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Carl Fox, left, and Terry Bond

Crazy Fox Saloon named Newport Business of the Year

Newport's Business Association presented the 2012 Newport Business of the Year Award to The Crazy Fox Saloon at the Southgate House Revival.

The Crazy Fox Saloon, located at 901 Washington Avenue in Newport's historic Eastrow Neighborhood, is owned by Terry L. Bond, Jr and Carl D. Fox. In addition to running the Crazy Fox, the duo spent the better part of 2012 restoring the storefront of the property.

The Italianate building first shows up in historical records in 1880 as the home of Lear Grocery. Over the years it was the home to many business,

including bakeries, confectionaries and a doctor's office.

Since the 1930s it has been a tavern. At some point, probably in the 1940s or 50s, the storefront was "modernized", altering the front windows into long, narrow lounge windows and reducing the doorway to a small, simple door. Terry & Carl purchased the building and business in 1999, and have year by year worked on renovating, with most of the work focusing on the interior. The grand storefront restoration, waiting on the drawing

boards for many years, was finally begun in early 2012. The masonry work was done by Terry and Carl themselves, while the new, historically correct doorway and window units were built and installed by Brian Barton's Hummingbird Construction.

The project was completed in the fall with a fresh coat of paint on the first floor to seal the raw brick. In November 2012, the city of Newport hosted a ribbon cutting and rededication of the building.

The Crazy Fox Saloon strives to be a "Friendly

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Youth, have a bullying Problem—Call the Trevor Project, 1-866-4-U-TREVOR

Doing the DOMA Dance

As a refresher , DOMA forbids extending protections of married couples to more than 1000 sections of federal law. It prohibits the automatic recognition of LGBT marriages by the several states unless expressly sanctioned by state law.



Real politic 101
By Tedd Good

LGBT couples cannot file joint tax returns , or benefit from inheritance provisions. DOMA blocks couples from asserting rights in immigration cases and applying for Social Security and Federal employee benefits. The

dance is all about USA's political dysfunction.

In 1996 the Gingrich Era Republican Congress passed D O M A . President Clinton signed it with faint protest. Clinton's LGBT strategy was to gain LGBT support by promising damage control. Don't ask Don't Tell was spawn of that age . Grudgingly most LGBT leadership bought it. We did not have the electoral muscle to do much more. Marriage Equality battles moved to the states. At the time no state had a Marriage

Equality law on the books.

Today's polarized politics have the states split on accepting or prohibiting Marriage Equality. This struggle helped fuel the growth of



a nationwide LGBT political organizing infrastructure.

By 2008 the Dems needed to use that

infrastructure to help win the White House and a Congressional supermajority. Given the Great Recession and the Health Care debate there was only room in the Obama agenda to overturn Don't

Ask Don't Tell .

By 2010 Congress was taken hostage by the Tea Party. In 2012 the LGBT machine brought over swing states to the blue column.

Obama's compromise was the current policy of Do Enforce . Don't Defend. Give' em Symbolic Kudos Galore.. The Administration now seeks to join plaintiffs to overturn DOMA. They assert that DOMA

violates the 5th Amendment guarantees of equal protection under the law. DOMA's explicit intent is to discriminate against persons historically the object of discriminatory acts in both public and private realms. The law therefore is unconstitutional and un-American.

District and Appellate Courts have agreed with the Administration . On Feb 22 (*Washington's Birthday*) written arguments were submitted to the Supreme Court. Now the fate of DOMA is in the hands of a multi headed hydra of four progressives, four troglodytes and a swing. Defending this abomination is the Mad Hatter himself – John Boehner. Washington dysfunction is a sausage factory with 19th century equipment. Frustrated with gridlock the Administration is using executive powers to move its agenda forward.

Executive actions include : giving marijuana laws low priority in states with medical marijuana statutes, framing gun control policy and averting fiscal cliffs. The House of Representatives went out of the legislative business and creates litigation.

Yup we have become full partners in this ugly sausage making business.

