

THE CENTER FOLD

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ACLU Honors 'Center Fold'

By Bradley Whiteside
Center Fold Staff Writer

The Central Florida chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) honored *The Center Fold* at its annual awards banquet on Feb. 2 for its continuing leadership among gay and lesbian organizations in this area. Specifically, *The Center Fold* received the ACLU's Community Honor Roll Award for "fostering cohesiveness and courage" in the local gay and lesbian community and "for standing up for the collective rights of gays, lesbians and bisexuals throughout the area."

The Center Fold was one of only seven persons and organizations honored by the ACLU for their contributions to social and constitutional enlightenment during 1991.

Shortly after attending the banquet at which he represented *The Center Fold* and accepted the good wishes of the ACLU, Managing Editor Michael Sopoliga visited with this writer to share his thoughts and aspirations for Central Florida's only "home grown" gay and lesbian newspaper.

"It is indeed a great honor for our newspaper to be honored by the leading proponent of civil liberties in the United States," Sopoliga said. "It is not an award that we sought, but we are tremendously cheered by their recognition of us and our work. Our efforts have always been, and will continue to be, geared to bringing news of

importance to our community — news stories that will help improve the social, emotional, medical, professional and general welfare of our readers."

"The words 'cohesiveness and courage' signify the essence of what we're trying to do. We are trying to promote 'cohesiveness' among our community, something that we desperately need at all levels ... at leadership levels as well as at the level of the many individuals who need to be made to feel a part of our community," he said. "We are a community unto ourselves — a community within the heterosexual community — that must stick together to achieve our goals and reach our individual and group targets."

"By 'courage,' I believe the ACLU was recognizing our on-going efforts to bring thought-provoking issues to the attention of our readers. It isn't always easy to be in publishing, but when it's successful, it's very rewarding. We feel that it's the role of *The Center Fold* to take positions on issues of importance to our community and to help educate our readers on these issues. The least we can do is write about these causes that will always impact our readers and then let them react as they wish, proactively, we would hope."

The ACLU "really is Big Brother's big brother," Sopoliga said. "It is an organization that rallies behind causes and issues that need attention — because every one has the right to protection of our constitutional rights."

"The ACLU really functions as a watchdog over our constitution, making certain that the little people, or indeed, any person or organization whose individual or collective rights are being threatened receives a fair hearing of the facts. They perform a rare function in our country. Most of the time they are criticized for their willingness to defend what is constitutionally right; only



'Center Fold' Managing Editor Michael Sopoliga Holds the ACLU Community Honor Roll Award received by the paper.

rarely do they receive credit for their accomplishments. The U.S. is fortunate to have them work as an advocate for those of us who need fair treatment."

"I'm not a political person," Sopoliga continued, "nor do I intend for *The Center Fold* to become a purely

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Bar 'Rises from the Ashes' with New Owners

By Bradley Whiteside
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The Flamingo is dead. History reduced to the ashes of memory. From these ashes has risen the phoenix AT ALOMA (7124 Aloma Ave., Winter Park), the newest, most versatile and possibly the most refreshing gay and lesbian bar and disco in Orlando.

It's the only spot in town where you can find two intimate bars, a home for the best in gay and lesbian theater, a gallery of the nation's most prominent gay photographers, a haven for country dancing, a classy disco, a game room (with two pool tables, two dart boards, video games and pinball machines),

"happy hour" every day until 8 p.m. (all day and night on Wednesdays), and a free buffet on Fridays at 6 p.m. ... all under one roof.

Spacious and tastefully appointed, the newly decorated and "newly discovered" phoenix AT ALOMA features "new management, a new environment and friendly faces." Most important, it projects "no attitude" just a warm, pleasant, intimate and "come back again" ambiance.

You can be guaranteed, after just one visit, of discovering a nightclub that is light years away from its predecessor. Here, guests are made to feel genuinely welcome.

There is no pretense here — just a desire to please you and me and our friends. And to provide good and varied entertainment in a natural setting where old friends can meet, and where new friends can be met.

Here, the most admirable example of supply and demand is present. The owners have a mission to please their customers, while the customers have a right to quality service. It all comes together at the phoenix AT ALOMA.

This interesting nightclub, which offers more varieties of entertainment than one would ever expect, is a direct and very personal reflection of David Hardy and Dennis Garmon, its totally genuine, unaffected, personable and warm-hearted proprietors. It is a prime example of how leaders' personalities and professionalism can imbue their enterprise with the same good qualities they possess.

During a recent visit with the owners in their disco, Dennis and David told me their story.

"The name of the bar is based on bird mythology," they remarked.

(Webster's Unabridged says this of "Phoenix": 1) "Egyptian Mythology. A bird that consumed itself by fire after 500 years, and rose renewed from its ashes. 2) a person or thing of unsurpassed beauty or excellence; a paragon." Both definitions are applicable to our own "phoenix.")

"Because of trademarks and registration marks already in use, we had to be creative in using the word 'phoenix.' The word's symbolism was absolutely accurate for our new bar, and we were determined to use the word. After much creative thinking, we came up with a variation of the word that we could register." Therefore, the unusual spelling.

Both David and Dennis had worked for

the previous owner in the bar's earlier incarnation. "We had had ample time to learn the business, and to observe the strengths and weaknesses of the bar as it then existed. We saw the potential that wasn't being realized. And we couldn't help but be aware of the troubles the previous owner was encountering.

"When the worst scenario became obvious, we decided to make an offer. We felt there was an entertainment gap in our local social scene, and we hoped to be able to fill it. With help, our offer was accepted, and we took over the bar in July 1991."

The front bar area (2,400 square feet) was opened in August, and the disco (3,600 square feet) was opened a month later.

"The common challenge of achieving something worthwhile together was important to us, and it has proved to be a real 'bonding opportunity' for us, physically, emotionally and professionally.

"We love the bar and the chance it is giving us to give something to the public. We hope to provide a bar environment that has something for just about everyone, from a neighborly bar feeling, to quality theater events, country dancing, female impersonation, occasional male strippers, and even a chance to view

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political newspaper. However, it is our editorial responsibility to inform readers about their rights and the strengths and weaknesses of our system. Hopefully, we can shed some light on these inequities, and offer solutions ... or, at least ideas, that will benefit our readers."

"It does take courage to write about current, controversial subjects that affect our daily lives ... but it's our responsibility. No other publication in town, with the rare exception of *The Orlando Sentinel*, will touch the subjects that we do. Fortunately, the *Sentinel* is writing more and more about our causes, sympathetically, as a worthy newspaper should do. They have written many stories during the past few years on sexual discrimination, abusiveness to minorities and the elderly, and of course, several factual and sympathetic stories about AIDS and victims of the disease.

"Beyond that, however, there is no organization to represent us and our issues. Although we don't have the readership of the *Sentinel*, we do reach a large segment of our community through individual subscriptions and readers who pick up *The Center Fold* at the many local bars. And it is to this particular group that we address our feature stories, our letters to the editors, our editorials, our calendar of events, even the messages found in our worthwhile advertising, medical and legal news of critical value to many of us and, of course, our special

classified section.

"Through these editorial efforts, we bring attention to our community's leaders and their vital contributions, to news of all kinds, and from national sources, that can help us make better decisions about our lives.

"Not all of us who are gay and lesbian in Central Florida have access to information that can improve our lifestyle, or information that can make us proud of what we are — both individually and as a 'minority' group. *The Center Fold* can help provide this data. We may not be able to provide the in-depth coverage of 'being born or bred homosexual' [as *Newsweek* did in a late February cover story], but we can address similar subjects on a local level.

"Our missions include not only to inform our readers about Orlando's gay, lesbian and bisexual lifestyle opportunities, but also to help make our readers feel comfortable about themselves. This is an especially important crusade for our young people — those who want to 'come out' and don't know where to go, as well as for those other young men and women who need the support of someone, or something, stable.

