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History crept quietly for Gays and Lesbians



U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin

In an election with voters focused more on their bank accounts than their bedrooms, history crept quietly forward for Gays and Lesbians Election Day.

Wisconsin's Tammy Baldwin became the first openly Gay U.S. Senator in the nation's history, Maine, Maryland and Washington became the

first states to approve Gay Marriage by popular vote and Barack Obama won re-election after coming out in favor of Gay Marriage during the campaign.

In Baldwin's second congressional seat, an openly Gay state lawmaker was picked to succeed her.

Such strides wouldn't have seemed possible during the 1990s, the

time when Baldwin's opponent Tommy Thompson served as governor of Wisconsin.

"I didn't run to make history, I ran to make a difference," Baldwin said in her victory speech.

But she did and so did state lawmaker Mark Pocan, an openly Gay Madison Democrat who won election to fill Baldwin's open congressional seat.

Police Officer Angela C. Vance named LGBT liaison.

Police Officer Angela C. Vance is now Cincinnati's first GLBT liaison officer.

She says, "This is a new position and a work in progress. I will strive to build a vital link between the LGBT Community and the Police Department. To

improve the relationship between the two through trust and understanding."

She continued, "I have already been in contact with victims of crimes, and have assisted them in the follow up of the reported incidents and assisted in explaining how the "Police" procedures

By Michael X, Chanak
Community Center

Many community centers throughout the United States are small, independent GLBT Centers such as Cincinnati's.

Our organization is celebrating 20 years of existence on September 17, 2013. In anticipation of 40 years of GLBT PRIDE celebrations PRIDE2013, 40 years of

and policies work. And again this is a new position, so we will see.

She is currently assigned to the Police Academy as an Instructor. She was assigned to the Target Range as an Instructor for eight years prior to this assignment.

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20 years of GLBT Center in Cincinnati

New Spirit MCC, we thought we'd show our PRIDE in our local community.

Beginning in February 2012, the Center began a major renovation project. The unisex

bathroom in the facility was remodeled and repainted, new vanity, flooring and lighting. We thank the Center volunteers and Jeff Pott for donating the labor

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This is the front facade of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center in Northside. To see it in color go to our website, <http://www.glbtcincinnati.com/> or join our e.mailer family. Send your Address to MAP@ella.net

Center—from Page 1
and the love.

Then, beginning in August (after a few months of debating color, samples and such), the Center Volunteers lead by Jeff Pott, scraped, sanded, repainted the main area and installed new lighting and completed the job with a new commercial carpet and pad.

Since we have been tenants at 4119 Hamilton Ave for 13 years, it was time to replace our exterior door signage and overhead sign. These were updated to display our new center logo. Finally, our landlord, United Reliance, has repainted the entire front

of the building housing the Center. This makes the Center more visible from the street and is consistent with the improvements made by neighboring businesses.

Vance—from Page 1
She started her career in District 3, was then transferred to District 4 and became a Neighborhood Officer assigned to Walnut Hills.

She is also a member of the Police Department's Tactical Team (SWAT). "I am one of the guys. My sexuality has nothing to do with it!" she said.

When asked how she came out in the Police Department she said,

"Well, Officers would ask me or hint to my sexuality and I never denied it!!! So the police department kinda brought me out."

And, she was Bullied. Outside of the Police Department she does not participate in any GLBT activities,

Vance lives in the City of Reading

She said, "I look forward to getting involved in the LGBT Community and to meet as many of the LGBT residents as I can!!!"

Police Chief James Craig followed the lead of other large cities in appointing Vance, a 21-year veteran of the force as liaison..

ISQCCBE's exciting events

ISQCCBE is still marching on and we got some exciting events planned out for you!

Here are few of our upcoming fundraisers. Remember all the money YOU

ISQCCBE
(The Court)
By Brooklyn Steele-Tate



donate goes to these charities. The ISQCCBE is not paid for anything they do for the community. So dig deep and dig often!

Sunday November 11 Christmas Under the Covers CD Release Party at The Cabaret. Will Reed is releasing his newest CD in time for the Holidays and the money raised will help to benefit the Cincinnati Kidney Foundation. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Friday November 16 is the Toyland Show at Shooters to benefit the

Angel Fund of Northern KY. Showtime 11:30 p.m.

