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Hypnotist Wows 'Em In Orlando



BY F. "OLLIE" STEWART
Editor - *New Direction*

Sunday, Nov. 20, found an exceptional show at the Parliament House in Orlando.

Mr. Jack Louchlin, a clinical psychologist with a Ph.D., from Berkeley, Calif. performed in the Playhouse Theatre.

Mr. Louchlin is a hypnotist and showman which, during the course of his show, had the audience in tears from laughing so hard.

He explained that hypnosis comes from the word *Hypnos* which is Greek with the meaning of *sleep*. In 36 languages, the word *Hypnosis* means sleep induced by suggestion.

"There are two main types of people you will see on stage tonight," he said. "First is the 'Hypnambulus' which will not believe that he is hypnotized and will be aware of all going on around him, however he will have no physical control over himself." He continued, "The second is the Somnambulist which resembles a sleepwalker."

Sixteen empty chairs sat on the stage and when Louchlin invited members of the audience to participate, there was a rush to fill the seats.

Eight subjects were finally selected.

Michael, Louchlin's assistant and traveling companion, entered from the wings to keep the various subjects from accidentally getting injured.

Routines presented using the subjects ranged from the subjects trying to find their belly-buttons, which they had been told were

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Mr. & Miss Suncoast Pageant a Delight



Winners of Mr. & Miss Suncoast Pageant Back Row: (L to R) Tyrone Nolan; Esme Russell; Apple Love. Winner Miss Suncoast: Phillip Gaudio, winner Mr. Suncoast; Michael Austin. Front Row: Dana Douglas, Miss Gay Georgia; Tony DeSario; Tiffany Middlesex.

Apple Love & Phillip Gaudio Win

The Mr. & Miss Suncoast pageant was held recently at Renee's in Tampa. The production numbers were extremely well rehearsed and it showed as the numbers brought the audience to it's feet time after time.

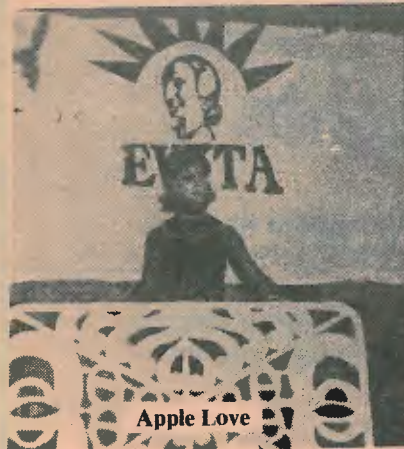
There were nine entries for the Miss and five entries for the Mr. Suncoast pageant.

Mr. Tony DeSario, stepping down as Mr. Suncoast, entertained the audience with a hot dance number as the evening passed by.

The theme of the pageant was the 50's and winning the Best 50's Costumes were Phillip Gaudio and Esme Russell. The Best Talent went to Tyrone Nolan and Apple Love. Apple's version of "Don't Cry For Me Argentina" sent goose bumps throughout the crowd ending in thunderous applause.

The final results in, the winners are as follows: Second Runner-Up: Michael Austin and Lisa Alexander; First Runners Up: Tyrone Nolan and Esme Russell and the winners of Mr. and Miss Suncoast were Phillip Gaudio and Apple Love.

Tiffany Middlesex was an excellent M.C. for the show and also in coordinating the pageant



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From the Editor's Desk

BY F. "OLLIE" STEWART
Managing Editor

The recently, to be held, Harvest Moon Ball was cancelled. Quite a few tickets had been sold, however, not enough to warrant the actual event.

The why's and why not's of our community not supporting such a cultural event are plentiful, as plentiful as the excuses of not attending.

Many people thought the ball was being backed by the owner of a gay establishment. This editor knows for a fact that it was a group of individuals who had gotten together to plan and carry off this milestone event for gay Orlando.

Often heard from people was the statement that, "I'd go but I don't think there will be anyone there." This attitude of negativity did a great deal of harm in that members of our community who were

undecided then decided not to go. "Who wants to go to something no one else is going to go to?"

In the opinion of others, the timing of the event could have been a little better, possibly the middle of October.

A major and somewhat valid excuse was that the cost was too prohibitive. Twenty-five dollars per person plus thirty-five dollars each for a tuxedo rental (a very fair price for a tux) times two totalled to one hundred-twenty dollars.

A suggestion was heard that if, at least for the first year or two, a suit and tie or gown was required rather than a tux, more people would have bought tickets and attended.

I tend to support these ideas and sincerely hope that the committee will take these ideas in hand and will start working toward a ball for 1984!

U. of Florida Has NGTF Guest Speaker

GAINESVILLE — The University of Florida Lesbian and Gay Society (UFLAGS) is proud to announce that the culmination of our 1983 Fall Speakers Series will be a talk by Virginia Apuzzo.

Ms. Apuzzo is the director of the National Gay Task Force, the largest political group of gays and lesbians in this country. She will be speaking on December 8, 1983 at 8 p.m. at the University Auditorium which is located on the UF campus.

Please start passing the word now of Ms. Apuzzo's upcoming visit. UFLAGS will be happy to aid in finding lodging for anyone who wishes to visit Gainesville.

Please feel free to contact UFLAGS if any additional information is needed.

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Next G.C.S. Meeting Dec. 18

Recently, Gay Community Services mailed out 47 notices of renewal of membership.

G.C.S. provides many behind the scene services for our gay community.

The next G.C.S. meeting is Sunday, Dec. 18, 4:30 P.M. in the piano bar at the Parliament House, 410 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando.

Everyone is invited to attend. See you there!

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It seems the "type lice" snuck into the machine and diligently made sure to sneak an "S" on the end of *New Direction* at the top of each page last issue.

This was embarrassing especially after the mentioning of the correct name of *New Direction* (without an "s") in the editorial in the November issue.

Be advised that we have sprayed, swatted, stomped on, thrown books at and anything else we could think of to get rid of these pests and have eliminated most of them.

Thank ewe, yew, -u-, . . . anyway, thanks for bearing with us.

Health Conference Dates Set For June 16-19, 1984

The National Gay Health Education Foundation announces the first International Lesbian/Gay Health Conference, "Toward Diversity," to be held in New York City June 16-19, 1984.

The theme, "Toward Diversity," reflects the meeting's multi-focus purpose with special emphasis on Third World, international and lesbian health concerns. The conference will be held in conjunction with the Third AIDS Forum, sponsored by the FEDERATION OF AIDS RELATED ORGANIZATIONS (FARO).

The Foundation and FARO welcome participation by those wishing to share their contributions to the field of lesbian or gay health care.

Papers: A formal, written presentation followed by discussion from the floor.

Panels: A topic presented from several points of view. Speaker remarks should be brief to encourage discussion among panelists and audience.

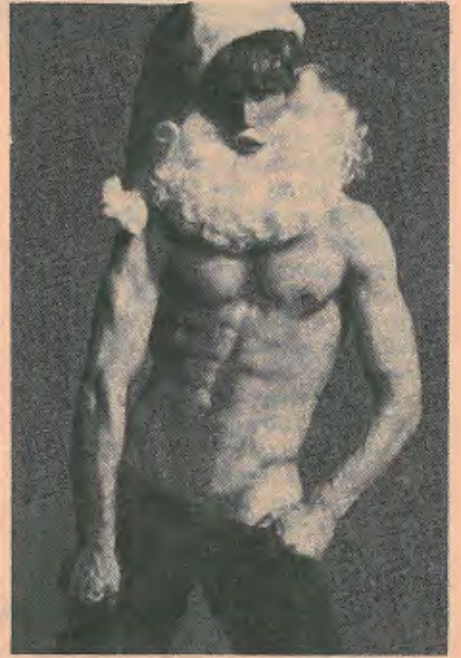
Workshops: Discussion of a topic facilitated by the person(s) who submit the idea. Participation by all is encouraged.

We also invite suggestions for alternative formats. Feel free to submit ideas along these lines. Be creative, but specific.

Some topics have already been identified. Proposals may include or relate to such areas as: Gay Male Health Care, Gerontology, Holistic Health, Lesbian/Gay Families, Physically-Challenged Lesbians and Gays.

People who wish to participate should submit a narrative abstract and/or topic outline of one page (maximum) by December 15, 1983. Language requirements and other specifics will be provided upon receipt of each proposal. Notification of

acceptance will be mailed by January 30.
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Scooter's World

It's easy to tell when Thanksgiving is getting near — the Christmas decorations start popping up all over town. Worse than that, I saw a store clearing shelves a few weeks ago for what I thought were going to be Halloween masks and such, and the next day trees and lights were strung up all over the place. I was wrecked.

