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National Radio Program To Be Broadcast From The Pride Center

The GLSO will be hosting The John McMullen Show on Wed., September 14 broadcasting live from The Pride Center, 389 Waller Avenue. OutQ, Sirius Satellite Radio channel 149 based in New York City, is including us as part of a 13-city tour. This is a HUGE opportunity for the Central Kentucky GLBT community to shine in the national spotlight.

OutQ states "John McMullen opens his 'GLBT community center' after hours. Every hour is a rollercoaster ride that entertains, enlightens, engages, and occasionally-enrages! You'll hear thought-provoking dialogue with guests from all walks of life-and there's always room on John's soapbox for you!"

The GLSO is currently pulling together a guest roster for Mr. McMullen's program, which airs from 10pm to 1am Eastern Time. We would love to have representatives from all Kentucky GLBT organizations available for brief, on air interviews with Mr. McMullen.

The GLSO and OutQ cordially invite you to come and be part of this historic event for Lexington's GLBT community. The last hour of The John McMullen show is an open Q&A forum that welcomes all questions pertinent to the GLBT community. We hope many of you will join us. Refreshments will be provided.

In the wake of an extremely difficult political year for us, this is a chance to let the nation know that we are not taking it lying down. Join us for part or, better yet, all of the live broadcast. To learn more about OutQ or The John McMullen Show please visit www.siriusoutq.com or www.johnmcmullen.com.

ActOut Presents

Southern Baptist Sissies

On September 2, 3, 9 &10, ActOut presents Southern Baptist Sissies, a story of four young men raised Southern Baptist who must come to terms with being gay within an anti-gay denomination. Through laughter and tears, each story unfolds to reveal a struggle for self-discovery and self-acceptance. Join us at the downtown Library Theater on Fri. and Sat. nights at 8 pm and at 2 pm Sat. for matinees. General Admission is \$10 and you can reserve tickets by calling 253-3233.

Imperial Court Closet Ball

Ladies get out your suits, Men get out your gowns! It's time for the Imperial Court's Annual Julie Vaughn Memorial Closet Ball Pageant—a fierce evening of gender-bending performances featuring your favorite local drag performers and new talents in the making.

Applicants must have never performed for tips before. Contestants first present themselves, then have one hour to transform into the opposite gender for one number of their choice. The Imperial court competition will be held in the Gilded Cage showroom on September 6th.

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ACTOUT PRESENTS:

Southern Baptist Sissies

September 2, 3, 9 & 10

Central Library Theater

Fri. & Sat. 8 pm

Sat Matinees 2 pm

Admission \$10

Staring Michael Thompson, Shayne Brakefield, Marc Roland, Miles Meehan, Troy Johnson, Juanita Jeter, Greg Jones, Lisa Foreman, and Kathy Jones

Imperial Court - Closet Ball continued

Doors open at 8:30 P.M. with the show starting at 9:30 P.M. There will be a \$5 cover with proceeds benefiting the charities of the Imperial Court of Kentucky. Appliations are available by emailing Empress Phoenix Gaye at PhoenixGaye@aol.com, or from any board member.

The Mr. Kentucky Leather contest has been postponed. For more information check next month's newsletter or email Larry Statnley at LDStanley09@aol.com. As always, the Court would like to thank those that support us, which in turn allows us to donate money to worthy causes within our community—one dollar at a time.

Club 141

has closed its doors temporarily
for a face lift

Plans to reopen sometime in October
Join us then and enjoy our "new look".

Miss Kentucky Pride Contest

The Miss Kentucky Pride Pageant, "A Night with Women Superheroes", will be held on Wednesday, August 31, at 9:30 p.m. at Club Liquid, 2319 Woodhill Dr., Lexington.

Community News

Fairness Bluegrass Chapter Annual Dinner September 25

The members of the Bluegrass Chapter are busily planning this year's annual dinner. Given last year's success, the dinner will again be held at the Sheraton Suites on Richmond Rd on Sunday, Sept. 25, starting with cocktails and silent auction at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7:30. Tickets are \$60. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling 806-4114. The Dinner Sponsor is Scott Ackerman, who will be on hand to discuss his new realty company, Keller, Williams Realty Bluegrass.

The silent auction will include contributions from Bluegrass artists as well as a number of other interesting goodies. The proceeds will help Kentucky Fairness Alliance and the Bluegrass Chapter stave off the rumored efforts by the religious right to pass legislation banning gay lesbian adoptions.

