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An Interview with the Rev. Troy Perry

MCC Founder Speaks Out on the Issues Confronting Gay Christians in the '90s

By Jeff Campbell Center Fold Staff Writer

The Rev. Troy Perry is a man of strong spiritual feeling who grew up in the redneck climate of rural Florida in the '40s and '50s. He realized the strong call of his God and the need to serve people who are searching for spiritual peace.

In the early part of his life, as he sought truth and the real meaning of God'slove and the meaning of his life, and of life in general, Perry came into the ministry through Baptist and Pentecostal forums. He served in the armed services, married and traveled in the calling of the church.

All the while he was perplexed by a haunting and vague shadow within his mind, that perhaps he was a dream in a world of heterosexual pursuits, that he was serving in a calling that condemned and censured many of his thoughts.

As time passed, his true nature of self led to events that culminated in his defrocking from the Pentecostal ministry and banishment from recognition by the established religious community.

His marriage destroyed and his life thrown into disorder and disarray, Perry was drawn into a relationship with another man and he believed he was on the horizon of a stable and happy life.

But the relationship was too brief and the scars of the turmoil that had brought him to this peak became more than he felt he could endure, and he attempted to take his own life.

The violence of this act upon himself and the turmoil, pain and anguish that it brought to Perry and to the many people in his life, brought into focus a realization: there is a community of people who are denied access to the religious community unless they live a lie and pretend to conform to ways foreign to their

From Perry's act of violence and anguish came an



The Rev. Troy Perry

honest approach to spiritual recognition, a ministry to serve those people turned away at the church doors.

The following interview with Perry was conducted in March when he was in Orlando for the grand opening of Joy MCC's new worship center.:

"I was very unrealistic in my early days of the Metropolitan Community Church. I felt that I was working myself out of business: 'Oh, this is wonderful. We'll be a church for a few years, all the denominations will change and we can all go back home."

"But I was soon to learn, as did all my black brothers and sisters, that just because integration came about, there was not a grand rush to welcome them back to the church. Even today, after almost 22 years, very little has changed. A few denominations such as the United Church of Christ, the Quakers, Unitarian Universalists those groups have said they will ordain homosexuals and welcome Gays and Lesbians. But there has been no great rush into these churches by the gay community.

"There are those religions that have gone the opposite way: 'We love the sinner but hate the sin.' But that's a cop-out because homosexuality

"The good side of this is that MCC has continued to grow - from 12 people in my living year just 22 years ago to 42,000. The first offering at MCC was \$3.18, but last year our membership gave over \$9 million to their local congregations and that does not include building fund monies such as we see here in Orlando.

"We now own over \$30 million in property; there's no [gay] organization larger. MCC touches the lives of persons in 16 other countries. We have the start of a college in Los

"I am blessed that 22 years after its beginning, I am still young and I have lived to see this fulfillment of a dream and it is still ongoing.

"Many of our pastors have come to us from other

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GLCS Offers Many Chances to Volunteer

By David Bain **GLCS** President

As GLCS grows, so do the volunteer opportunities. People are always asking "What can I do to help?" Although financial assistance by becoming a GLCS pledge member is one way, volunteering your time and services goes a long way in making GLCS a strong and successful

During the past few weeks, we've begun to compile a list of volunteer references and some counseling two nights per month at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Individuals should have good communication skills and complete a volunteer training program to

• Ticket Sellers - Sell tickets for fund-raising and other social activities at tables located at area bars and GLCS activities.

 Statistics Coordinator - Compile statistics for monthly management

> reports (attendance, phone and volunteer

Writer -• Grant Experienced in preparing and securing grants for GLCS.

 Correspondence Secretary - Word process or type the letters and correspondence generated by GLCS.

• Center Fold Distribution - Prepare

and deliver The Center Fold to bars and businesses throughout Central Florida twice a month.

• Custodian - Vacuum and provide general cleaning once a week at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

• Social Coordinator - Provide support for backyard barbecue and other social events throughout the year (shopping, cooking, cleanup).

• Photographer - You provide the camera, we provide the film. Help us keep a visual record of GLCS activities and events.

• Center Fold Stuffers - Prepare The Center Fold for mailing once at the end of each month.

• Computer Graphic tist/Typesetter -Several individuals are needed to create flyers, brochures, posters, tickets, etc., for various GLCS activities and projects.

• Hotline Coordinator - Responsible for updating our 24-hour computerized answering system. Some computer knowledge and a pleasant speaking voice are preferred.

Experience or skills in the following areas are also needed:

- Multi-line telephone wiring
- Locksmith
- Carpentry
- Accounting
- Corporate Taxes
- Fund Raising

As you can see, there are lots of ways to become involved in GLCS. If you would like to join our team of volunteers, contact John Rose at (407) 425-4527, Monday - Friday, 1 - 9 p.m.

positions in GLCS. The following positions are available to persons in the gay and lesbian community who'd have the time and dedication

it takes to become a GLCS volunteer: • Phone Attendants - Answer

questions, take messages, provide

GLCS Needs Pledges of PALS to Prosper

By Michael Wanzie **Center Director**

The Center is suffering terribly from an identity crisis. The crisis is the appearance of success The Center undeniably projects.

True: GLCS' services have increased dramatically during the past six months. The center occupies

The Center Fold's circulation has reached 6,000. The building is always abuzz with people. Speakers panels go out to area campuses and organizations biweekly. GLCS plays host to popular social, theatrical and travel-related events. The Center provides meeting and /or office space, free of charge, to more than a dozen Gay and Lesbian outreach

> groups. GLCS interfaces with other organizations and businesses to successfully provide emergency housing and food assistance. Gay-related concerns and events are now covered by the mainstream press in a fair and an often accommodating manner thanks to GLCS.

continue to operate. Income has kept pace with the growth of The Center and the increase in GLCS services.

Fact: The total cost per month to operate GLCS is \$5,000-\$7,000. Monthly pledges are around \$600.

Question: Where does the other \$4,400 -\$6,400 come from?

Answer: From ticketed fund-raising events such as the GayEscape II Cruise. However, considering that the profits from this upcoming cruise have already been spent, one must consider the devastating consequences should the cruise have to be canceled due to weather, etc. - our organization would have to file for bankruptcy.

It may interest you to know that the national norm is for 10 percent of an organization's income to be generated by fund-raising events such as cruises and pay parties, while 80 percent is generated by ongoing pledges and outright donations. I'm sure you will agree that GLCS, despite its success, is operating its services and maintaining The Center False: GLCS has the on a very precarious tightrope off of financial support to which we can fall due to the slightest

> Since it remains true that we at GLCS are so dependent on ticketed

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a building double the size of less than one year ago. The Center now handles an average of 975-1,200 phone calls per month. Our counseling program, available threefour nights a week, is always booked.

Clear Communication is a Must for Newspapers

By Keith Proud Editorial Chief

The primary function of any newspaper is to communicate. The thoughts and ideas expressed in a newspaper need to be stated in such a way that their message and intent is clear.

Such was *not* the case with my response to the letter from "One Gay Voice" in the April Center Fold. I apologize to Jeb Blankenbiller for any discomfort or embarrassment I may have caused him with my response to OGV.

I do not usually respond to letters which are only thinly disguised attacks on an individual, but I thought that a satirical response to such obviously bigoted remarks would serve to convey the message that the letter writer was way off track with his charges and not to be believed.

My position was not clearly understood and I promise to not make the same mistake in the future.

The current policy of The Center

Fold is to require that all letters to the editor be signed and that some means of contacting the writer to verify the letter be provided.

The Center Fold will honor any request to withhold the letter writer's name from publication; however, if your letter does not meet these standards it probably will just be ignored.

Clear communication is also essential today when there is so much information competing for our time and attention.

