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World AIDS Day

With a focus on stigma and discrimination, World AIDS Day 2002 will encourage people to break the silence and the barriers to effective HIV/AIDS prevention and care. Please join AIDS Volunteers, Inc. and the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington AIDS Ministry for these activities.

On Sunday, Dec 1, at 3pm, "Belinda", an Appalshop documentary about Belinda Mason will be shown at the downtown Public Library theater. Funny, down-to-earth, and never self-pitying, Belinda speaks of our need for a collective response to AIDS which is not crippled by racism, homophobia, fear or ignorance. Following the film, we will have a panel presentation, discussion and reception.

Later that evening there will be an ecumenical worship service in Remembrance and Hope for persons with AIDS, their family and friends, and for all those who have been affected by HIV. The service will begin at 5:30 pm at the Woodland Christian Church, 530 East High St.

A candlelight processional and vigil will take place immediately following the service, at approximately 6:30 pm. The vigil will be held at the Pavilion in Woodland Park. For those not attending the Worship Service, there will be another staging area for a processional at Common Grounds Coffeehouse, 343 East High Street, beginning at 5:30.

There is additional information on page 18. If you have any questions, please contact AVOL at (859) 225-3000.

WORKING GIRLS 2003 CALENDER

The Imperial Court of Kentucky will launch its Working Girls 2003 calendar with a reception and show at The Bar on Wed. Nov 6, starting at 8 pm.. Following the success of last year's Femme Fatale calendar, Working Girls features Empress XXI Nicole Diamond, Emperor XXI Orvis Kean and members of their lines of descent in a variety of traditional and non-traditional occupations.

Images crafted by photographer Nash Werner include Natalie Gaye as a French maid, Cammie Deitrich as a doctor, Chelsea Pearl as a glamorous pinup style mechanic and many others.. The celebration will begin with a complimentary buffet by Chef Sam Sears. Performers featured in the calendar will be on hand to autograph copies. The Working Girls show will begin at 9:30.

Tickets for the show are \$5 or free with purchase of a calendar. Calendars are \$14 with proceeds benefiting Moveable Feast. Working Girls 2003 will be available at Posh Salon & Spa or by calling Moveable Feast at 252-2867. *...continued on page 2*

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Nash Werner, who has done a wonderful job on this calendar, has been a photographer since the early 1990s. He is self-taught and works side by side with the developer to produce images that reflect the same depth and energy originally observed through his camera lens. Nash has lived and practiced his art in Oahu, San Francisco, and Kentucky. He captures his perceptions in both black and white and color film.

Volunteers Recognized

The Volunteer Awards Banquet held in October was well attended and enjoyed. (It got the vote for the best banquet food yet.) It is always great to meet some people who have not attended before including some straight supporters. Tom Collins did a great job as MC-thanks, Tom. We thank SisterSound and The Men's Chorus for providing wonderful entertainment.

Michael Thompson, winner of last year's **Wasson Award**, presented the 2002 Wasson Award to **Stephen Foster, aka Natalie Gaye** who has been a source of inspiration and progressive change in Lexington for the last decade. As Empress XV and XX, Natalie was at the forefront of fundraising efforts amounting to over \$75,000. Stephen's reputation for integrity, fairness and compassion distinguish him as a remarkable leader in our community. Congratulations, Stephen.

Jamie McDaniel and David Cupps were also nominated for this award. Jamie is the coordinator of Soulforce, and an adult advisor for the teen Gay Straight Alliance. He has engaged in dialogue with conservative Baptist Ministers and willingly gone to jail when involved in non-violent Soulforce direct actions.

David Cupps has worked diligently for our community in many areas. He served as the President of the Board of AVOL, Treasurer of Kentucky Fairness and an active member of the Bluegrass chapter, and an active member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

Jerry Neff, Vice President of GLSO, presented the Rainbow Community Service Award to the **Imperial Court of Kentucky**. They are the first group to win this award a second time. The past year has been one of record breaking activity, resulting in over \$43,000 raised for local charities. AVOL and SisterSound were also nominated for this award.

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Community News

Dress and Gender Alliance

The next meeting of the Lexington Dress & Gender Alliance (LexDGA) will be Saturday Nov. 2 at 8 pm. Please email LexDGA@aol.com or call (859)433-8388 for the location.

