

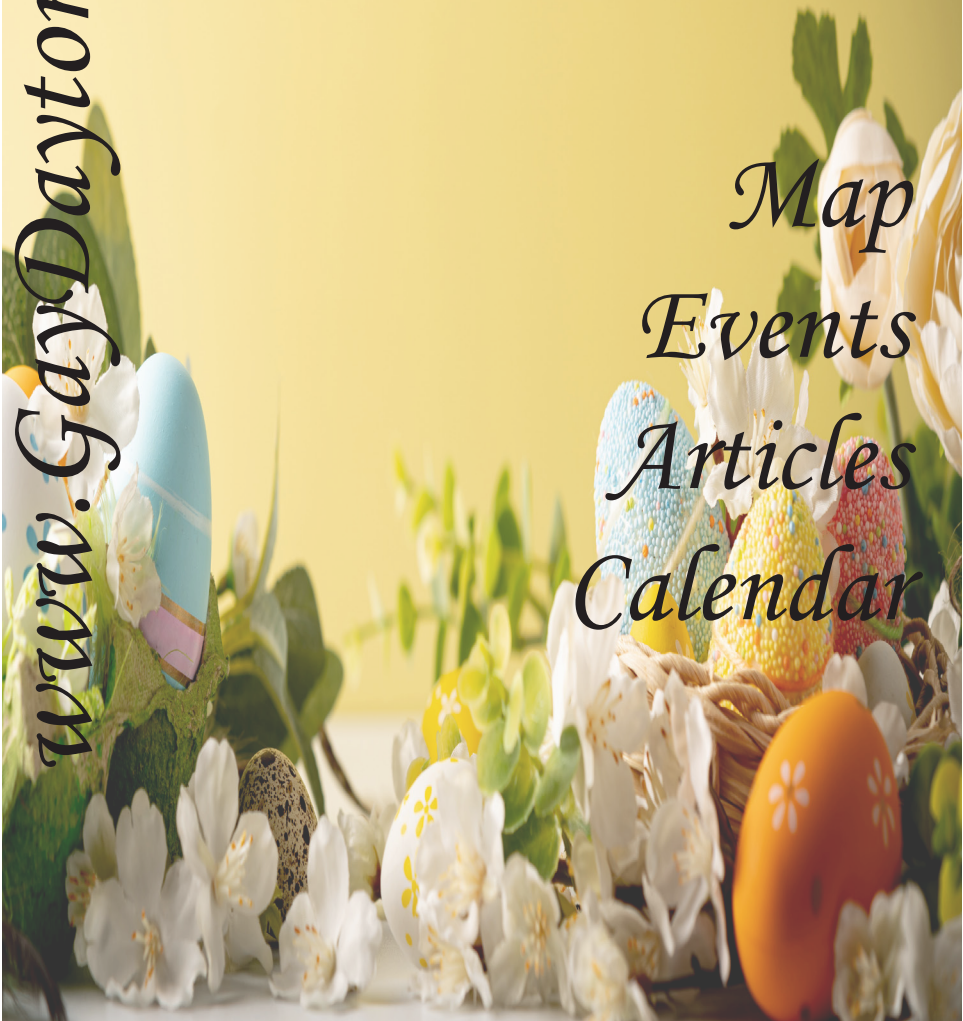


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Spring Community Dinner



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The Annual Spring Community Dinner

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Calendar of Events



April 3	6:00 PM	Monthly LGBTQ Board Meeting	Center
April 3	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
April 6	11:00 AM	Belly Dancing with Josh	Center
April 7	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Center
April 8	6:30 PM	PFLAG Dayton	Center
April 9	Q+	Youth Meet email qyouthcenter@gmail.com	for details
April 10	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
April 13	11:00 AM	Belly Dancing with Josh	Center
April 14	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Center
April 15	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
April 17	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
April 18	7:00 PM	Dungeons and Dragons (gaming)	Center
April 20	HAPPY EASTER		
April 21	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Center
April 24	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
April 27	11:00 AM	Belly Dancing with Josh	Center
April 27	2:00 PM	Pride Planning Meeting	Center
April 28	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Center



Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible. *Francis of Assisi*



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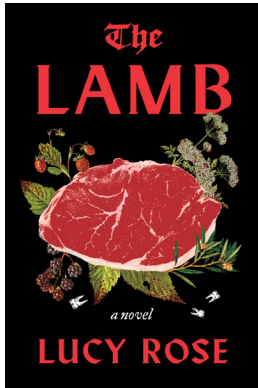
Book Reviews

by: Terri Schlichenmeyer

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"The Lamb: A Novel" by Lucy Rose c.2025, Harper \$27.99 329 pages



What's for lunch?

You probably know at breakfast what you're having a few hours later. Maybe breast of chicken, sauteed in tomato sauce. Barbecued ribs, perhaps? Leg of lamb, beef tongue, pickled pigs' feet, liver and onions, the possibilities are just menus away. Or maybe, as in the new book, "**The Lamb**" by **Lucy Rose**, you'll settle for a rump roast and a few lady fingers.

Margot was just four years old when she noticed the mold on the shower walls, and wondered what it might taste like. She also found fingers in the shower drain from the last "stray," the nails painted purple, and she wondered why they hadn't been nibbled, too.

Cooked right, fingers and rumps were the best parts.

Later, once Margot started school, Mama depended on her to bring strays from the woods to their cottage, and Mama would give them wine and warm them up. She didn't often leave the house unless it was to bury clothing and bones, but she sometimes welcomed a gardener who was allowed to leave. There was a difference, you see, between strays and others.

But Eden... Margot couldn't quite figure her out.

She actually liked Eden, who seemed like a stray but obviously wasn't. Eden was pretty; she never yelled at Margot, although she did take Margot's sleeping spot near Mama. Eden made Mama happy; Margot could hear them in the bedroom sometimes, making noises like Mama did when the gardener visited. Eden was a very good cook. She made Mama softer, and she made promises for better times.


And yet, things never got better. Margot was not supposed to call attention

to herself, but she wanted friends and a real life. If she was honest, she didn't want to eat strays anymore, either, she was tired of the pressure to bring home dinner, and things began to unravel. Maybe Mama didn't love Margot anymore. Maybe she loved Eden better or maybe Mama just ached from hunger.


Because you know what they say: two's company, three's a meal... Not a book to read at lunch? No, probably not – although once you become immersed in “The Lamb,” it'll be easy to swallow and hard to put down.

For sure, author Lucy Rose presents a somewhat-coming-of-age chiller with a gender-twisty plot line here, and while it's occasionally a bit slow and definitely cringey, it's also really quite compelling. Rose actually makes readers feel *good* about a character who indulges in something so entirely, repulsively taboo, which is a very surprising – but oddly satisfying – aspect of this unique tale. Readers, in fact, will be drawn to the character Margo's innocence-turned-eyes-wide-open and it could make you grow a little protective of her as she matures over the pages. That feeling plays well inside the story and it makes the will-they-won't-they ending positively shivery.

Bottom line, if you have a taste for the macabre with a side-order of sympathy, then “The Lamb” is your book and don't miss it. Fans of horror stories, this is a novel you'll eat right up.



We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining - they just shine. *Dwight L. Moody*



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Poet's Corner

by True Hoffman

Blurryvisions Paperback – March 21, 2025 - 15.00 - 153 pages
by True Rivir Newland (Author)



Blurryvisions is a visceral collection of poetry and prose that delves into disillusionment, identity, and the contradictions of modern America. Through striking imagery and raw emotion, the book explores societal decay, political corruption, media manipulation, and the fragile line between myth and reality.

At its heart, blurryvisions is also a deeply personal exploration of sexuality, gender, and the universal need for love and acceptance. It challenges rigid societal norms, embracing the truth that everyone deserves to be seen and loved for who they truly are.

