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Black Star Makes Donation to the Center

Members of Black Star, one of Orlando's premier Levi's/leather clubs, recently presented a check for \$200 to officers of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (GLCS).

A member of the Florida Brotherhood of Clubs and one of Orlando's smallest and most exclusive Levi/leather clubs, Black Star has been active for four years.

Its contribution to The Center is Black Star's share of Brotherhood statewide fund-raising efforts. Black Star's membership voted unanimously to contribute the group's share to The Center. Black Star

previously has contributed funds to the support of various Orlando AIDS organizations.

Black Star meets at the Full Moon Saloon at 2 p.m. the first Sunday of each month.

"Primary among our membership goals," said Black Star President Michael Brown, "is maintaining a strong sense of community and providing service to our community."

"These are some of the qualities we look for in recruits. Anyone interested in sharing our goals is welcome to join us at our next meeting."



Black Star Vice President Robert Timberlake (2nd from right) presents the check to Center Director John Rose (left) and GLCS Treasurer John Arnold (right) while Brown (center) and club member Jeb Blankenbiller (2nd from left) look on.

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PENNY JO CHESSMAN

The Tenor is a Lady

By Cornelius Van Pelt
Center Fold Staff Writer

Winter Park native Penny Jo Chessman never thought of herself as a tenor. But she is now, and a talented one, at that, with the Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC). Penny Jo joined the OGC during its formative weeks, and has contributed substantially to its first tenor section, both as a singer and as an active, creative force.

People who know Penny Jo, know that she always has been an activist, whether as a singer, a student, a poet, a worker for the underprivileged and the abused or an avid supporter of social rights.

Penny attended Rollins College, the University of South Florida in Tampa and the University of Central Florida, where she received a bachelor's degree in general studies. After she receives her master's degree in counseling, she will continue her work with Spouse Abuse Inc., or a similar professional group, as a counselor.

She now spends considerable time at the Orange County Courthouse helping abused women file injunctions against violent spouses. She has performed many of the roles of a social worker: as a treatment counselor for chronically mentally ill adults, as an advocate for the needy

and as a general case worker.

Being the only woman in the OGC fits Penny's personality, and mirrors many of her goals.

"I like to be different," she says. "I'm an intense person, and my role in the OGC is important. Being up-front is important to me. I'm out of the closet, and I'll never hide again!"

"You're only as sick as your secrets - and I don't like secrets. Singing with the OGC gives me a great opportunity to be out-front with a great bunch of guys!"

Penny has always liked to express herself musically. "I sang with the Sweet Adelines early on, but I felt I couldn't really be myself with them," she says. "Singing with Charlie [Callahan, OGC's director] and a talented group of Gay men brings a whole new meaning to being a Gay/Lesbian vocalist."

"It would be great if Orlando could support both male and female Gay choruses, where we could be flexible enough musically to do both single and joint concerts," Penny continues. "And I know many women who are expert at playing solo instruments, who might enjoy bringing their talents into a choral setting, or in setting up their own instrumental group."

Poetry has always been a vital part

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1991 to be a Very Good Year for GLCS

By David Bain
GLCS President

[CORRECTION: In last month's column, I inadvertently renamed our newest addition to the GLCS board, Derrick Miller. My apologies to Derrick (our board member) and Derrick (who now thinks he's a board member) for any inconvenience my lapse of memory may have caused.]



The past month has been a busy one for the board of directors of GLCS.

During our recent planning retreat, the board has charted the future of our organization until the end of 1991. It's an exciting calendar that we have already

begun to work on. Here's some highlights of what will be happening in the future.

- Due to the success of this year's Pride Picnic, many people asked us to schedule more of these outdoor celebrations. This November, we are again planning an outdoor extravaganza we call Fall Fest. Eat, drink and enjoy the outdoors at beautiful Camp Heronwood. Entertainment, exhibits, arts and crafts plus plenty of food will be the order of the day.

- This year will end with a bang as GLCS presents its second annual White Party this December. Plans are under way for a bigger and better celebration of the holiday season on Dec. 8 at the Winter Park Civic Center. Your invitation to this fabulous evening of fine food and fabulous entertainment will be in the mail soon. This is certain to become the event of all holiday events.

- Early 1991 will feature the first annual GLCS Community Service Awards. This formal event will honor the organizations and individuals who serve the Central Florida Gay and Lesbian Community. Nominations for these awards will be published this January and a Gayla evening of food, entertainment and awards will be presented in March at a lavish dinner and ceremony.

- We are just days away from selecting the date for GayEscape III, our annual cruise to nowhere. This year GLCS will sail from the port of St. Petersburg on what

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The Center Takes Major Step Forward

By John Rose
Center Director

GLCS/The Center takes a major step forward this month with the start up of our long-awaited youth program. Local activists Terry Deischer and GLAAD board member Brian Arbogast and local gay athlete Jeff Horn are to be complimented for their hard work on this project. As envisioned, the GLCS-sponsored group will



provide a heretofore non-existent outreach to Gay and Lesbian youth.

Derrick Miller (alias Derrick Johnson), the newest member of the GLCS board, has taken on the position of special events coordinator and shall be responsible for all future special events at The Center. Many thanks to Derrick for making my job easier.