The LexDGA is a peer social support group which meets monthly to discuss how gender affects our lives, to help members network with others who have similar interests, and to assist members with the difficulties they face in navigating this bi-gendered world. We are open to cross-dressers, transgendered folks, drag kings, drag queens, transsexuals, effeminate men, masculine women, androgynous persons, persons born intersexed, gender queer and gender questioning individuals, as well as supportive friends, family, and significant others.

As always, meetings are free and you may dress in any way you feel comfortable. The group founders do not offer counseling and the LexDGA is not a therapy group. Meetings are generally on the 1st Saturdays of each month and are not a dating service.

Thanksgiving Benefit

It's the time of year when we sit down with our families, friends and significant others to give thanks. It is also a time for giving. Tiffany & Company invites everyone to Crossings, Wed. Nov. 20, for our Moveable Feast Thanksgiving Show. Entertainers for the evening are: Tiffany Andrews, Mescha, Val E. Sheridan, Miss Sheena, Clarissa Cumberland and Rayna Starr.

We are asking for a \$5 donation at the door and the show will begin promptly at 10

pm. All proceeds will go toward providing a hot and nourishing Thanksgiving Day meal to those living with HIV/AIDS. Come and enjoy a wonderful show as we come together as a family in the true spirit of Thanksgiving!

Moveable Feast

Moveable Feast will need some extra help with meal preparation and delivery in the upcoming holiday season. They are quickly approaching 100,000 meals served; the benefits to hundreds of people living with HIV/AIDS is immeasurable. If you can drive a car, even for just one or two evenings, you can help change a life. Call 252-2867.

SISTAHS IN THE LIFE

Sistahs In The Life is a support group for Black Lesbians and Bi-sexual women. Join us for provocative discussions about our lives and experiences. We meet at 7 pm every first Tuesday at the Pride Center. For information, call Joan at 859 539-2657 or email Jweslie@aol.com.

Men Of All Colors Together

Kentucky Men of all Colors Together (MACT) is a chapter of the National Association of Black and White Men Together. These are gay multiracial organizations which foster supportive environments where friendships and partnerships can be celebrated free of racial and cultural barriers.

This group is reorganizing in Lexington. For more information see the web page at mactky.com, email us at mactky@aol.com, telephone 859 351-4453 Jon, or write to MACT KY, PO Box 910596, Lexington, Ky. 40591-0596. *..continued on page 4*

Volunteers Honored *from page 2*

Seven organizations gave Volunteer of the Year Awards. SisterSound awarded Beth Hartman for her work in design and for establishing their web site www.geocities.com/sistersound/.

Joan Branon presented the Sisters In The Life award to Angelina who has worked diligently on all those details that are important to keep any organization going.

Moveable Feast, which depends on 200 hours a week from dedicated volunteers, gave its volunteer of the year award to Kelli Considine. She had some interesting things to say about working emotions into the food as she cooked.

Integrity, a new and growing support group meeting at St Michael's Episcopal Church, presented its award to David Hance. The Imperial Court honored Donny Royce, Emperor XX, for his success in helping the court raise over \$45,000 last year.

GLSO gave two volunteer awards this year. With the broad programming we provide we depend on a large number of volunteers to keep us going. Davina Warner was chosen for her work to keep the pride Center open on Saturday and her leadership in offering many activities at the center. Homer Tracy was honored for his work in directing many plays for ActOut

Jim Dickerson presented the Bluegrass Fairness award to Cindy Downey who has organized and "manned" information booths at a variety of Lexington functions including the 4th of July celebration.

AVOL director Cathy Cox presented Scott Ackerman with their Fundraiser of the Year award. Scott's creativity and hard work helped make the Mardi Gras Ball and the AIDS Walk for Life tremendously successful.

Lexington Men's Chorus

"You're Home For The Holidays"

On Saturday, Dec 7th, at 7 pm at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, LMC will present its annual holiday concert with a special salute to Rosemary Clooney. The concert will be held in the church's sanctuary which has a 250+ capacity and great acoustics. There will be a reception following the concert that will be full of good cheer for all LMC supporters. Directions will be printed next month.

