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Central Florida, Inc.

Warning! A Dead Battery on I-4 Could Get You Arrested!

By Jeff Campbell
Center Fold Staff Writer

With a nervous glance at the clock in the dashboard, he was uncomfortable with the late hour. Thinking there never seems to be enough time, he had hoped to be home before midnight and here it was after 2 and he still had a distance to travel.

So often when something goes wrong with the car, one drives faster as if hoping to outdistance the problem, hoping to arrive at a destination before the engine stops. But it is a race that is lost – it is as futile as escaping one's own shadow. The headlights were becoming dimmer and dimmer and he had opened the windows to turn off the air conditioning and turned off the radio – anything to reserve the battery power.

Just ahead a glow in the misty morning air gave comfort in the knowledge that a reststop would offer a refuge from the fear of being stranded in the blackness on the interstate. Pulling off to the exit, he brought his car to a stop as near the building as possible and cut off the ignition.

"What to do," he thought. "Just what in the hell am I going to do at 2:35 in the morning with a car that has a problem with the battery or the alternator – or who knows what. Who can I call at this hour to come pick me up and besides, I can't just abandon my car." And so he decided to call no one; he decided to catch some sleep in the car and call one of his friends after dawn hoping to catch someone before they left for work.

He hadn't been there too long and was dozing off when a sharp tap on the window startled him awake. He saw a young man gesturing for him to lower the window so he opened it an inch or so. The man asked him what he was looking for and he replied that he was having car trouble and was waiting only for daylight.

"Don't give me that shit, man," the newcomer said.

"You're here lookin' for kicks. Open the door and you can drive us over there away from the building. We'll have fun, you an' me."

"I'm here 'cause I'm having car trouble," he responded and reached to close the window, but the young man put his finger in the window opening.

"Hey, man. You got any stuff? Ya know, something to make a guy feel good. Lemme get in and we'll do some, and then we'll have fun and feel good. What's a long night for anyway?"

"Just get outta here and leave me alone. You're just looking for trouble. Or maybe you're a cop. I don't know. But get the hell away from me."

"Hell, man. How do I know you're not a cop? Now lemme in the friggin' car."

He closed his eyes and pretended to return to his napping until he was aware the man had withdrawn his fingers from the window and he rolled the window closed and again began to doze off.

Suddenly and violently, he was awakened by a slamming on the hood of the car and a pounding on the windows. He awakened in a fear from the innocence of slumber only to see two police officers shaking the car and ordering him out from the safety of the car.

He opened the window to speak, to tell them he was having car trouble. One of the officers reached in and unlocked the door and opening the door ordered him to step outside. He did as told and turned to explain his situation but was placed under arrest for soliciting for sex and for disorderly conduct. His rights were read him, he was handcuffed and placed in a police vehicle and he was driven to jail.

Later in the morning he made his phone call to his friend who arranged for bail to be posted and he now must prepare for a trial.

His car was towed and he had to pay a ransom to retrieve it plus another tow charge to have it serviced because the battery could not turn over the engine.

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So many new interpretations of law enforcement by law enforcement agencies have made a mockery of "innocent until proven guilty." This entrapment joins another current stratagem of confiscating personal funds and property until such time as you can prove that they are yours and that you did not attain them by illegal means.

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There exists an image problem of our society, a misconception by much of the straight world as to what we are. The lie that is perpetuated in the minds of an uncertain and somewhat hostile hetero society is that gay people spend most of their time stalking public restrooms. This has as much validity as the no that all hetero fathers molest their

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Planning Starts for March on Washington in '93

Organizers of a massive march on the nation's capitol to fight homophobia are set to launch a major fund-raising campaign and open up a national office in Washington, D.C.

The Executive Committee for the "1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation" held its first meeting in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 15 and 16 to lay the groundwork for a national fund-raising strategy.

The march, which is scheduled for Sunday, April 25, 1993, is the third of its kind. The first, held in 1979, was

followed by a record-breaking march in 1987 that drew over half a million participants.

Organizers estimate the upcoming march and rally will cost \$500,000.

"Fund raising is a primary focus right now," said Billy Hileman, the march's treasurer. "We are tapping major donors, gathering support from national organizations, and we want to generate a lot of grassroots financial support."

The committee also established a volunteer support committee in Washington to begin preparations for a national

headquarters that should be open within the next few months.

Kay Ostberg who served as the Washington based co-chair in 1987 is among the first to join the march's advisory committee.

"It's exciting that the third march is taking place. Given the previous experiences this can only be an enormous step forward for our community," Ostberg said.

Three new members were added to the executive committee. Of the nine members elected by delegates during the

Hope and Help Sponsors 'Nunsense' Benefit

By Laurence Sheldon
Center Fold Staff Writer

Saints preserve us, March 25 was really a day to remember. Beads were dropped all over the stage of the Mark II Dinner Theatre and the audience during the benefit performance of *Nunsense*. The sell-out crowd probably never dreamed that it would be witnessing a mother superior inhaling a bottle of Rush or another sister dressed up as Carmen Miranda.

The benefit raised about \$6,000 for the Hope and Help Center, a local AIDS-support group, according to its director, Chuck Hummer. "All monies will go for direct client services, such as helping to pay clients' rent," he said. The Mark II's servers also donated a substantial portion of their tips that night to Hope and Help.

The evening started off with Hope and Help's case manager, Michael Pecko, and Dee, who volunteers her hair cutting services, dressed up as nuns to welcome the audience. Chuck Jordan, the newly installed assistant director, also gave his thanks to the audience and various supporters.

The audience was so enthusiastic and

energetic that whenever certain words, like "queen" or "Mary" came up in the script, the laughter almost drowned out the fantastic cast of actresses.

Daytime Emmy nominee Mary Jo Catlett headed the cast as the Reverend Mother Superior and certainly seemed to enjoy the friendly audience. Twice during the show, the musical tape had to be rewound and played back because the audience was so hysterical with laughter. It was truly a great night.

Hope and Help continues to sponsor and receive fund-raising activities. On April 1, the Parliament House sponsored its annual Employee Turnabout Night. *Star Trek VI* was presented April 30 at the Park II Theatre on Lee Road at 17-92.

Chuck Hummer said he realized that not everyone could afford tickets to a dinner theatre but hoped that almost everyone could afford \$5 for a movie. If attendance warrants, future movie benefits will be scheduled. It will be an easy way for our gay community to get together in a sold-out movie theater and contribute to a worthwhile organization that is helping those fighting AIDS and HIV disease.

WARNING

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daughters.

Every segment of society suffers depraved and perverted members; our gay community suffers from the diabolic Jeffrey Daumer while the straight world witnessed the evil of Ted Bumby. Neither of these men represent the hetero and homosexual societies, but simply illustrate the monstrous depravity of these two men.

The indifference that we witness by an apathetic public over entrapment of gays or set-up sting operation is a result of this image many people have of our gay community. The general public is unaware of just who we are and subconsciously defines us by the stereotypical and tired Hollywood version of a gay. After all, we are so omnipresent and the straight world doesn't have any idea who we are because so many of us are hidden.

It is this silence and this invisibility that is the seed of our suffering from many injustices heaped upon us. It is the willingness of the general public to believe that we stalk the land looking for innocent victims to satisfy a lust. This misconception empowers law enforcement agencies to violate our freedoms and our rights because there is not a substantial voice raised in our defense - not even our own. Too many of us feel the image problem of the gay community is not our personal concern. Some will say

that radical factions of the gay

community currently making headlines are expressing gay concerns but in truth, these activities only precipitate the reaction: "I told you so, hysterical homos are all alike."

