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City, County officials join AIDS research campaign

By JAY WESLEY
New Direction Managing Editor

In what may be a first for Florida, Orange County and the city of Orlando, have passed similar resolutions urging increased federal research spending to combat Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The actions came Monday, April 25, after presentations to both elected boards by Jim Welch, president of Gay Community Services of Central Florida, Inc.

AIDS has been called the health threat of the century. As of early April some 1,300 cases had been reported among the four major target groups; homosexual or bisexual men, Haitians, intravenous drug users, and hemophiliacs. The current overall mortality rate among those diagnosed as having AIDS is 37.6 percent. Because the disease has a very long incubation period, perhaps two years, many more persons may be carrying and transmitting the disease without being aware they are ill. At least three cases of AIDS have been identified in Orange County.

While the resolution passed unanimously before the Orlando City Council, the Orange County Board of Commissioners were split 3-2 when the vote was taken. Commissioners Vera Carter, Hal Marsten, and Tom Dorman favored the measure while Bob Harrell and commission chairman Lou Treadway voted no.

Harrell claimed that the request for additional funding was unnecessary, saying that the \$7 million already allocated on a federal level for AIDS "seemed to be plenty" because only about 1,300 AIDS cases have been reported in the United States to date. "Seems like on a percentage basis, you have a lot more money than other diseases already," Harrell said.

Welch pointed out that because the origin, cause and means of transmission of AIDS is still unknown, the potential number of victims is immense. He said that medical experts are predicting 10,000 cases of AIDS in the United States by 1985.

Dr. John McGarry, Orange County public health supervisor, echoed Welch's concern, saying all area physicians have been receiving informational briefings on AIDS. He said area hospitals have been instructed to look for AIDS indicators in patients experiencing persistent fevers or suffering unexplained and rapid weight loss.

Other trademarks of the syndrome include night sweats, swollen lymph nodes in armpits, groin, and neck, and the appearance of Kaposi's sarcoma, a rapidly-spreading skin cancer and PCP, a deadly lung inflammation. Fewer than 14 percent of AIDS victims have survived more than three years after being diagnosed, and no victim has recovered completely.

First reported in New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, AIDS has spread to 35 states and 16 foreign countries. Although Gay men still account for 72 percent of cases, the disease has moved into the population at large. Women and children having close contact with AIDS sufferers have contracted the disease.

Commissioner Treadway, apparently looking for a way to ease out of backing the resolution, asked McGarry if the matter didn't belong with the central Florida medical society.

Welch countered that AIDS was not limited to doctors, but was a concern for the population at large and their elected officials. McGarry agreed.

The resolution asks for notice of the city's and county's action to be sent to the White House, along with Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler, Assistant Secretary of Health Edward Brandt, the director of the National Institute of Health, the Center for Disease Control, the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Disease.

The Orlando's City Council's affirmative action came after a marathon session at City Hall while Welch awaited his spot on the agenda. It took four hours to get to the matter during the busy afternoon session of the city's elected body. Voting for the resolution were Pat Schwartz, Nap Ford, Jeff Clark, Page, and Mayor Bill Frederick. Council members Mary L. Johnson and Glenda Hood left the meeting before the vote was taken.

The local resolution was modeled after a similar bill adopted by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and distributed nationwide by Harry Britt, an openly-gay supervisor in that city.

"The significance of this political action is something that will be measured in the years ahead," Welch said. "It is the first time that our local government leaders have been asked to deal with legislation that has a direct and meaningful impact on the Gay community. It proves that Gay citizens, working through the system, can achieve positive results. This will not be the last time that 'we' will go to city hall and the county courthouse to seek cooperation from elected officials."

Australian third local AIDS victim

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A 52-year old Australian man died May 3 in Orlando Regional Medical Center, 12 days after being admitted as an AIDS victim. He was suffering from PCP, a deadly pneumonia. Complete details surrounding the death were unavailable at press time.

BY JAY WESLEY
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An Australian man who came to Orlando for an April visit, is fighting for his life in an Orlando hospital, the third locally-diagnosed victim of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in 1983. Dr. John Mc-

Garry, county health department director described the man as "very seriously ill." The man is reportedly suffering from pneumocystis carinii (PCP) a key indicator in AIDS. The illness is an often-deadly form of pneumonia.

The victim reportedly had been in the United States for about a month before becoming ill. He had visited San Francisco, press reports said, before coming to Orlando.

Word of the man's plight reached the public the same day that Jim Welch, president of central Florida's Gay Community Services, was making a plea for expanded AIDS research

in appearances before the Orlando City Council and the Orange County Board of Commissioners. (See related story, Page one)

Two other Orlando-area men are currently being treated for AIDS. One man, in his mid-30's is suffering from PCP, a brain infection, and Kaposi's sarcoma, a devastating skin cancer. He is a volunteer in a program of radical AIDS testing being conducted in Washington D.C. by the National Institute of Health. The other diagnosed victim is reportedly being treated in an Orlando nursing home.

Florida is the third highest-ranking state in AIDS occurrences, following

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Spotlight on

Gay Central Florida



CRUISING THE CASTRO - Southern Nights manager Eric Toles, left, and bartender Glen, are pictured at the entrance of Castro Street, a new men's bar opened in the Southern Nights entertainment complex, 375 South Bumby, Orlando. Open seven days a week, the club features full liquor, video, male dancers, and two pool tables. Hand-painted scenes, capturing the San Francisco skyline dot the interior of the room. The bar has a no-cover charge policy, according to manager Toles. (NDPIC/Wesley)

Southern Nights celebrates First Anniversary in style

Southern Nights, a popular nightspot with Orlando's Gay community will be celebrating its first anniversary with special events and shows beginning May 8 and continuing May 14. The club is located at 375 South Bumby Street.

The celebrations open Sunday with a champagne brunch and tea dance beginning at 3 p.m. and featuring a complimentary cold buffet and champagne. "Brown Sugar" will be in concert at 10 p.m. and midnight.

May 9 showcases a wet jockey shorts contest plus a male dancer revue in *Castro Street*, the complex's new man's bar. A hot dog and salad buffet will be included in the \$1 cover charge.

May 10 is Ladies Night with a wet T-shirt contest plus the finals of the dance contest with a Key West trip for two as grand prize.

May 11 features a double "wild Wednesday" celebration with free pizza and the cutting of the anniversary cake. Two shows will be presented Wednesday.

Thursday, May 12 is the important night for contestants in the finals of the talent contest. Winners will receive a trip to San Francisco for two. Cash prizes will be awarded to other winners.

Geraldine Jones and Company will present a one-year salute to the club Friday, May 13. Jones will be joined by Danielle Monet, Vaughn Gretchen, and Tracy Thomas.

Capping off the anniversary week will be Glenn Elliot, a popular entertainer from South Florida. He will do two shows Saturday, May 14.

Other special events and prices are being offered throughout the celebration. Complete details are available by calling the club at (305) 894-1421 or 894-1422.

Text of AIDS resolution adopted by local boards

(Editor's Note - the following is the text of the resolution adopted by the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the Orlando City Council April 25. The resolution was presented by Jim Welch, president of Gay Community Services of Central Florida Inc. and modeled after a similar resolution approved by the San Francisco, Calif., Board of Supervisors. The resolutions adopted by the local governments will be sent to federal health agency officials and President Ronald Reagan.)

URGING THE IMMEDIATE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN ORDER TO FUND RESEARCH INTO THE CAUSE, TRANSMISSION AND CURE OF ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME.

