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Hoffner Park Party - 5-9pm

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Northside Tavern • Chameleon Lounge • The Serpent

Pride Fashion Show feat. Shop 4U Urban Boutique

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Live Performance from The Kellys, Perfect Sequel, Zella Whelms, and Taryn & Linda

The Black Mondays Trans Drag Burlesque Show

Glitterious DJ Tag Team Kenneth Wright and David DeWitt

Kings and Queens of Pride - Drag 4 Drinks - Open stage for performers.

11p-2a DJ Harvination



SATURDAY AUG 13TH EVENT SCHEDULE

The Northside Tavern

4pm - 7pm - ART is GAY: A GLBTQ Photo Exhibition
- over 100 pride photo posters for show and sell.

4pm - 6pm - Free dinner provided by Take the Cake and Sushi Bears.

6pm - 7pm - Perfect Sequel, with surprise guests.

7pm - 8pm - Pride Fashion Show - with Shop 4 U Urban Boutique, followed by "Glitter on the Runway:" A benefit show from the UC Alliance

8pm - 9pm - Black Mondays

9pm - 9:45pm - Perfect Sequel

9:45pm - 10:30pm - Zella Whelms

10:30pm - 12am - The Kellys

11pm - 2am - "Glitterious" - DJ Tag Team Kenneth Wright and David DeWitt

Chameleons

5pm - 11pm - Kings and Queens of Pride Drag Show - Hosted by DJ Sutle. Drinks 4 Drag: An open stage for any and all. Drag performers will receive a free drink! 1st 10 will get a bar gift card valued at \$10!

11pm - 2am - DJ Harvination

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Family

“You think he’s family?” If you’re Gay, you know I’m not asking about your father. I might be asking about your daddy, but that’s a whole other thing.



Nate

By Nate Wessel

What I’m probably asking about is some cute guy across the coffee shop. “Is he family?” For those of you unfamiliar with the phrase, it’s interrogative could be more accurately and less succinctly stated: “Is he Gay, or queer,

or was he maybe just wearing heels last night? Is he safe to talk to, to flirt with?”

Lots of cultures have words for their in crowd. “Brother” or “Sister” is common among African Americans. For them, an allusion to family seems appropriate. In a world of racial discrimination, one logically turns to their family, usually of the same race, for support.

For LGBT people though, it is so often one’s family itself which is the oppressive

force. Few people are born into the LGBT community. Indeed, most find it despite their straight family of origin. Queer people have been running from their families for decades to build in great cities or small homes a community of their own friends and lovers.

In political rhetoric, the word “family” is often used to oppress and divide. Think of how you felt the last time someone mentioned “family values”.

It is profoundly interesting that LGBT people are using the

word “family” not only to describe their close friends and support network, but almost all people who are sexual or gender minorities. Think of the drag show as a living room, PFLAG a loving parent, the bar a kitchen table. The word “family” acknowledges a real feeling interdependence in our community at the same time it aspires to something even greater.

Is he family? Are you? Are we?

Letters

Times are changing

Worley,

I remember our first PRIDE Parade that started at Fountain Square. We had a mob of Bible toting protesters, and now we will have a festival on Fountain Square. Thank God! Times are changing!

Marian Weage

Cincinnati PRIDE Grand Marshals

Both of this year's Grand Marshals of the Cincinnati Equinox PRIDE Parade are

associated with the Gay & Lesbian Community Center.

Megan Neal is the current president of the Queen City Rainbow Band

She has been a member of the band since 2007 and has served on the board of directors since 2008.

She actively participates in the Lesbian and Gay Band Association (LGBA). She marched with other LGBA members in President Obama's Inaugural Parade as the first GLBT organization ever allowed to participate.

She also volunteers at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center as a co-facilitator for the Thursday night GLBT group.

