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By staff writers

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[You can find out more about Dick and Bob on their web site here](#) [1]

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Halt mining in the Philippines says new report

A report launched today (Monday) in the UK will call for a moratorium on new mining in the Philippines. Supported by UK Bishops and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, it will urge a review existing mining projects and a withdrawal of international investment in mining until 'proper procedures' are in place to protect human rights and the environment.

It will also bring pressure to bear on the Church of England concerning its own £80 million investments in two of the mining groups which the report challenges.

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Saints, feasts and other days

Saint Ansbert of Rouen, Saint Maron's Day - Lebanon, Saint Apollonia, patron saint of dentists and dental technicians, Saint Teilo's Day - Wales

National Marriage Week (till 14th)

In History

1555 - Bishop of Gloucester John Hooper burned at stake

1621 - Gregory XV becomes Pope (last Pope elected by acclamation)

Today's Agenda

JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM



This Lent, join Christian Aid on a virtual pilgrimage through the Holy Land. From Bethlehem to Nazareth to Jerusalem, we will go beyond hearing about the people of the region and hear from them instead. From 25th February 09.

[Sign up now](#)

Bishop backs ban on Church racism

The Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt Rev Nicholas Reade, will tomorrow (Tuesday) support proposals forbidding Church of England clergy and lay staff joining racist organisations.

The news comes as The Times newspaper reports that other bishops will oppose them.

[Full story](#)

Ecumenical World Development Consultation 2009



Partnership for Development. 18-20 March at High Leigh Conference Centre, Herts. Malcolm Bruce MP, Geoff Brockett of Traidcraft, Benedict Southworth of World Development Movement and many others. For all who seek to involve their churches in poverty and justice issues.

General Synod of Church of England meets in Westminster till 13th (Cardinal Cormac Murphy- O'Connor, Catholic Archbishop of Westminster addresses)

[Find out more](#)

General Synod of the Church of England Agenda

Barclays bank announces 2008 results

The General Synod of Church of England meets in Westminster till 13th. Key debates will include the international financial crisis, women bishops, the Anglican Covenant (homosexuality), human trafficking, asylum, and the Church's approach to the BNP.

House of Commons: Work and Pensions Select Committee continue look at Equality Bill and what steps DWP should take to achieve greater equality

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House of Lords: Possible war crimes in Gaza - Lord Dykes

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Launch of 'Philippines - Mining or Food?' report, House of Commons

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Newspaper launches alternative Thought for the Day

In the Press

The Guardian has today launched an alternative to the BBC's long running Thought for the Day slot, broadcast at 7.50am in the morning on Radio 4.

- Bishops resist moves to outlaw BNP membership - Times
- Historic plans to introduce women bishops rejected by key traditionalist leaders - Telegraph
- Synod to discuss woman bishops - BBC
- Turn on Another Thought for the Day - Guardian
- Baron Harries of Pentregarth: Can the bishop get the monkey off his back? - Independent

Called "Another Thought for the Day", the Thoughts will be available as podcasts on the newspaper's website.

[Full story](#)

Events: Peace and Power

14 -15 March (Leeds) and 21-22 March (London) Spirituality and activism: a biblical understanding of peace (shalom) and the challenge of political and social power engaging in the areas of ecology, church and state, peace and war, crime and justice. Sponsored by Ekklesia and run by our partner Workshop.

[Find out more here](#)

UK Parliamentarians see golden opportunity to tear down 'Asia's Berlin Wall'

[Peacenik.co.uk](#)

British Parliamentarians have said that the new Obama administration brings with it a golden opportunity for a formal cessation of hostilities and normalisation of relations with North Korea.

Lord David Alton and Baroness Caroline Cox made the observation as they returned from a five day visit to North

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korea at the weekend.

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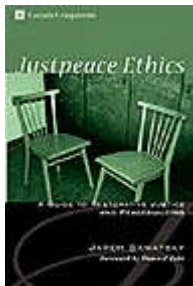
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A Good Childhood - Report from the Children's Society



The 'landmark' work by the Children's Society which explores the main stresses and influences to which every child is exposed - family, friends, youth culture, values, and schooling. This book also makes recommendations as to how we can improve the upbringing of our children. It tackles issues which affect every child, whatever their background.

[Find out more and get your copy](#)

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EVENT: CONVENTION ON MODERN LIBERTY

A major event in London and across the UK, sponsored by the Guardian. Ekklesia is convening a seminar of 'Faiths and Freedoms' with Christian, Jewish and Muslim speakers. Institute of Education, London, Saturday 28 February 2009.

[Click for more information and booking](#)

Alarm at fresh rise in anti-semitism in Britain

Concerns are being expressed about a significant rise in anti-semitic attacks and harassment in Britain. Some 270 cases have been reported in 2009, according to figures compiled by the Community Security Trust.

CST is a body that monitors anti-Jewish racism. It says that anti-Israeli government sentiment in reaction to bombardment and invasion in Gaza has translated into anti-Jewish sentiment - something which anti-racists roundly condemn.

