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Pride Center Gets Connected

The Pride Center of the Bluegrass now has a web site and a phone number. Check us out at www.bluegrasspride.org or just type in "bluegrass pride" at Yahoo! The site is a work in progress but already includes a calendar of events, links to other GLBT sites, and can be used to schedule meeting space at the Pride Center. Its already getting well over 100 visits a week. Thanks to Jerry, our webmaster for his vision and many hours of work. Check us out today, tell a friend, and keep coming back, we'll be changing all the time to better serve your information needs.

If you want to contact the Pride Center by phone call 859-253-3233 and leave a voice mail message. You will have an answer within one business day. When the Pride Center is staffed there will be a real live person there to answer your questions and provide information.

Renovation of the Pride Center continues. All the painting has been completed and plans for furnishing are in full gear. Watch for details of our Grand Opening celebration in early June. Our thanks to Jerry, Jordan, Rose, Scott, Jerry, Yvonne, Jeanette, Chris, Russell, Ginger,

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Court Falsie Awards ...and more

The Imperial Court of Kentucky has planned a number of fun events for April. On Wednesday, April 11, they will host the "Queens of Hazzerd - A Trashy Review". The festivities start at 8:30, admission is \$5. *"We want all of youens to git yer finest bib overhuals, yer shortest Daisy Dukes or Sunde Best on and get down to Club 141 for some good ol'fun."*

On April 15, they will be holding court at Mia's with the Easter Bonnet Parade. Contests will be held for the prettiest an creative bonnets. During the course of the evening, we will have a raffle for a giant Easter Basket filled with great gifts. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 10 for \$5. There is no admission price for this event.

To round out the month, our Fifth Annual Falsie Awards (formerly the Faux O*****s) will be held on Tuesday, April 24. This award show is presented by the Academy of Arts and Science of Drag and will take place at the Kentucky Theater. Admission is \$10 with doors opening at 7 pm and the presentations getting under way at 8 pm. Nominations will be announced on April 11. This is a popular event, so claim a seat early.

AIDS Walk For Life

The 9th Annual AIDS Walk for Life is scheduled for April 22nd, 2001. This year's Walk will be held downtown at Triangle Park (intersection of Main and Broadway). Please join us! Get a group of friends, coworkers or classmates together and walk as a team. Identify a team captain, select a team name, and ask for donations. Let us know who your team captain is so that we can provide additional information.

As 2001 begins, it is distressing that some of the problems from the twentieth century have followed us into a new millennium. AIDS is one of them. At AIDS Volunteers, Inc. (AVOL) we are committed to providing prevention and support services to the eastern half of Kentucky on a slim budget. Through your involvement, you will become our partner is insuring that these crucial services continue. **WALK...continued page 2**

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Pride Center continued and Ann. We are currently seeking estimates for making the restrooms handicapped accessible. If you know a good plumber please give us at call at 253-3233.

Pride Center Wish List

Computer w/Software \$1000.00
25" Television \$250.00
VCR \$90.00
Stereo \$200.00
Chairs (16) \$25.00 each
Office Desk Chair \$100.00
Copier \$400.00
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Last month donations of \$350 bought conference tables, chairs, and file cabinets. Many thanks to those who gave. Also donated were two upholstered chairs for the foyer and a literature display. All donations of cash and items to the Pride Center are tax deductible. Make checks payable to GLSO and be sure to note which item you would like the money to go towards. Send donations to GLSO, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, KY, 40575. If you have lightly used items you would like to donate call 253-3233.

Buddhist Teacher at UU Church

On Sunday, April 1, 10:45, Caitriona Reed will be leading the Sunday Worship Service at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd. Caitriona was a student of Thich Nhat Hanh's for fourteen years. She will be speaking on The Eros of Everyday Life: Dharma as the Supreme Intimacy

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You do not have to be part of a team to walk, come out and join us on the 22nd. If you can't walk, pledge support to someone else who is walking or send a contribution to AVOL directly. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy at AVOLCathy@aol.com or by phone at (859) 225-3000. On the web at AIDSVolunteers.org for additional information.

