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VIRGINIA APUZZO

b. June 26, 1941

PIONEERING ACTIVIST

*"I thought I'd have to live
my life with this deep,
dark secret."*



**Virginia Apuzzo
co-authored the first
gay and lesbian civil
rights plank for the
Democratic Party.**





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JOSEPHINE BAKER

b. June 3, 1906

d. April 12, 1975

SINGER AND ACTRESS

“People ... can learn to live together in peace if they are not brought up in prejudice.”



Josephine Baker was an American entertainer who found fame in Paris and fought segregation at home.





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XAVIER BETTEL

b. March 3, 1973

PRIME MINISTER OF LUXEMBOURG

"I didn't get up one morning and say, 'Hey, I'm gay.' It's not a choice."

Xavier Bettel is the
prime minister of
Luxembourg and the
country's first openly
gay leader.





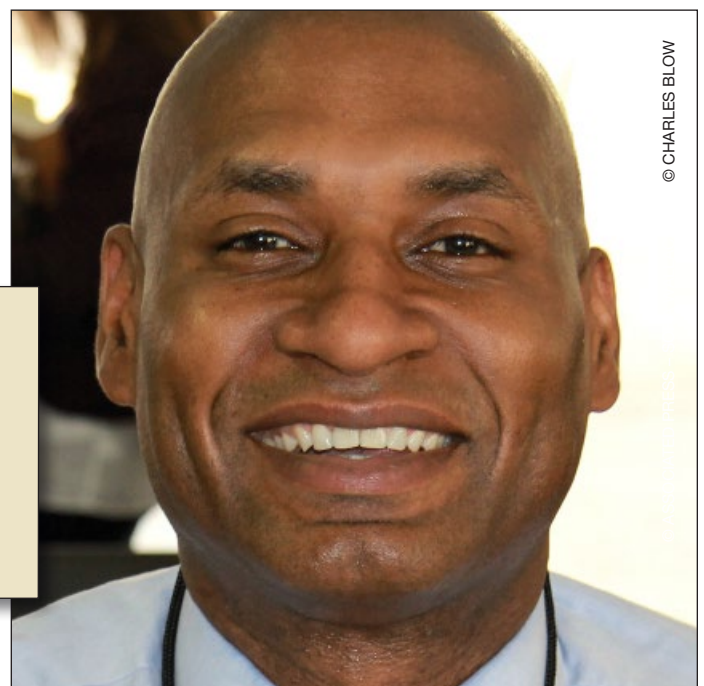
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CHARLES BLOW

b. August 11, 1970

JOURNALIST AND COMMENTATOR

“One thing the gay rights movement taught the world is the importance of being visible.”



Charles Blow is a columnist for The New York Times and a television commentator.





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BRIAN BOND

ACTIVIST AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

*“Coming out isn’t easy,
but it is getting easier with
each passing day.”*

**Brian Bond was a early
executive director of
the Victory Fund.**





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CHAZ BONO

b. March 4, 1969

TRANSGENDER ACTIVIST

“A lot of parents never speak to their transgender kids again; that’s not the case in my family.”

Chaz Bono is a transgender activist and author.



