John Wickersham" (or a similar respectable-sounding name), the caller announces, "vice-president of General Diamond Company. You have been recommended to us as the kind of person who would be interested in one of the most exciting investment opportunities in the United States today. Let me tell you about it while it's still available." If you are on the receiving end of such a call, your best bet is to hang up fast, because the odds are that you have been selected as a potential victim of what is commonly referred to as a "boiler room operation."

The term "boiler room" aptly describes what is probably at the other end of that telephone wire. It's a room—often in a basement in a low-rent district—equipped with many telephones. Each telephone in turn is equipped with a high-pressure salesperson who is armed with a list of potential suckers and a pre-rehearsed spiel. The continuous sales pitches coming from the continuous phone calls resemble the noise you'd find in a typical apartment-house basement full of steam boilers. The product these salespeople are pushing—whether it's diamonds, sugar futures or low-priced mining stocks—is almost always highly speculative and overpriced. Moreover, it's usually something that will prove to be very difficult to resell at any price, should you decide later on that you want to get out of the deal.

MORAL: *If you become intrigued with the idea of buying diamonds, commodities or mining stocks, first check with a reputable community jeweler or brokerage house that has been in business for a while. You will probably find that the prices and commissions quoted are substantially lower than those of the boiler-room operator. Moreover, when the time comes to sell, your local firm is likely to be around while all you may get when you call back the far-off boiler-room salesperson a few months later is the news that his phone has been disconnected.*

The "obituary ghouls"

These are despicable con men who read obituary columns and then write or visit new widows or widowers incurred by the deceased. A particularly nasty—and not-so-

new—version involves a fake order for an expensive Bible allegedly placed a short time before the person's death. It is delivered soon after the funeral, along with a hefty bill. This is the kind of a bill that a grief-stricken survivor is likely to pay without question.

MORAL: *After a death occurs, pay no bills until you see conclusive, written evidence that they are correct and that they are for items that were actually delivered or ordered. If you are pressured, simply say that your lawyer has instructed you to follow these procedures and that all bills must be approved by your lawyer.*

MORAL: *Guard your credit-card number carefully. With credit-card telephone sales growing rapidly, your number—rather than just your card—is a valuable tool for a potential swindler. Therefore, when you make credit-card purchases, keep your slips rather than casually throwing them out. When you finally dispose of them—say, after the end of the month when you've confirmed your statement—tear the receipts into small pieces so no one can retrieve them whole from the wastebasket and discover your account number.*

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We, the staff of *New Direction* are constantly on the search for contributions to the paper, your paper.

We need contributions in many fields such as articles, gay cartoons, good photography, stories about someone who has unusual talents or something beneficial to the gay community, etc.

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Oct. 24



Roller skaters will have their chance to take to the boards Monday, Oct. 24, during the monthly outing at Semoran Skateway, Casselberry. The all-Gay skate will begin at 9 p.m. Admission is \$3 including skate rentals.

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SEASIDE EATERY

BY CURT BOCKES

New Direction Staff Writer

A look from the outside is not too enhancing. Just two wooden doors, an entrance and an exit, located in a small shopping plaza. The interior isn't fancy either. There are several small tables that seat two or four and are so close you could take a bite from your neighbor's plate without stretching an inch. Paper napkins and occasional whiffs of the adjoining seafood market also accompany your meal.

But this is a restaurant where atmosphere and sometimes service must be blocked out. Keep your mind and tastebuds locked onto the aromas of entrees already served. Lovers of fish, the Seaside Eatery is close to a minor miracle. And minor miracles are not so minor when it comes to good seafood.

Too often the fish is not fresh, or the batter is so thick you have trouble finding the delicacy inside, or the seasonings just don't do justice to the entree. So far I haven't found any of these to be true at the Eatery. But with over 70 selections to choose from, it may take a while, if there's one to be found.

