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MCC Founder to amplify Joy's message to Gays

The Reverend Elder Troy D. Perry, Founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, (UFMCC) will be in Orlando this month to present to Joy MCC a charter. This charter recognizes this local group as a church with full rights and privileges in the UFMCC. For Joy MCC this is a culmination of four years of worship and work.

Recognized as a study group within the UFMCC on March 18, 1979, Joy's mission status was granted on June 9, 1981.

Events of chartering week include a Gospel sing and Communion on Thursday, March 10 at 8 p.m. Rev. Perry will consecrate Communion and will speak informally. The Rev. Arthur Fleschner, founding pastor of Joy MCC will be joining the



Rev. Troy Perry

celebration on this evening and will be serving Communion. Refreshments will be available during a time of fellowship following the service.

The UFMCC has some 200 member congregations almost 100 of which have reached the level of Chartered Churches. Joy MCC may be one of the churches

which helps to boost that number over the 100 mark. This ecumenical denomination was founded in 1968 in Los Angeles, California. It now has branches in Canada, Mexico, England, Denmark, Nigeria, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. The UFMCC is firmly rooted in Christianity with clergy and members from such diverse Christian backgrounds as Catholic and Pentecostal.

Rev. Perry's home state is Florida and it gives him special pleasure each time one of Florida's MCC's is chartered. There are 11 MCC's in Florida and Joy is the fifth to be chartered.

On Saturday, March 12 beginning at 7 p.m. there will be a banquet at Winter Park's Langford Hotel. Rev. Perry, an advocate for Gay and Lesbian rights, will show a video preview of an upcoming TV special produced by the UFMCC. This hour long documentary entitled, "God, Gays and the Gospel: This Is Our Story" tells the message of this denomination which has proclaimed over 14 years that God loves and accepts Lesbians and Gay Men. Tickets for the banquet must be purchased in advance. (The video preview will also be shown after fellowship on Thursday night for those not attending the banquet.)

Worship on Sunday March 13 beginning promptly at 7:15 is the highlight of the week. During this service Rev. Perry will present the Charter, induct the charter members and will preach. Perry is known as a dynamic speaker.

Rev. Nancy Radclyffe, Pastor of Joy MCC will consecrate Communion during this service. Worship will be followed once again with refreshments and time to socialize and meet Rev. Perry.

More information about these events or tickets to the banquet, is available by calling 894-1081. The Thursday and Sunday worship services will be held at 2500 Curry Ford Road which is one block east of Bumby at the Community Center.

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Sanlo says resignation must be accepted

The resignation of Ronni Sanlo, an Orlando woman, as Executive Director of the Florida Task Force, is expected to be accepted at the next meeting of the group's board of directors. Sanlo, a Lesbian activist, is planning to stay in Central Florida, continuing her educational career while solidifying plans for a program for Gay youth.

Sanlo told *New Direction* that the recent Valentine's Day fund-raising effort by FTF on a statewide basis failed to produce enough money to allow her to resume her lobbyist duties in Tallahassee. Early indications show slightly more than \$4,000 was donated by Gay bars through the collection of special cover charges and other events.

"While that total is a good amount," Sanlo said, "It is not enough to allow me to return to my post as executive director. I can't continue to live from fund-raiser to fund-raiser and do an effective job."

Sanlo, the mother of two children, is continuing her education at the University of Central Florida. She is developing a pilot counseling program aimed at assisting high school-aged Gay youths and Lesbians deal with their emerging sexuality in a positive manner.

Lesbians suffering higher alcoholism

by Priscilla Rhoades

Her name is Ann and like every third lesbian, she's an alcoholic. Ann started drinking when she was 15. From the beginning Ann drank alcoholically; that is, she always drank to get drunk. Because her father was an active alcoholic, Ann was often the object of his drunken anger. Sometimes he would slap Ann's mother or threaten them both with violence. At these times Ann would feel terrified and want only to escape. Before long she had learned that escape was possible, and by her father's own means: alcohol. Ann found that when she was drinking she felt less afraid.

By the time she was 18 Ann was drinking openly in front of her parents. They didn't notice a problem. After leaving home for college in another Southern California city, Ann continued her alcohol habit. Drinking killed her memories of the past and made the present seem better. After a few sips from the bottle smuggled into the dormitory, Ann could relax and open up. She could make friends that way; drinking made it seem easy.

It was at this time that Ann began to realize she was sexually attracted to women. Unable to accept these feelings, she tried drinking them away. One night after a lot of shared wine, Ann made love with her roommate. In the morning they both blamed the alcohol, but Ann knew.

After awhile Ann learned of a gay bar downtown. She obtained a false i.d. and went. Walking into that dark room crowded with gay people, Ann knew she was where she belonged. Soon she was spending every free night in the bar.

In time Ann met a woman who drank as much as she did. They became lovers. Ann felt happier with a lover but still had a vague uneasiness about her life. She had a feeling that things might be better in San Francisco, the gay mecca, so she and her lover moved.

And things did seem better, for awhile. Ann went to school and worked and went to the bars and drank. There were arguments at home, of course, and stretches of time Ann

couldn't account for; but then all couples argued, didn't they? And everyone forgot things when they were drinking. Didn't they?

When her lover moved out, Ann began drinking more than ever. One night, after drinking heavily in a women's bar, Ann put her fist through the storefront window next door. She decided to move again, this time to Hawaii. When Hawaii didn't work out, Ann tried Texas, and when Texas wasn't it either, she came back to San Francisco.

By now Ann had become lovers with a woman who didn't drink alcoholically. Ann started therapy and began working on her relationship with her lover. She desperately wanted something in her life to go right.

When her therapist suggested Ann might be an alcoholic, she was stunned and angered. Alcohol had nothing to do with it, she said; she just had some problems. Ann's therapist told her to attend one Alcoholics Anonymous meeting a week or look for a new therapist. Ann went, resistant at first and then relieved. She took her last drink two months before her 29th birthday.

Ann's name is fictitious, but her story is very real. According to all estimates, alcoholism has reached epidemic proportions within the lesbian and gay community. A 1975 study by Lillene Fifield for the Gay Community Services Center of Los Angeles showed that 25 to 35 percent of the gay population abuses alcohol on a regular basis. This is more than three times the National Institute on Alcoholism estimate of 7 to 10 percent for the population at large.

Another study suggested that lesbians may have an even higher incidence of alcoholism than that of gay men. In 1970 psychiatrist Marcel T. Saghir found that 35 percent of the lesbians he interviewed had an alcohol problem compared to 28 percent of the gay men.

Police dialogue opens with April meeting

Increased understanding between the Gay community and local law enforcement is the goal of a meeting April 5. The meeting, being arranged by Gay Community Services (GCS) is the first of its kind in central Florida. It will be held at the Howard Johnson Executive Center, I-4 and Colonial Drive (U.S. 50) near downtown Orlando.

Representatives of the Orlando Police and the Orange County Sheriff's Department will be on hand to join a panel of GCS spokespersons in an effort to enlarge understanding between Gay and Lesbian citizens and police agencies. The meeting will allow substantial time for questions and answers from the audience. The meeting opens at 8 p.m.

Included on the program will be discussion of arrest procedures, vice crime suppression, including hustling and solicitation, methods to combat neighborhood crime, tips on becoming more "street wise", and discussion of employment for Gay men and women in police work. Several displays concerning crime awareness and suppression will be part of the program.

The meeting is a result of recent requests made by GCS leadership to Orlando Chief of Police William Kolesczar and Orange County Sheriff Lawson Lamar. Both departments responded with a positive answer assigning the meeting coordination to their community relations sections.

"Many Gay citizens are reluctant to contact police agencies when they really need to because of the fear of publicity or indifference," said Jim Welch, GCS president. "This meeting should be the springboard to better police relations. Gay citizens should expect the very same service for their tax dollar as everyone else. It is very encouraging that the local agencies have responded in such a quick and affirmative manner."