The young man who stands accused of pandering at a reststop should not have been arrested and should not have been charged. You should not be harassed or persecuted because you walk in a park at night alone, but you are.

And as long as you remain unconcerned about the image of your community, all of us suffer injustice. If you display outward rejection toward the gay community for the purpose of obscuring your participation - to create your personal image - then perhaps you should leave the gay world and join the straights whose approval you seek. You are certainly not a participant in Gay Pride. But you won't fit in straight life, because you're not straight.

None of us should suffer the fear or intimidation of police actions by sting or any other means just because we are gay or suspected of being gay. But our community is too disconnected and fearful to implement any considerable influence.

The sad truth is that there is the possibility that a future sting operation will result in your being charged with soliciting sex or some other embarrassing accusation. And even if there is no prosecution, the image you so carefully cultivated will be shattered and your mask stripped away.

A dead battery will be your least concern.

Church Chat

FAMILY THAT CARES CHURCH

Dear brothers and sisters:

At this time, the Family That Cares Church is going through some changes. Our pastor, Mary Jo Gunn has resigned as of April 12.

We now have interim pastors while we continue to look forward to a new pastor. Our church continues to reach out to the old and new people throughout our community. We as a church plan to have many and more exciting activities in the future.

We will be celebrating the six-month anniversary of our newly formed We Care Group, which meets every other

week at various homes. For more information, call Bill or Ken at 236-9156 after 5 p.m.

The church has a newly formed board of directors which will result in several positive and spiritual changes for our church and the community.

We continue to meet at First Unitarian Church, 1815 E. Robinson St., Orlando. Our services are held every Sunday at 5 p.m.

As always we are bound and held together by love. The love of Jesus Christ, our savior.

Blessings,
Billy Green

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6/12--Longtime Companion

Pizza Hut Responds to Bigotry Accusations

Editor's Note: The following letters, sent to Phoenix AT ALOMA co-owner Dennis Garmon and Center Director John Rose, represent Pizza Hut's response to the accusations of bigotry leveled at one of its outlets in an article in April's Center Fold.

The newspaper is printing them to give the company's side of the story.

April 16, 1992

Mr. John Rose
Center Director
Gay & Lesbian Community Services

Dear Mr. Rose:

Thank you for inquiring about Pizza Hut and the article which recently appeared in The Center Fold. As I am sure you were unaware when contacting Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company in Dallas, two letters of apology were issued to Mr. Dennis Garmon, co-owner of the Phoenix (sic).

For your information, I am enclosing copies of those letters which express our sincere apologies about the incident in question and firmly state Pizza Hut's opposition to discrimination of any kind.

Let me reiterate that we consider this kind of action highly inappropriate and have taken the necessary measure (sic) to insure that nothing of this nature ever occurs again.

Thank you again for taking the time to call.

Sincerely,
Pizza Hut Inc.
Orlando Market
Dennis F. Ginther
Director of Operations

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"It is not the policy of Pizza Hut to discriminate against anyone."

Feb. 14, 1992

Mr. Dennis Garmon
7124 Aloma Ave.
Winter Park, Fla. 32792

Dear Mr. Garmon,

As I stated in my phone conversation with you, I am sincerely sorry for the situation that you encountered yesterday.

I would like to reiterate that it is not the policy of Pizza Hut to discriminate against anyone. I am going to hold a store meeting in this unit and address the seriousness of this situation and make sure everyone is aware of Pizza Hut's position. At the same time I will re-inform the rest of my management staff of our policies in matters like this and get their commitment to ensure an incident of this nature does not occur again.

Once again, please accept my sincere apology for this unfortunate occurrence.

Sincerely,
Frank Engel
Area Manager
Pizza Hut Inc.
Orlando Market

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"Unfortunately, in your case, the experience provided was contemptuous and insulting."

Feb. 14, 1992

Dear Mr. Garmon,

As I stated in my phone conversation with you, I am sincerely sorry and concerned to hear of the extremely unpleasant situation you encountered recently. This was definitely a serious violation of our customer service policies.

On behalf of Pizza Hut, I would like to extend my sincere apology and assure you that our organization neither promotes nor condones prejudice of any nature. Although it is not appropriate to discuss the details of our internal personnel issues, I can assure you that the necessary disciplinary action will be taken.

Our company mission is to consistently demonstrate that Pizza Hut is the best choice for every pizza occasion, and friendly customer service is the foundation for that mission. Unfortunately, in your case, the experience provided was contemptuous and insulting.

Once again, please accept my sincere apology for this unfortunate occurrence.

Sincerely,
Dennis F. Ginther
Director of Operations



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Finally, Oprah Shows Her True Color – Green!

From the Editor's Desk

By Michael J. Sopoliga
Managing Editor

Did you hear about Oprah Winfrey
and her lawsuit against a weekly
tabloid that claimed her husband
was gay? Well, she's suing the newspaper
for \$300,000.

Yes, you read correctly: 300,000 clams,
semolians, big ones, etc., etc. Poor Oprah!
How could she face such humiliation!
How dare she be thought of as being
married to a queer! What's she so afraid
of anyway? Maybe she thinks that she'll
be labeled a "fag hag?"

For a while, I thought that she was the
defender of the minorities, since she is
one herself. I wonder how she would like
it if some white movie star would sue for
a million dollars if she were accused of
marrying a black man? She'd probably
have shows and make millions for a
whole year if that happened. But just
because someone calls her husband a
queer, she feels that it's the ultimate
insult and degradation. I've been called a
queer, fag, sissy, homo, by a lot of people.

There was even a time when being
accused of being one would get my
dander up. Of course that was before
speech replaced sign language!

So what are we to make of the mid-

morning queen of the blab fests on TV? I
think she's got some explaining to do. I
mean does she plan to give all that money
to a gay organization? If so, she should
sue for more. But the money's not really
important ... or is it?

When people sue other people, the
amount of the suit is usually in direct
proportion to the amount of injury, pain
and suffering, both physical and mental.
So how was Oprah Winfrey mentally
abused to the tune of 300,000 bucks just
because her husband was thought to be
gay?

If anything, Oprah Winfrey owes the gay
community of this
country, many of whom
are daytime queens in
their own right and
have the luxury of
watching the Big "O"
on the TV, of course,
with their hair up in curlers, lounging on
the couch – eating bon-bons, no doubt.

OK, Oprah! You've shown your true
color, mainly that soft shade of currency
green. Unfortunately, you've also shown
a bit too much of your homophobia, not
to mention your overly generous visage.
Well, here's another person who has been
exposed for what she really is: a phony.
Well, I say phooey to another phony.

That's right, Oprah, your channel is
canceled!

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About 'The Center Fold': You know,
being managing editor of *The Center Fold* is

biens will not continue tolerating unfair
practices. Vote with your dollars, and
prove to the buying public and the
advertisers that "if you mess with the
best, then expect the worst!"

Get fired up! Your voice must be heard
– it's your life, present and future, that
they (the collective straight "theys") are
playing with.

I'm tired of this stuffy, small closet; plus
it's getting pretty crowded with all of us
in here. Our voices can be heard, if they're
united. Let's open the door. Let's improve
on our way of life today – and make it
better for those who will come after us.

quite an experience. I get letters (some
signed!), advice – not always nicely given,
and lots of criticism. So, what else is new?

There are some times when I feel those
who are faithful readers of *The Center Fold*
need to be "enlightened" about a few facts.

