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## Rainbow Flag Flies Over Calif. State Capitol for 1st Time

The third annual National Coming Out day on Oct. 11 was punctuated by an historic event in Sacramento, Calif., the state capitol: the rainbow flag, a symbol of gay and lesbian pride, was flown from the state Capitol flagpole.

However, the day was marred when Republican Gov. George Deukmejian and Democratic state Sen. Ruben S. Ayala ordered the flag removed after it had flown less than three hours.

The action also was supported by U.S. Sen. Pete Wilson, the GOP nominee in California's gubernatorial election. Because of this, a Southern California political action committee announced that it planned to ask Wilson to return a \$1,000 campaign donation. Wilson won the governor's race on Nov. 6, beating Demo-

crat Diane Feinstein, the former mayor of San Francisco.

Deukmejian was attacked by state Assemblyman Terry Friedman for ordering the removal of the flag: "On a day when lesbians and gay

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## 'Vampire Lesbians' Was a Bloody Successful Fund-Raiser for GLCS

By Laurence Sheldon  
Center Fold Staff Writer

Shortly before the witching hour of midnight, on Saturday, Oct. 13, strange events and even stranger people appeared at Theatre Downtown. The event at the theater on Orange Avenue was a sold-out performance of *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*, a fund-raising benefit for GLCS.

Prior to the performance, members of the crew wandered around the lobby wearing ghoulish but tasteful outfits. Some of the paying guests also were caught up in the excitement and came in theatrical costumes.

The play was a major success, both financially - the performance raised more than \$400 for GLCS - and artistically. The audience howled at the dialogue of *Vampire Lesbians* ... , witty by any standards, as well as the carefully choreographed stage movements. The costumes, and in some cases, the lack thereof, had to be seen to be fully appreciated. Even a tasteful tattoo on one star's left

buttock seemed appropriate.

Director Tom Sherohman put the actors through their paces with a deft hand. The satire was handled with enough finesse to make the situations laughable without being heavy handed.

For those who missed seeing this hilarious spoof or didn't hear about it, the play was written by Charles Busch. It ran for over 2,000 performances off-Broadway.

According to Sherohman, this production of *Vampire Lesbians* ... was one of the first non-Equity productions in the country. He added that Theatre Downtown had been trying to get the theatrical rights to the play for some time and was delighted to finally get permission to stage it.

The "heroine" of *Vampire Lesbians* ... progresses through three scenes in the play. She starts out as a sacrificial virgin, turns into an aging *Sunset Boulevard*-type movie queen of the 1920s and then segues into a second-rate Las Vegas performer. The most

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## Time for a Change as the Year Ends

By David Bain  
GLCS President

It's difficult for me to believe that another year is coming to a close. But, instead of the typical look back at what we have done, I must begin looking toward the upcoming year.

This January, the members of GLCS will cast their votes for those individuals they feel qualified to run their



corporation for the next year. All board members except LeJune Perrin, Chris Alexander and myself will be up for re-election to the board of directors. LeJune, Chris and I

will continue our two-year terms of office.

In just a few days, GLCS members will receive notice and nomination forms. Any member of GLCS for more than 90 days is qualified to run for the board of directors but before you decide to run, I would strongly urge that you continue to read so you will fully understand the commitment and dedication necessary to become an effective member of the GLCS board.

First, you must be able to dedicate a great deal of time and energy to our organization. It is run by the sheer determination and financial backing of the board of directors. Be prepared to put in no less than eight hours per week working on board projects, attend two board meetings per month and one or two committee meetings plus attend and support all the fund-raising events throughout the year.

Second, you must be able to commit financially to our organization. Every board member is responsible for sharing the burden of fund-raising from within the community. This means you will be asked to solicit funds from our community on behalf of GLCS. If you cannot make financial contributions yourself, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to ask others for donations. You have to

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## The Center Survives and Succeeds in 1990

By John Rose  
Center Director

Since this is the last issue of *The Center Fold* to be published in 1990 it might not be a bad time to look back on the year and see how or what progress your community center has made.

The most astonishing thing we have accomplished this year is just having survived. The fact that we are still here and operating continues to amaze me. Somehow we just manage to come up with the rent and utilities each month. If it were not for our PALS (Patrons And Loving

Both these efforts have been great successes. The Youth Program, initiated after much research and planning is undoubtedly our crowning achievement. Gay and Lesbian youth now have some place to go to discuss their problems that is safe and non-judgmental.

Our in-house counseling program now runs four evenings a week and serves those in our community who cannot afford standard counseling fees. Help is now available in an all-gay setting run by sympathetic, highly qualified counselors.

Certainly of great value to the community as a whole is our good relationship with the local press. Both my predecessor and I have been able to build and maintain a highly successful relationship with

*The Orlando Sentinel* and local TV stations. This has resulted in some very positive reporting on gay and lesbian issues and events. We hope to expand on this and look forward to increased coverage for Pride Week 1991.

The one thing we as an organization have to be thankful for — above all else — is our fantastic volunteer staff.

GLCS volunteers come in all shapes and sizes, all colors and hues, and from all backgrounds imaginable. We need each and every one of them. They are the heart and soul of GLCS. Without them we are nothing, can do nothing, cannot survive.

If you would like to do your part for Orlando's gay and lesbian community, give us a call. We'll gladly tell you how you can help.

Events on tap for November and December include a benefit performance of the play *Eastern Standard* on Nov. 20, an Art & Gift Auction on Nov. 24 and the White Party on Dec. 8. Please call The Center for information and tickets for these events.

Don't forget our holiday meals at The Center on both Thanksgiving and

Christmas days at 2 p.m. These meals are open to all free of charge. We will, however, gladly accept any donations. Hope you all have happy holidays!



Supporters) program we would have closed the doors here long ago.

Due, I suppose, to the economic downturn (recession) our monthly Pals pledges have fallen off drastically. August pledges totaled \$3,208, September's \$1,781 and October's \$1,866. If you can, please send in your pledge and help me keep some of my remaining hair.

Two things stick out in my mind as being this year's major accomplishments:

First, the start up of our long-awaited Youth Program and second, the establishment of our in-house counseling program.



## Going for a Walk in the Park?

By Linda Cartwright  
Contributor

You may want to think twice before taking a stroll in any of the public parks of Central Florida right now.

Judging from the number of complaints we've received at The Center and general chit-chat, our vigilant defenders of the morality in the Orlando Police Department and the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation are hauling single males in left and right for such things as "conspiracy to commit lewd and lascivious acts."

In plain English, that means you can be arrested simply for having a

pleasant conversation with a guy in the park.

The fact that it's blatant entrapment doesn't stop these officers. We've been through this before in Orlando. The point is not really to stop anything illegal (or tasteless) taking place in the parks, it's to get the message out to gay men: you are not welcome in the park!

(Never mind that your tax dollars support the parks as much as anyone else's.) As a matter of fact, your tax dollars and mine support this whole endeavor. Jesse Helms may love it, but I call it obscene.

What to do? First, if you've been

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## To Boycott or Not to Boycott

### Opinion

By Michael J. Sopoliga  
Managing Editor

Throughout the nation, some gay organizations have exerted a great deal of effort in trying to get gays to stop drinking Miller beer.

It seems that Phillip Morris, the parent company of Miller, supported the reelection of Republican Jesse Helms, the senator we love to hate because of his homophobic political posture.

If we don't like someone's political agenda, we have a right to oppose them. That's the American way! But was a boycott, which only indirectly hurt the Helms campaign, the "best" way to get rid of him? I don't think so.

Sure, pictures of gays standing in the streets pouring Miller beer down the gutter makes for great copy, but do we realize that that person so defiantly pouring Miller Light down the gutter had to first pay for it? So Miller has still made money, seemingly for Jesse Helms, as some people "boycott!"

I believe that the best way to get rid of a bad politician is through the ballot box. Those same people could have better served their gay community by redirecting their efforts to getting their friends in the bars to vote, especially if they live in North Carolina!

But most gays are politically passive, and would rather rally around superficial exercises, for the most part, done with no real political effect. By not drinking Miller beer, we send the weakest message to Helms and others like him. I don't think he's shaking in his boots because of a boycott of one of his supporters.

But I dare say that he would indeed be shaking if he knew that come the next election, he would be removed from office at the hands of a strong gay alliance. Get out and vote - that's the best way to remove a person from office.

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## From the Editor's Desk

By Michael J. Sopoliga  
Managing Editor

I am writing this report from the new *Center Fold* offices. *The Center Fold* is now occupying the Trans-Aid space on the second floor of the rear building at the Center. I wish Trans-Aid well in their new, and larger, facilities.

The two offices on the second floor will be converted into a copy and layout room, and an office for the managing editor. I am grateful to the board of directors, especially John Rose and David Bain, for seeing the need for the *Center Fold* office space to be enlarged. With this new space, I will be able to better manage the operations of *The Center Fold*, and get the paper out on time, starting in January 1991. That's a promise!

Since this is the holiday issue, I would like to appeal to all of you to please support your gay community. If you have no one to give a Christmas gift to, give one to the Center. You'll be giving to something that will give back to you all year long!

Since this is the season for love I would like to leave you with these words from the movie *The Rose*. Bette Midler sings them, I wish you to ponder them this season:

*Some say love, it is a river  
that drowns the tender reed,  
Some say love, it is a razor,  
that leaves your heart to bleed*

*Some say love, it is a hunger,  
an endless aching need  
I say love is a flower,  
and you its only seed*

*It's the heart afraid of breaking,  
that never learns to dance  
It's the dream afraid of waking  
that never takes the chance*

*It's the one that won't be taken,  
who cannot seem to give  
And the soul afraid of dying,  
that never learns to live*

*When the night has been too lonely,  
and the road has been too long  
and you think that love is only  
for the lucky and the strong*

*Just remember in the winter,  
far beneath the bitter snow  
lies the seed that with the sun's love  
in the spring becomes the Rose*

Have a loving and happy holiday season!

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harassed or even arrested in the park for cruising, call the Florida chapter of GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) at (407) 236-9499 and report the incident.

They need as much documentation as possible before they can raise a proper stink.

Second, if you have been arrested in the parks or else-where for talking about having sex in a PRIVATE place (NOT the park), and had NO physical contact with the person you

*Remember what Mom  
always said, "Don't talk  
to strangers!"*

discussed this with, call Mr. Evan Wolfson at Lambda Legal Defense Fund (212) 995-8585. Lambda is looking for a plaintiff who fits that description so that it can challenge Florida's lewd and lascivious conduct statute.

Finally, use some common sense and remember what Mom always said, "Don't talk to strangers!"



## Killed in 'the Closet'

By Jeremy Chem  
Contributor

A group of screaming idiots attacked and burned the U. S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, in the snowy month of December, over a decade ago. Brian Ellis and Steve Crowley, two American servicemen, were killed. Lest we forget.

Citizens of these United States, non-gay and otherwise, continue to complain, and have been complaining, about American servicemen who are released as hostages, or who have been released from captivity, for example, in the United States Embassy in Iran.

These same citizens who refuse to stand up for "Old Glory" and match bearers who continue to fight for her demise complain because "fighting" men accept their release(s).

"What kind of men do we have in our Armed Services today?" they often ask.

"Those released from the embassy in Iran should have refused to leave and stayed on to protect the others

and show Iran that the American military has the 'guts' and fortitude to stick out any situation."

People, and they are Americans, who persist in making statements like this have mush for brains. And these are the same types who would allow countries, such as Iraq, today, to capture, incarcerate and ultimately torture the men who fight to retain the freedoms enjoyed in this country.

These people should keep three points in mind:

- It is doubtful that the soldiers, probably young, had anything to say, or any choice in the matter.

- What could these captive soldiers have realistically accomplished by staying, other than making a few mushbrains back home "feel proud to be Americans?" Today's soldiers makes no more in salary then you or I or the opinionated mush for brains who love to be heard, yet they are expected to make the ultimate sacrifice for "our" peace of mind. I

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## 2nd Art Auction Set for Thanksgiving Weekend

By Blanche Whiteside  
Center Fold Staff Writer

The second Gay and Lesbian Art Auction of 1990 will be held Nov. 24, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, at Furniture and More in the Shoppes at Lake Mary, 120 E. Lake Mary Blvd.