Welch said that GCS would be mounting a publicity campaign in Gay meeting places concerning the meeting. "We want to have an interesting dialogue. Nothing could make us look worse than to show the kind of apathy our non-Gay neighbors often do toward the pressure and problems of police work."

Dignity chapter aids Gay Roman Catholics

By JAY WESLEY

New Direction Managing Editor

Religious opportunity for homosexual Roman Catholics is expected to be greatly improved with formation of a chapter of Dignity currently underway in Orlando. The program has received the tacit blessing of the Diocese of Orlando, according to Tim Frazer, president-elect of the local group.

"Dignity-Orlando is open to a variety of persons," Frazer said "including Gay and Lesbian Roman Catholics, non-Roman Catholic Gays and Lesbians, and non-Gay Christians who have an interest in the Roman Catholic theology." Frazer said that the Mass is offered to Dignity members, guests, and friends each Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Newman House, 430 East Lyman Avenue, Winter Park. The building is adjacent to Rollins College.

Frazer said that a short business meeting follows the Mass and fellowship. Organized recreation for members is often on the schedule after the meeting, he said. Average attendance to the Mass offered for Dignity has been about 25-30 persons. The Mass is offered by Fr. Martin Keller and Fr. Joe Calderone, both Augustinian Brothers. Frazer described the Mass celebration as "informal and very friendly."

Frazer said that Dignity is not intended to be a substitute for normal parish life. He said after chartering of the chapter by the

national Dignity organization, local members will be encouraged to return to their own parishes to pursue meaningful dialogue in order to broaden the churches understanding of the needs of Gay and Lesbian Christians.

Dignity literature includes this statement on the group's theological foundation: "We believe that Gay Catholics are members of Christ's mystical body, numbered among the people of God. We have an inherent dignity because God created us, Christ died for us, and the Holy Spirit sanctified us in Baptism, making us His temple and the channel through which the love of God might become visible. Because of this, it is our right, our privilege, and our duty to live the sacramental life of the Church so that we may become more powerful instruments of God's love working among all people."

Frazer said that persons wanting to become a member of Dignity must pay \$20 annual dues, part of which remains with the local organization. The payment insures a vote in Dignity business affairs on both a local and national basis and subscription to the national newsletter.

Information about Dignity is available from the Gay Community Services "Rapline" at THE-GAYS (843-4297) in area code 305. Information is also available at the Newman House. Frazer said that election of officers for the new group has been set for March 19.



Tubby Boots

Bill Sims

Zany Duo to Spark Parliament Stage

DOUBLE BILL - Orlando's Parliament House Resort has announced a special two star production March 14 in the Playhouse Theatre. **Tubby Boots**, lovingly known as "two tons of fun" will bring his comedy and humor to the stage in tandem with **Bill Sims**, master magician and illusionist. P-House entertainment director David Scott said the special show will also feature "Clowns of Many Faces", a lavish production starring the Playhouse Theatre. **Tubby Boots**, lovingly known as "two tons of fun" will bring his comedy and humor to the stage in tandem with **Bill Sims**, master magician and illusionist. P-House entertainment director David Scott said the special show will also feature "Clowns of Many Faces", a lavish production starring the Playhouse regulars. The two-hour stage show will begin at 9:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the Parliament House. Magician Sims will reportedly saw a "drag queen" in half, among other feats. **Tubby Boots** portrays a variety of characters including a Nun and the "Last of the Red Hot Mommas." More information on the program is available by calling 425-7571, The Parliament House.

Writing seminars feature unique rustic setting

For the fifth consecutive year, lesbian writers, publishers and printers from throughout the southeast will get together in early June to share information, expertise and works in progress at *Womanwrites*, the annual Southeastern lesbian writers conference.

Held June 9-12 in middle Georgia, *Womanwrites '83* will feature workshops on different aspects of writing and publishing and group sessions devoted to readings of works by conference participants. In addition to scheduled events, the four-day gathering will provide participants with many opportunities for informal discussions and socializing with other writers, as well as space for working in solitude.

Mothers are welcome to bring their girl children of all ages and boy children under

The advance registration fee (applications received before May 27) for *Womanwrites '83* is \$35 per adult, \$10 per child. (lower fees available to economically challenged women). This charge includes participation in workshops and other events, food and camp-style lodging. Registration will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Since space is limited, early registration is advised.

Women of all economic backgrounds, racial, religious and ethnic groups are encouraged to attend *Womanwrites '83*. For more information and an application send a self addressed, stamped envelope to:

Womanwrites
7134 5th Ave. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710



A STRAIGHT ANSWER, PLEASE - Three lucky batchelors offer answers to tough questions during the Gay Dating Game, part of the annual Gay Community Services Valentine's Day Party last month. Some \$1,100 was raised to support GCS activities. Emcee for the event was Lori Delmar while other Parliament House entertainers joined in the special show. Bachelor Number One, left, won the dinner date with the lucky contestant. (NDPIC/Wesley)

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Police hunt suspect in Kulka homicide

BY JAY WESLEY

New Direction Managing Editor

Violent death on Avalon Street; it seemed so out of place with the carefully-tended lawns, the small, orderly houses amid awaking blooms of Spring flowers. The scene Orlando police found at 600 Avalon Feb. 13, set the neighborhood's elderly residents buzzing behind double-locked doors.

The body of Joseph Michael Kulka, 29, naked and bloody, was found by police officers after they were summoned to the white frame house by a female friend of the dead man. He apparently died on his bed, stabbed repeatedly by an unknown assailant. The murder weapon, thought to be a butcher knife from the dead man's kitchen, has not been found.

Kulka, a slender, bearded man, (5'11", 140 pounds), reportedly spoke to his lover, a black man, about 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11. The couple, who would have celebrated the third year of their relationship on Feb. 17, discussed plans of an upcoming party. Kulka told his friend his plans for Friday night included staying at home and doing household bookwork.

Kulka shared the same plans with a woman friend and co-worker at Orlando's Sunland Training Center earlier Friday afternoon. A unit supervisor overseeing the activities of more than 40 profoundly retarded persons, Kulka was regarded as a "good worker" by Sunland director Noel Windsor.

Repeated attempts to contact Kulka by telephone late Friday, Saturday and early Sunday finally brought the woman co-worker to the open door of the one-story house on Avalon Street. "When I entered the place and saw the mess, the blood on the carpet . . . and smelled his body, I called police," she said.

Orlando Police Department Investigator Charles Ings said several items were taken from the Kulka house, apparently after the murder. Police are especially interested in the whereabouts of three stereo components, a tuner, amplifier, and turntable labeled as Series E equipment from MGA Mitsubishi Electric. The units featured black faceplates.

Ings said the equipment was removed from the murder scene in Kulka's car, a 1981 silver over black Chevrolet Citation hatchback. The car was located Sunday, Feb. 13, parked on West Central Street near Lake Eola. Kulka's wallet, normally kept in the car's glovebox, was later recovered from Lake Eola after it was noticed by a park user.

Friends of the murdered man say that several jewelry items were also removed from the house, although they are not ready to accept the idea robbery was the motive in the crime. They told *New Direction*, many other items of value were not taken from the house despite being in plain view. They theorize the theft was a ruse to confuse police investigators.

'Rapline' training sessions to teach listening skill

Gay Community Services has announced plans for training sessions for "Rapline" counselors. Volunteers, after completion of about 12 hours training, spend from one to three days on duty during each month, answering the GCS telephone contacts.

Calls coming to the GCS number, THE-GAYS (843-4297), are answered by a professional answering service. The caller's number is taken and then forwarded to the volunteer on duty for an immediate recall. Situations deemed of high stress or an emergency situation may be patched directly through to the GCS counselor for immediate response while keeping the calling party on line.

Training for the volunteer counseling



Joseph Kulka

Police have also been checking a report that a man fitting the description of Kulka was seen about 10:30 p.m. Friday Feb. 11, by a worker in an adult bookstore on South Orange Blossom Trail. Friends said that Kulka made infrequent stops at the store. No books, erotic photographs, or sex toys were found in the dead man's house.

