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World AIDS Day

A number of events are planned for World Aids Day with related events following later in the month. On Thursday Dec. 1, there will be an **Interfaith Service of Remembrance and Hope**, from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Downtown Central Library Theater, 140 E. Main St. There will also be a brief video presentation as part of the service.

Following the service, there will be a **Candlelight Vigil** at Phoenix Park, 100 E. Main St., starting at approximately 7 pm. This year's theme is "Stop AIDS Keep the Promise."

On Monday, Dec. 5 from 6 to 10 pm, UK's College of Medicine will be hosting the first annual **Cue for a Cure** in recognition of World AIDS Day. Cue for a Cure will take place at South on Broadway. There will be a pool tournament and concert to raise money for the Mashambanzou Care trust, a grass
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Miss Gay Ky US of A Classic

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, The Bar Complex will host Miss Gay KY US of A Classic, 2005, an official preliminary to Miss Gay USofA Classic. The Pageant begins at 9:30, admission \$5.

Several national title holders will be starring: Latoya Bacall, Miss USofA 2005, Tina Devore, Miss USofA Classic Emeritus, and Ginger Manchester, Miss USofA Classic 2004. Celeste Holmes, Pride of West Virginia Emeritus and Natalie Gaye will also be featured.

Registration for contestants is at 4:30 pm and there is a \$75 entry fee. Contestants will be judged on interview, gown and talent. For information or question please contact LaToya or John at 859 294-0901.

ANOTHER NOTE PRESENTS

"WHAT SHALL WE GIVE"

Another Note, a men's choral ensemble, will present "What Shall We Give," a holiday benefit concert on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at Woodland Christian Church, 530 East High St. A \$12 suggested donation at the door will be given to Movable Feast, which provides meals to persons living with HIV/AIDS and to homebound Hospice patients.

The title of our concert comes from one of our songs, "What Shall We Give. This year has seen a lot of suffering, especially for people affected by the many natural disasters. "There are still people here in the Bluegrass affected by AIDS and HIV who need our help," says Artistic Director Steve Johnson. "This concert is our way to give back to our community through Movable Feast.

What Shall We Give will feature a mix of contemporary and traditional Christmas and Hanukkah selections guaranteed to help you ring in the holiday season in true Another Note style!

**Robbie Bartlett's 2nd Annual
New Years Eve Party**
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roots organization in Zimbabwe. AVOL will be present at the event to present info about HIV/AIDS locally. The pool tournament will cost \$10 per team of two.

On Thursday, Dec. 8. AVOL's Prevention Staff will host **The White Party** from 10 pm to 2 am at The Bar Complex. See the ad on page 9. For more information please contact Aunsha Hall at AVOLAunsha@aol.com or 859.225.3000

On Wednesday, Dec 14, The Imperial Court will be hosting "A Very Special Christmas" at The Bar Complex to benefit AVOL's annual Christmas program that provides Christmas presents to children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Doors open at 8:30 and the show is at 9 pm. Admission is \$5 or free with a new toy.

For more information about any of the events please call (859) 225-3000 or visit us at <http://www.aidsvolunteers.org>.

Quirk Café & Coffee

Presents Wishing Chair

Just fifteen miles from Lexington, Quirk Café & Coffee, can be found on Railroad St. in Midway, KY. We are excited to invite you to the Wishing Chair concert on Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Thoroughbred Theatre, right next door.

The concert is at 7 pm; the \$15 ticket price includes dessert and coffee/ or tea at the intermission. *continued on next page*

**GLSO Membership
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\$20.**

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Miriam Davidson & Kiya Heartwood

Wishing Chair

at The Thoroughbred Theatre
Thursday • December 8

Concert at 7 pm

Dessert & coffee at intermission

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Community News

Quirk Café *continued*

Reservations are required, call (859) 846-4688 or email: irishgrl@alltel.net. You can also make reservations for dinner at Quirk Café at the same number. Reservations for dinner will fill up quickly so call now.

A portion of the proceeds from this concert will be donated to Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement program.

Quirk has live "family" music scheduled every Tuesday night through January. If you are looking for a place to share your music, call Laura at the number above. Go to Quirk's web site to get information about the café and upcoming music performances. You can also join their email list, add GLSO initials and you will be added to the family list

www.kygallery.com/quirk

NEW YEAR'S EVE

with Robbie Bartlett

Robbie Bartlett is hosting her 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Party at the Picadome Country Club, 469 Parkway Drive. This "Mardi Gras Style" Celebration will begin at 9 pm and continue until 1 am. There will be beads, masks, party favors and a Champagne Toast at Midnight. There will be a cash bar and plenty of finger food available for you to enjoy.

If you have never heard Robbie sing, now is the time. She "blends elements of jazz, southern rock, and soul into an entertaining musical mosaic". Come listen and dance to the wonderful music and ring in the New Year with style.. Admission is \$50 per person in advance or \$60 per person day of event. For information call: (502) 727-6525 or (859) 619-0092



2nd Annual New Year's Eve Party "Mardi Gras" Style!



