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***"Let us celebrate our unity and our pride this day and every day. Don't let the seeds of pettiness eat away at the foundation we've laid this morning. Let us love and respect each other." Burd Bullock of WFTV, Channel 9, in a speech given at the pride parade rally on June 20 at Lake Eola Park.***

## Burd Bullock's Esprit Shines Through Stormy Weather

By Bruce Wellington  
Center Fold Staff Writer

**B**urd Bullock is one helluva guy! WFTV (Channel 9) found a gem in its weatherman, and, luckily, the station knows it.

He is strong, but sensitive. Charming, but somewhat shy. High ambitions tempered with reality. Confident, but self-effacing.

Highly visible public profile, but unassuming. Strong opinions voiced with firm tactfulness. Discreet, but firm. Lots of integrity, boyishness, spontaneity, warmth, strong character, awareness of your needs and mine, keen student of people, and, above all, humility.

Burd and I talked recently for about two hours in his office while he took a brief hiatus from his busy weekend of work: organizing his material, suggesting weather graphics to WFTV artists, writing his script, performing on camera and resting between his four on-camera appearances that ranged from morning to late evening (a TV weatherman's life is not an idle one – it is chock full of constant deadlines). He was most generous with his time, and considerate of my needs. A real professional – and a gentleman.

Active in Central Florida's gay and lesbian life for several years, Burd spoke recently at Orlando's Gay Pride Rally. In a rousing, straight-from-the-heart, emotion-filled and candid speech, he brought the Saturday morning Lake Eola Band Park audience to its feet, cheering.

This was the latest in Burd's efforts to continue "going public" about the status and needs, strengths and weaknesses, successes and pitfalls of our special community. Laced throughout with tender personal reminiscences, his speech was the undeniable high point of a memorable morning of gay and lesbian pride. Burd was truly our "keynote speaker."

"The chance to give that speech to my gay and lesbian family," Burd says, "was one of the greatest experiences of my life. I trembled with emotion while I was speaking – it was a rocket-ship experience that helped my self-esteem soar beyond anything I'd ever known."

Wearing the mantle of gay and lesbian rights advocate comes naturally to Burd. His philosophy and pursuits go beyond us, however; he is strong in affirming the rights of all disaffected citizens, as well. Fortunately for all of us, Burd's special position in Central Florida's broadcast journalism community allows his voice and actions to be heard and seen with good area-wide effect. Aware of this prerogative, Burd uses his influence quietly and discreetly, but with long-term and wide-spread effect.

While not yet a totally active public spokesman for our lifestyle, Burd takes every opportunity that he can to enunciate our cause and clarify its character. He fills the role of our quiet crusader. He enjoys this level of activism, and is solidly supported by his management in his discreet, but persistent and intelligent, quest for the recognition of gay and lesbian rights.

Burdette Bullock III was born 38 years ago on July 1, the son of a retired police detective (half Cherokee) and a caring homemaker. "My mother's father was white; we're all very light-skinned."

With three sisters, he grew up in Louisville, Ky., excelling in school to the point of being an over-achiever. His summers as a youth were spent, "happily and busily" on a Kentucky dairy farm, where he "uncovered new perspectives and added new values" to his solid city family life. He acknowledged his sexual orientation while in junior high school.

He entered broadcast journalism by being in right place at the right time. "In many ways, that kind of luck has brought me to where I am now."

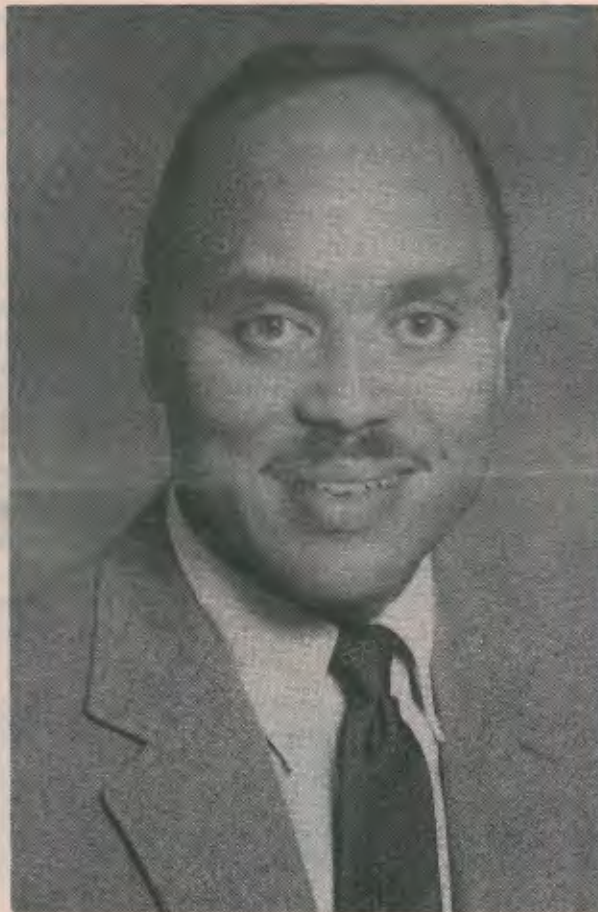
"I was the official student spokesperson for our high school football team, and in our last game of the season we were playing against our keenest competitor. It was a rough-and-tumble, see-saw game that ended in fighting among the players. Our team was denounced publicly for unsportsmanlike conduct."

"Someone had to rebut those charges. I was selected for the task, and made an impassioned statement of our cause during a brief appearance at a local television station. I was an impressionable 17-year-old, and quite thrilled about having been on TV!"

"Apparently my appearance had been seen by someone important who thought I had possibilities in television. I was given a scholarship to Western Kentucky University where I concentrated first on speech and theater, and later on journalism. During the summers of 1971 and 1972 I was given an internship by the Urban League."

"During this time I saw an ad in a Bowling Green (Ky.) seeking a television weatherman. I was studying meteorology at the time, and the thought of working in television while still in college was appealing to me. I applied, was accepted and did double duty as a student and noon-time weatherman until, out of the blue, 'lightning struck.' Nashville (Tenn.) TV called to offer me the position of full-time weatherman, and it was too tempting to turn down. It meant moving up from the 212th television market in the nation to the 40th – a great opportunity."