[Full story](#)

No votes for thousands of Iraqi Kurds

The mood was one of celebration. Iraqis in the northern Diyala province city of Khanaqin crowded into polling centers on provincial election day, 31 January 2009. Many dressed in

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As international independent election observers, Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) Iraq team members visited three polling sites. At each place, voting procedures seemed efficient, and workers seemed helpful and fair. We saw no threatening behavior on the part of Khanaqin police who guarded the sites and searched people going in. But not everyone walked out happy or with purple fingers.

[Full story](#)

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Brian McLaren to speak in Boston March 7

Emerging Church "guru" [Brian McLaren](#) will be the featured speaker at a Diocese of Massachusetts spring learning event Sat., March 7, in Boston. Registration is open to the public. Organizers are working on getting the presentation webcast so that groups outside the Boston area can meet up and watch together. [Click here for more info.](#) eNews will carry updates on any webcasts. (Note: Mass. will also host Phyllis Tickle 3/26.)

Bishop Search/Nominating update: Focus groups (forums) start tonight

During the month of January, the Search/Nominating Committee conducted an online survey. 875 people participated in the survey in three languages. 79% of participants were members of the laity. The results are [posted online here](#). ([Bulletin insert](#) also available)

The Committee writes: "We are grateful to all of those who participated in this survey. It has provided groundwork from which to begin further exploration and discernment regarding suitable candidates for the position of Diocesan Bishop through [forums](#) to be held in numerous deaneries across the diocese. The forum locations were selected to span geographically across the state. Please come to a forum location near you. This input from the diocese will become part of the profile that will be contained in materials for all potential nominees review. Here is a chance to add your thoughts! If you would like to contact the Search/Nomination Committee, email us at ChairCTBishopSearch@gmail.com

Forum dates and locations

[St. Mark's, New Canaan](#), Wed 2/11, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m

[Trinity, Collinsville](#), Wed. 2/11, 7:00 - 9:00 pm*

[St. Mary's Manchester](#), Thurs. 2/12, 7:00 - 9:00 pm*

[Trinity, Trumbull](#), Thurs. 2/12, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

[Holy Trinity, Middletown](#), Sat. 2/14, 9:30 am - 11:30 am*

In French: [St. John's, Stamford](#) (French) 2/15, 6:15 p.m.

[St. David's Gales Ferry](#), Thurs. 2/19, 7 :00- 9:00 pm

[St. John's, Waterbury](#), Sat. 2/28, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Mission opportunity: "Camp Batey" seeking

supporters

Yves Marc Regis, a Haitian native, poet, author, and photojournalist who has traveled to the Dominican Republic with St. Ann's, Old Lyme several times (and contributed to Good News and other diocesan photo projects), is starting a week-long summer camp this summer for children who live in the [bateyes](#) -- on sugar cane plantations in the Dominican Republic. He's looking for supplies, donations, and/or people to join him, and would be happy to team up with a church in this mission outreach. Contact Marc at RegisII@aol.com or leave a message at 860-521-6177. (He's with St. Ann's again in the D.R. Feb. 14-21.) [Click here for poster](#) with photos and more info.

BFC 5K event May 16! Sponsors needed; fundraising pages now available

This annual Bishops's Fund for Children (BFC) 5K run/walk raises funds for kids at risk across Connecticut. Check it all out on their [Facebook page](#).

In the news ...

Apologies to **the Rev. Dr. Randall Balmer** for misspelling his name last time. My keyboard has a time lag and missed a few critical keystrokes. I liked his *Daily Show* interview, tho!

Connecticut Senator Chris Dodd bought the first brick for a fundraiser for the Amos House, a shelter for homeless families. Church officials from **St. James', Danbury** were present. Amos House founders included St. James' Episcopal Church, Danbury; First Congregational, Danbury; New Hope Baptist, Danbury; **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Ridgefield**; and **Trinity Episcopal, Newtown**. The news story was in the [Danbury News Times](#).

The UK is observing National Marriage Week this week, and a news item posted on [Ekklesia](#), a London-based, self-described "think tank which examines the role of religion in public life," reported that an Episcopal priest who formerly served in Connecticut, **the Rev. Richard Nolan**, will wed his partner, Robert Pingpank, after an "engagement" of 53 years at a ceremony this June at Trinity College, where the couple first met.

Online calendar

Check out the [online calendar](#) for parish events, musical offerings, diocesan meetings, and more. View more, submit your own events online. Link to your parish.

