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Year!

Sue Hannah Plays 'Key' Role in Vitality of Lesbian Community

By Blanche Whiteside
Center Fold Staff Writer

Many words can be used to describe Sue Hannah, co-proprietor of Key Largo and Faces. (For openers, it was fun to learn that her last name is a *palindrome*; Hannah is spelled the same frontward and backward.)

Among the most accurate words are enterprising, enthusiastic, earthy, unassuming, forthright, confident and nurturing. Intuitively, I feel that the "N" word cannot be overstated. Quiet warmth and compassion absolutely vibrated out from Sue as we chatted in her functional office.

I've no doubt that Diane, her lovely lover, as well as Sue's devoted staff at both locations will underscore this intuition with gusto.

"Successful" is another apt word to describe Sue. She's one hell of a businessperson, a fact that is confirmed by the multitude of plaques, awards and letters of recognition that she has received over the years from Orlando's business community.

Sue and her business partner, Cheryl, have been helping to create a dynamic social life for area lesbians since 1985. It was then that they purchased Faces, a 3,500-square-foot, comfortable meeting place that features a somewhat low-key and intimate ambiance. "Some of our more conservative girls go there," Sue says, "and it's important that we, just like gay males, have a variety of social environments available to us." Faces serves beer and wine.

Meanwhile, those who "like to party hard" and or want a wide variety of entertainment facilities available will find Key Largo "the cats' meow."

(Sue, Diane and I were joined during this interview by Ziegfield, "a male feline womanizer who loves to cuddle," and by Zelda, the female of the species, who seemed preoccupied with other things. Both cats have left their "purrfect" promotional imprints on both bars: Jade F. as the publisher of Key Largo's *Key Notes* and Ziegfield [disguised as Henrietta] as the publisher of Faces' *Face to Face*. Diane's literary efforts as "Henrietta the Mouse" complete this publishing powerhouse.)

Back to Key Largo and Sue (about whom an unknowing friend of mine said quite innocently, "Wow! She must really be loaded ... owning a Key all by herself!").

The Key is a 16,000-square-foot entertainment center that offers mixed drinks, along with a vast variety of facilities and pleasures. "It's more of a trendy, '90s bar," Sue says.

"Although most of our clientele are women, we like having men visit Key Largo to enjoy our spirit. Tell your friends to come and join us anytime, especially on Tuesday nights, when we have country dance lessons, and on Thursday nights, when everybody goes 'Texas Two-Steppin'' and whatever other country dances they feel like doing. They're fun evenings for everybody!"

When Sue and Angie, her first partner, bought Faces they faced great challenges. Few gave them "more than a chance in hell" to succeed. After Angie died six months after Faces' opening, Cheryl joined Sue.

"There were no bars for women, then. After a brief confrontation at another Orlando establishment, I decided that Orlando needed a bar which catered to gay women."

"When Faces came on the market shortly thereafter, we snapped it up. It was a good move. We proved that, as good business people, we could provide something that was good, was needed and could prosper."

"We couldn't have gone the distance we've gone, however, without the guidance, constant support and wisdom of Mike Hodge [owner of the Parliament House]. He and I were roommates 24 years ago, when we both were struggling in the business place, he as a fledgling bar-owner, and I as a marketing consultant. We lived in something like a commune, where no one ever was refused shelter or food, if possible. It was what you did when you were young and struggling ... lots of Krystal burgers, and not a lot of hot water when it was needed ..."

"Mike and Bill Miller had opened a small version of the Parliament House, and were succeeding beyond their expectations. As they learned and succeeded with each new venture, they'd pass their expertise on to us. The influences that Bill and Mike had on me early on



Sue Hannah (shown here at the 1991 Dixie Awards)

were enormous, and Mike's friendship supports me even today."

"If today's lesbians and gays only knew how much Mike has done for them! He's probably done more for us than any other one person in Orlando. He really opened up the gay community ... he's a great counselor to anyone who knows him. He showed us how to run a good, clean and decent bar for is 'alternate life-stylers.'"

"At Key Largo and Faces, we're always looking for new ways to help others ... even our neighbors, with whom we've developed great relationships. Among other things, we are involved in several AIDS outreach efforts ... we adopt needy families at Christmas, and we sponsor a Toys for Tots effort to help spread some joy."

"We [Key Largo] are a very secure bar, both inside and outside. Security patrols the exterior; we accept only men who are sympathetic to our cause, and find that many have become good friends and long-time defenders."

"Because we have so much space at Key Largo, we can offer different kinds of entertainment. Our big nights, of course, are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, when our disco environment really takes off. Our game room, on the first floor, is always busy, as is the dance/disco area on the second floor. One day, soon, I hope, we'll have a "show bar" on the still-unopened third floor. We have future plans!"

"In addition, we offer "salsa" nights, live entertainment (Rusty Fawcett is a real favorite of our

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New Law Changes the Way the Federal Government Responds to Hate Crimes

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Building on its historic victory last year when the Federal Hate Crime Statistics Act was passed, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has scored another legislative victory that changes the way the federal government responds to hate crimes, including anti-gay and lesbian hate crimes.

On Oct. 28, President George Bush signed into law HR 2608, the Departments of Commerce, State, Justice and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for 1992. Congress had passed the bill earlier in the month. Included in the massive piece of legislation was "report language" drafted by NGLTF Legislative Director Peri Jude Radecic.

The report language broadens the Department of Justice's (DOJ) mandate to include religious and homophobic incidents in its response to bias crime, secures a grant for DOJ training on working with victims of hate crimes, and allows the FBI to continue to fund law enforcement hate crime training in 1992.

Specifically, the language instructs the Community Relations Service (CRS) of the DOJ to respond more fully to hate crimes — including gay bashings and religiously motivated crime — and corrects inequities in the way the CRS has

treated homophobic incidents in the past.

The language, carried by Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., simply instructs the CRS "to respond to hate crimes as defined by the Hate Crime Statistics Act." The act, passed in 1990, includes sexual orientation in its list of bias crimes.

CRS provides assistance to communities and individuals in resolving disputes relating to discriminatory practices based on race, color or national origin. The agency has become increasingly involved in combatting and responding to hate crimes since passage of the Federal Hate Crimes Statistic Act. CRS works with law enforcement agencies to implement the law.

But prior to the report language, the CRS mandate excluded sexual orientation and religion. The CRS Hate Crimes Hotline (1-800-347-HATE), for example, originally refused to take calls on gay bashings. Reports produced by the CRS on hate crime omitted anti-gay and religiously motivated attacks.

Furthermore, when the Jeffrey Dahmer serial murders came to light in Milwaukee and anti-gay homicides occurred in Houston and elsewhere earlier this year, the CRS was reluctant to become involved.

However, because of the new NGLTF-initiated report language, CRS can now exceed its mandate and programmatically

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respond to anti-gay and lesbian incidents.

"This is a substantial victory for activists who work on hate crimes on a daily basis," Radecic said.

"They can go to the U.S. government to help reduce tensions and resolve disputes," she said. "In the past, we had to build an elaborate coalition of law-makers on Capitol Hill and activists around the country to pressure the CRS every time we wanted them to respond."

Besides changing the way CRS responds to hate crimes, the language also secured for the DOJ a \$150,000 congressional grant to develop a model training curriculum for criminal justice and victim assistance professionals on dealing with victims of hate crime.

The language also commends the FBI for its work on implementation of the Federal Hate Crimes Act, including its training program. NGLTF earlier this year worked with the FBI to train local police departments on how to identify, track and respond to bias crimes. NGLTF Anti-Violence Project Director Kevin Berrill helped the FBI plan and deliver nine training seminars around the country and booked gay and lesbian activists on FBI panels.

For the past two years, NGLTF has played a leading role in a hate crimes coalition of groups such as the Anti-Defamation League, People for the American Way, the American Psychological Association and the American Jewish Committee.

The coalition has pushed the government to more fully respond to hate crimes. Prior to the new report language, NGLTF has been told that CRS could not respond to religious or anti-gay and lesbian hate crimes because it was "not part of their mandate."

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NGLTF, founded in 1973, lobbies, organizes, educates and demonstrates for gay and lesbian civil rights. NGLTF has some 18,000 members around the country.

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girls), a Ms. Key Largo Pageant, Super Bowl parties, darts tournaments, covered-dish dinners, pool tournaments, and various holiday events, among other things."

"Special after-dark 'rekindle your love' evenings occur on Wednesday nights, when romantic music, candlelit tables, a fireplace and a free buffet are featured."

When asked about "house" capacity at the Key, Sue responded, "Our biggest crowd was almost 600 people, for a recent gay pride picnic on-site."

