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Tom Jones co-authors “Tips for Tricks”

TIPS FOR TRICKS is the name of a fun and entertaining new book written by Tom Jones and a colleague of his in South Florida. Tom has been active in the Cincinnati GLBT community for many years and chaired the Coalition for several.

Tom said with a laugh that TIPS, priced at just \$12.95 makes the perfect gift book, “more creative than a bottle of wine, doesn’t wilt like flowers and not as fattening as chocolates.” While the title and concept originated with his friend,

Tom took the idea and ran with it. “I approached it ‘chronologically,’ Tom said. “Where are the best places for meeting (and yes, the internet is certainly covered!) what you can tell about a person from what they are wearing, what they drink, even what kind of pet they have and then we move on to starting a conversation and eventually the ‘negotiations’ such as whose place?”

There is a great appendix with helpful translations and a fun glossary full of laughs just in itself.



Tom Jones

The book is illustrated by Glen Hanson, nationally known for his videos and cartoons. Chad Edwards, another Cincinnati, did the book’s layout.

Tom said the book is

only slightly naughty. It is much more a humorous read. The pictures? Well, they are very fun as well!

You can find more information about TIPS FOR TRICKS at its website tipsfortricksthebook.com

including a You Tube video interview of Tom about the book.

To buy locally

Tom is very appreciative of The Pink Pyramid, 907 Race downtown and the Purple Money, 334 Fairfield in Bellevue

where TIPS can be purchased locally.

Sales are just getting started, but Tom is hoping that many have the same reaction as a friend of his who bought 10 copies just to keep on hand for gift giving!

Candidates

We know there are a number of GLBT-friendly candidates running for office in Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

However, the candidates who chose to advertise in this issue are saying directly to **everyone** reading this issue that they DO support GLBT citizens in their ongoing efforts to gain full equality. Keep them in mind when you vote.

PRIDE, one more

A writer last month let everyone know he didn’t like this year’s Fountain Square PRIDE event.

Two people who really liked the event have responded to his comments.

We have printed both guest commentaries in their entirety

Any further comments will appear only in our weekly UPDATE e.mailer.

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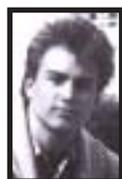
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Paul Delph

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

Commentary responses

Positive statements about PRIDE 2011

(Editor's Note: Two readers submitted responses to Dr. John Maddux's guest commentary in our September Print Edition. Their statements follow.)

PRIDE showed improved acceptance

By Debi Show producer and entertainer

I am new in the GLBT community. So I am not aware of history and tradition. John Maddux wrote an article that was printed in GLBT News.

I spoke to John at Kings Island PRIDE and he and I ended our conversation with a hug. So rather than respond to his article, I just want to make a couple positive statements of support for this year's PRIDE! I was so pleased to see Northern Kentucky and Cin-

cinnati work together. I got to be at both expressions of PRIDE and really enjoyed it.



Debi

The parade was such a good experience for me! I loved meeting the different groups from Fifth Third, Proctor and Gamble, etc. The business groups showed the improvement of relations and acceptance of the GLBT community in the workplace by important companies. I loved talking to people along the parade route! There was a great crowd of people!!!

My real response is to express my concern and love

for the GLBT News. I appreciate Worley's efforts to keep us informed on national issues and the sharing and support local efforts. As a result of John's article many of the bars and clubs felt compelled to discard the newspapers. There was an article about my show on the front page. I was proud of that! Nevertheless, I do not disagree with bar owners who responded to the expression of strong negative feelings in the paper.

I feel strongly that GLBT News is beneficial and informative. My suggestion would be to express feelings like John had to the people in charge of the event for future consideration. It is sad to realize articles that stir such strong reactions can hurt this paper's future! Finally, this publication needs more advertisers and supporters. If you are an advertiser, look over the last six issues of GLBT News. Consider if you want to support the papers future! I love this resource of information and hope you consider to insure GLBT NEWS future.

I understand the strong response, but Rick McDermott will not pull his advertising! I have a little influence with the old insurance man. Love you all,

Carl Fox responds—Page 3

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Best PRIDE so far

By Carl Fox
Cazy Fox Saloon

I read with some frustration and disappointment the opinion piece by John Maddux in the last edition of **GLBT News** and felt I must respond.

I have lived in the Cincinnati area most of my 53 years and have attended almost every local PRIDE event. I believe this year's was the best so far! I remember the first PRIDE I attended in the 1970s; there were about a dozen of us. There were more police there to protect us than marchers! We started at City Hall surrounded by the police, and had protesters yelling and throwing things at us all the way. We walked slowly at first but gradually sped up until about Fifth and Plum when we started to break out in a trot. We got to Fountain Square and had our speeches and then we scattered!

