



Married Gay Man Among Police Officers Shot in Dallas

BY NEAL BROVERMAN

Jesus Retana, a police officer for Dallas's transit system, was one of seven law enforcement officials injured by a sniper on July 7th; five died.

The country is still reeling from Thursday's sniper attack at a Dallas protest against police brutality where five police officers were shot dead and seven more injured (two civilians were also hurt). The Dallas Morning News reports one of the officers injured was a gay man named Jesus Retana.



Retana, 32 (pictured, left), is a Dallas native and 10-year veteran of the DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit) police department. Since being shot on Thursday, he's been released from the hospital and is recuperating at home with his husband, Andrew Moss.

After Moss, a fellow officer, left the Fort Worth police force after falling ill in 2010, the couple successfully pushed for DART to extend health insurance and other benefits to same-sex partners and spouses.

The couple, married in 2008 in California, have declined to speak to the media, citing safety concerns.

Micah Xavier Johnson acted alone in Thursday night's shooting spree at the protest against police brutality in downtown Dallas, officials say, and his intent was to kill as many police officers as possible. Johnson was apparently motivated by this

week's high-profile police shootings of African-American men — Alton Sterling in Louisiana and Philando Castile in Minnesota — and had a history of mental instability.

Trump Used 'We Are the Champions' at RNC Against Queen's Wishes

BY NICO LANG

That's one way to make an entrance. At the Republican National Convention on Monday evening, presumptive presidential nominee Donald Trump walked onstage to introduce his wife, Melania Trump, in a scene set for a WWE wrestler. The moment, enhanced with dramatic lighting and fog, was set to Queen's "We Are the Champions."



Trump's choice of music raised eyebrows on Twitter. Queen responded via a statement on Twitter.

"My guess is that Freddie Mercury would not likely have been a Trump supporter," tweeted The Washington Post's Chris Cillizza. Mercury, the lead singer of Queen, was bisexual and died of HIV-related complications in 1991. He was 45.

The 2016 Republican Party platform, as recently spelled out at the convention, explicitly "condemns" the Supreme Court's 2015 ruling on marriage equality.

"Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one man and one woman," the RNC wrote, "is the foundation for a free society and has for millennia been entrusted with

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rearing children and instilling cultural values.”

In addition, Trump’s running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, may have supported antigay conversion therapy as part of his 2000 campaign for Congress.

While campaigning for a seat in the House of Representatives, Pence detailed his policy platform on his website, which included an overhaul of the Ryan White Care Act. Passed in 1990, that legislation provides the greatest amount of federal funding for HIV and AIDS treatment, providing lifesaving aid to low-income people with HIV.

According to its website, the program “provides services to more than 512,000 each year, reaching approximately 52% of all those diagnosed with HIV in the United States.”

Pence argued on his campaign website that the program should be overhauled in order to “ensure that federal dollars were no longer being given to organizations that celebrate and encourage the types of behaviors that facilitate the spreading of the HIV virus.” Instead he advocated that Ryan White Care Act funding be redirected “toward those institutions which provide assistance to those seeking to change their sexual behavior.”

Prior to the most recent incident, Queen had asked Donald Trump to stop using the band’s songs at his public appearances, after what guitarist Brian May called an “avalanche of complaints.”

“We are taking advice on what steps we can take to ensure this use does not continue,” wrote May in an open letter posted to his website on June 8. “Regardless of our views on Mr Trump’s platform, it has always been against our policy to allow Queen music to be used as a political campaigning tool. Our music embodies our own dreams and beliefs, but it is for all who care to listen and enjoy.”

May, who referred to Trump’s campaign as “unsavory,” wasn’t the only musician upset with his band’s music being played at this week’s convention, held at Cleveland’s Quicken Loans Arena.

Howard Kaylan, former lead singer of the Turtles, tweeted his disapproval of “Happy Together” being played by the convention’s house band. “I moan the use of a great song being corrupted by any megalomaniac,” he said.




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100 Nude Women Stole the Spotlight from Donald Trump and the RNC

BY CASSIE SHEETS @CASSIELSHEETS

It's hard to steal the spotlight from controversial Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, but on Sunday morning, the day before the Republican National Convention began in Cleveland, 100 nude women armed only with large circular mirrors did just that. The demonstration took place on an empty lot on the Cuyahoga River, where the women aimed their mirrors at the Quicken Loans Arena.



Artist Spencer Tunick photographed the event, telling participants, "This is for you and this is for our future. We will shine your light and power onto the RNC. We're going to shine the light of women into this arena." The protest—part of Tunick's art installation and documentary "Everything She Says Means Everything"—garnered the interest of 1,800 potential participants who responded to Tunick's casting call in May. The final group of participants had a range of racial backgrounds, sizes, and ages, as well as reasons for protesting.

Participant Harmony Moon told Esquire, "I'm here because I'm a trans woman and we're not supposed to like our bodies and I don't like that. It's going to be great! I'm very antsy; it's like Christmas morning."