The featured speaker at the Dinner will be Jen Christensen who served as a steering committee member with the Bluegrass Chapter before accepting a position with CNN in 1999. Jen has just been promoted to "Investigative Field Producer" with CNN. She is also listed in the masthead at the Advocate and as a contributing writer with Planetout.com. She was also just made a producer with Q Television Network.

Jen will discuss her observations about the the GLBT community from a national perspective and share her ideas as to how our community can effectively organize an opposition to the right wing agenda.

In an e-mail to the Bluegrass Chapter accepting our invitation to speak at this year's dinner, Jen says she is quite excited about her work with CNN and Q

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RAINBOW FAMILIES

Rainbow Families will have their September gathering at Chuck E Cheese (1555 New Circle Rd.) on Sunday 9/11 from 10am -noon. Kids of any age will have fun with the various games the restaurant has. Chuck E Cheese even has things for toddlers to play with! And the pizza isn't bad either! Please RSVP to Cheryl at 859-523-3083 by 9/5. Hope to see you there!"

Rainbow Families of Lexington (RFOL) is an organization for gay and lesbian parents and their children in the Lexington area. Our mission is to show our children that there are other families like theirs. We invite parents as well as those who are just starting their journey to parenthood to join RFOL. To become a member call Jen at 533- 3083 or join <http://Groups.yahoo.com/groups/rflokly>.

Diversity in Gender Alliance

The Lexington Diversity in Gender Alliance (LDGA) will be meeting on Saturday, September 2 at 7:30 pm. Call for location. LDGA is open to all people who transcend gender norms or who are questioning their gender identity including transsexuals, effeminate men, masculine women, gender queers and more. Family and supportive friends are welcome. This is not a therapy group.

Wishing Chair

There are several places you can go to hear Wishing Chair during September. On Saturday, September 17 they will be at the Ohio Lesbian Festival in Kirkerville Oh. This festival is for women only and runs from 11am-11pm. For a full listing of the performers visit www.ohiolba.org

On Saturday, September 24th, the Festival of the Horse will be happening in Georgetown between 6:30 and 7 pm. Wishing Chair will be playing on Main Street after the parade.

More Community News on page 6

SISTERSOUND

SisterSound is observing its tenth anniversary with the beginning of the 2005-2006 concert season. We will celebrate the occasion at both the winter (January 21) and spring (May 20) concerts by reprising the very best of our repertoire from the past ten years and adding new music that celebrates the lives of women.

If you have ever sung with SisterSound and have thought of coming back some time, this is the season to do it. Or if you have considered giving us a try, come lend your voice as we prepare to put on our best shows yet. Fall rehearsals will begin the Sunday, Sept 11. Rehearsals are at 6 pm every Sunday at Landsdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 333 Redding Rd. For information call 806-0243 or email Patti at paowens@excite.com.

What will you get out of singing with SisterSound? Teri, a member from 1996 says "I can't imagine my life without this group. It has brought me into contact with people I would never have met otherwise. Over the years, we have grown from a group of timid singers who struggled just to sing the notes...to a group of more confident performers who produce our own concerts. We now develop our own concert themes, select all our music, plan what little choreography we can master, and design and create our own sets."

"We are a non-auditioned chorus. Some of us have been singing in public as long as we can remember; others never sang anywhere outside of the shower. This group works for all of us. We support each other and give each other the courage to do things we never dreamed were possible."

Sara, a member for only one year adds her perspective. "I was very nervous when I first arrived. I hadn't sung with a chorus since I was in middle school and never did know much about reading music. However, I was put at ease by the friendliness and smiles.."

I'm a proud member of SisterSound because of how much time and energy goes into every performance. To me,

SisterSound is a wonderful balance of professionalism with an extreme sense of mischief in the air."

The thing I love most is the "sisterhood" that I feel with these ladies. I have made some truly wonderful friendships that will be with me always."

So, you are invited to join SisterSound for its celebratory tenth Anniversary Season! For information email sistersound@hotmail.com, or call Patti at 806-0243

The Bar 80's flashback

Step back in time on Friday, September 9, flashback Friday. Totally 80's will salute the decade of shoulder pads, big hair, valley girls, and excess.