My partner and I have had vehicles, and sometimes customers from our bars, walk behind our car over the years when it was in



Fox

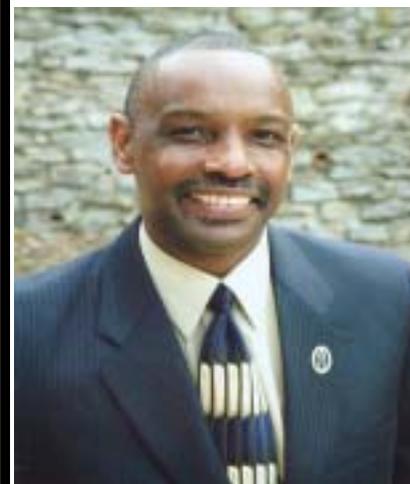
Northside, and now both years it has been back downtown. We have enjoyed them all! These events take enormous work by those that put them on, almost always with little help and no pay. Months of effort are put into creating something special for those who will attend while also working out the logistics of such an undertaking. I know, I worked on the two recent PRIDE events in northern Kentucky. We start with little or no money. We try to accommodate a wide variety of wants and issues, always forgetting at least one or two, perhaps more. On the whole, the things that go right far out weight the few missteps.

Mr. Maddux starts by complaining about the placement of PRIDE Marshals and the fact there were a lot of corporations that participated. Each parade I have attended has had things vary in their placement, including marshals. I know that in the Rose Bowl, the marshals are placed throughout the parade. I know I heard announcements of the entries when we passed Fountain Square, so if someone was missed

it was probably just an oversight, not a personal slam. I would chalk that up to "something we can improve on next year". As for corporations being a large part of the parade, in case Mr. Maddux missed it, they were represented by groups of their GAY EMPLOYEES and supporters; endorsed and embraced by the companies for whom they work. Last time I checked, this is what we have been working for! Did I miss something here? Haven't we regularly spoken about our buying power and used it to either try to change bigoted behavior or encourage inclusiveness? I can remember when P & G employees didn't dare enter a Gay bar, or other "unacceptable" place. They had to worry about who they had as friends as well, but now P&G supports their Gay employee groups. Several years ago they even endured protests by Fred Phelps for doing so. And what about our company? Is the fact we are "Gay owned" a pass on this exemption process he seems to long for. Or perhaps because our business is a mixed establishment he would deem us

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PRIDE—from Page 3
 not Gay enough. My partner and I are proud to be sponsors and participants in these events celebrating OUR community. I have been amazed and overjoyed over the last many years as I watched more companies “come out” in their support of us. And really, I love the big, colorful Macy’s balloons! That’s a parade!
 Mr. Maddux grumbles on about the weather and what month the events should be held. In case he has missed it, there are a lot of PRIDE events in the region. Many organizers try and take that into consideration when setting the dates. People like to go to many of the area’s PRIDE celebrations and there are a limited number of weekends in June. Organizers try to make sure that they don’t conflict with other events so that people can be part of many area celebrations, but also to help guarantee a good showing at their own. Anyone who has lived in this area for a while knows that the weather around here changes fast, and is very unpredictable. May, June and July this year had some very hot weather. This year, in par-

ticular, has been anything but typical. There are times when adjustments are needed. Northern Kentucky PRIDE, which I’ve helped organize, had our first PRIDE last year in October, on an unseasonably cold afternoon. You live and learn, this year we had ours in July and the weather was much better! In the end no one can predict the weather and having your event on a day competing with perhaps Columbus or Indianapolis PRIDE can diminish the crowd locally.
 Mr. Maddux then complains that the planning meetings and events were not properly advertised to the public. This is hard for me to accept, as I saw plenty of postings for both meetings and events in northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. Trying to get volunteers to show up week after week for months at a time is difficult to say the least, and in the end there are always some who feel left out. I can speak for NKY PRIDE when I say we worked hard to get people to participate, and even with our best effort failed to include all. We have vowed to do better each year. I am sure that the people planning and creating the Cincinnati PRIDE did the same. There were articles in all the community papers, including the **GLBT News**, and also postings on local media outlets and web forums. Getting our events covered by the local TV stations or the daily paper has always been difficult, if not impossible. Not all corporations are as inclusive as the ones represented in our PRIDE events. Perhaps that will improve in the years ahead.
 Some of his rants were saved for bashing the local politicians for coming down, walking and shaking hands, speaking to us one on one. Wow, what a terrible situation that is! Imagine, politicians wanting to mingle, talk to, embrace and welcome Gay support. Again, am I hearing him correctly? We have worked our collective butts off trying to get our local government representatives to not only take the time to listen to us, but to welcome us as part of the whole community! I personally have tried for years to be heard, having doors literally closed in my face, and now they are coming to me/us. I am overjoyed by this. The fact they will participate in our events is evidence that we are slowly but surely gaining ground in the political process.
 Mr. Maddux goes on to gripe about food vendors, gaps in the parade, the size of vehicles and even the length and route of the parade. I think some people just like to complain. The PRIDE that I attended was glorious, full of vibrancy, fun people, plenty of food, beverages and product vendors. Great entertainment and large numbers of people celebrating themselves, their families and their friends crowded the streets and Fountain Square. It was wonderful, and I feel sorry that Mr. Maddux was apparently blind to all of this. What a shame; he seems to have missed so much. Any event can stand improvements from year to year, but it is important to remember the past and see the success we have achieved and the allies we have gained. Looking back at those early PRIDE parades, I could not have imagined the wonderful event I attended in Cincinnati this year.
 And I look forward to things getting bigger, better and even more fabulous in the years to come.


