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Pride Week '90 Plans Unveiled

Men's Chorus to Debut, Parade Nixed

By Laurence Sheldon
Center Fold Staff Writer

Gay and Lesbian Community Services is in the process of organizing the most extensive and varied celebration of gay life in the history of Central Florida.

Plans are underway for Gay Pride Week '90, an annual week-long tribute to Gay and Lesbian freedom and happiness.

In addition to the traditional picnic, theatrical premiere and nightlife celebrations, Pride Week will feature the debut performance of the Orlando Gay Mens' Chorus.

"We are coming to the forefront of the nation with our Pride Week activities," said Michael Wanzie, director of The Center. "Within five years, we're going to be one of the the nation's key Gay pride celebrations."

Gay Pride Week is celebrated across the nation on the anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion, the New York City fracas thought by many to be the launching pad for the Gay rights



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Tears, Prayers as the Joy MCC Family Finds 'Home at Last'

By Paul Bentsen
Center Fold Staff Writer

Months of fund raising, negotiations and nail biting gave way to a tidal wave of tears and celebration as a capacity crowd held January opening services at the new facility housing the Joy Metropolitan Community Church.

"The Church is for us a primary source of family," said Joy MCC pastor Jimmy Brock in his opening sermon, "and tonight I'm feeling a bit like a daddy who just gave birth."

The new church complex, formerly the Baptist Missionary Church, includes a 250-seat sanctuary, a large social hall, a three-bedroom apartment house, offices, numerous

meeting rooms and an adjacent lot for ample parking.

Waves of emotion swept the crowded sanctuary as Brock dedicated the evening to those lost to AIDS, saying "they have added to the melody that we sing in our hearts tonight, and as long as we remember them, our hearts will go on singing."

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movement in the United States.

John Rose, spokesperson for the Gay Pride committee, promises "more varied events than we've ever had in the past." Rose expressed enthusiasm

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GLCS 1989 Financial Statement

By David Bain
GLCS President

Listed is a summary report of the 1989 Financial Statement for GLCS of Central Florida, Inc. as presented at the annual meeting held January 14, 1990. After a complete audit, the finalized report will be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service and will be available for inspection at the offices of the corporation located at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
David Bain
President

GLCS of Central Florida, Inc.
Profit and Loss Statement
1/ 1/89 Through 12/31/89

All Accounts

Category Description

INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME	
Advertising	3,501.40
Credit Dividend	3.97
Dues	1,555.00
Fundraising	60,269.50
Interest Income	124.64
Other Income	1,584.30
Pledge	2,338.76
Social Functions	260.00

TOTAL INCOME 69,637.57

EXPENSES

Automobile Fuel	25.00
Bank Charges	45.00
Building Maintenance	525.65
Conference Fees	660.00
Credit Fees	199.52
Donations	300.00
Fundraising Expense	28,643.94
Government Fees	153.75
Insurance	18.00
Legal Fees	52.00
Membership Dues	116.70
Miscellaneous	931.60
Moving Expense	168.50
Office Expenses	635.07
Other Expenses	180.00
Payroll Expense	12,620.00
Postage	1,220.00
Printing Expense	4,497.51
Renovations	5,548.76
Rent Paid	6,186.33
Social Events	1,663.06
Supplies	1,908.78
Telephone Expense	2,531.72
Water, Gas, Electric	1,194.14
Expenses - Other	32.85

TOTAL EXPENSES 70,057.88

TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE -420.31

Center Offers Something For Everyone

By Linda Cartwright
Center Office Manager

Usually, Michael Wanzie writes a short article every month with news from *The Center for* readers of *The Center Fold*. This month he sent me a short "Oh, by the way" message from the Bahamas - he's on vacation - asking me to fill in with a little something from my perspective as the office manager.

For those of you who don't know me, I'm the voice you'll hear most often on the phone when you call The Center, and I'm the somewhat frazzled but cheerful redhead you'll find in the office when you visit The Center.

If I'm not being especially cheerful when you first see me, come back in a few minutes - I'm probably just trying to do five things at once again and will be more receptive once I've either pulled off a miracle or completed my list of things to do tomorrow.

So, what's going on at The Center? Well (this is in no particular order), the library is being whipped into shape even as you read this. Before

long, our librarian will have it set up like a real library - except that we've limited our collection to "family" reading only. We're sending out cruise reservations left and right and receiving them just as quickly. A package for GLCS members is in the works. So far we have a library card and a need for creative suggestions. Call me.

We survived the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI) Regional Board meeting held here from Jan. 19-21.

Hopefully, you were fortunate enough to catch some of the GLPCI board members being interviewed on the Carole Nelson show on WWNZ-AM on Jan. 19. The board members were asked intelligent questions, treated with respect and dignity, and permitted the space to get the message across that Gay men and Lesbians are not very different from heterosexual parents, should be considered as adoptive parents, will not influence the sexual preference of their children, and should be granted custody of their children. Great show.

And yes, this positive media

exposure for our community did not spontaneously generate out of the gunk on Lawson Lamar's shoes - Michael had a little something to do with it.

Be sure to take a look at The Center calendar in the IT section this month. You couldn't possibly not find something of interest to attend somewhere on there. The Women's Discussion Group has outgrown the upstairs meeting room and now takes up both rooms downstairs. Women everywhere - I love it.

If you haven't been to Healing Circle lately, you must come see the new color we've given your room, and don't miss our Movie Nights or you'll never forgive yourself (without attending Healing Circle).

There's too much going on here for either of us to sit around and mourn not being in the Bahamas, baking in the sun, surrounded by attentive and exotic natives, drinking Pina Colodas all day and dancing under the moon all night, and all that other boring vacation stuff.

So come over to The Center or out to some of the other events and we'll have our own fun!

Letters to the Editor

What Price are You Willing to Pay?

The Gay '90s are here with a vengeance. Sometimes not so Gay though. Gay bashing rears its ugly head once again in our neighborhood.

People's inhumanities toward one another still remains a mystery to me. The day of Jan. 16, 1990 will stay in my mind as the day I became one of the "other people." You know them well. They're the ones that get beat up and robbed "just because." They're also the ones that get bricks or bottles thrown through their windows "just because."

I am now one of those people. A bottle (Mountain Dew) came through the rear window of my truck with such force, not only did it shatter the back window completely, it starred the front windshield as well.

Being the good tax-paying citizen that I am, I called the Orlando Police Department to report this act of violence. I was amazed at how fast

they came - within 10 to 15 minutes. Having lived in other sections of town and not having them respond within an hour or so, I was very surprised at the speed in which they came.

The officer went to my truck and told me that it was a soda bottle that had gone through the window at about 30 mph. As he was filling out the report, he marked it down as bad timing in his thoughts - wrong place, wrong time. I disagreed with him by making the comment "I don't think this was random violence."

One of my neighbors parks his car in that spot nightly. Nothing has ever happened to his vehicle. I parked my truck out there for a few hours so that a friend could find my house. She was parked behind me. Nothing on her car to identify it one way or another. Another car was parked in front of me. Neither of the other

vehicles were harmed. The officer

ignored my earlier comment and again he made poo-poo noises at me about random violence and I told him, "I think that this was a prejudicial attack." He ignored this remark also.

Let me pose this question to you: How can the OPD realistically claim that there is no anti-Gay and Lesbian violence in this city if their officers refuse to record what the victims are saying?

The officer completely ignored what I said and insisted that this was random violence. I wish that I could be as certain of this as he was.

After thinking about it for a few days, I will put another Lambda sticker on my truck. This is the price that I am willing to pay for my pursuit of happiness and freedom of expression.

What price are you willing to pay?

Ginny Birchmire

GLCS Sets Up Fund for Food Aid Program

Community members have donated a total of \$575 for Emergency Food programs administered by Trans-AID as a result of a plea made during the Gay Chorus Concert in November. Nine turkeys were donated by Mark Howard of the Mark II Dinner Theatre for Thanksgiving Dinner. To all of the wonderful people who raced to help, a heartfelt thanks to you from Trans-AID and GLCS.

Due to the demise of AID Orlando, which formerly provided this necessary and important service, GLCS has established a separate fund to support the Emergency Food program which provides meals to PWAs who cannot otherwise afford them. If you would like to help support the Emergency Food fund you may send your donation to GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, FL. 32853-3446. Please specify that your donation is for the Emergency Food fund. The Gay and Lesbian Community Center is also a collection point for donations of non-perishable food products.

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Nightmare on 33rd Street

Jail Director Responds to AIDS Prisoner Charges

By Alan Lunin
Center Fold Staff Writer

I was ushered into Tom Allison's office expecting to meet a "good ole southern boy." The Orange County director of corrections. Great shades of redneck!

At first, my worst fears seemed realized. Before me stood a tall, paunchy man sporting a clashing blue shirt with yellow suspenders.

But looks often hide many surprises.

As we talked, Allison emerged as a warm, caring individual, who surprised me as honestly concerned about his responsibilities for the inmates under his control, while taking care to protect himself at the same time.

He believes he has found a middle ground between opposing extremist factions.

Allison's pride was evident as he talked about his efforts to change the conditions under which the HIV-positive inmates live. He never once raised his voice or lost his cool.

Handling of HIV-positive prisoners in the 33rd Street jail facility follows

guidelines set by the the Center for Disease Control for testing and separating inmates, Allison says.