WHEREAS, The current epidemic of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (A.I.D.S.) represents a grave health crisis; and

WHEREAS, The mortality rate from this disease approaches eighty percent of those affected after two years; and

WHEREAS, The incidence of A.I.D.S. continues to increase at an extraordinary and alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, The disease affects a broad base of the population, and that base is continually broadening; and

WHEREAS, The disease has serious implications for the safety of the nation's blood supply, and effective blood screening methods must be developed; and

WHEREAS, Little is known about the cause, transmission, or treatment of this disease; and

WHEREAS, A.I.D.S. therefore poses a grave threat to the health of the general population; and

WHEREAS, Without immediate, massive and intensive research efforts, this epidemic is likely to claim an increasing and absolutely unacceptable number of victims; Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Orlando Florida City Council and the Orange County Board of Supervisors urges that significant new funds be reallocated immediately within the Department of Health and Human Services to greatly increase both extramural and intramural research into the cause, transmission, and cure of A.I.D.S.; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That toward this end, the National Institute of Health and the Center for Disease Control immediately solicit further proposals for research into A.I.D.S. from the scientific and medical community, and that these proposals be evaluated and funded with the dispatch and generosity which this health emergency requires; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to President Ronald Reagan, Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler, Assistant Secretary of Health Edward Brandt, to the Directors of the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Diseases;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be provided to the Central Florida Congressional delegation to assist in their efforts to obtain A.I.D.S. funding.

An opinion

Police avoided issues says forum observer

BY JACK BURTON
Special to New Direction

Phil Donahue would have been proud. It was just like his television show. Many valid points were brought forth by all groups; some got angry, some had the facts at their fingertips, and some listened intently. Yes, Phil Donahue would have been proud, and once again, nothing was accomplished.

I must admit that I was drawn in by it all. I really believed that something positive would happen that night, but as the night wore on it became more and more apparent that this liaison might be a condescending placation of the faggots - er - gays in the community.

After about an hour of being reminded by Officer Rick Detreville, representative of the Orlando Police Department that he wasn't prepared to talk about anything but crime prevention, he finally realized that the group had no intentions of limiting themselves to a topic as narrow and potentially innocuous. He "spared us" the recitation of a letter sent to the OPD requesting information only on crime prevention.

It's too bad someone from the gay community didn't have the letter at their fingertips about the other proposed topics such as the "discussion of police efforts in the suppression of vice crimes including prostitution and solicitation."

The OPD chose to send a representative with no current experience or hard data on these subjects. The implication was discussion on these subjects wasn't proposed and we were consequently out of line expecting good answers. It was convenient when a member from the gay community asked a particularly pointed question. There was a standard response of "Gee, I'm really sorry. We were asked to come and talk about crime prevention. I just can't give you a good answer about (just about anything)."

The Orange County Sheriff's Department was less annoying. They sent a fine representative, Sgt. Larry Sambrooke. He joked and entertained the audience with anecdotes and clever comments. He was a classic PR man. As a result, it's difficult for me to say that I didn't like him, but the end result of it all was nothing more than we knew already: there is a fairly good rapport between Central Florida law enforcement officers and gays.



OPD Officer Rick Detreville "...Orlando may not be the best place to be Gay."

Members from the gay community wanted the topic to stray from crime prevention to other subjects. (That's okay folks, it was on the agenda anyway.) Occasionally there were some answers. One member of the gay community asked about police harrassment on a one-to-one basis. Orange County suggested reporting incidents of this nature to their Internal Affairs division.

Another person brought up the subject of intense police surveillance of local gay establishments. We got the truth (and we sure didn't see it in *The Orlando Sentinel*): politics.

Orange County was candid enough to tell us that this is very much part of the job. Officer Sambrooke acknowledged that sometimes their actions aren't what is best for the community, but rather a response to a group vocal enough to get action from their government.

Didn't we hear him say that rapists and burglars are sometimes freed because of pressure from "little old ladies" to make room in detainment facilities for winos? Yes? Did the *Sentinel* reporter find that to be remarkable enough to print? No? It would seem that politics extends outside of the Police Department, too.

I left mentally exhausted. Anyone well versed in the psychology of group dynamics or even a little TA would probably have had a nervous breakdown trying to identify all of the games people were playing. Possibly future meetings would be more productive if local news coverage wasn't invited. What we read about were the subliminal games, not the actual content.

I've tried very hard to remember exactly *who* said it first, but it was echoed many times in the meeting, "Orlando, is not a good place to be gay." Even the representative from the Orlando Police Department let that catchy phrase slip out. Oh yes, he qualified it after he realized what a political *faux pas* that could be if he was quoted. But sadly, it may be the truth. Periodically, gay leaders have tried to galvanize the community into a solid, responsible influence group. Orlando gays have always seemed indifferent. That is our fault.

Law enforcement officials asked few questions at the meeting. Those questions revolved around their own world of law enforcement. There was no apparent interest in the unique gathering of people in the room. What message was being sent to the gay community? Is it that police feel that there is nothing to know? Do they find nothing of any value in what there *is* to know? Possibly there was such anxiety that they were uncomfortable asking questions.

I'll offer an apparently inappropriate thanks to the gays (and possibly straights) who attended, and the law enforcement agencies represented, Orange County and Orlando. As frustrated as I was, and as pointless as the meeting seemed at times, I believe it will serve as a basis for change. Disney World was built out of a swamp. From this kind of groundwork is our starting place.

Given our political ineffectiveness, it will probably take generations to change the attitude of the nation as a whole, and even longer to change Central Florida. Many substantial social change programs have started small. The difference between the massive successes and the dismal failures is the persistence despite the frustrations. We already seem to have a common goal of coexistence.

Does it have to be a dream to hold Orlando up as a model of urban development both technologically and socially? We already have a fairly good rapport with law enforcement officials. Future meetings are our opportunity to iron out the wrinkles and say to the mega-cities, "Orlando is the *only* place to be gay."

On the cover...

Pierre Artille, winner in the 1983 Mister Parliament House contest built this bigger than life size paper-maiche Extra Terrestrial to appear as his favorite celebrity, a

contest category. Artille, of Lakeland, also won the talent portion of the contest with his singing. Apple Love of Jacksonville captured the Miss talent title. Other pageant pictures by Jay Wesley are found on Page 12 of NEW DIRECTION.

Gay community donates \$4,000 to Leukemia drive

Central Florida's Gay community opened its heart and turned out its pockets to aid leukemia research in the annual "bartender" contest which draws to an end this month. Polk, Brevard, and Volusia



CHARITY BALL- Miss Kitty, better known as Parliament House bartender Derek shows his all and then some during his now infamous "Strip for Research" as part of the Parliament House "Turnabout Night". Some \$1,100 was raised during the special show. (NDPIC/Wesley)

counties have until May 30 to report their efforts to best efforts by fundraisers in Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties, which completed their contest in April.

Gregg Toutant, representing the Orlando area Gay community, presented the local Leukemia Society slightly more than \$4,000 collected at the Parliament House. The presentation took place during a broadcast from the studios of Channel 35 television April 18. The total had been collected at the popular resort complex during a month long effort.

Unique in the Parliament House effort is "Turnabout Night", when female impersonators take on the job as bartenders and waiters and the service staff takes to the stage. Some \$1,100 was raised during the special show. The total included \$50 donated by Gay Community Services of Central Florida.

Toutant said that a sizeable donation from an anonymous donor pushed the 1983 total far beyond the \$1,800 collected in 1982. Some \$1,200 was solicited in 1981.

Sam Thomas, local executive for the leukemia group praised the Gay community effort, especially the work of Toutant who sits on the board of directors of the non-profit society. He said that the second place bar in the local contest had raised about \$600.

While saying the Parliament House total was going to be hard to beat, he refused to award the Central Florida title until other counties are heard from. In 1982, the Inner Room, a Cocoa topless bar, best at the Parliament House.

Thomas said that because the leukemia society is doing extensive research into blood disease, funds donated may help the search for the cause and cure of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, (AIDS), a disease striking the Gay community and suspected of being blood-borne. The funds will also aid leukemia patients in reducing their financial burden for medicines and medical supplies.

The winning tavern in Central Florida will receive two round-trip U.S. AIR tickets. Other prizes include Seascape trips, televisions, and other merchandise.



COMMON CAUSE - Jim Welch, left, president of Gay Community Services of Central Florida, and Sgt. Larry Sambrooke of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, listen as Gay citizens express their opinion on bettering police relations with the Gay community in Central Florida. About 45 people attended the April 5 meeting arranged by GCS. An officer of the Orlando Police Department also took part in the discussions. (NDPIC/Barton)

Law enforcement forum leaves lingering concerns

By Jay Wesley
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Area law enforcement representatives and citizens of Orlando's Gay community met eye-to-eye in April in the first "issues forum" arranged by Gay Community Services of Central Florida (GCS). The meeting, which drew about 45 participants, took place in a local hotel meeting room.

