



Georgia Governor Vetoes Antigay "Religious Freedom" Bill



Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal

BY YEZMIN VILLARREAL

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal announced a veto today of an antigay "religious freedom" bill that would have allowed businesses to discriminate against LGBT customers if serving them conflicted with their religious beliefs, reports The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

House Bill 757 would have prevented the state government from taking any punitive action against an individual or faith-based organization that speaks or behaves according to a sincerely held "religious or moral conviction" that marriage should only take place between two people of the opposite sex, or that sexual relations should be limited to such a marriage.

"I do not think that we have to discriminate against anyone to protect the faith-based community in Georgia, of which I and my family have been a part of for all of our lives," said Deal in a televised remark.

Human Rights Campaign president Chad Griffin recently called on entertainment companies to boycott Georgia if HB 757 became law. Many responded by threatening a boycott and calling on Deal to veto the bill, including Disney, Marvel, AMC, Viacom, 21st Century Fox, Time Warner, Starz, the Weinstein Co., Lionsgate, and numerous celebrities, showrun-

ners, and executives. Major companies in other industries have condemned the legislation as well, and officials with the National Football League had said that if it became law, it could jeopardize Atlanta's chance of hosting a Super Bowl.

Deal responded to the boycott threats in his remarks during a news conference today. "I do not respond well to insults or threats. The people of Georgia deserve a leader who will make sound judgments based on solid reasons that are not inflamed by emotion. That is what I intend to do," said Deal.

"Discrimination and intolerance have no place in the United States of America, and we hope North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory and the North Carolina General Assembly are paying close attention to what has transpired in Georgia. They must undo their disgraceful attack on LGBT people in the state's upcoming legislative session," said HRC president Chad Griffin in a statement, referring to the passing of House Bill 2, a bill that struck down all existing LGBT-inclusive nondiscrimination ordinances in North Carolina.

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N.C. Governor: Backlash to Anti-LGBT Bill Is "Political Correctness Run Amok"

BY NICO LANG

After passing House Bill 2, North Carolina's Republican governor, Pat McCrory (pictured), dismissed criticism of the legislation as "political correctness" in an interview with ABC News Monday night.



HB 2 has been called the "country's most sweeping anti-LGBT bill," one that effectively rescinds local nondiscrimination ordinances across the state that allow trans people equal access in public accommodations—including housing, employment, and city facilities. These protections would provide trans people affirming access to the public restroom that most closely corresponds with their gender identity.

Since HB 2 was signed into law last Wednesday evening, companies like PayPal, Apple, Bank of America, American Airlines, and Dow Chemical have all spoken out against the legislation. The National Basketball Association has stated that the bill may jeopardize North Carolina's opportunity to host the league's all-star game in 2017.

In a sit down interview with NBC's Janet Shamlian, McCrory argued that the backlash against HB 2 is unwarranted. "We are not taking away any rights," he said. "We have the exact same rules and regulations [as] 25 other states in the United States of America."

McCrory clarified that his state's bill is different than Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which allowed businesses to discriminate against LGBT customers—and deny them service—based a business owner's personal religious beliefs. Indiana's RFRA was passed in March 2015. A corporate boycott cost the state an estimated \$60 million, which forced Gov. Mike Pence to all but rescind it.

"[HB 2] had to do with... government overreach, enforcing businesses to allow men to be in women's or girls restrooms or shower facilities," he said. "This is political correctness run amok."

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The legislation was pushed through by North Carolina's state legislature in an "emergency session" to block the adoption of a Charlotte law passed by their city council in February. Set to take effect on April 1, the law would have extended the city's existing nondiscrimination protections to its trans residents.

During the interview, Shamlian interjected in defense of the Charlotte ordinance. "Should we be politically correct for everyone?" she asked.

McCrary argues that isn't necessary. "We are too much politically correct," he responded. "We have this political correctness in our nation that's taking over common sense. ... We all have to make adjustments in life. We've had these proper etiquette situations for decades in our country and all of a sudden—through political correctness—we're throwing away basic etiquette."

He continues, "What if your daughter—or son—were showering and a man walks into the room and says, 'This is what I am?'"

Despite McCrary's statement, there's no evidence that transgender people pose a threat to the safety of others, including children, in public restrooms. Numerous independent studies have shown there's not a single reported case of trans individuals attacking another person in a public facility.

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The Goal of 'Bathroom Bills' Is to Criminalize Being Trans

BY ANGELA PEOPLES AND ROBIN RIDLEY

This week, Tennessee residents are facing two bills in the state legislature that are equally dangerous. The first was just rejected Tuesday in a narrow victory for young Tennesseans facing what our friends at Tennessee Transgender PAC call the "Transgender Student Bathroom Harassment Act." Like many other attempts to legislate public spaces across the country, this bill (Senate Bill 2387 and House Bill 2414) would have required students in public schools — including public colleges and universities — to use restrooms and locker rooms that are assigned based on the sex as shown on one's original birth certificate. This focus on "original" birth certificate is important, and is as ridiculous as it is dangerous — it is a direct attempt to wipe trans folks out of existence, even if they have been able to legally alter their birth certificate to

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Another bill is still pending in the legislature (Senate Bill 2275 and House Bill 2600) that specifically defines the terms



“husband” and “wife” on all government documents as directly correlated to “male” and “female,” respectively, as one’s sex appears on an “original” birth certificate. While this might seem a bit in the weeds, what this bill tried to do is trying to do is to remove the possibility for transgender Tennesseans to legally change their birth certificates in order to enter into a heterosexual marriage. And if you read between the lines just a little bit, you’ll see that this bill’s ultimate goal is to legislate transgender Tennesseans out of existence altogether.

When these types of bills are discussed, the dialogue generally revolves around student privacy, burdens on school districts and administrators, and the increased threat of bullying and harassment of transgender students. However, this bill in Tennessee — just like the one in South Dakota and 10 other states — is about much more than bullying and bathrooms. These bills are intended to criminalize trans youth instead of creating a space that is safe and that allows trans students to thrive in school.