Tickets: \$15 for this concert or take advantage of one of our season ticket packages: \$25 1-Standard Holiday ticket and 1-Standard Pride ticket.

Or: \$30 1-Standard Holiday ticket and 1-VIP Pride ticket

LMC's Pride Concert 2003 will be held at the Lexington Opera House in June.

For tickets: call 269-9739 (Voice Mail after 5:30pm), FAX 859-266-9396, web site www.lmcky.org, email friends@lmcky.org or write Lex Men's Chorus, P.O. Box 1913, Lex, KY 40588-1913. Make checks or money orders payable to Lexington Men's Chorus. Tickets also available from LMC members. We accept AMEX, Discover, MasterCard or VISA (please call in credit card orders, limit 4 ticket orders per card). Call John Hawks at 859-269-9739 if you wish to become a "Friend of The Chorus" or to make a tax-deductible donation.

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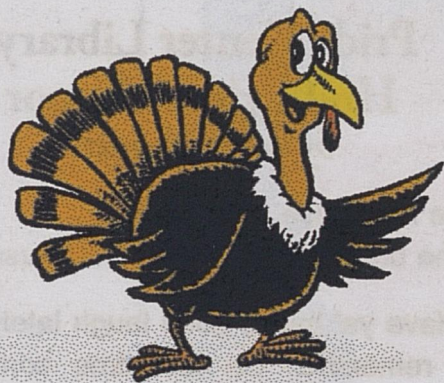
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GAMES NIGHT

Our games nights have been a lot of fun. We've found some trivia buffs and card sharks in our community, but most of all, we've had a great time meeting new people. All you need is a sense of adventure and a desire to play some games. Join us for our next games night, Friday, November 22 at 7 p.m. If you have a favorite game, bring it; you may find a kindred spirit or two. Feel free to bring soft drinks and munchies to share. Just come and hang out and have fun.

LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT

Join us Friday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. as we continue our examination of films featuring lesbian teens. After two-months of lesbian teen angst, we turn to comedy with "But I'm A Cheerleader." This 1999 comedy stars Natasha Lyonne as Megan, a popular cheer leader, who is sent off to the homosexual rehabilitation camp "True Directions" after an intervention by family and friends in which she is given the signs she is a lesbian: she's a vegetarian, she doesn't like kissing her boyfriend, and she's got a poster of a Melissa Etheridge in her bedroom.

True Directions is a pink and blue camp of gender stereotypes under the fascist leadership of Cathy Moriarty and camp counselor RuPaul Charles, who is simply hilarious teaching gay boys how to be real men. While at camp, Megan finds her true self with the help of the rebellious and secure lesbian Graham, played by Clea Duval (Girl Interrupted).

This outrageous comedy is rated R. So, join us at the Pride Center for an evening of laughs and conversation. Feel

free to bring snacks and soft drinks. Who knows, you may find someone to share a bag of popcorn with.

Pride Gallery

The Pride Gallery is actively seeking artists interested in showing their work at the Pride Center. To discuss the possibilities, please contact Thomas Collins at 859 225-0094 or the Pride Center at 859 253-3233. All artisans welcome. If you don't have enough work for a complete show, but would still like to use the venue to display and sell, we can pair you up with another artist. Twenty percent of the proceeds from sold artwork will go to the Pride Center.

Pride Center Library Highlights: Humor by Jane Minder

"I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells." Dr. Seuss

Have ya' had a good laugh lately? Do you remember the last time something "queer" struck you as hilarious? If not, get yourself over to the Pride Center Library and yuck it up with some of these books and videos:

Complete Dykes to Watch Out For, Volume One. Alison Bechdel. (HQ 75.6.U5 B391 C737)

Do What I Say: Ms. Behavior's Guide to Gay & Lesbian Etiquette [Audio book]. Meryl Cohn. (AUDIO BOOK Do)

Kate Clinton: The Queen of Comedy (Videocassette). (VIDEO Kate)

Little Book of Neuroses: Ongoing Trials From My Queer Life. Michael Thomas Ford. (PN 6231.H57 F677) ..continued page 8

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The Ritz. [Videocassette] (VIDEO Ritz)

Unofficial Gay Manual: Living the Lifestyle or at Least Appearing To. Kevin DiLallo. (HQ 76.3.U5 D55)

Who Cares If It's a Choice: Snappy Answers to 101 Nosy, Intrusive...Questions About Lesbians and Gay Men. Ellen Orleans. (PN 4874.O75 W628)

Who knew being queer could be so much fun? So check em' out and wake up a few brain cells while you're at it. The Pride Center Library is located at 389 Waller Avenue, Suite 100 and is open Monday-Saturday, 10-3. Stop by for a laugh.