A public vote of thanks is due to the Hope and Help Center and its director, Chuck Hummer, for hosting the quarterly FACES conference at the Harley Hotel last month. Keep up the good work, Chuck!

Your community center continues to grow month by

month. Our recently instituted outreach to the hearing-impaired, "Closed Ears, Open Minds," got off to a great start. Please help us pass the word along to the hearing-impaired in our community that we now have a support group to meet their needs.

If you wish to vote in the upcoming general election, you can register to vote at The Center, Monday through Saturday. It's important that we help elect candidates who are sympathetic to Gay and Lesbian issues. We can't do it without your vote!

Special events for September will include "The Prom that Never Was," on Saturday, Sept. 8, volunteer training, Backyard BBQ and Facilitators Appreciation Reception on Sept. 22 and P/FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays) will hold its regional conference at The Center from Sept. 14-16. Come out and support these and all Center events.

Pride Week '91 is in the initial planning stages. The next meeting of Pride Orlando will be on Monday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. Call The Center at (407) 425-GLCS for the location. This is your chance to show your pride and dedication by participating in this group to make a bigger and better show for Pride Week 1991.

A new support group for transsexuals and those interested in obtaining information is being formed at The Center on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. Traci Russell, a well-known local entertainer, will be group facilitator.

Our Volunteer Extraordinaire, Randy Grundy, has been busy the past few weeks cleaning, moving and repairing woodwork that has left The Center with a new and improved look.

My personal thanks to Randy for all his hard work and dedication to GLCS and The Center. Thanks to all of you for your support. I look forward to seeing more of you at The Center.

I Think I Might Be Gay – Now What Do I Do?

Brochure Offers Support to Young Men Coming to Terms with Their Sexuality

The following is the text of "I Think I Might Be Gay ... Now What Do I Do?" – an excellent "coming out" brochure for young men questioning their sexuality. It was written by Kevin Cranston and Cooper Thompson, with help from members of the Boston Area Gay and Lesbian Youth.

GLCS has obtained permission from the Campaign to End Homophobia to reprint and distribute this brochure and the one published in *The Center Fold's* August issue, titled "I Think I Might Be a Lesbian ... Now What Do I Do?". Any contributions toward the expense of printing these brochures would be greatly appreciated. To print 1,000 copies of each will cost approximately \$175.

If you can contribute, please send your donation to GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, Fla. 32853, Attn.: Brochure Fund.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE GAY?

Men who call themselves Gay are sexually attracted to and fall in love with other men. Their sexual feelings toward men are normal and natural for them. These feelings emerge when they are boys and the feelings continue into adulthood. Although some gay men may also be attracted to women, they usually say that their feelings for men are stronger and more important to them.

We know that about one out of 10 people in the world is Gay or Lesbian. (Lesbians are women who are attracted to other women.) This means that in any large group of people, there are usually several Gay people present.

However, you cannot tell if someone is Gay or not unless he or she wants you to know. Gay people blend right in with other people. But they often feel different from other people.

Gay teen-agers may not be able to specify just why they feel different. All of the guys they know seem to be attracted to girls, so they don't know where they fit in. And, they may not feel comfortable talking with an adult about their feelings.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M GAY?

- "I don't remember exactly when I first knew that I was gay, but I do remember that the thought of sex with men always excited me." – Alan, age 19
- "I never had any real attraction towards women, but I really knew that I was Gay when puberty began. I felt an attraction toward the other boys and I was curious to find out what they were like." – James, age 17

'When I first met another Gay person, I felt excited, anxious, nervous and happy. There was an indescribable relief to know that I was not alone, that there was someone else like me.'

– Nathan, age 18

- "One day I was flipping through a magazine, there was a cute guy, and bam! I knew." – Antonio, age 16

You may not know what to call your sexual feelings. You don't have to rush and decide how to label yourself right now. Our sexual identities develop over time. Most adolescent boys are intensely sexual during the years around puberty (usually between 11 and 15 years old), when their bodies start changing and their hormones are flowing in new ways. Your sexual feelings may be so strong that they are not directed toward particular persons or situations, but seem to emerge without cause. As you get older you will figure out who you are really attracted to.

Boys with truly Gay feelings find that, over time, their attractions to boys and men get more and more clearly focused. You may find yourself falling in love with your classmates or maybe developing a crush on a particular adult man. You may find these experiences pleasurable, troubling, or a mix of the two. By age 16 or 17 many gay kids start thinking about what to call themselves, while others prefer to wait.

If you think you might be Gay, ask yourself:

- When I dream or fantasize sexually, is it about boys or girls?
 - Have I ever had a crush or been in love with a boy or a man?
 - Do I feel different than other guys?
 - Are my feelings for boys and men true and clear?
- If you cannot answer these questions now, don't worry. You will be more sure in time. You and only you know how to label yourself correctly.

MAKING CONTACT

So, you may be ready to find out more. Start by reading. If you feel comfortable, ask the librarian in the "Young Adult" section of your public library. Librarians are usually glad to help.