For those of you who have been faithful followers of mine over these months, you'll recall one of my New Year's resolutions that mentioned something to the effect of not waiting until the last minute to get my Christmas shopping done. Well, I'm not, I'm proud to say. I found a couple of things at the flea markets this summer and accidentally ran across a few choice items during one of my ever popular, and much too frequent, shopping sprees.

Of course, I *do* expect I'll still be part of that last minute rush along with the rest of the country as I find that I'm still lacking a gift for some last minute thought of person. And of course I'll be part of that long line at the post office since my family, like about 95% of this state, all live somewhere else in these continental 48. At least you know I'm not shopping for Mom on Christmas Eve.

I have uncovered a few interesting things in my shopping this year, as occasionally I do, and I thought I'd pass along a few ideas for those out to buy for people on your list.

First, and foremost, gift certificates are a definite no-no. There's nothing quite as tacky as a close friend opening a box or envelope to find that you didn't take the time and effort to select something special for him. For relatives, they're fine, but otherwise, they're out unless they are worth \$300.00 or more. Then, of course, they're quite acceptable.

Leather goods are always a welcome surprise at Christmas. From the simple jacket or pants to the more specialized belts, collars and whips, there is something made of leather that could be found for anyone. I recently saw a leather cooking mitt that would be perfect for that butch chef.

Here's an idea whose time has come; arrange for one of the area escort services

to have one of their men visit a friend on Christmas Eve. Nothing brightens up an otherwise lonely holiday for a single person than to have an unexpected stud show up for the evening. God knows I'd appreciate it!

Everyone has something that they've always wanted, but just haven't gotten around to getting for themselves. I've been wanting an aquarium set-up for a while, but I haven't taken the time or extra money to get into it. I've also wanted a piano for ages, but that's another set of ideas. One thing that you could get someone for Christmas would be their own set of colored hankies. One of each. That way, depending upon their mood, they would always be prepared to go out for 'whatever'.

And, after long and exhausting research, I have finally come up with the perfect gift for that one person that everybody has on their list. That one person that is impossible to buy for. The person that has *everything*. We all know the feeling of shopping for these people — it's a no-win situation. We feel defeated before we go out. But I have the solution.

Think for a minute of something that you see advertised every year at this time. It's a sure sign that Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat.

Popeil's pocket fisherman.

Think about it. If you had all the money you could ever want, wouldn't that be the absolutely last thing you'd ever buy? That's what makes it the perfect gift. The person you're buying it for certainly won't have one. And you can be absolutely sure that he won't get duplicate gifts that way, either.

The only problem with a pocket fisherman for a gift, however, is the off chance that the person you get it for just *might* have one already. If that is so, there should probably be two results. One, since he bought one, he must have wanted one, so he'll probably be happy with it.

The other result should be your removal of him from your Christmas list for next year. Face it — anyone that owns a pocket fisherman *is* impossible to buy for.

ON THE ROAD — Atlanta Added



BY FRANK STEINER

New Direction Staff Writer

★★★½ — Texas Drilling Company, 1026-B N. Highland, Atlanta, Georgia.

This Levi-leather bar is very good. The long bar is like an island in that you may walk completely around it and the mixture of ages is varied ranging from younger to older and is about evenly mixed.

The crowd is also equally mixed from western Levi to full leather with most in between.

The pool tables as well as the various video and pinball machines are always busy as is the leather shop which is in the barroom.

The men are friendly and talk freely with others.

The Texas Drilling Company has a big, well-lit parking area behind the main building but it takes a few minutes to find the entrance which is to the far right of the building. There is also a lower level entrance to the bar.

Though there is no room for dancing, the hot D.J. keeps the music on the up-

swing. Occasionally they do hold dances in the back parking lot.

The bar has a newsletter which it sends out with monthly events which are many and are mixed so that there is something for everyone such as the recent "Hooded Halloween."

The friendly bartenders also keep the bar clean and ship-shape.

Against the Texas Drilling Company is the difficulty in finding it. The front sign is completely covered by a tree and I had to stop at a convenience store just across the street to ask where the bar was located.

The location of the bar is also a distance from the hub of the city.

Another thing lost is that the bar may not be as deeply into the leather scene as some men may like.

Overall, I rate the Texas Drilling Company at four and a half stars.

★★★★ Excellent
 ★★★ Good
 ★★ Average
 ★ Poor
 ☆ Forget it

The holidays that are approaching are generally quite joyous ones with friends, relatives and parties going on frequently. Although we don't have to worry about the threat of ice and snow in Florida, we, like everyone else, tend to overindulge at some of these festivities.

Remember: it takes approximately one hour for the effects of one ounce of alcohol to run its course through your body. If you go out with friends or take some with you, be sure that at least one of you keeps the clear head to do the driving. Also, be especially careful of the other drivers who may not be as cautious.

This season comes but once a year, and we'd like to spend it with you next year, too. Have a happy and SAFE holiday season.



U.S. Male Dancers Invade Central Florida

The U.S. Males invaded Orlando recently appearing at Southern Nights. The crowds were rather disappointing in size, however, they grew at each weekly performance.

The dance troupe, from the Tampa area, are not Go-Go boys but are accomplished dancers and professional male strippers who have been together for about four months now.

Joshua Scott is the leader of the group and calls all the steps. He is in college majoring in dance and theatre.

If you get a chance to see this group, do so!



"The Day After" Viewed by many

BY F. "OLLIE" STEWART
 Editor - New Direction

This reporter went to the Parliament House Motor Inn on November 20 to cover the special appearance of the XXX-rated hypnotist.

Upon arriving a couple hours early, the disco and game room were busy but not as much as usual. The surprise came upon en-

tering the Playhouse Show Bar where this reporter found almost 250 people watching the television broadcast of "The Day After" which covered nuclear destruction in the USA and centered around Kentucky, a fictional yet possible occurrence.

Reactions to this special were many: "awesome . . . I like the special effects . . . It makes you stop and think. Doesn't it?"

The Reagan administration did not want the television movie shown and contacted the ABC Network about it.

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Man Guilty of Slaying Lover in Motel Room

A Pennsylvania man charged with first-degree murder in the savage killing of a Fort Lauderdale photographer pleaded guilty in Orlando on Monday to second-degree murder.

The death of Paul Carlile was "a case of first-degree murder," prosecutor Ray Sharpe said, but he accepted the second-degree plea.

Orange County Circuit Judge Ted Coleman will sentence Sakosky, 22, on Jan. 30. The recommended sentence under state sentencing guidelines is 20 years in prison, but Sharpe said he would ask Coleman to exceed that because of the atrociousness of the crime. The maximum sentence is life in prison.

Carlile's body was found Nov. 3, 1982, in a bed at the Parliament House Motor Inn.

Sakosky had lived in Scranton, Pa., where he had a long record of non-violent crimes and was on parole for a 1981 conviction for burglary and receiving stolen property.

He was living in Miami last year when he and Carlile, 25, a free-lance photographer, became lovers in August or September.

The last weekend of October, Sakosky told Carlile he wanted to break up. When Carlile objected, Sakosky hit him in the face.

The pair had three purposes for coming to Orlando: trying to make up, visiting Walt Disney World and, in Carlile's case, taking photos for *David* an entertainment guide for gays.

Carlile registered by himself at the Parliament House, the afternoon of Nov. 2. About 8 p.m., he and a man later identified as Sakosky came to the front desk asking for a "do not disturb" sign.

About 30 minutes later, the switchboard operator heard — from a phone off the hook in Carlile's room — groans and what sounded like someone being beaten. Someone got on the phone and said nothing was wrong.

Motel employees went to listen at the door and look inside through the room's curtains. They saw Sakosky in the room but no sign of trouble. Checks later in the evening showed the room to be quiet.

The medical examiner estimated that Carlile was killed at 11 p.m. About midnight

a car fitting the description of Carlile's was seen leaving the hotel's parking lot.

The manager checked the room about 1:30 p.m. the next day and found the walls splattered with blood, apparently from wounds to Carlile's neck and arms, which were cut to the bone.

Carlile had been hit in the head with a lamp a dozen times and the lamp cord was tied around his neck. His face and mouth were covered with a bandanna and a towel, all wrapped with masking tape. His body was face down, tied to the bed.