Several years ago, he explained, AIDS prisoners were not only segregated but also denied the routine "privileges" that other inmates took for granted. Since taking office several years ago, he has tried to ensure that the HIV-positive inmates, although separated, are treated equally to the others.

The CDC High Risk User Profile, used in conjunction with the nature of the charge, past criminal record and evidence on the person's body is used to ascertain whether or not HIV testing is required. State-decreed rules and regulations also influence the inmates treatment.

By law, Allison is personally liable for problems that could happen if the inmates were not segregated. For example, if an inmate with syphilis passed it on to another inmate, Allison, as director of corrections,

could be sued.

Allison says jail policy will be changed only by a court order since that court order would protect him from liability from the results.

Allison says that divided medical advice is part of the problem. Proponents and opponents of new theories of causes and cures assail him, but he thinks it best for time to test things out.

Allison said he had no knowledge of AZT being discontinued for any inmate for whom it had been prescribed.

According to Allison, all inmates who are ill are referred to physicians, whose orders are carried out. When

prison physicians are unable to carry the patient load, outside contract physicians are used. Sometimes a second opinion is needed.

There was bitterness in Allison's voice as he discussed the grievance system for the inmates, which he feels is underutilized.

Handling of prisoner complaints is often unnecessarily delayed when submitted through a lawyer, Allison says.

Through the system, inmates may report grievances to anyone in on the staff of the facility, including Allison. A special assistant researches each case and makes a report.

Allison says the inmates are told about the grievance system and given an explanation of it when they first enter the jail, and that grievance forms are readily available.



GOALS Preparing New Report on HIV Prisoners

The class action suit prepared by the Greater Orlando-Area Legal Services (GOALS) on behalf of HIV-positive prisoners has yet to be filed.

Homero Leon, the attorney who prepared the suit, had expressed concern that area physicians would not testify against the Department of Corrections because they would lose referrals for AIDS patients from Orange County.

Dr. Barry Sieger of Orlando regional Medical Center reviewed the affidavit for Center Fold and said it contained errors and conjecture about AIDS treatment that could have been a problem for some doctors.

GOALS has contracted Dr. Harold Schuman, former director of the Florida Department of Corrections, who is conducting interviews with prisoners to prepare a new medical report.

A similar suit filed by the AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania against the city of Philadelphia resulted in changes in the treatment of HIV-positive prisoners in December. The suit charged inmates were receiving "inadequate medical care."

As a result, prisoners who test positive but do not have AIDS symptoms will be administered AZT.

— Alan Lunin

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WAS IT MURDER?

August 10, 1986, a member of our community 'disappeared'. Dotty Davidson has not been seen, nor has there been any contact from her, since her disappearance. Where is she?

Billy Lee, the Seminole County Detective investigating the disappearance, doesn't know where to locate Dotty. Dotty's twin sister, Dianne doesn't know. Dotty's friends don't know. Evidence indicates, however, that at least one person does know where she is and what did happen that fateful night in August.

Evidence gathered thus far indicates that Dotty met with foul play. There was no forcible entry into Dotty's home. Did someone have a key to gain entry, or did Dotty know the person and willingly allow them entry?

Robbery apparently wasn't a factor as nothing was removed from the house except Dotty's purse, car keys, a comforter and two pillows. None of Dotty's credit cards have been used. Her bank account has not been touched. Her Chevy Blazer was not stolen. Were the pillows used to silence the sound of the weapon? Was the comforter used to camouflage Dotty's body as it was transported to its final destination?

Upon notification from one of Dotty's co-workers that Dotty had failed to report to work, Dianne went to Dotty's home, but Dotty was not there. Dianne called Dotty's friends, but no one had heard from her.

While searching for some indication of where Dotty might have gone, Dianne found three spent .25 caliber shells and one unspent .25 caliber shell in the carpet near the foyer area. A fourth spent .25 caliber casing was then found underneath an ottoman in the living room. Were these .25 caliber shells from a weapon used to terminate Dotty's life?

There was no sign of a struggle, yet the shells were found in both the foyer and the living room. Did the interloper have enough familiarity with the house to preclude the appearance of a struggle?

If this was murder, was it an act of a jealous person consumed with rage? Or was it a cold and calculated act of premeditation? Was the person, or persons, involved so self-assured that Dotty would never be found that they casually left behind the spent shells? Or were they left in haste?

Was it murder? Someone can answer that question, but won't. For more than three years, someone has remained silent about the events of that night. That same someone has also had to live with the knowledge of that night.

Anyone with any information please call Dianne Davidson (904) 429-4602 or Billy Lee (1) 330-6650.

Editor's Note

In December, a *Center Fold* cover story asked the dramatic question, "Is Orange County Killing Its Prisoners With AIDS?"

Earlier reports explored complaints of poor treatment in the 33rd Street Jail, and detailed the legal and medical issues.

This month we broaden our focus on the treatment of HIV-positive prisoners with an exclusive conversation with Jail Director Tom Allison.



Life After 33rd Street: Jeb's Story Continues

By Alan Lunin
Center Fold Staff Writer

Life has had its ups and downs for Jeb Blankenbiller, the confused and frightened young man who told of his "prison nightmare" in the December issue of *The Center Fold*.

Recently, life has taken some bright turns. When contacted for an update, he just returned from a vacation in the Bahamas with a new lover he met at The Center.

His Jan. 25 court appearance for the drug possession charges that had put him in jail was but a formality. Arrangements had been made for a pre-trial diversion program that put him on two years probation without a guilty judgment; therefore he will have no conviction record.

But the period just after the last *Center Fold* article on him, and the subsequent press conference which had made local television news programs, have been, at best, turbulent.

As a result of publicity about his HIV status, Jeb was fired from his job at a local sandwich shop, and his parents were hounded by strangers calling them with vitriolic messages.

The stress on his parents has resulted in a trial separation. Jeb's parents, brother and sister-in-law remain supportive. His time is spent as volunteer at Trans-Aid and the Center. His current project is a fund-raiser at the bars to be held in late February or early March.

Jeb still tires easily and his capacity for work is limited. He says his nights are still filled with nightmares about his imprisonment, and that sleep is seldom restful. He expressed hope that the attention brought by his story will bring better treatment for Orange County prisoners.

HIV Prisoners: A Correctional Perspective

By Alan Lunin
Center Fold Staff Writer

Orange County Director of Corrections Tom Allison has a master's in social work from the University of Kansas. He has been in his current position for two years, after seven years as assistant director of corrections in Alachula County. He also has experience as a director of a drug treatment center and a mental health satellite clinic.

CENTER FOLD: Do have an overall perspective on corrections?

ALLISON: I think we have a responsibility in Orange County to look at helping the inmates with all the problems they have, including drugs and education, and not just lock them up and throw away the key.

CENTER FOLD: Do you have to test everyone who comes here for HIV?

ALLISON: Not for HIV, but we do blood tests of other types for inmates who are here. Part of it would be a bureaucratic; they might be released before we get to them. We arrested 45,000 people last year in Orange County. Not all of the stayed all year long and if they had we wouldn't be here talking because they would have ripped the jail down. I'd say probably 75 percent of everyone arrested in Orange County spends less than two days here.

CENTER FOLD: Do you ask questions about sexual contacts and IV drug use?

ALLISON: It is a combination of things. Because of the charge and the nature of the person's body when they come in here we can pretty much tell if they are an IV drug user because of the tracks.

CENTER FOLD: Do you ever test people just because they look effeminate?

ALLISON: No.

CENTER FOLD: People may just have the antibody and not be sick, may have full-blown AIDS or anything in between. Once tested and found to be HIV-positive, are all these people are put into one cell regardless of how sick they are?

ALLISON: Correct.

CENTER FOLD: Is the purpose for putting HIV-positive people in a separate cell is because you perceive that they may be dangerous to somebody else?

ALLISON: I think you could have said that very easily three or four years ago. Because the ideas of how you catch AIDS and all that other stuff was pretty weird. Saliva, sweat, whatever. Now, I think there are two reasons primarily. One is potential medical treatment for those individuals; two, would be protection of those individuals from other inmates and other inmates from those individuals. It's been one of the concerns that I have had since my first day at this desk, when the medical staff came to me to say we had our first AIDS case, was how did I want to manage him. Since that day, when we became one of the first jails in the country to test, I felt that it was a good decision. Back then I thought it was a good decision because we didn't know what caused it and this country was almost rampant with the fear of AIDS. Today I think it is a good decision because we can provide treatment for HIV-positive people.

CENTER FOLD: Why would you be protecting those individuals from other inmates?

ALLISON: My experience over five years of managing these institutions with HIV-positive inmates in them is that if the general population is aware of an individual who is HIV-positive, that individual may not be safe. If I know that a person has a communicable disease I have an obligation to do something about it.

CENTER FOLD: How do you define communicable?

ALLISON: In this case we define it in our jail as through sexual contact.

CENTER FOLD: But that implies that you can't control your inmate population.

ALLISON: That's no implication at all. That's a fact. We do not control submissive sexual acts in our jail setting. No jail does. I think we have a pretty good handle on rape and forced sex.

CENTER FOLD: When Jeb Blankenbiller was put in the AIDS cell he was gang raped. How can you protect people who are just HIV-positive from those with full-blown diseases?