If your library does not have much on sexuality you may want to check out the "GAY" section of a large bookstore, or possibly order books and other materials through the mail. Please note that not all books about Gay people are supportive.

Try calling a Gay hotline. Most major cities have one. You may want to call from a phone booth for privacy. They will let you talk about your feelings, and will direct you to organizations that help Gay people.

There may even be a Gay youth group in your area. Some helpful resources are listed on the back of this brochure, including a toll-free national hotline.

Remember, Gay people are out there, wherever you are. Trust your instincts. Sooner or later you will meet someone who feels some of the same things you do.

- "When I first met another Gay person, I felt excited, anxious, nervous and happy. There was an indescribable relief to know that I was not alone, that there was someone else like me. It was also intimidating, not knowing what to expect, but I

quickly loosened up and felt relaxed." – Nathan, age 18

- "When I first made contact with another Gay man, I felt a tremendous relief. I couldn't believe I had made a connection. I felt happy but also scared. I felt that I could do or say anything and not worry about it." – Alan, age 19
- "When I first met another Gay person, it was incredible, refreshing, reassuring, touching, awesome, and wonderful." – James, age 17

WILL I EVER HAVE SEX?

Naturally, you think about finding an outlet for your sexual feelings. Becoming a healthy sexual person is part of the coming out process. You may be scared at the prospect of having sex. This is normal for everyone. No one should start having sex until they are ready. Until then, you may choose to masturbate or fantasize.

Sex should only happen between mature individuals who care about each other. You will know when the time is right.

We all choose to have sex in different ways, whether we are Gay or straight. Gay men choose from a wide range of sexual practices, including masturbation (either alone or with another person), oral sex, anal intercourse, kissing, hugging, massage, wrestling, holding hands, cuddling or anything else that appeals to both partners. You are in complete control over what you do sexually and with whom.

WHAT ABOUT AIDS?

All sexually active people need to be aware of AIDS as well as other sexually transmitted diseases. Being Gay does not give you AIDS, but certain sexual practices and certain drug use behaviors can put you at risk for catching the virus that causes AIDS. AIDS is incurable, but is preventable.

Here's how to reduce your risk of getting AIDS:

- Do not shoot up drugs. Sharing needles is the most dangerous behavior in terms of getting AIDS.
- Avoid anal intercourse or other direct anal contact. Anal intercourse transmits the virus very efficiently. If you do engage in anal sex, use a condom every time.
- Use condoms whenever you engage in anal or oral sex (or vaginal sex if you have sex with women). You should choose latex condoms that are fresh and undamaged. Store them away from heat (your wallet is not a good place to keep them). Use a condom only once. Try to choose condoms with "reservoir tips," and be sure to squeeze out the air from the tip as you put it on. Hold on to the condom as you remove your penis; sometimes they slip off after sex.
- or choose sexual activities that do not involve intercourse: hugging, kissing, talking, massaging, wrestling or masturbating (on unbroken skin).

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FACES Meets in Orlando

By Laurence Sheldon
Center Fold Staff Writer

The Florida AIDS Coalition for Education and Support (FACES) met at the Harley Hotel in Orlando on Aug. 18. The coalition is sponsored and funded through a federal grant given to the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Chuck Hummer, the director of Hope and Help Center, and John Grannan were co-facilitators for the day-long workshop.

Hummer said that FACES is a relatively new organization. Its purpose is to "get all AIDS care

givers in the state together to network." Previous meetings have been poorly attended, but at this latest meeting, over 90 people attended. "It was truly a success," Hummer said.

Since the Orlando area is so convenient to most of the state, it was more accessible to the participants. The people who attended were able to see beyond the territoriality of the situation and focus on the true issue: people affected by AIDS.

One of the highlights of the day, according to Hummer, was the presentation by Hedy Schleifer, who is a

motivational speaker. Her topic was "Care Giver Burnout Prevention."

Other speakers included Jon Klein and Marta Hardy, from the Florida Task Force, who discussed changes in Florida AIDS legislation. Bill Barrick, a registered nurse, also shared some of the latest clinical studies from the National Institute of Health.

John Rose, director of the Center, attended the workshop. He said that Schleifer's session on burnout was outstanding and agreed that it was the highlight of the day. "Hope and Help is to be complimented for bringing her in," Rose said. He added that the entire session provided a great service to the community.

The majority of the people attending the workshop were connected with AIDS service organizations, although anyone could attend. The entire session was free of charge, except for the cost of the lunch, which was optional. A local minister, Mary Jo Gunn, of the Family that Cares Church also attended.

According to Hummer, the next FACES conference will take place in Miami in about four months. Further details will be published as the times and location are finalized.

Center Starts Program for Gay/Lesbian Youth

By Terry Deischer
Youth Program Director

The Board of Directors of Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida recently approved a proposal for a Gay & Lesbian Youth Program.

I am the youth program director and Jeff Horn is the assistant youth program director.

Jeff and I both have prior experience with youth programs and we both are in fields that deal with adolescents.

The immediate goal of the program includes a weekly support/rap group, various social functions and monthly educational programs. We also hope to work closely with P/FLAG and GLAAD in order to encompass some other long-range goals such as a parental-awareness and school-awareness programs.