Recently, someone tore out a page of *The
Weekly News*, scribbled all over the area
which covers Central Florida activities and
sent it to me, posing the question: "These
types of ads should be in *The Center Fold*.
Why aren't they?"

Of course, the person would not sign
their name, for fear of being addressed
personally, but I guess in this gay world of
shadows and nameless trysts, this is just
one more.

I'll tell you why we don't list every-thing
that is listed in the other weekly paper. One
reason is that even though *The Center Fold* is
distributed throughout the 50 states and
abroad, the services offered at The Center

are for Central Flori-
dians. If anyone
wanted to know of
any activities and
programs offered at
The Center they

could exercise their common sense and call
The Center, where a volunteer would be
more than happy to acquaint them with
any of the things they are interested in.

Secondly, space is at a premium. If we
increased subscriptions and advertisers, we
would go to 24, 28 or 32 pages. As it is, we
are just barely making ends meet. I would
suggest that you stop comparing *The Center
Fold*, which comes out monthly, with other
weekly papers.

Also, why don't you try to use your
creative advice by volunteering to become a
typist for *The Center Fold*. I need one
desperately! Now that's putting your
energy where your advice is! Besides
what would Doug Swallow have to do?

*We can make a difference,
if we believe that we can,
and act on that belief!*

Get out your stamps. Take up your pens
and pencils and get to work on your
computers and word processors. Tell the
restaurants, the media and the politicians
that you're alive, well and tired of being
offended. Don't forget that this is an
election year. So, vote, too!

You and I can make a difference, if we
believe that we can, and act on that belief!

Gays, Lesbians Must Make Their Voices Heard

Editor's Note: The following is a personal
reminiscence of a special contributor to our
publication. Its message is personal and
pertinent. We hope that by printing it, we can
encourage more of our readers to contribute
special messages which are more than letters
to the editor to our readers.

By Kim Starr
Special to The Center Fold

Sitting here alone, it's easy to be me.
There is no one to judge me; no one
knows if I'm black, white, red,
yellow or whatever; no one knows if I'm
gay or straight. I have just my thoughts to
keep me occupied; I can be private and
honest, without fears or concerns.

Yet, I know that at any second the real
world can come flooding in, to once again
remind me that I am to be – will be –
judged, often unfairly. I'm white and I'm
gay.

Once again, I feel I must take up the
cause to make my brothers and sisters be
heard and recognized. There are letters to
be written, calls to be made and opinions
to be formed and shared. Spend some
time thinking about your gayness,
seriously, not in just primping for the

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"beauty bars" and "meat markets." Get
serious!

Our cause is not that of a president or a
Congress, not that of politicians or beauty
queens, but that of gay and lesbian needs
and voices – to be listened to, understood,
respected, have our needs acted upon and
not be forgotten.

Our gay and lesbian dollars make up a
good-sized share of the U.S. economy –
we have more than the average amount of
expendable income to support products
and sympathetic sponsors of our causes.
Why should we eat at restaurants, buy
pizza from hostile Pizza Huts, buy other
products, use services or frequent esta-
blishments that don't respect us?

There are too many commercial places
where we are welcome. Some are owned
or managed by our own "family" mem-
bers. Let's find out who they are. We have
buying power. Let's use it!

It's time once again to speak up and be
heard, to flex our consumer muscle, and
show the world that gay men and les-

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Daytona Beach Service to HIV-Positive Persons Grows!

Dear Editor:

Outreach Inc. of Daytona Beach, is a full-service AIDS support organization, offering, for free, the services detailed in our newsletter.

On Dec. 2, 1991, we opened The Special Immunology Center of Daytona Beach, to bring quality health care and experimental drugs to our HIV-infected population.

We feel an article detailing the services of Outreach in a quality publication like *The Center Fold*, might benefit the gay community both in Volusia County, and beyond.

We also offer support groups which are: Monday evenings at 7 p.m., "Women infected and affected by AIDS Support Group," for information, call (904) 672-6069; Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., "HIV-Positive Support Group" (Restricted to people who are HIV-positive only), for more information, call (904) 672-6069.

For more information write to: Outreach Inc. of Daytona Beach, 1772 N. Ridgewood Ave., Holly Hill, Fla. 32117, or call (904) 677-6307.

Robert F. Noel
patient advocate volunteer
Outreach Inc.

Reader: Orlando Lucky to Have
The Center and The Center Fold

Dear Center Fold,

It is good to see gays and lesbians pulling together with a community center and a fine publication such as yours. Orlando is lucky! I love the fact that you print on recycled paper too.

We are indebted to Saturday's Lounge in Melbourne for allowing Break the Silence MCC to extend its ministry into Southern Brevard County. Tony and Roger deserve our gratitude for letting us have an 11 a.m. church service on Sundays. We call it "Sunday at Saturday's!"

Before closing, I am wondering if any of your readers would be interested in hearing about OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing Committee)? The founders and other interested lesbians are meeting soon in St. Augustine to discuss issues and assist other local groups to organize throughout Florida. Feel free to contact me.

Thanks ... and continued success!

Respectfully,
Airie.

Dear Airie,

Letters to the Editor

You are quite right. We are fortunate here in Orlando to have the Center, and to have *The Center Fold*. Too bad more locals don't think so. Good luck with your endeavors for OLOC. For those interested, please call Airie at (407) 779-4874. – Michael Sopoliga, managing editor.

Peace

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your prompt response to my last communication. I had cancelled my subscription to *The Center Fold*, since I was not receiving it. You did refund the subscription price in full and I cashed the check. It broke my heart to do it.

You also mailed me a copy of the February 1992 Center Fold. Next, you mailed me a copy of the March 1992 paper and you ran my ad in the classified section as I requested. I was thrilled!

Therefore, I have enclosed another check for \$10 and hope that you will keep me on-line for 1992. In addition, you will find a second check enclosed in the amount of \$5. I hope you will accept this donation and apply it to the work you are presently doing with The Greater Orlando Business Association (GOBA) [Editor's Note: Now the Metropolitan Business Association].

I am pleased to see that the gay business community is uniting in activity that will strengthen and benefit business and hope that the gay population will look toward GOBA [MBA] as a source of direction, assistance and acceptance as they live a lifestyle which is difficult, and yet, so real.

Lastly, on a separate page, I submitted a classified ad, the same as before, which I hope you will run again. In fact, I hope you can run it two or three more times in a row, if possible. Details are on the separate page.

One thousand pardons for any trouble I may have caused you. I am pleased to be on-line with *The Center Fold*.

Peace,
Janice Howell

From St. Petersburg (sic)

Dear Editor:

Isn't about time you learn to spell?

Signed, "Unsigned"
(queen from St. Petersburg)

Dear "Queen With No Name":

Why don't you become our spell checker for *The Center Fold*? Of course, I would give you the job, were it not for the fact that you failed to sign your name to your letter. You must have been crowned "Miss Spelling Bee Mistress" of your local elementary school just last year. At least, I'm glad you read our rag!

(This was in reference to our misspelling of the word accommodation. One "m" was left out, and even the president of the GLCS didn't realize it! Anyway, it's corrected thanks to Miss School Marm from St. Petersburg.) [By the way, I spelled "Petersburgh" wrong intentionally! Go ahead, write me again!]

— Michael Sopoliga, managing editor.

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Brian Anthony
Director

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One Man's Quest to Find Out His HIV Status So You Want to Get Tested?