It has been brought to my attention that both WWKA/K92-FM, (407) 298-9292, and WJHM/102-Jamz, (407) 788-1400, have disc jockeys who are unabashed in their efforts to ridicule the Gay and Lesbian community, and in the case of K92-FM, the African-American community as well.

If any of you listen to these stations and know this to still be true, let me know. Or better yet, become active with the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and do what you can to stop such ridicule.



▼ Athlete Appreciates Center Fold Coverage

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the coverage of my intentions to compete in the Gay Games III event in Canada ["Local Man to Compete in Gay Games '90," The Center Fold, April].

Thanks also to the people who responded in support of my efforts.

For clarification purposes, I have taught [tennis] for the City of Maitland for one year and will be competing in the Men's Open Singles in Vancouver [Canada].

Events with such meaning to the Gay and Lesbian community are that much more meaningful because of media such as *The Center Fold*.

Athletically yours, *Jeff D. Horn*Orlando

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'Can't Hide the Pride': Pride Week 1990

By Jeff Campbell Center Fold Staff Writer

Come out, come out – wherever you are !! Come out, come out – wherever you are !!

The slogan of this year's local Pride Week celebrations is "Can't Hide the Pride," so come out and share the *pride*, join the fun and festivities as well as the tribute to our brothers and sisters who have died in the AIDS crisis. Let our respect and our numbers be seen.

An AIDS memorial ceremony will be held at the Lake Eola Bandshell on Thursday, June 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

We hope you will share in this tribute to those who have fallen. Would you volunteer as a reader of names or would you like to place on the names list the name of someone who has touched your life?

There will be a display of local Quilt panels courtesy of The Names Project/Orlando.

Take part in this poignant display of the Quilt; share with your community in the hushed stillness at the reading of the names of AIDS victims.

This event will also feature a performance by the Orlando Gay Chorus, those wonderful

singers of songs who are proud to stand and be counted.

Join in a celebration of living and a tribute to the fallen. Your support is needed for *your* Gay life and the spirit of Gay/Lesbian Pride Week.

Will you help your community to honor those who have suffered and passed on? We need to join hands; to be seen and recognized as the very large group we are.

We need you, we need your input and up to you. Just participation, especially in Pride Week planning the Rocky Road.

meetings.

Even Les Nesse

When we work together in concert we can accomplish things, we can influence the political reasoning.

If you are able to help, please contact John Rose at the Center, (407) 425-4527, between 1-9 p.m., Monday through Friday.

During Pride Week, there will be many events, and while some are reflections of our concerns, others will be activities and games and food and drink.

Take time during Pride Week to celebrate your rights of self-expression, your freedoms and fun, and your sexuality.

You depend on Pride Week - Pride Week depends on you. Join us!

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Rocky Road, if you're a vanilla person. By the same token, if you go to an art gallery which is exhibiting Rocky Road, don't expect to see vanilla, and don't bitch and whine about being given the wrong flavor.

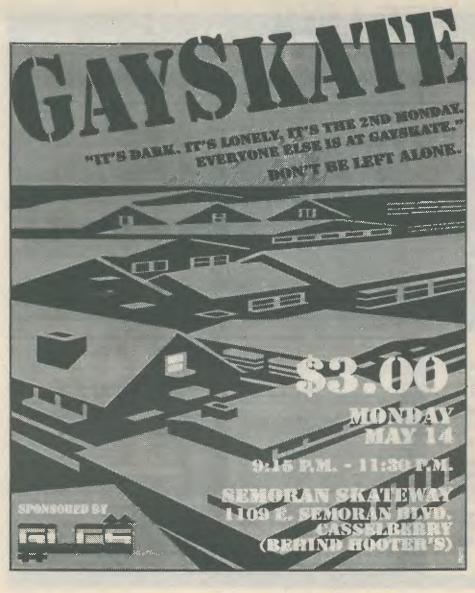
Another aspect of art is the artist – because the bottom line about the nature of art is this: Art is the artist. When you go to see an exhibition of Robert Mapplethorpe's work, what you get is Robert Mapplethorpe's own little world. It is not your world, nor are you required to live in Mr. Robert's neighborhood. All the artist wants is for you to take a few moments and see his point of view. Whether you agree or not with his vision is up to you. Just don't deny anyone else a taste of the Rocky Road.

Even Les Nessman would agree with that.

David Smith is an editor with The Orlando COLLEGIAN. © 1990 David Smith.

Pride Week 1990

Planning Meetings: May 7– 7:30 p.m. May 21– 7:30 p.m. at The Center. For Details, Call (407) 425-4527.





Orlando Gay Chorus to Premiere in June

The Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC) will present its premiere concerts on Saturday, June 23, and Sunday, June 24, at the Orlando Museum of Art, Loch Haven Park, 2416 N. Mills Ave., Orlando.

The June 23 concert will begin at 8:05 p.m., and the June 24 concert at 7:35 p.m. Admission is \$10; tickets will be available from chorus members prior to the concerts, and at the museum the nights of the concerts. \$2 from each ticket sold will go to the Orlando Gay Chorus AIDS Outreach Fund.

The Orlando Gay Chorus is directed by Dr. Charles Callahan, director of the Rollins Chapel Choir and Composer in Residence at Rollins. Callahan has emerged as one of the leading performers and composers of organ and choral music in the United States.

Organized by David Schuler, president of the OGC and formerly with the River City Chorus in Omaha, Neb., the all-volunteer OGC showcases the vocal skills of over 50 talented male and female singers from the metropolitan Orlando area.

Auditions were held in January; since then, diligent practice, dedication and a pursuit of vocal excellence have produced a strong and

The Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC) will distinct "Orlando Sound" that will surprise resent its premiere concerts on Saturday, and please audiences at the June concerts.

The chorus is member of the international organization for Gay and Lesbian choruses (GALA). Future OGC events will include a Christmas holiday concert at the Knowles Memorial Chapel on the campus of Rollins College in Winter Park, along with a joint concert with the Tampa Bay Gay Men's Chorus in the spring of 1991. The OGC hopes to travel to Denver for the next GALA international festival in 1992.

Vocal selections to be featured at the June 23 and 24 concerts include "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," the rousing "Stouthearted Men," "Shenandoah," the moving "Old Friend" (commissioned by the New York City Gay Men's Chorus) and the inspirational, contemporary and memorable "Testament of Freedom," a setting of four passages from the writings of Thomas Jefferson.

Make plans now to attend one of the two June concerts of the OGC, Orlando's latest contribution to good music and the newest special group committed to the strong, dynamic and vibrant growth of Central Florida's gay and lesbian community.

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events, those of us working here spend an inordinate amount of time creating and implementing these activities, besides running our community services programs, publishing *The Center Fold*, operating a community center and handling the media. In the past, it has not been uncommon for Linda Cartwright and me to work 50-70 hours a week, and volunteers often work 20 hours and more on top of their regular jobs. The burn-out monster has reared its ugly head and is definitely taking its toll.

The PALs (Patrons and Loving Supporters) pledge drive will be kicked off on May 4 aboard GayEscape II. Please plan on responding with a monthly pledge to ensure the continued success of GLCS.

In the meantime, won't you please consider becoming a GLCS member or a paid *Center Fold* subscriber or both (all persons receiving *The Center Fold* by mail must become paid subscribers by Aug. 1).

We offer the following rates:

- 1-year subscription to The Center Fold :\$12.
- 1-year GLCS membership: \$15.
- 1-year membership and subscription: \$20 (save \$7).
- 1-year couple or family membership: \$25.
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'New Age' Technologies at 'The Brain Works' End the Search for Peace of Mind

By Susan Lee Spence Center Fold Staff Writer

During my 33 years aboard planet Earth, I've searched for that elusive thing called peace of mind. I've tried meditation, yoga and communing with nature. No peace was found, only a forgotten mantra, cramped muscles and poison ivy.

This painful search would still be on, if it weren't for my discovery of the New Age technologies, established by the late John David, that are being offered in Orlando through Scott Lang and his newly founded program "The Brain Works."