The youth group will admit members from ages 13 to 20 years old. All prospective members will be screened before admittance into the youth group and confidentiality will be assured. The first youth group is scheduled for Sept. 14, time and location given to members only.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering to help with the group will participate in an orientation/training seminar and will have to agree to submit to a child safety/criminal background check before they will be allowed to work with adolescents.

Any and all help with the youth program will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping or just want to know more about the group, please feel free to contact Jeff or me at the Center by calling 425-GLCS.

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Orlando Gay Chorus Debuts



The premiere performances of the Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC) on June 23 and 24 brought the house down, according to the two sold-out audiences at the weekend concerts. The two full houses erupted regularly in applause to show their appreciation of Orlando's newest Gay/Lesbian musical group.

'The chorus was truly stunned by the wonderful reception it received,' said OGC President David

Schuler. 'We loved every minute of it, and it will propel us on to new heights - you can bet on that! We really have a challenge to meet at our December holiday concert.'

In the photo above, the OGC raises its collective voice under the direction of Charlie Callahan. To the left, Schuler and Callahan (right) pause for a moment during the pre-concert rehearsal.

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Lesbian and Gay activists from around the nation will meet in Minneapolis on Nov.

9-12, for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's third annual "Creating Change" conference, the most significant political gathering of Gay people in the country.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Metrodome in downtown Minneapolis. Creating Change '90 will feature leading activists from the national and grassroots Gay and Lesbian scene, prominent and provocative speakers, 42 skills-building workshops, social events, organizing sessions and more.

This year, the conference will offer two special pre-conference institutes on Friday, Nov. 9: the Fundraising Institute and the People of Color Institute.

The Fundraising Institute will present experts in the field of development and will focus on grassroots and regional groups.

The People of Color Institute will address networking strategies, alliance building, women of color issues, and issues confronting activists of color working in the Lesbian and Gay movement.

Plenary speakers at this year's conference will be Barbara Smith, black lesbian feminist writer and activist; Dr. C.T. Vivien, civil rights activist and chairman of the Center for Democratic Renewal; and Kate Clinton, popular feminist humorist. A

special plenary of Midwest activists will also be presented.

Workshop issues will include sodomy law repeal, hate crimes reporting, lobbying, media activism, "outing," bisexuality and Gay politics, mainstream and direct action tactics, domestic partnership, civil rights protections and referenda battles, fighting "traditional values" coalitions, "Lesbian Sexuality: What Do Dykes Really Want?", "Gay Men: Emerging Sexual Strategies" and many more.

The conference is being hosted by the Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council Host Committee of Minneapolis-St. Paul. A "Twin Cities Sizzler" dance will also be held.

Registration is \$120 by Sept. 14, \$150 thereafter. For registration forms and more information on NGLTF Cooperating Organization rates, limited-income rates, fees for the pre-conference institutes, and the conference in general, contact the NGLTF at 1517 U St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, Attn: "Creating Change," or call (202) 332-6483.

Remember, Minnesota is the place "where the men are good looking, the women are strong, and Gay and Lesbian civil rights are above average." So plan on attending the conference!

Reprinted from Task Force Report, Summer of 1990, newsletter of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

OPD Stresses Safety Awareness

By Kathryn Proud
Contributor

Officers from the Orlando Police Department addressed a recent meeting of the Womyn of GLCS on the topic of personal safety.

Officer Renita Wells, District 5, stressed to a group of 25 Lesbians that "awareness will keep you the safest." She demonstrated how to securely carry a purse or bag and suggested emptying the purse of valuables in immediate response to a purse-snatch threat. Wells distributed information packets which provided guidelines for being aware of your surroundings and other interesting data.

Investigator Debbie Beavers of the Sex Crime Division provided some information about sexual assault and battery and answered questions about Gay-bashing. Beavers invited personal calls from the group on any matters of forcible sex offenses.

Wells also spoke to a meeting of the Men's Discussion Group the following week and demonstrated the use of firearms in response to questions.

Special thanks go to Alfredo Martinez-Garcia for making this session possible. This presentation revived a working relationship between GLCS and the OPD.

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Who Has Homophobia Stopped You From Knowing?

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Heterosexism is the oppression of Gays, Lesbians, and bisexuals.

Heterosexism includes:

- the belief in the superiority of heterosexuality and the inferiority of homosexuality

- the rights and privileges given to heterosexuals that are denied to Gay people

Heterosexism is revealed through:

- personal behaviors ("queer" jokes, graffiti, verbal and physical harassment)

- institutional policies (discrimination in jobs, housing, immigration, etc. - with no civil rights protection)

- cultural norms (no positive images of gays, lesbians or bisexuals in the media, in courses, or as role models)

HOMOPHOBIA

Homophobia is the fear, disgust and hatred of Gays, Lesbians or bisexuals or of the homosexual feelings in oneself.

Homophobia results in

- fear of associating with Gays, Lesbians or bisexuals
- fear of being perceived as Gay, Lesbian, or bisexual
- fear of stepping out of accepted sex-role behavior
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Who has homophobia stopped you from knowing?