Listen to us on Alternating Currents on Saturday November 17. 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Harrison Jones will be hosting his Annual Thanksgiving Show on Sunday November 18 at Shooters. Plenty of

food at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m.

Roberta Bigg is hosting a show at Shooters for GLSEN of Greater Cincinnati on Friday November 23.

Miss Leftover Pageant is being held at The C&D Bar on Saturday November 24 and you must like desserts to compete! The games begin at 10 p.m.

Our annual Wreath Auction will be held at Below Zero on November 25 at 6:30 p.m. and on November 30 we will be doing a bar tour

and selling ornaments. Meet us at Shooters at 9:30 for the kick-off!

Saturday December 1 is World AIDS Day and Caracole House is hosting a fundraiser at Below Zero at 7 p.m.

Everlasting Flame Weekend kicks off on December 7 at Old Street Saloon, Saturday December 9 at 701 and Rosie's Tavern and Shooters on Sunday December 8. This weekend goes to the residents at Caracole House to buy their Christmas.

So until next time!
Brooklyn

Same sex marriage rejected 32 times

Thirty-two times. That's how often voters across the country had rejected measures to legalize same-sex marriage when the issue was put before them. Losing had become so routine that many Gay Activists couldn't believe polls predicting success Tuesday in Maryland, Maine and Washington state.

But voters approved ballot measures in all three states, and rejected a proposed amendment to Minnesota's Constitution that would have forbidden same-sex marriage.

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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

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 in our Weekly Editions!

- ▽ GOP VP nominee upholds hate of Gays
- ▽ Marriage equality holds Cincinnati rally
- ▽ Parents and coming out
- ▽ What happens to DOMA if Romney wins?
- ▽ Mayor Bloomberg endorses Obama
- ▽ 14 GLBT staff on Obama team

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PFLAG, an Advocate for LGBT people

Parents Families Friends of Lesbians and Gays (*PFLAG*) is a not

for profit organization that helps to educate and advocate for L G B T



PFLAG
By Michael Cotrell
president

families and their children. Our meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church located at 103 William Howard Taft.

Our meetings are 100 percent confidential and are open to all.

We have a social hour from 7 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. with light refreshments and socializing. At 7:30 we converge in a large circle and introduce ourselves and at this point you can say as much or as little as you like. Once

this is complete we usually have a guest who speaks on a subject our group needs information on. We have speakers from local churches, GLSEN, transgender issues, equality issues etc.

We then take a short break to socialize a little more before gathering into smaller groups of about 5-6 people. This is a time for people to get more indepth answers for their questions. We usually end the meetings around 9:30 p.m.

PFLAG Cincinnati also has an educational library and literature which is free to those who need it. We have literature on almost any topic you will need. PFLAG is a designated charity of the ISQCCBE

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GLSEN Greater Cincinnati Youth Group one year old

Cincinnati's LGBT youth group, reborn and reinvented under GLSEN Greater Cincinnati, turns one year old this month.

The group started last November after months of planning with two part-time facilitators and a weekly meeting schedule. So far it's been a great success.

The youth group was created by GLSEN Greater Cincinnati after the Cincinnati Youth Group (*CYG*), a youth group that had been operating for more than a decade, had lapsed for several years due to lack of volunteer leadership.

Since it's November launch, the youth group has seen about 70 dif-

ferent young people come through the doors, and averaged 12 youth at each meeting, though the average is closer to 20 in recent months. Youth have come from more than 20 different local high schools.

Says co-facilitator Kyle, "It's been an exciting and rewarding process to get the Youth Group off the ground and this year has been full of

success, and support". One youth, identified as a 14 year old Lesbian says of the group, "Youth group has helped me to become comfortable with my sexuality. I've also made awesome friendships. People should come to youth group because everyone is so nice and accepting. It's a space where you can totally be yourself."

"We look forward to

the continued success and growth of the Youth Group for many years to come!" says Kyle.

The group meets every Sunday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian, 103 William Howard Taft Road. For more information, visit glsencincinnati.org/youthgroup

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Not like other Gays

I recently heard() that my boyfriend and I “aren’t like most Gays”.