Coming up through March 14:

- ✦ Bishop Search Forum (2/11, New Canaan & Collinsville)
- ✦ Bishop Search Forum (2/12, Manchester & Trumbull)
- ✦ Avery Ensemble concert (2/13, New Londpn)
- ✦ Confirmation/Reception retreat for adults (2/14, Hartford)
- ✦ Valentine's Day Tea (2/14, Stratford)
- ✦ Bishop Search Forum (2/14, Middletown)
- ✦ Integrity/Hartford Mtg. on Gen'l Conv. (2/15, Hartford)

- ◆ Bishop Search Forum (2/15, in French, Stamford)
- ◆ Bishop Search Forum (2/19, Gales Ferry)
- ◆ Young adult Mardi Gras party (2/20, New Haven)
- ◆ Anti-Racism Workshop (2/20-21, New Haven)
- ◆ Coffee House w/Robert Fullerton (2/21, Torrington)
- ◆ Illusionist /benefit event for refugees (2/22, Clinton)
- ◆ Concert & tea (2/22, Old Saybrook)
- ◆ George Herbert's poetry set to music (1/27, New Haven)
- ◆ Safe Church Training (2/28, Farmington)
- ◆ Bishop Search Forum (2/28, Waterbury)
- ◆ Family Web workshop (3/3, Westport)
- ◆ Organ concert, Jean-Baptiste Robin (3/6, Hartford)
- ◆ Confirmation Retreat (3/6-7, Lakeside)
- ◆ Safe Church Training (3/7, Glastonbury)
- ◆ Brian McLaren Learning event (3/7, Boston)
- ◆ Safe Church Recertification (laity), 3/10, Newtown)
- ◆ Evensong for Lent (3/12, Waterbury)
- ◆ Safe church Training (3/14, New Milford)
- ◆ Lenten Day of Prayer (3/14, Roxbury MA)

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Noteworthy

JoAnne Epps '73 Will Join the Girls Scouts Hall of Fame. Epps was Named Take the Lead 2009 Honoree by Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania.

[more...](#)

Richard Nolan '59 and Robert Pingpank '59 Are to Be Wed After a 53 Year Engagement. The wedding will take place at Trinity College, Hartford in the US in June, shortly after they celebrate their 72nd birthdays.

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E. Macey Russell '80 Named 2009 Diversity Hero. Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly names Russell a diversity hero.

[more...](#)

Harleigh Leach Chwastyk '00 Has a Passion in Teaching and Volleyball. Harleigh Leach Chwastyk was just 24 and completing graduate studies at Smith College when she was named head coach of Swarthmore's women's volleyball team in 2002.

[more...](#)

Zipcars now available to alumni! Trinity has purchased two Zipcars. Drive anywhere by the hour or day. Includes gas, insurance and reserved parking. Simply reserve online and drive away.

[more...](#)

Podcasting Podcasting available – subscribe to an RSS Feed and look for a series of lectures this spring including this first one by Kevin McMahon on the upcoming Presidential Election.

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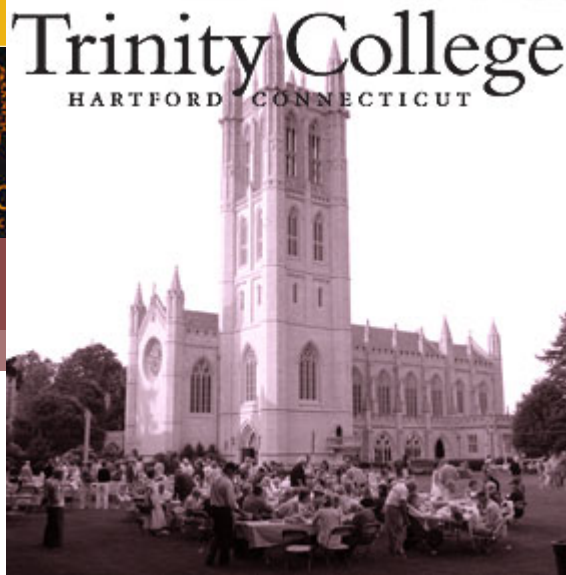
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Events

College Admissions Exploration Program
March 29 & 30, 2009

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Alumni Trip to China Join Trinity professors and fellow alumni July 10-22, 2009 for this exciting trip!

[more...](#)

Trinity Women's Lacrosse Reunion January 10th, 2009. Click more to view a blog and pictures of the event.

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Alumni Trip to The Great Lakes Join Professor of History, Emeritus, Ted Sloan, September 12-19, 2009

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The Academy of Lifelong Learning in Spring 2009. For additional information please click more.

[more...](#)

Please join your fellow Alums for our 2009 President's Receptions in your area. Please click more to view our upcoming President's Receptions.

[more...](#)

Help Trinity student's by conducting practice interviews. Tuesday, February 24th and Wednesday, February 25th. Click here more for more information.

[more...](#)

Area Clubs Trinity College Area Club locations dot the map, and various events are held throughout the year in hopes of providing plentiful opportunities for fun and bantam camaraderie.

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AZUR

Sacerdote anglicano annuncia il suo matrimonio con il compagno, dopo 53 anni di convivenza

Data: Mercoledì, 11 febbraio @ 09:54:15 CET

Argomento: Unioni civili / matrimoni gay

Mentre le chiese nel Regno Unito si preparano a celebrare la settimana Nazionale del Matrimonio, un sacerdote anglicano di 71 anni ha annunciato che finalmente si sposerà, dopo 53 di segreta convivenza

Gionata, 10 febbraio 2009

Il pastore Richard Nolan farà questo passo con Robert, suo compagno da lunga data, entro la fine di quest'anno ed il matrimonio si svolgerà presso il Trinity College di Hartford negli Stati Uniti nel mese di giugno, poco dopo aver celebrato il loro settantaduesimo Compleanno.