If these bills become law, students who do not comply will face more than just harassment and bullying from fellow classmates. The real goal of these bills is to make it nearly impossible to identify as transgender, whether as a young person or as an adult, or — if someone is able to defy the odds and to come out as trans — these bills will make simply identifying as transgender a crime. In the specific case of the anti-trans bathroom bills that we saw arise last year and multiply this year, the consequences for children who refuse to lie about or deny who they are could be suspension or expulsion, sending more of our kids — particularly LGBTQ youth of color — into the school-to-prison pipeline and into a criminal “justice” system that is actively seeking to write them out of existence.

And this is where the leaders of LGBTQ organizations have gotten it wrong. Time after time, state after state, bill after bill, organizations are leveraging resources to defeat these bills — engaging in an ongoing game of Whack-a-Mole. And engaging in this game means that we, as a movement, are not engaging in an effort to set our own agenda for LGBTQ liberation. For years, LGBTQ organizational leaders have set their sights on marriage equality as the dominant agenda item that “we” were all fighting for. And now that marriage equality is the law of the land, there is no answer to the question “What’s next?”

Right-wing culture warriors are furious at losing the federal marriage equality fight after last year’s Obergefell v. Hodges ruling, and are stinging from the loss of public favor for their position. By the time of the Supreme Court’s decision, a majority of Americans were in favor of gay marriage. Public opinion is much less settled on transgender issues, however, and rightwing leaders have found a powerful tool to attack LGBTQ

rights — weaponizing transphobia as a lever to move their agenda. And while many in the LGBTQ community, the progressive movement, and even the political “middle” celebrated the win for marriage equality, the backlash to that victory has been swift and has targeted those who are the most vulnerable in our community — trans folks, especially trans youth.

Just as the so-called religious freedom bills are about more than just the right to refuse service because of a “genuinely held religious belief,” these anti-trans bathroom bills are about much more than keeping bathrooms binary. These bills are about policing the life, love, and identity of our community and further criminalizing any life that falls outside of white, cis, Christian heteronormativity. To be more clear, these “bathroom bills” are an attempt to lock up trans people when all other attempts to write trans people out of existence have failed. Rather than focusing on protecting those who are most vulnerable, these bills are an attempt to police gender identities in schools and in our communities — which leaves us asking, “Which lives are we protecting, and from what?”

If we begin with the central truth that these bills are an attempt to destroy trans people and trans lives, then our organizing must be different. It is not sufficient to run television ads or to lobby lawmakers — we must organize as if our lives depend on it because, in fact, our lives do depend on it. We should be organizing from that truth, rather than treating this like any other political campaign. Whether it’s in Tennessee or North Carolina or any of the tens of other states where these bills are being introduced, we need you.

If you’re interested in joining in a different kind of organizing, one that centers this truth, join us by signing up at www.getequal.org.

Georgia Lawmaker Calls for Special Session to Override Veto

BY YEZMIN VILLARREAL

Right-wing Georgia politicians are seeking a special session in an attempt to override Republican Gov. Nathan Deal's veto of a controversial antigay “religious freedom” bill today.



Only minutes after Deal announced the veto in a press conference, Republican State Sen. Mike Crane called for the special session, reports The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Crane, currently running for Congress, released a statement on his website, saying, “Our government needs committed conservatives who never stop fighting to protect the constitution.”

He also made a statement that appeared to refer to business opposition to House Bill 757 and threats from entertainment companies to boycott Georgia if the bill became law. “The announcement by Governor Deal is another example of how the political class is bought and paid for by corporations and

lobbyists.” Crane said.

House Speaker David Ralston also denounced the veto. “It is regrettable that the merits of this measure have been ignored in the days since its passage by the critics who had not taken the time to read the bill or understand the legal issues involved,” he wrote in a press release.

A special session is unlikely, however. Deal would probably not call one, and Georgia’s state constitution allows for lawmakers to come together without the governor’s call only if three-fifths of the House and Senate “certify to the governor in writing ... that in their opinion an emergency exists in the affairs of the state,” reports the Journal-Constitution. A special session would also come with a high tab for taxpayers: \$41,000 per day.

But lawmakers who supported the measure are not giving up yet. The Journal-Constitution reports that Sen. Josh McKoon told Boston NPR station WBUR, “The question we have to resolve is whether or not government is going to be used to punish people with a particular point of view. ... I fully expect we’ll be back next year debating this again.”

North Carolina AG Won't Defend Gov's 'National Embarrassment'

BY SUNNIVIE BRYDUM

The man charged with protecting North Carolina officials from legal challenges will not defend a new anti-LGBT law hastily passed on March 23, North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper announced today.



The attorney general believes the law — known as House Bill 2 — is wholly unconstitutional, and will not defend it in court, noting that HB 2 effectively gutted existing nondiscrimination protections that had been in place at the state’s Department of Justice since 2001.

“We should not even be here today, but we are,” said the Democratic attorney general, who is also running for governor. Cooper is hoping to remove incumbent Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, who continues to support the first-of-its-kind law.

“We are here because the governor has signed statewide legislation that puts discrimination into the law,” he added. “Obviously, the LGBT community is targeted, but also people who are discriminated against based on race, and religion, and other classes of people, could likely have a harder time bringing actions to protect themselves.”

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suit challenging HB 2. Cooper held a press conference declaring that his office will not defend the constitutionality of the law, which repeals existing LGBT-inclusive nondiscrimination protections statewide and mandates that trans people use public bathrooms and locker rooms that do not match their gender identity, among other things.

"Not only is this new law a national embarrassment, it will set North Carolina's economy back if we don't repeal it," continued Cooper. "The threats to our economy will grow even darker the longer this law stays in effect."

Cooper went on to warn that the law will prompt "a flood of litigation," pointing to the lawsuit filed Monday by the American Civil Liberties Union and Equality North Carolina, which seeks an injunction to the law on the grounds that it is patently unconstitutional.

"HB 2 is in direct conflict with our policy here at the North Carolina Department of Justice," Cooper continued. "In order to protect our nondiscrimination policy and employees, along with those of our client, the state treasurer's office, part of our argument will be that HB 2 is unconstitutional. Therefore, our office will not represent the defendants in this lawsuit, nor future lawsuits involving the constitutionality of HB 2."