"He was defenseless to resist because there was little or no slack in any of it," Sharpe said.

Sakosky was arrested with Carlile's car in Scranton on Nov. 6. In place of the Florida license plate was a stolen Pennsylvania tag.

Sharpe said there was no major problem of homosexual witnesses being unwilling to cooperate because of embarrassment or hostility toward police.

"The people that I talked to were concerned with the brutality of the case and not wanting the guy to get away."

"It really troubled me" to accept the second-degree plea, Sharpe said, "but it's the safest and best thing to do under the circumstances."

"A sure thing is better than a roll of the dice."

Defense lawyer Ray Dvorak said, "I feel that the (Sharpe) made a very honest offer to us and beyond that it would be hard to say anything."

A man decided to jump out of a plane in order to test his new parachute. But the chute failed to open. As the man struggled with the rip cord, he spotted another man rocketing up toward him from the ground below.

As they passed, the man with the parachute yelled, "Hey! Do you know anything about parachutes?"

"No," replied the man on his way up. "Do you know anything about propane stoves?"

SPECIAL TO NEW DIRECTION

William John Sakowsky, 22, on November 14, pleaded guilty to second degree murder in the unfortunate death of Paul Carlile.

Mr. Carlile was found dead at the Parliament House Motor Inn in Orlando on November 2, 1982.

The prosecuting attorney for the state of Florida accepted a plea bargaining offer and stated that he felt the advantage was in saving the gay community the embarrassment of a trial.

At the sentencing hearing, the state will present a motion that the judge set aside the guidelines usually used in sentencing. The state contends that the brutal nature of the homicide justifies sentencing outside the guidelines.

Sakowsky will be sentenced on Jan 30.

The gay community wishes to thank Mr. Ray Sharp for his diligent prosecution in this case. The community is also aware of the tremendous amount of effort made by the Orlando Police Dept. and the Scranton Police Dept. in the investigation of this homicide. As usual, these departments have gone "the extra mile" for the safety of the gay community.

New Mayor of Key West is Openly Gay!

Compiled by IRA DENNING
New Direction Staff Writer

On November 1st the race for mayor of the tiny "Conch Republic" was decided. The nearly 6900 votes, representing a hefty 60 percent in voter turnout, were cast, 54.5 per cent to City Commissioner Richard Heyman over hard-line native Richard "Bubba" Kerr. The race was not entirely a pretty one.

Kerr, a former Monroe County Commissioner, seemed to stress both his pride and his prejudice while waging the political battle. As a member of the old-line "Conch" family, Kerr had an island heritage and was an advocate of the "Bubba" system whereby native families took care of their own — He also portrayed a traditional lifestyle: "Richard Kerr — Family Man" is how the poster read.

Heyman, in contrast, was a northern-

born business man, a 48 year old art dealer who moved to America's most tropical outpost only 10 short years ago. In the years that followed, he withstood the test of being "different" by becoming the first openly gay citizen brazen enough to run for, and be elected, a city father. Heyman's qualifications did not need dwelling upon.

"Bubba" Kerr didn't see it that way, however. His good-guy, bad-guy strategem sighted mainly on Heyman, not on the issues. Never mind the deteriorating streets, the sewage or the water problems. Take no thought that Key West's electric rates are fourth highest in the nation.

Kerr's campaign focused on his opponent as not just an outsider, but as a gay outsider and a "morally insensitive radical". Even lame-duck mayor Dennis Wardlow took up the chant, by claiming that Heyman would turn the town into a "gay resort." As if it weren't one already.

But when it came to funding, guess who had to go out of town for support. Peter Ilchek, Heyman's campaign manager, said that Kerr's fund showed \$8400, more than half coming from non-local sources as far away as Miami. Heyman's fund, said Ilchek, drew over twice as much, 90 percent from Key West citizens, yet only 10 percent overall in gay support.

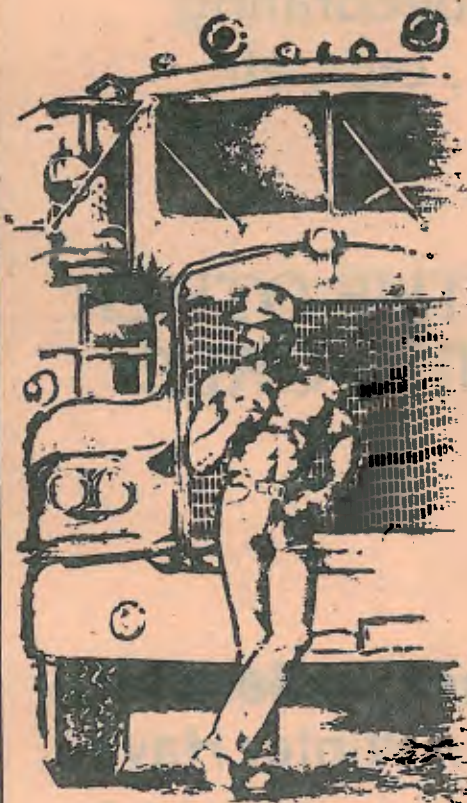
"Your vote will set the Moral Tone for our Community" declared the Kerr campaign poster. And with the election of gay mayor Richard Heyman, it most certainly did.

Santa Cruz Elects Openly Gay Mayor

HOMOSEXUAL MAYOR. Santa Cruz City Council has voted to elect John Laird as the first openly homosexual mayor in the city's 176-year history. Laird, 33, is an administrative service officer for the Santa Cruz County personnel department and has been a member of the city council since 1981. He said he thought it was important to get the fact that he was homosexual "out in the open." He was unanimously nominated and elected by his seven fellow council members. His predecessor: Socialist Mayor Bruce Van Allen.

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A VISIT FROM "STUD NICHOLAS"

BY SCOTT DRAKE
New Directions Staff Writer

(with respect and apologies to Clement Clark Moore)

*Twas Christmas eve in Orlando and all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even The Mouse.*

*The stockings were hung, and the men were hung, too,
With hopes they'd be filled before night was through.*

*The lovers were nestled all snug in their beds,
While Who-only-knows-what danced in their heads.*

*While my roommate in drag and I in my leather,
Were just setting out to go drinking together.*

*When out in the back, there arose such a noise,
I jumped when I heard it and dropped all of my 'toys'.*

*The moon faintly shone on the dead grass behind,
And I thought when I looked out that I'd lost my mind.*

*There were thirty-five men — and all of them blond,
Dancing and singing and carrying on.*

*They were led by a stud of about six foot four,
Who turned, when I got there, and came towards the door.*

*"Come Danny and Michael, come Jimmy and Terry,
Here Raymond and Robert and Tommy and Gary."*

*"This way Alexander and Roy, Jeff and Jerry,
Come on Ben, come Keith, come Barry."*

*"On up to the porch and on into this place,
The party is starting, let's pick up the pace."*



*So they all headed over, they came two by two,
The thirty-five blonds and the handsome stud, too.*

*And quickly, inside, what should my ears greet,
But the hard pounding drive of a fast disco beat.*

*Inside, they were dancing and the stud came up quick,
His voice made my heart jump when he said, "My name's Nick."*

*He had a dark beard and a strong, muscled chest,
With some hair in the middle, but none on the rest.*

*His legs were quite firm and his biceps and back,
Made him look like an athlete when he opened his pack.*

*His eyes were light green, like the sea with a mist,
And his lips and his mouth were warm when we kissed.*

*His tan made him glow and his sweat made it shine,
It was hard to believe at this point he was mine.*

*He spoke not a word when we finished our kiss,
He gave me my presents, not one did he miss.*

*The best one by far was a very large box,
Which made my skin tingle clear down to my socks.*

*And then in a flash, he took me by hand,
And said, "Come with us, there's room in our band."*

*As I left with the stud and those thirty-five guys,
I saw my poor roommate with tears in his eyes.*

*And he heard me exclaim as we ran out of sight,
"Merry Christmas and I hope you get some tonight!"*



The Twelve Days of . . .

BY FRED PARRISH
New Direction Staff Writer

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me . . . a partridge in a pear tree. "How thoughtful," I said.

On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me . . . two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. "That's nice," says I.

On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me . . . three French hens (French?), two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. "Are you helping to pay for the bird seed?" I ask.

On the fourth day of Christmas, my lover gave to me . . . four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. "Do you realize there are now twenty birds in our living room and who's going to plant all those trees," I ask.