Religious Groups

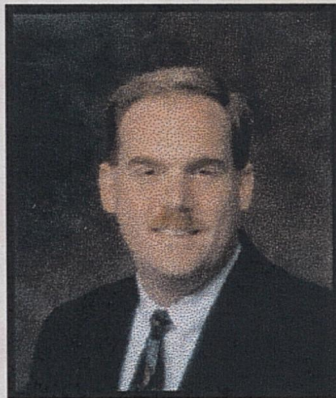
INTEGRITY

Integrity, a support group for Episcopalians and friends, meets at St. Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte. Our next monthly meeting is Sunday, Nov. 11th from 4:00PM to 5:30PM. The topic for discussion is "Coming Out to God" and "Internal Homophobia." If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact the Rectors, David Boyd or Sandy Stone at 859-277-7511 or email Jbintegrity@aol.com.

Wiccan/Pagan

A Wiccan/Pagan Study Group has begun to meet at the Pride Center. If you are interested in discussing your spiritual beliefs with other pagans, please call Iggy at 859-492-9904. A meeting date and time will be set soon. Let us share the love of the Goddess and God. Blessed Be!

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Jubilee Fellowship

Jubilee Fellowship is meeting at the Pride Center on most Thursday nights at 7pm. The second Thursday of each month we meet at the Pride Center and then go elsewhere. If you have any questions call 264-7006 or cwbm121893@aol.com.

Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes visitors any time. There are now two services every Sunday, at 9:30 and 11:15. On Nov. 3, the worship service are entitled "All Saints and All Souls." and will explore our connections with those who have come and gone before us.

The choir will sing during the second service, and there will be guitar and dulcimer music in the early service. There will be a first Sunday lunch after the second services on this Sunday starting about 12:20. For more information about UU Church check the web at www.uucl.org.

Women's Spirituality Group

The Woman's Spirituality Group of the Unitarian Universalist Church is a social support group in which we learn about and celebrate the sacred female energy within the universe and within our selves. We meet about every two weeks on Friday nights. Our November meetings will be Fridays Nov 1 and Nov 15. We meet at 6:30 for pot luck and at 7:15 for a program. Come at either time.

On the 1st at the home of Mary Crone we plan a Samheim ritual in honor of our female ancestors. Bring a picture or an item belonging to your ancestor or another female role model for the altar. We also hope to have a bonfire, weather permitting. Call for directions or more information 266-5904.

Dignity

Dignity will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. They will no longer be meeting at the Pride Center. Call Don for information and for location at 299-4458.

Trembling Before G-d

On Thursday, November 7, *Trembling Before G-d* will be shown at the Central Public Library Theater at 6:30 PM and again at 8:30 PM. Though there is no charge, admission to the film is by advanced reservation only. Call Temple Adath Israel at 269-2979 to reserve your free seats.

Trembling Before G-d is an unprecedented feature documentary that shatters assumptions about faith, sexuality, and religious fundamentalism. Built around intimately told personal stories of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay and lesbian, the film portrays a group of people who face a profound dilemma—how to reconcile their passionate love of Judaism and the Divine with the biblical prohibitions that are interpreted by the more Orthodox branches of the Jewish faith to mean that homosexuality is forbidden.

Many of the individuals featured have been rejected by their religious community and their pain is raw. Yet with irony, humor, and resilience, they love, struggle, and debate with a thousands-year old tradition. Ultimately, they are forced to question how they can pursue truth and faith in their lives.