Amicus Briefs filed challenging Prop 8 and DOMA

Washington — (*ENEWSPF*)—Statement of AFT President Randi Weingarten following the filing of amicus briefs by the AFL-CIO and Change to Win challenging the constitutionality of Proposition 8 and the Defense of Marriage Act.

The AFT is an affiliate of the AFL-CIO. NEA also joined the DOMA filing. View the brief on Proposition 8 and DOMA.

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"Always be yourself," from Billy Elliot

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who have or have died from AIDS or Hate Crimes This publication is dedicated to those



Paul Delph

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

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Suspension

As many of you know the ISQC-CBE received a suspension notice in June 2012. We were under suspension for a few reasons and were instructed to not use our titles and to rework our organization for the betterment of the community.

We took this very seriously and in January 2013 we were given our full privileges back. A group of us attended San Diego's Coronation where Nicole the Great admonished us on our work and applauding our efforts to be reinstated. Even though we did not have use of our titles our commitment to this community never wavered! We are

here to raise money for our charities.

Now on to the fundraising! You wanna play Euchre? The ISQCCBE is hosting Euchre fundraiser every 3rd Wednesday at Shooters and every 4th Thursday at 701 bar. You can hear us on *Alternating Currents* every 3rd Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Come kick off your St. Patty's Day Weekend with us with Miss Magical Makeover at Shooters at 10 p.m. This is where we take boys who want to try drag and get them all glamorous! Then on Sunday join us Rosie's Tavern at 4p.m. for Ginger's frolic in the GREEN!

On Friday March 22 will be our 50

years of Bond show - Shooters will be the place to be to hear all your Bond song favorites.

April brings about newness for the ISQCCBE - Our candidates for Emperor and Empress will be out raising money and campaigning to become the next Monarchs. Stay tuned to see who it will be!

Fox—from Page 1

Mix of Humanity.” Terry and Carl believe deeply that fostering diversity helps develop a stronger sense of community and

creates a broader base of GLBT allies; plus it's just good business.

The Newport Business Association awarded The Crazy Fox Saloon the Business of the Year for the renovation work and for contributions to the vitality of the community.

Terry & Carl would like to thank everyone who helped to make this transformation possible and The Crazy Fox patrons who put up with

months of dust and noise. “We are deeply moved and overwhelmed by this prestigious award. Thank You!” TB & CF

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Another game of hide and seek? Okay no. It is a bit difficult to hide the Goose's ample booty behind a tree, a couch, or a chair.



Goose Mother Says

By Michael Chanak

Certainly, we won't be hiding our "PRIDE" in Cincinnati as we celebrate 40 years of PRIDE, 40 years of New Spirit MCC (*Metropolitan Community Church*) and 20 years of our very own Goose nest, the GLBTQ Center in September. Let alone, *Alternating Currents* (*Gay radio*) now heard in Cincinnati nearly 35 years.

Sure does look to this cock-eyed Goose that a

lot of groups are a rolling up on middle age soon in the local queerdom. If herstory is any gauge of how quickly things change—the old feathered one wonders if queer organizations will be like so of our local watering ponds. You know, drying up—because of lack of rain? Just look at the churn in our local bar scene—but if memory serves, we have less overall.

Remember back—at the founding of the Cincinnati's Men's Chorus or the women's choir Muse when they didn't use Gay or Lesbian in their title and were criticized for it?

Who knows maybe they were ahead of the times by not identifying with g/l in their names even though not all members are g/l?

Now in 20 years or less we might find the lay of the land looking very different, different indeed. Cause for celebration or a cause for concern? It would great to hope HIV would be conquered. What if he agencies that address those concerns were no longer being needed?

What about the gayla dinnah folks and political organizations, some exist in name only now, or a slew of other organizations that also might go the way of the dodo bird? (*Let this be a warning to all feather friends, none of us know the day our time is up, although, some seem in a hurry to tell me, "your time has past."*)

How could we function without gayla dinnah parties, or grand soirees or other blockbuster events? What no

Pride Night at Kings Island? Will we need a Gay Chamber of Commerce?

