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Call for GLBT blogging parents

The Zero Boss blogger is collecting a listing of blogs written by GLBT parents. "I know of several already," he writes, "but want to be as comprehensive as possible. The blogs don't need to be about parenting per se; I'm looking for *any* blog written from a GLBT parent's perspective."

The Zero Boss blog is at <http://thezeroboss.com/>

Gourmet Dinner Club

Are you interested in joining a gay men's dinner club in the Erie/Jamestown area?

Each couple (or pair of singles) participating will host a gourmet dinner twice a year for three (or two) other couples. In December, all the groups will meet in one large get-together.

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Anyone interested in joining (or for more information) please contact Bill at: Chautauqua213@GMail.com

Equal Marriage Rights Forum on YouTube

Last November 29, the NW PA Chapter of NOW and the NW PA Chapter of ACLU presented a Public Forum on Equal Marriage at the Blasco Public Library in Erie.

The forum was moderated by Rev. Steve Aschmann of the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie.

Panelists included Dave Martin (ACLU), Susan Woodland (NW PA NOW), Michael Mahler (Erie Gay News) and Dr. Caillean McMahon.

Videographer Al Richardson recorded the forum for Community Access TV. Local TV news also covered the forum. The basic information and links to all seven segments (total of about an hour for all) are available at the web version of this article, at the Erie Gay News website www.eriegaynews.com

Get Busy, Get Equal: LGBT Rights Conference—March 3

from *ACLU PA*

Stand up for LGBT equality on Saturday, March 3 from 9 AM - 3:30 PM at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, 1280 Clover Lane Harrisburg. Keynote speaker will be Stephen Glassman, chair, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. Also featured will

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John Daly King gets his Irish on.

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We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments and opinions of interest to local GLBT's for publication in these pages. We will consider for publication any nonfiction article, blurb or illustration graphic which upholds this spirit. Please include your contact information with any piece that you submit.

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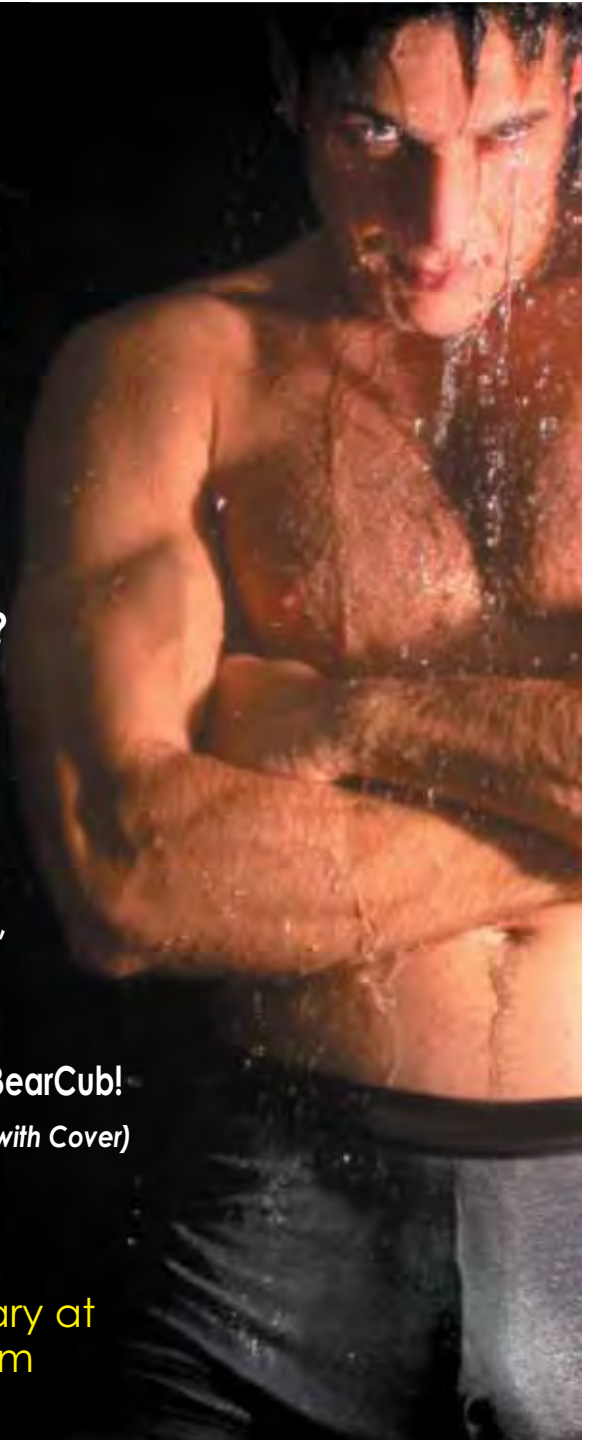
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Community News