Both the New England clam chowder and conch chowder are winners. The clam chowder is thick and creamy, not overly seasoned. You don't have to search for the clams. They're abundant. The conch chowder is as good as any you'll find in the Keys, where it was made famous. A concoction of tomatoes, potatoes, conch and spices, it's worth indulging.

The entree list seems endless. There are the basics — shrimp, crab, and oysters. You can be daring and choose from shark, alligator and swordfish. So far I've played chicken and eaten only what I'm familiar

with. But I'm dying to go back and try the alligator.

Vicki was rather blasé on our first visit. I mean, boiled shrimp, really. Nothing daring there. I devoured what she offered while I was demolishing my shrimp scampi. Food is rarely wasted when it comes to my bottomless pit, especially when it's good. The garlic butter sauce was smooth and tantalizing, void of any type of filling. The shrimp (from both plates) were just like M&M's. They melted in my mouth.

Next time 'round I had to fall back on my favorite, Alaskan King Crab, fit for a queen. The legs are split, not cracked, so there's no hassle to get to the treat. I wasn't disappointed. Miss Vicki jumped a step and ordered the fried shrimp. Very lightly battered and golden fried, they are scrumptious.

From the vast variety offered, this is just a sampling, I know. But I'll wager my Cuisine Queen title that the rest is just as impressionable. The Seaside Eatery's motto "Not fancy — just fresh" is appropriate.

Dinners are served with choice of salad or cole slaw, hush puppies, and baked or french fried potatoes. I can guarantee you won't leave unsatiated.

The Seaside Eatery is a beer and wine establishment. Domestic and imported varieties come available by the glass, draught, or bottle. The choice is yours.

Just one word of warning. Don't go to 2800 Curry Ford Road without cash or check. Credit cards are not accepted. Seems a bit odd in today's society, but that's the policy. However you pay for your meal, do go and try the Seaside Eatery. Most likely you'll be tempted to go to the adjacent market and take home your choice of seafood to see if your creation can match the Eatery's.

On The Road —

Orlando

Observed

BY FRANK STEINER

New Direction Staff Writer

★★★★ The Silver Hammer Saloon, 1300 N. Mills Ave. (17-92)

This popular "Man's Bar" has several points going for it such as the two bars with enough bartenders to cover the crowds. The two pool tables are always busy as are the video and pinball machines. There is also a large screen TV.

The crowd ranges from 19 to older men and is a good mixture of the Levi-leather troops.

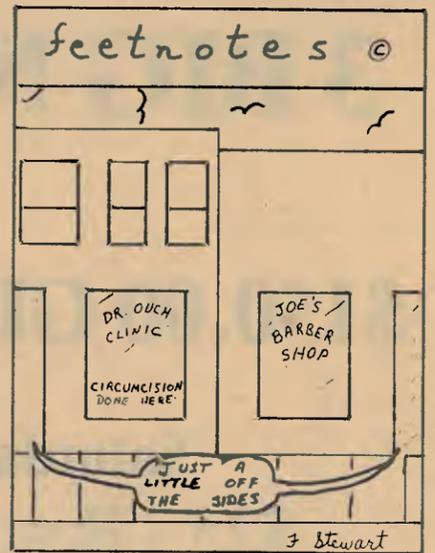
Other points, in favor, for The Silver Hammer, are: it's patio, the monthly newsletter which is mailed out and also available at the door, special events each month such as the "Buns Contest" and the "Slave Auction," and the special things for the customers such as their recent fish fry.

Another plus is their main bar top which took considerable time to do.

Against the Silver Hammer are some slight parking problems. Someone needs to replace the floor tiles and the floor needs to be cleared of paper, etc., throughout the night.

Some sort of a covering is needed for the drainage trough which you must step over to reach the patio. Better lighting on the patio as well as a cover for the "slatted" area would add immensely to enhance this area.

Some of these things are on the planning board.