Orlando Police Department representative Rick Detreville set most observers back with a comment that, "Orlando may not be a good place to be Gay." This provoked quick response from audience members, asking for further explanation. He countered by saying that because of the highly conservative makeup of the area and the "family orientation" of most of the attractions, "Gays would not find Orlando as accommodating as perhaps larger cosmopolitan cities.

Sgt. Larry Sambrooke of the Orange County Sheriff's Department said Gay citizens could aid local police efforts by "policing themselves", making sure that Gays are aware of situations that might provoke crime and also working to remove criminal elements from the Gay community.

Detreville, claiming that the meeting outlines included only discussions of crime prevention, refused to answer specific questions concerning alleged police harassment and overzealous law enforcement reported recently near Orlando Gay clubs.

Jim Welch, president of Gay Community Services, told *New Direction* after the meeting he was "disappointed with that response. I met personally with both officers two weeks before the session. I told them that there was great interest in the "sex for sale" issue around Lake Eola and how police react when policing Gay clubs and taverns. The very day of that meeting (Mar. 17) Channel nine television carried a report about alleged police harassment at Southern Nights." It is hard to believe the officers would not have guessed that this would be a topic at the meeting."

The tenor of the meeting was very positive according to most participants interviewed. They said that additional meetings, perhaps with state legislators or members of the newspaper and television press should be planned.

Both officers said that there was no ongoing effort to harass the Gay community. "When we react to Gay issues, it is because someone has complained about a problem," we are not looking to work against the Gay Community."

Both officers had high praise for security officers involved with taverns and clubs serving Gay citizens. "We have a good working relationship with the private security officers and the owners of the clubs. Some of them have been very helpful in aiding investigations and assisting in the apprehension of wanted persons," Detreville said.

The officers also reported that questions concerning previous homosexual experiences had been removed from employment questionnaires for both departments. However, they pointed out that current Florida law prohibits police officers from participating in continuing crimes of moral turpitude including the state's sodomy law.

Sgt. Sambrooke suggested that the Gay community expend efforts to have sexual acts between consenting adults decriminalized. "It is important that you work in the community to change the image they have of Gay persons. That's where the real answer lies."

'Annie against AIDS' theater party on tap

"Leaping Lizards, Sandy ... this is one fight we've gotta' win. "That may be the comment by Little Orphan Annie, June 23, if an ambitious plan being launched by Gay Community Services receives early support.

Winter Park's popular Theatre on Park launches one of the nation's first local production of "Annie", June 21. If all goes well, Annie will go against AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) in a fundraising effort two days later, as part of Central Florida's Gay Pride Week.

The \$25 ticket includes dinner, the musical presentation, and a donation to the GCS fund for AIDS research. A sellout of the theater, 200 seats, would raise about \$1,300.

The funds would be granted to a Florida researcher who is involved in programs finding the cause of cure for AIDS.

"Annie against AIDS" will be the glitter project for Gay Pride Week, said Jim Welch, GCS president. "We'll want people coming dressed like Daddy Warbucks. It will be a time for the Gay and Lesbian community to help our own; a bright star in the galaxy of events being planned for Gay Pride Week in central Florida."

Ticket information concerning the special night is available by contacting the box office manager at Theatre on Park, 401 Park Ave., North, Winter Park, 32789. The telephone is 645-5757.

Gay Pride '83 celebration planners busy

BY JAY WESLEY
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Local Gay Pride Week organizers are busy planning two events aimed at setting the tempo of the special observance June 19 through June 26. A series of smaller events and activities is also being studied by the group.

Represented on the steering group are representatives of Gay Community Services (GCS), Joy Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Dignity, a Gay group serving Roman Catholics, and several private citizens from the Gay community. Although invited to the group's meetings, no representatives from local Gay and Lesbian taverns and nightclubs have attended planning sessions.

June 19 is the date set for the *Unity Brunch*, official kick-off for Gay Pride Week. Plans call for a "social event with a serious message" to be held at Daisy's Backstage in downtown Orlando. Tickets are being considered at \$7.50 each or two for \$14. Hours of the Unity brunch would be from noon until 3 p.m. with entertainment beginning at 12:45 and a program starting at 1:30 p.m.

Rev. Nancy Radclyffe of Joy MCC is currently forming the program which will include music, poetry, film and other

images of Gay and Lesbian life and liberation. Persons wishing to share in the presentation should contact Radclyffe through the GCS rap-line (843-4297).

Freedom Fest '83 is the name of the giant picnic under planning for national Gay Pride Sunday, June 26. Hours of the event will be from 12 noon until 5 p.m. The location currently under study is a private picnic ground in Orlando. Final details of the event will be released in early June.

One planner said that the picnic will offer a variety of food and refreshment concessions along with games, a bazaar for Gay and Lesbian shoppers, and other events. A special permit would allow the sale of alcoholic beverages by GCS to help defray the cost of the picnic. There would be no charge to attend the picnic.

Event planners will be offering later this month, buttons, T-shirts, and caps carrying the message of Gay Pride Week for 1983. Proceeds from the sale of the items will seed the special events of the week-long celebration.

Planners will gather May 23 in a meeting room of the People's Place Restaurant at the Orange Quarter, Orange Ave. and Washington Street, Orlando. Volunteers are welcome at the 8 p.m. meeting.

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Gay Pride needs careful nurturing

SPRING, 1983 SEEMS TO BE A FIVE SEASON FOR GROWING. Especially for the growing sense of pride that Gay and Lesbian citizens should have in the wake of recent attention brought to our community through the effort of some Gay volunteer leaders.

Jim Welch, president of Gay Community Services of Central Florida should be applauded for his successful efforts to win approval for increased federal research into the cause and cure of AIDS. Appearing before the Orlando City Council and the Orange County Commission, he gave weight to the truth that concerned citizens can still make government responsible. It was the first such action against AIDS in Florida.

Welch went public with his concern over the growing health threat with a wide-ranging interview in the May 1 ORLANDO SENTINEL. Despite the risk in the South's often homophobic society, he saw the need for information reaching the population about the growing AIDS menace.

Other Gay leaders have announced plans for a greatly-enlarged Gay Pride celebration for central Florida. The week-long activity will include something of interest for almost every Gay and Lesbian citizen regardless of age, financial status, or position "in

or out" of the closet. This is good. It is important that the Gay community at large get behind these efforts with both sweat and finances.

Gay Pride is more than just a picnic, a party or gathering. It is a fulfilling experience of love and warmth that comes when one realizes true self-worth and finds a spot in the nurturing glow of the sunshine of truth and acceptance.

COMING TO GRIPS WITH THE IDEA OF COMING OUT can take many months of decision making and timing. Often it cannot be accomplished without some pain or discomfort, mostly self-inflicted.

There is no timetable or easy guide to coming out. No author has written the comprehensive tract on how to do it. There are no shortcuts. It is a road many will not follow despite the efforts of pioneering persons serving the cause of community.

The recent efforts by local Gay leadership to plant the seeds of meaningful Gay pride will only come to full bloom with careful tending by a nourishing Gay and Lesbian citizenry. By offering to help, in even a small way, our Gay community can build such a strong root structure, such powerful branches, such sheltering cover that will insure the rightful place for Gay and Lesbian citizens in a enlightened society.

Editor's Notebook



Military justice must be made to fit the crime

BY JAY WESLEY

New Direction Managing Editor

When the scales of Justice are tipped so badly it seems like the United States is becoming a fascist police state, it's time to speak out... and to take action. Such a time has arrived with the case of Joann Newak, a 25-year-old Air Force Lieutenant who is currently serving six years at hard labor at Leavenworth Penitentiary. Her alleged crimes . . . took place while Lt. Newak was off duty and off her military base, however, she was tried in a military court martial. The same military counsel that represented the woman also represented the witnesses that testified against her.

The alleged amphetamines turned out to be diet pills. There is no reasoning for six years of hard labor for smoking pot. So it boils down to the sodomy charge and the military's homophobia. The acts of sex took place with complete consent of both parties, each one an adult.

