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Volunteer groups can raise money for a charity at Columbus PRIDE

In Columbus you can volunteer as a group in the Beverage Area at Columbus PRIDE 2012 and raise money through tips that can be donated to a charity or non-profit organization. The Stonewall Columbus 2012 PRIDE Festival is June 15th and 16th. The festival will be held in Goodale

Park and this year.

The PRIDE Parade Grand Marshal is Mayor Michael Coleman. This year they are expecting the biggest turnout for PRIDE to date. Events of this size require an army of volunteers. In recent years they have seen a great increase in corporate visibility at the festival through businesses and organizations providing volunteer groups to help throughout the weekend.

They want to thank all

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Ed Hicks' newest book is available

Ed Hicks' latest book, *AIDS Mon Amour*, is now available at the Amazon/Kindle store. Go here for direct link: <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B0085HK49M>

It is an emotional story of love, loss, courage, and commitment, this memoir

tells of a man who rejected the death sentence of AIDS twenty five years ago and built a new life. Hopefully the paperback version will be available soon; it is held up because of technical issues related to cover formatting.

Hicks established and edited *Gay Beat* in Cincinnati before moving from the city.



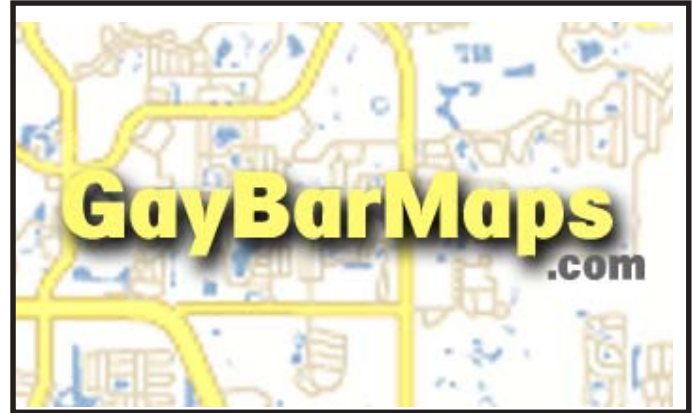
Bishop John Bell, Archdiocese of St. Patrick, Reformed Catholic Church, awaits first couple to be married at the May Dayton Marriage Rally in MJ's parking lot.

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Real Estate with Marty

Well readers hope you had a great week. Interest rates for the week: 30 year fixed...3.75%

15 year fixed...3%

Builders broke ground on more homes last month as housing starts jumped 2.6 percent nationwide in April over March, the Commerce Department reported this week.

The single-family sector saw a 3 percent increase in housing starts in April, while multifamily construction projects saw

a 3.2 percent rise. I just listed a home in a very “Friendly Neighborhood” that would make someone single or a couple just starting out call



Karp

this house “Their Home”. Great investment opportunity for the future. Met the neighbors and definitely even more friendly than Wisteria Lane from Desperate Housewives. Please call me with any questions and remember always free staging when listing with me.

mkarp@starone.com, 859-907-2524.

Take care and be safe,

PRIDE—from Page 1 the organizations who have helped in past years. They look forward to working with you again! If this is your first time volunteering with them, they can’t wait to meet you.

This year they are allowing the servers to receive tips and to donate those tips to their designated charity.

HRC and FreedomOhio at June meeting

Natalie Macdonald of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and Mary Jo Kilroy, CEO of Freedom-

Ohio, will be speaking at the June 4th Cincinnati National Organization for Women (NOW) meeting.

Natalie Macdonald will be speaking about local-level and national-level HRC activities which will include: workplace equality, bullying initiatives, the Violence Against Women Act, the Nationwide Women in Leadership program, Family and adoption issues, LGBT equality and much more. Mary Jo Kilroy will be discussing the Ohio Freedom To Marry ballot initiative. Freedom to Marry petitions and

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 Redistricting petitions will be available to sign. Beverages and snacks will be provided. The meeting will be held Monday, June 4th at 7 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church; 536 Linton, at Reading Road.

**10th Annual
 Windy City Gay
 Idol Semi-Finals
 June 2nd**

CHICAGO - Windy City Gay Idol, now in its 10th year, is one step closer to crowning a Gay Idol. Don't miss the Semifinals on Saturday, June 2 at

Sidetrack, 3349 N Halsted, with doors at 2 p.m., show at 3 p.m. The largest annual search for the best amateur Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered singers in the Chicago area continues, after ten preliminary events, with the top 23 finalists all competing for a spot in the Top Twelve at the Finals which will be held Saturday, June 16.

Windy City Gay Idol is produced by Windy City Times and Windy City Media Group. Idol winners have gone on to sing at Wrigley Field, Soldier Field, Market

Days and at festivals in Illinois, Indiana, Milwaukee and Toronto. Plus the Windy City Gay Idol Finals in 2008 featured a then unknown Lady Gaga as a guest performer.

Audience votes determine the Top 12 Finalists. A panel of judges will provide feedback throughout the event.

The Windy City Gay Idol winner will be awarded \$1,000 cash, a dream vacation to Vancouver, theater / concert tickets, plus the coveted title of Windy City Gay Idol 2012.

Audience members will win big as well at the

Semifinals! One audience member at the Semifinals will win a trip for two to Vancouver. Others will win tickets to Rock of Ages, and other exciting Chicago shows. The guest performer at the Semifinals is a highly entertaining all-girl band, Hot Mess, covering favorite songs from Michael Jackson to Adele, the Beatles to Cee Lo Green, Lenny Kravitz to Kelly Clarkson. For more info visit <http://www.hotmessband.com/>

There is a \$10 cover, which includes a free drink ticket. All audience members are entered to win prizes.



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