

NEW DIRECTION

Living Gay In Central Florida

Murder most foul Pg 3



Criss Cross ala 'blonde

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All the world is his stage

By Jay Wesley
New Direction Managing Editor

(Female impersonator Criss Cross becomes 50 years old this month. A regular at the Playhouse Theater in Orlando's Parliament House, Criss has been putting on a dress and false eyelashes to make people laugh since 1953, a remarkable career spanning almost 30 years.

Criss recently talked with New Direction in his Parliament House room. Puffing almost constantly on Winston 100's, his hands punctuating his sentences, Criss shared experiences from his crazy quilt career in show business.

In a Gay society that puts great emphasis on youth and physical beauty, Criss Cross offers some particular insights learned in front of the footlights. -Ed.)

"My father was in the Navy, I was born in San Diego, but the family moved to San Francisco, where dad became a longshoreman. He always wanted me to follow in his footsteps...I guess that I was quite a disappointment to him."

"Mom was ways for me. I was real close to her. I learned to cook from her and I guess all the other things that a so-called daughter should."

"My only brother helped to make up for me. He even got a broad pregnant and all those other things that make parents happy."

"When I was 12 or 13, my friend and I used to watch shows through the rear window at Finocchio's. The window had a big fan in it and as long as the fan was turning, we could see in. I spent a lot of nights on the hillside behind that place."

"We soon started doing shows for local groups, the church and such...of course, that wasn't in drag. Then I went into the service, the Army, and was doing shows both in comic drag and out for several years. I even got a chance to play Tokyo."

"After the Army, I ended up in San Francisco again where I got a job at the 118 Club two nights a week. In those days you couldn't wear woman's clothes without having men's clothing on underneath. If you wore a gown, you had to have a shirt, tie, pants and shoes, men's shoes, on. The rules were pretty common throughout the country. And the cops enforced them."

"In some cities where I worked, you were allowed to wear drag clothing outside the clubs if you were on your way to and from work. If the police found you in some restaurant or club outside the direct line from home to work, they arrested you."

"I chose the name Criss Cross (not his real name) from a movie called 'Woman in the Window' starring Hedy Lamar and Edward G. Robinson. He played a detective by that name. It seemed like a name that people would remember, so its been with me ever since the early 50's."

"Criss Cross is the person I'd like to be and can't be when I'm being myself. I'm shy, although you'd never know it because of my facade. Like I'm afraid to

say hello to alot of people because they say 'what's that old fag talking to me for.' When I'm in my character, I can say anything I want to and get away with it."

"It's been a pretty good job. There have been some good times, some mediocre times, and some bad times. However, I have always made a living...I have never starved much."

"Being a comedian, there is always work. There are so many (performers) that want to be pretty...they put on a dress, go buy a record and just stand there and look pretty. If you are a comedian you can go on forever. If you are just a 'glamour', you start to fade when your beauty starts to fade."

"I've always considered myself a female impersonator. I don't live as a woman. In fact, I'm more comfortable out of it (drag). If a man wears a tee-shirt or a suit...he's still a man. That's how I feel about doing drag. I feel a person should be a person. There is too much role playing in the Gay community...that's part of the problem."

"The super machos don't like drags, and the drags don't like the machos. I can't go with you because you swish too much or you're too nellie or too fucking butch...if we could unite in the Gay community, we could do so much more."

"I feel that the butch levi and leather type is doing the same exact thing as I am...putting on a costume and playing a role."

"I wish that the younger Gays would realize what they have going for them and appreciate what others have done for them. They never do. I think that times are a lot better now."

"When I realized that I was gay, I knew there was something wrong with me because I was always looking at other men. I was never curious about girls. I met this other boy. We thought we were the only two. Then the world started opening up. We learned the language. I even learned to smoke because I wanted to be able to talk to someone by asking them, 'do you have a light.'"

"I really worked in some unusual places...once in an insane asylum in the locked wards. When we were coming out, they went through my suitcase. It was full of wigs and dresses...I thought that I would never get out of there. I've also played penal institutions, for the USO, and I even played the lead female role in

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Ostriches flourishing in Central Florida

The ostrich is not in danger of extinction in central Florida. We do not mean the gigantic bird...we are referring to the mentality that is represented by the legend that whenever an ostrich is threatened by something he fears or misunderstands, he buries his head in the sand until the threat disappears.

New Direction recently witnessed two cases of ostrich-like behavior during the efforts to compile news for this issue.

Case number one involved our efforts to secure photographs for a Fall fashion lay-out. Our plan was to use clothing from a local store, worn by local models, and photographed in a local background. Sounds simple doesn't it. After all, everybody knows how those gay folks spend money on clothes, especially trendy fashion looks.

Our photographer contacted two shops that represent themselves as "hot" fashion outlets. Both stores are located in large malls and are part of national chains.



To their credit, in each shop the local store manager was very cooperative and interested in the idea. However, they claimed that they would have to submit the concept to a higher official for approval.

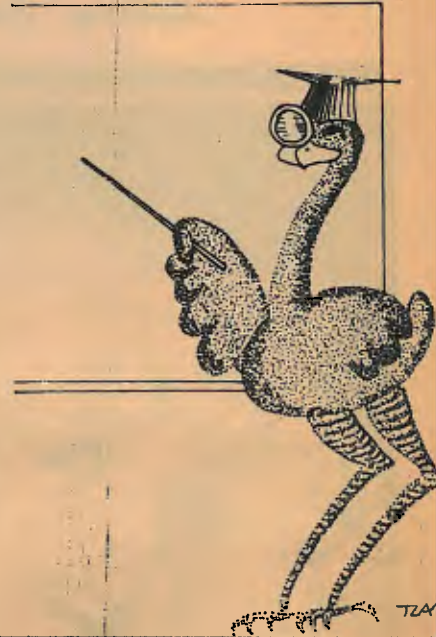
It appears that ostriches are especially drawn to middle management jobs. A flat rejection came in response to our request. Apparently, despite a stagnant economy and moribund sales of softgoods, the thought of their threads appearing in a Gay publication was just too threatening for these decision-makers to deal with in a reasonable manner. How do these people breathe with all that sand piled up around them?