I venti minuti del servizio religioso si svolgeranno nella cappella del Collegio, dove l'officiante UCC sarà un ministro. Assisteranno anche due sacerdoti Episcopali, ma tecnicamente non officieranno. "Abbiamo visto il Presidente del Collegio ieri sera a Palm Beach all'incontro degli ex alunni" ha detto Richard Nolan a Ekklesia, "Lui e i suoi colleghi sono molto entusiasti della cerimonia e il nostro desiderio sembra ormai a portata di mano. Stiamo insieme da 53 anni, il nostro fidanzamento reciproco è stato già incredibilmente lungo. "

La cerimonia si svolgerà nel corso della 50a Riunione della loro classe presso il College dove la loro vita di coppia è iniziata nell'autunno del 1955 in cui Richard e Robert s'incontrarono ad un picnic. Per la maggior parte della loro vita hanno vissuto tranquillamente nel Connecticut in una casa che è stata divisa in due appartamenti e aveva due cassette postali separate per non permettere ai vicini di sospettare nulla.

Poiché Richard era un sacerdote Episcopale e Robert un insegnante di matematica nelle scuole superiori temevano per le loro carriere se fossero stati scoperti. Perciò andavano sempre con due automobili separate alle funzioni domenicali della chiesa. Oggi essi vivono in West Palm Beach.

La coppia ha detto che si sposerà con un servizio semplice e tradizionale, secondo la liturgia, senza inviti, senza doni e con "abiti comodi".

Potete trovare maggiori informazioni su Dick e Bob, sul loro [sito web](#)

Notizia dell'agenzia Ekklesia del 7 Febbraio 2009 , tradotta da Innocenzo

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AZUR

Anglican priest announces his marriage to his companion, after 53 years of cohabitation

Date: Wednesday, February 11 @ 09:54:15 EDT

Topic: Civil unions / gay marriages

While the churches in the United Kingdom are preparing to celebrate the week of the National Marriage, an Anglican priest for 71 years has finally announced that it will get married after living together 53 of secret

Gionata, 10 February 2009

Pastor Richard Nolan will do this step with Robert, his companion for a long time before the end of this year and the marriage will take place at Trinity College in Hartford in the United States in June, shortly after celebrating their settantaduesimo Birthday .

The twenty-minute religious service will be held in the chapel of the College, where the officiating is a UCC minister. Attend two Episcopal priests, but technically not officiate. "We have seen the President of the College last night in Palm Beach at the former alumni," said Richard Nolan to Ekklesia, "He and his colleagues are very enthusiastic about the ceremony and our wish now seems within reach. We are all from 53 years, our mutual engagement has been incredibly long. "

The ceremony will take place during the 50th meeting of their class at the College where their lives as a couple started in the autumn of 1955 in which Richard and Robert met at a picnic. For most of their lives have lived quietly in Connecticut in a house that was divided into two apartments and had two separate mailboxes to keep the neighbors from suspecting anything. Since Richard was an Episcopal priest and Robert a math teacher in high school feared for their careers if they had been discovered. So went with two cars separated the functions of chiesa. Oggi Sunday they live in West Palm Beach.

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 ITS A MIXED UP MUDDLED UP SHOOK UP WORLD
 FREE YOUR MIND AND YOUR GOD WILL FOLLOW

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2009

A MORAL VICTORY

It is so frustrating.

We have actually won, although it is difficult to pinpoint exactly when it happened. But waiting for everybody else to get used to the idea is so draining. At the moment it's a case of two steps forward, one step back and, of course, the haters, like bitter terrorists, still think the battle is ongoing, which is a pain in the ass. But, when you come across a story like the following one, you realise that it is only a matter of time before all will be well and that calls for restraint are as pointless now as trying to stop an avalanche by standing beneath it holding up a stop sign.

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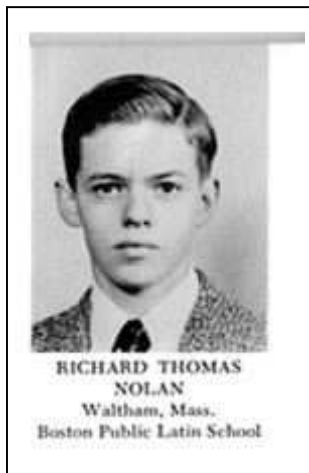
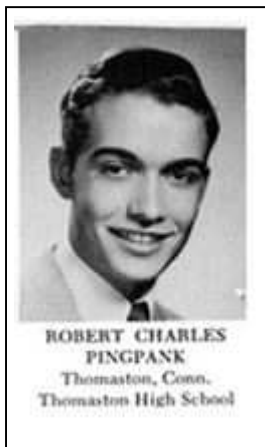
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**TRINITY
COLLEGE
1955**



Hail blessed Laika,
bless all us dogs
and make us brave like you.
WOOF!



