

NEW DIRECTION

Living Gay In Central Florida June 1983



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Gay Pride Week 1983 features 'family' picnic

BY JAY WESLEY
New Direction Managing Editor

Planners are busy putting final touches on Central Florida's largest Gay Pride celebration set June 19 through June 26 in Orlando. Included in the festivities are both social and serious events centering on the celebration of Gay and Lesbian liberation through self-esteem.

Gay Community Services of Central Florida, Inc. (GCS) has been the force behind a steering committee planning the week-long festivities. Also represented on the planning panel are Joy Metropolitan Community Church, Orlando Dignity, The Florida Task Force, Gay Organized Sports (GO Sports) and other interested persons. The group has been working two months.

"Silence is no longer enough . . . that's the theme of the 1983 Gay Pride Celebration for Central Florida," said Jim Welch, GCS president. "We are hoping that Gays and Lesbians will join hands and hearts to celebrate our special contribution to society. The picnic and other events planned for June 19-26 will reflect the best of the human spirit that makes us truly unique."

Turkey Lake Park recreation area, a 300-acre facility in southwest Orlando will be the site for Freedom Fest '83, a gigantic "family picnic" set to mark national Gay Pride Sunday June 26. The picnic officially opens at 12 noon. Draft beer and wine will go on sale at 12:30 p.m. in a concession operated by GCS. Other groups and clubs will also be offering a variety of foods, refreshments, and items for sale. The fest will be centered at Pavilion Four, near the park's fishing pier.

Admission to Turkey Lake Park is \$1, collected by the City of Orlando. There is no fee to attend the picnic. GCS officers will be selling tickets to be used as "currency" for beer, food and other items. GCS will receive 10 percent of the gross profits taken in by concessionaires.

In addition to the picnic area, Turkey Lake Park offers a white sand swimming beach, boat rental, hiking trails, bicycling and bike rentals, fishing, and ecology exhibits. The park is open daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Gay Pride picnickers are urged to come early June 26 to insure table space.

Several special events are planned at the picnic including the finals of the Gay Pride volleyball tournament and the first

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Frederick sends mixed signals

Mayor claims 'One Orlando' includes Gay community

BY JAY WESLEY
New Direction Managing Editor

Orlando Mayor William "Bill" Frederick has promised to . . . "defend the rights of any citizen to live in this community free from illegal harassment because of a personal preference." The statement came in a letter written in response to 10 questions submitted to the Mayor by *NEW DIRECTION*.

Frederick also made no direct answer to a request that he proclaim June 19-26 as Gay and Lesbian Citizens' Week in Orlando despite being reminded that as many as 50,000 Gay and Lesbian people (based on national statistics) work, play, and live in the Greater Orlando area.

"We originally asked for a face-to-face interview with the Mayor, in February" said Managing Editor Jay Wesley. "He claimed that he could not find time in his schedule.

We renewed our request in March and were asked to submit questions. Those were sent to City Hall in April."

Mayor Frederick wrote, "In my opinion, there has been no systematic persecution of any group in this community. This will continue under my administration." The statement was in response to questions concerning the Mayor issuing an executive order banning harassment against employees based on sexual preference.

In reply to questions concerning "gentrification" of downtown and nearby neighborhoods by Gay and Lesbian businesspersons and homeowners, Frederick said he does ". . . not support



Mayor William Frederick

ethnic conclaves, deliberate bilingual isolation or any recognition groups which

tend to operate against the concept of 'one Orlando' ". The "one Orlando" theme was used by Frederick during his campaign for the city's top post.

In what could be considered a slap at bar and entertainment businesses serving the Gay and Lesbian citizens, and possibly Gay rights activists, Frederick stated he does "not support the deliberate exploitation of a sexual preference for the sake of proving

the point that the exploitation is possible. That statement seems to answer a question asking the Mayor's opinion if the 1982 "morality vote" in Orange County was a mandate to suppress businesses offering Gay citizens entertainment.

Saying "I believe that sufficient state and federal laws exist at the present time (to prevent persecution of any group)." Frederick said with his ". . . administration's reconfirmed policy of "one Orlando", no further assurances seem essential." That statement apparently came from questions asking the mayor's position on the decriminalization of all sexual acts between consenting adults within the privacy of their living quarters. Currently homosexual and heterosexual sex acts with the exception of "missionary position" sexual intercourse are illegal in Florida, falling under the state's anti-sodomy statutes.

Several other questions submitted to Frederick seemingly went unanswered, including his possible support for police department empathy training for handling Gay and Lesbian police matters, the appointment of a member of the mayor's staff to serve as liaison to the Gay community, support for changing the nation's immigration law to allow openly Gay foreign visitors to enter the country (in light of Orlando's growing world popularity for tourists), and explaining how city employees can file complaints concerning job harassment based on sexual preference.

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June 19

**UNITY BRUNCH
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June 20

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Central Florida Pride '83



June 23

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Gay Pride and the longest day

IT IS FITTING THAT THE SUMMER SOLSTICE, the longest and most light-filled day of the year falls within the June 19-26 celebration of Gay Pride Week in central Florida. This week of fun, festivity, and freedom should focus the bright light of truth and honesty on Gay and Lesbian citizens and their struggle to become not separate, but equal.

