



Jim Kippenberg Journalism Award

Editor receives award from NKY PRIDE

By Worley Rodehaver

I was honored this weekend by the NKY PRIDE Committee with the Jim Kippenberg Journalism Award.

The award reads, “NKy PRIDE proudly presents Worley Rodehaver the Journalism Award in recognition of (your) commitment to reporting GLBT news and issues to our community.”

I was unable to attend the PRIDE Party because my vehicle decided not to run but I did send a response to be read at the event. It follows:

“I am so sorry I cannot be with you today. I rearranged delivery so I could but my van broke down.

As you know the media takes several forms. In

my case I decided to focus on the GLBT Community and its issues. I do this all the time, 12 months out of the year.

GLBT News is here for the local GLBT Community not just when something special or bad happens, as with other media

I want to thank the (NKY PRIDE) committee for bestowing this honor. But, it is I who should be praising the committee.

GLBT News is in business to tell the stories of the local GLBT Community and individuals. When events such as this happen we depend on the organizers to provide the informa-



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tion we need to tell our readers. about them. Northern Kentucky PRIDE Committee members provided me with all the information I needed prior to my deadline. They told my readers what they were doing. All I did was put their information in the paper and e.mailer and deliver it.

I have been publishing **GLBT News** since 1996 and it now is available in three forms, PRINT, e.mail and Web. We also have a weekly UPDATE e.mailer—also on our web page. What I do in these editions is made possible

by advertisers who want to reach the community on a timely basis.

I also need to thank my salesperson, Karen Halazayn and my associate editor, Mother, the volunteer writers and my transportation coordinator Joe Wilks who has spent the last two days working on the van problem. I cannot do what I do by myself, I need all these folks and you for me to be a person of the media.

We are hopefully out and about today in 18 neighborhoods delivering our print edition to 170+ locations.

Again, NKY PRIDE Committee, thank you for this honor.”

Well, we were out but not delivering. We were

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sitting in Northside waiting for the van to cool down again.

I hope the message I sent to NKY PRIDE to read did not sound like a commercial but it is true that all those people and factors make me a media person.

PFLAG honored me several years ago for my work in the community and I have been a PRIDE Parade Marshal as well.

I have only sought an award twice in my life, the first being a photography award in an Ohio Press Photographer's Contest years ago. I received an honorable mention for a photo of a rescued dog and owners following a fire.

I also entered a Cincinnati Editor's Association "Editorial" contest and received first place for an editorial in the newspaper of the Episcopal Diocese entitled "On Homosexuality. That created quite a stir

when it was published in the mid-70s.

Excuse me for going on and on, but I wanted to tell the whole story.

Again, I really appreciate the Journalism Award. I watched the committee at work the last couple of months and I think we should give them an award for giving the community such a great party!

Bachmann vs homosexuality

GOP presidential candidate Michele Bachmann has signed a controversial anti-Gay, conservative Christian pledge.

Bachmann, by signing the pledge sponsored by the Iowa Christian conservative group known as The Family Leader, agrees to oppose same sex marriage and claims homosexuality is a choice, a health risk and comparable to adultery, polygamy and polyandry.

Marcus Bachmann runs "cure" clinic

The mainstream media has finally started reporting on both Michele Bachmann's homophobic policies and husband Marcus Bachmann's dubious clinic, Bachmann & Associates, a counseling service that uses public funds to "cure" people of their homosexuality.

And as people start paying attention to the Bachmanns' anti-Gay ways, John M. Becker from Truth Wins Out, a group that counters the "ex-Gay" movement, has published an in-depth article about his time undercover at Mr. Bachmann's clinic.

Will Becker's revelations doom Representative Bachmann's presidential campaign?

Posing as a man struggling with his homosexuality, Becker called Bachmann & Associates

and was immediately referred to a counselor named Timothy Wiertzema. And, not surprisingly, their six counseling sessions together were predictably religious and repressive.


From Becker's report: Read more: <http://www.towleroad.com/2011/07/truth-wins-out-infiltrates-marcus-bachmanns-ex-gay-clinic.html#ixzz1RqLZ5i9X>

Will government defend DADT?

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered the US government to state whether or not it will defend the constitutionality of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

They recently ruled that the moratorium on the separation of Lesbian and gay soldiers was to go back into effect. A three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit says that the United States government does

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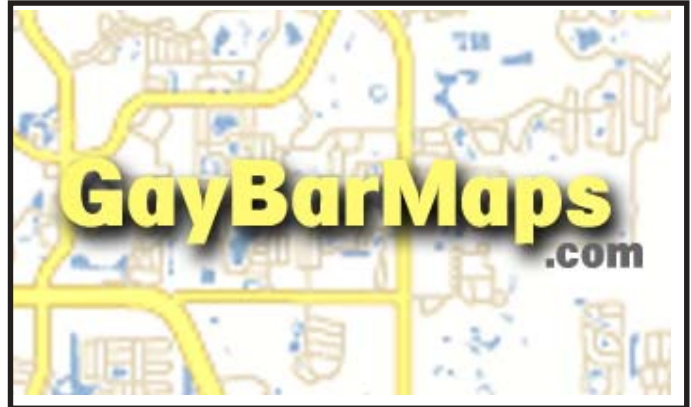


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not seem prepared to
mount an appeal.

While the Department of
Justice lawyers have
defended the law in court
before now, it has been
noted that the law is about
to be officially repealed.

Schools and Gay-Straight Alliances

Education Secretary
Arne Duncan issued a
“Dear Colleagues” letter
on June 14 advising
federally funded schools
about establishing clubs on
campuses, specifically

Gay-Straight Alliance
clubs for Lesbian, Gay,
Bisexual and Transgender
students.

The letter was issued
from the department’s
Office of Civil Rights for
elementary and secondary
schools and was sent to all
school districts in the
United States, according
to Jo Ann Webb, spokes-
person for the Department
of Education (DOE).

Webb said the school
districts – the entity that
oversees elementary,
middle and secondary
schools in a specific
district in every state – will
decide what schools in the
district get the guidelines.



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