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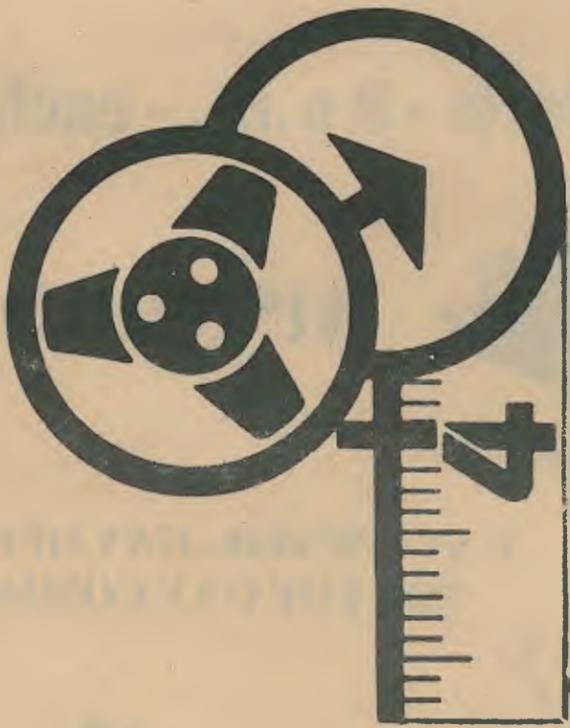
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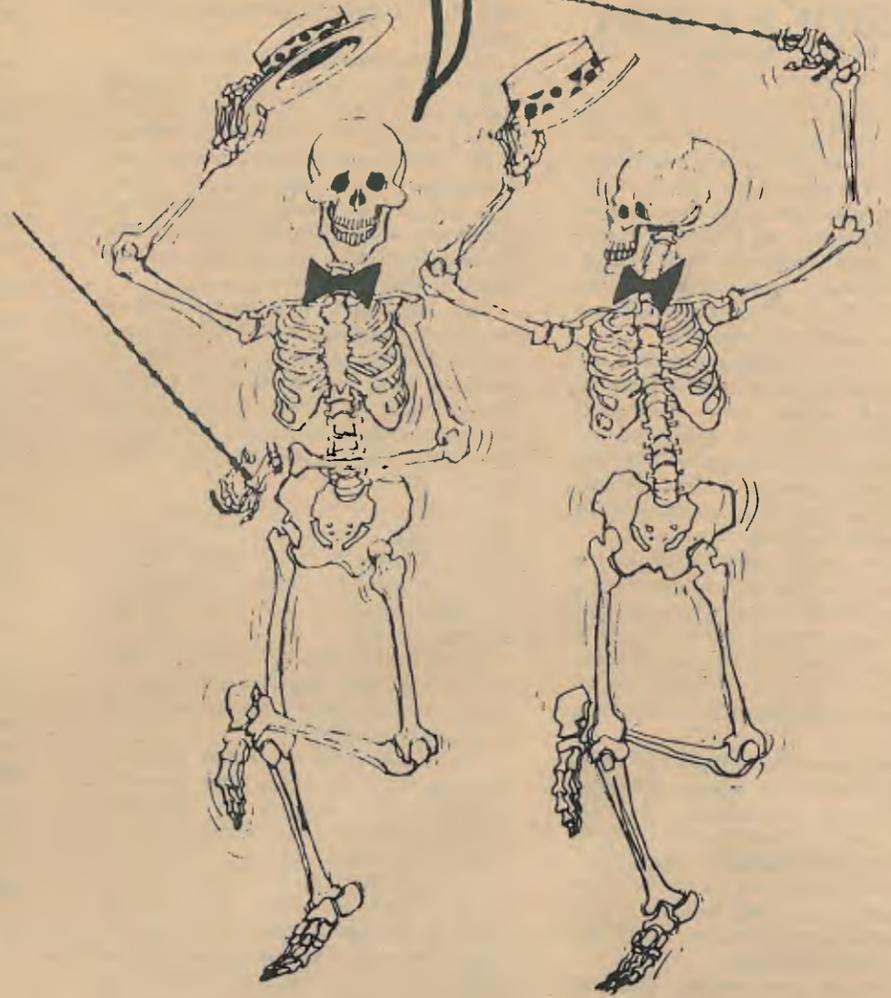
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Gays Shun Even Free Hepatitis Vaccine

BY TONI DAVIS

The response of the gay community to Hepatitis B vaccine has been "underwhelming," according to members of the Task Force on Vaccination Strategies for Sexually Transmitted Hepatitis B. Their report was represented at the American Public Health Association meeting in Montreal.