Joann is scheduled to face a clemency board next month, a full year after she began hard labor in the prison. With your help, she may be able to shed the yoke of oppression.

Air Force Secretary Verne L. Orr has the authority to dismiss the case. Write him at the Department of the Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington D.C. 20330. Letters to the White House and President Reagan will also help. Ask for clemency now and her immediate release.

Joann can also receive mail, although it is censored. Write her at: Lt. Joann Newak, Drawer A, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. It is frightening to know that a capable young woman with a good service record can be so unjustly abused by the legal system.

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Surviving the recent marathon Miss/Mr. Parliament House Pageant makes any editor eligible for combat pay. Despite the fine efforts of show director David Scott and his crew, something must be done to make the pageant business work better. Why not a preliminary contest, perhaps closed to the public, that would help to separate wheat from the chaff?

With an apparent increasing interest among Gay men(non-female impersonators) to showcase their talents, perhaps a separate men's contest is in order. The recent contest clearly indicated that the "Mister" candidates are willing to make considerable efforts in costume and talent content to claim the top prize.

A matter for some concern is the skill and talent needed by persons serving as emcees for these events. If these shows are billed to show the best side of talented Gay persons, why the tired and overworked references to drug use, alcohol abuse, and wished-for sexual looseness? Maybe Bert Parks should be called from retirement.

Before turning to another topic, let's stop kidding ourselves and trash the "meaningful questions" at the end of the contest. The authors of the questions should be made to attend a high school current events class before they try to be "literati".



Plans for the annual Orlando celebration of Gay Pride are underway in reasonable fashion. Planners are pinning the week-long festivities on two major events. Sunday, June 19, will see the Unity Brunch, a social event with a purpose. A multimedia program highlighting the growing pride and power of Gay and Lesbian citizens. Special films, music, poetry, and readings will highlight the early afternoon affair. Place and time will be released soon.

The Freedom Fest '83 will be held on June 26, national Gay Pride Sunday. Planned for a local private picnic area, the event planners will offer games, contests, merchandise booths, food and refreshments. One leader has even promised fireworks.

Under the direction of Gay Community Services, festival organizers will soon be selling pins, T-shirts, and other promotional merchandise aimed at providing seed money for the ambitious celebration.

Help is needed to bring this event off in a grand style. When you are asked, be sure to say "yes".



In conjunction with Gay Pride celebration, New Direction will be celebrating its first anniversary of publication. Plans call for a special issue featuring interviews, news, and views with some of central Florida's leading newsmakers . . . both Gay and otherwise. Look for it.

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Fear and Loathing in Winter Park

BY JAY WESLEY

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"Winter Park was never meant to be ordinary"...that's a quote from the 1983 Winter Park Magazine, an annual puff publication echoing the patter of the chamber of commerce. The city's weekly newspaper, *The Outlook*, May never be ordinary again after it published a column written by Associate Editor Tom Casey and titled "Gays were better off in the closet." It appeared March 31.

The media watchdog committee of Gay Community Services responded April 14 with an answer written by Jim Welch, the group's president.

Editor Casey, when reached by *New Direction*, claimed that perhaps, because of deadline, his reasoning was not well thought out: When pressed, he said comparisons between Gay activists and the Klu Klux Klan were not valid. Casey said the article was prompted by the firing of a female friend who was Lesbian and the commiseration between the two about the "good old days."

New Direction is publishing, in their entirety, both the original column and the answer. Comments on Casey's view may be sent to him at *The Outlook*, 113 West Lyman St. Winter Park, Fl. 32792. Comments on the GCS response should be sent to P.O. 4355, Winter Park, Fl. 32793.



'Gays' were better off in the closet

By TOM CASEY

Associate Editor

Winter Park *OUTLOOK*

It was really a sad day when the homosexuals came out of the closet. Their lot in life was so much better. In many respects it was rather nice not to know who they were. Coming out of hiding, they seem to have strayed from their purpose. They were more fun when they were not so brazen, defiant and politically motivated.

The train of events in recent years, as gays practically tripped over each other scrambling for a place in the limelight, has made them a laughing-stock in the eyes of the public. They were better off in the closet where a reasonable doubt about their sexual preference gave them a certain charisma. Far and away they had the best of it when there was a degree of risk involved, a sense of mystery about their real identity.

One sees a clear parallel between today's homosexuals and the unfrocked members of the Ku Klux Klan. When the hoods came off and we saw that many of the KKK's were our neighbors and good ole boys around town, they lost the element of terror, the kind of shocking theatricalism that gave the masked nightriders their power. Even the blacks, who were their victims for years, began to laugh at them.

Nothing can destroy a movement as quick as derision, as the penetrating laser beam of ridicule. When the KKK came out of the closet, as it were, and we came face to face with the grease monkey from the corner garage, the local bank teller, and the town idiot, it really tickled the daylight out of us. Overnight the KKK became flyspecks on the pages of history. Just like that. We saw before us a bunch of flakes and weirdos. The protective majic of the secret organization that once gave the black man chills in the dead-of-night went up the chimney and blew away over the corn fields like so much smoke.

The gay rights movement today is a hotbed of political activists locked in a death struggle with the establishment for recognition. It fosters many foolish illusions and grand delusions. It is not exactly an idea whose time has come, because most politicians who pander to the electorate shun gays like the bubonic plague.

Looking backward, it was really a dumb move, coming out of the closet. Before then the average homosexual had the best of two worlds. As conforming individuals they had all the rights and privileges any average citizen could want. And most, who acted prudently, kept their sexual quirks under wraps. But as libertines, preening and primping on the street corner, promiscuous, defiant, scoffing at moral restraints, they have opened themselves up to public scorn, to marauding gangs who target them for beatings, sexual abuse, and even murder.

Had gays blended in with the woodwork and remained deliberately obscure, they might have gained more authority and respectability being singled out as individuals who were merely a little "different," but otherwise okay. The jet set and the intelligentsia have always been supremely tolerant of the homosexual, acknowledging their special contribu-

tion to the many facets of our culture, especially throughout the field of the arts. However, coming out of the closet en masse, announcing their group plan to take over the world - in a manner of speaking - they aroused all the sleeping dogs, rabid fanatics, and fundamentalists demigogues. It is surprising there wasn't more violence in the streets directed at homosexuals.

The fact remains, gays have built an alternative-lifestyle community in our midst. But it is looked upon generally as a cancerous growth by the majority of our fellow citizens of Puritan persuasion. They are trying very hard, meanwhile, to live with one of life's unpleasant realities. Thus far the gays have been lucky the cork hasn't come out of the bottle.

If only they had stayed in the closet instead of strutting around like peacocks. In pursuit of the ideal covert situation, bands of swingers and erotic sex clubs continue to operate behind locked doors. Nudists still have their private camps out in the woods. Sex deviates, who keep to the shadows, seldom reveal themselves in public places.

So what in tarnation made the homosexuals come out of hiding? Something to do with romantic scruples? Some neurotic need for recognition? A sweeping change in attitudes during the Sixties surely had something to do with it. Sexual escapades and experimentation between the sexes impacted hard on traditional morality. Suddenly the homosexual wasn't any longer that "horrible person" who lived down the hall. People weren't spooked by deviates anymore, especially the flower children and the new generation of media-enlightened Bohemians.

But today the liberated homosexual is riding a dead horse. The wrath of the Moral Majority is about as troublesome to him as a fishwife when compared to the newest threat. The person-to-person transmission of new killer diseases among fraternizing homosexuals carries a wallop far more devastating.

As reported in medical journals and the national press, gay individuals are now under attack by a number of exotic (often fatal) new diseases. Several come from Africa and other distant places. It is a rude awakening for gays that partners of their sexual persuasion may sooner or later infect them with a death-dealing disease. Amebiasis is one of these rampant disorders. In San Francisco alone, which has a sizable gay population, the number of cases has jumped 7,000 percent since 1974.

The fact remains, there is no present cure for many of these diseases. What concerns epidemiologists most of all is the likelihood that they may spread, unchecked, through the general population and become epidemic in future years.