As a Republican, Cathy Scott had a very different reason for attending. "Donald Trump has said so many outrageous, hateful, inflammatory things. He underestimated his female, Republican vote," says Scott. "I feel like he shot himself in the

foot a little bit. I don't think he knows there's a black, single, 35-year-old mom, like me, who is listening to what he's saying. I don't think he knows I'm in his political party—and that's unfortunate."

Participants were expected to bring a cover in case police showed up at the protest; public nudity is illegal in Ohio. Tunick is no stranger to run-ins with the police. The artist has been arrested five times while attempting to work outdoors. Some participants were worried about more than arrests.

"I told my husband this morning, 'I hope I don't get killed by protestors,'" Darlene English, 42, told Esquire at the protest. "It was definitely a concern but I felt like this was a very important statement to make, especially with my kids. I've got a 7-year-old daughter, a 4-year-old boy and a 9-year-old boy and I wanted them to know that there are times when it's important for them to stand up. I have the belief that [the GOP] is very anti-women, so I wanted to stand up and make a statement that it is unacceptable in 2016."

The protest was peaceful, and a row of police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and photographers lined up on the road to watch. When Tunick finished photographing the protest, protesters took photos of each other, which they posted on social media. Kim Leonard, who says she, "doesn't have a political standpoint in this election," shared her photo on Twitter with the simple message: "Love your body. Love yourself".

Alabama Judicial Ethics Commission to Chief Justice: Bye-Bye, Roy

BY SUNNIVIE BRYDUM

The chief justice of Alabama's Supreme Court "has made good on his promise of many years ago" to openly defy federal law — and it may cost him his job.

More than a year after Roy Moore, the stridently antigay top jurist in Alabama, began advising county probate judges to ignore federal



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court rulings and refuse to marry same-sex couples, the statewide judicial ethics commission is calling for Moore's immediate removal in no uncertain terms.

On Friday, the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission asked the state's Court of the Judiciary to deny Moore's request to dismiss the ethics complaint against him. In addition, the commission proposed immediately firing the chief justice, reports AL.com, a website for several Alabama newspapers. A hearing on Moore's bid to dismiss the charges against him is set for August 8.

"This court (COJ) can conclude this matter now, deny the Chief Justice's motion for summary judgment, enter judgment as a matter of law in favor of the commission (JIC), remove the Chief Justice from judicial office, and reaffirm Alabama's fidelity to the rule of law," the Judicial Inquiry Commission wrote in Friday's filing, according to AL.com.

The Judicial Inquiry Commission filed charges against Moore back in May, accusing him of violating judicial ethics by seeking to stop same-sex marriages from taking place in the state, even after a federal district court and the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Alabama's ban on such marriages violated the U.S. Constitution. Friday's filing follows up on those initial charges, suggesting harsh remedies to curtail the lawlessness Moore has fostered.

"Moreover, because he has proven — and promised — that given the opportunity he would ignore our nation's founding principles and flout the rule of law again, the only sanction that will adequately protect the Alabama judicial system, and the citizens who depend on it for justice, is an order from [the Court of the Judiciary] removing Roy S. Moore from the office of Chief Justice of Alabama," the latest filing continued.

"These actions alone and taken in concert violate the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics," read Friday's filing. "The Chief Justice has made good on his promise of many years ago, and his continued flouting of our system of constitutional justice regrettably leaves this court (COJ) only one suitable response. This court must remove Chief Justice Moore from office."

Moore was suspended (with pay) in May, after the progressive Southern Poverty Law Center filed a formal ethics complaint against the judge for his January order instructing judges statewide to ignore the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on marriage equality in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

The SPLC contended that Moore committed a breach of ethical behavior by advising county probate judges, who are responsible for issuing marriage licenses in Alabama, not obey court rulings establishing marriage equality. He did so after U.S. District Judge Callie V.S. Granade struck down Alabama's ban on same-sex marriage in February 2015 and continued to do so even after the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last June.

As late as January, Moore said the ban remained in force, claiming the federal judiciary had no authority over marriage in Alabama. Most counties issued licenses to same-sex couples anyway, and Moore finally gave up the legal battle in March. He said, though, that he personally believed the ban remained legitimate and that the U.S. Supreme Court's decision was "but the latest example of the Court's creation of constitutional rights out of thin air in service of the immorality of the sexual revolution."

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Moore had previously said that marriage equality would destroy the nation. He also had equated the marriage equality ruling with the Dred Scott decision of 1857, which maintained slavery in the U.S., and said that enforcing it would be like obeying orders in Nazi Germany's slaughter of Jews.

Moore ultimately allowed marriages to continue in March, but he has retained the viciously anti-LGBT legal nonprofit Liberty Counsel to represent him in the current ethics complaint. The self-described Christian nonprofit has claimed that the statewide judicial commission has no legal right to suspend the chief justice while he is under investigation for ethical breaches, and argued that the provision of law that requires judges to be suspended in the course of such investigations is unconstitutional, according to AL.com. The suspension provision also violates constitutional guarantees of due process, Liberty Counsel claims.

The Commission has asked a federal court to dismiss Liberty Counsel's lawsuit against it, and a hearing on that request is scheduled for August 4.

