

GLBT^Qnews

Greater Cincinnati

Serving the Cincinnati LGBT Community since 1996

Munoz and Citizens for Community Values

Two former Cincinnati Bengals, Anthony Munoz and Jim Breech, are co-sponsoring a golf fundraiser for the Ohio-based anti-Gay hate group Citizens for Community Values. (COV)—their's.

Munoz is a spokesperson for Furniture Fair. Let them know you do not appreciate his participation with COV while he does TV spots for them.

Take time—call Furniture Fair at 513-874-5553.

Del Shores at Below Zero

Del Shores, southern iconic writer of *Sordid Lives*, *Daddy's Dyin...*, *Who's Got the Will?* and the newly filmed *Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife* brings his new one-man show *Del Shores Sordid Confes-*



Del Shores

sions to *Below Zero* September 3rd at 8:30 p.m. The show will feature a special performance by *Sordid Lives* the Series star and Top 20 Billboard recording artist Jason Dottley debuting his new single "Pop It."

His work has garnered countless awards including GLAAD Media Award, NAACP Award, Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award, Back Stage West Garland Award, Ovation Award, Drama-Logue Award and LA

Weekly Award (including their 2006 Career Achievement Award).

Shores has also written for TV shows including *Queer As Folk*, *Dharma & Greg* and *Ned & Stacey*. In 2006 he was given a star on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars. He is married to actor and Billboard Top 20 recording artist Jason Dottley and is the father of two daughters.

Info—*Below Zero*, 513-421-9376.

Boat Cruise Out of Town Show

The Boat Cruise/Out of Town Show will take place Friday, September 9 from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Queen City Riverboats.

Contact the Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court for more info. Boarding will be 7-7:30 p.m.

After the Boat Cruise/Out of Town Show, there

there will be the annual Ohioa Party at Shooters. This event will be hosted by its co-founder, Empress X of Iowa and Empress Emeritus 1 of Cincinnati Lucy Jackson and Empress XIII of Cincinnati and Empress 2004 of Ohioa, Truly Scrumptious. The show starts at 11:30 pm....promptly

Equality Ohio Rally and Lobby Day

Join Equality Ohio on September 27 at 1:30 p.m. for a Rally, Press Conference, and Lobby Day at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus to support the Equal Housing and Employment Act (EHEA).

Your representatives and the people of Ohio need to know that there is broad support for this bill and your participation is very important!!!

See *Equality*, Page 2, Col. 1



Debi & Friends Present:
Hot Vegas Fun
September 24, 2011
At the Madison Theater
Covington, Ky

Our challenge is to fill the Madison theater and help F.A.C.E. of Cincinnati. Two bands, eight vocalists, incredible video and dancers will be there to entertain you! Will you be there? This is your chance to do something amazing. Why not grab your friends and go!! Call Debi at 513-722-9200 for tickets!

Equality—from Page 1

On September 27, Ohio State Representatives Ross McGregor and Nickie Antonio will introduce EHEA in the House. EHEA prohibits discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. Why is this important?

Ohioans can be fired because they are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender;

Ohioans can be denied housing because they are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender;

Ohioans can be denied access to public accommodations like hotels, movie theaters, and restaurants because they are Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian or Transgender;

Transgender people are unemployed at a rate TWICE that of the general population; 47 percent of Transgender people report adverse job consequences (*not being hired, being fired, or being denied a promotion*); and, 19 percent of Transgender people report being refused a home or apartment because of their gender identity;

Discrimination is bad for the economy of Ohio — qualified and competent employees should not be fired and Ohio should be able to attract the most talented workers regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity;

More than 75 percent of Ohioans favor employment and housing equality.

holding a Candle Light Vigil at Courthouse Square in Downtown Dayton, Ohio.

