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Calendar of Events

Apr. 01, 2023	STI Awareness Month (April)		
Apr. 02, 2023	Palm Sunday		
Apr. 03, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Apr. 03, 2023	7:00 PM	SOAR-Suvivors Overcoming Assault and Rape	Center
Apr. 04, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Apr. 06, 2023	6:00 PM	LGBT Monthly Board Meeting	Center
Apr. 06, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Apr. 10, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Apr. 11, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Apr. 11, 2023	7:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Library
Apr. 12, 2023	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Apr. 13, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Apr. 07, 2023	Good Friday		
Apr. 09, 2023	Easter Sunday		
Apr. 15, 2023	7:00 PM	Spring Community Dinner	Center
Apr. 17, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Apr. 18, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Apr. 18, 2023	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
Apr. 20, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Apr. 21, 2023	Day of Silence (GLSEN)		
Apr. 23, 2023	6:00 PM	PRIDE Planning Meeting	Center
Apr. 23, 2023	7:00 PM	TDOR Planning Meeting	ZOOM
Apr. 25, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Apr. 26, 2023	International Lesbian Visibility Day		
Apr. 25, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Apr. 26, 2023	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center/ZOOM
Apr. 27, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center

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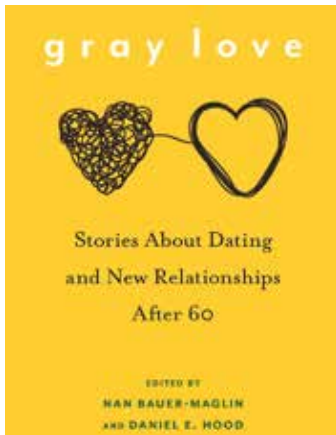
Book Reviews

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"Gray Love: Stories About Dating and New Relationships After 60,"
edited by Nan Bauer-Maglin and Daniel E. Hood c.2023,
Rutgers University Press \$24.95 303 pages



It was supposed to be a nice night out. But you drove around and around looking for the restaurant and once you found it, you learned that you needed reservations. Practically before the evening started, you sensed that your food could be as cold as your date. As in **"Gray Love,"** edited by **Nan Bauer-Maglin and Daniel E. Hood**, looking for love wasn't like this when you were younger.

You thought you'd be happy alone.

After the divorce, the funeral, the last break-up, you didn't think a little you-time was a bad idea. And it wasn't – but love, someone to go to the movies with or dine with or snuggle with, seems more and more appealing now. Today, though, as the forty-two essays in this book confirm and as you've learned, that's easier said than done.

You want a partner, someone your age, but you fear becoming a caretaker. You like doing your own thing, but having someone around to do it with would be nice. You have company but you are "without intimacy." Or you don't want a full-time someone but it's scary to think about "falling off a ladder alone."

So you go online because, well, people don't meet like they used to. That's when you learn that dating sites are generally ripe with people who lie about their ages, who seem clingy or who want things you can't give, "the

Uncertain, the Angry... the Unattractive,” and – let’s be honest – *jerks*. Unlike real life circa 1973 or 1993, there’s nobody to vouch for singles online.

You wonder, “*What would I wear?*” You learn about scams the hard way, while tales of love at way-up-there-ages are inspirational. Experimenting with same sex, different sex, different race isn’t off the table, but nobody’s asked – or you did, and it was wonderful and why didn’t you do that before? Love is love. You date the wrong people, you date the right people, you’re exhausted and disappointed. And sometimes, even for awhile, you’re someone’s “sweetie.”

According to a study quoted in “Gray Love,” about twenty-five percent of American adults live alone. If you’re one of them and open to a relationship, you need this book.

Just know that this is not a how-to manual. Editors Nan Bauer-Maglin and Daniel E. Hood don’t offer advice in their introduction, and most of their storytellers didn’t Ann-Landers their way into this book. Instead, you’ll read tales of dating and mating gone happily right and very, very wrong, told in ways that will make you laugh, sigh, and know that you’re not alone in your late-life search for love. The mixture here is diverse and wide: if one tale makes you want to swear off dating forever, the next one offers *Happily Ever After*.

Be aware that a few of the tales inside “Gray Love” flirt with the explicit and others might ruffle a feather or two. Still, it could be great to share it with a millennial or older GenZ’er, If you see this book on a bookshelf, take it out.