Cooper did acknowledge that the defendants named in the case (including him, in his official capacity) "deserve a defense," and encouraged the governor to hire outside legal counsel.

"But the fact is, we shouldn't have to be dealing with these lawsuits in the first place," Cooper concluded. "A shameful new

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He then pointed to Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal, a Republican who on Monday vetoed a similar legislative attack on equal rights for LGBT Georgians, killing a bill that had been dubbed a “license to discriminate” against LGBT people. Less than an hour later, Georgia lawmakers called for a special legislative session (like the one used to pass North Carolina’s HB 2) to override the veto.

Although Cooper’s office is charged with representing the state and its elected officials in court, there is some precedent to state legal leaders refusing to defend laws they believe are unconstitutional. Such a refusal to defend laws deemed unconstitutional was a common tactic during the final years of the nationwide journey to full marriage equality, even when Republican governors continued defending so-called Defense of Marriage Acts in court.

For example, Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane refused to defend her state’s ban on same-sex marriage in 2013, as did Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring a year later. Back in 2009 in California, then-attorney general Jerry Brown (who is now the governor) refused to defend the state’s controversial Proposition 8, which rescinded marriage equality in the Golden State. That case eventually went to the U.S. Supreme Court, where a majority of justices determined in June 2013 the anti-LGBT groups attempting to defend the law in court had no legal standing to do so.

On The DL: Straight-Identifying Men Speak Candidly About Their Sexual Relationships With Other Men

by Jane Ward

A recent national survey released by the CDC revealed that more Americans are identifying as bisexual than ever before. Not only that, but more straight-identifying men are admitting to having tried gay sex.

Researchers interviewed more than 9,000 men and women ages 18 to 44 years of age. Of all the men interviewed, 6.2 percent of

them said they had engaged in same-sex sexual activity at least once in their lifetime. And of that 6.2 percent, 2.3 percent identified as straight.

So who are these men? And, more importantly, where are they? (Hint: They’re everywhere!) It took some serious detective work, but we managed to locate a few and convince them to chat with us under the agreement that we would keep their identities confidential.

Now, let’s cut to the chase and hear what they had to say...

Rob (not his real name) is 46-years-old. He lives in San Jose, CA and has been married to his wife for 12 years. He identifies as “straight with bisexual tendencies” and has been hooking up with other guys on the down low since he was 19.

“Hooking up with other men, to me, is a non-complicated way of releasing sexual steam,” he explains. “It’s simply a physical release with no pressure.”

Rob prefers getting together with other married men on the DL, as opposed to single or openly gay men. He finds most of the guys on Craigslist or dating sites like Squirt.org.

“I seek out other married men for the simple fact that they are in the same boat as me, and hopefully can relate to what I am looking for,” he says. “I do not want to jeopardize my marriage. Another married man can understand that. Other married men are not willing to take as many risks.”

The primary risk being, Rob says, “getting strong emotions or falling in love. I wouldn’t want to become the object of another man’s desire. I do find some men attractive, but for me it’s just sexual. I don’t feel attracted to men in a loving way at all.”

Currently, there are two guys Rob sees on a regular basis.

“One is divorced, the other is a widower and semi-retired,” he
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explains. "They both live alone, and are therefore able to host our get togethers." But, he is careful to add, "there is no love involved."

Tony (not his real name) is 32-years-old. A divorcee, he lives in New York City and just recently began identifying as bisexual, though he's only out to a small handful of people. He has a casual girlfriend as well as a few regular "buddies" who he will occasionally meet for sex.

"The first time I messed around with a guy I was 21," he says. "He was an older married guy who I met on a gay website. My challenge is that New York City is a very feminine gay city, and that's not my type. I'm only into guys who are DL, not being noticed as gay. That's my protocol. When I find someone who's a match I keep him as a regular."

Tony says he meets most of his hookups on dating apps or on Craigslist, and he will often develop close friendships with them afterwards. He says he's not "paranoid" about people knowing what he does, but he's still not 100 percent comfortable with it either.

"I would be afraid of telling someone I had a relationship with a man," he admits, adding that maybe someday he'll feel differently. Until then, however, "I need to make sure the guy meets my criteria."

Andrew (not his real name) is 33-years-old and lives near New Orleans, LA. He identifies as totally straight and has been married to his wife since he was 21. He had his first gay experience about ten years ago.

"I had been married for two years and was feeling that I wanted to try something different," he says. "I've messed around with about a dozen guys since then. It isn't often, usually when it feels like my marriage is in a slump or getting boring. It actually invigorates me."

Like both Rob and Tony, he finds most of the guys he hooks up with online and tends to gravitate towards others who are on the down low.

"I prefer men on the DL," Andrew explains. "I find I have more in common and it is easier to make a connection."

Jane Ward is an Associate Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, as well as the LGBT Studies Program Chair, at the University of California, Riverside. She is also the author of the bestselling book, "Not Gay: Sex Between Straight White Men".

"We can learn a lot about sexual fluidity and diversity from men on the down low," Ward tells Queerty. "Some men on the DL identify as bisexual but are not public about their sex with men. Others are completely straight-identified and view their sex with men as an erotic hobby, so to speak. For them, it's an occasional means of getting off, but it's not something that feels significant enough to influence how they understand their sexual orientation."

Ward continues: "The point here is that people can engage in the same sexual activity but make meaning of it in very different ways. It's that process of making meaning that is what ultimately matters when it comes to people's sexual identifications. Unlike animals, humans have the capacity to reflect on

our sex practices and what they mean about who we are and who we want to be."

OK, and now the answer to the question you've all been wondering: What about these men's wives and girlfriends? Do they know about their extracurricular activities? Here's what the guys had to say...

"My wife is not aware," Rob admits. "I don't feel guilty doing what I do. However, I would feel bad if she found out. She would be very upset and consider it cheating. It concerns me very much, since I do not want a divorce."

"My ex-wife didn't know what I did," Tony says. "The women I've dated lately, though, know. They know how I am and still think I'm interesting and attractive regardless. At this point of my life, I don't feel like living in lies anymore."

"If my wife found out she would leave me," Andrew says. "She is very traditional and religious and does not believe in homosexuality. I love her and wish that we could have some sort of open relationship, but she would never go for it."

