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EMPEROR'S TURNABOUT

The Imperial Court of Kentucky will hold its annual Emperor's Turnabout Show on Wednesday, November 14th, at Club 141. Each year the Emperor and Empress exchange roles for one night with the Emperor and the male line performing in drag and the Empress and the female line assisting and running the show.

The show will feature Emperor 26 Brad Shepherd, several members of his line, and previous Emperors. Doors will open at 8:30 pm and the show will begin promptly at 9:30 pm. Cover is a suggested \$5 donation.

The Court has also begun its Entertainer of the Year fundraising series. Each year members of the female line compete to raise the most amount of money, with the winner being crowned Entertainer of the Year. Countess Adrianna Fuentes and Imperial Crown Princess 26 Eve St. Mychal held their shows in September and October, respectively. The two shows combined raised over \$1700 for the Court's designated charities.

The EOY series continues in November with Baroness Adrianna

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Vote November 6

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including info about ENDA

(Employment Non-Discrimination Act).

World AIDS Day Walk with AVOL

AIDS Volunteers of Lexington Inc. (AVOL) is proud to announce our World AIDS Day Celebration on December 1. In commemoration of this occasion, AVOL will be walking in the Lexington Holiday Parade which is scheduled for the same day. We will be walking to honor the many persons infected and affected with HIV/AIDS as well as those who have passed away. We encourage family, friends, loved ones and community members to bring posters, photographs, candles, etc. to memorialize those we have lost.

Our mission is to provide education, outreach and advocacy about HIV/AIDS in Central and Eastern Kentucky. Our goals are: 1. to prevent the spread of HIV, 2. to inspire a compassionate response for those who face the challenges of HIV and AIDS, and 3. to meet the needs of those who are infected and affected by the disease.

More than one million people are living with HIV in the United States. In Fayette County alone, 618 people have

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Imperial Court News *continued*

Armand hosting her show, "The Femme Fatale Presents: A Night of Fun, Fantasy, Magic and Myth", on Wednesday, November 7th at Club 141. Doors open at 8:30 pm, and the show begins at 9:30 pm with a \$5 suggested cover.

Also in November, the Court is supporting Moveable Feast in its first Mystery Dinner Theatre to be held November 3rd and 4th at the historic Conoid Farm.

In October, a large group of members attended our sister court of Cincinnati's Investitures Ceremony. Later in the month, several members traveled to the Windy City to attend the Court of Chicago's Coronation.

The Court would like to thank the community for its continued support of our fundraising efforts. You can view photos and get up-to-date information regarding upcoming events at the Imperial Court's site: myspace.com/imperialcourtofkentucky

World AIDS Day - AVOL News *continued from front page*

been diagnosed with AIDS since 1981. The numbers will continue to grow if we do not raise awareness about prevention.

This Dec. 1 you have a chance to make a difference. Meet us at AVOL at 4 and wear red so that we will stand out. If you are interested in walking or need additional info, contact Mark Johnson at 338-2908 or AVOLMARK@AOL.COM

Art for Life

AVOL is also planning their annual reception and art auction at the Red Mile at 6 pm on Dec. 1st. The evening will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar.

We have an exciting line up of artists including equine artist, Andre Pater. In addition to the live art auction, there will be a silent auction of art gift baskets, donation items and services.

Please join us for this fun evening. Further details will be posted at <http://www.aidsvolunteers.org/news.html>

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It is time to schedule GLSO Newsletter monthly sponsors for 2008. The basic Newsletter Sponsorship of \$250 includes a full page ad and a listing on the front page in the month you sponsor, 12 monthly listings on the sponsorship page, reduced cost for additional ads purchased, and priority given to news stories during the year.

All months with the exception of June are currently available. Choice of months will be offered on a first come first served basis. A form will be mailed out to current advertisers. You can also call Bill or Mary at the Pride Center (253-3233). i

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Moveable Feast Events

Mystery Dinner

Moveable Feast is presenting two evenings of great entertainment on November 3 and 4 at Conoid Farm. There will be a silent auction and cocktails at 5:30 with dinner at 7. Members of the Imperial Court will be guest artists. Seating is limited Call Moveable Feast for tickets at 859 252-2867.

Cause for Pie

As another fundraiser, Moveable Feast is again offering delicious pies for purchase. Call us with your order between November 1 and 14 (859 252-2867) or order on line at www.feastlex.org. Choose between apple, cherry, blueberry, or pumpkin. Available frozen for \$20 and baked for \$25. Arrange pickup from Woodland Christian Church or from Moveable Feast.