It isn't like homosexuals just arrived on this planet. They aren't horned monsters. They had to show all of us they were equal. Whatever forces are at work in our society seldom give us the opportunity to hold back the inevitable. However, what the homosexuals touched off when they cracked the lid of Pandora's box was not equality, but a holocaust in which they have become the sacrificial lambs.

'Closet of fear' no place for Gays

BY JIM WELCH

The opinions of *Outlook* associate editor Tom Casey concerning homosexual citizens (3-31-83) and what, he believes should be their return to "the closet" reflects a strange mixture of neofascism, medical misinformation and mental cretinism.

Casey asks, "What in tarnation made homosexuals come out of hiding?" The answer is centuries of persecution, torture, and murder by societies and governments refusing to allow the human experience to expand to its natural limits.

The ability to love one another, regardless of gender, is a special gift... one that needs the greatest possible nurturing so that the gift will grow.

Gay liberation's slogan of "we are everywhere" is true here in Central Florida as it is anywhere in the world. Most Gay citizens want exactly what our heterosexual brothers and sisters want - a loving partner, a job with dignity, freedom from governmental intrusion into our private lives and security, both in the workplace and at home.

Casey's comparison of Gay activism to the Ku Klux Klan in mindless jingoism. The Klan and their followers are dedicated to returning America to the 19th century. True liberation that allows men and women complete control of their destiny... including sexual preference... would send us into a new century of enlightenment.

Editor Casey claims that the homosexual community's efforts for human rights may unleash "a holocaust in which they (have) become sacrificial lambs." I would remind him that two million homosexual men and women, along with gypsies, the mentally-retarded, the physically-handicapped and other "non-pure Aryan types" were murdered by another society which wanted no deviance from "the norm." Gays were being hanged or garroted long before the first Nazi gas chamber began "the final solution."

Some television evangelists have admitted publicly that anti-homosexual sermons "preach good." Fear on the unknown or the misunderstood is being used by these demigogues to shake down the faithful whenever their treasury runs low. While these smug, well-scrubbed electronics circuit riders claim to "love the sinner but hate the sin," their followers seem to have trouble making the distinction.

Currently, the male homosexual community is part of much condemnation centering on the discovery of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, an illness that weakens the body's natural systems of immunity allowing opportunistic diseases to take a heavy toll. Mortality is very high within two years of contracting the syndrom and the cause of the disease remains unknown.

Part of the reason the cause and cure of AIDS remains elusive has been the government's seeming lack of concern as long as the problems remained in the so-called 4H target group: homosexuals, Haitians, hemophiliacs, and heroin or other needle injected drug users. Unlike Legionaire's Disease or Toxic Shock Syndrome, the mainstream press and some governmental health agencies were very slow in arousing public interest about aids. Only recently, when it was discovered that AIDS can appear in the general public through blood product transfusion did the outcry "to do something" begin.

Had not Gay and Lesbian leadership at all levels demanded action against AIDS; had they remained "in the closet" on this health-threatening issue, many more people would have fallen victim to this serious threat.

The recent national elections seem to poke holes in Casey's statement that "politicians... shun Gays like the bubonic plague." Almost 90 congressmen are co-sponsors of the current national Gay Rights bill (H.R. 427). While 81 percent of the supporters of a similar bill were returned to office despite efforts to brand them "pro-Gay," none of the Moral Majority's well-funded candidates were able to claim victory. Mondale, Cranston, Kennedy, and even Askew all challengers for the 1984 presidential bid have been working closely with the Gay political action leaders across the nation. They are aware that the Gay community's voting record becomes stronger and more incisive each year.

Casey becomes patronizing when he says Gays have made "special contribution to our culture... especially throughout the field of the arts." Applying the national average (1 in 10) of Gay citizens to Greater Orlando's population, some 50,000 Gay men and women are working not only as artists, but as bakers, bankers, teachers, policemen, nurses, printers, newspapermen, pilots, musicians, waitresses, and contractors and hundreds of other pursuits and professions.

Casey claims he is surprised that more Gays were not victims of violence. With careless, vengeful, or just sophomoric persons acting as responsible "associate editors" of the nation's neighborhood presses, we are surprised too.

Most of the resentment against homosexual citizens stems from resentment of anything or anyone that makes some people have to think about lifestyles beyond the range of the blinders placed on the human spirit by self-serving secular interests. True liberation will ring through this country when all the bonds... including those restricting love between human beings regard less of gender... are cast off. Shedding those bonds cannot take place in Editor Casey's closet of fear.

Maintaining body's defenses combines knowledge and common sense

BY ROGER W. ENLOW, M.D.
Special to New Direction

Our bodies have many defenses in addition to the immune system, including our skin, the lining of the mouth and nose, the surface of the airways into the lungs, to name a few. Even with an immune deficiency, these things protect us. But more care and attention may be required in some areas than usual. The following ideas may be helpful suggestions for those who are immune deficient.

1. Avoid unnecessary exposure - especially intimate contact - to individuals who have colds or flu or don't feel well. The viruses which cause colds or flu are transmitted by contact with saliva or mucous secretions from the infected person until they are over it.
2. Minor injuries, cuts and scrapes, should be promptly cleaned with soap and water, then covered to prevent entry of germs which are common in everyday environment. If these don't heal well, see your doctor; he may need to prescribe an antibiotic or other treatment to help you.
3. Limit the number of sexual partners whose good health is not certainly known to you. This will mean fewer different partners and avoidance of individuals who themselves have many different sexual partners. Sexual encounters in baths, backrooms, and movie theaters are more uncertain and may involve special hazards. Some sexual activities may be more risky than others, particularly with partners not well known to you. These include swallowing semen (certain viruses are concentrated in come), rimming, or other activity which may involve direct oral-rectal/fecal contact.
4. Be sure your doctor knows you have AIDS before accepting any kinds of vaccination. Many vaccines have living, but altered, Viruses ("attenuated") which will not harm people with normal immune capabilities, but might be a problem for the immune deficient.
5. Avoid travel to areas of the world where some infections are common, such as amebiasis, giardia, malaria, or typhoid fever. These germs may cause special problems for AIDS patients.
6. Be sure foods such as fruits and vegetables are well washed or peeled. Some molds and fungus infections are on the outside.
7. Be sure meats are well cooked, even beef, which occasionally may contain organisms which could be harmful.

8. Avoid exposure to old dusty environments, especially where animals, including birds, have lived. Many germs can be harbored there and inhaled, ingested, or get into breaks in the skin. Some household new pets, including birds, cats, and dogs, may not be well. They should be examined by a veterinarian before accepting them. Even then, be careful about their wastes.

9. Avoid excessive use of antibiotics. Take them only when your doctor directs you to. While you do not develop a resistance to them, the germs may, so that they are not as sensitive, making their overuse dangerous. Your doctor will take cultures to precisely define the germs causing the infection and thereby select the best antibiotic for your problem. Antibiotics (except special certain new ones which are "antiviral") do nothing for viruses and may only make things worse.

10. Eat a balanced diet with a full measure of vitamins, minerals, proteins, and calories. While some people feel extreme dietary habits may be helpful or even therapeutic, most of this is not of medically proven value. It is important to get the basics first.

11. Under no circumstances should you use or administer injections into your muscles or veins, unless supervised by a physician who understands that you have immune deficiency. I.V. drug abuse has a very high risk of infections, even in immunologically normal individuals. Certain steroids intramuscularly may be harmful to the immune system.

12. Recreational drug use, while examined in many of the AIDS studies, remains of uncertain harm. Some have been used for a very long time by many different cultures, others are comparatively recent and less familiar to our bodies. A reduction in recreational drug use is definitely warranted until more is known.

13. Avoid using other people's toothbrush and razor. Have your own. This protects you and other people.

14. If your doctor has told you your platelet count is low, be careful when you cut yourself. Hold it long enough to be certain the bleeding stops. Be careful about activities where you may be injured, struck, or fall down. Avoid aspirin and all aspirin-containing products. Read the labels to be sure. Aspirin further decreases the effectiveness of your platelets to clot your blood.