He continues: "Hooking up with other guys is not something that I am proud of. I wish that I didn't have the urge or want to do it, but there is something about being with another guy that reignites me. After being with another guy I find that I am more loving and happy at home. It adds life to me."

Oscar-Winning Actress Patty Duke Dies at 69

NEW YORK (AP) -- Patty Duke, who won an Oscar as a teen for "The Miracle Worker" and maintained a long and successful career throughout her life, has died at the age of 69.

Duke's agent, Mitchell Stubbs, says the actress died early Tuesday morning of sepsis from a ruptured intestine. She died in Coeur

D'Alene, Idaho, according to Teri Weigel, the publicist for her son, actor Sean Astin.

Duke, born Anna Marie Pearce, followed on her early success playing the young Helen Keller with a popular sitcom, "The Patty Duke Show," which aired in the mid-1960s. She played dual roles under a then-unconventional premise: identical cousins living in Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.

Duke was also an outspoken advocate for mental health. She was diagnosed as bipolar in 1982 after years of battling mental illness.



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By Michael Kimmel

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How to Handle Disappointment

What do you do when you are disappointed? How do you handle it? That's what this column is about.

Recently, I experienced a surprising disappointment. I had contacted the Mayor's office, asking for assistance with a City-related problem and did not receive the help I'd asked for. My phone calls and emails were not returned and I was not treated well (in my opinion). Trying to make things right, I wrote to the Mayor's office, explaining my experience, asking for an apology for being treated poorly and an acknowledgment of mistakes made. What I got was a complete denial of any mistakes made at all.

Wow, was I disappointed. It wasn't a matter of life and death (thank God), but I had asked for help and did not receive it. I was disappointed. There's a line in an old Eurhythmics song that goes: "I could give you a mirror to show you disappointment." How true this is: don't we wear disappointment in our faces? In our tense, tight smiles that hide how bad we really feel?

There is no avoiding disappointment: things don't go the way you want. Someone doesn't do what you think is right. You want something and you don't get it. So what can we do about it? Here are some ways that we typically react. Some are more helpful than others, but let's list them all:

Sadness – This is a natural response. I was sad when the gentleman from the Mayor's office didn't apologize. I was sad when two people in that office treated me poorly and wouldn't own up to it. I wanted to be treated well and to receive an apology when I wasn't. When it didn't happen, I was sad. This is what some Buddhists call "pain": life is painful, things happens that we don't like. What do we do about it?

Revenge – "You hurt me; I'm going to hurt you". While this sounds appealing, it really gets you nowhere. In fact, if you keep perpetuating (and escalating) the revenge, it often gets jacked up so high that it makes you miserable... and then, it's really hard to stop it.

Confusion – "Why did this happen to me?" We try to understand, but, we can't. We can't know how other people feel and why they do the things they do. Sometimes, our mind just keeps spinning and spinning, trying to understand: have you ever found it hard to sleep because your mind was spinning like this? Your mind can't figure it out, but it doesn't want to admit it.

Self-blame – "What did I do to bring this about?" This is a use-



ful question IF (that's a big "if") we use it constructively and not just to beat ourselves up. For example, it's constructive to ask: "How did I contribute to this situation?" And, let's be honest, we all contribute to a disappointing outcome, but we don't like to admit it. I asked myself, "How could I have handled the situation (where I asked the Mayor's Office for help) better?" "What would I do differently next time something like this happens?" This can be really useful: we CAN learn from our disappointments. (I know I'm trying to learn from mine).

Other-blame – This is typically an initial (and normal) response: we blame them. It's ALL THEIR fault. We avoid taking any responsibility and play the victim. "I don't deserve this... why are they treating me this way?" It's okay to indulge in this for a little while, but, ultimately, playing the victim isn't helpful and it feels bad.

Acceptance – This is the hardest response of all. Acceptance doesn't mean condoning poor behavior; it does mean that there's really nothing more that you can (constructively) do about it and that, by holding onto it, you're likely to prolong your suffering. It serves us best to do what we can to take care of ourselves and then let go and release the situation. It sounds simple, but it's not easy.

There's no avoiding disappointment in life and we have a variety of ways to react. You may go through some of the above responses and wonder: "What do I do now?" I recommend that you allow yourself to feel ALL your emotions and not judge them. Eventually, strong emotions will fade and – hopefully – you'll reach some form of acceptance (and peace). I know that's what I'm striving for.



GAYZETTE EVENTS



WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA, 3647 Lafayette Ave., Omaha GLBT friendly, www.augustanalutheran.com

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Coffee-house casual downstairs at 9am, Traditional Worship at 11am

EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST, info at: www.firstcentral.org

FIRST UNITED METHODIST 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 9:30 a.m. "eclectic service" and 11:15 a.m. "traditional service"

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 3647 Lafayette Ave., Info call Mark 639-3055 **HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 pm at the NAP office located at 1921 South 17th Street in Lincoln, NE.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563 Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am

ONE PROMISE GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Tamara B. at 714-8552

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING

LEAGUE, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes, at 402-572-9393

SECOND UNITARIAN, Sunday morning services, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, info@2uomaha.org, 402-334-0537

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 10:30am service and Wednesday meditation service at 7pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW, KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

Every Monday

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"

Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP

HIV+ MEN 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Fridays thru Mondays at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS RE-

HEARSALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

Every Tuesday

HASTINGS COLLEGE ALLIANCE

meet Tuesdays at 7PM (when college is in session), Please contact Dr Antje Anderson at aanderson@hastings.edu or Judy Sandeen at jsandeen@hastings.edu for further information.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

OF OMAHA 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563—Bible Study at 7pm

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-

PORT GROUP, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday

AA FOURTH DIMENSION, 7pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

HIV TESTING LINCOLN, 4-7 pm, results in 20 minutes, 1921 So. 17th St. 402-476-7000

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctrl., 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, 4:00-6:00pm Coffee with the Boys at No More Empty Cups, 1502 So. 10th St., In the Community Room. Meet up for coffee and conversation. Many of the guys go out for dinner afterwards. Everyone welcome to attend.