By Bryan L. Yopp
Contributor

For over 10 years, AIDS has been ravaging the world's population. Some of us have tried to make anyone who is willing to listen realize that AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease that can and will affect everyone in the world. You know this and I know this but perhaps you have been afraid to know, for whatever reason, if you are directly affected or in other words, infected with the HIV virus. Now, however, you have overcome that fear and you want to get tested and finally find out if you are infected.

There are many reasons to find out your status. Most are obvious, such as: preventing the spread of the virus and/or prevention of life through early detection, but these topics aren't why we're here today. Right now, we just want to know for sure if we're HIV-positive. "So what do I do?", "Where should I go?", "How much will it cost?", "How soon will I get the results back?" – these are the questions we're going to try to address, the process of being tested for HIV.

Now, you would think that this wouldn't be such a problem. You go to the doctor's office, throw down your hard-earned money, they draw your precious blood, send it to the lab, which runs the "latest" test and returns the results to the doctor's office and the doctor gives you the results, good or bad (hopefully good). Dr. Welby would be proud if you thought it was that simple. I talk from first-hand experience.

I had been tested for HIV before, but not since I moved to the Orlando area. After being here two years, I decided to get tested again. I know, I know, you should be tested every six months but those of us without medical insurance can't afford it and since I was in a monogamous relationship, blah, blah. (Pardon me, I digress.)

I'm not stupid, just broke and had other pressing issues on my mind like keeping a roof over my head in these tough economic times. OK, OK, enough of my lame excuses.

First, I called the GLCS Hotline and was transferred to the "live" operator. I told him that I was looking for some place to get tested for HIV.

The operator gave me the number to the Orange County Health Department, which does anonymous testing for \$20 and gives you the results in about two weeks. I also wanted to know if there were any doctors who were gay- and lesbian-sensitive and could provide the same service. I was given me a few names based on where I lived and how far I was willing to travel.

I was reminded that GLCS doesn't recommend any doctor or service but only provides the information as a service to our community. I asked when these doctors were open but the operator didn't have that information; however, he said he would find out so that others who call will have access to the information.

Since it was still early Friday evening and there was a walk-in clinic at the end of my street, I decided to see if I could be tested there. I walked in, waited to be waited on and finally got to ask how much it would cost to have a "blood test" done. (You should be discreet when other people are around who may be a little less sensitive to the term HIV.)

I was told there would be a \$45 fee to see the doctor and I would have to see the doctor if I wanted to have any blood test done other than a cholesterol test. I said thanks but no thanks. Why would I want to pay someone \$45 just to say "Hi, how are you doing? Why do want to be tested? Are you in the 'high risk groups'? Blah, blah, expensive blah. Nurse, please draw this man's blood."

Well, I put it off. Not for long, I just wanted to see if I

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could get it done for a little less money. OK, it's now Monday. My car was in the shop and since I couldn't get to work, I decided to call the doctors whose names GLCS had given me Friday night.

I called the first one and got the "walk-in-clinic-shuffle" again. They wanted \$50 for the physical, then the cost of the test and re-test if it came back positive. Thanks, but no thanks, gay-sensitive or not.

I called the second doctor. It got worse. They wanted \$50-\$100, then the cost of the test and then the cost of the re-test. (Hold on here, I just wanted to have a little blood drawn and a test run, not "open wallet" surgery.)

I thought I got clever. I tried to cut out the middle man, namely the money-sucking doctors. I picked up the Yellow Pages and called a few of the medical labs in the area. Unfortunately, the money-sucking doctors beat me there. All the labs that I called said: "Yes, we do the test. But no, we don't do it without a little slip from the doctor." (And we already know how much that little slip of paper costs, don't we?)

All this wasn't in vain. At the last lab that I talked to, a woman clued me into a little-known way of getting tested, which was to give blood. Whenever you give blood now, they test it automatically for HIV and various other diseases. They have too. Well, thank you for the tip, but let me talk to the Orange County Health Department and see if it could offer any advice.

I called the AIDS Counseling/Testing number in the blue section of the Yellow Pages. I finally spoke to a woman who told me the same thing that GLCS had told me about the cost of \$20 for the test (and any re-tests) and that the result would take about two weeks. Now for the kicker, she didn't have an appointment (it's appointment only) available till early or mid January (it was mid-December when I called).

When you added the wait for the results with the backlog of appointments, you are talking about a month to a month and a half to find out if you are positive or negative. I know the first time I was tested, it took two days to get the results back and I was an emotional wreck during that time. (Not to say that I'm not an emotional wreck now, but it was a heightened state of hysteria.)

I told her that I wasn't concerned about my name being kept in a secret hiding place that only the CIA could find.

I asked if there was any other way of getting the test done any sooner or cheaper. She told me that the county has a walk-in clinic for sexually transmitted diseases that is open Monday through Friday from 8-10:30 a.m. at the County Health Department building (second floor) on Central Boulevard in downtown Orlando and the cost is only \$7. The clinic is first come, first served and the results (which are anonymous and confidential) are available two weeks from the date you have the tests done. You have to go back to the clinic to get the results.

Well, I liked the price but the wait for the test and the wait for the results really didn't appeal to me. I knew that you should be able to get the results more quickly than that. There are enough labs in the area. I know because I personally called over a half dozen.

I decided to call some of the other walk-in clinics, the ones that the blood suckers own. The prices varied like the decision-making process of a flaming drag queen on prom night. (Just kidding, everyone knows that female impersonators wear fire-retardant undergarments and have no problems deciding what to wear on any

occasion.) I called one of Florida Hospital's Centra Care Walk-In Urgent Care Centers and found that there was a \$48 charge for the office visit, a \$49 charge for the first test and a \$18 charge for handling, and if the test came back positive, they would charge you an additional \$115 for confirmation testing and finally it would take 10 days to get the results back. What a bargain!

Another clinic said that it would be \$75 for the test and \$40 for the first office visit, less for "a little office visit" if you've been there before. (Once you've seen the office, obviously the decor wasn't what brought you back for more but \$5 off the price of admission would.)

Some of the walk-in clinics, such as Park Care Community Health Center and the Walk-in Medical Care Centers, don't even do HIV testing. The woman at one of the Walk-in Medical Care Centers said the reason was that their charts are in the open (and the other bloodsuckers can smell a lawsuit a mile away. I said that, not her.)

Well, I did find a couple of walk-in clinics that have a little more reasonable rate. One was the Pine Castle Walk-in Clinic which offered the test for \$41 and a \$15 office visit, with a week-10 day waiting period.

The other was Executive Health Services, which offered a flat rate of \$60 (cash only, please) with results in two to three days to no longer than a week. Executive Health Services is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

These are not the only places, but after spending a good part of a morning looking for a place to be tested, it should give you a place to start if you decide to be tested.

I came to several conclusions through this little ordeal:

- Insurance companies should support a national health care plan that would require some control over the cost of basic services.

- Since this plan isn't likely to happen any time soon, buyer beware. Do not accept the cost of health care like sheep to the slaughter, *shop around, shop around, shop around.*

- If you have the time and very little money, then seek out the County Health Services. It will save you bucks and only take up a good chunk of time to get the results.

- If you have a little cash and want to know a little sooner than a couple of weeks, seek out one of the walk-in clinics or see a doctor who doesn't charge an arm and a leg to visit their wonderfully decorated offices.

- If money is no object and time isn't either, then flip through the Yellow Pages and let the fickle finger of faith lead you to the slaughterhouse that makes millionaires out of people who saw you coming. As W.C. Fields said, "There's one born every minute."

All kidding, politics and personal issues aside, get tested for HIV and make the ones you come in contact with get tested. The life you save may be your own.