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Drag Ban Or A Step Towards Appeal of Marriage Equality?

by Randy Phillips

Sensationalized headlines pander to the right wing conservatives to push the divide. Is this a sensationalize statement or as the statement from NPR on March 6, 2023 when they stated, “The Anti-Drag bills sweeping the U.S. are straight from history’s playbook. Or is this just a ploy to try to legislate gay people in general back into the closet?”

The bill that passed in Tennessee last week restricts “adult cabaret performances” in public or in the presence of children, and bans them from occurring within 1,000 feet of schools, public parks, or places of worship. This was passed alongside separate legislation that bans transgender minors in Tennessee from receiving gender-affirming care like [puberty blockers, hormones, and surgery](#).

As of a month ago, at least 9 GOP-led state legislatures were [pushing similar anti-drag bills](#) so I would believe it safe to say that this is an orchestrated effort nationwide by the GOP to find a group they demonize to gain traction before the fall elections and run up to presidential elections since they have been losing much of their base due to divisive conservative agendas. The last election they pushed abortion and this topic came back to bite them as many abandon their party over this agenda, so now it is a new tactic, drag performers and the gay community. After all in the 2020 election their printed party platform plainly stated their agenda was to throw out Roe V Wade, and to repeal gay marriage. This would just be the first footsteps in that direction. Is these tactics something new? Not by a long shot. With the Biden administration announcing its support of the LGBTQ community early on, it is not a surprise the GOP is on the attack.

Laws restricting gender expression in public and in private have been around in the U.S. for more than 100 years, [with one in New York only just being repealed in 2021](#). [Critics say](#) the Tennessee bill is so constitutionally vague there is little clarity about what falls under the jurisdiction of the ban, making business owners, performers and others uncertain of what could come next. Others say the laws will be used to target queer Tennesseans everywhere: “It’s ... this subtle and sinister way to further criminalize just being trans,” [ACLU of Tennessee’s Henry Seaton](#)

Jules Gill-Peterson, a historian and professor at Johns Hopkins University, who studies transgender history and the history of sexuality stated:

“Unlike a lot of other anti-LGBT legislation this doesn’t really have any precedent, we actually have almost 150 years worth of laws of this kind. In 1863, San Francisco was actually the very first place to enact a ban, what it called a cross-dressing or masquerade ordinance, which prohibited someone from being out in public if they were wearing clothing that was different from their assigned sex. And those kinds of laws really took off in the late 19th century. They were really used for many decades, well into the 20th century to imperil and harass, but also to silence LGBT people. Because if you were arrested, which was so easy under the way these laws were written, your name might be published in the newspaper, you’d have a criminal record. It could really ruin your employment chances and out you to everyone.

With this legislation in place, it could impact PRIDE events this summer.

“True, the notion that police might arrive at pride and start arresting drag queens, or frankly, anyone who could be dressed in a costume, and because there could be children in the crowd, is really, kind of an incredible thing to imagine happening” said Gill-Peterson.

“But I think this is the sort of uncertainty of how these laws are written. I’m not totally sure Tennessee’s law would necessarily allow the police to take that action, but certainly some of the other laws being considered in other states definitely would.

And so the question is, what is going to be the newfound danger that folks are going to face at a popular family friendly events like Pride? I think that just goes to show how far the reach and the scope of some of these laws really can be that they’re reaching into, and allowing the government to exercise a really powerful degree of authority in determining what you’re allowed to wear, where you’re allowed to be in public, and frankly, how you’re allowed to exist when you’re walking down the street.”

These laws have been repealed before; often this means they must be appealed to the Supreme Court, yet with current make up of the court that could be a whole different challenge.

So is this sensationalize headlining or just a political football by the GOP to take another step towards the goal of repealing marriage equality? This writer believes it is the later.

Greater Dayton LGBT Center Embarks on Capital Campaign

By Rick Flynn

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center recently purchased a new building at 136 North St. Clair Street, just a block and a half from its current location. It's a space previously occupied by Graphics Terminal printing. The new space is approximately double the size of the current Center location—about 10,000 square feet on two floors.