(Program of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Concerns, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst)

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Trans-AIDS Wins Disney Award

Alfredo Martinez-Garcia (far right), director of Trans-AID Support Services Inc., receives the first Walt Disney World Community Service Award ever given to an AIDS service organization at a ceremony in May.

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Lesbian / Gay Domestic Violence – A Closeted Issue Comes Out

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Abusive relationships and battering are not problems limited to the heterosexual community. The incidence of abuse in Lesbian and Gay relationships is unknown.

However, about 20 percent of the monthly caseload at the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project are cases of Lesbians and Gay men who realize they are in an abusive relationship, and who are asking for help.

There are many more *similarities* than differences between heterosexual domestic violence and Lesbian/Gay domestic violence.

Naomi Lichtenstein of the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project supposes that

*Violence occurs as often in
Gay/Lesbian relationships as in
straight ones, which is to say
that probably 1-in-4 Lesbian
and Gay relationships
experience some form of
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violence occurs as often in Gay/Lesbian relationships as in straight ones, which is to say that probably 1-in-4 Lesbian and Gay relationships experience some form of domestic violence.

Unfortunately, several myths exist about Gay and Lesbian domestic violence which can make an already stressful situation even more difficult.

BATTERING & ABUSE: MYTHS & FACTS

MYTH: Domestic violence isn't a problem for Gay men.

FACT: Since men traditionally have been encouraged to use violence and power to control others, it has been difficult for Gay men to identify domestic violence in their lives. However, the problem of domestic violence is serious. Now, despite fear and community denial, Gay men are beginning to speak out about battering and abuse in their relationships.

MYTH: Battering and abuse do not exist in the Lesbian community; only men abuse women.

FACT: Domestic does exist in the Lesbian community; it is not a problem limited to heterosexual relationships. In the Lesbian community, the extent and severity of domestic violence is becoming increasingly evident.

MYTH: Domestic violence affects certain groups of Gay men and Lesbians.

FACT: Violence and abuse are found in all parts of our community. No group regardless of race, class, ethnicity, age, ability, education, politics, religion or lifestyle is free from domestic violence. Being abusive is not determined by a person's size, strength or economic status. Gay men and Lesbians who batter or abuse can be friendly, physically unthreatening, sociable and charming. Gay men and Lesbians who are battered or abused can be strong, capable and dynamic.

MYTH: In Gay or Lesbian relationships, the problem is really fighting or "mutual battering," not domestic violence.

FACT: The issue in domestic violence is *control*. Survivors' needs are usually subordinated and they often change their behavior to accommodate or anticipate their batterers' demands. This unequal power relationship distinguishes battering from fighting. In an abusive relationship, fighting back in self-defense, not "mutual battering."

MYTH: Gay men and Lesbians can leave abusive or violent relationships easily.

FACT: Battering relationships rarely are only violent or abusive. Love, caring and remorse are often part of the cyclical pattern of abuse. This can leave a survivor feeling confused and ambivalent about what he or she is experiencing. Emotional or

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Lies Can Mean Loss of Security Clearances, Jobs

By Alan Lunin
Center Fold Staff Writer

With the high-tech University of Central Florida and its Research Park becoming increasingly important as a source of employment, the issues of security clearances for the federal government will become an issue to Gay men and Lesbians seeking employment in this industry.

For most non-sensitive positions, or those without security clearance requirements, the only check performed is an FBI check to ascertain any arrests and/or convictions for criminal offenses.

If you have had an arrest for something Gay-related, you need to check with an attorney before answering any questions.

An example of this kind of arrest would be solicitation for sex, or for sex acts. If there are no arrests, you are all set.

The issue of homosexuality being "immoral" has been erased from the list of acceptable reasons for not hiring or for firing Gay men and Lesbians in civilian positions.

The four areas that have been permitted by the courts as reasonable inquiry are *trustworthiness*, *deliberate misrepresentation of facts*, *susceptibility to blackmail* and *criminal behavior*.

• *Trustworthiness* is usually not a problem for an individual with a good work and/or school record. For example, it is hard to show that the Lesbian

who spends countless hours as a hospital volunteer, always dependable, is now untrustworthy. As a practical matter, this reason is virtually never used, but may be resurrected at any time.

• *Deliberate misrepresentation of facts* is the major downfall for homosexuals. If you were president of the Gay group on campus, and a question on the security form asks for associations you have been a member of, it is best to tell the truth. There was enough notoriety in that to ensure that you can't hide it.

If you lie on the application form, or any other form you fill out for federal service or related clearances, the clearance will be taken and your job will probably be lost as well. It is a way to fire a Gay person without having to really prove much.

• *Susceptibility to blackmail* is also used to deny clearances. Ironically, a closeted person is more likely to fall victim to this one than a politically active person. For example, if all your friends and family know you are Gay or Lesbian, you really can't be blackmailed.

• *Criminal behavior* as a reason for denying clearances is falling into disrepute. Initially, the theory was that any Gay person was violating sodomy or similar laws during any sexual activity. Therefore, the person was, in fact, a criminal who should not have a clearance.

With the history of Florida's privacy amendment to the state constitution, it is likely that those kinds of statutes will be struck down, so Gays and Lesbians are safer in this state than in most.