Benign neglect from some sectors, teamed with active persecution from secular interests continues causing Gays and Lesbians problems both in the work place and on the homefront. Many are forced to treat their love for another of the same sex as something to be fulfilled in the dark, the shadows of shame. Still others are driven from proper employment or decent housing because society has chosen, in spite of the evidence that homosexuality is just another symptom of the human condition, to feed their fear and lack of understanding with hatred or envy.

There are voices in this community saying Gay Pride is "too political" or "too controversial". They say leave well enough alone. They urge retreat in the face of growing assault on our lifestyle. While some of their pockets grow fat from exploiting Gay and Lesbian citizens, they seem to fear the sense of pride that could finally break down the self-imposed ghetto many of our brothers and sisters have built around themselves.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. WE DO BUILD OUR OWN GHETTOS, mostly within the walls of our mind. We party with only Gay friends, drink and

Editor's Notebook

Gay Pride volunteers move into high gear

BY JAY WESLEY
New Direction Managing Editor

I've never seen so much activity in the community as with the approach of **Gay Pride Week, June 19-26**. Both Orlando and her oceanside neighbor, Daytona Beach, will celebrate the unique contributions Gay and Lesbian persons make to society with a variety of events, both serious and festive. Details of the plans are found elsewhere in **NEW DIRECTION**.

The activities are helping to form an increased sense of community among Gay and Lesbian citizens. This is good. Be sure to plan to take part in as many events as you can, indulge yourself.



GO (Gay Organized) Sports is showing a rebirth of activity, thanks in part to new leadership. Members of the group have already been canoeing and taken a cycle safari as well as starting weekly volleyball contests. Look for them to be real active during **Freedom Fest '83**, the June 26 National Gay Pride Sunday picnic at **Orlando's Turkey Lake Park**. That's the site of the finals of the Gay Pride Week volleyball tourney.

Gaytors of the Lost Park



cruise in Gay clubs, respond to many of the latest Gay fashion rages and yet call ourselves liberated.

At the same time, many of us, when in our work place or in a non-friendly environment are the first to laugh at "fag jokes." The first to point the finger at someone "really nellie" hoping that the maneuver will divert attention from ourselves. Wearing this self-serving mask is perhaps the cruelest form of self-abuse.

Now comes the AIDS crisis and its terrible connotations of "leprosy" for the Gay community. Never has there been a more serious threat to the health and well-being of the Gay liberation. We must take every opportunity to rebuff those who would label this medical crisis a "Gay plague". This is not a moral disease sent by an avenging God to destroy some of his most perfect works. No forgiving God would do that.

WE SHOULD HAVE PRIDE THAT MANY GAY AND LESBIAN CITIZENS are taking up the fight for AIDS research and funding. Across the United States and yes, even here in Central Florida, all types of benefits and special programs are being undertaken and successfully completed by our friends "ANNIE" Against AIDS June 23, at Winter Park's Theatre-On-Park is such an event that deserves the widest possible support.

The month is here, Gay Pride week is almost upon us. National Gay Pride Sunday is June 26. The time for anticipation, reflection, celebration, self-realization and pridelful actualization is now. Become one with other Gay and Lesbian Pride celebrants . . . They are your friends, your supporters, and lovers . . . in love with the clear, bright, white light of liberation.

Very special thanks to several Gay men who came forward with "seed money" to get Orlando's Gay Pride Celebration '83 off the drawing board and into reality. Two men, each making a commitment of about \$1,000 each were the foundation on which the early plans were built. **NEW DIRECTION** joins Gay Community Services and its Gay Pride Committee in thanking these silent supporters.



Gay Community Services will be providing a seminar concerning AIDS, its medical and psychological impact on both victims and friends, June 22 at **Orlando Regional Medical Center's gold auditorium**. Several medical personnel including Dr. Mary Ann Fletcher and Dr. Nancy Klimas, researchers at the University of Miami will be included on the panel discussing the latest news and views on the deadly disease. The seminar will be open to the public at no cost.

Dr. Fletcher's research efforts will be helped with the donated profits from "ANNIE" against AIDS, set for June 23 at Theatre-On-Park. Organizers hope to raise about \$1,300 at the benefit. Dr. Fletcher will attend the event. Complete details on this important event can be found on Page 3.



Dr. Mary Ann Fletcher

Please make your plans early to attend. The \$25 ticket price, payable to Gay Community Services (GCS) is tax deductible. For the donation, you will be getting a great dinner, a fun night of theater with the musical "ANNIE" and making a donation against AIDS. See you there!



This is the 12th **Editor's Notebook** that I have written. It marks the first year of monthly publication of **NEW DIRECTION**. As managing editor I must thank the dedicated all-volunteer team that has helped this paper get to the streets each month. Many thought we were a loser . . . some still do. But I would like to believe we have brought a more responsible type of monthly newspaper to the emerging Gay community in central Florida.

We know more and more people are looking for **NEW DIRECTION**. We have been to police headquarters, we have been to the Mayor's office, we have taken our own Gay leadership to task when the need arose. That's our job and on this anniversary, we promise to do our job even better next year.

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AIDS impact increasing, media coverage blasted

BY JAY WESLEY

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Orange County health department officials have told *NEW DIRECTION* recently that a sixth suspected case of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) has been discovered in the Orlando area. Dr. Betty Vaughn, assistant director of the agency said June 4, that the newest victim was a man in "his 40's." She refused to give additional information concerning the man's illness and treatment.