P.S.: Give to AIDS research, we can't wait for someone else to find a cure. We have to make it happen by focusing our efforts to protect our community and ourselves.

Thank you for reading and a little reminder that the editorial comments mentioned in the above article were meant in jest only. No intent of malice or slander was intended.

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Catching the 'Big One'

(Editor's Note: The following essay is the fourth contribution to The Center Fold by one of its most unique and talented writers. The author was a modern-day storyteller – a folklorist, naturalist and realist – who loved all things God created. His stories are true; his words are simple; his messages are heartwarming and not easily forgotten. He would want to be remembered as the young lad, with the good memory, who remembered exactly how the "really big one" was caught. We hope you will enjoy this very special last essay of Brinson Perry, who died last month. He enriched our lives deeply. The beauty of his words, mind and soul will live forever.)

By Brinson Perry
Special to The Center Fold

My father was always an active outdoorsman, spending his free time fishing, hunting and camping. One of our favorite places to go for a weekend was Redwater Lake, up near Hawthorne, Fla. Dad had a colleague who owned a campsite on the lake, and we were welcome to use it most any old time. We caught many fine fish, including nice, plump catfish, wonderfully sweet tasting bluegills and shellcrackers, and big, proud bass, the kind that would give you a grin 12 inches wide.

We had some great times camping on the shores of Redwater Lake. In fact, we had the best time I can remember ever enjoying. The lake was pretty remote in those days, and to reach it you had to have an adventuresome attitude. The county-graded road passed about a mile away, and the road in from the county road was just a crude trail.

The sand on the trail was formidable, and would have stuck any city driver up to his axles in a heartbeat, but Dad was highly experienced at driving in deep Florida sand, and we made it through nearly every time. I

remember staying up late listening to the music of a bid-barred owl, the finest hooter in the swamp. Dad told me tales about wild animals and legendary creatures of the swamp.

One trip that I remember in particular, we had Bruce and Chip with us. Bruce and Chip were neighborhood boys who sometimes came along on these weekends at the lake. They were about four years older than I, which made them about 14.

Late in the afternoon, Dad was sitting in a folding chair, on the little dock. He had four or five cane poles on the deck beside him, rigged with worms and bobbers. Fishing was a bit slow, so he was smoking and drinking steadily to make up for it. Then, one of his untended cane poles took off, leaving the dock so quickly that Dad could not respond in time to slow it down.

By the time the pole hit the water, it was moving like a runaway train, leaving a V-shaped wake in the surface of the lake. Dad jumped up excitedly, tipping his chair over behind him, and shouted that a fish had taken his pole.

Bruce and Chip ran to the boat, and jumped in to pursue the fish. It was a tired old plywood skiff. It leaked steadily, requiring almost constant attention to keep it from filling up and sinking. It was paddled with a paddle that was sawn from a 1-by-6.

Bruce took the bailing can and Chip took the paddle. Chip paddled fiercely to catch the cane pole in the water, and Bruce bailed for all he was worth to get the six inches or so of accumulated water out of the boat.

The cane pole was now about 150 feet from shore, still floating on the surface. As Chip maneuvered the boat near the pole, the pole took off underwater. A minute later, the pole resurfaced about 50 feet away. Bruce paddled like mad again, and Chip stationed himself to get the pole, as soon as he could get his hands on it. Every time the boat would approach the pole, the pole would disappear under the surface again. Dad and I stood on the dock and shouted encouragement. I jumped up and down to help things along.

The big fish towed the cane pole far out into the lake, made a wide sweeping turn, and headed back in to shore toward a neighboring place, where Mr. Jim lived.

"... the size of that fish has never been exaggerated in the 30 years since we captured it."

Dad and I raced over to Mr. Jim's place to meet the boat and the fish. Dan took Mr. Jim's landing net, and waded into the water. The boat was still only chasing the cane pole, and had no control over it. The powerful fish clearly was leading the situation, and was seeking some cypress knees to tangle the line in, so he could break it off and laugh at us.

Finally, in four feet of water, the boys in the boat got hold of the pole. The fish was tired, but still had a good bit of strength, and was towing the boat toward the shallows. Dad waded toward the fish from the left, and I waded toward it from the right.

The fish was getting spooked, and surged extra hard against the light wire hook, which straightened and pulled free from the fish's mouth. Dad was about two feet away on the left, and I was about three feet away from it on the left. The boat, with Chip and Bruce, was three feet behind it.

It took that fish about a full second to decide to make a break for deep water. The fish was heading for the high seas when Dad stuck the landing net down directly in front of it. The fish swam directly into the landing net, and was ours. Dad hoisted the net from the water, and everyone cheered.

That adventure was probably the finest example of unrehearsed teamwork that ever has happened. It took four people, ranging from boys to me, to catch it, and everyone had to do his part just right.

We had caught a very big catfish. Later, at the tackle store, we weighed the fish at nine-and-a-half pounds. When we left the tackle store, we estimated that the fish had lost about two-and-a-half pounds due to moisture evaporation. By the time we got home, were supremely confident that the fish was really a 14-pounder.

Now, we all are religiously honest, not given over to using any forms of the so-called "stretcher"... and the size of that fish has never been exaggerated in the 30 years since we captured it.



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Isle of Man Can Now Be All That Its Name Implies

Editor's Note: This feature offers an assortment of news stories from around the world with a difference. They are true stories, if slightly "angled" just enough to border on the satirical. After all, who wants to hear only bad news? Those doom-and-gloom stories which are a part of gay life.

In "News Bites ... Ouch!", you'll read news that (ouch!) hurts, albeit with a bit of humor. We hope that you'll like "News Bites," that butt-biting news of gay life and events at an angle.

P.S.: Have an interesting tidbit? Send it in as is or write your own little "bite" at the end.

Compiled By Michael J. Sopoliga
Managing Editor

DOUGLAS, Isle Of Man – "He can love me"; "He can love me not"; "He can love me"; "He can love me not." By the time you read this, the Isle of Man, a small semi-autonomous British island in the Irish Sea, can be all that its name implies. It seems that until a few weeks ago, this island was of man but not for the sake of being "with" man. In other words, homosexual activity was outlawed!

Rather than allowing homosexual behavior to flourish on the island some suggested the name of the island to be changed. Some suggestions were: "Isle of Man and Women, But Not Man With

News Bites (Ouch!)

Man, Or Women With Women." This one was too long and wouldn't fit on the currency. Another name proposed was Isle of Manic Depressives, since most homosexuals there were always *kvetching* about having to sneak around from fag bar to fag bar, but keeping the local psychiatrists and discussion groups quite happy.

GULFPORT, Miss. — The Gulf Coast Women's Festival was denied use of a camp near Jackson, Miss. The reason: "Their philosophies were not in line with theirs." After presenting themselves before the camp's board of directors, they were questioned about "their Jewish seder celebration," and also asked to give a definition of their use of the term "new age."

Rather than fight the board of directors, in which case the camp directors would all have had bloody noses to go with the egg on their faces for their unenlightened if not downright bigoted behavior, the Women's Festival committee has found a place more tolerable.

It was later found out that at the same time the women wished to have their picnic, the board opted to give the date to the IDQA – the International Drag Queens of America.

One of the directors was heard saying: "They look so much like our little honeybunches!"

ORLANDO – "No employer, even the Orange County Sheriff's Office, is entitled to ignore any worker's right to privacy." That is what Circuit Judge William Gridley stated in the case of former deputy Tom Woodard, who was forced to quit because he was bisexual. His sexual orientation became an issue when it was learned that a former companion of Woodard's was suspected of molesting a teen-age boy. Mr. Woodard never figured in the case.

