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## Kings Island PRIDE event goal—raise funds for new community center



This is the 15th year for Kings Island PRIDE, sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Last year the event about tied the all time record attendance at around 3,500.

The Center has reduced operating costs in its Northside building to save money, so the board can meet a goal of moving to a new location and to increase efficiency.

Phone costs were cut by eliminating the hot line

which had virtually no utilization. Elimination of paying for web design saved over \$6,000 a year.

The center board does, however, continue to support local organizations such as GLSEN and HRC and made contributions to Cincy and NKY PRIDE.

The Center has two CDs set aside for the building project - the total of these is just shy of 40K. This does NOT include the All Saints Chapel trust to be

used for a building for the GLBT Community which has about 20K in it.

Board members have looked at a number of neighborhoods from downtown, OTR, to the “Ludlow strip.” The board doesn’t think it has enough

money to outright purchase a building but is discussing renting a larger space that is accessible, has a good flow of traffic, etc.

You can help by going to Kings Island and having fun September 9th, 6 p.m. to midnight

## Annual AIDS Walk set for September 18th

Save the Date for the Walk to Stop AIDS Sunday, September 18th.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Sawyer Point. Walk will begin at 10 a.m.

Even with the recent funding cuts, STOP AIDS is still focused on its mission to fight HIV/AIDS through its prevention education services. In addition, the agency provides free (*anonymous*) HIV testing in the Greater Cincinnati community at the STOP AIDS offices. Support their prevention education and testing programs by supporting the Walk to STOP AIDS.

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Tickets are \$20 dollars! Purchase tickets at [madisontheateronline.com](http://madisontheateronline.com), the Madison Theater box office or call Debi at 513-600-8332.

## Gay/Lesbian Community Center offers free private meeting space

**By Sam Robinson**  
The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Greater Cincinnati offers its space on Hamilton Avenue for use by other community groups. The updated space is

outfitted with four computer workstations, television and DVD player and comes complete with free broadband wireless internet service. It is configured to seat up to 12. Limited additional

seating can be accommodated. Guests are asked to e.mail center president Rusty Lockett ([rusty.lockett@cincyglbt.com](mailto:rusty.lockett@cincyglbt.com)) for bookings. Once booked, the center will make

provisions to open the room and then lockup. For recurring meetings, groups may designate one of their own members to become a trained volunteer of the center. Their trained volunteer can then handle opening and closing for that group. A fun, easy, one evening session with

volunteer coordinator Toby Martino is all that's required. When not booked for meetings, the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Greater Cincinnati is open to the public Monday through Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from noon until

4 p.m. Serving the community since 1993, the center is located at 4119 Hamilton Avenue in Northside and is online at [www.cincyglbt.com](http://www.cincyglbt.com). For more information or to book meeting space, e.mail [rusty.lockett@cincyglbt.com](mailto:rusty.lockett@cincyglbt.com).

## 550 and counting

We are nearing our 550th issue of **Greater Cincinnati GLBT News**.

Much has changed since the time we began in 1996. Back then it seemed like everyone was in the closet—though that was not really true.

Our local community has lost some but gained more as people started accepting GLBT people more and more.

Our role as a newspaper was and is to tell the community's story and we do this by distributing papers "all over the place".

We leave copies at Gay and Straight-owned businesses, churches and institutions so not only GLBT citizens but anybody can pick up a copy and see what is happening in our community.

We love doing this! It is not really a job but a pleasure to serve our community and its many citizens and leaders.

Of course, as a paper, we report both the good and the bad but we mostly enjoy letting you know about the good things in our community. **Worley**

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### 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.



**Paul Delph**



**Matthew Shepard**

### Assimilation?

Someone sent me an article last week about the gradual and inevitable end of the GLBT community.

I agreed with it's logic and was made sad. It's basic premise was that as we become more accepted, we have in common less shared experience and therefore sense of identity. In case you haven't seen it yet, that's starting to happen around here.

I have a Gay friend who grew up with a Gay mother. He doesn't see what the big deal is about his Gay identity. What he's had is exactly that sort of

experience that so many of us are fighting for a chance at. Yet I find myself less celebrating his freedom than mourning a fragment of my community.

