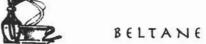
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BELTANE TUESDAY, MAY 1

Beltane/Mid-Spring means blossoms,

planting, fertility and heightened

sexuality. It is known as May Day

(Euro-American), Root Festival (Yakima), Ching Ming (China) and Whitsuntide (Dutch). Beltane is one of the great Celtic fire festivals and celebrates the powerful forces of nature that call us to one another. It is a time to banish unhealthy patterns. In many countries there is a tradition of ritually cleansing and renewing livestock (mad-cow?) and fields in preparation for another cycle of growth and to ensure a plentiful year.* We wish you a plentiful year and a joyous celebration of

Beltane. Something Special is closed

on Tuesdays. Our next gathering will

be for Summer Solstice Thursday

Getting Your Legal Protections in Order



behind you and that's the last of the necessary paperwork for this year - right? Wrong! Liz Schwartz, Queer Lawyer Extraordinaire. reminds us not to wait for a tragedy before we start taking our personal and financial affairs into our own hands. "The law of Florida presumes that, even if you are not married, you are heterosexual. Therefore, it presumes you want all of your property to go to and medical decisions to be made, in order of preference, by your legally wedded spouse, children, parents, siblings, but

never your lesbian lover.

OK - so income taxes are

Survivorship.

to clean you out.

for consent.

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY: this gives your partner the power to do everything short of vote on your behalf. But, be careful - it is effective immediately, lasts through your incapacity, and gives her the power

CARE SURROGATE: this is about access and decisionmaking in the health-care context. Providers love this document because they

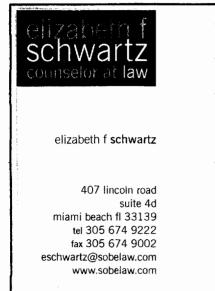
DESIGNATION OF HEALTH

LIVING WILL: if you should be in a terminal condition, this advance directive states

know to whom they can turn

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you want those matters han-DESIGNATION dled. Following are some of NEED GUARDIAN: If a court the items which you should determines you are unable strongly consider impleto handle your medical and menting in order that you financial and those you love can have guardian may be appointed for you. Specify who you some peace of mind: WILL: Even if you do not would want to do this, or the have much money or own court will likely, appoint any real estate, a will is a someone else." simple way to make your intentions clear for what you want to have happen to your stuff in the event of your death as well as to name the personal representative of vour choice to administer your estate through the probate process PROPERLY TITLED DEED & ACCOUNTS: If you want

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different choices about how

your interest to pass directly to your partner on your

Depending upon your situathere also tion, is Designation of Pre-Need Guardian for Minor Child, Beneficiary Designations. Co-Habitation Agreement & Co-Parenting Agreement. The area of legal protection can get quite complicated depending on your circum: stances, so it's best to consult legal counsel familiar with Lesbians and family & death, and avoid probate, Florida law. As Lesbians we the property might be titled face enough challenges. Act Joint Tenants With Rights of now.

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