



Koch named federation media/PR director

Kentucky Equality Federation President Jordan Palmer has named



Josh Koch, former vice chair of the Liberian Party of Kentucky as

Kentucky Equality Federation's public relations and media director.

Koch gracefully accepted, stating: "This may seem like an odd choice of involvement to some who know me, given my previous history of political activities, but it is a cause near and dear to my heart. Many people and groups are victims of discrimination. Some are discriminated against because of their sexual orientation, sexual identity, race, gender, veteran status, or

political identification (or lack thereof). Discrimination takes many forms, and it is necessary that the victims of such treatment strive for a better world where all groups, orientations, identities, creeds, and political groups can achieve equality. As someone who cherishes rights, freedom, and equality, I accept the honor of serving with the Kentucky Equality Federation. They are proactive and tenacious in their struggle for "Peace, Liberty, Equality" for all. I hope I can live up to their expectations, and I look forward to working with my fellow volunteers in the cause."



HRC Family Day at the ball park

Join the HRC Greater Cincinnati Steering Committee on Sunday, September 18 after the STOP AIDS Walk to celebrate a great day of family fun at Great American Ball Park when the Cincinnati Reds challenge the Milwaukee Brewers. The action starts at 1p.m., but be there early to join the Cincinnati Mens Chorus in singing the National Anthem. Tickets must be purchased in advance, online at www.hrc.org/reds. Tickets are \$17 each and include a one-year HRC membership or renewal for persons 18 years of age or older. Wear your best HRC gear (*t-shirts, hats, etc.*) to show your family pride. Bring the whole family and all of your friends! Sponsorship and host opportunities are

available for this event at the \$250 sponsor level and \$100 host level.

Contact HRC at hrcincinnati@gmail.com for more information.

Live music featuring Yanni Difranco

Visit the Crazy Fox Saloon, 901 Washington Avenue in Newport Saturday, August 27 for another night with Yanni Difranco!! They were "off the hook" the last time they were there and Cazy Fox had to do it again!

This band really brought the house down with wonderful music and wonderful musicians! If you missed them the last time, don't do it this time. even if you were there the last time. The event begins Saturday, August 27 at 10 p.m. There is no cover, but you must be 21 or over.



Annual Rib Cookout

Join Crazy Fox Saloon, 901 Washington Avenue, Newport, Kentucky on Saturday, August 20 for their annual Rib Cookout celebrating the anniversary of The saloon!

They will be cooking up 100 pounds of Baby Back Ribs, plus all the fixins, including Terry's Famous Pineapple Upside Down Cake!! They will also have vegetarian dishes as well!

This year makes 2,100 pounds. they have cooked and served over the years (including the years the owners founded/owned Rosie's Tavern).

Gay Bash Weekend at Adonis the Nightclub

Gay Bash Weekend is this weekend at [Adonis the Nightclub](#), 4601 Kellogg Avenue.

*Friday August 19th Miss Adonis Pageant. Doors open 9 p.m.

*Saturday August 20th Dance Party Free CD Giveaway. Doors open 9 p.m.

*Sunday August 21st Hurricane Party and Luau! noon -7 p.m. (swimming - volleyball - live DJ on deck!!!)



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Community Spirit Awards Sunday at the cabaret

This Sunday August 21 is the Community Spirit Awards at The Cabaret. There will be a \$3.00 cover for everyone!

Remember its for charity!

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show will start at 8 p.m.

Coroner will not release body of Lesbian killed in Indiana stage collapse to her partner.

When a stage collapsed during the Indiana State Fair over the weekend, Christina Santiago,

manager of programming for the Lesbian Community Care Project at Chicago's Howard Brown Health Center, was one of the casualties. Santiago's partner, Alisha Brennon, was also injured in the tragedy.

The Marion County coroner's office is refusing to release Santiago's body to her partner; the office cited the Defense of Marriage Act as the reason why they've turned down Brennon's request to pick up her loved one's remains. DOMA allows states to refuse to recognize same-sex

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marriages performed in other states.

Indiana has its own version of DOMA that outlaws same-sex marriage. Since Indiana law requires the next-of-kin to pick up Santiago's body, but the state won't recognize Brennon as the surviving spouse, Santiago's body is still laying in the morgue awaiting a solution. Brennon, who is still hospitalized, is now working with Santiago's aunt to pick up the body and make funeral arrangements.

Legislation to repeal DOMA has been introduced in both chambers of Congress. The Indiana legislature passed a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages and civil unions earlier this year; the amendment will have to

pass a separately elected session of the legislature before being sent to the ballot for Hoosiers to vote on. Backers of the bill also tried to pass legislation that would have prevented state government from providing domestic partner benefits to LGBT employees and killed anti-bullying legislation introduced after a 15 year old boy killed himself after being being continuously subjected to anti-Gay bullying.

The coroner's office didn't respond to multiple requests for comment on this story. They did confirm that Santiago's body has not been claimed yet.



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Bachmann and Wallbuilders

David Barton, founder WallBuilders, a Texas-based group “dedicated to presenting America’s forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on the moral, religious and constitutional foundation on which America was built,” is calling for the “scalps” of traitorous New York state senators who voted in favor of marriage equality.

Following an interview on with Maggie Gallagher, president of the National Organization for Marriage, Barton praised the NOM’s retaliation campaign against the pro-equality GOP senators, and warned that unless they are defeated, “Ken Mehlman and his kind [will] come in and start rewarding these guys for going against pro-family stuff.”

Michele Bachmann’s alliance with an

organization like Wallbuilders is not coincidental; for she has been a staunch advocate for the Religious Right since her tenure in the Minnesota Senate. From anti-marriage equality propaganda to her husbands participation in “Gay-to-straight” therapy, she has proven herself an advocate for the complete submission of reason and science to a preconceived religious ideology.

Why does her husband (*and her*) advocate for “changing” homosexuals? Because their religion tells them too.

Why does she oppose even civil unions for Gay and Lesbian couples? Because her religious beliefs assert that she cannot validate same-sex couples.

Why does she advocate for a strict constructionist interpretation of the Constitution? Because the

Founders — as brilliant Christian men — knew best.

Bachmanns rise into the upper echelons of the Republican Party (*and her rise as a serious presidential candidate*) should give all moderates, independents and liberals great pause.

Though she might attempt to style herself as a viable and mainstream candidate, her version of government is anything but moderate. Instead, it screams the elevation of one group’s religious beliefs above all else, and that group’s beliefs codified into law; and this, my friends, is what is known as a theocracy.

LGBTQ Nation

Nero is fiddling

Happy Birthday Elvis— Michele Bachmann

On the 34th anniversary of Elvis Presley’s death, Michele Bachmann said it was his birthday.

President Bachmann would reinstate DADT

After winning the Republican presidential straw poll in Ames, Iowa, Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., said this weekend she likely would reinstate the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy if she is elected president.

Bachmann tried to avoid other questions about her anti-Gay positions in an interview with David Gregory on “Meet the Press,” saying she wasn’t interested in judging others.

However, Gregory played clips of her calling homosexuality “part of Satan,” and claiming Gays and Lesbians lead sad lives.

Editor’s Note: Michele Bachmann is the sad one.

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