If the Court of the Judiciary accepts the commission's suggestions, it would mark the second time Moore has been removed from the bench for ethical violation. The same court removed Moore from his position as Chief Justice in 2003, after he refused to comply with federal orders to remove a statue of the Ten Commandments he had commissioned and placed state courthouse grounds. Alabama voters returned Moore to his position as Chief Justice in 2012.

How a Wet 'Fake Penis' Made James Franco an Ally

BY DANIEL REYNOLDS

A prosthetic penis helped launch James Franco's career as an actor and ally of the LGBT community.

The King Cobra star was honored Saturday by the Outfest Los Angeles LGBT Film Festival with its first annual James Schamus Ally Award. After being introduced by gay director and former collaborator Gus Van Sant, Franco told a humorous anecdote at the ceremony about filming a poolside scene nearly naked in *Milk*, the biopic of assassinated gay politician Harvey Milk, in which Franco portrayed Milk's lover. His only covering during this particular shoot was a prosthetic penis.

"I was the only one naked," Franco said. "Everybody else was talking politics and there I was swimming naked. I didn't know, but Gus got, or somebody got us these fake penises that would make the actors feel more comfortable. So you just slide em over. There was no fitting or anything. They just gave it to me and I put it on."

Franco later learned from filmmaker Judd Apatow that his near nudity was mistaken for actual nudity by a few notable folks that day. Among them was Sean Penn, who would go on to win an Oscar for portraying Milk.

"Sean was looking over at me," Franco said. "I would just sort of sit there. Between some of the takes, I wouldn't put on a towel or anything, because I had the fake penis on. It got wet, obviously, because I was swimming, and so I guess it was sort of hanging off a little bit so it looked even longer."

According to Apatow, Penn had said of Franco, "He's younger, good-looking, and he's gotta have like the biggest schlong."



In a video introducing Franco for his award, James Schamus joked that he knew Franco would win an award for his allyship after watching footage of that day's shoot.

"Gus Van Sant had a vision, and it was so crucial to the narrative to have you continuously naked coming in and out of the pool. I thought, Wow, that is what an ally should look like," said Schamus, an ally who has produced films like *Brokeback Mountain* and *The Kids Are All Right*.

Schamus added that the ally award should "put to rest" rumors about Franco's sexuality. The actor, who recently identified as gay in everything but sex, has been long been dogged by whispers of relationships with other men, which were frequently reported on by Gawker.

Standing at the Directors Guild of America in Los Angeles, Franco thanked all of the LGBT people who have inspired him in his life and work as an actor and filmmaker. By name, he recognized "past heroes" like Hart Crane and Allen Ginsberg as well as living contemporaries like Van Sant and filmmaker Justin Kelly.

Kelly directed *King Cobra*, a new film about murder in the gay porn industry that Franco produced that screened later that evening. Costars Alicia Silverstone, Keegan Allen, and Garrett Clayton, as well as producers Jordan Yale Levine and Scott Levenson, were also in attendance.

"So many of my heroes have been in this community, are a part of this community, and I'm just honored to be awarded something back," Franco said. "I love so many of these stories and so many people that come out of here and so many artists in particular. So I'm honored to tell their stories."

Grindr Proves Effective Way to Distribute HIV Home-Testing Kits

By Savas Abadsidis

In an effort to reach the black and Latino gay and MSM communities about HIV testing, researchers at UCLA have found Grindr to be an effective tool.

The rate of new HIV infections among the black and Latino MSM community is a cause for concern. Getting tested for HIV in these communities can be difficult, as stigma and accessibility hamper efforts to test for HIV. A team of researchers at the David Geffen School of Medicine at University of California Los Angeles as well as Indiana University sought to raise awareness of easy to access at-home HIV testing kits as a method of testing for HIV.

Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, professor of medicine, in conjunction with researchers both at UCLA and Indiana University launched a study to test the effectiveness of using banner advertisements in promoting the use of at-home HIV testing kits.

"We wanted to increase testing by making it easier, bringing it to where men are. Most sexually active young MSM use social network apps like Grindr to find new partners."

Recipients received a kit in the mail, a voucher that could be redeemed for a kit at a pharmacy, or a code that would produce a kit from a vending machine in the parking lot of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center. The kit is the commercially available Orasure Oraquick in-home HIV test kit.

According to The New York Times, the study was "confined to Los Angeles, and fewer than 400 test kits were distributed, but the idea has broader potential. Grindr is used by at least five million men in 192 countries, according to its developer. In the United States, young gay black and Hispanic men are the groups most likely to be infected with H.I.V. and the least likely to be tested for it, because they often lack health insurance and fear being rejected by their families."

The study concluded that despite the low distribution of kits, Grindr is a feasible option for reaching men who have yet to get tested, and that the users reported a relative ease when it came to using the tests. The research team is optimistic that future use of apps to distribute HIV testing kits is a good option to try and reach "high-risk" populations.



An Open Letter To All Tops to Please Stop being So Damn Aggressive

BY ZACHARY ZANE

My butt is a magical wonderland of pleasure, and if you don't listen to my demands, I'm taking it off the market.



Dear Tops,

First off, I want to thank you. If you didn't exist, then I would never be able to bottom. So you are vital and important members of the gay community, and without you, I would never have known the pleasure of being penetrated by a man.