Our little lady



Saint Grendel Of The Gray

BLUE PLAQUE AWARDS





**Bob (standing),
Dick (seated)
March 2004**

For Dick and Bobs memoirs, "SOUL MATES: More Than Partners," [CLICK HERE](#).

And after you have read that do go to Dr. Nolan's [DOG BLOG](#).




POSTED BY MADPRIEST AT 12:08 PM

10 COMMENTS:

 Wormwood's Doxy said...

Lovely story, MP--thanks.

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ABOUT ME



MADPRIEST

Hi, my name is Jonathan and I'm a priest at St. Francis, Anglican Church in Newcastle Upon Tyne. However, please call me MadPriest as it flatters my ego.

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OF COURSE, I COULD BE WRONG...

AN OUTSIDER GOD BLOG.
Where the lunatics rave.

*"... a kind of dangerous, endless recess in a global schoolyard."
(Archbishop Niederauer)*

If you think you don't belong, you belong here.

 Tracie the Red said...

Awesome!


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 KJ said...

That was some orientation picnic.


Congratulations to Bob and Dick!

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 Fr Craig said...

and this is scary to some people, why???

08 FEBRUARY, 2009 16:48


 Jim said...

It takes a great deal of courage to live the lives these two have for all those years. In all that time, they harmed no one and lived under threat for of all things, loving. We live in a sick world.

FWIW

jimB

08 FEBRUARY, 2009 17:42

 Göran Koch-Swahne said...

I say awesome too ;=)

08 FEBRUARY, 2009 20:02

 JCF said...

I have previously heard of these two fine gentlemen (probably around the time that 2004 bio came out).

What was fascinating, was to see (on a board about it) Fr

So keep fightin' for freedom and justice, beloveds, but don't you forget to have fun doin' it. Lord, let your laughter ring forth. Be outrageous, ridicule the fraidy-cats, rejoice in all the oddities that freedom can produce. And when you get through kickin' ass and celebratin' the sheer joy of a good fight, be sure to tell those who come after how much fun it was.

(Molly Ivins 1944-2007)

I don't know about you, but I practice a disorganized religion.

I belong to an unholy disorder.

(Kurt Vonnegut 1922 - 2007)

"As usual, the most objectionable material can be found at the MadPriest"

(Greg Griffiths)

According to Rome, I'm a layman. We have to talk about that first

(Saint Robert Runcie)

Its that sort of complacency that makes having notorious, inflammatory, outspoken activists such as Elizabeth Kaeton, Louie Crew and Madpriest evil necessities. **(DBW)**

Nolan dialogue w/ a clueless, but not malicious person [No, I don't think it was Our Grace---then again...? ;-/].

The clueless person then came to the breathless realization that...

{wait for it}

*Richard and Robert had **fallen in love**.*

For 50 years, they'd stayed together, because they were in LOVE. Who'd a thunk it??? ;-D

Holy Spirit, grant MANY MORE such realizations, among Your Beloved Clueless (Clue them in!).

08 FEBRUARY, 2009 20:57

 Rowan The Dog said...

These are obviously two very great and swell humans. Yea for ya'll. And that dog blog is real good too.

Love,

Rowan

09 FEBRUARY, 2009 05:11

"MadPriest, I agree wholeheartedly with your comment, twice"
(Grandmere Mimi - officially more evil than MadPriest & Padre Mickey)




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 Muthah+ said...

Thank you for your witness, Richard and Robert!

09 FEBRUARY, 2009 22:36

 Pat Klemme said...

Part of me says....it's about time!The good part of me says,
Mazel tov!! God continue to bless you in your lives together.
You are (and have been) a dashing couple!

10 FEBRUARY, 2009 03:03

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Notizia dell'agenzia Ekklesia del 7 Febbraio 2009 , tradotta da Innoc

Mentre le chiese nel Regno Unito si preparano a celebrare la settim
sacerdote anglicano di 71 anni ha annunciato che finalmente si spos
Il pastore Richard Nolan farà questo passo con Robert, suo compa
quest'anno ed il matrimonio si svolgerà presso il Trinity College di I
di giugno, poco dopo aver celebrato il loro settantaduesimo Comple

I venti minuti del servizio religioso si svolgeranno nella cappella del Collegio, dove l'c
Assisteranno anche due sacerdoti Episcopali, ma tecnicamente non officieranno. "Abbiamo
sera a Palm Beach all'incontro degli ex alunni" ha detto Richard Nolan a Ekklesia, "Lui ei s
della cerimonia e il nostro desiderio sembra ormai a portata di mano. Stiamo insieme da
reciproco è stato già incredibilmente lungo. "

La cerimonia si svolgerà nel corso della 50a Riunione della loro classe presso il Collegio do
nell'autunno del 1955 in cui Richard e Robert s'incontrarono ad un pic-nic. Per la maggior p
tranquillamente nel Connecticut in una casa che è stata divisa in due appartamenti e aveva
non permettere ai vicini di sospettare nulla.

Poiché Richard era un sacerdote Episcopale e Robert un insegnante di matematica nelle scu
carriere se fossero stati scoperti. Perciò andavano sempre con due automobili separa
chiesa.Oggi essi vivono in West Palm Beach.