Megan earned her Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Cincinnati and works as a mentor and an individual and family therapist for

children and teens. She currently resides in OTR with her dog, Molly, and two cats, Ringo and MoMo. She wishes to thank her parents and friends for their constant



Neal

support and encouragement as well as the QCRB for continuing to promote unity, generate PRIDE, and provide

education through music.

Long active in GLBT community affairs, Rusty Lockett is the president of the Gay & Lesbian Community Center. He previously served as secretary.

His involvement includes area PRIDE celebrations and PRIDE Night at Kings Island. Lockett's "career" in volunteerism spans from the former Stonewall Cincinnati organization to this day as PRIDE Night chair for the center's annual fundraiser at Kings Island, slated this year for September 9, 2011.

No stranger to the Episcopal Church, he has served as the local GLBT convener of the worship/advocacy group called Integrity. Currently, he is the chair of development

on the board of the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition. He also serves as a Eucharist Minister at Christ Church Cathedral (Episcopal).

Rusty is a certified VoIP Engineer working for Adapt Telephony from Oak Brook, Illinois.

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Taft appointed Lockett to the Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Services of

Clermont County. Lockett has also held a license as a Chemical Dependency

Counselor focused on addictions in the GLBT communities.

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Our Faith Too!



Hopedale Community in Oxford welcomes new student minister

Bruce Beisner, former editor of *Greater Cincinnati GLBT News*, will begin serving as Student Minister of the Hopedale Unitarian Universalist Community in Oxford in mid August.



Beisner

This congregation of about 60 members has been welcoming and affirming of GLBT people for many years. Their witness for fairness and equality is visible in the big “Standing on the Side of Love” banner which hangs across the front of the congregation’s building on Route 27.

Bruce has been an involved activist in the Cincinnati community for decades. In the mid 1980s, he was the president of the Gay student group at the University of Cincinnati. More recently, Bruce was involved in leadership of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Cincinnati and organized this last July’s PRIDE Interfaith Service. He worked as

editor and head writer of this paper from 2004-2008. Bruce and husband, Jim, have been married 11 years.

A longtime active member of St. John’s Unitarian Universalist Church in Clifton, Bruce felt the call to ministry and began his seminary training four years ago at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. This spring he completed a year of service as intern minister at the Heritage UU Church in Cincinnati’s eastern suburbs. He will be ordained next spring.

“Hopedale Community is a beacon of religious freedom and progressive thought in Oxford and the Butler

County area,” says Bruce about the congregation he will begin serving in August, “I am honored to have been invited to offer spiritual leadership to this open, warm and inclusive group of people.” In addition to their full support of GLBT people, Hopedale is also committed to environmental awareness and fairness for immigrants.

Hopedale Community is located at 3870 Millville-Oxford Road, three miles south of the Miami University campus. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and childcare are available. For more info about the congregation, visit www.huuc.org

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Gay as Goose PRIDE

The PRIDE Goose calendar has but two “Gay-la” events left – Northsiders PRIDE, Saturday August 13 and



Goose Mother Says

By Michael Chanak

reads, “NKy PRIDE proudly presents

PRIDE Night at Kings Island Friday, September 9.

Having worked Dayton PRIDE, Lexington PRIDE, NKy and Cincy PRIDE (*not to mention HRC Zoo Day, Crossport picnic*) – Rusty Lockett made sure I was well hydrated and I’m happy to report I did not meet the tarmac this year. Even the Gos-sipcats – Britain and Sydney – somehow managed to offer a word of encouragement. Note to Goose – watch those cats.

Goose loves her PRIDE. She admits publicly in her dotage that it does take a toll: it is so darn hot during the summer PRIDES, and her webbed feet are not exactly what “they used to be” two

unionectomies later. I was delighted to see NKy PRIDE folks honor the publisher of this newspaper with the Jim Kippenberg award. The award

Worley Rodehaver the journalism award in recognition of (*your*) commitment to reporting GLBT news and issues to our commu-

nity.” Well done, friend!

