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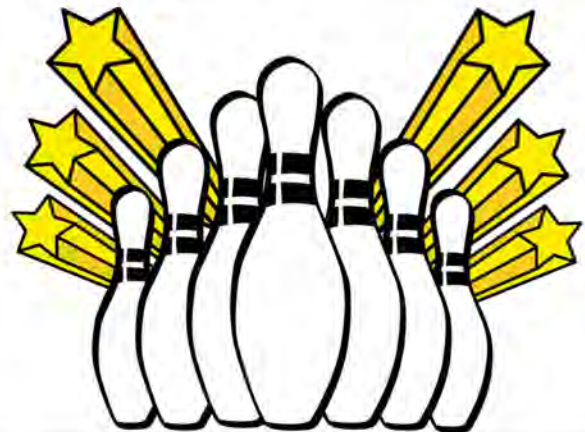
The River City League has been an organization in our community since 1980. We are a part of the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) and the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

Signup for the league will be on August 28th at 2pm at Maplewood Lanes Bowling Center located at 102nd and Maple Streets behind Valentino's. Along with this signup, we will have a meeting to discuss rules and anything else we need to discuss. After this meeting you will have the opportunity to bowl 3 games for free.

The actual bowling league will start on September 11th at 3pm at Maplewood and run approximately through the end of April. Cost of bowling consists of a \$15 weekly bowling fee along with a one time team sponsorship fee of around \$22 per bowler. There is also a one time team sponsorship fee of \$40. Teams usually ask the companies they work for, or a business they support to cover this cost. This is another way to get our whole community involved and, most of the time they are very willing to help you.

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If you are interested in joining the Sunday Funday, please contact Maplewood Lanes at 402-572-9393 and they will add you to our list and answer any questions you may have. We hope to see you on the 28th !!



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Skye Mockabee Is 17th Trans Person Murdered in the U.S. This Year

BY MARI BRIGHE

In a tableau becoming horrifyingly common, a transgender woman of color was found dead in Ohio this weekend, the victim of an apparent homicide.

Skye Mockabee was found unresponsive in a parking lot around 8 a.m. on Saturday in Cleveland, Ohio, reports Cleveland.com. Mockabee had an apparent headwound, and the individuals who found her called EMS. She was declared dead at the scene. She was 26 years old.



Police are providing few details about Mockabee's death; no suspects have been arrested, and no possible motive for her murder has been given.

Initial reports of Mockabee's death from police, the medical examiner, and local media all misgendered Mockabee and referred to her by her dead name, a situation that is all-too-common when the victims of violence are trans women. It was not released until Monday that Mockabee was trans.

Friends and family of Mockabee held a vigil on Monday night to honor her memory.

Skye is the 17th trans person known to have been murdered in the United States so far this year, with the vast majority of

them black trans women. Her murder comes less than a week after another black trans woman, Dee Whigham, was murdered in Mississippi.

Cleveland made news last month when, just before the opening of the Republican National Convention, it approved a local ordinance allowing trans people to use restrooms and other public facilities in concordance with their gender identity.

Trans women of color face incredible levels of homicide in the U.S., and the number of trans women of color murdered has been rising at a terrifying rate over the last several years. More than half of anti-LGBT hate murders are trans woman of color, specifically black trans women.

It is believed that many more trans women of color are murdered than are reported in the media each year, as many police departments and media outlets fail to identify victims as transgender. Still, the overall rate of anti-trans hate crimes rose by 13 percent between 2013 and 2014, according to the most recent statistics from the FBI.

In 2015, the deadliest year on record for the transgender community, at least 21 trans people were known to have been murdered in the U.S. With five months left in the year, and with the wave of violence against trans women of color showing no sign of abating, 2016 is poised to prove even deadlier.

Pulse Update: Slow Police Response May Have Cost Lives

BY DREW KISER

The actions of the Orlando police were called into question again in a Washington Post article which compiled data from eyewitness and public records, and which shows that the slow response of police may have cost victims their lives.

Once the reports of gunfire ended around 2:17 a.m. on the night of June 12, Mateen was holed up in a restroom, alongside a handful of victims. According to witnesses, during the stand-off — which lasted almost three hours — individuals with multiple gunshot wounds were bleeding out in the bathroom while Mateen googled for news about the shooting and held multiple conversations with law enforcement officials. Law enforcement officials declined to act, since the shooting had stopped, and they operated under the protocol of a barricaded gunman.

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The Religious Freedom Argument Is a Sham

BY DASHANNE STOKES

I never forgot the look in their eyes: the expressions of contempt and disgust mixed with laughter, the obscene gestures, the slurs wielded like weapons. That was the aftermath of my close friend "John" confiding to our Boy Scout camp director that he is gay.



It was only a matter of weeks before they kicked John out of the Boy Scouts. As a closeted bisexual Eagle Scout, the impact hit me like a shock wave. For nearly two decades after that, I lived in a prison of fear. Headline after headline told me about L.G.B.T. people being attacked and killed. This year, as I was in the process of coming out during the Orlando massacre, religious leaders like Pastor Roger Jimenez praised the shooter, claiming that the only "tragedy is that more of them didn't die." To add insult to injury, gay leaders like Greg Bourke continued to be denied membership in the Boy Scouts under a new policy, ratified a year ago this past week, which enables such discrimination under fanciful claims of "toleration and respect."