Even the need for a Center and those who wonder where the pool table is—might find they can find a pool table that welcomes them at any corner bar. Now, in case you missed it, the Goose is laying this down—things are going to change, very dramatically and quickly. Hopefully as Cheryl Eagleson offers, "crisis creates opportunity."

I find that crystal ball gazing, however much fun, is a dangerous calculus. One thing I predict, things will change, they must change—and success doesn't always mean surviving change, but endorsing and embracing it. Maybe success will be as New Spirit MCC states "they will have succeeded in their mission when they are no longer needed." More than likely, what will happen, things will

Scholarships are available

Are you a high school senior or an adult continuing their education

and you need money? PFLAG of Greater Cincinnati is now accepting scholarship applications!



will be the Annual State Conference hosted by PFLAG of Greater Cincinnati at the Garfield Suites and Inn—Downtown Cincinnati in the Lexington Room. Registration will be from 8 a.m.—9 a.m. with the conference beginning at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25.00 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. You can preregister on-line by visiting our website at www.pflagcinci.org and look under the Conference tab to get more information.

PFLAG

By Michael Cotrell

Visit our website at www.pflagcinci.org to download the application. All applications are due by April 19 and the award ceremony will be at our monthly meeting in June.

If you would like to donate money to our scholarship program, please send a check or money order to PO Box 19634 Cincinnati Oh 45219. We can send you a letter of donation if requested.

Each year a PFLAG chapter hosts the State Conference and this year the State Conference will be in Cincinnati. April 13

the conference beginning at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25.00 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. You can preregister on-line by visiting our website at www.pflagcinci.org and look under the Conference tab to get more information.

We will be updating our list of speakers but we do have confirmed speakers from Caracole House, Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio-HIV Education program, Transgender Panel, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention—Cincinnati chapter, GLSEN and of See **PFLAG**, Page 7, Col. 4

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A very common debate with a segment of the buying population - particularly first-time buyers is: "Do I buy a single family house or a condominium/townhome?"



The answer to this question typically lies in a careful examination of your lifestyle and mindset towards either maintenance or communal living.

However you refer to them - condominiums, townhomes or planned unit developments, these provide a great housing and ownership alternative to single-family homes. Yes, there are association fees and these can range from the low hundreds up into the thousands of dollars, monthly. A lot of bucks, eh? Well, first, it's important to look at what these fees cover.

Some will address just exterior maintenance - landscaping, snow removal, grass-cutting, etc. Others will cover some utilities - such as heat, water, electric, air conditioning, door staff, valet parking attendants and more. It's important to look at what the fees cover - and determine

what the costs of those services would be to you if you owned a single-family home. The difference with a condominium? You're writing just one check monthly versus several for different service providers or vendors.

What is important in researching this style of living, besides location and pricing? Here are things to keep in mind:

* Is the association self-managed or run by a property management firm?

* Under Ohio and Kentucky Laws, you've

a period of time in the purchase contract for a FULL review of both the association's by-laws, declarations, articles and finances. You'll receive a copy on contract acceptance. It's critical that you read these to learn how the association runs on both a daily and long-term basis.

* It's equally important for you to know the "financial health" of the association. How are their reserves? Are there many foreclosures or short-sales? Are there delinquencies on payment of association fees? Are there any planned or projected special as-

sessments? These all play a crucial role in signaling whether this is a good investment for you or not.

* What exactly do the association fees cover? Get the details!

* What is the percentage of owner-occupied units to rental units? If you're going to a bank for financing, your lender will need to know this information and will send a letter to verify all of the above.

It's important to compare - as equally as possible - all the factors of each association you have under consider-

ation. Obtaining the proper information is not only critical, where the selection process is involved, yet crucial to aiding in your making informed decisions regarding purchasing a home with which you'll be happy for the long-term.

As always, if you've an issue or topic you'd like

for me to address - or should you wish additional information or assistance on a particular issue, please feel free to reach out to me at Jack@TheWorkingTeam.com or at 513-527-3800.

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Mercy, not sacrifice

By Karen Allen

I'm writing this on the day known among those who observe the season of Lent, as Fat Tuesday.