The organization chose Thursday, September 22 - 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. as it will mark one year since Tyler Clementi took his own life. RSVP here: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?id=14518634222956>

Dayton Candle Light Vigil

In honor of all LGBTQ Youth Suicides in the past years GLSEN Greater Dayton/Miami Valley Schools Initiative will be

Remembering youth suicides

Billy Lucas (15) September 9, 2010. Indiana

On September 9, fifteen year-old

See *Suicides*, Page 3, Col. 1

PFLAG Cincinnati

Meetings on 2nd Tuesdays
 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at
 Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church

<http://www.pflagcinci.org/>
info@pflagcinci.org
 (513) 721-7900

Members of our congregation:
 Gay, Lesbian, Black, Straight, Atheist,
 White, Buddhist, Christian or Agnostic

www.thegatheringcincinnati.org/
 A United Church of Christ Congregation
 1431 Main St • Over the Rhine

the gathering
 a program of the United Church of Christ

Suicides—from Page 2

Billy Lucas of Greensburg, Indiana was found hanging from one of the rafters in his family’s barn by his mother.

He had been bullied for years based on his perceived sexual orientation.

More recently, students referred to him as a “fag,” and told him directly that he was a piece of crap and that he didn’t deserve to live.

Cody J. Barker (17)
September 13, 2010.

Wisconsin

On September 13, seventeen year-old Cody Barker of Shiocton, Wisconsin took his own life, according to an obituary posted in the **Wisconsin Gazette**. He was very active in his high school and planned to start a GSA during this academic year. He “cared about making his school a safe place for all students,” although it was suggested that school wasn’t always

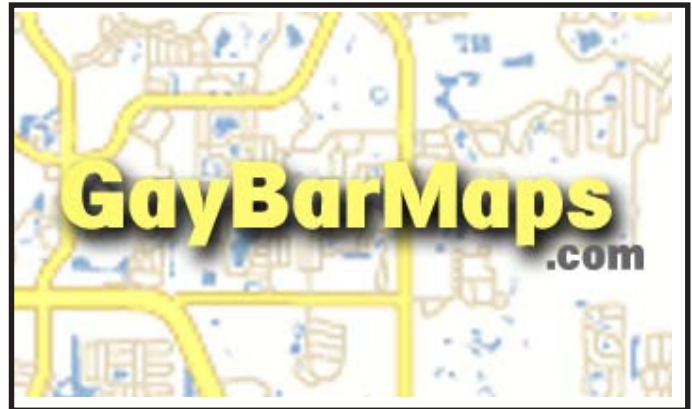
a safe place for him. Less than a week later, another student who attended a support group for Gay teens with Cody also tried to commit suicide.

Seth Walsh (13)
September 19, 2010.
California

On September 19, thirteen year-old Seth Walsh of Tehachapi, California attempted to hang himself in a tree in his backyard. This came after years of being bullied, particularly after coming out as Gay. School administrators at Jacobsen Middle School in his hometown did nothing to stop the attacks, even though an anti-bullying program was in place at the school. Seth ended up on life support for nearly ten days before dying on September 29 of his injuries.

Tyler Clementi (18)
September 22, 2010.
New Jersey

See *Suicides*, Page 4, Col. 1



Best Friend
PET SALON

25 % off any new client grooming or bath service.
Please call to schedule an appointment.

2940 Hebron Park Drive
Suite 102
Hebron, KY 41048
859-586-5100
www.yourbestfriendpetalon.com

1 Tax Quality Tax Preparation
IRS Representation
Tax Planning

Scott Renno, EA
3284 North Bend Road, Ste. 106
Cincinnati, OH 45239
513-481-1TAX (1829)
Cel: 513-417-2893
Fax: 513-481-6444
scott@1taxcincinnati.com

We will custom design a cleaning service to meet your individual needs and send the same team of 2 to clean each time.

Cleaning Services Bill
and June Deegan
Ultra Maid
4240 Airport Road, Suite 123,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45226
(513) 731-0007 www.ultra-maid.com jde49@aol.com
Custom maid service; Free phone estimates. Guaranteed,

Suicides—from Page 3

Eighteen year-old Rutgers University student Tyler Clementi was filmed by his roommate via hidden camera as he engaged in sexually explicit activity with another young man. The roommate posted the video on the internet, and spread it around using Twitter and other social media. When Tyler discovered the video, which essentially outed him, he drove to a parking lot in New Jersey on September 22, left his car in a parking lot, walked onto the George Washington Bridge and jumped. His last Facebook status update was reportedly, "Jumping off the GW Bridge. Sorry." His body was discovered in the Hudson River on September 30 and finally identified the following day.