This of course prompted me to ask my interlocutor what they meant. Just how do we stand apart from hundreds of millions of people we’ve never met?

They made a fumbling reply of some sort, but whatever it was, you get my point. It was an unintentionally backhanded compliment. “You’re not like the negative stereotype I have of people like you!”

Why thank you. No we’re not.

Most of the people subject to the stereotype aren’t either. I inevitably hear this a few times a

year from other Gay men. They’re on my side. They’re “like me”, an outsider in what they perceive to be our community.

Can we just stop perpetuating the myth? Gay men aren’t lisping, airheads intent on shoes and sex. If a straight person said as much, I’d want to sock them. When a Gay man says it, they make me sorry for them. Some people are

too quick to find fault, way too quick to give up on their own folks. If you were looking for it, I could fit the stereotype too: I’m a young white guy with unearned money in the bank and shoes worth more than a month’s groceries. I make my own clothes and live Downtown where I have unprotected sex in my apartment. I see musicals on stage and go to Manhattan three times a year. I know a lot of people who work in show business and every word of Cher’s Believe album.

Someone who is looking for these things will find them quickly. If they don’t keep looking though, they won’t find more. And they’ll be one of those people who only hangs out with straight people and wonders why they can’t find a boyfriend. That’s my dating advice for today. It only applies to a few people, but for them, I think it’s critically important.

Celebrating 20 years on Lee Street



Allen Messer

Allen Messer is celebrating 20 years as a barber/master designer in Covington by offering \$10 haircuts.

His shop was at 9th and Main for 19 yrs then he moved to 1008 Lee Street just off Pike Street (opposite Yadda Club) where he lives up-

stairs.

His clientel includes both men and women and he offers perms, shampoos, does color and highlights and has tanning beds.

At 60 years old he keeps a heavy schedule open seven days a week. He was doing \$10 haircuts on Wednesday but decided to offer them every day as part of his 20 year celebration.

His actual 20th Anniversary date was August 20th.

Messer has been a barber 34 years. He attended Vogue College

and finished at Covington Barber College then Covington Beauty College.

It took 1,800 hours to complete college.

He recommends that people call in before coming for any of his services.

He has customers who have been coming to his shop for 30 years.

Prior to being in nCovington he was at a shop on Buttermilke Pike.

His hours are Monday through Friday 11-6; Saturdays, 11-5 and Sundays, 12-4.

His is a family-friendly shop.

Colorado Speaker first Gay in history

Jubilant Democrats nominated Mark Ferrandino as speaker of the House, the first time in Colorado history an openly Gay lawmaker has presided over the chamber.

In the history of the position, no leader has acknowledged being Gay.

Democrats took back the majority in the House after Election day.

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Combined with the victory in Wisconsin of Tammy Baldwin, the first openly Gay U.S. Senator-elect in the nation, and voters sending a record six Lesbian and Gay members to the House, Tuesday was one of the most important political days ever for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.

“Not only did we turn a corner, but we headed down the highway at breakneck speed,” said Kate Kendell, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco. “We

didn't just pick off one or two races. We ran the table, and showed people that America is changing its attitude.”

Among those elected Tuesday was Mark Takano, an Asian American Democrat who will represent California's 41st Congressional District in Riverside.

The election may have an additional impact - in the courts and on future ballot measures. Supporters of same-sex marriage hope the results will inspire the U.S. Supreme Court to decide favorably on Gay Rights issues that could come before it.

PFLAG—from Page 3

and we use the money raised by the ISQCCBE to support our scholarship fund given to high school and graduate students involved in the LGBT Community. We are always accepting of donations for our scholarship fund, so if you are interested in helping us help kids go to college please consider donating to PFLAG of Greater Cincinnati.

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1992 was the year I decided I couldn't pretend anymore. In one afternoon of conversation I went from having a large family to becoming an orphan.

Twenty years later my chest still feels like I'm smothering on emptiness when I think about it.

By Karen Allen



Allen

Jesus told the story of a man who had two sons. One day the younger of the two told his father that he wished to have his share of the inheritance immediately. The father gave it to him and the son left for a distant land where it didn't take him long to blow it all on wine, women, and song.

