

**Ordinance sans GLBT inclusion**

**Berea KY**—A proposed ordinance creating a human rights commission in this Madison County city would endeavor to eliminate religious, racial,

sex, age and physical-disability discrimination, but it does not mention discrimination against people because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

The omission disappointed people at a recent

Berea City Council meeting who had hoped it would include language for Gay, Lesbian and Transgender people. The council gave the ordinance a first reading but did not vote on it.

A second reading and

vote were not scheduled. Lexington Herald-Leader



**A personal saga**

**Thanks guys**

By Worley Rodehaver

It was great to receive the Jim Knippenberg Journalism Award during



the NKY PRIDE event.

But, that wasn't the only event.

I had held up getting GLBT News printed because my other publication was featuring 4th of July Parade photos and I couldn't get it printed until after the 4th.

I had planned to be at the NKY Party in the Park but

missed it because I needed papers delivered.

Well, that didn't happen as planned either because at the very beginning of delivery the van over heated. Joe Wilks, my transportation chief, coached it back to my house but the delivery people were stranded in Northside until a ride came

for them.

Joe tried to fix it but the old van was not about to be fixed. Riding around with him as he tried one fix after another, I spent six hours—an hour at a time over four days sitting in a hot overheated van.

Finally I gave up and sent out a plea looking for a van while still looking for

one in hot used car lots.

At this point Jill Benavides-Meredith contacted me to find out why I wasn't in church and Joe Penno contacted me on Facebook. They both sent out messages to their networks.

Soon thereafter a new used van came on board and I could continue to try living up to the journalism award I received.

Thanks Jill, Joe and Joe.

For those of you who pick up print copies they are now at your favorite spot along with copies of "The Listings" and also coupon cards for Kings Island Pride.

**Community Center is seeking treasurer**

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center is looking for a volunteer treasure. Qualifications: experience with finances, taxes and working with a large budget. Interested people shall contact Toby Martino ([toby.martino@cincyglbt.com](mailto:toby.martino@cincyglbt.com)), Denise Taylor ([Denise.Taylor@cincyglbt.com](mailto:Denise.Taylor@cincyglbt.com)) or Bill Abney ([Bill.Abney@cincyglbt.com](mailto:Bill.Abney@cincyglbt.com)) for more information and invitation to board meeting for board approval."

## Senate confirms openly Gay judge

Washington D.C.—For the first time in U.S.

history, the Senate has confirmed an openly Gay man to be a federal judge.

Senators confirmed J. Paul Oetken to be a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York with a vote of 80-13.

He isn't the first openly Gay person to be confirmed -- just the first male. In 1994, the Senate confirmed U.S. District Judge Deborah Batts, an open Lesbian.

### Journalism Award

From Tom Jones

Dear Worley,

I read with great pleasure about your receiving



Jones

the Jim Knippenberg Journalism Award! I knew Jim well and I know he would have

whole heartedly ap-

proved of your selection. In fact, I know our whole GLBT Community would approve.

You have performed a needed and valuable service for all of us over the years with tireless effort on your part. You are always there for our community.

My personal congratulations and thanks....and I'm sure the same resounds from all of us.

### Dollywood discriminates

Olivier Odom and Jennifer Tipton say they are a family just like any other newly wed couple. They got married in the Outerbanks last year.

However, when they went to Dollywood's Splash Country with some friend's kids, they say they weren't treated like family.

"I was in disbelief. I didn't think it was the policy of Dollywood to discriminate against the

LGBT community," said Odom.

She said the front gate host asked her to take off her t-shirt and turn it inside out.

"I looked at him and I was like really? He said 'This is a family park,'" she said.

Her t-shirt read "Marriage is so Gay." The shirt raises money for an organization that promotes Gay marriage.

### Lesbians—STOP holding hands

The Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco is taking very seriously an incident in which a guard tried to get a Lesbian couple to stop holding hands while they were viewing — ironically enough — an exhibit on lesbian writer and poet Gertrude Stein.

The SF Chronicle wrote:

Stein Levikow was in the gallery with her partner

when she noticed a young Lesbian couple in heated conversation with a security guard.

"They were holding hands," Levikow said, "and he told them they couldn't hold hands in the museum."

The couple did not agree. A small crowd began to form and the guard attempted to shoo the couple out the door to quiet things down.

"And they said, 'No we are not leaving and we want to talk to somebody in authority right now,'" Levikow said. "The idea that in 2011, in San Francisco, at the Jewish Museum, this guard could be that out of touch was shocking."