TransKentucky

TransKentucky is a support, social, and resource group serving Lexington and f Kentucky. Our mission is to provide a safe place for transgender individuals and others who do not fit the standard gender norms. At meetings we will support each other, offering advice, resources and insights from our own unique experiences.

Family, friends and supportive community members are invited to attend to gain understanding of issues concerning gender presentation, identity, and variance. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm in Lexington. For info and meeting place email TransKentucky@gmail.com

Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. The TransKentucky peer group is not a therapy group or a dating service.

SoulForce

The national Soul Force organization is growing and doing lots of exciting work including the recent Seven Straight Nights for Equal Rights campaign. Jamie McDaniel who is still living in Lexington, works for the national group and maintains a local web site www.soulforcelexington.org. The local group does meet regularly but if you are interested in the work of Soul Force you can still contact Jamie.

Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons meet the second Monday of each month. Join us on Nov 10, at the Pride Center, at 7 pm. The Lyons are a group of friends who celebrate strength, unity, and diversity for those who enjoy the Leather /Levi Lifestyle. For information visit <http://www.lexlyons.org>.

SisterSound

SisterSound, invites interested women to join the chorus. We do not require auditions. Come to a rehearsal, meet some friendly women and see how much fun we have singing together.

Rehearsals are at 6pm every Sunday at Landsdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 333 Redding Rd. For more info contact Pattie at paowens@excite.com or 859 806-0243 see www.geocities.com/sistersound or

OUTsource

OUTsource is for GLBTQQA students at U. K. Their mission is to provide an affirming, safe, and confidential space where students can learn more about gender identity, human sexuality, and related issues. They hope to make the campus more welcoming of GLBTQQA students. For info contact Susan at: susanmatsubara@yahoo.com.

Reverend Michael Dowd Thank God for Evolution

On Monday evening, November 5, at 7 pm, Reverend Michael Dowd will be speaking at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, at . In his talk entitled "Thank God for Evolution", Rev. Dowd will present his view of evolution as a spiritual process. He considers himself a Christian Evolutionary Evangelical. At home in both conservative and liberal settings, and uniquely gifted at building bridges between religious and nonreligious people, Michael is passionate about sharing the 14-billion-year epic of evolution in ways that uplift and expand heart, mind, and soul.

As a Christian minister, Dowd especially addresses the concerns that Christians have about evolution and his presentation and the companion book contain insights that will appeal to all people of faith and of no faith. He offers a

whole new way of thinking about the connection between science and religion.

In his own word Dowd says "when I use the word 'evolution,' ...what I have in mind is the entire history of the cosmos—the 'Universe Story'—as understood by the vast majority of scientists working in disciplines as diverse as cosmology, astrophysics, chemistry, geology, biology, primatology, genetics, anthropology, archeology, evolutionary brain science, evolutionary psychology, and so on—the whole shebang."

Dowd also draws upon the work of philosophers and theologians such as Teilhard de Chardin, Jesuit Priest, Thomas Berry and Ken Wilber. He offers a meaningful view of cosmic history that he believes can build bridges, provide important guidance, and restore hope. Rev. Down and his wife, Connie Barlow, an acclaimed science writer, live permanently on the road sharing a sacred view of evolution with religious and secular audiences of all ages.



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Lexington Insight will meet for our regular potluck on the first Friday, November 2 at 7 pm at the Pride Center. We will also meet the third Friday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 for a **Thanksgiving Dinner** potluck. Turkey and ham will be provided.

Dana is the coordinator of Insight and can be reached at 859-230-2428. Call him for information or if you have ideas for an Insight Out activity. New people are always welcome to join us.

JustFUND Kentucky

Congratulations to Debra Hensley, Ernesto Scorsone and all the people who helped with the production of a great evening of entertainment with Kate Clinton. The evening raised \$200,000 for JustFUND, a big step forward in building the Cliff Todd Endowment Fund that will be used in the future to work for full equity for all GLBT Kentuckians.

Gay Straight Alliance for Youth 15 - 20

The GLSO Gay Straight Alliance for Youth has been meeting for over six years. We have had students attend from all the high schools in Lexington and from many schools in surrounding towns. Many of the youth that attend have been involved in starting GSAs in their home schools.