Pride Center Logo Challenge

The new Pride Center of the Bluegrass needs a logo. Are you an artist or someone with a great idea? We need a simple easy to recognize design that symbolizes our pride in the community we serve. We want a logo that reflects the welcoming, energetic, and responsive place we want the Pride Center to be.

The designs can be simple or elaborate, modern or classic, in black and white or color. The logo chosen will be used in signs, stationary, and promotional materials.

If you would like to submit a design, please send three copies to, Pride Center of the Bluegrass, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington KY 40575, or email lexingtonglso@yahoo.com by April 15th. The design chosen will be presented at the grand opening of the new Pride Center during Pride Month.

**TO RESERVE SPACE
IN THE
PRIDE CENTER
FOR MEETINGS ETC.
CALL
GINGER 389-7698
OR 253-3233**

Community News

Miss Lexington Supreme

Miss Lexington Supreme Pageant will be held Wednesday, April 4, at Club 141 located at 141 Vine Street Lexington, Ky. Sundae DeLaRouge the reigning MS Lexington Supreme will be stepping down and giving up her crown to another talented entertainer.

Interest is gathering as several girls are expected to run. The categories include presentation in white, evening wear, sportswear, on stage question and talent. The pageant will start at 9pm. and entertainers include Leigh Angelique, Sundae DeLaRouge, Latoya Bacall the reigning MS National at Large, Lauren Wells the reigning MS Bar Complex and Cammie Deitrich, MS Supreme Emeritus.

Applications are available from Sundae at 859-312-8113 and from Larry Stanley at Club 141. The pageant has always been very competitive and is expected to be this year also. So everyone come out and support you favorite entertainers and give Sundae a BIG good-bye kiss.

Pride Month

The next Pride Month meeting is Tuesday, April 3 at 7 pm at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. This is a fun way to become involved in the community. The opening event for the month will be the Grand Opening of the Pride Center on the first weekend in June.

A number of events are already on the central calendar. The Tenth Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet

Will be Sunday, June 10, The Pride Picnic the next Sunday, June 17th. There will also be a Pride Reading, movies at the Pride Center, and a play at the central Library. If your organization is planning an event, you need to contact Terry Mullins.

In addition to planning Pride events, members of this group will be voting for The Rainbow Community Award for a local group and the Volunteer of the Year Award for an Individual. A nominating form will be included in the newsletter next month.

Working Class Kitchen Pride Reading

There will be an opportunity for all interested writers to read their work at this year's Working Class Kitchen Pride Reading. It is scheduled for Sunday June 3 Call Kelly (233-9538) to reserve a place in the program or for more information.

RAINBOW VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE!

Come join us for some free, fun, friendly competition! Refreshments, supplies, t-shirts and trophies provided. Sponsored by AIDS Volunteers, Volunteers of America of Lexington and the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department HIV/AIDS Prevention Programs

Location: YMCA North, 381 W. Loudon Ave., Lexington (Beside the Fayette County Health Department) Two or more practices each month Sundays, from 3 to 5. Registration and first practice on April 1st. See ad page for other dates

For More Information Contact:

Larry Collins or Charlie Mullins, AIDS Volunteers 222-1918 or 20, Steve Medley, Fayette City Health Dept. 288-2456, or Mark Johnson, Volunteers of America 254-3469.

Sistahs in the Life

Join Sistahs in the Life for a provocative discussion about experiences related to the lives of Lesbians and Bi-sexual women of African Descent. We chat at 7pm every 4th Wednesday at the Pride Center.

Interweave

On April 1, the Unitarian Church will welcome Caitriona Reed to the pulpit. She will be sharing her beliefs as part of the Buddhist tradition. (see page 2) Interweave, the lesbian, gay, trans and friends social action group at the Church, will go out to lunch after church on Sunday, April 8th. If you would like more information about Interweave or the church, call Davina at 271-6174.