Investigators are also in possession of a composite drawing of a man who may have been at the murder scene Saturday, Feb. 12. An off-duty police officer, under hypnosis, supplied details to a police artist concerning features of a white man he saw at the Kulka house. The drawing shows a subject with dark curly hair and a distinctive downturned mouth. Police would not allow *New Direction* to publish the drawing, preferring to show it only to principals in the investigation.

Teams of Orlando detectives spent several days questioning known male prostitutes in the Lake Eola area in regards to Kulka's car. Friends of Kulka say that while he frequently drove around the lake area to "see who's on the street", he did not engage street hustlers.

Police said bills, checks, and other items found on Kulka's dining room table gave the impression he was working there and possibly interrupted. His clothes were found hanging on the end of the bed in an orderly fashion, apparently put there by Kulka.

Wounds to Kulka's arms and fingers indicate that he may have tried to resist his attacker.

Kulka's body was returned to Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, after funeral services in Orlando. He was one of nine children, the only one to have received a college education. He had lived in the Orlando area about five years.

consists of at least five sessions. Subjects covered include improving listening skills, sensitivity training, referral techniques and basic counseling information. A variety of medical, social, legal, and psychological professionals are on call to assist counselors, if needed.

Persons wanting to enlist in the program or wanting more information about the "Rapline" should call THE-GAYS before March 15. Class scheduling will be set to facilitate most volunteers.

Gay Community Services of Central Florida, operator of the telephone service, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to bettering Gay life in Central Florida.

Spotlight on

Gay Central Florida

Orlando man studied in AIDS research

BY JAY WESLEY

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A 32-year-old Orlando man has become the first reported case of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the central Florida area. The man, who is homosexual, was recently transferred to a suburban Washington D.C. hospital to take part in experimental treatment techniques under study to stem the often-fatal illness.

AIDS, since its discovery in 1981, has been found in slightly over 900 people in the United States. Almost three-fourths of the people who first got the disease are dead. It has hit young homosexual men, users of intravenous drugs and their sexual partners, Haitians, hemophiliacs and children.

The disease gets its complex name from the fact that it is acquired, that its victims did not inherit it; immune deficiency because the one thing victims have in common is the breakdown of their immune (germ-fighting) system; and syndrome, which covers the collection of rare diseases that takes advantage of their bodies' collapsed defenses.

It's the syndrome part that kills. Victims often feel the same effects of having the flu, as if they have been to one party too many. Often, six to eighteen months later, they still feel the same way, an indication they have lost their ability to fight off disease.

Like the Orlando man, a third of AIDS victims develop Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer of the skin or internal organs. Early signs of the skin cancer often show up on the feet and legs as small discolored spots which grow in size.

Others with AIDS may develop an unusual pneumonia caused by a protozoan and called PCP. A long list of so-called "opportunistic infections" may take advantage of the bodies' weakened defenses and wreak havoc on the victim.

Scientists across the nation are attempting to discover a cure for the disease while just as many persons are doing research as to the cause of the so-called "Gay plague".

Research has shown the AIDS appears to be contagious, passed by intimate contact . . . shared drug needles or sexual intercourse. Health officials are also concerned the illness may be carried through transmission of blood, something that has the blood collection industry, including voluntary blood collection groups, concerned.

Among Gays, research has discovered, AIDS victims are more likely to use marijuana and cocaine, to have many anonymous sexual partners in bath houses, bars, and public restrooms, and to engage in sexual practices that cause abrasions and possibly expose the men to small amounts of blood and fecal matter. Patients also seemed to have more of a history of sexually transmitted diseases such as syphilis, parasitic infections, and hepatitis.

Treatment of the local man has resulted in bills reportedly totaling over \$500,000, according to persons close to the case. Costs of the experimental treatments now underway will be borne by the federal government.

Building positive Gay citizens is new program's goal

A select program aimed at building a positive Gay identity is being offered by Gay Community Services of Central Florida, Inc. beginning April 6. The first 10 week session will be limited to 10 persons, meeting in Orlando.

Several tracts will be followed during the session according to Phil Toal, program supervisor. They include changing traditional societal stereotypical image of Gays and Lesbians, building Gay support systems in the community, developing relevant

social and ethical values as applied to the Gay lifestyle, learning to accept and to express anger and affection toward others, and building and implementing reasonable expectations for self and community within the framework of being Gay.

The session is being offered at no cost to interested persons. Registration information is available by calling the GCS "Rapline" at THE-GAYS (305-843-4297) in Orlando.



UCF DEBATE - Homosexuality became one of the "Hot Topics of the 1980's" during a recent debate at the University of Central Florida. About 70 persons were on hand for the discussion of Gay and Lesbian lifestyles, pro and con. Discussing the issues were, left to right, Jim Welch, Gay Community Services president; Ronni Sanlo, Florida Task Force lobbyist; moderator Clive Thomas, WKIS Radio; and Russell McCraw, founder of Be Whole, Inc., a group claiming a "cure" for Gayness through religious techniques. (ND-PIC/Chestie)

Reagan fuels anti-Gay violence

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S VISIT TO ORLANDO MARCH 8, to speak to the national convention of evangelistic religious leaders, a group opposed to Gay liberation in almost any manner, way, or shape, may be a signal to the growing Gay community in the United States of troubled times ahead.

The President's visit is apparently an attempt to shore up his sagging image with ultraconservatives. In recent months, the religious New Right has become increasingly vocal on Reagan's slight drift toward center on issues of federally-funded abortion, school prayer, and welfare aid. Charges that the President was reniging on campaign promises have been heard in places like Lynchburg, Virginia, home of Brother Jerry Falwell.

In a curious mix of church and state, this President who recently unofficially said 1983 should be the "Year of the Bible", will share the stage with Falwell and his Gay-hating cadre of look alike at the Sheraton Twin Towers. The effects of the appearance could add fuel to the growing fires of anti-Gay violence both locally and throughout the nation.

The Gay civil rights movement confronts a time of tremendous uncertainty, unemployment, inflation, diminishing resources and rapid social change. In hard times minorities tend to be scapegoated. Gay people are no exception to that rule. The radical religious right says that America's hard times are God's punishment for tolerating sin . . . and the most heinous of those sins is homosexuality.

Falwell's so-called Moral Majority regularly issues "declarations of war" against Gays and creates a climate of hate that opens the way for others to attack our brothers and sisters physically. While it claims to "hate the sin, but love the sinner," its followers are not always so particular.

IN SOME AREAS OF THIS COUNTRY, "queer bashing" is a favorite pastime, and when the police don't join in the sport, they often do little to discourage it. Many Gay victims fear to report incidents because they expect reprisals, official indifference, and unwanted publicity. We suffer in silence.

LIKE RAPE VICTIMS, GAY VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE are often blamed for attacks they did not invite or deserve. After all, it is easier to focus on the victim than it is to acknowledge one's own vulnerability to random homophobic rage. Notions by Gays and straights that "limp wrists" or public displays of affection provoke or deserve a violent response are just as destructive as the similar notions used to justify rape.

When our relationships are disrupted, when we become resigned to living in fear, when we blame ourselves or each other for attacks against us, or when the closet begins to look like a safer, more attractive place, the foe of our liberation and the homophobic assailant is succeeding beyond his wildest dreams.

To its credit, the National Gay Task Force's Violence Project, is dedicated to research, document, publicize and combat anti-Gay violence wherever it takes place. The program is as close as the nearest telephone.

The "Crisisline", NGTF'S toll free telephone number, allows callers to make a direct, confidential report about being attacked, threatened, or harrassed. The number is (800) 221-7044. The line is open Monday - Friday, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. EST. Data collected from callers will allow the NGTF to present a clear picture of anti-Gay violence when working to increase police understanding of Gay-related problems.

In addition, the Crisisline will offer advice on the local group in the area ready to assist in time of trauma. In Orlando, Gay Community Services maintains its own call service, 843-4297, (THE GAYS) that offers a variety of information to callers.