The Gilded Cage cabaret will dedicate both shows to the theme. The Divas are already working hard searching for acid wash jeans, leg warmers, and boy toy belts. Karen Kollette still has several pairs of jelly shoes in her closet. Natalie Gaye can't keep the scissors away from sweatshirts. Showtime in the Gilded Cage Cabaret are 10:30pm and 12:30am.

Johnny Angel is also getting "Into the Grove." The night will feature the classics from the 80's.. A lot of the songs you hear on the radio today sample these hits. You can "Flashdance" to new wave, freestyle, and rock. If you'd rather get "Footloose", Madonna, Culture Club, Depeche Mode and Prince are sure to be heard as well. The Dance floor opens at 10 pm.

Feel free to come out dressed for the part. Not everyone is "Pretty in Pink" but you can't go wrong when you are "Back in Black". Get a skinny tie, peg your jeans and flip up your collar, it's as simple as that.

Flashback Friday: Totally 80's - Friday, September 9th. If you are a "Westend Girl" or on of "The Lost Boys" you'll have a totally bitchin good time at The Bar Complex, 224 E. Main St. In Downtown Lexington.

We also invite everyone to quench their thirst at our happy hour in the Living Room Lounge, Mon. - Sat. From 4 to 7 pm.

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For more information, contact us at
sistersound@hotmail.com
or 806-0243

Bluegrass Fairness Dinner ...Continued from page 3

Television Network and filled us in on other aspects of her life.

Jen grew up in La Grange a historic suburb South-West of Chicago, Illinois. Currently, she lives in Atlanta, in a funky modern loft in the middle of a great Victorian neighborhood, Inman Park. Jen is also an amateur artist and works in mix-media paintings. A recent photography project includes an instillation involving her cat Perry in a variety of cat costumes including a Princess Lea outfit, complete with buns.

Jen says she has always been a passionate observer of the democratic process. "My beloved mother will tell you that the only time I ever got in a fist fight was when I was in preschool. I broke the nose of the little kid my mother was babysitting. We were debating (and I am not making this up) Jimmy Carter's role in the OPEC oil crisis and the little boy called him a dumb president."

We hope you will join us and Jen for what should be a fun and interesting evening of art, politics and helping out a good cause. For further information please call 806-4114 or go to bluegrassfairness.org.

MACTKY

Men of All Colors Together

MACT is a chapter of the National Association of Black and White Men Together. We have social get-togethers regularly. For more info email MACTKY@aol.com.

Moveable Feast

Thanks to everyone that came out for the Seventh Annual Dining Out for Life. We appreciate your support.

We are in great need of drivers to deliver food to our clients. You can volunteer once a week, twice a month, or whatever fits your schedule. We know that the gas prices are discouraging but having a hot meal is life saving for many of our clients. Bring a friend along to share the work and the cost. Call 252-2867

Koinonia Support Group Jubilee Fellowship

Koinonia, a new support group, has been organized. Starting on Saturday, September 2, Koinonia will meet every Friday night from 7-9pm. The group will meet at Jubilee Fellowship located at 713 East Loudon Avenue.

This is a place you can come to discuss spiritual abuse issues, addictive behaviors and how to overcome them, and a safe place to come to begin to re-discover your spirituality. The group will be facilitated by Rev Sandy Nabozny who has a Masters in Human Services, over 20 years in drug and alcohol counseling and is experienced in dealing with battered persons. Her co facilitator is Karen Taylor who has a Masters in Education and a BS in Psychology and Sociology. Karen has three years experience in leading similar support groups. She is also an ex-ex gay group leader. Call 514-5518 for more information.

The Jubilee Fellowship continues to meet every Sunday for Worship at 11 am, at 713 East Loudon Avenue. We will serve the community as a safe place to come and receive the love of Jesus through a variety of resources. If this vision sounds like something you would like to be a part of please contact Pastor Cori Wood @ 859-514-5518 or e-mail us @ ifellowship@aol.com. We have a big vision and a big God.

More Religious and Spiritual Resources on pages 18 - 20



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Bluegrass Chapter

Annual Dinner

Sheraton Suites Hotel

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Sunday, September 25, 2005

Silent Auction

Cocktails 6:30

Dinner 7:30

Tickets \$60



Reservations are strongly
recommended
call 806 - 4114

Featured Speaker Jen Christensen

A past Bluegrass Chapter committee member
CNN Investigative Field Producer

Special thanks to our Dinner Sponsor

Scott Ackerman

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Proceeds to benefit KFA Action Fund and its campaign
to prevent a statewide ban on gay/lesbian adoption.