Another man, a 52-year-old Australian citizen, lost his life to an AIDS-related illness May 2, while visiting in Orange County. Other AIDS patients are undergoing treatment either in area hospitals or nursing homes. At least one man is taking part in radical treatment programs being conducted by federal researchers.

THE ORLANDO SENTINEL, in its May 27 editorial, called on the Reagan ad-

Supervisor Britt likes GCS effort

Dear Editor,

Thanks for sending me the copy of *NEW DIRECTION* with the AIDS story. As far as I'm concerned, everything else we're doing must take a back seat to dealing with this problem. We're having good success here in getting public funding. I'd like to keep in touch with you or whoever is doing the coordination down there.

I spent much of my youth in your part of the country. It makes me feel very good to know the fight is being fought there. I'd love to come see you.

Certainly look me up if you're ever out this way.

Warmly,

Harry G. Britt

Supervisor

City of San Francisco

(Editor's note - Openly-Gay Supervisor Harry Britt was the author of the resolution asking for increased federal funding for AIDS research passed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recently. That resolution was the model for a similar bill passed by Orange County and Orlando public officials in April and reported in last month's NEW DIRECTION.)

ministration to "treat AIDS as an emergency." The newspaper urged the increasing of federal research funds to find the cause of the illness that has been labeled the health threat of the century by some public health leaders.

However, the newspaper's June 6 front page story appearing under the headline "'Gay Plague' forces changes in lifestyles", has drawn heavy fire from leadership of Gay Community Services of Central Florida, Inc. The story was written by Rosemary Goudreau.

"It is the worst kind of journalism, full of half truths, innuendos, and false facts. *The Sentinel* should be ashamed of its coverage of this serious health issue. This is not a lifestyle disease," said Jim Welch, GCS president and editor and publisher of *New Direction*, a Gay community monthly tabloid. "Not only are we now the victims of the disease, we have become the perpetrators of what *The Sentinel* calls 'Gay plague.'"

"*New Direction* had news of the AIDS death of the Australian man in our

columns a full 24 hours before *The Sentinel*. We learned of the sixth victim at least three days before it was reported locally by the newspaper of record." Welch claimed. In addition, Ms. Goudreau failed to mention the several things the Gay community

is doing to raise awareness about AIDS. This includes AIDS information cards, our 24-hour crisis intervention and information telephone service, and the Gay Pride Week AIDS benefit theater performance of "ANNIE".

AIDS seminar set

Gay Community Services, in cooperation with Orlando Regional Medical Center will present a seminar on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) as part of Gay Pride Week activities. The seminar will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the center's Gold Auditorium Wednesday, June 22.

The purpose of the session, according to planners, is to discuss the latest news and opinions surrounding the mysterious disease. About 70 percent of AIDS victims have been homosexual. More than 1,500 cases of the often-fatal disease have been identified in the United States. At least 600 people have died.

Included in the discussion will be information on the social and psychological impact of the disorder on both victims, close friends of victims, and the at-large Gay community. The seminar is free of charge and offered as a public service.

Chronology of events in discovery of AIDS

Here is a chronology of events in the discovery and tracking of AIDS.

1979:

Doctors in New York and California begin seeing young homosexual men with Kaposi's sarcoma, a rare cancer usually found only in men over 50, and a rare form of pneumonia caused by a parasite called *Pneumocystis carinii*. The cases are believed to be unrelated.

1981:

April — A few more cases appear. Doctors realize for the first time they are dealing with an emerging epidemic. They alert the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Epidemic is believed to be limited to homosexual men.

June — The CDC reports five cases of *Pneumocystis pneumonia* have been found in homosexual men. Two have died.

July — The CDC reports that 20 homosexual men in New York and six in California have been found to have Kaposi's sarcoma. Eight have died.

August — Seventy more homosexual men have been struck by either Kaposi's sarcoma or *Pneumocystis pneumonia*. Half have died.

December — A report in the *New England Journal of Medicine* traces the diseases to a mysterious breakdown of the immune system in the patients. The disease has spread to 180 people in 15 states. Thirteen victims are heterosexual men, two are heterosexual women. New York and California still have most of the cases.

1982:

March — Doctors in San Francisco report outbreaks in homosexuals of two other rare cancers — Burkitt's lymphoma and squamous carcinoma of the tongue.

June — The CDC warns the disease is near epidemic proportions in heterosexuals and homosexuals.

July — Immune breakdowns reported in Haitian immigrants and hemophiliacs. Disease is officially named acquired immune deficiency syndrome. By now, 450 cases of the immune disorder have been reported, and three more are being found each day. Thirty-nine percent of the victims have died within one year of diagnosis.

September — Immune disorders found in many otherwise healthy homosexuals. Tally of AIDS victims rises to 593. Spread called "alarming" by CDC.

October — Dr. James Curran, head of CDC's AIDS task force, said researchers suspect AIDS is caused by a virus.

December — Doctors speculate AIDS is caused by unknown virus imported from Haiti. CDC's Curran said the syndrome "will probably be with us forever." AIDS found in 20-month-old boy who had received blood transfusions; American Red Cross reviews policy for selecting blood donors.

January — Evidence grows that some apparently healthy people are AIDS carriers. Heterosexual relations believed to transmit the disease.

February — CDC said 1,112 cases of AIDS and 418 deaths reported so far.

