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Cincinnati PRIDE Interfaith Service July 7

From Bruce Beisner
Cincinnati's PRIDE Interfaith Service will be Thursday July 7, 7 p.m. at St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church, 320 Resor Avenue in Clifton.

All are invited to attend this very special multi-faith



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worship event! Clergy and lay leaders from across the rainbow of spiritual and religious perspectives will gather to celebrate how their diverse faiths respect and embrace people of all sexual orien-

tations and gender identities.

Theme will be "Together in a Spirit of Love" and the service will include rousing music, inspirational readings, prayers and rituals from Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Native American, Pagan and many other religious traditions.

The service is being organized by the Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati.

For more information, please visit www.cincinnatiuu.org

Athens has Partner Registry, Hate Crimes Law

Athens City Council has passed a Domestic Partner Registry and local Hate Crimes Law

The Committee to Move Athens Forward has worked hard for more than a year with city council members to pass local legislation that is in line with the city's efforts to support and protect all

its citizens. Both ordinances passed with the full support of council and the Mayor.

Supporters particularly thank Council Members Bill Bias, Elahu Gosney and Jim Sands for their courage and hard work.

Club Bronz closes fixtures for sale

Club Bronz in Northside has closed and all equipment and fixtures are for sale.

On their Facebook Page they said there are still "tons" of items available.

Club Bronz is located at 4029 Hamilton Avenue and their phone number is 513-591-2100.

The Golden Lions, reportedly the oldest Gay Bar in Cincinnati and located in neighboring Clifton closed several months ago.

New York Marriage bill tabled Tuesday

According to a release in *NECN.com* the New York State Gay Marriage bill was tabled late Tuesday.

That set up a Wednesday showdown.

There were reports on Tuesday that the New York Assembly might combine the Marriage Bill with two other bills as it tries to end its session.

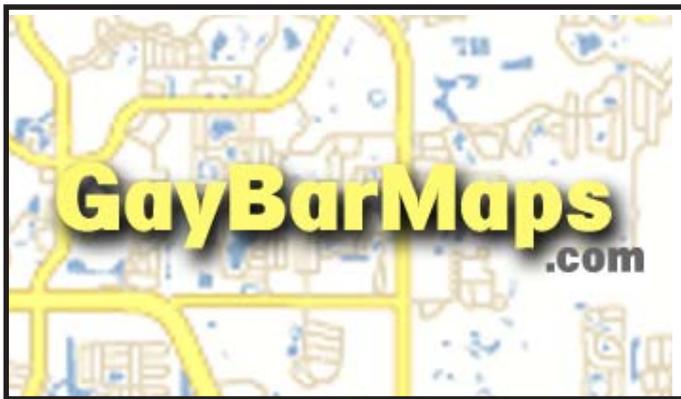
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June is Gay PRIDE Month

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 one vote shy but the Republican caucus has to allow the bill to the floor for a vote.

**United Nations
 and universal rights**

The UN Human Rights Council has passed a historic resolution calling for universal rights for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people.

This is the first time the body has passed a resolution which focuses specifically on sexual orientation and gender identity.

The resolution, which passed 23-19 with three abstentions, “affirms that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms ... without distinction of any kind”.

It was introduced by South Africa, which was accused by some other African countries of siding with the west over the

issue. South Africa, which recently pledged to tackle an epidemic of ‘corrective rapes’ on Lesbians, was attacked by the Nigerian envoy for “breaking the tradition of African group”. The envoy also claimed that 90 per cent of South Africans oppose the resolution.

More opposition came from some Arab states and the Pakistan envoy, speaking on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, said the countries were “disturbed on the attempt to focus on certain persons on the grounds of their sexual interest and behaviour”.

Introducing the resolution, South Africa said that it “does not seek to impose values on states, but seeks to initiate dialogue”.

The resolution also commissions a study on anti-Gay discrimination and violence and establishes a panel to look at the issues.

**Happy
 Gay PRIDE Month**

Google and the rainbow

There's a rainbow at the end of some Google searches.

To mark June as Gay and Lesbian PRIDE Month, the search giant has added a rainbow to the right side of the search bar when users search for "Gay," "Lesbian," "Transgender," or related terms.

The six-color rainbow, a symbol of Gay PRIDE, is a new addition this year.

In the past, Google added a thin bar below the search window with the six colors placed end to end.

While the company normally avoids taking a public stand on social issues, the company has taken a high-profile stance in support of Gay Rights.

In 2008, the company announced its opposition to Proposition 8, an anti-Gay marriage measure that California voters ultimately approved.

The company also launched a national TV commercial last month about Gay suicides during an airing of "Glee." The 90-second ad was in support of the "It Gets Better Project," a campaign that grew out of last fall's wave of Gay teen suicides and encourages

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) teens not to let bullies victimize them. Apple, Dell, Microsoft, and Pixar have also contributed to the project.

GLAAD leader resigns

It seemed like an odd endorsement: a national Gay advocacy group writing the federal government to support a proposed merger of cellphone companies.

The letter from Jarrett Barrios, president of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, did just that, urging the Federal Communication Commission to approve the merger of telecom giants AT&T and T-Mobile.

Gays and lesbians want "more access, faster service, and competitive pricing" in their mobile service, and "on all three counts, we believe the facts strongly favor the merger," he wrote.

The May 31 letter did not mention that AT&T is a major financial supporter.

Criticized by Gay media and bloggers and accused of trading the endorsement for donations, Barrios, , resigned his post. Globe.com

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