"Outside of the bar we have a pool, plus one acre of grass with picnic tables and a band shell. That's a fun are

in the spring and fall, and on warm, cozy, starlit evenings."

"We sponsor benefits, also; our most recent one was for Brandi McDaniels."

"We really cater to our clients' desires. So far, they love it! For the past couple of years we've been getting a lot of repeat business from 'the international set' ... a Swedish foursome, who live here six months a year, are super-regulars, and we've developed good friendships with women who are German, French, English, Japanese, Canadian, of course, and from other countries."

"One of my favorites here at the key is a regular, who at the age of 83, seems to enjoy us as much as the really younger set."

Sue came to Orlando 34 years ago from Georgia. "My family has accepted Diane and me in various ways ...

enough so that we had a family holiday dinner on premises not long ago."

"I've been very lucky with my staff, who work hard to make me and Key Largo look good ... and stay prosperous. Without them, I'd be zilch! One of my dearest friends, and my manager, Carmen, has been with me for 25 years."

"We're open seven days a week ... the bar's open from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily; Happy Hour lasts from 4-8 p.m."

Maybe it's time for more of us — both women and men — to come and join Sue one Thursday night soon. It'll be "Oh, Sue Hannah, won't you dance with me?" time!

Key Largo is located at 6900 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, phone (407) 291-0686; Faces at 4910 Edgewater drive, Orlando, phone (407) 291-7571.

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GLAAD to Protest Film's 'Killer Lesbians'

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is attempting to take protests against the soon-to-released movie *Basic Instinct* to cities across the nation.

GLAAD /San Francisco has created an information packet for use by activists who wish to respond to the film, which portrays all three of its lesbian or bisexual female characters as cold-blooded man-killers.

The packet contains the movie's script, copies of articles and opinion pieces about the film and protests in San Francisco, a history of Hollywood's portrayal of gays and lesbians, homosexual-related violence statistics released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in March and suggested organizational strategies.

The movie, which stars Michael Douglas and will be distributed by Tri-Star, is a "distorted and unbalanced" movie which "intentionally perpetrates negative stereotypes of our community and thus contributes to the continuation of violence and discrimination against us," GLAAD/San Francisco said in a press release.

"Those making the film rejected all changes suggested by our community, clearly and deliberately preferring to victimize us once again in order to reap huge profits from this big-budget thriller. It is time our community and all those supportive of fair treatment of lesbian, gay and bisexual people took a united stand against this epic exploitation."

To order a copy of the *Basic Instinct* packet send a check for \$10 to GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro St., San Francisco, Calif. 94114.

Evening of 'Hope and Light' Raises Funds for Hope and Help Center

By Bruce Wellington
Center Fold Staff Writer

An estimated 350 enthusiastic supporters of Hope and Help filled the Enzian Theater in Maitland on Monday night, Dec. 9, for the annual "Hope and Light" festival. This exciting evening celebrated the hope, help and lives of those who are carrying the burden of AIDS or being HIV-positive.

Present at the festivities were the real "stars" of the evening — the ever-giving, patient, uncomplaining and committed volunteers who provide much of the sustenance that's so vital to the health of our community. These are the "stars" who make Hope and Help the dynamic AIDS support organization that it is.

The evening was a showcase of many things: Hope and Help's energy-filled staff, the community support of the many celebrants, the evident spirit of positivism. The "let's get on with our lives, no matter what!" spirit, the factual results of mind over body, producing physical and mental endurance and a oneness of community purpose.

The ambiance of the evening was joyous. An atmosphere of gaiety, friendship and warmth commingled well with the underlying seriousness and commitment to hope, help and good health. Those attending had much to appreciate, including a sumptuous buffet table, good entertainment, champagne, a plethora of door prizes and expanding health hopes for the future.

Chuck Hummer, Hope and Help's executive director, and his committed staff, deserve bouquets for the organization, and the success, of the evening. More important, however, is their on-going dedication to the cause of all who have special needs. The H&H staff, strongly supported by both the hetero- and homosexual community, is an anchor of inestimable physical and emotional value to Central Floridians.

They, along with all the evening's celebrants, are grateful to the Enzian Theater management, to the corporate sponsors, to the restaurants and caterers who provided the delicacies and to the many donors of raffle items.

Florida Film Festival to Premiere at Enzian Theater in June

The Enzian Film Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to film as contemporary art form, will present the Florida Film Festival at Orlando.

This exhibition of 20 plus films will include the finest domestic, foreign, independent and alternative premieres available. Presentations will encompass a variety of genres, from animation to student films.

The Florida Film Festival will run from June 5 through June 14, with all screenings at the Enzian

Theater, Central Florida's only full-time alternative cinema.

Besides film-related seminars and functions throughout the 10-day schedule, the Festival will host an opening-night gala and closing-night parties, with awards to celebrity guests in attendance to be announced. For more information, call (407) 629-1088.

The Enzian is located at 1300 S. Orlando Ave., Maitland.



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Letters to the Editor

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO HOLIDAY APPEAL IS 'OVERWHELMING'

Dear Michael:

This year, I had the honor of chairing the GLCS' Annual Holiday Appeal for people with AIDS (PWAs).

We appealed to the community to donate canned and dried foodstuffs as well as toilet articles, such as shaving cream, toothpaste, shampoo, razor blades, soap and paper products.

The response was overwhelming. Bags and boxes arrived at The Center on a daily basis, once again proving that when shown a clear need that we will respond as a community to help people in need.

Items collected were donated to CENTAUR, Hope and Help Center and AREA for distribution to PWAs in the area. Paper products and toilet articles were especially welcome due to the fact that they are unobtainable with food stamps.

The following groups meeting at The Center were particularly generous with their efforts: Men's Discussion Group, Rap Group, Women's Discussion Group and Wicca.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks as well as those of GLCS to our community for its generosity.

John Rose
GLCS board of directors

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"The practice of gay papers reviewing and covering straight movies while ignoring gay theater is purely and simply evidence of gay self-hatred on the part of the paper's editors."

Dear Editor:

I have just returned from a visit to Orlando, where I saw ACT-OUT Theater's excellent production of my play, *Pouf Positive*, and Harvey Fierstein's play, *Safe Sex*.

These were superb shows. They were sponsored by AREA. They were presented in the Orlando Civic Theater. They were reviewed by the local straight papers with great praise. I was interviewed on prime-time news by the local major network affiliate.

Not one Florida gay paper came to the shows. Most did not even mention the project. None so much as printed the publicity photos ACT-OUT sent.

And for the first time in my 30 years of making gay theater and visiting gay theaters world-wide, not one gay paper so much as interviewed me.

The practice of gay papers reviewing and covering straight movies while ignoring gay theater is purely and simply evidence of gay self-hatred on the part of the paper's editors. So long as this self-disdain is reflected in disdain of gay theater, gay men will have no source of images of themselves other than the straight world, and gay entertainment will consist of degraded drag queens and equally degraded jock-strippers.

The address of ACT-OUT Theater, if you should wish to get to know these extraordinary people, is 5147 Ardmore Drive, Winter Park, Fla. 32792. If you wish to call them and apologize, as I should think you would, their phone number is (407) 677-5407.

Robert Patrick
Atwater, Calif.

Managing Editor Michael Sopoliga replies:

Dear Robert, you are right. I couldn't agree with you more. However, being short on staff, it's difficult to cover all gay/lesbian events. Look for an article on ACT-OUT soon though.

"In the future, learn the first law of good journalism: *Get the facts!*"

Dear Sir:

When I finished reading Tom Henderson's letter ["The Orlando gay Chorus Hits Some Sour Notes"] in your last issue, I was angry. Not because of his opinions — heck, even a bitchy queen is entitled to those. No, I was angry because he was simply wrong, wrong, WRONG!

Tom says he "heard reports" (from who?) that the group thinks it's "too good" to perform in Miss G's Christmas show. The Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC) *has been* scheduled and will *open* the holiday show for Miss G — *all 60 members* (so much for "the few chorus members left").

As far as performing only in "respectable" places, Tom, the group has *already* sung in past Pride picnics, parades and memorials, and outreach concerts, as well

as our Pride and holiday concerts each year. We not only went "caroling" to several area nightspots last year (at our own expense), but plan to charter a bus, and do it again this year.

As far as performing "with a drag queen," Tom, I can show you tapes of GALA (Gay and Lesbian Choral Association) groups doing just that. But I guess being bothered with the facts would get in the way, wouldn't it, Tom?

The OGC has been developing, soon to be ready, a cabaret group, which will be presenting looser, more informal "fun" things especially for the types of "bar crowds" you say we are slighting.

Actually, Tom, the logistics of presenting a formal concert with all 60 of us plus piano plus director plus lighting, etc., is a bit much to tote from bar to bar — which is why the holiday caroling.