Rob Horian, owner of this eclectic furniture and interior decorating/design firm, located next to the Lake Mary Cinema 4, will open his business from 2-11 p.m. for the auction. To get there, take Exit 50 off I-4, and drive east toward Lake Mary.

The event has a two-part schedule:

- The afternoon exhibition, from 2 - 5:30 p.m., has been reserved for Orlando's non-gay community, and is being promoted to this group through normal news sources.

- The gay and lesbian community is being invited to a later special showing, which includes a cocktail hour, from 7:30- 8:30, followed by the art auction, from 8:30 -11 p.m.

Lesbians and gays who have

conflicting evening schedules are cordially invited to the afternoon session.

Artwork representing all types of media has been donated by artists from throughout Central Florida, as well as by artists from outside the state. Among the latter is Jon Reich, a nationally known multi-media artist from Chicago, whose work has been shown throughout the United States and whose international clientele includes customers from both the gay and non-gay communities.

Reich is noted both for his unusually realistic, yet imaginative pencil drawings of landscapes, seascapes, animals and the human body.

He works in a wide spectrum of media, including pencils, watercolors, chalk, oils, blockprints, serigraphs, lithographs and sculpture.

Guests at the earlier auction, where several of Reich's works were on

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## Performance of 'Eastern Standard' to Benefit GLCS

By Bradley Whiteside  
Center Fold Staff Writer

A new and highly entertaining live theater production is adding unconventional romance, comedy and originality to our holiday season. It is a part of the successful "SecondStage Series," which now claims more than 600 season subscribers.

*Eastern Standard*, a six-character play by Richard Greenberg, is a bittersweet and romantic comedy about gays, non-gays, homeless women and unemployed actresses in New York City that runs through Dec. 1 at the Tupperware Annex of the Edyth Bush Civic Theater. Performances begin at 8 p.m. and are scheduled on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

A GLCS benefit performance of *Eastern Standard* will be presented at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 20. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at The Center prior to the performance, or at the door the night of the performance.

*Eastern Standard*, which was a 1988 nominee for Best Play in New York, chronicles the relationship between two rather unconventional "yuppie" couples who meet by chance in a trendy Manhattan restaurant.

One of the couples is Peter, diagnosed as HIV-positive, and Drew, a young artist. The play follows Peter and Drew as they spend the summer together at a beach house in the Hamptons, trying to sort out their feelings about life, love and sex during the Yuppie Years. Its conclusion will surprise you.

David Lee, the highly acclaimed and inventive director of *Women Behind Bars*, *Psycho Beach Party* and the male lead in the recent *Terminal Bar*, is

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## 'Gold, Glitter and Glamour Gala' to Help Fund GLCS

By Bruce Wellington  
Contributor

Planning is underway for a memorable one-of-a-kind New Year's

Eve gala to benefit several charitable activities within Orlando's gay and lesbian community. To be hosted by owners of a luxurious northwest Orlando home, the New Year's Eve gala will augment the slim revenue base of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

The event will be known as the "Gold, Glitter and Glamour Gala," and will feature stunning black and gold decorations, and will exude an ambiance of appropriate holiday chic and distinction.

It is hoped that this special event will provide much needed financial support for GLCS, which depends entirely on support from the gay and lesbian environment's thoughtful and caring community.

Appropriately, the New Year's Eve gala will start at 9 p.m. on Dec. 31, and will continue beyond the midnight bewitching hour.

The evening will feature an open bar, interesting and varied hors d'oeuvres, cabaret musicians, solo and ensemble vocalists and original and festive decorations. At the stroke of midnight, ample quantities of champagne will be served to satiate the revelers. Free photographs of couples attending will be taken and given as mementoes of the gala occasion.

Donations for the Gala are \$35 per person prior to Dec. 15, \$40 per person thereafter and are tax deductible. Dress will be semi-formal (for women: dresses or evening wear; for men: suits/blazers and ties and/or formal evening wear).

Tickets for "Gold, Glitter and Glamour" Gala are available from The Center, 750 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32804 and can be reserved by calling (407) 425-4527. Telephone reservations must include an American Express number. Tickets, limited to 150, also will be available the evening of the Gala at the door.

For further information, please write, visit or call The Center, or you may call (407) 889-8477 or 889-9919 for additional details, including the location of the Gala.

## OGC to Hold Holiday Concert at Rollins

By Cornelius Van Pelt  
Center Fold Staff Writer

Lovers of vocal music will be pleased to know that the Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC) will present its 1990 Holiday Concert at the Knowles Chapel on the campus of Rollins College at 8:35 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1. The Chorus will present its concert one night only.

For its first Holiday Concert, the OGC has selected a wide variety of works appropriate to the season. Both sacred and secular music will be an integral part of the program, as will several well-known holiday songs.

The Holiday Concert will be truly eclectic in its coverage, featuring both traditional and non-traditional selections.

Composers of several centuries of music will be represented on the program; among these will be Mendelssohn, Bach and Rheinberger from the German tradition. Among the array of favorite American holiday songs will be "Carol of the Bells," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "December Child."

OGC Director Charles Callahan and accompanist Terry Thomas will share the conducting responsibilities, and the renowned Aeolian-Skinner organ will be featured in several selections. The organ contains 68 ranks of pipes, divided among three manuals and pedal, and numbers over 4,000 pipes in all.

Ticket/donations are \$10 and are available from Chorus members and from The Center, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando

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don't think so.

• If there is so much concern about the courage and integrity of American military personnel, why doesn't somebody write something in the newspaper about the two soldiers at our embassy in Islamabad who also came home ...

... in boxes.

You are right, it has been several years since their deaths.

Would one in a thousand Americans even remember their names? I don't think so.

Yet today we stand the chance of losing more American lives because the obligatory soldier feels he must prove to the few immature mouths that his patriotism is beyond reproach and that his courage and loyalty are unparalleled.

Brian Ellis, an Army warrant officer, died in Islamabad.

Brian was only 30 years old. They found his charred remains in the

rubble that was the embassy after the attack.

The exact details of his death weren't, and still aren't, completely known.

But a mutual friend of ours (Brian and myself), as well as his Baptist minister in his hometown of Spring Lake, N.C., said, "Brian Ellis loved his country and he loved the Army. He was committed to the defense of his country."

That is a hint, at least, that he died trying to protect American lives, American property and the land he loved so dearly.

Marine Cpl. Steven Crowley also died in Islamabad, one day after the second anniversary of his Marine Corps enlistment. He was only 20. Not even a chance to experience or enjoy the country that he inevitably would die for.

The posthumous Bronze Star citation he was awarded included what details the Marine Corps knew about his death:

"When the attack came, Corporal

Crowley took his post on the roof of the embassy. He was immediately exposed to a barrage of rocks and whatever else the attackers could find to throw, as well as small-arms fire ..."

A man at Marine headquarters in Washington, D.C., said in an interview with a major newspaper that "Corporal Crowley got it in the head. We don't know if he was shot or hit by a flying missile. We do know, however, it was pretty bad." As is usually the case, there was debate about whether or not to open the casket at his funeral.

Steve Crowley had eight brothers and sisters. After his father died, say those who knew him, "Steve helped support his mother and younger brothers and sisters, even when he was a student in high school."

He was a good Catholic. He was a member of his high school's track team. He was on the staff of his high school newspaper and yearbook.

He was an expert cabinet maker. He worked, strenuously, to keep his classmates away from drugs.

Following his death, the church in his hometown in New York carried an insert in the Sunday morning worship program which gave other details of Steve's life. The insert included words to this effect: "Steve was a thoughtful young man who was personally concerned with the well-being of others ..."

Even today, the mushbrains continue to be worried about what kind of persons we have in our uniformed services.

I certainly am not qualified to answer this question.

But, with nearly 10 years on active duty in the Army, I can say that there are two less damn good soldiers serving our country today.

In dedication to Steve, and Chief Ellis, I salute you both.

And I wish that the love Steve and I had for each other could have lasted eternally, or at least long enough for him to "come out" and admit his true desires, despite overwhelming odds.

I STILL LOVE YOU, STEVE, MY FIGHTING MAN.

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(phone [407] 425-4527), and at the door the night of the concert. Two items of special interest should be noted: a highlight of the concert will be an audience "sing-along," and poinsettias, with which the chapel will be decorated for this special event, will be delivered to area PWAs following the concert as part of the chorus' AIDS Outreach Program.

Those lucky enough to attend the Chorus' moving and versatile "Diversity Week" presentation at the Knowles Chapel will recognize several special arrangements of old favorites, along with new compositions (among them an arrangement of "The Irish Blessing") created by Callahan.

Since its debut concerts in June, the OGC's membership has grown to more than 60 singers. Their many community appearances during the summer and fall piqued the interest of both gay and lesbian vocalists from throughout the area, and an estimated 20 new members have joined the group during recently held auditions.

For those singers with aspirations of joining this popular musical group, auditions will be held once again following the Holiday Concert. To indicate your interest, call (407) 425-4527 or 843-6671 and leave a message for David Schuler, president of the OGC, or write to Schuler, Orlando Gay Chorus, P.O. Box 3103, Orlando, Fla. 32801.

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display, will remember his special creative genius.

It has been said of Reich that within the next 10 years he will be recognized as one of America's truly classic artists.

Reich, and his longtime companion, Robert Lutz, will be on hand at Furniture and More to welcome exhibition visitors, provide details of his creative work, describe his diverse media techniques and entertain visitors.

(Reich is not only considered a skilled mimic - particularly his Dr. Ruth imitation, but also has been called "The Liberace of the Art World.")

The Art Auction will benefit several

Orlando gay and lesbian activities.

These will include The Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P/FLAG) and the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition.

Support for these, and related activities, remains vital for their continuance.

The \$10 ticket/donation to the event can be used toward the purchase of artwork on display.

The frames and print settings for the artworks to be auctioned off were provided by Framingdales of College Park, 3013-3017 Edgewater Drive, Orlando.

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## Fuchsia Poshette: Goddesses of Mod Rock Bask in the Lava Light

By ELIZABETH LANGLEY  
Contributor

Fuchsia Poshette  
*Kiss My Pekingese*  
Glamor Dog Records  
Produced by Tristan Anthony

I'm in love with three women, and yes, my boyfriend knows about it.

He's the one who brought them into my life, and now I'm not giving them back. He's the one who bought the tape – sound unheard – because they looked so cool. I'm the one who rolled her liquid-lined eyes at the fact that he was judging a tape by its cover. It has been in my Walkman since, and he's not getting it back.

Anyway, Fuchsia and the Poshettes are Girl-Group Central. They sing with feeling about the pleasure of getting presents, so I think they should be one – from him to me.

They look like an ad for a 1968 Italian movie, like *Blondes in Black Leather*, but with more fashion sense: white go-go boots, Screamin' Pink lipstick, motorcycle hats and the title

lap dog. They sound like Petula Clark, the Ronettes and Martha and the Vandellas, all put into a time tunnel of hip and rocketed into the '90s. On top of everything else, they are a local group, which means these women, unlike his other dream dates, could actually be accessible. For these reasons, I could see why my boyfriend might think I should hand the tape over.

But they sing about Girl Stuff, not feminist rhetoric. Fuchsia (Bre-elle Ishtar) seems to understand that it's nice to be taken seriously, but it's equally nice to be taken to parties.

Definition of Girl Stuff, for my legions of male readers: makeup, soap operas, curling iron burns, the importance of getting gifts, guys who make dating seem like an underpaid job rather than an adventure ...

"The Dating Song," for example, rhapsodizes about the latter: *Why are the good ones gay/ married or taken in some way without sounding like a chorus of the singles' whine.* "Put Me on a Soap" details Fuchsia's eminent qualifications to be a soap opera

starlet. "Female Trouble" laments broken nails, dark roots, unruly shoulder pads and melted makeup: *Don't wanna burst your bubble/ but my female trouble/ is keeping me from things you wanna do.* You don't have to be a gynecologist to figure it out.

You don't have to be an ecologist or a political pundit or a peacenik either. After being inundated with social conscience poseurs for so long, it's nice to hear from people – even if it's only for six songs – who would rather pose for *Sassy* and don't care who knows it.

