

Imperial Court Celebrates

The Imperial Court of Kentucky kicked off the Holiday Season with a BANG with Judy's Old Fashioned Holiday Show. What a delightful evening full of Gay Cheer.

On December 2 we continue the Holiday spirit of giving with the AVOL Kids Christmas Show at Crossings. Doors open at 8:30 with the show starting at 9:30, \$5 donation at the door or bring a new kids toy. Come join in the festivities and help us make several kid's Christmases Merry!

In addition to the show we will be placing Christmas trees at The Bar Complex, Crossings and Pulse Nightlife and any other establishment that would be interested in participating. Ask your bartender how you can make a donation to help AVOL Kid's Christmas.

Then lets keep the season jolly by crowning a Miss Mary Christmas on December 16th at the Bar Complex. Doors open at 8:30 with the pageant starting promptly at 9:30, \$5 donation at the door. Applications are available at Inspired Apparel, from Empress Nicole Diamond or from Miss Mary Christmas 2008 Helena Handbasket. Come join in the fun!

A big Congratulations goes out to Jacqueline Storm, Miss Diva of Darkness 2009. All the contestants did an amazing job!

The Imperial Court of Kentucky donated \$8,000 to the Matthew Shepard Foundation to be used for hate crime awareness in Kentucky Schools from the proceeds of the production of the Laramie Project. Director *cont. pg. 2*

AIDS Volunteers of Lexington Candlelight Vigil

AVOL's Candlelight vigil is Tuesday, December 1st, World AIDS Day. You can bring a candle or pick one up and start the walk at one of the following locations: 1) Common Ground, 2) Dunkin Doughnuts, 3) Third Street Stuff, 4) Starbucks on Main St., 5) Tin Roof.

The candle stations will be set up by 5:30 (30 minutes prior) and the vigil will start at 6pm. Participants will walk through downtown, ending at the Central Library where we will have a few words and music. We will then proceed inside where eight panels of the AIDS quilt will be on display. Starbucks on High will supply coffee and light snacks.

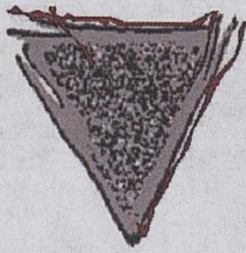
Red Ribbon Ball

The Red Ribbon Ball will be Saturday, December 5th, in the round barn at Red Mile. The event will start at 7pm with a live silent art auction, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and an open bar. At 10pm., the art portion ends and the Dance of the Winter begins with DJ Xenergy. *cont. pg. 2*

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Next meeting Dec. 10,
7pm at the Pride Center.

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Wesley Nelson and Cast did an amazing job telling the story of Matthew Shepard at Natsha's, ECU, UK and at The Bar Complex performances. Thanks to our corporate sponsors and everyone that attended.

The Imperial Court of Kentucky will be represented at the Imperial Court of Boston and Imperial Court of Las Vegas Coronations this month.

The Imperial Court of Kentucky helps support Breast Cancer Research with the Pink Ribbon Ball held at The Bar Complex on November 18. Thanks to everyone for helping us reach out in our community and support those special causes near and dear to our heart!

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The cost of tickets are: Art/Dance- \$60 per person or \$100 per couple, Dance only—\$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in advance either through our website www.avolky.org or by calling Brian Slate at 859-225-3000 ext. 23. Please come out and support our cause.

OPEN HOUSE

AVOL has moved to 225 Walton Avenue, Suite 110. They invite everyone to a celebratory Open House on Friday, Dec. 11 from 2pm 6pm. The new space offers easier access, greater privacy, and more parking. AVOL is now making appointments for Rapid Result HIV testing at Central Christian Church on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call for more information and appointment scheduling 859-225-3000.

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Community News

"Straightlaced: How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up"

The Kentucky Premiere of the documentary "Straightlaced: How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up" –will be on January 9, 2010. A reception begins at 10:15 am and the film begins at 11 am inside the KY Theater in the State Theatre, 214 E. Main Street. Free parking is available in the City Annex garage next to the Fayette County Clerk's office.

In November of 2007, Groundspark arrived at Dunbar High School's Memorial Garden to interview friends of Josh Shipman for their film. Hannah Landers candidly and emotionally spoke of her love for Josh, the reason for the Memorial Garden, and her dismay at the hardships Josh endured as an openly gay and flamboyant individual. Josh Shipman took his own life on Oct. 5, 2006. He was just shy of 16 years old.