The time has come to begin looking out for each other, to report and then to work to stem violence against Gay men and Lesbians. Perhaps when the ugly truth is fully known, when the President is fully aware of the hatred, lies, and bigotry spread by his God-using platform mates in Orlando, he'll say a little prayer for forgiveness.

Editor's notebook

Jobs offer for Gay workers unheeded

Response has been **underwhelming** to the offer of possible employment of Gay men and Lesbians by a major luxury housing developer recently relocated in Orlando. The jobs, both inside and outside positions, are mostly longterm since this company has several years of building projects already planned. Wage or salary offerings are above average.

The persons offering the jobs have recently relocated to Orlando from cities having a large, active Gay population. They know that hiring Gays can be good.

Persons wanting more information should send a work history resume or a description of your skills to **GCS Workforce**, c/o 489 Spanish Trace Drive, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701

The creative people at *Southern Nights*, 375 South Bumby Street, in Orlando have pledged to aid the GCS effort with a fundraiser Monday, March 7. A variety of party surprises are on tap.

Jim Nuss, owner of the Silver Hammer, will aid GCS March 13. That's the date of the mens' club's Roman Orgy party. Men not wanting to don a toga will be asked to pay a \$2 cover charge to attend the feasting and festivities. The cover charge will be given to GCS, Nuss said.

A tentative date of April 20 is under study by GCS officers for the first **venereal disease screening** in 1983. GCS is in contact with county health department officials to provide an evening at the VD control clinic exclusively for Gay men and Lesbians.

Local club owners catering to Gay trade will be asked by GCS to honor coupons for either free admissions or free refreshments to people participating in the VD screening. The testing process usually involves about 90 minutes and is painless.

More information concerning the screening program will be carried in the April *New Direction*.

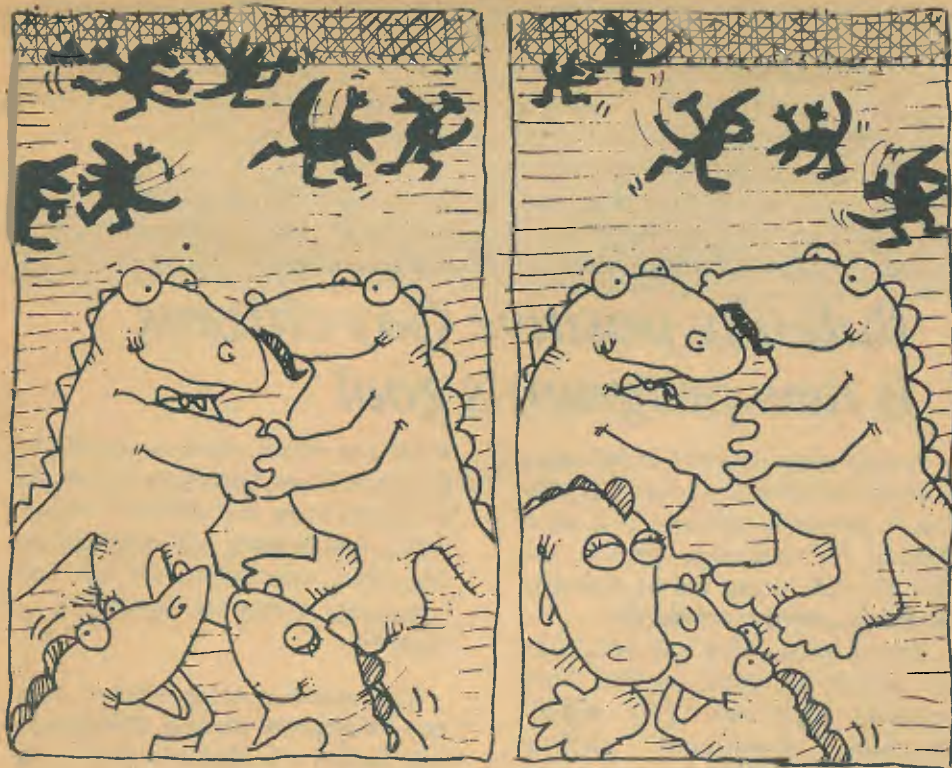
Gay Community Services of Central Florida (GCS) has two major projects underway in April that deserve good attendance. On April 5, a forum on police relations with the Gay community will be held at the **Howard Johnson's Executive Center hotel** at I-4 and Colonial Drive. Representatives of the Orlando Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Department will be on hand to discuss bettering police understanding of crime against Gay citizens. The meeting gets underway at 8 p.m.

Ambitious plans are under consideration for a giant **Gay Pride** celebration in Orlando. A GCS committee is being formed to implement the weeklong activities which would commence June 26, national Gay Pride 'Sunday and end a week later during the July Fourth weekend. Preliminary planning details a list of events including a sunrise Stonewall Riot Commemoration service, Gay Pride Sunday brunch, a floating party on Lake Monroe, a concert featuring a Gay recording artist, a Gay Monday at the Movies at a reated cinema draft house, a special night at Theatre on Park, celebrations at area Gay clubs and a Gay artists festival.

The Gay Pride "super week" would end July 3 with a giant Freedom festival and Field Day. The picnic event would feature fun and games for Gays and Lesbians from throughout central Florida with a special fireworks display at dusk.

Volunteers are being sought to assist in all phases of the planning. Interested persons should contact GCS president Jim Welch through the group's switchboard by calling THE-GAYS (843-4297) in Orlando.

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How to avoid auto repair piracy

How Smart Drivers Avoid Car-Repair Rip-offs

Everybody complains about car-repair rip-offs. But some car owners play a part in their own rip-off.

To a mechanic, tune-up spells replacement of many parts and more than an hour of labor at \$15 to \$50 per hour, depending on shop and locality. If the owner had stated his actual complaint - stalling at lights - the mechanic might have been able to fix the car inexpensively by reconnecting a vacuum hose or adjusting the idle.

Like the man with the \$90 bill, many auto repair customers think "Rip-off!" when the real problem could be poor communication with the mechanic, service writer or shop owner.

And don't think you're being taken advantage of simply because you're a woman. "That's a misconception," says mechanic Nancy Rupprecht of San Francisco. She and Lynn McLeod are co-owners of Labyris Auto Repair, an all-female shop with eight mechanics. "Most mechanics realize that neither men nor women customers know very much about today's complicated models. We find that men actually tend to know little or no more than women do."

Trust them, but...

Start with an attitude of trust. Pick a shop with a reputation of reliability, put confidence in the advice you're given, but take the precautionary measures discussed below. If you're uncertain about a recommendation or feel the estimated price is excessive, you can always get a second opinion.

Ask them

Your best protection, believes Rupprecht, is to ask questions. It keeps the mechanic or service adviser alert and honest, and reduces your chances of getting needless repairs. "Always admit that you don't know," Rupprecht says. "If you don't ask, the mechanic thinks you do understand."

If your car needs several maintenance and repair services, make a list before you take it in. Then you won't have to return later for something you forgot. For any major work, a good way to smooth the process is to make an appointment and allow plenty of time. Most mechanics feel they can do a better job if they don't have to rush to meet your deadline hour or to finish up because you're in the waiting room getting impatient. They prefer that you leave the car and return for it later.

Tell them

When you talk with the person who takes your order, describe your car's problem. Tell how long it has been going on, at what speeds, whether it happens on hot or cold days - when the engine is warm or cold. Identify any noises such as clicks, squeaks or roars, and describe any unusual odors. "When you get right down to it," says a General Motors customer booklet called *Let's Talk*, you know your car better than anyone else... and you're the first to notice things that are different from its normal 'feel.' "

Accurate reporting of the problem would have helped a woman who explained to a service person that her car's engine died frequently after starting. Even after the installation of new spark plugs and a tune-up, the problem continued. On her return trip to the garage, the mechanic discovered that the choke was sticking. He could have fixed it the first time, he said, if he had been told that the trouble always stopped after the engine warmed up.

If you can't describe your complaint accurately, ask the garage representative to send someone with you on a road test so you can demonstrate what's wrong.