Lang sold stock and traveled to California for the Whole-Brain Learning Institute's five-day total immersion intensive training course. He came back a new man, with a new message of hope for those of us who wish to find peace in our minds.

What Lang brought back are state-of-the-art audio tapes that have subliminal and/or audible messages combined with *Star Wars*-type sound effects.

With only a limited number of "Brain Works" sessions, I have experienced a tremendous release of stress, a new sense of spirituality and an overall happier state of mind.

While listening through headphones with my eyes closed, I envision a multitude of images encircling me as I go into a deep relaxed state.

Along with the audio tapes, Lang has the Atlantis, my favorite New Age toy. It consists of glasses that have blinking lights on the inside of the lenses and corresponding beeping sounds. Sitting with these high-tech glasses on and my eyes closed, I see brilliant color fields and elaborate patterns while my brain is gently coaxed into a calm receptive state.

Lang has also experienced changes through these techniques. "I've eliminated destructive sexual behavior patterns, increased confidence in myself and improved my interactions with others," he said. "I've become more emotionally stable and my mind has also been in a more stress-free state."

Not only has Lang improved his personality and self-esteem, he has also improved his health. "I have used these methods for healing myself of major headaches, sore throats and other ailments," he said.

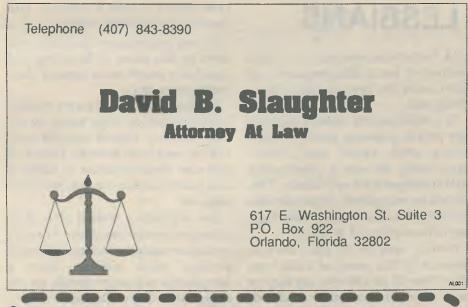
"The brain works constantly, often with mindless chatter that can be very distracting but more often with negative chatter that unfortunately may be very destructive. The goal is to replace these self-sabotaging negative behaviors with positive ones," Lang said.

"With the help of this cutting-edge equipment, one can effortlessly be lowered into alpha or theta brain wave states for more recptivity and enhanced learning capabilities which allow the reprogramming of behaviors at a faster and more productive rate."

For those who are interested in this New Age "new wave," Lang with the help of Kevin Bradfield will hold a workshop on Sunday, May 20, from 12:45-6 p.m. The workshop will be See WAVES, Page 18



The program teaches pupils New Age mind expansion techniques.







Citizens Group Seeking Adoption of Anti-Discrimination Ordinance in Orange

Editor's Note: This is a reprint of an article that appeared in the December issue of The Orlando COLLEGIAN. This revised version © 1990 Esta Krukin. Used by permission.

By Esta Krukin Contributor

Human rights is an issue usually discussed in a global context. But a local group is working to get a human rights ordinance adopted in Orange County.

Despite gains made since the 1960s by the civil, women's and gay rights movements, discrimination still persists, say members of the Central Florida Coalition for Human Rights (CHR), and an ordinance is needed to give further protection to many groups including blacks, Hispanics, women and the disabled.

The measure would also prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians, who currently are not covered under any federal or Florida anti-discrimination laws.

The ordinance reads: "It shall be illegal to discriminate in the areas of employment, public modations, housing, credit, education, and health and welfare services on the basis of race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, gender, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, age, organizational affiliation, physical or mental disability, health, veterans status."

"Orange County needs a human rights ordinance," said CHR member Roger Mueller. "We're getting various organizations to pull together and put this ordinance before the county [commission]." He pointed out that in the last six years, incidents of violence against gays, called "gay bashing," have doubled.

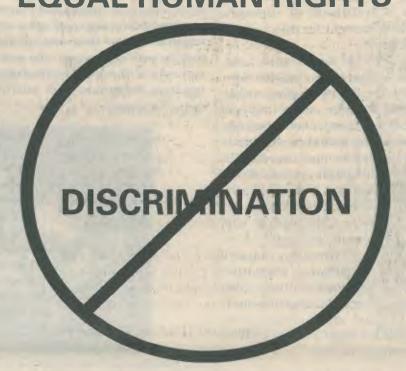
Mueller said, however, that the immediate catalyst for the drive to get a local anti-discrimination law on the books was the case of former Orange County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Woodard.

Woodard was forced to resign from the department last year when his superiors learned he is bisexual.

"We're concerned about the Mueller said. "[Orange County] Sheriff [Walt] Gallagher said he felt Woodard would bring ill repute to the sheriff's department."

Michael Wanzie, director of the

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Center, said: "Had the ordinance been in place to begin with, his [Woodard's] sexuality would never have been a question. The man would still be employed."

GAYS AND LESBIANS SUFFER DISCRIMINATION LOCALLY

Officials with local gay and lesbian organizations cite many instances of discrimination in housing and employment suffered by gays and lesbians to show the need for such an ordinance.

Lance Smith, chairman of the University of Central Florida's Gay and Lesbian Students Union, said he knows many people who have been denied housing when the landlord discovered they were living with a non-related person of the same sex. Smith said many gays are fired when their employers learn about their homosexuality

He believes there is also a lot of subtle discrimination against gays, situation with Tom Woodard," for example, their being passed over for promotions. He added that bias against gays, like that against blacks, is still rampant even if it's not always obvious.

"The main difference between gay

and racial discrimination is that victims of racial discrimination at least have the law on their side," Smith said.

"It's time that this country accepted gay people as having minority status along with racial and ethnic minorities. We are a community that's formed its own culture. This should be recognized - especially in a country such as ours that prides itself on individuality and diversity."

Wanzie said in the past several months he has received calls from more than 20 people who say they've been evicted because their landlords presumed them to be gay. Wanzie said this is done out of widespread and often unfounded fear of AIDS.

"The irony of it is that the state of Florida recognizes AIDS as a handicap, so it's illegal to discriminate against gays or other people with AIDS. But it's perfectly legal to discriminate against gays who don't have AIDS. They have no recourse," he said.

MEASURE WOULD BROADEN PROTECTION AGAINST BIAS

The ordinance would extend further protection to women, the elderly and the young, the disabled and gays and lesbians, especially.

Although some of the measure's provisions are already part of other laws, "It has one new ingredient not covered under any existing laws or ordinances that I'm aware of - sexual orientation," said Thomas J. Pilacek, a Longwood attorney specializing in labor discrimination cases.

"There are no laws prohibiting discrimination on that basis."

Pilacek said Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act prohibits employment discrimination based on race, sex, religion, or national origin. The Florida Human Rights Act also prohibits such discrimination based on race, sex, age or religion. He said color and race are generally synonymous, as are ancestry and national origin. Therefore, those provisions of the ordinance are covered too.

According to Pilacek, laws exist now to protect "handicapped" people from discrimination in the workplace, but "the term 'disabled' [in the ordinancel is much broader and would apply to more people."

He said existing anti-discrimination laws in the areas of housing and credit are much more limited than employment laws.

Federal and state laws prohibit discrimination in credit based on sex and race only. Pilacek said the only federal and state laws he knows of that ban discrimination in housing and public accom-modations cover race only.

The ordinance would also offer Orange County residents broader protection against discrimination and protect more groups than a comparable ordinance already on the books in the City of Orlando.

That ordinance bans discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex and national origin in the areas of public accommodations, housing, credit and employment.

The employment provision also covers discrimination on the basis of marital status, while the credit provision includes marital status, age and handicap.

The president of the Orlando-area Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), Ellen Hone Sr., said the ordinance would help women greatly by making it easier

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for them to seek compensation for discrimination, even in areas where state and federal laws already exist.

She said that under the federal and state laws, a woman often has to travel to Tallahassee to press charges, and that discourages many poor women from filing lawsuits and following them through.

"The closer to home the laws are, the quicker and simpler the redress," Hone said. "We need laws like this at the local level so the means of redress is accessible to people with fewer resources."