In May of 2008, days before Hannah and her mother were to travel to California to continue her participation in the documentary, Hannah's life was tragically cut short in an automobile accident. Hannah was 17 years old.

In an effort to continue Hannah's work and tell Josh's story, "Straightlaced" be shown with no admission charge. We hope to encourage open discussion of gender bias and help others toward a more inclusive, empowering culture.

This film is brought to you by the Jesse Higginbotham Technology Trust, the family of Hannah Landers, and Groundspark.org, a documentary film company. Donations are requested to benefit the Hannah Landers Scholarship Fund and a contribution to suicide prevention program to be made in Josh's name.

Pride Center Sale

Books, T-Shirts, DVDs

Are you ready to get under a nice warm blanket, with your favorite cup of hot beverage to read a juicy novel or watch a "family" DVD? Perhaps one you might have bought at an expensive bookstore? Or, are you looking for some inexpensive presents for friends?

Well, do I have great news for you! Here at your favorite place in town, the GLSO Pride Center, at 389 Waller, Suite 100 we will be having a sale on the first three Saturdays in December from 12-3pm (*Dec. 5th 10- 12pm*), and if we have volunteers help we will be open on Sundays from 12 -2pm. (call ahead 859 253-3233).

We have acquired many duplicate books, and videos from generous donors. Come look over our \$cheap\$ books, videos, and jewelry (some vintage). You can get the same satisfaction as buying from the big guys, only you will be supporting your local Pride Center.

We will also have refillable Kroger gift cards, t-shirts, and newsletter subscriptions. We will have coffee a brewing, and some pastries while they last. You can sign up for a library card and check out books from the Pride Library. Bring your friends, meet some friendly GLBT folks and see how you might get involved your LGBT community.

SisterSound

This holiday, SisterSound will again be singing for Amazon.com employees, eight sessions in mid-December from 5:15 to 6:15pm. Training is provided, and everyone has a great time. Contact Sara at helregel@windstream.net.

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SisterSound will present *Puttin' on the Ritz*, on January, Saturday 23rd, at St Michael's Episcopal Church. Look for details in the Jan. issue.

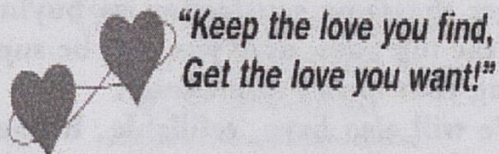
SisterSound is a non-audition chorus that welcomes new members. Rehearsals are at 6 pm every Sunday at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 3220 Lexington Rd, Nicholasville (on Nicholasville Rd, 5 minutes from Fayette Rd, on the left). For information, contact Patti Owens at 859-806-0243.

White Christmas

Benefiting the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center

On Thursday, December 3, join us at the Kentucky Theater for a special showing of Erving Berlin's *White Christmas*. There will be a Reception at 6:30pm and the movie will start at 7pm.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door, by calling 859.253.2615 or online: www.bluegrassrapecrisis.org. Enjoy a classic movie and support the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center.



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Jessica Bollinger offers individual, couple, and family therapy. She will be leading a workshop on the weekend of Dec. 11 through 13. The workshops include brief lectures, movie clips, and opportunities for private reflection and sharing privately with your partner.

KCHIP

Health Insurance for Kids

The Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) is free or low cost health insurance for children. KCHIP is for children under the age of 19 who do not have health insurance and whose family income is below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. For example, a family of four can earn up to \$42,400 a year and still be eligible.

Children need health insurance. There are many families that are having difficulty providing for their children's health needs. If you think your children might qualify, call (877) KCHIP-18 (877-524-4718)

In Fayette County, outreach services are offered at various Health Department functions, community events, school and Family Resources and, Youth Services Centers events. Social workers provide on-going long-term case management services to patients. Assessment, counseling, referral and advocacy services are provided through office visits, home visits, and follow-up phone calls. Services covered include medical, dental, hospital, vision exams and hearing services, mental health, prescriptions, and other services.

Sometimes, there are co-payments required. For example, pharmacy co-payments range from \$1 to \$3 per prescription, depending on the type of medicine you receive.

Total costs to you will not be more than \$450 a year. This includes all co-payments and premiums. Call the Premium Payment Center at (866) 9KY-CHIP ((866) 959-2447) for more information.