What does it mean for our community when people don't feel queer enough to be invested in it's institutions? Gay bars close, PRIDE festivities begin to feel like St. Patrick's Day, activist organizations see less volunteers and the community starts to unravel and disperse. We become assimilated.

And that's all great in it's way because it means that our work is done. We've reached the point where we don't need our

community to fall back on after a hard day in the straight world. But we also lose many of the nice things like a sense of pride, purpose, and a kinship with others. "Family" loses it's meaning when you're only talking about distant cousins.

Many younger people won't understand my anxiety. For them, Gay is just another part of their identity among many. For me it's a source of fierce pride. I hope more people get the option of choosing, but I'm sad to think that drag shows and Gay bars could be on their way out because they are so essential to my experience of what it means to be Gay.

Perhaps the future will be much better.

### Wessel now on Center board

Center Volunteer Nate Wessel was elected to the Board of the Greater Cincinnati Gay and Lesbian Center as a director.

Nate is well known in the local community having served as a former officer of the Out on Campus (*now UC Alliance*), and GLSEN (*Gay Lesbian Straight*

*Education Network*). At GLSEN, Nate serves both as the volunteer coordinator and a board member. He has volunteered for the Center for nearly three years, including a role as Co-Volunteer Coordinator for the last PRIDE sponsored by The Center in 2009 in Northside. Beyond his role as a "front desk volunteer" Nate is also known for his urban activism, please see his web site: [www.cincyglbt.com](http://www.cincyglbt.com)

Currently, more than 26,000 copies of his improved transmit map are in circulation. Nate promises more maps are "on the way!"

He is a student at the University of Cincinnati, is in his fourth year in the College of Design Architecture and Planning. He works as a bike mechanic at the UC Bike Kitchen. Nate's election to the Center Board happened at the groups August 17 meeting.

**Our History**

**Journey: Changes for Gay Community in Northern Kentucky**

**By Carl Fox**

On June 1, 1990, my husband Gregory James Landrum and I opened Rosies Tavern in the Main Strasse of Covington. It was a boarded up wreck of a place then, going by the name of Elmer and Marty's Tavern. The day we closed on the tavern Greg was admitted to Jewish Hospital with full blown AIDS, leaving me to operate the business for the first two months as he got better.

The clientele during those first days consisted of a number of good people, but also included the heads of the NKY branch of the KKK and the Neo-Nazi movement! One by one the hateful patrons were bared or drifted off to other places.

At the start, Greg would not allow us to be "out" due to his loss of a previous job with Digital Computers where he had been open about his sexuality.

For the first two years, Rosie's struggled to survive and its future was in serious doubt. Greg and I had always seen the potential of the area, unfortunately he did not live to see it blossom. On July 22, 1992, Greg died of AIDS. My friend Bill Bolvard, first Emperor of The I.S.Q.C.C.B.E.,

became my business partner and insisted that we bring Rosie's out. We considered Rosies to be an "evervhody" bar. We wanted to bring a wide range of people together and that is what we did! At first we were not very welcomed by the city leaders and to many in the community we were the "Fag" bar.

Much to my surprise, the business grew dramatically by bringing it out, and we never looked back. Several of the customers from the old bar stayed and became regulars even to this day!

Sadly, Billy died in February of 1995, but his legacy of helping to bring a Gay community alive in Northern Kentucky continued on.

We were not the first Gay owned business in Covington, or the Main Strasse. Patty Hermann owned a print shop on Main Street and was a rock for people like me. She was, and continues to be, fearless!

Shelly DeeFelice was also a welcomed ally, straight but never narrow. I literally cried on her shoulders many times and do not believe we would have survived without her help and support. We faced a lot of hate back then: threats, assaults, harassment. You name it, we faced it. Many in our community thought we were nuts running an openly Gay owned bar in Northern Kentucky. Until

then they were only in Cincinnati. Many of the customers from the old bar, and neighbors too, remarked that we were the first openly homosexual people they had come to know. As we showed our neighbors and the other bars and restaurants what the Gay community could contribute to the area, they began to welcome us too.