"NOW is definitely going to support this ordinance, and we will be happy to work on it," she added.

CHR SEEKS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The CHR plans to seek support from area religious, civic and political groups. In a few weeks, the group will mail the organizations a letter asking for their participation in its campaign to get the measure adopted.

The ordinance already has recieved formal support from one local group. The board of directors of the Central Florida chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) voted in January to endorse the measure "in principle."

"It's just rational thinking on [the ACLU's] part, that they can see that discrimination in any form is wrong," said CHR member Chris Alexander.

He said the endorsement will help because of the ACLU's reputation for fighting to preserve and extend civil liberties. "A lot of people respect the ACLU because they go beyond religious beliefs or political beliefs, right to the heart of human rights—the basic fundamental right of a human being to have a fair shake."

The CHR has members from many local groups, including the ACLU, NOW, the Unitarian Church, Central Floridians Against Censorship, Peaceworks and the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice.

The CHR hopes the involvement of diverse organizations will show politicians that the ordinance is worthy of support.

"We can walk up to them and say, 'There's a lot of people supporting this,' but they're not going to believe that unless we have letters [of endorsement] and people willing to come out and stand with us," Alexander said.

To heighten public awareness of the need to end discrimination, the CHR has designated the second Saturday in July of every year as "Equality Day."

Broad-based support for the ordinance will also induce politicians to take part in candidates forums the CHR plans to hold later this year, Alexander said.

"When they can see that we have that much pull, that large a group of people who might be potential voters ... they might be more willing to come and address the issues [of discrimination]."

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Letter States Mack's Stand on Gay Rights

Editor's Note: This is a response that a GLCS member received from Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., to a letter on a gay rights issue. To protect his privacy, the full name and address of the recipient of this letter are being withheld.

Dear Mr. "L":

I appreciate hearing of your interest in the proposed amendments to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

No American should suffer prejudice. Our Constitutional freedoms make this country great and provide all Americans with equal rights and protections from public and private intrusions. I believe all persons are already afforded full and equal protection under the law, regardless of sexual preference. As a conequence, I do not think the practice of homosexuality qualifies as a special status to be afforded added Constitutional protection.

This is an important issue, and I thank you for letting me know how you feel. I assure you,

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AIDS Update: The Latest Facts on the Deadly Disease

By Michael Dowdy Center Fold Staff Writer

Since the beginning of the 1980s, the term Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) [Now called Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV)] has become an important part of the American vocabulary.

AIDS\HIV infection is the most serious public health crisis today. By the end of 1986, 350,000 known cases of the AIDS\HIV virus had been diagnosed. The number of infected persons is still rising every day. Even though recent numbers have indicated a reduction in the rate of infection, the fact remains that there is still a problem.

Because of the long incubation period, many HIV-infected persons are unaware that they are carrying the virus. In addition, persons with AIDS (PWAs) with exterior symptoms often fail to report their status due to the fear discrimination and negative reprisals. These individuals are misdiagnosed and reported under different medical classifications. With all these factors, we many never know how many people are infected or have died from the disease.

THE BASICS

AIDS\HIV infection is a complex disease that targets the human body's natural immune system which provides protection against other disease-causing infections. When the HIV virus enters a human body, it infects and destroys the white blood cells. These white blood cells are the first line of defense for the body to fight off incoming infections. An infected person loses his/her natural defense against life- threatening infections called opportunistic

Infected individuals do not die of AIDS directly, the AIDS virus allows other infections to occur and these infections are the direct cause of death in a person. Many fear being in contact with someone with AIDS but it is the HIV infected person who could suffer the most being in the presence of other people. An HIVinfected person catching the common cold could lead to a life-threatening situation.

Infection with the HIV virus may not always lead to full-blown AIDS. Many persons with the HIV virus incubation period could be longer. remain in good health for months and years. Other infected individuals will go on to develop symptoms called AIDS-Related Complex (ARC).

ARC symptoms that are related to a HIV infection include: fatigue, fever, loss of appetite and weight, diarrhea, night sweats and swollen lymph glands. These symptoms may persist contact or one shared needle to for more than two weeks at a time contract the HIV virus. Like any and cannot be related to any other illness

Those who are infected can go on to develop full-blown AIDS. The length of time and tendency to develop AIDS from ARC depends on the individual. AIDS is diagnosed based on the following:

The presence of one or more opportunistic infections plus the positive blood test for the HIV antibodies.

This is a list of commonly occurring opportunistic infections:

 Pneumocystic Carinii Pneumonia - A parasitic infection of the lungs.

Symptoms include chronic coughing, high fever and difficulty in breathing (dyspnea).

- Kaposi's Sarcoma A rare type of cancer characterized by a bruised or blue-violet or even a brownish colored spot or spots. This tumor spreads to other parts of the human body.
- Toxoplasmosis Gondii A protozoan that attacks the eyes, heart and central nervous system. It is evidenced by fever, loss of memory (confusion) and loss of orientation (dementia)
- Candidiasis A fungus that often painfully attacks the throat area causing cheesy white deposits (oral thrush).
- Crytospordium A protozoan that causes unrelenting water diarrhea (loose stools) in persons with AIDS\HIV\ARC.
- Crytococcus Neuformas A devastating fungus that attacks the lungs, central nervous system, lymph nodes, intestinal tract and bone marrow. Also, it can affect the cerebro-spinal fluid of the infected

It is important to remember that the time between infection with the HIV virus and the appearance of the symptoms (incubation period) of AIDS or ARC can range from four-six months up to seven years. Now, many medical experts and researchers suggest that the

TESTING

If you have been sexually active or have been in close sexual contact with someone who is HIV-positive, it is important that you be tested. It takes only one intimate sexual disease, early detection can prevent the spread of the disease and start of proper treatment.

HTLV (AIDS) Screening is offered Monday through Friday by the Orange County Health Department. This test may be anonymous. You can arrange for an appointment by calling (407) 244-2680. There is a \$20 fee for this test. However, there is no charge for repeated tests.

For anonymous testing, all you have to do is simply give your birth date and a testing time will be set up. The medical workers at the Health Department are courteous, professional and exhibit non-judgmental behavior towards the gay and lesbian community.

The test consists of taking the person's blood and screening the blood for HIV antibodies. If HIV antibodies are detected, the blood will be retested using more advanced testing procedures to insure against a false positive result.

Counseling is provided before and after testing.

Several types of tests can be done. The more elaborate the testing, the higher the costs. If you would like up-to-date testing information and costs feel free to contact your physician or TransAid.

TREATMENT

There are no cures for AIDS at this time and there is only one FDAapproved drug for wide use, AZT. The drug is only approved for limited use and the cost of the drug is still very high. AZT only slows the progress of the HIV infection. The high cost is one of the many controversies surrounding this drug.

AZT cannot be taken by everyone due to individual reaction to the drug. Some individuals' reaction to the drug is just as harmful as the disease it's trying to control.

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Informer

By Michael Dowdy Center Fold Staff Writer

Let me introduce myself, my name is Michael Dowdy. I am pleased to announce that I am the writer for this new column called "HIV Informer," as well as the upcoming "Healthy Lifestyles" column.

I am a licensed practical nurse with over seven years of nursing experience. I have an associates degree from the University of New Mexico. Also, I have attended Hendricks Medical Center School of Nursing, where I received a diploma in practical nursing. Recently, I completed an HIV certification course prior to moving to Orlando.

The HIV Informer column will be a monthly medical update about the AIDS\HIV epidemic. The HIV Informer will focus on the many health-related issues, topics and medical breakthrough surrounding the HIV virus. Also, the "HIV Informer" will cover the efforts of TransAid Inc.

TransAid, as many of you may know, is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the HIVinfected persons of Central Florida. TransAids provides a 24-hour hotline for your convenience and offers various educational and support services. In addition, TransAid serves as a resource network that links together various other organizations fighting the AIDS\HIV epidemic.