KCHIP Toll-Free Hotlines

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(800) 662-5397 if Spanish language services are needed

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- ◆ hospital stays and emergency services
- ◆ prescription drugs
- ◆ health screenings
- ◆ dental, hearing and eye checkups

Applying is easy. A face-to-face interview is not required. You can request an application by phone, fill out a mail-in application online or apply at your local Community Based Services office.

Request an application by calling
877-KCHIP-18 (877-524-4718)

Get information online at kidshealth.ky.gov



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Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program

Pride Center

Hours 10a.m. to 3pm M-F 389 Waller Ave., Ste. 100 Phone 859-253-3233

TransKentucky

TransKentucky is a support, social, and resource group serving Lexington and Kentucky. The group provides a safe place for transgender individuals and people who feel they do not fit into the standard gender norms to express their true selves.

While the group is not therapeutic in nature, we can provide information, advise and resources from our unique experiences. Family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend meetings to gain understanding and be supportive of their loved ones. We also welcome supportive community members who have an interest in issues of gender presentation, identity, and variance.

TransKentucky meets on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm. We include cross dressers, transsexuals, gender queers, intersexuals, and others who do not fit the standard gender norms or who are questioning their gender. Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. For information contact TransKentucky@gmail.com or call 859-963-6606.

Lex. Lyons Levi & Leather Club

Monday, Dec. 14th at 7 pm
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Insight Group

Friday, Dec 4 th at 7 pm
Pot Luck and a Movie
Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave.

GLSO News OnLine

To receive the e-newsletter email: glsonews@yahoo.com and type "online Newsletter" in the Subject line.

Teen Gay Straight Alliance

The GLSO Community GSA meets every Tuesday at the Pride Center from 7 until 9 pm. Teens ages 15 through 19 are welcome to attend. The Pride Center is located at 389 Waller Ave. For info contact Mary at 266-5904 or email: marycrone@insightbb.com.

This fall, only three Lexington high schools had active GSAs. With the help of the GLSO GSA and members of UK GSA all the schools will have GSAs by January 2010.

Bluegrass Women's Network

The Bluegrass Women's Network is a social group for women who identify as lesbian. Membership is free and there are no obligations. Members plan a variety of activities such as potluck dinners, plays, movies, parties, card games and whatever else we manage to dream up! Members choose those activities that are appealing to them.

If interested in joining go to groups.yahoo.com/group/thebluegrasswomensnetwork/ and apply to join. Facilitators are Debby Hemstock and Lynn Matlock.

Come celebrate the holidays with

The Imperial Court of Kentucky

*AVOL Kid's Christmas
Wednesday, December 2nd
Crossings Lexington*

Doors @ 8:30pm Shows @ 9:30pm

\$5 Donation

*Miss Merry Christmas
Wednesday, December 16th*

The Bar Complex

New Year's Celebration!

Sunday, January 3rd

Pulse Nightlife

Net proceeds to benefit the charities of the Imperial Court of Kentucky

Retiring as Editor

By mary crone

I have enjoyed working on this newsletter for a dozen years. It is time for me to turn it over to other people. We have established a great team. Jackie Cobern has been assisting with the newsletter and is now assuming the major responsibility for producing the GLSO News.

This newsletter is one of the ways that GLSO works to unite our diverse community. We appreciate the contributions from other organizations who sponsor the newsletter, place ads, write articles and in general help spread the word in our community about all the activities that are moving us forward.

I will still write occasional articles and work with the newsletter team on a limited basis. I particularly enjoy writing about LGBT history, so you should see those articles appear periodically.

I will also continue my work with the Gay Straight Alliance for Youth. This fall, I have visited a number of high schools and encouraged students to become more connected to our community GSA. Several teens are working to re-start GSAs in their high schools. It may be even be time to start working with middle school personnel to make their schools safer for GLBT teens. I am excited about the possibilities!

There are many dedicated people working behind the scenes who will continue to do much of the detailed work to get the newsletter to you. Jackie is coordinating their work. If you are interested in writing or helping in some other way, contact Jackie at lexingtonglso@yahoo.com.

I would particularly like to thank our sponsors, advertisers, and the writers who send us articles to include. All of you help make this newsletter a community creation.

Spotlight on the Beautiful People...