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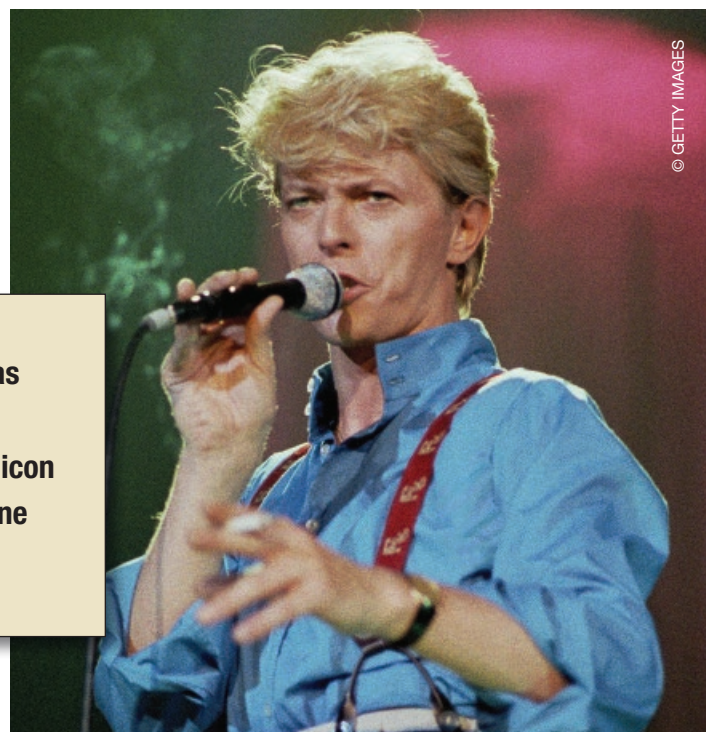
DAVID BOWIE

b. January 8, 1947

d. January 10, 2016

*“It’s true—I’m bisexual.
... I suppose it’s the best thing
that ever happened to me.”*

**David Bowie was
a trendsetting
international rock icon
who helped define
androgyny.**



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ROCK STAR



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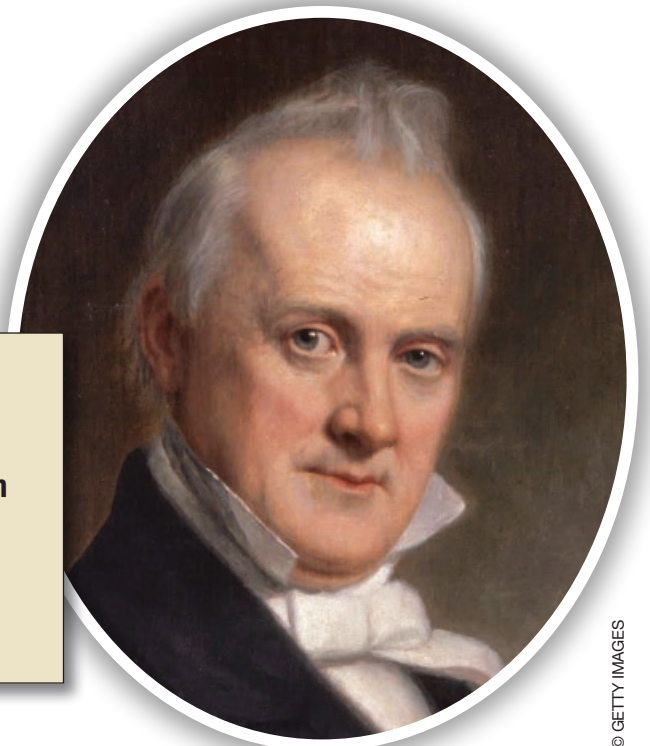
JAMES BUCHANAN

U.S. PRESIDENT

b. April 23, 1791

d. June 1, 1868

“The test of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it, for the greatness is already there.”



James Buchanan served as the 15th president of the United States.