April 28 — Speculation that AIDS is caused by African swine fever virus.

May 7 — Study finds that AIDS may be passed by routine personal contact among members of a household, suggesting that general population is at risk of catching the disease.

May 19 — A study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* contains more evidence that AIDS can spread through heterosexual relations. The CDC now has reports of 1,450 victims, 558 deaths.

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NIGHT CLUBBING

with Zi

June is busting out all . . . I know, Zi almost got busted herself hanging around Eola Park. All I wanted to do was wind my self-winding watch. It seemed like waving my hand in the air seemed to be the way to do it. How could I help it if the dear old man in the new Eldorado stopped . . . which soon stopped an undercover cop's unit which brought the boys in brown and tan. Traffic in that park is really hectic after sun-down. I was ready to take on the SWAT team.

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Rumors are flying that a certain lightman from a popular Orlando danceteria took a dive with disco diva Sylvester during a recent visit to Miami. Commented the recording superstar, "Now I know what they mean when they say you can tell a good barber by the size of his pole."

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Zi's social calendar is filling up fast for Gay Pride Week, June 19-26. There is just so much to do and see. I'm especially excited about "ANNIE Against AIDS", that great benefit fundraiser planned for June 23. Everybody who is anybody will be there. You're going, of course? Call 843-4297 or 645-5757 for ticket info.

Heavy Duty's return to show business was a welcome affair at **Southern Nights** recently. The ponderous performer never looked better and seems to have captured his old spirit. Finally there is someone bigger than Zi. I was getting so tired of those calls from Circus World asking me to lend them a dress while the Big Top went to the cleaners.

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Tequila Sunrise seems to be winning more than a few hearts now that she is performing in the Landmark's "Bat Cave," part of the gay scene in **Daytona Beach**. I mean really . . . who designed that stage? Never a place for understatement, a recent visit by Zi turned into a real gas when the D.J. flooded the dance floor with "fun, fog". Thank goodness cute little waiter **Scott** was nearby. I needed someone's thing to cling to.

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Tampa club patrons are still agog over the recent appearance of **Kevin Bunner, Mr. Gay Orlando**. Seems like a misunderstanding arose when Kevin's pet snake poked its head out of his short short shorts, causing club security officers to overreact. Many people claim Mr. Bunner always looks

like he is carrying his snake with him, so he was naturally surprised that about the indecent exposure claims. Better put that thing on a short leash, sweetie.

Ladies continue to breath life in the **Odds and Ends**, Orlando's venerable watering hole. While the crowd is changing, so is the location of the leatherworks shop. How do you sell a cockring in that crowd? Look for the hide shop to open for your pleasure at the **Silver Hammer**.

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While preparing for the giant **Gay Pride Picnic June 26** at Turkey Lake Park (playground of

several famous gobblers) Zi has learned of several specials' from local Orlando clubs. **Southern Nights** will give you free admission and your first drink free on Tuesday, June 21, if you are wearing a Gay pride button, cap, or tee-shirt. **The Parliament House** will celebrate Gay Pride Week by giving you an additional free drink token on Wednesday, June 23 when you pay your cover charge. Wearing a Gay Pride pin, cap, and tee-shirt will get you special discounts all week long at the **Silver Hammer**. Other clubs are also expected to join the celebration.




"I want to be a macho man"

COMPANY MEN- Proving that hard man is good to find, Geraldine Jones and Company's presentation of the **Village People** left **Southern Nights** patrons breathing heavy. The clever Jones, acting out his police fantasy, fooled familiar fans with the addition of false hairpieces and mustache, reportedly made from the hair of a poodle. Geraldine said the disguise worked great except that everytime he went near a fire hydrant his left sideburn wanted to rise up. The men of the Company, shown here in their street clothes, provided the raunchy background Jones is used to. Because of soaring production costs, **Leather Man** appeared in vinyl. (Potshot by Zi)

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Orlando artist Jay Johnson combines a keen sense of design with training in structural construction to add life to his renderings of hot men and fashionable women. Johnson, 35, also practices a form of living art as the owner-operator of Nickels, a hair styling salon at 1219 North Mills. Trained at the Rhode Island School of Design and University of Rhode Island, Johnson only recently started with pencil and brush to capture images with his realistic style. He works in pencil charcoal, acrylic on both large and small surfaces. Several large canvases completed earlier this year to decorate the salon have drawn increasing interest from a variety of art lovers and interior design specialists along with retail visual merchandisers. The artist will consider commissions either from life or photographs. He enjoys sailing, riding, and travel when not working at easel or behind the styling chair. Samples of Johnson's art can be seen Tuesday through Saturday at the salon. Telephone is 898-2909. (Photos by Jay Wesley)



Relaxing

June 19 Unity Brunch is kickoff for Gay Pride

"The Gay community's special affection for Sunday brunch will take a more meaningful turn with the first Unity Brunch marking the start of Central Florida's Gay Pride celebration June 19. The brunch is being billed by organizers as "a social event with a serious message." The brunch will begin at 12 noon, at Daisy's Backstage in downtown Orlando. Gay Pride Week is celebrated June 19-26.

A full breakfast buffet will be included in the \$7.50 per person food charge. A cash bar will be operating. Food service will be offered from noon until 1:30 p.m.