"We are not sensationalistic, like many similar newspapers in other communities. We're trying to make an impact on Orlando by forging ahead steadily, without resorting to 'yellow journalism,' ... to gain our beachheads and keep the ground we've won.

"*The Center Fold* functions as a part of

Orlando's Gay and Lesbian Community Services and with their input, we can spread the word on a lot of available but often unknown social services that are accessible to almost anyone needing help. Of course, we receive input from a multitude of other sources, as well, meaning that the publication really does represent as complete a coverage of local news as possible.

"Our newspaper reaches a national and international audience. We regularly receive responses to our stories from Europe, in particular. Our circulation at present is nearing 9,000.

"One of our on-going messages is that 'diversity makes the world go 'round' and that our part in this world of diversity must not be taken lightly. We have responsibilities not only to each other, but also to our own special community, but also to the larger heterosexual community out there in which most of us work each day. We must learn to live side by side with our straight colleagues, so that we can build their confidence in our stability, credibility, productivity and need for acceptance, just like them.

"It is important that we learn to integrate, but also to maintain our community individuality. This is not a contradiction, but a fact. And with sensitivity and intelligence we can do it and greatly improve our overall professional, social, political and cultural status.

"We can do this by using courage and intelligence in creating social change.

And we can do it by taking the role of the jack rabbit (wanting only fast, immediate and perhaps temporary change) or by moving forward like the elephant (accepting change gradually, but with consistency) ... using political and all of the other clouts intelligently.

"I'm pleased that we're newsworthy and not trashy. Advertisers compliment us on our high principles and standards. So do our readers.

"For the future, I'd like to focus on becoming a more visual newspaper ... perhaps using color, soon. We may reduce our present size to a new 8 1/2 x 11-inch format — if our surveys show that that's what our readers want.

"But that won't change our editorial mix of news stories, happenings of local events, maybe some original literary pieces now and then and stories that are informative and with real reader value. We want to maintain and build upon quality.

"As I said earlier, I feel that *The Center Fold* has a real mission and a responsibility to our readers. We'll keep plugging away to fulfill that mission to the best of our ability. Meanwhile, I hope our readers will continue giving giving us the input that we need to satisfy their information needs.

"Being the managing editor of *The Center Fold* is challenging, but fun and we are blessed by having a dependable, creative and selfless staff supporting us. Now, we just need to know what more you, our readers, want from us.

"Let me hear from you!"

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the works of prominent gay and lesbian photographers — works that are not on view anywhere else in Orlando. We have a lot of variety to offer our patrons."

Among the nationally known photographers represented on the gallery walls here are the controversial photos of Robert Mapplethorpe and the specialty photos of Tom of Finland, Herb Ritts, Saderup, Man Ray and Skrebnewski. All are on sale; more work by these, and other photographers, can be special-ordered. Custom framing is done by J.T. Paugh and Dick Schull.

In addition, you'll find famous photos of several idols of our lifestyle, including Madonna, Marilyn, James Dean, Elvis and other Hollywood leading men and women, spotlighted on the gallery walls. "It's our sophisticated 'Boulevard of Beauty, Fantasies and Dreams.'

"By incorporating all of these diverse elements into a kind of nightclub atmosphere, we want to create a bar that can express itself in many special ways; where the gay and lesbian community can find a home that's not available in any other local bar. Still, we're not a '10-cent bar'; we're quality, but not 'pricey.' We buy the highest 'wells' that vendors offer, in keeping with our desire to provide top beverage quality in every way possible."

The phoe•nix AT ALOMA also is the home of Orlando's only theater company dedicated to producing top-quality gay and lesbian plays, the Act Out Theater (profiled in the February *Center Fold*.) A different play is presented in the disco area three consecutive Friday and Saturday nights each month. The theater/disco's doors open at 7 p.m., performances begin at 8 p.m., and the phoe•nix's "Happy Hour" prices are available to theatergoers until curtain time. Following each weekend night's play, the spacious disco floor is open to dancing.

The phoe•nix AT ALOMA's weekly schedule includes:

- Sunday: pitcher night (\$4.50 each)
- Monday: beer bust, 8-12 p.m. (\$6); disco opens at 10:30, with 75-cent draft and soda; "wet briefs" contest; 18 years of age "welcome"
- Tuesday: "happy hour" prices all night when you wear your phoe•nix or Act Out Theater T-shirts
- Wednesday: "happy hour" until 2 a.m.

- Thursday: Mexican night — \$1.75 Corona and \$1 tequila

- Friday: "happy hour" buffet at 6 p.m., Act Out Theater presentations three weekends per month at 8 p.m.; disco opens at 9 p.m.; live shows following (including dancer Ric Weber recently and female impersonators); 18 years of age welcome

- Saturday: Act Out Theater three weekends a month at 8 p.m.; country-and-western dancing

On other evenings you'll find amateur strip and talent contests, plus special holiday events, including a Mardi Gras evening on Friday, March 6, from 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.; Rocky Horror and gospel nights and a variety of other evening entertaining themes.

Progressive dance nights and Sunday T-Dances are coming soon to the phoe•nix.

Other special events coming up in March include emcee Chanaille Solitaire doing "An Evening of Patti LaBelle" (Friday, March 13); a rousing St. Patrick's Day Party (Tuesday, March 17) and presentations of *Bill Batchelor Road* by Act Out Theater on Fridays and Saturdays (March 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 8 p.m.).

Assisting David and Dennis to provide quality services are an especially efficient and attractive staff, all with special qualities: Claude ("witty, charming, congenial, flaming," behind the front bar), Mark ("cute, full of energy, eager to please"), Larry ("fun, personable, a tease," nickname: Peter Pan), and Tim ("our country boy who you won't forget on country dancing nights!") in the dance bar.

Dennis and David are devoted partners, both personally and professionally. Dennis arrived in Orlando in 1979, after receiving his degree in sociology. A native of Daytona Beach, his family have been restaurateurs for three generations.

Although expected to take over the family business, he found it difficult to survive under family constraints, "ran out of the closet to Orlando" and began working for a state representative's campaign manager.

Dennis credits this representative for his (Dennis') ability to be "open" to everyone. "He told me, 'Be true to yourself; if you're going to be gay, be the best gay man you can be ... and be the best businessman and



David Hardy and Dennis Garmon (r), owners of the new phoe•nix AT ALOMA

entrepreneur you can be!"

Eventually Dennis entered the travel business, opening his own agency, Travel Enterprises, in Maitland. Dennis' other business specializes in corporate travel, and has a staff of "six dedicated professionals."

Meanwhile, David left a small town near Buffalo, N.Y., in 1986. After moving to Orlando, he worked at as maitre d'hotel at several Disney hotels, Hemingway's and the Radisson Hotel, and eventually joined a local travel travel agency as a cruise consultant. It was during this time that he met Dennis.

This occurred one November evening at the Flamingo ("where it all began, in more ways than one"). Dennis was tending bar, David was a customer. "The drinks were particularly well prepared," David remarks. "And, the bartender was especially attentive."

"The customer was very interesting," says Dennis. "I enjoyed waiting on him, I liked what I saw."

They discovered romance, compatibility, oneness and shared goals. They had a dream of producing something together that would be mutually profitable for "the community and ourselves." The phoe•nix is where it all came together.

Dennis and David invite all of us to "Come see what you've been missing. And when you're here, ask for us ... we'd like to get to know you!"

Center Fold Presents a New Feature with 'Bite'

Editor's Note: This new monthly series "News Bites" will be an assortment of news stories from around the world with a difference. They will be 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," you'll read news that (ouch!) hurts, albeit with a bit of humor. We hope 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
Center Fold Managing Editor

• MOSCOW – You think we have it bad in the good-old U.S. of A.? Well, in a recent poll, one-third of all Russians said they think that gays should be liquidated! However, two-thirds of all Russians still think masturbation causes hairy palms! Go figure.