Case number two is more serious. This month's story on Gay youth and the way they function in their own special micro-society required a response from educational officials. *New Direction* contacted an Orange County School Board official after our interviews of students indicated that divergent sexuality, including homosexuality, bi-sexuality, and all the shades in-between were never mentioned in any class...health, social studies, family living, or biology.

The educator said that the school board's official policy on the subject was not to have a policy. He did say that a discussion of the subjects may take place in some free-wheeling classrooms situations. However, the study of possible divergence from the heterosexual model is not condoned nor encouraged nor considered.

The teachers that *New Direction* contacted, several who are Gay, said the threat of job loss from mention of the subjects in the classroom is real and this kind of ostrich-inspired blackmail keeps the taboos in place. They call this *higher* education?

Pride in being Gay comes from a feeling of rightness in a society that seems to worship many of the things that are wrong. *New Direction* is dedicated to breaking down the suspicions and fears about Gay men and women. The time has come to wash away the sand in which the ostriches hide. -J.W.



Editor's Notebook

Catching crooks, dirty books, judging looks

By Jay Wesley
New Direction Managing Editor

The story appearing in this issue on the murder of John Stinson and Edward Wise during the July 4th weekend was made possible with the help of two detectives of the Orange County Sheriff's Department; Dan Nazarchuk and Al Hansen. They are both pros at the work, having almost 20 years of service between them.

Some information appearing in the *New Direction* story has never been reported in the straight press or electronic media. The lawmen cooperated with *New Direction* because our readership is vital to solving this brutal case of torture and death.

These two hard-working cops are not from Central Casting. They wear rumpled clothing, smoke too much and are carrying a spare tire beside their handguns.

The men are the first to admit they have no suspects in the case. Someone reading this issue may have an important key to solving the case. Someone may have seen Stinson and Wise in the company of others that terrible weekend. Or perhaps you have heard something on "the street" that could be of value to the case.

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The recent action by Orange County's Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (MBI) to curtail operation of adult book stores in Orlando has the usual trademarks of jingoism and slogan spouting from media-loving crime fighters. They claim the public is being made safer by the eradication of pron. The whole campaign, involving thousands of tax dollars and hundreds of law enforcement man hours, is based on questionable legal grounds.

Use of Florida's racketeering statute (the RICO law) seems like killing a fly with a cannon. To my knowledge, no one has ever been forced into an adult book store against his or her will. Even the most seasoned vice cop will tell you most of the people working and operating the porn stores are simple people who feel they are serving a particular market; just like the mom and pop who operate the local corner candy store.

In fact, using the local store as a model, maybe 7-11 or L'il General, both large corporations, are guilty of the same style of consumer racketeering that the cops would have us think the porn operators are guilty of.

The police say there is price fixing coercion, and threats of violence between the rival porn distributors. I can tell you the same type of thing goes on in your local chain-operated convenience store.

Vendors have to pay plenty for certain aisle space in the store. Some of the payments are above the counter, some are not. Price fixing is common and unusual competition practices are not unusual.

Because the product is milk and cookies and not cocks and asses, we call it doing business, American style.

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I recently had the pleasure of serving as a judge in the first Miss Sunshine Sta Pageant held recently at the Parliament House. I found the experience rewarding. In fact, I really had a great time.

I never really understood the time and effort put into a pageant by the contestants. mean performers really work. Not only must they mount a impressive talent display look great in evening gown and sportswear, and answer questions that would befuddle the Oracle, but they have to do it maintaining a smile.

TZ-ers by Chestie

"I was doing alright until they asked about my prior experience with queens."

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Ed Wise



John Stinson

Did newspaper open the door?

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Classified ad for murder

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The morning sun had started to steam the dew from the plastic wrapper surrounding the July 4th *Orlando Sentinel* when one of the men living at 1231 Henry Balch Drive opened the front door to retrieve the paper. It was the last edition of the paper the men would receive.

Before dawn of the next day, John N. Stinson and Edward R. Wise would be murdered in the home they shared...each man shot and repeatedly stabbed.

The couple's murderers are still at large. Stinson and Wise may have unwittingly invited a killer or killers into their secure house by placing a newspaper classified ad under the heading of houses to share.

Liberal male wanted to share three bedroom pool home with two of same (early 40's). Lee Road area. \$250 and security. 647-8991.

Detectives speculate that Stinson and Wise may have talked to their killer by telephone the day they died, perhaps arranging a time for a prospective roommate to see the home. The house's electronic security system and barred windows would have prevented easy access to the structure by unwanted persons. There were no signs of forcible entry found by investigators.

Orange County Sheriff's Department detectives admit that they have no prime suspects in the case, the 15th and 16th murders reported to the county law enforcement agency in 1982. In fact, the bodies of the two men were not discovered until July 17, almost two weeks after detectives believed they were murdered. The trail of physical evidence at the crime scene was not only cold...it was practically frozen.

Stinson's 1976 blue and white Buick automobile was found July 5 on Ivy Lane in western Orange County. It had been burned, the work of an arsonist, detectives say.

Despite fruitless efforts to reach Stinson by telephone and the failure of anyone to respond to officers knocking on the front door of the Stinson House; the discovery of the arsoned car and the lack of a stolen car report didn't stimulate police officials to take further action until the two victims were found by deputies.

"A bad smell"
Lawmen forced their way into Stinson's house after Postman Robert Goodin noticed "a bad smell like that of a dead animal." He told deputies he noticed the odor when he opened the mail slot. He

also noticed that mail was piling up on the foyer floor of the three bedroom blue and white house and that the air conditioner was operating.

"I thought it was strange that people would let the mail pile up, but leave the air conditioner on in the house, especially if they were away," Goodin said. He has been the postman in the quiet west Lee Road area subdivision for the last six years.