"I did weather for one year, then was moved to, of all



things, sports. In TV, as in life, you do what you need to do. It wasn't my favorite assignment personally, but I was effective professionally. I anchored the noon news later, and that widened my on-camera experience and added to my self-confidence and professional satisfaction."

"Fate has put me in touch with a lot of well-known personalities, and it all began in Nashville. I worked with Oprah Winfrey, who co-anchored the 10 p.m. news, for two-and-a-half years, and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of our working relationship."

Then, suddenly, Burd's world crashed down upon him. "I was summoned to the general manager's office one day in July 1977, and was told 'that my sexual preference posed a potential problem for the station.'"

"They said they 'could handle my professional life, but not my personal life – and asked for my resignation. I refused and met with an attorney to plan a defense strategy."

"Tennessee has an ambiguous anti-discrimination law that makes fighting this kind of situation tricky. If I sued the station and had won or lost, I could have been 'blackballed' for future opportunities within the tight little world of television professionals."

"I talked to the station. They offered me a three-months severance package in return for 'my silence.'"

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Having only two options – suing and risking professional shunning, or accepting the station’s offer of a ‘three months’ vacation.’ I chose the latter.”

“With check in hand, I moved to Florida, the land of sun and fun and games, settled in Daytona Beach and became a ‘beach bum’. I wish I could have been a happy ‘beach bum,’ but I couldn’t. My self-esteem had been so badly damaged by Nashville TV that it was hard to see light at the end of the tunnel. That’s a condition we all face, from time to time, but there are remedies.”

“I knew an intern here at WFTV who put me in touch with Bob Jordan, then the station’s news director, who asked me in to chat. Early in the informal interviewing process I told him of my sexual preference. His responded by saying that my personal politics or lifestyle was not a factor in the hiring process, and that he had no problem with me as long as I was effective professionally.”

“Since I joined WFTV I have not kept my lifestyle a secret, while not flaunting it. Upper management has changed several times during my 15 years at the station, and acceptance of my orientation has been constant. I’m totally ‘open,’ and, I guess, luckier than many professionals.”

“My first lover, Rodney, died in my arms in April of 1990. So many of my WFTV colleagues were at the memorial service for him that the station operated on a near-skeleton crew schedule. I received so much love and support from all my friends, both at the station and outside.”

“His dying so young was so traumatic for me – it was hard to live and work without him. I turned to drugs briefly for solace, and endured emotional peaks and valleys for several months after his death. When you’re emotionally shattered, it’s not easy to hide your personal grief from the unerring camera behind a facade of smiles and television makeup.”

“Following Rodney’s death, the *Orlando Sentinel*’s obituary included among the survivors ‘his personal friend Burd Bullock.’ Some newspapers have come a

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– Burd Bullock

long way in recognizing our humanness, haven’t they? As a result, the station got a multitude of phone calls; some were hateful, but most were sympathetic. Station security was beefed up for a while, as a general precaution.”

“I never denied Rodney in life; I will never deny him in death. I am not a ‘loner’, and I am unhappy when I’m not in a relationship. I can’t be in the public eye 24 hours a day; I need love and quiet and sharing to regenerate. Therefore, when I met

“Brian several months later, my total mood took a distinct upturn. We’ve not been together for two good years, and, God willing, many more will follow.”

Burd’s road to success has been filled with more obstacles than most of us encounter, along with memorable opportunities. At the age of 7 he was abused by an older male cousin. And he just recently returned to work after three months of recuperation from serious illness.

While being treated for chronic sinusitis (without success), Burd was diagnosed as having lymphoma in the right sinus “just below my right eye.”

“It was only by the grace of God that the cancer was detected. Had it been for the on-going troublesome sinus condition and the subsequent medical investigation, the lymphoma could have spread quickly to my brain.

“It’s in remission right now, and I’m living as healthful

life as I know how to. Knock on wood. Meanwhile, I’m trying patiently to get through almost 3,000 letters of faith and hope that the station received from my friends while I was ill.”

Among his areas of professional interest and expertise is the entertainment field. For 12 years before his illness, he regularly visited movie sets throughout the world, on assignment, to interview major stars on location. He then edited the reviews for use on television and for distribution to movie companies for use as “electronic press kits.”

“I have particularly enjoyed watching Kevin Costner and Robin Williams, especially, grow in stature from the young interviewees I knew into the world-class actors they now are.”

At this point in his life, Burd has opened himself up to all possible positive input, mentally, physically, professionally and emotionally. In addition to support from Brian and his legions of friends in the community, he has found great sustenance in the writings and philosophies of Louise Hay, author of many self-empowerment books, and of Bernie Siegel, author of *Love, Miracles and Medicine*.

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In Burd’s cubbyhole (shared with Kathie O’Neill) hang two meaningful and informal aphorisms. One, from a fan, says “I meet life courageously, sure of God’s strength, mighty to meet my every healing need.”

Another, from Louise Hay, suggests: “Each problem has a solution – all experiences become opportunities for me to learn and grow. I am safe.”

Most important to Burd, however, are the memorable words spoken by WFTV’s news director when he hired Burd:

“I used to be afraid of change. You’ve changed the way I look at life - and as long as you want to be a member of this family, you are and you will be.”

Nothing more need be said.

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# Local Candidates Questioned About Gay and Lesbian Issues

By William H. Thornton II  
Special to The Center Fold

Since 1992 is an election year, I took it upon myself to contact all the individuals who are running for mayor of Orlando and Orlando City Commission to gauge their response to a few very simple questions of vital interest to the gay and lesbian community in Orlando. (I obtained my listing of individuals from the City Clerk's Office at Orlando City Hall.)

The questions asked were these:

- Would be in favor (if elected) of supporting sensitivity training courses for the Orlando Police Department?
- Would you be in favor (if elected) of supporting food banks for PWAs (people with AIDS)?
- Would you be in favor of (if elected) an ordinance protecting gays and lesbians against discrimination in housing, credit and unemployment?
- Would you be in favor of (if elected) of a policy prohibiting the use of the Orlando Police Department in entrapment schemes?
- Would you be in favor of (if elected) of supporting the extension of insurance benefits and family leave to city employees?
- Would you be in favor of (if elected) supporting the recruitment of gay and lesbian officers to the Orlando Police Department?