Public health clinicians had long ago predicted maldistribution to gays, and addicts as well, in interviews with this newspaper (MT, December 23, 1981). Though one out of every five gays is expected to get Hepatitis B in his lifetime, extremely few are coming forward for the series of three shots. They cost \$100 or more, exclusive of doctors' fees.

Late last year, the first order of 100 vials of Heptavax (Merck) had not been exhausted at Chicago's Howard Brown Memorial Clinic. The order was received in July. And the clinic is regarded as the largest VD facility in the country that is supported and run by gays. This is part of the report presented by Dr. David G. Ostrow, M.D., Ph.D., chairperson of the task force, and associate professor of psychology and community medicine at Northwestern University. He was principal investigator in a vaccine efficacy study in Chicago. He is also director of research at Howard Brown.

According to Dr. Ostrow, a \$5,000 fund was established at the clinic to subsidize purchase, but there has not been one taker. Those requesting the vaccine have all told of being exposed to Hepatitis B.

Lack of funds, false pride, and a misguided sense of privacy are not the only obstacles to utilization, and may not be the biggest obstacles, either. The reason gays voice most often for hanging back, said Dr. Ostrow, is possible contamination of the vaccine by whatever agent may be causing Acquired Immunological Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Calling that fear "absolutely ridiculous," since the Merck purification process allows no virus nor extraneous protein to get through the screen," Dr. Ostrow added: "If it weren't AIDS, it would be something else. The basic point here is simply that people will not spend

money on protective health care."

Concurring that contaminatin is a bugaboo, Dr. Stephen Hadler, chief of hepatitis epidemiology at the Centers for Disease Control in Phoenix, said: "We have seen no evidence whatsoever in the data we have been collecting that the incidence of AIDS is greater in those people vaccinated in the original study in 1979 than in the general population."

The CDC has followed up on vaccinations at three of the five clinics involved in the original trial. Investigators have measured the longevity of the antibody response to vaccine and examined the effect of waning immunity in those with declining antibodies.

While gays' generally poor preventive health care attitude nationwide is singled out to explain maldistribution, some clinicians make the point that those at highest risk are young men new to sexual activity. This group would be least likely to present for help, say the clinicians.

Others blame limited publicizing of the need for gays to come forward and poor marketing efforts by Merck. Some feel gays should be given a special price break. Marketing has instead been aimed primarily at hospitals, which can afford to stock the vaccine and which have a self-interest in inoculating their employees.

'Intensive Marketing'

In response, Timothy Williamson, Merck's product manager for Heptavax B., said: "Merck has begun intensive marketing efforts through the American Liver Foundation, and these efforts are specifically aimed at reaching the gay community. As for price reduction, every new drug has a special interest group that would demand lowered prices. That would be impossible." He conceded that "the vaccine has not been as widely accepted as we had expected in any population group."

Dr. Ostrow commented: "This is not a preventive medicine country. It took government programs to require children to be vaccinated against common childhood diseases, and here we have a disease where an adult must say, 'I am at risk' to motivate himself. He must then plunk down a considerable amount of money for a series of injections. People are rationalizing any way they can not do it."

CLASH OF IDEALS CAUSED LETTER

The letter below, which many people received, came about due to a clash of ideals from different factions of our Central Florida community.

The "High Visibility" versus the "Low Key" approach to acceptance within the community caused the factions to butt against each other and had, in many peoples' eyes, started splitting our gay community as well as starting various people to choose sides.

This is one thing that was not nor is not needed!