Fuchsia Poshette is something like Julie Brown, only Julie tries too hard. Fuchsia makes it look effortless, even while talking about the effort it takes to come off with style.

Make sure you get Fuchsia Poshette, but remember – it will be that much nicer if someone buys it for you.

*Elizabeth Langley is a free-lance writer living in Winter Park.*

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## GLAAD Releases Media Guide on Gay Community

The first comprehensive media guide to the Lesbian and Gay community has been published by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).

The media guide is intended to assist the media in accurately covering the nation's estimated 20-25 million lesbians and gay men and their issues. The media guide is also meant to encourage the media to extend and expand its coverage of the community - by learning more about gay people and the ideas that motivate the gay and lesbian rights movement.

"More than a brochure, less than a treatise, the media guide combines detailed information with user-friendliness," said Craig Davidson, GLAAD's executive director. "We hope that it will become a standard newsroom reference."

This easy to read, spiral bound media guide has been handsomely produced with photographs and illustrations, and is organized into three sections:

- Section I offers a primer on gay and lesbian history and culture, political and legal issues such as increasing violence against lesbians

and gay men, and sociological issues. Included are discussions of "What is homosexuality," "Discrimination, morality, and changing attitudes toward lesbians and gay men."

- Section II discusses standards in the newsroom and includes a glossary of terms, a listing of "dos and don'ts" (for example, "do use the term 'sexual orientation' instead of 'sexual preference' or 'sexual choice'"), story ideas and advice on covering the AIDS epidemic.

- Section III offers an appendix with a chronology of the American lesbian and gay movement and lists

contacts at lesbian and gay advocacy, social service and media organizations.

"We are distributing the media guide not only to provide assistance to print and broadcast journalists, but also with the hope that these important opinion-makers will help to correct misinformation about lesbians and gays for the public at large," Davidson said.

For additional information about GLAAD or ordering copies of the media guide, please contact GLAAD, 80 Varick St. #3E, New York, N.Y. 10013, or call (212)-966-1700.

## Parent-Church Partnership to Address Gay Teen Suicide

ANAHEIM, Calif.- Right-wing religious and political leaders who wave the banner of "traditional family values" are a major impediment to overcoming the teen suicide problem, according to a parent-church-educator coalition that recently announced a prevention program focused on gay and lesbian youth.

The project, "Respect All Youth," is being undertaken by the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, with financial assistance from the United Thank Offering Fund of the Episcopal Church.

Its principal function will be to develop and furnish training materials to those who work with youth, according to Paulette Goodman, president of Parents FLAG, speaking during the opening of the organization's ninth international convention in Anaheim, Calif., on Oct. 12.

The organization's anti-discrimination aims were recently endorsed by first lady Barbara Bush.

Government studies show that lesbian and gay teen-agers are up to three times as likely to attempt suicide as other young people, because of the stigma society places on them. Nevertheless, Rep. William Dannemeyer, R-Calif., recently prevailed upon Louis Sullivan, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to disavow the studies in the interest of "traditional family values."

*'It is tragic that many of us only learn of our child's homosexuality after a suicide attempt.'*

*- Paulette Goodman, P/FLAG*

"We in Parents FLAG love and respect our gay and non-gay children equally," Goodman said. "We value the lives of all our children. It is tragic that many of us only learn of our child's homosexuality after a suicide attempt."

"One of the lessons learned in World War II is that it is evil to discriminate against any human being and to think that lives are expendable," she said. "America, land of the free, is no place for bigotry and intolerance that perpetuate hatred and violence."

"Parents FLAG values the lives of all children. We strive to keep families in loving relationships. The conservative right wing does not have a monopoly on traditional family values," Goodman said.

The project will alert youth counselors, school administrators and church educators to what needs to be done to "counteract the devastating effect of society's anti-gay attitudes toward our children," Goodman said.

Speaking strongly in support of the Parents/FLAG announcement were the Right Rev.

Oliver Bailey Garver Jr., suffragen bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, and Jackie Goldberg, president of the Los Angeles City School Board. Goldberg's district undertook the first program in the nation to initiate counseling for gay and lesbian high school students.

Also endorsing the program were Virginia Uribe, director of Project 10, and Mary Griffith, a mother whose son died because of her earlier misguided religious beliefs and lack of information.

Griffith, a Northern California mother of four, said that her gay son, at her urging, resorted to prayer and "reparative" therapy with religious counselors in the vain attempt to become heterosexual. At the age of 20, convinced that he was evil in the eyes of God, Griffith's son threw himself off an overpass and into the path of an 18-wheel semi-trailer.

It would not have happened, she is now convinced, if there had been programs at school and elsewhere that "could have offset what he was told by me at home and by others in our church."

Griffith is president of the Mount Diablo, Calif., chapter of Parents/FLAG. Her object, she said, is to help other parents avoid the tragedy that befell her family.

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## News Nuggets

### JOE TURNER'S COME & GONE' TO THEATER DOWNTOWN

Theater Downtown's current production is *Joe Turner's Come and Gone* by August Wilson. Wilson is renowned as the premier chronicler of the 20th century black experience.

The most spiritual of Wilson's works, *Joe Turner ...* takes place in 1911, focusing on the dispossessed post-Civil War generation that had lost its ties to Africa, been cut loose from the South and migrated North with no sense of identity.

*Joe Turner ...* expresses the joy and fears of the pioneer journey in search of one's own "jubilant song."

The play runs through Dec. 1 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., with a matinee performance on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 2:30 pm. The Theater Downtown is located at 2113 N. Orange Ave., Orlando.

Ticket prices are \$10 on Friday and Saturday evenings and \$7 on Thursday evenings and for matinee performances.

Student, senior citizen and military discounts and group rates are available.

For further information or reservations call Theater Downtown at (407) 841-0083. Tickets can also be purchased through Ticket-Master at (407) 839-3900.

### CDR TO HOLD ANTI-HATE CONE

The Center for Democratic Renewal is sponsoring a conference titled "Democracy vs. Racism & Bigotry: Strategies for the '90s" in Atlanta on Nov. 16-18.

According to the CDR: "In the past 10 years there has been a resurgence of racism and bigotry accompanied by an escalation of violent attacks upon people of color and other minorities.

At the same time, a wide variety of hate groups have become more sophisticated in their efforts, further penetrating the mainstream of American life.

"It is time for those organizations and individuals concerned about civil and human rights to come together to share information and strategies about how we can more effectively counteract homophobic bigotry, anti-Semitism and racism."

More than 300 participants are expected to attend from 10 Southern states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida,

South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky.

For more information or to pre-register, write the CDR, P. O. Box 50469, Atlanta, Geo. 30302, or call (404) 221-0025.

### NEW WOMYN'S SOFTBALL SEASON TO START

The new season for Lady Largo softball starts in January. Any womyn interested in signing up for the team (in mid-December) should call Frogger at (407) 291-3791 for more information.

### COMING IN JAN.: DAYTONA BEACH COMMUNITY NEWS!

In an effort to expand the horizons of GLCS, *The Center Fold* will be including a section focusing on gay community events in the Daytona Beach area.

Anyone wishing to become active in this effort is asked to contact Michael J. Sopoliga, managing editor of *The Center Fold* at (407) 649-8615.

All fund-raising events must be submitted two months in advance for publication.

New advertisers in the Daytona Beach area are also encouraged to contact *The Center Fold*, GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, Fla. 32853-3446 Attn: Center Fold mng. editor.

### NEWS HOUNDS NEEDED!

If you are at a gay event in your area, and would like *The Center Fold* to publicize it, simply have someone take pictures, and along with a description of the event, send it to the managing editor of the *Center Fold*, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, Fla. 32853-3446.

### MICHAEL CALLEN'S 'PURPLE HEART' RELEASED ON CD

*Purple Heart*, the critically acclaimed album by songwriter, PWA activist and Flirtations member Michael Callen, is now available on compact disc.

When *Purple Heart* was released in 1988 on LP and cassette (Significant Other 881), Adam Block of *The Advocate* called it "the most remarkable gay independent release of the past decade."

Christopher Wittke of the *Gay Community News* called *Purple Heart* "a great album ... a must have." *Purple Heart* is available by mail

order from Significant Other Records, P.O. Box 1545, Canal Street Station, New York, N.Y. 10013. The mail order price is \$15 for the CD, or \$10 for the LP or cassette.

### JEWISH LESBIAN DAUGHTERS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS TO HOLD FALL MEETING

In this last decade of the 20th century, waves of anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish violence are sweeping much of the world. Jewish cemeteries are being desecrated, and reports of attacks and defacements from Paris; London; Stuttgart, Germany; Jerusalem; Moscow; Auckland, New Zealand; Quebec; and throughout the United States indicate a resurgence of racism and anti-Semitism. Modern demagogues are revising history by belittling and even denying the Holocaust.

But the reality that was the Holocaust continues to have an impact on the second and third generation of those who survived.

On the weekend of Nov. 16 - 18, in New Hampshire, Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors (JLDHS) will meet for discussion, support and networking around

issues faced by children of survivors.

JLDHS has become an international organization, with people from Australia and Nicaragua in addition to its members from the United States and Canada. The membership grows each year as more Lesbian daughters of survivors learn of the existence of this unique support group.

JLDHS is for lesbians whose parent or parents survived the Holocaust. This includes parents who were in Nazi Europe or North Africa in 1933 or later, and who survived death camps or in hiding, by passing as non-Jews, or by managing to leave for safer territories. Jewish and non-Jewish lesbian partners of daughters are welcome, and may attend workshops specifically for partners.

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# The Invitation:

*A Special Christmas  
Story by Jeff Campbell*

**T**ony hated to admit it – even to himself – but he had resigned himself to being alone and lonely on Christmas Eve. “Maybe just visit the bars,” he thought, secretly knowing it would be just a momentary escape from loneliness. But he lived alone – he was alone – and his close friends would be visiting their families out of town for the holidays.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day always seem almost as though the world has closed down; the streets are quiet and deserted and the shops and restaurants are closed and it is easy for solitary people to feel abandoned.

The invitation came out of the blue on the first day of December, unexpected and from a stranger. It was an invitation to Christmas Day – not to a dinner or to a Christmas party – but to Christmas Day.

Tony was puzzled by it and showed it to me, asking if I knew who it might be.

The address was not familiar to him or to me – not the house of someone he had visited – and the signature simply read: “David.” The phone number was not one we knew or one he may have called before. “Bring a gift for the grab bag; dress casually, plan to spend a wonderful day with friends.”

It was intriguing, even though it was not my invitation, but I dismissed it from my mind until the next day when another friend came to me with the same invitation in his hand and with the same puzzlement. Within four days I knew of three people who had received this invitation, all equally mystified! My curiosity aroused, I almost regretted that my lover and I would be sharing our Christmas Day with friends in the cold of Pennsylvania.

The next few weeks passed with the frenzy and activity that many call the Christmas Spirit, and Harry and I continued with the plans for our trip to the frozen North. We encouraged those with the mysterious invitations to accept, to attend the affair and enjoy themselves rather than sit at home on a day when the whole world seems to have shut down.

It was in conversation during our trip North, when we came to realize that these friends who had received the invitation were people alone – without lovers or partners – and some from families that had disowned or rejected them – and we were aware of the desolation that “the holidays” were to these people. Christmas Day was probably the loneliest day of the year of their lives ... every year!

The stage was set for a curious adventure and I realized how much I looked forward to our return to satisfy my curiosity.

**C**hristmas came and went, and in 18 hours all the excitement that three months of advertising had built into a crescendo had collapsed like a great wave on the beach. All the crowds had dissipated and just as suddenly the street and store decorations seemed jaded and tired, like yesterday’s sequins.

We returned from the cold and snow of the North

– the Christmas card standard – to the sun and green and palms of home, and it seemed that maybe Christmas had never happened.

There was a message to call Tony, and answering the phone he began talking of a wonderful holiday. The host, David, was a stranger to many who attended, yet he created a family Christmas Day at his home with the decorations and the tree, and he offered a brunch with the trimmings, and eggnog and punch and an exchange of gifts from stranger to stranger. The afternoon saw a holiday feast of a turkey and ham dinner for an “instant” family of 18 people.