There has been a sea change in many of our schools. Students, both gay and straight, have been the change agents. In high schools, students are standing up against harassment and bias. Last June members of the GLSO GSA produced the first Pride Prom

We know, however, that there are still many young people that need support who we have not reached. We produce flyers and pamphlet on a regular basis and we are thinking of radio advertising. Your contributions to GLSO help in our work with young GLBT people.



Thanks to everyone, particularly discussion group members, who helped make the garage sale a big success.

Discussion Group Every Wednesday Night

7 to 9

All Are Welcome

Insight

Thanksgiving Potluck

Friday, Nov. 16

Open to All

GLSO Board Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 15



Mystery

Dinner to benefit Moveable feast of Lexington

To be presented November 3rd and 4th, 2007 at
Conoid Farm

Cocktails Hors d'Oeuvres

Silent auction of donated artworks

5:30 P. M.

Mystery dinner

7:00 P. M.

Guest artists from the Imperial Court of Kentucky

Individual \$100. Couples \$175.

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DO YOU NEED A POWER OF ATTORNEY?

By Madeleine Taylor Baugh, Attorney At Law

The following cannot be relied upon as legal advice. It is provided for informational purposes only. Please consult the attorney of your choice for legal advice.

A power of attorney is a useful instrument for every adult, including those in committed relationships who are not married or who cannot marry and those who are alone and need to designate another person to act for them. A power of attorney is an extremely powerful instrument which authorizes another person to act in your place. It should be given only to a person in whom you have absolute trust. If you are in a committed relationship and considering giving your partner a power of attorney, you should also consider having a domestic partnership agreement which outlines you and your partner's agreements as to property.

The authorized person or agent, also called an attorney-in-fact, may usually transact business, manage your affairs, and dispose, sell, convey or encumber both your real or personal property. Real property is land, the improvements on the land and the rights and responsibilities attached to the land. For example, your house, your condo, your time share or the commercial office building that you own.

Personal property is not only tangible items such as your clothes, your furnishings or your car, but also intangibles such as your IRA, your mutual fund and your bank account. You may also execute a power of attorney that is specific as to the powers you authorize and also limited to a specific time period.

Your power of attorney can also provide your agent access to your privacy protected medical records. A healthcare power of attorney is intended to allow your agent to make healthcare decisions for you as authorized in the instrument.

When your agent acts on your behalf under the power of attorney, the agent has the authority to act for you. If someone refuses to honor the authority given by you to your agent, your agent should contact your attorney for assistance. While the attorney cannot force someone to honor the power of attorney by speaking with him or her, the attorney might be able to explain the authorizations given and pave the way for the power of attorney to be honored.

You may always revoke your power of attorney as long as you have the decision making capacity to do so. The revocation should also be in writing. You should insist that the agent return the power of attorney after it is revoked.

In Kentucky, granting a power of attorney is not a substitute for a guardianship. However, it can delay the need for a guardianship, and, if stated in the power of attorney, is an opportunity to express your desires as to the person who should be appointed guardian and why. This expression is not an absolute guarantee that your intent will be followed, but it would be an overt statement of your intent.

A nomination of guardian can also be placed in a separate instrument along with directions as to those persons who may visit you in a healthcare facility and those persons to whom your tangible personal property should be given. It is not a guarantee that your wishes will be followed, but is a clear statement of your desires and intent.

A power of attorney terminates at your death. It does not govern to whom your property will go at your death or designate the person in charge of your estate. However, it is a powerful and useful legal instrument, enabling you and your designated agent to manage your affairs as authorized in the instrument during your lifetime.

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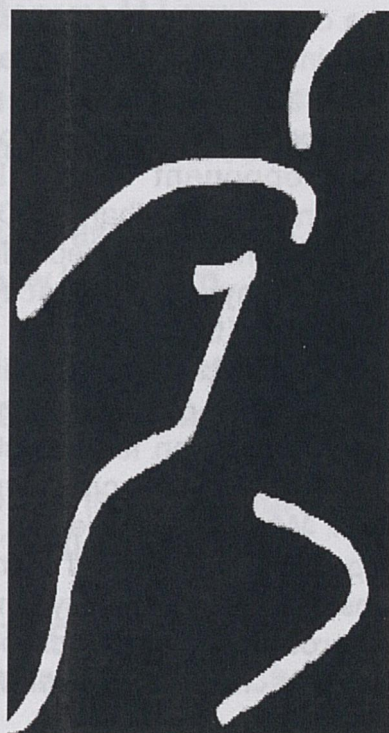
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Bluegrass Fairness of Central Ky: *As the Vote Turns*

As Lexington races toward the November 6th election day, Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky brings you information about the candidates and which ones are pro-fairness. Also, BFCK delivers the latest on ENDA (Employment Non-Discrimination Act).