This column represents the need for regular distribution of information to the gay and lesbian community of Central Florida. The Center Fold and its writers know the importance of getting not only information on AIDS\HIV but a whole host of information. I hope I can continue that effort with this column.

"Healthy Lifestyles" will be introduced next month and will focus on health-related issues that affect all of us in our day-to-day lives. I hope to hear from you.

You can send your comments and suggestions to:

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ministration (FDA) has approved a new drug that helps fight the opportunistic infections that are associated with AIDS. Alpha Interferon is approved for use against Kaposi's Sarcoma, genital warts and a rare form of leukemia. Alpha Interferon given to persons infected with AIDS in a wafer form in small amounts has shown to reduce significantly the symptoms associated with HIV infections. It is not a cure.

Several drugs are being tested and show promising results but are awaiting FDA approval. These are:

• HIVAC-1e: Manufactured by Bristol Myers Squibb\Oncogen U.S. Development Status: Phase I for prevention in HIV negative

VaxSyn (R): Manufactured by MicroGeneSys.

U.S. Development Status: Phase II as a vaccine in HIV-negative persons; Phase II as a therapeutic in early HIV infections.

PREVENTION

There is only one sure way of not getting an HIV infection, abstinence. For the rest of us human beings, a totally monogamous [PWAs], and, more specifically, when we relationship or safe sex is a more realistic position but in either case it is recommended that you use a condom.

It is important to know that since the FDA has allowed the increased use of AZT (and possible future treatments), you should be more selective and careful. The personmay appear to healthy but that is no guarantee. It is always wise to play it safe.

If you have any questions about HIV\AIDS\ARC, please feel free to contact TransAid at (407) 839-0945.

Remember, a cure for AIDS will not happen without the monies needed for research. Please give when you can and don't forget to help those who are infected. They did not choose to get AIDS. AIDS affects everyone, just ask Ryan White's family.

TransAid Wins Disney Award

By Benjamin B. Markeson **Layout Editor**

TransAid Support Services Inc. won a Walt Disney World Community Service Award at a ceremony held April 24 at Disney World's Contemporary Hotel.

"I feel ecstatic, I feel overjoyed," said Alfredo Martinez Garcia, founder and director of TransAid, which provides counseling and support services for persons with AIDS (PWAs). "Finally, the Walt Disney Company has recognized that AIDS is a major problem in our community."

Martinez said TransAid won the award in recognition of the services it provides its clients. "[It was] for the times that we have transported and that we have helped were there for the people in crisis via our hot line," he said.

The Disney award, which was in the category of Special Health Services, carries a cash prize of \$2,000. Martinez said the money would be used for client services. TransAid, which was founded in 1986, has an annual budget of \$3,000.

This was the second award that TransAid has received in recent months. The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights gave Martinez its Harold Pickett Award in

recognition of his and TransAid's efforts in June 1989. That was the first time the award had been given to anyone outside of New York City.

Michael Wanzie, director of the Center, reacted to the Disney award.

"Knowing that Disney would most assuredly not openly give money to what is perceived as a gay organization, it's encouraging that they at least have made the distinction that AIDS is not specifically a gay disease," he said.

According to Wanzie, the Disney organization has become more aware in recent years of the impact of AIDS upon society. For instance, the company ran a four-part series on AIDS in its employee newsletter last year and has made AIDS information available in the hands-on computer center in the Wonders of Life pavilion at EPCOT.

"I think that Disney is beginning to act fairly responsibly, regardless of what public perceptions might be," Wanzie said. "However, they can really prove their concern by donating money to Gay/Lesbian Community Services with respect to what they must know is a high percentage of gay and lesbian employees [at Disney World]."

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churches [from which they have been expelled or excommunicated]. I'm sorry to say that so many people who carry the name of Christ don't really reflect what Christianity is all about. Gandhi once said, 'I probably would like to become a Christian if I could ever meet one.'

"In my sermon at the National Council of Churches I told them whether we were voted in was not a need for our validity; the Holy Spirit gave us that when God called us into existence. The gift we have for the Council is the theology of sexuality, not of homosexuality, to deal with the human family as it is and not as some wish it to be.

"We know who we are. But most of the gays and lesbians who ascribe to [the] Christian faith are not members of MCC but of these other churches. But if these members cannot be accepted for who they are, if they are expelled for who and what they are, those churches must come to terms on the Day of Judgment.

"Many gays and lesbians reject the theories of faith and religion because of rejection and dismissal. We must be in the forefront of actions to seek and demand recognition of the gay people so that the gay and lesbian community understands all of our interests are hand-in-hand.

"I was among those who called for the March on Washington in 1987, because as a Christian, it is my duty to fight oppression and see that it is stopped. I do it from the church but I would do it without

the church because I fight for all people.

"We can all work together. I only worry about those within our community who would seek to destroy me or the church. We are all a part of the gay rights movement, the church is not going to be an outsider. Many in the church do not consider themselves 'religious' but do consider themselves 'spiritual' and that's important. Many don't want to be thought of as 'churchy.'

"All gay people are not going to be members of MCC. But if one is a member of any church, by his presence he cannot permit others [in the church] to discriminate against him. If one remains in a church, it is a duty to make sure to make a change in that denomination.

"We members of MCC are not members of those other churches and we can be a pressure group from without because our existence is the only reason there is any recognition by other churches; if MCC didn't exist, other churches would not be dealing with this at all.

"I have found more and more there are large numbers of gays and lesbians who attend other churches, there is a great hunger for this faith. Unfortunately, many of these people view us with suspicion, wondering if we really are a church. Many have come to visit and been happy to discover that MCC really is a church. If they will come and visit us four consecutive weeks, they discover there is a comraderie, a spirit of family and community, and there is the presence of God."

On the matter of being gay, Perry responded: "I

say I am amazed when a fundamentalist will stand and say I 'have chosen this lifestyle.' Has he chosen to be discriminated against, to be beaten or murdered or to get himself fired. No, no, no! Let me tell you this is such a part of my nature; I am what I am.

"We have reached a point in the last 20 years where we have decided to stand up and say, 'No more!' We will not be pushed any more. We are growing in leaps and bounds, we are buying our won houses and becoming part of the community. And the church is growing: we have churches in small towns where there is not even a gay bar.

"There is a time in the tomorrow of time when the MCC will be accepted in the community of churches. When they come and witness our celebration, see the uniqueness of MCC and listen to what we say, they will know there is a spiritual force among us.

"Of course there will always be some folks where I could visit with my friend who was a Nobel Prize winner and they will see him as a 'nigger' and see me as a 'queer.'

"But it doesn't make any difference when it comes to the larger community. I have a faith in America, a faith that Americans can't be pushed around, that they will question things and not accept them blindly.

"I have frequently cautioned gays and lesbians: be careful to whom you give power over you. And as the larger community understands and accepts us, we shall become a part of that community."

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FUNDAMENTALIST PREACHER WANTS RIGHT TO DISCRIMINATE

When the drive to get the anti-discrimination ordinace adopted reachs the point where it is under consideration by the Orange County Commission, it undoubtedly will be opposed by Christian fundamentalists, such as local minister and right-wing activist John Butler Book, who opposes the measure primarily because of the sexual orientation clause.

"I think such an ordinance would be unconstitutional because the First Amendment guarantees me the right of religious freedom," said Book, pastor of the Northside Church of Christ and a televangelist.

"If for religious reasons I'd want to discriminate against those who practice a lifestyle I'm opposed to, I should be free to do so.

"As a property owner and an employer, I want the right to discriminate against them."

Book said he doesn't feel anti-discrimination laws are needed for other groups, such as blacks and women, but added, "I'd rent to a good black like I'd rent to a good white. I'm a redneck conservative, but I'm 100 percent against the Ku Klux Klan."