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JEANNE CÓRDOVA

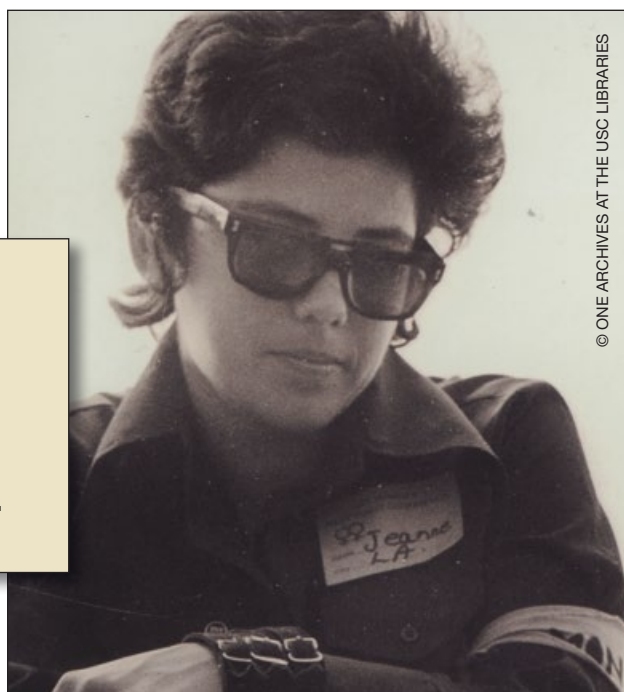
b. July 18, 1948

d. January 10, 2016

ACTIVIST AND AUTHOR

*"It's the job of the young to
push the societal envelope."*

**Jeanne Córdova
helped found the
Gay and Lesbian
Caucus of the
Democratic Party.**





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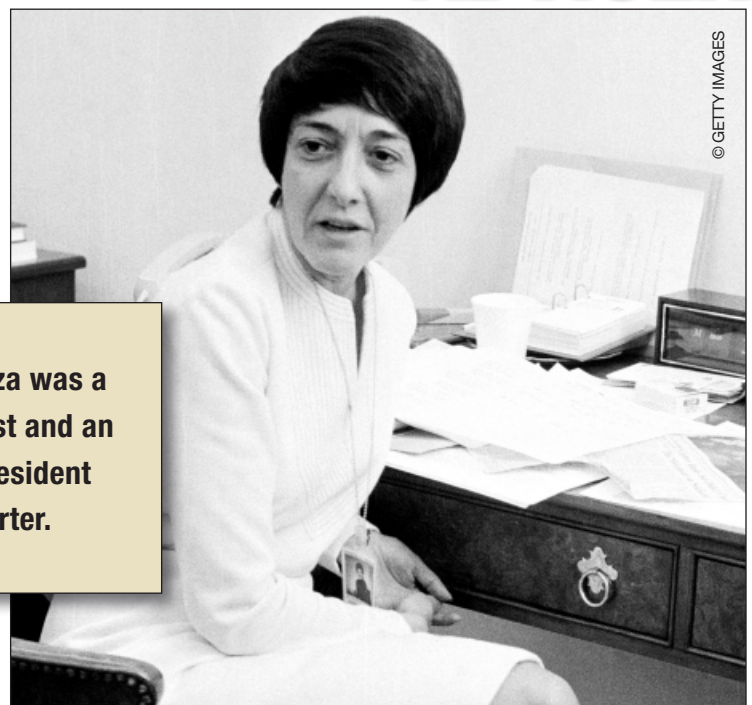
MIDGE COSTANZA

b. November 28, 1931

d. March 23, 2010

"It is the link from the present to the past that gives us a spirit to address the future."

PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER



Midge Costanza was a political activist and an adviser to President Jimmy Carter.





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LILI ELBE

b. December 28, 1882

d. September 13, 1931

TRANSGENDER PIONEER AND PAINTER

“... The one hundred percent male and the one hundred percent female are theoretical.”



Lili Elbe was a renowned Danish painter who underwent one of the first gender-reassignment surgeries.