Pride Center News

389 Waller Ave.

859 253-3233

Mon. - Fri. 10:00 - 3:00

Volunteers keep the Center open after 3 and on Saturdays. Call to be sure someone is here.

Save The Pride Center

How you can help

1. Subscribe to this newsletter -pg 22
2. Attend *Southern Baptist Sissies*
3. Volunteer some time at the Center
4. Bring old cell phones and empty ink jet cartridges to the center. When we collect enough we will make a small amount of money on each one.
5. Attend our Board Meeting on Sept 19 and consider joining the board or getting involved on one of our committees.

LEXINGTON INSIGHT

Lexington Insight is a group for gay men to meet and socialize. We will be meeting on the first Friday of each month. Join us on Friday, Sept. 2 at the Pride Center at 7:30 for discussion and planning.

40+ Club

The 40+ Club is a group for women over 40 (and younger friends) who are interested in attending a wide variety of activities together. In September, we plan to go to *Southern Baptist Sissies*. Contact Ginger for the day (253-0061). Admission is \$10 and you can call the Pride Center office to reserve tickets. (253-3233) Our next meeting will be on Sun, September 11 at 2 pm at the Pride Center.

If you have questions or would like to be added to the 40+ mailing list, call or email Ginger and Jane at 859-253-0061 or ggclr@yahoo.com for information.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Every Wednesday 7 pm

Pride Center 389 Waller Ave.

Open to all.

Jane at ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

Pride Center Library Highlights: Lambda Award Winners

By Jane Minder

We have all heard of the Pulitzer and Nobel Prizes, but have you ever heard of the Lammy? Since 1988, the Lambda Literary Foundation has honored the best in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender literature with the Lambda Literary Awards (Lammy, for short). Each year works are nominated in categories ranging from Fiction and Mystery, to Poetry and Humor. Children and young adult titles, along with biography and non-fiction on topics such as transgender and spirituality, are also honored.

Here are just a few of the Lambda Literary Award winners that you will find in the Pride Center Library:

Fiction

Fingersmith by Sarah Waters (F Wate F497)

Funny Boy by Shyam Selvadurai (F Selv F982)

Mystery

Catilina's Riddle by Steven Saylor (FSayl C364)

Intersection of Law and Desire by J.M. Redmann (F Redm I58)

Humor

Alec Baldwin Doesn't Love Me by Michael Thomas Ford (PN 6231.H57 F677 A366)

Homo Handbook by Judy Carter (HQ 75.16.U6 C37)

Poetry

Poets for Life: Seventy-Six Poets Respond to AIDS edited by Michael Klein (PS 595.A36 P64)

Children/Young Adult

Am I Blue?: Coming Out From the Silence edited by Marion Dane Bauer (PZ 5.A495 B344)

Biography

Scarlet Professor: Newton Arvin: A Literary Life Shattered by Scandal by Barry Werth (PE 64.A78 W47)

Transgender

She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders by Jennifer Finney Boylan (PS 3552.0914 Z477) ckl

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TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 6TH

9:30 P.M.

\$5 COVER

The Bar Complex

Spirituality/Religion

Wrestling with the Angel: Faith and Religion in the Lives of Gay Men by Brian Bouldrey (BR 115.H6 W74)

The Lambda Literary Foundation is the only national non-profit devoted to the promotion, preservation and publication of Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender literature. Their mission is the promotion of LGBT literacy in the widest possible sense.

In addition to the annual Lambda Award, they publish the Lambda Book Report, a monthly magazine devoted to reviewing books, interviewing authors, and following the trends in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender publishing. There are copies of the Lambda book report at the Pride Center. For more information or to become a member of the Foundation see their web site at <http://www.lambdalit.org/>.

Check out a Lammy winner today. These and many other books, videos, DVDs, CDs and tapes can be check out from the Pride Center Library. The Pride Center at 389 Waller Avenue, Suite 100 is open Monday-Friday, 10-3.