ALLISON: Wouldn't that be true of an AIDS individual anywhere? Isn't that the first thing that AIDS people

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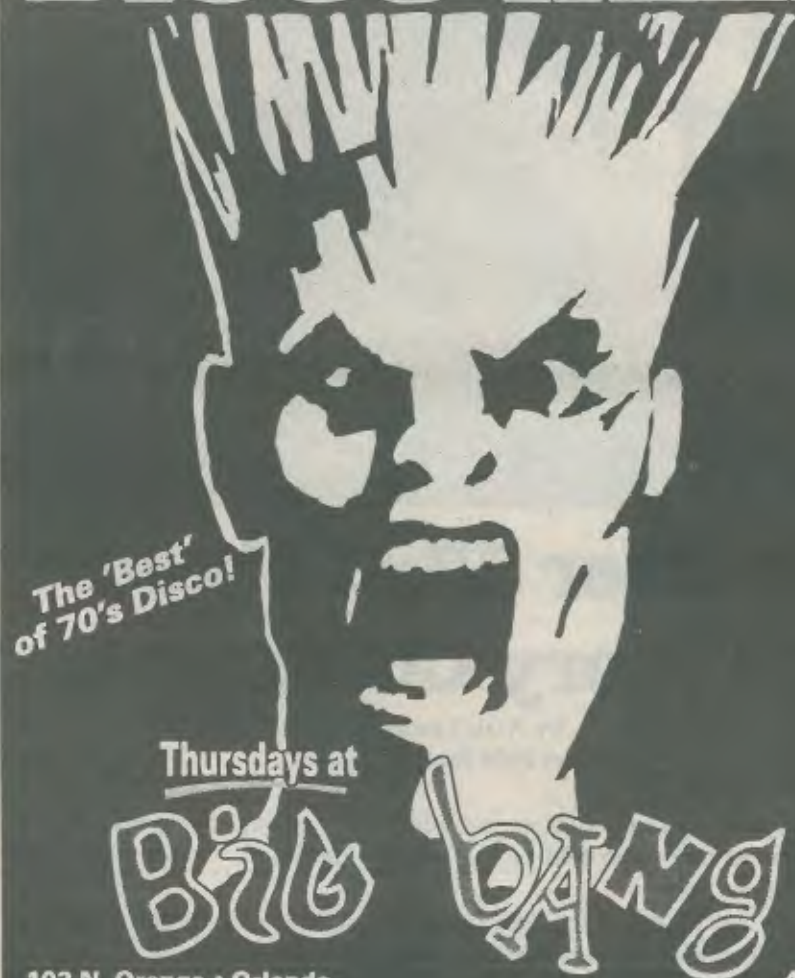
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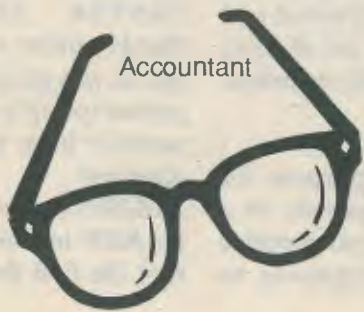
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The Rev. James T. Brock (left), pastor of Joy Metropolitan Community Church. The board of directors (above) of Joy MCC poses outside the bank following the closing on the new church property.

Moments in Time: The History of Joy Metropolitan Community Church

January 1979 – First service conducted by the Rev. Arthur Fleschner. Twenty-two people are present.

June 1981 – Mission status granted by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches Board of Elders.

June 1982 – Fleschner resigns as pastor to be replaced by the Rev. Nancy L. Radclyffe in July.

October 1982 – Joy MCC moves to new location at 2500 Curry Ford Road.

March 1983 – Joy MCC becomes a chartered church in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

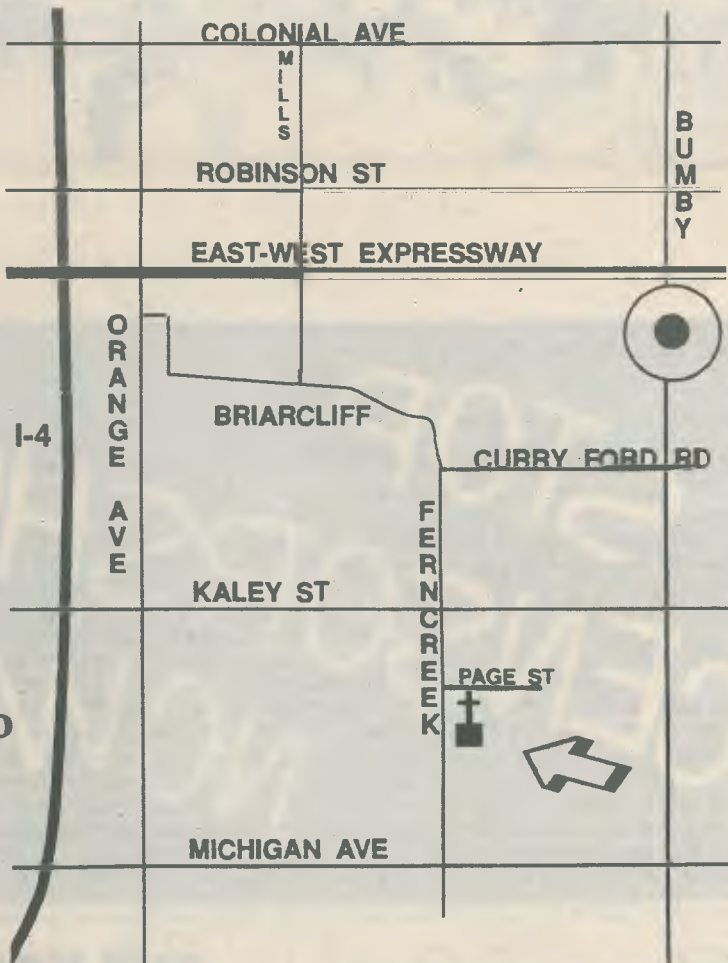
July 1983 – Radclyffe resigns and succeeded by the Rev. James Brock as pastor in October.

November 1985 – Services return to the Unitarian Church.

Summer 1988 – Joy MCC members vote to buy home and adjacent lot to use as offices at the corner of Ferncreek Avenue and Page Street. Funds raised by bond sales.

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TEARS, from Front

The Jan. 12 service was attended by 246 people. A standing ovation was given to the church's board of directors for its efforts in coordinating the complex negotiations and sale. Ten new members were inducted, bringing Joy MCC membership to a total of 202.

Brock tearfully recalled the growth of the parish and the two years spent in efforts to secure a permanent place of worship. "Eleven years may not seem like a long time in the straight community," Brock mused,

"but in the gay community we celebrate our anniversaries in weeks.

Brock engagingly recalled the hesitancy of the previous owners of the property to acknowledge that they were selling the property to a Gay and Lesbian ownership.

"After the closing I wanted to invite the Baptists down to the Parliament House to celebrate," he said, drawing laughter from the crowd.

"But then, the Baptists aren't going to carry the message of spiritual hope out to the bars and into the streets. That's up to us."

The Rev. Troy Perry to Speak at Joy MCC

By Paul Bentsen
Center Fold Staff Writer

The Rev. Elder Troy Perry, founder and moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, will be a special guest at the Joy MCC grand opening weekend March 23-25.

A native Floridian, Perry is acknowledged as a leading national figure in gay life and spirituality.

Perry delivered the nation's first MCC worship service on Oct. 6, 1968, in Los Angeles.

Joy MCC also will celebrate its 11th anniversary that weekend, which will also include a barbecue on March 24, and a dinner on the grounds March 25.

Perry will preach at three worship services during the celebration, to be held at the new worship center at 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave. in Orlando.

Singer and composer Marsha Stevens will perform a two-hour concert on Saturday, March 24.

Stevens is well-known in church music circles as the composer of "For Those Tears I Died," which had been included in almost every hymnal published since 1972. Her first solo album, *Free to Be*, is now in release.

Perry's visit has added significance to Joy MCC members as he was a special guest when the church became chartered in March 1983.



Celebrants throng the sanctuary of Joy MCC's new worship center (left). The outside of the new church building (above.)



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Couples: Choosing the Challenge of Commitment

By Jeff Campbell
Centerfold Staff Writer

*Some folks like leather,
Some others like satin.
Some folks like Danish
and others choose Latin.
But my choice is you
on this Valentine Day;
And boy am I lucky that
you turned out Gay.*

Yes, Virginia, and yes, dear Bruce. There is a Valentine Day. And, since lesbians and gays know the real secrets of how to love, we should stake our claims to ownership of the

day of love.

Perhaps we could teach the rest of the world a thing or two of what love is all about.

Phil Toal, a licensed mental health counselor, is an enthusiastic supporter of the validity of gay and lesbian love relationships. Toal has spent many hours helping individuals and couples to face relationships with a healthy outlook.

Toal takes issue with the common stereotype that gays and lesbians prefer frequent and brief affairs, rather than the stability of a "traditional" one-on-one relationship. "Quite the contrary," he explains. "I

*No time for Shamrocks/
Make way for belated
Valentines/ We flubbed the
February Fold/So we're
running stories a month old
— The Editor*

find that man's true nature is monogamous. I don't think it is everyone's choice but I

believe it is the choice in the majority. The need is fulfilled to be with someone; to waken in the morning in the comfort of your

lover's arms."

Toal, the associate director of Getting Well, a comprehensive behavioral medicine program at Orlando General Hospital, believes that projecting positive outcomes is a major factor in forging solid relationships and physical and mental well-being.