Consequently, things have taken a new course of action and we should put this behind us, using it as a learning experience.

Let's set this wedge aside and, whether male or female, Levi-leather or disco bar, black or white, gay or straight, unite, pulling together to make ONE COMMUNITY, a BETTER COMMUNITY for each of us!

PARLIAMENT HOUSE MOTOR INN
410 North Orange Blossom Trail
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September 15, 1983

TO: The Orlando Gay Community

FROM: William G. Miller, Owner
Charles M. Hodge, Owner
Parliament House Management & Staff

Fellow Community Members:

Current times and conditions demand that the Parliament House Motor Inn owners, management and staff issue a letter of position to the gay community of Orlando. It is time for the gay community at large to decide on a lifestyle that will benefit it most in all facets of its life--not just the gay one.

The owners of the Parliament House have been in the Central Florida Area during their entire business careers. They have seen the gay community grow from infancy to adulthood. They have done their best to serve the entire community, both straight and gay, to the best of their abilities, in a wholly professional manner. Currently, as a result of outside influences and disturbing movements within the gay community, all progress, both political and social, made by the Central Florida gay community over the years stands in jeopardy.

The basic economic foundation of the Central Florida Area is the tourist industry. We must realize the importance of the tourist dollar to our very livelihoods. Each of us either directly or indirectly makes our living from the tourists that travel to and through the Central Florida Area. We must understand the importance of not disturbing the efforts to make the Central Florida Area desirable to potential tourists from all over the world.

In the past, the gay community has been able to integrate itself into the mainstream of Central Florida life by unobtrusively becoming important to the economic growth of the area. This has been done both through our employment by and financial impact upon the Central Florida Area. All gains in social acceptance and equal rights have been made quietly. Until now, there has been no need to flaunt the gay lifestyle in the faces of the general public. The Parliament House Motor Inn owners, managers and staff see no need of making our presence felt now, either publicly or politically.

The Parliament House Motor Inn feels that constant media coverage of the gay community is detrimental to the economic welfare of the area and that the gay community would do well to continue making its social gains by quiet assimilation. We do not feel that the gay community makes any social gains by publicly organizing, demonstrating or marching. The vacationing tourist does not want to bring his family to visit an area where homosexuals are marching or demonstrating in public for rights that could have just as easily been quietly acquired.

Because of our position of having a gay community with a low profile, the owners, management and staff of the Parliament House Motor Inn will no longer support or be affiliated with any organization or publication whose philosophy advocates high visibility of the Central Florida gay community.