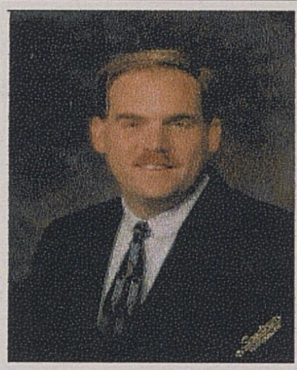
Scott Ackerman - On the Move

Scott Ackerman has joined a group of real estate agents to bring a new real estate company to Lexington. They will be opening Keller Williams Realty of the Bluegrass in the next couple of weeks. This will be a full service, high energy company that is focused on agent support. This support as well as access to the latest tools, education, and marketing will combine to give our clients the best in their real estate experience.

"This company reinforces the client focus and service that has been a corner stone of my career." Says Scott. "I can't wait to share more information with you as we get the office up and running."

During this transition, Scott will be available to assist with all your real estate needs with enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism. He can be reached at Downing Street Realty for the next several weeks. (Phone numbers in ad below)

APT for rent--1st floor of Victorian house on "architects' row" between Fayette Park and Elsmere, off West 6th. 1 1/2 Bedrooms, porches; side yard. Central Air. Washer/Dryer hookup. \$520/mo plus utilities. Call 254 - 1799 for more info.



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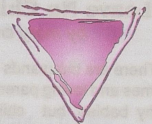
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GLSO Newsletter Calendar SEPTEMBER 2005

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233
Visit us on the web at: www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, see the directory on back page.</p> <p>Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call</p>				Pride Center open til 6pm	7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 7:30 Lexington Insight-PC ActOut presents Southern Baptist Sissies 8:00 pm	ActOut presents Southern Baptist Sissies 2:00 pm & 8:00 pm
9:15 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) Labor Day	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904) Closet Ball @ The Bar Complex	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA	Pride Center open til 6pm	80's Night @ The Bar Complex ActOut presents Southern Baptist Sissies 8:00 pm	7:30 p LexDGA (Call for place) ActOut presents Southern Baptist Sissies 2:00 pm & 8:00 pm
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Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**
8pm - AA Discussion/Speaker (Call for Location)
- Tuesdays:**
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
- Wednesdays:**
7pm - GLSO Discussion Group
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location)
- 9pm - Rainbow Bowling League Southland Lanes
- Fridays:**
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location)
- Saturdays:**
- Sundays:**
9:15 & 11am - UU Church Worship Services.
10:30 - Mass. St. Mychal The Martyr.
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @ Landsdowne Presby. Church.
7pm - LMC Rehearsal @ St. Michael's Episcopal Church.
- Bi-weekly:**
6pm - The Imperial Court SoulForce -
Call Jamie 230-5625

Monthly Activities:

- Mondays:**
7pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (3rd Mon.)
7:30pm - Fairness (2nd Mon.)
8pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon-Every 3 months)
- Tuesdays:**
- Wednesdays:**
- Thursdays:**
- Fridays:**
- Saturdays:**
7:30pm - LexDGA (1st. Sat.)
- Sundays:**
2pm - Women 40+ (2nd. S)
4pm - Integrity (2nd Sun)

Leave No Child Alone

by mary crone

There are thousands of children in need of homes and loving parents. No, not a lot of healthy babies, but children who are not newborns, who have been removed from abusive homes, who have health problems, or for other reasons are not quickly snapped up by couples wanting to parent them.

In order to reach out and find more and better parents for these children, adoption and foster care policies have become increasingly inclusive over the past two decades. Single individuals - male and female, older couples, individuals with physical disabilities, gay and lesbian couples and singles, and families across a broad economic range are now accepted as potential parents. And there are still children waiting.

And yet, in 2006, state legislators across the country will be considering bills to make it illegal for GLBT people to be adoptive or foster parents. Kentucky's legislature is likely to be asked to consider such legislation. (See next page)

It is not that we do not have support. Among the national groups that support parenting by gay and lesbian people are the American Medical Association, the Child Welfare League of America, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association and the North American Council on Adoptable Children. These national organizations as well as state child advocacy and mental health organizations oppose policies that ban lesbians and gay men from fostering or adopting children because such bans hurt children who need homes.

But that will not stop the right wing theocrats from using Gay-Lesbian parenting as a wedge issue in the buildup to the 2006 elections. The KY Fairness Alliance is preparing for another fight to try to stop the KY legislature from passing a ban on gay/lesbian parenting. We may have to work to defeat another amendment at the polls in November

As part of our strategy, I believe that we need to emphasize the fundamental need of children for loving homes. Thus the title of this opinion piece: **Leave No Child Alone**. I believe the needs of children will make sense to voters.