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be workshops with Pennsylvania activists and legal experts., plus, a screening of The ACLU Freedom Files: Lesbian and Gay Rights Registration fee is \$5, free for high school and college students. Registration deadline is Monday, February 26. Co-sponsors are ACLU of PA; Common Roads; Equality Advocates Pennsylvania (formerly the Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights); Freedom to Marry Lay-Led Ministry of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg; and NOW Harrisburg chapter For more information, call (717) 238-ACLU; email hbginfo@aclupa.org or visit ACLU PA at www.aclupa.org/events/lgbtconference.htm.

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Letters

I just got around to my mail today, and discovered the nice article written about my departure from County Council in the February newsletter. Thank you so much for that. I really appreciated it. I spent 15 years on Council and I feel very good about the things I was able to accomplish, especially the HRC ordinance rewrite. It took some convincing to get several of my colleagues to go along with me, but in the end the ordinance works for all citizens. That was my goal. My very best to everyone. I still hope to see you all at the annual picnic and the rally. Be sure to keep me on the mailing list.

All the best for a wonderful 2007.

Joy Greco
(formerly of Erie County Council)
E-Mail: joy@joygreco.com

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This is a formal announcement of my new position as Erie Area Safe Kids Coordinator. My duties will include the Safe Kids Van, if you would like this to be present at an event you are hosting, please call me. I need to have 52 events per year!

Program Topics include: brain injury, fire safety, bike safety, poison prevention, Success by Six, Safe Kids Day, Car Seat checks, helmet safety including snow, bike and ski helmets, playground safety, water safety, pedestrian, animal bites, bus safety. The newest program, Protect the Place you Call Home, is in conjunction with the Erie Fire Department. We have reduced costs for smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

It's been great working with you in the past, and hopefully will continue in the future.

My contact information remains the same:

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please contact Bill at:  
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Meet Miriam Pastor, she has worked with the Alliance for the past 4 years as an HIV educator, speaker, adherence counselor and advocate. You'll find her in both the Erie and Clarion offices.

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### **For more information, contact:**

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## “What Jesus Didn’t Say”

By Rev. Richard A. Moyer

In my second year of high school my grades were remarkable. They were remarkably poor. My mother decided that I would benefit from the smaller classes and the individual tutoring of an all-male boarding school that specialized in preparing not-so-bright students for college.

The school that was chosen for me was located on a gorgeous campus with rolling hills and acres of green pastures. My mother liked it because there were compulsory chapel services, and she thought that such religious training would keep me on the straight and narrow. I liked it because there were horses and the students could take a course in horseback riding.

I don’t think that my mother, or anyone else in our family for that matter, realized that the boarding school was sponsored by a very conservative fundamentalist Protestant denomination. Among the graduation requirements was a non-credit course called “evangelism”. What it amounted to was that we were required to spend one afternoon a week passing out gospel tracts or pamphlets that had Bible messages about salvation on the inside.

