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PASSINGS – LESBIAN ACTIVIST DEL MARTIN DIES AT 87

Excerpt:

SAN FRANCISCO—Pioneering lesbian rights activist Del Martin, who married her longtime partner in June on the first day that California's same-sex couples gained that right, died Wednesday. She was 87.

Kate Kendell, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, said Martin died at a hospital, two weeks after a broken arm exacerbated existing health problems.

Her wife, Phyllis Lyon, was with her.

"Ever since I met Del 55 years ago, I could never imagine a day would come when she wouldn't be by my side," Lyon, 83, said in a statement.



Read the whole story at <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/nationandworld/>

NEW - MUSIC ON THE WEBSITE

I have moved the Audio Player to the top of the page so that you can now read the Artist, Song and Album.

This first playlist has 13 of Marsha Stevens' songs on it. The next playlist will be of Jason & deMarco.

I suggest you open any page on the website (Not **Store** or **Dating Service**) <http://christiangays.com/> Click the arrow on the player to listen to Marsha's music. Now open a new page to do your browsing so that the music will continue to play in the background. If you like the music and wish to purchase an Album you can do so through the **Store** at <http://christiangays.com/store/>

Note: You must have Flash Player installed on your computer to enjoy the music.

CONTEST - NO PURCHASE NECESSARY

I would like to spread the word about **ChristianGays.com** and also about our **Dating Service** to those who might not otherwise find us, and I need your help to put up posters. To that end I've created a contest.

THE PRIZES

Each of the top three contestants will receive their choice of anything in the ChristianGays.com **Store** - (minimum of five posters posted required)

Every person who submits an entry will receive an Acrylic Rainbow KeyChain.

THE RULES

The contest will end on Sept 30 for getting the posters up, and we will then allow one

month for all entries to be received.

On Oct 30, I will award three prizes to those with the most entries and will send out keychains to each contestant.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Go to <http://christiangays.com/contest.shtml> and download your choice of posters for ChristianGays.com and/or ChristianGays.com Dating Service.
2. Print as many posters as you want to put up.
3. Post them on
 - a) your church bulletin board
 - b) ask if they can be put into the church bulletins
 - c) gay book store
 - d) church supply store (with their permission of course)
 - e) regular book store
 - f) gay community centre
 - g) gay restaurant or bar
 - h) mental health centre
 - i) gay positive business
 - j) any other place that gays might visit
4. Take your camera, posters, tacks and scotch tape, and put them up.
5. Once posted, take a pic of the poster and send it to me digitally or print and include with your Contest Entry.
Entries without pics to verify will be disqualified.
6. Each poster will entitle you to **one Contest Entry**.

Bonus - If you can get the Description of ChristianGays.com (below) posted in your Church Bulletin, Gay Newspaper or Magazine and you send me a copy of the Bulletin, Newspaper or Magazine, you will be entitled to **10 entries!**

Description:

ChristianGays.com affirms homosexuality as a valid alternative lifestyle supported by enlightened ACCURATE interpretation of the Bible. We are a community of GLBTIQ Christians (and a few other faiths) from 18 - 93 who would love to welcome you as part of "the family". 5,000 pages of Resources, Education, FREE Dating Service, Chat Room, List Serve, Prison Ministry, Blogging, Books & Music For Sale and much more . . .

That's all there is to it – basically print up the posters and contest entry forms, post them, take a pic and submit to me.

The details are on the **Contest page** at <http://christiangays.com/contest.shtml> if you need to read it again. Good luck and thank you!

NEW ON THE WEBSITE – THEY MIGHT BE A SCAMMER IF . . .

This is mainly for those who are using our **FREE Dating Service**, but it wouldn't hurt for everyone to check it out.

I've uploaded a .pdf file of four pages of **Tips that "they might be a scammer if ..."**

I've been on the internet for a long time now and there were some tips that I was not aware of until I read this. I really suggest that everyone go to the **Fraudulent & Scammer Profiles** page at <http://christiangays.com/osdate/fraud.shtml> and download the file to read it. It is the second "[Click Here](#)" link on the page.

NEWS – NOW ON THE HALLMARK AISLE: GAY MARRIAGE CARDS

Hallmark, seeing a new market after California ruling, rolls out gay marriage greeting cards

Excerpt:

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) -- Most states don't recognize gay marriage -- but now Hallmark does.

The nation's largest greeting card company is rolling out same-sex wedding cards -- featuring two tuxedos, overlapping hearts or intertwined flowers, with best wishes inside. "Two hearts. One promise," one says.

Hallmark added the cards after California joined Massachusetts as the only U.S. states with legal gay marriage. A handful of other states have recognized same-sex civil unions.

The language inside the cards is neutral, with no mention of wedding or marriage, making them also suitable for a commitment ceremony. Hallmark says the move is a response to consumer demand, not any political pressure.

Read the whole article here http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080821/gay_wedding_cards.html?.v=8

TAKE ACTION - WRITE TO HALLMARK

Hallmark is taking a lot of flack from the AFA (American Family Association). They are asking people to write to Hallmark to get them to stop. They say:

Ask them to stop promoting a lifestyle that is not only unhealthy, but is also illegal in 48 states.

Hallmark Greeting Cards has announced it will begin selling same-sex wedding cards, even though same-sex marriage is legal in only two states. The purpose, they say, is to satisfy consumer demand. It appears that their purpose is also to push same-sex marriage. Last year Hallmark began offering "coming out" cards - as in "coming out of the closet" -- a euphemism for announcing homosexuality.

We've all given or received Hallmark Cards - remember their slogan - "when you care enough to send the very best." But promoting same-sex marriage for profit is not the very best for families or our nation.

Hallmark is a private company obviously driven by greed. Let them know you do not appreciate Hallmark promoting a lifestyle which is illegal in 48 states. American Greeting Cards, Hallmark's competitor, does not offer same-sex marriage cards.

TAKE ACTION

- * Send an e-mail to Hallmark. Ask them to stop promoting a lifestyle that is not only unhealthy, but is also illegal in 48 states.
- * Forward this to your friends and family.

I used their own website to cross out their suggested letter and write a letter of thanks to Hallmark. You can do the same thing at <http://www.afa.net/Petitions/Issuedetail.asp?id=329> or just write directly to

Donald J Hall, Chairman Hallmark Cards
sgronb3@hallmark.com

EXCERPTS FROM "STUDY NEW TESTAMENT FOR LESBIANS, GAYS, BI, AND TRANSGENDER" - by Dr. A Nyland

The *Geneva Bible* was the first Bible to add numbered verses to the chapters, for the purpose of finding passages easily. (1560 AD)

The *King James Bible* was printed in 1611. It is often called "The Authorised Version" but it was never actually authorized by the king or the church.

In the 1880's the *English Revised Version* became the first English Bible version to become popular after the KJV times. This was also noteworthy as it was the first time that the 14 Apocryphal books were omitted. Up until the 1880's every Protestant Bible (not just Catholic Bibles) had 80 books rather than 66. The original 1611 *King James Version* contained the Apocrypha, as did all the earlier Bible versions. The Apocrypha has only been missing from the Bible in the last 120 years.

God bless,
Mary

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HOW TO UNSUBSCRIBE

Click on the appropriate Unsubscribe link below which will bring up a letter. If the link doesn't work, just copy and paste the address into a new letter.

No need to type anything. Just hit "Send" and you will automatically be removed from the email address from which you are sending - but remember, we will miss you. :-)

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