He said the religion, political affiliation and disabled categories are too broad. "We could have some newly formed political party like the Palestine Liberation Organization or the KKK wanting protection. People could call homosexuality a religion! People dying of AIDS or work for passage of local anti-discrimination laws. tuberculosis shouldn't be allowed to work just because they're 'disabled.'"

According to Book, all the other provisions of the ordinance are a come-on to get the sexual orientation provision adopted. "They're just window dressing," he said.

What really upsets Book is homosexuality. "God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve," he said. Book cited numerous biblical passages condemning gay sex, including Leviticus 18:22: "Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind. It is an abomination."

He said the Bible considers homosexuality a crime like murder or theft, and it may be punishable by death under civil law.

Asked whether he thought all gays should be killed, Book replied: "Well, not really. The Bible doesn't say all gays should be killed necessarily. It just says it depends on the law of the government at the time. Christians should follow their country's laws as well as God's laws.

"If the law said they should be put to death, well, it's not unscriptural for a Christian to pull the approval of the Florida Legislature to hold the switch. Just like for Ted Bundy."

Book's second reason for opposing the ordinance is AIDS and other diseases he says most gays carry. "These people are walking time bombs," he said.

PUSH FOR ORDINANCE PART OF STATEWIDE TREND

The anti-gay sentiments of people like Book have prompted gay rights activists all over Florida to 32856-1504, or call (407) 263-7994.

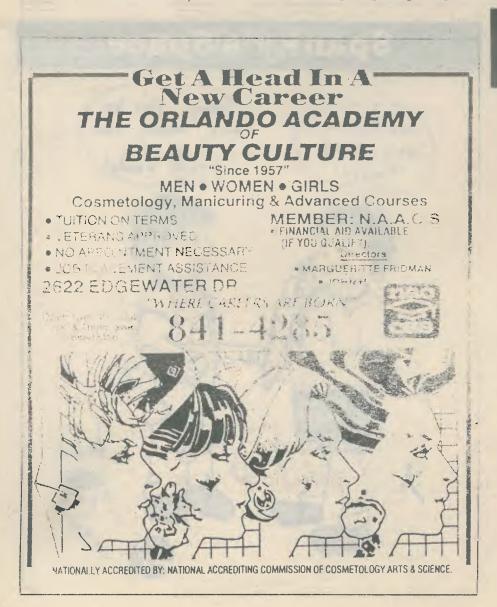
In the Tampa Bay area, the Tampa City Council and the Hillsborough County Commission both recently considered amending their human rights ordinances to include sexual orientation at the urging of the Bay Area Human Rights Coalition. Gay rights activists met with double defeat, however, in October when the County Commission voted down the amendment and the City Council followed suit.

In some cases, activists are winning passage of anti-discrimination measures, despites sometimes heated opposition by conservatives and religious fundamentalists.

The Palm beach County Commission voted in January to add anti-discrimination protection based on sexual orientation, marital status and age to the county's fair housing ordinance.

Most recently, the Broward County state legislative delegation voted to seek passage of a bill to allow a countywide referendum on adding a sexual orientation clause to the county's human rights ordinance. Broward's charter requires referendum. The sexual orientation clause was previously approved by Broward's human rights board and county commission.

The next meeting of the CHR will be held on Tuesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the First Un tarian Church of Orlando, 1815 E. Robinson St. All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information on the CHR, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 561504, Orlando, Fla.





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Book Briefs

By Jackie Fields & Lori Barstow **Center Fold Staff Writers**

Hello, Central Florida! We're glad to have you reading this column and we hope you stay with us in the months to follow. We'll be geared toward anyone who reads. We'll do new books and classics. Occasionally we'll do reading lists and sometimes editorialize. We welcome comments and suggestions.

Our primary source of material will be the Orange County Library System to assure maximum availability of the books we review. If we get a title elsewhere, we'll tell you.

So, for now, welcome. Tell us what you think of this month's reviews. Or about the latest great book you've read. We'll be here.

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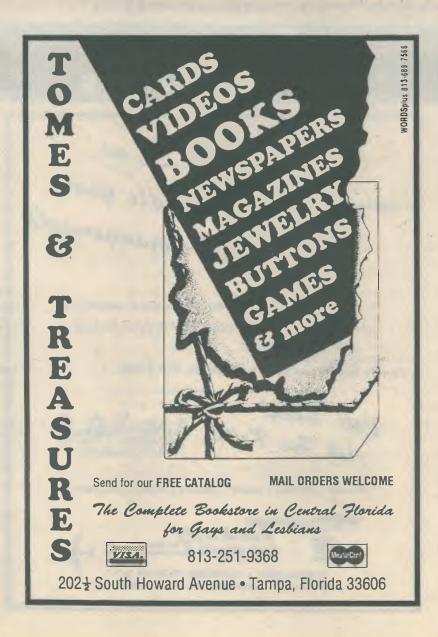
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Spanky's Space



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challenge if it maintains its anonymity and denies itself the privileges of being true to itself. But it also denies itself recognition and acceptance. Such is the choice of much of the Gay community.

Is it really possible today to keep your whole life – your real life – a secret? Can you really convince yourself that your neighbors and your friends and your family don't know? Do you think it's possible that this benevolent government doesn't know you and the details of your life if it chooses?

There are very real possibilities that other ghettos are in the future for people who do not fit the mold. Would you be better off fighting this battle by yourself or would you have a better chance as a member of a community that is speaking in voices that are in the millions?

The black community heard the voice of a leader and rallied around him and began its march to freedom and out of the ghetto. They are still fighting the war and winning and losing battles – but they are going forward against injustice and bigotry.

Are you fighting? Are you winning or losing – or are you just silent? We have lost some battles recently, and in

the future we will lose even more; our war has a long, long way to go. One need only view some recent elections across the nation to realize the losses, and to understand there are lessons to be learned.

Our battles must be waged from within the whole community of man, for once we are separated from the community and confined to an assigned space, we lose our platform and our recognition and our validity. The demands that will be placed upon us "for the benefit of all" will effectively fragment us as a viable force or influence, and our voices will be stilled.

How personal, how imminent must the threat be before so many are moved to participate in the defense and protection of their individual liberty?

Perhaps it wouldn't stir you to action or even words if I were to lose my freedom or 10 or 12 individuals were to lose their freedom in completely isolated incidences. But you can be assured that should we lose our rights one by one, your turn will come!

Act and speak while you are free to do so. Speaking from the silence of confinement is no more effective them speaking from the grave. And the rewards are just about the same.

A few days ago an acquaintance approached me and asked if I didn't write articles under the pseudonym of "Jeff Campbell." The reason he voiced the question is that he knows me as "Cecil Campbell," which happens to be my true given name. He knows me as Cecil because I am employed under that name in that it is my legal name.

Obviously it is no secret or, if it ever was, the preceding paragraph certainly raises my veil and drops my beads. I didn't feel the fact that I am known by two names was terribly important, because most know me as Jeff. Even the people with whom I work and under whom I work, while calling me Cecil, know that I prefer to be known as Jeff. But the fact that someone asked me if I enjoyed the luxury of a nom de plume kept nagging me and I soon realized how important this is.

My recent articles have invited or challenged closeted Gays to speak up and be heard and seen, and to these readers it could appear that perhaps I was hiding behind a pseudonym. How unfair of me that would be. I have no disguise; I live no secret life. What you read in my columns is what I am and where I stand.