Entering through the garage door, sheriff's department officers were almost over-powered by the stench. The bodies of Stinson and Wise were found in separate areas of the house, although not in bedrooms. Each man, according to Detective Al Hansen, was "partially clothed". He would not confirm reports that they were bound and gagged.

Sheriff's detectives have been closed-mouth about the investigation. They indicated that murder weapons may have been found in the house. Criminal evidence experts from Sanford's State crime laboratory have been examining several items removed from the scene. Contents of the house have been dusted for latent fingerprints.

Detectives described wounds inflicted on Stinson and Wise as being of a type that might suggest torture before the men were killed. "We are unable to say the wounds are the type that might be associated with any kind of homosexual ritual murder. The men were not sexually mutilated. However, we can't rule out that this may be the reason the men were killed", said Detective Dan Nazurchuk.

Published reports said that the house contained at least one and maybe two safes. Detectives refused to say if the safes had been opened and their contents removed.

Stinson, according to police, owned a handgun. It was found in the house, in a place not readily accessible. Sheriff's detectives said that large items of value such as televisions and other household items were not taken.

The only living thing found in the house was Tampatha, a Siamese cat the

men kept as a pet. The animal was discovered under a bed in the house.

Identification difficult

Because of the decomposed condition of the bodies, it was more than a week after the gruesome discovery that positive identification was made. Members of the Stinson family hand-carried dental records from Chicago to aid in the investigation. Stinson's former wife, who asked not to be named, was not allowed to view the remains because of the body's condition. Stinson is also survived by a 12-year-old daughter, the off-spring of a marriage that ended ten years ago in divorce. Before taking an early retirement and moving south, Stinson was an employee of the *Chicago Sun-Times* newspaper.

Stinson and Wise came to Orlando from Chicago in 1979, bringing along Stinson's mother, Grace Cummings. They shared the substantial house on Henry Balch Drive until the elderly woman died in 1981.

The two men, using money they had brought with them, purchased the Sanford Quik Print and Secretarial Service, shortly after arriving in central Florida. By all reports, the business was on the grow and a modest success. The men had reportedly recently purchased \$20,000 in new equipment and had plans to double the size of the leased shop space on downtown Sanford's Commercial Street.

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Murders baffle sleuths

What killed John Stinson and Ed Wise?

Detectives say that the two men lived like the average middle-aged suburban couple. The only difference is that this couple was Gay. Stinson and Wise reportedly were hard-working business partners, just beginning to enjoy success in their Sanford-based printing shop. Their neighbors told police officials that the men kept to themselves, having little apparent social life outside of their three-bedroom house with its walled kidney-shaped swimming pool.

The men are believed to have been murdered July 4. They were shot and stabbed to death. Neighbors reportedly heard nothing unusual during the Sunday of that long holiday weekend.

Gunshot sounds coming from the house may have been confused with fireworks. Detectives say that it's possible the men brought someone into their home, perhaps a "pickup" from the Lake Toa "Old Fashioned Fourth of July" celebration that continued into that night with fireworks. However, there are no witnesses that can place the couple at the park.

Perhaps they met someone at one of the local Gay bars, taking the person home for a "nightcap". Bartenders in local clubs have been unable to place the couple in any bar on July Fourth.

The men may have been the victims of a classified advertisement they placed in the *Orlando Sentinel* seeking a "liberal male" to share a home with "two of the same."

The theft of Stinson's car may indicate that the murderer or murderers arrived in the company of their victims. Then again, the theft and the burning of the vehicle may have been a clever ruse to put detectives off the track. The burned-out car was discovered July 5 on Ivy Lane, in a predominately black neighborhood in west Orange County.

However, the daytime presence of blacks in Stinson's Lee Road area neighborhood, a section of \$50,000 to \$75,000 houses, might have provoked notice from Stinson's neighbors. The carefully-manicured lawns and shrubs on the quiet streets in their subdivision reflect almost constant care. The "Neighborhood Crime Watch Program" was in effect on Henry Balch Drive. Still, no one remembered anything that seemed suspicious the day John Stinson and Ed Wise were murdered.

Detectives say that Stinson's acquaintances reported that he had a taste for fine furniture and Oriental art. Two safes were also reported to have been in the house. One former roommate told the press that Stinson's safes were "absolutely loaded." Police are not saying what was taken from the house. They may not know.

They may never know. - J.W.

FROM A DANCING TRIBE

How could I hide the meadow of my heart
When so many wild flowers are budding?
How could I hide the sea of my passion
When all my waves wash round you?
How could I hide the rain of my eyes
When clouds shadow the dream?
How could I stifle my limbs
Stretching to caress the light?
How could I shroud the fire
Fueled with my smoldering blood?
There is no time to waste fire.
We should no longer fear love.
There is no time to waste ourselves.
In my faith doubt is forbidden.
One should devour the reddest fruit.
We could pray with kissing lips
We could worship with touching hands.
When the vision is honest
We are loving idols.
We two men can hold the sun in our hands
With its heat in our veins
Our bodies can sing the song of warmth.
When love is honest
When trust is true
We can moisten our hopes with fresh revaries.
There is no time to fear each other
There is no time to deny the pleasure.
It could rust in the closet of qualm.
Let's bury the old torment
Let our soil grow wild with our greening love.
Pristine sons of the earth
We seek magic.
Nomads
We rove for joy in our bodies' terrain.
We're from dancing tribes
Which live to break the silence.
Let our love ravage the caution
Let it topple the rusted ramparts of 'morals'
Let it pry open the locks of fear
We'll pillage entrenched convention
We'll burn every useless think
And share the booty of rapture.

Saviz Shafdie (translated from the Persian with the help of Ed Kinane)



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Where did you go, what did you do?

Gay highschoolers face intense pressures

They inhabit those treacherous seas between the launching of puberty and "bar-legal" adulthood. Often times their adventures are credited to exploration and experimentation or blamed on a night of too much beer with the boys. Their parents hope it is a passing phase.