Picadome Country Club
469 Parkway Drive - Lexington, Kentucky

9:00 pm - 1:00 am

Featuring

Robbie Bartlett



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\$60.00 per person day of event

Cash Bar

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For information call:

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40+ Women

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 December we are planning a Holiday Weekend in Louisville. On Friday, Dec. 9 we will attend Voices of Kentuckiana's Holiday Concert, "I Still Believe". (www.voicesky.org) On Saturday, Dec. 10, we will celebrate December birthdays at the Connection Nightclub. We will be getting hotel rooms for Friday & Saturday night.

On Sunday, December 25th, starting at 2 pm, Ginger and Jane will host a Christmas Pot Luck Open House at their home. We will furnish the meat, bring your favorite side dish and beverage. Come spend the holiday with friends and family. Call 859-253-0061 or email ggclr@yahoo.com for directions or more information.

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.



ActOut Presents Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi by Terrence McNally, directed by Bo List, and produced by ActOut Theatre Group will play January 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 8 pm and January 15 at 2 pm at the Downtown Arts Center, 141 E. Main St., Lexington. This will be our first show in this venue and we are looking forward to a good turn out. Tickets are \$15, or \$12 for Seniors and Students. Reservations can be made by calling (859) 225-0370.

Corpus Christi, a tale of a modern day messiah who happens to be gay, has sparked controversy wherever it has played since its premier at New York's Manhattan Theatre Club in 1998. We'll see how it is received in Lexington. An article about the play can be found on pages 14-16.

Bombshells

Imperial Court Calendar 2006

The Imperial Court's 2006 Calendar would make a perfect Holiday present for many on your list. It is available for \$12 at the following locations: The Bar Complex, Room Service, Special Media, Moveable Feast Lexington, Paisley Peacock, Premiere Video (on Euclid), Third Street Stuff, Thansylvania University Bookstore, The Contemporary Art Center in Cincinnati, VOCE Salon, The Pride Center and online at www.impcourt.org/kentucky.

Every dollar that is made on the calendar will go to Moveable Feast to help them provide hot meals to Hospice clients and to people living with HIV/AIDS.

Moveable Feast

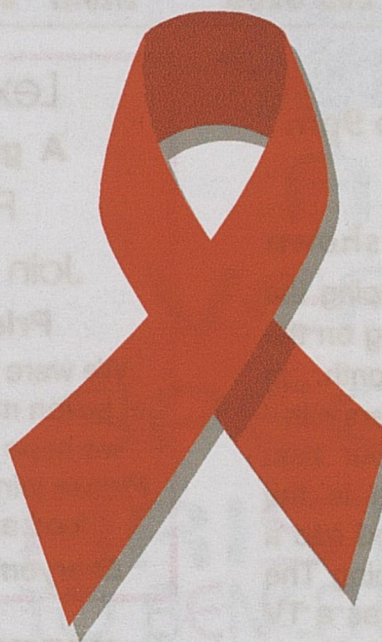
We are in great need of drivers to deliver food to our clients. You can volunteer once a week, twice a month, or whatever fits your schedule. We know that the gas prices are discouraging but having a hot meal is life saving for many of our clients. Bring a friend along to share the work and the cost.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

SisterSound

SisterSound is rehearsing for its winter concert to be held on Sunday, January 21. This is our tenth anniversary season and the concert will be a blend of some old favorites and new numbers. Watch the newsletter for more information next month.

Diversity in Gender Alliance

The Lexington Diversity in Gender Alliance (LDGA) will be meeting on Saturday, Oct. 1 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.



It's Not Over

Remember Those Who
Have Passed

Celebrate Those Living

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For Information about free HIV Testing, HIV
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Pride Center News

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Mon. - Fri. 10 - 3 Sat 10 - 2

Pride Center

Saturday Dec. 10 6pm to 9pm

Fingersmith

Excellent BBC film - to be shown

Jen and Cheryl will be keeping the Pride Center open in the evening on the second Saturday of each month. In December they plan to show Fingersmith.

Sarah Walters is one of our best lesbian storytellers. Fingersmith is the second of her books to be turned into a BBC movie. (The first was Tipping The Velvet.) But don't think of this as a TV Movie. This is one of the best films I have seen this year and is an outstanding addition to quality gay/lesbian film.

As Lori O'Connor wrote in her review last month: "Fingersmith is a Victorian thriller and romance set in 19th century England. London con-artist Richard "Gentleman" Rivers enlists Sue Trinder, an orphaned "fingersmith" (a petty thief or pick-pocket), to swindle the young heiress Maud Lilly out of her fortune. A twisting tale of deception, betrayal, and unexpected passion unravels sending the characters, and the viewers, on a roller coaster of emotions."

The story is divided into two parts, each told primarily from the perspective of one of the two young women, Sue and Maud. They develop strong feeling for each other but feel trapped by circumstance.

Join us on the 10th and give us suggestions for other Saturday nights. We can show more films, play games, or just hang out.

The GLSO Web Site is now updated monthly. Check it out at www.webspawner.com/users/glsoqxnet

Lexington Insight

A group for Gay Men

Friday, Dec. 2

Join us for a Pot Luck

Pride Center 7:30

We were delighted to have a group of seven men meet in November and we hope to build on that success. Please join us for an evening of good food and lively conversation.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Every Wednesday 7 pm

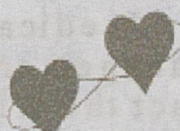
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Jane at ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

We have wide ranging discussions on many topics. If you need support in dealing with your family over the holidays, if you are just coming out, if you have been out forever but enjoy meeting new people, join us any Wednesday.