Check them

Remember that your words must be passed along by one or more individuals if you're communicating through an owner-manager or service adviser. "Sometimes you can talk for ten minutes, then the service writer puts one line on your repair order and passes it along to the mechanic. Ask to speak directly to the mechanic. Many garages and dealer service departments will permit it if you ask. A recent National Highway Traffic Safety Administration survey shows that returns to fix improper repairs are one-third lower when a customer deals with the mechanic rather than a service writer or adviser.

If you know exactly what's wrong with your car, tell the mechanic. It might save the extra labor costs for diagnosis. But don't guess and ask for a specific repair, like the man who ordered the \$90 tune-up.

You might try to get acquainted with and ask for the same mechanic each time you drop off your car.

Don't pressure them

At many repair facilities now, mechanics say they're often under pressure to keep prices lower by doing only part of the work they recommend. You might have to pay the labor cost for taking brakes or other components apart twice instead of once. A halfway job might cure the symptom without correcting the cause. If you own an old car, maintain a yearly car-repair fund so you won't have to resort to halfway jobs when a full but expensive repair is necessary.

Price them

To avoid the most drastic misunderstanding of all - about price - get a written estimate and if possible a copy of the repair order. Ask to be called for an OK if your contact can't diagnose the problem immediately or if it's discovered later that the costs will be higher. Have the shop representative write "check and advise" on the order. Try to be available by phone to accept or reject additional charges. Your bill should include the hours of labor charged on each separate repair and the total, plus a cost breakdown of each part.

Whatever the service, give your car a mini road test in the first block or so after you leave the garage. If the repair hasn't been done properly, turn right around and go back. Don't see the service writer or mechanic. Go straight to the service manager or the owner and communicate clearly that you want the car fixed right, at no further cost to you.



SLAVES OF LOVE - Jim Welch, president of Gay Community Services receives a \$270 donation from Jim Nuss, left and Wayne Steele, center, co-owners of the Silver Hammer. The donation included the proceeds of the first "slave sale" held at the club Feb. 14. The club will aid GCS again this month with its Roman Orgy party March 13. The club is located at 1300 North Mills, Orlando. (NDPIC/Wesley)

Southern Nights has party plans

Southern Nights entertainment complex has announced several party dates for the month of lions and lambs. Included in the activities is a fund-raising for Gay Community Services (GCS) Monday, Mar. 7. The club is located at 375 South Bumby Ave., Orlando.

Club manager Eric Toles said a special two-day Southern Nights on Broadway production will take to the stage Mar. 25-26, under the direction of Willie

"Geraldine" Jones. Special guests are also taking part in the show as well as staff and management of the club.

A dance contest will be offered the second Tuesday of each month at the club. Cash prizes will be offered to the best performers, according to Toles.

Several renovations are underway on the patio at the club, including the replanting of several large palms to add shade. A new food stand offering what Toles claims to be "a very interesting menu" will be constructed on the site in the next few weeks.

AIDS discovered in women

ATLANTA, GA — The National Center for Disease Control said it had received reports of two women, described as steady sexual partners of men with AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), who have themselves contracted the

ailment. Since June, 1981, the CDC has received reports of 43 previously healthy females who have developed infections typical of AIDS. The two new reports involve a 37-year-old black woman and a 23-year-old hispanic woman.

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NIGHT CLUBBING

with Zi

March is such a great month; seems like it is blowing in like a Lion. At least this girl was recently puffed by a maneater. Now I know what they mean by saying "crazy as a March hare," after I saw the latest wig being sported by Ms. Grape. Never has so much Dynel been asked to do so little for someone.

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Daisy's Basement, Orlando, newest Gay eatery, recently, received the state's blessing to purvey booze of all kinds. This spot deserves your attention, especially the bartender, newly arrived from the City of Brotherly Love. If Zi's brother looked like that I'd be arrested for mental incest. And he knows how to make a drink. Open 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. 6 days a week.

★★★

Look for a great Las Vegas theme party at Daisy's in April under the direction of the very able Geraldine Jones. Miss J has denied rumors that Liberace wanted him to move in to his mansion while preparing plans for this extravaganza, although Geraldine reportedly allowed a chorus boy to tickle his ivories.

★★★

Worst joke this month was overheard in the Loading Dock's sin center: "What's the difference between S&M and bowling? Honey, you can only get three fingers in a bowling ball."

★★★

Roamin' Hands...there will be plenty of those and more too at the Roman Orgy Party set for March 13 at Orlando's Silver Hammer. Be sure to take advantage of the free feast. Zi will be there to peel you a grape. Wear a toga or some other Roman costume and you'll get in without charge. Poop the party and you'll pay a \$2 cover charge

with the cash going to Gay Community Services Inc. Either way, you win.

Party planners say that the "gladitorial games" should be something to see...arm wrestling, "spear throwing" and toga lifting. Sounds like just the place to find a Nero to fiddle with until things get hot.

★★★

Best wishes to Jennifer Wells, Orlando's rising star, who recently was named a runner-up at the Miss Central Florida Pageant in Gainesville. Bobby's showing good poise for a new kid on the circuit. Best of luck, Baby.

Monday and Madness...that's the theme for the Gay Community Services fundraising party at Southern Nights, Bumby Street, Orlando, March 7. The generous staff of the popular club is pitching in to make this a zany night for one and all. Special door prizes are available for lucky ticketholders. Get the free tickets with your donation at the door.

★★★

Don't forget to polish your blarney stone for St. Patrick's Day coming up March 17. Zi will take a short moment among the revelry to shed a tear for a good friend who celebrates his 39th birthday that day.

Contrary to rumor, Mr. Miller of the Parliament House has not opened a taco stand at the popular Orlando resort. That vicious story is credited to a conversation in which a Parliament House staffer was heard to say "Bill had developed a taste for Mexican meat." O lay?

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WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT—**Hot:** The Lords of Discipline. **Not:** body lice. **Hot:** ¼Ford's 1983 Thunderbird. **Not:** An outlet store that isn't. **Hot:** Ronnie's REstaurant's Key Lime Pie. **Not:** M*A*S*H reruns. **Hot:** straw hats for Spring. **Not:** littering. **Hot:** Devoe Airlines flight to Ft. Lauderdale. **Not:** Lacoste socks.



BLACK-EYED SNOW PEA - Appearing as the beautiful but mysterious China Doll, entertainer Al was the center of the recent salute to the inscrutable East during Sukiaki at Southern Nights. A cast of ten performers added flavor to this Cantonese dish. (NDPIC/Wesley)



FAN DANCING - Geraldine Jones gives her fan a flip in a star-studded tribute to the Orient in her production of "Sukiaki" recently at Southern Nights, Orlando. Clever use of costumes and lighting added spice to the lavish show. Miss Jones, overheard speaking about one of the Chinese dance boys in the show, claimed "I always liked a Oriental food." (NDPIC/Wesley)