The Board of Directors loved the location and the potential for the new space so it was an easy decision to purchase the property and make a hefty down payment. Now the work begins in transforming the space into something the community can be proud of. Because of that, the Greater Dayton LGBT Center has embarked on a Capital Campaign to raise \$500,000 over the next five years to pay



off the mortgage and make improvements to the space, including building out some small conference rooms, a larger one, a library, a large event space with a stage, a commercial kitchen,

and small offices that can be rented by other LGBTQ+ organizations.

The first phase of work has begun with some demolition of the first floor—creating an open space to start building out the event space, first floor conference rooms and making the gender neutral restrooms accessible.



Look toward Entrance Door

The second phase will hopefully begin early next year and it will include a passenger elevator to make the second floor more



Jim & Chris Clean Up

Donors, starting at the \$1,000 level will be acknowledged on a donor wall inside the main entrance. Benefits and naming rights will increase with the amount of the pledge. The specifics of those naming rights are being determined.



Gus & John install New Floor



Future Stage View

The goal for the new location is to create a safe space for all members of the LGBTQ+ community to come together without fear of exclusion. In these current political times, a safe space is more important than ever. The Center wants to work with many

other organizations to support one another and to be that space, with programs, events, a resource center and educational opportunities that will enrich us all.

To make a donation towards the campaign, follow this QR Code.



Dayton Pride 2023 “United We Can”

(The official PRIDE celebration since 2001)

Planning for Dayton Pride 2023 has kicked off with great zeal. A community meeting was called last month to call for volunteers, committee chairs, and ideas to make Dayton PRIDE bigger and better than ever. Matt Turner volunteered to serve as Pride Chair with Rob Waldron volunteering to serve as co-chair for 2023. Arrone Decadenza has stepped up to chair the entertainment Committee for Dayton PRIDE. While Darryl Bohannon volunteered to chair the Pride parade committee with Hailey Adelaide once again choosing to lead the Children’s planning committees.

With all the publicity that has been given to protesters of the LGBTQ+ community lately in other cities, we do anticipate the possibility of additional such people to be present at Dayton PRIDE. Therefore, Jim Garvey was selected to chair our PRIDE Angels this year. The Angels have been present for the last few years at PRIDE. They are folks who will stand three feet in front of protesters with three foot tall angel wings on their shoulder to block the view so people do not have to see such protesters. This year it is the goal to have enough angels to totally surround them so they cannot be seen at all. We may hear them, but not see them, and music should easily drown them out. These folks should be ignored and not engaged in anyway. This is always the challenge of the angels; they must remain quiet and not engage the protesters no matter what they may say. If this is something you think you could do, please volunteer to help the angels and keep Dayton Pride the friendly family event it has always tried to be. To volunteer to be an angel or join any committee, please email info@daytonLGBTcenter.org or call 937.274-1776. You may also join the PRIDE planning committee as they meet the fourth Sunday of each month at 4 pm at the LGBT Center in Downtown Dayton.

The theme for Dayton PRIDE 2023 is “United We Can” in which the logo utilizes the intersex inclusive Pride flag to insure all individuals are included as we celebrate together. Dayton Pride has always been about self-affirmation, dignity, and acceptance of your authentic self, no matter who you are, or who you love, all are welcome to celebrate you. Our Pride celebration will take place on June 2-4 with the Affair on the Square leading off on June 2nd at Courthouse Square beginning at 6 pm to 10 pm. On Saturday, June 3rd, we begin setting up vendor displays at 9 am with the parade lining up at 10:30 am with the step off promptly at noon. The PRIDE Festival at Courthouse Square begins from Noon to 4 pm June 3th.

June 4th, we kick off the day with the Annual “Running with PRIDE: Celebration sponsored by PFLAG. Registration beginning at 7:30 am at Eastwood Metro Park with the race beginning at 9 am. Early registration has begun. If you sign up early this will guarantee the individual a T-shirt, medal, and goodie bag with deadline for early registration ending May 1st. [Sign up HERE: https://runsignup.com/Race/Info/OH/Dayton/RunningwithPride5kRunWalk](https://runsignup.com/Race/Info/OH/Dayton/RunningwithPride5kRunWalk)

On June 17th, the Dayton Gay Men’s Chorus will present their Annual PRIDE Concert at the Masonic Center at 8 PM.

So a very exciting PRIDE Season is about to unfold. Happy PRIDE!