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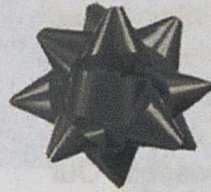
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THE BAR COMPLEX

Wednesday Dec. 14TH

Doors @ 8:30 Show @ 9:30

\$5 OR

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A NEW TOY

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Third Street Stuff Transylvania University's Bookstore
The Contemporary Art Center in Cincinnati, VOCE Salon,
The Pride Center
and online at
<http://www.impcourt.org/kentucky>

BLUEGRASS FAIRNESS WRITES "NEW" PLAN FOR 2006

"We work for every constituent out there who is not in this room with us," said the facilitator, Shannon Stuart-Smith, pointing towards a long row of conference room windows. "They are our bosses. Our job, this weekend," the Stuart-Smith continued, "is to write a 2006 strategic plan that serves *their* needs."

So from November 4-6, at Natural Bridge State Resort Park, the ten-member Bluegrass Chapter steering committee of Kentucky Fairness Alliance (KFA) went to work for "their bosses" writing a plan for the future. The work resulted in a plan that focuses on strengthening ties with the community and working harder than ever to protect our rights.

"I think this is the best retreat we've ever had," said co-chair Cindy Downey capturing the sentiment of most of the members present, "we have a great plan that we are proud of and are excited to show people what we going to do for them."

In fact, the Bluegrass Chapter's first goal for 2006 is "Better communication," and Bluegrass Fairness will be making good on that commitment when it launches its first-ever newsletter complete in 2006. As part of that goal, staying in better touch with its volunteers, donors, members, and the community as a whole ranked high amongst committee concerns.

To achieve these objectives the steering committee singled out improving its web site by expanding its capacity, making information more available to the community, and overhaul its donor-members database information.

Another priority included building stronger networks with allies both inside and outside the LGBT community. As a result, the committee members created a new committee dedicated exclusively to Ally Building and Networking. The group will concentrate on reaching out to and partnering with other organizations within

the LGBT community, and seeking stronger alliances with other social justice organizations, especially faith-based organizations.

Other objectives involved better recruitment and appreciation of volunteers. Obviously, renewed threats of gay discrimination ordinances, an anti-gay adoption amendment and a statewide repeal of non-discrimination ordinances, make it clear that well-organized lobbying efforts by mobilized volunteers take some precedence in our movements. The Bluegrass Chapter will work hard to insure the success of those efforts.

"I learned a lot," said James Upchurch, ECU student and the other co-chair, "now we need to make sure we do what we said we are going to do." The Bluegrass Plan for 2006 does just that by laying the groundwork for finding, training, and mobilizing the necessary volunteers to address these threats starting with a special gathering for volunteers on December 10 at Windy Knoll Farm.

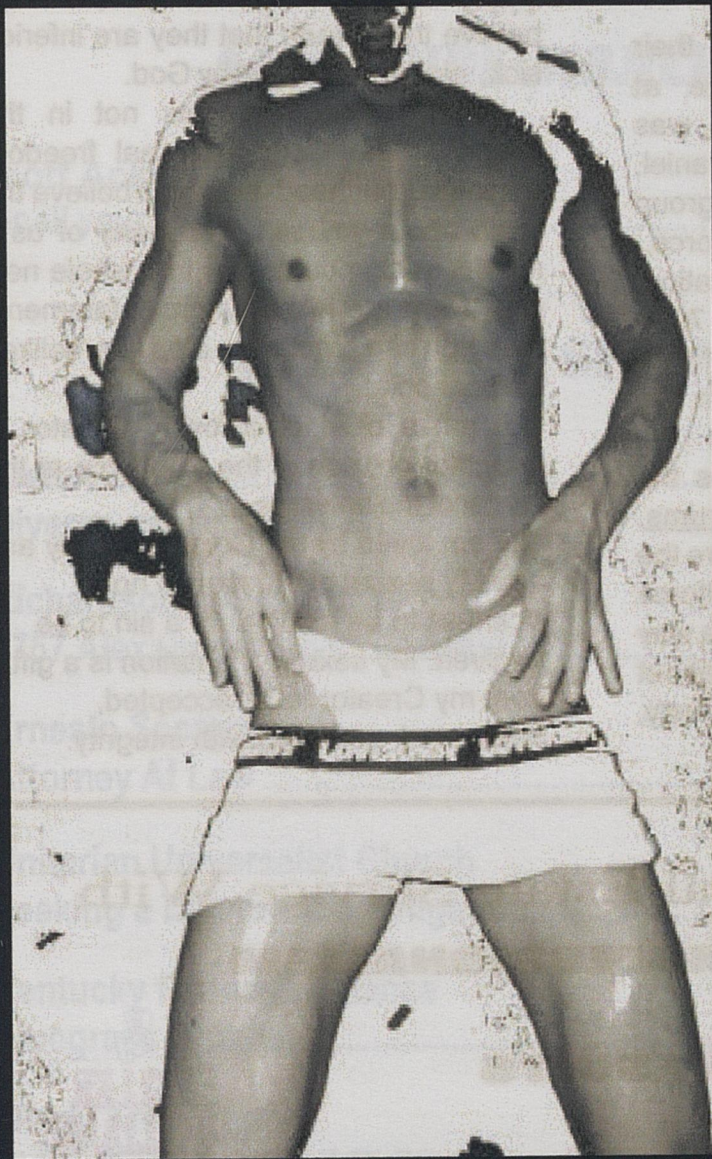
Look for more information about this, and many more events planned, as Bluegrass Fairness goes (back) to work in 2006, for the LGBT community, harder than ever to protect our rights.