NAP HIV TESTING, 250 South 77th St., by appointment only on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

Every Thursday

NAP HIV TESTING 250 So. 77th., by appointment from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and Walk-In from 5pm to 8pm

Every Friday

LIVE & LET LIVE AA Meeting

8:15pm to 9:15pm, Open to men and women, at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

LIVE & LET LIVE AL-ANON, a group focused on support and recovery for the friends and relatives of alcoholics, 7pm to 8pm at the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, 851 North 74th Street

OUT & ABOUT SOCIAL CLUB

Open to everyone 21 and over, every Friday 6:30pm (time may vary), for more info email outandaboutsocialclub@gmail.com

Every Saturday

AA SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30pm, Open to men and women, 219 North 48th Street, call 402-558-0733 for more info

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, 9am—11am Coffee with the Boys at Paradise Café, Regency Court. Meet up for coffee and conversation. Good food and good coffee too. Everyone welcome to attend.

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP

4-6pm, First United Methodist Church, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to 10pm at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or 142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

1st Thursday

GLBT PROFESSIONALS, meeting at 5:30pm in various locations. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

1st Friday

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

1st Sunday

Soka Gakkai International (SGI-USA), Lay Buddhist organization based on Nichiren Buddhism, World Peace Prayer the First Sun day of each month, 10am-11:30am, LGBTQIA Friendly, 1021 N 46th Street, Omaha, NE 68132, call 402-558-6148

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS OF LINCOLN

12-1pm Fellowship and 1p-2p worship Meets Lincoln at Bennett Martin Library info@inclusivelife.org and on Facebook

2nd Monday
NAP HIV TESTING

Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm
—50th & Ames Ave.

2nd Thursday
HEARTLAND PRIDE, Board Meeting- at D
Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St. 6:30pm-
8pm, Email: info@heartlandpride.org, or find
us on Facebook

PFLAG- OMAHA, 6:30pm to 9pm, Country-
side Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street
Omaha, Nebraska

2nd Sunday
Metro Omaha Prime Timers, Monthly Meet-
ing, Abrahams Library, 5111 North 90th St,
Stop by our monthly get-together to hear about
the great upcoming events, and spend time with
good friends. 3pm to 4:30pm. Snacks and bev-
erages provided. Everyone Welcome !!

3rd Monday
FREE RAPID HIV TESTING, 8pm to
10pm at Flixx Show Bar, STD testing also
available for \$10, call 552-9260 ext. 113 or
142 or visit www.nap.org for more info

IMPERIAL COURT OF NE, Board of Gov-
ernors meeting, 6:30pm, meeting at the MCC-
Omaha, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

3rd Sunday
CBCA MEETING 5 PM until about 6:30 PM
is our monthly meeting with potluck. We meet
at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Council Bluffs
– see website for more information at
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

4th Monday
NAP HIV TESTING
Respect Clinic, walk-in from 5:00pm to 7pm—
50th & Ames Ave.

4th Tuesday
PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian Church,
6300 & A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TEST Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lin-
coln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to a mental asylum, I asked the
director how do you determine whether or not a
patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the director, "we fill up a bathtub,
then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket
to the patient and ask him or her to empty the
bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person
would use the bucket because it's bigger than a
spoon or the teacup."

"No," said the director, "A normal person
would pull the drain plug. Do you want a bed
near the window?"

Circumcised

A teacher noticed that a little boy at the back
of the class was squirming around, scratch-
ing his crotch and not paying attention. She
went back to find out what was going on.

He was quite embarrassed and whispered
that he had just recently been circumcised
and was quite itchy.

The teacher told him to go down to the Prin-
cipal's office. She told him to telephone his
mother and ask her what he should do about
it. He did this and returned to class.

Suddenly there was a commotion at the back
of the room. She went back to investigate
only to find him sitting at his desk with his
penis hanging out.

"I thought I told you to call your Mum!" she
said.

"I did," he said, "and she told me that if I
could stick it out until lunchtime, she'd come
and pick me up from school!"

RECTUM STRETCHER

While she was "flying" down the road yes-
terday, a woman passed over a bridge only to
find a cop with a radar gun on the other side
lying in wait.

The cop pulled her over, walked up to the
car, with that classic patronizing smirk we all
know and love, asked, "What's your hurry?"

To which she replied, "I'm late for work."

"Oh yeah," said the cop, "what do you do?"

"I'm a rectum stretcher," she responded.

The cop stammered, "A what? A rectum
stretcher? And just what does a rectum
stretcher do?"

"Well," she said, "I start by inserting one
finger, then work my way up to two fingers,
then three, then four, then with my whole
hand in. I work from side to side until I can
get both hands in, and then I slowly but sure-
ly stretch it, until it's about 6 feet wide."

"And just what the hell do you do with a 6
foot asshole?" he asked.

"You give him a radar gun and park him
behind a bridge..."

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Golf Accident

Two women were playing golf. One teed off
and watched in horror as her ball headed di-
rectly toward a foursome of men playing the
next hole. The ball hit one of the men. He
immediately clasped his hands together at his
groin, fell to the ground and proceeded to roll
around in agony.

The woman rushed down to the man, and
immediately began to apologize.

'Please allow me to help. I'm a Physical Ther-
apist and I know I could relieve y our pain if
you'd allow me,' she told him.

'Oh, no, I'll be all right. I'll be fine in a few
minutes,' the man replied.

He was in obvious agony, lying in the fetal
position, still clasping his hands together at
his groin. At her persistence, however, he
finally allowed her to help.

She gently took his hands away and laid them
to the side, loosened his pants and put her
hands inside. She administered tender and
artful massage for several long moments and
asked, 'How does that feel?'

He replied: 'It feels great, but I still think my
thumb's broken.'

Car Trouble

A couple who drove their car to Wal-Mart,
only to have their car break down in the park-
ing lot. The man told his wife to carry on with
the shopping while he fixed the car in the lot.

The wife returned later to see a small group of
people near the car. On closer inspection, she
saw a pair of male legs protruding from under
the chassis.

Although the man was in shorts, his lack of
underpants turned private parts into glaringly
public ones.

Unable to stand the embarrassment, she duti-
fully stepped forward, quickly put her hand
UP his shorts, and tucked everything back
into place.