Library Accepting Donations

Its time to clean off your bookshelves. The Pride Center is now accepting donations of new and used books, videos, magazines and other materials for the planned library. We are accepting titles with LGBT content. Plans are to have a full lending library in place by early June.

Your donations are tax deductible and receipts will provided for all items. To arrange drop off at the Pride Center call 253-3233.

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Book Discussion Group

Anyone interested in discussing the literature of lesbian and bisexual authors is invited to join a new group forming this spring. Meetings will most likely be held at the Pride Center and will be open to all. For more information, please e-mail Lori at loco@iglou.com.

Discussion Group

The GLSO Discussion/Support Group meets every Wednesday night at 7:00 at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Avenue. Come join us. If you have questions call Jane at 389-7698 (nights from 7-8:30) or ladyjanky@yahoo.com. The Group provides a friendly and safe place where you can meet other GLBT persons who are willing to share their experiences. Come join us.

LMC REHEARSALS

The Lexington Men's Chorus is in rehearsal for their upcoming Pride concerts in June. LMC is joining voices with Voices of Kentuckiana and SisterSound for concerts in Lexington and Louisville entitled "No Turning Back."

As always, LMC is looking for new singers. No audition necessary, just a love of singing.

Rehearsals are held Sun from 5:30 to 7:45 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church at If you have questions call Joey at 254-6850.

GLSO YOUTH ADVOCACY

On Wednesday, April 2 at 7 pm we will be meeting at the Pride Center to further plan a Gay Straight Alliance for youth in Lexington. We would particularly like to encourage young people to attend.

We will clarify our goals and discuss policies and procedures. In addition to having an alliance that welcomes students from all high schools, this group will support students who want to start groups within their schools. If you are interested in being on the Advisory Board give Mary a call (266-5904).

LEATHER FUN IN KENTUCKY!

"Anything for Love 2001," the seventh Annual Convention of Eroticism, will be held Florence, Kentucky on April 20-22. The convention will include workshops, seminars, demonstrations, and vendors. Some of the classes include Sexual Massage, Self Bondage, Erotic Writing and Photography, and Sex and the Law.

The convention is pansexual,

welcoming gay, straight, bisexual and transgendered men and women. For complete information see the "Anything for Love" web site at www.anythingforlove.org/. For information in this area email sasha7@mindspring.com. Please note that the convention and the web site are intended for persons age 21 and older.

Come Together Kentucky

The Come Together Kentucky 2001 conference, organized by UK Lambda, will be held April 6, 7th, and 8th. The cost of registration is 10 bucks which includes a T-Shirt and the dinner. This event is targeted toward the gay and lesbian students of Ky Universities, however everyone is welcome.

This year we are having a dance party/rave at an all ages club and a fab downtown mediterranean buffet plus live band! You must register soon! For constant updates the web address is ctk2001.main-page.net

GLSO BOARD ELECTIONS

We need fresh minds and bodies for the GLSO Board. Elections will be in June; come to meeting now to see if you might be interested. Call Terry 255-5469.

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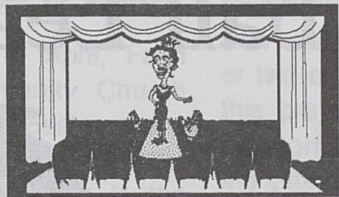
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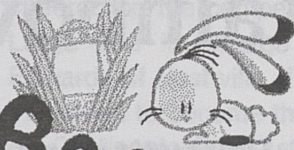
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THE FALSIES



Easter Bonnet Contest



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All events in Lexington

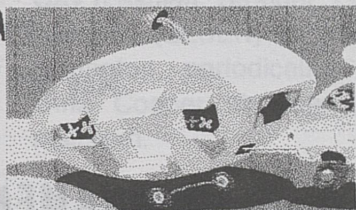
April 11: The Queens of
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9:pm 141 W Vine St
859-233-4262