In 1998 I had completed the renovations of the bar, and for many reasons, not the least of which was the death of my husband Greg and my best friend and second business partner Billy, I sold Rosie's to Diane Gamble, who has continued to maintain and improve the business.

Since then, my husband, Terry L. Bond, Jr. (*who I met at Rosie's in 1996*) and I started to see Gay and progressive folks buy up the run down houses in the area and fix them up; the changes we had hoped for had begun. Then in 2003 the Covington city commission held hearings that overwhelmingly supported equal rights for all and passed an expanded Human Rights Ordinance that included sexual orientation. It became the first city in the NKY area to pass such a law, and the first I have lived in to protect my rights BY LAW!

A Journey: Changes for the Gay Community in Northern Kentucky.

**Lesbian Dance at Adonis Friday September 30th**

Womyn of the Tuesday night group (*they meet every Tuesday 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Unitarian*) are hosting a "Lesbian dance" at the Adonis on Friday, September 30th. Time is 8

p.m. to midnight. Adonis the Night Club is located at 4601 Kellogg Ave.

They will be in a private room with special guest, DJ Kim. Cover is \$10.

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**Fox**

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Cincinnati PRIDE 2011—what a joke

By John Maddux

The 2011 PRIDE Celebration left a great deal to be desired. I've been attending PRIDE parades, picnics, festivals and other events



Maddux

since 1985 and 2011's rendition had to be one of the poorest excuses for a GLBTQ celebration I've ever witnessed.

My first concern is: Where were the PRIDE Marshals? Megan Neal and Rusty Lockett were designated as the Marshals this year. The Grand Marshals of any parade are supposed to lead off the parade and ride in the first car, I didn't see Megan anywhere (*of course she could have been lost among all the corporations that marched!*) and Rusty was relegated to the last half of the parade and even then wasn't acknowledged as one of the Marshals.

The only manner by which either got any recognition was because Michael Chanak provided a bio for each Marshal to the **GLBT News**. Seriously? The last minute

bios requested by the PRIDE committee never made it into the local media. The entire situation involving the PRIDE Marshals was embarrassing, poorly planned and pitifully implemented.

My second complaint is that like last year (*I supposed in an attempt to link necessary PRIDE day permits to those already in hand for the former Equinox Ball*) PRIDE was once again held during one of the hottest months of the year. Move it back to JUNE. Not that JUNE promises perfect weather, but it portends far less hot and humid weather than July. I've spoken to a number of older (*and younger*) people who decided not to attend the parade because the heat index was just too threatening. Back to June with the parade—the month historically associated with the birth of the modern day GLBTQ movement, anyway. And while I'm on the subject of PRIDE planning...why weren't the planning meetings publicized? In fact, why was there such poor publicity for the entire PRIDE event? I can't remember how many

people told me they had already seen posters for PRIDE Night at Kings Island, but hadn't seen a thing about the PRIDE events in July. It makes no sense—an event to be held in September is better publicized than one in July.

Third...seriously, that was a parade: A few blocks on Sunday afternoon when virtually no one else (*other than those expressly there for the parade*) are downtown? It seemed more like a parade of corporate sponsors and politicians than a celebration of our GLBTQ community. I understand why we like to trot out all the big time corporations, but I'm not especially interested in watching a soap company, an airline, a department store and a few banks marching in our parade. Our money is green and spends as well as straight dough, so why champion businesses that are mainly interested in greasing their own pockets? I don't regard their participation as especially daring on their part—nothing special about wanting the green. And the politicians who

participated were nearly tripping over one another in an attempt to pass out their campaign literature. Of course the bars were well represented, as was the drag queen element of our community—and that's good—but I grew weary of one corporation after another, with far too many ten minute gaps between parade entrants. Is such poor execution necessary when the parade is only travelling a few blocks in a straight line? And why did GLSEN, in this era of rising gas prices and concerns about the environment, rent a large yellow school bus to haul one kid with his head poking out of one of the windows—what was that all about? Hardly seems environmentally responsible to me.