The two most important races for the LGBTQQIA community are those of governor and attorney general. First up: the governor's race is a showdown between Republican incumbent Ernie Fletcher and Democratic candidate Steve Beshear.

Fletcher, a strong proponent of moral values in Kentucky, has consistently demonstrated anti-gay bias. In one instance, he stripped protections for GLBT persons from state hiring practices on the day he proclaimed "Diversity Day."

In another, he publicly sought to repeal domestic partner benefits at UK and U of L after already having agreed to let the universities decide the issue for themselves.

Beshear, who has built a campaign around bringing casinos to Kentucky in the hopes of raising tax revenue, has demonstrated a pro-fairness side. Most recently, he signed a financial contribution report that included donations by same-sex couples. As of press time, Beshear is leading Fletcher in the polls and in fundraising by a significant margin.

Second:, the bid for attorney general proves a much tighter race. Republican Stan Lee and Democrat Jack Conway are both newcomers to the office. Stan Lee has voiced staunch opposition to all things gay and has promised to repeal domestic partner benefits at state universities if elected.

Jack Conway, however, has taken a pro-fairness stance and will let the domestic partner benefits stand. He has gone on record to say that he will work to secure

who has started television ads, leads Lee in both the polls and funding by a large margin, but this race is not a foregone conclusion as more than 30% of registered voters have declared themselves undecided.

While the other races are not as significant for the LGBTQQIA community, we share this educational information.

In the race for auditor of public accounts, Democratic incumbent Crit Luallen faces off with Republican challenger Linda Greenwell. While Greenwell is qualified for the job and speaks of restoring honesty to Frankfort, Luallen boasts a strong track record and holds a considerable lead in fundraising.

Dem. nominee Todd Hollenbach squares off with Rep. challenger Melinda Wheeler for the office of state treasurer. Hollenbach looks to build the office and enhance its stature. Meanwhile, Wheeler has built a campaign around the promise that if elected she will abolish the office because she feels the duties can be absorbed in other government offices and save the taxpayer money.

For the commissioner of agriculture, Republican incumbent Richie Farmer appears unstoppable. He has knowledge, experience, and ambition. Democratic opponent David Lynn Williams has raised less than \$100 and spent everything he has raised without demonstrating any true capacity to perform the duties of the office.

The race for secretary of state may prove too close to call. Republican incumbent Trey Grayson faces a strong challenge from Democrat Bruce Hendrickson. While both gentleman have proven capable of the job and currently appear close in the polls, Grayson has significantly outpaced Hendrickson in fundraising and may begin television spots.

In other political news, as of press time, legislators had halted a vote on

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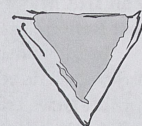
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HIV/AIDS Branch

GLSO Newsletter Calendar NOVEMBER 2007

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<p>10:30 a St. Mychal's 11a UU Church</p> <p>6:00p SisterSound Rehearsal</p>		<p>7p Gay Straight Alliance for Youth Ages 15 - 20 (call Mary for info & place 266-5904</p>	<p>7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC</p> <p>8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 948-3434</p>			<p>Center Open 10a-2p</p> <p>TransKentucky see page 3</p>
<p>10:30 a St. Mychal's 11a UU Church</p> <p>6:00p Imperial Court Mtg.PC</p> <p>6p SisterSound Rehearsal</p>	<p>7p Lexington Lyons</p>	<p>7p Gay Straight Alliance for Youth Ages 15 - 20 (call Mary for info & place 266-5904</p>	<p>7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC</p> <p>8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 948-3434 Last Day to Order Pies from Moveable Feast</p>	<p>7:30p GLSO Board Mtg.</p> <p>Newsletter Dead-line</p>	<p>7 p Lexington Insight Thanksgiving PotLuck</p>	<p>Center Open 10a-2p</p> <p>TransKentucky see page 3</p>
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Weekly Activities:

Mondays:

8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA
Discussion/Speaker(Call for
Location) 278-7103

Tuesdays:

7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
9pm - Karaoke Tuesday @
The Bar Complex

Wednesdays:

7pm - GLSO Discussion Group
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for
Location) 278-7103

Fridays:

8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA
(Call for Location) 278-7103

Saturdays:

Sundays:

10:00 am - UU Church Worship
Services.
10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @
Landsdowne Presby. Church.