"Realize you are a worthwhile, whole person and look at your life in a positive light," he advises.

Being able to hold one's head high — of feeling that one truly deserves a good relationship — is a big part of being successful in love.

Long lasting couples, Toal adds, have been able to face such issues as a fear of commitment, fear of full exposure, and the avoidance of vulnerability as challenges rather than stumbling blocks.

Toal thinks that most people want to be in a one-on-one relationship but have trouble finding or keeping that special someone.

"There is a small minority for whom sex is the thrill of the hunt, who move from one over to the next, looking to recapture that excitement," Toal admits.

"Sex is wonderful," he continues, "but if one tries to equate sex — just sex — with love, love will never be found."

Lovers who stray "may be dissatisfied with their relationship" says Toal, but that does not change the need for stability, for a special love relationship.

Where did it all begin, this Valentine Day, this day for lovers?

Believe it or not, it began with two Italian saints sharing the name of Valentino. What else they may have shared — well, we really don't know and can only speculate — but it is a little exciting to know that this Lover's Day began with the excitement of the Italian temperament. *Molto Bene.*

The 14th day of February has become the day to celebrate loving, giving us license to tell this person of our love — and desire — with a card, a kiss, a gentle word or a tender touch.

Gays and Lesbians face relationship hurdles and have trouble expressing

Gay Lovers Share Dreams, Goals

By Jeff Campbell
Center Fold Staff Writer

The electricity that sparks love between Saviz and Jim is political activism. But their love is multi-faceted, one which began with a deep friendship and great respect for one another, a meeting of minds that is fueled by their concerns for the fate of man and the planet we inhabit.

Saviz, a Winter Park restaurant owner who is involved in a variety of political, social, and environmental causes, feels that many aspects come into play when people fall in love.

"Jim and I were very good friends when we fell in love," he says. "We were good friends and discovered we loved each other and we became lovers. We respect each other's ideas and opinion socially, emotional and political; we have a solid base for our love."

Together since 1987, they met some time earlier through common interests. "We knew each other completely before we established any personal relationship," Jim said.

Saviz adds: "There are 200 things about Jim that I respect. Our love is based on appreciation of each other."

"That's right," Jim chimes in. "Saviz is saying that we didn't fall in love — we grew in love. We worked together on a variety of projects and found ourselves working closer together as time passed."

"When we worked together," offers Saviz, "and when there were problems from outside our time together, we found we were able to bring those experiences into our lives and discuss them."

"Our political lives were also our social lives. I love Jim not only for his personality but I love him for his knowledge and his skills. Our concerns for



See GAY LOVERS, Page 14 Saviz (left) and Jim

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Lesbian Couple Shares the 3 Ls: Life, Love, Laughter

By Jeff Campbell
Centerfold Staff Writer

Marie and Karen are an outgoing and loving couple who are building a strong future together. Karen owns a pool business and Marie drives a truck for a pool and plumbing supply business.

They share a home in suburban Orlando, and hope to be able to work in business together.

Karen and Marie met at Key Largo in the autumn of 1988. "I liked her from the first moment we met," said Marie. "I liked the honest way she talked and wanted to know her better."

The relationship almost never got past the early stages after Karen discovered late in the evening that Marie was in a heterosexual marriage of 20 years.

Karen had been down that road before, with another married woman. "I knew what it was like, and I got hurt so this time I was afraid," she recalls. "At that point she needed a buddy first, then a lover - in that order. That kind of cooled me off."

One night Marie's husband rented a video of the film *Desert Hearts*. Little did he know the impact that the portrayal of lesbian relationships in the film would have on his wife.

"The actress in that movie had a line reading, 'You can drown in still waters,' and somehow that just clicked in my head," says Marie. "I guess that's when I began to question my relationship with my husband."



Marie (left) and Karen

Despite Karen's hesitancy, she ultimately became Marie's first lesbian love affair.

"But Marie was moving too fast for me," Karen said. "She was ready to make a commitment so I

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Dare to Tell That Special Someone You Love Them

By Jeff Campbell
Center Fold Staff Writer

The world has just entered into the New Gay Nineties and we should all be celebrating. What better time and in what better manner than Valentine Day - the very first Valentine Day of the gay nineties.

Love is wonderful and exciting and active and alive and gratifying and satisfying. Let's all make love; we are entitled to celebrate! Orlando has a somewhat unique situation with coupled gay and lesbian people: we are in such great number here, possibly a greater per capita count because of the high presence of commercial pursuits that are so well served by us.

Within this prevalence of gays and lesbians, there is a quiet society of couples because we have found the exhilaration of belonging to one another and the comfort of consistency.

I have just celebrated and shared the 30th anniversary with my lover and after all this time, when the day is winding down and we both are at home, I still enjoy this excitement of seeing him, being with him.

And at night as we bed down, as well as the morning when we waken, my Valentine is there beside me.

How can there be love without romance - or real romance without love? How can there be Valentine Day without romance and love?

Love can be deep - or soft - or firm - or warm - or wet - or hot. Love can be emotional and sloppy, or it can be of respect - of response. But most of all: Love should be fun!

Somewhere out there, somewhere in this wonderful and crazy world, is someone who wants to meet you, to hold you, to be with you and laugh with you and cry with you and love with you. Maybe it is someone in lavender leather, or someone in silk and satin but tough yet oh, so gentle.

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non-violence may seem abstract but they are a part of us as a couple."

This couple is from two worlds; Saviz is a native of Iran and Jim is from Iowa.

"A very small farming community," says Jim, "where they believe there are only four gays in the world!"

Jim did not comment whether he believed in love at first sight but said, "Today it's love at every sight."

"When we met, I had been celibate for four years," said Saviz. "I was happy with my cultural life, my social and political life. But I wanted to share this happiness with someone and Jim and I kept meeting at the same events sharing the same thoughts."

"Our relationship reached the point where our lives would be enriched if we became closer. We have become more and more interested in the other's concerns and now our interests are expanding together and we have a great amount of mutual interests. I have not sacrificed any part of my life."

"But we still have our individual interests; we have our limits but we respect each other's limits," adds Jim.

"I know that if I wish to see three films this week, Jim will not oppose me," says Saviz. "We are each other's best ally, we lean on each other. We are very honest with one another, dangerously honest."

"There are no secrets between us. We are very clear about each other's meaning yet we are very independent. We live very rich personal lives," says Saviz. "I don't impose on that which is the pattern of his life. We look upon our life together not just as lovers but as family, and that includes such extended family as his brother and grandma and my mother."

Saviz continues, "We are very honest to our families but with a little clarification: We accept those with prejudice - as long as that person is ready to change that prejudice."

"Jim's parents were here - my mother - we all went out for an evening. And it was difficult for them."

"We met first in friendship, then as lovers and now as family," Saviz says. "We had a ceremony - a union - this last August."

"About 50 people attended our Union Ceremony," adds Jim, "and most of those attending were straight. It was not a religious ceremony but a dedication of our

principals, and it was held in a public hall."

"We felt it was proper networking with our friends who share our ideals of peace and justice and activists good," said Saviz.

"Sharing in our union gave them recognition for being intelligent, for their lack of prejudice and give them this credit."

In conversation relating to coupling of gays and any hazards that may arise, Jim said: "I believe any problems would depend simply on the individuals in a specific relationship. If the commitment is sincere, the relationship will prevail."

Saviz added: "There are people who seek a lover and fall in love with the first person they meet. Then it's not real; it's a desperate search or a lover."

To this, Jim commented, "That's true, that's a relationship out of desperation rather than commitment or emotion."

"It is important to be extremely honest with each other," Saviz said, "and it is also important to not have too much expectation. This can result in much misunderstanding. People must be able to talk together. We have been able to talk about personal secrets and problems."

"Many people say a big problem is lack of communication," Saviz went on, "but it is often a lack of listening. Lack of communication is not the same thing."

And what about responsibility to each other in this relationship?

Saviz answered saying: "We are responsible to each other for each other. At this time, Jim and I each own a house, having established ourselves before we met. We often spend the night at one or the other's home."

"Jim has introduced me to new interests as have I him. He lives in a more rural setting than I and he has taught me much about plants and growing things outside."

Jim added, "Having made our relationship formal when we had our Union in August, we are just now getting around to doing the legal matters that will protect each of us. That is a responsibility we feel toward one another."

Is theirs is a perfect romance?

Saviz says, "Romance can be passionate but equally intelligent."

And Jim responds saying, "Our romance is perfect for us."



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backed off."

"She just wanted to talk on the telephone," said Marie, "and I couldn't understand. One time I could spend the night with her and then another time she didn't want to see me in person."

Marie's boss knew both women, and served as a matchmaker, bringing the two closer together. Eventually Karen was won over by Marie's enthusiasm and the two moved in together."

"I told my husband I would wait six months to decide about a divorce," Marie says, "although he didn't know the reason. But after about four months, I made my decision."

The change that came over Marie was unbelievable.

"Suddenly she was laughing and happy," Karen remembers. "Her friends and family couldn't get over the change in her. I'm really happy! She would say, for the first time in my life I'm really happy!"

The couple has had a rough time with Marie's mom, who has trouble accepting their relationship. "She will tell you right out that she does not accept my lifestyle," says Marie, "but she says I am her daughter. She is a friend to Karen but she feels we can have our relationship without sleeping together. She simply cannot understand this."

