

Circle City IN PRIDE Festival adds 5K Walk/Run and Second Stage for 2012

Indy PRIDE, Inc. is proud to announce additions and changes to the 2012 Circle City IN PRIDE Festival June 2-9.

This year will see the addition of the Rainbow Run 5K Walk/Run as well as a second stage sponsored by Indy Mojo.

Kicking off the week of festivities is the Rainbow Run on Saturday, June 2nd, in the Herron Morton neighborhood. This run will start at 8:30 a.m., and requires a \$25 registration fee. More

information can be found at www.rainbow5k.com.

The Circle City IN PRIDE Festival Saturday, June 9th adds a second stage on the south end of the festival venue, Veteran's Memorial Plaza, sponsored by Indy Mojo and will feature regional DJs and various entertainers.

"The community has made it known they want more music and dancing at the festival," said Festival Co-Chair Stephanie Swanson; "and this year we are giving them just that."

With these great additions and growth of the festival, which serves as the largest fundraiser for the organization, Indy PRIDE, Inc. must remain consistent with

its mission. "We want to continue to celebrate our community, but raise funds," said Nick Murphy, president of Indy PRIDE, Inc. "In 2011, Indy PRIDE, Inc. donated more than

\$40,000 in scholarships and to organizations such as Step-Up Inc., Indiana Youth Group and Indiana AIDS Fund," continued Murphy. This year Indy PRIDE,

Inc. is asking for a suggested \$5 donation from attendees when entering the park, due to the increasing costs of the Festival. "This year's festival is anticipated," See *PRIDE*, Page 3, Col. 3

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**Real politic 101
By Tedd Good**

horrific. From now until the November election I will be detailing this duality. This month is an overview. The root of this crisis is the polarization of American politics. For the last 30 years the GLBT Community has become an increasingly powerful and vocal part of the Democratic

Coalition. During the first Obama administration we have achieved some symbolic gestures such as administration appointments. More concrete is the abolition of “Don’t Ask don’t Tell” in the Military. Supreme Court appointments seem to come with an expected socially progressive taint. The problem is the entire Obama agenda is held up by a right wing GOP majority in the House and the filibuster rule in the Senate. GLBT issues are a part of that agenda. The administration’s legislative focus has become twofold: First, is the

ongoing dance to prevent an economic meltdown or government shut down. The resulting compromises between the Dems and the GOP seem to have the patchwork charm of Frankenstein’s Monster. Second, as Election Day draws near the White House is handing out to the GOP in Congress poison pills in the form of popular legislative initiatives that the GOP opposes. They will not pass but they sure will make the GOP seem greedy and mean spirited.

The “Buffet Rule” is the most recent pill. The GLBT Community even gets its own pills. They are called SNDA and SSIA which address the terrorism of school bullying. These are the opportunities.

This will lead into worst case scenario—if Obama wins with GOP control of Congress, we will be lobbying to keep the status quo. Best scenario Obama gets reelected with a filibuster proof Dem majority in Congress. We can lobby on a level playing field with the rest of the Dem Coalition for the spoils of victory.

Now the danger. The GOP is in the thrall of

the Religious Right and Tea Party. Moderate Republicans are an endangered species on the verge of extinction. Increasingly a test of GOP loyalty is to chant sexist and homophobic litanies. I fear for the Republic.

Next month

Next Month: “Creating a Level Playing Field with Dems and a Nature Preserve for Moderate Republicans.”

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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

Yellow Mums

Forty-two years ago, I was a junior at Kent State University. Much has been written about the event and what lead to the shooting deaths of four students on our campus: May 4, 1970. I cannot extend the factual knowledge base here.

Throughout my adult life, I reflect on that day, its impact on me and its meaning. In those times, I was not involved in any volunteer or political life on campus. It was not a



**Goose
Mother Says**
By Michael Chanak

good time to be Gay in the heartland.

Despite all the sexual liberation of the 1960s, the openness of the drug culture and “peace movement” belonged to the special domain of heterosexuals.

As my junior year began, I had just ended my last “dating relationship” with a woman. She retaliated by telling my roommate I was queer. She went to the residence director who called me into account.

The resident director was an “old fashioned

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 closet homosexual” by today’s standard. He told me “we can’t be open about who and what we are” and ended “if I were bothered by anyone to let him know.”

My roommate moved to a different dorm and life went on. Thankfully, a straight friend of mine, David, addressed the problems of bullying and harassment. He was my protection. Sometimes the kindness of strangers is indeed better than kin.

In the spring of 1970, a girlfriend of mine knew I was in the dumps and sent me a pot of yellow mums. I

took the flowers and put them in the dorm window facing the education building. The straight boys tried to knock the mums off the window ledge by throwing snowballs.

It still snows in Kent, Ohio. Folks will continue to knock the mums off the ledge because they can. Yet, every spring I place my pot of yellow mums at my window for all to see.

I’ve not forgotten that lesson of 42 years ago – folks are still not safe on campus...**there is much work to be done.**

This columnist wishes

to acknowledge the kind welcome spirit of Blake Jelley – University of Cincinnati Alliance for the action on UC’s campus April 5 and to Adam Hoover and Equality Ohio for the Equality Values

Love not Hate Vigil on April 11...to all of you young and old ...thank you for turning out...and thanks for the love!

PRIDE—from Page 1
 pated to cost nearly \$200,000,” said Murphy. “While we work hard to raise funds from sponsors, sponsorship cannot cover

everything. We continue to attract new sponsors, but are hopeful the additional income from donations will allow us to continue providing assistance to the GLBT community.”