On the fifth day of Christmas, my good friend gave to me . . . five golden rings . . . "You're not going to bribe me with these, they're only plated. You'd better not bring that tree and those d--n birds inside either.

On the sixth day of Christmas, an acquaintance brought to me six geese a-layin, five golden rings, four calling birds . . . "Get your rear in here and clean these bird droppings up, right now. I haven't had any sleep for four days now. Do you know how much noise six honking geese, five quail, eight cooing doves and nine French hens, make that eight, I had one for dinner last night, make?"

On the seventh day of Christmas, a stranger brought to me . . . I don't know. I moved!



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STRANGERS WHEN WE MEET



BY BUTCH HOGAN

I'd seen the guy around town. He was always well dressed and seemed in a hurry. Most of the time, he'd linger just long enough for eye contact and maybe a "Hi."

Now and then I would see him in a bar. He always sat back in a corner to himself quietly. He never had much to say, but you could tell he seldom missed seeing anything that went on. When things were really jumping, he'd laugh or shake his head in a fatherly manner. He'd only have a couple beers, tip the bartender, and go on his way. If he caught my eye, he'd say "Hi." I always meant to talk with him, but time and chance never seemed to mesh together.

Sunday was a strange day. Perhaps the moon was out of phase or something. The usually quiet crowd seemed wild and woolly. The only seat in the bar was next to him. We talked for a little while. Nothing very deep. At least we found out each others names.

Frankly, things felt a little strange in the bar. My discomfort made me want to leave

early. I told my new friend that my mellow mood wasn't up to the bar's atmosphere and I had some things that needed doing.

"Before you leave," he said, "Would you do something for me?"

"Sure."

"Would you please hold me just for a moment? Sometimes I get so lonely it hurts like a knife in the side."

I gave him the best hug I could offer and stayed for another beer, too.

We saw each other on the street today. He said "Hi" as he rushed by.

Sometimes we're so busy we don't have time to wonder where older guys and cowboys go to cry. . . .

(Ed note: All of the holidays are very lonely for many members of our gay community. Christmas moreso than others. Open your home or apartment to others who have no one else. A warm smile, a small inexpensive gift and mostly, just having someone who cares can mean so much. Merry Christmas to you and yours.)

HURRAH, DR. BROTHERS!

From Nov. 8, Miami News

Despite many myths, fears being gay isn't contagious

DEAR DR. BROTHERS: I just learned my brother-in-law is gay. Apparently, my wife knew this for some time but didn't tell me for fear of my reaction. I never like the guy, but now I really dislike him. Out of respect for my wife, I allow him to come to our house but I'm very nervous having him around our three children. Can they be harmed by contact with him? - W.O.

Dear W.O.: Of course no. Homosexuality is not catching. There have been many myths about homosexuals but recent studies show how misinformed most people are in their concept.

An investigation by psychologist Alan Bell and sociologist Martin Weinberg of the In-

stitute for Sex Research at Indiana University demonstrated that few homosexual men and women conformed to the hideous stereotype people have of them as desperately sick, sexually hyperactive people constantly in pursuit of new partners.

Some gays are very well-adjusted and live in long-term relationships built on strong emotional commitment. Many homosexual men and women are deeply committed to the families of their siblings. Usually (perhaps because they often don't have children of their own), they make especially good, caring aunts and uncles.

Children form their sexual identity at a very early age, before age 4. Usually, the child finds his or her role model in the parent of the opposite sex. It is important for your children to have an example of a parent who is capable of mature, loving, understanding behavior toward those who are different.

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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus (New York Sun, September 21, 1897)

BY FRANCIS P. CHURCH

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says "If you see it in 'The Sun' it's so."

Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon,
115 West 95th Street,
New York City.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



Dec. Pic Hits

BY DAN POTTER

If you liked "searching I gotta find a Man," then you'll tremble at the new song by the Flirtations called "Earthquake." Both "Searching" and "Earthquake" come from the same writer, Ian Anthony Stephens. This Hot new 12 inch on Proto is already packing the dance floors with its Tympani drums that

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The three day meeting at the Riviera Resort Hotel attended by delegates representing the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, The Dominican Republic and Great Britain, resulted in the formation of THE INTERNATIONAL GAY TRAVEL ASSOCIATION (IGTA).

The delegates elected as their first president Craig Seybold, President of MARK TOURS AND TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL, INC. At a press conference following his election Seybold said "We've joined together in strength in order to better serve the travel needs of gays and lesbians and to build bridges with what we call gay/friendly suppliers. Delegates from around the world have gathered here with a common goal, and from our diverse group we have formed what I see as a very strong organization that will seek to professionalize and monitor our segment of the industry, and to share information about gay resorts and gay tour packages organized and operated on all continents.

In addition to Seybold, the association named a board of six directors. George Hernandex, San Francisco, will serve as Vice-President for Membership. Secretary

is Marty Gerrards, Palm Springs, CA. Serving as treasurer will be Chuck Werner, Miami, FL. Dee Farrell, Denver, CO was appointed Director of Communications. Directors at large include Isabel Smyth, Toronto, Canada, and Herb Harris, Hollywood, FL. Harris organized the IGTA conclave.

IGTA expects to accept memberships from several hundred travel agencies, tour operators, hotels, resorts, travel clubs, airlines and other related service providers from around the world by the time of the call to order at its first annual convention slated for April 27-29, 1984, in San Francisco.

Membership application requests and inquiries may be directed to George Hernandex, IGTA Membership Director, 1450 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94109.

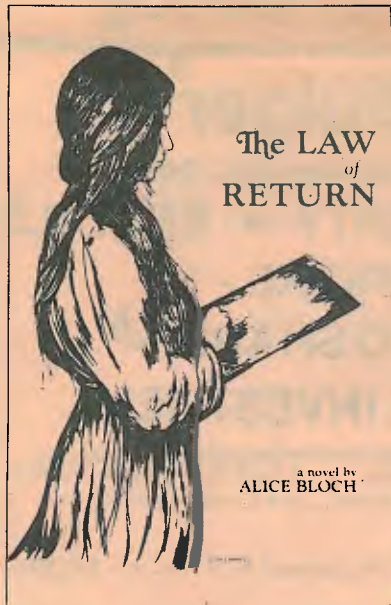
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Dear Fred . . .

Dear Fred,

I have several "problems" that I would like to get some outside views on. First, I recently moved to Orlando to live with my mother and sister. Upon "Coming out" to them my mother, while not really supportive, has not had anything negative to say about my sexuality. My sisters however are fairly supportive. The problem lies with my homophobic brother and my mom's boyfriend. My brother and I were at one time good friends, but my departure from college and home to Orlando caught him by total surprise. My brother and I lived with my deceased father's parents. When I wrote and told them that I was gay, they refused to believe it or let my brother read the letter I had written him. I would like to be friends again but don't know if it is possible to be the "brothers" we were and come out; as I said he is very homophobic. The problem with my mother's boyfriend is that my mother doesn't want him to know (I'm gay) and I must be very careful about what I say or do when he's around — which is a lot. How can I handle them.

My second "problem" is that after several months of short relationships and one night stands, I've become totally bored with the bars and the life of bar-hopping.

I've always been a fairly religious person, but find it hard to accept the "old" rules of the Bible that can't seem to find acceptable for my newly admitted "gayness". The two just don't seem to mix — but I'm not sure. Can you tell me a little more about MCC? Finally I have been very politically active in the past — how can I become involved with the GCS here in Orlando? I know that MCC & GCS maybe two ways for me to find another kind of Gay life outside the bars — any others that you might suggest?

Restless and a Bit Confused

Dear Restless,

Let's take things one step at a time.

First, three cheers for your sisters and a big pat on the back for your mother.

Grandparents, in general, find it difficult to accept someone admitting being gay as in their time of youth and throughout their upbringing, things of this nature were not discussed and were thought to be extremely immoral.

More and more grandparents are beginning to slowly accept persons as being gay, living together though unmarried and other things that were very unacceptable while they were growing up.

You don't say in your letter if your brother is younger than yourself or not. I suspect that he is.

You wrote that your brother is very homophobic. You will need, in your own time and as you feel you must, to tell your brother. It is better coming from you than someone else. Also stress that you are still the same person as you have always been, that you haven't changed.

When you tell your brother, there is always the possibility that your brother will place a "wall" between himself and you for a while. Time will help to tear it down and bring you and your brother together again.