The outside cover was usually a full-color picture of a waterfall or a forest, or some other natural scenery that would attract the attention of anyone who was willing to read it. On the cover there was often a question such as, “What Must I Do To Be Saved?” or “Are You Born Again?” Inside there would be various scripture passages that would attempt to lead the reader to salvation or, as they often said “to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.”

Being a shy teenager, I always found it hard to pass out those tracts on a busy street, in the front of the post office, or on the subway. I guess I was fearful that someone would think that I was a religious fanatic. But I also admired those who had the courage to be so up-front and honest about their beliefs.

Some years after my boarding school experience, I was at Grand Central Station in New York City. There, as I was about to board my train, a young man handed me a religious pamphlet such as I had been familiar with at school. At first, I wasn’t going to take it. On second thought, I imagined that he might be

some poor kid in the situation I had been in several years before. He had a whole handful of religious pamphlets to dispose of, and the least I could do was lighten his load by taking one from him.

As I reached for the narrow piece of paper, I could read the question written across the front: “All That Jesus Said About Homosexuality...” I thought, here we go again! This is going to contain some theological ramblings concerning what would be perceived as the most grievous sin imaginable.

I hesitantly opened the pamphlet. Inside there was nothing but a blank page.

“This one’s blank,” I yelled to the young man as my train was beginning to pull away from the station, “quick give me another one!” “They’re all blank,” he replied, “Jesus said nothing about homosexuality!”

I knew, of course, that he was right. The Old Testament has something to say about homosexuality, as does the Apostle Paul. But Jesus is silent on the subject. I mean, it would have been a whole lot easier for all of us if Jesus had made some kind of clear statement about homosexuality. For whatever reason, none was made.

Jesus—the one whom we, as Christians, worship as Savior and Lord. Jesus—the one who said of himself, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” Jesus—the one who the New Testament says is the “pioneer and the perfecter of our faith,” doesn’t say a word about the subject that has caused so much division and dissension in so many Christian churches.

When Harry Emerson Fosdick was the preaching minister of the great Riverside Church in New York City, he used to say, “When I get to heaven there are a number of questions I’m going to ask God.” Well, when I get to heaven I have a question: “Why did Jesus not say anything about homosexuality?” I don’t know the answer to that question, but whatever it is, the truth of the matter is that for all the hours of discussion and angry exchanges and emotion-filled theological controversies, the one who founded the church, Jesus himself, said nothing.

*Richard Moyer is the pastor at Community United Church located at W 38<sup>th</sup> and Cascade.*

# Dreams of Hope performs in Oil City

from Susan Haugh

The Pittsburgh-based Dreams of Hope will perform in Oil City on March 28 at the Clarion University-Venango campus.

Dreams of Hope is the first of its kind lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and straight creative and performing arts youth group (14-21) building leaders and educating audiences. All performance material, taken from the youths' life experiences, are written and performed by the youth with the guidance of professional artists. Each show is followed by a candid question and answer period with the audience.

Celebrating who they are through song, dance, drama and spoken word, these courageous youth speak out about their personal experiences as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and straight youth today.

Presently, the group is giving a series of performances of "Gay Youth in Good Faith." The performance explores the youths' relationships with God and religion. A candid Q&A follows the performance.

The March 28 performance will take place at 7 PM at Clarion University-Venango campus, Rhoades Center Auditorium, 1801 West First St., Oil City, PA. It is free and open to the public.

Visit at [www.dreamsofhope.org](http://www.dreamsofhope.org)

*Susan Haugh is Dreams of Hope founder, artistic director, and composer for Dreams of Hope.*



*Members of Dreams of Hope will explore relationships with God and religion at their March 28 performance in Oil City.*

## Week of Prayer For The Healing of AIDS

The 18th Annual Black Church Week Of Prayer for the Healing Of AIDS takes place March 4-10, 2007

The Abundant Life Ministry International and Community Center at 830 Parade St. will host the Kick-Off of the week's events in Erie. That event will take place March 4 at 4 PM. For more information contact Tom Lee at (814)824-8533.