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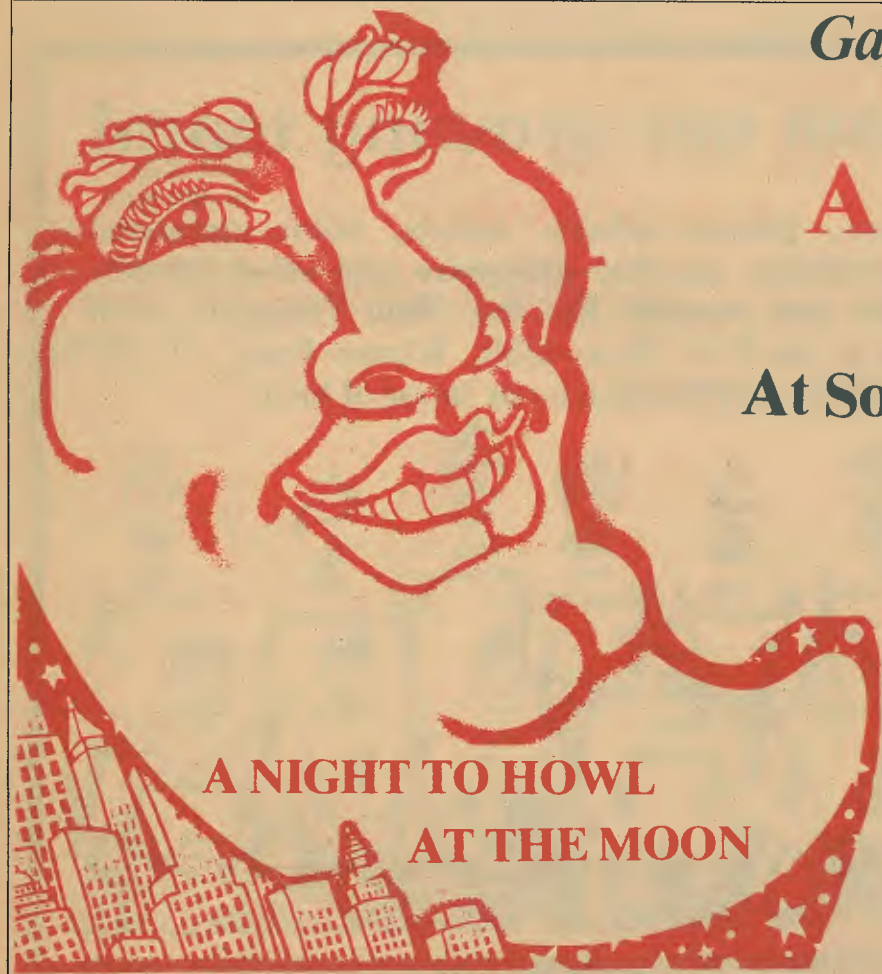
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Prometheus foundation aids Gay prisoners

BY SCOTT DRAKE
New Direction Staff Writer

Gays are everywhere. WE know that. A good deal of the public is just becoming aware of it. We are being more open and honest and, above all, ourselves. We're in commerce. We're in show business and theater. We're in computer programming, sales, construction, politics and law enforcement. We're also in jail.

Hundreds of homosexuals are in prisons across this country.

We hear of them only once in a great while, usually when there's violence or other news-making reasons. Being Gay in prison is, at best, a day to day toleration. Gays are sexually exploited, beaten and degraded. This mistreatment is often ignored by the institutions personnel. It can be hell on earth, according to reports.

You can assist these men (and women) by showing them that there are people who are concerned for them. We can give them a ray of sunshine in an otherwise bleak day. We can let them know tht they are now alone.

The Prometheus Foundation in San Francisco is dedicated to those goals. They have quite a number of operations all of which are equally important. However, there is one area that you can assist in with a minimal amount of difficulty: the pen pal group.

I have been in continuous contact with my pen pal in New Mexico since last summer and we have become quite good friends.

To get involved, send a letter of interest to The Prometheus Foundation. They will return a form regarding yourself and your interests and will "match" you with a compatable pen pal of similar interests.

Randy, my pen pal, and I have been sharing everything from thoughts on religion to science fiction we've read recently to or original poetry. I look forward to his letters as much as he looks forward to mine. He's due to be paroled in a few weeks and besides keeping in touch with him, I'll probably get another pen pal.

Think how a friend of yours might feel facing the pain and anxieties of prison, and having to deal with the humiliations of being mistreated because he was gay. Having someone, anyone, showing an interest would be a blessing.

In addition to the pen pal group, The Prometheus Foundation also has programs to distribute, donated televisions, radios and typewriters and a special book distribution. A program for new-released inmates helps them adjust. They are counseled by former offenders before going on to a place of more permanent residence with another member. They also publish a newsletter called "FIRE".

The Prometheus Foundation is funded through contributions. For more information on the group write to:

The Prometheus Foundation
495 Ellis Street
Suite 2352
San Francisco, CA 94102

Ruggers seek women jocks

Women rugby players are being sought by the Orlando Alouettes for team play this Spring. The team, which recently celebrated its first competition victory against Gainesville, is also looking for a willing sponsor.

The rugby club practices twice weekly at the Westmoreland Recreation Center, Gore and Westmoreland avenues in South Orlando, beginning about 6:30 p.m. New players are always welcome according to Claire Sup, a team member. Organized play will continue through April with possible tournaments in May, Sup said.

Several fund raising efforts have been held by the team. Another was set March 4 at the Shakey's Pizza Parlor, 1621 North Mills Ave. Funds are used to outfit the team in uniforms and for team travel expenses.

Sup said that women wanting more information about the Alouettes and playing rugby may contact her at 291-9530.



COUNTER GIRL - Jackie Marquis shows her stuff in this over-the-counter presentation at Southern Nights. The popular entertainer can also be seen at Daytona Beach's new Yum Yum Tree several days a week. Jackie was serving up "I Love Rock and Roll" in this number. (NDPIC/Wesley)

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Theodore Gornell

Theodore Gornell, ALIAS: Crystal Coco - Bar Manager. OCCUPATION: Desk Clerk, Doorman; HEIGHT: 6'; WEIGHT: 155; CHEST: 40; HAIR COLOR: Brown; EYE COLOR: Blue; BIRTHDATE: Aug. 7, 1956; BIRTHPLACE: Tampa; RAISED: Tampa; SISTERS: 1, younger; ZODIAC SIGN: Leo; FAVORITE FOODS: French Cuisine; FAVORITE BEVERAGES: Jonny Walker Black & Soda; FAVORITE NIGHT SPOT: The City Bath Club; FAVORITE T.V. SHOWS: Merv Griffin, World News Tonight; FAVORITE MOVIES: Deer Hunter/The Sailor Who Fell From Grace; FAVORITE ACTOR: James Cann; FAVORITE ACTRESS: Meryl Streep; FAVORITE MUSIC: Jazz; FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Earl Kluge; FAVORITE COLOR: Blue; TURN-ONS: Dark hair, blue-eyed people; TURN-OFFS: Cheep People; PET PEEVES: People who burp in public, people who don't flush toilets; PEOPLE YOU'RE TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT: David Scott, and Myself; FAVORITE PHRASE: Eat Shit and Die;




Jim Welch

Jim Welch; OCCUPATION: Retail Sales/President - Gay Community Services; HEIGHT: 5'8"; WEIGHT: 185; CHEST: Hairy; HAIR COLOR: Brown; EYE COLOR: Brown; BIRTHDATE: March 17, 1944; BIRTHPLACE: Toledo, Ohio; RAISED: Properly; 1 Older Brother; ZODIAC SIGN: Pisces; FAVORITE FOODS: Cantonese, Mom's cookies; FAVORITE BEVERAGES: Vodka Gimlet; FAVORITE NIGHT SPOT: Alexander's; FAVORITE T.V. SHOWS: "Nightline"; FAVORITE MOVIES: Excalibur; FAVORITE ACTOR: Mel Gibson; FAVORITE MUSIC: Disco/Dance Music; FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Cerrone; FAVORITE COLORS: Black, Grey; TURN-ONS: Good Arms, legs; TURN-OFFS: Drug abuse; PET PEEVES: Gays who won't do community service; PEOPLE YOU'RE TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT: Jerry Falwell; FAVORITE PHRASE: "I'll be happy to do it.";



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BY CURT BOCKES

New Direction Staff Writer

Barney's Steakhouse, winner four years running of the *Orlando Sentinel's* "Readers' Choice Survey of Restaurants" for best steakhouse, best salad bar, and favorite luncheon restaurant in the Orlando area. Those awards are not undeserved. Once a popular spot for Bithlonians and their like, Barney's has continued to improve the quality of its food and clientele.

For starters, try the escargot or shrimp scampi. Both are delicious morsels. The escargot are served in mushroom caps, swimming in a superb garlic sauce created by the restaurant's manager. The scampi are cooked in an equally great tasting thickened garlic and wine and other herbed sauce. Only if one has weak tastebuds will these appetizers go unappreciated. Avoid the sauteed mushrooms, they're bland and unappealing.