By Helena Handbasket

I want to thank everyone for their support over the last year. This column is so much fun to write and I appreciate all of the feedback you have given me. I will be stepping down as Miss Mary Christmas 2008, at the Miss Mary Christmas pageant at the bar complex on Wednesday, December 16th I would love for all of you to join us for a fun evening and the crowning of the 2009 title winner.

As my very special Christmas gift to all of you, I am honored and humbled to share this month's spotlight with you. I have been a fan of hers since the mid 80's (yes, I am that old) and she continues to be one of my inspirations. Our December honor shines the spotlight on Jeanette Wylde also called "Juice" by those who know and love her.



Miss Wylde, whose entertainment career began in the early to mid 60's, was born in Knox County, IN. Juice came to be when Jeanette won a Halloween "dress up" contest as a prank in

Pal's Steakhouse in Evansville, IN, a restaurant by day and an establishment where gay people gathered by night. At that time there were only 6 openly gay clubs in the country.

She was hired to be in the show and became their MC, but only stayed for about 6 months. The biggest club in Louisville recruited her to work as MC for them. She also worked at the Talk of the Town in Newport where she entertained such famous people as Phyllis Diller, Toty Fields, and John Davidson. They would often

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and John Davidson. They would often be performing at the Beverly Hills Supper Club and would come to see her after their shows.

She has made Lexington her home since 1986 but lived in Louisville eight years prior to that. She packed away her heels and hung up her gowns in 1997, while she was at her peak.

During her years of performing, she won at least 13 major titles including Miss World, Miss Kentucky, Miss Indiana, and Miss Ohio, as well as many bar titles and pageants. In fact, she was titled so often that she really doesn't remember just how many she has won.

She tells this, not bragging, but as fact and attributes her success to her outlook on drag. She says that she always looked at it as a job. She got paid well and she wanted to give the people what they paid for...a real show, not just a drag-a-thon. She also tells me that she never drank or did drugs. "The show is a better show and is more fun for the queens working as well as the audience if you are clean and sober. Who needs it?"

I can still remember her version of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough". She could out-twirl any queen working, then or now. As show director, she also staged and choreographed many outrageous production numbers. She says that her favorite person to perform with was Linda Martel from Louisville who was always kind and considerate to everyone.

Her favorite song to perform to was "Best Thing That Ever Happened", to Me by Gladys Knight, although I would guess that the public favorite would still be her interpretation of "Wet Pussy". Among her many talents, she also designed and made her own clothes and continues to sew for many of today's performers.

She tells me stories of many embarrassing moments on stage. During one number she fell out a window onto Pre-

ston Street in Louisville, was hit in the head by a ceiling beam which left her unconscious and accidentally hung on a hook which caused her to pass out from lack of oxygen. She says that you learn to turn them into great moments instead of being embarrassed.

Her name, "Juice", came from a time at the Odyssey in Louisville when she was performing "Angel of the Morning". Another performer, Kay Fox, was standing at the back of the room and, excited that it was a Juice Newton song that Miss Wylde was doing, yelled to the top of her lungs, "JUICE". The name stuck.

She is currently single but shares her life and home with the loves of her life, Drake BooBoo and Hershey BooBoo, her dogs...uh... children. She still loves to stay current with music, always trying to find that new great drag song, although she swears she is done with the pumps and pads. Her favorite color is green, favorite TV show is *Jeopardy* (maybe because she was a Jr. High Principal for 23 years), favorite movie is *Imitation of Life*, favorite actor is Forest Whitaker, favorite actress, Tyne Daly, and dream vacation would be the Vatican City. The three people she would want to be stranded on a desert island with are Robin Williams (he would keep things alive and active and provide entertainment), James Lipton of the Actor's Studio (for his intellect and ability to help his maintain his sanity), and Will Rogers (for his ingenuity and cleverness).

The world would be a better place if... "Everybody would just be kinder to each other."

I strive to make the world a better place by... "Telling the truth. If you don't want to know the truth, then don't ask me."

The thing she would most want to be remembered for would be "That I did not try to keep

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Conversations that Change Minds

by *mary crone*

The holidays are upon us! Many of us feel joy at this time of year and look forward to being with our families. Some of us have biological relatives who will never completely accept us for who we are, so we form families of choice. And in many families, we keep lines of communication open even though we know we will probably here comments based on ignorance or homophobia.

There are many ways to deal with family members that are "difficult". I personally like to imagine one of my relatives as a barking dog as she expresses her religious opinions. But I also keep looking for alternatives.