As far as the support of Mr. Hodge of the Parliament House, we welcome his, as well as anyone else's, help — financial and otherwise. My advice to him would be talk to some organizations the chorus has worked with, rather than listen to pathetic, bitchy people like you, who don't know what they're talking about.

So, as for "sour-ing" our image with people like you — as far as I'm concerned there are *two* types of people in the world: those who get out and *do*, and those who sit around and mouth off. I, for one, don't plan to waste my time or energy on those of you in the second group.

Tom, in the future, learn the first law of good journalism: *Get the facts!*

Sincerely,
Stephen Brooks
member, the OGC board of directors

"It is unfortunate that much of his letter contained incorrect information."

Dear Editor:

The recent "sour note" letter from Tom Henderson requires a response from the Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC). It is unfortunate that much of his letter contained incorrect information. Our holiday festivities included the opening of Miss G's holiday show at the Parliament House and joyous caroling at area clubs. This has become a tradition for OGC.

One of the challenges of any volunteer organization is to satisfy all of the expectations of its members, and the community it serves. It is obvious that Mr. Henderson's expectations have not been satisfied. The OGC would like to invite Mr. Henderson to attend our rehearsals, which will resume on Jan. 5. Experiencing our chorus first-hand will demonstrate our open acceptance and friendliness.

We would like to thank the gay and lesbian community of Central Florida for the overwhelming support we continue to receive. We look forward to continued sharing of our music with you during our 1992 concerts.

Sincerely,
Bob Smedley
president, the Orlando Gay Chorus

"To wish or hope for others to contract this walking death denotes that the wisher may have psychological or

sociopathic problems ..."

I am responding to the "From the Editor's Desk" article written by Michael Sopoliga in the December *Center Fold*.

I was stunned to read the smallness, vengefulness, meanness and heartlessness of this man by his opinion in his article.

AIDS is a deadly, devastating disease. Whether or not we ever receive federal support or funds for this illness does not now or ever justify wishing such cruelty upon another human being.

Yes, I feel empathy and compassion for our ill or fallen friends, but to wish or hope for others to contract this walking death denotes that the wisher may have psychological or sociopathic problems him or herself. At the very least, I question Mr. Sopoliga's maturity.

And, what difference does it make how Magic Johnson contracted AIDS? He is now HIV-positive and needs our continued support and respect just like anyone else. Is being straight just reason for bias and discrimination? Grow up, Mr. Sopoliga.

D. Johnson
Orlando

Managing Editor Michael Sopoliga replies:

It will take more than your empathy and compassion for your ill or fallen friends to bring about a cure. Until now, the effort to fight AIDS has been a private one, with little government money being spent. Only with straight people in fields outside the typically gay professions dying from AIDS, will the federal government slowly get involved in an all-out effort to find a cure for AIDS. Up until now, only gay people were dying from AIDS — so, who cared!

Sure, I may be small, vengeful, mean and heartless, but let's see how you feel when you lose as many friends to AIDS as I or others have. Have you actually been at someone's bedside, watching them die? I have. Have you held a person's hand only to realize that they just died as you held their hand? I have. I have also seen friends be disowned by their families because they have AIDS. They did not become heroes like Magic Johnson in their families' eyes. They became outcasts, doomed to die all alone.

And, yes, it is important to find out how Magic got infected. If he's a closet homosexual or bisexual, it's important for him to admit it. Shall I have to explain the significance or reasoning behind that to you, too?

Only now, because a sports hero has contracted the AIDS virus, have America's couch potatoes been subjected to what they always believed was a "gay disease."

Unfortunately, it took a sports hero to bring AIDS into the living rooms of those either blind or indifferent to AIDS.

Maybe if more famous athletes become infected, the federal government will finally unleash the dollars it will take to find a cure. AIDS is now stepping upon hallowed ground, namely, the sports world!

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By Michael J. Sopoliga
Managing Editor

This being the first issue of the new year, I thought it fitting to comment on the future of *The Center Fold*. I have been the managing editor for a little over a year. It really hasn't seemed like such a long time, but for *The Center Fold* it is. People have told me that in the past, managing editors came and went on a regular basis. I can't understand why. I enjoy what I do. I think it's important to give something back to our gay and lesbian community.

I think I can attribute my longevity to a couple of factors. The first and most important is *focus*. This past year, I have focused on one thing: *The Center Fold*, period. At times, this has not been easy since *The Center Fold* is in reality the child of Gay and Lesbian Community Services, subject to the dictates of its board of directors.

Thankfully, they have stayed out of the business of journalism and the management of *The Center Fold*. For that I am grateful. (Too many chefs spoil the soup anyway.) But I'm sure the directors would have had my head if they didn't think I was doing a satisfactory job.

This idea of focus is so very important. Because I am focused on *The Center Fold* as a newspaper, I do not let tunnel vision get in the way, nor do I allow other distractions to cloud my thoughts or goals, nor do I allow myself to get involved in the "politics" of things.

I do what I am doing because I enjoy it, and I get a kick out of every issue, whether or not I write in it. Perhaps that's why I have remained managing editor for this long!

The second reason for my longevity is twofold. I am fortunate to have a small but very loyal group of writers and support staff. Writers may come and go (Believe me, I've had many flashes in the pan — individuals who write one or two articles and then never do another. I guess I should be grateful, though, for their efforts, however shortlived), but that handful whom I depend upon are always there, issue after issue, with their articles. Sure, they, like everyone else, have their own lives to lead, with the same problems that everyone else has, but they still make the time to write for the paper.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bradley Whiteside (and his many pseudonyms) and Jeff Campbell, who have brought many newsworthy articles to *The Center Fold*.

I would also like to thank Daniel deCournoyer, whom I have known since I lived in Daytona Beach. His "From the Beach" column gives our newspaper that *joie de vive*, or "joy for life," even if it's at "an angle!"

To my writers who live far from our community, yet feel that they have something to say to it, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To all the others who have contributed articles over the past year, I would encourage them to continue.

In the new year, I hope to bring *The Center Fold* up a couple of notches again. No, we can't compete with the weekly newspapers,

and I don't really want to anyway.

However, I hope to in 1992 broaden the scope of *The Center Fold*. I want it to be more than a publication which covers events in our community (all of which are very important nonetheless). I would hope to catapult our newspaper into being a viable source of gay news and commentary.

Also, I think I would like to see our paper become more like the *New Yorker* magazine. Sure, there are other magazines with higher readerships, but the *New Yorker* has outlasted even the most widely talked about magazines.

Why? Because the *New Yorker* doesn't try to compete with other magazines. It prides itself on the longevity of its writers and their unique approach to stories and events happening in the world. That's what I would like to see our *Center Fold* become.

And that is why I have always encouraged people in

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CORRECTIONS

Harold Straight should have been identified as a member of the board of directors of Gay and Lesbian Community Services, not just a Center volunteer, in the December issue of *The Center Fold*. Also, the photos of the GLCS board members in that issue should have been credited to David Bain.

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Sunday— 6 p.m. Hope MCC choir practice is held every week at the First Unitarian Church, 56 N. Halifax, Ormond Beach. Call 673-5632 for information.

7 p.m. Hope MCC holds services every Sunday at the First Unitarian Church, 56 N. Halifax, Ormond Beach. Call 254-0993.

Monday — 7 p.m. The AIDS Support Group meets every Monday. It is open to all HIV+/PWAs, their friends and relatives. For information call 258-8888.

8 p.m. The New Women AA Group meets at the Easy Does It Club in Holly Hill. For information on this women's group, call 258-9407.

Tuesday — 7 p.m. The AIDS Family & Friends Support Group meets every week. It is open to all family members and friends of HIV+/PWAs. Call 258-8888.

Wednesday — 7 p.m. Hope MCC in Ormond Beach holds socials, study groups or discussions every Wednesday evening at the First Unitarian Church, 56 N. Halifax, Ormond Beach. Call 254-0993.

Thursday — 7 p.m. The Serendipity Rap Group meets every Thursday. If you have any concerns or are interested in discussing gay activities in the community, call 253-9678.

Saturday — 8 p.m. The Live and Let Live AA Group meets at the Easy Does It Club in Holly Hill. It is open to all, but primarily composed of gay women and men. Call 258-9407.

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A Low Sex Drive Can Have Many Explanations

Dear Dr. Grieco:
I don't seem to be very interested in sex. This causes a lot of problems with my dates, and my relationships are always short because of it. I want friendship and I enjoy holding and cuddling, but sex just seems so messy or cheap after I have sex, and I don't like it. What is wrong with me? I feel like I'm the only one who feels this way. Any suggestions?