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UZI EVEN

b. October 18, 1940

ISRAELI GAY PIONEER AND SCIENTIST

*“You no longer have to be ashamed.
You can even be elected.”*

**Uzi Even is an
Israeli gay pioneer and
the first openly gay
member of parliament.**



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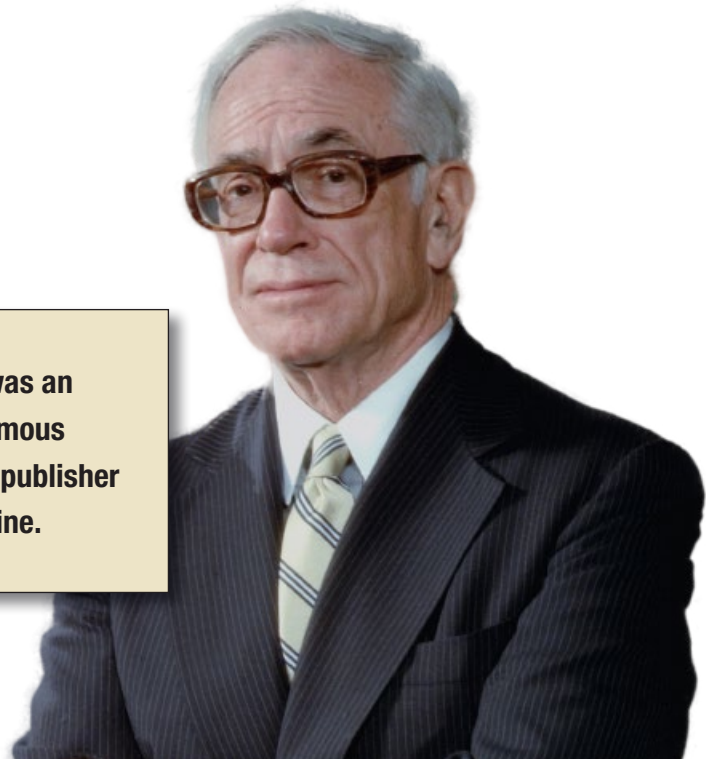
MALCOLM FORBES ENTREPRENEUR

b. August 19, 1919

d. February 24, 1990

*“Failure is success
if we learn from it.”*

**Malcolm Forbes was an
internationally famous
entrepreneur and the publisher
of Forbes magazine.**



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JOHN FRYER

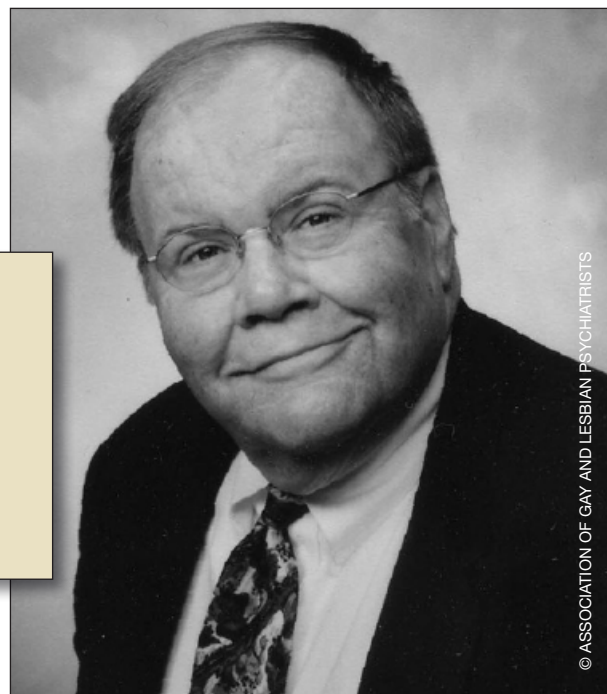
b. November 7, 1937

d. February 21, 2003



*"I am a homosexual.
I am a psychiatrist."*

PSYCHIATRIST AND DR. H. ANONYMOUS



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**Dr. John Fryer
was instrumental
in declassifying
homosexuality as a
mental illness.**





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ESSEX HEMPHILL

b. April 16, 1957

d. November 4, 1995

**POET AND
ACTIVIST**

"It is not enough to tell us that one was a brilliant poet, scientist, educator or rebel. Whom did he love? It makes a difference."



Essex Hemphill was a prominent American poet who wrote about race and identity.





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ASHOK ROW KAVI

b. June 1, 1947

INDIAN GAY PIONEER AND JOURNALIST

*“Coming out was a natural
defense mechanism.”*

Ashok Row Kavi is a
journalist and the first
gay man in India to
speak publicly about
his sexuality.