A few more final complaints: Where were the food vendors; you know, the ones that sell hotdogs and hamburgers? Are we supposed to only grease the coffers of downtown eateries? Has PRIDE become an event to link us with the affluent of Cincinnati? And how about some local representation with all the trinket sellers?

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I find it hard to believe we can only find vendors from out of town. That's either poor planning by the PRIDE committee, or a sad reflection on GLBTQ businesses in greater Cincinnati.

All in all it was a bore. It would have been just as fun to watch TV news highlights of the PRIDE Parades from other cities. I hope some serious changes are made for 2012.

John Maddux is a published writer including a collection of Gay/Lesbian themed essays.

He teaches composition and rhetoric at the University of Cincinnati.

He has been involved

with political activism since the 1960s, with attention focused on the Gay/Lesbian liberation movement and has served in many organizations involved in Gay/Lesbian rights including the Greater Cincinnati Gay/Lesbian Coalition, The Gay/Lesbian Alliance of Ohio, Out Front TV, Alternating Currents radio program, Gay/Lesbian March Activists, ACTUP, The GLBTQ Community Center, Stonewall Cincinnati, and UC Faculty Queers. He has been arrested several times for civil disobedience resulting from his involvement with GLBTQ issues, the Civil Rights marches, anti-

Vietnam war protests (was with SDS at the sit-in at UC in 1970), and the women's rights movements. (Editor's note: As with all bylined articles, GLBT News story contents are the opinion of the writer and not that of GLBT News. We welcome responses.)

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# Our Faith Too!



## Dominionism: Bachmann and Perry dangerous religious bond

**By The Daily Beast**

Michele Bachmann and Rick Perry aren't just devout, both have deep ties to a fringe fundamentalist movement known as Dominionism, which says Christians should rule the world.

With Tim Pawlenty out of the presidential race, it is now fairly clear that the GOP candidate will either be Mitt Romney or someone who makes George W. Bush look like Tom Paine. Of the three most plausible candidates for the Republican nomination, two are deeply associated with a theocratic strain of Christian fundamentalism known as Dominionism. If you want to understand Michele Bachmann and Rick Perry, understanding Dominionism isn't optional.

Put simply, Dominionism means that

Christians have a God-given right to rule all earthly institutions.

Originating among some of America's most radical theocrats, it's long had an influence on religious-right education and political organizing. But because it seems so outrageous, getting ordinary people to take it seriously can be difficult. Most writers who explore it have been called paranoid.

We have the most theocratic Republican field in American history and suddenly, the concept of Dominionism is reaching

mainstream audiences.

Writing about Bachmann in *The New Yorker* this month, Ryan Lizza spent several paragraphs explaining how the premise fit into the Minnesota congresswoman's intellectual and theological development. And a recent *Texas Observer* cover story on Rick Perry examined his relationship with the New Apostolic Reformation, a Dominionist variant of Pentecostalism that coalesced about a decade ago.

"What makes the New Apostolic Reformation movement so potent is its growing fascination with infiltrating politics and government," wrote Forrest Wilder. Its members "believe Christians, certain Christians, are destined to not just take 'dominion' over government, but stealthily climb to the commanding heights of what they term the 'Seven Mountains' of

society, including the media and the arts and entertainment world."

In many ways, Dominionism is more a political phenomenon than a theological one. It cuts across Christian denominations, from stern, austere sects to the signs-and-wonders culture of modern megachurches. Think of it like political Islamism, which shapes the activism of a number of antagonistic fundamentalist movements, from Sunni Wahabists in the Arab world to Shiite fundamentalists in Iran.

Dominionism derives from a small fringe sect called Christian Reconstructionism, founded by a Calvinist theologian named R. J. Rushdoony in the 1960s. Christian Reconstructionism openly advocates replacing American law with the strictures of the Old Testament, replete with the death penalty for homosexuality, abortion, and even apostasy.

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Something 'bout

Northside that makes me feel like home.

I did not see a lot mentioned in print about Northsiders PRIDE and I wanted to give a "Goose shout out."



Recall, this was the 2nd year for this "neighborhood PRIDE" by Dan Wells and his team. Northsiders PRIDE is the replacement event for Northside losing the "big PRIDE" for the "entire community" in 2009.