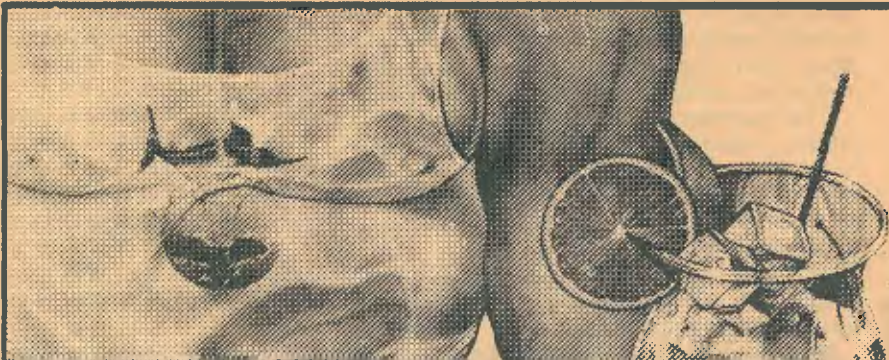
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TUNEFUL TWOSOME - Wendy Ritter and Rick Singleton vocalize together during a recent performance at Daisy's Backstage in downtown Orlando. The talented duet will be performing Tuesday through Sunday with a three-piece combo providing the accompaniment for their wide selection of popular Hollywood and Broadway songs. The club offers a late night operation called "Daisy's After Dark", beginning at 10:30 p.m. (NDPIC/Wesley)

'Backstage' offerings signal format switch

Daisy's Basement, an Orlando restaurant with ties to the Gay community has announced a format change. Operating under the name of *Daisy's Back Stage*, the club is now offering dinner theater and cabaret entertainment Tuesday through Sunday. The club is currently not open for lunch, but plans call for resumption of lunch service in June, operators say.

Through May 29, the club will be offering a program of stage and movie music featuring two young vocalists and a versatile combo. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m. with the dinner show opening at 8:15 p.m. A later show will also be offered. A Sunday brunch including entertainment begins at 11 a.m. Daisy's is located on Gertrude Walk between West Pine and West Central Street.

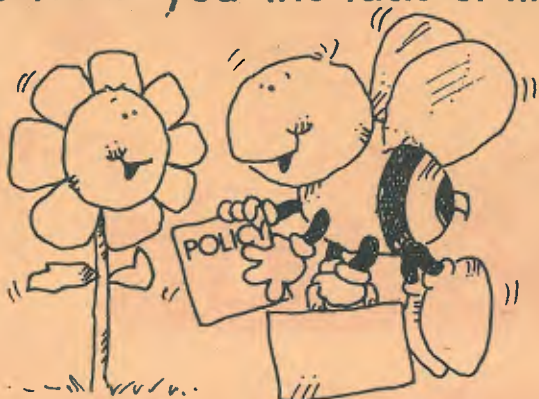
Daisy's After Dark will be offered Friday and Saturday beginning at 10 p.m. with entertainment and dancing. The club offers full liquor service. Plans call for the "after dark" program to be expanded to seven nights a week. A membership card will be offered for \$15 annually to allow cardholders to avoid any cover charges.

Paul Van Gent, entertainment director said that Daisy's will be offering "Hollywood Follies", a tribute to great music from the movies beginning May 29. A half-dozen singers and dancers along with the combo will highlight the showcase. Cost of the dinner, show, tax and tip will be \$17.95 with a discount for groups of 25 or more. The Sunday brunch and show will cost \$15.75 tax and tip included.

Van Gent has produced popular music revues in Holland, Belgium, and Germany, and most recently, at the Marco Polo resort in Miami Beach. He said that he expected an extended stay in Orlando for his shows.

Club operator Jim McCready said Gay and Lesbian citizens would continue to be welcomed at the club and said the after dark program should have special appeal to person seeking different types of entertainment. He said folk music, jazz, ragtime, and the classics would all have a night of the week at "after dark." One night a week will allow new entertainers to try their wings at Daisy's, he said.

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Cuisine Queen



By CURT BOCKES
New Direction Staff Writer

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Not so many years ago, restaurants which featured the "West Coast" decor began opening. Specifically, parquet and tile floors, large plate glass windows, natural wood and brick interiors and lots of live, green plants. It created a casual and comfortable atmosphere, conducive to a relaxed evening out. Bakerstreet is one such restaurant which has succeeded in popularizing this decor in central Florida.

The menu is varied, ranging from appetizers and salads to complete dinners and hearty sandwiches. No matter if the hunger in your stomach is large or small, you'll be able to find items appealing to fill the void.

Fried cheese and zucchini sticks are great for beginning munchies. Forget the calories for once and chow down. A plateful of fingersize niblets only whets the appetite for more.

The spinach salad is a complete meal. A huge mound of the green is topped with bacon bits, sliced mushrooms, croutons and raisins, moistened with Bakerstreet's own sweet and sour honey dressing. It looks insurmountable when presented, but rest assured, it is conquerable.

If you want just a sandwich, they're available. Varied hamburgers are on the list, as is a chicken breast sandwich. Marinated and char-grilled, topped with cheese and/or mushrooms.

A great entree to delve into is the Chicken Orleans. (No, I'm not a chicken queen, I just prefer poultry and fish to red meat.) The chicken breast is prepared like the sandwich, then topped with a thin slice of ham and Monterey Jack cheese. Accompanied by a baked potatoe and preceded by a garden salad, this selection is heartily recommended.

As for the steaks and desserts, you'll have to try them yourselves. This girl is on a semi-health and diet kick. Winters are disastrous to my figure and it needs some careful supervision if I'm to be seen out and about.

Bakerstreet will see me again. The food and mood of the establishment merit returning. I speak not only for myself, but if I may be so presumptuous, for the others whom I've spied there. Several couples have been seen dining at bakerstreet. Some of us already knew, now the word is out. Bakerstreet can be an inexpensive and pleasurable experience.

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NIGHTCLUBBING

with Zi

What is so pleasant as a Gay day in May... isn't it grand now that bikinis are starting to pop out on all the beaches and around the parks. Zi likes nothing better than to get wet and wild. Check out the skimpy little things at the Midnight News (not the help, the swimsuits, silly) at the Parliament House. Some of the little cachets are sheer delight.

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You nude sunbathers who like to gather at Turtle Mound near New Smyrna Beach better keep a towel close by. Seems like some perverted members of the Volusia County Sheriff's department in that area have taken to sweeping the beach with binoculars looking for bare flesh. Zi's ears have picked up rumbles that the deputies are making a federal case out of displaying your buns, despite no one being within miles of your ass. You'd think that real crime would keep the flathats busy.

Never has spandex been asked to do so much. David Scott, appearing at the annual Parliament House Turnabout Night as the bride of Frankenstein reminded Zi of the crash of the Hindenburg. Scott has denied rumors that Rosie O'Grady's Flying Circus offered him a job as a blimp.

Zi was just thrilled to meet the cast of Trockaderos de Ballet after their performance April 26 in Orlando. The cast party at Daisy's Backstage drew about 300 lovers of good legs. The all-male ballet troupe delighted their

Gay theatre plays sought

Meridian Theatre Playwrights and Directors Group has announced its 1983 Jane Chambers Memorial International Gay Playwriting Contest, designed to encourage the writing of new Lesbian and Gay plays. The contest is newly named to honor the late Jane Chambers for her notable contributions to gay theater; Chambers also served as a judge for the contest in its first year.

To qualify for the competition a play may be either full length or one act, must have a major Gay character or theme, and must not have been previously produced in a metropolitan New York area. Plays submitted must be in the English language, typed, with a cast breakdown, and bound in a folder with the author's name, address and telephone number on the title page. All entries must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of script (for acknowledgment of receipt of script, include a self-addressed stamped postcard as well). Musicals must be accompanied by a tape of the score.

Deadline for the receipt of entries is Oct. 1, 1983. Winning plays will receive a staged reading in Meridian Theatre's Playwrights and Directors Series in spring, 1984 in New York City. Winners will be announced by January 1, 1984.

Playwrights should send their entries to Meridian Theatre Playwrights and Directors Group, c/o Pittman, 245 West 51st St., #703, New York, New York, 10019. For a copy of the contest rules, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the same address.