Yours truly,
Jack

Dear Jack:
Low sex drive is a very common problem, and it usually responds well to the proper treatment. Depression or a history of sexual abuse are frequently present in individuals with this problem. Problems in a relationship may also contribute to low sex drive; are you angry with or distrustful of your partner?

Anger or distrust derail the sharing of vulnerabilities that many find to be a basic foundation of intimacy, sex and a lasting relationship. Occasionally, low sex drive is caused by medications or physical disorders; if you suspect either of these causes, you should consult with your physician.

If you believe that the source of your problem is emotional, you need to be evaluated for depression or other psychological factors. You may need individual therapy, or if you currently have a partner, your therapist may recommend couples therapy. I suggest that you find a professional who is licensed in Florida, such as a psychologist or licensed mental health counselor. You can verify a professional's state licensure by calling the Department of Professional Regulation at 1 (800) 851-1204. A professional who also is a *certified sex therapist* would be best qualified to treat your low sex drive. A list of certified sex therapists in your area can be obtained by calling the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists at (312) 644-0828, or by writing to AASECT, 435 N. Michigan Ave., #1717, Chicago, Ill. 60611-4067.

Dear Dr. Grieco:
My boyfriend absolutely refuses to

wear a condom when we have sex. How can I convince him that I can relax better and enjoy our sex more if he "suits up"? Also, how safe is oral sex without a condom?

Sincerely,
Mike

Dear Mike:
To answer your last question first, giving oral sex to a man (fellatio) without the benefit of a latex condom is *not safe* unless he has tested negative for HIV and other diseases. A recent study reveals how dangerous oral sex without a condom can be. A group of HIV-negative men strictly avoided anal sex, and engaged only in unprotected fellatio. Over a period of years, some of the men acquired the HIV virus through oral sex without a condom. Except for blood, semen contains the high-

est concentration of HIV virus of any bodily secretion in infected men. In Florida, one out of every 10 men in their 30s is already infected with HIV; most of these men have no idea they are infected.

If you still choose to engage in unprotected fellatio, consider these suggestions: 1) avoid doing so when you have an obvious sore, cut or any break in the lips or skin lining the inside of your mouth; 2) do not allow ejaculation into your mouth; and 3) if ejaculation occurs, do not swallow the semen.

Regarding your first question, I suggest you find ways to make condom use an *erotic* part of sex play so it is less of a hassle. Learning to *eroticize* condoms takes practice. Help put his condom on, providing extra stimulation in the process. A droplet of K-Y Jelly (avoid oil-based lubricants) *inside* the reservoir end of a latex condom allows the wearer to experience many more sensations. Sex play without a condom should be creative, hot and satisfying, but guided by the maxim, "Cum *on* me, not *in* me." Good luck!

Alan Grieco, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist and certified sex therapist in private practice in Winter Park. Send your questions to "Dear Dr. Grieco," c/o The Center Fold, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32804.

Church Chat

THE FAMILY THAT CARES CHURCH

The Family That Cares Church is receiving blessings and with His good spirit we are growing close together as a family that does care.

In the absence of our pastor, these past few weeks have been a time of pulling together and becoming closer to each other. Our pastor, the Rev. Mary Jo Gunn, has been ill and hospitalized, but through

the love of Christ she will pull through. We are continuing to pray for her healing and her return to our family.

We are continuing prayers about a new location, as we see more and more new people coming forward and becoming members of our family. Our services are held every Sunday at 5 p.m. at 2090 Forsyth Road, Suite 205, Orlando.

Our Christmas Eve service was held at the First Unitarian Church of Orlando. We had special music and a potluck dinner to celebrate the joyous time of year.
— Billy Green

Writer Sings 'Ode to Joy' Because He Joined OGC

By André Provencher
Center Fold Staff Writer

Cleff Notes

I hail from Jacksonville, "South Georgia" to some, including myself. I arrived in Orlando in August 1990 seeking a change for the better; I found such a change in the family of the Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC). (Just for the record, I hated Jacksonville; and, after 23 years, I decided to do something about it: I moved to Orlando.)

A year ago, Christmastime found me eager to make my presence known here in this great metropolis named Orlando; at last, I was financially able to attend a few functions, join a few political and/or social organizations, and find a husband. Employed by First Union National Bank, I had *only* Christmas Day itself off.

Not particularly eager to travel north to my hometown for one day of joy and merriment, I contacted the Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida (GLCS). I asked if there were any festivities planned for the much-celebrated holiday, offering myself as a volunteer to cook, clean, anything to further my attempts at finding a husband.

A young woman who called herself Linda responded with a resounding "Yes!" She was organizing a singles' dinner party, and would I be interested? Interested?! Would I be interested?! Yes!

I appeared Christmas morn, loaded down with my very own secret special recipe Spanish-style corn muffins and a whet appetite (and not *just* for food). Instead, I met a young man named Lee Moody, a volunteer at GLCS as well as a board member who introduced me to Orlando's own gay chorus of which he was also a member. I left The Center that evening with a crumpled piece of paper in my pocket containing not the phone number of Mr. Moody but that of David Schuler, OGC's inaugural president.

I called Mr. Schuler immediately to discuss auditions.

Unfortunately, shortly thereafter, I accidentally drove my car into a tree, broke both legs and spent two months in a hospital. Despite such frailties, OGC allowed me to audition (on crutches, no less), and I was accepted into its ranks.

I have never been more happy.

And more obligated! Not less than two months after my joining the chorus, I found myself inside the old McCrory building, a temporary home to the Orlando Opera Company, which had asked OGC to join it as part of the city-wide Arts in April celebration; I was sweating bullets, mostly due to nerves but also because the old McCrory building has no air conditioning.

By May, we were travelling to the Tampa Bay area to rehearse with the Tampa Bay Gay Men's Chorus. Much of June was spent hither and yon, performing joint Pride concerts alongside TBGMC, marching in Orlando's first gay and lesbian march (an intimate core of representatives attended Tampa's march as well) and appearing in a shortened concert at Lake Eola's AIDS memorial ceremony. (Performing in such charitable events is not uncommon for members of the OGC; many of them organize or participate in local fund-raising events, theater productions and entertainment extravaganzas throughout Orlando and beyond.)

OGC members even made an impromptu appearance at Tampa Bay's picnic, singing alongside our sister chorines at Kenneth William's request. June *was* busting out all over.

During the seventh month, we rested. Thank God.

August found the chorus rehearsing Christmas carols in temperatures often rising above 100 degrees. (Does anyone realize how difficult this is?) However, a mere month before the Holiday concert, we were requested to learn a handful of *new* songs, OGC's gift to Rollins

College for the use of rehearsal space along with the warmth and understanding with which the school welcomes us.

The holiday season proved ever more festive than the summer as we caroled our way through several local bars for the second year, performed in concert with Miss G at the Parliament House (a first!), and climaxed in our two-night concert at Knowles Memorial Chapel. (On stage with Miss G I can only say that I was awestruck, also the teensiest bit nervous. After all, this was our debut in the local bar circuit (that is, if you eliminate the chorus' bar caroling in 1990 and 1991). How often does one see the Vienna Boys' Choir or even that Mormon group asked to perform the local bar scene in Europe? (The very thought that patrons of the Parliament House would rather hear Mozart than Madonna or cruise the balconies, still warms the cockles of my heart.)

All the while, there was and still is a cabaret in the making, composed of various members of OGC.

Surely, I have made a few foolish decisions since my arrival in Orlando. Some, on the other hand, were very wise, such as my joining the OGC. I owe them all a great deal, not just as a singer but more so as a friend.

As a member of the OGC, I have found myself amid a family of men and women who can truly appreciate an individual; they can acknowledge and embrace all aspects of life, including the good, the bad and the ugly; they know how to advise when the bad and the ugly have too much influence over the good; and they support me in my search for independence, success and truth.

There are times when the politics of OGC obscure or hesitate the immediate results, but such holds true for any organization or business. At such times, I simply bite my tongue, say a prayer under my breath and wait for the best to happen.

OGC Sets Auditions: The Orlando Gay Chorus will hold auditions for new members this month. Anyone who is interested, should call Bob Smedley at (407) 896-9850.

LETTERS

from Page 4

"I hope the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities of your area know how fortunate they are to have such a center."

Editor's Note: This letter was recently received by GLCS from Joel C. Nimon, publicist for GLSH, a gay and lesbian organization in Harrisburg, Penn.

One of the great parts of my recent visit to Orlando was the discovery of your center and its services.

I want to thank Bill for his hospitality and the great tour of The Center.

I hope the gay, lesbian and bisexual

communities of your area know how fortunate they are to have such a center.

We have nothing like it in Pennsylvania except Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, so in central Pennsylvania, groups must find places to meet and persons places to meet other gay and lesbian persons.