April 15: Easter
Bonnet Contest,
free at Mia's 8:pm
120 S Upper St
859-455-9903

April 24: The Falsies,
\$10 Kentucky Theatre
Doors 7:pm Show 8:pm
214 E. Main St
859-231-6997

Net proceeds for all,
benefit Moveable Feast

The Queens of HaZZard



Rainbow Volleyball League

Registration and 1st Practice

Sunday, April 1, 2001

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

YMCA North
381 W. Loudon Ave.
Beside the Fayette Co. Health Dept
See other dates below
Join us at any time



Come join us for some free, fun, friendly competition!
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Practice and Game Dates: Sundays, 3 pm to 5 pm

April 1st

April 8th

April 29th

May 6th

May 20th

June 3rd

June 10th

June 17th

TOURNAMENT Saturday, June 24, 9 AM to 5 PM

For more information: Larry Collings, AIDS Volunteers 222-1918
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Community News Cont.

Faith MCC Looks to Easter

In the month of April, Faith Metropolitan Community Church turns its attention to Easter and a promise kept by the Creator. In the Christian faith, one basks in the magic of Christmas but without Easter, Christmas would only be glitter and lights. So, Easter Sunday is a very special day of worship for all. It actually begins on Palm Sunday, the week before, as FMCC explores "The Gift of God" to ALL God's people, eternally and without condition. The church plans an outing to see the Legends play on Sunday, April 29.

Things are hopping at MCC these days. A new web site has been created at hometown.aol.com/lmccrevel/myhomepage/business.html After recently moving a wall, preparations are under way to give the walls a splash of paint and create a small chapel look in its storefront site. A recent gift of a boat to sale has created a sense of excitement in the air as the renovation project is under way. Looking ahead, the church has already begun support activities for the Great Lakes District Conference to be held in May. Held annually, the conference comes this year to the "Heart of the Bluegrass" and will draw hundreds of MCC'ers to Lexington for the three day conference which includes a variety of workshops, worship services, and much more. For the gay and lesbian community in Lexington, it means hundreds of people will be checking out our southern hospitality in local restaurants, bars, and businesses.

An Easter Prayer: "God of community, who calls us to be in relationship with one another and who has promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered, hear this prayer. By your Spirit, You have graced each of us with differing gifts. For these and all gifts by which You bless our community, we give thanks. And for any way in which we have shared in deepening the wounds of the body of Christ, we seek your love filled forgiveness. Open our eyes, O God, to perceive the gifts You have placed within each of us. May we honor the differing gifts which our brothers and sisters offer. Bless our hands, our hearts, our vision to work together for the bringing of your Dominion, that in our differences, we may find grace; in our laboring, we may find justice; in our suffering, hope; in our embracing, love; and in our risking, transformation. By these acts may we bring about healing to the tender, wounded, and strong body of Christ, rising in our midst. Amen.

Worship service continues at 145 Burt Road, Suite 7. Burt Road is in Zandale, off Nicholasville Rd, across from O'Charley's Restaurant. Turn at the Taco Bell. See you at 10:30 a.m. NEW PHONE: (859) LEX-FMCC or 539-3622. E-mail-LMCCREVMCC@AOL.com.

Miss Continental Plus

The first Miss KY Continental Plus was held on Sunday, February 25, 2001 at the Connection Complex in Louisville, KY. Sponsored by EV Prod/Enterprises, in its inaugural year the contest had 7 wonderful contestants. The contestants competed in Interview, Swim Wear, Talent, Evening Gown,

and On-Stage Question. An enthusiastic crowd of 180 people cheered on the competition as the Large and in Charge Josephine Edwards of Nashville, TN captured the crown to become the new Miss KY Continental Plus. 1st Runner-up was Margo Davis of the cast of La Boy La Femme at the Connection.