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FRANCES KELLOR SOCIAL ACTIVIST

b. October 20, 1873

d. January 4, 1952

“No effective program can be made until we set our own house in order.”

Frances Kellor was an American social reformer dedicated to women’s issues and immigrants.





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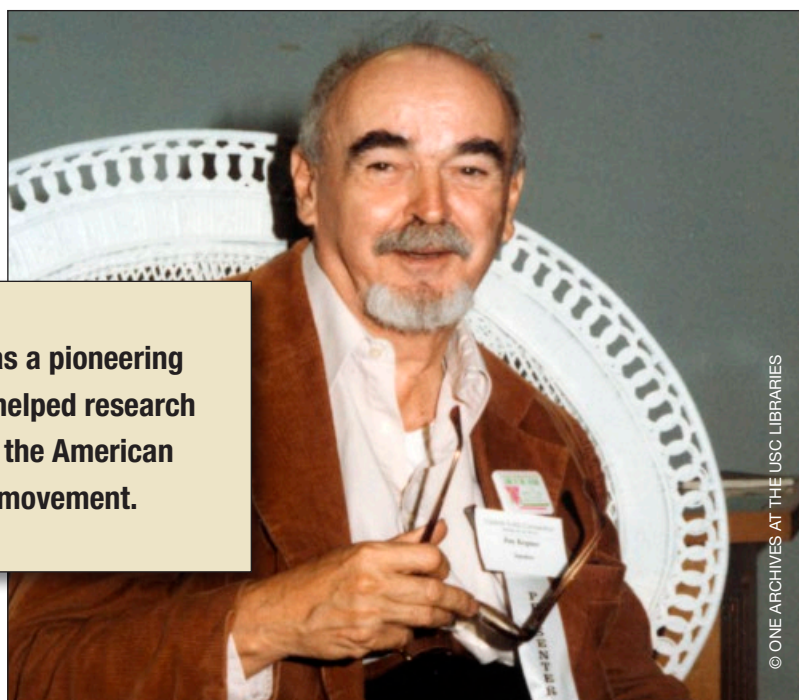
JIM KEPNER

b. August 19, 1923

d. November 15, 1997

"I always had an innate sense that what I was doing was important."

JOURNALIST AND LGBT HISTORIAN



Jim Kepner was a pioneering journalist who helped research and chronicle the American gay rights movement.





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KAY LAHUSEN

b. January 30, 1930

GAY PIONEER

“Whatever the Founding Fathers envisioned as the rights and privileges of our citizens, we wanted for ourselves.”



Kay Lahusen is a gay pioneer and the first openly lesbian American photojournalist.



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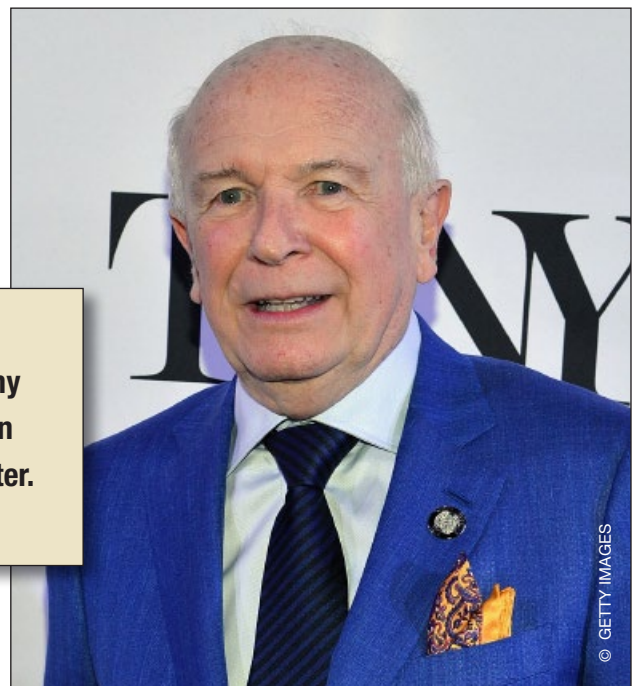


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TERRENCE McNALLY PLAYWRIGHT

b. November 3, 1938

"I think the theatre teaches us who we are, what our society is, where we are going."