The wave of "religious freedom" bills that swept the country this past year reveal that what transpired in the Boy Scouts

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Police only decided to act when escaping victims told them that Mateen had threatened to strap bomb vests on victims. At that point, police tried and failed to breach the wall of the club using explosives, an attempt that alerted Mateen to police efforts and spurred him to shoot several more people.

Tiara Parker, who was in the bathroom at the time, told the Post: "We were already at great risk, but .?.?. they [the police] made it worse. They put us at more risk."

When the police finally did break down the wall using an armored vehicle, they picked the wrong spot. It took a third attempt before they broke the wall in a place that allowed any victims to escape. This was at 5:14 a.m. Mateen had fired the first shots at 2:02 a.m.

Though officials do not have an exact number, witnesses and the families of victims put the number of people who died as a result of the prolonged standoff to be somewhere between two and five, or more. Officials have also stayed mum on whether there were any innocent bystanders mistakenly killed by law enforcement during the shoot-out with Mateen.

At the request of the Orlando Police Department, the Justice Department is reviewing the police response.



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was not an isolated event. We are witnessing a power play being sold to the American public through coded language and hype.

According to the resolution by which the Boy Scouts' new policy was passed, "The message of Scouting is one of toleration and respect. ... Any effort to exclude or penalize chartering organizations based on their beliefs or policies regarding marriage, family, or sexuality is contrary to the Boy Scouts of America's commitment to religious freedom." Think about that for a moment. Think about the language they're using, what it is they're really saying.

In a similar statement issued earlier this month in support of the First Amendment Defense Act, which is pending in Congress, Roman Catholic Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco proclaimed, "The Church will ... continue to stand for the ability of all to exercise their religious beliefs and moral convictions in public life without fear." These sentiments echo those made by Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito in his dissent from the marriage equality decision last year. Alito claimed that recognizing the right of same-sex couples to marry meant "facilitat[ing] the marginalization of the many Americans who have traditional ideas."

Here, we see three statements by the leadership of civic, religious, and legal institutions framing the equality of LGBT people as an attack on America, on tradition, on the Constitution, and yes, on God himself.

As a bisexual who lives under the ever-present threat of being fired, evicted, and murdered for having the audacity to exist, I'm all too aware of what it means to live on the margins of which Alito spoke. But having never seen Justice Alito, Archbishop Cordileone, and other proponents of so-called "religious freedom" policies anywhere near the margins where LGBT people are so often forced to fight for their very lives, I don't buy their claims. When my friend was kicked out of the Boy Scouts, not one person said they felt his simple presence made them feel oppressed and marginalized. Not one person claimed that he had infringed upon their religious freedom. Not one of his assailants showed any sign of fear.

Their expressions revealed with horrific clarity the truth of who was in power, who was being marginalized, whose rights were really under attack.

The French sociologist Pierre Bourdieu argued that language reveals power and that power itself depends on our collaboration in "misrecognition," the recognition of someone as being other than what they really are. We can definitely see how power and misrecognition operate in the language of those claiming that the equality of LGBT people puts their "religious freedom" at stake. When we misrecognize these displays of power for vulnerability and marginalization, we empower further bigotry. We also make ourselves complicit in this mockery of human rights when we let ourselves get pulled into debates asking if LGBT rights and religious freedom can be protected simultaneously. As I've witnessed in the Boy Scouts, religious freedom is not under siege. It never has been. Such debates are designed only to distract us, to redirect the flow and content of social discourse on terms favorable to the privileged.

Today's "religious freedom" policies should not be seen as a problem limited to LGBT people but as a co-optation of religion that affects us all. They are a sham with a long and sordid

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history. In 1861, for example, the Constitution of the Confederate States framed slavery as a right justified by the “favor and guidance of Almighty God.” In 1869, prominent minister Justin Fulton invoked religious teachings to oppose women’s suffrage, claiming that women seeking the right to vote “are not lovers of God.”

If we fail to recognize modern variations of such claims for what they really are, women and ethnic minorities might find their rights on the chopping block next.

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Westboro Members Now Live Next To House Painted Colors Of Transgender Flag

by James Michael Nichols
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The Equality House, the rainbow-colored house across the street from the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas, just expanded its compound — with a home painted the colors of the trans flag — and by doing so furthered its visible statement of solidarity with the queer community.

The Equality House was created by non-profit Planting Peace when it purchased the home and painted it the colors of the rainbow flag in March 2013. Earlier this year, we brought you the news that Planting Peace was attempting to acquire the house next door to The Equality House and paint it the colors of the transgender flag — like The Equality House was painted on the Transgender Day of Remembrance in 2013.

Thanks to a man named Martin Dunn, this dream has become a reality.

When Dunn saw that Planting Peace was attempting to raise money to purchase the house, he stepped up to the plate.