In sum, as your parents taught you, *honesty is the best policy*. It shows you are trustworthy, don't lie and can't be blackmailed. If in doubt, contact an attorney knowledgeable in this area of law. The Center can help you find one.

If you have questions about this or other topics, write to Alan S. Lunin, c/o The Center Fold, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, Fla. 32853-3446 or call 843-4297.

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New Orlando Group Forms to Fight Anti-Gay Violence

By Alfredo Martinez-Garcia
and Mark Hampton

In a city known around the world for The Mouse, fun and the resort lifestyle, gays and lesbians are getting the stardust bashed from their eyes at an alarming rate.

Because these crimes are directed at gays and lesbians, they fall under a new federal law that categorizes them as "hate crimes." In an effort to help with the reporting of these crimes, support the victims and open the eyes of the community, the Orlando Anti-Violence Project (OAVP) has been established.

The July 23 rape of a woman, known to her assailant as a lesbian, prompted the formation of the OAVP after the woman called Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida for help and found that the needed resources did not exist locally.

Three more cases of anti-gay violence have since been reported to the OAVP.

• On July 31, Troy McGuire, 70, was murdered after picking up his alleged attacker, Jeremy Robbins, 20, and taking him home. McGuire was stabbed in the back with a butcher knife. Thinking him dead, Robbins turned to flee and was shot in the back by McGuire. Before dying, McGuire was able to recount events to Orlando police. Robbins survived and now faces a

first-degree murder charge.

• In an unrelated case, a vehicle carrying three persons tried to run down a gay man employed as a security guard at a local gay resort. The guard, in an effort to avoid the speeding auto, leapt onto its hood and he was dragged several blocks until thrown from the vehicle.

• In another unrelated incident, three security guards at a local gay establishment were severely beaten by a "gang" of men shouting anti-gay obscenities, including death threats. The attackers were brandishing illegal weapons. Charges were filed with Orlando police.

Residents of Orlando are being asked to wake up and get involved. A "Blow the Whistle" campaign is currently under way. The whistles, being distributed by OAVP, are to be worn and can be used to attract instant attention in the event of an attack. Whistles have been found effective to frighten attackers and to summon help from bystanders.

Money and volunteers are badly needed to help put a stop to these heinous acts. Anyone who falls prey to this kind of hate crime, or who would like to get involved, should contact OAVP at 754 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32804, or by calling (407) 841-HATE (4283). The national hate-crimes number is 1-(800)-347-HATE.

Dukakis Vetoes Anti-Gay Foster Care Restrictions

BOSTON — Gay activists claimed a major victory when Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis vetoed a budget amendment which could have restricted the rights of Gay and Lesbian people to adopt, be guardians or be foster parents of children. Dukakis announced the veto at a statehouse press conference prior to his signing of the 1990 budget which was passed by the Legislature in early August.

Dukakis created an explosion of controversy in 1985 when he ordered the removal of two foster children from the home of two Gay men. The Massachusetts Legislature followed Dukakis' example by attaching even more restrictive language to the budget each year.

This is the first year since 1985 that Lesbians and Gays have managed to defeat the restrictive language.

"It is both ironic and gratifying that Dukakis, who originated this anti-Gay policy, should now use his power to overrule the discriminatory language adopted by the Legislature," said David LaFontaine, lobbying director of the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights.

"Whether he has had a change of heart over the last five years is not known, but years of protests and public confrontations have certainly taught him to respect the power and tenacity of the Gay and Lesbian community," he said.

Gay activists in Massachusetts believe that this positive turn of events has national significance.

The restrictive foster-care policies adopted in Massachusetts were imitated by several other states. Activists believe that this victory has the potential to turn the tide nationally through the adoption of unbiased parenting policies.

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buy gas for \$8.1 million record-priced car (a Bugatti Royale) so he can drive around the slums of Detroit and have a good look at the women he defeated, at their squalor and hopelessness.

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Don't help out Thomas Monaghan. Because if the shoe was on the other foot, he'd kick you with it.

Elizabeth Langley is a free-lance writer and an editor with The Orlando COLLEGIAN.

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"I've found that friendship between two women and those between a gay man and woman are closer than those a woman could have with a straight man.

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Lesbian Couple Tells What *Their* Prom Was Like

By Carol Evans and J. Robbins
Womanews

Womanews interviewed Jennifer Flowers and Leeta Lotz on April 20, 1990, about growing up Lesbian. Jennifer is a 19-year old student. Leeta is a 22-year old artist, currently working as a food service worker.

WN: How did you two wind up going to the senior prom together?

Jennifer: I told my mom that I was going to the prom and she asked me if I had given any thought to what I was going to do about the prom. I said that I was going to take Leeta. We had a discussion and I said, you know, 18, 20 years ago when you decided to go out, to marry a black man, that was not a well-accepted idea, so you know how I feel. But it was worth it to you to go through the criticism to have what you wanted.

Leeta: As far as going to the prom, I didn't want her taking a guy. I tried to recruit my best friend from 10th grade, John.

Jennifer: He's Gay.

Leeta: He wouldn't go because he didn't want to wear a suit. So I didn't want her going with any man, not even with a male friend.