I enjoyed the Gay Skate and the three groups I attended (Rap, Men's Discussion and CODA).

We would like to receive information about these things: Gay Skate, founding and operation of The Center, operation of your switchboard and the Delta Youth Alliance.

You may send this information to Dan Miller, co-director, GLSH, Box 872, Federal Square Station, Harrisburg, Penn. 17108-0872.

I am enclosing a small donation to show my appreciation for the services I was able to use.

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Florida Film Festival announces its first Annual Poster Contest. All artists are invited to submit full-color illustrations or photographs to be used as the focal point for the poster for the 1992 Festival.

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The winning entry will be featured on the Festival poster and the official program cover. The

winner will be announced on Feb. 10 and will receive tickets to the Opening Night Gala, special Festival celebrity receptions, and receive membership to the Enzian Film Society. Selected runners-up will be featured in the Festival program.

All entries must be delivered to the Enzian Theater, 1300 S. Orlando Ave., Maitland, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday. The deadline for entry is 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 3. No entry fee is required. The competition is open to everyone. For further information, call the Festival office at (407) 644-5631.

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Jan 5 7:00pm Zion AAC Service 7:00pm Fantasia-- Transvestite Support Group 7:00pm Reality-- Transsexual Support Group	Jan 6 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group 7:30pm GLCS Board Meeting	Jan 7 7:30pm Coming Out Group 7:30pm Rap Group 7:30pm WICCA Meetings	Jan 8 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Jan 9 7:00pm Fundraising Committee 7:30pm CODA-- Co-Dependents Anonymous	Jan 10 7:00pm Zion AAC Vespers & Christian Awareness Class 7:30pm I Love Lucy Fan Club	Jan 11 The Center is OPEN--Noon to 5:00 PM
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LeJune Perrin is Helping Out All Over

(Editor's Note: This profile continues *The Center Fold's* efforts to introduce the "movers and shakers" within Orlando's gay and lesbian community.)

By Bradley Whiteside
Center Fold Staff Writer

LeJune Perrin is one of those warmhearted people who always seem to be there when you need them most. And because GLCS has a lot of projects to be masterminded, and not many people upon whom it can always depend, GLCS (and all of us) are lucky to have LeJune around as an anchor to many volunteer programs.

Most everyone who has visited The Center at 750 W. Colonial drive has met LeJune ... has been given her warm and generous embrace ... a taste of her quick (and sometimes acerbic) wit ... and has been given the on-the-spot help they sought by this jolly, enthusiastic woman.

LeJune juggles her professional and personal life with aplomb. Spreading herself generously and successfully over many concurrent activities is a way of life for her. In spite of maintaining a heavy schedule as an investigator for the local office of the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS), LeJune is an active contributor to central Florida's gay and lesbian community.

Jackson, Mich., (home of the largest walled prison in the world ... and alleged birthplace of the Republican Party) is LeJune's original home.

The oldest of two children, she excelled in many socially oriented activities at school. One of her achievements was the writing of a disciplinary code for secondary students which became a model for schools in her area.

Following her graduation from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in history and political science), LeJune headed west to enroll in the University of Oregon Law School.

When she received her J.D. in 1982 she had planned to relocate to either Portland, Ore., or Seattle. However, fate had other plans.

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our community to submit articles, or anything else they think others in the community would be interested in reading or seeing.

That brings me to my real wish for 1992: to have some new people join our staff. We are looking for a news reporter to cover events sponsored by GLCS and other groups in our gay and lesbian community, we are also looking for a lesbian writer to bring more of a lesbian perspective to our pages and to cover events of special interest to the womyn's community, cartoonists, humorists, photographers and anyone else who would like to contribute their time and talents to *The Center Fold*.

(If you are interested in working for the paper, call The Center at [407] 425-GLCS, Monday-Friday, 1-9 p.m., and Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Leave a message for me and I'll get back to you.)

At any rate, I would like to thank all of my faithful staff for another year of dedication. I believe in what we do, and the people we reach make *The Center Fold* worthy of an even better year in 1992.

I believe we have set a new level of literary accomplishment in Central Florida and in our gay and lesbian community.

Now, if I could only get others to help with getting this blasted newspaper out every month!

She was offered a Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship and moved to Orlando to join the Greater Orlando Area Legal Services (GOALS). She worked at GOALS for two years, handling a multitude of cases — divorce, Social Security, unemployment, landlord-tenant disputes and diverse other community needs.

Later, LeJune joined Orange County's municipal social outreach system. There she worked as a child support investigator, helping to enforce child support requirements.

Now as a protective investigator for HRS, she investigates cases of abused elderly citizens and disabled adults. "Far more senior citizens are badly abused than are ever reported in the media. It's horrible! Most of these cases involve abuses of elderly parents by their children, with whom they often must live," LeJune says. "It's a very depressing situation because it's so widespread and is so difficult to correct over the long-term."

LeJune's commitment to local gay and lesbian activities began in 1983, and has not diminished since then. She helped with the first Gay Pride Week Picnic, and she continues to be a mainstay of those diverse activities. Her planning for the 1991 Gay Pride Picnic was crucial; she coordinated the securing of all vendors for the picnic, along with the vital shuttle service (over 1,000 people visited the 1991 event).

In 1984, LeJune joined other lesbians in forming the Loving Committed Network (LCN). Still an active LCN supporter, LeJune is hoping to start an LCN chorus that can "offer some good women's voices to our community, just as the Orlando Gay Chorus does."

While active with LCN, she was elected to the board of directors of the Joy Metropolitan Community Church (Joy MCC), and has contributed to that important religious and social group for four years.

It was in 1989 that LeJune became closely involved with GLCS, becoming a member of the board of directors. She remains on the board, and has contributed her expertise in a multitude of ways.

Among LeJune's special

Meeting to Form Gay Business Guild
Set: I would like to comment on the response so far to the idea of starting a gay business guild here in Orlando. It turns out that a lot of people are ready and very willing to assist us in forming one.

I guess that rather than talk about forming one, we should, as one person said, just get together and see what happens.

With that in mind, I would like to set a date for a discussion of the ways we could go about forming a gay- and gay-sensitive business guild here in the greater Orlando area.

I also include gay-sensitive businesses because I feel that there are many businesses that are not owned by gays or lesbians but perhaps have relatives who are gay or lesbian and thus accept and appreciate gay people and their financial clout.

That's one of the most important reasons for a gay business guild: gay clout, economic and otherwise. The big question is, I guess: Does gay Orlando have enough clout to be a force to be reckoned with?

I guess we'll talk about this at the first meeting of the fledgling Greater Orlando Gay Business Guild.

The date for the meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. All those who are interested in this effort should attend.

GLCS-targeted efforts have been the Speaker's Panel, archivist of the organization and now, board secretary. Along with her colleagues on the board, she is constantly recruiting new volunteers, "the lifeblood of GLCS and any community service organization."

Along the way, she has found time to co-chair (with Joel Strack) activities for Orlando's Gay Pride Week. Planning for these early June 1992 festivities has already begun. "Each year, more people get involved in Pride Week, especially the parade," LeJune says. "This year, we not only had corporate representation, but also we had marching groups from several other counties beyond our tri-county area. It was gratifying — and hopefully, 1992 will be even more active!"

"It seems that every year more people 'come out' and come out to Gay Pride Week activities. This means that more 'newcomers' are becoming more comfortable with themselves in public situations," she says.

"That's good, because, although we have a large gay and lesbian community in Central Florida, the number of us who let ourselves participate in gay and lesbian public and community activities is miniscule," she continues.

"We've got to make these group activities more palatable, acceptable and inviting to our community friends. We need their support — in any and every way!"

Like all her fellow GLCS board members, LeJune has her own special goals for the future. "I want to help create an atmosphere of congeniality, confidence and security in our overall community," she says. "And, I want to get more women involved in GLCS and its many by-product activities."

"I want to help people get beyond all of those petty biases that still exist. Stonewall had a strong message for gay men and their rights. We need to translate that message strongly into rights for lesbians, too ... and women, in general," LeJune says. "I'm not a militant feminist, but there certainly is room in America for better overall women's rights!"

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Breaking the News

Editor's Note: The story that follows is the first by a new contributor to *The Center Fold*. According to the author, his "life has been rewarding, but not easy. The following true essay is one of the latter; others will follow that will demonstrate the former ... and give us an occasional 'slice of his life' — the beauties of which are more vital to him now than ever before." We hope you will enjoy the writings of Brinson Perry.