Yet, the beauty of that

day in August was evident. Temperature was in the mid 80s, not the mid to upper 90s. While Hoffner Park is by no means huge – it easily accommodated the

Goose Mother Says

By Michael Chanak

some 300 folks who came and went from 5 pm to 9 pm. The pace was kick back and casual, in many ways less commercial than PRIDE in downtown. In fact, about ten groups seemed to have taken up their offer of free space for non-profits. In this day, I think a "solid offer."

Mix of good music and easy conversation with

folks drifting to the GLBT Center next door for free food and drink. (Thank you Rusty Lockett for offering pizzas and a free community proper spread. Some of us girls do like to eat!)

I was surprised to see so many old timers that I offered a light reading that the crypt of the nearby Spring Grove cemetery opened. This comment gets to the kind of "PRIDE" some of us old timers enjoyed when we were young, less commercial, and more personal and talked to "each other face to face."

My own Goose prediction is Dan Wells and

Company is on to something – it will grow each year – and in time, the flat spots of the first Northside in 2010 will be forgotten. I think even though I advocated for the Center to leave the PRIDE business I do get the comment when folks say, "oh Northside was so much more about neighborhood."

Three PRIDES or more is just fine, each had a distinct favor and venue, and Goose says pick one, or as I do – pick all. Another joy was meeting Brandon and Lindsay Frimming. Brandon runs <http://www.frimbot.com/> and if you search on

Northside – you will find the great pictures he took.

For an encore – Citizens of Cincinnati – get out and vote for Chris Seelback – neither the publisher nor this columnist receives any compensation for this

endorsement – but we do feel is time, long overdue, for an openly Gay man to both run and WIN a council race!



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*Estate taxes and domestic partners*

**By Scott Renno**  
Death and taxes are two things that will never go away. Here are some important points relating to domestic partners:

1. Your taxable estate is: The Fair Market Value of all of your assets (*cash, property, investments, stock, retirement accounts, vehicles, etc*)

less: All of your debts less: Your funeral and burial expenses less: Any medical expenses not deducted on your final tax return less: The applicable Federal or state exclusion amount equals: Your Net Taxable Estate

2. Your taxable estate does not include life insurance proceeds IF there is a named person (*not your estate*) as beneficiary. Make sure your domestic

partner is listed as the beneficiary to avoid estate taxes.

3. The current Federal exclusion is \$5M, but is currently scheduled to drop to \$1M in 2013.
4. Ohio has our area's most domestic partner-friendly estate tax. The Ohio unified exclusion is currently \$338,333 for 2011 and 2012. However, starting in 2013 the entire estate tax has been repealed.
5. Indiana and Kentucky inheritance taxes are unfortunately not friendly to domestic partners. In both states, the amount of the exclusion depends on your relation to your beneficiaries. For domestic partners, the Kentucky exclusion is a meager \$500. In Indiana, it is a miniscule \$100! If you live in either state, it is critical that you meet with an

attorney who understands the implications for domestic partners and can assist you with estate planning.

To illustrate the differences in state estate tax for our area, let's assume that you have a Net Estate before exclusion of \$200,000, and that you will leave the entire estate to your domestic partner. The tax by state would be:

Ohio \$0  
Indiana \$5,220  
Kentucky \$22,890

There are various ways to structure your estate to minimize the tax. Planning with a qualified tax and legal professional is absolutely essential to protecting your loved ones and preserving your wealth for their benefit.

Next issue we will discuss inheriting retirement plans.

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**How to talk to children about hate crimes**

Speaker for the September 13 PFLAG Meeting will be Eric Smoot who spent 30 years with the Cincinnati Police Department. His topic is "How to talk to children about hate crimes".

PFLAG will soon be

sending out their annual membership appeal. Your support is critical so they can continue their distribution of literature at meetings and other events, publishing their newsletter, supporting the national organization and of course their scholarship program.

There are membership forms in the newsletter and on their website. Any dues paid now cover membership through September 30, 2012.

The Summer 2011 newsletter is now on the website <http://pflagcinci.org/> and features their 2011 scholarship winners. It also includes several other great articles.