• TALLAHASSEE – Florida Senate bill SB 2236, being pushed by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) would reduce limit for intoxication from a blood-alcohol limit of 0.1 percent to 0.08 percent. The average person would have to gulp down four drinks to reach that limit in one hour. Since gay people are notorious for downing record numbers of drinks in half that time, many could spend the night in jail instead of with tall, dark and handsome ... a word to the wise!

• BRUSSELS – The World Health Organization (WHO) on Dec. 17 removed homosexuality from its list of diseases. It had been listed as a disease since 1948. But in order to fill the gap left by homosexuality's deletion, WHO has inserted impulse buying in its stand.

• COPENHAGEN – Denmark, long known for its sexual openness, finds itself as a haven for gays and lesbians from other countries. Danes liken their country to the United States during the great immigration. So much so that they plan to erect their own Statue of Liberty in the harbor. Rumor has it that it's a 180-foot high statue of Divine, long thought by the Danes to epitomize gay freedom of expression. The only glitch is the problem with keeping the huge statue on a sturdy enough foundation so that it won't sink into the harbor. Any ideas out there?

• GERMANY – Since reunification a few years ago, the

Germans find themselves in an identity crisis. With only the images of the Kaiser or Hitler as being the only rulers who were worth remembering, many are opting for a Nazi image. Reading the changing signs of the times, many gay entrepreneurs and long-range thinkers are gearing up for what is to come by creating the very first catalog titled *The Pink Triangle: A Guide to Gay Fashion in Post-Reunification Germany*. In it will be the latest in pink-triangle fashions, from swim suits to evening gowns. The only drawback is that there will be a "no-refund, no-return" policy for all items. I wonder why?

News Bites

Orlando-Area Happenings

• Enzian Theater's "Meet the Filmmakers" series presents Danny Boyd, writer, director and producer of the cult-hit *Paradise Park*.

Boyd will participate in a discussion about *Paradise Park* and answer questions from the audience on March 10.

Boyd's film covers 24 hours in the lives of a group of West Virginians living in a trailer park called Paradise Park. Regular admission will be charged for the film, which will be shown at 7:15 p.m. The program that follows is free and open to the public.

• Theatre Downtown presents the Central Florida premiere of *Prelude to a Kiss*, a bittersweet comedy by Craig Lucas. A recent Broadway success, *Prelude to a Kiss* tells a story of love and self-acceptance as the souls of an old man and a young bride switch bodies. The confusion created by the transmigration poses a delicate dilemma for them and their families.

Prelude to a Kiss runs through March 28, on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, March 15, at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 on Fridays and Saturdays, \$7 on Thursdays and matinees.

A third-anniversary fund-raiser for the Theatre Downtown will be held on Saturday, March 14. All tickets will be \$25.

For more information or to make reservations, call (407) 841-0083. Tickets are also available through TicketMaster at (407) 839-3900. Mastercard and Visa are accepted.

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**"Abstinence and celibacy are obviously
the most productive ways to prevent
AIDS; but they are also unrealistic and
unenforcable on a large scale ..."**

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter by
B. Jones of Deltona which appeared in the
February *Center Fold*.

I am in agreement with B., in that we
must each be responsible for our own
actions and act responsibly. I am not
endorsing promiscuity in any form, but I
also understand sexuality as a basic
human need. B.'s argument that the
complete elimination of cruising for sex is
the solution for AIDS is at best idealistic
but fails to take into account the most
basic instinct, human nature.

Propositions for sex are neither unique
to gay bars, nor are they simply modern-
day occurrences. Regardless of your
feelings positive or negative about them,
gay bars do have the distinct advantage
of providing a large cross-section of the
gay community at a single location. It is
also interesting to note that B. traveled a
considerable distance from Deltona to a
local nightspot (bar), on two consecutive
nights. It can be inferred that B. was well
aware of the implications and conse-
quences of his actions.

I cannot tell whether the mention of the
fact that B. was propositioned by four
different persons within the time span of

'Big Brother's Big Brother' Watches Out for Us

By Michael Sopoliga
Managing Editor

In case you didn't figure out who
could be bigger than Big Brother, it's
the American Civil Liberties Union
(ACLU). If you've ever watched the
evening news, you'd realize just how
involved the ACLU is in American life.
But because many of the causes or cases
supported by the ACLU are unpopular in
the eyes of many Americans, the ACLU
often gets a bum rap.

I've heard the ACLU, especially during
the Vietnam War, for example, called the
"Un-American" Civil Liberties Union
because of its support of conscientious
objectors.

But I believe that it is the unpopular
causes and the defense of seemingly
unsavory individuals that makes the
ACLU a true friend, not just of the
common person, but of everyone in this
country who believes in the freedoms
guaranteed to us in the Constitution,
especially the Bill of Rights.

How often do we find Big Brother trying
to abridge our right to freedom of speech?
The sportsmen of our nation feel threat-
ened when their right to bear arms is
jeopardized. And who would want soldiers
quartered in our homes during peace time?
I mean uninvited military men!

Then there's Big Brother's undermining
of the Fourth Amendment covering

From the Editor's Desk

unreasonable search and seizure.
Something that we gay and lesbians
could very well be subject to if because of
our homosexuality we were seen as a
threat to society. It could happen.

We all know about the Fifth Amend-
ment, which deals with our rights against
self-incrimination and with our right to
due process.

The Sixth Amendment deals with
speedy and public trials, not of the
kangaroo court variety, but with credible
witnesses for and against our case.

Similarly, having the right to a trial by
jury protects us from one person's
opinion as to our guilt. If we're ever
arrested, we can protest what we would
deem cruel and unusual punishment,
thanks to the Eighth Amendment.

Why the Bill of Rights, knowing its own
limitations, in the Ninth Amendment
protects rights which are not necessarily
contained within this document!

And it takes another jab at government
concerning its powers, stating in the Tenth
Amendment that there are in fact powers
reserved to the states or to the people.

While this article is not intended to be a
class in U.S. government, it is meant to re-
acquaint all of us with our rights, and in
case we forget what our rights are, or if
we know that our rights have been
trampled upon by Big Brother, it's com-
forting to know that we have a *bigger*
brother watching out for us.

Yes, the ACLU is our Bigger Brother,
whose constant vigil of the Constitution
and particularly the Bill of Rights is one
reason we enjoy our freedom, which day

they would not feel the need to trick.

Throughout our community, we need to
send the message that we alone are in
control of our bodies and that sexual
activity is not necessary to validate our
existence.

There is no doubt that AIDS has changed
our lifestyle, often not for the better, but
with creativity and safety and other
considerations, it has opened new hori-
zons to appreciate and enjoy our sexuality.

There was a life before AIDS, there is a
life during AIDS, and there will be one
after AIDS.

Isn't it time for us to stop making AIDS
literally the "tail which wags the dog"?

Name withheld by request

**"There is now available a liquid
formulation of natural substances ...
which normalizes the functioning of
the human autoimmune system ..."**

Dear Editor:

As we discussed on the telephone the
other day, I have received personal
information *not* intended to promote the
sale or distribution of of any treatment
but for your readers' perusal.

There is now available a liquid
formulation of natural substances diluted
to microdose in standard homeopathic
manner which *normalizes* the functioning
of the *human autoimmune system*, when

by day seems to be called into question
by, you guessed it, Big Brother. But as
long as we have the ACLU watching Big
Brother, and challenging it when it
oversteps the boundaries set by the
Constitution, we will continue to enjoy
that which we so often take for granted.