Casual entertainment will begin at 12:45 p.m. with musical presentations. A program centering on Gay and Lesbian pride and liberation will be offered at 1:30 p.m.

The multi-media program will feature music, poetry, film, and song to

tell the story of growing Gay and Lesbian citizenship in the 20th century. The program will conclude by 3 p.m.

"This is the start of a great week in this area," said Jim Welch Gay Community Services president and chairman of the 1983 Gay Pride Committee. "The Unity Brunch will allow men and women to come together to share a sense of community and commitment in the week ahead. Along with the other many events of 1983's

celebration, the Unity Brunch will serve as a focus to celebrate the Gay community's emerging spirit."

Daisy's Backstage is located on Gertrude's Walk a brick walkway located between West Pine Street and West Central Street, one and one-half blocks north of Church Street Station. Abundant parking is available near the restaurant. Reservations for the Unity Brunch can be made by calling (305) 423-9907. - J.W.

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pentathlon for serving persons and bartenders. The latter event will pit teams of competitors from area clubs against each other in five special events. The team winning the most overall points will take home the coveted travelling trophy noting their special talents.

Included in the five events will be "The Run for the Rose", an event in which servers must run through a distance course while carrying full wine glasses. The server team crossing the finish line with the most liquid still in the glasses will claim the top spot. Other events include the "wet bar rag toss", the "closing time shuffle", the "drunken patron-carry relay", and a pyramid building contest using empty beer cans. That contest will be judged on the basis of the highest tower of

cans built from 200 empty containers. No ladders or other assists may be used, so teamwork in this event will be essential, planners say.

The Freedom Fest '83 will be the highlight of two other major Gay Pride events set for celebration period. The Unity

Brunch, June 19, and Annie Against AIDS, June 23, (See related stories, Page 3). Many other special events are area

taverns and clubs along with special worship services, seminars, and other gatherings are planned. A complete

schedule of events will be distributed one week before Gay Pride Week.



Turkey Lake park easy to reach

Turkey Lake Park, an Orlando-owned public recreation area, is the site for Freedom Fest '83, a celebration of National Gay Pride Sunday, June 26. It is easy to find for both local and out-of-town motorists.

- **From Orlando**-drive west on U.S. 50 (Colonial Drive) to Hiwassee Road. Turn south and follow signs to Turkey Lake Park entrance located on east side of road. A \$1 per person charge will be collected by the Orlando's recreation department from all those entering the park.

- **From Tampa**-drive east on Interstate 4 to the U.S. 50 West exit and follow instruction above.

- **From Daytona Beach**-drive west on Interstate Four to the U.S. 50 West exit and follow the instructions above.

- **From Cocoa Beach**-drive the Beeline Expressway to Interstate 4. Turn east to west Highway 50 exit and follow instructions above.

Please exercise care and caution driving to and from the park, especially with consumption of alcoholic beverages. Increased police traffic patrol on roads serving the park is possible during weekend hours. Drive safely and sober.

Picnic planners offer guidelines

Gay Pride partyers attending Freedom Fest '83, June 26 at Orlando's Turkey Lake Park, should find these guidelines helpful.


- Alcoholic beverages, except those being provided by Gay Community Services by special permit, and illicit drugs are not permitted in the park.

- Please be considerate of others using the park. Several other picnic areas will be in use by other groups. Special security will be provided for Freedom Fest '83 to insure your good time.

- Please place all litter and trash in proper receptacles.

- While do-it-yourself picnic lunches are encouraged, a chicken barbecue will be offered at a moderate price. Other foods, concessions, and items will also be for sale.

- Exercise care when leaving the park, especially if you have been drinking. Perhaps someone in your party should be designated as a sober driver and should restrict his or her alcohol content to insure a safe trip home.



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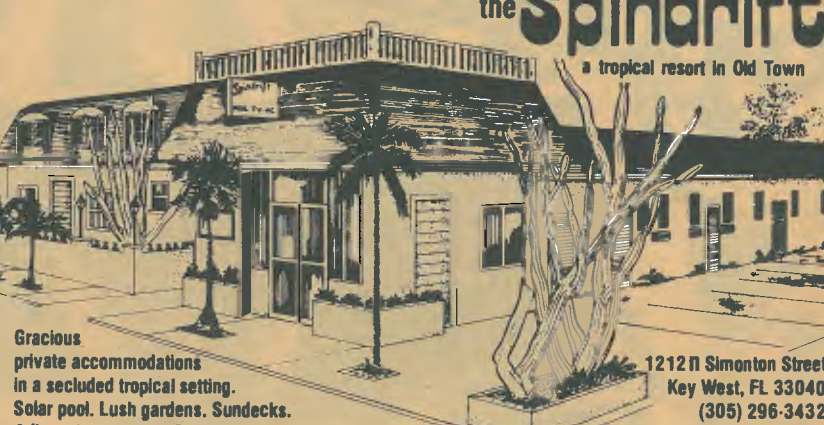
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Life as a TV

BY JAY WESLEY
New Direction Managing Editor

Barbara is tall for a woman, Howard is about average height for a man . . . they would make a great couple if they weren't the same person.

Barbara is the name Howard uses when he cross dresses . . . part of the ritual of transvestism he has been enjoying for more than four decades. Married for almost 25 years and the father of three children. B/H owns and operates a successful business selling a product that almost everyone uses. He believes that there are many more men in the central Florida area that enjoy wearing the smooth, silky clothing that often fills the pages of Vogue, Cosmopolitan, and the undergarment advertising from Frederick's of Hollywood.