A joyous Christmas Day was enjoyed by 18 lonely people who were no longer lonely, for a time, and who made new friends, introduced by a stranger. And as each guest departed, he was handed a card that read: “A donation has been made in your name to the local AIDS hospice, in memory of Paul Ameritti. Thank you for sharing in this Christmas experience.” The card was signed simply: “David”

**L**ater that day, I called David and told him that several of my friends had enjoyed his hospitality and asked if I could visit with him, that as a writer, I was curious about this event. He invited me to his home that day, and I went there directly. I told David of my fascination with this unique invitation and of the surprise of those invited to this celebration.

He told me of himself and his lover Paul: “We were looking forward to our ninth anniversary when Paul was diagnosed with AIDS,” David began. “I was devastated; we were devastated. I don’t know how he got it – it doesn’t really matter. What matters is that I lost him. He lived almost seventeen months after the diagnosis, and they were the loneliest and most difficult days of my life, yet one of the most rewarding times of my life.”

“But when he died, I was the most abandoned man in the world for there was no joy, no hope for tomorrow.”

“It was,” said David, “the many years of loving Paul and living and sharing with Paul, that I realized the pleasure and the joy in anything is in sharing it with someone. Even a fine meal or a mar-

velous show can only be enjoyed to its fullest by sharing that joy with others. After I came to terms with Paul’s death, accepted the loss and resolved the pain, I knew that I had to share my life in order to know happiness again.”

“And I realized that there is a segment in our gay community that exists in a melancholy level because they have not discovered the joys of sharing their life. So many are the ‘bar buddies’ who are the life of the party at the bar but when they walk outside and the door slams behind them, the fun too, is behind them, and it’s back into the cold reality of a lonely world.”

“Paul always said that the measure of a man is while he is here; while he is doing what he’s doing. After he’s gone, everything is influenced by weeping and the kindness of friends and strangers.”

“It’s a good observation because so often the acts of a man fall somewhat short of his words, yet he is remembered by what he said or is supposed to have said. I suppose it’s a courtesy to recollect only the light and not the shadows. He left behind a legacy of kindness and giving and generosity and inspiration that not too many can match.”

“What better way for me to enjoy my life than to share my joy? With Paul, I can share no longer, yet

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# Buddy – One of My ‘Best Friends’

By Jeremy Chem  
Center Fold Staff Writer

I began writing this article shortly after I had visited our local library and checked out a book titled *How to Housebreak Your Dog in 7 Days*.

And, I visited the library shortly (about seven days) after I received as a Valentine's Day gift a Long-Haired Chihuahua which has come to be known as "Lady Tetris of Princeton."

I guess one week is about how long it takes to become agitated with the results of feeding a puppy, no matter how cute or adorable it may seem. Besides this point, the reason behind this article is to explain an incident that happened to me a few years ago.

I am certain that the sentiments of this readership, hopefully, are very similar to mine as I prepare to introduce what man's best friend, point in case, Buddy, meant to me.

If you have ever looked deep into a dog's eyes and felt he was trying, urgently, to give you a message, then maybe you will understand the feelings that overcame me during this episode and also as I begin writing.

My Grandfather, bless his soul, would have called him a "sooner."

"Just as soon stay inside as out," he would have begun that understanding laugh. He always did.

The day was almost over, but a long drive home remained. I had stopped for a fill-up in one of those all-purpose country gas stations – you know, the kind where there are little boys who have dirty faces and a dog hanging around.

The little boy was buying milk for his mother. This dog, as most do, was yawning and stretching.

"That your dog?" I asked the old man pumping the gas.

"Naw, it jest took up here," he responded.

"Fine looking dog," I went on.

"Smart, too," said the old-timer. "Watch this!"

He locked the pump nozzle to "On" and walked over to where the dog was lying. He held out his hand, and the dog responded by lifting a paw to him.

"As smart as a whip, that dawg."

"How long you had him?" I queried.

"'Bout a week, I reckon" said the

Kid and Dog photo goes here at 95%



man as he pulled the longsilver nozzle of the gas tube from the rear right side of my car.

"Any bother?"

"Not a bit. I figger sumwuhn put 'im out of the car and headed home one passenger short, you know, like so many folks do these days." I nodded my head in agreement to what the old man had explained.

*I like dogs, especially because they forgive easily, know little or nothing about revenge and will settle for 30 seconds of care and attention if that's all you have to spare.*

He continued, "That little boy that wuz here buying milk wants him, but his maw won't let him bring the dawg home. Sez ev'ry dawg he brings home gets

runned ov'r, and it upsets the lad a might terrible."

That was an instant memory. I had a losing streak with dogs, too.

There was Kitty-Kitty. And I'm sure every little boy receives a furry white puppy and names it after a cat's offspring. Regardless, no complexes were developed and I was happy with a gift from my father at the age of 7.

My poor little Kitty-Kitty, she got it from a cattle truck strolling down our dirt road in Kaufman (nowhere), Texas.

Buster was later. He chased cars. One day, he caught one.

Dr. Shelton said that Lance had pneumonia. He allowed me to pet my dog one last time, and then he

took Lance into a back room. I never saw him again.

I had another dog – Dusty Rose. She was a gift, as well as a gifted Cocker Spaniel, from a very dear friend and mentor.

Now there was a good dog. I lost Dusty in a pre-divorce (hetero) agreement, believe it or not. I gave up dogs after Dusty. Missing a dog is such a worrisome pain.

"This dog got a name?" I asked the old man as he continued servicing my car.

"I call 'im 'Buddy," was his response.

The old man scratched the dog, and Buddy, nuzzled close to the source of the attention.

I bent over and petted the dog myself. He was obviously of a generous mix. A young dog with patches of white and yellow and black, all in just the right the places. I tried the paw trick, and Buddy responded on cue. Impressive.

I like dogs, especially because they forgive easily, know little or nothing about revenge and will settle for 30 seconds of care and attention if that's all you have to spare.

I have a house and it is empty, and I have considered adding a dog to the premises. But, I then decided that would be foolish. I tend to sleep wherever I fall, and I do not want a lonely dog on my conscience.

I paid the man for the gas, sodas and a doughnut. I shared a couple of

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

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(Hot dogs, Snacks, Sodas & Coffee available)

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Mid-November-December 1990

## ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTER

Note: The Center is open Monday through Friday from 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. For more information on the activities listed here, see the Glossary of Center Events and Meetings on Page 26 of *The Center Fold*.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 p.m. Christian Awareness Class  
7:00 p.m. GLOWS Waterski Club  
7:30 p.m. Transsexual Support Group  
7:30 p.m. Alan Kasper Bridge Club  
7:30 p.m. ACOA Group

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:30 p.m. I Love Lucy Fan Club  
7:00 p.m. Zion AAC Vespers Service  
8:00 p.m. Zion AAC Games Night

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2:00 p.m. Volunteer Training  
4:00 p.m. Womyn of GLCS Chili Cook-Off Competition  
4:00 p.m. Movie: *All About Eve* with Bette Davis  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Games Night

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:30 a.m. Zion AAC Morning Service  
7:00 p.m. Zion AAC Evening Service  
7:00 p.m. Fantasia Crossdressers Support Group  
7:30 p.m. Integrity Group

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5:30 p.m. Youth Rap  
7:00 p.m. Coming Out Group  
7:30 p.m. Healing Circle

### TUESDAY, NOV. 20

Note: *The Center closes this evening at 6 p.m. so that we can all catch Eastern Standard at the Tupperware Annex, 8 p.m.*

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

7:30 p.m. Womyn of GLCS  
7:30 p.m. Men's Discussion  
7:30 p.m. Broken Hearts Class

### THURSDAY, NOV. 22

Note: *The Center will be open at 2 p.m. for our Thanksgiving meal.*

7:00 p.m. Zion AAC Thanksgiving Service

### FRIDAY, NOV. 23

7:30 p.m. Movie Night: *Auntie Mame*

### SATURDAY, NOV. 24

1:00 p.m. Youth T-Dance

Join us at the Furniture and More Galleries in Lake Mary this evening at 7:30 p.m. for an auction to benefit GLCS, Parents Flag and the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 25

10:30 a.m. Zion AAC Service  
7:00 p.m. Zion AAC Service  
7:00 p.m. Fantasia Crossdressers Support Group  
7:30 p.m. Integrity Group

### MONDAY, NOV. 26

5:30 p.m. Youth Rap  
7:00 p.m. Coming Out Group  
7:30 p.m. Healing Circle

### TUESDAY, NOV. 27

6:00 p.m. People of Color Support Group  
7:30 p.m. Rap Group

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

7:30 p.m. Womyn of GLCS  
7:30 p.m. Men's Discussion Group  
7:30 p.m. Broken Hearts Class

### THURSDAY, NOV. 29

7:00 p.m. Christian Awareness Class  
7:30 p.m. ACOA Group

### FRIDAY, NOV. 30

7:30 p.m. I Love Lucy Fan Club

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Note: *Today is World AIDS Day. Check the Community/Special Events Calendar for scheduled activities. The Center is open from noon to 5 p.m.*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

10:30 a.m. Zion AAC Morning Service  
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7:30 p.m. Integrity Group

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:30 p.m. Youth Group Rap  
7:00 p.m. Coming Out Group  
7:30 p.m. Healing Circle

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00 p.m. GLCS Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Rap Group

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:30 p.m. Womyn of GLCS  
7:30 p.m. Men's Discussion Group  
7:30 p.m. Broken Hearts Class

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 p.m. Christian Awareness Class  
7:30 p.m. Alan Kasper Bridge Club  
7:30 p.m. ACOA Group

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 p.m. Zion Vespers Service  
7:30 p.m. Movie: *Die Hard*  
8:00 p.m. Zion Games Night

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Note: *Join us at the Winter Park Civic Center for our Second Annual White Party. See the Special Events calendar for details.*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

10:30 a.m. Zion AAC Morning Service  
7:00 p.m. Zion AAC Evening Service  
7:00 p.m. Fantasia Crossdressers Support Group  
7:30 p.m. Integrity Group

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:30 p.m. Youth Group Rap  
7:00 p.m. Coming Out Group  
7:30 p.m. Healing Circle

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00 p.m. People of Color Support Group  
7:30 p.m. Rap Group

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:30 p.m. Womyn of GLCS  
7:30 p.m. Men's Discussion Group  
7:30 p.m. Broken Hearts Class

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00 p.m. Christian Awareness Class  
7:30 p.m. ACOA Group

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:30 p.m. I Love Lucy Fan Club

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

2:00 p.m. Volunteer Training  
4:00 p.m. Backyard BBQ  
4:00 p.m. Movie: *Madonna: Blond Ambition*

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### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:30 p.m. Youth Group Rap  
7:00 p.m. Coming Out Group  
7:30 p.m. Healing Circle

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00 p.m. GLCS Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Rap Group  
7:30 p.m. Transsexual Support Group (tentative, call The Center)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30 p.m. Womyn of GLCS  
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### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00 p.m. Zion AAC Vespers Service  
7:30 p.m. Movie: *Queen Christina* with Greta Garbo  
8:00 p.m. Games Night

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Note: *No scheduled activities - The Center is open from noon to 5: p.m.*

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- 7:00 p.m. Fantasia Crossdressers Support Group
- 7:30 p.m. Integrity Group

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Note: The Center will be open from 1 to 10

p.m. today. Zion will open the building at 11 p.m. for its service.

- 11:00 p.m. Zion AAC Christmas Eve Service

CHRISTMAS DAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Note: The Center will open today for a Christmas meal at 2 p.m. Join us for some holiday cheer and companionship.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

- 7:30 p.m. Womyn of GLCS

- 7:30 p.m. Men's Discussion Group
- 7:30 p.m. Broken Hearts Class

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 7:00 p.m. Christian Awareness Class
- 7:30 p.m. ACOA Group

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 7:30 p.m. I Love Lucy Fan Club

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

Note: The Center is Open from noon to 5 p.m.

No scheduled activities.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 10:30 a.m. Zion AAC Morning Service
- 7:00 p.m. Zion AAC Evening Service
- 7:00 p.m. Fantasia Crossdressers Support Group
- 7:30 p.m. Integrity Group

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 7:00 p.m. Coming Out Group
- 7:30 p.m. Healing Circle

CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7 p.m. - Joy MCC Bingo at the Mark Cardwell Hall, 2351 S.Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. Call the church office at (407) 894-1081 for more information.