Allen

Because people often give up something during Lent, Fat Tuesday represents the last time for forty

days to enjoy that thing they're going to attempt to give up. Some give up chocolate or meat. Some give up a habit like watching television, swearing or smoking.

We're told these "sacrifices" help us to reflect on the 40 days of fasting, suffering, and temptation Jesus endured in the desert at the start of his ministry; we're to pass the days reflecting on the cross and on our relationship with God. We're told that doing this will grow our faith and enrich our relationship with God and make Easter more meaningful.

So we make a commitment, and when we blow it a day or two later, we feel a brief moment of failure before we carry on with life as usual. It's all good as long as we go to church on Easter, right?

Factually speaking, there is no Biblical basis for celebrating Lent. The first century Church (*the guys who actually hung out with Jesus*) observed no such season or any of the traditions we've assigned to it over the years. Instead they did what Jesus

had actually commanded: they observed the Passover meal and the Days of Unleavened Bread.

These Jewish observances (*they were Jews, after all*) were a reminder of how they were freed from the bondage of slavery and how they were 'passed over' by the angel of death because they were protected by the blood of the lamb.

We cannot by human effort, whether it be giving up a bad habit, eating fish on Fridays, fasting on Fridays... even fasting altogether for 40 days, grow our faith or draw ourselves closer to God. If we were able to, God

would not have needed to send Jesus to the cross in the first place.

By the time you read this we will be well into Lent and only weeks away from Good Friday (*the day we commemorate Jesus' death*) and Easter Sunday. The facts are that Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he conquered the grave, all according to prophesy. Through Jesus' shed blood on the cross, his death and subsequent resurrection, Jesus took the punishment that should have been ours.

For those of us who have realized that we need a Savior, and have asked Jesus to be that

Savior, when God looks at us, he only sees Jesus' righteousness. Our sins are forgiven and our sinfulness is blocked from God's view because we're protected by the blood of the Lamb. We have been "passed over." God desires mercy, not sacrifice. (*Hosea 6:6*)

In these days before Easter, instead of giving up a habit (*sacrifice*), be like Jesus and show love (*mercy*) to someone who doesn't deserve it. Forgive someone as God, through Jesus, forgives you. That is what Easter is all about.

Karen Gels Allen and her partner, Adriana Bustamante, are co-pastors of The Living Water Ministries (on Facebook), and preach at New Spirit Metropolitan Community Church in Northside.

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Her/His/History

It is March, a thirty-one day time period allocated as “Women’s History Month.” It should be taken as a reminder that the history we are presented in both academia and the media in the United States is typically that of the white, cis male.



Did you know?

By Christa Curfiss

nore the historical existence of trans people and disregards gender fluidity. Often mainstream discussions of the Second Wave Feminist Movement (1960s through the 1980s) fail to indicate how groups such as the National Organization of Women discriminated against those who identified as Lesbians. Where would feminism be today without radical organizations like Lavender Menace? Lavender Menace formed in response to NOW’s discrimination against Lesbians, taking its name from one of NOW’s founders, Betty Friedan’s homophobic exclamation that Lesbians would derail the feminist movement. The New York Chapter of NOW even refused to list Daughters of Bilitis, one of North America’s first Lesbian rights organizations, in their list of sponsors for

the First Congress to Unite Women in 1969, choosing only to unite those who claimed a sexual attraction to cis males.

Our history as humans has not been purely formulated by that of so-called normative peoples. Queerness has always been a part of humankind, be it regarding gender and/or sexuality. In our schools and in our media we must acknowledge this fact in order to more fully understand history and the journey of humanity.

PFLAG—from Page 4 course PFLAG National. The conference will last until 4pm and there will be informational tables available.

As always PFLAG of Greater Cincinnati holds their monthly meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Mt. Auburn Pres. Church. Our social hour begins at 7 p.m. with light refreshments and the meetings last til about 9:30 p.m. Our meetings are strictly confidential. Remember when you no longer need PFLAG – PFLAG needs YOU!