When the money ran out and all of his new friends disappeared, he had to take a job slopping pigs.

When his hunger reached the point that he would have gladly eaten the pig feed he decided to go to his father and ask to be hired as a laborer. After what he'd done he didn't even consider that forgiveness could be a possibility.

When he was still a

ways away, the father saw him coming he ran out and embraced him and kissed him and before the son could say one word, his father called for a robe and sandals for the young man, and he told his servants to prepare a feast to celebrate his son's homecoming.

The older son was furious and refused to come to the feast! He demanded to know why a party had never been thrown for him even though he'd been there all along, working and being a good son. The father answered that his son who had been lost had been found; his son who had been dead was alive! In spite of everything the younger son had done, his father never stopped loving him; he had never stopped looking for him or hoping

for his return.

Some of us have run away to distant lands. Not because we wanted to, but because we've been told that our heavenly Father doesn't love us anymore; that we're no longer welcome. There are those Christians who, like the older brother, are furious when they find out we want to come back home. They don't understand how we can live what they consider such sinful lives, yet still believe that God loves us.

But the fact is that God knew each of his fabulous children before we were born; he knew some of us would distance ourselves because we would feel unwelcome. But we need to understand that God never pushed us away. God never stopped

See Orphan, Page 7, Col. 3

Members and friends of New Spirit Metropolitan Church are invited to the church's annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 18.

The meeting begins at Noon, following the conclusion of the morning service. Only members of the church in good standing are allowed to cast ballots on church issues, which includes election of new board members for the upcoming year.

Please contact the church at its web site, <http://www.newspiritmcc.com/> for additional information. A church meal is planned after the business meeting, please bring something to share. New Spirit MCC is celebrating 40 years of continuous service to the Cincinnati area in April 2013.

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Goose report

If you didn't catch it last month, the Center has a new volunteer coordinator, Hannah Smith. I failed to share that Toby Martino, her predecessor and at large board member of the Center is moving temporarily back home to Lima, Ohio (*no he was not on Glee and he'll tell you Lima is nowhere like what is portrayed on television*).

He'll stay with his folks for a couple of months, has a job waiting from him and eventually will relocate to Columbus with some of "his girls." It simply isn't enough to say "thanks" publicly to Toby.

He became my

"daughter" a friend and frankly, gave Goose many a laugh on a Tuesday night. Hannah is doing a great job!

If I repeated myself, a problem it seems with elderly geese, Toby would turn to me and always say "Now, Mother—remember we had this discussion." I knew we were related through the grace of the Goddess, as one day—while my back was turned to him—he got into rubber bands and did his hair up in little braids. Through last fall and early spring, Jon Wise, from the Cleveland area—spent a year at the



Goose Mother Says

By Michael Chanak

Cincinnati State and met Toby through the Center. Jon—aka "the turtle" became Toby's daughter, hence my granddaughter

—if that makes any sense. Jon and Toby, I'll miss you

but all the best. Fun times and memories—particularly when we tried to record Jon's sign language home work and discovered the unisex bathroom sign at the Center was prominently displaced in the video. All I can say is "oh my." Note—Jon Wise now attending my Alma mater—Kent State University.

Mother Goose notes in passing that two board members of our local chapter of PFLAG Lynne Lefebvre and Mark Smith decided not to run for board positions this fall according to their fine newsletter writer Tom Jenkins. Great folks Lynne and Mark—as the Goose gets it—they will still be helping PFLAG as their time allows. Salt of the earth, I'd say.

Mary Warders, long time treasury is of New Spirit MCC Cincinnati steps down at the end of the year. I have known her and her bride, Linda Pride many years. Good people. I am certain you'll still be seeing them at New Spirit come

Sunday at 10:30 am.

Now, of course, the big decision looms, not the presidential election, but a more personal one: home for Thanksgiving or Christmas or both? Nothing like that family holiday drama to make you wish—you never left your barn.

Orphan—from Page 6 loving us, never stopped looking for us, and never stopped hoping that one day all his fabulous children would come home where they belong. No matter what we have done or will ever do, we cannot make God love us any more or any less than he already does. That's grace, and one day even our angry older brothers will understand how sweet it is.

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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