YOU CAN HELP
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December Deadline

It is very important that you get articles and ads to us by

THURSDAY DEC. 15TH

marycrone@insightbb.com



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The Bar Complex
December 8, 2005 10pm-2am
"Raising HIV/AIDS Awareness"
Sponsored by AVOL, Inc.

For more information contact Aunsha Hall
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SOULFORCE

Soulforce is a national, interfaith movement with the goal of freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people from religious and political oppression through the practice of relentless nonviolent resistance.

Soulforce has just launched their completely revamped web site at www.soulforce.org. This web site was created by our own Jamie McDaniel, coordinator of our local Soulforce group and web master for national Soulforce.. The new site features easy navigation, allowing visitors quick access to the 700+ pages covering the 33 Soulforce nonviolent direct actions to date in the struggle for LGBT equality.

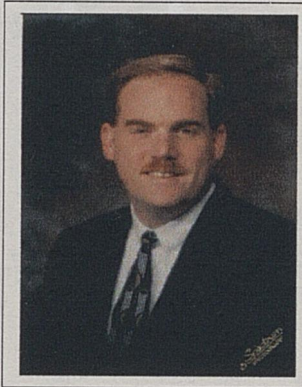
In addition, the site introduces the new Soulforce Community Forums. According to Jamie, these Forums are the next best thing to being at a Soulforce event offering faith-driven activists a way to engage in online discussions about everything from nonviolence, to theology, to book studies, to just-for-fun topics.

In addition to challenging the homophobic "spiritual violence" that many churches teach to their congregations, Soulforce also focuses on helping individuals look at their internalized homophobia. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people often believe the untruth that they are inferior, sick, sinful, or unloved by God.

Real freedom begins not in the courts or the Congress, real freedom begins in your head when you believe the **truth** about yourself. For many of us it means seeing ourselves in a whole new way. Here are two Soulforce statements that you can practice to stop internalized homophobia:

1. I am a child of a loving Creator, a daughter or son of the Soulforce at the center of the universe.

2. I am loved by my Creator exactly as I am. My sexual orientation is not a sickness to be healed nor a sin to be forgiven. My sexual orientation is a gift from my Creator to be accepted, celebrated, and lived with integrity.



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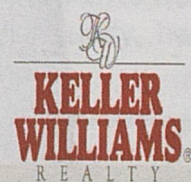
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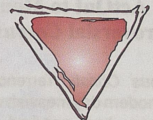
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GLSO Newsletter Calendar December 2005

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233
Visit us on the web at: www.webspanner.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>						
9a and 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103	1	7:30 Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center PotLuck Social Tonight 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	Center Open 10a-3p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103 730p LexDGA (Call for place) 11-1 RFOLKY Anniversary Luncheon @ Goldtown
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9a and 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's SoulForce (call Jamie 230-5625) 2p Women's 40 + Group 4p Integrity @ St. Michael's 6p Imperial Court Mtg.-PC	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103	15 Newsletter Dead-line	7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	Center Open 10a-3p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103
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Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**
8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA
Discussion/Speaker (Call for
Location) 278-7103
- Tuesdays:**
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight
Alliance)
- Wednesdays:**
7pm - GLSO Discussion
Group
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call
for Location) 278-7103
- 9pm - Rainbow Bowling
League Southland Lanes
- Fridays:**
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA
(Call for Location) 278-7103
- Saturdays:**
2pm Narcotics Anonymous
278-7103
- Sundays:**
9:00am & 11am - UU Church
Worship Services.
10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The
Martyr.
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal
@ Landsdowne Presby.
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:**
7:30pm - Lexington Insight (1st Friday)
- Saturdays:**
7:30pm - LexDGA (1st Sat.)
- Sundays:**
2pm - Women 40+ (2nd Sun)
4pm - Integrity (2nd Sun)

ActOut to Mount Controversial *Corpus Christi*

Corpus Christi, Terrence McNally's tale of a modern day messiah who happens to be gay, has sparked controversy wherever it has played since its premier at New York's Manhattan Theatre Club in 1998. ActOut Theatre Group, part of Lexington's Gay & Lesbian Services Organization (GLSO), will present *Corpus Christi* as its first venture in Lexington's Downtown Arts Center. It will play January 6-7 and 13-14 at 8:00 pm and January 15 at 2 pm at the Downtown Arts Center, 141 E. Main St., Lexington. Tickets are \$15 or, \$12 for Seniors and Students Reservations can be made at (859) 225-0370

Prior to its opening in New York, members of the Manhattan Theatre Club's board of directors received death threats from religious fundamentalists and cancelled the production. Only after a group of preeminent American playwrights including Edward Albee, Tony Kushner and Harvey Fierstein protested, threatening to forbid performance of their own works by the company, did the board reverse its decision.