There are literally thousands of children in need of adoptive and foster parents. Gay and Lesbians should have the right to be considered as parents, going through the same evaluation process as other couples and we have that right in a majority of states. But our desire for children and our rights are not the only consideration.

In this case as in many others, we are working for the benefit of our society as a whole, not just for our individual rights. For example, we are working for a just and fair society for all, which is one reason the word "fairness" works so well. In regards to adoption and foster parenting, the goal is for the healthy nurturance of those children in greatest need of parents. Good parenting will benefit the children and our society as a whole. If we think we are fighting only for ourselves, particularly if we convey this belief, the opposition's rhetoric may sound more convincing

Of course the right wing will claim that we are not fit parents. We will need to become conversant with the issues involved, consider a variety of ways to refute our attackers, and be able to quote the studies that support our claims. We will need to once again have many conversations with people we know and those we don't.

Saying that we have the right to be parents will be one of our arguments. But emphasizing that children have the right to loving families is an even more fundamental argument. Without us, there will be more children with out homes, which will be damaging for those children and for the communities they grow up within. "**Leave No Child Alone**", a slogan and a concept that will gain the support of many Americans.

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Right Wing Agenda

by mary crone

The political agenda of the right wing theocrats for 2006 is becoming clear. (Theocrats: those who believe that the United States should be a Theocracy, a country based on their definition of fundamentalist Christian beliefs and ruled by fundamentalist Christians.)

The Louisville based American Family Association, of which Frank G. Simon is the Director, mailed out a fund raising letter in July that includes their "petition" to our state legislators. (My father got on Simon's mailing list by accident a dozen or so years ago so now I get to see first hand what they are sending to their mailing list.)

In the July mailing, they call for a "Marriage Harmony Amendment" that will make clear their "position on marriage and its associated morality." Their suggested amendment states: "Sodomy, polygamy,

bestiality, pedophilia, prostitution and public indecency, herein noted as "deviant sex", shall NOT be given any extraordinary protection such as found in the Civil Rights statutes of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

They say that such an amendment is necessary because of the Fairness Ordinances which they call "Gay Rights laws", and which they say will "give homosexuals Special Rights (to) teach in our public schools and day care centers and **adopt helpless little children.**" (Their emphasis) This is their only reference to adoption.

Of course, we have been teaching in public schools since public schools existed but that doesn't stop Simon from saying that Ky lawmakers need to "protect our Children and Grandchildren from this horrible threat."

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**Joint Statement in Opposition to the
Nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr.
Human Rights Campaign,
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force,
National Center for Lesbian Rights,
and PFLAG**

As organizations working to advance civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender ("LGBT") people, we work in varied spheres — in Congress, in the courts, before our state legislatures, and within our families. In the realm of civil rights, we know of no more significant event than the appointment of a Supreme Court justice.

Together, because of our shared commitment to LGBT rights, we announce our opposition to the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr. to the Supreme Court of the United States.

History has shown us that the Supreme Court is a bulwark of protection for minorities from the tyranny of sometimes misguided majorities. That was true in 2003 when the court ruled that mere disapproval was not a rational reason to brand us as criminals, just as it was true in 1968 when the court struck down bans on interracial marriage — although 72% of Americans disagreed.

Since President Bush nominated John Roberts on July 19, disturbing evidence has emerged about the kind of justice that he would be. His writings as a lawyer, his rulings as a judge, and his statements as a policymaker all lead us to the unfortunate conclusion that Judge

Roberts would not vote to protect our civil rights from those who are, at this moment, fighting so hard to take them away. Instead, his record indicates that Judge Roberts would vote to roll back the constitutional protections upon which our community — and all Americans — rely.

We are particularly troubled that the Senate has had no access to relevant documents relating to Judge Roberts'

service as principal deputy solicitor general from 1989 to 1993. These documents include Roberts' writings about cases involving voting rights, choice, the separation of church and state, and many other subjects of critical importance.

The Senate's constitutional duty of "advice and consent" depends upon full disclosure of the nominee's record — something that the American people deserve, especially in light of the troubling record revealed thus far. The administration's claim that these documents are shielded by attorney-client privilege is without basis. The American people, not the White House, were Roberts' true client when he was in the Solicitor General's office.