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3 9:30 & 11:15 UU Church Worship Service 1-3 pm Imperial Court Pride Center 6 pm SisterSound (Call for Place) 7 pm Dignity - Pride Center	4 7 pm P-FLAG Berea Public Library-Berea 7 pm GSA (Call for place) 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	5 7 pm Sistah's Pride Center	6 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place) 8 pm Calendar Launch Party - The Bar 9 pm Rainbow Bowling Southland Lanes	7 7 pm Jubilee Fellowship Pride Center	8 7 pm Lesbian Movie Night Pride Center 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	9 Pride Center Open 10-3
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GLBT HISTORY

Part 1: Rosawinkel Pink Triangle

by *Thomas Collins*

The universal symbol of Gay Pride, the Pink Triangle was originally a badge designed by Nazi concentration camp officials to designate men incarcerated as homosexuals. A three-sided cloth badge sewn to the left shoulder and right trouser leg of uniforms, the pink triangle or Rosawinkel was part of an eight-color coding system: yellow for Jews, brown for gypsies, violet for Jehovah's Witnesses, red for political prisoners, blue for emigres, green for criminals, and black for "antisocial" detainees.

The color pink was chosen for male homosexuals as a sign of effeminacy. Prior to the pink triangle, homosexual men were identified by a black dot on their armband, or a yellow band with an A, for *Arschficker*. Although sex between women was not against the law in Nazi Germany, many lesbians were incarcerated as socialists (red triangles), antisocial "perverts" and "prostitutes" (black triangles), and along with large numbers of gay men, as Jews (two yellow triangles to make a Star of David).

In the 1970's lesbians and gay men began wearing pink triangles as a symbol of pride and solidarity in the face of oppression. For example, in 1975, the emblem was used by a "coalition of conscience" study group within the New York Civil Liberties Union to stress opposition to bigotry while fighting for municipal civil rights legislation. Starting in 1986, AIDS activists plastered New York City with stickers with pink triangles and the caption "Silence = Death". ACT UP adopted both the symbol and the slogan in 1987.

After the war, Rosawinkel became the name of a German group that campaigned to get compensation for gay concentration

camp survivors. The West German government agreed to this group's demands in 1982, 30 years after compensation had been granted to other persecuted group.

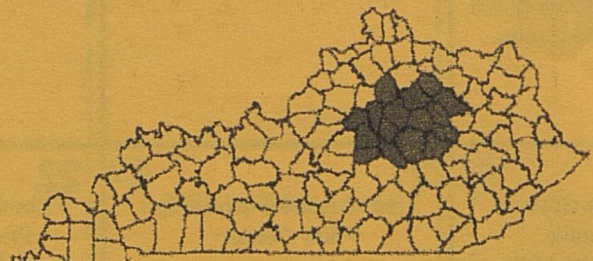
Part 2: Book Burnings

by *Mary Crone*

Another interesting intersection of GLBT History and the Holocaust was the first Nazi book burning on May 6 1933. German students from the Berlin School of Physical Education attacked and demolished the Institute of Sexual Science, one of the first scholarly groups to study homosexuality. The students hung a bust of the founder of the institute and burned twelve thousand books that day.

This undoubtedly intentional choice of burning books that were connected to the study of homosexuality as the starting point for more wide spread burning seems to have served ..*continued on next*

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the Nazis well and the practice spread. Four days later, the Nazi German Student Association set up more bonfires, this time to burn books by Jewish and other "undesirable" authors.

Of all the events that took place in Germany in 1933, it was these book burnings that drew that most reactions from people in Europe and America. Helen Keller wrote a letter to the organizers saying in part: "History has taught you nothing if you think you can kill ideas. You can burn my books and the books of the best minds in Europe, but the ideas in them have seeped through a million channels and will continue to quicken other minds."

A quotation from the German Jewish poet Heinrich Heine that referred to book burnings in the nineteenth century was often used in editorials and conversations of that time. "Where they burn books, they will soon burn people." But even those who quoted Heine, did not conceive of the horrors of the "final solution" that were to

come in the following years.

Note: Our lives are beginning to be reflected in school text books. This information is from Facing History and Ourselves, the Holocaust and Human Behavior a curriculum resource book that is now being used in some public schools in our area. The questions for students to consider includes: Why do you think books about homosexuality were targeted for the first book burning? Thanks goes to **The Humanitarium: Center for Culture & Diversity** for bringing this to Lexington.