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Center Fold Gets Face Lift: The
February issue boasted a newly designed
nameplate on the front page. The
nameplate was made possible thanks to
the artistic abilities of Bryan Yopp, a
volunteer at the Center.

I think a new nameplate is long
overdue. As a designer by trade, I think
Bryan has captured the name *Center Fold*
in a fresh and dynamic way. There was a
time when I would have hoped to come
up with a new name for the paper. This
new nameplate does the trick. It brings
the Center Fold into the '90s.

The meaning of the name Center Fold is
interesting in itself. Of course we (the
newspaper) have been the offspring of
the GLCS fondly referred to as simply
"The Center." The word "Fold" connotes
the sense of being within the "fold" of the
gay and lesbian community here in
Central Florida. Thus the name *Center
Fold*. I like it, and I like the new
nameplate. I hope all of you like it too.

I would like to extend my sincere
thanks to Bryan for letting his creative
juices and talents flow in our direction.
Thanks, Bryan!

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GOBA - What's in an acronym?: Last
month I wrote of GOBA, which
temporarily (?) stands for the Greater

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possible. There has been a 100 percent
cure rate of most all cancers if vital
functions are not more than 60 percent
debilitated. The chemistry is not com-
pletely known but the results are
promising and presentations to major
scientific bodies are now being prepared.

As an accidental incident to cancer
treatment, it has been discovered that this
product *minimally* eliminates the symp-
toms of active Acquired Immune Defi-
ciency Disease, restoring immune func-
tion and normal T-cell levels and ratios
and eliminating the opportunistic infec-
tion from which AIDS patients suffer
from so much. Since this is a recent
development, we are not yet sure whe-
ther or not the HIV virus is eliminated
from the body. But the results are so
successful that an AIDS clinic outside the
U.S.A. is being established totally
separate from anything available to date.

Indications are that this product may
help other diseases which result from
immune system deficiencies. Such
diseases include juvenile-onset diabetes,
muscular dystrophy, scleroderma, lupus
erythematosa and multiple sclerosis. The
future shall reveal more about those
possibilities.

This is extremely exciting, however tra-
ditional physicians will down play and
badmouth this approach, but American

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Letters to the Editor

20 minutes on both nights is either
grandiose boasting or a sincere
unhappiness with B.'s "embarrassment of
riches." I am almost certain most people at
the bar would be envious and gladly give
almost anything for simply a few drops of
B.'s "animal magnetism"; as I personally
have difficulty in getting four different
men to merely acknowledge my existence
during an entire evening at the bar.

My point? Abstinence and celibacy are
obviously the most productive ways to
prevent AIDS; but they are also unrealistic
and unenforcable on a large scale, similar
to the "Just Say No!" campaigns.

Education, proper protection and safe-
guards, selectiveness, exclusivity, self-
control, among other ways, can also be
effective and practical methods to control
the spread of AIDS without ignoring a
basic human instinct, our (homo)sexuality.

Since, B., you have such charisma,
instead of being condescending about the
people who proposition you at the bar
you travel some distance to on several
consecutive nights, maybe you could
make the effort to improve or create a
positive self-image for those people so

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QUESTIONNAIRE

GOBA, established in 1992, is comprised of companies and individuals involved in business and professional pursuits in greater Orlando's gay and lesbian community. In addition, GOBA also includes businesses and professionals that promote or welcome gays and lesbians. GOBA seeks to:

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

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2. Address _____

3. Phone number _____

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5. Type of business _____

6. Title _____

7. May we contact you: by mail ☐ telephone ☐ ?

8. Which goal(s) would you most like to see GOBA achieve:

- ☐ Networking
- ☐ Discounts
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- ☐ Political Force
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- ☐ Charity activities/fund-raising
- ☐ Other: _____

9. Would you be willing to:

- ☐ become a member
- ☐ attend monthly meetings
- ☐ help organize

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

10. Can you attend? ☐ yes ☐ no

Please R.S.V.P. to The Center Fold, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, FL 32853-3446.

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

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

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

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

To: GLCS Singles Group

From: Jeffery R. Cheeseman
Group Facilitator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NGLTF Launches Lesbian, Gay Presidential Initiative

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Contenders in the 1992 presidential race are still maneuvering to distinguish themselves in a crowded field, but activists at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) have already launched a campaign to push gay issues to the forefront of the elections.

The NGLTF Lesbian and Gay Presidential Initiative (LGPI) will work to present the national gay and lesbian agenda to all candidates, secure their support, inform gay and lesbian constituents about candidates' positions, and use both major party conventions as media forums for gay, lesbian and AIDS issues.

NGLTF will work throughout the election year to make gay and lesbian issues more visible. The group will target this year's Democratic convention in New York, July 13-16, and the Republican convention in Dallas, Aug. 17-20.

Under the Lesbian and Gay Presidential Initiative, the NGLTF will:

- Gather and package information for the media and gay/lesbian grassroots activists and voters; NGLTF already has sent letters of intent to every major presidential candidate, along with copies of the 1988 NGLTF Presidential Questionnaire, and will shortly survey the candidates on their positions on gay and lesbian issues. The results will be released by mid-March.

- Meet with every campaign and present first-hand what the gay and lesbian community seeks from the

executive branch; NGLTF is preparing a 1992 Presidential Campaign Briefing Paper to outline the major gay and lesbian agenda items.

- Organize testimony at Democratic and Republican Platform Committee hearings to ensure that the strongest possible commitment is made to gay and lesbian civil rights.

- Educate the media on gay and lesbian issues, especially reporters covering the campaign trail.

- Organize Gay and Lesbian VOICE '92, a major collaborative project between NGLTF, the Human Rights Campaign Fund and other gay and lesbian groups. VOICE involves groups as diverse as ACT-UP, Log Cabin Republican Clubs, local and national gay/lesbian Democratic clubs, local and grassroots groups in the convention cities. Briefings, press conferences, demonstrations, delegate meetings, media kits and more will be produced by VOICE '92.

- Educate voters after the conventions and before the elections on candidates' stands on gay/lesbian issues; follow-up with nominees of all parties to secure commitments to appoint openly gay staff to their cabinets.

- Follow up with presidential transition teams after the elections to advocate gay and lesbian issues.

Activists interested in more information about gay and lesbian advocacy in the presidential campaigns should contact NGLTF, 1734 14th St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20009, Attention: Lesbian and Gay Presidential Initiative.

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You are free American citizens, not government property. All other rights flow from self-ownership, not legislative action or political whim.

The Libertarian Party and all Libertarian candidates are committed to your right to run your life as *you* see fit. We seek men and women of honor and goodwill to join us to help get government off our backs and out of our bedrooms.

There is now a clear choice between those who believe you should run your own life and those who think they know what's best for you, whether you like it or not.

Michael Dean Miller
Libertarian Party of Orange County
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Editor's Note: In the interests of encouraging participation in the democratic process and to better inform the public, The Center Fold will print letters about political candidates, parties and issues in "Election Soapbox '92." Send your letters to The Center Fold, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32804, Attn.: Michael J. Sopoliga, managing editor.

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Changes in Domestic Violence Laws Affect Gays

By Penny Jo Chessman
Contributor

The laws governing the protective orders known as "domestic violence injunctions" changed on Jan. 1 to include more people. Previously, only persons who are or were married or related by blood or marriage could obtain a domestic violence injunction. Other people needing protection had to get a "repeat violence injunction," which required two instances of violence or threats of violence, and was as comprehensive an injunction.

The law has been expanded to include any persons who are or were

residing in the same dwelling unit, as if a family, and any two persons who have a child in common, regardless of whether they've ever lived together.

This is important to the gay and lesbian community in two ways: firstly, it provides more extensive protection against abusive partners, and secondly, it recognizes gay and lesbian couples as family in a legal sense.