Just two years ago, the court finally recognized that the constitutional guarantee of liberty protects our community and our relationships. The basis for the landmark case of *Lawrence v. Texas* was the idea that the Constitution draws a line beyond which the government cannot go. Roberts' writings clearly indicate that he does not agree with the cases and constitutional foundations of *Lawrence*. He has criticized the court for what he claims is an intrusion into areas belonging to legislatures and dismissed what he calls the "so-called right to privacy."

We are mindful that Judge Roberts provided a few hours of pro bono help to the attorneys in *Romer v. Evans* - a landmark case for our community. Some have said that this work demonstrates that Roberts is not personally anti-gay. This theory is not relevant to the important issue for our community: how Roberts would vote as a Supreme Court justice. Roberts has repeatedly written that the court should not stand up for civil rights, but rather allow legislatures to enact such laws as they wish - even those that deny the rights that Americans understand to be fundamental.

The entire statement can be found on line by googleing John Roberts, Jr. Joint statement.

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By Rev. Ken Waibel

We are happy to announce that on Sunday, July 31, at our 10:30 Divine Liturgy, Sharon Kay Hall was ordained as Deacon. This was a great day of celebration for us as it marked the first ordination for our new community and the confirmation of a woman.

The Orthodox Catholic church of America, of which we are affiliated, has been ordaining women since the 1980's. They also ordain openly gay men and lesbians, partnered and non-partnered.

Sharon is planning to one day be ordained to the priesthood. As a Deacon Sharon's primary ministries include service at the alter during Divine Liturgy, prayer and ministry to the poor and outcast. We congratulate her and ask your continued prayers for our community. All are welcome to come and worship with us any Sunday at 10:30am. Call 338-1195 for directions.

Also we are happy to announce that we have added a second service on the weekends. On Saturday evenings we are

now celebrating "Solemn Vespers" also called Evening Prayer. This service includes the recitation of the Psalms and remembrance of our holy ancestors. Evening prayer begins at 5 pm and lasts one half hour.

It is hard to believe that this month (September) marks our Second Anniversary as a parish community. Amidst the controversy of the time a group of five persons decided to try the odds and open a Christian based gay-friendly church here in Lexington.

Since that opening day in 2003, we have grown to 20 members (a 400% increase), have had adult and youth baptisms, have welcomed one of our men into Monastic Vows (the brotherhood) and have now ordained a woman for service as deacon. We also celebrated five gay/lesbian marriages and six heterosexual marriages!

St. Mychal The Martyr Parish invites you to our services on Sundays at 10:30 am. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd. Come and join the excitement of this new kind of church community. Call 859 389-9418 or email kypadre@aol.com for information.

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Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist church is a welcoming congregation. We invite you to attend our worship services, Sundays at 9 and 11 am, Wednesday night discussion groups, or participate in our social justice activities. We also have an active teen program that usually has sons and/or daughters of GLBT parents.

Interweave, our GLBT and friends support group, will be getting together to go out to lunch on the forth Sunday of the month. Meet in the lobby after church. We would like to make plans to sponsor a few movie nights or other activities this coming year.

Lexington Friends Meeting

The Lexington Friends (Quakers) invite you to our Sunday Service at 10:30 am. We are located at 649 Price Ave. Between 6th and 7th streets parallel to N. Broadway. There is singing for 15 minutes before the service and adult discussion between 9 and 10:15. Child care is available during the discussion period and religious education for children is held during the service.

Our services are unprogramed meetings which means we sit together in silence until someone is lead to speak from the silence. Such spoken words are usually brief, and there may be several messages or occasionally none. Our form of worship is similar to meditation but is definitely a shared experience.

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Mary Was a Tom-Boy: A Brief Biography of Dusty Springfield

by Lori O'Connor

In 1965, the British music magazine *New Musical Express* featured an article about singer Dusty Springfield entitled "Mary was a Tom-Boy" in which Dusty's parents had described her as a tomboy when she was young. Little did they (or music fans) know that Mary was more than just a tomboy. She was a lesbian with a strong sexual appetite who would later describe herself as "a dyke and a whore."

Dusty Springfield was born Mary I Sobel Catherine Bernadette O'Brien on April 16, 1939, in London, England. She began a life as an overweight, near-sighted outcast who spent most of her time listening obsessively to her father's jazz, blues, and pop records. Her mother was alcoholic and her father frequently beat her. A verbally abusive older brother once told her: "You're a tub - who would want to hear you sing about love?"