Now that we've got all the thanks out of the way, it's time we had a talk.

As one of the unicorns in the gay community, someone who both tops and bottoms equally with regularity, I can safely say, I get it. Topping feels really good, like really good. After some hot foreplay, you are more than ready to go. But before you get too excited, we bottoms have something to tell you -- calm the f*ck down.

When I tell you, "Oh God, I'm gonna be so tight, it's been forever since I've bottomed," I'm telling you this for two reasons. 1. It's sexy, and yes I'm pretending I'm a delicate, virgin flower. But more importantly... 2. It has actually been a while since I've bottomed, so for the love of God, go slowly. Do not start me off by power drilling.

I just had sex on the 4th of July. Yay! Go me! One thing I had to say repeatedly during sex, "I swear to God if you go harder again I'm going to snap your d*ck off." Probably not something I should need to say during sex. Definitely not something I should have to say more than once.

Now this guy was/is a good guy. The sex was very consensual. I was turned on, and I wanted to bottom for him. He was simply getting too excited. Lucky for me, I am not one to put up with any shit in bed. So when I told him to pull out 'cause I was too tight, I literally pushed him out of me. When I told him to go slowly, I literally held his dick inside me so he couldn't move. These are the perks of being a large ass human being. In the

end, it ended up being a very pleasurable experience. Although, after about 10 minutes, I told him he needed to stop. While he was disappointed, I told him, "Get the hell out of here, you're damn lucky you got 10 minutes out of me." We both laughed, and then manually stimulated one another until we both finished.

I know I'm not the rest of the world, and it took me a while to find my voice in the sack. And there were times I didn't feel comfortable vocalizing (or rather, persistently vocalizing) my desires as a bottom.

So I will say this: When you're not listening to the desires of the bottom, it is not fun. In fact, it's actually sexual assault. YUP. Not sexy, not enjoyable, and punishable under federal law. So we know you mean well. And yes, we do want to sleep with you. If you give us adequate time to warm up, odds are we'll let you plow us hard. We'll let you pretend you're a pornstar. But at the end of the day, you need to listen to the bottom a hell of a lot better. Our buttocks are magical wonderlands full of pleasure, but if you keep up with the shenanigans, we will take our buttocks off the market. So unless you decide you're going to start bending on over for each other, you better listen to our demands.

Tops, it's time to get your shit together. It's time to let the bottoms run the show.

These Are the Two Vaccines That Could Save Gay Men's Lives

BY DREW KISER

As we've been taught, and often forgotten, knowledge is power and ignorance can be death.

With the advent of Pre-Exposure Prophylactics (PrEP) like Truvada, some gay men have found no reason to lose sleep over sexually transmitted diseases. This indifference comes in spite of the fact that STD rates on both sides of the Atlantic have skyrocketed in recent years, and even rates of HIV transmission continue to increase among youth of color.

HPV is the family drama of STDs: no one really wants it, but everyone has it. According to the CDC, if you're sexually active, you will contract HPV in your lifetime — currently, some 79 million Americans are living with one strain or another. But rest assured: most of the 150 strains of this virus cause no symptoms, and go away on their own.

Things get more serious when we talk about HPV 16 and 18, the strains that cause the majority of HPV-attributable cancers. When one of these strains is left untreated, it can cause genital warts and cancers of the cervix, anus, or penis, any of which can be fatal.

I know what you're thinking. Yuck! Luckily for sexually active people, there are effective vaccines against the virus, such as 4vHPV and the more recent 9vHPV. Taken as three doses over a nine-month period, these vaccines can prevent up to 90 percent of cancer-causing strains of HPV in men and women alike.



If you are between the ages of 21 to 26, CDC recommends you get the vaccine, especially if you have sex with men. CDC recommends that the vaccine be used in tandem with safe sex practices, including condom use.

One of the newest threats for gay men living in urban centers is spinal meningitis. Since 2014, gay men have been affected at 60 times the incidence rate of the general population. For example, of the 17 confirmed cases of invasive meningococcal disease reported in Los Angeles County this year, almost half have been gay men. And the number is rising — in 2016 so far, the number of individuals affected has outstripped the number in all of 2015. Although no one has died yet, similar outbreaks in the past have accounted for the deaths of a handful of young gay men in Los Angeles and Chicago, many of whom were in their 20s.

Caused by the bacteria *Neisseria meningitidis*, this disease targets the lining of the brain and spinal cord, and can be transmitted through close personal contact, including via saliva. High-risk groups include men with multiple sexual partners, as well as immunocompromised people, including those living with HIV. Robert Bolan, medical director for the L.A. LGBT Center, urges those at risk to think proactively: "We think the message should be simple: If you are a gay or bisexual man or a transgender woman, you should receive the meningococcal vaccine."

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Lesbian Couple Leaves Perfect Tip for Chef who said They 'Need a Man' on Valentine's Day

by Darren Wee

A lesbian couple left the perfect tip for a chef who 'insulted and sexualized' their relationship on their first Valentine's Day together.