Interwoven with themes of immigration, religion, climate catastrophe, and memory, the collection forces readers to confront both the world's horrors and its lingering beauty. In the blurred spaces between hope and despair, between past and future, blurryvisions finds its voice—one that demands to be heard.

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**The first anti-LGBTQ+ bill of 2025
has been introduced in Ohio:**
and we need you more than ever.

The first anti-LGBTQ+ bill of 2025 has been introduced in Ohio, marking the beginning of our fight this year. House Bill 172 would block young people from accessing mental health support without parental notification—cutting off a crucial lifeline for LGBTQ+ youth who may not have affirming homes.

HB 172 strips access to temporary mental health services for young people experiencing abuse or crisis.

It doesn't just target LGBTQ+ youth—it prevents all young people from working with a counselor without immediate parental involvement.

No hearings have been scheduled yet, but we must be ready.

At the same time, Senate Bill 1, which attacks Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) efforts, free speech, and workers' rights on college campuses, is moving fast in the House.

Bans DEI programs, orientations, trainings, and entire departments.

Restricts public colleges and universities from taking positions on so-called “controversial” issues.

Strips university employees of their right to strike.

Expected to be voted on as soon as next week.

HB 172 is the first explicitly anti-LGBTQ+ bill of the year, but it won't be the last. These attacks on our community—and on allied communities, especially Black and Brown Ohioans—demand action.

The fight begins now. Can you join Defenders of Equality to power this work? [Join Defenders of Equality](#)

This next chapter isn't going to write itself; we must be the ones to write it.

In solidarity,
The team at Equality Ohio

Senate Bill 1 was overwhelmingly opposed in public testimony. Why did it pass? | *Opinion by Deborah C. Smith, Professor, Kent State University*

Senate Bill 1, dubbed “The Advance Ohio Higher Education Act,” is overwhelmingly opposed by professors and students at Ohio’s public colleges and universities. More than 800 concerned citizens submitted formal testimony in opposition to SB 1 prior to the Feb. 12 hearing by the Senate Higher Education Committee. By contrast, only 14 individuals submitted testimony in favor of the bill.

Despite the overwhelming opposition, the bill was voted out of committee and approved by the full Senate the very next day. But what is SB 1?

Although touted as a bill enhancing free speech on the campuses of Ohio’s public colleges and universities, SB 1 would have the opposite effect. It explicitly censors the speech of Ohio’s public institutions of higher education and would severely chill the freedom of expression of individual faculty and administrators.

While corporations, nonprofit organizations, private colleges and universities, and a wide range of government agencies enjoy freedom of expression, Ohio’s public colleges and universities would be prohibited from taking positions on any “controversial belief or policy.” The bill defines a “controversial belief or policy” as “any belief or policy that is the subject of political controversy” and lists examples such as “climate policies, electoral politics, foreign policy, diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, immigration policy, marriage, or abortion.”

Strangely, the bill specifies that an institution may “endorse the congress of the United States when it establishes a state of armed hostility against a foreign power,” even though such an action would inevitably be subject to political controversy. The fact that the bill would allow institutions to take a specific stance with respect to one type of controversial policy suggests that the aim of the bill is not to promote free expression in general, but to censor the speech higher education institutions with respect to the beliefs and policies explicitly listed.

Not only would SB 1 ban mandatory diversity, equity, and inclusion training for faculty, students and staff, but also it would prohibit public colleges and universities from providing any form of student support that promotes

the goals of diversity, equity, and/or inclusion.

This aspect of the bill will harm a wide range of students including students of all races, genders, and sexual orientations who are the first in their families to attend college, who have disabilities or who are veterans. It will ensure that those who have historically had privileged access to higher education retain that advantage and that those who lack such historical privilege will continue to struggle feeling that they truly belong. This in no way promotes the “intellectual diversity” the bill claims to champion. Again, it does quite the opposite.

SB 1 also contains provisions wholly intended to weaken faculty unions. It would radically undermine the right of unionized faculty to collectively bargain important terms and conditions of employment, including annual performance reviews, tenure, post-tenure review, and retrenchment (the process by which tenured faculty are laid off when an institution faces significant financial challenges or in other extraordinary circumstances).