Bo List, director for ActOut's production, recalled the incident, "Critics of the original production seemed, overall, a little disappointed. They walked through picket lines, security dogs and metal detectors to see not a cultural fireworks display and not a pageant of blasphemy " but rather a pleasant and calm-hearted experience much like the little church plays that accompany the big holidays.

Corpus Christi is, perhaps, the most controversial dramatic work written in the United States since, well, since *Angels in America* just a few years before. Prior to that, it was probably Martin Scorsese's film *The Last Temptation of Christ*, and before that - who knows? Probably something else that dared to combine themes of religion and sexuality, or to suggest that Jesus was actually a human being and

granted all of the feelings, hopes, desires and dreams of the billions of souls of whom that is also true.

In *Corpus Christi*, playwright Terrence McNally creates, fictionally, a Christ-like figure who happens to be gay. In *The Last Temptation of Christ*, the literal Jesus has distinctly sexual feelings for Mary Magdalene. Both the 1988 film and McNally's 1998 play received protests, picketing and death threats. It seems as though Jesus' public wants him neither gay nor straight. There's just no pleasing anyone.

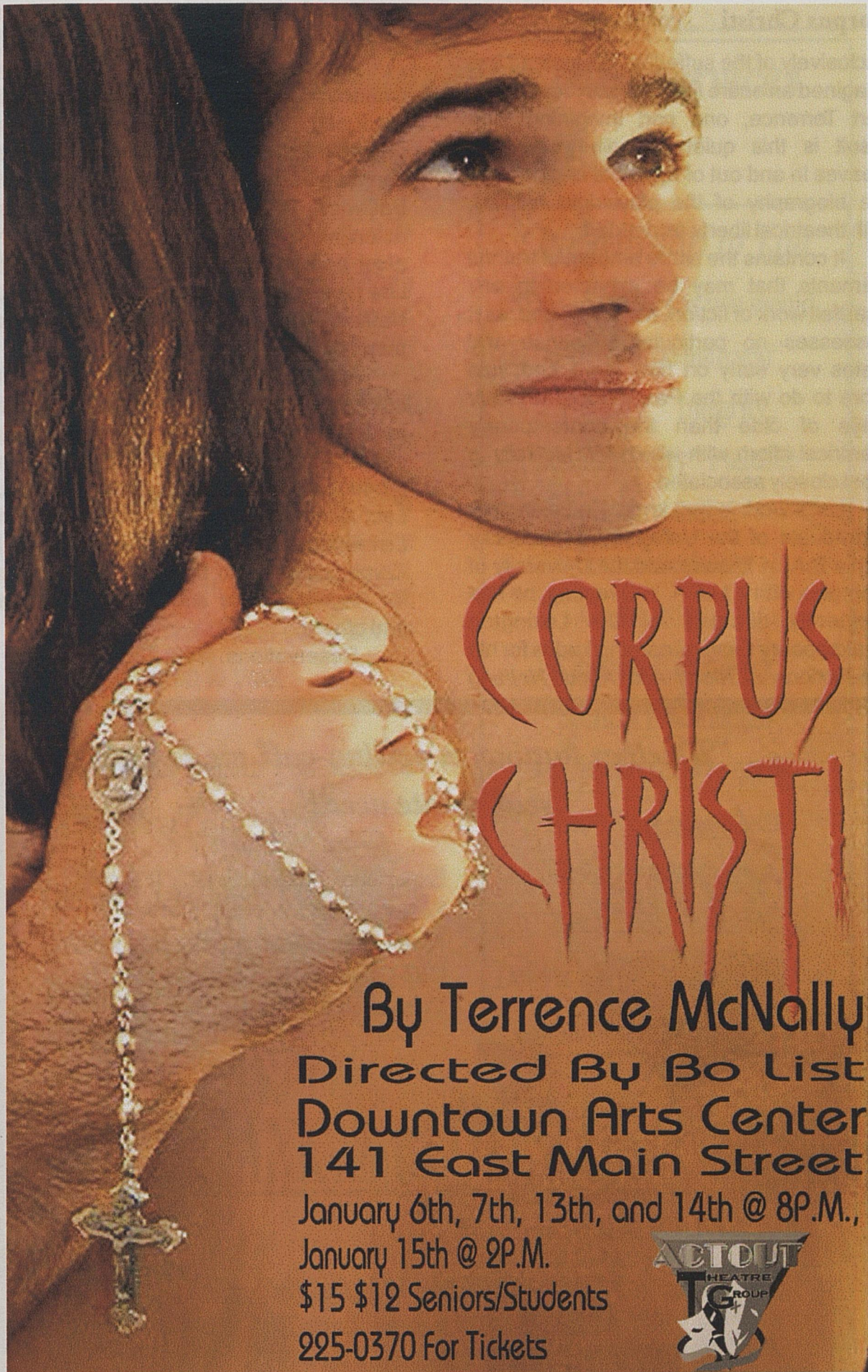
Now that Dan Brown's innocuous book *The Da Vinci Code* is drawing all of the heat from the religious fanatics and fundamentalists, I would like to think that *Corpus Christi*, a work of dramatic fiction and not one of speculative history, may go produced with neither incident nor scandal.