Museum officials have sent a letter to those affected by the incident and the museum's board and staff, the Bay Citizen reports:

"It caused quite an uproar," (Daryl Carr,

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### PFLAG Cincinnati



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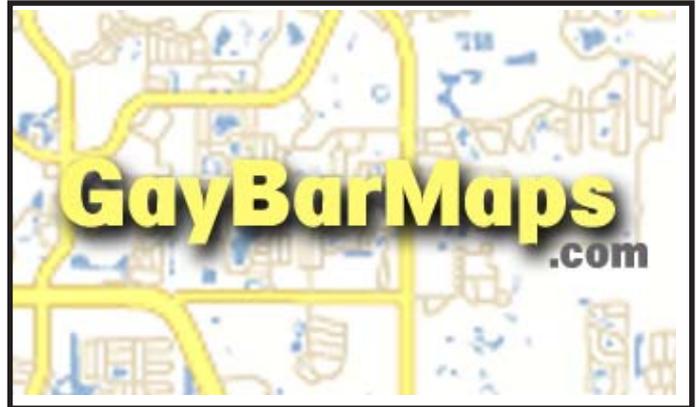
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director of marketing and communications of the museum) said, who was out of town at the time of the incident.

The museum does not employ its own guards, instead outsourcing work to a company called Guardsmark. Carr said the guard who reprimanded the couple was filling in due to a shortage and was not regularly assigned to the museum. Shortly after the incident, the guard was asked to leave the museum, according to Carr. The museum wrote a letter to Guardsmark, expressing their unhappiness over the incident.

## Lack of Respect

The Ohio Supreme Court has upheld lower-court rulings that a Cincinnati woman did not agree to shared legal custody of her daughter, now 5, despite planning the in-vitro pregnancy with her partner and naming her a “co-parent” in power-of-attorney documents.

While this might seem like a dispute between a former couple, it’s actually much bigger than that — **it points to a fundamental lack of respect for and recognition of the patchwork legal relationships that LGBT**

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### **Americans are forced to create while they lack a federal recognition of marriage equality.**

It is not enough to hope for the good graces of the Ohio judicial system, while LGBT Ohioans (*and Mississippians, and Californians, and many others*) cobble together families that are constantly under attack. **We must repeal the Defense of Marriage Act at the federal level, and we need our elected officials to stand with us in making that happen!**

Ohio residents in the districts of Representatives who have not yet signed on as co-sponsors of the Respect for Marriage Act, include Rep. Steve Chabot (*OH-01*), Rep. Jean Schmidt (*OH-02*), and Rep. John Boehner (*OH-08*), **CONTACT THEM!**

The Ohio champions of equality who have **signed on as co-sponsors** of the

bill, including: Rep. Dennis Kucinich (*OH-10*), Rep. Marcia Fudge (*OH-11*), Rep. Betty Sutton (*OH-13*) and Rep. Tim Ryan (*OH-17*).

### **Youth Summit 2011**

Save the Date for the 2011 Youth Summit - Saturday September 24, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at NKU. If you are interested in presenting a workshop, please e.mail [info@cincy.youthsummit.org](mailto:info@cincy.youthsummit.org) for the workshop submission form and guidelines.

### **Lesbians can't wed in this Inn**

The Wildflower Inn in Lyndonville, Vermont refused to host a wedding reception for New York couple Kate Baker and Ming Linsley because of the owners' personal bias against same-sex couples. A suit has been filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU of Vermont, said state law on

the books since 1992 prohibits denying access to public accommodations, like the inn, based on sexual orientation.

### **President nominates Gay man to judiciary**

President Obama has nominated openly Gay Michael Walker Fitzgerald, a private attorney with Corbin, Fitzgerald & Athey LLP in Los Angeles, Calif., for a seat on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

"I am honored to nominate Michael Walter Fitzgerald to the United States District Court," Obama said in a statement. "His impressive career stands as a testament to his formidable intellect and integrity. I am confident he will serve the people of California with distinction on the District Court bench."

### **Restaurant to host Lesbian wedding**

After waiting two decades to say 'I do,' Carol Anastasio and Mimi Brown never imagined that when they finally tied the knot, someone else would pick up the tab on a lavish wedding.

But for these lower East Side lovebirds, dreams do come true.

To celebrate New York Governor Cuomo's historic signing of same-sex marriage legislation last month, a Meatpacking District restaurant will host a grand wedding ceremony and reception for the pair on the very first day Gay couples can legally marry in the state - and the entire event is on the house.

"We're going to supply everything but the rings," said Old Homestead Steakhouse co-owner Marc Sherry. "We're doing it first class. This couple deserves a wonderful wedding."

Read more: [http://www.nydailynews.com/ny\\_local/2011/07/17/2011-07-17](http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2011/07/17/2011-07-17)

### **Soon to be ex-Baptists**

Owensboro KY—A Baptist association committee in western Kentucky has recommended removing a church from the organization because of its support of PFLAG. Member churches of the association will meet next month to vote on whether to remove Journey Fellowship, according to the **Messenger-Inquirer**.



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