Jennifer: (Sarcastically) I couldn't go with my friends because all of them would see me dressed up and would be overcome by lust.

Leeta: That's true, man! You know how guys are.

Jennifer: She has some strange views of men because first off, all of [her] male friends are trashy, trashy

people ... And I had this core of male friends and I'd known them for years, they would never try anything with me.

Leeta: Look, this is my thing. If I look at her in a lustful way, what guy isn't gonna look at her like that? With her boobs, cleavage, who the f---k isn't gonna be turned on by that? I know men.

Jennifer: But you have to understand not everybody is a slave to their lust.

Leeta: But I'm not gonna let some man hold my girlfriend's hand, bringing her in to the prom like he's getting married to her.

Jennifer: And I understand that, which is why I decided to take you. But then you had more of a problem than I did.

Leeta: Well, I was paranoid.

Jennifer: You were so schized out, thinking we were gonna get shot, I mean, they were gonna jump us when we walked in the door.

Leeta: Well, then I took my friend Danny to protect us. I fixed it up.

Jennifer: He got a date to the prom, he's about 6-4.

Leeta: And his hand is about as big as my head so it was like, all right. [I told him] Danny, just in case, watch my back.

Jennifer: And I had all of my friends. It was sort of a joke in our circle that all of them were gonna wear sweat pants and stuff under their dresses just in case anything came down they could rip off the dresses and kick some ass. But nothing happened. One thing that

was neat their was this little group, I didn't really know any of them.

Leeta: Cheering section.

Jennifer: Yeah, they were like friends of my cousin. That was another thing in our favor. I was graduated with one of my cousins so she was there and we have a really close-knit family. Nobody can pick on another one of the Flowers clan without getting some s---t. I think they were a bunch of her friends and some people that had known Leeta. All these people we didn't know formed a cheering section when we walked in.

Leeta: It was like, Great! Yeah!

Leeta: I felt like a f--- president.

Jennifer: At that point we knew we weren't gonna have too much trouble.

Leeta: And I also thought is was cool because she was so tall and I was so short.

Jennifer: I had 4-inch heels on and she only came up to my bust.

Leeta: And that was cool. We danced, too, remember that? Sometimes I think about it and I think damn, we did have a lot of balls.

Jennifer: And before us there's [been] so much hostility-well, there still is, but not quite so bad. There was such an unwillingness of society to be even remotely kind to homosexuals that Gays and Lesbians sort of formed their own subculture. We've always known we were Gay. We've always been attracted to women. We've always had some Gay friends but mostly heterosexual

friends, just cause that's what we were around. But we were accepted. None of our friends have a big base of Gay and Lesbian friends. We've gone past that level in society where we have to seclude ourselves to only having Lesbian friends.

Leeta: We're people, we love everybody. [Although] we're not naive to all the d--- out there and haters for this and that reason.

Jennifer: Oh, yeah. It's like it's definitely a presence but I've grown up with a lot of adversity because I was half-black and half-white at a time when you really just never saw that around.

Leeta: It wasn't the thing to be.

Jennifer: I became open to everyone because I knew what it felt like to be rejected so I wanted to take everybody in and be their friend. I am a very open and accepting person. I've found when you are open about it people don't really have the chance to call you about it. So what, I'm a Lesbian and what the hell. ... When people say something to you, if you don't let it hurt you it won't hurt you.

Leeta: I'm not willing to say, out of nowhere, "Yes, I'm Gay," just to say it, but if they're gonna ask me, I'm gonna tell them and I've always been that way. Every time, at school, anywhere.

Jennifer: I don't walk around saying, "Gay hello, nice to meet you, I'm Gay, Jennifer Flowers, Lesbian," but if people ask there's really no sense in hiding it.

Leeta: Cause look, we're in the '90s.

Hope & Help to Produce Floral Fantasy Extravaganza

On Oct. 15, The Hope & Help Center, an AIDS-service group, will produce its first Floral Fantasy Extravaganza. This floral headdress competition will take place at the Enzian Theater.

This fund-raiser is the brainchild of Lee Price, owner of the Petal Pushers Florist in Orlando. Price will enlist the support of approximately 10 Orlando florists.

Each florist will donate flowers to create a unique headdress. All headdress creations will be worn and displayed by local entertainers. Each of the 10 designs will be judged by a distinguished panel of judges.

Besides the floral headdress competition, other entertainment will be provided, as well as food and drink. Tickets on sale now for \$10 per person.

Corporate tables will be available for supporters who wish to advertise their company name and wish to have seating close to the stage.

A playbill is also being compiled and will feature pictures of contestants and advertisements from local supporters.

If you would like to participate in the production of this event, contact Lee Price at the Hope & Help office, (407) 894-1992.

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meet jointly in Orlando. All GLPCI and P/FLAG members and attendees are invited to this welcome/meeting.

Everyone is requested to send pictures of their children, themselves and their spouse/partner, to be placed on a bulletin board. Afterward the pictures will be placed in the GLPCI photo album. Please mail the photos to P/FLAG, P.O. Box 141312, Orlando, Fla. 32814-1312 and clearly mark the back of any photo to be returned.