I received responses from the following City Commission candidates: Frankée Hellinger (incumbent, District 4), James Auffant and Betty Wyman (both District 2), and Nancy Patterson (District 1).

Of the approximately 20 questionnaires that were sent out, these four individuals were the only ones who took the time (and apparently felt the gay and lesbian

community was important enough) to respond.

All these individuals responded to the questions in a positive fashion. I was accorded the privilege (along with my colleague Chris Alexander) of a meeting with Frankée Hellinger. Her views were, I felt, quite refreshing and forthright.

I then spoke personally to James Auffant and discovered that not only is he totally in favor of the points that were raised, but also is an attorney who has represented PWAs at Social Security Administration hearings and has prepared wills for same-sex couples in this area.

I also spoke with Ellen Korbin, who is the campaign manager for Betty Wyman. If elected, Wyman would be forming an advisory board and would need input from members of the gay and lesbian community.

Nancy Patterson's responses were positive (concise, succinct and to the point, but positive).

On a slightly larger scale, I also met with Democrat Chuck Kovalski, who is running for the U.S. House (8th Congressional District) against Republican incumbent Bill McCollum. Kovalski believes that all citizens should be covered by health insurance, be it a private or a public plan. He also favors amendments to civil rights laws making sexual orientation a protected category.

Kovalski feels that the military's ban on homosexuals is an "outrageous joke," and is totally in favor of its repeal.

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## Gay Leaders Meet with DNC Head

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) hosted a meeting last month between gay and lesbian community leaders and Democratic National Committee (DNC) chair Ron Brown and other DNC officials. More than 20 gay and lesbian and AIDS advocates attended the hour-long meeting in New York City.

The goals of the meeting were to evaluate the relationship between the gay and lesbian community and the Democratic party, to learn about the party's commitment to gay and lesbian and AIDS policy issues, and to discuss the visibility of gay and lesbian people, people with AIDS and gay and lesbian issues in the campaign, the convention and the election.

Activists asked Brown to speak out forcefully in support of gay and lesbian rights, and to stand up to anti-gay and lesbian rhetoric and slurs during the campaign. Brown was also asked to invite a gay and lesbian person and a person with AIDS to address the convention as a whole during prime time; to include symbolic actions of recognition for people with AIDS, such as ribbons, quilt panels or a moment of silence; and to target gay and lesbian voters for special outreach to communicate the Democratic Party's messages.

The participants then had an open-ended discussion for the rest of the meeting.

According to NGLTF Executive Director Urvashi Vaid, who attended the meeting, Brown responded positively to the specific requests, saying, "These are

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# Channel 24 Loses Gay, Lesbian Support with Decision Not to Air 'Cranes'

**Editor's Note:** The following letters were sent to WMFE-Channel 24 in protest of the station's decision not to air *The Lost Language of Cranes*. Allegedly, this was because of pressure from a corporate sponsor concerned about the show's gay themes.

Mr. Malcolm Wall  
WMFE-TV  
11510 E. Colonial Drive  
Orlando, Fla. 32817-4699

Dear Mr. Wall:

Your decision not to air *The Lost Language of Cranes* must have been made out of fright and not reason. In the aftermath of the very successful Gay and Lesbian Pride Month just ended, how could you have disregarded the strong support shown by and for the gay and lesbian community.

Just to cite one event, surely your staff knew of the [Orlando] Pride Parade, which the media reported had 3,000 marchers, a 10-fold increase from last year.

Don't you realize that you have spit in the faces of 100,000 gay and lesbian persons in your Central Florida viewing area, many of whom have sizeable discretionary incomes which could be directed to your much-needed fund raising. You can be sure that when the

time comes for you to ask for money from viewers or support in Congress, your decision to cave in to the local bigoted fundamentalists who wouldn't watch PBS anyway will be vividly remembered by the thinking people (who have an acute sense of history) in your viewing area.

Why not "get with the program" and for your own good, stop acting stupidly? You don't deserve any support until you earn it.

Yours truly,  
A. Carlson

Dear Mr. Wall,

I am registering a formal protest for the decision on the part of WMFE not to show the PBS special presentation of *The Lost Language of Cranes*.

Your station's refusal to air this enlightened movie is wrong. It clearly smacks of censorship and homophobic bias. While your television station is used quite often to enlighten its viewers, you have missed a great opportunity to educate and inform. Instead you have decided, quite regrettably, to allow homophobia and hatred against gays and lesbians to continue in our community. I would have thought that the good of airing such a "great

performance" would have outweighed the negative backlash given by a vocal but inconsequential group of bigots and moralizers.

Be assured that you will be featured in the August issue of *The Center Fold*, which has total circulation of 10,000 copies nationwide and overseas. I could not think of a better candidate for our monthly "Shame On You!" award.

Since many gays and lesbians support public broadcasting, I feel that you've let them down, and perhaps placed monetary considerations as reason for this very tragic performance by your station.

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Sopoliga  
managing editor, *The Center Fold*  
cc/Orlando Sentinel

## Fight Back

Call WMFE's "Reaction Line" at 273-2300 and leave a message telling the station how you feel. Write Malcolm Wall, WMFE-Channel 24, 11510 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32817-4699.

## Equality and Reality

By Jeff Campbell  
Center Fold Staff Writer

**T**o be what you want to be is up to you; only you have control of your life and how you spend it. What you make of it is up to you. Loud or soft-spoken, critical or easy-going, eloquent or rough, courteous or ill-mannered – all of these are things are of your choosing.

There are those things that are beyond your control – one of those things is your sexual orientation. You can deny or attempt to conceal your homosexuality but it is unchangeable. Whether or not you practice it by acting on your natural impulses does not change the truth of your being.

But you cannot change the world around you – the world in which you live. If you want to bring frustration or despair on yourself – try changing the world. You can bring about the *seed* of change by participating and by contributing but change is slow.

Those of us who are not happy with the world around us, or with our status as gay people, try in our ways to influence that world to at least look at things from our perspective.

Many of us do seek to influence the political environment that is such a controlling factor in our lives. My choice in this pursuit is through my writing for *The Center Fold*. The aim of my words is to influence the thinking of others by having them see things from our perspective. However, my readership is mostly limited to other gays while it is the rest of society whom we must motivate to support our equality.