For more details, visit The Balm in Gilead website at <http://www.balmingilead.org/>

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**Feb 23 - CD Release Night at Trance** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. DJ Jason G spinning top hit Dance and R&B releasing a cd of new promotional music every month. Contact: Tim. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Email: [contact@trancedanceclub.com](mailto:contact@trancedanceclub.com). Browse to <http://www.trancedanceclub.com>.

**Feb 28 - The Guys get together at Two Friends Italian Market** 827 State St, Erie, PA. 7 PM. Social group for gay/bi men. Contact: Brian. Phone: (814) 825-6203. Email: [eriebrian@gmail.com](mailto:eriebrian@gmail.com).

**Mar 3 - Bling Bling- Zone's Pimp-N-Ho Party at Zone Dance Club** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Calling all the fly-est Pimps and the Sexiest Ho's to our Naughty Pimp and Ho Party at the Zone! Come dressed to impress in your outrageous pimpin' Sugar Daddy suit, or Sassy and Sexy Lady or Lad of the Night—making sure to show off your Bling! Polish your grills, grab your magic stick, put that junk in the trunk and join us for a trashy night of *fun* on the video dance floor! Get your game on player! Prize for Best Pimp Daddy and Sexiest Ho! - and see who makes the dough! Get into the Zone! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com>.

**Mar 7 - Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force Annual Benefit** A play (*Life X 3*) and three parties. Details at [www.patf.org/](http://www.patf.org/)

**Mar 9 - Denise Russell's 25th Anniversary Show at Zone Dance Club** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Come join us for an evening of fun as we travel down the yellow brick road of success with Denise Russell as she takes us on a tour of her past 25 years as our Favorite Funny Lady! -Exclusively at the Zone! Phone:

(814) 452-0125. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com>.

**Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration at Trance Dance Club**, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Come join us and get your Irish UP! Green Beer, drink specials, and prizes for wearin' of the green! Contact: Tim. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Email: [contact@trancedanceclub.com](mailto:contact@trancedanceclub.com). Browse to <http://www.trancedanceclub.com>.

**Mar 17 - Bear Night at Trance at Trance Dance Club** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Bear Night returns for its third month as we welcome bears from the Tri-State region for a night out! Contact: Tim. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Email: [contact@trancedanceclub.com](mailto:contact@trancedanceclub.com). Browse to <http://www.trancedanceclub.com>.

**Mar 17 - O'Zone Dance Party at Zone Dance Club** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Come get lucky—join your friends for some four-leafed *fun* as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Zone! Wear *green!* Have a green beer, dance an Irish jig, catch a leprechaun and he might give you his pot of gold! Food, friends, dancing and fun for everyone. Get into your Zone—the gay rainbow ends here! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com>.

**Mar 15-25 - Cleveland International Film Festival**, 31st annual event includes Ten Percent Cinema of LGBT films, Tower City Cinemas. (216) 623-3456 [www.clevelandfilm.org](http://www.clevelandfilm.org)

**Mar 23 - CD NIGHT at Trance Dance Club** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. House DJ Jason G spinning and releasing HOT new chart smashing dance and R&B hits. Limited quantity so get here *early!* Contact:

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**Mar 31-Apr 1 - 2nd LGBT Studies Colloquium at Allegheny College** “Performing Politics: Activism, Inquiry, & Artistry.” Keynote address by gay performance artist Tim Miller. Presentations and workshops

on LGBT activism, pedagogy and scholarship. Presenters come from a range of institutions, including Allegheny College, Edinboro University, Slippery Rock University, Penn State, the City University of New York and Princeton University. Free and open to the public. More information at <http://webpub.alleghey.edu/group/pridealliance/>

**Apr 21 - Menspace: 15th Anniversary Party at Jeff & Gary's** 1146 Brown Ave, Erie, PA. 7:30 PM. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). Browse to <http://menspace.eriegaynews.com>.