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Prior to starting Qvacations, David Gilinsky offered high-end travel services for 16 years and his company was one of the first to develop eco-tours in the mid 1980's to Latin America and the South Pacific Islands. His goal with Qvacations is to bring his expertise to the GLBT community and to offer an opportunity for travel to places that have heretofore been unaffordable to most people. David is a member of the LGBT community and he wants to provide an experience that will allow gay men and lesbians all across the United States to visit destinations that they have long wished to see.

Qvacations stands out from other tour operations for the gay market by having far superior value. Building on their experience and contacts within each of the exotic locals enables Qvacations to offer much the same quality of accommodations, air travel and time abroad at considerably less cost than other GLBT tour operators. This is an important operating principle for Qvacations – to always provide the best quality tours for the most affordable price possible.



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VOTE NOV. 5

by Jeff Jones

Based upon my personal experience with these candidates, voting records, and surveys on GLBT issues, here are my personal endorsements. I do not represent any group or organization in making these but act solely as a private citizen:

US Senate: Lois Combs Weinberg (Dem)
US House, 6th District: Mark Gailey (Lib)

KY Senate 12th District: Derrick Hord (D)
KY Senate 22nd District: Tom Buford
KY House, 39th District: none
KY House, 45th District: none
KY House, 56th District: Joe Barrows (D)
KY House, 62nd District: none
KY House, 72nd District: none,
KY House, 75th District: Kathy Stein (D)
KY House, 76th District: Ruth Ann Palumbo
KY House, 77th District: Jesse Crenshaw
KY House, 79th District: Susan Westrom
KY House, 88th District: none

Fayette Co. Sheriff: Kathy Witt (Dem)
Fayette Co. Coroner: Rick Bottoms (Rep)

Non-partisan Races

Lexington Mayor: Teresa Isaac

Council, At-Large (top 3 win seats):
Adam Edelen, Richard Moloney, Diana Moore, Mike Scanlon, David Stevens

Council, 1st District: George A. Brown, Jr.
Council, 2nd District: Jacques Wigginton,
Council, 3rd District: Dick DeCamp or
Don Pratt

Council, 4th District: Linda Gorton,
Council, 5th District: Bill Farmer, Jr.
Council, 6th District: Alvin M. Seals
Council, 7th District: Willy Fogle
Council, 8th District: Robert Moreland

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Council, 9th District: Jennifer Mossotti
Council, 10th District: none
Council, 11th District: Paul Brooks
Council, 12th District: Gloria Martin

Constitutional Amendments

- 1 (family courts) Yes
- 2 (regulation of corporations by General Assembly) Yes

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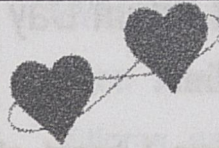
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National Coming Out Again Day

by Tom Collins

I remember the first time I heard of National Coming Out Day. I was working for a Veterinarian and was given the responsibility of hiring a person to take care of the kennels. I hired a lovely young lady who announced, on her third day of work, that she was a Lesbian and that she made it a practice to tell people every October 11th (National Coming Out Day). She did not make the announcement directly to me, but a gossiping co-worker felt it her obligation to tell me.

I was so inspired by this young lady's courage that I went out on my lunch break and bought her a teddy bear dressed in a leather jacket. In those days I knew very little about Lesbians. The gossiping co-worker almost exploded with anger at my gesture.

Since those days of ancient history I, myself, have kicked open those closet doors and invited the world to see me as the proud queer that I am. I am so open about my orientation that I sometimes forget that other people do not see me for who/what I am.

I was recently reminded of this while on a business trip to North Carolina. The hotel where I was staying provided a continental breakfast each morning. The lady responsible for preparing and overseeing the meal greeted us each morning with hymns and proclamations of her faith and love of mankind. This did not bother me, but others in my group were put off a bit by it.

On the last morning of my trip I entered the breakfast nook to overhear the morning songbird talking to another hotel employee about a foster child that her sister had "taken in" who had turned her nephew gay. I was moved to say something but held my tongue. As I poured orange juice she con-

tinued to refer to the foster child as an "evil seed that had to be removed from their family".

I could stay silent no more. I loudly announced that I was gay and did not appreciate the conversation that was being served with my breakfast. The lady listening to Miss Songbird said to me that they were not talking about gay people, but were instead talking about child molesters.