The LARA Method of conversation is designed to help people talk about difficult issues. The goal is to have non-confrontational dialogues in which you seek to convey respect and/or understanding of their point of view and to express your point of view in a way that they will be able to hear.

Discussions can easily become debates or arguments in which both people are trying to "win". In such a discussion, you may make brilliant arguments for your position but convince no one.

Creating a non-combative atmosphere invites people to consider your point of view. After the conversation is over, the individual you were speaking with and the others who were listening will be more likely to think about what you said if they are not upset by the way you handled the conversation.

The people listening may be more open to change than the individual who is speaking, so if confronted by someone you consider a bigot, respond with the audience in mind. You might also ask them for an opinion after you have had your say.

LARA: L= Listen A=Affirm
R=Respond A=Add information

Listen: Listen for the concern and fears expressed as well as for the content. Listen to understand, not just for points to refute.

Affirm: Lets them know you are hearing their main concern by repeating a key phrase or idea. Look for points of agreement you can express.

Respond: Make a statement that expresses your point of view, concern, belief, or personal experience.

Add: Add information that is relevant to the topic. Including some personal experience is important because it can not easily be challenged as untrue and because it often reaches people in a way that statistics or "facts" do not.

An example:

Aunt Jane: I hear you and Rob are thinking of adopting a baby. With all that you went through in school, I would think that you would not want to expose a child to that. You know other kids will be mean to him.

You: (*affirm*) Thanks for your concern. It can be difficult for kids.

(*belief*) Our society is becoming more accepting, schools are changing. In fact, young people are increasingly supportive of their GLBT friends.

(*add information*) We have been reading about techniques parents can use to help kids deal with hurtful comments. There are some great children's books that give kids ideas about how to respond to bullies and teaches them to stick up for others.

If appropriate, involve others. Ask other parents what they teach their children about teasing. You could even ask Aunt Jane for support.

"If our child lets you know they are having a hard time, we hope that you will give them a hug and let them know they are loved."

Helena ..*continued*
had the inclination and desire to better themselves to go on and conquer their own worlds. I am more proud of what the people I have helped and inspired have accomplished than my own successes.”

Does anybody besides me wonder why she hasn't been elected into the Hall of Fame? Hmmm. Something to definitely think about.

Thank you so much Juice, for sharing these memories with me as well as the years of making me smile and laugh.

Remembrance turned Protest – Trans Day of Remembrance 2009

By Matthew Christian

photos by Vincent Purcell

The University of Kentucky Gay-Straight Alliance tabled outside the Student Center on November 20th to honor the lives of transgender and transsexual individuals who have been lost. Some of these individuals were murdered, some tortured and murdered, and others died because they did not receive adequate medical care.

Black remembrance lapel pins were handed out to inquiring students as well as cards with the name, location, and circumstance of various trans murders.

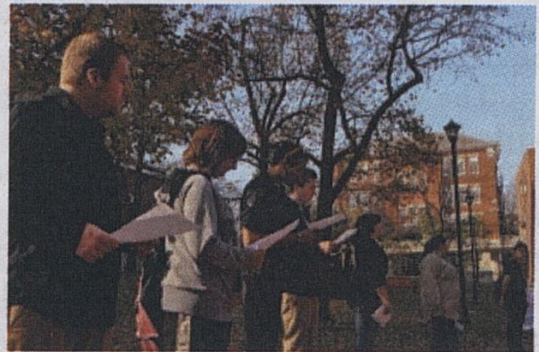
Around noon, the pastor 'Brother Rick' set up near the tabling session with guitar in hand. At this point, members of the OUTsource and the Gay-Straight Alliance felt the need to squash his hate speech — and that is exactly what they did.

For nearly three hours, a cycle of 10-15 students 'boxed in' the zealous visitor and carried their voices beyond

the years of making me smile and laugh. May your life be filled with many new life experiences from which to make new memories I love ya, Darlin'.

I am currently taking nominations for people that YOU think deserve to be spotlighted. Just send your request to AdvicefromHelena@aol.com. Let's be myspace friends. Look me up at <http://www.myspace.com/helenah>. Looking forward to seeing all of you in 2010.

the reach of his. "No hate" chants were heard intermittently between the list of trans related deaths read aloud by different protesters.