By Brinson Perry
Contributor

I had a very difficult one to face this time. I had to tell my 12-year-old daughter about my AIDS. I had told all of the easy ones, during the six years that I had been "positive." I had told my colleagues. I had told most of my friends, and many acquaintances. I had told a lot of the hard ones too. All of my closest family members now knew that I had AIDS. The important people in my life had been made aware of my sickness, and were all being supportive and helpful to me. But facing my daughter Shannon with the news was a big one, the hardest one of all.

Shannon's mother and I have been divorced since Shannon was 2 years old. Shannon lives in a coastal town, about three hours drive from Orlando. She lives with her mother, her stepdad and their family. Her mother has known of my disease for a long time, and has often told me that I should tell Shannon about it, before she found out from other people.

Shannon is very smart, is an honors student, is well read for a person her age, is artistically creative and loves to play the piano and flute. She is a lovely and lovable girl, and she is very near and dear to my heart.

My biggest fear was that she would react hysterically to the news, and be unable to listen to any more about it. If she closed herself off in this way, it would be very hard to overcome the panic enough to start communicating again. I was very fearful of causing her a painful and unnecessarily traumatic incident.

But, tell her I must, so I planned my approach carefully. I would have a full afternoon to spend with the job. I picked up Shannon in the early afternoon on a Sunday. To help establish a pleasant, receptive mood, we went out to shop for a little while. She chose an oversize sweat shirt and a piece or two of inexpensive jewelry. This was a fun outing, with lots of laughter and interaction in the stores. Then we went to a nearby restaurant to have hot chocolate and a snack. This was where we got to the serious part.

I guided the conversation to AIDS and asked if she was being taught about it in school. She said that she was, and that her mother had taught her some about it, too. Shannon already knew more about the disease than I would have expected any pre-teen to know. Her knowledge was accurate, too. I steered the conversation to people with AIDS in the news and on television.

We talked about people who have said they are dying of it, such as Kimberly Bergalis. We talked about people who promise leadership and hope, such as Magic Johnson. We talked about some who refuse to give up, like the Ray family of Sarasota. The Rays have not only suffered the repeated ravages of the sickness, but have also had to endure the fear and hatred of their community. But they are living with AIDS, and dealing with it, and making the best of what they have, rather than dying with it.

Feeling that I had done all the preparation I could, I told her that I had AIDS. She was shocked and fearful at first, but her expression and attitude soon returned to normal. The rest of our conversation for that day was small talk. She would not be drawn into AIDS conversation. There was turmoil inside her, but she kept it behind protective emotional barriers.

When I took her home to her mother, she cried for a couple minutes, but was quiet afterwards. Mainly, she kept up her protective barriers. It was time for me to leave, so I returned to Orlando.

Two weeks later, Shannon came to spend an extended weekend with me. She had enough time for her mind and heart to accommodate her new knowledge. She was ready to drop the barriers and talk about things. Shannon and I spent some good "quality time" talking about what this disease meant to our lives. We visited the AIDS support center where I go to group meetings. She met some of the staff members, and participated with me in a volunteer job for the center. She was responding in the best way possible to the knowledge of my AIDS. She was open-minded and ready to be informed. She was accepting, helpful and cooperative. She was ready to deal with it. She could handle the idea of having AIDS in her life.

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Resolution Introduced in House Urges End to Anti-Gay Military Policy

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A congressional resolution calling for an end to the policy barring gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans from military service was introduced in the House of representatives on Nov. 6 by Rep. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. The resolution is the first of its kind regarding gay people in the military and is the first such congressional initiative to use the words "gay, lesbian and bisexual" in its text.

"It is time we put a stop to this legacy of unfair and malignant discrimination in the armed services," Boxer said at a Capitol Hill press conference announcing the resolution.

"Too many men and women in our armed forces who have served their country with distinction in both peace and war time have been punished and discharged from the military simply because of their known or suspected sexual orientation."

The resolution, H.Res. 271, urges President George Bush to rescind "Department of Defense Directive 1332.14, section H.1, so that all Americans, regardless of sexual orientation, currently serving their country in the armed forces, and those who want to serve, will not be prevented from, or punished for, doing so." A resolution is being used because Bush can rescind the policy without specific legislation being passed by Congress.

The resolution is the result of months of

behind-the-scenes work by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the Military Freedom project, a coalition of groups working to end the discriminatory policy. NGLTF proposed the resolution earlier this year and kicked off a nationwide lobbying campaign to secure cosponsors at its 1991 Creating Change Conference.

NGLTF Executive Director Urvashi Vaid described the policy as one of the last remaining examples of institutionalized discrimination in this country.

"It has destroyed careers, ruined lives and fueled hatred and violence against gay people," Vaid said. "For the U.S. to single out and discriminate against capable and honorable members of the military does a disservice to the defense of our country. Allowing this policy to stand is an affront to the American promise of equal justice."

Joining Boxer in presenting the resolution was Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., who explained, "It acknowledges what the Pentagon already knows — that gay men and lesbians do not pose a security threat to the United States; that these men and women have served our nation, in peace and at war, with the same dedication and professionalism as heterosexual service personnel."

Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a member of the Military Freedom Project coalition, also spoke at the press conference. Two repre-

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sentatives of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) presented testimony.

"Every member of our organization has been directly affected by the military's anti-gay policy," said Karen Stupski, co-chair of the Hampton Roads, Va., GLBVA and a former lieutenant in the Navy.

While assigned to the USS Sylvania, Stupski attempted to hide her sexual orientation while she completed her tour of duty but was discharged after confiding in a commanding officer.

"As I became more comfortable with the idea of being a lesbian, my fear turned to anger and frustration at the discrimination that gays and lesbians face in our society, particularly in the military," said Stupski. "I wanted to express myself honestly in my personal and professional life."

Alan Stephens, president of the Gay

and Lesbian Veterans of Maryland, former Army captain and teacher of learning-disabled teen-agers in Baltimore, outlined for reporters the reasons the Pentagon has historically used to justify its policy, including the so-called "foxhole theory."

"The 'foxhole theory' is based on the assumption that as bullets are flying on some obscure battlefield, in some unknown war, deep inside a muddy foxhole occupied by a homosexual and a heterosexual, the [military] mission is going to be compromised by the raging hormones of the homosexual," Stephens said. "I assure you my hormone level is the same as yours. The inference that homosexuals would rather look at someone's butt, than guard the rear, is insulting and ridiculous."

Secretary of Defense Richard B. Cheney recently called the DOD policy "some-what of an old chestnut" that he "inherited."

Besides NGLTF, GLBVA and HRCF, the Military Freedom Project includes the National Organization for Women, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Lambda Legal Defense Fund.

NGLTF urges the public to pressure its congressional representatives to sign onto the resolution. To obtain a copy of the resolution (H.Res. 271), send a self-addressed label with your request to: House Document Room, H2-B18, House Office Building Annex II, Washington, D.C. 20515.



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Discrimination on Us and By Us

By Jeff Campbell
Center Fold Staff Writer

We must question how it is and why it is that we in the gay and lesbian community must struggle for our rights, knowing that equality is guaranteed. At the founding of this nation, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness ..."

This declaration was affirmed by Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address on Nov. 19, 1863, when he said the United States was "a new nation conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Knowing, therefore, that equality is our *fundamental* right, we must ask who is it that denies us this right and what authority commissions these people? The word for this is *discrimination*, and the late George Orwell had an answer in his book *Animal Farm* wherein a pig opined that all people are equal except for some who were more equal than others.

The four-letter synonym for discrimination is *hate* and the word *fear* enters into this equation because people see in us reflections of themselves. They simply cannot handle it. We are the messengers of tomorrow's truth and the road to the future is rough and rocky. These people who discriminate against us seek to kill the messenger.

With too many of us refusing to participate in taking the responsibility for our lives, we empower others to decide our rights by default. This is a major act of discrimination in its worst form because it is from within: we discriminate against ourselves by this *laissez-faire* attitude, and by our failure to involve ourselves in the election process. We are disenfranchised because we

deny exercising the civil *privileges* bestowed upon us by the words of Jefferson.

The recent election in Louisiana enjoyed one of the highest voter turnouts in recent times because the people were concerned. How you feel about David Duke or the issues in that election is not the point; the point is that voters made the decision. I hope no one reading these words believes that non-gay society will concern itself with our rights if we don't demonstrate our interests and express our determination to be free.

While it is true that a majority of the gay and lesbian community in Central Florida is closeted and quiet, the estimate of our number is upwards of 160,000. Without these people speaking at the ballot box, our rights and our feelings and our needs will never be met nor will we control our destiny. If one feels one must remain hidden or closeted, there is no reason those persons cannot speak their concerns in the privacy of the secret ballot. The gay community has the obligation to validate itself.