PRIDE Confusion and Controversy

There has been much talk and confusion, about the two advertised PRIDE events talking place on at the first of June in Dayton. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, a 501c3 established in 1976, who has organized and held PRIDE events in Dayton for well over 20 years on the 1st weekend in June, continues to hold PRIDE Events on June 2nd , June 3rd, and June 4th. While virtually all events are free of charge, any and all proceeds from the events go right back into the LGBTQ+ community as they support The Greater Dayton LGBT Center and PFLAG Dayton. The Affair on the Square, the Annual Pride Parade, and Festival at Courthouse Square Continues this long tradition along with PFLAG Dayton's Annual Running with PRIDE. All in a very family friendly atmosphere.

The Dykes of Dayton, Inc. did begin planning Pride events last year in the Oregon district and again have events planned for this year. They are a relatively new organization in that they did not obtain their 501c3 status until August of 2022. They have a number of events listed on their flyer. If the group truly sought to bring about "Oneness" perhaps choosing another weekend so PRIDE could indeed be felt thorough June and celebrated without a look of divide.

Pride does not halt with the month of June as it continues on July 8, 2023 for Dayton Black PRIDE with another opportunity to embrace and support the LGBTQ+ black and brown communities and promote racial equality for all.

PRIDE will move forward as there is much PRIDE in this City and in our people. Dayton Pride will be a great celebration with many of these opportunities for you wish to particiapte. In all ways, Stand Tall, Stand Proud, Stand United, as Untied We Can and celebrate PRIDE all year round as an everyday example.

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Sensationalized Headlines and Political Aspirations Push the Agendas

On March 21, 2023 was the much-sensationalized courtroom trial in Xenia, OH of Rachel Glines who was charged with three counts of “Public Indecency” for three separate incidents that allegedly happened sometime between November of 2021 to November 2022. All three charges are fourth degree misdemeanors, which could carry up to a 30 day sentence and fine for each charge. The attorney for the defense, earlier this month filed motion to dismiss the third charge as it had no date in which the incident occurred, arguing that the vagueness of the accusation against her violates her right to due process. The prosecutions arguments were that the date is not a “material determinate” to the case against her.

The headlines heralded: A transgender woman has been charged with public indecency for using the women’s changing facilities at a local YMCA branch in Xenia, Ohio. The same article that bore these headlines also when on to say: “A woman who was at the YMCA with her two teenage daughters, aged 13 and 16, claimed she saw a “completely naked man” who was “facing away from his locker” and “completely exposed to the rest of the locker area,” according to the police report.” Yet in courtroom testimony on March 21st, various witnesses were called to the stand, and under oath, none testified they saw anything more than a glimpse at a cheek. So, the whole charge of nudity and exposure is yet to be proved. Yet, one community member in attendance did personally witness the City Council President conspiring in the hallway of the Justice center with other residents. It seems conspiring and conspiracy abounds as this sensationalize trial moves on.

Trial observer’s perspective: by Michael Knot

First, I arrived at 8:15 in the morning and was one of the first if not the first at the law center on the second floor waiting area. People started to arrive including Rachel, her lawyers and the community in support. There were two individuals with signs of support on the corner by the main courthouse. At roughly 9am the doors of the court room opened and people were let into the court. As far as those against Rachel many met downstairs but there were three that were upstairs waiting also. In total support there was about 25-30 people.

There was a total of three witnesses a detective and a police officer for the prosecution.

The first witness knew Rachel as she was growing up and had them over to her house to play with their children over the years and knew her deeply and felt very safe over the years. But, seeing her in the locker room scared her in such a way that she was shaken to the core. She made full assumptions of Rachel and said that she was wearing a bathing suit, but didn't see anything. The claim of heavy breathing and a "man in the locker room," considering people are working out at the Y... the eye rolls of the testimony of this first witness that had full trust in Rachel and was even in her presence multiple times though the year, made no sense how there was such panic.

The second witness said she saw Rachel naked but that the parts of her body by the law that dictate exposure was covered by other parts of her body. That she was in fear for her safety and her children's safety and that as a parent she had instructed her children to stay in their showers out of her fear for them.

The third witness said she wasn't aware of Rachel but had been made aware of Rachel by her parents. That she had body issues with being naked and had self image issues and said that she perceived Rachel to be naked in the locker room but once again saw nothing that the law would dictate as exposure. She also said that she made a point to take extra steps to see Rachel as she was changing.