On regaining her feet, she looked across the
hood and found herself staring at her husband
who was standing idly by.

The mechanic, however, had to have three
stitches in his head.

Advice of the Day

If you have a lot of tension and you get a
headache, do what it says on the aspirin
bottle:

"Take two aspirin" and "Keep away from
children."

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

Camp Kindle, Nebraska based summer camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS, 877.800.CAMP, www.CampKindle.org

Citizens for Equal Protection 1105 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 www.cfep-ne.org, email to: Michael@cfep-ne.org

Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856

First Central Congregational Church UCC, 421 South 36th St., 402-345-1533, www.firstcentral.org, GLBT-affirming

First Lutheran Church, 542 So. 31st St., 402-345-7506, GLBT Friendly www.firstlutheranomaha.org

First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney Street, 402-345-3039, www.firstunitarian.org, GLBT Welcoming Congregation

First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St., 402-556-6262, www.fumcomaha.org, GLBT-affirming

Flat Water Bears, (group disbanded)

Front Runners/Walkers, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha (402-804-8720)

Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 712-325-0117 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

GayLibrary.com, World Wide Resources

GOglbt Professionals, meeting at 5:30PM. Email at: GOglbt@cfep-ne.org or see www.GOglbt.org for info

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats <http://omahalgbtDemocrats.wordpress.com> - contact Ken @ 402-686-6389 See also <http://ProgressiveOasis.com>

Heartland Pride www.heartlandpride.org, email: info@heartlandpride.org; meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm. @ D. Dale Clark Library

Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103, www.imperialcourtofnebraska.org

Inclusive Life 402-575-7006 www.inclusivelife.org Offering religious and non-religious care and services to all without exception. Weddings, Funerals, Coaching and Pastoral Care.

Learning to Exchange Power, no current info available

Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) not currently meeting

Metro Omaha Prime Timers, provides a welcoming and supportive environment to

mature gay and bi men and their fans to encourage participation in fun, cultural, educational or social activities. Email PrimeTimersEvents@gmail.com for more information & schedule. Also on Facebook as Metro Omaha Prime Timers Also see the Events list on page 10

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@mccomaha.org Website: www.mccomaha.org Sunday Worship 9:30am and 11:15am

NAMI - Community Mental Health Support for the LGBTIQ community 415 South 25th Ave, Omaha, NE 402-345-8101 or 877-463-6264

NA Rainbow Group, Narcotics Anonymous, meets Friday thru Monday at 10pm, MCC-Omaha Church, 819 South 22nd St

Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 So. 77th St., HIV testing and counseling

NebraskaEquality.org, Find out everything about Nebraska and the GLBT Community www.NebraskaPrideIDOL.com

Nebraska Zen Center, Soto Zen Buddhist, 3625 Lafayette Ave., 402-551-9035, www.prairiewindzen.org GLBT inclusive

North Side Christian Church 5555 Larimore Ave., Sunday service at 9:30am, see www.NorthSideOmaha.org

The 'Ohana Group, (GLBT / Non-traditional Family group), email to: Theohanagroup@msn.com

Omaha Metro GLBT Sports League, See www.oglbtsports.com for more information

Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over

Out and About in Nebraska, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com

OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance) First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, www.ouut.org

PFLAG Omaha Chapter, For confidential information or support, call: 402-291-6781, meeting at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street Omaha, Nebraska

Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon 4pm to 6pm, for info: email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

River City Gender Alliance, PO Box 284, Boys Town, NE 68010, email president@rcga.co or call 402-541-5792, web site www.rcga.co

River City Mixed Bowling Sundays, Maplewood Lanes Omaha, at 3PM call 402-572-9393 for details

River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: www.rcmc.org

Second Unitarian Church, 3012 S 119th St., Omaha, www.2uomaha.org, 402-334

-0537, LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation

SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

Temple Israel Synagogue, 7023 Cass St., 402-556-6536, member of the Union for Reform Judaism, GLBT inclusive

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 10:30am Wednesday meditation service 7pm: 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, email to info@yesomaha.org

Y.E.S. Drop-in Center, 2057 Harney Street Omaha, NE 68102, 402-505-6922

LINCOLN BASED

GLBT and Allies coffee house, 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, 7:30 to 10:30pm

LGBTQ and Ally Programs and Services Resource Center, Pat Tetreault, LGBTQ Resource Center Director, <http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa> - 402.472.1752 or 402-472-1652 <http://www.unl.edu/health/sexuality>

Lincoln Women's Center, Lincoln 402/472-2597.

Nebraska AIDS Project, 1120 K Street Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 476-7000

Nebraska Trans* Community This group is for individuals that identify with a nontraditional masculine or feminine sense of self (MtF, FtM and anywhere in between) and their Partners. Contact info can be found at: NebraskaTransCommunity.com

OUTInc, a nonprofit organization that engages in and fosters the well-being and advancement of the LGBT community, www.outinc.org, Lincoln NE

PFLAG Cornhusker Chapter, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, email to Barbara Kimberly, [jkbiber@hotmail.com](mailto:jbkiber@hotmail.com). Website: <http://pflagcornhusker.org/>

Queer Student Alliance, UNL, contact unlqsa@yahoo.com for info

SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

Spiritual Friends of Lincoln Offering fellowship and worship for those seeking radical hospitality, openness, and inclusiveness. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Lincoln info@inclusivelife.org and on FaceBook

Straight Spouse Support Grp 402-429-6094

TriCity GLBT, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glb.com/>

UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, Contact Pat Tetreault, (402) 472-1752 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu / www.unl.edu/cglbte

Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880

Iowa Based

Council Bluffs Health Department/Free STD Clinic
209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503, 712-328-4666 – ask for Rachel, Monday – Friday by appointment, call to inquire about extended hours, **FREE testing for HIV, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia**

Council Bluffs Community Alliance
www.councilbluffscommunityalliance.org

Council Bluffs Pride, www.councilbluffspride.org

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, GLBT friendly. 611 First Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA 51501, 712-322-5324 - <http://www.cbfirstcongregational.org/>

Iowa Equality, GLBT –allied against change to the state and federal Constitutions, <http://www.IowaEquality.org>

Sioux City, Iowa Resource Web Site: www.siouxlandpride.net

Nationally Based

Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078 or see web site at <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/helpline.html>

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The Hungry Homo

Nacho Pie

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups nacho-flavor tortilla chips, crushed
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion (optional)
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 (15.5 ounce) can chili beans
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease a 9 inch pie plate. Spread crushed tortilla chips in the bottom of the prepared pie plate.