Bi-weekly:

6pm - TSundays
The Imperial Court

Monthly Activities:

7:30p Trans Kentucky 1st Saturday
7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.)

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More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, please see the directory for phone listings.

Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC

Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call

How an IRA May Potentially Boost Retirement Savings

by Mohua Das

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The IRA, a popular retirement savings vehicle, has always given your earnings the benefit of tax-deferred growth. Now, with higher contribution limits due to tax law changes, you can potentially boost your retirement savings even more than in the past.

If you haven't already done so, consider contributing now for 2007 because the sooner you start saving, the sooner your money can start growing tax-deferred. For 2007, you are eligible to contribute up to \$4,000, plus an additional \$1,000 if you're 50 years of age or older. That's a total of \$5,000 for someone age 50 or older.

How Funds Can Add Up

Let's use the example of a 50-year-old investor who makes the maximum contribution to an IRA for 2007, then continues to contribute the maximum in years to come (\$6,000 in 2008 and assuming the same maximum thereafter).

The chart illustrates what the investor stands to accumulate, given various timeframes and hypothetical annual rates of return.

	5.5%	7.5%
10 year	\$79,792	\$89,190
15 year	\$139,613	\$165,508
20 year	\$217,797	\$275,073

At a hypothetical 7.5% annual return, the investor would accumulate \$165,508 by age 65. If the investor's spouse makes the same contributions, the couple would accumulate \$331,016.

This hypothetical example is provided for illustrative purposes only and is not meant to represent the performance of any specific investment product. Data assumes a 50-year-old making maximum annual January 1 contributions of \$5,000 for 2007 and \$6,000 for 2008 and thereafter. This illustration does not take charges, commissions, fees or expenses into consideration.

Points to Consider

It is important to note that returns on your IRA investments are not guaranteed and you may even lose principal. Here are a few facts you should know:

- The increased contribution limits offer greater opportunities for tax-deferred growth than were available in the past.
- Earnings on your IRA contributions accumulate on a tax-deferred basis.
- Your IRA contributions may or may not be tax-deductible based on eligibility requirements. Consult your tax advisor.
- Only nondeductible contributions may be withdrawn tax-free. Withdrawals of tax-deductible contributions, as well as all earnings, are taxed as ordinary income.
- A 10% penalty tax is applied to the taxable amount of any withdrawal an individual makes before they reach age 59½, with certain exceptions.
- Required minimum distributions (RMDs) must be taken by individuals over age 70½.

The Value of Consolidation

You may also want to consider consolidating your IRA assets in a single account at one full-service firm. A consolidated account can provide certain benefits:

Integrated investment strategy: a consolidated account can make it easier

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IRA - Retirement Savings - *continued from page 14*

for you to determine and monitor a single asset allocation strategy for all your IRA savings and keep that strategy on track.

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A Financial Advisor can assist you in determining how to invest your IRA assets to help address your investment objectives, taking into account your time horizon, risk tolerance and other circumstances. If you want to take full advantage of increased contribution limits, don't delay. Contact a Financial Advisor today.

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Distributions from tax-deferred accounts are subject to income taxes and, if made prior to age 59-1/2, may be subject to a 10% penalty.

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across the nation. Originally, the bill included provisions for protection in employment for transgender/transsexual people. On September 27th, Rep. Barney Frank, who is openly gay, submitted a new version of the bill that stripped out those protections. Frank argued that the bill had a much better chance of passing without those protections and that the gay and lesbian community would win a partial victory. The idea is that half of something is better than none of something. The new bill was ready for a vote, but major GLBT groups across the nation rose up in protest and anger and demanded that transgender/transsexual people be included in the legislation. Responding to pressure, legislators agreed to delay a vote.

We at Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky agree with the other groups across the nation. We stand for Fairness for all. We cannot afford to leave our transgender/transsexual kindred fall by the wayside while we enjoy privilege. We refuse to support legislation that discriminates in any capacity.

To let your legislators know what you think, go to the following website: <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/home/>.

For the latest on BGF, go to www.bgfair.org or call 859-951-4450.