Next, your mother is trying to make a life for herself and her wishes should be respected as to your making your gayness known to her boyfriend.

You can become involved in Gay Community Services by calling "THE-GAYS" on your phone and asking when the next meeting is.

The Joy Metropolitan Church meets each Sunday night at the New Age Center which is located on Curry-Ford Road about one block east of S. Bumby Ave. The services start at 7:15 P.M. sharp.

Check each issue of *New Direction* for special events such as the monthly Gay Skate.

Fred

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Dear Fred,

My lover has bad breath. He doesn't brush his teeth often and has smokey breath from smoking cigarettes. What do you suggest?

Breathless

Dear Breathless,

Buy your lover a new toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste. Tie a ribbon around it and give it to him. You may wish to consider buying an electric toothbrush-water pik for a Christmas present. It's something you can both use.

Make sure there is always plenty of mouthwash in the bathroom and you may wish to always keep a roll of mints beside the bed.

If the odor doesn't stop, it could be a medical or dental problem. A dental check-up would be next in line.

Fred

* * *

Dear Fred,

Most of the time I spend my holidays alone as I have no lover nor any family close by. It gets so lonely on these occasions and I often cry myself to sleep. What can I do?

Lonely

Dear Readers,


I have "Lonely's" address. If you have a spare place at your table for an extra person, there are many in our community who are in the same situation. Let me know or ask your friends to make sure they have someone to spend at least part of the holiday with by inviting them over for a meal or just some cheerful talks.

It's difficult during holidays to be alone. I've been there.

Fred

Letters to Fred may be sent directly to him at the following address: Dear Fred, P.O. Box 8762, Orlando Fl. 32856. Names and addresses WILL NOT be published in this column unless permission is given in the letter. Those needing immediate answers should include a S.A.S.E. and/or phone number. (Some letters may be edited due to space availability.)

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Key West — Good to visit all year long . . .

Although September, October and November are traditionally the slow months when several of the businesses close, this reporter spent six days roaming Duval St. and the surrounding areas in early November and found it to his liking.

Flying into Key West is an experience in itself as there are no commercial jets and one finds himself in a propeller driven plane as he descends to the island.

While waiting at the Key West Airport, which reminds me of some of the small airports you see in some of the old movies, I enjoyed a hot bowl of conch chowder and a good hamburger served by a waitress, Barbara, whom I learned was from my home state of Tennessee. Barbara made me feel welcome to Key West.

Finally, after a mix-up on which plane I was arriving on due to the airlines "bumping" me twice due to overbooking, Meyer, picked me up and we headed to Coconut Grove which was to be my home for the next five nights.

I was told that Coconut Grove is under new ownership and as I could see, the new owners are completely renovating the house. Most of the work had been done down to new furniture, new TV's and carpeting among other

things.

Having unpacked, I met John, who lives and works at Coconut Grove, and his lover, Scott, both of whose looks and friendliness had made the trip already worthwhile.

I had missed Fantasy Fest by one week but as I traveled one of my many trips, walking from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean, I found signs of such by displays of fabulous feathered and sequined masks.

A few of the shops were closed, however the shops that were still open were plentifully and of a wide variety.

During my visit, I visited several of the bars and disco. The Monster, near the west end of Duval St. was just completing a renovation and is a smaller, more intimate, bar with a small disco. The Copa has just recently completed renovations and is a very popular disco. The light system is fantastic and the music very well mixed, well worth stopping in.

The La Te Da had a Sunday T-Dance which attracted a large crowd. It is repeated on Wednesday. The "Number 1" Saloon

stayed busy almost every evening.

Club Key West on Truman Blvd., is one of the nicest bath clubs I have visited.

My favorite place to go turned out to be a bar named Michael's which is also on Duval St.

At Michael's, there is a small disco and an outside, beautiful garden bar complete with a small waterfall, fish pond and lush vegetation. Upstairs at Michael's, one will find a new piano bar with pianist-songster, Jay Foote playing nightly. The songs are Broadway show tunes, popular and sing-a-long and a person can hear and join in the good harmony there.

Key West has 1 to 1.25 million visitors per year with about 70% visiting the island at Thanksgiving and at Easter.

In addition to the bars, there are many museums and places of interest to see. A trip on one of the sightseeing tours is money well spent.

At sunset each evening, you will find the "Sunset Ceremony" at Mallory Square at the west end of Duval St. During the ceremony, you will find many peddlers of various descriptions, selling their wares of jewelry, cookies, woodcarvings, and just about anything else you can imagine. You will also find entertainers from jugglers to fire-eaters and you will find the bongo players.

All through Key West you will find unique architecture and historical buildings.

Among other places to stay that are gay related you will find The Palms, Carriage House, Cypress House and the Oasis. The Oasis is located on Fleming Ave. next door to the Coconut Grove and is old Key West with a modern touch.

There are many good places to eat in Key West but on a limited budget, I ate some excellent meals at Amy's on Duval which is open 24 hours a day. Most of the rest of the time I ate sandwiches I fixed from groceries which I bought and put in the refrigerator in my room.

Key West is a place to visit *anytime* of year not just the holidays.

A special thanks to the Key West Business Guild, The Palms (now our Key West distributors to all locations for *New Direction*), the Key West Chamber of Commerce, the staff and management at Coconut Grove, John and Scott for all their help and advice, to John and Bob whom I met and spent some relaxing time with, and the countless others who helped make my trip enjoyable making me want to visit again.

National Council of Churches Take Up Gay Issue

WASHINGTON — The National Council of Churches is ready to take up the most divisive issue that has confronted the ecumenical agency in its three-decade existence — the eligibility for membership of a tiny denomination given over almost wholly to ministry with and among homosexuals.

Church officials acknowledge that a positive vote by the council's governing board — representatives of the council's 31-member Protestant and Orthodox denominations meeting Wednesday through Nov. 11 in Hartford, Conn. — could result in several churches quitting the interfaith agency and seriously harm efforts to provide a common Christian witness in the nation.

At issue is the membership application of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a group of 175 congregations with 27,000 members begun in 1968 to minister, as one member put it, "in a loving and caring way to a despised and rejected minority — homosexuals."

MCC officials acknowledge that its congregations are predominantly homosexual but they reject the suggestion that they are a "homosexual church."

"We are a Christian church, open to all people, called into being initially and primarily for an outreach into the gay and lesbian community," the denomination's board of elders said. "Our churches are predominantly homosexual in membership due to the great need we address. However, our outreach and concern frequently move us out of exclusively gay ministry and into a variety of ministries and concerns."

The dispute comes at a critical time in the council's history: It is under fire from liberals who believe it has strayed to far to the left on social justice and political issues and its just-published "inclusive language" lectionary — non-sexist Bible readings for public worship — has raised the hackles of many who accuse the council of "tampering" with the Bible.

Several council members fear that a positive response to MCC membership — under study and consideration since 1981 — could be the last straw that shatters the fragile unity of the council.

At the same time, many of these members feel that the Metropolitan Community Churches — at least technically — meet the rather loose membership qualifications of the council. They feel that to reject the Metropolitan Community Churches simply on the question of homosexuality would be hypocritical.

Others, however, feel that the basic issue is homosexuality and at least one denomination — the Eastern Orthodox Church — has threatened to quit the council if the Metropolitan Community Churches are allowed to join.

The Lutheran Church in America and some black denominations have also expressed concern about the MCC's stance on homosexuality and whether it is compatible with Christian doctrine.

"If the Metropolitan Church were somehow shifted overnight so that it was 85 percent heterosexual and 15 percent homosexual, there'd be no question about its membership," the Rev. Paul Fries of the Reformed Church in America and a professor at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, said earlier this year.

A study prepared for the council by the Lutherans earlier this year said it most bluntly, arguing the Metropolitan Community Churches' understanding of human nature — its approval of homosexuality as God-given — "is at fundamental variance with that held by the vast majority of Christians."

Other council members, however, such as the United Church of Christ, the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends (Quakers) and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have been experiencing a sharp change in their attitudes toward homosexuality and are less reluctant to recognize the MCC.

The Hartford vote will be on the technical issue of whether the Metropolitan Community Churches are eligible for membership and not on membership itself. But for Archbishop Iakovos, head of the Eastern Orthodox Church, and other opponents, it is the critical issue.

Some other church bodies have been declared eligible for membership but have not joined the council, notably the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant body, and the Roman Catholic Church. Others, like the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, have been declared ineligible for membership.



