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Black AIDS Institute CEO speaks during Town Hall Meeting on HIV/AIDS prevention in Cincinnati



Phill Wilson

Phill Wilson, president and CEO of the California-based Black AIDS Institute, gave the keynote address at an August Town Hall Meeting on HIV/AIDS prevention in Cincinnati.

The meeting, held at in the American Red Cross building was the third in a series of sessions hosted by IV-CHARIS and researchers at the University of Cincinnati (UC).

Wilson told the group that he wanted to talk about the State of AIDS in America today and the role faith-based organizations play.

He said, "Thirty-one years after AIDS was discovered we finally

have the right kind of knowledge and tools to stop the epidemic. No we don't have a cure or a vaccine yet but you know David only had a sling-shot and he fell Goliath. Our tools are far from perfect but they are good enough to get the job done if, and it is a big if, if we use them efficiently, effectively and compassionately."

He continued, "We not only have the largest epidemic in the world but the most complicated in the entire world. We face gigantic challenges, challenges that rely on lessons learned. Challenges that provide opportunities to develop solutions that can be applied all over the globe.

"Approximately

50,000 get affected with HIV every year We are doing better than we were doing but we are not doing good enough

See Wilson, Page 6, Col. 3

Attention!!!



Michael Riley is not associated with GLBT News in any capacity.

Fear and Loathing in Tampa

By **Tedd Good**

I had a fantasy as Hurricane Isaac headed towards Tampa. It was post Apocalyptic in scope. Amid the destruction the fundamentalists would go wild. There would be rabid Bible thumping.



Real politic 101
By Tedd Good

delegates in doors. No street theater for Tampa. The radical fundies were put back on their anti psychotics Romney true believers were given talking points for the media. The whole event became very corporate very Romney.

Only Ron Paul provided dissent against the board room conformity. The Convention might as well been a company sales meeting whipping up the sales force to sell, sell, sell.

Paul Ryan became the Chief Ideological Officer. Young cute and articulate

he provided the Ayan Rand vision glorifying unfettered capitalistic self determination framed in the virtues of small town America. Absent was a presentation by anyone from Mittens on down of how to achieve this, One only has to read the GOP Platform and the Ryan Budget to know the truth. Taken as a whole these documents were authorized by the Tea Party and the radical fundamentalists.

The real vision is a Corporate Theocracy. In this vision the LGBT community must be demonized to deflect from the unfettered power of the economic elite. This vision is

more scary than the populist insanity that spewed from Santorum, Gingrich etals because it sets to achieve the same ends with a cute fuzzy package. Ryan is definitely the type of dude the Log Cabiners would luv to take home with them.

Now is the time for the LGBT community to have its own time of unfettered self determination and commit our own lives fortunes and sacred honor to defeating the Corporate Theocracy.

We must hang together or surely we will hang separately !

Butler County Youth Group

PRISM Youth Butler County is a group for GLBT youth. It has begun meeting on Tuesday evenings in Hamilton in Butler County. for details see <http://www.facebook.com/PrismYouthButlerCounty>

Youth Summit

Greater Cincinnati GLBTQ Youth Summit. Registration is now open for this event on September 22 at NKU. PFLAG will have a table & host a session. For more information see www.glsencincinnati.org/youthsummit.

New Volunteer coordinator at Center



Hannah Smith

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center announces Hannah Smith as their new volunteer coordinator!

Toby Martino served in this capacity for nearly two years. Sadly, Toby is returning to his family and birthplace of Lima, Ohio for a few months.

He will then relocate to Columbus, Ohio with friends. Toby will remain on the Board of Directors as an "At Large" member until his departure.

Hannah Smith decided she wanted to get involved in the community! She knew that the Center touched many organizations and resources in the regional GLBT community so she joined as a volunteer. Toby Martino trained Hannah. She's 22 years old and a Westsider as well as, a May 2012

graduate of College of Mount St. Joseph. A double major in English and Communications, she works as office coordinator at Penklor a real estate investment company. Please welcome Hannah - and volunteer! (Write volunteer@cincylgbt.com)



About Kendall

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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

Stop talking about marriage

The public exposure of queer people in this century offered the world an opportunity to fundamentally question our institutions of sex and gender and relationships. We started to go there in the 60s and 70s with the normalization of promiscuous Gay sex, even in public places(!) but the AIDS epidemic brought the whole experiment crashing down, not only killing it's most vociferous participants but casting a curse on it's legacy that's proven impossible to shake.

Gay sex is bad and kills you! And the

response must be, so it goes, not to have sex with protections from infection, but to commit to at least semi-monogamous sex if any.



Nate
By Nate Wessel

The Gay activist community is shoe-horning it's collective sexuality into an ancient and constricting institution because it's an easy win. "Gay Marriage" will normalize homosexual relationships to the public, giving straight people a conceptual framework for making sense of our lives. Sounds simple enough, but why must we always take the path of least resistance? We're exchanging one simple misconception for another just as damaging.