Beyond our inner discrimination, we suffer prejudice and intolerance from many sources. Most gay people are familiar with the discriminatory policies of the Cracker Barrel restaurant chain, and there are many other businesses and areas of society that have not made national headlines but are just as bigoted.

These are just a few examples:

- **The insurance industry** frequently denies coverage to gay people and even claims ownership of our blood and other medical tests because they pay for them in our seeking their coverage. Using this private and confidential information openly, discriminates against us. Once in their possession, any confidentiality you may wish assigned to this information is lost and it will find its way into other hands.

- **The banking industry** will be one of the first recipients of any adverse information uncovered by such hospital tests. This now spreading information could

have a dramatic effect on credit ratings and financial access. Patterns of discrimination can possibly begin to have adverse results in the pursuit of employment and residence.

- **The ROTC program** has become a very visible source of blatant discrimination. Training programs paid for with *our* money are available to gay students at universities which offer such programs. The entire military establishment — the Department of Defense — discriminates against us even while having many gays within the ranks at both the enlisted and officer level.

- **The United States government** undoubtedly practices the greatest discrimination and bigotry for not only does the government itself discriminate but it condones all of the above discrimination.

The earliest discrimination is that of our parents and friends and teachers and religious leaders. In their zealous and well-intended attitude, we are led to be fearful of or ashamed of our nature and we attempt to mold our personalities to satisfy their dreams. The results are often disastrous because it involves other people. We marry and begin families and often the results are shattered dreams and shattered lives.

Unaware of the damage being done, they teach and preach to us of the rejection that befalls those who deviate from the norm in sexual identification. As we learn of this separation from the dreams they plan for us, we come to recognize a reflection in ourselves of all they loathe. As young people, this is the first step into a closet as try to conceal ourselves from judgment.

Now it is time for us to become the teachers, to demonstrate that we are responsible and honorable people who are a part of the human family; that we are here in their midst and have always been. It is the non-gay family that has the learning to do.

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DAYTONA BEACH — Sand, suds, bikers, students, race fans and criminals. Yeah, lots of those. This is where the TV show *America's Most Wanted* found its first fugitive. The wrong sleaze. Still, it is popular and now it will be the world headquarters for an internationally distributed gay travel magazine: *Our World*. Imagine that.

Actually, I began this article's research convinced that I was about to uncover a boiler-room operation ripping off gays and lesbians. A postcard mailer advertisement in Community Card Pack for a travel magazine listed Daytona Beach as the place to send your money. I just looked at it and said, "Imagine that."

So I called the Daytona offices of *Our World*, and the first thing you know, I am talking with Editor and Publisher Wayne Whiston and the whole thing goes from unbelievable to incredible. *Our World* is not only legitimate, it is noteworthy.

Our World was first published in 1989 after two years of preparation. It already boasts a circulation of 17,000 worldwide and growing, with subscribers on all continents. Whiston is especially proud of his correspondent in Kiev, Ukraine. (Once part of the now-dissolved Soviet Union for those of you who are geographically illiterate.)

Several articles in unusual places have bolstered *Our World's* subscribers significantly. A Japanese het publication called *Gulliver* wrote about the magazine and the subscriptions poured in. And another time, an ecumenical group, publishing *Second Stone*, wrote about *Our World* and the calls from persons in nowhere America asking if the magazine is mailed in discreet envelopes (it is) poured in.

"We have a lot of clergy in the flock," says Whiston. Incidentally, the mailing list is confidential, never sold or exchanged.

Our World is not a magazine aiming below the belt, even nude beaches and the like get discreet coverage. The attitude is internationalist, the gay man or lesbian is seen as being at the forefront of cultural exchange (and personal interchange).

The marketing effort and reach are to the upper crust. At \$44 a year in the United States, and much more internationally, it is not cheap. Demographics show that Whiston's readers are mostly couples, that they own two cars, a home and travel 3.4 times per year. Thirty percent of *Our World's* readers are women, and Whiston pays special attention to this important segment of his readership and distribution network.

In fact, Whiston reports that his best distributors are both women's organizations, one in the northeast United States and the other in Whittier, Calif. (birthplace of Richard Nixon). Recent articles have featured lesbian hitchhiking in Europe and lesbian Thailand among others. (Trudy Tasker is a regular contributor.) The trend in gay and lesbian accommodations is to tolerance, but not yet everywhere, according to Whiston.

Our World does not publish X-rated ads, but it does publish ads from soft-core advertisers such as Ozgraphics from Australia and Wavelength from San Francisco. Whiston is very protective of his turf; he even responds aggressively to the idea that "the crackers [rednecks] out there" might give him and the

forthcoming *Our World Travel Center* some problems. "I grew up here and went to school here," Whiston says. "I know a lot about the [local] politicians." He puts a definite emphasis on "a lot."

I managed to get a few sample issues (actually, Whiston was very generous) and compared early issues with recent ones. There have been changes, notably the paper stock is now glossy and the printing in the most recent issue seems to be the best quality. It may be less

ecological this way (glossy paper cannot be recycled), but it holds up better over time. And I doubt anyone throws this magazine out. It may become our

National Geographic. The style, format and content has been played with; there are always new ideas sprouting. The early issues did not byline articles, but now the stories are written in the first person and credibility is high. Whiston cultivates the anecdotal approach; after all, we can't all go everywhere. So we go along.

Regular features include a men's and a separate women's travel hotlines; travel tips from travel agent John Gloucester; and "Reading En Route," books, not necessarily about travel. Articles are wide-ranging, from the Amsterdam call boys to the aforementioned lesbian hitchhiking in Europe. There seems to be more to our world than a visit to the local sauna after all.

Does any of this — a new magazine pulling in its operations in from San Francisco, Atlanta, Gainesville, Denver and Cleveland — mean new work for Daytona? Not really. Whiston is unimpressed by the local (gay) work force. It

seems he finds them too bar-oriented; not willing to pitch in for the Friday night deadline. And then the area is transient, guys move on. Whiston prefers to hire guys in relationships. (Imagine that.)

One feature worth mentioning, no writer has ever complained about being treated badly by police or other officials while travelling. It seems important to conform to local mores in Whiston's estimation.

This conformity is what allowed him to consider and publish a rather explicit article about Amsterdam and the boy prostitution there. "That's *their way*," Whiston says. The article provoked an avalanche of letters; American readers were particularly incensed.

"Americans are prudish," Whiston says, "even gay Americans. Europeans think nothing of wearing virtually nothing or less, especially the French. They just cannot understand American puritanism." I guess they don't know about American mores yet.

Our World is published monthly. The mailing address for subscriptions is 1104 N. Nova Road, Suite 251, Daytona Beach, Fla. 32117.

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their buys back yearly to make new selections," Toal said, "giving them a 'new look' for their decor and allowing them to escalate their investment by adding the price of last year's purchases to what they have to spend this year." The gallery also offers an extended payment program on investment art at no interest charge.

The auction preview begins at 7 p.m. at the Garden Club, with the auction starting at 8. A special stand-up auction will follow on Saturday at Joy MCC's Cardwell Hall starting at 9 a.m. for those who missed the auction or who would like to make an offer on a piece they neglected the evening before. The auction will feature hourly door prizes, and champagne and hors d'oeuvres will be served. A \$4 donation is requested at the door.

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Leaders of Gay, Lesbian Movement Gather for NGLTF 'Creating Change' Conference

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Billed as the pre-eminent political gathering of lesbian and gay activists as well as a mammoth "gay trade show," some 1,000 people from across the country gathered recently to organize around gay issues, mourn losses due to AIDS, plan political strategies and assess the state of the movement.

The event, the 1991 Creating Change Conference, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Policy Institute, was held at the Old Colony Inn, in Alexandria, Va., on Nov. 9-11.

Gay, lesbian and bi-sexual activists came from 42 states and the District of Columbia. Activists also came from England, Mexico, Nicaragua, what was then the Soviet Union and Puerto Rico.

"We gather to assess the state of the gay and lesbian movement at a time when our issues are at the forefront of social change," said Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF executive director. "We celebrate our victories, regroup after our losses, plan our course for the future and create change for gay people today."

Vaid cited a list of issues that took center spotlight at this year's conference, including HIV and Magic Johnson, hate crimes, domestic partnership laws, civil rights battles, military discrimination, sodomy law reform, censorship, campus organizing and diversity in the lesbian and gay movement.

The conference featured 71 workshops and "brown bag" lunch sessions, including media activism, stress, sexuality, lobbying, the 1992 presidential campaigns, drug activism, arts organizing, international activism, marriages, "Countering Homophobia and Heterosexism," a fund-raising track and much more.

Some 265 activists attended three pre-conference

institutes, including 80 at "People of Color Organizing," 125 at "Diversity Training" and 60 at "Campus Organizing." A post-conference, anti-violence roundtable brought together about 50 hate crime activists from around the nation.