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BY BUTCH HOGAN
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They had been living together for five years now. People still got a smug look on their faces when they saw them together. Charles was forty-one and Mark only twenty-five. Their relationship was a good one even if not what everyone assumed it to be.

Mark had been an abused child for most of his first eighteen years. The emotional stress and physical abuse in the form of rape had left scars on his emotions as well as his body.

Charles was just scarred. Several lovers that didn't work out, being mugged, and reaching the age of forty had taken most of the stardust out of his life.

Mark had moved into Charles' home simply because he needed a place to stay. His ex-lover brought home a trick who had stolen everything that wasn't glued down plus the cash for rent and electric bills. Later, they found out about \$300 in long distance calls were on the bill too.

Charles and Mark had been friends and nothing more. They enjoyed a movie and dinner about once a week. So, when Mark had to leave his apartment, Charles offered to let him stay at his house till he got on his feet.

Since Charles worked days and Mark worked nights, they seldom saw much of each other. It was easier for both to use the same bedroom. Even after the job situation for Mark changed, they kept the same arrangement never really discussing it between themselves.

The ideas of sex and love might have crossed each's mind. But, Mark would have fled at the thought of either. Charles had given up on both.

Their relationship grew into a very close and caring friendship. Mark needed someone for wisdom and a steady influence. Charles needed to look after someone. So each grew to care and respect the other more as years flew by.

Christmas had always been a full blown event in their home. The house would be decorated from the door-knob to the toilet-tank. Family, Charles' at any rate, and friends filled the house for the opening of gifts and dinner every Christmas Day.

Every year, they went through the same routine. Mark would ask Charles what he wanted from Santa. Charles would always

answer, "I told Santa and wrote it in 'the box.'" The "Box" was a large box wrapped in red. Every year they would each write what they wanted most for Christmas on a slip of paper and place it in a gift-wrapped box. The boxes would be placed under the tree with the other gifts. If they received what they wanted, the package would be opened and that person had to promise to believe in Santa all year.

Each of the last four years, Mark's wish had been granted and to tell the truth, he really was starting to believe in Santa or in Charles' ability to read his mind. Little did he realize that in the wee hours of the morning he could be questioned in his sleep and never remember telling his Christmas wish.

Charles, however, would always smile after the last gift had been opened and place the "box" back under the tree saying, "Maybe next year!"

Christmas 1982 was going to be a special holiday. The house would be full of guests and they had all agreed to make it an old fashioned Christmas Eve with friends dropping by for cheer and singing too. At midnight, they would all go to the service at MCC.

Christmas Eve was like a children's story. The house had been filled with friendship! People had come by starting about nine. They had popcorn, drinks, and Charles' special egg-nog called "Angel's Blush." They must have sung every Christmas song they ever knew and made up a few too.

After MCC, Mark was like a child with happiness. When they all came in for one more Cup-a-Cheer, he begged that everyone be allowed to open one gift. Everybody realized that they would either give in to his wish or nobody would sleep that night!

As hosts, Mark and Charles would exchange gifts last. Soon, it became time for Mark to present his gift to Charles for opening.

Mark chose a large green box and presented it to his closest friend. Just as Charles reached for the cover on the box, Mark quietly said, "No," and placed the package back under the tree.

Mark stood with a strange look in his eyes and, in a voice that shook, brought quiet to the room. With tears in his eyes, he spoke the longest speech of his life.

"Charles, for five years you have given me everything. You gave me advice when I asked for it, courage when I was down, and a dream where I had none. There has never been a need or want you did not help me satisfy. Yet, you never asked for anything in return. I just this minute realized that what I want to give you for Christmas can never be placed under the tree. All these years, you have given me a Christmas gift every day. You have given me love, a word I've never spoken and an emotion I've never admitted to. Charles, my gift to you is to tell you how much I care for you and admire you. But, even more, I want you to

know how much I love you. The greatest gift you can ever offer me is to spend all our future Christmas Eves under our tree together."

With all this said, Mark rushed into Charles outstretched arms. The two shared a long tear-filled embrace.

The rest of those in the room were in tears too. As they remembered later, they sought to understand the strange words Charles spoke, "Mark, it's time to open my 'Box.' There is a Santa afterall!!!"



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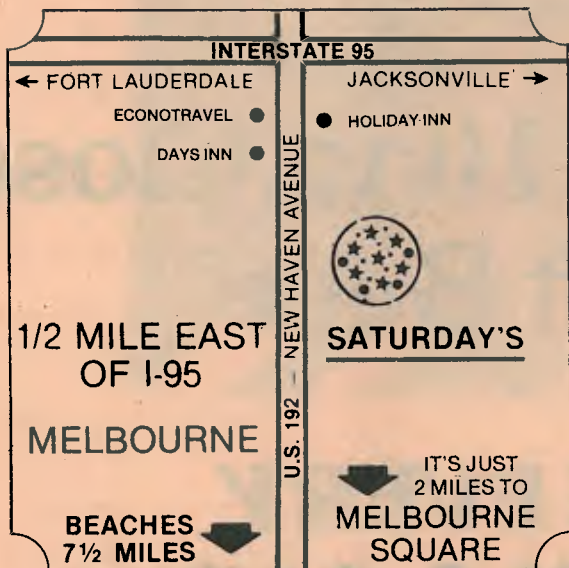
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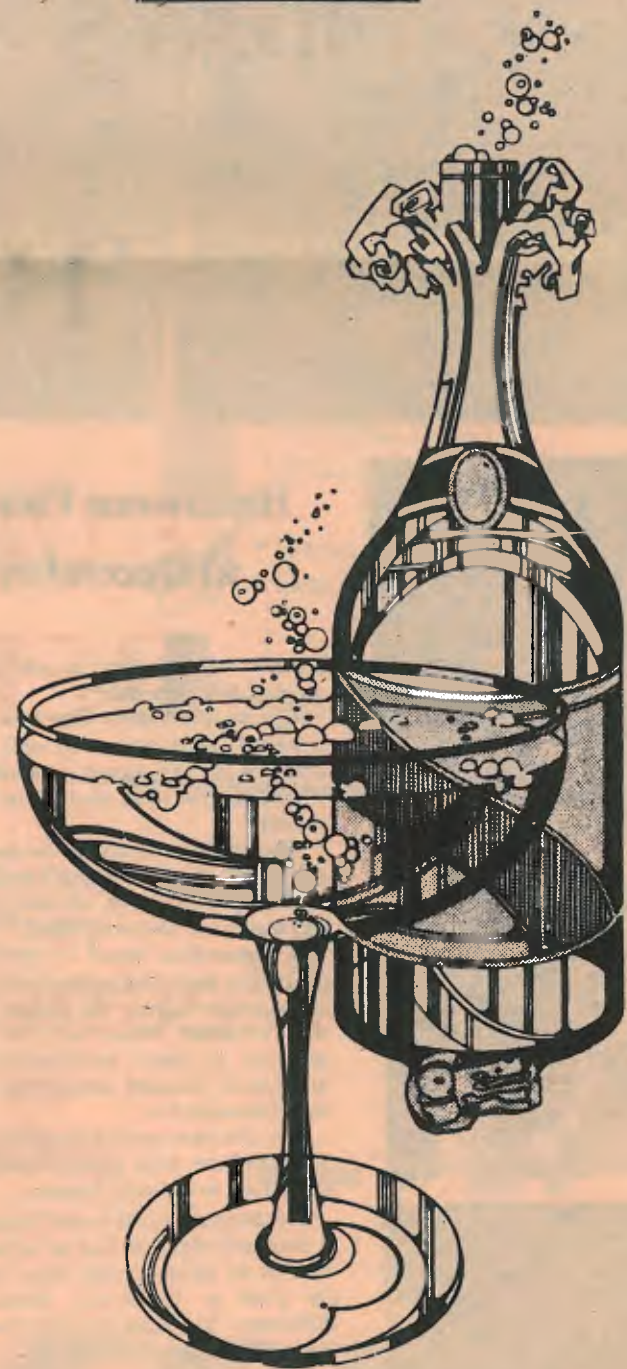
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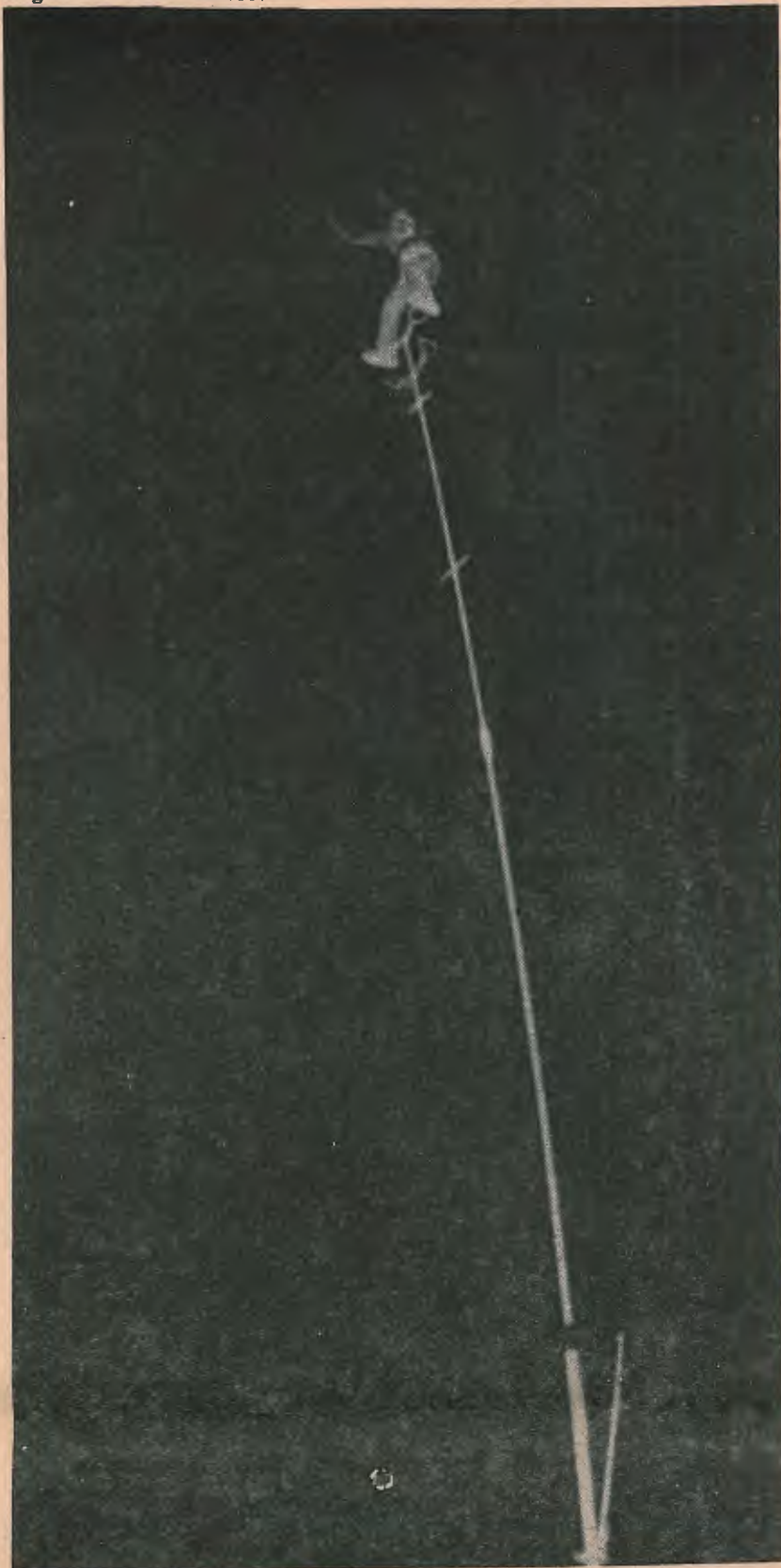
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Two Flights Up