Would I rather be "Gay", perceived to be promiscuous and full of disease, or rather "Gay", perceived to be interested in little more than the average person—married and raising normal children? Frankly, I'll take the first. At least it keeps me on my toes.

AIDS wasn't the result of promiscuity itself, or of an atypical relationship between men, but the poor response of one of the world's too-few permeable membranes to a foreign visitor. And marriage is not a normal thing. It's a legal framework for a merely temporarily typical relationship, one that no one should unquestioningly accept. To think that millions of people would want to agree on one single type of

relationship is silly.

To think particularly that a community of people marginalized for their atypical relationships should want so badly to buy into the single establishment option is preposterous. We could blaze a new path, opening doors to the widespread adoption of new types of human interaction and relation, yet we fight for the easy win of acceptance through conformity. We're settling for mediocrity if we continue to focus any attention on marriage while leaving other, heavier stones unturned. We're like children, wanting to buy the cool clothes from the mall so we don't get beat up by the cool kids, never realizing that by banding

together and refusing to buy into that status system we could transcend rather than reinforce it. I don't want to be a cool kid, I want to be me, and whether you're already wearing your Hollister polo or not, I know there's more under the surface yearning to get out.



What you have missed?

If you have not been to our website or if you are not on our e-mailer list here are some of the stories you have missed during the last three weeks!

- ▽ Prelate involved with PROP 8 charged with DUI
- ▽ Church arsonist arrested
- ▽ October is LGBT History Month
- ▽ Crazy Fox Saloon celebrates 13th year
- ▽ Pride Night at Kings Island
- ▽ Democrats endorse Marriage Equality

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Dixie Crystals

Jean Hood, Dixie/Derek's mother would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support and love for her and her family.

It truly is a testament to how many people loved Dixie. Instead of flowers or cards she has asked that a fund be set up that will go to help HIV and Cancer Patients. The ISQCCBE is setting up a special fund in Dixie's name that will go to Caracole House and the YWCA Breast and

Cervical Cancer funds.

Donations in Dixie's name can be given to any Board or College member. ISQCCBE accepted envelopes at Dixie's Memorial service Monday. You can make a donation through Pay Pal at <http://www.isqccbe.org>/click the Pay Pal link and put the Dixie Crystal's Fund in the memo section.

Give Dixie one more great fundraiser to celebrate her life.

By Sandra Fluke

In a recent statement that was both factually inaccurate and horribly offensive, Republican Missouri Senate candidate Rep. Todd Akin said that victims of "legitimate rape" don't get pregnant because "the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down."



Fluke

Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan tried to distance themselves from the remark — but the fact is they're in lockstep with Akin on the major women's health issues of our time.

Prior to their convention, the Republican Party voted to include the "Human Life Amendment" in their platform, calling for a constitutional ban on abortions nationwide, even for rape victims.

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Police are searching for killer of Kendall Hampton



Kendall Hampton

Kendall Hampton was shot and killed after a fight in Walnut Hills which he apparently won.

According to reports **GLBT News** received Kendall and a family member were going to a carryout at the time when he was called names and the fight broke out.

The person he beat was being teased by others that he had been beaten by a "fag".

Kendall's Mother Debbie and friends gathered at the scene later.

A family member informed **GLBT News** that Victims of Crime have spoken with Kendall's mother.

GLBT News was also informed that Cincinnati Police have a suspect in mind, are still investigating the killing and are looking for the suspect.



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the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down, said Representative Todd Akin

*Fluke—*from Page 4

Several Romney supporters and advisers stood silently by while this vote took place, and the *Los Angeles Times* reports that the platform “was written at the direction of Romney’s campaign.”

President Obama spoke out in response to Akin’s comments: “What I think these comments do underscore is why we shouldn’t have a bunch of politicians, a majority of whom are men, making health care decisions on behalf of women.”

This controversy is not an accident, or a mistake, or an isolated incident. It’s a reflection of a Republican Party whose policies are dangerous for women.

There is a clear choice for women in this election: Stand with President Obama.

I entered this national debate on women’s rights in February, when,

as a Georgetown Law student, I testified before members of Congress on the issue of contraception.

Without knowing me or my story, Rush Limbaugh called me a “slut” and a “prostitute” on radio.

Many Americans stepped forward to tell me they agreed with me, and supported my right to speak out without being verbally attacked. President Obama stood with us.

Mitt Romney, on the other hand? He didn’t even condemn the remark, instead saying only: “It’s not the language I would have used.”

Since that moment, I’m even more resolved to continue the fight to make sure every single woman knows exactly what’s at stake in this election. The Republicans are frighteningly clear on these issues.

The party platform

itself includes a “salute” to states that have pushed “informed consent” laws, such as those that force women seeking an abortion to first undergo an invasive and medically unnecessary ultrasound.

Just last year, Paul Ryan joined Todd Akin and more than 200 other Republicans in co-sponsoring legislation that would have narrowed the definition of rape, limiting which victims of rape were “legitimate” enough to receive financial assistance for access to abortion care.