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THE POSITIVE VIEW
BY DR. SHERRY AND PROF. SKIPPY
**Part 10: Freedom from
Gender-specific roles**

Many gay men and lesbians who participated in our survey wrote about the positive aspect of being free from gender role stereotypes, social constructions and expectations. Societal norms regarding gender impact men and women differently and some of these differences are reflected in the answers of participants.

For gay men, freedom from gender roles included the freedom to express themselves emotionally, something that men are typically taught to avoid. For example, one gay man wrote, "I have been able to explore my 'feminine' and 'masculine' sides more."

Similar comments were expressed by a gay man who wrote, "I have the freedom to be sensitive or artistic or girly or whatever else I want to be in my own life."

Another offered: "I am more free to express myself in terms of behaviors and emotions -- I do not have to monitor as closely what I do, think, and feel to make sure it conforms to what it means to be a 'real man'."

For lesbians, freedom from gender roles included a feeling of independence, confidence and strength, feelings which are often denied women within their gender role socialization. A general sense of this freedom was illustrated by a lesbian who wrote, "It gives me the freedom to be who I am, rather than trying to figure out how to be the woman society expects me to be. That is very empowering!"

Another lesbian noted, "I can play (to some extent) by different rules in life (that is, I can be a strong, tough aggressive woman) because I have already broken a major one by being a lesbian."

One lesbian wrote, "Because I am not personally bound by gender expectations,

have no qualms about being assertive at work. I never worry that my actions might be considered unladylike."

For some gay men and lesbians, part of the freedom from gender role expectations included freedom from pressures to follow the traditional heterosexual gender scripts of "getting married and having kids".

Some participants noted that they appreciated that they could "choose to have children instead of being expected to have children". One lesbian stated, "Being lesbian allows us to choose to have children and how to raise children in ways not claimed by straight women."

A gay man noted, "I am free to form my own definition of a relationship. And this relationship does not have to follow a heterosexual timeline of marriage and children, etc (although both are legal and an option where I live)."

Still another gay man reflected that, "There is less pressure on gay men to have children and, as such, the decision for a gay man to have or not to have children may involve a healthier process."

How has your LGBTQ identity affected your idea about gender roles? How do you think you express your gender in a way different from non-LGBTQ people? How do you think your gender role expression has strengthened your sense of self?

For more information about our work, go to www.PrismResearch.org. Dr. Sherry is Sherry Rostosky, PhD, Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology at UK. Prof. Skippy is Ellen Riggle, PhD, Professor of Gender and Women's Studies and Political Science at UK. This article is based on: Riggle, Whitman, Olson, Rostosky, & Strong (2007). *The Positive Aspects of Being a Lesbian or Gay Man*.

Transgender Remembrance Day

November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance, a day set aside to memorialize those who have been killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. Although not every person memorialized on this day identified as transgender, each was a victim of violence based on bias against gender variant people, an umbrella term that can include drag queens and kings, effeminate men, masculine women, cross dressers, transsexuals, gender queers and people who live in between gender in some manner.

Over the last decade, more than one person per month has died due to transphobia (hate, fear, and/or prejudice). Some of these victims are killed in ways that indicate torture was involved. This trend shows no sign of abating and at least half of the crimes remain unsolved.

The Day of Remembrance serves several purposes. It raises public awareness of hate crimes against trans people. It allows us to publicly mourn and honor the lives of our brothers and sisters who might otherwise be forgotten. Through the vigil, we express love and respect for our people in the face of national indifference and hatred. Day of Remembrance gives our allies a chance to step forward with us and stand in vigil, memorializing those of us who have been murdered.

Us and Them

The article above reminds us that people who are gender variant within the LGBT community are targeted for the most serious aspects of oppression: torture and murder. Those of us who can not pass as straight because of our gender expression also experience more harassment, discrimination and rejection. As the GLBT community makes progress in passing laws to prevent discrimination, it is gender

identity that most often gets dropped from bills in order to make the bills acceptable to the powers that be. So we know that transphobia is alive and well.

What about transphobia within our community? The article on the facing page reports that gay men and lesbians see freedom from gender role stereotypes a one of the positive aspects of being GLBT. But while many of us do seem comfortable with expressing ourselves outside the constraints of our culture's gender expectations, that does not mean that there is not also discomfort, bias and discrimination directed toward gender variant individuals within our communities.

For example, there are still many personal ads from men seeking "straight acting" men. To me, this is internalized heterosexism, a bias for heterosexual norms and presentation. I have heard GLBT people say that a gay man is "too effeminate" to represent our community or that out of the box gender expression is bad for our community.