**Apr 27 - 29 - Cleveland Leather Awareness Weekend**, [www.clawinfo.org](http://www.clawinfo.org), (216) 252-2148.

**Apr 30-May 6 - Equality Forum: The Global GLBT Event (Philadelphia)** Parties, discussion panels, entertainment, workshops, speakers, films, exhibits, and more. <http://www.equalityforum.com>

**May 17-27 - Inside Out International Lesbian & Gay Film and Video Festival (Toronto)** <http://www.insideout.on.ca>

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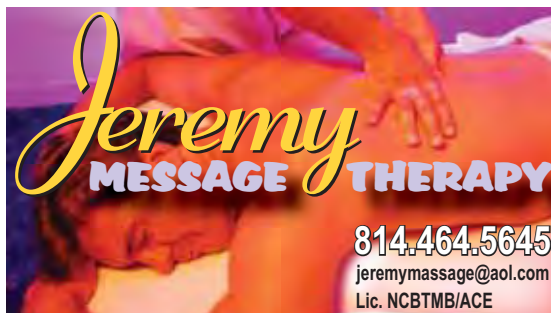
**Feb 23 - Mar 17 - "Based on a Totally True Story"** presented by Buffalo United Artists, (Main Street Cabaret), romantic gay comedy by Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa. [www.buffalobua.org](http://www.buffalobua.org)

**Mar 1-4 - "The Pirates of Penzance"** at Playshop Theatre at Allegheny College in Meadville. Box office (814) 332-3414. Sentimental pirates...Bumbling police...Honor and duty...And the Very Model of a Modern Major-General! Gilbert and Sullivan's whimsically comic opera is a theatrical delight. Follow the adventures of the mightily dim-witted Pirate King, his apprentice Frederick, and Mabel, the winsome daughter of an eccentric Major-General (who knows nothing about military strategy!) as they romp across the musical stage. Such classic favorites as "Poor Wandering One" and "A Rollicking Band of Pirates, We" are sure to amuse audiences of all ages. Reception to follow at the home of Marty and Jeff on Saturday, March 3.

**Mar 24 - Ember Swift in concert** in Buffalo NY at Nietzsche's [www.nietzsches.com/](http://www.nietzsches.com/)

**Mar 28 - Dreams of Hope concert** 7:00 PM Rhoades Center Auditorium, Clarion University-Venango Campus, 1801 West First St., Oil City PA. See article in this issue. <http://www.dreamsofhope.org>

**Apr 11-12 - Diana Ross in concert** in Niagara Falls, Ontario at Fallsview Casino Resort. Must be 19 years of age or older to purchase tickets or attend Avalon Ballroom performances. Bring correct border-crossing ID. Check [www.fallsviewcasinoresort.com](http://www.fallsviewcasinoresort.com).



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# National News Briefs

by Bob

## Groups Urge Help for Homeless Gay Youth

The federal government is neglecting an epidemic of homelessness among tens of thousands of gay and lesbian youth, many of whom leave home because of conflicts with their parents, two national advocacy groups have charged.

According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the National Coalition for the Homeless, gay, lesbian and transgender youth make up 20-40 percent of the total number of homeless and runaway youth.

“The national response to this epidemic has been nothing short of disgraceful,” Matt Foreman, executive director of the task force said. He urged Congress to increase appropriations for the federal Runaway, Homeless and Missing Children Protection Act, which must be reauthorized next year. He added that

for the first time, funds should be targeted specifically at boosting programs to aid gay and lesbian youth.

Citing incidents of anti-gay harassment at homeless shelters, the groups urged that some shelter space be set aside for gay youth. They also recommended that any organization seeking public funding to serve homeless youth should be required to prove its staff would treat gay and lesbian young people competently and fairly.

The two groups also expressed concern that President Bush’s proposal for federal funding of faith-based organizations could lead to situations where church-run shelters would discriminate against gay youths seeking services.

## No Benefits for Gay Couples in Michigan

The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled that public universities and governments can’t provide health insurance to the partners of gay employees without violating the state constitution.