Young Gay teenagers...actively Gay, are a reality. New Direction, through a series of personal interviews, has constructed a model of the teen-aged Gay. Those high-school-aged youth that we quizzed told us about a life filled with secret desires and tremendous peer pressure to conform. Even junior high and elementary school pupils use the term "faggot" to signal out persons or actions that seem outside the regular realm of sports, trucks, and the Dukes of Hazard.

For the purposes of this article, we'll allow "Adam" to speak for all the teenagers interviewed. Told by him, this is their story.

"I'm 16 years old and have been a Florida resident most of my life. I am currently living with my father although most of the time...since the divorce, I have lived with my mother. When she found out that I was Gay, she wanted to disown me."

"I attend a high school where a lot of the wealthier kids go. There are about 1,700 students and I personally know of 22 persons who are Gay."

"Despite the better homes that my classmates come from, most of them are still really redneck...the pickup truck driving kind of people. They feel that homosexuality is taboo. They are very afraid of it."

"I developed a very strong Gay interest about age 10. I had my first Gay experience with another boy at age 12. He was older. It really didn't bother me... I didn't feel guilty or anything. I was just curious about it."

"At my high school (in Orange County) there was somewhat of a Gay underground. We all knew pretty well who the others were. We'd see each other in the

hallways or sometimes we would get together, away from the school, so that we could talk. There is not much of a party circuit. Most of us are pretty deep into the closet."

"I'm perhaps the most flamboyant in our school. If someone asks me if I'm Gay...I tell them yes. I've been asked a lot...even by teachers."

"I've taken a lot of harassment at school. Walking down the hallway they say; 'There goes the faggot or the queer.' I've gotten use to that. What really bothers me is that some of the Gays that I know in my school are working so hard at being butch...the guys who are the jocks."

"The biggest thing is to fit in...to have friends. If there are others out there who are Gay, they don't want to risk losing their friends by letting their true sexuality come out."

"There are some people who think that if I touch them, they will catch it (turn Gay). I know a lot of people like that. Isn't it ridiculous?"

"We are never taught anything about alternative life styles. I never remember hearing anything about homosexuality in any class. They (teachers) act like the whole thing just doesn't exist."

"There is only about four books on homosexuality in the entire library...and we have about 60,000 books in the library. How the heck is anybody supposed to find out what is going on in their life without anywhere to learn more about things?"

"Sure, there are Gays in all areas of the school life. I know several who are on sports teams, football, tennis, track. They are not just in theater or choir."

"Most of the men that I meet (for Gay contacts), I meet at my place of work, a shopping mall. I also go to Lake Eola sometimes. I have met hustlers, although I have never done anything with them. I enjoy the element of risk."

"I've only had one brush with the law. That was with the cop that I have dated."

"I have been to a Gay bar several times. I was able to get in after a friend bribed a security officer. I didn't find the bar very exciting. It was just too big and too noisy. I do go to the Palace club if I can think of a reason to tell my mother why I'm staying out so late."

"I enjoy going out to dinner and then going to the man's apartment for talking. We usually have sex. I think that I am very aggressive sexually and that I try to be very versatile. I'm seeing several men right now."

"Most of my dates are with older men. They seem to like having a younger person around. They have helped me understand what 'Gay society' is all about. However, they did not recruit me into being Gay."

"With kids my own age, I find that girls are much more accepting than boys. I have many more friends who are straight girls than guys who are straight."

"If I had a son or daughter, I'd tell them not to make up their mind too early. I'd tell them to have other physical experiences with both sexes, before deciding where they want to be."

"I think by the time that I'm 90 years old...if I ever make it...that we (Gay people and their rights) are still going to have a long way to go."

"I wish that people would just understand that there is just nothing wrong with being Gay...we're here to stay."

This interview compilation was coordinated by Jay Wesley, New Direction Managing editor.

'No policy' is school policy

An official of the Orange County Public Schools seemed to support student charges that knowledge of divergent sexuality is a closely guarded secret in the halls of the area's high schools. Lester McKinney, a secondary school curriculum coordinator's response to questions from *New Direction* was to offer no response.

"We really don't have a policy about the teaching of any information of sexual types or patterns such as bi-sexuality, homosexuality or any other," McKinney said.

"It is possible that teachers, in a free-wheeling classroom situation, might bring up the subject. However, we have not made it part of the regular program of study in any secondary class in this school system."

High school students interviewed by *New Direction* claimed that the teaching staff seemed to make a special effort to avoid the subject. They stressed that possible discussion of alternate sexuality might of helped them to better understand their own emerging sexual orientation and might of aided other students to better understand the many different types of people that make up any society.

Persons wanting to discuss the matter in greater detail with McKinney or wanting to voice their opinion on secondary curriculum may contact the administrator at the Orange County School Board's Orlando office by calling 423-9202.

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NIGHT CLUBBING

with Zi



Phew! Zi has been just having a great time this summer with all the wonderful boys and girls in the local clubs. Talk about HOT, I've had to put on clean linens almost every day.

Speaking of hot...it's nice to see Kevin is back dancing at Southern Nights. Zi thinks he could really help the stable of go-go boys by giving them something to measure up to. After all, dancing is also art.

Zi's recent trip to Daytona Beach was a real eye-opener. Believe it or not, there is life along the seashore. I found The Beachside and The Landmark very friendly places with lots of interesting folks with which to share a libation.

And of course, a stroll along the beach is required. It was just like going to the candy store. Zi found a great tasting all-day sucker.

The Parliament House continues to raise the entertainment levels of Gay Orlando. Look for a great pageant Oct. 4-5 for the titles of Mr. and Miss Orlando. David Scott, entertainment director, along with set designer and builder Bobbie Timberlake, and other staffers really know how to mount a show. Scott also claims he knows how to mount a chorus boy. Zi will reserve judgment until the dancer gets out of traction.

Zi has spent entire evenings studying the photographs atop the bar in The Silver Hammer, 1300 North Mills. I'd really like to meet owner Jim's interior decorator. Rumor has it that several of the

sexual acts depicted may have been duplicated on the club's newly opened patio.