"I think that a lot of men experience an interest in the clothing worn by their mother or sister. I know that I can remember at about age 6 or 7 sneaking

into my mother's room. It was all in secret," B/H claimed. "As a teenager, the feeling of the clothes seemed to give me a sense of heightened sexuality. It gave me increased sexual release, especially during masturbation."

"I did wear the clothes as often as possible till I was about 16 years old. I

had a steady girlfriend for about five years at the time I really didn't feel any guilt about my feelings at the time," B/H said. "Heck, I was into sports and all the other things a normal high school kid is interested in . . . girls and such."

"I liked women, but it wasn't a real sexual attraction, but the sexual appeal of their clothing, their sense of style and fashion. By the end of high school I was engaged to be married," B/H remembers.

"I had one homosexual experience in the Navy," B/H recalled. "I really got trapped into it by another sailor on the base. I just was never in the (Gay) life again while I was in the service."

B/H was married at age 25 and set about building a career and family.

"I started getting the itch again when I was about 32 or 33 years old. I found myself trying on my wife's garments when she was away from the house."

"I had to do business in Chicago once, I can remember I was about 40 then. The whole thing was very exciting. It was a downtown hotel that I stayed in and after getting dressed in women's clothing I went down to the bar. I waited for a drink and finally someone from the staff came over and told me that "I would have to leave the bar. He kept referring to me as sir."

"Later that night," B/H recalls, "I got a mysterious call to go to the bar

Changing channels in the 80's

next to the hotel. I met several men that night. Later, one came to my room. I remember that I was dressed in a nightgown."

"I played the passive role . . . to this day I can still remember the feeling of exhilaration from that night. I visited Chicago many times after that."

"After moving to Orlando, I started to go out more often. I hired an apartment with a girlfriend. I was able to keep my growing wardrobe there, away from home. I have been picked up several times here, although mostly in straight bars," B/H said.

"I can recall telling my wife about my interest in cross dressing. It was really a bitch. She suggested therapy. I can recall telling the therapist that I had no interest in having my balls cut off."

"When I took my wife to some of the Gay clubs, especially the Palace, she said that the place really disgusted her . . . she said it was full of evil. All this was taking place in a period of adjustment after I told her about my cross dressing."

B/H also remembers the hard time she got at the door of the Orlando's Parliament House, the doorman saying that "her kind was not appreciated there", despite the fact that female impersonators were performing in the show bar.

"I have never really had a bad experience, however," B/H stated. "I've never been thrown out of a club. I usually go to straight clubs though . . . it is easier to pass as a less pretty woman than a beautiful man."

B/H claims that his growing wardrobe and the loss of his girlfriends apartment has forced him to store his female clothing in a rental storage bay

in Orlando. When he spends time dressed as a woman, he usually rents a motel room for a three or four day stint as Barbara.

"It's really wild, sitting around the pool getting your nails ready for a night on the town and having this salesman from Des Moines trying to pick you up. You ought to see their faces when you tell them you are a man. Most just can't believe it," B/H laughed.

Trips to local beauty parlors also leaves some unsuspecting patrons buzzing under the dryers. "Most of the operators are real good about the whole thing . . . and I guess men are being more accepted in the salon with curlers, and so forth . . . at least no one has dropped dead yet," B/H claimed.

B/H dresses conservatively, appearing recently at an Orlando ballet performance in a simple black dress and pearls. While more than several heads turned as he entered the auditorium, persons around him made a special effort for courtesy.

"I'd really like to help others deal with their feelings about cross dressing and transvestism. I really think there are a lot more people than society would believe that like to do it. Like me, most of them do not want to be a woman physically, just to enjoy being surrounded by womanly things and perhaps finding a partner who can share our excitement both sexually and socially."

(Editor's note-persons interested in cross-dressing and its ramification can contact B/H by writing NEW DIRECTION, P.O. Box 4355, Winter Park, Fla. 32793.)

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New Direction sought city hall response to questions

1. Houston, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Miami, San Francisco, and Seattle, along with other cities have witnessed dynamic urban renewal and redevelopment in "downtown" areas and nearby neighborhoods thanks, in part, to Gay citizens and businessmen making large investments of time and money into these areas. Would you welcome this kind of infusion of capital into Orlando's downtown and urban neighborhoods realizing that "gentification" may result in a higher Gay "profile"?

2. Orlando has a pioneering record in advancing civil rights in areas such as housing and employment. If asked, would you introduce or offer support to pass city ordinances ending discrimination based on sexual preference in matters falling under the city's jurisdiction?

3. Would you issue an executive order to all city departments banning discrimination, harassment and similar actions against employees based on sexual preference?

4. If a current city employee feels he or she is being discriminated against because of his sexual preference, where should his or her complaints be registered? What path will they follow before coming to your desk?

5. Would you appoint a staff member in your office to serve as a liaison to the Gay community? If so, what would you expect in job performance by this staff member?

6. Do you believe nightclubs, taverns, and other entertainment serving Gay citizens are a detriment to Orlando's image? Do you feel that the outcome of the 1982 "morality vote" was a mandate to suppress businesses offering Gay citizens entertainment such as female impersonation and same-sex dancing?