“I have three kids, and if one of my children were transgender I would want there to be places that accepted and celebrated them,” Dunn, President of Dunn Development corp, told The Huffington Post. “I happen to live in a progressive neighborhood and my children go to a school that is open-minded and welcoming of transgender students, but I know that is not the reality for many young people around the country. Like the Equality House before it, a transgender house that makes people feel proud and safe and confident and supported is badly needed. Every city should have one. If an eight-year-old girl can stand up against hate and prejudice, the least we can do is stand behind her.”

Thanks to Dunn, the money to purchase the house next to the original Equality House was donated to Planting Peace, which now owns the property, and volunteers painted it the colors of



the transgender flag on Sunday, June 26.

“Beyond the individual incidents of violence, bullying and hateful messages that the transgender community faces already, we’ve seen a rise in discriminating legislation designed to restrict the basic, fundamental rights and human dignity of our transgender family,” Aaron Jackson, President of Planting Peace, told The Huffington Post. “As allies of the LGBT community, we hear the stories from countless transgender people who express the devastating impact this has on them, making them feel broken or ‘less than’. Repeated messages of hate and intolerance are contributing to shockingly high suicide rates within the transgender community. We have to stand up and be just as loud with messages of love, support and compassion. We need to fight for the right for ALL people to live freely and love freely without fear. We are painting the house today as a permanent reminder of our message to our transgender family: You are loved, valued, supported and beautiful. There is nothing wrong with you, and we will stand with you.”

Over the past several years, The Equality House has held a number of pro-queer initiatives and events — all essentially on the front lawn of the Westboro Baptist Church. One of its earliest efforts involved a child’s lemonade stand for peace. Other events have included a gay wedding, a drag show and a mock wedding between Dumbledore and Gandalf.

Planting Peace has also engaged in large-scale political activism over the past couple of years, including a billboard in North Carolina that called out the state’s anti-LGBT House Bill 2 and a billboard in anti-gay marriage clerk Kim Davis’ hometown calling out her hypocrisy.



To San Diego PD, Gay Men Wearing Kilts and Thongs Are Obscene

BY CHRIS MORRIS

On the eve of this weekend's San Diego Pride Parade, the 2011 Pride "Kilt Case" finally gets a trial date following five years of stall tactics by the city's police department.

The Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause protects "similarly situated individuals from being treated differently." But that is exactly what happened to Will Walters when he was arrested for public nudity at the 2011 San Diego LGBT Pride celebration.



Wearing a leather kilt, open at the sides, over thong underwear, an outfit less revealing than most bathing suits found at San Diego beaches, Will Walters was standing in the beer garden inside the festival grounds when he was detained, humiliatingly escorted out, and arrested for public nudity.

Walters is not a litigious man. He simply asked for an apology for his unconstitutional arrest. When the San Diego County Sheriff's Department apologized for abusive treatment he experienced in jail, Walters graciously accepted the apology. He did not sue. But when the city rationalized justified, minimized, and acrobatically defended its police department's conduct, Walters had no choice but to proceed with a claim for the violation of his equal protection rights.

Since his arrest, the city of San Diego has used a strategy designed to delay a trial date in this matter, clearly hoping that Walters and his lawyers would lose steam. That has not happened. The city's day of reckoning is nigh — just last week the case was finally set for trial. On December 6 of this year, Walters's equal protection claim will finally be heard by a jury in a San Diego federal courtroom.

Will Walters's five-year path to a jury was long and arduous — one he's persevered on for his own rights and for those of everyone, LGBT or otherwise. After the summary judgment dismissing his claim against the city was at first granted by the trial judge, the case was appealed to the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. When a panel of justices at the Ninth Circuit unanimously overturned that judge's decision, Walters's case was finally set for trial. But not before the city tried yet again,

just last month in fact, to delay a trial. Fortunately for the cause of justice, the judge set December 6 as the trial date — period.

During his appeal to the Ninth Circuit, Walters's legal team presented the justices with overwhelming evidence of a double standard held for public nudity: one adopted for LGBT people at Pride, and one adopted for everyone else. The panel of judges was shown photos of the officers who arrested Walters happily standing next to women in G-strings at the beach. The panel was presented with deposition testimony from the officer in charge admitting that he adopted the enforcement posture for Pride and that various other scantily clad Pride attendees were also detained for "offending" outfits. The Ninth Circuit panel was also presented with a total absence of any other enforcement of this standard at any other event or venue.

But it was the city's defense that should be of concern to every fair-minded citizen of this great country. Incredibly, the city has taken the position that the nudity standard for Pride is the same as at all events and venues and that the lack of citations or arrests was simply a coincidental lack of enforcement, not evidence of a double standard.

This farcical argument was roundly rejected by the panel. Sensing defeat, the city employed a scare tactic dripping with bias, a tactic designed to invoke visions of nude gay men cavorting on San Diego's public streets with absolute impunity. Incredibly, the city told the panel that if officers' discriminatory actions were not upheld, the San Diego Police Department would be powerless to enforce any public nudity standard at any Pride event.

In so doing, the city first invoked a false premise — namely, that the inability to enforce its double standard would result in no standard. But more troubling, the false premise was adopted to play on what the city anticipated would be homophobic fears of a gay bacchanal should their double standard be stricken.