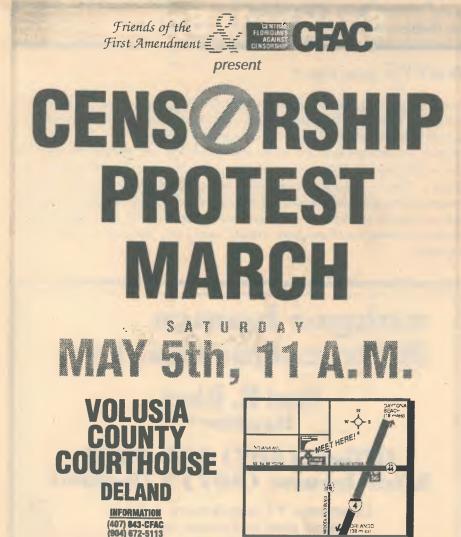
While it is true that I do not go to work wearing a pink triangle or any

other symbol of my sexual orientation, I don't know anyone of any sexual persuasion who does. Quite honestly, I don't know what that has to do with who I am. Just as honestly, it's not anyone's business unless that person is trying to bed down with me, and even that is pointless, because I am very happy in a monogamous relationship of 30 years.

It has long been beyond my understanding that a number of us Gays seem to feel an obligation to inform everyone we meet that we are indeed Gay. The only reason I can see in this instant and impulsive "confession" is an effort to seduce this person with this sudden sexual information. Why bother otherwise?

Life is so much more than the physical pleasures of making love; there is a wonderful world out there. All the fun is not at the Gay bars and Whipoorwill Park. Life is not just Gay Bowl and Gay Skate and Gay bars; life is not just Gay. Life is the whole scene out there and you pick and choose those aspects that make your life happier and more satisfying. It is our responsibility to not segregate ourselves from the rest of the world and then blame the rest of the world for segregating us.

... and remember, I prefer to be known as Jeff!



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Church Chat

By Roy Trussell Center Fold Staff Writer

The Family That Cares Church will celebrate its second anniversary on Sunday, May 13. The church was formed Easter Morning 1988 with a membership of 15, and since then has been holding services in various members' homes. The church now has its own space on Forsyth Road and a membership of 35. The Family is a Christian church acknowledging the Apostle's Creed as its statement of faith. Members are from various religious backgrounds; all are welcome and you are invited to worship with them.

On Sunday, May 13, at l p.m. the congregation is meeting at Quincy's Steak House, 4000 E. Colonial Drive, for a "Dutch Treat" lunch and fellowship social gathering and you are invited to join them. After luncheon a special anniversary service will be held in the Chapel and Pastor Mary Jo Gunn says, "Join us as we celebrate our second anniversary and dedicate our new altar and furnishings to the glory of God."

The Family has chosen May 20 to join in the Blue Lights Campaign with a special lighting ceremony in memory of Len Jones. Len was a charter member of The Family That Cares Church and this date notes the second anniversary of his death from AIDS-related illness. From that time and into the future, a blue light will burn in the chapel 24 hours a day as a beacon of hope until a cure for AIDS is found. You can show your love and concern for persons living with AIDS by placing a blue light in your window. Lights are available from the church for \$2.50 each and half of the proceeds will be donated to Trans-Aid Support Services.

A primary social evening is scheduled for each month and for the month of May, a Game Night has been planned on May 19 at 7. So plan on being there bringing your favorite games and snacks to share in a relaxing evening of fun.

Sunday Worship services are held at 4 p.m. in the Chapel at 2090 Forsyth Road, Suite 205, and all are welcome. For information about any activity, call the church office at (407) 671-8800.

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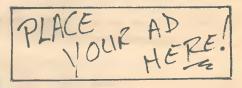
Real/fantasy/fun – much more. Adlists – a must for the '90s. Florida/S.E./national group. Info pix pak \$3: NYWC, 59 W. 10th St., New York City, N.Y. 10011.

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WAVES, from Page 7

open to only eight people for the low cost of \$25. To register, call Lang at (407) 425-5766. For those who wish to have individual sessions, they are available, as well as small group discounts for you and your friends.

Future workshops will deal more with emotional and mental healing. The May workshop will focus on self-esteem and relationships with yourself and others — "The root of which is allowing yourself to truly love yourself. When you truly love yourself, all kinds of wonderful things will happen in your life and in your mind. And we can start loving ourselves by choosing the most positive of thoughts in our brain-mind," said Lang, the newly created New Age man.

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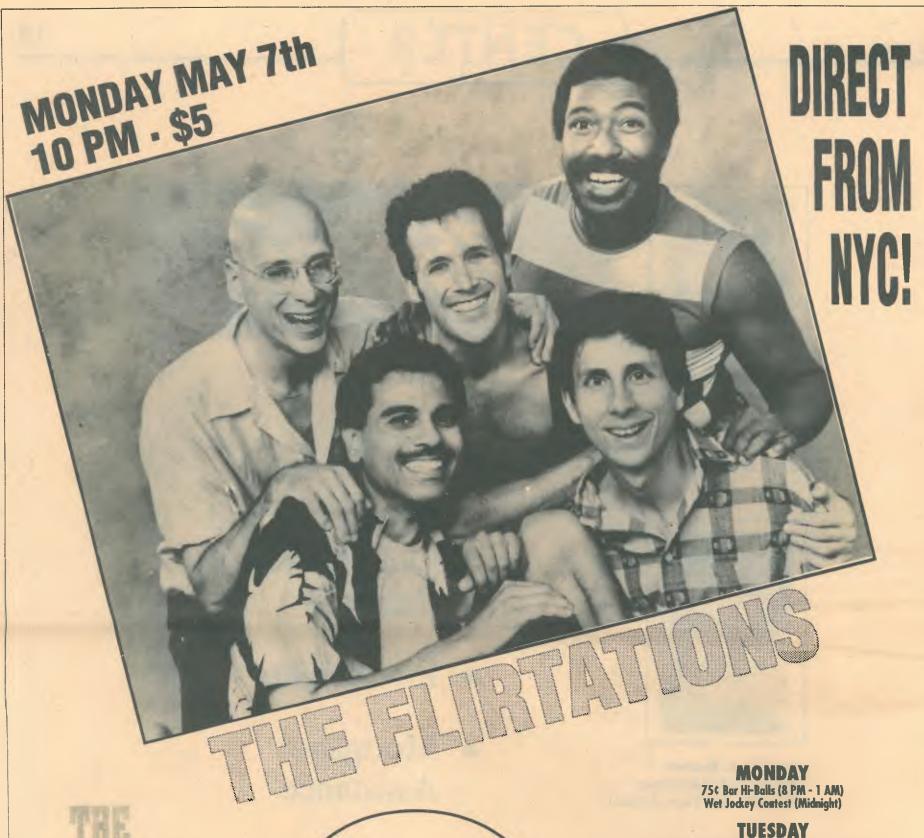
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- OPEN AUDITIONS -"STREET THEATRE" A Play by DORIC WILSON Directed by PAUL M. WEGMAN A GLCS PRIDE WEEK PRODUCTION Setting: Christopher Street. the Evening of June 27, 1969 - the Night of the Stonewall Riots -Male & Female Roles Audition at the Center • Call 425-GLCS for Info

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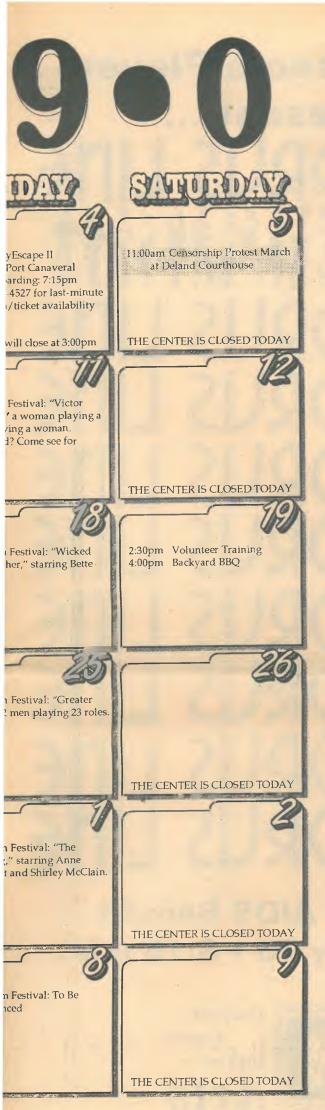
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LOCATION 750 W. Colonial Dr. Orlando

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HOURS OF OPERATION Monday - Friday · 1 p.m.-9 p.m. Weekends · As required



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. AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION. Meets 3rd Tuesday each month at Orlando Public Library, Downtown Orlando. AREA. AIDS Resource Education and Assistance. An AIDS

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

support group

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.