If your partner is physically abusive or threatens physical abuse to you, and you live in Orange County, you can come to room 248 of the Old Courthouse (65 E. Central Blvd., Orlando), Monday through Friday to

obtain an injunction to either remove your partner from the residence or order them to stay away, if they no longer live with you. The office phone numbers are 836-2001 and 836-2044.

Spouse Abuse Inc. can help you with information and counseling even if you haven't lived with your abuser or if you live in a different county. Our office is extremely non-judgmental, that is, it is safe to be who you are and not change pronouns when you talk about your abuser.

No one deserves to be abused. Call us if you need help. In emergencies, call the Spouse Abuse Hotline, (407) 886-2856, 24 hours a day.

All our counselors have non-judgmental attitudes, and help is available.

Church Chat

Family That Cares Church

Spring is just around the corner and along with that, we, the members of our church, would like to say welcome. Like a newly blossomed flower on a tree, this would be an appropriate time of the year to start your new spiritual life. Just like a bud that burst into beauty, full of color and life. You can have this life through Jesus Christ. We are a non-denominational church, open to everyone who believes in Christ. In our church is love. We share, we care. Our name is truly what we are. So join us this Sunday, meet new friends, join activities and share a smile or two. The Family That Cares Church holds Sunday services at 5 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church of Orlando, 1815 E. Robinson St. For more information, call (407) 236-9188. Join us this Sunday. God bless you all.

— Billy Green

LETTERS

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medicine certainly has no viable answer and our American friends with a poor health prognosis have at least an exciting new option.

If this interests you or any of your readers, please write to me in care of our office, please note on the envelope "personal," and I shall be glad to provide them with the information we have.

As with many new avenues of hope there is a rise in black market counterfeit products which we need to be aware of. The developers seem to be very humanitarian so the cost is not prohibitive to patients who need it.

Milton L. McIlwain, D.D.S.
5400 Hernandez Drive
Orlando, Fla. 32808

Community Thank Yous

On behalf of all our staff, volunteers and clients, I would like to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to the Gay and Lesbian Community Center for their generosity during the Christmas holidays.

The donations of canned goods and personal care items were gifts that were greatly appreciated (many of which are still being given away). Never have we experienced such an outpouring of love and compassion as was demonstrated toward us this past holiday season.

To all who donated toward this effort, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

To John Rose especially, we thank you for your continued support in our fight and we look forward to a New year with hope for a cure.

Thank you all.

Debbie Tucci
interim executive director
Central Florida AIDS Unified Resources Inc.

Thank you so much for Mr. Van Pelt's nice article about Act Out Theatre in your February issue ["New Theater Group 'Acts Out' Gay- and Lesbian-Themed Plays"]. These people are doing such fine work for the community. It is wonderful

to see them recognized.

Robert Patrick
Atwater, Calif.

Editor's Note: Act Out Theatre presented Mr. Patrick's play *Pouf Positive* in November and this month presents his play *Bill Batchelor Road* (see Page 12).

The Center Fold welcomes letters from our readers in response to articles that run in the newspaper, or on topics of interest to our gay and lesbian community. Send your letters to *The Center Fold*, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32804, Attn.: Michael J. Sopoliga.



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Jury Trial Begins in Case of Orange County Deputy Fired for Being Gay

Editor's Note: The following is a fax received from the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

(Orlando, Feb. 28, 1992) An unusual jury trial will begin Wednesday, March 4, in a lawsuit against the sheriff of Orange County, Florida, for firing a gay deputy sheriff. Sheriff Walter Gallagher is charged with violating Deputy Sheriff Thomas Woodard's constitutional rights, including his right to privacy under the Florida State Constitution.

The case has drawn national attention, and comes on the heels of a Feb. 3 court decision barring the Dallas, Texas, Police Department from discriminating against lesbian and gay officers and applicants.

In April 1989, despite Woodard's exemplary performance and consistently high evaluations by super-visors and co-workers, the Sheriff's Office launched an investigation into his private life, including his off-duty sexual activity, based on information that he is gay.

Although there was never any allegation bearing on Woodard's job performance, the Sheriff subjected him to a lie detector examination about his private life and adult sexual relationships. Woodard was then forced

to resign because of the sheriff's belief that "homosexuality is unnatural, immoral and inexcusable." In an extraordinary step, the local Fraternal Order of Police voted 2 to 1 to condemn the sheriff's firing of Woodard.

Jury selection will begin before Judge William Gridley of the Orange County Court in Orlando next week.

Woodard is represented by Orlando attorney William J. Sheaffer and Evan Wolfson, staff attorney for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the national gay legal rights advocacy organization based in New York and Los Angeles. Wolfson also represents Mica England, the plaintiff in the lawsuit against the Dallas Police Department.

The trial which takes place in the midst of the sheriff's bid for re-election, will feature testimony by several law enforcement officials from Central Florida on behalf of Woodard. Following the jury trial, legal arguments will focus on the constitutional issues of the right to privacy, equal protection, and civil rights for gay people.

The case is expected to go all the way to the Florida Supreme Court, where it will set the stage for a landmark ruling on the privacy rights of gay men and lesbians.

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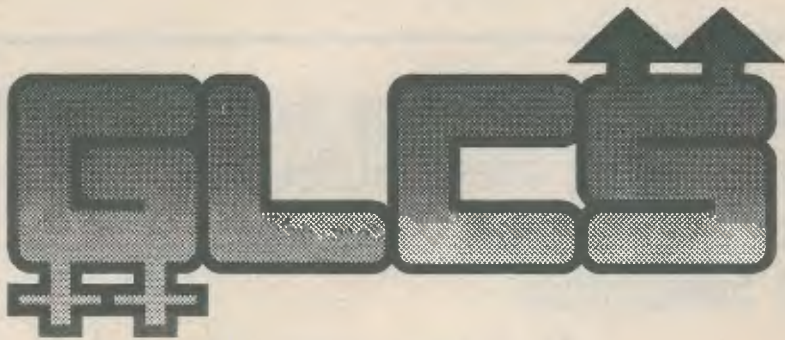


J. Scott Mackaig
July 1, 1959 – Feb. 26, 1992

In memory of our Dear Friend and Confidant J. Scott Mackaig who passed away Feb. 26, 1992, after a long and hard battle with HIV.

Scott was a 13-year resident of Orlando who was born in Syracuse, New York. He started his bartending career at the old Hank's in 1979. He also worked in many of our local clubs and owned the Loading Dock from 1984-85. He was a student at the University of Central Florida and enjoyed the great outdoors.

A memorial service was held March 2 at the Joy Metropolitan Community Church, Orlando.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH.....

1992

March 1 - April 11 GLCS/THE CENTER EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 1 Gay Day At The Fair!!! Wear Red and be counted. 7:00pm Fantasia--Transvestite Support Group 7:00pm Zion AAC Service	Mar 2 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group 7:00pm GLCS Board Meeting	Mar 3 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Rap Group	Mar 4 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Mar 5 7:30pm CODA--Co-Dependents Anonymous	Mar 6 7:00pm Movie Night--"The Times Of Harvey Milk" 7:30pm Zion AAC Game Night	Mar 7 The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM
Mar 8 7:00pm Fantasia--Transvestite Support Group 7:00pm Zion AAC Service	Mar 9 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group 7:30pm Orlando Pride 7:30pm Healing Circle 9:15pm Gay Skate	Mar 10 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Rap Group	Mar 11 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Mar 12 7:00pm Fundraising Committee 7:30pm CODA--Co-Dependents Anonymous	Mar 13 7:00pm Movie Night--"The Dresser" 7:30pm GLPCI Parents Rap Group	Mar 14 The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM
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Mar 22 7:00pm Fantasia--Transvestite Support Group 7:00pm Zion AAC Service	Mar 23 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group 7:30pm Committed Couples Network 7:30pm Orlando Pride 9:15pm Gay Skate	Mar 24 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Rap Group	Mar 25 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Mar 26 7:00pm Fundraising Committee 7:30pm CODA--Co-Dependents Anonymous	Mar 27 7:00pm Movie Night--Common Threads: Stories From The Quilt	Mar 28 The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS DESCRIPTIONS