7:30 p.m. -The Hope & Help Support Group for HIV+ individuals and caregivers meets Thursday evenings. Call (407) 894-1992 for more information.

7:30 p.m. - The Fight For Life AIDS support group meets every Thursday evening. Call (407) 846-0456 for more information.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6 p.m. - The Brevard County LCN Alternative Gathering is a B.Y.O.B. Pot luck dinner this month. Call LCN East Coast (407) 259-3451 for directions and information.

6:30 p.m. - The Gay Bowling Association bowls Saturday evenings at Fairlanes, 115 Wilshire Blvd., Indian Hills. Call Steve at (407) 831-7171 for more information.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. - Joy Metropolitan Community Church Sunday worship and service in the Sanctuary. 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. Call the church office at (407) 894-1081 for more information.

2:30 p.m. - Country Line Dance Lessons with Terri and Donna at Key Largo Lounge, 6900 N. Orange Blossom Trail go from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. today. The charge is only \$5 per person.

4 p.m. - The Family That Cares Church, a Christian church "where everyone is always welcome" holds services every Sunday afternoon at 2090 Forsyth Road, Suite 205, Orlando. Call (407) 671-8800 for more information.

7 p.m. - Hope MCC holds services every Sunday evening at First Unitarian Church, 56 N. Halifax, Ormond Beach. Call (904) 676-1030 for more information.

7 p.m. - Breaking the Silence MCC holds services every Sunday evening at the Unitarian Church, 1261 Range Road, Cocoa. Call (407) 254-5884 for more information.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7 p.m.- Central Floridians Against Censorship meets on the third floor of the downtown Orlando Public Library, 101 E.

Central Blvd. (at the corner of Rosalind and Central). For more information, call (407) 843-CFAC.

7:30 p.m. - Hope & Help AIDS Support Group meets every Monday evening. Call (407) 894-1992 for information.

7:30 p.m. - Project Response Support Rap Group for Central Brevard county meets the first and third Monday of every month at the Burnham-Woods Counseling Center, 640 N. Brevard Ave., Cocoa Village, Cocoa. For more information, call (407) 242-0352.

8 p.m. - Joy MCC AA Group in Mark Cardwell Hall. 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. (407) 894-1081.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7 p.m. - CENTAUR's Meditation Relaxation Group meets every Tuesday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For information, call (407) 849-1452.

7 p.m. - The Ocala-Marion County Community AIDS Network sponsors a Parents Support Group Tuesday evenings. For more information, call (904) 629-5124.

7:30 p.m. - Joy MCC Bible Study in Mark Cardwell Hall. 2351 S.Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. (407) 894-1081.

8 p.m. - Special benefit performance for GLCS of "Eastern Standard" at the Tupperware Annex of the Civic Theater, Loch Haven Park. From David Lee, the director of "Women Behind Bars" and "Psycho Beach Party," comes a comedy about life, love and sex in the '90s. Tickets are \$10 - very limited seating - and available at The Center.

9 p.m. - The Orange Blossom Bowling Association bowls at Bowl America, 1111 W. Fairbanks Ave., Winter Park every Tuesday evening. Call (407) 886-7806 or (407) 644-2244 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:15 a.m. - Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast in the Mark Cardwell Hall. 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. (407) 894-1081.

7 p.m. - Hope Metropolitan Community Church in Ormond Beach holds socials, study groups or discussions every Wednesday evening. First Unitarian Church, 56 N. Halifax, Ormond Beach. Call (904) 676-1030.

7:30 p.m. -Joy MCC Wednesday Discussion Group in the Mark Cardwell Hall. 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. (407) 894-1081.

7:30 p.m. -Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets the third Wednesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, Wesley Building, corner of South Street and Rosalind Ave. The public is welcome to attend the program portion of the evening only. The rap group is open only to parents and members.

THANKSGIVING DAY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

12 p.m.-Hope & Help/Centaur/Area Thanksgiving meal for the community. Call (407) 894-1992 for more information.

1 p.m.-Serenity House/Fight For Life Thanksgiving meal at St.Margaret Mary. For more information, call (407) 578-AIDS.

2 p.m. -Project Response/MCC Thanksgiving meal in South Brevardcounty. Unitarian Hall, 2185 Minton Road, West Melbourne. Call Project Response for more informationat (407) 242-0352.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:30 p.m. -The Gay Bowling Association bowls Saturday evenings at Fairlanes, 115 Wilshire Blvd., Indian Hills. Call Steve at (407) 831-7171 for more information.

7:30 p.m. -Holiday Art & Gift Auction to benefit Gay & Lesbian Community Services, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition. Hosted at the Furniture & More Gallery in the Shoppes of Lake Mary, Lake Mary Boulevard, Lake Mary, Florida. The art of nationally renowned Chicago Artist Jon Reich will be featured. Admission is \$10, redeemable on uction purchase.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.- Joy Metropolitan Community Church Sunday worship and service in the Sanctuary. 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. Call the church office at (407) 894-1081 for more information.

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Sunday evening at FirstUnitarian Church, 56 N. Halifax, Ormond Beach. Call (904) 676-1030 for more information.

7 p.m. - Breaking the Silence MCC holds services every Sunday evening at the Unitarian Church, 1261 Range Road, Cocoa. Call (407) 254-5884 for more information.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:30 p.m. - Hope & Help AIDS Support Group meets every Monday evening. Call (407) 894-1992 for information.

7:30 p.m. - Project Response Visualization/Relaxation Group for Central Brevard meets the second and fourth Monday of very month. Burnham-Woods Counseling Center, 640 N. Brevard Ave., Cocoa Village, Cocoa. For more information, call (407) 242-0352.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:15 a.m. - Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast in the Mark Cardwell Hall.2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. (407) 894-1081.

6 p.m. - Covered dish dinner at Joy MCC, Mark Cardwell Hall.

7:30 p.m.- National Organization for Women (NOW) meets at the First Unitarian Church of Orlando, 1815 E. Robinson St. For more information, call NOW's Activist Hotline at (407) 649-4280.

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**7 p.m.** – Centaur (Central Florida AIDS Unified Resources) holds its holiday party this evening at 7 p.m. For more information call (407) 849-1452.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

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**6:30 p.m.** – The Orlando Gay Chorus performs this evening following dinner at the Heritage Inn Dinner Theatre on International Drive in Orlando. Call the chorus at (407) 843-6671 for more information.

**7 p.m.** – Hope MCC holds services every Sunday evening at First Unitarian Church, 56 N. Halifax, Ormond Beach. Call (904) 676-1030 for more information.

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**7:30 p.m.** – The Fight For Life AIDS support group meets every Thursday evening. Call (407) 846-0456 for more information.

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### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

**6:30 p.m.** – Project Response holds a pot luck & social the fourth Thursday of every month for South Brevard. Unitarian Hall, 2185 Minton Road, West Melbourne. Call (407) 242-0352 for more information.

**7 p.m.** – Joy MCC Bingo at the Mark Cardwell

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**8 p.m.** – Joy MCC AA Group in Mark Cardwell Hall. 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. (407) 894-1081.

**9 p.m.** – Join us for a very special New Year’s Eve benefit for GLCS - an “Evening of Gold, Glitter and Glamour.” This semiformal event will feature a cocktail buffet, open bar, party favors, entertainment, and champagne at midnight. Space is limited to only 150 people, so make your reservations as soon as possible! Reservations are \$35 before Dec. 15 and \$40 after that date, if available. For reservations and information, call (407) 889-9919.



## Happy Holidays

to our readers, advertisers and community

– from the staff of *The Center Fold*





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**7:30 p.m.** – The Rev. Delores Berry will present a Gospel Concert at the Joy MCC Mark Cardwell Hall starting at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Berry is in great demand as a soloist, and her visit to Joy promises to be a highlight in the life of the Church and community.

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### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**7 p.m.** – The first event of the Orlando Cares World AIDS Day Weekend starts this evening at the Lake Eola amphitheater. "In Celebration, In Memory," is a celebration of those whose lives have been challenged by AIDS and a loving remembrance of those who have died. Members of the Southern Ballet, Paul Wegman and Barbara West among others are scheduled to appear. The ceremony will include a candlelight vigil. Organized jointly by the Genesis AIDS Project, Joy Metropolitan Community Church, Centaur, Hope & Help, Area, GLCS and Serenity House, the evening promises to be a moving occasion. For more information, contact the office of Centaur (407) 849-1452.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

**6 a.m.** – The World AIDS Day 10k pledge walk around Lake Eola goes from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. today. Walkers who turn in completed pledge sheets with all moneys will receive an official "Orlando Cares" World AIDS Day T-shirt. Shirts will also be available at the walk for a donation. Registration ends at 8:30 a.m. Pledge forms are available from local AIDS organizations, bars and The Center. All donations should be made out to "Orlando Cares." If weather doesn't cooperate, walkers will be credited with a full walk. For more information, call Centaur at (407) 849-1452.

**6:30 p.m.** – The Gay Bowling Association bowls Saturday evenings at Fairlanes, 115 Wilshire Blvd., Indian Hills. Call Steve at (407) 831-7171 for more information.

**8:35 p.m.** – Orlando Gay Chorus Holiday concert at the Knowles Memorial Chapel, Rollins College campus. \$10 donation. Tickets available from chorus members or The Center. Call (407) 629-0101 for more information.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

**10:15 a.m.** – Joy MCC special service in observance of World AIDS Day weekend.

2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando.

**2 p.m.** – The Black Star Levi/Leather Club meets the first Sunday of every month at the Full Moon Saloon. For more information, call Michael at (407) 420-2787.

**10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.** – Joy Metropolitan Community Church Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary. 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. Call the church office at (407) 894-1081 for more information.

**4 p.m.** – The Family That Cares Church, a Christian church "where everyone is always welcome" holds services every Sunday afternoon at 2090 Forsyth Road, Suite 205, Orlando. Call (407) 671-8800 for more information.

**7 p.m.** – Hope MCC holds services every Sunday evening at First Unitarian Church, 56 N. Halifax, Ormond Beach. Call (904) 676-1030 for more information.

**7 p.m.** – Breaking the Silence MCC holds services every Sunday evening at the Unitarian Church, 1261 Range Road, Cocoa. Call (407) 254-5884 for more information.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

**7:30 p.m.** – Hope & Help "Hope and Light" benefit at the Enzian Theater in Maitland. Call Hope & Help for more information. (407) 894-1992.

**7:30 p.m.** – Project Response Support Rap Group for Central Brevard county meets the first and third Monday of every month at the Burnham-Woods Counseling Center, 640 N. Brevard Ave., Cocoa Village, Cocoa. For more information, call (407) 242-0352.

**8 p.m.** – Joy MCC AA Group in Mark Cardwell Hall. 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. (407) 894-1081.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

**7 p.m.** – CENTAUR's Meditation Relaxation Group meets every Tuesday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For information, call (407) 849-1452.

**7 p.m.** – The Ocala-Marion County Community AIDS Network sponsors a Parents Support Group Tuesday evenings. For more information, call (904) 629-5124.

**7:30 p.m.** – Joy MCC Bible Study in Mark Cardwell Hall. 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. (407) 894-1081.

**9 p.m.** – The Orange Blossom Bowling Association bowls at Bowl America, 1111 W. Fairbanks Ave., Winter Park every Tuesday evening. Call (407) 886-7806 or (407) 644-2244 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

**7:15 a.m.** – Joy MCC Prayer Breakfast in the Mark Cardwell Hall. 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. (407) 894-1081.

**7 p.m.** – Hope Metropolitan Community Church in Ormond Beach holds socials, study groups or discussions every Wednesday evening. First Unitarian Church, 56 N. Halifax, Ormond Beach. Call (904) 676-1030.

**7:30 p.m.** – Joy MCC Wednesday Discussion Group in the Mark Cardwell Hall. 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. (407) 894-1081.

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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

**7 p.m.** – Joy MCC Bingo at the Mark Cardwell Hall, 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. Call the church office at (407) 894-1081 for more information.

**7:30 p.m.** – The Hope & Help Support Group for HIV+ individuals and caregivers meets Thursday evenings. Call (407) 894-1992 for more information.