But you never know. Pat Robertson may catch wind of our small production and determine that Kentucky is due a meteor shower or frog-dropping plague unless its servile congregations rise up against freedom of expression and against freedom of religious oppression and defeat the work of our community theatre and the respected dramatist who penned the words. I do not wish to court Mr. Robertson's ire, but, to quote the wrist band, I don't think that's *What Jesus Would Do?*

I remember my experience as a young student at Christ the King Elementary here in Lexington, and being asked by my religion teacher to imagine what it must have been like to be Him. Imagine knowing your destiny your whole life and choosing to die for the sins of the world. Imagine the crown of thorns and the cross and the nails. Imagine!?

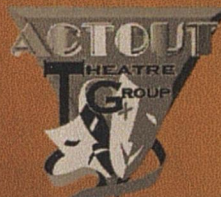
What Terrence McNally has done with *Corpus Christi* (the name of his hometown, no less), is just that: he has imagined. He has imagined not only what Mel Gibson did with his brilliantly singular *The Passion of the Christ*, which was an imagining

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CORPUS CHRISTI

By Terrence McNally
Directed By Bo List
Downtown Arts Center
141 East Main Street
January 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th @ 8P.M.,
January 15th @ 2P.M.
\$15 \$12 Seniors/Students
225-0370 For Tickets



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exclusively of the suffering, but instead has imagined an entire life. One part Jesus, one part Terrence, one part imagining. The result is this quiet, beautiful play that weaves in and out of the Bible and through the biography of the playwright himself, with theatrical liberty as needed.

It contains the same amount of truthful elements that may be expected in any heartfelt work of fiction. It's a play; and, as it possesses no particular suspense and states very early on how it will end, has more to do with the Passion and Mystery plays of olde than the contemporary theatrical idiom with which Mr. McNally is most closely associated.

List's work is well known in Lexington. A graduate of the University of Kentucky with a B.A. in Theatre and the University of Memphis with a M.F.A. in Directing, he has frequently directed for the Lexington Shakespeare Festival earning kudos for his productions of *Much Ado About Nothing*

(1999), *Our Town* (2001), and last summer's *As You Like It*.

As founder and Artistic Director of Chance Theatre Company, List has produced new and different works in unconventional venues. More recently he served as Associate Artistic Director at Bailiwick Repertory in Chicago. His extensive credits also include turns as an actor and playwright. For *Corpus Christi* List has assembled a cast of 13 led by Nathan Richard Wagner as Joshua, the play's central character.

ActOut has been producing plays in Lexington since 1998 in the theatre at the Lexington Public Library. Its previous offerings have included September's production of *Southern Baptist Sissies*, *Last Sunday in June*, *Sordid Lives*, *The Laramie Project*, *Love! Valour! Compassion!* (also by McNally), *Elegies for Angels*, *Punks and Raging Queens* and others.

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A "Family" Christmas

By Fr. Ken Waible

Christmas is upon us. Regardless of our religious affiliation or personal faith beliefs this season has become a season for family, a season for exchanging gifts and a season for recognizing who is special in our lives. As GLBT persons we should make this season even more spectacular and event filled. (And, after all, it is a GREAT time to decorate in outrageous ways!!)

Those of us who are fortunate enough to have our own families - spouses, children, friends, etc. - (and that includes most of us) can use this time to help our other neighbors and associates realize that we celebrate the seasons just like everyone else and we have reason to romanticize around the holiday lights just like them.

Have that corny family photo taken in front of the fireplace - two gay men with their kids on the knees. Take your kids to see Santa Claus - two lesbians hand in hand with their youngsters giggling with excitement. Take that plate of cookies to work and let your fellow employees know that *your* male partner or lesbian lover made them (even if they didn't). Help them see the *normalcy* in our relationships and the beauty in our love.

Perhaps it is time for many of us to come out and declare our truth and let the chips fall where they may. We don't have to

be militant about it. We don't have to be "in your face". Just be normal. Be who you are. And let them see how much our relationships and families are just like theirs.

Let the Christmas Bells Ring!!

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St. Mychal The Martyr Parish invites you to our services on Sundays at 10:30 am with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd. We have recently added a Saturday Evening Prayer Service at 5 pm. There will be a special Christmas Service on Saturday December 24th, at 7pm

We are proud to announce the birth of our own website: stmychalthemartyr.org. Visit our site and learn a little more about the church community that is waiting for you with open arms. All are welcome!!

St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive, performs blessing of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop. The Orthodox Catholic Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church.

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Unitarian Universalism is a serious spiritual alternative for the bisexual, sexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender community. We pledge to "show up" as the struggle for civil rights for GLBT people continues. The following was taken from the UUA website, www.uua.org.