CODA is a group for co-dependent Thursday nights. COMMITTED COUPLES is a social planning group for couples. The fourth Monday of every month. COMING OUT GROUP deals with the issues of coming out. FANTASIA is a transvestite support group open to gays and non-gays. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays to plan upcoming GLCS fundraising activities. All are welcome! GAYSKATE is open to all and is held twice each month at Semoran Park. GLCS BOARD MEETINGS are open to all and are held on the first and third of every month. Any items for the agenda must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. GAY SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE is a new support group for abuse victims. GENERAL DISCUSSION and WOMYN OF GLCS are general discussion groups. MOVIE NIGHT is every Friday night. As with other GLCS events there is no admission fee, but donations are always gratefully accepted! RAP GROUP is a mixed discussion group of men and women. REALITY is a transexual support group. SINGLES GROUP open to all singles meets the third day of every month. YOUTH RAP and Delta Youth Alliance activities take place on Wednesdays and are open only to 13-21 year olds. For more information on any of the events call (407) 425-GLCS. The ZION AAC GAME NIGHT meets the second Saturday of the month to play board and card games.

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'Minnesota Moon' Shines Brightly

By Cornelius Van Pelt
Center Fold Theater Writer

Visitors to Act Out Theater at the phoe•nix AT ALOMA in February were given a nostalgic look at youth during the 1960s.

Minnesota Moon, a two-man, one-act drama, gave us a deep and enduring feeling of what it was like to grow up in a small town in south-eastern Minnesota, when the sharing of deep feelings between two young men was a sensitive subject.

Playwright John Olive drew verbal and visual pictures of Larry (Donald Frantum Jr.) and Alan (Ofir Eyal) that will live long in our memories. The two young lads, preparing to go their separate ways in life, spend one last evening of tomfoolery, yearning, brawling and tenderness. They meet, illicitly in a neighbor's corn field, to reminisce about their years together as friends, sometime competitors and sharers of young, manly secrets.

They open up their past lives with humor and poignancy, and speak of their future lives with anxiety, hopefulness and quite a bit of bravado.

As presented by Lewis Routh's talented twosome, *Minnesota Moon* unleashed years of delicate memories for all of us, regardless of age, upbringing, cultural or family backgrounds. Although not really a gay-themed play, in the strictest sense, it fairly brimmed over the deep and tender emotions that all young men and women experience at sometime in their lives. Most notably when the two people involved are trying to express these feelings in ways that are socially unacceptable.

Back in the '60s, it was dangerous to express one's feelings about a friend of the same gender too candidly. It was too easy to be called "sissy" or "homo" or "queer" then. It was too easy to be misunderstood. It was not easy

to be honest with oneself, or with your buddies.

So, feelings were carefully cloaked in innuendoes of care, in playful touching and punching and often behind can upon can of 3.2 beer. Sometimes feelings came to the surface spontaneously, but most of the time they were veiled under all sorts of peripheral words and studied movements.

Both Frantum and Eyal brought these growing-up frustrations to life with great effectiveness. As Larry, Frantum was properly boisterous, silly, daring, plaintive, lonely, resigned and dreadfully afraid of his future. Of the two, he was the potentially high-achiever who was relegated to pumping gas in a run-down service station, "where I'll be the curiosity for passers-by."

As the intellectual and academic high-achiever who was moving "up to Minneapolis" to go to college, Eyal was profoundly caught between his past and his future, the giving up and the forgetting about his small-town past and his dearest buddy, and the glamour and big-city college environment (and temptations) of the university.

Both actors gave vivid presentations that were at the same time overstated, when needed, and understated during the most poignant moments.

As director, successfully Routh drew together actors, moods, lighting, scenery, staging and the playwright's message into a delicately framed, well-balanced and highly effective evocation of a difficult passage in the lives of two fine young men. *Minnesota Moon* proved, once again, the care and sensitivity with which Routh selects his popular and first-rate gay- and lesbian-themed plays, and his ability to bring out subtle nuances in his characters.

Minnesota Moon was a sell-out for each of its six performances, and with good reason. It was a deeply felt evening of fine theater.

Review

Act Out Offers 'Charming' Comedy

By Cornelius Van Pelt
Center Fold Theater Writer

Bill Batchelor Road, a charming one-act comedy by Robert Patrick, will take the boards at the phoe•nix AT ALOMA's disco-turned-theater on three successive weekends in March. Directed by Lewis Routh, founder and director of Act Out Theater, the play will be presented on Friday and Saturday nights, March 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28. Performances will begin at 8 p.m.

Patrick's rollicking play takes place in San Francisco, in "Bill and Bob's haven for young military men" when one of the young men's fathers comes to meet "those nice people, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Batchelor, who have been so kind" to his son.

The essence of the story, of course, is how the Rev. Lawson handles the occasion of meeting "Mrs. Bill Batchelor," the long-time male partner of Mr. Bill Batchelor.

Bill Batchelor Road is filled with humor, witticisms and just downright funny situations.

Act Out's April production will be:

• Harvey Fierstein's one-act comedy from *The Torch Song Trilogy* entitled "The International Stud" (April 17, 18, 24 and 25, with auditions on March 8; "A drag queen finds love in the backroom of a bar")

Act Out Theater is housed permanently at the phoe•nix AT ALOMA, 7124 Aloma Ave., Winter Park.

Reservations for performances are recommended, as the theater holds only 61 patrons. For more information to make reservations, call (407) 677-5407.

MONDAYS

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For Writer it Was 'Mission Almost Impossible': Going Straight for 6 Days

By Michael Sopoliga
Center Fold Managing Editor

I could call this "Mission Impossible," because, quite frankly, it almost was. No, I'm not selling out to straight society, nor am I being less of a total card-carrying fag because of what I did. I guess it's like the old saying "When in Rome ..."

I can really sympathize with those who have to hide their homosexuality under a bushel basket. It's really frustrating.

This episode has its start at the yearly Builder's Show, which hosts hundreds of trades who converge on one town to show their stuff. For a few years it was held in Atlanta. This year, as well as next year, it was Las Vegas.

Now I cannot comment on the gay life there because, quite frankly, I could not find the time nor muster the energy to scout them out. Which brings me to my experiences a few weeks ago.

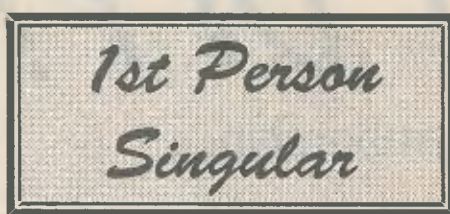
I attended this year's show, as always, with my boss. Actually, he is the CEO of the company of which I am president. Anyway, he is, needless to say, straight.

Now don't misconstrue what I am saying. He knows I am gay, and has, in his own words, made a "180-degree turn" in his opinions about gay people. I kind of feel responsible for that. I guess that before he knew me, he might have been the Archie Bunker of Orlando. However, we are great business associates, and he really has a heart of gold.

But enough of those qualifying remarks. He's still straight. And I guess straight men who know gay guys must think that they have to go out of their way to act straight, which when they're not going out of their way to act straight, are pretty boring, to say the least, anyway.

Well, have you ever tried to camp it up with someone who used to coach varsity football in high school, or who thinks grunting like a moose in heat while watching *Wide World of Sports* is a natural thing to do? I mean, a drag queen on an off night at a Moose Lodge meeting has a better chance.