**7:30 p.m.** – The Fight For Life AIDS support group meets every Thursday evening. Call (407) 846-0456 for more information.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

**7:30 p.m.** – The Joy MCC Singles Group meets the first Friday of every month at the Mark Cardwell Hall, 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando for a friendly get-together. Call (407) 894-1081 for more information.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

**4 p.m.** – Project Response holds a Pot Luck and Social the second Saturday of every month in North Brevard county. Wuesthoff Park Building, Barnum Road, south of Hwy. 50. For more information, call (407) 242-0352.

**6:30 p.m.** – The Gay Bowling Association bowls Saturday evenings at Fairlanes, 115 Wilshire Blvd., Indian Hills. Call Steve at (407) 831-7171 for more information.

**7 p.m.** – The White Party takes place this evening from 7 p.m. until midnight at the Winter Park Civic Center, (17-92 and Morse Blvd.). Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at The Center. A limited number of reserved tables for six are also available for an additional \$20 donation. Space is limited, so don't wait to make your reservations! (407) 425-GLCS.

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**8 p.m.** – The Orlando Gay Chorus performs poolside at the Parliament House. Call the chorus for more information at (407) 843-6671.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

**7:30 p.m.** – Hope & Help AIDS Support Group meets every Monday evening. Call (407) 894-1992 for information.

**7:30 p.m.** – Project Response Visualization/Relaxation Group for Central Brevard meets the second and fourth Monday of every month. Burnham-Woods Counseling Center, 640 N. Brevard Ave., Cocoa Village, Cocoa. For more information, call (407) 242-0352.

**8 p.m.** – Joy MCC AA Group in Mark Cardwell Hall. 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave., Orlando. (407) 894-1081.

**9:15 p.m.** – GaySkate rolls into the Semoran Skateway in Casselberry the second Monday of every month. Admission is open to all ages and is \$4.00 per person. Call GLCS for more information. (407) THE-GAYS.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

**6 a.m.** – Be sure to catch (or set your VCR to tape) "Good Day" on Ch. 35, WOFL from 6 to 6:30 a.m. this morning. GLCS staffers Linda Cartwright, Terry Deischer and Joel Strack discuss coming out and gay and lesbian youth.

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## Meet Jon Reich: Alternative Lifestyle Artist

By Blanche Whiteside  
Center Fold Staff Writer

**R**ecognized as one of America's most versatile, talented, creative and beguiling young artists, Jon Reich will be in Orlando for a showing of over 60 of his works on Saturday, Nov. 24, at Furniture and More in the Shoppes of Lake Mary, off Lake Mary Boulevard, and just east of I-4 (exit 50).

He now lives in Chicago, where he has his gallery, the Jon Reich Gallery (553 West Oakdale, Chicago, IL 60657). His story, however, begins several years earlier, far south of Chicago.

Jon's art career started in rural Mississippi at the age of 6, when he inherited a paint-by-number set from his sister. "After the coloring books were full, I used the only clean white surface available ... the shoebox dividers," he says.

Even then he was devoted to his work. "My father gave me seven cents each day to buy popsicles. I bought crayons instead. Had a whole shoebox full of them, but kept buying more because I liked the sharp tips," Jon says.

When Jon was 7, his father died in a forest fire. The sudden loss hit his mother especially hard. Between Jon and his four brothers and four sisters, she had her hands full. "Being the youngest and the smallest of nine, I always felt neglected. I used to clown around to get attention. In retrospect, I probably got more than my share, especially from my older sisters, who treated me like their own child at times."

Jon's mother, Lois, is a strong country woman who adjusted well to her situation.

She mastered the land so she could feed her youngsters. Her well-tended gardens are still producing more food today than the family can consume. Each time Jon returns from a trip home, he is loaded down with beans, greens, corn, tomatoes and other home-grown treats.

The area of Mississippi that Jon hails from is in the heart of the Bible belt. His mother is deeply religious, as are most of his friends and patrons in the area.

How do they react to his magnificent collection of nude prints? "At one show, the embarrassed host asked me to keep them in a closet, out of the main display. But, keeping them in the closet gave

them a 'forbidden fruit' quality, and everybody snuck over to see them ... and they sold like hotcakes."

When Jon was 12, he picked cucumbers for an entire summer to earn enough money to buy his first oil painting set. "I bought it through the mail from Spiegel's for \$30. It was so important to me that I can still remember the zip code. I sold each of the seven canvasses for \$5, and earned \$5 for myself!"

During a 1985 "Home Town Boy Does Good" show, several of Jon's primary and high school teachers attended. "Mrs. Jones, bless her soul, asked me how much I would charge to do a portrait of her husband. I told her two-fifty, meaning \$250," he says. "She said, 'Well, I think I have that right here in my purse,' and she pulled out a five-dollar bill and waited for change."

**J**on's first break came in 1976, when he was discovered by the owner of Dane's, one of Jacksonville's finest restaurants. At the time, Jon was putting himself through Florida Junior College (FJC) by working as a bag boy at a grocery store. Dane hired him as a waiter, and promoted his first one-man show at the restaurant.

Jon's bubbly personality and courteous service earned him big tips, and helped sell his artwork. The diners at Dane's formed the core of the large following Jon still enjoys in the Jacksonville area today.

While attending Florida Junior College (FJC), Jon's work was reviewed several times by the art critics of the *Jacksonville Journal*. In his first major review in 1974, Jon's blockprints were compared favorably to Picasso's. He was labeled a "master of blockprinting" at the age of 20.

His lithography teacher encouraged him to pursue art as a career. Jon later studied printmaking at the University of South Florida in Tampa, where his lithographs were selected for the Teacher's Choice Shows.

In early 1980, Jon left Florida to study at the Art Institute of Chicago. Since his arrival in Chicago, he has worked out of his north-side Chicago studio and has developed a loyal and growing following. He has had several highly acclaimed one-man shows in Chicago and the surrounding area, including a premiere at the First Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee.

His present Chicago clientele includes both gays, lesbians and

non-gays (including Mayor Richard Daley, several members of the Illinois Legislature and a growing number of Chicago's young, affluent and socially "in" set). His work appeals to all life styles.

Early on, when he first arrived in Chicago, he found that it was like starting all over again. Galleries in Chicago were not interested in an unknown artist from a small Mississippi town.

He sought work as a commercial artist, but was turned down. Jon settled for a retail sales position, selling perfume. (History repeats itself.) The owner let him display his art in the front window to help attract customers. After a year of this, Jon's art was selling well enough for him to give up his sales job to pursue art as a full-time career.

In early January of 1984, he opened his Chicago Studio/Gallery, his first space devoted to production and sales of artwork. By 1985, his business was well established, and he rented added space to set up a serigraphy studio.

By 1986, Jon's star was rising fast. He participated in both the New York

and Los Angeles International Art Expositions that year.

He took over wholesale distribution of his posters and prints so that he could control the promotional efforts. His reputation as an unusually original artist spread rapidly.

**I**t was during the Los Angeles trip that Jon had his first sign that something was wrong with his body.

He suffered a series of health problems during the latter half of 1986, and by Thanksgiving Day his health was deteriorating rapidly. His test for anti-bodies to the AIDS virus came back positive two days before Christmas, but his physician waited until after the first of the year to tell him the news.

Jon pulled back from his busy schedule, and turned his attention inward to fight the disease. Dropping the shows and other events also allowed him to devote more time to his imaginative art.

By 1988, AIDS-related neuropathy was interfering with his ability to lift his legs. For several months that

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# Orlando Gay Chorus Leaders Step into Spotlight

By Cornelius Van Pelt  
Center Fold Staff Writer

Every successful for-profit organization utilizes vision, discipline, planning and development, high energy, creativity and, most especially, leadership to move itself forward. The Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC), although non-profit, is no different from its corporate cousins. It has in place a dynamic board of directors that is moving the OGC into new, challenging and rewarding musical territory with more speed, success and cheers than anyone could have envisioned a few short months ago. These movers and shakers include:

Robert Smedly, vice president

Bob is a native Orlandoan, and has been employed in various areas of professional counseling for 14 years. He attended Valencia Community College and the University of Central Florida, where he received his bachelor's degree in psychology and criminal justice. Bob currently is employed as an addiction therapist in a local community-based agency.

Bob's initial service to the gay community was as a volunteer with the Gay Hotline, sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Community Services, where he assisted for five years.

His "coming out" was a slow process. Although "I always knew I was different, I didn't begin embracing my new orientation until 1982," Bob said. "At that point my involvement with a local charismatic church gave me courage to accept who I was ... with much to be proud of."

When Bob heard about the formation of a gay chorus, he knew "it was for me. I hadn't been in a chorus since leaving my church, and I missed singing tremendously. I was proud to sing in my church, and viewed it as a ministry, of sorts. After joining the OGC, I realized that I was a part of another kind of ministry, that represented a melting pot of the gay community."

Bob feels strongly that being a member of the board of directors and an officer of OGC has given him an added outlet to express his enthusiasm and service commitment to the gay and lesbian community. "I was a delegate to the recent GALA Conference in Chicago ... where I could reflect with pride on Orlando's

participation in this dynamic world-wide gay and lesbian singing community."

Being a member of the OGC has brought Bob closer to the gay community as well as to his family. "My grandmother is thrilled with my singing, and has shared this feeling with my aunts, uncles and other family members," he said. She is "proud of me and can't help but share her enthusiasm and pride with everyone."

"I share my grandmother's pride the OGC, and in our growth. As we enter our second performance season, I am excited about making a difference in our special community. This, in 30 words or more, is why I am so pleased to be a member of the great group called the Orlando Gay Chorus!"

Steve Brooks, secretary

Definitely an adopted Florida native, Steve has lived here since he was 2 years old. Since that time, he has participated in many musical activities in central Florida, particularly in Gainesville and Orlando. Since the formation of the Orlando Gay Chorus, Steve has sung second tenor and on occasion, has been a featured vocalist. His significant other, Paul Driver, sings bass with the OGC and is the editor of the choir newsletter, *The In-choirer*.

Currently an occasional "saloon singer" at the Parliament House piano bar, Steve enjoys all kinds of music (except heavy metal). For the past 10 years, Steve has been a "hair burner." He and his partners currently own a hair salon in Altamonte Springs. An increasingly active volunteer in local gay and lesbian activities, Steve was one of the featured hair design specialists at the 1990 Orlando Gay Pride Picnic.

"We need to realize that the 'political statements' we make do not necessarily have to have a 'political expression'. By showing our own gay and lesbian community, as well as the larger, heterosexual community, who and what we are helps everyone understand the diversity of our community," Steve said. "The harder we make it for a homophobic person to lump us together, the harder we make it for them to justify negativity toward gays and lesbians."

"It is true ... we really are everywhere ... and the OGC is one of the groups that helps prove this to be true. I really am proud of our singing

group, as well as being one of its officers and board members!"

Greg Bell, treasurer

Although Greg is a Florida native (born in Daytona Beach), he has lived throughout the South, and wherever he has lived, he has contributed much to gay and lesbian musical activities.

After attending public school in Volusia County, Greg attended the University of Florida and graduated in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Throughout high school, Greg was active in both marching and concert band; at the university he began singing with campus vocal groups, including the University of Florida Glee Club and Concert Chorus. He has studied music since he was 12 years old.

After graduation from the U of F, Greg moved to Houston, where he held several management positions in the retail field, before joining Exxon. While in Houston, Greg was active in the gay political arena.

He was a member of the Houston Gay Political Caucus, one of the nation's most powerful gay rights and political lobby groups, as well as a member of the Harris County (Texas) Democratic Executive Committee.

During this time, Greg sensed that something was missing: "my work in the cultural and social aspects of the gay community." And, while attending the first National Gay Rights March on Washington, D.C., in 1978, he realized that he also was "missing a real sense of pride."

After listening to the San Francisco Gay Mens' Chorus perform, he and several friends decided that gay musical performing groups would help instill pride within their individual communities.

Soon after that, in 1978, Greg became a charter member of the Montrose Symphonic Band in Houston (an all-gay marching and concert band).

The following year Greg founded the Montrose Singers, an all-gay choral group. He discovered that

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## Remembering the 'Bad Old Days' for Gays and Lesbians

By Jeff Campbell  
Center Fold Staff Writer

The ease and relative comfort of gay society today can best be put into context if there is some familiarity with the recent past: the days before Stonewall. Yesterday we lived much of our lives in fear and obscurity because of official and sanctioned violence upon us.