Karen laughs as she says, "But you know, when we go shopping together - the three of us - her mother always walks a few paces behind us because she thinks everyone knows we are lovers and she is afraid they will think she is a lesbian."

Marie has come to understand and accept herself during this time, and is growing stronger in her resolution and happiness.

Both partners exhibit understanding and devotion, but there are times when sparks fly.

Marie and Karen both offer a self appraisal. "I'm Irish with a short fuse" said Marie, and Karen adds that she is "Polish, stubborn and has a quick temper."

"There have been some rough times," Marie admits, "We really blast it out. But we separate and have opportunity and time to calm down. We resolve these differences so when a future occasion arises and we disagree, we can't toss in an earlier disagreement to fuel the fire."

Marie is quick to add: "The beautiful thing for me is that for the first time in my life I am really - HAPPY. I'm in love, we have each

"We don't play gender roles. We don't hang labels. We live together, love together. It's not a matter of who's more masculine or who's the fem. Those are circumstances the heterosexual world tries to pin on us."

- Karen

other, we have our home - we have it all! And Karen's teaching me: My bowling - I had never played pool, never gone canoeing. We are filling up our lives. I'm happy. I always walked around with my face down. Now I walk around smiling all the time - because I'm happy."

"I told Karen the first time I went to meet her father I was afraid he would beat the hell out of me. She's his baby girl. But all he said was: 'Don't smother her.'"

Karen feels that gays and lesbians need to disregard the stereotypes that society pins on gay people.

"We don't play gender roles," she says. "We don't hang labels. We live together, love together. It's not a matter of who's more masculine or who's the fem."

"Those are circumstances the heterosexual world tries to pin on us. We want to do things together, we don't want the other to be doing her thing because that will tear us apart."

"And speaking of tearing us apart," Marie continues, "we can't understand why some of the singles try to break us up. But they do."

"And we can't understand the high incidence of alcohol and drug abuse in the gay and lesbian society. We enjoy our lives now - today. We don't need this excessive use for our lives. Our relationship began as a fling - it was a sexual thing - but we have grown in love and

"We do everything together," signs Karen. "I enjoy that feeling that I am sharing my life with Marie."

And what about the future?

"Well," said Marie, "If other people can be as lucky and as happy as we are, there will be a lot of happy futures. Because we really do have it all."

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love because of growing up without healthy alternative role models. Add widespread negative input from society and the media, and you have, for many, a recipe for romantic disaster. Others reach out for love and are burned by it's flame, and recoil from relationships entirely.

In short, we are afraid to fail. "There is such an emphasis placed on success in today's world," Toal explains, "and this is true of our relationships, too. It is difficult to let those barriers down."

Valentine Day, the day of love, can give us strength to open the door to our private little world and invite a special person into our very personal lives. Some couples have managed to overcome the attitude of society and establish

deep and sincere one-on-one relationships that have and are succeeding. This, in part is a result of being able to feel good about themselves and individuals.

Valentine Day represents a particular challenge to gay men because the "macho" image of their early years makes it difficult for many to outwardly express affection for another man," Toal notes.

My advice: If you can't say it, buy a card that will. And have fun!! Buy candy - buy flowers. Celebrate out with a meal, soft music.

Facing the challenge of AIDS has been a factor in homosexual relationships, Toal believes, but the increased popularity of "coupling" is not just AIDS paranoia but also a speeding up of the natural growing up process for the gay and lesbian community. "I think that we have matured," Toal

says proudly. "There is a greater tendency toward self introspection and discovering "who I am" and putting more purpose and meaning to one's life. I believe, also, there is an explosion of one's expression of spirituality as well."

The growth of Central Florida's gay community is making gay life more fulfilling and enjoyable, Toal says. "The growth of The Center is an example. And look at 'Gay Escape': 1,100 gay and lesbian people on a ship for a pleasure cruise! Just a year ago it could not have been done in Orlando."

"I think we are seeing a greater commitment to a meaningful life," Toal says, "which includes enjoying oneself and being proud of who you are. This increase in self esteem helps to reduce the anxiety of what others think."



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ALLISON: Lots of people sue me.

CENTER FOLD: Who decides what medical treatment is given to the people in the AIDS cell?

ALLISON: Dr. Brand is the county physician. He has under contract several other physicians who provide AIDS medical treatment. HIV-positive individuals are referred to Dr. Brand who will see them once and then decide if he can handle the additional patient or if he should send them to a contract physician. That individual's physician prescribes whatever prescribed treatment is followed at the jail. If the physician recommends hospitalization, then the person is hospitalized. I think in most cases with AIDS they do not. That's severe toward the end of the cycle when hospitalization is required. In the cases I am aware of where we took AZT away from the inmate, the doctors have told us that the medication was not necessary.

CENTER FOLD: Do you have any training in place to teach your staff how to deal with HIV-positive, ARC and AIDS patients?

ALLISON: We are in the middle of putting that program together. Up to now we have had some training, but not to the degree that we plan on. You know, Americans' opinion about certain populations is not going to change. You can train them from now until the sun goes down and they won't change. But I see us making progress all the time.

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When we accept this valentine invitation, our little worlds become bright and fun and exciting and sensual, and we almost hesitate to sleep for fear we will miss some of the excitement.

But when we sleep with our Valentine we really know how warm and wonderful and satisfying that slumber is.

We fall into a sleepintertwined with one another and awaken fulfilled with our lives enriched by the presence of our lover. When our lives are celebrated together even a grey morning sky bursts forth with a sunrise for, Oh, how the sun shines when we love.

Utopia? No, not really. Loss of individuality? Resigning of your free will, your independence? No, just the sharing of lives that makes

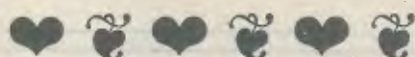
every day, every achievement.

Many feel this is not for them - not available to them but is only available to others and that perhaps it's not real and it's not monogamous and not sincere. Or are they are afraid of failure so it is easier to not try? But it's fun - it's addictive.

Try it, you'll like it!

When you have your very own Valentine always in your life, you can sit around in pajamas and unruly hair and know you are sharing two lives in a happiness and contentment that survives every disagreement and argument.

These expressions of individuality will happen and often it is the inability to accept the special and personal character of your partner that threatens the joy of your love.



"In Germany they first came for the Communists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me - and by that time no one was left to speak up."

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The following is a tentative list of all activities planned for Gay Pride Week. There may be changes in time and location. Volunteers are encouraged to pick an event and help planning and executing the events. Contact John Rose at The Center. The phone number is THE GAYS (843-4297).

▼ Friday, June 22

The Prom That Never Was. A formal dance, held in the style of a 1950s prom, will give Gay and Lesbian Orlando the chance to live out its prom night fantasies.

▼ Saturday, June 23

Sing out, Louise! Debut concert of the Central Florida Gay Mens' Chorus.

▼ Sunday, June 24

Cutathon. A hairdressing competition is planned at the Carousel Apartments.

▼ Monday, June 25

Gala premiere of an original Rich Charron/Michael

Wanzie musical revue.

▼ Tuesday, June 26

Art Show Center Benefit.

▼ Wednesday, June 27

To be announced.

▼ Thursday, June 28

AIDS Memorial Ceremony at the Lake Eola Bandshell. The new Orlando Gay Mens' Chorus will appear.

▼ Friday, June 29

Celebration of Central Florida Night Life. Bar specials for participants in Gay Pride Week activities.

▼ Saturday, June 30

Gay Pride Picnic. A bigger and better picnic is in the works, including exciting events and entertainment. Plans call for a dance group and Elizabeth Snow, a classical guitarist, to entertain.

PRIDE, from Front

for a planned AIDS ceremony in which a broad spectrum of groups from across the region will encircle Lake Eola.

Despite a grass-roots lobbying effort, plans for an Orlando Gay Pride Parade never got off the ground. The GLCS Board of Directors discussed the topic at length at a Jan. 7 meeting, and subsequently voted 5 to 4 not to have a parade until next year.

According to Wanzie, the Board decided that the week is filled with so many activities that there would not be enough "people power" to do the parade properly. "Nobody wanted a parade more than I," he said.

Others expressed concern that the committee wasn't experienced enough to run a parade and that a sloppy parade might turn off the supporters of local gay service groups.

The board of directors has gone on record as endorsing a parade for next year, as well as allocating money.

GLCS board member Scott Alles, said that despite the parade controversy, he is pleased with the upcoming slate of activities.

"There's a lot there for the whole community," he stated.

John Rose summarized the ultimate goal of Gay Pride Week, saying, "We're trying to emphasize the unity of the community at large: black and white, Hispanic, Lesbian and Gay, all working together."

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Reader Finds Gem in The Center's Library

I was hungry for something, anything to read; I'd read everything at home and I couldn't show my face at the public library because of overdue books and fines... when I happened upon this book at The Center ... *Leave a Light On For Me* by Jean Swallow.

The story is partially narrated by "Bernice" whose name I'm convinced means "wise loving friend." You'll find yourself and others in the main characters of Morgan, Georgia and Elizabeth.

After trudging through the very fine development of characters and story, things finally take off in Chapter 7.

Or maybe it just seemed that way because I was having some

deep goings on of my own - and this book does go deep - into friendships, family and long-term relationships and all the feelings that come with them.

Most of all it's about finding out that the hurt won't kill you and learning to feel what you're feeling.

I suppose that you could

even say it's about recovery, since we're all recovering from something, and about love, loving each other and ourselves.