Asher Brown (13) September 23, 2010. Texas

On September 23,

thirteen year-old Asher Brown shot himself in the head with a gun that he found hidden away in his parents' bedroom and died.

That morning, he had come out as Gay to his father, David Truong, who accepted it without issue. While Truong and his wife, Amy, indicated that they had made repeated telephone calls to the school district regarding their son's bullying, the school district denies that anyone ever contacted them about Asher's situation. Asher was ridiculed by the same four students not only because of his sexuality, but because of his small stature, his religion (*Buddhism*), and his lack of designer clothing. The day before he died, he was reportedly kicked down two flights of stairs by one of the bullies.

Harrison Chase Brown (15) September 25 2010. Colorado

On September 25,

fifteen year-old Harrison Chase Brown of Rand Colorado reportedly died suddenly, according to an obituary in a local newspaper. Friends of Harrison's told blogger Perez Hilton that he killed himself because he had been bullied. While Harrison Chase Brown was believed to be bullied, his sexual orientation was not discussed and is unknown. No further information has been made available.

Raymond Chase (19) September 29, 2010. Rhode Island

On September 29, openly Gay 19 year-old Raymond Chase, a student at Johnson and Wales in Providence, RI, was found dead in his dorm room where he had hung himself. Neither the university nor his family has suggested a motive for his suicide or any additional information.

Felix Sacco (17) September 29, 2010.

Massachusetts

Also on October 29, seventeen year-old Felix Sacco, a senior at Saugus High School in Saugus, Massachusetts, jumped from an overpass onto U.S. Route 1 during rush hour traffic. He died later that day of massive head injuries at a hospital in Boston. Friends indicated that there was a history of him being bullied, probably because of his quiet nature and love of music and film. Others indicated that, when he tried to see a guidance counselor early on the morning of his death, he was turned away, and left the building in tears. Both the State Police and the Superintendent of Schools in Boston are investigating.

Caleb Nolt (14) September 30, 2010. Indiana

On September 30, fourteen year-old Caleb Nolt, a freshman at Fort Wayne High School in Fort

Wayne High School in Fort
See *Suicides*, Page 5, Col. 1,



GLBT News

Volunteer at
Your GLBT Center
Tuesdays with
Toby Martino

<http://www.cincygblt.com/volunteers>



Suicides—from Page 4
Wayne, Indiana, also reportedly committed suicide.

Classmates said he was a victim of anti-Gay bullying, although additional details remain unknown.

Zach Harrington (19) October, 2010. Oklahoma

After a very heated and public Norman, Oklahoma City Council meeting on September 28, during which the council debated a proclamation recognizing October as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender History Month, nineteen-year old Zach Harrington took his own life. The proclamation passed by a 7-1 vote, but comments from Norman citizens were so hateful and divisive, the Harrington family says, their son succumbed to suicide.

Justin Aaberg, 2010
Amanda Jones, December 7, 2009

- Shyann (14), July 21, 2009
- Cole (16), February 12, 2010
- Jon Marc Hale 5/10/82-8/17/01
- Zane Campbell 6.6.95-3.31.11
- Robert J Kramer 8/18/1991 - 12/15/2008
- Jordan Dennis : 4-17-1995 To 4-17-2011
- Committed Suicide On His 16th Birthday Because Of Cyber Bullying.
- Joshua Allan Clifton 05/27/89-02/28/08
- Christopher Martin Sierra Febuary 13 1995- June 25 2011
- Kristin Sue Mahan March 21, 1988 - August 1, 2011
- Becky, July 23 1990 - July 23 2006
- Kristin Sue Mahan March 21st 1988 - August 1st, 2011.
- Taylor Renae King (14) 9/26/2010

Editor's Note: I had planned to respond to this story but I am too damn angry to do so!!

R.I.P.



the gathering
a progressive & inclusive church

You're invited!

Meeting every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

1431 Main St., Cincinnati, OH 45202 ▲ 513-307-6963
www.thegatheringcincinnati.org
e.mail: thegatheringcincinnati@gmail.com