All I can offer is my thanks to the many who brought us such fine events that even an old goose could

enjoy! Thank you for the selfless work, love of community and all the joy of PPRIDE you brought.

As Goose says (*no compensation re-*

ceived, for either M Goose or GLBT News), why wonder who is Gay on Cincinnati City Council – elect Chris Seelback – remove all doubt!

Ps – did I thank Fred Martens and Warren Liang? They put on a glorious Gay Chamber Listings Party (*for advertisers*) at their home in July. Gracious hosts those guys.

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Paul Delph

This publication is dedicated to those who have or have died from AIDS or Hate Crimes

It is our goal to record the positive contributions GLBT people make to their community and the local community at large. While AIDS and Hate CRIMES are certainly not positive things, we seek to draw the positive from the negative. We hold up Paul Delph and Matthew Shepard and their families as models of how human beings should or could react to each other and how families should support loved ones whose lives are not in the box right wing religious zealots want them in. Delph, a multi-talented Cincinnati, died of AIDS in 1996. His mother shut down her business to care for him. Shepard died in 1998, victim of a hate crime and his mother worked for years to get passed a national Hate Crimes Bill, which is now law.



Matthew Shepard

Publisher receives Journalism Award

NKY PRIDE's committee honored Worley Rodehaver,



publisher of GLBT News with the Jim Kippenberg Journalism Rodehaver Award.

The award was in recognition of his commitment to reporting GLBT news and issues to the community.

Rodehaver has been publisher of GLBT News since 1996 and also publishes METRO Neighbors.

He has been in communications since the eighth grade, was in radio or television for five years, worked for a daily newspaper for 10 years, was in media relations for the Episcopal Church and has published his own papers since 1981.

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Lesbian couple saves Norway youth

A Lesbian couple was among those who rushed to the aid of young campers in Norway under siege by gunman Anders Behring Breivik last Friday.

Hege Dalen and her partner Toril Hansen were eating in the camping area opposite Utoya Island when they started hearing gunshots and screaming.

Dalen and Hansen drove their boat to the island and fished out of the water people who were in shock and young people who were injured and transported them ashore. Every now and then bullets almost hit the boat.

Since they couldn't fit everyone into the boat all at once, they returned to the island four times. They might have saved as much as 40 people from the clutches of the killer. A translation via **The People's Forum**

Columbia court says Gays can form families

A majority of the 9-judge Columbia Constitutional Court has agreed that Gay and Lesbian couples have the right to form families and gave Congress two years to legislate on Gay unions, Bogota-based **El**

Tiempo reported.

Last year, Argentina became the first Latin American country to approve Gay marriage. The city-state of Mexico City, also allows Gay marriage.

Maryland—Gay marriage

Standing with House and Senate supporters, Gov. Martin O'Malley announced that he will lead the charge for Gay marriage in Maryland and put his name on a bill that allows same-sex couples to wed.

"Marylanders of all walks of life want their children to live in a loving, stable, committed home protected under the law," O'Malley said. He said it would be one of "a small handful" of legislative priorities.

The governor was supportive of same-sex marriage last year, but stayed mostly in the background. The announcement was rumored for weeks, with chatter increasing after a Gay marriage bill was signed into law in New York. **Baltimore Sun**

This is August 27th UPDATE

We have included this week's UPDATE in the August newspaper because delivery problems slowed down delivery of the PRINT Edition

Hundreds of same-sex couples march eddown the aisle at Bethpage State Park Tuesday.

The marriage ceremony took place at the park's Carlyle on the Green restaurant. More than 1,000 guests and friends witnessed the same-sex couples get married at what is being called "the largest same-sex wedding taking place in the State of New York."

New York State Sen. Malcolm Smith joined the couples at the event, which was hosted by the Long Island Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Network, an association of five non-profits. **Patch.com**

Court to interview candidates

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HRC to launch
bus tour about Gay
Equality.