It took awhile, but I'm glad I read it.

I look forward to discovering more great reading in The Center's library.

By J.D.

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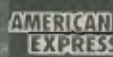
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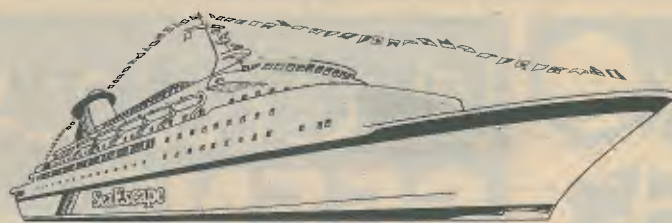
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Don't forget the monthly Deacon family gatherings. This is a truly great time to visit with your fellow church goers. If you haven't attended a Deacon Family meeting, call the church office for more information!

The Rev. Bob Finch, pastor of MCC in Daytona, is interested in directing an Easter play and needs about 10 people, both men and women, to help.

You need not be member of Joy MCC or any other church to participate in our services and activities. Please feel free to call the church office at 849-1081 for details.

Bingo is now being played every Thursday night at 7:30 in the Social Hall. Cost is a \$10 donation per half an evening, \$20 for the entire evening. Refreshments are also available for a small donation.

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We would like to take this time to thank one of our members, Clif, for his generous donation of a copy of The Sacramentary of the Catholic Church for us to use in some of our services. We also had a good turn out for the Homosexuality and the Bibleclasses that Father Jim conducted and are planning to do it again later in the year.

We are have a monthly game night at The Center, so if you would like to see what we are like, stop by and meet us for a good time of fellowship

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We are an "ecumenical" church, which means that our members come from a variety of backgrounds, but with one thing in common. We all know that Jesus Christ is the Lord of our lives. Father James Barry is our pastor and we also have Mother Debbie as staff clergy available for the women or our community.

THE FAMILY THAT CARES CHURCH

by Roy Trussell

Every third Saturday, The Family will hold "Event Night." Pastor Mary Jo Gunn says: "Each night will be different. It may be a pot luck dinner and movie, a guest speaker, or just a time of fellowship and fun." Read "Church Chat" for location and times. Event night replaces the first Sunday pot luck dinners.

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March 1990

This is *I.T.*! INSIDER TIMES is a handy removable section of The Center Fold. You'll find that *I.T.*'s a very versatile little section. Within *I.T.*'s four pages you will have, at your fingertips, articles, blurbs, and listings of all Center and community events in one concise section. *I.T.* will also preview upcoming events. You can pull *I.T.* out. And you can do *I.T.* in public. You can hang *I.T.* on your

refrigerator or corkboard. When opened up to *I.T.*'s centerfold, you can check the dates of meetings and events and immediately refer to the related phone numbers from the directory. If there's a special event at an area night spot, fundraiser, political rally, or social event, you'll discover it in *I.T.* We think *I.T.*'s a good idea, and we hope you like *I.T.*

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WEEK!**

**PRIDE WEEK MEETING
Monday
March 12, 1990
7 p.m.**

**AIDS VIGIL PLANNING
Sunday
March 31, 1990
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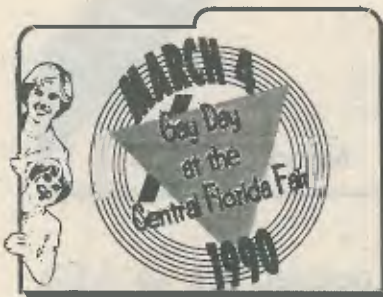
SUNDAY

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THURSDAY



COME TO THE FAIR



WE ARE EVERYWHERE!

1
Lytton Strachey, 1880
6:30pm Lucky Ladies Bowling at Fairvilla BowlAmerica
7:00pm Joy MCC Bingo
7:00pm Christian Awareness Class
7:30pm Alan Kasper Bridge Club
7:30pm Fantasia/Cross-Dressers
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp
7:30pm Trans-Aid Support Services

4
Mercedes de Acosta, 1893
10:30am Zion AAC Service
12:00pm Central Florida Fair
4:00pm Family That Cares Service
7:00pm Zion AAC Service
7:15pm Joy MCC Service
8:00pm Charles Callahan's Organ Recital at Knowels Chapel, Rollins College

5
Pier Paolo Pasolini, 1922
6:00pm Coming Out Group
7:00pm Center Fold Staff Meeting
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp
8:00pm Healing Circle

6
Michelangelo Buonaroti, 1475
7:30pm Rap Group
9:00pm Orange Blossom Bowling at Winter Park BowlAmerica

7
Parker Tyler, 1907
7:15am Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast
7:30pm Joy MCC Program
7:30pm Men's Discussion Group
7:30pm Women's Discussion Grp
8:00pm People of Color
8:55pm Tangerine Bowling at Winter Park BowlAmerica

8
Helogabalus, 205
6:30pm Lucky Ladies Bowling
7:00pm Joy MCC Bingo
7:00pm Christian Awareness Class
7:30pm Alan Kasper Bridge Club
7:30pm Fantasia/Cross-Dressers
7:30pm Gay/Lesbian Parents Coal.
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp
7:30pm Trans-Aid Support Services

11
Henry Cowell, 1897
10:30am Zion AAC Service
4:00pm Family That Cares Service
7:00pm Zion AAC Service
7:15pm Joy MCC Service

12
Vaslav Nijinsky, 1890
6:00pm Coming Out Group
6:00pm Center Fold Staff Meeting
7:00pm Central Floridians Against Censorship at Orlando Library
7:00pm Pride Week Planning
7:00pm Bisexual Gathering
7:30pm Healing Circle
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp
9:15pm GaySkate Roller Skating

13
Hugh Walpole, 1884
7:00pm Coalition for Human Rights
7:30pm Rap Group
8:00pm 12-Step Program
9:00pm Orange Blossom Bowling at Winter Park BowlAmerica

14
Stanislaus Eric, 1860
7:15am Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast
7:00pm Orlando Chorus Rehearsal
7:30pm Joy MCC Program
7:30pm Men's Discussion Group
7:30pm Women's Discussion Grp
8:55pm Tangerine Bowling at Winter Park BowlAmerica

15
Lionel Johnson, 1867
6:30pm Lucky Ladies Bowling at Fairvilla BowlAmerica
7:00pm Joy MCC Bingo
7:00pm Christian Awareness Class
7:30pm Alan Kasper Bridge Club
7:30pm Fantasia/Cross-Dressers
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp
7:30pm Trans-Aid Support Services

18
Edward Albee, 1928
10:30am Zion AAC Service
4:00pm Family That Cares Service
7:00pm Zion AAC Service
7:15pm Joy MCC Service

19
Octave Thanet, 1850
6:00pm Coming Out Group
6:00pm Center Fold Staff Meeting
7:30pm Healing Circle
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp
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20
Lauritz Melchior, 1890
6:30pm American Civil Liberties Union annual meeting at Orlando Public Library
7:30pm Rap Group
8:00pm 12-Step Program
9:00pm Orange Blossom Bowling at Winter Park BowlAmerica

21
Gavin Arthur, 1901
7:15am Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast
7:00pm Orlando Chorus Rehearsal
7:30pm Joy MCC Program
7:30pm Men's Discussion Group
7:30pm Women's Discussion Grp
8:00pm People of Color
8:55pm Tangerine Bowling at Winter Park BowlAmerica

22
Rosa Bonheur, 1822
6:30pm Lucky Ladies Bowling at Fairvilla BowlAmerica
7:00pm Joy MCC Bingo
7:00pm Christian Awareness Class
7:30pm Alan Kasper Bridge Club
7:30pm Fantasia/Cross-Dressers
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp
7:30pm Trans-Aid Support Services

25
Elton John, 1947
10:30am Zion AAC Service
4:00pm Family That Cares Service
7:00pm Zion AAC Service
7:15pm Joy MCC Service

26
Tennessee Williams, 1911
6:00pm Coming Out Group
6:00pm Center Fold Staff Meeting
7:30pm Healing Circle
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp

27
Maria Schneider, 1952
7:30pm Rap Group
8:00pm 12-Step Program
9:00pm Orange Blossom Bowling at Winter Park BowlAmerica

28
Jane Rule, 1931
7:15am Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast
7:00pm Orlando Chorus Rehearsal
7:30pm Joy MCC Program
7:30pm Men's Discussion Group
7:30pm Women's Discussion Grp
8:00pm P-FLAG Meeting
8:55pm Tangerine Bowling at Winter Park BowlAmerica

29
Dirk Bogarde, 1921
6:30pm Lucky Ladies Bowling at Fairvilla BowlAmerica
7:00pm Joy MCC Bingo
7:00pm Christian Awareness Class
7:30pm Alan Kasper Bridge Club
7:30pm Fantasia/Cross-Dressers
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp
7:30pm Trans-Aid Support Services

1
Henry Hay, 1912
10:30am Zion AAC Service
4:00pm Family That Cares Service
7:00pm Zion AAC Service
7:15pm Joy MCC Service

2
Hans Christian Andersen, 1805
6:00pm Coming Out Group
6:00pm Center Fold Staff Meeting
7:30pm Healing Circle
7:30pm Hope & Help Support Grp

3
Marlon Brando, 1924
7:30pm Rap Group
8:00pm 12-Step Program
9:00pm Orange Blossom Bowling at Winter Park BowlAmerica

4
Bettina Brentano von Arnim, 1785
7:15am Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast
7:00pm Orlando Chorus Rehearsal
7:30pm Joy MCC Program
7:30pm Men's Discussion Group
7:30pm Women's Discussion Grp
8:55pm Tangerine Bowling at Winter Park BowlAmerica

5
Algernon C. Swinburne, 1837
6:30pm Lucky Ladies Bowling at Fairvilla BowlAmerica
7:00pm Joy MCC Bingo
7:00pm Christian Awareness Class
7:30pm Alan Kasper Bridge Club
7:30pm Fantasia/Cross-Dressers
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7:30pm Trans-Aid Support Services

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in, 1905

lm Festival: "Risky
ss," an ordinarily well-
ed boy (Tom Cruise)
ild when his parents
ay. Rated R.