Plenary speakers at the conference were Mario Solis-Marich, national co-chair, Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO), and AIDS project L.A. public policy director; Minnie Bruce Pratt, lesbian poet, essayist, teacher and National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) fellowship recipient; and Jewell Gomes, writer, poet and activist. Marich charted a dramatic course for AIDS activism, especially in the people of color community, and Pratt and Gomes presented a spellbinding and moving reading, in "duet" form, about the personal reasons gay people are compelled to fight for justice.

A special AIDS Activist Panel featured Jeff Levi, director of government affairs, AIDS Action Council; Sandra Johnson, ACT UP/Chicago and Chicago Women's AIDS Project; Reggie Williams, executive director of the National Task force on AIDS Prevention/National Association of Black and White Men Together; Jean McGuire, former executive director, AIDS Action Council; and Derek Hodel, executive director, People With AIDS Health Group.

Tim Miller and Holly Hughes, recently awarded NEA grants after being rejected by the arts agency last year, performed at a gala fundraiser along with comics Kate Clinton and Marga Gomez, singer/songwriters Phranc and Steve Langley, and performance artist Brian Freeman of "Pomo Afro Homo." The gala performance raised \$18,000 for NGLTF Creating Change.

A local dance on Nov. 10, produced by the Creating Change host committee — including the Fairfax,

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— Urvashi Vaid,

NGLTF executive director.

Alexandria and Arlington, Va., gay and lesbian organizations — acted as a conference ice-breaker.

NGLTF presented five Creating Change awards at the conference for extraordinary accomplishment and commitment to the gay and lesbian community.

Receiving the awards were: Marlon Riggs, for "breakthrough work ... on the film *Tongues Untied*"; the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization, for "bravely forging a new tradition of a gay and lesbian contingent in New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade"; the Connecticut Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, for its "successful campaign to pass Connecticut's gay and lesbian rights bill."; the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, for "20 years of service, support and strength"; and Queer Nation/Atlanta, for the ongoing "boycott against the anti-gay discriminatory policies of Cracker Barrel Restaurants."

Tapes of the conference workshops and plenaries are available from Audio Transcripts, (703) 549-7334. Next year's Creating Change Conference will be held in November in Los Angeles, over the Veteran's Day weekend.

NGLTF is the nation's oldest national gay and lesbian civil rights organization. NGLTF lobbies, organizes, educates and demonstrates for gay and lesbian equality.

Survey Details Campus Benefit Policies for Domestic Partners/Non-Traditional Families

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Lesbian and gay couples and other non-traditional families have access to benefits like married couple housing on 22 U.S. college campuses — but elsewhere, the doors are shut, according to a national survey released Nov. 14 by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Policy Institute.

The survey, *Domestic Partners/Non-Traditional Family Recognition in Campus Benefit Policies*, outlines benefits available in seven areas: married couple housing, access to health services, bereavement leave, sick leave, parental leave, tuition reduction and access to campus programs and libraries.

Student, faculty and administration/staff policies are included in the survey. Of the 500 questionnaires sent out, 22 percent were returned. One-fourth of those responding indicated they have some form of domestic partner/non-traditional family recognition.

Among other findings, the survey reports that:

- Spouses or domestic partners of full-

time faculty mat receive one-half off tuition at Occidental College in Los Angeles, perhaps the only policy of its kind in the country.

- Five campuses, including the University of Wisconsin, offer access to married couple housing to same-sex partners.

- Only four campuses offer access to the campus health center for domestic partners of students.

"We hope this survey will be used by activists to structure their demands for change of policies that discriminate against non-traditional families. This material is great for networking," said Ivy Young, director of the NGLTF Policy Institute Lesbian and Gay Families Project, which produced the survey.

The survey also lists resources available at NGLTF, including *Organizing for Equality* publications, actual documents of the colleges with non-discrimination policies, position papers and a list of contacts nationwide.

For a copy of the survey, send \$5 to NGLTF, 1734 14th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009-4309, attention: Campus Domestic Partner Policies Survey.

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Hope and Help Center of Central Florida	Orlando	(407) 894-1992
National AIDS TTY HOTLINE		1-800-243-7889

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Gay & Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida, Inc.

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ROOMMATE WANTED — KISSIMMEE

GF to share 2 BR/2 BA furnished home w/same. Close to Disney, Martin-Marietta, & Florida Mall area. \$285/mo. + 1/2 util. (407) 847-8624. (01)

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2 gay professional males seeking professional female to share townhouse in Wekiva area. Furnished room, private bath, smoker, must love cats. \$375/mo. + dep. (407) 862-8169, Gary or leave message. (01)

HOUSING/ROOMMATE WANTED

GWM, 24, HIV+, healthy, seeks housing/roommate. Prefer home or apt. with W/D & sep. BR. \$250-\$350/mo. Tim, (407) 380-5400. (01)*

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Looking for responsible GF to share 2 BR/1 BA house. Must like animals. All accommodations, inc. W/D. \$275/mo. + util. NO DRUGS. Off Goldenrod Rd. in between Lake Underhill & Curry Ford. Lin, (407) 381-4814 or 257-6814. (01)*

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To share 3 BR/ 1 1/2 BA house. Must like pets, I have cats. \$250/mo. includes semi-furnished BR & util. Prefer non-drinker & non-drug user. LeJune, (407) 897-5926, days; 293-9119, evenings. (01)*

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To share 2 BA/1 BA apt., m/f non-smoker, job a must. 1/2 rent (\$250) + 1/2 util. \$100 sec. dep., returnable 30 days notice, no damage. 2 blocks from Eola. Willie, (407) 382-2563. (01)*

ROOMMATE WANTED — WINTER PARK AREA

Mature & responsible person to share 3 BR/2 BA home, near public transportation. HIV + OK. 1/4 rent + util. No drugs or alcoholics. Call Robert or Jeff, (407) 628-4093 or 894-1452. (01)*

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2 BA, 1 1/2 BA. condo. Adults, no pets. Quiet complex. \$750/mo. furnished; \$650/mo. unfurnished. (407) 628-4202 or 645-5164, ask for Manny or Jimmy. (01)*

ROOMMATE WANTED — DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

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Ads under Friendships/Relationships, Housing, Employment Wanted and Employment Available are free to individuals . See ad instructions.

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GLCS needs an IBM compatible computer w/40 MB+ harddrive. (407) 425-GLCS. (02)*

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EMPLOYMENT AVAILABLE

CENTER DIRECTOR

Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida Inc. is now accepting applications for part-time Center director. Hours: M-F, 1-6 p.m. 21+ & high-school graduate required. Prefer experience w/other non-profit community groups. Send resume & goals statement to: GLCS Search Committee, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, FL 32853-3446. No phone calls please. An equal opportunity employer. (02)*

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The Center Fold is seeking a volunteer to assume the position of executive director. Responsible for staffing, fiscal accounting, administration of policy & procedure, monthly activity report to board of directors, production coordination, development & budgeting. Motivated individuals only. David Bain, (407) 425-4527. (02)*

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The Center Fold is seeking a volunteer to assume the position of distribution manager. Responsible for packing, sorting, mailing and circulation of our monthly newspaper. Individual must be 21+ and have reliable transportation. David Bain, (407) 425-4527. (02)*

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

GayEscape Cruise, Statistics & Survey, Pride Picnic, Fundraising, Membership & Benefits and Audit Committees are all looking for enthusiastic individuals with the desire to make a positive impact on our community. To become involved, call (407) 425-4527 & leave a message for David Bain or stop by in person at GLCS, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. Get involved and make a difference! (02)*

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FRIENDSHIPS/RELATIONSHIPS

GWF, 20s

Looking for wonderful feminine GWF, 18-25, for friendship/relationship. Amy, 331 S. 4th St., Dundee, FL 33838. (01)*

NONCHRISTIAN GWM, 25

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536321, Orlando, FL 32853. (01)*

FULL-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE

Full-time lover wanted. Qualified applicant should be 18-28, slender, affectionate, romantic, love to cuddle and ready to start immediately. Will begin as friends & work toward relationship. I am 28, 5'10", 140 lbs., BR/BL. A hopeless ro-mantic looking for that special someone. For personal interview call Dana, (407) 296-9066. (01)*

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Seeking other young couples, 18-30, for fun and friendship. Interests include theater, travel, movies, etc. Enjoy good restaurants. NO SEX, NO DRUGS. Thad or Patrick, (407) 870-7436. Leave message. (01)*

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ORLANDO

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ROOMMATE WANTED — KISSIMMEE

GF to share 2 BR/2 BA furnished home w/same.

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