7. Would you support efforts to add a learning segment on the Gay lifestyle, its problems and perception by the general public to training given to officers and trainees of the Orlando Police Department?

8. Orlando is a growing international travel destination. Would you support changes in the current United States immigration regulations to allow Gay and Lesbian persons to enter the country without fear of denial or deportation because of their stated sexual preferences?

9. Would you support state and federal legislation decriminalizing all sexual acts between consenting adults in the privacy of their living quarters? If not, why not?

10. Applying national statistics, some 50,000 Gay citizens live in greater Orlando. Would you issue a mayoral proclamation designating June 19-June 26 as Gay and Lesbian Citizens Week in Orlando? Would you consider taking part in a public ceremony marking the celebration of Gay and Lesbian Citizens Week?

Mayor's letter recounts campaign views

Thank you for taking the time to submit the list of questions to me for an interview in New Direction. I congratulate you and your staff on your first anniversary issue.

Several questions have been put to me concerning gay rights in the City of Orlando, particularly in reference to a higher gay "profile". I believe these questions can best be answered by me in the general context of my feelings toward the City in general. That answer was first given during my campaign for Mayor when I initiated the theme, "One Orlando".

At that time, my opposition was seeking to divide the community along racial lines to benefit his assumed advantage among Black voters. That advantage, by the way, was never realized, nor was he able to capitalize on that divisive theme.

Additionally, divisions among economic groups were also sought to be exploited on conventional, social and economic levels.

"One Orlando" implied, and still implies, that we in this City are one community, and that our strength and genius as a City lies in the recognition and application of this theme. I do not support ethnic conclaves, deliberate bilingual isolation, or any recognition groups which tend to operate against the concept of "One Orlando".

I would, of course, defend the rights of any citizen to live in this community free from illegal harassment because of a personal preference. I do not support the deliberate exploitation of a sexual preference for the sake of proving the point that the exploitation is possible.

In a free society such as we have in this community, law-abiding citizens will be given equal and just treatment. I promise you that. I retain the right, however, to express my



personal opinion on social and moral issues. But in terms of my official capacity as Mayor of this City, I recognize that different political, philosophical and other viewpoints exist, and should exist in a pluralistic society.

In my opinion, there has been no history of systematic persecution of any group of this community. This will continue to be the case under my administration. I believe that sufficient state and federal laws exist at the present time to ensure the continuation of this attitude; and with this administration's reconfirmed policy of "One Orlando", no further assurance seem essential.

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Curt Bockes

New Direction Staff Writer

Lorenzo's Pizzeria bills itself as a restaurant for "fine food and wine," a motto adopted by far too many eateries. Lorenzo's, though, has earned a rightful claim to the title. I've been munching on their take-out pizza and dining in the latticed adorned green interior for years.

Not that I'm an expert at pizza. I've never had a New York deep dish, which is, by word of mouth, the best. But the chewy yet crispy homemade crust, topped by your choice of up to twelve items, is divine.

My mouth is watering just for the thought of some future endeavor at devouring a **Lorenzo Special**. Pepperoni, sausage, mushroom, green peppers, onions, and anchovies, plus the cheese and tomato sauce spread across the pie insure a filling meal. A medium sized pizza is usually plenty for two. Personally, I skip the anchovies and order extra cheese (for 75¢). It eliminates the heartburn.

Of course, one is not limited to pizza at Lorenzo's. There are the more classic Italian dishes, such as lasagna and spaghetti, with seven choices of sauces. You can also choose from their cheese delights or the veal parmigiana.

The name "stuffed shells" intrigued me so last time I ventured to try the dinner item. Simply enough, it is shell shaped pasta stuffed with ricotta cheese, covered with tomato sauce and a layer of mozzarella cheese. The manicotti is equally just as cheesy. Why I have a fetish for the

solidified milk, I'll never know. But one can't go wrong by trying either the manicotti or stuffed shells.

The salads which accompany each dinner are nothing more than simple rabbit feed. But the breadsticks served with them are a morsel to behold. If you're lucky your serving will be a batch just pulled from the oven. Hot and buttery, these almost too garlicky morsels compliment any meal, including a prelude to a pizza.

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Next time you feel like a great Italian lover, put some Italian fuel in your system and go to town. Lorenzo's is small and cozy, serves great food and is a friendly establishment that will bring you back for more.

Churches call for AIDS help

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. overwhelmingly passed a resolution calling for "substantially increased funds and a high priority for research and information on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and AIDS-related diseases." The resolution goes on to direct Council leaders "to inform the President of the United States, Members of Congress, the National Institute of Health and the Center for Disease Control of this action."

Volleyball tournament planned for Gay Pride Week contest

Keeping their ball in the air will be the goal for players in the first Gay Pride Week volleyball tourney set for two weekends in June. Play will be at Al Coith Park located at Gore Street and Delaney Street in "Old Orlando". The park is one block east of Orange Ave. Finals will be played at Turkey Lake Park as part of the June 26 Freedom Fest '83.

GO (Gay Organized) Sports, the recreation committee of Gay Community Services (GCS) is directing the tourney. Teams are being sought from local Gay taverns and other organizations. Pick-up teams are also invited. Play would begin June 19 at 3 p.m.

