

Generation Stonewall

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—Kathy Svani

Her partner lives in Southern California, and the two are not able to see each other often. Svani admits she gets lonely sometimes. "I miss the hugs," she says.

As a single woman, finances are also a concern for Svani. Even though she put \$600 a month into a retirement account while she was working, she fears that her money will run out someday. Like many seniors, Svani finds Medicaid inadequate in covering common elderly medical expenses like dental work, hearing aids and eyeglasses. She is also concerned about veterinarian bills for her several canine and feline companions.

As for her future, Svani says: "I am looking forward to either stabilizing the relationship I have now and making plans to live together. If that is not going to work, we need to set each other free so I can possibly meet someone. I'm a people person. I miss having someone in my house other than my pets."

Wisdom That Comes with Age

Nikki Isaacs, 61, identifies as a bisexual transgender man. "I am male to female, a little more than a cross-dresser and not quite transsexual." Isaacs has been married for 30 years. "If I were not married to a woman I am in love with, I would be considering hormones," Isaacs says.

"I thought I was very free in my 20s and 30s," Isaacs says. "I was so promiscuous. I didn't care if anybody knew I was gay. But now I realize I was only letting myself reveal a part of me because I didn't understand the other part: the part that was transgender."

As a trans senior, Isaacs hopes to impart some wisdom to the younger generation.

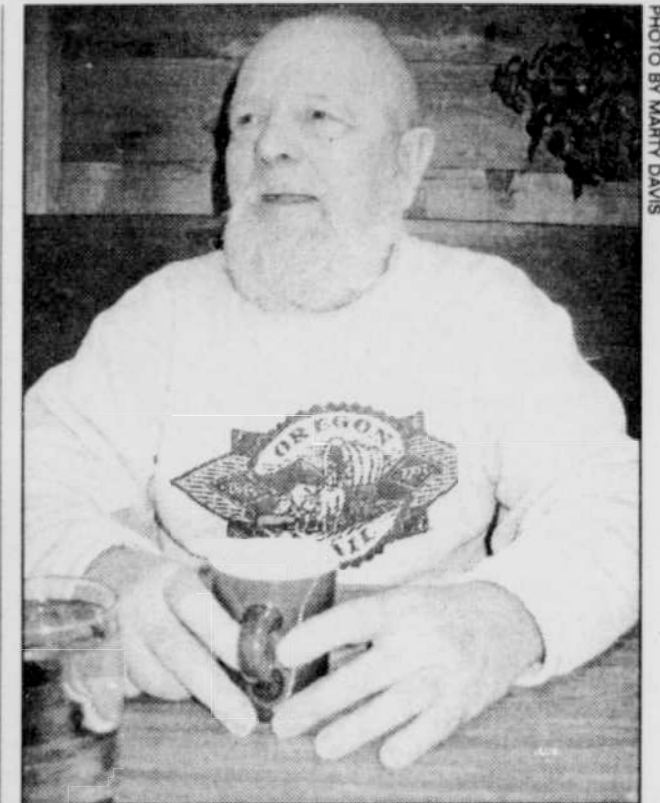
"Often people come into my path long enough to hear something that clicks for them. I seem to be able to say the right thing at the right time."

Isaacs encourages younger queers to be both adventurous and cautious. "The greatest thing I can wish for anybody in the sexual minority community is not to let fear stop you from living."

Isaacs says aging has brought a certain level of spiritual awareness. "I know I am exactly where I need to be. I see God in everybody—even the jerks."



Nikki Isaacs is a bisexual transgender man who is married to a woman

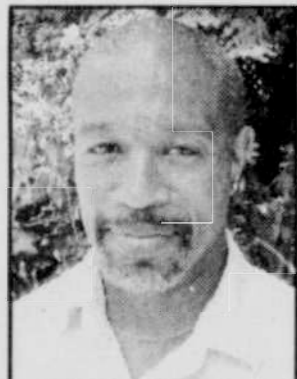


Ric King is a co-founder of the Elder Resources Alliance and Senior Housing and Retirement Enterprises

An Advocate for Elder Care

With his sparkling blue eyes, hearty laugh, white hair and neatly trimmed beard, 77-year-old Ric King could play Santa at a shopping mall. Yet he has lived far from a traditional fairy tale life.

King has had two wives and five long-term male partners. For most of his life he had one female and one male partner. Each knew about the other. King fathered six children and was part of a vibrant gay community in Portland in the 1950s and 1960s. In more recent decades,



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