We are all religious, spiritual creatures, driven to find a pattern of meaning in our lives. If you have trouble finding meaning in creeds and commandments of traditional religion, a Unitarian Universalist congregation may be the place for you.

Within this faith community the cumulative experience of the people called bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender is a sacred story that informs our spirituality. We read and study prophetic voices, voices of wisdom and vision, from a variety of sources both old and new. We encourage the use of reason in exploring religious beliefs and often find spirituality in the discoveries of scientists.

Bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender people belong here. Our religious movement belongs to a larger future, not to a constricting past. Our movement has to do with the qualitative evolution of human consciousness.

Unitarians and Universalists have their roots in the "Heresies" of the first centuries that questioned the ideas that Jesus was more "divine" than anyone else. In North America, Universalists began denouncing the idea of "hell" in the 1770s. Unitarians

appeared at about the same time in New England, as religious and social reformers. Among the best known were Ralph Waldo Emerson, Margaret Fuller, Susan B. Anthony, William Ellery Channing, Julia Ward Howe, and in recent times, Albert Schweitzer.

Unitarians and Universalists merged in 1961. The Unitarian Universalist approach to spirituality is fundamentally different from religion based on the idea of "creed" or a static "revelation." We do not say that life's ultimate truth has been revealed in scripture. We say that together we must seek to understand the meaning of our lives. We gather in a sense of wonder before the mystery of life.

In our search we have the voices and visions of every period and place in the record of human experience from which to draw. We have the accumulated wisdom of humankind, reason, intuition, the arts and sciences, and our own life experience. We have the combined religious traditions of the Unitarians and the Universalists.

If you seek a place where minds are free and the issues of our lives and times are examined critically and hopefully, you belong in a Unitarian Universalist congregation. Unitarian Universalists think our own thoughts, always valuing the critical questions as much as the available answers. We are open to new knowledge and bold ideas. Ours is a tradition of strong and prophetic voices calling for a larger vision of life. It should not surprise anyone that, of major religious bodies, we have among our professional ministers by far the highest percentage of women and of openly bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender ministers.

see www.uus.org for more info

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 and parallel to N. Broadway. There is adult discussion between 9 and 10:15 and singing for 15 minutes before the service. Child care is available during the discussion period and religious education for children is held during the service.

Quakers have no clergy or sermons and we believe that all of us have access to spiritual truths within ourselves. We do not have a creed. We are deeply involved in working for peace and justice within our city, state, and country. We believe in the equality of all people and work to improve the lives of all people.

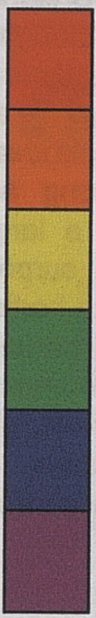
Our services are unprogramed meetings which means we sit together in silence until someone is lead to speak from the silence. Such spoken words are usually brief, and there may be several messages or none. Our form of worship is similar to meditation but is definitely a shared experience. We believe that in such periods of quiet waiting we can open to spiritual resources which will enable us to live more calmly, compassionately, and creatively in this chaotic age.

Integrity

Integrity is a support group for GLBT Episcopalians and friends, a ministry of Saint Michael's Episcopal Church on Bellefonte Dr. We meet the second Sunday of every month. In December it will be on the 11th. All are welcome to attend. To contact Integrity email us at stmintegrity@yahoo.com or call Markus at 859 243 0998.

Jubilee Fellowship

The Jubilee Fellowship continues to meet every Sunday for Worship at 11 am, at 713 East Loudon Avenue. We have a support group, Koinonia, meeting every Friday night from 7 to 9 pm, for individuals wanting to discuss spiritual abuse issues, recovery from addictive behaviors, or to re-discover your spirituality. The group is 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-gay group leader. For information call 514-5518.



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Are We Born Gay?

by mary crone

One of the most frequent questions I am asked when I speak to groups about GLBT identity and issues is if I believe that "gayness" is biologically determined, if it is determined by environment or if it is a choice. Fortunately, there are scientific studies and theories being published every year most of which support a biological basis for sexual orientation.

An interesting book on this topic was published a few months ago. Born Gay: The Psychobiology of Sex Orientation by authors Dr Glenn Wilson, a reader in personality at the Institute of Psychiatry in London, and Dr Qazi Rahman, a psychobiologist at the University of East London, reviews some of the recent research including their own and offers some theories that lay the groundwork for future research.

Dr. Wilson is one of the ten most cited British scientists in the world and Dr. Rahman is an emerging expert in the field of human sexual orientation. Our most dedicated critics (religious right) are not going to be convinced by science; if they don't believe that evolution is real or that the earth is over 4 billion years old they sure aren't going to believe we are born gay. But there are still people who are open to new ideas and scientific facts. Those are the people we need to be talking to about this information.

The following is taken from several reviews of their work and includes some of my interpretations and opinions.

Born Gay is the first book written for non scientists to provide a summary of the research that has accumulated over the last decade. Some of the authors' colleagues questioned the need for this book, believing that the evidence was so clear that sexual orientation is biological that no one could continue to question it. We know this isn't the case. Many people still believe that people "turn gay", that children must be protected from our negative influence to

prevent them from being recruited into our "lifestyle", and that we can be "cured." All of these ideas presuppose an element of choice.