Terrence McNally is a Tony award-winning American playwright and screenwriter.



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JANET MOCK

b. March 10, 1983

TRANSGENDER ACTIVIST AND AUTHOR

“My genital reconstructive surgery did not make me a girl. I was always a girl.”



Janet Mock is a New York Times best-selling author, television host and transgender advocate.

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SHERRI MURRELL

b. October 17, 1967

BASKETBALL COACH

“Just because I’m a gay coach doesn’t mean I’m going to have gay players ... or turn my players gay.”

Sherri Murrell is a pioneering out NCAA women’s Division I basketball coach.



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DIANA NYAD

b. August 22, 1949

LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMER

“All of us suffer difficulties in our lives. And if you say to yourself ‘find a way,’ you’ll make it through.”

Diana Nyad is a record-breaking long-distance swimmer who swam from Cuba to Florida.



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JEAN O'LEARY

b. March 4, 1948

d. June 4, 2005

PIONEERING ACTIVIST

*"I wanted to do something special,
to have an impact on the world."*



**Jean O'Leary was a
pioneering LGBT activist and
the cofounder of National
Coming Out Day.**





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JAMES OBERGEFELL

MARRIAGE EQUALITY HERO

"We have to stand up and say we've had enough."

James Obergefell is the plaintiff in the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized same-sex marriage.





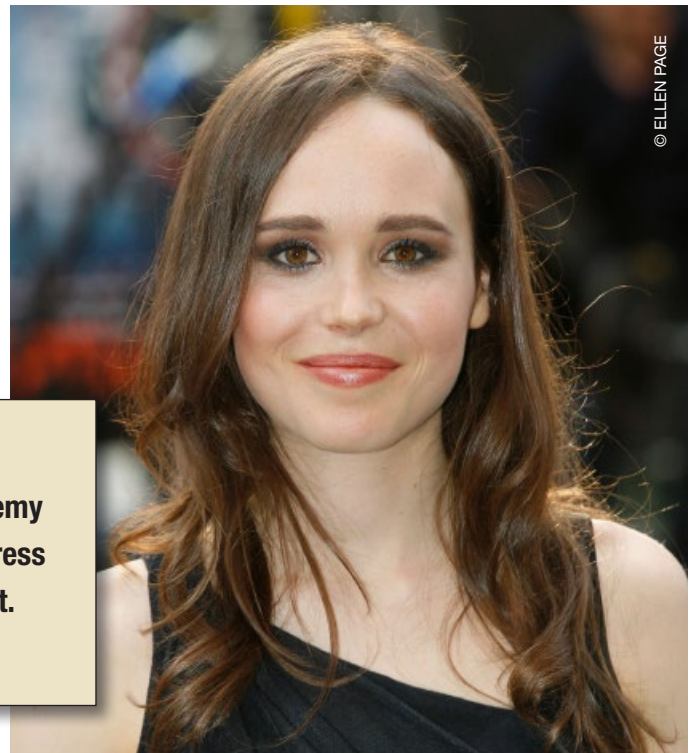
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ELLEN PAGE

b. February 21, 1987

ACTRESS

*"I'm tired of hiding and
I'm tired of lying by omission."*



Ellen Page is an Academy
Award-nominated actress
and an LGBT activist.