Instead of letting the whole matter drop, Chief Deputy C.D. "Buck" Buchanan pressured Woodard to quit by telling him that "termination could be inevitable."

Good ole "Buck" was hoping that good old "Billy Bob" Gridley would conclude that homosexual people were not "suitable" for employment as Orange County deputies. That's too bad, because if the 10 percent maxim is employed in this situation, there are a few more queers with tin badges out there. It was later found out that showering with the "boys" is not as much fun anymore with everyone on their guard!

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| May 3 4:00pm GLCS Board Meeting 7:00pm Fantasia- -Transvestite/ Transexual Support Group | May 4 Youth Alliance Rap Group 7:30pm Singles Group 7:30pm Healing Circle | May 5 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Rap Group | May 6 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS | May 7 7:30pm CODA-- Co-Dependents Anonymous | May 8 7:00pm Movie Night: "Parting Glances" 7:30pm GLPCI Parents Rap Group | May 9 The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service |
| May 10 7:00pm Fantasia- -Transvestite/ Transexual Support Group | May 11 Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group 7:30pm Orlando Pride 7:30pm Healing Circle | May 12 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Rap Group | May 13 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS | May 14 7:30pm CODA-- Co-Dependents Anonymous | May 15 7:00pm Movie Night: "The Judy Garland Show" (2 Shows) 7:30pm Deaf & Hearing Impaired Group | May 16 The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service |
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Objections to Condom Use Can Be Minimized

*Dear Dr.
Grieco*

Dear Dr. Grieco:

I read in *The Center Fold* that you think everyone should practice safer sex, but my boyfriend and I really like anal sex, and we're not going to give it up. We both think we're not infected, so do we really have to use condoms? We don't like them.

Yours truly,
Terry

Dear Terry:

Most objections to condoms are about decreased penile sensations and interference or "hassle" during love-making. Both of these objections can be minimized with patience, practice and creativity. If you are unaccustomed to them, use of condoms will, of course, seem awkward at first. Gradually, you can help make condom use an erotic part of sex play, such as providing teasing sensations while helping to put a condom on your man. Also, by putting a drop of water-based lubricant, like K-Y jelly, inside the tip of the condom, his sen-

sations are increased. Another option is use of sex toys for insertion rather than a penis. (Don't share such toys.)

If you resolved, however, to continue with unprotected anal sex, I recommend you both get HIV testing at the county health clinic; there you can get confidential, anonymous testing. If you are both uninfected and have engaged in no risky sex or needle-sharing for the past six months, your risks of HIV infection with anal sex are about nil.

Dear Dr. Grieco:

My lover, Mark, is in very poor health with HIV. He is weak and not interested in sex. We have been together for over 10 years. I feel attracted toward this one other guy I know, but then I feel guilty. I am becoming impatient with Mark but I do love him. His needs are all we ever talk about. What about my needs?

Harry

Dear Harry:

When someone has a chronic or terminal illness, their family and loved ones are also affected. If you are trying to meet most or all of Mark's needs alone, and if you have little social support of your own, you will probably experience burn-out.

See GRIECO, Page 18

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MBA Chooses Officers

With all of its offices now filled, the Metropolitan Business Association (MBA) is off and running.

Keith Morrison was chosen president and Debbie Simmons as vice president at the last MBA general meeting at Joy MCC on April 2. Karen Good accepted the position of programs director, and will also act as assistant secretary. The offices of treasurer and secretary were also assigned.

About 30 people attended the meeting, including six newcomers, and decided upon an annual membership fee of \$50 per person. Several sharp-looking logos were presented, and will be voted upon at the next meeting. The logos will be made into stickers to appear in members' windows and for MBA stationary and promotions.

Steps are also being taken to register the MBA with the Secretary of State's Office and to obtain our own post office box.

The next meeting – to be held Thursday, May 7, at Big Bang – promises to be an interesting one as members of the Tampa

Bay business guild share some of their experiences. New members are always welcome – this is your organization, Orlando!

Nancy Valmus, vice president of the Tampa Bay Business Association (TBBA), and Rand Hall, publicity director for the TBBA, will be the guest speakers. As a burgeoning group, MBA members should be able to gain a great deal of insight and ask pressing questions of these two.

The potential for the TBBA and the MBA to work together on projects, events and causes in the future is also great. The gay and lesbian community in Florida can only be made stronger by such guilds working together and helping each other.

The next MBA general meeting will be held at Big Bang, 102 N. Orange Ave. (near Washington Street, in the heart of downtown). The social begins at 6:30 p.m., and the business meeting begins at 7 p.m.

The next MBA board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 30, at The Center, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando.

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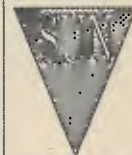
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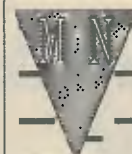
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June 6th - Gay Day at Disney
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June 17th - Legal Seminar
Joy MCC 7:30pm

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

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

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

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

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

June 21st - "Street Theatre"
A two act comedy
by Doric Wilson
8pm To Benefit
GLCS, and presented
by ACT OUT THEATRE

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

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Orlando Gay Chorus Prepares for Denver Festival

In preparation of its involvement with GALA Festival IV, the Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC) will present "Denver or Bust: Taking Our Pride On The Road" featuring chorus members in select cabaret acts.

The show will begin at 9 p.m., Monday, May 4, at the Parliament House's Footlights Theater, 410 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando.

This fun-filled evening is part of the chorus' fund-raising efforts. Money raised will help defray some expenses of travelling to Denver where the OGC will share Orlando's pride with over 3,000 other gay and lesbians participating in GALA Festival IV, the week of June 28-July 4.

For more information, call OGC President Bob Smedley at (407) 896-9850.



Jazz (jaz), 1. music, usually of a "hot," improvised nature, with syncopated rhythms., v.t.. Slang, enliven.

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not unlike country music, allows an individual's talent to shine through, all the while creating a whole spectacle commonly known as music.

Listening to truly fine jazz, everything seems to blend seamlessly together: each player is determined to entertain his or her audience, as well as him or herself, and each player exists as a smaller part of the sum of its music.

It is no wonder that John Kander and John Eb chose such an all-American form of music as the motif for their musical *Cabaret* during the late Sixties, providing an apt metaphor for pre-World War II Germany. (Does anyone realize that Hitler banned cabaret throughout Germany in 1935, due to its inadvertently blatant overtures of self-imperialism? Well, whaddya know!)

The Orlando Gay Chorus' inaugural venture into cabaret, as an entertaining art form, will represent a similar plunge

into self-expressionism.

Jackie Adrien will debut as the evening's chosen debutante/hostess, following a long engagement up North.

The premiere cabaret performance will be held at the Parliament

House's Footlights Theater, 410 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, on Monday, May 4. For information, call the Parliament House, (407) 425-7571.

The proceeds will help the chorus attend the Gala IV Festival in Denver.



The Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC) under the direction of Dr. Charles Callahan will present its "Proud World Concert" in conjunction with National Gay Pride Month.

The 50-member chorus will perform at

GRIECO from Page 12

A support group for those in exactly your situation would be extremely helpful. Look through this issue of *The Center Fold* for such groups or contact Centaur, (407) 848-1452, or AREA, (407) 843-4368.

Rather than feel guilty about your emotions and needs, you will learn that your reactions are normal and shared by others. Plus, you will learn constructive ways to cope.