Each entree comes with choice of salad bar, house salad, or a cup of soup de jour. The salad bar is great for vegetarians, enough items to tempt anyone's palate. Opt for the house salad with Barney's own homemade house dressing or try the soup. With any luck you'll be served seafood chowder—thick and creamy with chunks of crabmeat and shrimp. It's great, as is the mushroom soup, clam chowder, and beef barley soup. All soups are made from scratch on the premises.

As your entree, choose the filet mignon, New York strip, or the prime rib. Tender and each distinctly flavorful, the chances

of a bad serving are slim. The sirloin, on the other hand, can be tough and stringy. Avoid it.

If you're not a steak fancier, shrimp scampi is available as a main course also. Or rich and cheesy shrimp and crabmeat au gratin served as a casserole. The chicken breast provencale is a tantalizing combination of olives, pimentos, onions, thyme, parsley, and the chicken, of course.

It's best to stay with a baked potato as your side. The au gratin potatoes can't be compared with good ole Mom's and the vegetable of the day is often overcooked or steamed out.

Desert is limited to two selections—banana creme pie and keylime pie, also made on the premises. The banana creme pie should certainly be shared; each piece is huge and divine. The keylime is good, but the crust is much too sugary for even my sweet tooth.

My recommendation? Don't cross the threshold at 1615 E. Colonial Drive. This writer has reliable and accurate knowledge that the owner and managers intensely dislike gays. They use the scheduling and working conditions (fewer hours and poor stations) to discriminate against known gay employees, forcing them to seek other employment. Their attitude toward gay customers is equally bigoted. I urge the gay community to find another "best" steakhouse, one in which the steak knife won't be thrust in your back as you walk out the door. Don't support this establishment!

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Singing those old moving blues

I moved recently. Those three words should give you a good indication of how the month went for me. I spent twenty years growing up in just two houses in Illinois. Once I moved to Florida, I found I belonged to a group of people that had to move at least once a year. So I did.

Just thinking about moving causes me to shudder, but this time I had to. With two roommates already in my single bedroom apartment (it's not just cozy here, it's downright intimate), and my youngest brother moving in soon, we needed to get a bigger place. Fortunately, we were able to move into another apartment in the same complex. That was the only easy thing we had going for us.

Early in the ball game, I obtained a floor plan of the new place and we started working out where everything was going. Not one person that I know in this world can ever decide where he/she wants anything when they live alone. How three of us were going to decide where four people would locate everything was a mystery that Leonard Nimoy wouldn't have ever searched for.

Part of the process included choosing which room and occasionally what would fit into any of the aforementioned rooms. The other roommates wanted me to take the smallest room so they would each be closer to a bathroom. They knew that I was thinking about getting a king-sized waterbed. I immediately objected and they saw my point. I wouldn't be able to get a bed that size into a room the size of two Volkswagens placed end to end. They also sympathized, I just wouldn't be able to get a water bed, then. Thanks.

Another part of moving is the packing and assembling of the tools to facilitate the move. This is done in several steps. First, is locating boxes. I found out quickly that February is not the best month for finding boxes. Nor is it an exceptionally fine month weather-wise. In fact, if it weren't for the sake of needing something to fill in the void

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between January and March, I'd petition congress to have the whole 28 days abolished.

The next sequence is sorting and packing combined. One cannot expect to sort one night and pack the next. I, for one, can never remember which pile of stuff is being saved and which is being sent to the "home" for aging drag queens. One man's garbage is another man's treasure. The real chore was sifting through the closet. No one had been in there for ages.

At one point, the entire place was such a wreck there wasn't anywhere to put a pair of shoes down. It wouldn't have been that big a deal ordinarily, but I was wearing them at the time. My nerves were getting kind of shot, as well. Let me tell you why.

Leslie was digging through one pile of stuff while I dug through another. Every thirty seconds or so, she would shout out a question.

"Is there any reason to keep all of these papers?" she'd ask.

"Those are scripts from when I was acting. I want to keep them."

"Why?"

"Sentimental reasons," I'd say, and she'd pack them away.

"What about this pile of cards and papers and stuff?"

"That's part of my magic equipment," I'd answer.

Then she'd go through another dozen or so, 'throw this out', all of which belonged to me, until she got to another 'kootchie' item that just happened to belong to Chuck. Get the idea? They were trying to condense all of my worldly goods into an overnight bag, I think. I tolerated it, remembering that I was dealing with two people that thought T. G. and Y. was the Macy's of Orlando.

Even though we sorted, sifted, tossed, condensed, and secretly sabotaged each other's belongings for two weeks, we still didn't achieve that harmonious transition that everyone strives toward. It was still a fiasco. The new place still ended up a mess. And, as I'm sure everyone out there has found out at one time or another, despite the fact we moved into a place over twice the size of the first, there still wasn't room for everything.

My biggest source of discomfort came when I realized that in another year I would probably end up doing it all over again. Not only will it be extremely difficult

transferring all of the potpourri that collects in this place in addition to what's already here, but finding a bigger place for the fourth year in a row that my salary doesn't cringe from would be a miracle. And I haven't believed in miracles since some guy in Iowa claimed to have cut open a potato and saw a perfect image of Christ inside, which instantly cured his stuttering.

Here's an idea. Maybe I could lease the Parliament House. I could use the disco for a living room. There's a kitchen and dining room, a music room, walled in back patio, built in pool . . .

SCOOTER

... Lesbians suffering alcohol's ravages

(cont. from Page One)

Whatever the exact statistics, all studies to date support this conclusion reached by Fifield: "An alarming number of gay men and women are trapped in an alcohol-centered lifestyle."

How we become trapped in that lifestyle is a complex matter. According to San Francisco psychologist Don Clark, at least two forces are at work. First, as gay men and lesbians we feel alienated from a society that refuses to validate our choice of affectional and sexual relationships. Clark says that along with this sense of alienation, gay people experience pain, loneliness and a heightened inner tension. To relieve this, many of us turn to alcohol.

"The gay person is likely to be tempted to dull his or her pain through the misuse of drugs and alcohol," Clark says. For many gay men and lesbians, drinking provides a temporary way of coping with an oppressive society.

Clark says the second force that keeps us in an alcoholic lifestyle is the bar scene. Unlike heterosexuals, gay people do not enjoy a large variety of alcohol-free social options.

"The use of alcohol is reinforced," Clark says, "since gay bars are one of the few community-approved meeting places for gay people." Bars provide an environment where it is safe to be gay, but they also create a setting in which alcohol plays a central role.

Clark says that as gay men and lesbians we are encouraged to use alcohol to ease our anxieties, smooth our social interactions and escape our problems. But for one in three of us, alcohol itself becomes the problem.

No one knows the cause of alcoholism, although most authorities in the field say it is probably the result of a combination of psychological and physiological factors. Some experts offer a psychological theory of alcoholism. They say there exists an alcoholic personality, a type of character prone to chemical addiction.

Other alcoholism theorists suggest a physiological explanation. They say alcoholism is a disease that progresses by predictable stages until the alcoholic recovers or dies. These people liken alcoholism to an allergic reaction of the body to the chemical ethyl alcohol. Some drinkers, they say, have this reaction during their first experience with alcohol; others react only after years of heavy drinking.

Despite their differences in definitions and views, all alcoholism counselors seem to agree on one point; what's important is that the alcoholic get help.

Alcoholics can recover but rarely do without support. Most alcoholics experience a series of alcohol-related crises before they are able to take the first step toward recovery. That step is recognizing the problem.

A.A. calls this "hitting bottom." Because rationalization is so much a symptom of alcoholism, it is nearly impossible for alcoholics to be objective about themselves. Complicating this is the alcoholic's skill at finding what are called co-alcoholics. These are people in alcoholics' lives who take care of them when they are unable to take care of themselves. Psychologically, co-alcoholism is as addicting as alcoholism. Co-alcoholics need to rescue alcoholics as much as alcoholics need to be rescued. In this way, an emotionally-charged cycle is perpetuated that is difficult to break alone.