See next page.

On the Road to equality

The Human Rights Campaign is launching a nationwide bus tour to spread the message of equality. "On the Road to Equality" will run through 11 states that currently ban Gay marriage.

"We are in the midst of a cultural tipping point on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues and our job is to push the scale as far and as fast as we can toward fairness," said HRC President Joe Solmonese. "The tour will serve as a powerful visibility tool and support the work of creating real and lasting change in these communities."

On Monday, HRC released a nationwide poll that found Americans widely support LGBT equality issues; however, the group noted work remains to be done particularly in the South and Midwest.

The 12 week bus tour, which will begin in Salt Lake City on August 12 and end in Florida on October 30, will travel to 17 cities in 11 states and D.C., with particular emphasis on the regions where support for equality lags.

HRC hopes to raise awareness about Gay marriage, of course, but another goal is to help train

local Gays and Lesbians how to empower themselves at the community level.

To that end, the HRC will offer training on changing local laws to include same-sex partner recognition and benefits. The idea is to start spreading Gay marriage acceptance on a more grass-roots level -- among people who you see every day.

Here's the tour schedule:
 Aug 12-14: Salt Lake City, UT
 Aug 19-21: Omaha & Lincoln, NE
 Aug 26-28: Lawrence, KS & Kansas City, MO
 Sept 1-5: New Orleans, LA
 Sept 9-11: Austin & College Station, TX
 Sept 16-18: Little Rock, AR
 Sept 23-25: Louisville & Lexington, KY
 Sept 30-Oct 3: Washington, DC
 Oct 7-9: Atlanta, GA
 Oct 14-16: Birmingham & Tuscaloosa, AL
 Oct 21-23: Jacksonville, FL
 Oct 28-30: Orlando, FL

Australia may hold referendum on Gay marriage

Pro same-sex marriage lobbyists will meet with the federal attorney-general amid calls for a referendum on the issue.

Labor backbencher John Murphy has called for a referendum on the issue and for MPs to have a conscience vote on any legislation.

The western Sydney MP says he does not believe there is overwhelming public support for same-sex marriage despite proponents' claims.

"I believe, overwhelmingly, the people of Australia will tell all those who are elected to represent them that allowing (Gay and Lesbian) people to get married under the Marriage Act is a step too far," he told ABC Radio.

Nine youth have committed suicide in Bachmann district

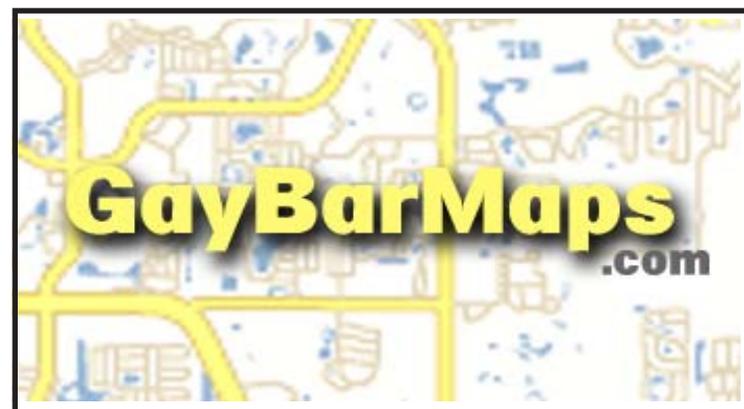
During the last two years nine young people have committed suicide in Michele Bachmann's backyard — or at least the Minnesota school districts she represents.

Many more have attempted to take their own lives leading state public health officials to slap a 'suicide contagion area' label on the region because of the high levels.

At least four of those who committed suicide were openly Gay or, at least, perceived to be Gay by classmates, and many were reportedly bullied.

While it is impossible to prove why these youngsters took their own lives, some critics are suggesting a link between the suicides and the anti-Gay rhetoric sweeping through school districts in the state.

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