At this point all that registered in my head was the stereotype of all gay men being considered child molesters. I angrily proclaimed that I had heard exactly what they had been talking about and so could anyone else in the room. I said that God had created me just as he had created them and that no mistakes had been made. I said that gay people are just people, not evil seeds that need to be removed from anywhere. After several apologies, the ladies left me to try to swallow yogurt that seemed to boil as it reached my stomach.

It only dawned on me later when I wrote the date on a sheet of paper that it was National Coming Out Day. No matter how many times October 11th passes and no matter how many people that you tell that you are gay, there is always one more person that needs to know.

Thank you Melanie, you are truly one of the bravest people I have ever met.

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by Robert

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sub-conscious thread
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when reality's unbleached fingers
tied random knots
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a life lived off the leash and
I'm not one to string myself
together
anymore
saw part the laws and build
a temple without stained windows
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ing
I had to learn to color
outside the lines but now
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over
giving slack around my joints
the would has been sewn open
and I can now depend on the
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World AIDS Day 2002

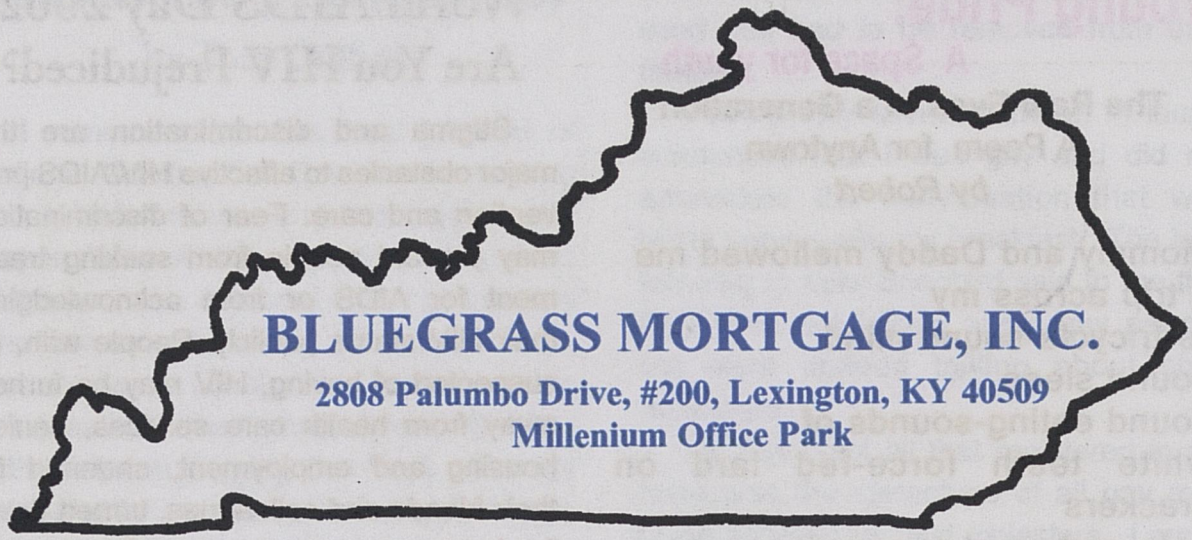
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Only by confronting stigma and discrimination will the fight against HIV/AIDS be won. Belinda Mason spent the last years of her life confronting the stigma and discrimination. Belinda, who lived her life in Eastern Kentucky, became infected with the HIV virus in 1987. She decided to go public with her condition and became a powerful advocate for AIDS prevention, education, treatment, and human rights.

In a documentary about her work, Belinda talks about her own experiences dealing with AIDS and the support of her pastor to members of the Southern Baptist Convention. Join us for this film at the downtown public library theater at 3 pm, Sunday, Dec. 1. A worship service and candlelight vigil are also planned. See page 1 for details.

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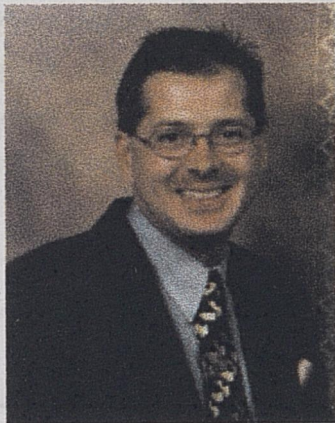


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