These memories are not gentle and tidy, but in retrospect are remembered nightmares. Many today believe that the gays of yesterday lived what now seems to have been a hedonistic life of sexual abandon - idle and endless pursuit of sexual gratification. The truth that brought this into being was societal prohibition of gays to pursue regular and stable relationships. Because of our efforts, stability is now a feature of gay life, and the casual approach toward sex has been ended by disease and this maturity of gay people.

Less than 25 years ago, many of the bars in which we were accepted were accessible by a single entrance and were often in the basement. This single entrance enabled the police to "raid" a location on the call of the politicians. Thus the visit to a gay bar was an invitation to intimidation by the police and arrest for "disorderly

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conduct," exposure in the press as a homosexual, public disgrace and ridicule, and probably the loss of employment.

In the even more violent incidents of those times, gay men were solicited at known cruising locations on the pretext of a tryst with romance, only to be found dead the next morning with their throat slit or strangled, or shot in the mouth. Rare was the sympathy for the victim, yet there was admiration for the murderer.

We lived closeted in a society that denied us open friendship and meeting places and organizations. Our pursuit of sexual fulfillment forced us to unlikely and unsafe places because we were denied the opportunity for stable relationships or a place in the socio-political structure.

It is very important today that the gay community at large be familiar with our recent history. We are not too many decades removed from a time when some of the western societies decreed the penalty of death for homosexuality. So it is vital that we maintain a nucleus of self-support to build on the strengths we have achieved.

A new generation of hate and intimidation is now on the horizon and the sooner our community comes to a full awareness of the intent and tactics, the better we can pursue our counterattack and our defense. The sensation-seeking politicians and extremists are vocal and well financed; to ignore them would be dangerous.

The responsibility for our well-being and our welfare falls squarely on ourselves. We cannot depend on a government that does not like us, will not defend us and will work against us.

The bad is yesterday, the good is today, but the best is yet to come.

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#### INTEGRITY CHAPTER FORMS

Integrity, the lesbian and gay ministry of the Episcopal Church in the United States, has formed a new chapter in the Central Florida area. The chapter meets the last Sunday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Center, 750 W. Colonial Drive (S.R. 50), Orlando.

For info, please contact R. Barry Levis, convener, Integrity of Central Florida, (407) 648-1121.

**BACKGROUND INFO:** Integrity was founded in 1974 and has grown to more than 50 chapters in the United States. There are, in addition, chapters in Canada and Australia and members in various parts of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The organization is open to all who support gay and lesbian rights in the Episcopal Church.

Members include several bishops and many supportive clergy.

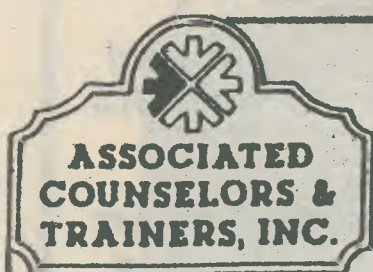
Integrity's goal is "to be the Church in the lesbian and gay community and to be the lesbian and gay community in the church," according to its national charter. To accomplish this, Integrity chapters sponsor worship, educational programs, fellowship and service for the community and witness to and dialogue with the Church.

#### QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"I don't believe it's proper at this time for a homosexual group to promote its own cause by offering itself to benefit AIDS. ... coming out is OK, but not at an AIDS benefit."

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my chocolate-covered doughnuts with Buddy who returned his gratitude by saying "Thanks" in those twinkling brown eyes of his.

I started to get back in the car. The dog was still staring at me, or maybe it was just my imagination.

Regardless, I stared back.

"You like that dawg, don't you?" was the question the old man asked me as he flashed that grandfatherly smile in my direction.

"That is certainly one fine dog," I returned.

"Why don't you take 'im home with you? I got another dawg at the place."

I offered the generous old man five or six excellent reasons why I could not and proceeded to drive away.

It has been eight or nine years now. To be exact, it's probably closer to 10. It as dark that night and I was certainly not familiar with the road. I doubt I could ever find that country service station again, even if I wanted to.

Which, you understand, I don't.

But, thanks to David, my love for dogs and my sentimental ways, I am able to receive from Tetris and give to her, those things that I really would have enjoyed sharing with Buddy, another one of my "best friends."

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I can't alone enjoy it. And so I invited these lonesome people; casual acquaintances of my friends to a celebration of life."

"And now they've added such joy to my life because they have found the pleasures that come with the fullness of friendship."

As I left David's home, I too had a new friend who had given me a whole new appreciation of the nature of man, for surely David is a man of great insight and kindness and generosity. Then I knew for sure that there really had been a Christmas.

**CONDOMS: Don't Leave Home Without Them****LEADERS**, from Page 22

both groups, along with the Gay Political Caucus, helped instill so much pride within Houston's gay community that the community developed a real sense of unity, eventually becoming one of the country's most powerful gay and lesbian communities.

In 1983, Greg returned to Florida, and later became a charter member of the Orlando Gay Chorus in early 1990. "I am very aware of what gay and lesbian musical groups can do for a community's pride, and I couldn't wait to become a part of the OGC."

**Don Ostergard**  
membership chairman

A resident of Orlando since 1985, Don and his diligent Membership Committee staff have been largely responsible for the substantial and impressive increase

OGC singers since the group's debut in June. One of his on-going tasks is to help re-activate the singers who have become inactive since the group's founding.

And, Don contributes his organizational, management and business skills to the OGC board of directors. Don was one of the charter members of the Chorus, for which he sings first tenor.

Don was born in Atlanta 41 years ago, and currently manages commercial and residential real estate for a local company. He has sung in numerous church and high school choirs in Panama City, Fla., and San Antonio, Texas, and was a member of All-State Choirs both in Texas and Florida. While at the University of Florida, he sang with the Concert Choir for four years.

Besides his active roles with the OGC, Don currently is serving as Chairman of "The White Party," to be held at the Winter Park Civic Center on Saturday night, Dec. 8.

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# Glossary for Center Events and Meetings

■ **ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS** (ACOA)/ Incest Survivors Group meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. This group is open to new members and is mixed gay/straight.

■ **ALAN KASPER BRIDGE CLUB** meets twice monthly (Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.) for a friendly game of Bridge. Beginners and experts are equally welcome.

■ **BACKYARD BBQ** is a free (donations cheerfully accepted) cook-out for the Central Florida gay and lesbian community. Held the third Saturday of every month at 4 p.m., this event is an excellent opportunity to acquaint yourself with The Center and meet new friends in a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere. Our Saturday Movie runs in conjunction with the BBQ, too.

■ **BROKEN HEARTS CLASS** is for those of us who are unhappily single or having difficulty in a current relationship and find ourselves in need of a "how to" lesson in relationships. Class convenes every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

■ **CHRISTIAN AWARENESS CLASS** is held by Zion AAC every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. and deals with the relationship between Christianity and homosexuality. For more information, call the church office at (407) 895-1246.

■ **COMING OUT GROUP** is a discussion group dealing with the problems and joys of coming to terms

with your sexual orientation and sharing that news with others. It meets every Monday evening at 7 p.m.

■ **FANTASIA CROSSDRESSERS SUPPORT GROUP** meets every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. This group is for anyone, gay or non-gay who enjoys dressing in clothing of the opposite gender. Attendees may come "dressed" or in street clothing.

■ **GAMES NIGHT** is sponsored by Zion AAC and takes place the first and third Friday of every month at 8 p.m. Zion has a great collection of board games on hand or you can bring your own.

■ **GLCS BOARD MEETINGS** are held every other Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. and are open to the public. Items for the agenda must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

■ **HEALING CIRCLE** meets every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. Based on the philosophies of Louise Hay (author of *You Can Heal Your Life*) this group promotes self love, loving relationships and a healthier body and spirit.

■ **I LOVE LUCY FAN CLUB** meets every other Friday evening (alternating with Movie Night) at 7:30 p.m. Come witness Lucille Ball's comedic genius with an appreciative audience.

■ **INTEGRITY** is an Episcopalian discussion group

which meets every Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m.

■ **MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP** is a men's discussion group that meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. to explore issues facing the gay and lesbian community.

■ **MOVIE NIGHT** is every other Friday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. As with other Center activities, there is no admission charge, but donations are cheerfully accepted. Snacks and beverages are available.

■ **PEOPLE OF COLOR SUPPORT GROUP** is a support/discussion group for people of color, including all non-Caucasian lesbians and gays. It meets every other Tuesday evening at 6 p.m.

■ **RAP GROUP** is a mixed group of men and women, young and mature, discussing a variety of topics concerning the gay and lesbian community. Rap meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

■ **SATURDAY MOVIE** runs in conjunction with our monthly Backyard BBQ, the third Saturday of every month at 4 p.m. As with other Center events, there is no admission fee, but donations are cheerfully accepted!

■ **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP** is for anyone who feels nature gave them a body with the wrong

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## P/FLAG

The topic for this month is *chapter's library books?*  
Questions.

•What do you talk about at a P/FLAG meeting?

Broadly, anything and everything. More specifically, whatever is uppermost on the minds of those at the meeting. A parent, new in the knowledge of their child's sexual orientation, may ask, "What did I or his father do to cause this?" Another parent or a friend might reply, "Nothing. Your child is OK just the way he is." This parent may then be referred to some of P/FLAG's literature which addresses this question.

Frequently we share happy events in our or our child's life. We encourage each other. Everything shared in our meetings is confidential, so each of us can feel free to speak about what is on our mind.

•What if I'm not a dues-paying member, but would like to borrow one of the

We are delighted to share our library. For those who have paid their dues, the only charge is \$1 a month. For others who attend and have not paid membership dues, a deposit equal to the replacement cost of the book is required, plus the \$1 a month rental. The deposit is returned to the borrower when the book is returned in good condition. All rental funds are used exclusively to purchase more books. Deposits are usually under \$15.

Currently in stock are: *Are You Still My Mother?*, *Beyond Acceptance*, *Loving Someone Gay*, *Living in Sin?* (Bishop Spong's book), *Parents Matter*, *New Testament and Homosexuality*, *Embracing the Exile*, *Uncommon Calling*, *Crisis in Masculinity*, *Situation Ethics* and, newly purchased with accumulated rental funds, *Now That You Know*.

For further information, contact Allene at P/FLAG, P.O. Box 141312, Orlando, Fla. 32814-1312, or call her, after 6:30 pm, at (407) 896-0689.

## CHANGE, from Page 2

believe in GLCS and what we do!

Third, you need to be a team player. It sounds like a cliché but in volunteer service, you have to stick together. A divided board is an ineffective one.

New ideas and services are great as long as those already in progress are run properly. I truly believe that our first priority is doing what we do the best that we can do it. A good idea remains a good idea until properly executed. It could quickly become a bad idea if not.

Fourth, be prepared to commit yourself (or maybe be committed). This is no glamour job. It takes hours and hours of time and energy and you can expect very few pats on the back. In fact, no matter how good a job you think you're doing, there will always be someone

standing on the sidelines to point out all your mistakes. It's a fact of life for volunteer workers.

You must dedicate yourself to what you do and expect the only reward to be the feeling deep inside that makes you know that what you are doing is good for the community and good for yourself. A year is a long time. Make sure you intend on being here for the duration.

If you feel you can meet these qualifications, I challenge you to become a member of the GLCS board. If not, I encourage you to become involved by being a GLCS volunteer. Without our many volunteers, GLCS would not exist!

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## Death, Dying Pose Special Problems to Gays

By Alan Lunin  
Center Fold Staff Writer

For gay men and lesbians, death and dying are often more fraught with peril than for our heterosexual brethren. Who gets to visit us at our deathbeds, and who gets to inherit from us are governed by rules that discriminate against us.

There are, however, legal ways to circumvent the bias built into the laws. In the instance of health care and dying, a power of attorney will give someone of your choice the authority to make medical decisions for you when you cannot do so.

For example, if you are in a car accident and in a coma, the person with the power of attorney can make decisions, rather than those decisions being made by a parent, child, etc.

You may also have a document directing any hospital to treat a specific individual as though that person were your closest family member.