Mitt Romney famously says he would “get rid of” Planned Parenthood if he had the chance. And both Romney and Ryan pledge to go back to a system where insurance companies can discriminate against women and charge us more than men for the same health insurance.

Akin’s comments shouldn’t be surprising. But this isn’t about him—just like it was never about me.

President Obama has told us what he’s fighting for: “I want women to

control their own health choices, just like I want my daughters to have the same opportunities as your sons.”

Republicans, led by Romney and Ryan, have made it clear that they

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A 20 year member of New Spirit Metropolitan Church of Cincinnati has been appointed a vice moderator of the board of directors.



Poynter

The Rev. Joseph L. Poynter, 62, assumed the position in August at the group's meeting. Mary Warders, while stepping down from the position of vice moderator, will continue as a board member and treasurer for the organization.

The local congregation is planning to celebrate their 40th anniversary in Cincinnati next April. Over the years, the group has met at St. John's Unitarian, Church of Our Saviour, Grace Episcopal and acquired ownership of a building at 4033 Hamilton Avenue, Northside in 2002.

Services are held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The web site for the group is: <http://www.newspiritmcc.com>

New Spirit is a member church of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), is an inter-

national Protestant Christian denomination. There are 222 member congregations in 37 countries, and the Fellowship has a specific outreach to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender families and communities.

The first congregation was founded in Los Angeles by the Reverend Troy Perry in 1968, a time when Christian attitudes toward homosexuality were almost universally negative.

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“The epidemic is about 50 percent Black, about 50 percent of AIDS-related deaths in this country are Black.”

He told the group he is an HIV positive person.

Wilson said, “If we are going to end the epidemic in this country all of what we are and all of what we are not have to be part of the conversation. And, most importantly in our community people of faith have a critical role in leading this effort.”

According to Wilson even though this epidemic is the most complicated in the world in many ways we in the United States are fortunate because we have great universities like the University of Cincinnati and we are wealthy but many of us live in poverty, homelessness and addiction. We have large numbers of people with

HIV that have other diseases and are stigmatized.

Two years ago President Obama released the first comprehensive report on HIV/AIDS.

The president wrote, *The United States would become a place where new infections are rare and when they do occur every person regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social-economic circumstances will have unfettered access to high quality life extending care away from stigma and intimidation.*

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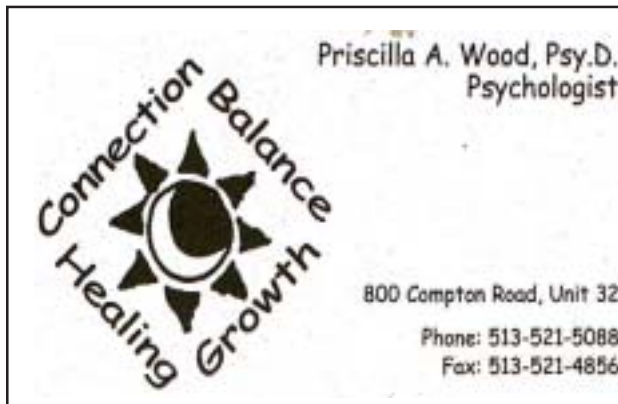
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Holy Chicken Wars of 2012

Adding more “heat” than “light” to the grill, here’s my take on the holy chicken wars of “Sum-mer of 2012. I’m particularly



Goose Mother Says
By Michael Chanak

sensitive to discussions of poultry and associated feathered friends and by-products. Maybe, all of us just hoped it would go away and quickly?

The GLBT Center* in conjunction with Support Marriage Equality Ohio (*Adam Hoover*) and local media took the lead. It was a rough week. Mother Goose was placed in FB jail when “friends” took each other out on her FB page over the Holy Chicken Wars of 2012. This while I had flown off to West Chester to “protest” outside of a certain poultry store!

Yes, I had hoped for a bit more noise from our allies, after all, our PRIDE Parades view like a proud display of the history of diversity!

Certainly, Mr. Chicken Business Owner doesn’t speak for the entire Christian community or the vast majority of private businesses in this country!?! Maybe, our

allies just hoped it would all go away and quickly?

The holy chicken eating Christian gang must not have taken the course on Problems of Democracy as taught by

my 9th grade teacher, Miss. Joy Stover.

Remember, civics courses? Yes Mr. Chicken Business Owner gets to have his say but it doesn’t end there. On the stage of public opinion, one seldom gets the last word let alone the right to spray poison and exit the stage.

Against the fiery glare of the holy chicken grill, I saw folks who we might not normally identify as

“fellow travelers,” turn out and lend their support. Three of these were Dennis L. Osborne, Jr. and his bride Christy (*Holt*) Osborne along with friend, Pamela Wallace. Dennis is a three tour of duty Iraq former marine sergeant.

As for Mother Goose, the Holy Chicken Wars of the summer of 2012

were bizarre - Goddess bless America and her Holy Chicken Wars. Meantime, a pagan friend of mine pointed it out “it’s been a long hot summer Mother Goose and it was a full moon!”

*As a matter of fair disclosure, the writer is the current treasurer of the GLBT Center.



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