Cook ground beef and onion in a large skillet over medium-high heat until meat is well browned. Drain fat. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon mixture over chips. Top meat with chili beans, tomato sauce, and cheese.

Bake pie, uncovered, until filling is hot and the cheese is melted, 15 to 17 minutes.



Where Can You Find The Gayzette?

Omaha:

- Dixie Quick's Restaurant, 157 West Broadway 712-256-4140
- First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
- Flixx , 1015 South 10th Street Omaha 402-408-1020
- Lover Luxuries, 6065 Maple St. 402-932-3377
- The Max, 1417 Jackson St. 402-346-4110
- Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
- Mystery Bookstore, 1414 South 13th St. 402-342-7343
- Nebraska AIDS Project, 250 South 77th St 402-552-9260
- Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth 402-449-8703
- Rodeo Saloon & BBQ 164 W Broadway 712-256-0510

Deep Fried Deviled Eggs

12 peeled hard-boiled eggs

1 cup flour

3 eggs

1 cup panko bread crumbs

Oil for frying

4 Tbsp. mayonnaise

2 Tbsp. pickle relish

2 Tbsp. mustard

1 tsp hot sauce

Salt to taste

Pepper to taste

Optional:

* Paprika, or seasoning of choice to top

Directions:

Heat cooking oil for deep-frying in a medium-size pan over medium heat.

Cut the hard-boiled eggs in half lengthwise. Gently separate the cooked egg white from the yolk and remove to a medium bowl.

Coat the cooked egg white in flour, eggs, and panko bread crumbs.

Carefully place eggs into the hot oil. Fry for 2-3 minutes, flipping halfway through. Remove from pan and drain excess oil on a paper towel.

Add mayonnaise, relish, mustard, hot sauce, salt, and pepper to the yolks and mash until smooth. Fill a piping bag or plastic sandwich bag with yolk mixture. Pipe mixture back into the fried egg white, dust with paprika, and serve!



Caitlyn Jenner Left 'Shaken' After Confrontation with Trans Activists

by Ashlee Kelly

TV personality Caitlyn Jenner was left 'shaken' after she was confronted by trans activists for not representing 'the real trans women of America'.



The footage, recorded in November 2015 and shown on the latest episode of Jenner's reality show 'I Am Cait', saw activists picketing a charity event where Jenner was talking.

One of the activists, speaking through a megaphone and had obscured their face with a balaclava, said: 'Caitlyn Jenner you're an insult to all trans people. You don't represent us. You're a disgrace to our community. You have no right to speak for us. You get those awards and you dress up but you have no idea what it's really like.

'We don't get jobs, we don't get any money, but you get all these awards. It isn't all fun and games. You don't care about the real trans women of America. You don't speak for us, we didn't ask for your help.'

Jenner tried to talk to the activist, telling them: 'I'm not representing you, I'm representing myself.'

After she put her hand on the shoulder of the activist, one of their friends confronted Jenner yelling: 'Don't you fucking touch her!'

Caitlyn then spoke to one of the calmer activists, who told her: 'I want a job too. I can't get one, because I'm trans and I'm black.'

Jenner's entourage were not impressed by the activists' confrontation.

Chandi Moore, a friend of Jenner that appears on the show, said: 'You can't even show your face, so how are you gonna speak about what's an insult to our community and you can't even represent yourself and show who you are?'

'What are you doing to further our community? If you're out here willing to invest your energy and your time into trying to tear someone down, you could be using that same energy to lift someone up, and you're not doing anything, so what's the issue?'

Trans activist and author Kate Bornstein, who also appears in the show, added: 'All trans people are convinced they have the truth about trans. Nobody else is trans but them.'

The activist group, calling themselves 'I Ain't Cait', staged the protest following Jenner's comments on social housing.

In a Facebook statement, they said: 'Caitlyn Jenner... lives in a mansion and has a net worth of millions of dollars, while the average trans person has a 41 percent chance of experiencing homelessness and a nearly 50 percent chance of living off less than \$10k per year.

'Caitlyn Jenner doesn't represent trans people!'

Atlanta Man Could Serve 80 Years for Pouring Boiling Water on Gay Couple

BY NICO LANG

The Atlanta man police say poured boiling water on a sleeping gay couple could face up to 80 years in prison. On Friday, Fox 5 Atlanta reports that a grand jury in Fulton County indicted 48-year-old Martin Blackwell for two counts of aggravated battery and eight counts of aggravated assault.

Blackwell is being prosecuted for the alleged February 12 attack on Anthony Gooden, 23, and Marquez Tolbert, 21. As The Advocate previously reported, Blackwell discovered the couple resting in the College Park apartment Gooden shared with his mother. Blackwell didn't live at the home, but he was in a relationship with Gooden's mother for the past three years.

Blackwell was reportedly "disgusted" by the couple's relationship. After Blackwell allegedly threw a pot of boiling water on the couple, he yelled: "Get out of my house with all that gay." The men reported that Blackwell dragged them out of the front door following the attack.

The two men were rushed to the hospital after sustaining serious injury, including second and third-degree burns all over their arms, neck, and back. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that Tolbert underwent a skin graft, replacing the severely scarred skin across his back with skin from his thigh. "The pain doesn't let you sleep," said Tolbert, reports Atlanta's WSB TV. "It's just like it's excruciating 24 hours a day."

Since getting out of the hospital, Gooden told WSB that his goal is to get well and to get justice for the attack. "I just want Martin to be gone," he said. "I want him to be prosecuted. I want a full recovery. I want to get the feeling back in my arms. I want my skin to come back. I want to move and walk real good and feel like I'm back to normal."

The Federal Bureau of Investigations is currently investigating the incident as a hate crime. Georgia does not recognize antigay hate crimes in its statutes. Only 17 states in the U.S. have hate-crimes laws that cover both sexual orientation and gender identity. However, if the federal government becomes involved, Blackwell could be prosecuted under federal hate-crimes law.