That the panel was not persuaded was of little surprise; however, given that the city anticipated that this tactic would be successful is disturbing and, like the puritanical witch hunts of yesteryear, says more about the accuser than the accusee.

That this scheme was devised by leaders and elected officials of an erstwhile progressive city like San Diego should be of great concern to LGBT people, their allies and all equality-minded Americans. It is these same officials, and officials like them in every city, who shamelessly pander to the LGBT community for votes. And while they may play public lip service to "gay rights," for some, the lingering biases of a bygone era lurk just below the surface waiting to be revealed by the crucible of litigation over an ill-conceived policy gone bad.

On December 6, a jury will be seated and evidence will be presented. Our constitution will be tested once again. The outcome of this matter will speak volumes as to how far we, as an LGBT and allied community, have come, and how far we, as a democratic society, have yet to go.

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Male Escorts Are Making a Killing Off Closeted Gay Republicans at the RNC

BY NICO LANG

It was boom time for Cleveland's male escorts. When the Republican National Convention came to town on July 18, sex workers told the New York Post that business had never been better, fueled by closeted conservatives looking for discrete action.

One escort reported that he'd seen 10 male clients in a week.



"Most of them were first-timers," an anonymous source told the Post. "You could tell they were nervous, but once they became more comfortable, they seemed to be having a good time."

Another sex worker claimed he had made five to six times what he normally earns. On an average week, he's likely to bring in \$200 or \$300. But since Monday, he said that he had earned \$1,600.

One man said he had raked in more than \$800 per day—at a rate of \$250 an hour.

The average client, according to the escorts who spoke with the Post, is between 40 and 50 years old. Many of them are married politicians or delegates who stayed in hotels downtown near the convention, held at Cleveland's Quicken Loans Arena.

"When it comes to anything people aren't supposed to be doing, they like to do it," one escort argued. "The Republicans have a lot of delegates in the closet, let's put it that way."

In addition to seeking services from male sex workers, the Daily Dot reported that there's been an influx of men using Craigslist to look for casual encounters with other men. "Married guy seeks another married guy at the RNC," reads one ad posted to the site, while another states: "RNC visitors looking for a sub to use and abuse."

"You want to take a break from your delusions?," wrote one poster. "I will host or travel. You will kneel and beg."

The influx of same-sex hookups is ironic considering the party's own stance on LGBT people. This week, the Republican National Convention passed what many believe to be the most antigay platform in GOP history.

The GOP reaffirmed its position that marriage is a union strictly "between one man and one woman," while referring to the Obama administration's position on transgender bathroom access as "illegal, dangerous, and ignores privacy issues." The platform states, "We salute the several states which have filed suit against it."

While gay escorts are profiting off the GOP's platform of shame, women have not been quite so lucky. "Has business been better for me?" one female escort told the post. "Honestly, no."

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I have been the editor of The Gayzette newsletter for the last 14 years or so now and I am getting close to retirement age. That being said, I am not sure that my husband and I will be living in the area after that retirement happens. So, I am now asking if anyone is interested in taking over creating and distributing The Gayzette.

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Would Harvey Milk Object to His Name on a Warship?

BY DANIEL REYNOLDS

The U.S. Navy will name a ship after Harvey Milk — but not everyone is pleased.

The outcries over a fleet oiler bearing the name of the late gay rights activist do not come from right-wing organizations. Rather, LGBT activists and their allies are questioning whether Milk, an advocate for hope and peace, would be outraged that his name will be branded on a machine of war.



"It's a warship," Christina Olaque, a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, told the San Francisco Chronicle in 2012 during an earlier push to name a vessel after Milk. She voted against the move. "I'm not convinced that reflects Harvey Milk values."

Milk, one of the first out officials elected to office in a major city, was a veteran. As a young man he served in the Navy for four years, during which time he fought in the Korean War.