Take a close look at the pictures and you just might see a familiar face working behind the bar. This is one club where you have a chance to know up front what the bartender can serve you afterhours.

The recent efforts by the goody two-shoes to stamp out smut has curtailed the showing of Navy training films in the video lounge for the moment. However, Jim says that the crowd that gathers each afternoon for General Hospital is steaming up the windows on a regular basis.

The Hammer is certainly a welcome addition to the scene. It gives Zi a change to wear combat heels.

As the summer temperatures begin to wane you can look for some great entertainment in the local clubs. October brings Halloween, Zi's favorite national holiday. This year, the spooky day is on a Sunday, giving us three days for merriment. "Sick" a Gay look at the Adams Family is being exhumed for presentation at the Parliament House theater. Just when you thought it was safe to go back.

Southern Nights, a great hot spot almost any night, will become "Tinsel-town" for a Hollywood theme party Sept. 18. All the great stars will be there; Greta, Clark, Tab, Marilyn, Errol, Tyrone, Judy and others.

Last week, Zi got an early start on the merriment by picking up what I thought was another great Hollywood legend. It turned out to be Rex, the Wonder Dog.

While the contestants in the recently-completed Miss Sunshine State Pageant were giving their best. Zi was busy taking notice of the wonderful dancing boys backing up the female impersonators. Ya Ha! Let's have more of this kind of show business. There was this young thing from Jacksonville whose smile made the follow spot pale in comparison. Zi has started taking tap lessons so that we can have something in common to talk about. Kick, ball, chain. Kick, ball, chain.

Speaking of show business. Zi was completely enthralled by the Theatre-On-Park presentation of "Fiddler On The Roof" during the first GCS-sponsored dinner theater event.

Make plans now to attend the night for "Cabaret" Oct. 14. Gay Community Services of Central Florida leadership is making an effort to fill the entire theater with gay folks. Tickets are just \$15.95 for show, quite good dinner entrees, and a glass of not-so-good champagne. Dinner is served beginning at 6 p.m. and show time is 8:15 p.m. Don't arrive too late or they will be on your plate.

Come to the Cabaret!

WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT. - Hot-The new operators of Sun Coast restaurant near the Parliament House. Not-Lesbians have forgotten the social graces. Not-The Tropicana Club on Curry Road, weekends, after hours. Not- Disco deejays who do not know enough to keep their mouths closed. Not- we're there to dance to music. Not- Black Levi 501 button down. Not- the craters in the Parliament House parking lot driveway. Not- Bill...a little fill. - Zi

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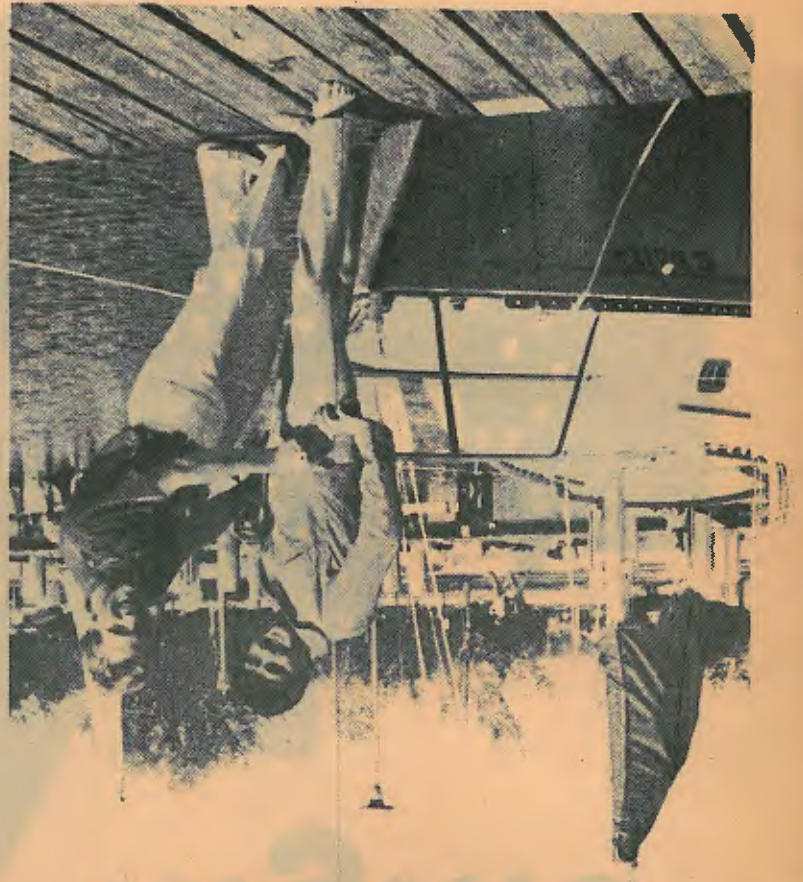
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At Home

Garden apartment offers center of stylish calm

He claims he may have inherited his love of fine furnishings from his grandfather. Indeed, the touches of good taste in Bill's East Orange County apartment bridge several style periods, but there is a common thread of quality running throughout the decor.

"I've worked hard to build a nice place," Bill said as he settled into the blue and tan geometric print couch after meeting me on a sunlit morning recently. "I want a place that is comfortable for me and also comfortable for my friends."

"It would be really nice to be able to share it with a special someone," Bill continued. His voice reflected just a trace of the Virginia accent carried to Florida some 15 years ago.

Bill, 27, is the office manager for a family-owned chemical business headquartered in Winter Park. After a hectic day at the office, he enjoys retreating to the island of calm that he has brought together in his garden apartment.

Eclectic is the best term for Bill's furnishing plan. He uses the best of several moods to provide both form and function in his home. A wicker and rattan fan back chair seemed to compliment the Queen Anne wingback armchair set across from it. The sofa, fronted by a sea trunk used as a coffee table, sat at one edge of a peach-colored area rug. A tropical feel is added to the room with the use of live plants in various multi-colored baskets and pots.