The defense presenting a pile of case law showing that because no one actually saw anything as far as the term exposure the case should be dismissed. The judge didn't agree, and the case continued.


Let it be said clearly that the misgendering of the prosecution was beyond ridiculous. It felt that he was making it a point to misgender Rachel more than present a case. The judge said "neutrally" in his own words no matter the prosecutor just didn't have experience in such things and basically felt like he was receiving a pass. The only reason I say a pass is because the judge said multiple times this is the last time and the prosecutor kept on and kept on with nothing done besides eye rolls. The defense called an executive director for the YMCA at one of the locations. The judge asked for post trial briefs. The decision should be coming in the first week of April.

Post trial in the hallway, Will Urshel the city council president was there and was talking with people in the hallway about the case and how they

were pushing to win the case. It was the same narrative as a leaked video that he had given some months earlier how he demonstrated his cause for making charges happen.

I will say that this council president has made the trial feel more than professional and personal and many believe the conduct of this person and the cities handling of the case should be investigated. That being said with video evidence and his own words multiple complaints have been made to state and federal agencies surrounding the conduct and personal agenda of this council president. The news asked for statements of the law director for the city and the city said clearly that the statements of the president of the city council don't align with them. But as of Tuesday, March 21, 2023 of this week, he was still pushing the same narrative unharnessed by the city disassociating with his position.

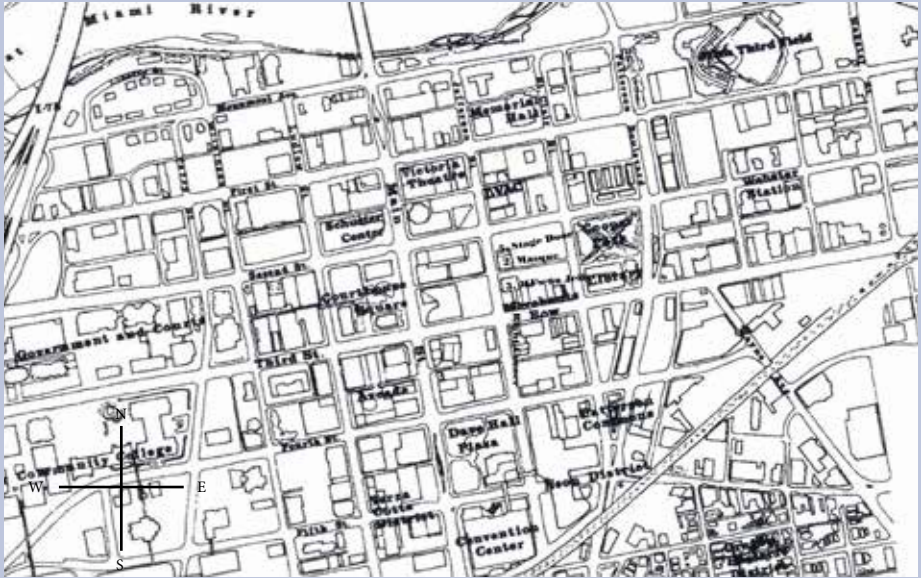
I will say that the prosecution doesn't have a case and also after sitting in a trial for over three hours, the majority of the community didn't show up opposed to Rachel. It feels like a personal conviction of a pastor, Will Urschel turned city council president and some faith members in the community that knew Rachel personally or where told by a family member or friend to push a set of charges. It feels like the crime was fear without seeing anything and the narrative of faith to harm those that don't believe the same. The legal system may not see it the same way but sitting in the courtroom listening to it all shows narrative and that narrative should also bring forward questions as to the handling of this case. Let it be noted that the prosecution also answers to Will Urschel as the council president in some form and if nothing else friends and business professionals pushing personal narratives should be looked at closely and questioned.



It is impossible to struggle for civil rights, equal rights for blacks, without including whites. Because equal rights, fair play, justice, are all like the air: we all have it, or none of us has it. That is the truth of it.

Maya Angelou

GayDaytonMap



18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. Evolution, 130 N Patterson 203-2582 (18+,Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG)
3. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (18+,F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
4. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
5. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
6. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
7. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson 274-1776

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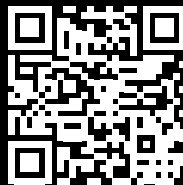


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