CENTRAL FLORIDA COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. Working towards passing legislation in Orange County protecting rights of all citizens. Meets the second Tuesday every month at the First Unitarian Church, 1815 E. Robinson St. in Orlando. 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 U.L.C. 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 relation-

ships, and a healthier body and spirit-

HOPE AND HELP CENTER. An AIDS support service organiza-

JOY MCC. Joy Metropolitan Community Church. A Christian church open to all denominations regardless of race, sexor 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 Fairvilla 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 Thursdays. 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 BowlAmerica.

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 commu-

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.

3.2.1 CONTACT

Community Contact Information

Alcoholics Anonymous	
Orlando	(407) 647-3333
Brevard County	(407) 242-8063
AIDS Hotline (Nationwide)	
AIDS Testing, Anonymous	
Orlando	(407) 244-2601
Volusia County	(904) 257-1700
American Civil Liberties Union	(407) 628-8252
AREA - AIDS related services	(407) 647-2765
Breaking the Silence MCC	(407) 254-5884
(Brevard County)	
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	(407) 846-0456
(Kissimmee AIDS service organizati	ion)
Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition	(407) 889-9919
(Scott or Larry)	
Gay Information Hotline	(407) THE-GAYS
(24 hours)	
Gay Peer Counseling	(407) THE-GAYS
(8 p.m 11 p.m., 7 days)	
G.L.C.S Gay and Lesbian	(407) THE-GAYS
Community Services	
Health Dept. (Orange County)	(407) 244-2601
Hope and Help Center	(407) 894-1992
(AIDS related services)	
Joy MCC (Orlando)	(407) 894-1081
Lambda Legal Defense	(212) 995-8585
LCN Express	(407) 273 1825
Legal Aid Society	
Local Organization of Gays/Lesbians-Oc	
National Gay and Lesbian Law	(904) 656-2024

Association	or (904) 488-5899
Ocala-Marion County Community	(904) 629-5124
AIDS Network	
PFLAG - Parents and Friends	(407) THE-GAYS
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Professional Women's Group	(407) 862-6732
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) 839-0945
In emergency	(407) 351-6930
We Care, 24-hour suicide	(407) 628-1227
intervention hotline	
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
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.

In The Neighborhood

YARD SALE

The Hope & Help yard sale is scheduled for June 3, 1990 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Hope & Help Center is offering a free pick-up service for your resaleable items. Just call the AIDS support organization at (407) 894-1992 to arrange pick up. The sale site is the corner of Fairbanks and Adamson between I-4 and Edgewater Drive.

FLIRTATIONS LEAD MONTH OF GREAT PARLIAMENT HOUSE EVENTS. CHECK THE LIST AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR AS THE P.H. CELEBRATES ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY.

Monday, May 7th at 10 p.m.
The Flirtations in concert Monday
May 14th at 9 p.m.
Mr. & Ms. Parliament House Pageant
Sunday, May 20th at 8 p.m.
Mr. Florida Drummer
Monday, May 28th

Beach Party 90 - Activities throughout the day in celebration of Memorial Day

MAY MEETING OF GLPCI

The next meeting of Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International will be held at the N.O.W. House located at 1710 W. Colonial Dr., May 10, from 7 - 9 p.m. Baby-sitting will be available, but please call Chris Alexander (831-8248 or 425-4527) with the number and ages of children so we can have enough supervision. Also call to R.S.V.P so there will be enough food and beverages. B.Y.O.B. If possible, leave name and number in case of changes.

SOMETHING NEW

Are you willing to try something new? Tired of the same old stuff? Well look no further, Hank's has the solution! Every Monday evening Hank's has an exciting 4-team dart league. On Monday evenings at 8 p.m., 16 men gather to try for that old bullseye. Hank's is looking for a few good men to expand the league. For more information call Chris DuChaine at 740-0094.

UCF STUDENTS

Remember UCF has a Gay and Lesbian student organization. Contact Lance Smith at 380-2835.

"TALES OF THE LOST FORMICANS"

Opening May 18th at Theatre Downtown is Constance Congdon's "Tales of The Lost Formicans", a play celebrating human survival in an increasingly alienated society. "Tales" premieres at Theatre Downtown May 18th with performances thru June 16th, at 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. A Sunday matinee will be held June 3 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 Thursday and Sunday, \$10 Friday and Saturday. For information and reservations call the box office at (407) 841-0083.

FIGHT FOR LIFE BENEFIT

Fight For Life, Osceola County's AIDS Support Group, will be the beneficiary when Osceola Center for the Arts and Osceola Players of Kissimmee present "A Chorus Line." The AIDS benefit will be presented on Wednesday, May 16, 1990. A Special Guest will be Mrs. Helen Bennett, the mother of Michael Bennett, the Pulitzer Prize, Tony Award Winner, Dancer/Choreographer/Director, Playwright and Author of "A Chorus Line" who died in 1987 of AIDS. Since her son's death, Mrs. Bennett has led the crusade in the continuing battleagainst AIDS. Now living in Sarasota, Florida, she is very active in the Sarasota AIDS Support Group. She gives the advice to parents to "Love your children as you would if they were suffering from any other type of illness." A free cocktail hour will precede the evening performances. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Fight For Life will provide a number of tickets to PWA's who cannot afford a ticket through local AIDS supports groups in the Orlando area. For reservations and information, call Fight For Life at (407) 846-0456.

GLCS Events

PEOPLE OF COLOR

The newly reorganized People of Color Group will have its first meeting on May 10, 1990 at The Center, 750 W. Colonial Dr., and will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays every monthat 8 p.m. The facilitator is LeJune Perrin, a board member of GLCS and a black woman. The hope is that this group would serve as a place to discuss those issues affecting individuals of color within the "greater community." During the first meeting, there will be discussion as to other purposes for this group.

PRIDE WEEK

Help plan Pride Week. The next Pride Planning committee meetings are scheduled for Monday, May 7th and May 21st at 7:30 p.m. at The Center.

1990 ANNUAL PRIDE PICNIC

Saturday, June 30th at Camp Heronwood located on Red Bug Road, one mile off Hwy. 436. Boating, softball, swimming, volleyball, etc.... Tickets on sale for \$5 at The Center and other designated locations.

AUDITIONS FOR GAY PRIDE PLAY

GLCS will produce a local production of Doric Wilson's "Street Theatre" directed by Paul M. Wegman. The setting of this historically accurate yet amusing depiction of the evening of June 27, 1969 is set on Christopher Street just outside the

famous Stonewall Inn. Auditions will be held at The Center, 750 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, on Monday, May 21 at 7 p.m. Paul wishes to use an all Gay and Lesbian cast and is willing to work with less experienced actors in an effort to cultivate a grass roots Gay and Lesbian theatre troop for GLCS "street theatre." Calls for the following roles to be filled:

Murfino Jack Heavy leather, keys left A politically incorrect Lesbian A flower child

Seymour A vice cop
Ceil A street queen
Donovan Apparently a pedestrian
Sidney In the closet
BoomBoom A street queen

Timothy New in town
Michael In analysis
(from the boys in the band)
Donald Non committal

Jordan (from the boys in the band)
A student radical
Gordon A new left liberal

Performances are scheduled for Monday, June 25th at the Enzian Theatre, also Tuesday June 26th, Sat. June 30th. Monday and Tuesday July 1st, and 2nd are 16 Particles and 10 to auditions on May 21st and take an active role in Orlando's Pride Week.

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