The reigning Miss Continental Plus, Tumara Muhorning, provided entertainment for the evening from St. Louis, MO with the following special guests: last years Miss Big and Beautiful, Chelsea Pearl, the reigning Miss Cosmopolitan Continental Plus, Raquel Scott, Empress XV of KY, Natalie Gaye, and Empress XIX, Tracy Taylor. The stunning Mahogany was the hostess and emcee. On behalf of EV Enterprises, thanks to all who attended, the entertainers, and the contestants for making our first year a resounding success. Also a big thanks to Robbi Lynn and the staff at the Connection. Mark those calendars now for Miss KY Continental, which will be held on Sunday, July 15 at the Connection Complex in Louisville. For more information call (859) 321-2053.

GLSEN

The Kentucky Chapter of the Gay Lesbian Straight Educators Network (GLSEN) is meeting in Lexington periodically. Contact Gina Cooper at glsen_ky@hotmail.com.

Moveable Feast,

Movable Feast needs help for delivering meals. It is easy; you come in at 5 pm and are through by 7pm (often earlier). If you can drive a car you can change a life. Please give us a call at 252-2867.

April 2001

Use Directory on last page to confirm events.
Moveable Feast needs volunteers everyday, call 252-2867.

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It Was Fate

By ReINETTE F. Jones

Saw an old ex-neighbor the other day. She smiled and spoke and her girlfriend had nothing to say. That smile worked loose a tucked memory. Fifteen years ago we both lived in one of those high rent/lousy maintenance apartments on Alexandria Dr. near the Versailles Road intersection. We lived on opposite ends of the same building. Money was tight for both our households and it wasn't economically wise to leave the air conditioning unit running all day in order to maintain a constant 80-degree temperature inside the apartment. According to the apartment owners, 80 degrees was a lot cooler than 98 degrees and the air conditioning units were working just fine.

Maybe that was so, but those bricks felt just as hot as the ones I remembered from the days of living in the housing projects. And since my daughter was spending the weekend with family and the person I was living with had forgotten to come home, it seemed like a good night to sit on the back step and wait for the temperature to go down. My neighbor must have had the same idea, because she came out to her back step also.

We were having a right cordial conversation about nothing in particular - the heat, low pay, crappy air conditioning units, and the like. Somewhere in the brume of the conversation, she asked me if I would like to go out. Women go out together all the time, right? Of course they do and she had presented the idea in such a gracious

manner. Maybe a girl's night out on the town would be just what the doctor ordered, so off I went to get ready.

My apartment was still hot, but I managed to do a quick shower, two fresh braids, and a pressed outfit without dehydrating myself. A quick check in the mirror and that's when it hit me, I had been asked out on a date. Not knowing what that meant exactly, I had a brain belch that flooded my nervous system with panic and euphoria all at the same time. I started sweating all over my cute outfit.

Someone knocked on the door and when I opened it, there stood my date and the neighbor from downstairs. By a stroke of luck, or misfortune, they both had started up the back stairs at the same time, but for different reasons. The neighbor from downstairs was older and in more of a hurry, so she spoke first.

"Reinette, I need your help, there's a man a hollering in my fan."

It was a bit late in the evening for riddles, so my date and I asked the older woman to repeat herself. Maybe the heat had gotten to her.

"I said, there is a man a hollering in my fan. I need you to come back downstairs with me."

Going downstairs didn't seem like the right thing to do if my neighbor had a man inside her fan. My downstairs neighbor was a good-hearted woman who kept an eye out for my daughter and me; I couldn't just send her away, so I invited both the neighbor and my date inside the hot apartment. My date was giving me the wristwatch signal. The older woman was crying and going on about the man in

her fan, she obviously needed help beyond my student financial aid counseling expertise. So, I suggested that she call the police from my apartment.

"Hello? Is this 911? Who is this? Give me the police! Yes, this is an emergency. The problem... well, there is a man a hollering in my fan. Is he caught in the blades? No, he is hollering inside my apartment. No, he is not in my apartment, he is hollering inside my apartment inside the fan."