La coppia ha detto che si sposterà con un servizio semplice e tradizionale, secondo la liturg
"abiti comodi".

Potete trovare maggiori informazioni su Dick e Bob, sul loro sito web

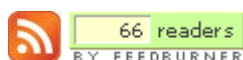
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Stella (who had first visited the If Club on Vermont in rough clothes from her job with the L.A. County Engineers, then committed the unpardonable ki-ki sin of coming next night in femme clothing) soon found her psychic twin in Helen Sandoz or Sandy, the forgotten first president of the Daughters of Bilitis, who with other gays I knew had produced a small civic booster magazine in Portland. Sandy also helped encourage fellow Sears employee Troy Perry in 1968 to start a church to minister to gays. Rail-thin Stella, a gun collector, and Sandy both seemed butch to me, but called themselves "kiki," saying they'd found an equal relationship ("We share things. Sometimes I need a shoulder to cry on, and when she needs one, my shoulder's there.")

~Jim Kepner (1923-1997), *The Women of ONE*

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LGBT NEWS

11/02/2009

News Sent - 11th February 2009

In this week's e-mail newsletter: Equality Network News: The Big LGBT Conversation: Scotland's Future; Out and Safe 2009; The Big LGBT Conversation: Including Rural; Forums News: Tackling Homophobic Bullying in Scottish Schools; Call For Works: 'Myscape: A Journey Into The Autistic Architectural Landscape'; Powerful Partnerships: Indian Cookbook; WSREC: Equality Training; White Ribbon Scotland Campaign; London: Valentine Screening of "A Jihad for Love"; 'Transfigurations': LGCM Annual Conference 2009; Talk Scotland Events: Grampian Fire and Rescue Service Awareness Event; Lecture on Peacebuilding and Reconciliation; Edinburgh: TransMen, T-Time, and Trans Women; Aberdeen: LGBT History Month Exhibition; Inverness: Storytelling Event; International Women's Day: Sunday 8 March; Edinburgh: Smoking Cessation; UK News: Wales: students say coming out at school isn't safe; Kent Police: essay competition for LGBT History Month; Gay Business Association prepares for IDAHO; International Conference: "Queer 50s"; London: Mangina Monologues; International: Ireland: response to "Supporting LGBT Lives"; US: Iraq veteran discharged for kissing a woman in Wal-Mart; Working for All: Glasgow: BEMIS Policy & Race Equality officer; Edinburgh LGBT Health and Wellbeing Centre: Fundraising Volunteers; LGBT Families, Civil Partnership and Cohabitation: National Marriage Week: Anglican priest to wed after 53 year engagement; Irish Human Rights Commission welcomes civil partnerships; US: Same-sex marriage recognised in New Jersey

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If you have a Facebook account, you can join the **Equality Network group**. Regular news updates and writings on the wall.

The boards at equality-network.invisionzone.com are now available only for posting news and events. A community discussion board is under development. Please send material for inclusion on the boards and in the weekly e-bulletin by end of day Friday each week.

Equality Network News

The Big LGBT Conversation: Scotland's Future

Scotland's Future: Thursday 12th February at 6:30pm at the **Scottish Story Telling Centre** in Edinburgh. Supported by the **SCVO**.

Out and Safe 2009

Saturday 28th February 2009. Cedarwood, 20 Edgar Road, Elgin. A free event for the LGBT Community on policing and community safety. Supported by **Grampian Police**.

The Big LGBT Conversation: Including Rural

Thursday 19th March 2009, 6pm. Fairways Business Park, Castle Heather, Inverness. Supported by **Highlands and Islands Equality Forum**.

For all three events above, contact Scott Cuthbertson (scott@equality-network.org) for further information.

Forums News

Tackling Homophobic Bullying in Scottish Schools

David Paisley spoke at the launch of LGBT Youth Scotland's toolkit for teachers, which was sent to all secondary schools in the country last week: "I first came into contact with LGBT Youth Scotland back when I was about 15. That was the beginning of a new world for me, realising that I wasn't the only one and I wasn't isolated. From that moment my confidence and happiness took off, and in so many ways I have LGBT Youth Scotland to thank for that." (**Pink News**)

Dealing with Homophobia and Homophobic Bullying in Scottish Schools was launched on 5th February at the LGBT Youth Scotland schools conference. Available from **Learning and Teaching Scotland**.

Call For Works: 'Myscapes: A Journey Into The Autistic

Call for Works: Myscape: A Journey Into The Autistic Architectural Landscape'

Project Ability and Collins Gallery invite artists with Autism Spectrum conditions and Asperger Syndrome to submit a body of work for a major exhibition in Glasgow 2010. To apply or nominate an artist contact: Project Ability 0141 552 2822. <http://www.project-ability.co.uk>
www.myscape2010.co.uk

Powerful Partnerships: Indian Cookbook

Powerful Partnerships is a Citizen Advocacy Organisation which supports people throughout Edinburgh. To raise additional funds for their advocacy service for people with a learning disability across the City of Edinburgh they are **selling an Indian Cookbook for £5** (all of which goes towards their service).

www.powerfulpartnerships.org.uk

WSREC: Equality Training

West of Scotland Regional Equality Council (WSREC) prepared an equality training programme, which provides information about equality based on current legislation. This session was developed to help to update knowledge of equality issues and to gain better understanding of equality strands. The training will be piloted over March and April and we want to offer it to 6 charity organizations, free of charge. The training is designed to be carried over 3 half days, and includes a short presentation and exercises session about each equality strands. The training can be arranged in time suitable for organisations.