Sexism is also at work here. Masculinity is more valued within our culture, both in women and men. Lesbians who are femme are sometimes assumed to be less competent in some areas. Butch women report receiving male privilege; for example, having service men believe them when they say what they think is wrong with their car.

Some people have said that the desire in our community for legal marriage is an example of heterosexual bias in that we want to conform to their expectations of relationships. While this opinion may be extreme, we do need to consider how assimilated we want to become.

There is a lot to be said on this topic. We welcome essays by community members. Send to marycrone@insightbb.com before the 15th of the month.

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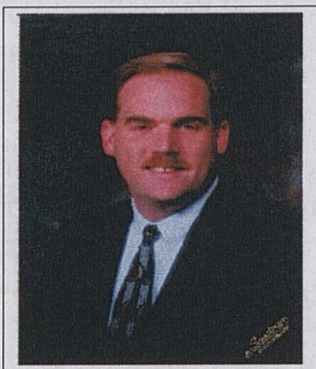
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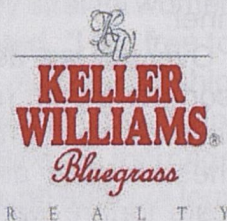
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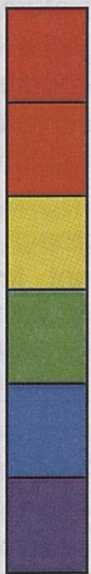
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You are invited to our worship services every Sunday at 10:30 with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We also

hold Saturday Vespers at 5 pm. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd.

St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive. We perform blessings of gay unions, welcome divorced people, and ordain women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop. The Orthodox Catholic Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church.



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Integrity

The local Integrity group has been revitalized. We plan a meeting in November and a Christmas party in December. We would love new people to join us. For information see www.LexIntegrity.org or contact David Cupps at david@davidcupps.com

Integrity is a nonprofit organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Episcopalians and our straight friends. Since our founding in 1974, Integrity has been the leading grassroots voice for the full inclusion of LGBT persons in the Episcopal Church. Through Integrity's work, thousands of LGBT people, estranged from the Episcopal Church have returned to parish life.

Jubilee Fellowship

Jubilee Fellowship is meeting at St Mychal the Martyr, located at 1350 Eastland Dr, Suite #5 in Lexington. Eastland Dr. is off New Circle Rd one block North of Winchester Rd. Once on Eastland Rd, take your first left. It is "Inside" New Circle. It is in the row of small offices behind Mi Mexico near New Circle.

Jubilee Fellowship welcomes members of the GLBT community and their friends to join us in growing as a community of believers in Christ. We are anatomical about loving people with God's unconditional love.

If you have questions about our fellowship, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Cori Wood at 859 514-5518 or fellowship@windstream.net. We have a big vision and a big God. There is room for you.



Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington

Our worship service begins at 11 am every Sunday. In addition to worship, there is a Sunday morning Buddhist sitting practice at 9 am and a Buddhist discussion group (Sanga) at 9:45 am, both in the Allen House next to the church. We are located at 3564 Clays Mill Rd.

The service on Sunday Nov. 5 will feature Rev Michael Dowd who will be speaking about evolution as a sacred story. Rev. Down will also be presenting a longer program on Monday, Nov 5 at 7 pm at the church. There is more information about his presentation on page 4.

On the fourth Wednesday of each month there is a book group meeting to discuss various approaches to making peace. You do not have to have read the book to attend. On November 28, Mary Crone will be leading a discussion of *Speaking Peace, The Next Thing You Say Will Change The World*. In December, Rev Cynthia Cain will be leading a discussion of Thich Nhat Hanh's Peace Is Every Step: The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life.

Unitarian Universalists have long called for the full inclusion of bisexual, gay, and lesbian people in church and society. We have the highest percentage of openly Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender ministers of any denomination. UUs believe that the life experiences of GLBT people include sacred stories that need to be heard and celebrated. Sharing our stories promotes the spiritual justice seeking work of our church.

The Unitarian Universalist approach to spirituality is fundamentally different from religions based on creed or revelation. We do not believe that "Truth" can be found in one or more holy books. We seek to understand our universe and our place in it by working and talking together. life experience. Our's is a tradition of strong and prophetic voices calling for a larger vision of life, one in which everyone is respected.

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