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local hosts by recounting some of the great splits they have done. Rumors are at least one lucky Orlando laddy performed a pas de deux in the backseat of a BMW. How international!

Zi must give Tampa's Tiffany Middlesex a special bouquet for dry humping that huge photographer from the trendy and trashy Sunset People fish wrapper after the cameraman climbed onstage during the Miss-Mister Parliament House pageant. Miss Manners needs to make an emergency visit to this behemoth of the paparazzi. Where was Bert Reynolds when we really needed him?

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Zi knows that the party hosted by **Danny Vazquez**, that cute little baby, between the two nights of the pageant was really chi-chi. Danny, looking like the poster child for the FFA, was done up to the max in leather and rhinestones. Zi can never forget the first light of dawn reflected from one tired partygoer's coke spoon. It was flawless.

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One last pageant comment... Windy Grape certainly is.

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Those clever boys at the **Silver Hammer** have decided to host an **Armed Forces Day Party** May 21. They're enlisting everyone to wear a uniform of some kind for the militant occasion. There will be all kinds of officers and gentlemen there. Zi just loves to take orders... especially if they are dirty.

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Look for some great fun coming up for **Central Florida Gay Pride Week** June 19-26. Zi is especially thrilled about the **Freedom Festival** on Gay Pride Sunday, June 26. I want to feel so free... and it also should be a great time to get a free feel. Complete details are incomplete, so Zi says to watch this column next month for the facts. One party planner is even talking about Fag-flavored fireworks.

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Southern Nights is just a hot bed of activity these days with the opening of their new club **Castro Street** while at the same time celebrating the first anniversary of operation of the popular nightclub complex. Castro Street is a real winner and fleshes out Southern Nights' concept of offering something for everyone. Tip of the beret to club manager **Eric Toles**.

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If you're a greek active, mark May 20-22 on your calendar. That's the date for the annual **Greek Festival** at Orlando's **Expo Centre**. Greek food, greek games and lots of good looking greeks can be found at this annual blue hankie hoe-down.

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Backed by a bevy of chorus boys, Carol Channing will be making yet another tour with "Holly Dolly", set to hit Bob Carr Auditorium May 24-29. Older than sliced bread, Miss Channing can still charm the ears right off the corn (opps, wrong show) Anyhow, Zi wants you to know, if you can't afford the real Carol, see Glenn Elliott at Southern Nights May 14. He packs more sequins per inch than the real thing.

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WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT - Hot, Interview Magazine; Not, pop-up umbrellas that don't; Hot, the artwork of Jay Johnson, owner of Nickels Salon, 1219 North Mills; Not, Forgetting Mother's Day, May 8 and Father's Day Jun 19; Hot, Gertrude's Parlor, 102 West Pine St... but don't tell them you saw it here; Not licorice ice cream. **Two Extra Hots**- Frogg's Restaurant 2918 N. Orange Ave. for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and Michael at The Leatherworks at the Odds and Ends tavern.



Lady's nose becomes man's business

Lori Delmar, always looking for ways to save a buck, has found ways to combine a nose job and a blow job. The Parliament House entertainer denied rumors that she had been asked to play Pinocchio in an upcoming David Scott production. "I just couldn't get up for the part," the Dynel bombshell told reporters. Delmar claimed the unusual glasses with their distinctive appendage had resulted in increased offers from gentlemen wanting to sit on her face.. (POTSHOT by Zi)

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Parliament House Pageant showcases Gay talent



Ron Hughes proves white is really right.



Kim Ross from Tampa's Old Plantation and Pierre Artile, representing the City Bath Club, Orlando, were crowned Miss and Mister Parliament House at the conclusion of the recent two-day pageant. Von Gretchen of Southern Nights and Apple Love of The Bridge Club, Tampa, were first and second runners-up in the "Miss" group while Mike Casey of Daytona's Beachside Club and Ron Hughes of Southern Nights and The Midnight News finished first and second runners-up for "Mister" title. *New Direction's* Managing Editor Jay Wesley captured the verve and variety of the show in pictures found on this page.



Apple Love's Phyllis Diller had them laughing



Emcee Lori Delmar enjoys shopping at the "meat market".



Raymond Scott of Tampa highsteps with two sophisticated "ladies".



William Ander, Jacksonville, used dance to highlight his obvious talents.



Kim Ross shows why she is "The Boss"



Mr. Parliament House Pierre Artile can sing too.

Gay recording artists amplify human spirit

BY DANNY VAZQUEZ

If you like Dan Fogelberg, then you'll like **Charlie Murphy**. The difference... Dan Fogelberg is a well known singer whose credits include "Longer", "Leader of the band", "Make Love Stay", and Charlie Murphy, an outspoken gay singer/songwriter who is signed on a virtually unknown label called **Good Fairy Productions**.

Both Fogelberg and Murphy sing of love, pain, nuclear war, and holocaust. Murphy's message is towards gay love, gay pain, and gay extermination in German war camps. He sings of the "Sign of the Times", - The gay spirit.

Good Fairy Productions consist of a group of gay men committed to the development of a healing, life affirming culture among men in harmony with

women, children, spirit, and the earth. They recognize the necessity for building more nurturing and supportive relationships among men. They are developing and promoting the skills and networking required to further the availability of alternative visions and voices.

"**Catch The Fire**" by Charlie Murphy is a record album produced by good fairy and they have established a national distribution and booking service for men's music.

Charlie Murphy's main message is "I dedicate this music to all of us who have made a basic life decision to heal the planet and each other, fight injustice, and build communities that will sustain and nurture us through the danger and possibility of these times - and to all those considering such a decision".

Unfortunately only one establishment carries this message - **The Powerhouse** at 111 E. Lyman Avenue Saviz Shafaie, owner-manager of the Powerhouse carries Charley Murphy and other gay artists who support "The Gay Spirit." With gay pride week next month, who not support gay rights and spread the message. Buy a record for a straight friend; we are all one. Let's spread the news.

Noted rock journalist Timothy White is working on an extensive biography of the life and music of **Bob Marley**. It's tentatively titled **Catch A Fire** and the book is due out in June. **Phil Ramone** who is best known for producing albums with artists such as Billy Joel and Paul Simon is currently working on **Stephanie Mill's** next Casablanca release. Mills plan an international tour... **Luther Vandross** has just finished producing **Aretha Franklin's** next LP; due out in late May... financial woes have forced **Marvin Lee Aday** of **Meatloaf** to file personal and corporate petitions in federal bankruptcy court. **Pablo Cruise** drummer **Steve Price** has been indicted on charges of conspiracy to sell cocaine. Price was charged, along with 11 others, after federal agents paid \$187,500 for three kilos of 80 percent pure coke with a street value of one million dollars. **Steven Spielberg** creator of "E.T." is planning to turn his

talents to whimsy again with a big screen production of the enduring "**Peter Pan**" - in which superstar singer **Michael Jackson** will star. **Jane Fonda** was driving with Michael one day and said to him, "I wish I could find a movie I could produce for you." Tears swelled up in his eyes and he said, "Why did you say that?" with his ferocity. Jane said, "I realize you're Peter Pan," and he started to cry and said, "You know, all over the walls of my room are pictures of Peter Pan. I've read everything that (author) **J.M. Barrie** wrote. I totally identify with Peter Pan, the lost boy of never-never land.

"Oh I can see him", Jane said, "Leading lost children into a world of fantasy and magic"...

...Guests at **Motown's** 25th anniversary bash in Los Angeles several weeks ago are still buzzing about the finale that saw tense exchange between golden girl **Diana Ross** and her former platter-mate, **Mary Wilson** of the **Supremes**. Just as the final medley got swining, Ross called the stars from backstage, as well as head man **Berry Gordy** from the audience. Wilson too began encouraging Gordy to step onstage. At this point, Ross yanked her arm, pulling the microphone away from the shocked Wilson. Wilson retaliated by singing louder than the divine **Miss D**.

AIDS

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New York and California. Some 82 cases have been reported in the Sunshine State, according to April figures of the U.S. Health Department. Mortality among the state's victim hovers around 45 percent.