[Equality Network > Talk Scotland > Glasgow](#)

White Ribbon Scotland Campaign

The White Ribbon Scotland campaign is a new campaign that aims to endorse and clearly state the vital role of non-perpetrating men in challenging and stopping violence against women; identify, create and promote opportunities for non-perpetrating men to be involved in the campaign to Stop Violence Against Women in Scotland; increase the capacity of men in Scotland to engage in the campaign to Stop Violence Against Women, through examination and dissemination of best practice from the UK and abroad

www.whiteribbonscotland.org.uk

London: Valentine Screening of "A Jihad for Love"

14 February, London W1

Muslim gay filmmaker Parvez Sharma travels the many worlds of Islam discovering the stories of its most unlikely storytellers: lesbian and gay Muslims. Tickets from £10. Information: tawseef@imaan.org.uk or farzana@imaan.org.uk

[Equality Network > Forums > Religion and Belief](#)

'Transfigurations': LGCM Annual Conference 2009

Saturday 25th April, 9.30 - 5.30, London. Earlybird Booking - 20% off full price until 1 March. Book at the LGCM website to get the reduced price.
www.lgcm.org.uk

Talk Scotland Events

Grampian Fire and Rescue Service Awareness Event

16th February, Fire Station North Anderson Drive, Aberdeen

www.lgbthistory.org.uk/events.php

Edinburgh: Lecture on Peacebuilding and Reconciliation

24th Feb, 5:30pm, Edinburgh Uni, free

Edinburgh University's Centre for Theology and Public Issues is delighted to welcome Rev Donald Reeves to deliver the 2009 Baillie Lecture 'The Role of the Imagination in Peacebuilding' in the Martin Hall, New College at 5.30pm on Tuesday 24th February.

[Equality Network > Talk Scotland > Edinburgh and the Lothians](#)

Edinburgh: TransMen, T-Time, and Trans Women

TransMen Meeting: Saturday 14th February, 7.30-9pm

www.transmenscotland.org.uk

T Time Monthly: Saturday 21st February, 1-5pm

Trans Women Meeting: Saturday 21st February, 5-6.30pm

LGBT Health and Wellbeing Centre, 9 Howe Street, Edinburgh

www.lgbthealth.org.uk/content/february-calendar

Aberdeen: LGBT History Month Exhibition

Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill: 6th-15th February

Central Library, Rosemount Viaduct: 17th-27th February

Film night: Aberdeen Art Gallery: 28th February

www.lgbthistory.org.uk/events.php

Inverness: Storytelling Event

26th February, 6pm, Terrence Higgins Trust, 34 Waterloo Place.

Free event. High tea provided. For more information please contact Suzy Gentle at Help the Aged on 01309 673455 or Agnes Boes at Terrence Higgins Trust on 01463 711585

www.lgbthistory.org.uk/events.php

International Women's Day: Sunday 8 March

To celebrate International Women's Day 2009 and the sixtieth anniversary of the publication of 'The Second Sex', Scottish Women's Aid is asking what it means to be a woman in 2009. If you would like to contribute, please add your thoughts at the Facebook group page or send your poetry, art work or photos to info@scottishwomensaid.org.uk. We will then compile all the responses to create an online exhibition. Please limit responses to A4 size so

that they can be added to the exhibition.

[Scottish Women's Aid on Facebook.](#)

Edinburgh: Smoking Cessation

starts Tuesday 10th March 6-7.30pm

Run by Gay Men's Health at the LGBT Centre for Health & Wellbeing, 9 Howe Street, EH3 6TE

Free. "Evidence shows that the support you get from **Stop Smoking Groups** makes an attempt to quit much more likely to succeed. Attendance at the groups will help you gain knowledge and tips on how to successfully stop smoking and will increase your motivation to quit."

www.gmh.org.uk

UK News

Wales: students say coming out at school isn't safe

Eight out of 10 Welsh pupils feel it is not safe for their classmates to admit they are LGBT, and a majority of young people did not think their school was a safe place for staff or teachers to be open about their sexual orientation. The research was published to coincide with the launch of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) **Excellence Centre Wales**, in Cardiff, to tackle homophobic bullying in Wales. ([WalesOnline](#))

Kent Police: essay competition for LGBT History Month

The Kent police force is organising an essay competition for secondary school students to increase awareness about diversity. Ann Widdecombe and various tabloid columnists have said they believe it is not the job of the police to organise essay competitions. "I would have thought the police had other things to worry about, like catching burglars." However, police forces in cities as diverse as **Los Angeles** and **New Delhi** have run essay competitions with considerable success. ([The Telegraph](#))

www.kent.police.uk

Gay Business Association prepares for IDAHO

Wednesday 18 February 2009, 6.30-8.30pm. International Day Against Homophobia is 17th May. GBA looks at how LGBT businesses can support community groups and benefit from the marketing opportunities.