A three-judge panel said a 2004 voter-approved ban on gay marriage also applies to same-sex domestic partner benefits.

“The marriage amendment’s plain language prohibits public employers from recognizing same-sex unions for any purpose,” the court said.

The court’s decision reverses a 2005 ruling from an Ingham County judge who said universities and governments could provide the benefits.

A constitutional amendment passed by Michigan voters in November 2004 made the union between a man and a woman the only arrangement recognized as a marriage “or similar union for any purpose.” Those six words led to the fight over benefits for gay couples.

## Miraculous “Cure” for Haggard

The Rev. Ted Haggard has been declared “completely heterosexual” after undergoing three weeks of intensive counseling, according to one of the four ministers who oversaw Haggard’s “rehabilitation.”

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# National News Briefs

The Rev. Tim Ralph of Larkspur, CO said Haggard's sexual contact with men was limited to the former male prostitute who came forward with sexual allegations against the right-wing Christian clergyman.

"He is completely heterosexual," Ralph told the *Denver Post*. "That is something he discovered. It was the acting-out situations where things took place. It wasn't a constant thing."

Ralph added that the board's investigation supported Haggard's claim that his only extramarital sexual contact happened with Mike Jones.

"If we're going to be proved wrong, somebody else is going to come forward, and that usually happens really quickly," he said. "We're into this thing over 90 days and it hasn't happened."

Haggard resigned as president of the National Association of Evangelicals last year after allegations of sexual misconduct surfaced. He was also forced out from the 14,000 New Life Church that he founded.

Jones alleged Haggard paid him for sex and sometimes used methamphetamine when they were together. Haggard, who is married, has publicly admitted to "sexual immorality."

## Snickers Super Bowl Ad Pulled

The company that makes Snickers candy bars has pulled its Super Bowl-launched commercial showing two auto mechanics accidentally kissing while eating the same candy bar and then ripping out some chest hair to do something "manly."

The ad was benched after The Human Rights Campaign and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation complained that it was homophobic.

Alternative ending to the ad appeared on the web site of Masterfoods USA, a division of Mars Inc., which also makes M&M's and other candies. One alternative showed the two men attacking each other after the kiss. The Web site also featured video of players from the Super Bowl teams reacting to the kiss.

"This type of jeering from professional sports figures at the sight of two men kissing fuels the kind of anti-gay bullying that haunts countless gay and lesbian school children on playgrounds all across the

country," Human Rights Campaign president Joe Solmonese said in a statement.

GLAAD spokesman Marc McCarthy said the group believed "this kind of prejudice was inexcusable."

Masterfoods spokeswoman Alice Nathanson issued a statement in which she said the company would stop running the ad on television and the web site.

"As with all of our Snickers advertising, our goal was to capture the attention of our core Snickers consumer," Nathanson wrote. "Feedback from our target consumers has been positive. In addition, many media and web site commentators of this year's Super Bowl commercial line-up ranked the commercial among this year's top 10 best. *USA Today* ranked it nine of its top 10 picks," she continued.

"We know that humor is highly subjective and understand that some people may have found the ad offensive. Clearly that was not our intent," Nathanson added.

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# National News

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## Lutheran Church Removes Gay Pastor

A gay minister who announced he has a partner is being removed from the clergy by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The Rev. Bradley Schmeling will be removed from the church's roster effective Aug. 15, according to the ELCA's disciplinary committee. Schmeling has led Atlanta's oldest Lutheran church since 2000.

The minister, who was open about his sexuality when he took the job, announced last year he had found a lifelong companion. At that time, Bishop Ronald Warren asked the 44-year-old pastor to resign, but Schmeling refused. Warren then began disciplinary proceedings against Schmeling for violating church rules barring sex outside of marriage.

Before he was chosen pastor of Atlanta's St. John's Church, Schmeling told both the bishop and the congregation about his sexual orientation. However, he didn't have a partner at that time.



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# Looking it up

by Deb Spilko

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