However, Milk later adopted an antiwar stance. As noted in

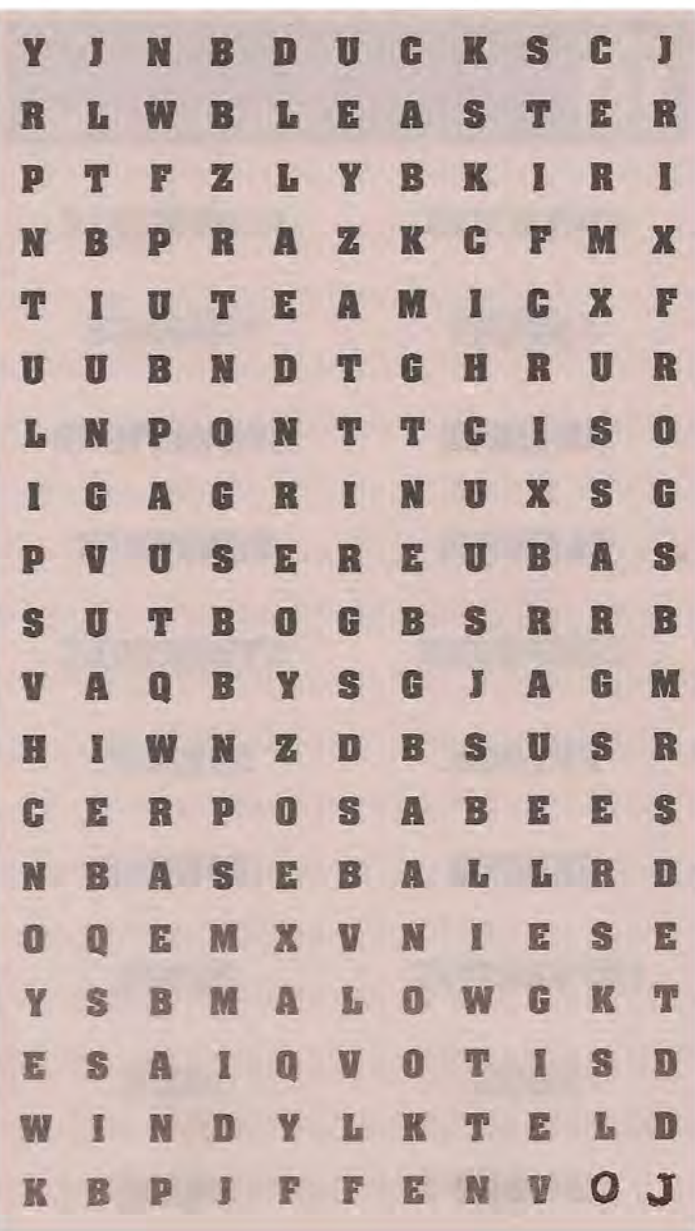
Randy Shilts's *The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk*, Milk marched against the Vietnam War. In April 1970 he was even fired from his position as a financial analyst after burning his Bank of America card in protest of the invasion of Cambodia.

"The Milk who served in the Navy and the Milk who, less than two decades later, defied the taboos of his day to have sex with men, grow his hair, smoke pot and oppose the war in Vietnam, were completely different individuals," said queer activist Tommi Avicolli Mecca.

Milk was assassinated in 1978, a victim of gun violence on the part of former Supervisor Dan White. Some of his most famous quotations foreshadow his murder and are antiviolence in stance.

"The fact is that more people have been slaughtered in the name of religion than for any other single reason. That, that my friends, is true perversion," Milk said.

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Life Beyond Therapy

By Michael Kimmel

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How to have a Happy Summer

Summers are supposed to be happy, right? Carefree, easy, laid-back...and, yet, so often, they're not. This column is about how to make this summer one of your best ever. Let's start with:



Lower your expectations...of everyone. For example: don't think you have to lose weight to go swimming, or that if you don't get laid during Pride that you're a loser. Don't expect your friends to be perfect. In other words, welcome reality. Know that some days will feel better than others, some people will disappoint you and some days you'll disappoint yourself. Forgive yourself (and others) and do your best to move onto something else.

This may not be your best time to take a vacation. If you prefer avoiding high season hotel rates, swimming pools full of screaming children and swarms of other tourists, summer may be a good time to stay in town and do stuff you've always wanted to do (museums, nice restaurants, exploring the East Village or North County). Try some mini-vacations, like going to LA or Palm Springs for long weekends. Fall, Winter and Spring tend to be easier times to travel, with fewer kids, cheaper hotels and less traffic. Why not have a relaxing summer here in amazing San Diego and then go to Europe or New York City or Japan in September or October?

Summer romances are a cultural phenomenon, rife with their own songs, vibes and stories. Do you want one? If so, go for it. If you want more than a bunch of fun hookups, tell yourself the truth about it. Know what you want and don't settle for less.

Let's move from the big picture to the details: I was reading a professional journal that talked about happiness and how to get more of it in your life. One research study found that happiness isn't linked to big, dramatic events or buying expensive stuff like a new car/house/furniture, instead, it's about learning to savor life's small pleasures. Sounds a bit overly-simplistic, right? Well, in my experience, it actually works. So here are some ideas on how to experience more happiness this summer on a daily/hourly/moment-to-moment basis:

Do kind things for people you know (and those you don't): as an experiment, try to do 3 good things every day. They needn't be big or obvious: Yesterday, I let a guy go in front of me at Vons because I had a lot of stuff in my cart and he only had a few things in his. It felt good. This kind of stuff adds up. If you see someone who looks sad, just say "Hello". No big deal. They may not respond, but you've put good energy out there in the

world and it will always make YOU feel better.

Volunteer doing something (anything) that you feel good about. Call The Center (they can always use good folks) or go to volunteermatch.org or doinggoodtogether.org to see what's going on near you that you can plug into. It's not a lifetime commitment, just give it a try and see if it makes you happy.

Let yourself be goofy/silly/weird: Freud called this, "Regression in the service of the ego", a fancy name for letting yourself be happily, temporarily, childlike. If this is too daunting, watch a goofy/silly movie and enjoy watching other people do weird stuff. Life is far too hard to be serious all the time, and summer is a good time to lighten up.

Eat happy food. Yes, there is such a thing. Dr. Drew Ramsey, author of "The Happiness Diet" encourages us to consume more Omega 3's, B-12, B-9, Vitamin E and magnesium in our diets if we want to feel happier. Google these nutrients or ask someone at Sprouts or Whole Foods how to get more of these happy foods into your diet.