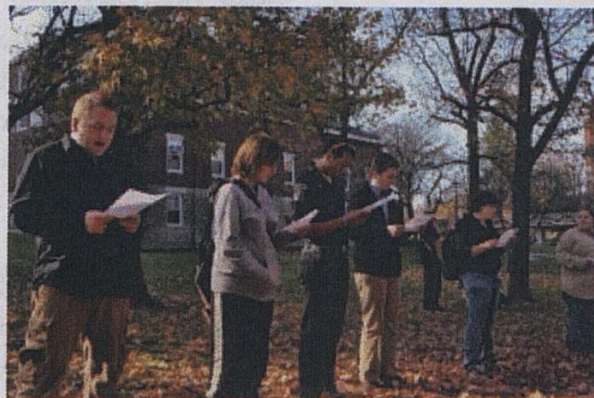


'Brother Rick' continually targets members of the LGBTQQIA community, women and feminists, and people of color. The protestors made it a point to have no interaction with the

pastor. (The protest was non-violent in the tradition of Bayard Rustin, gay African – American pacifist who taught Martin Luther King, Jr how to implement Ghandian non-violent protest.)

We hope that "brother Rick" will not return

anytime soon. Perhaps his insensitive remarks and prejudicial attitude will become absent from campus once-and-for-all.



Who Loves Ya by Karen Taylor

As I pondered where to start with these series of articles, I decided there is probably no better place than the story of Sodom and Gomorrah, found in Genesis 19:1-29. We have all heard the story and how it has been related to the homosexual community. Well let's take a look at this together as I share with you my understanding of this scripture.

Verses 1-3 show us the hospitality shown the angels, which was a huge thing in that day. There were no restaurants, hotels, coffee shops, etc. They depended on each other for that. Verse 1 says that when Lot saw the angels, he stood to meet them. Welcoming them, he "bowed low to the ground" because he recognized that they were sent from God. He invited them in to wash their feet and be his guest for the night. First, being humble, I guess, they said, 'Oh no, we will just stay out in the city square.' But Lot wouldn't take no for an answer and they entered his home as his guests. After they had eaten and were about to go to bed for the night, they heard a commotion. All the men of the town began to surround his house demanding that Lot bring his guests out for them to have sex with them. They did not realize they were angels and thought that they were intruders in their town. The aim was to take control and inflict shame.

Then, in verse 6 Lot steps out of the house, shuts the door, and begs them to not do this wicked thing. The "wicked thing" being rape of men by a group of men! So, instead he offers his two virgin daughters! I know! That sounds terrible, but Lot believed it would be better to give up his daughters than sacrifice the angels.

Now, how can anyone look at that scripture and focus only on the idea of men having sex?!! This has NOTHING to do with a loving, committed relationship between two men-, or women, for that matter. It was about lawlessness, depravity, and

evil. Lot was trying to protect the angels he took under his roof.

In the next several verses, the crowd tells Lot to stand back or they will do worse to him than they plan to do to the angels. As they start beating down the door, the angels grab Lot, pull him back into the house, and bolt the door. Then, they blind the crowd so they can't find the door. Next they tell him to gather all his relatives and leave the city, run to the mountains because they plan on destroying the entire town.

Most of the family didn't believe the warning and stayed. The angels took Lot, his wife, and two daughters and led them out of the city, warning them to not stop or look back. Lot begged to go instead to a little village, as going to the mountain would be a death sentence for him and his family and the lord agreed. Then the Lord rained down fire and burning sulfur that destroyed the city.

As I see it this story in no way tells me that a loving committed relationship with the same sex is "evil". It does tell me that the people of that city had hate and wickedness in their heart and wanted to harm the angels. God is all about love and hates evil. He destroyed that city because it had become evil and full of hate.

During Jesus' final hours on earth, He told His disciples, "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." (John 13: 34-35) How did Jesus show His love for us? He gave His life for us, because, to quote a song, "He would rather die than to live without us."

My friends, we have no reason to run from God, or think He hates us or can't look upon us. He loved us to the point of giving His only Son for us. Don't let the "institutional church" tell you otherwise.

Till next month, let the love of Jesus be your guide. God bless.