Indy PRIDE, Inc., through its purpose, fosters events that seek to educate, honor the history of the GLBT Communities, and celebrate the diversity of and create unity, in and between, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Communities.

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Doris "Jean" Noble, age 76 of Cincinnati passed away on Monday, April 16 at Hospice of Cincinnati at Blue Ash.

She was born in Cincinnati on July 15, 1935 the daughter of Herschel and Josephine (nee Hines) Noble. Jean was employed with the Warren County Human Services as a clerk. She was a member of the New

Spirit MCC. She was an avid Red's fan and enjoyed her reading.

She is survived by her partner of more than 42 years, Bobbi Morris of Cincinnati; three nephews, Kevin Caudill of Indiana, James (Dawn) Caudill of Cincinnati, and Scott (Hope) Caudill of

Cincinnati; a niece, Jennifer (Bob) Johnson of London, Kentucky; seventeen great nieces and nephews; fourteen great-great nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Joyce Caudill and her husband Wilson



Noble

"Red".

Funeral service was held at the Newcomer Funeral Home on Winton Road, in April with Rev Janet Dillaman officiating. Burial followed in Arlington Memorial Gardens.

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On May 12th at 7:30 p.m., School for Creative and Performing Arts; 108 W. Central Parkway, MUSE will be celebrating and highlighting their participation in the upcoming World Choir Games here in Cincinnati as well as their participation in the Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA) International Festival in Denver.

MUSE children will be singing "We're All a Family Under One Sky," and, as always, "On Children" is part of the program. In cele-

bration of the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, MUSE commissioned a new arrangement of Mimi Farina's version of "Bread and Roses", made famous by July Collins. Celebrate this important anniversary with them at their all inclusive choral concert.

The 29th spring concert serves up old favorites and fresh, newly commissioned arrangements. The requisite sing along, alumni sing and high-energy programming will send you out the door wanting more. And more will be possible this summer as our city hosts the first ever North American World Choir Games.

They have designed their World Choir Games 20-minute set of four songs to amaze the judges and to raise the roof. If you cannot attend MUSE's Friday, July 6 competition downtown at the Cincinnati Masonic Center (time TBA), then come see them in May. They will be performing the four World Choir Game

selections as part of their exciting 29th Spring Concert program.

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Christians are given the responsibility of bringing others to God (*advertising*); it's one of those little things Jesus mentioned. So what happens when what is being pitched is driving people away? You and I both know it's impossible to "pray the Gay away," so if God created

us the way we are, why would God expect us to change to avoid eternal damnation? The short answer is that he doesn't.

In the Bible, specifically in the book of 1 Corinthians, verse 20 of chapter 7 it says: Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him.

Are you the same person you were when you were born? It doesn't matter if these days dude looks like a lady; this lady looks

like a dude, but I'm pretty sure I have the same soul I was born with and you do, too.

If you flip over to Romans, chapter 16 you'll find: I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put

Parades around the country; for those who use their Bibles as guides rather than as weapons.

There's a short verse in the book of Micah that perfectly sums up what we are all supposed to be doing. It says to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

On both the local and national levels, the GLBT community is actively seeking justice and loving mercy. We're still working on walking humbly. It's just so darn hard when you're 6'4" and look that good in a dress and heels.

Karen Gels Allen and her partner, Adriana Bustamante, are co-pastors of The Living Water Ministries (on Facebook), and preach at New Spirit Metropolitan Community Church in Cincinnati.

Watch out for those who cause divisions

obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teachings you have learned. Keep away from them for such people are not serving the Lord... That one is pretty self-explanatory. God is using people who truly follow Jesus' teachings to snuff out the false advertisers.

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Titanic



Nate

By Nate Wessel

The Gay lifeboats are still hitting the water, it's icy surface rent by legislation and bedazzled by the glaring television.

Already some are setting up lawnchairs on the beach. Good for them I say! We're all trying to get to the beach. I paddle harder and scream for another life preserver. We're out. Budget cuts. I see others drowning. "Throw me an extra life vest will you?!" I e.mail the beach people. They shrug and adjust their umbrellas. Something about cold water and not-really-liking-drag-queens-that-much-anyway... I can't hear the rest over a splash. Another oar gone overboard. We keep turning back for survivors, paddling

with our hands now. Our little raft growing a heavy community, holding us up.

The sun goes down and we send up a flair. Tending our wounds, we sing the hymns of the 80s long ago. The big ship has nosed up, going down. There are people drowning in there, unable to escape their pews as we watch from afar. It's a big ship. Nothing we can do. A body leaps astern, hits the now aerial rotating blades of the ship's disproving parents. Thud. Splash. Cigarettes.

It is discovered that in the night some of the

survivors have been paddling away from shore, toward the other lifeboats, wanting to hold each other in the icy night. I wonder how long we can survive.

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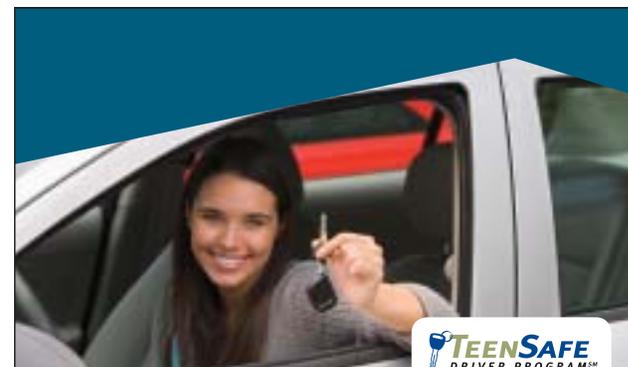
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