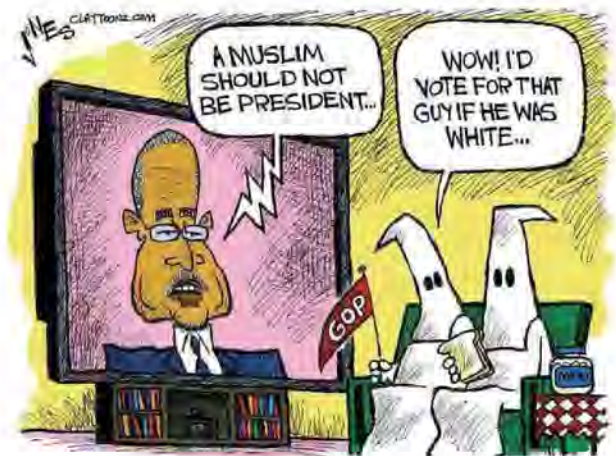
Unplug from technology: connect with real people face-to-face. Psychological research shows that the key to happiness cannot be found on your ipad/iphone screen. It lies in your relationships with other people. Give yourself a tech-free day/morning and see what happens.

Go outside: our gorgeous city is envied by most of the world, and it's free for us who live here. Walk the beach, a park, Torrey Pines, the Laguna Mountains or the streets of Hillcrest. Notice flowers, plants, and trees. Let them give you a bit of happiness every time you pay attention.

Be physically active and you'll be happier: research shows that even five minutes of physical activity in nature boosts self-esteem and mood.

Find things to be grateful about. You woke up. You saw the sun. Your dog/cat loves you. Your friends love you. You live in San Diego. You can see well enough to read this. Many studies have found strong correlations between gratitude and happiness. Start with noting 3 things you're grateful for and see where it takes you.

Summer CAN be a happy time, it just takes a little awareness and effort. I hope that the ideas in this column help you to make this summer your best ever.



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 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 barbqbill@aol.com

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., See www.nap.org for times and locations. Testing is free and you need to know your status.

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

Every Thursday

NAP HIV TESTING See www.nap.org for detailed times and locations. Testing is free and you need to know your status.

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. 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 Sunday 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 5:30pm 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 5:30pm 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

Retired Person's Perspective

1. I'm not saying let's go kill all the stupid people. I'm just saying let's remove all the warning labels and let the problem work itself out.
2. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People move out of the way much faster now.
3. You can tell a lot about a woman's mood just by her hands. If they are holding a gun, she's probably very unhappy.
4. You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone you've just met? That's common sense leaving your body.

5. I don't like making plans for the day. Be-
cause then the word "premeditated" gets
thrown around in the courtroom.

6. I didn't make it to the gym today. That
makes 1,500 days in a row.

7. I decided to change calling the bathroom
the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so
much better saying I went to the Jim this
morning.

8. Dear paranoid people who check behind
shower curtains for murderers: If you find
one, what's your plan?

9. Everyone has a right to be stupid. Politi-
cians just abuse the privilege.

Old age is not as bad as I thought. It's a good
feeling when you just don't give a hoot any-
more and you feel happy just to wake up in
the morning.

The Nudist Colony

A man joined a very exclusive nudist colony.
On his first day he took off his clothes and
started to wander around the area. A gor-
geous petite blonde walked by, and the man
immediately got an erection. The woman
noticed his erection, came over to him and
asked, did you call for me?" The man replied,
'No, what do you mean?'

She said, 'You must be new here, let me ex-
plain, it's a rule here that if you get an erec-
tion, it implies you called for me.' Smiling,
she lead him to the side of the swimming
pool laid down on a towel eagerly pulled him
to her and happily let him have his way with
her. Later the man continued to explore the
colony's facilities.

He entered the sauna and as he sat down, he
farted, within seconds a huge hairy man lum-
bered out of the steam room toward him. 'Did
you call for me?' Asked the hairy man. 'No,
what do you mean?' replied the newcomer.
'You must be new,' answered the hairy man,
it's a rule that if you fart, it implies that you
called for me.' The huge man easily spun him
around, put him over a bench and had his
way with the newcomer.

The newcomer staggered back to the colony
office where he was greeted by a smiling,
naked receptionist, 'may I help you?' she
asked. 'Here's my membership card. you can
have the key back and you can keep the \$500
membership fee.'

'But, Sir,' she replied, 'you've only been here
a few hours. you haven't had a chance to see
all our facilities.'

Listen lady, I'm 68 years old. I only get an
erection once a month, but I fart 15 times a
day. I'm outta here.'

How I Died

Two ladies talking in heaven:

1st woman: Hi! My name is Wanda.

2nd woman: Hi! I'm Kelly. How'd you
die?

1st woman: I Froze to Death.

2nd woman: How Horrible!

1st woman: It wasn't so bad. After I quit
shaking from the cold, I began to get
warm & sleepy, and finally died a peace-
ful death. What about you?