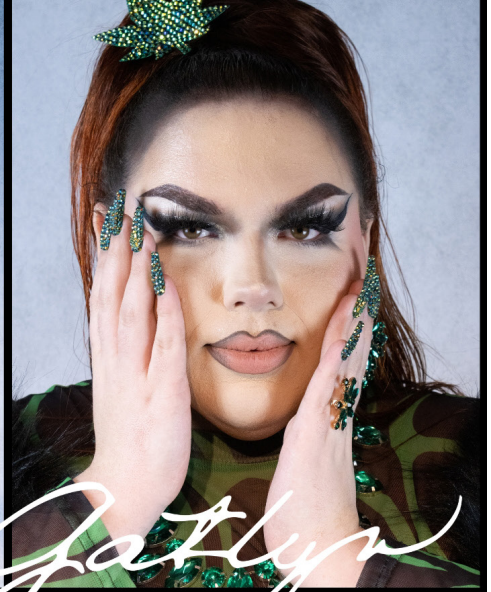
In this regard, SB 1 closely resembles the infamous 2011 Senate Bill 5 that was passed into law during the 129th General Assembly but ultimately repealed in a citizens’ veto referendum. However, SB 1 goes even farther by completely eliminating a faculty union’s right to strike. Members of other public sector unions should take note. SB 1 is likely just the first in a string of anti-union legislation to come out of this General Assembly.

Senate Bill 1 is a sprawling omnibus that represents a significant government overreach into and micromanagement of Ohio’s diverse institutions of higher education. Despite the harmful consequences of the bill and the overwhelming opposition it faces, it is expected that the House of Representatives will similarly rush the bill through committee and to a vote on the House floor.

Individuals who value higher education are well advised to contact Gov. Mike DeWine and urge him to veto SB 1 should it reach his desk. Let him know that if this dangerous bill becomes law, it will degrade the quality of Ohio’s institutions of higher education and exacerbate the brain drain the state is already facing.

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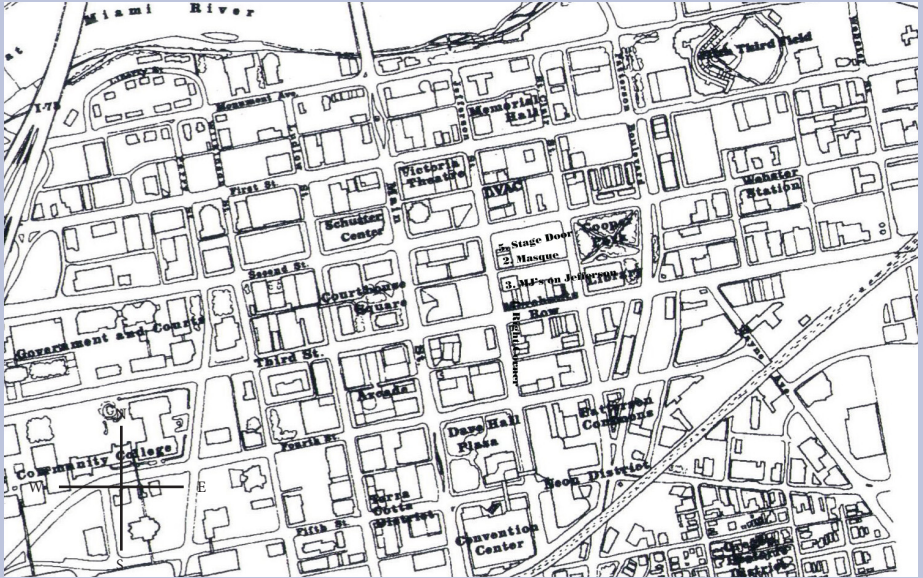


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D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

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2. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (F,M,D,S,E,EDG,V,K)
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5. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
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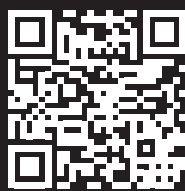


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