2

Beverly Nichols, 1899

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9

e-West, 1892

lm Festival: "Personal
a tough honest story
two women who are
s, teammates, and
imes lovers. Mariel
ngway stars. Rated R.

10

John Rechy, 1934

THE CENTER IS CLOSED TODAY

16

e, 1885

lm Festival: "Funny
and "Funny Lady,"
i Streisand stars.
ails, Hot Dogs & Beer.

17

St. Patrick's Day

4:00pm LCN Gathering -- Call Jan
at (407) 644-1093.
5:00pm Family That Cares Dinner
8:00pm Disney St. Patty Party

23

ker, 1874

esbian Computer Users
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lm Festival: "Trip to
iful," Oscar-winner
dine Page stars.
ames Night -- come play
avorite board games!

24

Conradin, 1252

2:00pm Art Show
2:30pm Volunteer Training
4:00pm Backyard BBQ -- If you've
never been to The Center
before, now's a great time to
come see what it's all about
and meet new friends

30

e, 1844

lm Festival: "Breakfast
' a group of assorted
chool misfits get to be
s while serving
end detention. Molly
vald, Emilio Estevez,
ony Michael Hall, Judd
n. Rated R.

31

Edward Fitzgerald, 1809

2:00pm Pride Week AIDS Vigil
Planning

6

33

lm Festival: To Be
unced

7

Violette Leduc, 1907

THE CENTER IS CLOSED TODAY

THE GROUPIES

Groups Appearing on the Calendar

ALAN KASPER BRIDGE CLUB. A group of Bridge players gathers for a night of the game. New players always welcomed.

AREA. AIDS Resource Education and Assistance. An AIDS support group.

BACKYARD BBQ. A cookout which happens indoors when weather demands. Complimentary burgers, hot dogs and more are offered.

CENTRAL FLORIDIANS AGAINST CENSORSHIP (CFAC). A group chartered to fight any attempts to limit what a person can read, watch or listen to.

CHRISTIAN AWARENESS. Discussions on the symbiosis of homosexuality and Christianity.

COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. Working towards passing legislation in Orange County protecting rights of all citizens.

COMING OUT GROUP. This discussion group is open to anyone who is in the coming out process.

COURAGE TO CHANGE. A group for friends and family members of alcoholics or anyone who may benefit from a 12-step program.

CROSS DRESSERS SUPPORT GROUP. A group for those who enjoy dressing in clothes for the opposite sex.

FAMILY THAT CARES ULC. A Christian Church where everyone is always welcome.

GAMES NIGHT. All are welcomed for an evening of table-top board games from Trivial Pursuit to Clue and Uno and everything in between.

GLCS. Gay and Lesbian Community Services. Operates Gay Telephone Hotline for Gay peer counseling. Organizes monthly Gay Skate parties. Raises and distributes funds to other gay outreach organizations. Publishes Gay and Lesbian Guide to Central Florida and operates The Center.

GAY & LESBIAN PARENTS COALITION. This group is for parents who are gay. They meet the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

HEALING CIRCLE. A gathering of men and women using Louise Hay's principles to promote self love, loving relationships, and a healthier body and spirit.

HOPE AND HELP CENTER. An AIDS support service organization.

JOY MCC. Joy Metropolitan Community Church. A Christian church open to all denominations regardless of race, sex or sexual orientation.

LCN. Loving Committed Network. Publishes a monthly newsletter, the "LCN Express," and provides monthly functions for women.

LUCKY LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE. All female bowling league meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at Fairville Bowl America.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP. This group for men meets Wednesdays.

MOVIE NIGHT. The Center presents Friday Night at The Movies each week. There is no ticket price, however, refreshments are available for a donation.

ORANGE BLOSSOM BOWLING ASSOCIATION. Meets Tuesday nights at Winter Park Bowling Lanes. The leagues take over the facility for a fun night of bowling. Those not in a league are always welcome to socialize and discover what a great spectator sport bowling is.

PFLAG. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meet the last Wednesday of each month at the Friends Meeting House, 316 Marks St., Orlando.

PEOPLE OF COLOR SUPPORT GROUP. A discussion time for non-Caucasian lesbians and gays -- Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, American Indians, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday. New facilitator is needed.

RAP GROUP. A mixed group of men and women, young and old, discussing a variety of topics concerning the gay and lesbian community.

TANGERINE BOWLING ASSOCIATION. Meets Wednesday nights at Winter Park Bowl America.

TRANS-AID AND FRIENDS SUPPORT SERVICES. For P.W.A.'s (people with AIDS) and care-givers.

TRI-COUNTY AIDS NETWORK. Meets the first Monday of each month to discuss specific areas of need in the AIDS community.

WE THE PEOPLE. A concerned group of citizens gathered together to fight for the rights of all citizens.

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP. This group for lesbians and gay-sensitive women meets Wednesdays.

ZION A.A.C. A liturgical, charismatic church which believes Christ died to save everyone, including lesbians and gays.

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Brevard County	(407) 242-8063
AIDS Hotline (Nationwide)	(800) 342-AIDS
AIDS Testing, Anonymous	
Orlando	(407) 244-2601
Volusia County	(904) 257-1700
AREA - AIDS related services	(407) 647-2765
Breaking the Silence MCC (Brevard County)	(407) 254-5884
CENTAUR - AIDS related services	(407) 849-1452
Center for Drug-Free Living	(407) 423-6611
Center, The, 24-hour phone line	(407) 843-4297
Central Floridians Against Censorship	(407) 843-CFAC
Family That Cares Church	(407) 671-8800
Fight for Life Support Group (Kissimmee AIDS service organization)	(407) 846-0456
Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition (Scott or Larry)	(407) 889-9919
Gay Information Hotline (24 hours)	(407) THE-GAYS
Gay Peer Counseling (8 p.m. - 11 p.m., 7 days)	(407) THE-GAYS
G.L.C.S. - Gay and Lesbian Community Services	(407) THE-GAYS
Health Dept. (Orange County)	(407) 244-2601
Hope and Help Center (AIDS related services)	(407) 894-1992
Joy MCC (Orlando)	(407) 894-1081
Lambda Legal Defense	(212) 995-8585
LCN Express	(407) 273-1825
Legal Aid Society	(407) 841-8310

Local Organization of Gays/Lesbians-Ocala	(904) 620-0157
National Gay and Lesbian Law Association	(904) 656-2024 or (904) 488-5899
PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays	(407) THE-GAYS
Rape Crisis Center	(407) 648-3028
Suicide Intervention	(407) 644-2027
Spouse Abuse	(407) 886-2856
The Center, 24-hour phone line	(407) 843-4297
Trans-Aid - AIDS related office	(407) 839-8943
In emergency	(407) 351-6930
We Care, 24-hour suicide intervention hotline	(407) 628-1227
Women's Health Center	(407) 896-2022
Women's Resource Center	(407) 898-1599
We The People	(407) 839-0595
Zion AAC	(407) 895-1246

ORLANDO BARS/DISCOS CURRENTLY ADVERTISING IN THE CENTER FOLD

Big Bang	(407) 425-9277
City Lights	(407) 422-6826
Faces	(407) 291-7571
Flamingo Lounge	(407) 677-4299
Games Lounge	(407) 260-8001
Key Largo	(407) 291-0686
Parliament House	(407) 425-7571
Southern Nights	(407) 898-0424

For a complete listing of all area gay businesses and services, consult the Gay and Lesbian Guide to Central Florida, Orlando's own gay yellow pages. Available at The Center and other area nightspots.



GLCS Haven Cemetery: Center friends gather at memorial birthday party for Rita Kline. 2/14

GLCS Events

NAMES PROJECT

A Sewing Committee is needed to sew quilt panels for local AIDS victims. Please contact John Rose at The Center, (407) 425-GLCS.

BISEXUAL GATHERING

Come out, come in - if you're lesbian or gay and have feelings for the opposite sex, or have had relationships with both sexes, or have recently changed from being straight or gay/lesbian to the opposite, you'll find friends here who don't like being stuck in categories. It's all happening at The Center on Monday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

12-STEP PROGRAM

Those persons interested in reinstating a 12-step program at The Center are asked to meet at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13th.

GLCS ELECTION RESULTS

The annual GLCS elections and membership meeting were held Jan. 14, 1990 at The Center. 58 GLCS members voted in this year's election (only 6 voted last year). Elected to 2-year terms were: Scott Alles, Chris Alexander, David Bain, Larry Nicastro and LeJune Perrin. Pam Berry, Kathryn Proud, Joel Strack, Doug Swallow and Jeff Taylor were elected to 1-year terms. This year's officers are: David Bain, President, Kathryn Proud, Vice-President, Doug Swallow, Secretary. David Bain will serve as acting Treasurer.