Yet, Dusty's love of music transcended the attacks on her self-esteem. Educated in a Roman Catholic convent, she announced to the nuns that she wanted to be a jazz singer when she grew up, like her favorite singers Ella Fitzgerald and Peggy Lee. In her teens, Dusty transformed her looks and began her music career with the girl group the Lana Sisters. In 1960, she joined her brother Tom's folk band, the Springfields, who had a Top 20 hit in the U.S. with "Silver Threads and Golden Needles" in 1962.

Springfield became interested in the Motown sound and girl groups while touring in America and soon embarked on a solo career. She went from a "wholesome" look to "Queen of the Mods" with a style that would become her trademark: blonde beehive, heavy black mascara, and fashionable clothing. In 1964, Dusty had a hit with "I Only Want to Be With You" and later garnered more

success with "You Don't Have To Say You Love Me," "Wishin' and Hopin'," "Anyone Who Had A Heart," and "The Look of Love." Her classic album, *Dusty in Memphis*, was released in 1969 to critical acclaim but to commercial disappointment.

The album is considered a masterpiece of sophisticated and sexy "white soul" music and solidified her position as a skillful and emotionally honest vocalist whom few could surpass.

Writer Rob Hoerburger described Dusty's performance: "She rippled over and curled around the songs of carnality, of love's psychosis (the hypnotic "Windmills of Your Mind") and mostly, of love's memory, love in exile, love as asymptote. It was some of the most emotionally literate music ever put to vinyl; while other pop singers were still wondering who wrote the book of love, Springfield was teaching a course in comparative literature."

In 1970, Springfield openly admitted she liked women as well as men, telling an interviewer for London's *Evening Standard*, "I know I'm as perfectly capable of being swayed by a girl as by a boy. More and more people feel that way and I don't see why I shouldn't."

Recently, her friend Penny Valentine and longtime manager Vicki Wickham wrote *Dancing With Demons: The Authorized Biography of Dusty Springfield* in which the singer's lesbian sexuality was clearly confirmed. Still, Dusty remained reluctant to publicly label her sexual preference.

In 1995, she told *The New York Times Magazine*: "My relationships have been pretty mixed. And I'm fine with that. Who's to say what you are... It's other people who want you to be something or other—this or that. I'm none of the above. I've never used my relationships or illnesses to be fashionable, and I don't intend to start now."

In the 1970s, she moved to Los Angeles but didn't perform or record again until 1986 when the British duo the Pet

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Shop Boys invited her to record "What Have I Done To Deserve This," which became a worldwide hit.

Despite her abundant talent and success, Dusty remained a vulnerable woman and was plagued by insecurity throughout her life, which manifested in her perfectionism, stormy relationships, self-mutilation, and abuse of drugs and alcohol.

In 1995, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and though treatment brought a brief remission, she succumbed to cancer on March 2, 1999. Shortly before her death, she was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and was awarded the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.

Recently, Universal Pictures announced plans to film a biopic of Springfield to be directed by Jessica Sharzer and starring Kristen Chenoweth (of The West Wing). Although the film will focus on Dusty's early career when she was not publicly out, the project's director has implied that Springfield's lesbianism will be addressed.

Ring Wing Agenda

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The Family Association has also produced an "explosive DVD...Perfect for showing your friends at home or at Sunday School or for a church service." Their video is said to excerpts of the homosexual video for kindergarten children. They say they will send out several copies of this DVD to anyone that donates a little money so that "every concerned pastor in your county" can have one. (I can't bring myself to send them money, but for \$5 it might be worth it. Anyone else want to be on their mailing list?)

How can we fight back against these lies and rhetoric? We can educate ourselves, come out to and talk to people we know about these issues, and support Fairness in the upcoming fight in whatever form it takes this coming year. The American people are slowly getting to know us personally, as co workers, as family members, and as parents. People who know us are likely to support us.

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Ohio Lesbian Festival

Tickets are now on sale for this years' Ohio Lesbian Festival to be held September 17, 2005 at the Frontier Ranch in Kirkersville, Ohio. Tickets cost \$40 day of the festival. For cheaper presale prices visit www.ohiolba.org.

The Ohio Lesbian Festival is proud to have local, regional, and national acts fill the Day and Night Stages. Artists such as Frozen Feet, Donna Mogavero, and Kim Batey will headline the day stage. Nationally known performers Paprika, Wishing Chair and Sister Funk will keep you up and dancing and comedienne Lisa Koch will keep you in stitches.

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