www.gba.org.uk/events.htm

International Conference: "Queer 50s"

6th-7th May 2009, London. International conference hosted by the Birkbeck Institute of Gender and Sexuality (BIGS)

Free but advance registration essential. To register [click here](#).

www.bbk.ac.uk/ce/research/big/s/events

London: Mangina Monologues

The Mangina Monologues is a sexy dynamic brand new play that explores the exciting mix of race sexuality and manhood. Eight leading writers come together to create characters never been seen or heard on stage before.. The writers delve deeply into the experience of sexual pleasure, desire, love, identity and politics. 24th February 2009, 8pm, Soho Theatre, London.
www.rukus.co.uk

International

Ireland: response to "Supporting LGBT Lives"

Quentin Fottrell writes in the Irish Times: "It is disturbing but not surprising that almost one-fifth of gay people have attempted suicide. ... Few people think of themselves as homophobic. But we can start by asking what we all can do to help? Parents can tell their children early: 'Gay or straight, I love you. As long as you are happy, I am happy.' We can take notice if a brother, sister, friend or child is isolating themselves, which could be just one of many signs." ([Irish Times](#))

US: Iraq veteran discharged for kissing a woman in Wal-Mart

The Kansas Army National Guard has, for the first time since 1994, discharged a soldier under the federal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Amy Brian, who served nine years in the Guard, including a stint in Iraq, was discharged for homosexuality after a civilian co-worker told military authorities Amy Brian had kissed a woman in a Wal-Mart checkout line.
([Kansas City](#))

Women are discharged at a rate disproportionate to their presence in the military, according to a report by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. Amy Brian said: "Everyone I went with (to Iraq) knew I was gay, and no one had a problem with it." ([The Topeka Capital Journal](#))

On 9th January, the new administration's press secretary answered a question about if Obama's administration's plans to get rid of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell. "You don't hear politicians give a one-word answer much. But it's 'Yes.'" However, the Pentagon say that no request has been made by the incoming administration and no studies have been set in place to consider the impact of allowing LGBT people to serve openly. ([The Spartan Daily](#), [US News](#))

Working for All

Glasgow: BEMIS Policy & Race Equality officer

To assist in the development and delivery of BEMIS objectives and work in relation to race equality, promoting diversity and advising on policy reviews, strategic planning. Glasgow base but travelling required. Deadline: Monday 23rd Feb 2009. For an application form, contact Adnan Miyasar

(adnan.miyasar @bemis.org.uk), 38 Queen street, Centrum building, Level 3, Glasgow G1 3DX, Tel 0141 548 8047

www.bemis.org.uk/job_vacancies.html

Edinburgh LGBT Health and Wellbeing Centre: Fundraising Volunteers

"From collecting donations to major events, we want to offer a wide range of opportunities for you to get involved with raising money for a great cause. We would also be very interested in hearing your ideas on how we could raise money for the Centre. However much time you can give, if you are enthusiastic, we need your help. If interested in applying, please email racheladamson5@hotmail.com by Friday 20 February."

LGBT Centre for Health & Wellbeing Edinburgh on Facebook.
Equality Network > General > Working for all

LGBT Families, Civil Partnership and Cohabitation

National Marriage Week: Anglican priest to wed after 53 year engagement

As churches in the UK celebrate National Marriage week, a 71 year old Anglican Priest has announced that he is to finally tie the knot after a 53 year engagement. Richard Nolan will marry his long term partner Robert, later this year. The wedding will take place at Trinity College, Hartford in the US in June, shortly after they celebrate their 72nd birthdays. (**Ekklesia**)

Irish Human Rights Commission welcomes civil partnerships

The IHRC said that in the context of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, the core principle of equivalence of human rights on both sides of the border suggests that civil partnership in the Republic "should, at a minimum, be akin to the principles within the Civil Partnership Act 2004 in Northern Ireland." (**Pink News**)

Love is Blind: 2pm 14th February, outside the Central Bank, Dame Street, Dublin.

www.lgbtnoise.ie

US: Same-sex marriage recognised in New Jersey

A New Jersey Superior Court judge has ruled that her court would exercise jurisdiction over a petition seeking a divorce from a marriage contracted in Canada, between a same-sex couple. The judge relied on the traditional principles of New Jersey marriage recognition law dating back to the 1800s, which provides that a marriage lawful where it was contracted will be recognized in New Jersey as long as doing so does not violate the state's

recognized in New Jersey as long as doing so does not violate the state's public policy. (**Gay City News**)

The **Equality Network's manifesto** position: civil partnership should also be available to mixed-sex couples and marriage should also be available to same-sex couples.

The Equality Network's website for information on all aspects of LGBT family law – including civil partnership, cohabitation, having children, breaking up – is **www.lgbtfamilies.org**

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