DISNEY PARTY-ST. PATTY'S DAY

The monthly Disney Cast Party at The Center will be held on Saturday, March 17th at 8 p.m. Make the scene and wear green - special St. Patrick's Day refreshments. If everyone who has attended before would return with two newcomers, this month's event will be one hell of a party.

GAY ESCAPE II

The Spring version of last Fall's sold-out all Gay and Lesbian Cruise is scheduled for Friday, May 4th and is selling fast! See the special advertising supplement in this issue for a reservation form. Cabins are already sold out!

RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are asked to work only two 4-hour shifts per month. Our next volunteer training session is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th at 2:30 p.m. followed by the Backyard BBQ at 4 p.m.

HIGH HOPES AND HIGH HEELS

Fantasia is the name of a new support group forming at GLCS. Sabrina Marcus, a cross-dresser, is establishing a once-a-week group for transvestites and transsexuals (TV-TS). "It will be a place to intermingle with people who have the same feelings," says Sabrina.

Sabrina has been a crossdresser since age 14. Most of that time was spent in the closet. "I feel comfortable coming here (The Center) and have met other crossdressers. It's a relief to speak with someone who understands," explains Sabrina.

Whether a TV or a TS, each is fighting for the same cause, and Fantasia is a group open to all who "totally destroy the gender identification." The agenda for the weekly 2-hour group includes: open discussions, questions, suggestions, and a social hour.

Already cross-dressers like Sabrina are coming to The Center dressed. Lynn, a straight cross-dresser, came to seek help with his problem of "being publicly accepted." As Lynn says, "Let's get out of the closet and relate. The 90's are here."

Crossdressers are also uniting across the coun-

try and the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) is sponsoring a Coming Together Convention, March 27 through April 1, 1990 in Boston. Sabrina will be the Orlando representative and anyone needing information can contact Sabrina through The Center.

Fantasia will meet on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. through the month of March. After that, Fantasia will meet on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m., so come dressed for the occasion.

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Women's Discussion Group at The Center is a group of lesbians who meet weekly - Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. - to discuss women's issues.

Attendance at the Women's Discussion Group has tripled since January of this year and new faces join us weekly. We are women of different nationalities and color with various backgrounds and interests and we welcome the wide range of viewpoints brought to our group. We are there to learn about ourselves and each other as we offer encouragement and support.

At each meeting, announcements are made of upcoming events; those related to The Center (monthly BBQ, cruises, skating, etc.) and those we have planned for our group (parties, canoeing, camping, etc.). Then we join our voices together to discuss such issues as coming out, dating, sexuality, partners w/children, spirituality, AIDS, and more. We conclude our evening with a social hour at a local coffee shop.

As mentioned above, our group has planned and enjoyed several successful social events and we look forward to more in the future. For a list of our topics, speakers and activities for the month, please call The Center at 843-4297.

We look forward to meeting you on Wednesday night!

JON P. WATTS ART SHOW

The Center is proud to announce the first in a series of one-person art shows by local gay and lesbian artists. On Saturday, March 24th, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., works by artist Jon P. Watts will be on display and sale at The Center.

"Utilizing a variety of papers, both manufactured and hand-made/hand-dyed, the Paperwerkz series is a collection of framed pieces done in collage style, not only resulting in simplified painting, but also in a combination of painting and low-relief sculpture. The Paperwerkz series is predominantly abstracted male and female nudes.

The Clothwerkz series is a collection of hand-pulled and arranged cloth abstract sculptures on canvas, painted in oils and acrylics. Larger, heavier pieces than the Paperwerkz series, with flowing 3-D motifs and stone-like textures and colors, designed for wall display without framing.

Also included will be two pieces of my work from the private collection of Dr. E. R. Spieri, one a 100-year-old photo, brilliantly colorized in abstract shades, and the other an earlier example of the Clothwerkz series. These two works are on loan, and are not for sale."

LESBIAN COMPUTER WORKSHOP

Wouldn't it excite you to know that you can earn extra money at home by telecommuting? By using your talents and the powerful features of your personal computer, you can reach out to women beyond the limits of race, disabilities and the sexism of our society. On Friday, March 23, lesbian computer users are invited to participate

in a Computer Users Workshop at The Center, 750 West Colonial Drive, Orlando.

Scheduled for 11 a.m., the workshop offers a chance for everyone to de-mystify computer terms and offers the opportunity to exchange software. Please bring the following information if you plan to attend: type of computer, memory capacity, clock speed, type of printer, disk drive, and type of software you use or have access to.

Let's develop a user command language that is lesbian friendly! If you are interested in booting/rebooting, hanging your mouse in its holder, and being able to quit and abandon when it all gets to be too much, this workshop is for you. If this time is not convenient, please call (407) 843-4297, 0# and let us know when you could meet.

PRIDE WEEK COMMITTEE

The committee formulating all the major events of Pride Week has been meeting for more than two months now in an effort to offer a complete week-long calendar of events. In order to include theatre and cabaret presentations, an art show, Celebration of Night Life, an AIDS vigil, cut-a-thon, themed parties, The Prom That Never Was, the annual Pride Picnic, and the debut performance of the Orlando Gay Chorus,

we need your help now!

Thousands attended last year's activities which six people planned and executed. It's nothing less than unfair and absolutely ludicrous to assume that an event of the magnitude of Pride Week can continue with only 6 people planning, marketing, setting up, tearing down and cleaning up. GLCS has done an outstanding job of providing Central Floridians with a Pride Week that we truly can take pride in, but burnout is already on the horizon and Pride Week is 3 months away.

We must have widespread community participation and support NOW or 1990 will be Orlando's last Pride Week. In 1991, we will be forced to return to a single event Pride celebration on a minor level. Orlando - WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE! If you want to have a gay and lesbian community outside of the bars, if you want to attend activities during Pride Week and throughout the year, you must lend a hand.

Conspicuously missing from the committee are bar employees, women, and people of color.

NEXT PRIDE WEEK PLANNING MEETING:
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 7 P.M.

NEXT AIDS VIGIL PLANNING MEETING:
SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2 P.M.

In The Neighborhood

KISSIMMEE CLUB

The Central The Florida Gay Friendship Club of Kissimmee has recently been formed. The goal of the club is friendship and helping people. Other local groups are encouraged to share their literature with the Friendship Club. Tom King, President of the organization writes, "If you would like to know more about the CFGFC and what we are trying to do to help the Gay Community, please feel free to ask. I would be more than happy to send you more information about our newly formed group of Friends." Address all correspondence to: CFGFC, 3350 S. Orange Blossom Tr., #8, Kissimmee, FL 34746.

ORLANDO GAY CHORUS

The Orlando Chorus is planning to create an art poster featuring a piece of black and white photographic art as it announces its first concert to be held during Pride Week 1990. The chorus is looking for artists adept at black and white photography and individuals experienced with graphic layout to volunteer their assistance.

The Orlando Chorus intends to create an original art poster which can be marketed and sold and which represents our community with pride, artistic integrity and individuality. This image should suggest intelligence, joy, a fresh beginning, pride and celebration.

If you can help with either the photographic art or professional layout, please contact Perry Echelberger at (407) 872-0305 or leave a message at The Center at (407) 843-4297, 0#. Please take advantage of this opportunity to be a part of the inauguration of our Orlando Chorus.

P-FLAG MEETING

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) of Central Florida meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month at the Society of Friends (Quakers) meeting house at 315 N. Marks St. at the corner of Highland near downtown Orlando. The public is welcome to attend the program portion of the evening only. The rap group is open only to parents and members.

P-FLAG of Central Florida is a self-supporting group. Membership is open to anyone who supports the aims and philosophies of P-FLAG. Dues are \$12 a year although paid membership is not

required of anyone who attends. These dues enable the chapter to promote, among other things, educating the public about their children. Donations are always welcome.

NAT'L LESBIAN CONFERENCE

A new Lesbian festival, RHYTHMFEST will be held over Labor Day weekend high in the mountains where Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee meet. A work party is planned for the latter part of April through mid-May to prepare the land for accessibility. Lesbian painters, carpenters, etc. who would like to help will be housed and well fed during any length of time they could give to the project. (Possible ticket exchange also). Contact Susan Fuchs in Albany, NY at (518) 463-1051 for more information.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

The 15th Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men will be held March 22-25, 1990 at the Radison Plaza Hotel and the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. The conference, which will bring together thousands from our 14-state region, is expected to be the largest such gathering in the United States to date. It will offer workshops, classes, entertainment, major speakers, sports, films and video, exhibits, vendors, and displays. For further information, write P.O. Box 28863, Raleigh, NC 27611-8863 or call (919) 833-1209.

"DAY OF EQUALITY"

The Coalition For Human Rights is a small but growing group of diverse citizens who are composing the proposed Human Rights Ordinance for Orange County and Orlando. This ordinance is of paramount importance to all people in our community and will include verbiage to specifically protect gay and lesbian citizens from unfair treatment in employment, law enforcement, housing, and public accommodations based on sexual orientation. The group has recently adopted plans to proclaim the second Saturday in July of every year to be the "Day of Equality" in Orlando, Florida. Your participation in promoting this event and the passage of a sorely needed Human Rights Ordinance is very much needed. Please attend the next meeting at the Unitarian Church, Tuesday, March 13th at 7 p.m.