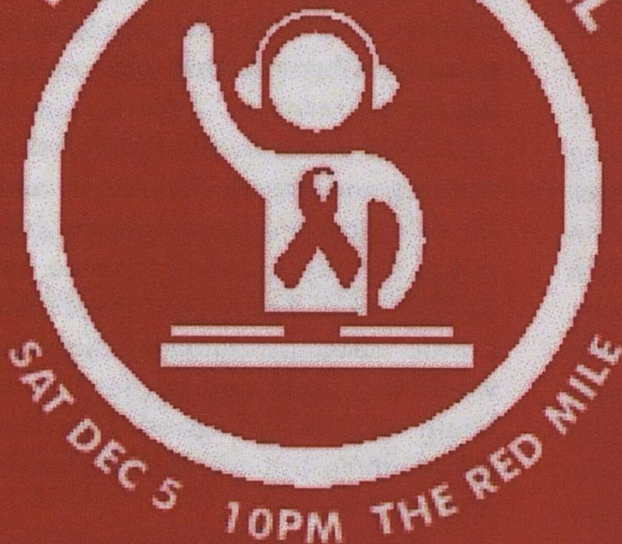
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California Court Upholds Girl's Expulsion

Two girls were expelled from California Lutheran High School, a private school, in their junior year for "conducting themselves in a manner consistent with being lesbians". The girls never disclosed their sexual orientation but said they were "best friends" and declined to discuss their sexual orientation.

The girls filed a claim of discrimination. A court of appeals panel found that the school was not a business and therefore didn't have to comply with a state law barring discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The dispute started when a student at the school told a teacher in 2005 that one of the girls had said she loved the other. The student advised the teacher to look at the girls' MySpace pages. One of the girls was identified as bisexual on her MySpace page, the other's page said she was "not sure" of her sexual orientation. The website also contained a photograph of the girls hugging.

According to the principal, who called each girl out of class separately, both admitted they had hugged and kissed each other and told other students they were lesbians. The girls said they told him that they loved each other as friends. The principal "just looked at me like I was a disease." "Jane Doe" reported.

In ruling in favor of the school, the appeals court cited a 1998 California Supreme Court decision that said the Boy Scouts of America was a social organization, not a business establishment, and therefore did not have to comply with the Unruh Civil Rights Act. That case also involved a discrimination complaint based on sexual orientation.

"The school's religious message is inextricably intertwined with its secular functions," wrote Justice Betty A. Richli

for the appeals court. "The whole purpose of sending one's child to a religious school is to ensure that he or she learns even secular subjects within a religious framework."

The school is affiliated with a religious organization that believes homosexuality is a sin, the court said. The school's "Christian conduct" code states that students could be expelled for engaging in immoral or scandalous contact, on or off campus.

In addition to their discrimination claim, the girls believed that the school invaded their privacy and detained them unlawfully. The girls reported that the principal sat "very close" to them and asked them if they were bisexual, if they had kissed each other, and whether they had done anything "inappropriate."

"Jane Doe" said, "He got very close to me and said, 'Have you ever touched "Mary Roe" in . . . any inappropriate ways? And he looked me up and down when he asked that.'" But the court said there was no evidence that the principal had a prurient interest in the girls.

The court also said the school did not break the law when it disclosed the girls' "suspected sexual orientation" to their parents, the court said. The parents, "in light of their right to control their children's upbringing and education," had a right to know why they were expelled.

Shannon Price Minter, legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, said "Labeling a young person or telling her she is 'sinful' can be psychologically devastating," Minter said. "Regardless of one's religious beliefs, all adults have a responsibility to treat young people with compassion and respect."

Tim Tracey, counsel for the Center for Law & Religious Freedom, said the ruling "preserves the right of Christian schools in California to make admission

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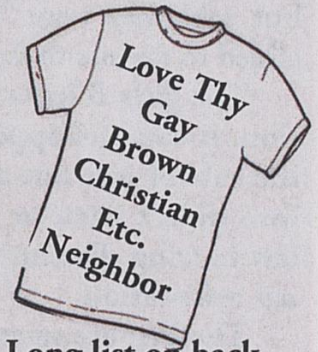
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Cancer Research Focus on LGBTQ Female

Ashley Mills, a Genetic Counseling student at Mount Sinai in New York, is conducting a research study survey which aims to understand cancer beliefs and attitudes, in addition to family history communication, in the female LGBTQ community. The survey takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and is completely anonymous.

The purpose of this study is to understand and analyze views on cancer and family communication in the female LGBTQ communities and to see if these views differ from those held by heterosexual females. The goal is to give the information to health care professionals who will then be able to better serve and understand their patients.

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