BY CURT BOCKES
New Direction Staff Writer

The address on the match box reads simply Park Avenue South. The name of the restaurant is Two Flights Up and is logically appropriate. One must climb two flights of stairs to reach their destination. Opinions on the worthwhileness of that climb are varied.

Some people will argue that the only reason behind TFU's survival on competitive Park Avenue is its appeal to students, "artsy" patrons, and the elite. But it takes more than the patronage of these lively folk to carry a restaurant. Survival relies on the quality of the food served. Location, atmosphere, and clientele, although important to a restaurant's success, are secondary. The public is too demanding to be snowballed into allowing any establishment to prosper unless it serves nothing below quality food.

Quite frankly, I've eaten at TFU many times over the years and I've experienced both tasty and taste-shocking dishes. Remember this is an Italian-based restaurant and spices are an integral part of Italian cooking. However, on occasion, one may think a "dash" was read as a "heaping teaspoon."

Let's start with the appetizers. Two Flight's escargot is served in the shell, which is nice for presentation. But let's face it, it's a bother to grip the shell in a forcep-like device and dig the delicacy out. The seasoning (bland in this case) of the snails further warrants this appetizer stay in the kitchen. Porky Prawns are another story. Jumbo shrimp are wrapped in bacon, lightly battered and deep fried. Truly a nice treat.

The soups. Now these are winners. Nantucket Natural and White Lightning sound tempting, don't they? The former is a thinned cream filled with clams, bacon, Maine potatoes and herbs. A great and different chowder. The latter is gazpacho; pure white, crisp, creamy, and refreshing. Also on the list are onion soup and chili.

The entrees. Here's where the controversy really begins. Meals are raved about by some, guffawed by others. The decision lies in your

own tastebuds. Clamguini sounds like a cross between disgust and romance, which is exactly how it's viewed. It's a mound of linguini interspersed with lots of clams, parsley, garlic, spices and parmesan bordered by clams in the shell. The latter were dry and tough, a sauce might have been basted on them as they cooked. I hope they weren't there solely for decoration! The mound was plentiful and heavily spiced. Too much clam, but I loved it. Garlic does keep vamps away, doesn't it?

The Purple Passion just doesn't do justice to the eggplant. Boring and disappointingly untasty. Whoever loves this dish needs his buds transplanted. Lotsa legs on the other hand are frog legs worth trying. Sautéed Japanese frog legs are savory and tender. Not too much garlic either.

Dinners range in price from \$8.95 to \$14.50 for the Veal Charlie, which is sautéed veal and layered with artichoke hearts, mushrooms, crabmeat and topped with Hollandaise sauce. Sounds rich, doesn't it? There's also Veal Rochaella and Veal Chianti, Layered 'n layered (lasagna), Tunnels of Love (manicotti) and Pilgrims Progress — French bread is topped with slices of turkey breast, bacon, artichoke hearts and muenster cheese. On the side is a Monte Cristo sauce, similar to thousand island but spicier. It's an appealing open-face sandwich and makes for a light meal.

You can also choose from various types of burgers or try the Eggs en Frisco, TFU's version of eggs benedict served on San Francisco style sour dough.

Whether you want a snack, drink or full meal, Two Flights Up has it. Your experience may delight you or it may leave you with a dim impression. Either way, it's worth at least one visit.

Two Flights Up is open Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. It's located at 329 Park Avenue South, Winter Park and major credit cards are accepted.

THE BEGINNING

By Donna C. Wolfe

A dream I had of you last night,
an angel at my bed,
Your eyes so soft with candle light,
Gentle and caressing.

You smiled at me with lips so fair,
A word need not be said,
And when you touched my hand with care,
My dream had just begun.

Halloween Pictures in December?

Halloween pictures in the December issue of New Direction?

One must remember that New Direction is pasted up by the end of each month in order to get the current issue out to you within the first three days of the following month.

Since Halloween was on the last night of the month, the November issue was already at the printers. So-o-o, we have Halloween pictures in our December issue.

A tremendous round of applause goes out to the staff, management and owners of Southern Nights, The Palace Club and the Parliament House for their transformations of these establishments into graveyards, haunted houses and such for our Halloween fun.

The costumes ranged from Mrs. "T" to Rubik's Cube, from Indians to witches and from Tron to Chiquita Banana.

The three night Halloween Extravaganza at Southern Nights as well as the added attraction of death-defying feats high over the pool at Parliament House made Halloween '83 sensational. Can you people top yourselves next year.



PLANT FUNGUS NEWEST AIDS CAUSE SUSPECT

BOSTON — AIDS may be caused by a plant fungus that mimics a drug used to lower immunity in organ transplant patients, federal scientists say.

"We are working around the clock on it," said Dr. Thomas Folks, one of the researchers. "We are very excited about it."

But a report by the research group emphasized, "These results are extremely preliminary."