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Telling Tales

It is easier to tell tales than keep tales, as any Queen will attest. You know, life stories now all the rage to be left behind for others to “appreciate?” Recall, I came from an epoch where geese resembled dinosaurs yet we had stories and tales to tell. Goose predicts even goslings will soon become prehistoric and so to their “stories.”



**Goose
Mother Says**
By Michael Chanak

One fine telling is the GLSEN/Public Allies Stories Project #1 that premiered at their prom this spring: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_o8NCINf88Q

So, what becomes of all these stories? Ohio Lesbian Archives – a small non-profit group in a church basement with limited space? The Center, not really, only limited space and most of the long-standing materials were turned over to UC Alliance about two years ago.

Yet, almost twice a month a box of materials, or a question will come to the Center – “I would like to donate x.” Kudos for folks thinking about community her/history, but they are always surprised on learning there is NO big archive being maintained locally. Remember the person who asked for Cincinnati archives only to have my daughter point to the Goose, “She is your archive.”

I do know of a statewide archive – but I do not have any data on what materials they have from Cincinnati. But meantime, what happens to these materials and requests? I waddle through and suggest various outlets for the donations, PFLAG, GLSEN, UC Alliance and OLA.

My own Goose closet has three-four years of old analog audio of Alternating Currents tapes from the late 80s, and I converted about six years of video from the old Out Front GL TV show to DVD (1989-1994) which reside at OLA.

Maybe archives are not sexy, or poorly supported, or Cincinnati is not ready?

But, there is a wealth of material that is being lost because of our community inaction. So, while all the energy is being directed at collecting stories, whatever will become of yours? I am not so sure. The Internet is a poor long-term archivist.

I leave you with when will keeping tales of our history alive and accessible become as important as telling tales?

Coronation

I walked at Coronation this month with a title. It was my second year at the event hosted by our own Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire (ISQCCBE or Court).



Nate
By Nate Wessel

Last year I went on a spur of the moment and I had no idea what to expect, or even what the Court was. I came dressed in a shirt and tie, which for me is a lot, but I was a little more under-dressed than I expected. A peacock might better have fit

the scene.

I shyly found the GLSEN table, not knowing anyone at the time and surveyed the room. It was a high-ceilinged golden room at the convention center, and it was packed with more than a hundred drag queens and men with a sort of a bedazzled-cowboy look. A wonderful dinner was served before titles were called

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Ohio Street Protest for Gay marriage

There will be a street protest in “Support of Gay Marriage.” November 5th. at 11 a.m. on Fountain Square three days before voting day. You will want to make signs for the protest.

For this to work organizers need a large number of Protesters!

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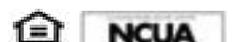


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Court—from Page 7

out and royalty introduced. I can't begin to describe the elaborateness of the whole affair.

As dinner ended and the show began, I saw the true spectacle of the Court.

While what seemed like everyone in the audience

performed, everyone else in the room formed a long line to hand them tips in a well ordered routine. Couples tipped together, holding hands and everyone seemed to know the routine implicitly. This went on for hours, and the tips must have totaled several thousand dollars at least.

This year at Coronation I

knew a lot more of the people involved with the Court, and I'm starting to learn what they're about. That only increased my awe at the event. Indeed, I'm pretty much amazed by all of the Court's work. The people of the ISQCCBE have spent years of their lives, and for some, decades performing and raising

tens of thousands of dollars each year for local charities. Not only do they raise all that money, they never fail to do it with humour, with style and with passion. I can hardly recommend strongly enough that you all go to some of their shows which are scheduled almost every single week throughout the year.

Presbyterians ordain first openly Gay pastor

Scott Anderson is the first openly Gay minister in the Presbyterian Church.

For decades, the Rev. Mark Achtemeier believed Gays and Lesbians were unfit to serve as leaders in the church.

He helped craft restrictions to keep Gay and Lesbian candi-

dates from joining the Presbyterian clergy.

But Achtemeier delivered a sermon at the ordination of his friend in Madison, Wisconsin after the very restrictions he once advocated were abolished.

In May, the Presbyterian Church USA voted to amend its constitution to allow Gays and Lesbians to serve as ministers and lay leaders. With the move, the 2.3-million-member church became the fourth mainline Protestant denomination to allow Gay ordination, following the Episcopal and Evangelical Lutheran churches and the United Church of Christ.

For the Rev. Mr. Anderson, the ceremony marked his return to a ministry he was forced to abandon decades ago because of his sexuality.

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