Others are activist members of the gay community and their method of commanding attention is through highly publicized acts that are sometimes outrageous and often illegal. This does rivet public attention, but quite often it

is counter-productive because it welds the opposition into a resistance that uses these acts as examples of what we are by nature. Understandably, activist acts are the result of frustration but the damage to our just cause is costly.

Some activist members of the gay community demand the world of non-gay people accept us into their lives on our terms. This is not what the terms of equal rights require. The provisions of The Constitution and The Declaration of Independence are that we are born free and equal. But this provision also means we should not intrude on the lives of others nor should they intrude on ours. Let us all have our equal rights without intruding on the lives of others.

It is not right that we are denied the full rights of citizenship and, in fact, it is clearly in violation of the Constitution of the United States that we are. But the federal government in its courts refuses to enforce or uphold our rightful claim to equal rights. In other words, the federal courts select and choose just which citizens are entitled to equal rights. The federal courts practice discrimination.

Charley Reese's column in *The Orlando Sentinel* on July 5 is admirable for its clarity and openness and fairness. All Americans, he writes should read and understand the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and *The Federalist Papers*. Understanding these will give you an understanding of your heritage.

It is important that we understand this.

The practice of "outing" is wrong because it violates an individual's right to privacy in his personal life. Only if that person is acting in an official capacity to deny you your rights in a effort to conceal his homosexuality, do you have the right to defend yourself, perhaps by outing.

Many will say that I am a coward for opposing outing and for opposing street activism. Some may feel that I am afraid of exposure.

But no one is more "out" than I. I write under my name, I wear a pink triangle on my collar at all times, I distribute *The Center Fold* at work and I speak out in defense of the gay community when the occasion arises.

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The only reason my photo does not run with my writing is that such is not the practice of this newspaper.

I can appreciate the fear many have of losing their employment if their sexual orientation were known. But this is why we are fighting for our rights. It saddens me that many must do this to protect themselves. But those who sadden me most are those who are ashamed of their sexuality. These people will never be free because they hold themselves prisoner.

All of us need to be involved in the pursuit of equal rights. It is not right, nor is it productive for a small number of us to be active, to be heard in pursuit of our rights. It is not just a matter of pride – it's a matter of being free and pursuing our equal rights so that we may enjoy a full life.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When writing a letter to the editor, you must include your full name, address, and the letter must be signed. Letters which do not comply with this policy will not be published. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may request that your name be withheld. Letters in response to articles, features, etc., should be concise and limited to one page, double spaced type.

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**How to Make a Bequest:** To ensure your wishes are carried out, it is important that your will be legally valid and fully enforceable. We recommend that you consult

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with an attorney, and can provide referrals if you need one.

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If you have any questions regarding bequests to GLCS, please feel free to contact us or stop by when we have

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## Readers Respond to 'Sentinel,' 'Center Stage'

**Editor's Note:** This was received by Center Fold writer Jeff Campbell: "Thanks for the article [Give Us All the News Please, Orlando Sentinel] in the July Center Fold.] This is the first time I've been moved enough to actually write and send a letter to the editor. Sincerely, Rich."

*The Orlando Sentinel*  
633 N. Orange Ave.  
Orlando FL 32801-1349  
Attn.: Mr. William Dunn,  
managing editor

Dear Mr. Dunn:

I read an article in the July 1992 issue of *The Center Fold* regarding your decision to not include gay or lesbian partners in the list of survivors in an obituary. The article indicates that the position of the *Sentinel* is to not list such a relationship, citing "the difficulty in verification of the information." He mentioned the research necessary to confirm such a relationship, that it may take "a reporter's entire day."

Do your reporters do any research to verify the information regarding survivors in the obituaries of non-celebrities? Have you and your staff discussed what would serve as acceptable verification regarding a gay or lesbian relationship (home ownership, wills, powers of attorney, church membership, etc.)?

Would an affidavit from the deceased be sufficient? I have a good relationship with my family, but my partner is the sole beneficiary of my will and is the person I have designated to make medical decisions for me in the event I am not able.

Please spend a few moments considering why you bother including survivors in the obituary listing – does my partner deserve less recognition? As an adult, my parents' concerns should not override my wish to acknowledge the person who makes my life whole.

Two years ago I lost my previous partner to AIDS. We had been together for five years, the last three and a half spent living with his illness.

When I could no longer leave him at home alone, his mother moved in with us, and I supported the three of us. I administered his intravenous medications, took him to the shopping mall in his wheelchair, and loved him. When he died, I paid for the funeral in his hometown. His mother and father and fellow schoolteachers attended the memorial service which we held for him at Joy Metropolitan Community Church here in Orlando. And yet, when his mother asked to include my name in the list of survivors in the *Sentinel*, she was told that was impossible.

It is a small thing, but it would have meant a great deal to me. I respect the

quality of your newspaper and have enjoyed reading it for the last six years. You have generally provided fair and unbiased coverage regarding gay and lesbian issues. You provided a significant number of articles this June for Gay Pride Month.

I hope that you will reconsider your decision and join other newspapers in taking a leading role in listing gay and lesbian survivors.

Sincerely,  
Rich Gause  
Orlando

**Editor's Note:** The following letter refers to the refusal of *Center Stage Magazine* to run the portion of an advertisement by the Arts Services Council in its June issue that referred to the Pride Month concerts by the Orlando Gay Chorus.

*We The People: Gay and Lesbian Coalition for Human Rights for All People*

Dear Supporter of the Arts,

Providing information about local artistic and cultural events is a valuable service, and publications that do this deserve the support of the community. *Center Stage* is one of the magazines that claims to fill this need.

Unfortunately, editor Mary Johnston is using this publication to exercise her personal biases and to censor news about events she does not like.

Her reference to the Orlando Gay Chorus as a "health risk," labeling the

lesbian/gay lifestyle as a "perversion," and excluding news about the cultural events of predominantly gay groups is not only an insult to the gay and lesbian community, but to the entire cultural and artistic community of Orlando. Prejudice, bigotry and discrimination should not be tolerated.

You can prevent it from spreading. Your note of protest as a benefactor, writer, advertiser, artist, cultural worker, or patron will help make it clear that Mary Johnston is unqualified to edit a publication that needs to reflect the diversity of talent within our community. Take a personal stand against homophobia. Write a letter, make a phone call, and take some action to help restore respect to a magazine that should be free from such unfortunate biases. You can reach Mary Johnston of *Center Stage Magazine*, or its board of directors; Keith Altizer, Aldo Icardi or Gary Well at (407) 629-0252.