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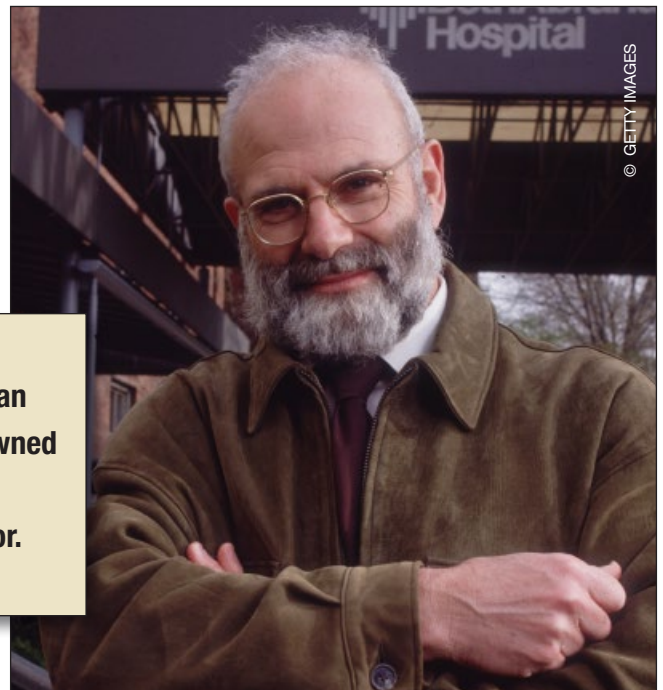
OLIVER SACKS

b. July 9, 1933

d. August 30, 2015

“We speak not only to tell other people what we think, but to tell ourselves what we think.”

NEUROLOGIST AND AUTHOR



Oliver Sacks was an internationally renowned neurologist and best-selling author.





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TAMMY SMITH

b. 1963

U.S. GENERAL

“Anyone who has ever busted through a glass ceiling got cut a little.”



Tammy Smith is
the first out lesbian
general in the
U.S. military.





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ANDREW TOBIAS

b. April 20, 1947

DNC TREASURER

"I wanted to tell young gay and lesbian kids and their parents that you can have a good, happy, productive life."



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Andrew Tobias is a best-selling author and the treasurer of the Democratic National Committee.





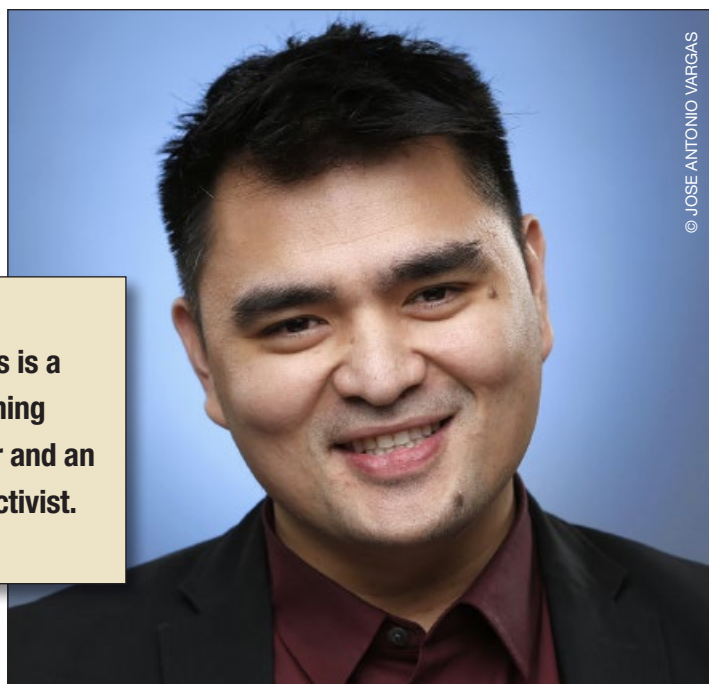
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JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS

b. February 3, 1981

"I am an American. I just don't have the right papers."

IMMIGRATION ACTIVIST



© JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS

Jose Antonio Vargas is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, a filmmaker and an immigration rights activist.





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BRUCE VOELLER

b. May 12, 1934

d. February 13, 1994

BIOLOGIST AND AIDS ACTIVIST

"We are everywhere."

Bruce Voeller was a
pioneering HIV researcher
and a cofounder of the
National Gay Task Force.