Tolbert told WSB that he believes the attack should be classified as an act of hate. "Why else would you pour boiling hot water on somebody?" he asked. "Why would you do this?"



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BLUEBARN Theatre Presents The Christians

The BLUEBARN Theatre is proud to present the regional premiere of *The Christians* by Lucas Hnath.

BLUEBARN Producing Artistic Director Susan Clement-Toberer directs, with set design by Martin Scott Marchitto, lighting design by Carol Wisner, costume design by Lindsay Pape, sound design by Craig Marsh, projection design by Bill Grennan and properties design by Amy Reiner. Shows run March 24 – April 17, 2016; Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday April 3, 10, and 17 at 6 p.m. Single tickets for The

Christians are \$30 for adults; and \$25 for students, seniors 65+, TAG members, and groups of 10 or more.

The *Christians* is generously sponsored by Dr. Amy Haddad and Steve Martin, Roger B. Devor, and Giger Foundation.

Following the Sunday, April 3rd performance, the BLUEBARN Theatre will host a panel discussion with Tri-Faith Initiative featuring Rabbi Azriel from Congregation of Temple Israel, Rev. Elnes from Countryside Community Church, and Dr. Mohiuddin from the American Muslim Institute - AMI.

About The Christians

Twenty years ago, Pastor Paul's church was nothing more than a modest storefront. Now he presides over a congregation of thousands, with classrooms for Sunday School, a coffee shop in the lobby, and a baptismal font as big as a swimming pool. Today should be a day of celebration. But Paul is about to preach a sermon that will shake the foundations of his church's belief. A big-little play about faith in America—and the trouble with changing your mind.

About the stars of *The Christians*

Award-winning actor Anthony Clark-Kaczmarek returns to the BLUEBARN stage in the pivotal role of Pastor Paul. Anthony was last seen in *Arcadia* (2003.) Jill Anderson (*God of Carnage*, BLUEBARN), Raydell Cordell III (*A Behanding in Spokane*, BLUEBARN), and Bill Hutson (*Vieux Carré*, BLUEBARN) return to the BLUEBARN stage in the roles of Paul's wife, Paul's Associate Pastor, and the church Elder, respectively. Kaitlyn McClincy (*Harbor*, SNAP! Productions - 2016 OEA Award) also makes her BLUEBARN debut as the young Congregant, Jenny. *The Christians* also features a live choir to enhance this compelling story: Fred Goodhew, Doug Good, Dan Luetheke, Kim McGreevy, Jenna Peterson, Sara Planck, Mike Rosenthal, Erin Stoll, Becky Trecek, Carrie Trecek, Debbie Trecek-Volkens, Homero Vela, and Kelsi Weston.



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LANCE? WHAT ARE YA--?

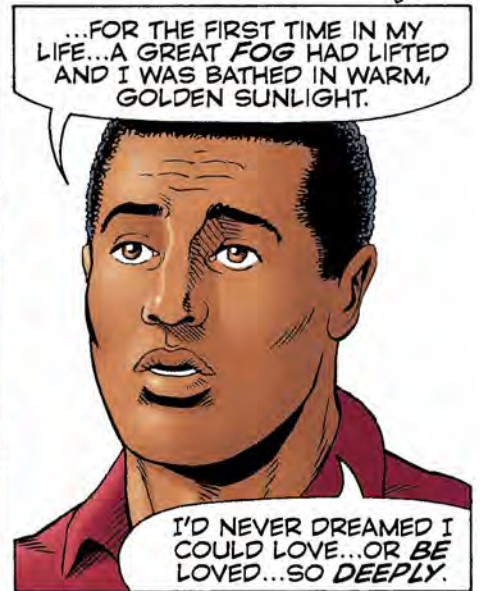
I NEVER TOLD A LIVING SOUL I WAS GAY UNTIL I WAS NINETEEN.



UM... OKAY...

BUT THEN I MET BRIAN. I WAS A SOPHOMORE AT NORTHWESTERN... HE WAS A JUNIOR.

IT FELT LIKE...



...FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE... A GREAT FOG HAD LIFTED AND I WAS BATHED IN WARM, GOLDEN SUNLIGHT.

I'D NEVER DREAMED I COULD LOVE... OR BE LOVED... SO DEEPLY.



SO EMBOLDENED WAS I... I CAME OUT TO MY FAMILY. THEY...

...WEREN'T NEARLY AS DELIGHTED AS I WAS BY MY NEWFOUND LOVE.

THEY REJECTED ME... DISOWNED ME.



"BUT THAT'S OKAY", BRIAN SAID... "YOU'LL BE PART OF MY FAMILY NOW."

APPARENTLY, THEY HAD NO PROBLEM WITH GAY PEOPLE.



HOWEVER, WHEN I FINALLY MET BRIAN'S FAMILY...

BRIAN SUDDENLY BECAME... LESS AVAILABLE. AND THEN HE WAS SIMPLY GONE.



...IT BECAME ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THEY HAD A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH THEIR SON BEING WITH A BLACK MAN.

THAT GOLDEN SUNLIGHT I'D BEEN WALKING IN WAS COVERED OVER BY DARK, HEAVY CLOUDS.



LANCE...

THAT WAS WHEN I PROMISED MYSELF I WOULD NEVER EVER LET ANYONE HAVE THAT KIND OF POWER OVER ME.

I BUILT AN IMPENETRABLE WALL AROUND MY HEART.



SO WHEN YOU ASK ME TO BE WARMER... MORE TENDER... MORE OPEN...

...PLEASE UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH THAT COST ME THE LAST TIME I DID THAT.

AND I DON'T KNOW IF I'M CAPABLE OF LETTING DOWN THAT WALL AROUND MY HEART.



I THINK YA' JUST DID.

N' THAT'S THE BEST GIFT YA' COULDA' EVER GIVEN ME.

REALLY? EVEN BETTER THAN THE PLATINUM ROLEX WATCH I BOUGHT FOR YOU IN PARIS?

I DON'T NEED NO DAMN PLATINUM ROLEX WATCH, LANCE.

NICE TO KNOW AFTER THE FACT...