"Reinette, she said that I should call the police. Honey, is it ok if I make another phone call?"

"Hello? Is this the Lexington Fayette County Urban Municipal Police Department? Well good, because there is a man a hollering in my fan. You heard me, I said there is a man a hollering in my fan. Don't you ask me what am I talking about; I am speaking English. A man, m-a-n, in my fan, f-a-n, downstairs and I am not spelling that one! Why is he downstairs? Because I live downstairs. Yes, I will give you my address and please hurry up because that man's breath does not smell very nice and I want him out of my fan."

With that all taken care of, my date informed me that she would wait with us for the police, but we should cancel the rest of the night. We were both relieved. The neighbor from downstairs asked if she was interrupting something and what was I doing home by myself and did we both know that my date's roommate was sitting in her car in the parking lot with a pair of binoculars and searching the front of the building.

Oh, what a night.

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...continued from page 10 The police finally arrived and we all went down to verify the man in the fan. Sure enough, there was an inebriated man outside the apartment building shouting into the window fan. The police lead the man away. My neighbor suggested that my date and I go to our separate homes and get out of those wet clothes before our live-in companions showed up and wondered what we had been up to.

She spoke the truth; we would never be able to explain to anyone but ourselves why we got dressed up for a date with the man in the fan on a too hot summer night.

There weren't anymore late night meetings on the back steps, no more invitations to go out, nothing more than a cordial hello. Thinking back to that night, going out wasn't a good idea. I think fate had a hand in the way things turned out. But Kat tells me that I am in denial; it wasn't the hand of fate, it was the downstairs neighbor.

Imperial Court of KY News

The Imperial Court of KY hosted Bluegrass Celebrity Squares on January 30 at the State Theatre, and it was a fabulous, exciting evening. Featuring the reigning Miss KY, Whitney Boyles as the center square and a rotating cast of local and court celebrities. A celebrity silent auction was held with the entire evening proceeds raised for the court's main charity this year, Moveable Feast.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Imperial Court of KY and Emperor "EV" and Empress Tracy we would like to thank everyone who came and participated in this event. Thanks to the generous community support, the auction and door raised over \$2600 for Moveable Feast. In addition, Mike Jarrell and Mitch from First Nations Realty donated \$5000 to Moveable Feast at the event.

Special thanks to Miss KY Whitney Boyles, Chelsea Pearl, Eden Towers, Cammie Dietrich, and Empress Tracy for providing entertainment between the shows. We would also like to thank all the businesses and individuals who donated their time and or prizes for this event. Finally, an enormous thanks to Harold Hamilton aka Cheyenne who designed and built the set and all of our court members who participated as the squares.

The Court has been busy with other happenings. II.

On February 14, the Court hosted Miss Gay Valentine, always a perennial favorite. Contestants Sasha Lomore, Clarissa Cumberland, and Jenna Jive pulled out all the stops and gave the crowd a very enjoyable contest. Former Miss Gay Valentine, Janelle Claiborne, Crown Princess Jordan Taylor, Princess Royale Rayna Starr, Sunday De LaRouge, and the reigning Miss Gay Valentine, Tuesday De LaRouge, provided entertainment. Empress Tracy Taylor rounded out the all-star cast of entertainers that kept the crowd going with the occasional witticism from MC's Emperor EV and Chelsea Pearl. Congratulations to our new Miss Gay Valentine Jenna Jive and first runner-up Clarissa.

The Imperial Court of KY has other events coming up so check out the article on the front page and watch for Emperors Tough Drag Night, and the Crown Prince and Princess Ball in future months.

GLSO ONLINE

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It is not too early to make plans for Pride Month, Take note of these days.
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1. We are looking for \$7,500 in contributions to match our Gill Grant. We will begin a fund raising campaign soon, but you can send us contributions anytime. We have made a good start-Thank you to the early birds that responded to last months news article.