Bill has chosen a green-tan grass cloth to add drama to the walls. He said that the wall covering was placed temporarily with staples so that it can be removed easily when and if a move takes place.

The grass cloth theme is repeated in the adjacent dining room with effectiveness. The nearby kitchen provides a good working plan for the small parties that Bill enjoys on very special occasions.

Wall decor seems to be an especial talent for Bill, who has used several unlikely things as hangings. The intricate

wrought iron footrest and back plate of a barber chair, rendered in black, seem like ornate silhouettes on the peach-colored walls of the living room. A large sand cast medallion depicting the huntress Diana with one of her mythological hounds is central to one grass cloth wall.

Perhaps even more unique is the use of shopping bags from famous department stores as wall decor in the master bedroom. Bloomingdale's, Magnin's, and Saks are all represented along with almost a dozen others from the capitols of consumerism. The bags are uncut, hanging from their twisted fiber handles.

Center in the bedroom is a unique Victorian bed in solid oak. Despite the heavy wood, the bed seems almost airy, appearing to be ready to lift off into the air from slender legs.

An adjacent study with a day bed-sofa combination provides sleeping space for the other man sharing the apartment. However, the room is kept looking more like a study than the second bedroom.

Bill claims that despite the several fine antiques in his possession, he has made no real effort at collecting, choosing to deal with just one or two associates instead of cruising the flea markets and wayside junk shops.

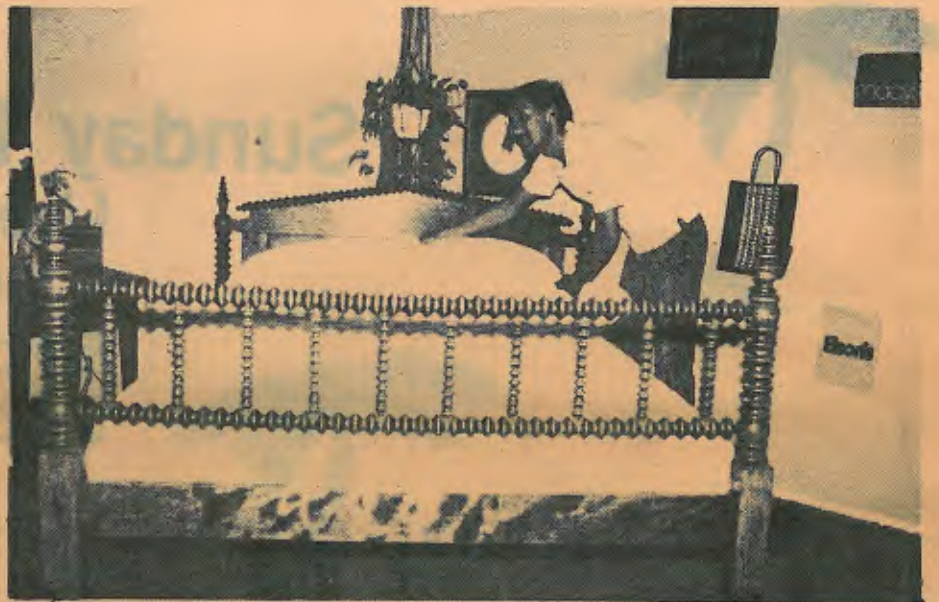
"Growing up in Virginia where a lot of fine furniture is built maybe gave me a sense of appreciation. I was buying furniture at age ten. I have also taken several studies in interior design," Bill claimed.

Bill's apartment is also infested with rabbits. A variety of the little creatures are displayed in crystal, ceramics, brass, and even straw. A living table serves as a hutch for the collection. Bill claims that, like their living counterparts, his rabbits seem to multiply each birthday and Christmas.

While Bill is a regular to local clubs, his ideas about the Gay lifestyle are very strong. "If I want to play games, I'll stay home and play Monopoly," he said.



DISPLAY WALL- Grass cloth provides an interesting texture to Bill's wall hanging of the huntress Diana. Note the eclectic mixture of furniture styles.



VICTORIAN STYLE- The finely-turned oak bedstead is the center attraction for Bill's master bedroom. Period accessories add to the eclectic look.

GCS plans second visit to Theatre-On -Park

Bouyed by the success of the first Gay Community Services (GCS) night of theater, GCS planners have launched a drive to fill an entire theater audience with Gay men and women. The Oct. 14 performance of "Cabaret" at Winter Park's Theatre-On-Park has been selected for the night of entertainment.

Tickets for the show are \$15.95 and include dinner, a free glass of champagne, and the musical. Seating at the Park Avenue dinner theater has been greatly improved from last season and the menu offerings upgraded.

Some 30 people attended the first GCS theater night in August to see "Fiddler on the Roof." Praise for the Theatre-On-Park acting company was high from the playgoers. The design of the theatre allows for close contact with the actors and a feeling of intimate stage drama.

"Cabaret" is credited with providing the vehicle which carried Liza Minelli and Joel Grey to international acclaim for roles both on Broadway and in the film version of the show. Several hit songs from "Cabaret" have become classics, including the title song.

The script revolves around the adventures of two Americans caught up in the wild, weird, and wonderful world of pre-World War Two Berlin. The city was considered the most avant garde in Europe, envied for its freedom until the spectre of Adolf Hitler and his Nazi fol-

lowers began to overshadow the fun and fantasy.

Much of the action takes place in the Kit Kat Club and is presided over by the Emcee, a composite character whose antics and physical makeup reflect the political and social changes in the wind. The story seems to carry a special message to Gay audiences.

Reservations for the Oct. 14 performance should be made by calling the Theatre-On-Park box office at 645-5757. Callers should identify themselves as being with the GCS dinner group. Dinner is served beginning at 6 p.m. with curtain at 8:15. Dinner servings are not offered after 7:30 p.m.