Or address letters to *Center Stage*, 605 S. Maitland Ave., Maitland, Fla. 32751.

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On behalf of We the People: Gay and Lesbian Coalition for Human Rights

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# 'Vampire Lesbians of Sodom' Is Campy Entertainment at Its Best

By William Murphy III  
Center Fold Theater Critic

Anyone who has attended a performance of *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* at the Parliament House's Footlights Theatre over the last few weeks will agree that "by now, it's plain to see that vampires are the thing to be!" If you don't believe me, just ask Paul Wegman (Miss "P") or David Lee.

*Vampire Lesbians* has played to packed houses for several weeks, with a confirmed run through Aug. 1, and may be extended beyond that date, should there be sufficient demand. If it is extended, I can't impress upon you enough how much you will enjoy this production. The consensus of opinion is that director Tom Sherohman of Theater Downtown has outdone himself.

From the opening moments, the eyes of the audience are glued to the stage with the emergence of two handsome palace guards, Ali and Hujar (played by Jett Reed Canary and Douglas Ba'aser). The story begins with the guards preparing a "virgin" (David Lee) as a sacrifice for the dreaded Succubus (Miss "P"; who else?) The Succubus emerges from her lair to take possession of her victim.

The virgin resists, but ultimately succumbs to the "beauty" and cunning of the Succubus and becomes like the beast, a creature of the night, one of the undead.

This sets the stage for the subsequent scenes, thousands of years later, where the Succubus re-emerges as a silent film star, LaCondesa, who is in the process of "training" a new protégé, Renée Vain. Renée is engaged to be married to King Carlisle (Kevin Weiler) who discovers LaCondesa's secret and threatens to expose her to Oatsie Carew (Michael Wanzie), a local gossip columnist, who is to arrive later that afternoon.

In the midst of this confusion, the virgin sacrifice also re-appears as stage actress Madeline Astarte, who informs LaCondesa that she will be starring in two roles already promised to LaCondesa. This outrages the vamp, who storms out with Etienne (Nick Rodriguez), a deranged butler and a former star of the vaudeville stage.

During this time, Madeline takes a liking to Renée and the two begin to act out a scene in which they play lesbian lovers. In the midst of a romantic moment, Madeline bites the neck of her victim, again to the outrage of LaCondesa.

The arrival of Michael Wanzie as Oatsie is a highlight of the production. Oatsie later identifies himself as actually being Salazar, a vampire hunter, who has disguised himself as Oatsie to learn the inner secrets of LaCondesa and Madeline. Salazar is unsuccessful in his efforts to capture the two but lives to "fight another day."

In the final scene, Ba'aser, Canary and Weiler re-appear as chorus boys in the Madeline Andrews show in Las Vegas (yes, another character for David Lee). In the middle of a rehearsal for her big production number, the cleaning lady insists on interrupting the rehearsal. The cleaning lady, of course, is none other than LaCondesa, who has fallen from grace and fallen on hard times. The two decide to create a revival of their careers and tour with an act billed as the "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom."

The show ends with a rousing production number set to "Mutual Admiration Society." *Vampire Lesbians* is a must see for any self-respecting homosexual.

Following the production, the audience was buzzing. "It was incredible; campiness

at its best," said one. "It took the genius of David Lee and the frankness of Miss 'P' to bring the darkness of everyday life into plain view," said another.

This critic says hats off to the cast and crew for an outstanding production. I guess you could say, I "got bit" at *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*.

For information on the availability of tickets to *The Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*, call the Parliament House at (407) 425-7571.

## Church News

### NEW CREATION CHURCH

New Creation Church welcomes you to our house of worship. As always, we have exciting and fun-filled activities coming up this month. A picnic is planned for Aug. 8. Bible Study meets every other Sunday at the Church at 4 p.m. We Care Rap Group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. at various locations.

Also upcoming on the agenda is Movie Night, Hay Ride in the Fall, a day at a theme park and much more. We are a

Christian church open to everyone. So please, if you feel you need something that's missing in your life, something you've been longing for, for a long time; find Christ and accept him as your Savior. Through Him you will find answers to your everyday problems in life. Find peace, love, sincerity and hope now!

Join us this Sunday, won't you? You will find the most loving and caring people here who would love to reach out to help. We meet every Sunday at the First Unitarian Church of Orlando, 1815 E. Robinson St.

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Bless you all,  
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# What is This 'Something Better' the Preacher Refers To? Enquiring Minds Want to Know

Compiled By Michael J. Sopoliga  
Managing Editor

*Editor's Note:* This feature offers an assortment of news stories from around the world, but with a difference. They are true stories if slightly "angled" just enough to border on the satirical. After all, who wants to hear only bad news? Those doom-and-gloom stories which are a part of gay life.

In "News Bites ... Ouch!", you'll read news that (ouch!) hurts, albeit with a bit of humor. We hope that you'll like "News Bites," that butt-biting news of gay life and events at an angle.

P.S.: Have an interesting tidbit? Send it in as is or write your own little "bite" at the end.

**ALTAMONTE SPRINGS** – A local preacher in this fair city was forced to write to the editor of *The Orlando Sentinel* decrying the paper's use of the words "gay" and "pride" in the same sentence.

It seems that the good reverend can't see why gay people should have any pride. He went on, in his own patronizing way, to state that he, along with others who profess the Judeo-Christian standards, doesn't hate us, and that they respect us as persons. We just should not push our lifestyle upon them. He concluded: "We simply cannot endorse your lifestyle. We believe there is something better."

I guess by "something better" he was referring to being heterosexual. Oh yes, we are just a bunch of cotton-headed ninnies for not realizing that. Of course the reverend is unaware of the facts. Facts which say one out of two marriages end up in divorce, and did he ever watch *Donohue* to see how unhappy wives are? Might I add that the good reverend, along with many others "of the cloth" have certainly found something better in having a loving wife and a lustful mistress for that little "something better," or even throwing in a cute 21-year-old boyfriend to boot! Yes, we know what he



really meant, don't we?