For further information, call Scott, 889-9919, or Allene, 896-0689 - after 6:30 pm.

LAST WORKSHOP FOR JOINT CONFERENCE SET

The last workshop for the Joint Conference being held Sept. 15 and 16, unconfirmed last month, has now been set. Dr. Norma Kearby and her long-time companion, Betty Caldwell, will present "Longterm Relationships." Dr. Kearby and Ms. Caldwell reside in Louisiana and are members of a P/FLAG chapter there.

Those interested in attending should call Allene at 896-0689, after 6:30 p.m. for further information and reservation forms.

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30 days before the complete system is in place and the bugs are worked out. Please be patient.

Although GLAAD-Florida would like everyone to become a general member, an anonymous member, or a volunteer member, it primarily needs your calls and letters to keep them informed. It can't be stated too often that each person doing just a bit will add up into an impressive effort statewide.

GLAAD-Florida/Central Region intends to keep the the readers of The Center Fold informed by means of a monthly column. The group is already responding to challenges on radio, in print and in the business world in the region.

More about those activities will

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

■ **FREEDOM LECTURE SERIES** The fourth lecture in the ACLU Freedom Lecture Series will consist of a series of topics all of special interest to the Gay and Lesbian community. (See front page of Insider Times for topics and speakers). The lectures will be presented tonight at 7:15 p.m. at the Downtown Orlando Public Library. There is no charge to attend the lectures in the series.

■ **LUCKY LADIES BOWLING** The Lucky Ladies Bowling League meets at 6:30 p.m. at Fairvilla BowlAmerica, 2500 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando. Call (407)293-8849.

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■ **OMCC AIDS MEETING** Ocala-Marion County Community AIDS Network business meeting at 7 p.m. Call (904) 629-5124 for location.

■ **FIGHT FOR LIFE SUPPORT GROUP** This Kissimmee AIDS support group meets Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Call (407) 846-0456 for more information.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

■ **JOY MCC** Joy Metropolitan Community Church, a Christian church open to all denominations, holds services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. at 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. Call (407) 894-1081.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 17

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

■ **OBBA BOWLING** The Orange Blossom Bowling Association bowls at 9 p.m. at Winter Park BowlAmerica, 1111 W. Fairbanks Ave., Winter Park. Call (407) 886-7806 or (407) 644-2244.

■ **PARENTS AIDS SUPPORT GROUP** Ocala-Marion County Community AIDS Network sponsors a Parents Support group at 7 p.m. Call (904) 629-5124 for location. Support Group for Transsexuals Organizational Meeting. Facilitator Traci Russell at 7:30 p.m. at The Center, 750 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando. Call (407) 425-4527 for information.

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■ **ORLANDO GAY CHORUS REHEARSAL** The Orlando Gay Chorus rehearses every Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. at Rollins College in the Rogers Room, Keane Hall. Auditions for the holiday concert are open until mid-September. Call David Schuler for more information. (407) 843-6671.

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■ **PARENTS FLAG** Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Central Florida, the local chapter of the national support organization for parents and friends of Lesbians and Gays, meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday every month at the First United Methodist Church, Wesley Building, at the corner of South Street and Rosalind Avenue in Orlando. Call (407) 896-0689 after 6 p.m. for information. The public is welcome to attend the program portion of the evening only. The rap group is open only to parents and members.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

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MONDAY, SEPT. 23

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

■ **OBBA BOWLING** The Orange Blossom Bowling Association bowls at 9 p.m. at Winter Park BowlAmerica, 1111 W. Fairbanks Ave., Winter Park. Call (407) 886-7806 or (407) 644-2244.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

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■ **GLCS PANCAKE BRUNCH** 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. at the JOY MCC fellowship hall located at 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. For tickets or additional information call the Center at (407) 425-4527

MONDAY, SEPT. 30

■ **HOPE & HELP** The AIDS Support Group of Hope & Help Center meets at 7:30 p.m. Call (407) 894-1992 for details.

■ **PRIDE ORLANDO** Next planning meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Call GLCS for information as to the location. (407) 425-4527.

TUESDAY, OCT. 1

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■ **LOGO MEETING** Local Organization of Gay/Lesbian Ocala (LOGO) holds a general meeting the first Wednesday of each month. Call (904) 620-0157 for time and location.

THURSDAY, OCT. 3

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Wet Jockey Contest (Midnight)

TUESDAY

10¢ Bar Hi-Balls/\$1.00 Call Brands & Beer (9 PM - 1 AM)
Hot Men of "Body Heat"

COUNTRY/WESTERN WEDNESDAY

75¢ Bar Hi-Balls/\$1.00 Call Brands & Beer (9 PM - 1 AM)
Talent Night (10:30 PM)

THURSDAY

25¢ Bar Hi-Balls/\$1.00 Call Brands & Beer (9 PM - 1 AM)
Live Shows

FRIDAY

Live Shows

SATURDAY

Live Shows, Disco & More (8 PM - 2 AM)

SUNDAY

T-Dance
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■ **TRANS-AID SUPPORT GROUP.** Trans-Aid sponsors an AIDS Support Group meeting every week at 7:30 p.m. at 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando. Call (407) 839-0945 for more info.

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