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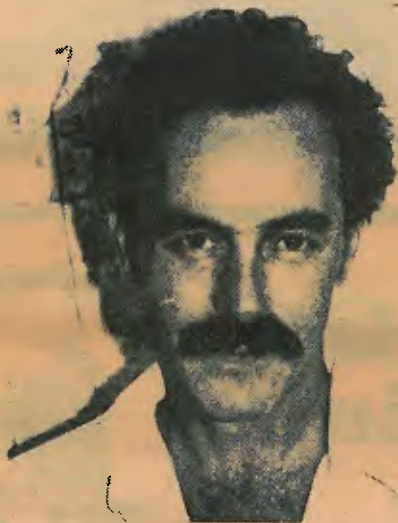
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Stylist setting high goals for profession

His business is beauty. Helping to enhance the looks of another person brings great pleasure to John Fowler, 26, part-owner and master stylist at San Jose Beauty Salon. The growing business is located in the San Jose Center off Highway 436 between Aloma and Howell branch roads.

John arrived in Orlando in March, returning to the native home of his companion of almost two years, Paul. A native of Baltimore, John has lived in Los Angeles, San Diego, and most recently San Francisco, where he operated a shop on Castro Street. John had once visited Orlando in 1973 as a guest of Uncle Sam's Navy.

John has held a variety of jobs, being one of eight brothers raised by his parents in rural Georgia. Before ending up behind the styling chair, he has worked as a waiter, an emergency medical technician in a hospital emergency ward, and a welder, building metal horse trailers.

"What I really enjoy is the end results... taking someone who is really a mess and helping them to find the right style to enhance their features and looks," John said. "Customer contact is really strong in this type of business and trust is really important. It is really critical that a stylist be able to listen well...so that he can interpret his customer's desires into a flattering style."

John claims that trust far outweighs any concern that he may have about his customers' knowledge of his Gayness. "I really don't think that many of my customers realize that I'm Gay. I don't really think that it would make much difference to them anyhow. If they didn't like the work that I'm doing...they won't come back whether I was straight, Gay, or the man in the moon."

Putting some 1,600 hours of training

and classroom study behind him before getting his beautician's license, John thinks the profession is still too easy to enter. "In Florida, I think that you only have to have about 1,100 hours of training. I think that is too little. I think that it should be a lot tougher to get a license."

John, looking to the future, has set his goals on earning a seat on the state's cosmetology licensing board. "I think that I'm one of the best stylist in the state. I would like to see the profession tougher to get into. I'm tired of having people come to me with burned hair or hair that is all chopped up. I have had to do a lot of repair work for my customers."

John has received training at several well-known hair cutting schools including those operated by Paul Brown, Peter Esser and Vidal Sasson. He also has studied perming, color treatments, and other beauty techniques under recognized leaders.

Four stylists work with John at San Jose salon. A family hair center, the staff services men, women, and children with equal skill. The salon is open six days a week and appointments are suggested. The telephone number is 671-6604.

John's time away from the salon is spent working on the new Winter Park home he shares with Paul. The couple has also recently purchased a four-unit apartment building in Orlando.

John advises his Gay friends to live every day to the fullest. "I almost lost my life in an (Air National Guard) airplane crash. I know the value of life."

And John's seven brothers?

"They have been real supportive in my career, even though two are really Georgia rednecks," John said. "Arid besides...I'm the only one that can do their hair the way that they want it." - J.W.



John Fowler - master stylist

Of Special Interest!

Summer's end holds fun

"Oklahoma!" Rodgers and Hammerstein's smash musical is continuing its engagement at Once Upon A Stage Dinner Theater, 33 Edgewater Drive, Orlando. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. The complete evening is \$15.95 weekdays; \$17.95 Fridays and Saturdays. Dinner begins 1½ hours before show time. "Oklahoma!" will play through September 12. Beginning September 14 is "The King And I." For reservations call 422-3191.

"Pippin" is set to open at the Annie Russell Theatre at Rollins College, Winter Park, October 22. Seats will be \$8.00; \$1.00 discount for Senior Citizens. For more information or reservations call 646-2145.

Crealde School of Art Gallery, featuring "Dance and Theatre Photography" by Jon Farmer through September 15. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays; weekends by appointment only. For appointment call 671-6766. 600 St. Andrews Boulevard, Winter Park.

CONCERT LINE...

O'Jays in Concert, Lakeland Civic Center Arena, Lakeland, September 11 at 8:00 p.m. Cameo and Atlantic Starr will open the act. Tickets are \$9.00 LIMITED advanced sales, \$10.00 general admission. On sale at Altamonte Mall, Fashion Square, Belk-Lindsey Stores, and the Infinite Mushroom.

The Stray Cats will have you on your feet at the Park Avenue Club, 4315 North Orange Blossom Trail, September 16. Tickets \$6.50 in advance, \$7.50 at the door. Scratch and claw to get these tickets!

John Young Science Center. "Seldom Seen Views of Forest and Pond," a collection of photographs of slime, spores, molds, algae, and fungi that grow in the forests of Georgia. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fridays; Noon to 9:00 p.m. Saturdays; Noon to 5:00 p.m. Sundays. 810 E. Rollins Street, Orlando. \$2.00 admission.

Loch Haven Art Center. A permanent pre-Columbian gallery and the "Artists 3" mixed media exhibition. Through September 26. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; Noon to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays; 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sundays. 2416 North Mills Avenue, Orlando. Free.

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Wise, a former figure skater, was about 44 years old, several years older than Stinson. He was a slight man, about 5 foot, 8 inches tall and wore black-rimmed glasses. Stinson, balding and stocky, was over 6 foot tall. A hairpiece found in Stinson's house indicated that he may have altered his looks when the men made their infrequent forays to taverns in the Gay community.

Detectives are still looking for clues as to the Gay lifestyle the two middle-aged men lead. Searchers discovered some male pornography magazines in the

house. No S-M equipment or sex "toys" were found. Detectives spent hours

questioning bartenders and waiters in local Gay clubs about people who may have seen the two men during the July 4th weekend.

Early reports had placed the men at The Loading Dock on South Orange Blossom Trail. However, this sighting has not been confirmed by detectives. Bartenders in the club were unable to identify the men as customers from candid

photographs taken from the men's album.