## BIG BUCKS SPENT ON KICKING QUEERS OUT OF THE MILITARY

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – In 1990, \$27 million was spent by the military replacing troops who were discovered to be homosexual. The General Accounting Office, under orders from a congressional study, made the disclosure. The GAO was reluctant to disclose the way gays in the military were found out. Rumor has it that all the drill sergeants made the new recruits shower with them.

While in the shower the sergeant would drop the soap and watch what would happen when the recruit would bend over to pick the soap up. After this revelation was revealed the congressional study members then realized why there were so many smiling sergeants walking around bowlegged.

## BRITS DECRIMINALIZE GAY SEX IN THE MILITARY

**LONDON** – The government is in the process of decriminalizing members of the armed forces who engage in gay sex. But, if two men or women are found between the sheets, they will still be dismissed from the military. Since gay sex between civilians has been OK since 1967, there are charges of double standards and inequality. Some proper Englishmen suggested less harsh measures for sissy sex, like banishment from 4 o'clock tea, or less mutton on their chops. Others in the military claim that dismissing all gays in the military would present a problem that could only be solved by their being replaced with

Johnny blow-up-dolls, which could prove costly, and not as cozy during those cold, foggy nights.

## BEWARE OF TEENAGE MUTANT CRABS!

**MIAMI** – Before you start checking your erogenous zones for them, these crabs are found in Biscayne Bay. It appears that an 18-month study has confirmed what had concerned local fisherman for some time now, that the fish and crabs found in the bay suffer from deformities. In the most highly polluted spot, 50 percent of the fish had deformed or missing fins, and more than 10 percent of the crabs suffered deformities like closed claws, one claw undeveloped, or blind crabs.

What the study failed to also disclose is that those who regularly swim in the bay have suffered deformities like growing claws, walking sideways, and sprouting gills. Maybe there's a TV pilot being made there and this is all part of special effects!

## BOOM BOX BINGO, OR YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO GET EVEN!

**PHOENIX** – "I got old and decided to do it sometime or later. She had to pay for all the torture she put me through all these years." These were the words of 94-year-old Edward Mazy when asked about why he shot to death two neighbors who constantly played their stereo too loud. Mazy got 5 1/2 years in prison for the community service. Neighbors applauded the act by Mazy citing that if he didn't do it, someone else would have! Didn't these people ever hear about eviction notices?

## ROBBING A DEAD MAN!

**CHARLESTON, W.Va.** – Yes it's true. If you thought once you're dead, no one can violate you anymore, you're wrong. While George Weeks lay on a slab at the morgue, then autopsy room attendant Reuben Ben White frisked Weeks' body for credit cards and cash, and then went on a spending spree to the tune of \$1600. He and three others were indicted on this scheme which lasted for many years! Talk about not resting in peace!

## HEY, AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAABOT!

**PATERSON, N.J.** – If you remember the original "Who's on First" classic dialogue

by two of America's funniest funny men, Abbott and Costello, then you'll also be happy to hear that a statue of Lou Costello was dedicated in Paterson, N.J., his place of birth. There were many references to "Patason, New Joisey," by Costello in the comedy team's many movies and later, television episodes. One of Abbott and Costello's less remembered yet hilarious philosophical arguments went something like this:

Abbott: "Hey Lou, if you had the chance to get married, what kind of girl would you want?"

Costello: "Oh, I would want a real ugly girl!"

Abbott: "An ugly girl?"

Costello: "Yeah, an ugly girl."

Abbott: "Lou, why would you want to marry an ugly girl?"

Costello: "Because if I married a beautiful girl, she would be likely to run off with another man."

Abbott: "That's true, but that can happen with an ugly girl too."

Costello: "Yea, but who cares!"

Passing through Paterson? Stop by to look at a tribute to the town's most famous citizen, and remember the laughs

## NOT THEIR CUP OF 'TI'

**DAYTONA BEACH** – Well, the do-gooders are at it again. This time it's the officers in blue protesting the song "Cop Killer" by Body Count, a group fronted by rapper Ice-T. It seems that the police don't like the lyrics, which suggest everyone go out and "kill a cop." Sure the song may be as tasteless in words as it is in melody, but to ban this expression of free speech? I wonder if anyone would have complained, especially the cops, if the lyrics said: "Let's go out and kill some fags"? You're right, I don't think so either!

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6) Concerning features and articles, what do you like most:

☐ community minded features

☐ local/state/national features

☐ interviews with gay officials

☐ interviews with personalities

☐ in depth stories of persons

☐ editorial commentaries/perspectives/insights

other: \_\_\_\_\_

7) What do you consider the role of *The Center Fold* to be?

☐ community advocate and watchdog

☐ community sounding board for grievances and injustices

☐ source of good reading stressing literary quality and thought provoking articles.

☐ main source of GLCS activities calendar

8) Do you think *The Center Fold* has improved,

and is growing and maturing in the right direction?

☐ yes, it is heading in the right direction

☐ no, it needs better direction

other: \_\_\_\_\_

9) What would you like to see more of in *The Center Fold*?

☐ more pictures ☐ more pages

☐ more graphics ☐ more stories

other: \_\_\_\_\_

10) Is *The Center Fold*:

☐ a newspaper that I keep longer than others.

☐ something I rarely keep after reading

☐ a newspaper that I save past issues of regularly.

☐ a newspaper I enjoy reading throughout the month

☐ a gay publication which has merit over and above simply being a source of local activity announcements.

Please do not hesitate to expand upon your answers, if you wish, on a separate piece of paper.

Thank you for your time and valued information!

Michael Sopoliga, managing editor

## March on Washington Finalizes Platform Planks

The organizers of the 1993 March on Washington convened in the nation's capitol over the weekend of June 6 and 7 to finalize the march's platform.

The entire National Steering Commit-

tee (NSC), made up of delegates from around the country, approved the platform at its May meeting in Dallas with the provision that the Executive Committee would adjust a small number of controversial items at its June meeting.

Platform planks decided upon at the June meeting were:

- Equal civil rights shall not be denied on the basis of sexual orientation and identification, identity, gender and gender expression.

- Discrimination against and oppression of people of color shall not be

tolerated.

- Discrimination in our educational systems shall not be tolerated.

- Universal health care, medical and alternative therapies, shall be available to all people.