The fungus, which has never been known to cause disease in human beings, has been found in the blood of victims of AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome. It produces a substance that is chemically similar to cyclosporin, a new drug used to temporarily lower natural resistance in transplant patients.

Usual forms of the fungus, called *Thermosascus crustaceus*, were found in the blood of three AIDS patients by researchers from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md. The work was described in a letter in Thursday's edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The fungus makes a chemical — dubbed CyAIDS — that causes mild suppression of immunity in the test tube. But so far, the scientists are not sure what effect it has in the body.

AIDS destroys the body's ability to fight off disease. No one knows its cause, and the fungus is the latest suspect to be identified. Many other scientists think a virus the most likely culprit.

Homosexuals, Haitians, abusers of injectable drugs and hemophiliacs are most likely to get AIDS. It apparently is spread by sexual contact, contaminated needles and blood transfusions, not casual contact.

Since AIDS appeared in 1979, it has struck more than 2,500 people and claimed more than 1,000 lives, according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

"Our main interest is to get this to the scientific community and let them take a shot at it," Folks said in an interview.

"We have some information that's very encouraging but not solid. We want to see if other scientists can find the fungus. We need a lot of people to be looking for it."

Benefit Shows at Roy's Green Parrot in Lakeland

S. T. CHRISTOPHER
New Direction Staff Writer

There were two very special events at Roy's Green Parrot in Lakeland this past month. Two shows, on consecutive Mondays, collected money to be donated to the Salvation Army.

"This is for those people that wouldn't ordinarily have a Thanksgiving dinner", said Roy, the owner. "All of the door proceeds as well as the tips the entertainers get are donated together."

Roy said there were similar plans for December. "We're having a show on December 19 with Lori DelMar, Heavy Duty and Criss Cross," he said. "The proceeds from that show and another on the 22nd will go to Toys for Tots for Christmas."

The show on the 22nd will include Lorna Dee, Brenda Gayle and a special guest from Lake Wales.

The cover for the shows is two dollars or two dollars of canned goods.

Roy's Green Parrot has also planned a Christmas dinner for those who wish to attend on Christmas day at two o'clock. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hypnotist from Page 1 ...



"lost," to having pet birds with very loose stools.

The B.O. routine had the subjects moving away from each other and away from the "smell." In another routine, the subjects were told that everyone around them would appear to be nude. Discreet glances told the story. When Louchlin added the fact that the subjects were also "nude," the reactions became intense with the "victims" covering themselves up and one man even standing and turning his back with his hands carefully folded in front of himself.

Five of the male subjects went through "labor pains" and "childbirth" then preceded to "breastfeed" their imagined babies.

The audience was left, mouths opened, breathless as Louchlin induced a deep sleep and led a subject into becoming extremely rigid.

The subject was placed across two chairs in such a way as to form a human bridge with only his neck and ankles touching. Louchlin stepped onto a chair then up onto the subject putting his full weight in the middle of the subject's stomach. There was NO support under the subject except for the chairs at each end.

With other routines throughout the program, such as "hold on to your Teddy bear," "it's very, very hot" in which subjects started to undress, but stopped by Michael just in time, and the male stripper made the show excellent.

The Parliament House is hoping to bring Louchlin back, early in January, for a repeat performance.



Gay Skate Dec. 19th



Roller skaters will have their chance to take to the boards Monday, Dec. 19, during the monthly outing at Semoran Skateway, Casselberry. The all-Gay skate will begin at 9 p.m. Admission is \$3 including skate rentals.

Semoran Skateway is located off Highway 436, north of Howell Branch Road. The rink is located on the west side of the highway, behind and adjacent to a McDonald's restaurant location. The monthly skating program is sponsored by Gay Community Services of Central Florida, Inc.

NEW SHOWBAR OPENS IN ORLANDO

There's a new show bar in town! Jim Nuss and Southern Nights have opened "The Biggest Little Show Bar in the South."

The new show bar is located in the area recently occupied by Castro Street and replaces the same.

The grand opening, held Nov. 25, 26, 27 proved to be very enjoyable. The smaller room is very tastefully decorated with lavender and other light purple hues. Carpeting covers the doors and walls to insulate from the disco in the other room.

The sound does not blare out in an ear piercing scream but is at a pleasant level and the closeness of the performers and the stage seems to make a person feel a part of

the show rather than being in the grandstands at a ball game. This also has the drawback in a smaller stage area for the performers to work in.

Also in the Biggest Little Show Bar in the South is pianist Keith McLaughlin who plays and sings a wide selection of popular, easy listening and ragtime.

The show bar is also looking for a name. Look in this issue of *New Direction* for the coupon to enter.

A hearty congratulations goes out to the entire staff of Southern Nights for their extra efforts in pushing forward to be open on time!

Photos in the January issues of *New Direction*.

music with humanistic and feminist politics. An accomplished pianist as well as an entertaining vocalist, she gained national attention last July at the "New Day for ERA" festivities in Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C. Recently, one of her compositions, "The Unicorn Song" was recorded by Peter, Paul & Mary.

Ms. Adam explains her appeal in this way: "I want to . . . create an atmosphere in which men as well as women can feel some support . . . for exploring our shared humanity, as well as the possibilities of real social change."

Also appearing Sunday evening will be WOMANART, an ensemble of six local professional women musicians, who are currently recording an album of their work.

Advance tickets are \$8.00 and are available at Vinyl Fever Records, Lifestyle Books, Slim Gourmet Restaurant, or by calling 831-9603. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$9.00. Seating is limited.

TAMPA CONCERT DEC. 11

Margie Adam, one of women's music foremost singer/composers, will be performing at the Friday Morning Musicale, 809 Horatio Street Tampa, on Sunday, December 11 at 7:00. The concert is being sponsored by the Bay Area Rights Council, and coincides with the release of this San Francisco based musician's fourth album, "Here is a Love Song" on Pleiades Records.

Margie Adam has toured the country extensively over the past several years, attracting a wide audience who appreciates her talent to fuse beautiful and sophisticated



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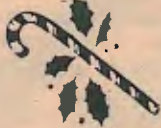
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To the best S-THEAD I've ever known. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love Michael Perri.



We'd like to thank our customers for a successful '83. We look forward to serving you in '84 at the Silver Hammer Saloon. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Steve

THANKS TO CHUCK, JIMMY, TOM, ROB, CHUCKLES, RAY, ROY, GEORGE, BILLY, MICHAEL AND ESPECIALLY CRISS FOR LOOKING FOR ME EACH MONTH — SCOOTER



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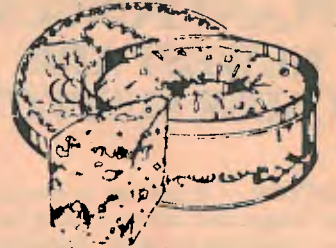
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The proceeds will go to Gay Community Services. Don't miss this night!!!



Holiday Rum Cake

BY SCOTT DRAKE NEW DIRECTION STAFF WRITER

The up and coming holiday season gives rise to thoughts of special "goodies" and later, of course, of the dieting to get rid of them. Traditionally, I have always made my own Christmas cookies and frosted them. That happens to be one of the things that gets me into the Christmas spirit.

If, however, you're feeling adventurous in the kitchen, try this recipe for rum cake that I found last year.

- You need:
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
 - 1 pkg. yellow cake mix
 - 1 3/4 oz. pkg. Jell-o Vanilla Instant Pudding mix
 - 4 eggs
 - 1/2 cup cold water
 - 1/2 cup Wesson oil
 - 1/2 cup (no cheating) dark rum (80 proof)

- Glaze:
- 1/4 lb. butter
 - 1/4 cup water
 - 1 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/2 cup dark rum

Preheat oven to 325° F. Grease and flour 10" tube (or 12 cup Bundt) pan. Sprinkle nuts on bottom. Mix all the cake ingredients together and pour over nuts. Bake 1 hour. Cool and invert onto a serving plate. Prick the top a bit and evenly add the glaze on top and sides.

Glaze: Melt butter in sauce pan. Stir in water and sugar. Boil 5 minutes stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in rum.

A couple of notes to this - if you're using a cake mix that already has pudding in it, scratch the pudding mix, use only three eggs and only a 1/2 cup oil. Also, for an easier topping, sprinkling the cake with powdered sugar is fine.

It sounds easy, and it is. And it's a nice addition to any Christmas or New Year's offering. Happy Holidays!



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6-7	1.25	1.35



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