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Equality should be state wide

Berea, KY — Kentucky Equality Federation was not opposed to the hearing in Berea to pass a non-discrimination ordinance if it was a citizen driven movement.

Kentucky Equality Federation however

Homosexuality and the Bible

Back by popular demand -an "***Homosexuality and the Bible***" Workshop.

Pastor Mike Underhill of Nexus UCC of Hamilton, will host the three-day workshop on consecutive Thursday evenings 7 p.m til 9 p.m .on July 14th, July 21st, and July 28th.

For more information or for reser-vations, please contact Pastor Mike Underhill, 513-708-7803 pastormike@nexusucc.org

believes their fight must continue to be waged in the Kentucky Legislature and not municipality by municipality with local ordinances which each city must find the money to assign investigators and enforce.

The federation continues on the path of an equality law that will protect everyone in the Commonwealth from

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Crossport Summer Picnic



Several of the 30 people attending the Crossport Picnic pose for Michael X. Chanak photo

HRC Zoo Day

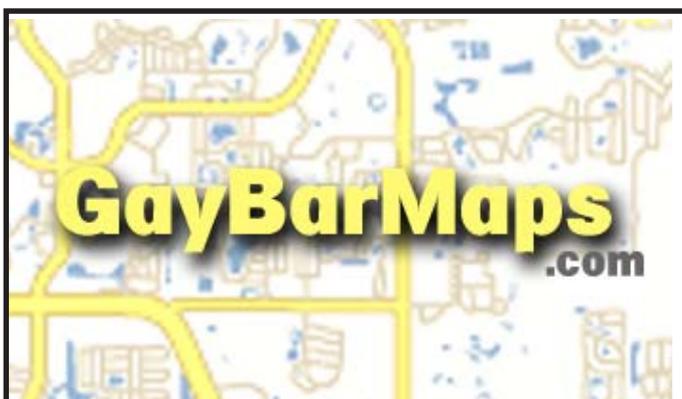


Several organizations had information available for visitors at HRC Zoo Day

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Equality—from Page 1
 discrimination in employment, housing, credit, and accommodations based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Kentucky has 120 counties, in some cases with multiple cities located within each county, especially in Northern Kentucky, Southern Central Kentucky, Western Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky and Southern Kentucky itself. In addition, legislation has been filed multiple times to rescind the authority of cities to pass these local ordinances.

The federation remains committed to long-term objectives, and will not sacrifice them for illusory short-term victories. A statewide equality law would give jurisdiction to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, a state agency.

In addition, no city ordinance could have prevented the events in Hazard.

Kentucky Equality Federation continues to

fight to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the Kentucky Civil Rights Act of 1966 as a protected class along with religion, smoking, disability, race, sex, ancestry, veteran status, and disability. An equality law for the entire Commonwealth is needed.!

'Lesbian' men

A 'Lesbian' blogger who criticized Tom McMaster, the 'Gay Girl In Damascus' hoaxer, is also in reality a married man.

Bill Graber, a retired Ohio construction worker, admitted he was Paula Brooks, editor of 'Lez Get Real', which also published writings by Tom McMaster's alter ego, Amina Arraf.

They exchanged flirtatious messages over the internet for several months before their true identities were disclosed.

GLAAD and Tracy Morgan

GLAAD spoke with
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June is
 Gay PRIDE Month

Morgan—from Page 2
Tracy Morgan following anti-Gay remarks made during a recent performance in Nashville.

He also spoke out in support of LGBT people, marriage equality and against anti-LGBT bullying on *Global Grind.com*.

During a call with GLAAD President Jarrett Barrios and members of GLAAD's staff, Morgan committed to meet in New York City with LGBT youth from the Ali Forney Center who have been hurt or left homeless by parental rejection as well as family members who have lost children to anti-Gay violence. Those he will meet include Elke Kennedy, the founder of Sean's Last Wish. Elke's son Sean was killed by anti-Gay violence in 2007 at the age of 20 in South Carolina, when another man called him a faggot and punched him so hard it broke his facial bones and separated his brain from his brain stem. Since that day, Elke has traveled more than 140,000 miles to speak in states across the country about hate violence and bullying. Morgan also committed to participate in GLAAD's upcoming 'Amplify Your Voice' PSA campaign to

combat anti-LGBT bullying.

Together with GLAAD and the Tennessee Equality Project, Morgan has said he will return to Tennessee where he will apologize to audience members who were offended by his remarks. Currently, legislation in Tennessee is pending that would ban educators from speaking about Gay people in the classroom.

Morgan stated to GLAAD, "I know how bad bullying can hurt. I was bullied when I was a kid. I'm sorry for what I said. I didn't mean it. I never want to use my comedy to hurt anyone. My family knew what it was like to feel different. My brother was disabled, and I lost my father to AIDS in 1987. My dad wasn't Gay but I also learned about homophobia then because of how people treated people who were sick with that. Parents should support and love their kids no matter what. Gay people deserve the same right to be happy in this country as everyone else. Our laws should support that. I hope that my fans Gay, Straight, whatever forgive, and I hope my family forgives me for this."



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