- The right to reproductive freedom and choices for all people shall be protected. The definition and legal protection of family shall include all people.

- Discrimination shall not be tolerated on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation/identification, identity,

gender and gender expression, ability, age, class, AIDS/HIV infection and perceived AIDS/HIV infection.

"Our priority has from the beginning been one of inclusivity. The march platform is the result of our grassroots organization's commitment to diversity. No one is on the outside of this movement.

"Our consensus building process allows us to arrive at decisions while providing the space to disagree," said Nadine Smith, of Tampa, co-chair of the march.



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# Confronting Homophobes: A List of Do's and Don'ts

By Michael J. Sopoliga  
Managing Editor

There are many attempts on the part of individuals to use their verbal and intellectual skills to validate being gay. This is good, and necessary, for our acceptance.....in the long run.

But what about you and me now? If you listen to talk radio WWNZ- 740AM, you'll hear sympathetic, almost gay advocative talk radio announcers, feeling the same disgust for homophobic behavior.

But when I listen to some of the callers calling us "queers" (they're obviously dating themselves), or "faggots," or "homos," etc., you get mad for sure.

But you getting mad about some idiot bigot on the radio. You can't see them, and they're not speaking about you personally. Still you get mad.

But what about having to face a person who is blatantly anti-homosexual, or worse, a religious individual who, because of their brainwashing, believes that we queers are forever cursed by almighty god

What do we do? How do we respond? Most of us are not biblical scholars, so to throw verses of the Bible at someone in defense of homosexuals will do no good. You can't expect to convert someone to reality or even sanity, since it takes many years to make a bigot, and religious

upbringing seems to make the best ones. You'll not change them. So, for whatever their worth, here's some do's and don't's I hope will help.

When confronted or witnessing a homophobe in the flesh:

1) *DO display control in your demeanor.* This is more important for others who might be witnessing the situation. If you look like your guilty of something, or that you're not sure and content with yourself, others will pick that up.

2) *DON'T take the bait, and become aggressive and flustered.* If you do, you'll be like the kid caught with his hand in the cookie jar, trying to defend yourself. You do not have to defend who you are to anyone!

3) *DON'T raise your voice, but speak in a calm register.* Usually, those who shout and carry on, are the ones who are insecure. You'll only have the other person do the same. Think of a politician who is accused of seemingly risqué behavior. A sign of guilt or shame is someone who shouts and yells.

4) *DO look the person in the eye, starring them down if you have to.* Usually looking someone in the eye will make another feel somewhat uncomfortable, if not a bit nervous. It's an edge you can take advantage of.

*Asking someone to question their blind beliefs, or beliefs which lead them to actually hate someone else, will in turn make them question the validity of their beliefs. If God is love, how can he tolerate one of His own who hates?*

5) *DON'T spar with the person verbally.* This "tit for tat" will fizzle, if not turn into a shouting match. Not only that, but nothing will be resolved, and you'll look weaker for it. Again, you don't have to justify your existence to anyone, and that's what you'll be doing if you play "point/counter-point."

6) *DO see this person as not knowing any better, seduced by fear and ignorance.* Thinking along these lines will make this person one to be pitied, not hated. This feeling will come out in your speech, and others just might side with you instead of the moralistic bigot. Everybody loves an underdog.

7) *DO be disarming when you speak.* This is not just speaking in a low register as mentioned previously. Speaking in a disarming, non-confrontational way brings a sense of urgency in your defense. People will see you as trying to bring sanity and reason to someone else who is being unreasonable and bigoted. A person can't wage war if you take away their weapons. Fear is a great weapon,

and many use it as just that. Take away the weapon, you might have a chance to then speak rationally.

8) *DO put the other person on the defensive.* You can say things like: "Is that how your religion (or parents) has taught you to act?", "I feel sorry that you are so unaccepting/unloving."

The worse thing that anyone wants to feel is guilty. They are making you feel guilty, but they are not succeeding. You can make them feel worse if you make their blind bigotry be a reason for them to feel bad about themselves. This is difficult to do, but it's worth a chance. Asking someone to question their blind beliefs, or beliefs which lead them to actually hate someone else, will in turn make them question the validity of their beliefs. If God is love, how can he tolerate one of His own who hates? This will confound the simple minded, a category which the majority of religious followers could fall in to.

9) *DON'T insult or intimidate.* You won't change the person. And your insulting them will only bring you down to their level.

Remember, as a gay person, YOU want to come across as the broadminded, accepting person, who does not deserve blatant discrimination, prompted by social or religious beliefs.

10) *DO know when to absence yourself from a tense situation.* Remember yourself as being the most important person to protect from harm, both verbal or physical. You don't have to endure someone's ignorance. Leave the scene. Don't worry you'll have other such occurrences, you can bet on it!



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6) Concerning features and articles, what do you like most:

☐ community minded features

☐ local/state/national features

☐ interviews with gay officials

☐ interviews with personalities

☐ in depth stories of persons

☐ editorial commentaries/perspectives/insights

other: \_\_\_\_\_

7) What do you consider the role of *The Center Fold* to be?

☐ community advocate and watchdog

☐ community sounding board for grievances and injustices

☐ source of good reading stressing literary quality and thought provoking articles.

☐ main source of GLCS activities calendar

8) Do you think *The Center Fold* has improved,

and is growing and maturing in the right direction?

☐ yes, it is heading in the right direction

☐ no, it needs better direction

other: \_\_\_\_\_

9) What would you like to see more of in *The Center Fold*?

☐ more pictures ☐ more pages

☐ more graphics ☐ more stories

other: \_\_\_\_\_

10) Is *The Center Fold*:

☐ a newspaper that I keep longer than others.

☐ something I rarely keep after reading

☐ a newspaper that I save past issues of regularly.

☐ a newspaper I enjoy reading throughout the month

☐ a gay publication which has merit over and above simply being a source of local activity announcements.

Please do not hesitate to expand upon your answers, if you wish, on a separate piece of paper.

Thank you for your time and valued information!

Michael Sopoliga, managing editor

## March on Washington Finalizes Platform Planks

The organizers of the 1993 March on Washington convened in the nation's capitol over the weekend of June 6 and 7 to finalize the march's platform.

The entire National Steering Commit-

tee (NSC), made up of delegates from around the country, approved the platform at its May meeting in Dallas with the provision that the Executive Committee would adjust a small number of controversial items at its June meeting.