Individual counseling or even confiding in a trusted friend can also be helpful. It is too much to try to cope with

the Edyth Bush Theatre in Loch Haven Park, 1001 E. Princeton St., Orlando. Performance dates are Tuesday, June 9, and Wednesday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Scott Laurent Galleries, Steve's House of Flowers, The Center and from chorus members for a donation of \$15 or \$25.

The \$25 tickets include reserved seating and a champagne reception before the concert with light hors d'oeuvres in the theater lobby starting at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Callahan will conduct the group in performance of both classical and modern works - ranging from Verdi to Gershwin - along with the premiere of two newly commissioned pieces to be performed at GALA Festival IV in Denver, the week of June 28-July 4.

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your situation without solid support. Until you have a chance to carefully examine and clarify your emotions and values, I suggest you avoid being alone with the other person to whom you are attracted. When Mark is not feeling up to a "full course" of sex, some of your sexual needs may be satisfied by masturbating, either in private or shared with Mark.

Alan Grieco, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist and certified sex therapist in private practice in Winter Park. Send your questions to "Dear Dr. Grieco," c/o The Center Fold, 750 W. colonial drive, Orlando, Fla. 32804.

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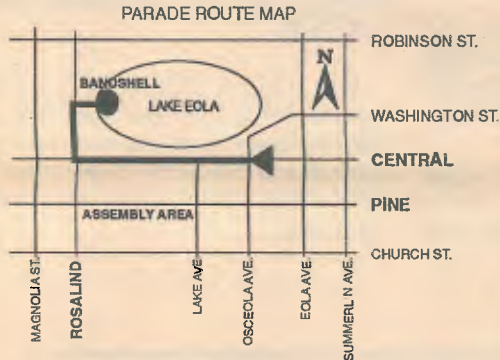
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PARADE PARTICULARS

The 1992 Pride Parade will take place along the same route as 1991. It will **step off** on time at 10:00 am. The best venue for viewing the parade is along the south side of Eola Park on Central Blvd. A rally will be held at the bandshell in Eola park following the parade. Individuals and groups should **assemble between 8:30 and 9:30am** on Pine Street between Rosalind Ave. and Lake Ave. and contact the Parade Marshal for further instructions. Floats and motorized units should assemble by 9:00. For logistical purposes, notice that these units will be in the parade should be given to Orlando Regional Pride as soon as possible.

The parade will begin at the corner of Osceola Ave. at Central Blvd.. It will then travel west on Central Blvd. along the south side of Lake Eola Park. During the course of the parade the festivities will pause and a moment of silence will be observed. At Rosalind Ave. the parade will turn north and then turn into the park at the bandshell. Groups wanting further information about the parade should call the Pride Voice Mail System and leave a message. 407-236-9480.



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The enthusiastic cooperation of the many organizations in the Orlando Region's diverse community has made the coordination of this year's Pride events possible. A special thanks goes out to all who have already helped and those that have volunteered their time between now and July to make this year's celebration a memorable experience.



1992 PARADE THEME CHOSEN

In honor of Disney employees who are members of the extended community of sexual minorities, Orlando Regional Pride has chosen "Proud World" as the theme of the 1992 Orlando Regional Pride Parade. Phyllis Murphy has written uplifting lyrics to be sung to the famous tune "It's a Small World After All".

PARADE GENERAL COMMITTEE

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SATURDAY
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SECOND ANNUAL
GAY AND LESBIAN DAY
AT WALT DISNEY WORLD

"A Day of Magic, A Night of Pleasure" Gather around Cinderella's Castle, in the Magic Kingdom, at 3p.m. and meet your friends for an afternoon of excitement. Then, when the sun goes down, head to the center of Orlando's night life--Pleasure Island! The sophisticated Mannequins Dance Palace and the progressive/alternative Cage are the places to be. Admission to the Magic Kingdom is just \$22 for Florida residents. Pleasure Island is an additional \$11.95. Wear something red and be seen.

TUE/WED
9/10

ORLANDO GAY CHORUS
AT
EDYTH BUSH THEATER

Orlando Gay Chorus performances: 7:00pm, Edyth Bush Theater, Loch Haven Park. Ticket Prices \$25.00* and \$15.00 (* includes champagne reception) Tickets are available through Chorus members or at the Gay and Lesbian Community Service Center. 407-425-4527. Limited seating.

FRIDAY
12

ROBERT MAPPLETHORPE
AND BRUCE WEBER
PHOTO EXHIBIT

The "Scott Laurent Galleries" in the Hidden Garden, 348 Park Ave. North, in Winter Park, will be showing a special exhibit featuring work by Robert Mapplethorpe, Bruce Weber, and David La Chapelle. A special benefit preview party will begin at 7:00 pm. For more information call 407-629-1488. The exhibition will close on Sunday June 21st.

SATURDAY
13

9TH ANNUAL
GLCS
PRIDE PICNIC

The 9th Annual GLCS Pride Picnic: 11:00am -6:00pm at Camp Heronwood Park The park is on Redbud Road 1/2 mile east of highway 436, in Casselberry. Tickets are \$5. in advance and \$7. on the day of the event. Parking is \$2. (Car pools of 4 or more can park free) Contact Gay and Lesbian Community Services for more information: 407-425-4527

SUNDAY
14

JOY METROPOLITAN
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SPECIAL SERVICES

AIDS Memorial Service at 10:30 am.
Pride Service 7:15pm.
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WEDNESDAY
17

LEGAL SEMINAR

Orlando Regional Pride and Joy Metropolitan Community Church are sponsoring a Legal Seminar. A Panel of local attorneys will discuss issues concerning the lesbian and gay community. Joy MCC 7:30 pm.

THURSDAY
18

3RD ANNUAL
AIDS MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 3rd Annual AIDS Memorial Service will be held at the Lake Eola Bandshell at 7:30pm. Gay and Lesbian Community Services is sponsoring this event. Contact John Rose if you would like to read names. 407-425-4527

SATURDAY
20

SECOND ANNUAL
ORLANDO REGIONAL PRIDE
PARADE AND RALLY

"Proud World", will be the theme of the Second Annual Orlando Regional Pride Parade and Rally. The parade will begin at 10:00am. For more information not contained in the "Parade Particulars" box to the right, please call the Pride Voice Mail Service at 407-236-9480 and leave a message.

SATURDAY
20

POST PARADE POOL PARTY
AT
PARLIAMENT HOUSE

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SUNDAY
21

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LESBIAN PRIDE PICNIC

The Annual LCN Lesbian Pride Picnic will begin at 11:00am at Key Largo, 6900 N. Orange Blossom Trail. Call 407-648-4154 for more information.

SUNDAY
21

BENEFIT SHOW
ACT OUT THEATRE GROUP

A special benefit show of "Street Theatre" will be held at 8:00pm at Phoenix, 7124 Aloma Ave.. Act Out Theatre Group's performance will benefit Gay and Lesbian Community Services. Tickets available at the Phoenix: \$5.00 in advance, \$6.00 the day.

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ANNUAL DIRECTORY
TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN JUNE

The 1992 directory of businesses, professionals and organizations that do not discriminate will be distributed in mid June. It is published by FLORIDATA, a statewide project of the late GLAAD/Florida. Orlando Regional Pride Inc. is currently sheltering the work of FLORIDATA as a service to Florida's extended community of sexual minorities. Listings in the directory are free, and 15,000 copies are distributed free of charge. This year's directory will be larger and have even more listings. Reach FLORIDATA on the Pride Voice Mail System: 407-236-9480.