Ellie Parker took her girlfriend, Lucy Stenger, to a Japanese hibachi steakhouse in Lafayette, Indiana, where the chef cooks on a grill in front of diners.

The chef went around asking the other female customers if the person they were with was their boyfriend or husband.

'We told him we were each other's Valentines. We were holding hands mind you. Clearly a couple,' Parker wrote on Facebook.

The chef responded: 'Well it is legal, but it's such a waste to not have a man.'

He then suggested he come home with them to 'heat things up.'

'I am appalled that I would receive this kind of treatment,' said Parker.

'I cannot believe I paid over \$50 to have my relationship in-

sulted and sexualized.'

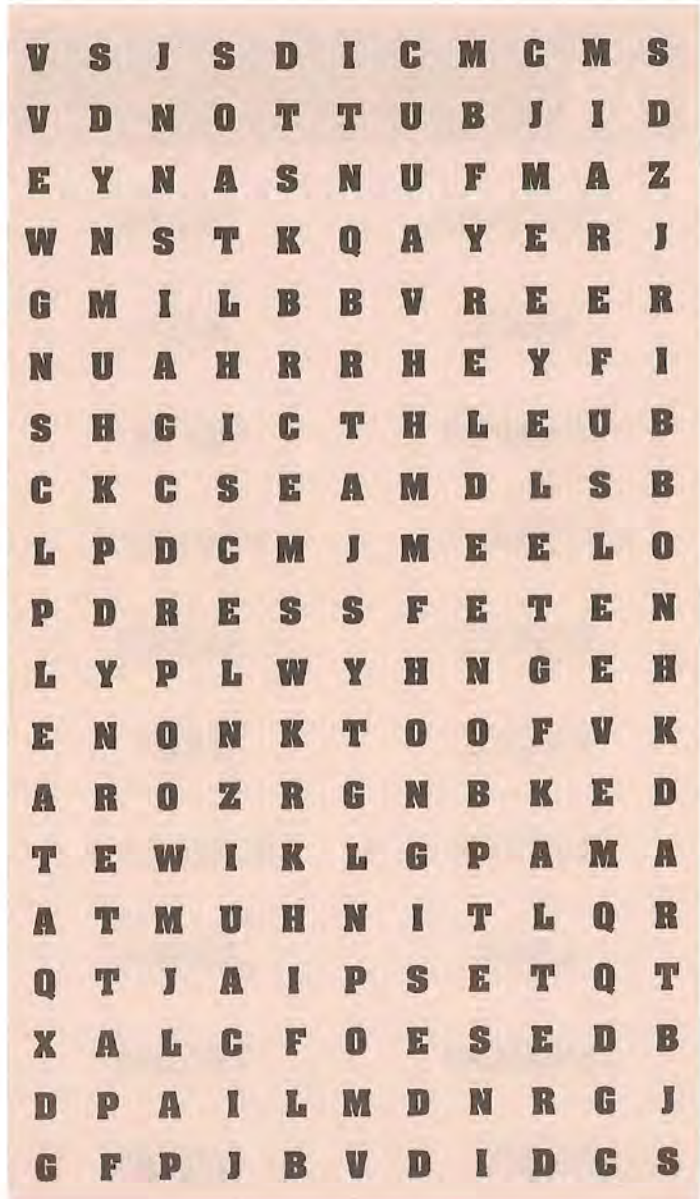
When the couple left, she left the chef this tip: 'Don't tell lesbians they need a man on Valentine's Day.'

At the time of writing, more than 6,000 people had shared Parker's post. 'He should be fired! That's ridiculous!' wrote one commenter.

Parker's mother posted the following update: 'The restaurant would only refund her money if she removes her post. I'm proud that my daughter knows that no amount of money is worth compromising her values or hiding the truth!!'



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Don't Lose Yourself in a Relationship

Often, when I counsel newly-married couples, I hear a familiar lament: "I feel like I've lost myself since I got married" or "After moving in with my partner, I feel like I've merged with them so much that I don't know who I am anymore".



You fall in love. You move in. You get married. You get lost. Sometimes, it feels that way and you wonder what happened to the person you used to be. You wonder how you lost all those good qualities that you used to have, all your independence, all those friends. You lament all the activities you used to enjoy that you've given up. It's oh so tempting to blame your partner for all of this. Of course, perhaps they've lost themselves as well.

Codependence is another word for feeling hyper-responsible for someone else and putting their needs first. If you are codependent in relationships, expect to feel resentment. We all have moments of codependence when we put others first, this is a normal, healthy thing. However, if we find that we repeatedly put ourselves and our needs last, then we may be losing ourselves...sacrificing our own well-being for that of our partner or other people we care about.

We may have been taught to be that way. I know I was. As the oldest of four children, I felt responsible for the younger three. I also was put into the role of my mother's confidante, further cementing myself into the box of "caretaker/helper/responsible one". It has taken me a long time to get out of that box.

We all come to the "caretaker" role in our own way. It's not a bad thing to occasionally "merge" with your husband/wife. But if you have lost yourself in your marriage and your identity as an independent person seems to have slipped away, then it's time to talk about the Art of Not Merging.