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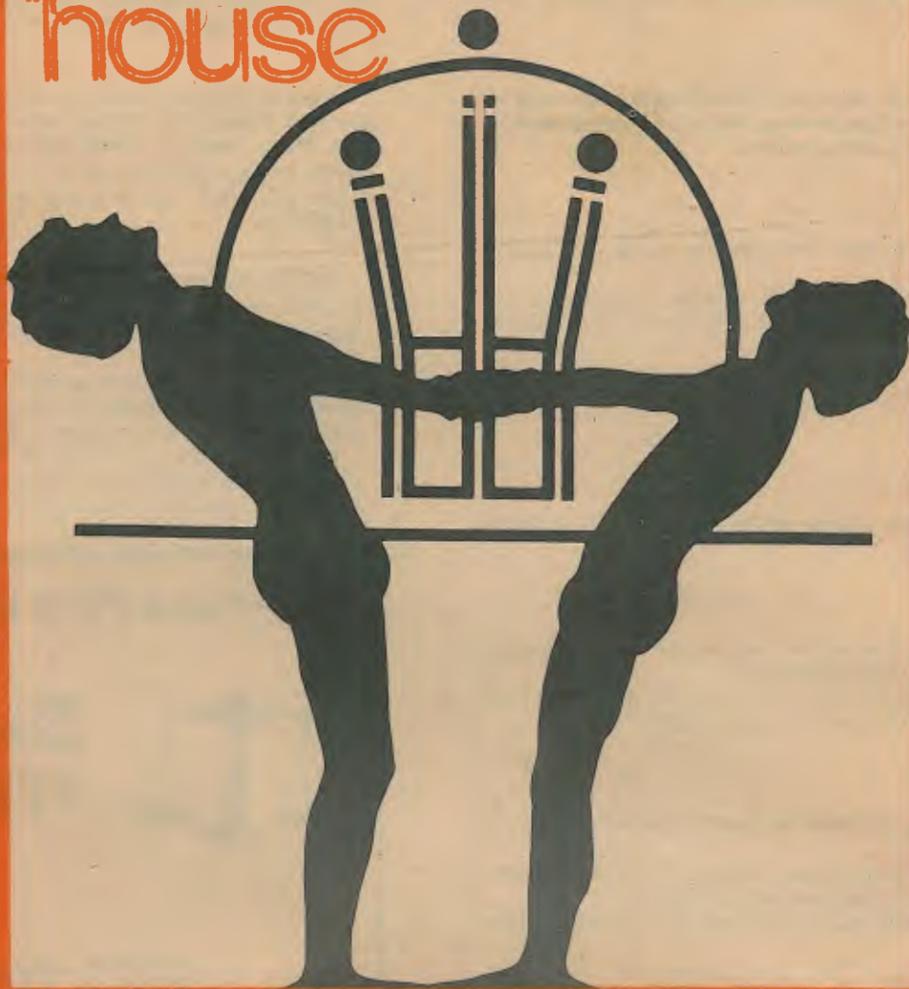
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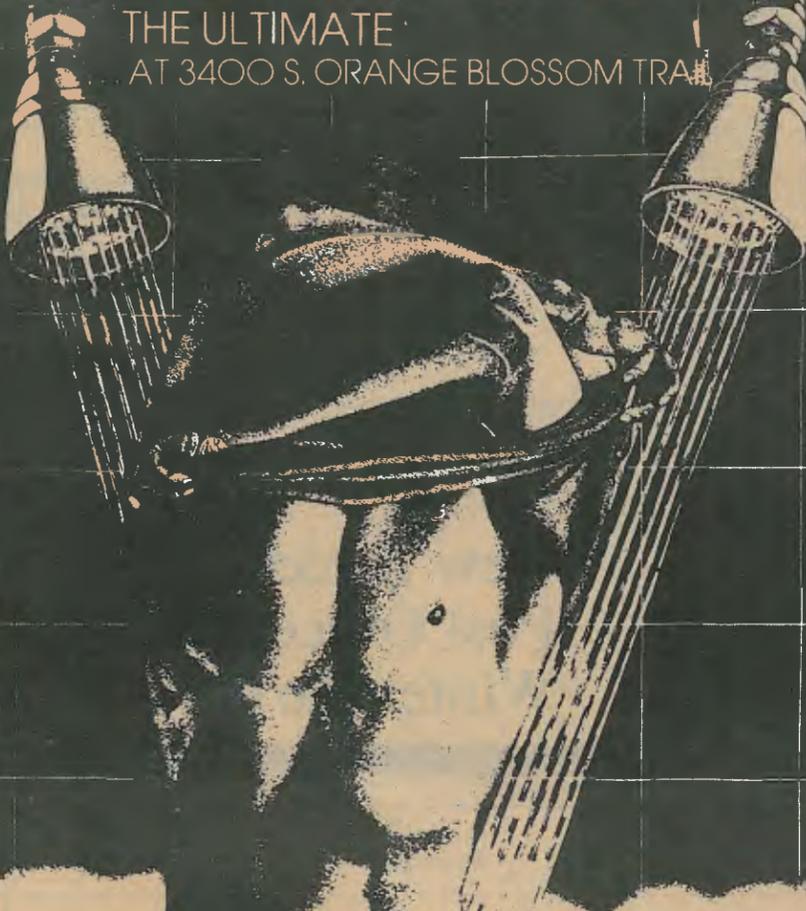
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