LETTERS FROM PAGE 5

Respect and Courtesy Are Needed

Dear Editor:

I'm writing because I believe I have something valid to say.

Though there are several places we can go to and hang out, relax and let go of the pressures in our daily lives, it is a shame that we have to deal with prejudice within our own ranks.

If we divide and stay within our own races and classes we will become a greater minority than we are. If we divide further by gender then our struggle is lost. If we cannot go out for a night on the town without bickering and name calling at our own fun bars and clubs then we should stay home. Common courtesy can be contagious. Racial slurs and gender degradation are uncalled for.

Just last Sunday night, someone had the nerve to call me a "loudmouth bitch" and other insulting names during the course of a disagreement on seating (or the adequate lack of seating) in the Southern Nights show lounge.

Of course, security was called. Not to

mention any names, but you may recognize the person I am speaking of. All he did was make a bad situation that could have been resolved nicely – had he come into the picture with an open mind, worse!

Now I wonder: is it me or is there anyone else out there who has had a conflict with this particular security guard (whose name is left better unmentioned). Especially people of color.

Is a badge and a uniform supposed to bring automatic power and respect to an individual?

Does one also have delusions of grandeur so intense that they can take it upon themselves to threaten to bar someone from an establishment, by "call[ing] the police!"

Or is it refusing the request to summon the management? As far as I'm concerned once the police are called (invited) in, they will drop by any time they like. When this starts happening, I'll stop going out.

We must settle our disputes ourselves, so I say again – it's a damned shame that we must deal with prejudices within our own ranks.

Sincerely,
D. John

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GLCS is proud to announce the 1992 Pride week AIDS Memorial Ceremony Thursday evening June 18th 1992 7:30pm Lake Eola Bandshell

This years ceremony will include performances by the Orlando Gay Chorus, Southern Ballet Theatre, a short speech, and the traditional reading of the names.

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Pro businessman, 49, seeks trim young male for sensitive relationship, fun times, companionship & quality lifestyle. Much to offer by no drugs/booze, caring male. P.O. Box 592191, Orlando, FL 32859. (05)

GWF, 19

Br/Haz, 5'2", looking for spontaneous, fun-loving butch to share fun times, possible relationship. No head games, bars occasionally. Age, race unimportant. Letter, phone, photo. D.B., 2660 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Box 64, Kissimmee, FL 34744 (05)

ATTRACTIVE GWM, 29

seeking attractive GBM, 23-33, for relationship. I'm 5'11", 155 lbs., muscular built. Seeking built male, non-smoker, no drugs. Send photo & respond to P.O. Box 874, Winter Park, FL 32790. (05)

GWF, 41, YOUTHFUL EXECUTIVE

seeks discrete, professional woman who would like to share my interests in golf, computers, movies, theater, travel. P.O. Box 915064, Longwood, FL 32791. (05)

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GWM, 27, 6'2", 180 lbs., br/br, handsome, romantic, seeking boyish male, 22-30, for relationship. No bisexuals. P.O. Box 161361, Altamonte Springs, FL 32716-1361. (05)

GLM, 24

5'4", 110 lbs., br/haz. Honest, educated student seeks GWM, muscular built, professional, sincere. Must be masculine. Send photo/letter to: P.O. Box 671025, Orlando, FL 32857

GWM, 27

HIV- imp., nice looking -lonely, enjoy outdoors. Looking for honest caring relationships, and open communication. No phone. Send letter and photo to 1595 O'Berry-Hoover Rd., Orlando, FL 32825.

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\$60/wk. Includes util., washer/dryer, A/C. Must be clean. Henry, (407) 423-1386.

ROOM TO RENT

in 2 BR/ 2 1/2 BA townhouse. Unfurnished room, private BA. 2 pools, Jacuzzi, racketball. HIV+ OK. Curry Ford & Semoran Blvd. area. \$70/wk. Joe, (407) 382-7181, leave message. (05)

ROOMMATE WANTED

non-smoker, dependable, HIV + OK, to share 2 BR/2 BA condo off Goldenrod near University Blvd. \$275 + 1/2 util. Guy, (407) 671-7473. (05)

ROOMMATE WANTED

to share 3 BR/2 BA house near Colonial & Kirkman. Includes Jacuzzi, alarm system, fireplace, large storage area, corner lot. \$280/mo. + 1/2 util. Darryl. (407) 293-4764. (05)

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about May 29. Unfurn. \$215/mo. + 1/2 util. Aaron, (407) 788-6304. (05)

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to share a 2 BR/2 BA apartment near UCF. Private BR w/BA. \$85/wk. (includes power, water & rent). (407) 425-4527, leave message for Debra, c/o realty agency, or 823-2471, wk. (05)

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2 BR/2 BA apt. at Carlton Arms South. Near I-4 & SOBT. \$310/mo. includes ALL util. & basic phone & cable. Offering master suite w/bath. George, (407) 240-8

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ROOMMATE WANTED SW ORLANDO

(Conway area) male; smoker OK, \$240/mo.

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ROOMMATE WANTED – OFF GOLDENROD

near University. Share a 2 BR/2 BA mostly furnished condo. HIV+ OK; responsible easy-going non-smoker. \$275/mo + 1/2 utilities. Guy, (407) 671-7473

WEST ORLANDO

4 BR/2 BA home w/pool, screened patio, fenced backyard, cable, w/d, a/c furn. room \$85/wk., unfurn room \$80/wk. + share of utilities. Male or female OK, HIV+ possible. (407) 292-8975.

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Furnished 1 BR, 1 BA all util., phone, cable TV, micro laundry, a/c included. \$375/mo. + \$200 deposit. Sorry, no pets. Butch, (407) 290-6055

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GWM non-smoker, near Orlando International Airport. Neatness, common courtesy a must. Beautifully furnished 2 BR/2 BA apt. w/office, alarm system, cathedral ceilings. \$365/mo. + 1/2 utilities. Kent, (407) 382-0080, beeper (407) 236-1598.

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HOUSE TO RENT – E. ORLANDO

Beautiful 3 BR/2 BA house, convenient to downtown. \$775/mo. Dennis McDonald, (407) 277 3353.

ROOMMATE WANTED – SW ORLANDO

3 BR/2 BA home w/pool. Share bathroom, house has fireplace, w/d. No pets, no drugs, no smoking. GWM late 20/30, responsible, professional. SW Orlando Kirkman/50 area. HIV- only. \$350/mo. Greg, (407) 293-3037.

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4 BR/2 BA pool home. One roommate needed, w/d, garage space, fenced yard, private quiet, pet negotiable, light smoker/ drink OK, HIV – no problem. At University and Goldenrod. 25 to 35, male or female. Clean and responsible – working a must. \$300/mo. + 1/2 utilities. Steve, (407) 657-6723.

ROOMMATE WANTED – ROSEMONT

Straight-acting professional GWM looking to share 2 BR/2 1/2 BA in Rosemont. \$310/mo. + 1/2 utilities. Deposit and references required. Must be straight acting, reliable, drug free, no pets. Serious Inquiries only. Call before 10 p.m. Mike, (407) 578-0143.

ROOMMATE WANTED ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

Neat responsible male, 23-33, for 2 BR/1 BA apt. No drugs, or pets. Fully furnished \$220/mo. + 1/2 utilities. Robert, (407) 332-7729.

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Share 2 BR/1 1/2 BA townhouse on Summerlin Ave., downtown, fully furnished. \$55/wk. + 1/2 util. Deposit. Clean & neat a must (in common living areas). Roger Hoef, (407) 895-5097.

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