Although my boss, of course, knows I'm gay, he did leave me the opportunity



to be my usual campy self, especially when being "on vacation" in a partying town like Las Vegas. I was dying to say something like: "Oh honey, this ...," or she's a real sissy Mary that ... You get the picture. Yes, there were a few instances when I dropped a few beads as they say, and forgot to whom I was speaking, with such retorts as: "Honey, you just missed a turn!"

Talk about frustration. For six days, I had no one to dish with. No one to camp it up with be silly with. I missed that. And if someone thinks that something is wrong with me, they're either not really comfortable with being really gay or they're lying.

You see, gay people have their own way of communicating. No, I don't mean the typical terms of endearment that we feel comfortable with. The bartender can call us "babe," "hon," "dear," etc., and we likewise can respond in a same way. We can call each other "honey" and "dear" and other "feminine" things, and not feel that our masculinity has been compromised.

Yes, gay men are masculine. It's just that we're so masculine that we are not threatened by another man calling us "dear" or "honey." I would rather be called that in conversation than the typically straight designations such as "guy," "man," "bro," "jack," "bud," etc. "Sweetie" is more to my liking.

As nice as my boss is, I realized that his being terminally straight doomed him, as well as others like him, to a really boring life. No, he's got money, he's got a gorgeous wife, great kids, etc., etc.

But for those six days with him, seeing how straight people amuse themselves, I was glad to be gay. I mean they are boring. Even the things straight people joke about are either purely sexist, silly or stupid. I think it's harder to be straight

for this reason. You can't really show emotion, especially when another man is concerned.

I saw many beautiful women walking around, and took notice of them, but I also saw many beautiful men and *really* took notice of them. I did not have to think that I was programmed to only recognize beauty in the opposite sex. I see beauty in both sexes! And that's real freedom. When my boss saw me spinning my head like a pin-wheel, every time I saw a cute number pass by, he did all could to counter with the same reaction to a female.

When did I finally realize that I was suffering from an overdose of "straightness"? It was Super Bowl Sunday. You guessed it. I was a captive viewer in our hotel room, complete with beer and chips, watching those hunks under-perform for the masses. I knew that I could not take too much more.

Finally, we arrived home. My boss to his wife, and I to my husband. I was so glad to be back with someone I could call "honey" and "dear" and "sweetie" and all of those other terms of endearment that I think are a credit to our being gay.

We're that sure of ourselves, so much so that we can whisper "sweet nothings" to each other and feel like men too. We can be flirted with by other men and feel

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nothing but compliments. We can admire beauty in both sexes, and sometimes enjoy that beauty sexually. We can do these things, which makes being gay great.

Just don't do what I tried to do. Don't go "cold turkey!" If you're like me, you won't last long, and I don't think your boss would appreciate being referred to as "honey" either!

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EDITOR

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Orlando Business Association. Since we are a fledgling organization, I would like to get a consensus on the name, as well as remind all of our readers about the meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 12. More about that later ...

Now back to the name. You know, not only did the Founding Fathers of these United States run into trouble trying to designate which type of bird would become the symbol of the new nation, but just what would this new nation be called? I think we (in GOBA) are in the same predicament.

Personally, I like any name which can be used as an acronym. So how about GOBA for our new organization? If you can think of a better name, please write to me care of this newspaper. If you think the name is great, then let me know.

Just remember, all professionals, businessmen and women, and those in the work force are urged and welcomed to attend this meeting of GOBA at Joy MCC, 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., on Thursday, March 12. The social is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7.



Don't Judge a Lover By Its Cover ...
some advice for the lovelorn, or love-weary ...

Who said we gay people have had it easier in the last few years? What's been easier? Have relationships become easier in the '90s? Have commitments been easier in the '90s? Have the users begun to be givers in the '90s? Has real love been easier to come by in the '90s?

I don't think so. In fact, I believe more now than ever that the art of finding a significant other, one with whom we might be willing to share the rest of our lives with has been made more difficult. I don't necessarily relate this phenomenon to the increased awareness of the AIDS dilemma that we all face.

I attribute this difficulty to something which speaks to the heart of any relationship: honesty.

No, not the type of honesty where a person spills their guts about their numerous trysts which they have had, but basic honesty. Honesty about one's fears, failures, hang-ups, weaknesses, loves, joys, feelings.

How often do we encounter someone whom we would enjoy getting to know better, only to find out, a few months after the initial encounter, that the person whom we thought was so together, so in control, so like we want to be (or at least like the person we would like to be with) is none of the above?

Instead, we find that this person requires more of us than we are either ready, willing or able to give in return. It doesn't matter what the reasons are. It just pops our balloon. Here we think we have found a person who excites us. Who stimulates all of our bodily functions above and below the waist, only to be saddled with a person who thinks little of himself, and is one who needs our pity, not our love.

Put your best face forward, so we've been told. But the sad part of that usually good advice is that unless we are able to

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live up to that wonderful facade we have created, we risk being exposed. We risk being found out, usually to our own downfall. Being known as a phony, or worse living with ourselves knowing that we can only get attention from others as long as we deceive others, is no way to live with someone or even alone.

Hindsight, as we know, is always 20/20. But do we learn from our mistakes? Don't we watch the good grocer to learn how to squeeze a cantaloupe so that we don't get one that is too ripe or too green? We learn how to be a comparative shopper quite easily, or at least if we don't like the merchandise we have bought, we can always return it!

But boyfriends and girlfriends – lovers – are not so easy to get rid of when we realize that they're not as perfect as we thought they would be. I don't mean this to sound cold-hearted, and I am no Hard-hearted Hannah, but sometimes what we see is not what we get, or at least bargained for.

No, I don't have any answer for this dilemma. I guess all we could hope for is for someone that we meet to be honest with us about themselves, about their dreams, hopes and desires. Heck, even if they just wanted sex that would be OK, as long as they were honest about it and safe. Then many of us wouldn't read more into an encounter than we should. Now wouldn't that be a relief!

There are no truth-in-labeling laws for potential boyfriends and girlfriends, so I guess we have to rely on our own intuition, tempering our first days of an encounter with a good dose of reality. Perhaps while we look down Lover's Lane with our new-found friend, we should also think about what it will be like travelling the Interstate of Life with that person.

Maybe we should not only think about the sexual combustibility we are enjoying upon our first sexual rendezvous with that person, but also think about the long-term “fuel economy” of the person, so that we can avoid another flash-in-the-pan partner.

And the big one for us to remember is being honest with ourselves. Sure, we run the chance of being hurt because of this honesty, but if we aren't honest with others, how can we expect others to be honest with us?

Yes, we become vulnerable, but if we remember to take care of ourselves, and not allow others to take control of our lives, we will stay protected yet reachable to the right person.

It's a delicate art, finding a person suitable to become our lover. In the Broadway play *I Can Get for You Wholesale*, a mother sings to her forsaken son the words, “too soon, don't give your heart away ...” That's good, if not always easy, advice to follow. Love, after all, is its own justification, so we've been told.

