



Seelbach candidacy is now official

Chris Seelbach, an openly Gay Cincinnati City Council candidate is now



Seelbach

officially on the November ballot! 500 plus signatures on his petition have been verified!

Call for 2011 Youth Summit workshops and presenters

The 2011 Youth Summit is being organized by GLSEN Greater Cincinnati along with support from Children’s Hospital, PFLAG, and HRC.

It will be held Saturday, September 24 at Northern Kentucky University.

Watch for more information at www.cincy

youthsummit.org and follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/glbtyouthsummit.

Do you have a passion for a topic that affects the GLBTQ and straight ally community? Please consider presenting a workshop at the Youth Summit! This is an all-day, free event including lunch and dinner to enrich and empower the community.

There will be suggested paths mapped out to help everyone have the most fulfilling experience possible – a youth/student path, an educator/administrator path and a health-care worker path. They are also hoping to have local artists, spoken word performers, writers, stage performers and other creative folks join thrm to assist youth in expressing themselves and presenting their artwork during dinner.

Deadline to submit a

proposal for a workshop is Friday, August 5th. For a workshop proposal packet, please visit them at www.cincyouthsummit.org and click on “workshops” or e.mail them at info@cincyouthsummit.org or education@glscincinnati.org.

For example, last year’s workshops included: 40 Years of LGBT History or 4000?

Being Gay and in the Navy

Coming Out to your Parents and Family Drag 101

EMO : Depression and Suicide in GLBT Youth

Gay Straight Alliance 101: In the Beginning

LGBT Teen Dating: Green Flags of Healthy Relationships

Queer Sexual Health Queer Youth Around the World

Self Defense STOP AIDS/HIV and STI Information and

Prevention

Systems of Privilege: Racism and Sexism in the LGBT Community

Trans Basics; Gender, Sex and Sexual Orientation

Transgender 101 – The Transgender Student Experience

Trans Survival: Initiating activism on college campuses

Bellevue church in cooler quarters through September

St. John United Church of Christ will hold Sunday Worship until September 25th at the Air Conditioned and fully accessible Callahan Community Center, 616 Poplar Street, in Bellevue, Kentucky just two blocks away from the church. Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

Directions from St. John

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Cool—from Page 1 to the Callahan Center— Go south on Ward Avenue (away from the river) one block to Poplar Street, turn left. The Bellevue City Hall is on your right at 616 Poplar Street. Go behind City Hall and you will see the Callahan Community Center.

GOProud out of CPAC 2012

According to official letters obtained by **The Daily Caller**, the Gay conservative group GOProud and the ultraconservative John Birch Society won't be

co-sponsoring the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in 2012.

The decision was reached by a full vote of the American Conservative Union's board of directors. The ACU organizes and hosts CPAC each year.

Representatives of GOProud and the John Birch Society were notified of the decision via mail Friday afternoon. The decision comes after GOProud's 2011 sponsorship sparked severe criticism from ACU board members, and prompted several social conservative groups to



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boycott the event. The controversy reached a boiling point when GOProud's chairman called respected ACU board member Cleta Mitchell "a nasty bigot."

Long considered a fringe group, the John Birch Society's sensationalist accusations (such as saying Dwight Eisenhower was a "dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy") once prompted William F. Buckley to effectively banish the group from the conservative movement.

Read more: <http://dailycaller.com/2011/07/29/goproud-and->

birchers-ousted-as-cpac-co-sponsors-david-horowitz-survives-vote/#ixzz1Tu8bkiZB

Anti-Gay group's tax-exempt status has been revoked

The blog **Ex-Gay Watch** is reporting that the tax-exempt status of the controversial Naperville, Ill.-based organization Americans For Truth About Homosexuality (AFTAH) has been revoked due to their leadership's failure to file a series of required tax forms with the state for

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PFLAG Cincinnati

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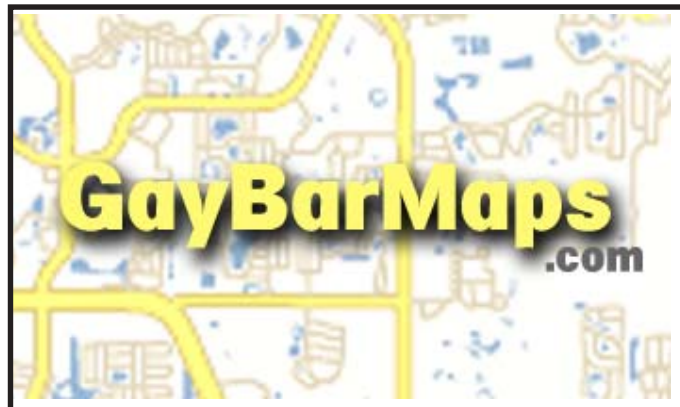
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three consecutive years.

Though **Ex-Gay Watch** broke the news Monday, AFTAH's tax-exempt status was apparently revoked on May 10, 2010, perhaps coincidentally less than two months after they were officially designated a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) due to spreading discredited or slanderous propaganda about a group of people.

They remain one of the few anti-LGBT organizations that have received that designation.



Hate crimes are up

A report by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, a group that supports victims of anti-LGBT harassment, found:

- Hate incidents against LGBT people and HIV-affected persons increased 13% from 2009 to 2010.
- Murders of LGBT people numbered 27, the second-highest total recorded.
- Half of victims did not report the crimes to police, and 61% of victims who did said they experienced indifferent or abusive police attitudes.
- Offenders were mostly strangers, white and non-transgender men.





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