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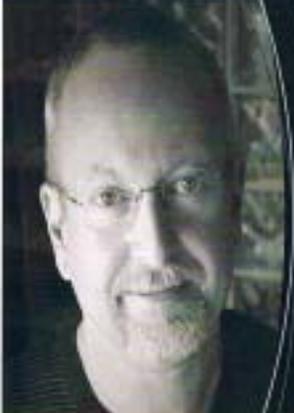
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Integrity Chapter is reorganizing in Cincinnati

A ministry addressing the needs of the GLBT Community is being reorganized in the Cincinnati area.

IntegrityUSA announced the beginning of a new Integrity chapter for the Greater Cincinnati area. Integrity Cincinnati will have its initial meeting on Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m., at Grace Episcopal Church, 5501 Hamilton Ave., in Cincinnati.

All past and current members of Integrity are invited to attend and bring many friends.

The meeting will begin with the Eucharist and a musical presentation. Fr.

Tom Fehr will be the principal celebrant, but all priests and deacons are invited to celebrate. Those priests and deacons participating in the celebration should bring an alb and white stole.

All congregations will be welcome. Several churches of other denominations have shared an interest and desire to attend this meeting.

Following the Eucharist there will be a “get-together” in the Great Hall of the church. All are invited to stay for this, which will include a

brief meeting, snacks, drinks, desserts, and door prizes.

IntegrityUSA is the leading public voice for the full inclusion of Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, and Transgender (GLBT) persons in the Episcopal Church.

Founded in 1974 by Dr. Louie Crew, Integrity has grown to become an organization with members across the country - GLBT and straight, rural and urban, in congregations large and small. Integrity fulfills a key uniting role, seeking to bring together individuals and con-

gregations who share the vision of a church in which all the baptized are fully included in the Body of Christ.

Currently IntegrityUSA has 60 chapters with more than 2000 members in the US.

Integrity Cincinnati

envisions its mission as reinforcing dignity, rewarding diversity, and reaffirming equality. An objective of this chapter will be to emphasize its place in the local community, giving a helping hand, a source of fellowship, and the spirit

of Love.

Other meetings are being planned throughout the year. These will involve everything from a cook-out, to a “casual” Eucharist, to a social justice project. For more information please call 513-868-8843.

Push to get Republicans to alter positions on Same Sex Marriage

A growing push to get Republicans to alter their position on same-sex marriage could put some of the party’s major donors and political strategists in conflict with social conservative activists who make up a large part of the GOP at the grassroots level.

The debate illustrates a wider rift between Republicans who believe

their party is on the wrong side of history on Gay Rights generally and those who feel the GOP is marginalizing the social issues that inspired millions of evangelical Christians — a large Republican voting bloc — to enter politics.

The bipartisan Respect for Marriage Coalition has already released a pair of ads seeking to

sway Republicans in favor of Gay Marriage, including a commercial featuring supportive comments from former first lady Laura Bush, former Vice President Dick Cheney, and former Secretary of State Colin Powell. Bush has asked for the footage of her, taken from a 2010 interview with CNN, to be removed from the ad.

dailycaller.com

Amicus Briefs filed challenging constitutionality of Prop 8 and DOMA

Amicus—from Page 1 of our democracy, and laws like Proposition 8 and DOMA deny Gay and Lesbian Americans these fundamental rights and betray our values as a nation.

“As president of the AFT, and as someone who felt the sting of anti-Gay prejudice growing up Gay, I am proud to be a part of a labor movement committed to challenging injustice and discrimina-

tion, knocking down barriers for working people and standing up for the equal treatment of all Americans under our laws. Unions have fought for workplace protections and benefits for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender workers, and for same-sex partners. These amicus briefs show labor taking the next historic steps in standing up for the rights of Gay and Lesbian

Americans.

“Embedding discrimination of Gay and Lesbian Americans into our laws and workplaces is not only morally reprehensible, it also makes zero economic sense. We must no longer be a nation that allows loving, committed same-sex couples to be denied the economic and workplace rights and protections that heterosexual couples simply take for granted.

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