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GWM, 43, W. VOLUSIA, HIV+

Excellent health w/ positive outlook on life. Seeks GWM, 45-55. Enjoy motorcycling, adult films. Looking for honest caring relationships. P.O. Box 1142, DeLand, FL 32721. (04)

GWM-DELTONA

36, 195 lbs., muscular, BR/BL, looking for masculine companion. Straight good looks, healthy, sincere. Tired of being alone out here; let's meet. (904) 532-2537, leave message. (04)

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GM, 5'8", 140 LBS.,
would like to meet other GWMs or GBMs under 35. Masculine & muscular a plus. John, (407) 294-9411. (04)

GWF, 28, FEMININE & PETITE
seeks close friendship w/feminine female (age not a concern) who appreciates sharing. I enjoy simple activities like long walks, going to the park & being romantic. I am very sensitive to needs & I listen. I am a non-smoker & prefer same. I believe I have much to offer. Please write: Amy Jenkins, P.O. Box 141, Grand Island, FL 32735 or call (407) 483-2050 nights. (04)

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

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

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

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

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

HOUSING WANTED OR FOR RENT

ROOMMATE WANTED – COLLEGE PARK
GWM to share 2 BR/1 BA house w/same. \$75/wk. Marc, (407) 426-9727 after 5 p.m. (04)

ROOMMATE WANTED – UNIVERSAL AREA
to share 2 BR/ 2 1/2 BA condo. Plenty of windows in scenic location. Also convenient to downtown. Pool, W/D, util. included. \$300/mo. No couch potatoes please. Mike, (407) 843-6446. (04)

ROOMMATE WANTED – COLLEGE PARK
Responsible, mature, neat GWF to share lg. pool home. \$400/mo. pays all. References. Sher, (407) 294-1404. (04)

EFFICIENCY APT. – COLLEGE PARK
GM or GF. Private. Pool, util. included. \$300/mo., \$100 sec. dep. Sher, (407) 294-1404. (04)

APT. FOR RENT – ORLANDO AREA
Nicely furnished 1 BR apt. All util. + cable included. \$450/mo., (407) 282-8762. (04)

M ROOMMATE WANTED – S.E. ORLANDO
GWM, 37, to share 2 BR/2 BA apt. near airport. W/D, fireplace, pool, cable. Non-smoker/no drugs. \$300/mo. + 1/2 util. (407) 275-3707. Serious only, please. (04)

ROOMMATE WANTED – WINTER PARK
to share a 2 BR/2 BA mostly furnished condo off Goldenrod near University. HIV + OK. Responsible, easy-going, non-smoker. \$300/mo. + 1/2 util. Guy, (407) 671-7473. (04)

ROOMMATE WANTED – CASSELBERRY/DEER RUN
non-smoker to share NICE 2 BR/2 BA house. W/D, dishwasher, etc. \$290/mo. + 1/2 util.. Mark, (407) 365-9604. Hurry. (04)

GWM ON DISABILITY
(arthritis) seeks housing up to \$200/mo. Leave message at The Center, (407) 425-4527 for Al Bailey. I'll call you back. (04)

2 BR TOWNHOUSE – TUSCAWILLA AREA
equipped with W/D, cable, telephone. Roommate needed badly!! \$250/mo.+ util. Mark, (407) 774-9173. (04)

BIWM NEEDS ROOMMATE
for 2 BR/1 BA mobile home in East Orlando.

Prefer quiet/no drugs. Light drink/smoke OK. HIV+ OK. 1st mo. rent in advance. \$300/mo. includes util. Christopher, (407) 384-8547. (04)

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ROOM FOR RENT – WINTER PARK
Offered by GWF couple. Private entrance, den/study, use of kitchen. No smoking or drugs. \$250/mo. includes util. Paige or Crystal, (407) 678-5838. (04)

HOUSE TO SHARE – S.W. ORLANDO
2 BR/2 BA, FL rm., pool, tennis, W/D. No drugs, alcoholics, smokers. Seeking GWM, must be employed. Near Sea World, Disney, Universal. \$350/mo. + 1/2 util. John, (407) 351-0447. (04)

FEMALE SEEKS SAME
to share large 2 BR/1 BA apt, in Maitland. Prefer non-drinker/smoker. \$212.50 + 1/2 util. Lori, (407) 644-5639. (04)

BEAT THE RECESSION!
Female roommate wanted for a 3BR/2 BA house in E. Orlando. Must be neat!! Has community pool & tennis courts. \$300/mo. + 1/2 util. Carmen, (407) 382-6375, leave message. (04)

ROOM FOR RENT – ROSEMONT AREA
Pool, sauna, microwave, dishwasher, alarm system. \$350/mo. or \$100/wk. + sec. dep. Includes util. Bill, (407) 291-1161. (04)

ROOMMATE WANTED - DOWNTOWN ORLANDO
to share 2 BR duplex. 1 block from Lake Eola. Room has phone, cable, waterbed & desk for computer. \$250/mo. + 1/2 util. Steve or Dennis, (407) 843-5946. (04)

ROOM FOR RENT –WEKIVA AREA
Private bath, W/D, full house privileges. \$350/mo. Includes util. Mykal, (407) 869-0123. (04)

ON S. SEMORAN BLVD.
3 BR/ 2 1/2 BA townhouse. Seeking someone to share expenses. Rent 1 BR w/private BA. \$300 + share expenses. Donna, (407) 282-7306. (04)

GWF or GWM ROOMMATE WANTED
to share pool home. 2 BR/2 BA, all amenities: W/D, cable, etc. No drugs, children. Small pet OK. HIV+ OK. Must like cats. \$220/mo. + util. Kathy, (407) 380-5164. Leave message, I will call you back. (04)

ROOMMATE NEEDED - LAKE EOLA DISTRICT
to share 2 BR/1 BA home. Hardwood floors, new central heat/air, alarm system. Furnished except for BR. Prefer GWM, mid 20s-early 30s, non-smoker, prof. \$295/mo.+ util. Tim, (407) 648-4071. (04)

HOUSE TO SHARE
Util., W/D, AC included. Clean, quiet. \$65/wk. Henry, (407) 423-1386, after 5 p.m. best. (04)

APT. TO SHARE w/ GOM , 28, TIL MAY
Behind Fashion Square Mall. Must be non-smoker. No drugs, no pets. Responsible male or female. HIV+ OK. \$250/mo. + util. (Available March 1). Yoshi, (407) 894-2651. (04)

ROOMMATE NEEDED – COLONIAL TOWN
to share 3BR/1 1/2 BA house. Lots of amenities: W/D, cable, etc. Must be straight-acting. \$300/mo. includes all. Don or Nick, (407) 898-6440. (04)

GWM ROOMMATE WANTED - S.W. ORRLANDO
to share 2 BR/2 BA apt., Atrium complex. Non-smoking, references requested. Employed, responsible. \$285/mo. + 1/2 util. & 1/2 phone. \$100 dep. Alan, (407) 851-7203. (04)

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

ROOMMATE WANTED — SANFORD/SCC AREA
Share house. HIV+ OK. \$350/mo. + util. George, (407) 323-1276. (04)

GWM NEEDS HOUSING
Looking to share an apt. near a bus route, around \$200/mo. Easy-going. Jerry, (407) 295-7984. (04)

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

KISSIMMEE
3 BR/ 1 1/2 BA. Must like pets. W/D, fenced-in yard. Prefer gay couple but single is OK. Debbie, (407) 396-8016, wk. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; 740-1489, 24 hrs. (digital beeper). (04)

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

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

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

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

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ROOMMATE WANTED — W. ORLANDO

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

ROOMMATE WANTED - DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

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

MALE ROOMMATE NEEDED

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

ROOMMATE WANTED

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

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

ROOMMATE WANTED — WINTER PARK

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

MALE OR FEMALE ROOMMATE WANTED

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

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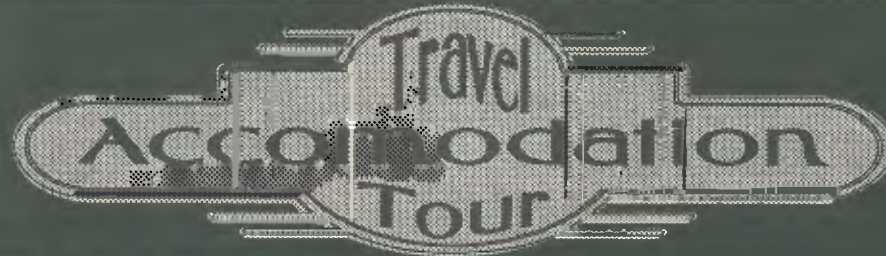
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