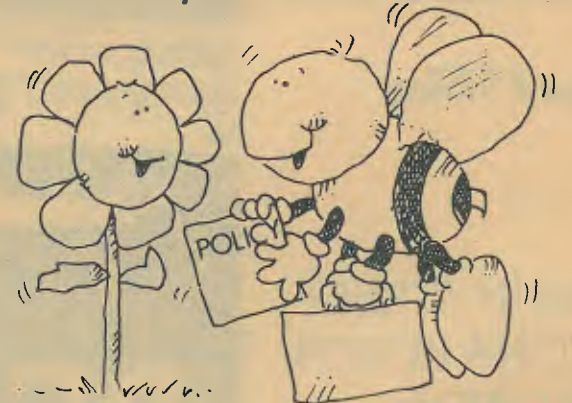
Because alcoholism affects every aspect of the alcoholic's life, every aspect has to be treated. Recovery program counselors say that getting and staying sober is not enough. They stress the importance of a holistic plan for recovery. Such a plan often includes individual therapy, support-group counseling, instruction on managing stress, education in health, and sometimes legal and financial advice. In addition, many alcoholism services recommend participation in Alcoholics Anonymous for the recovering alcoholic and Al-Anon for the co-alcoholic.

Prior to the 1970's, recovery programs designed for lesbians and gay men were not available. The Fifield report noted that gay alcoholics seeking treatment from non-gay-oriented agencies were significantly less likely to recover than those who used gay programs.

The report found that most of the straight they studied reflected the biases of the larger society. These agencies tended to view the gay alcoholic as having two strikes against him and the lesbian having three — as a lesbian, alcoholic and a woman. According to Marian Sandmaier, author of *The Invisible Alcoholic*, women alcoholics are stigmatized in our American culture because of the popular opinion that "ladies don't get drunk." Whereas society will tolerate a certain amount of problem drinking by a man, Sandmaier says, it will punish a lesser amount by a woman.

For these reasons it is important for gay alcohol abusers to find recovery programs sensitive to their needs.

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Grammys hold many surprises for music fans

by **DANNY VAZQUEZ**
New Direction Music Writer

Rock group **Toto** dominated the 25th annual Grammy Awards with seven awards. They included best album, Producer of the Year, (Beating out favorite nominee Quincy Jones) and "Rosanna" also won for instrumental arrangement for vocals and vocal arrangement. They were the group's First Grammys.

Other winners included:
Song of the Year: "Always on My Mind" - Willie Nelson.

Best Pop Male Vocal: "Truly" - Lionel Richie.

Best Pop Female Vocal: "You Should Hear How She Talks About You" - Melissa Manchester.

Best New Artist: Men at Work.

Best Pop Vocal By a Duo: "Up Where We Belong" - Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes.

Best Male Rock Vocal: "Hurts So Good" - John Cougar.

Best Female Rock Vocal: "Shadows of the Night" - Pat Benatar.

Best R&B Male Vocal: "Sexual Healing" - Marvin Gaye.

Best r&B Female Vocal: "And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going" - Jennifer Holliday.

Best R&B Vocal-Performance: "Let It Whip" - Dazz Band, and "Wanna Be With You" - Earth, Wind & Fire (tie)

Best Country Male Vocal: "Always on My Mind" - Willie Nelson.

Best Country Vocal By a Group: "Mountain Music" - Alabama.

Best Jazz Fusion: "Offramp" - Pat Metheny Group.

Best Film Score: "E.T." - John Williams.

Best Comedy Recording: "Live on the Sunset Strip" - Richard Pryor.

Gospel and Contemporary Soul: "Higher Plane" - Al Green.

Both Alabama and Melissa Manchester were first time winners. Melissa Manchester was quoted as saying "I'm still

waiting for someone to take this back and say, "We've made a mistake." Surprisingly, Melissa had beaten out Olivia "Heart Attack" Newton-John for best female performance.

Presenters included Quincy Jones, Sylvia, Rick James, Grace Jones, and Donna Summer, who was nominated for best Rhythm & Blues Female Vocal and Best Rock Female Performance for her songs, "Love is in Control", and "Protection", the latter written by rock star Bruce Springsteen.

The three hour show had more star performers than ever. Like soprano star Leontyne Price, singer Lena Horne, rock star Linda Ronstadt, and comedian Eddie Murphy. The show was emceed by John Denver and produced with such lavishness, one would have never thought the recording industry had fallen on economic times.

Does anyone have any imagination? Do you yearn for some all night loving, with music and lights in the heat of the night?

You can have all that and more on the new MCA release, "In The Heat Of The Night" by Imagination.

Imagination consists of Leece John (lead vocals, keyboards) Ashley Ingram, (bass guitar, and vocals) and Errol Kennedy (drums, and percussion). They come to us from England, a country that has recently given us great new artists such as a Junior and Musical Youth. Their debut album "Body Talk" gave us "Just an Illusion" one of the best rhythm and blues singles of 1982. "Just an Illusion" is also added in long version on their new LP.

Side one consists of some good dance music beginning with the title track. Through "Music And Lights", their current single which is currently rounding out side one is the irresistible ballad "All Night Loving". It is a type of ballad one would curl up in front of a warm fireplace holding the one they love. For more "Body Talk" in front of a fireplace, flip over to side two for "All I Want To Know" and "One More Love". They will certainly put you in any loving mood.

Top Disco/Dance Songs - 1982

(courtesy of Billboard Magazine)

- Glad to Know You/3,000,000 Synths - Chas Jankel
- Controversy/Lets Work - Prince
- Keep On/You're the One For Me - O'train
- In the Name of Love - Thompson Twins
- Don't you want Me/Open Your Heart - Human League
- Situation - Yaz
- Don't Come Crying to Me/Let it Ride - Linda Clifford
- You Can/Fire In My Heart - Madleen Kane
- Tainted Love/Where Did Our Love Go - Soft Cell
- Murphy's Law - Cheri
- Can You Move - Modern Romance
- Do I Do - Stevie Wonder
- I Ran - A Flock of Seagulls
- Designer Music/Hold Me Down - Lipps Inc.
- Megatron Man/Get A Little - Patrick Cowley
- Combat Rock - The Clash
- Thanks to You - Sinnamon
- Let it Whip - Dazz Band
- Wordy Rappinghood/Genius of Love - Tom Tom Club
- Call Me/Let's Celebrate - Skyy
- (The Best Part of) Breaking Up - Roni Griffith
- I Specialize in Love - Sharon Brown
- Planet Rock - Afrika Bambaataa & Soul Sonic Force
- Love Come Down - Evelyn King
- Sure Shot - Tracy Weber
- Right On Target - Paul Parker
- It's Alright - Gino Soccio
- Menergy/I Wanna Take You Home - Patrick Cowley
- Centerfold/Flamethrower - J. Geils Band
- Tell Me That I'm Dreaming - Was (Not Was)
- Love Plus One - Haircut One Hundred
- The Visitors - Abba
- Mama Used to Say - Junior
- Stormy Weather - Viola Wills
- Gloria - Laura Branigan
- Let's Groove - Earth, Wind & Fire
- Love Is In Control - Donna Summer
- Forget Me Nots - Patrice Rushen
- Live it Up - Time Bandits
- Time - Stone
- Burning Up/So Go So Right - Imagination
- Walking on Sunshine - Rockers Revenge
- So Fine - Howard Johnson
- I can't Go For That - Daryl Hall & John Oates
- Take My Love - Melba Moore
- Babe, We're Gonna Love Tonight - Lime
- Give Me Just a Little More Time - Angela Clemmons
- Jump Shout - Lisa
- Don't Make Me Wait - Peech Boys
- Mesopotamia - B52's



BUBBLING - Brown Sugar shares her special brand of sweetness with an appreciative crowd at Southern Nights. The entertainer was in town in early March drawing large crowds to the Bumby Ave. entertainment complex. Sugar specializes in live vocals over prerecorded musical tracks. (NDPIC/Wesley)

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