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The Ten Commandments A Pagan View, Part 2 by Patrick Buck

Once, the Ten Commandments were by law posted in schoolrooms in the great Commonwealth of Kentucky and other places around the USA. (They were removed after the courts said (repeatedly) that this violated the separation of Church and State.) Now, efforts are again being made to post them here and elsewhere.

Commandments 5 - 10 deal with social relationships in what was for the time a fairly complex and well-organized society. (I discussed those Commandments last month in part 1.) Commandments 1 - 4 are of a different nature entirely. Here we enter the fascinating but obscure realm of myth and tribal taboo.

1. "I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." First of all, "before" seems to imply that Jehovah isn't insisting on Monotheism, just star billing. In either case, what a prima donna! Jealousy is more suited to spoiled brats than to Gods! My understanding is that "beside" would more accurately reflect the meaning of the original Hebrew. Be that as it may, I was never a slave (at least not in this lifetime) and I've never even been to Egypt! Most of my ancestors came here to the USA from the British Isles. In any case, it's none of the government's business whether an individual believes in one God, twenty Gods or no God at all! Thomas Jefferson said so, and he was right! This IS a free country, after all.

2. "Thou shalt not make unto

thee any graven image." This can be interpreted in a number of ways. Strict Muslims won't even make a representation of the animal or human form for fear someone might worship it! Orthodox Jews, however, can keep a copy of the Venus de Milo or other image of Pagan Deities in their homes as long as they make a small scratch on its nose to show that they pay it no reverence! Neither of the above religions makes use of images as aids to worship.

By the way, folks who do, don't worship the image, they use the image as a means to connect with what it represents. Christians have argued over this commandment almost from day one of their religion's existence, and have reached various conclusions. Please note that the vast majority of the world's Christians are members of The Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches and DO use images (statues or icons) in their worship. I doubt they'd want stuff put up on public buildings accusing them of idolatry!

3. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." When I was a kid, I used to get this quoted at me every time I'd get mad and yell "Oh my God!" However, in Spanish "¡Ay Dios mío!" (which means exactly the same thing) is as mild as milk!

I think this shows that Commandment #3 is open to various interpretations. I believe the original meaning was to prohibit using Jehovah's name (primitive belief often equated a thing's name with the thing itself; remember what I said about tribal taboo) to make a false oath. Lying is definitely un-cool, unless, of course, you have Jews hiding in your basement and armed

Nazis are asking you about it. In that case, lie away with a big smile and a clear conscience!

4. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Folks, the Sabbath is SATURDAY (or, more precisely, sundown Friday to sundown Saturday), making this perhaps the most violated of the Ten Commandments! Saturday is still "sábado" in Spanish. Everybody needs a day off every now and then, but that's not what this is about. This is a holy day of the Jewish faith (Christians appropriated the Jewish scriptures without permission and then added their own writings.) Obviously, none of this is any of the government's business, but just try to buy a bottle of wine on Sunday to go with your after-church dinner! Baptists aside, most of the world's Christians would see nothing wrong with the above scenario.

It should be obvious from the above that the government of a free country has no business endorsing the first Four of the Ten Commandments! The other Six are as a whole good ideas, despite some outdated language and concepts. However, I am sure there are better ways to encourage individuals to behave in an honest and socially responsible manner than quoting ancient texts in whose inspiration the majority of humanity does not believe. Religions belong in homes and houses of worship, not the government! This is the only way to preserve freedom in our religiously diverse nation and world.

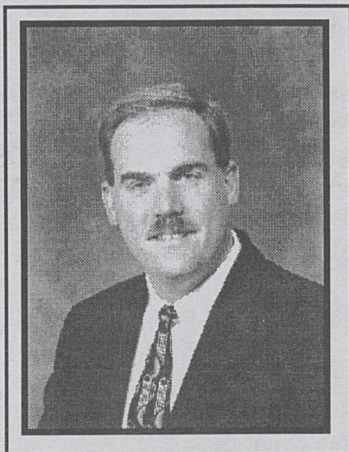
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