Stinson and Wise had taken two other male roommates into the house since the death of Stinson's mother. Identified by

detectives as "Steve" and "David", both men have been sought by investigators for questioning about the dead men and their lifestyle. David is believed to be in Texas.

Police are asking members of the Gay community having information about the men, their activities or patterns of visiting local Gay clubs to make contact with

the homicide section of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Detectives Dan Nazarchuk and Al Hansen are conducting the investigation. The tele-

phone number is 305-420-3908. Confidentiality is assured. Persons having

information may also contact the Orange County Crimewatch at 849-2482. Crime-

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Life's no drag for comedian Criss Cross

'Arsenic and Old Lace' in a dinner theater in Nashville. I was the first drag ever on the cover of Nightlife Magazine in that redneck capitol of the United States... I was also one of the first professional drags to play in Indiana."

"I remember once I was playing a club on the west coast and Bette Davis came in to see the impersonation of her that I was doing. I dropped her when I told the audience that 'I was sick and tired of having that woman getting so much money for looking like me.' She loved it."

"Southern audiences really seem to enjoy drag shows, but they really won't let you do a set routine...they're too busy yelling and trying to get noticed. Sometimes I feel that I'm in direct competition with them. It's really scary. You wonder,

do they really hate you or are they just trying to get attention?"

"I worked with an impersonation show in a straight club for four years and only can remember two hecklers in all that time. It's different here."

"I think of my work as an art form. I wish that it still was. I would like to see the performers go to work as men and come home as men. Right now, I have about 70-100 different routines I can do."

"I've never felt particularly feminine or masculine. I'm sort of in the middle. I think that most men and women are in the middle and that's why they can associate with me. I don't have the barrier of being male or female...I'm just a human being. That's how I work."

"Especially in my case, everybody likes to laugh. That's why I'll be doing what I'm doing now when I turn 60 years old. I would like to get a facelift however."

"I think that the people who are really doing well in this business have to have

a comic sense about them. There are those here who will last and some who will fall along the way."

"If you start taking yourself too seriously as a woman, you're in a lot of trouble."

Orlando prepares to crown winners in annual pageant

Hot, hunky men and lovely "ladies" will be vying for the title of Mr. and Miss Orlando early in October. David Scott, entertainment director of the Parliament House, has set the dates for the annual pageant on Oct. 4-5. Curtain time is at 8 p.m. each evening.

Scott said this year's pageant will offer several surprises, including appearances of special guest artists. Light and lively "P" will serve as emcee.

Entry fees for the two-day pageant will be \$40. Applications are being accepted at the Parliament House, with contestant deadline set Oct. 3.

Winners of the top titles will receive \$300 and special mementos of their victory. First runners-up in each division will receive \$15 and other awards, while the second runner-up will receive \$50 and award keepsakes.

Contestants in each division will be judged on evening wear, gown or formal wear; swim suit, talent, and presentation skills. Judging and talent presentations will take place both nights of competition.

A special category will feature the Miss Orlando contestants appearing in "Universal Vogue" while the Mr. Orlando contestants will compete in the "Universal GQ" look. Each of the contestants in this judging will appear on stage in costume or ensembles representative of a state, nation, continent and beyond (read the future).

A special rehearsal for all contestants is set for Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. in the playhouse theatre of the Parliament House, according to Scott. He said that all contestants are required to appear at the run-through.

The first night of the contest will include presentation of all candidates and judging for Miss Evening Wear, Mister Talent, and Miss Universal Vogue.

The second night will include judging of Mister Universal G.Q., Miss Talent, and Mr. Bathing Suit. All the candidates will be presented again during the evening.

Tickets for the two-day pageant are now on sale at the Parliament House. Additional information about the show is available by calling 425-7571. Price of the tickets have been set at \$7.00 for a two-night pass and \$5.00 for one night's admission.

Each division of the pageant will be limited to 20 contestants. Talent presentations are restricted to six minutes in length. Talent selections will be honored on a first registration basis. -J.W.



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Miss Sunshine State Pageant photo diary



Kim Ross of Tampa was crowned the first Miss Sunshine State during the recent pageant held at Orlando's Parliament House. Ross wowed the crowd with her impersonation of Diana Ross. Tiffani Middlesex was first runner-up while Vaughn Gretchen was second runner-up. Ross and Middlesex will go to this month's Miss Gay America contest in Charlotte, N.C. Eleven contestants competed for the pageant crown. Bob Bruno, Miss Gay America and Dana Douglas, Miss Gay Florida, were on hand to honor Ross with crown, regal robe, and roses. Deva Sanchez and Criss Cross served as co-emcee for the pageant.



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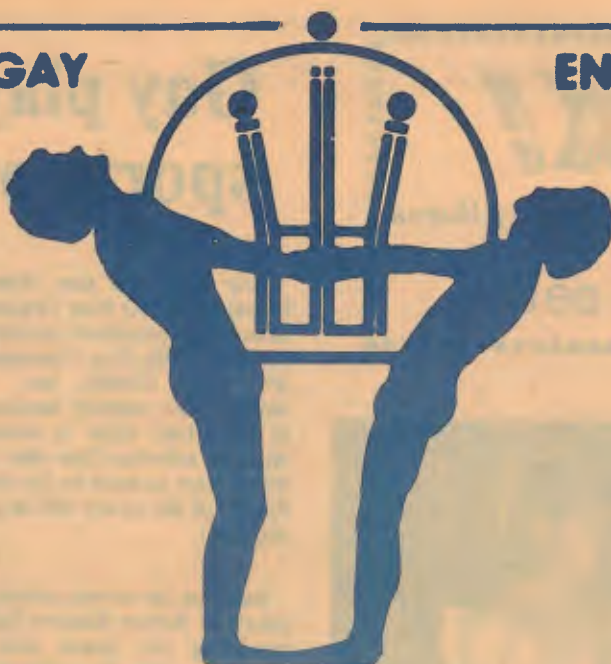
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