Platform planks decided upon at the June meeting were:

- Equal civil rights shall not be denied on the basis of sexual orientation and identification, identity, gender and gender expression.
- Discrimination against and oppression of people of color shall not be

tolerated.

- Discrimination in our educational systems shall not be tolerated.

- Universal health care, medical and alternative therapies, shall be available to all people.

- The right to reproductive freedom and choices for all people shall be protected. The definition and legal protection of family shall include all people.

- Discrimination shall not be tolerated on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation/identification, identity,

gender and gender expression, ability, age, class, AIDS/HIV infection and perceived AIDS/HIV infection.

"Our priority has from the beginning been one of inclusivity. The march platform is the result of our grassroots organization's commitment to diversity. No one is on the outside of this movement.

"Our consensus building process allows us to arrive at decisions while providing the space to disagree," said Nadine Smith, of Tampa, co-chair of the march.



## NEW CREATION CHURCH

Services - Sunday 5:00 p.m.

Bible Studies 4:00 p.m.

1st & 3rd Sundays

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CALENDAR  
OF  
EVENTS  
DESCRIPTIONS

**CODA** is a group for co-dependents meeting Thursday nights. **COMMITTED COUPLES** network is a social planning group for couples meets the fourth Monday of every month. **FANTASIA** is a transvestite/transsexual support group open to gays and non-gays. **GAYSKATE** is open to all ages and held twice each month at Semoran Skateway. **GLCS BOARD MEETINGS** are open to the public and are held on the first and third Mondays of every month. Any items for the agenda must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. **HEALING CIRCLE** is back and meets every Monday. **MEN'S DISCUSSION** and **WOMYN OF GLCS** are each general discussion groups. **MOVIE NIGHT** is every Friday night. As with other GLCS activities, there is no admission fee, but donations will always be gratefully accepted! **RAP GROUP** is a mixed discussion group of men and women. **SINGLES GROUP** open to all singles meets the third Monday of every month. **YOUTH RAP** and all other Delta Youth Alliance activities take place off-site and are open only to 13-21 year olds. **DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED GROUP** meets the third Friday of every month. **BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP** meets on the fourth Friday of every month. Call (407) 425-GLCS for information on any of these events.

OPERATING HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

1:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY

Noon - 5:00

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Business Office

24  
HOUR  
HOTLINE



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Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central  
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0# - Transfer to GLCS Volunteer  
1# - Bars, Nightclubs, Restaurants  
2# - Counseling Services  
3# - Local Support Organizations  
4# - AIDS Information

#6 - Gay Facts/Coming Out  
#7 - Upcoming GLCS Events  
#8 - Business Referrals  
#10 - Center Schedule  
#12 - Youth Information

30# - GLCS Information  
31# - AIDS Support  
32# - Alcohol Abuse  
33# - Health Services/Clinics  
34# - Performing Arts  
35# - Political Action

36# - Publications  
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39# - Social and Support Groups  
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41# - Professional Counselors

61# - Youth Crisis Information  
62# - Delta Youth Alliance Info  
63# - Alternate Lifestyle Definition  
64# - Coming out to Your Parents  
65# - Suggested Reading (Youth)  
66# - Bookstores and Sources  
67# - Youth Pen Pals Program

70# - Attorneys  
71# - Physicians

\*You must enter # after your selection. A touch tone phone is required.

Gay & Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida, Inc.

750 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida 32804 (407) THE-GAYS

GLCS EVENTS

July 26 - September 5, 1992

Boxed Events occur outside

SUNDAY	M
July 26	Ju
	6:00pm Group
	7:30pm Couple
	7:30pm
	9:15pm
Aug 2	A
7:00pm Fantasia- -Transvestite/ Transexual Support Group	6:00pm Group
	7:00pm Meeting
	7:30pm
	7:30pm
Aug 9	Au
	6:00pm Group
	7:30pm
	Central
	7:30pm
	Couple
	7:30pm
	9:15pm
Aug 16	Au
7:00pm Fantasia- -Transvestite/ Transexual Support Group 7:00pm Dignity	6:00pm Group
	7:00pm
	7:30pm
	7:30pm
Aug 23	Au
	6:00pm Group
	7:30pm
	Couples
	7:30pm
	9:15pm
Aug 30	Au
7:00pm Fantasia- -Transvestite/ Transexual Support Group	6:00pm -Rap
	7:30pm
	Circle



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lake side.



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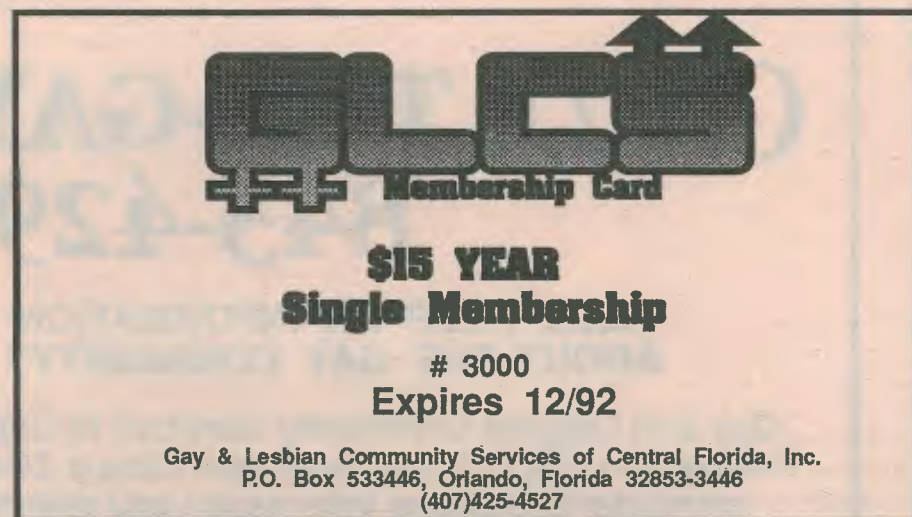
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PAYMENT METHOD ☐ CHECK ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS

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☐ All members names are kept confidential. From time to time, GLCS may mail to its members information about our organization. If you prefer not to receive such mailings, please let us know by checking this box.

Signature

Date