Because of the yet-unknown cause of AIDS and the methods which it is transmitted, physicians can only react to the disease. AIDS causes the body's natural defense system of immunity to weaken and fail, allowing a host of "opportunistic" viruses, parasites, and protozoa to attack the body from both within and out. Dr. Jeffery Sacks, acting state epidemiologist described AIDS as "a very scary disease. I would say that we are in the throes of an aids epidemic."

AIDS targets four major groups; homosexual or bisexual men, Haitians, intavenous drug users (possibly from shared needles) and hemophiliacs. However, the disease has also been found in women and children, and recently, in at least 36 low-risk heterosexual men.

Early symptoms of AIDS include night sweats, swollen lymph nodes in armpit, neck, or groin, rapid and unexplained weight loss, and a lingering fever and general weakness sometimes described as "a continuing hangover". Among homosexuals, the disease seems to appear more often in men having numerous sexual contacts with many different partners.

Women's Rugby Club wins donation from G.C.S.

The Orlando Women's Rugby Football Club has received a \$60 donation from Gay Community Services to aid team development. The grant took place in the April 17 GCS meeting after a presentation by team members.

The rugby club numbers some 25 women from age 18 to 35. Team members practice twice weekly during the regular season which is play during fall and winter months. Members of the team play a season of "sevens", a game using less participants during the off-season.

Like men's play, the hallmark of fine womens' rugby is finesse, precision and teamwork. The women players play two 40 minute halves, 15 team members to a side with two allowed substitutions for injury. While shorter and lighter, the women are hard tacklers and serious about their sport.

Additional information about women's rugby is available by writing **New Direction**, P.O. Box 4355, Winter Park, Fl. 32793



SPECIAL GUEST-Glenn Elliott, popular south Florida entertainer, will make a special guest appearance May 14 at Orlando's Southern Nights entertainment complex as part of the club's first anniversary celebration. Elliott portrays several top entertainment figures in his variety show, including Carol Channing. Persons wanting to see the real Miss Channing can catch her in "Dolly" May 24-29 at Orlando's Bob Carr Auditorium.



DYNAMIC DUO-Monica Burke, left, and Jennifer Wells, have teamed up to provide the spark that is firing up the crowds at the Odds and Ends Club, 4910 Edgewater Drive, Orlando. Shows are offered Thursday through Sunday, twice nightly. Burke and Wells provide a variety of female impersonation styles for the patrons of the newly-remodeled club. Show time information is available by calling 291-7571. (NDPIC/Wesley)

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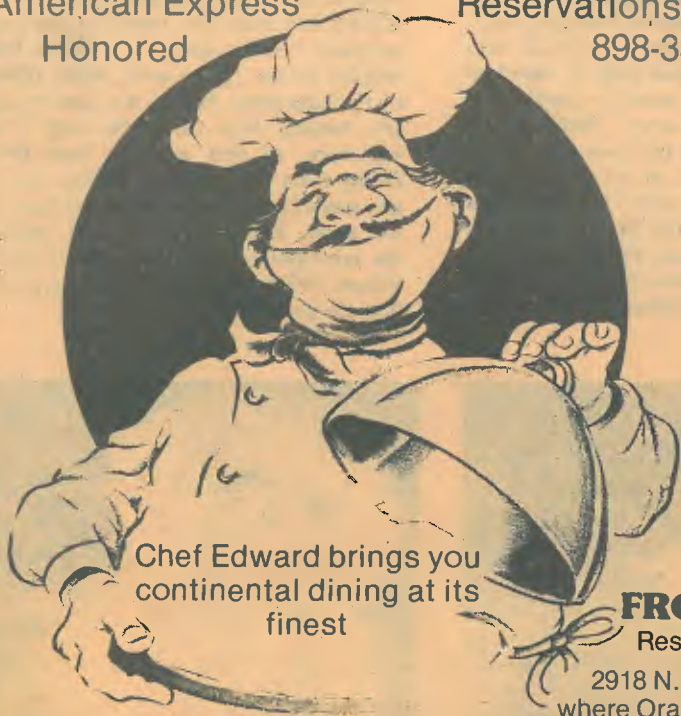
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Sun, surf, sin makes beach effort worthwhile

Going to the beach to relax in a phrase that takes two totally opposite ideas and tries to put them together. It's like having a macho disco or praying for good luck. The thoughts are mutually exclusive. The only people I know that go to the beach to relax are masochists.

First of all, just announcing you're going to the beach automatically commits you to take people along whether you know them or not. For some reason the world doesn't allow for half-empty cars traversing pathways to the coast.

If you are fortunate enough to only take one person along, that alone causes conflict. One person always wants to get an early start while the other couldn't care less when they arrived - it's their day off, after all. But that is usually the least of my worries.

For me, the beach does not lend itself to an atmosphere of rejuvenation or rest. The sheer number of people to contend with at the site is enough to cause any normal person to pause and reflect as to whether it's really necessary. Daytona Beach is automatically out of the question. The entire world knows about that place. That's **four billion people!** Not that they all go on every weekend, although it seems like it at times.

Even assuming that the event is worry-free up to the arrival at the beach, one is plagued from the onset of parking to keep from turning a relaxing day into a whirlwind of emotional outbursts.

After parking and walking a quarter of a mile to the sand, it becomes apparent right off that: a) something was left in the car, b) something was left at home, c) something wasn't thought of at all or d) you brought more than you needed. It's one of the rules of beaching - you're not allowed to be organized.

Consider two people at the very edge of the beach laden with blanket, towels, radio, tape box, sun tan lotion, oils, screens, magazines, a cooler, a change of clothes and the entire works of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow packed along looking for a place to "spread out" at eleven o'clock in the morning on Saturday. This is not what one would call a bright outlook for high spirits.

"Let's go down this way," the first says.

"I'm not getting on that hot sand until I know exactly where I'm going."

"How do you propose we find a spot without searching?"

"How about straight down there," the other one nods. "Down by the water."

"Is the tide on the way in or out?"

"How the hell would I know?"

"Well I'm not getting up to move up the sand every half hour," the first retorts. Looking around for a second, he spots an empty location to the left. "This way," he calls, taking off on the sand.

It takes two minutes of increasingly rapid high-stepping to reach the spot, and about four seconds to drop everything immediately and stand on the nearest item to cool the feet. Setting up from that point is relatively simple and our heroes lay back for the rays.

This lasts until the area next to them is infiltrated by three high school kids and their girlfriends with two radios competing with each other for the highest decibel rating attained while in an open air place. Although it's not a pleasant situation I've never heard of anyone getting up and moving to a new location in my entire life. Why, I'm not sure. I think it has something to do with principles and the old childhood "I was here first" attitude.

Somewhere along the line, one of the two is going to get bored lying still. Once again, I don't know why. One of the best things I do is nothing.

"Let's go for a walk," he says.

"Where?"

"Down the beach. Let's walk in the water."

"Why?"

"Just to do something. I don't feel like sitting any longer."

The other one answers. "I left town to come out here and get some sun and relax and *not* do anything. If you want to walk, knock yourself out."

"Well, then," the first one continues, "let's build a sand castle. You don't have to make around much to do that."

The second guy looks at him with eyes that would wither artificial flowers. "It must be time to leave. You've had too much sun, I can see that."

"What's wrong with building a sandcastle?" he protests. Those two guys down there are.

"Those two guys can't be more than six years old."

Of course, in all fairness, I have to mention that there are a few side benefits that make it all worthwhile. I was getting ready to take my book and a beer to the pool when the phone rang.

"Hi, this is Art. I was thinking about going to the beach, would you like to go along?"

"I'm not that big of a nut on beaches, Art. Thanks, anyway, "I replied. "I'll take a rain check."

"But I was going to the nude beach. I got a new pair of binoculars and I thought - Scooter? Are you still there?"

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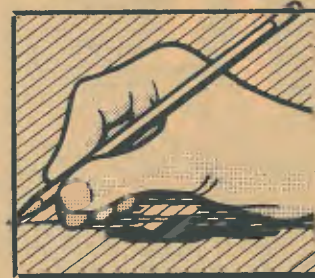
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