Gay skaters to roll again

Gay and Lesbian skaters can take to their wheels Monday, June 20, as the monthly GCS roller skating party becomes part of Gay Pride Week June 19-26. The fun begins at 8:30 p.m. at Semoran Skateway, Highway 436 in south Casselberry. The center is located north of Howell Branch Road, tucked behind a McDonald's restaurant.

Special prizes and surprizes are planned for the skate date. Skating continues until 11 p.m. The roller parties are provided monthly by Gay Community Services. A small fee which includes skate rental is charged.

Sign up forms are posted in local clubs serving Gay and Lesbian patrons. A special trophy will be presented to the winning squad after the Turkey Lake finals. There is no fee to participate in the event. Persons wanting to play volleyball can "walk-on" at the tournament preliminaries June 19, according to organizers.

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- ☒ VD Clinic 310 N. Myrtle - 461-2727

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- A-1-A Adults Books (A) 4265 N. Atlantic Ave. - 783-9383
- The Evening Edition (L) 6575 N. Atlantic Ave. - 783-9138
- ★ GRAC Box 421, Sharpes 32959 - 254-GAYS

DAYTONA BEACH (Area Code 904)

- The Barn Door (L) 615 Main St. - 252-3778
- Beachside Club (T) 415 Main St. - 252-5485
- The Landmark (L-E-R-H) 645 Main St. - 252-3778
- Yum Yum Tree (L-E) 701 Ridgewood Ave. - 253-5811
- The Tropic Club (L-E) 1854 S. Ridgewood - 787-4824
- ★ Gay Rap Session (Bi-Monthly) 255-8222
- † MCC 188 Broadway - 255-8222
- ☒ VD Clinic 501 Clyde Morris - 258-7000

LAKELAND (Area Code 813)

- Roy's Green Parrot (L) 1028 E. Main St. - 883-2431
- ☒ VD Clinic 1333 N. Florida Ave. - 888-5583

MELBOURNE (Area Code 305)

- Saturdays (L) 9760 W. New Haven Ave. - 724-1510
- ★ GRAC Box 421, Sharpes 32959 - 254-GAYS
- ☒ VD Clinic 1204 Hickory St. - 727-1480

ORLANDO (Area Code 305)

- Adult Books of Orlando (A) 3139 S. Orange Ave. - 855-7203
- A.J.'s Dordand (A) 8100 Old Winter Garden Rd. - 291-9513
- First Amendment (A) 741 Bennet Rd.
- Blue Parrot (T) (See Parliament House) Ext 13 - 425-7571
- City Bath Club (C) 3400 S. Orange Blossom Tr. - 420-9890
- The General Store (TBX) (See Parliament House) Ex 141 - 425-7571
- The Loading Dock (L) 3400 S. Orange Blossom Trail - 420-9778
- Midnight News (ABPTX) (Parliament House) Ex 139 - 425-7571
- New Direction Newspaper 843-4297
- Odds and Ends (L-E) 4910 Edgewater Drive - 291-7571
- Parliament House (HLER) 410 N. Orange Blossom Tr. - 425-7571
- Palace Club (E) 3400 S. Orange Blossom Tr. - 420-9015
- Park Avenue (L) 4315 N. Orange Blossom Tr. - 295-3751
- Silver Hammer (L) 1300 N. Mills Ave. - 898-4915
- Southern Nights (L-E-R) 375 Bumby St. - 894-1421
- Swing Books (A) 2203 S. Orange Blossom Trail - 430-3481
- ★ Advocate Program Box 931, 32802 - 843-4297
- † Dignity 843-4297
- ★ Gay AA 422-3076
- ★ Gay Community Service 843-GAYS
- ☒ Peer Counseling Hotline 843-GAYS
- † Joy MCC 2500 Curry Ford Rd./Box 3004 - 32802 - 894-1081
- ☒ VD Clinic 832 W. Central - 420-3600
- ★ Voter Registration 849-2121

TAMPA (Area Code 813)

- Baxter's (L) 714 S. Dale Mabry - 879-1161
- BJ's (L) 4427 W. Kennedy Blvd. - 879-8537
- Club Tampa (C) 215 N. 11th St. - 223-5111
- El Goya (L-E) 1430 E. 7th Ave. - 247-2711
- Firehouse Pub (L) Northgate Mall - 932-4091
- Ohio (L) 102 Polk St. - 229-9065
- Papillon (L) 3976 W. Hillsborough Ave. - 872-0108
- ★ AA, Gay P.O. Box 272173 - 33888
- ★ AA, Gay 879-1233
- ★ ACLU PO Box 272173 - 33888
- ★ Al Anon P.O. Box 8972 - 33674 - 935-6171
- ★ Bay Area Rights Council P.O. Box 947 - 33601
- ★ DACC (Drug Abuse) 870-2905
- † Dignity P.O. 3306 - 33601
- ★ Everywoman's Center 974-2687
- ☒ Gay Hot Line 1521 S. Dale Mabry Hwy./POB 1521 - 229-8839
- † MCC 2904 Concordia Ave. - 839-5939
- ★ Pre-Trial Intervention 272-5400
- ★ Tampa Bay Business Guild 1521 S. Dale Mabry, Tampa 33629 - 251-6201 or 831-2997
- ★ U. of South Florida Gay Coalition 974-4297
- ☒ VD Clinic 1105 E. Kennedy Blvd. - 272-6385
- ★ Voter Registration 272-5850
- ★ Women's Peer Counseling 974-2654