2nd woman: I died of a massive heart
attack. I suspected that my husband was
cheating, so I came home early to catch
him in the act. But instead, I found him
all by himself in the den watching TV.

1st woman: So, what happened?

2nd woman: I was so sure there was
another woman there somewhere that I
started running all over the house look-
ing. I ran up into the attic and searched,
and down into the basement. Then I went
through every closet and checked under
all the beds. I kept this up until I had
looked everywhere, and finally I became
so exhausted that I just keeled over with
a heart attack and died.

1st woman: Too bad you didn't look in
the freezer---we'd both still be alive.

Dynamite !

...The body builder takes off his shirt
and the blonde says, "What Great Biceps
& Chest you have!"

He tells her, "That's 100 lbs. of dyna-
mite, baby."

He takes off his pants and the blonde
says, "What massive Calves & Thighs
you have!"

The body builder tells her, "That's 100
lbs. of dynamite, baby."

He then removes his underwear, and the
blonde goes running out of the apartment
screaming in fear.

The body builder puts his clothes back
on and chases after her.

He catches up to her and asks why she
ran out of the apartment like that.

The blonde replies, "I was afraid to be
around all that dynamite after I saw how
short the fuse was!"

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.firstuomaha.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 barbqbill@aol.com

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. See www.GOglbt.org for info

Greater Omaha LGBT Democrats <http://omahalgbltdemocrats.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, Wednesdays 4pm to 7pm. Walk-in ok.

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, 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-glbtc.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

Best Beef Enchiladas

There's some assembly required when it comes to these beefy enchiladas. But it's so worth the effort. This Mexican feast is muy bueno.



INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp. oil
- 1 tbsp. garlic, minced
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1 (8 oz.) can of tomato sauce
- 1-2 tbsp. chili powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1 (4 oz.) can green chili peppers, diced and drained
- 1 tsp. oregano

Beef Filling:

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 lb. ground beef
- Chili powder
- 10 8-inch flour tortillas or 8 10-inch flour tortillas
- 4 oz. cheddar cheese, shredded
- 4 oz. Monterey jack cheese, shredded

METHODS/STEPS

To prepare enchilada sauce, in medium saucepan, combine sauce ingredients. Simmer 30 minutes. To prepare beef filling, in large skillet, cook ground beef and onion (you may sprinkle with additional chili powder) and drain. Add 3/4-cup enchilada sauce to meat and cook "low" 10 minutes or until sauce absorbed. To assemble enchiladas, in ungreased skillet, heat each tortilla low heat, for about 15 seconds per side, dip in sauce, fill with about 2 tbsp. beef filling and roll up; place seam side down in 12 x 8 inch baking dish. Cover enchiladas evenly with remaining sauce. Sprinkle with cheeses and bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 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

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

Milky Cocoa Candy

Want a recipe chocolate lovers will go nuts over? Look no further than this sweet treat prepared with coconut, pecans and chocolate. When it comes to homemade candy, sink your teeth into this dessert that doesn't disappoint.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup butter
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups shredded coconut
- 2 cups chopped pecans or other nuts
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/4 block paraffin

METHODS/STEPS

Line 2 cookie sheets with wax paper. Set aside. Mix butter, sugar and sweetened condensed milk in large mixing bowl. Add coconut, pecans and vanilla extract; mix well, using a sturdy large spoon.

Chill until firm enough to handle. Form into small balls and place on prepared cookie sheets. Chill until very firm. Melt paraffin in top of double boiler over simmering water. Add chocolate chips and stir until melted. Using a toothpick or candy dipper, dip balls into melted chocolate and place back on wax paper. Let cool until set. Store in airtight container.



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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

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
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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!

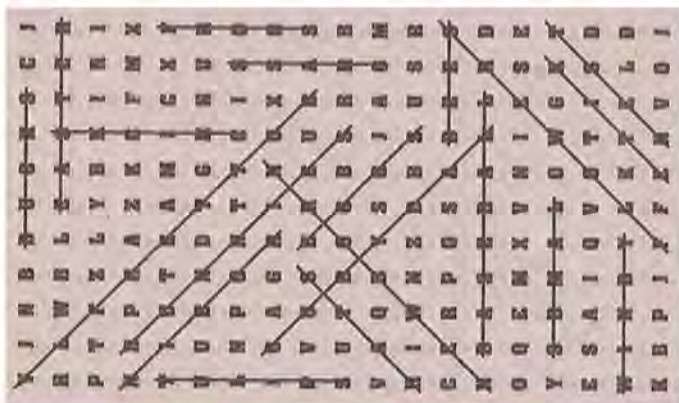
OUT OF THE BLUE, a Special Event series:

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.

About The BLUEBARN Theatre

The BLUEBARN Theatre has been bringing professionally-produced plays to area audiences since 1989. Since its inception, BLUEBARN has produced over 100 plays and has established itself as Omaha's professional contemporary theatre company. Striving to bring artistically significant scripts and professional production values to Omaha and the surrounding region, BLUEBARN is known for high-quality entertainment and the fearless pursuit of stories that challenge both theatre artists and patrons. To provoke thought, emotion, action, and change through daring and innovative theatre...