It's can be great to be part of a happy couple: to be "Blake's husband" or "Lana's wife", as long as it isn't your only identity. Don't lose yourself. You need friends. Don't try and make your mate/partner/lover your everything.

I like the idea of "healthy distance" in a relationship: each person needs friends of their own and activities they do on their own. It isn't emotionally healthy to share everything with your partner, that usually results in a desperate groping for emotional closeness makes you clingy and needy.

Feeling abandoned? This is a sign that you're really lost yourself: your sense of safety and identity depends on feeling loved by other people, and when those people temporarily (or not) turn their love away from you, you panic.

Feeling abandoned is one version of losing yourself. We believe that the only way to make our partner (or anyone) love us is to deny who we really are and perform for them: making them approve of us in order to "win" their love.

If you were my client and you had lost yourself in your relationship, I'd help you to gradually begin to remember what you like to do. Some of us have been performing for others for so long that we've almost forgotten what we like or don't like. Our personal preferences were repeatedly pushed aside to make way for the desires of those we wanted to love us. Then, when we actually begin to tell people what we want, we get very anxious: it brings up all our old, unresolved people-pleasing stuff.

We can learn to un-brainwash ourselves: we started out in life knowing we were loveable exactly as we are, but then we were told that we were worthy of love only if we behaved in a certain way. And, of course, it was impossible to behave in this way all the time. What a set-up for insecurity!

Luckily, you're not stuck there: with some help from your partner, friends and others who love you, you can begin to "unhook" from the chronic and debilitating need to please.

Don't put it off any longer. If you feel like you've lost yourself in relationships, the time to find yourself is now.

Why I Refuse to Own or Carry a Gun

BY JAYSON FLORES

In the wake of the tragedy in Orlando, many in the queer community have begun to adopt the belief that carrying guns will prevent future attacks on us as outsiders in an unflinchingly heteronormative society. Groups like the Pink Pistols aim to inspire feelings of safety by not only helping queer people get armed, but also teaching them how to use said weapon. In an ideal world, carrying a weapon would create some sort of protective barrier around us at all times, but the reality is that guns aren't the solution. In fact, I adamantly refuse to arm myself because I know it isn't the solution.

It's not all that complicated, really. I could write an essay analyzing the homonormative influences that inspire gay men to compensate for the manhood that is perceived to be taken away from them. I could write about how queer people of all ages, colors, genders, and backgrounds are beyond sick of being the victim and how maybe this is our chance to change the narrative. I could write lots of things, but the ultimate point is much simpler than any of the aforementioned. Arming the queer community would do little aside from making America more toxic than it already is.

This isn't me trying to be an anarchist, anti-American punk (although I am). This is the truth. Do light research on gun violence in other countries. I'm not going to do it for you because

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

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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 SUPPORT 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 Meeting, 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 beverages 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 Governors 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, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

A Golf Story

John, who lived in the north of England, decided to go golfing in Scotland with his buddy, Clyde. So they loaded up John's minivan and headed north.

After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. So they pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

'I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained, 'and I'm afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in my house.'

'Don't worry,' John said. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.'

The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of golf.

But about nine months later, John got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the golf weekend.

He dropped in on his friend Clyde and asked, "Clyde, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our golf holiday in Scotland about 9 months ago?"

'Yes, I do,' said Clyde.

'Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?'

'Well, um, yes!,' Clyde said, a little embarrassed about being found out, 'I have to admit that I did.'

'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?'

Clyde's face turned beet red and he said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did. Why do you ask?'

'She just died and left me everything.'

The Nun

Pete was working at his liquor store one day. As he was stocking the shelves he heard the bell on the door ring, and turning around was very surprised to see a nun walk through the door.

He had never had a nun in his liquor store before, and since she was clearly embarrassed he decided to try and put her at ease. "

Hello, may I help you ?" he asked.

The nun walked up to the counter and very timidly said " I was wondering, sir, if you could sell me a bottle of Blackberry Brandy. It's for our Mother Superior at the convent, she's very constipated and we thought a little brandy would help her. "

Hiding his surprise, Pete said " of course I can help you with that " and he turned around and got a bottle of Blackberry Brandy off the shelf. He put it in a brown paper bag and the nun tucked it under her habit, paid for the purchase and left.

A couple of hours later Pete heard the bell

and looked up to see the same nun walk through the door. She walked up to the counter and said " I'm sorry to bother you again, sir, but I'd like to purchase another bottle of Blackberry Brandy. Mother Superior is pretty constipated. "

He got another bottle off the shelf, and again she tucked the bag under her habit, paid for the purchase, and left.

Late that afternoon he heard the door open and in comes the same nun once again. She walked right up to the counter and said " I need another bottle of Blackberry Brandy. Mother is so very constipated. "

He sold her a third bottle and she paid for the purchase and left.

That night Pete closed the store as usual and started to walk home. As he turned a corner he was shocked to see the same nun, lying in the gutter, clearly drunk as a skunk, with 3 empty bottles of Blackberry Brandy lying next to her. " Shame on you, sister " he said. " You told me that Blackberry Brandy was for your Mother Superior because she was constipated "!

" I did " slurred the nun, " and boy, is she gonna shit when she sees me "!

