

Human Rights Commission created in Berea, Kentucky

After months of debate, city officials in a small college town known for diversity have approved the creation of a Human Rights Commission but declined to extend protections specifically for Gays and Lesbians.

The Berea City Council voted on the measure before a standing-room-

only crowd, according to the **Richmond Register**

Outside the council chambers stood a crowd of people that had marched from Union Church where a rally was held in favor of adding protections for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community.

Kent Gilbert, pastor of Union Church, asked during the council meeting that language be added to the ordinance.

“Every citizen, regardless of their condition as sinner or saint, every taxpayer under law should be treated exactly the same,” he said. “A vote to not amend this very quickly is

not an inaction. It is a deliberate action toward unfairness.”

Others spoke in opposition to a change

Read more: <http://www.kentucky.com/2011/09/21/1891355/berea-to-form-human-rights-commission.html#ixzz1YgP2hOKI>

Bruce Mullen dies was AVNK/INDY supporter

Bruce Mullen has died. He and his wife Catherine were regular supporters and attendees at all AVNK/INDY Events.

Their Happy Faces were always a welcome sight, and their support for AIDS Communities was Amazing. Our Hearts and Prayers go out to his widow, Catherine, and all of their Family.



Bruce Mullen

Blessing of pets this Sunday

In observance and celebration of St. Francis Day, you are invited to bring your pets this Sunday, October 4 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to Grace Episcopal Church in Florence (7111 Price Pike, across from Boone County High School) so that they may be blessed. The event will be outside and you may come at any time during those hours.

The public is invited.

“Bullycide” takes another teen

“Bullycide” is a term that Neil Marr and Tim Field coined in referring to those children who chose the shadows of death rather than one more day of being bullied.

Bullying is not new, but it has become more vicious and insidious with technology allowing 24/7 harassment that with one simple click can rapidly spread rumors with no way to

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 stop them. Once the word is out there, you can't take it back. You can't recover what you regret.

Jamey Rodemeyer, 14 years old, took his life last week in Buffalo, New York, after relentlessly inspiring others with the words, "It gets better." Words and mantras can only provide hope for just so long. Unless the environment and culture changes, the pain speaks louder than words that



Jamey

provide no solace and no solutions.

Jamey was bullied continuously for his sexual orientation. The fact is that it has not gotten better and it won't until we accept the fact that the problem is not isolated, but rather systemic. Until compassion is learned and caring cultures are created, we will continue to lose teens like Jamey
 Jamey Rodemeyer needed

help. He was grappling with adolescent demons that could torment grown men. And when he was online, he wrote about it. "I always say how bullied I am, but no one listens," he wrote September 9. "What do I have to do so people will listen to me?" Just over one week later, Jamey was found dead outside his home of an apparent suicide. In the months prior, he routinely blogged about school bullying and thoughts of suicide in between upbeat posts about his pop star idol Lady Gaga and the ordinary types of teen rants typical for kids his age.

On September 8, he wrote: "No one in my school cares about preventing suicide, while you're the ones calling me Gay and tearing me down."

Tyler Clementi's death a year ago put focus on bullying.

In death, it seems, Tyler Clementi gained a voice.

Much has been said and done in Clementi's name since he jumped from the George Washington Bridge a year ago, after his roommate at Rutgers University secretly video streamed images of him in a Gay liaison.

New Jersey enacted one of the country's toughest anti-bullying laws and a nationwide conversation has ensued on the issues of cyber-bullying, privacy and teen suicide

Coming Out Day

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 proud of who you are and your support for LGBT equality this Coming Out Day!

Use HRC's Coming Out for Equality Facebook app to show your support and spread a message of equality to your friends and family. It's the courage to come out as an active voice for LGBT equality that will result in real political and social change.

New ways to come out for equality will be added each week leading up to October 11.

Covington Night Out

It's time for the second annual Covington's Night Saturday, October 1 4:p.m. until October 2 at 2 a.m. in Mainstrasse Villag

Last year more than 800 queer and queer allies came out in one night to spread the message that Covington will not tolerate hate and especially hate-motivated violence in the

GLBT community. They are continuing to support that message in 2011. This time, though, they're expanding the event to include: Speak Out! Sing Out! Act Out! Covington's Night Out Queer Art/ Music Showcase Think drag, choral, indie, folk, and comedy on an outdoor stage with an indoor exhibit and film screening. + food + drink + PRIDE + solidarity!

Scramble "Kick Off"

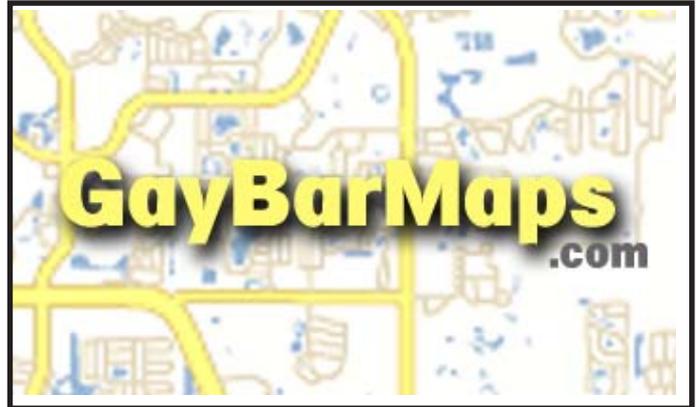
The Yadda Be Golf Scramble is having it's "Kick Off" Party on Friday Night at the 701 bar in Covington.

The talented **Tara Beavers**/Perfect Sequel will be performing at 9 p.m.

Stars of Adonis

Stars of Adonis is theme of a show at Adonis the Night Club on Saturday, October 1.

The show, beginning at 11 p.m. will be hosted by Crystyle Star.



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