In conjunction with these documents, you can, while still in good health, let your physician know that you want a specific person to be treated as your closest relative. It is important that you have a physician who understands that you are "special."

These methods are not limited to a lover. You may have a close friend who understands you better than any family member. If that person is your choice to cheer you up, and, if necessary, make medical decisions

for you, then take action now as insurance for the future.

You can also protect your right to decide what happens to you and your possessions when you die. A will can make anyone you choose the person who will be your personal representative after you die.

Your will should have your burial instructions. My experience over many years of practicing law in the gay community has provided me with numerous examples of men and women whose estranged parents have taken over their burial processes.

Provide details of the funeral that you would want and make sure that your personal representative has an original of your will.

You should also let your friends know who your personal representative is so that person will be notified as soon as possible after your death.

Also, make sure that you detail who will get your possessions.

Most states do not require that you leave it to parents or siblings. You can leave your assets to friends or to worthy charitable organizations.

So, you *can* limit governmental intrusion into your life by a little planning. You should always check with an attorney to make sure that these documents are well drafted. Nothing precludes anybody from challenging them in the courts, so the better they are the less chance of a successful challenge.

If you have any questions you would like addressed in this column, write to me at *The Center Fold*, 750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32801.

### *Legally Speaking*

## Church Chat

FAMILY THAT CARES CHURCH

By Roy Trussell  
Center Fold Staff Writer

The fall season is upon us, and the beginning of a busy time for the Family That Cares. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual hayride and weiner roast because of mosquitoes. Another one is being planned for February. Details later.

The Family That Cares will be participating in the Thanksgiving Day Feast sponsored by Serenity House, a group home for AIDS babies. Assisting also will be various support groups.


The dinner will be held at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church on Park Avenue in Winter Park, and is open to all persons affected by HIV disease and their guests.

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This year, Advent begins Dec. 2. We will be blessing the Advent

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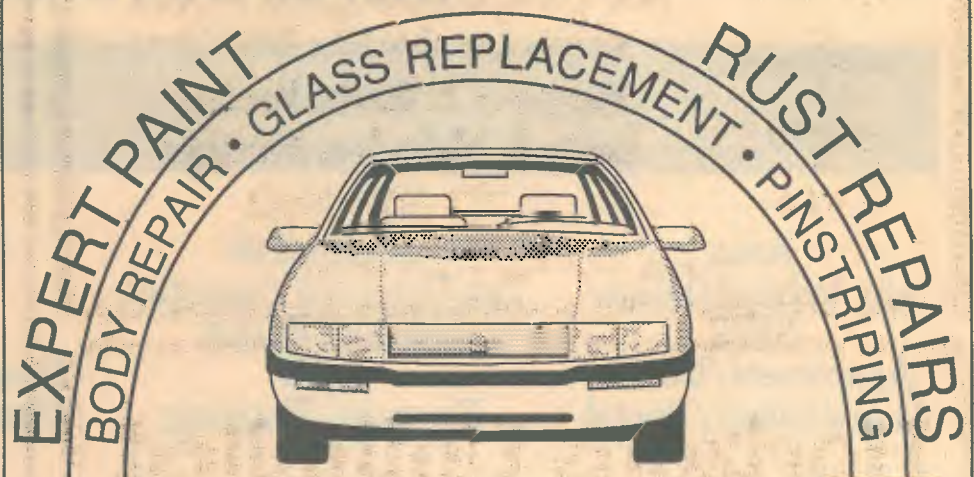
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## OGC to Raise Holiday Spirits with Concerts

By Cornelius Van Pelt  
Center Fold Staff Writer

**OGC Sets Holiday Performances:** With the on-rushing December holiday season, we can expect to hear the voices of the Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC) raised frequently in festive song as they perform carols and holiday songs throughout the area:

- Dec. 1: Holiday Concert at the Knowles Chapel on the campus of Rollins College;
- A pool-side songfest is tentatively scheduled for the Parliament House at 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9;
- On Friday night, Dec. 14, the OGC will be bused to local gay and lesbian bars to perform;
- On Sunday night, Dec. 16, the OGC will perform at the Heritage Dinner Theatre (at the Heritage Inn) at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person for both dinner and show; reservations can be made by calling the Heritage Dinner Theatre at (407) 352-0008.

**Womyn Join OGC:** It's good to note that lesbians are being attracted to the OGC. Since the June concerts, Morgen Aiken and Karen Rabinowitz have joined the ranks of first tenors, and are contributing substantially to that section. Expect to hear more from them.

**Ross Shines at Rollins Concert:** When the OGC presented an hour-long special performance at Rollins College's "Diversity Week" recently, a featured

performer was Ross T. Pitts, skilled guitarist and highly effective balladeer. Ross' moving rendition of "Come What May" brought an enthusiastic response from the audience, which exceeded 350!

Look for new soloists to emerge as OGC Director Charlie Callahan identifies new talent from among his growing cadre of vocalists. Those attending the June concerts will remember the memorable solos by first tenor Douglas Gathers and by baritone Fred Berliner.

During the "Diversity Week" concert noted above, the OGC presented the world premiere of Callahan's arrangement of the tender and well-known "An Irish Blessing." A truly moving moment.

**Chorus Applies for Tax-Exempt Status:** OGC President Dave Schuler reminds us of something especially important and significant to the future fortunes of the chorus: "We have applied for tax exempt status with the IRS, and will receive a 501(c)(1) tax exemption for non-profit organizations."

"This news will be of interest to all purchasers of OGC tickets, as well as to all potential donors to the Chorus," Schuler said.

"All donor level categories are deductible, whether the amount [is] \$25, \$50, \$100 or more. We hope this status will strike a good note within our community, and will encourage vital and needed continued support by friends of the Orlando Gay Chorus."

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### CHURCH, from Page 28

wreath and lighting the first candle.

Our Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 11 p.m. followed by our annual Christmas Eve Buffet. Pastor Mary Jo Gunn invites everyone to join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ, our Saviour.

The Family That Cares is a Christian church where everyone is always welcome. Services are Sundays at 4 p.m. at 2090 Forsyth Road, Suite 205. For information about any aspect of the church, call the church office at (407) 671-8800.



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**The Day of the Walk-Run-Jog, December 1**

Registration will begin at 6:00 a.m. the Walt Disney Amphitheatre at Lake Eola. Although the "official start" will be at 6:30 a.m., you may begin your walk-run-jog anytime between 6:00 and 8:00. You must, however, be finished by 10:00 a.m.

Please dress comfortably for the walk-run-jog, and be prepared to make six trips around Lake Eola. Water, fruits and other refreshments will be provided by local merchants. We will walk rain or shine as there are no provisions for a rain date, but if severe weather should interfere, you will be given credit for the whole 10K.

A completed pledge sheet, with all monies paid in advance, will entitle you to receive an official Orlando Cares World AIDS Day T-shirt, along with our heartfelt appreciation!

**A Weekend for World AIDS Day Events:****Friday, November 30**

An evening at the Walt Disney Amphitheatre at Lake Eola, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. A celebration of those whose lives have been challenged by AIDS, and in loving memory of those who have died. Participants in the evening will include representatives from the Southern Ballet, the Orlando Opera Company and other local actors and artists. Panels from the local Names Project Quilt will serve as the backdrop for a candlelight vigil.

**Saturday, December 1**

Pledge Walk-Run-Jog around Lake Eola, 6:00 - 10:00 a.m.

The Orlando Gay Chorus will present its holiday concert in the Rollins College Chapel at 8:00.

**Sunday, December 2**

Joy Metropolitan Community Church will dedicate the 10:30 worship service in observance of World AIDS Day, and how we can respond to this community, and the world, in a more loving, thoughtful way.

Currently, Florida ranks third in the nation with over 13,000 diagnosed cases of AIDS. It is estimated that between 10,000 and 18,000 Central Florida residents are infected with HIV and most are unaware of their health status. Each of us must take responsibility to learn the facts and take necessary steps in our own lives to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS, as well as to educate others. People with AIDS and their loved ones live with incredible challenges each and every day. They need the help of service providers, the support of the community and the hope of education and research. Thank you for your loving care!

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## ARTIST, from Page 21

winter, Jon relied on his arms to drag himself along behind a walker. By spring, he had learned to balance himself with a cane, and swing his legs in an arc to advance.

At this time, Jon's mobility has improved; working with a physical therapist, he maintains a rigid daily exercise routine to build up his lower body and further develop his upper body.

And he continues to work, with unyielding enthusiasm and a great sense of humor, to produce startlingly inventive artwork in many mediums. His visit to Orlando will be his first out-of-Chicago visit since his viral diagnoses.

Innate talents allow Jon to express his genius through a remarkably diverse spectrum of media, including pencils, watercolors, chalk, oils, blockprints, serigraphs, lithographs and sculpture. "Pencils allow me to create a much tighter, more realistic rendering than I can achieve with other media," he says.

He also enjoys working elements of illusion and fantasy into his work. This tendency is most evident in his

four famous pencil "Transparencies," front and back views of male and female nudes.

The question he is most often asked (other than "Who are the models?" and "Where do they live?") is why the "Transparencies" appear to be creased. "The segmentation gives the picture a more balanced look," Jon says. "I got the idea from my mother, who folds her letters like that."

The "Transparencies" remain his most enduring and popular works; they are most often framed singly, in large sizes, but can be displayed as an integrated unit, arranged both horizontally or vertically.

Jon has just completed his first book, a 10- x 14 -inch "coffee table" art book which contains over 65 reproductions of his black and white artwork, and will be available in early December. His book highlights one of the ways Jon expresses himself best: through his pencil drawings of nudes.

Many artists throughout history have captured the human form beautifully. Jon is an artist who captures the human soul, as well. Each of his pictures expresses a unique mood, and tells a different story with tender, lasting effect.

## VAMPIRE, from Page 1

interesting aspect of this character is that the heroine is played by a man, the one with the tattoo.

GLCS was represented by John Rose, acting-director of the Center, and David Bain, president, as well as members of the board of directors and volunteers.

Rose and Bain staged a surprise for Linda Cartwright, GLCS office manager. They presented her with a fantastic bouquet of red roses as a small token of The Center's appreciation for her many faceted talents and ability to run the office so efficiently.

Just before the show started, the entire audience was asked to stand and hold hands as a tape of "Over The Rainbow" was played, symbolizing sort of a gay/lesbian anthem. By the end of the song, the audience's voices had surpassed the music, really getting into the spirit of the evening. All in all, the evening was a fabulous event for the Center and Theatre Downtown.

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## EASTERN, from Page 6

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## FLAG, from Page 1

men across the nation are kicking open closet doors, Gov. Deukmejian once more has attempted to kick the door shut again. In a final jab at the gay and lesbian community, took the outrageous action of removing the 'Rainbow' flag ... from its rightful place at the top of the State Capitol."

Friedman also pointed out that "The Legislature's Joint Rules Committee chairman approved raising the flag as he and the committee have routinely done before."

Deukmejian's order apparently was fueled by anti-gay prejudice, as it was not unprecedented to have flags other than the American and California state flags flown over the Capitol.

Robert Forsyth, a spokesman for state Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti, D-Los Angeles, said that flags commemorating Black History Week, Earth Day and the mass deaths of Armenians have been flown over the Capitol. The building also has

been festooned with anti-smoking banners and covered with red, white and blue bunting for a campaign appearance by President George Bush a few years ago, Forsyth said.

Other reaction to the event:

- "We were very proud to have obtained permission from the Joint Rules Committee to fly the gay rainbow flag. Our community was never so proud!" said a gay man.

- Infuriated by a veteran's hostility to the rainbow flag, Mike Larson, a gay Marine Corps veteran, said: "Bullets and bombs don't discriminate - I don't see why we should!" Larson was commenting on what veterans' groups had said upon seeing the rainbow flag flying over the state Capitol: "Get that queer flag down or we'll shoot it down!"

- Some veterans, however, supported the flying of rainbow flag. "America was built on freedom [and] the gay community has every right to fly the rainbow flag on the Capitol," said a commander of the Polish Legion of American Veterans.

## 'Orlando's Own Terry Thomas'



Due to a lack of space, 'The Center Fold' was unable to run this photo of Terry Thomas, accompanist of the Orlando Gay Chorus, with the article that ran last month.



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