Dog Walk

A little girl asked her Mom, 'Mom, may I take the dog for a walk around the lock?' Mom replies, 'No, Because she is in heat.'

'What's that mean?' asked the child.

'Go ask your father. I think he's in the garage.'

The little girl goes to the garage and says, 'Dad, may I take Belle for a walk around the block? I asked Mom, but she said the dog was in heat, and to come to you.'

Dad said, 'Bring Belle over here.'

He took a rag, soaked it with gasoline, and scrubbed the dog's backside with it to disguise the scent, and said 'OK, you can go now, but keep Belle on the leash and only go one time round the block.'

The little girl left and returned a few minutes later with no dog on the leash.

Surprised, Dad asked, 'Where's Belle?'

The little girl said, 'She ran out of gas about halfway down the block, so another dog is pushing her home.'

GLBT RESOURCE LIST

OMAHA BASED

Beth El Synagogue, 14506 California St. A GLBT inclusive synagogue, same-sex marriages performed by their rabbis, provided both persons are Jewish. Call 402-292-8550 for more info.

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.firsttuomaha.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://omahalgbdemocrats.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.

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, 13111 Sterling Ridge Drive., 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.) and Y.E.S. Drop-in Center
Offices: 2679 Farnam Street, Suite. 205 Omaha, NE 68131, 402-345-5187, see www.yesomaha.org for information

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

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/cglbtc

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

Yummy Taco Meatloaf

Ingredients:

1 -2 lbs hamburger (depending on how many you are feeding)

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1 pkg taco seasoning

1 egg

1 cup crushed tortilla chips

1 cup salsa

shredded cheese to taste

Mix all ingredients together, form a loaf and bake in 450 oven for 1 hr

(about 10 mins before done, I take it out and top it with some more salsa & cheese)

For the potatoes I toss in olive oil and taco seasoning and bake with meatloaf in the same pan.

ENJOY!



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

**Would you like to have the Gayzette at your
Place of business? Email your request to:
Gayzette@cox.net**

Best Angel Food Cake

Ingredients

For the chocolate cream:

8 tbsp. confectioners sugar

4 tbsp. cocoa powder

2 tbsp. milk

1 cup heavy cream

1 pinch cream of tartar

1-2 tbsp. confectioners sugar, for dusting

8 fat slices store-bought angel food cake (or make your own)

Methods/Steps

To make the chocolate cream, whisk together the confectioners sugar, cocoa powder and milk in a small bowl. Set aside. In a separate bowl, beat the cream with the cream of tartar until soft. Whisk in the chocolate mixture until well blended. Cover and refrigerate.

Preheat the grill or grill pan to hot. Dust the angel food cake

slices with con-

fectioners sugar.

Grill the slices

for 1 minute on

each side until

golden and grill

marks appear on

the surface.

Transfer to serv-

ing plates and

top with choco-

late cream.

Makes 8 serv-

ings



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INTRODUCING SEASON 28 IDENTITY

2016 THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI

by Bertolt Brecht
(September 22 – October 16, 2016)
A SLAPSTICK TRAGEDY

2016 THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS SHOW (ABRIDGED)

by Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor
(November 25-December 19, 2016)
DELIGHTFULLY TWISTED HOLIDAY CHEER

2017 HIR

by Taylor Mac
(February 2-26, 2017)
SLY, SUBVERSIVE COMEDY: ANNIHILATING THE PAST DOESN'T ALWAYS FREE YOU FROM IT

2017 SILENT SKY

by Lauren Gunderson
(March 23-April 15, 2017)
OFTEN THE BRIGHTEST STARS ARE EVEN CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

2017 PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT THE MUSICAL

book by Stephan Elliott and Allan Scott
(May 18-July 1, 2017)
LIFE IS NEVER A DRAG

2018 OUT OF THE BLUE
A SPECIAL EVENT SERIES: WALK THE NIGHT

(September 28-October 30)
BLUEBARN'S IMMERSIVE THEATRE EVENT RETURNS FOR ITS THIRD INSTALLMENT: A UNIQUE ADAPTATION OF A MIDSUMMERS NIGHTS DREAM.

BLUEBARN THEATRE
Season 28

THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI

by Bertolt Brecht (September 22 – October 16, 2016)
Described by Brecht as 'a gangster play that would recall certain events familiar to us all', Arturo Ui is a witty and savage satire of the rise of Hitler - recast by Brecht into a fictional, small-time Chicago gangster's takeover of the city's greengrocery trade in the 1930s. The satirical allegory combines Brecht's Epic style of theatre with black comedy and overt moralism. Using a wide range of parody and spoof - from Al Capone to Shakespeare's Richard III and Goethe's Faust - Brecht's compelling parable continues to have relevance wherever totalitarianism appears

and true story of discovery.

PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT – THE MUSICAL

by Stephan Elliott and Allan Scott
(May 19-July 1, 2017)

Based on the smash-hit movie, PRISCILLA is the heartwarming, uplifting adventure of three friends, Tick, Bernadette and Adam, a glamorous Sydney-based performing trio who agree to take their show to the middle of the Australian outback. They hop aboard a battered old bus "Priscilla," searching for love and friendship and end up finding more than they could have ever dreamed of. Featuring a hit parade of dancefloor favorites

today.

THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS SHOW (ABRIDGED)

by Austin Taylor and Austin Tichenor
(November 25-December 19, 2016)
Welcome to the Annual Holiday Variety Show and Christmas Pageant at St. Everybody's Non-Denominational Universalist Church, where all faiths are welcome because we'll believe anything. But there's a problem: none of the acts scheduled to perform have arrived, so three members are pressed into service to perform the entire Variety Show and Christmas Pageant by themselves. An irreverent yet heartwarming trip through the holidays, THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS SHOW (ABRIDGED) is festive and funny as these Three Wise Guys send up and celebrate our favorite holiday traditions.

HIR

by Taylor Mac
(February 2-26, 2017)
Somewhere in the suburbs, Isaac has returned from the wars to help take care of his ailing father, only to discover a household in revolt. The insurgent: his mom. Liberated from an oppressive marriage, with Isaac's newly out transgender sibling as her ally, she's on a crusade to dismantle the patriarchy. But in Taylor Mac's sly, subversive comedy, annihilating the past doesn't always free you from it.

SILENT SKY

by Lauren Gunderson
(March 23-April 15, 2017)
A new play about Henrietta Swan Leavitt and the real women "computers" working at Harvard Observatory at the dawn of modern astronomy. In this exquisite blend of modern science, history, family ties, and fragile love, a passionate young woman must map her own passage through a society unaccustomed to strong women in a man's world. A celestial romance

including "It's Raining Men," "I Will Survive," "Hot Stuff," "Finally," "Boogie Wonderland," "Go West," "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," and "I Love The Nightlife," this wildly fresh and funny musical is a journey to the heart of FABULOUS!

OUT OF THE BLUE, a Special Event series:

WALK THE NIGHT: Blue Barn's immersive theatre event returns for its third installment, with a unique adaptation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Five missing person's cases (4 decades old, 1 recent); forbidden loves, swallowed by the unknown; secrets answered within a nomadic, mid-night festival. Location to be announced.

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you might not believe the sources I pick anyway. (Plus, Google is a thing.) See for yourself and then tell me how, supposedly, more guns are the solution.

The problem is bigger than us not having guns to protect ourselves from other deranged gun-users. The problem is that our country gives out guns to basically anyone and then wonders why guns are such a problem. Maybe a solution could simply be to not let people legally own automatic weapons, or, and this might be a stretch, making the gun purchasing process longer and more thorough?

If we also arm ourselves like crazy, we'd just be enabling the culture that excuses legal ownership of guns that no one has any business owning. The gun-toting, radical right is not interested in protecting us and the National Rifle Association literally doesn't care about any life on this planet. We can't allow ourselves to become their pawns.

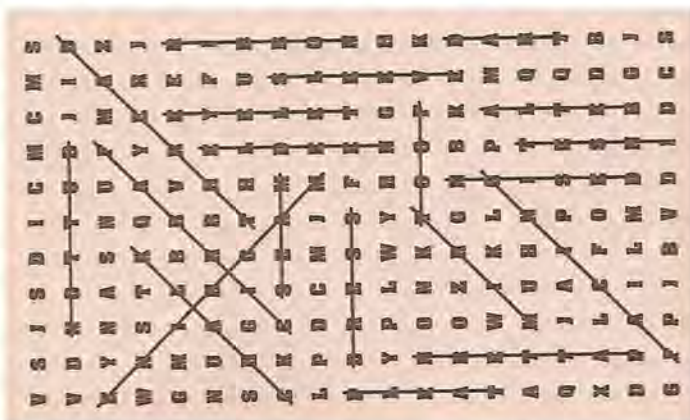
I completely understand why people in the queer community, particularly the queer people of color, would be filled with rage and fear. But what kind of place do roads of rage and fear usually lead to? Can you ever get peace and happiness from rage and fear?

I can't speak for how effective guns are or aren't across the entire country, because I'm no gun expert. But what I do know is that there are stories every day of people accidentally shooting themselves or children accidentally shooting themselves or others. I don't hear stories about armed citizens protecting themselves from danger nearly as often, and you probably don't either unless you subscribe to pages and publications whose specific aim is to make guns seem better than they are.

An even bigger part of the 'let's go get guns' argument is that it probably would only work for a small portion of us. The cis, white gays, lesbians, and bisexuals might be fine. But what about queer POC? Ultimately, this "solution" might be signing the death certificates of some of our black community members who don't even need to be armed to be murdered by police, as proven over and over again. We need change that works for all of us, not some of us.

We can't live our lives in fear. People get shot. People die. We all die. We can't control everything, as much as we might want to. We can feel like we're in control, but really, what we feel does little in the real world. Carrying a gun may protect you or it may not. But what is guaranteed is that the longer the United States looks at guns the way it does, the more innocent people we will lose long before their time.

I refuse to arm myself. I don't believe in guns, and I know the people encouraging us to arm ourselves, rarely (if ever) inter-sectionally gave a shit about us.



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