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"If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet shatter every closet door," he famously declared.

As the end of the ban on service by transgender people and the lifting of "don't ask, don't tell" had demonstrated, the U.S. military has come a long way in its acceptance of LGBT people. For many, Milk's ship is a potent symbol of this evolution.

The honor is also further testament to the leader's message of hope, which has been recognized by President Obama, who honored Milk with a posthumous Medal of Freedom; by the U.S. Postal Service, which imprinted Milk's face on a stamp; and by vice-presidential candidate Tim Kaine, who included Milk's name in a list of American civil rights heroes.

But for others, the ship is a stain on the activist's legacy.

"Why not name a bomber after Gandhi?" Avicolli Mecca wrote. "The purpose of the military is to kill people, no matter how we look at it. I know Harvey opposed the Vietnam War, and if he were alive, he would be against the wars we are in now. I think it is inappropriate."

Western New York County, Pride Center, Adds Senior Services

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — LGBTQ senior citizens in western New York have a new resource to learn about available services.

The Erie County Department of Senior Services and the Pride Center of western New York have announced a new partnership called the Silver Pride Project.

A Senior Services employee has been assigned to work with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community at the Pride Center's Buffalo office two days a week. The employee will answer questions about benefits and access to care and is also available to speak to senior groups and LGBTQ organizations about the isolation that LGBTQ seniors may feel.

Pride Center senior director Matthew Crehan Higgins says older people in the community are often estranged from their families because of past attitudes.



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RUDY, I'M OFF TO THE SUPERMARKET. FEEL LIKE COMING ALONG FOR THE RIDE?

NO, THANK YOU, KYLE... I'VE GOT MY IRONING TO KEEP ME OCCUPIED.



HOW ARE YOU DOING, RUDY? AFTER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED WITH TERENCE...OR, SHOULD I SAY...ROBERT...

I'M FINE, KYLE.

IF ANYTHING, I JUST FEEL FOOLISH I WAS TAKEN IN BY HIS SCHEME.



WE ALL WERE. HE WAS VERY CONVINCING.

THANKFULLY, RICHARD UNCOVERED THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM...

...BEFORE ANY REAL HARM WAS DONE.



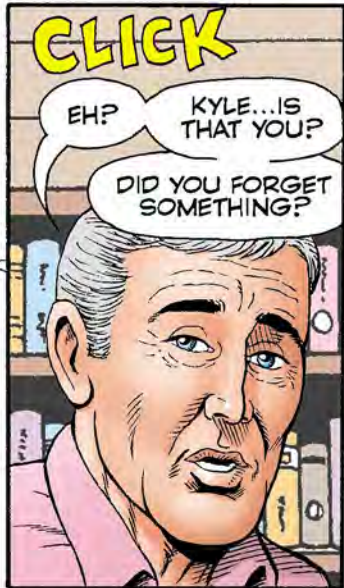
NOW, WHY DON'T YOU RUN ALONG TO THE MARKET?

OKAY. MAYBE WE CAN TALK SOME MORE LATER?

I'D LIKE THAT.



I DO HOPE THAT YOUNG ROBERT CAN SEE THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS. DESPITE ALL THAT HAPPENED...I STILL CARE ABOUT THE BOY.



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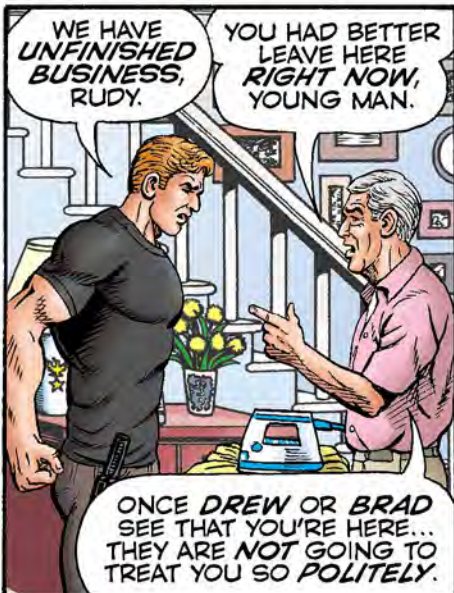
EHP? KYLE...IS THAT YOU?

DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING?



IT'S NOT KYLE.

R-ROBERT?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!



WE HAVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS, RUDY.

YOU HAD BETTER LEAVE HERE RIGHT NOW, YOUNG MAN.

ONCE DREW OR BRAD SEE THAT YOU'RE HERE... THEY ARE NOT GOING TO TREAT YOU SO POLITELY.



AH, BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO SEE THAT I'M HERE. I'VE BEEN STAKING OUT THIS HOUSE FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS...AND I KNOW THAT RIGHT NOW...

...EVERYONE ELSE IS AT WORK OR AT SCHOOL. AND KYLE JUST LEFT FOR THE SUPERMARKET. HE'LL BE GONE FOR A FEW HOURS.



WE'RE ALL ALONE.

W-WHAT DO YOU WANT?!

YOU'VE MADE ME VERY ANGRY, RUDY.

VERY, VERY ANGRY...

TO BE CONTINUED!!!