Wilson and Rahman state clearly that "the accumulation of evidence from independent laboratories across the world has shown that the biological differences between gay and straight people cannot be ignored . . . our sexual preference is a fundamental and immutable component of our human nature"

Many studies have added to the accumulating evidence that homosexuality is biologically based. In 2003, for example, Rahman reported that the startle response, how people respond to sudden noises, is different in gay and straight men. As this response is instinctive and cannot be learned, it is evidence that gay and straight men are neurologically different.

So, what are the biological determinants that produce gay and lesbian people? Homosexuality does seem to run in families, which has prompted a search for the so-called gay gene. Earlier this year, biologists in Austria discovered that fruit flies can be turned gay by altering a single gene. But it is generally believed that no single gene determines human sexual orientation. Studies have shown that identical twins, who have identical genes, do not always have the same sexual preferences.

This does not mean that genetic influence is counted out. Rahman and Wilson suggest that genes are responsible for differences in the brains of fetuses and those differences affect certain receptors in the brain that influence the activity of sex hormones. They theorize that some male fetuses absorb low amounts of testosterone in certain parts of the brain; full absorption is needed for full masculinisation.

Rahman explains: "In a fetus which has a genetic predisposition to be gay,"
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these receptors are not as effective at soaking up testosterone. The result is that this slightly insensitive part of the brain follows the default development route, which is female."

The neural circuit that promotes sexual desire towards women, for example, is one of the traits that is not established resulting in a male who is attracted to other men. Other traits are also part of this package that is shaped in the womb. And there are more than one group of traits as there are several locations in the fetal brain that are effected by hormone levels in the womb. It is also possible that straight men have some of the same trait packages as gay men.

This theory seems to explain why gay men show a mosaic of female-like and male-like cognitive traits. In their handling of language and in their spatial awareness, for example, gay men are more similar to women than to heterosexual men.

Why should some male fetuses absorb less testosterone than others? They might produce less in the first place, but this deficiency could also have a genetic origin. It is also possible, the researchers theorize, that there is a chemical battle between a mother and her fetus, much like the clash of Rh- and Rh+ blood types that can cause a mother to develop antibodies to her fetus's blood type. The antibodies can stay in the blood and threaten future pregnancies.

The idea that the womb environment may have consequences for future siblings is interesting because researchers have noted a sibling pattern among gay men, called the "big brother effect". The more older brothers a man has, the more likely he is to be gay. It is possible that maternal antibodies developed in early pregnancies may cross the placenta in later pregnancies to disrupt testosterone absorption. Or perhaps there is a genetic predisposition that accounts for this pattern.

As gay men demonstrate some female

Female relatives of gay men have more children than the female relatives of straight men.

traits, lesbians as a group likewise have some male traits including patterns of language development. But there are also marked differences in research finding concerning gay men and lesbians. For example, there is no "big sister effect"-lesbians do not seem to be more likely than straight women to have lesbian sisters.

Embryonic development for lesbians must follow different pathways. Not surprisingly, there is not as much research on the biological factors that are involved in producing lesbians. Haymen and Wilson do suggest an area that research could focus on.

"There is a protein in the womb that protects female fetuses from excessive exposure to male sex hormones," Rahman says. "Perhaps this protein doesn't kick in early enough in lesbians." Some brain circuits could then follow the male development process; a sexual preference for women could be a consequence.

Genes and hormonal patterns that may be involved in determining sexual orientation may also benefit the evolution of our species. Otherwise, why would they persist throughout human history. One suggestion is that, in pre-historic tribes, same-sex social bonding for both men and women was helpful in reducing aggression within societies and in encouraging the sharing of resources. This sharing

Gayness could have been beneficial to the survival of our species.

promoted by the "gay traits package" might have increased the health of the tribe and thereby enabled the reproduction rate to increase

A study at the University of Padua found that the female relatives of gay men have more children than the female relatives of straight men. The implication is that the genetic package responsible for male homosexuality may enhance the fertility of female relatives, or improve the quality of child-rearing in the household. So if this has been a factor over thousands

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of years, gayness could have been beneficial to the survival of our species.

The "gay traits package" in fetal development does not just influence sexual orientation. Perhaps less testosterone absorption, while not low enough to produce "gayness," might confer personality advantages to heterosexual men such as making them loyal, empathic and considerate. One intriguing theory is that these "feminized" men are attractive to women as potential mates and fathers.

"You have these very nice heterosexual men who are 'gay-enabled', who have a low dose of the gay gene," Rahman says. "It might make them more committed, more empathic, more charming and more attractive to women." The benefits of having empathic men become fathers would include stopping the "gay gene package" from being weeded out of the gene pool and thus maintain a gay population.

In fact, Rahman suggests, modern women may be altering their ideal of the perfect partner enough to influence evolution: "These days, women may not

want these big guys to protect them they're not necessarily looking for the macho type. We might even see homosexuality go up. It's an idea that Glenn and I have talked about. There's no reason to think that evolution won't change the goal posts. Evolution changes us all the time."

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www.webspawner.com/users/glsoqxnet

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