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COMEDY  
NITE

BENEFIT  
COMEDY SHOW  
APRIL 6, 2024

GREATER DAYTON LGBT CENTER  
136 N. ST CLAIR STREET, DAYTON



SHOWTIME 7:30PM

THE GREATER DAYTON



GENERAL ADMISSION: \$20.00

CENTER MEMBERS: \$18.00

VIP TABLE PACKAGE: \$175.00

VIP TABLE SEATING FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE  
COMPLIMENTARY TABLE NIBBLES  
6 COMPLIMENTARY DRINK TICKETS PER TABLE



# Calendar of Events

		STI Awareness Month	
April 01	1:30-4:30 PM	HIV Testing at the Center	Center
April 01	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
April 01	7:00 PM	SOAR (Survivors Overcoming Assault & Rape)	Center
April 02	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
April 04	6:00 PM	LGBT Board Meeting	Center
April 04	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
April 05	7:00 PM	Religious Trauma Support	Center
April 06	7:30 PM	LGBTQ+ Comedy Nite	Center
April 08	1:30-4:30 PM	HIV Testing at the Center	Center
April 08	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
April 09	6:30 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Center
April 10	7:00 PM	Positive Attitudes	Center
April 11	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
April 15	1:30-4:30 PM	HIV Testing at the Center	Center
April 15	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
April 16	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
April 18	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
April 20	4:00- 6:00 PM	Community Dinner at the Center	Center
April 21	3:00 PM	MV Primetimers Potluck Dinner	Center
April 22	1:30-4:30 PM	HIV Testing at the Center	Center
April 22	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
April 24	7:00 PM	Positive Attitudes	Center
April 25	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
April 28	2:00 PM	PRIDE Planning Meeting	Center
April 29	1:30-4:30 PM	HIV Testing at the Center	Center
April 29	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center

When everything seems to be going against you, remember the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it. **Henry Ford**

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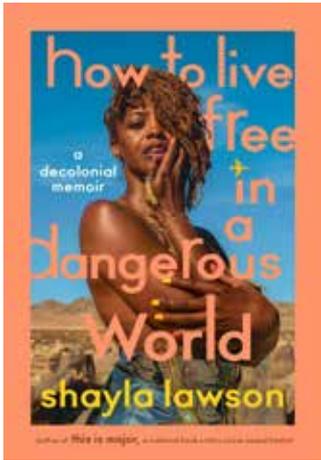
# Book Reviews

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"How to Live Free in a Dangerous World: A Decolonial Memoir" by Shayla Lawson c.2024, Tiny Rep Books / Penguin \$29.00 303 pages



Do you really need three pairs of shoes? The answer is probably yes: you can't dance in hikers, you can't shop in stilettos, you can't hike in clogs. So what else do you overpack on this long-awaited trip? Extra shorts, extra tees, you can't have enough things to wear. And in the new book **"How to Live Free in a Dangerous World"** by **Shayla Lawson**, you'll need to bring your curiosity.

Minneapolis has always been one of their favorite cities, perhaps because Shayla Lawson was at one of Prince's first concerts. They

weren't born yet; they were there in their mother's womb and it was the first of many concerts.

In all their travels, Lawson has noticed that "being a Black American" has its benefits. People in other countries seem to hold Black Americans in higher esteem than do people in America. Still, there's racism – for instance, their husband's family celebrates Christmas in blackface. Yes, Lawson was married to a Dutch man they met in Harlem. "Not Haarlem," Lawson is quick to point out, and after the wedding, they became a housewife, learned the language of their husband, and fell in love with his grandmother. Alas, he cheated on them and the marriage didn't last. He gave them a dog, which loved them more than the man ever did.

They've been to Spain, and saw a tagline in which a dark-skinned Earth Mother was created. Said Lawson, "I find it ironic, to be ordained a deity when it's been a... journey to be treated like a person."

They've fallen in love with "middle-American drag: it's the glitteriest because our mothers are the prettiest." They changed their pronouns after a struggle "to define my identity," pointing out that in many languages, pronouns are "genderless." They looked upon Frieda Kahlo in Mexico, and thought about their own disability. And they wish you a good trip, wherever you're going. "No matter where you are," says Lawson, "may you always be certain who you are. And when you are, get everything you deserve."

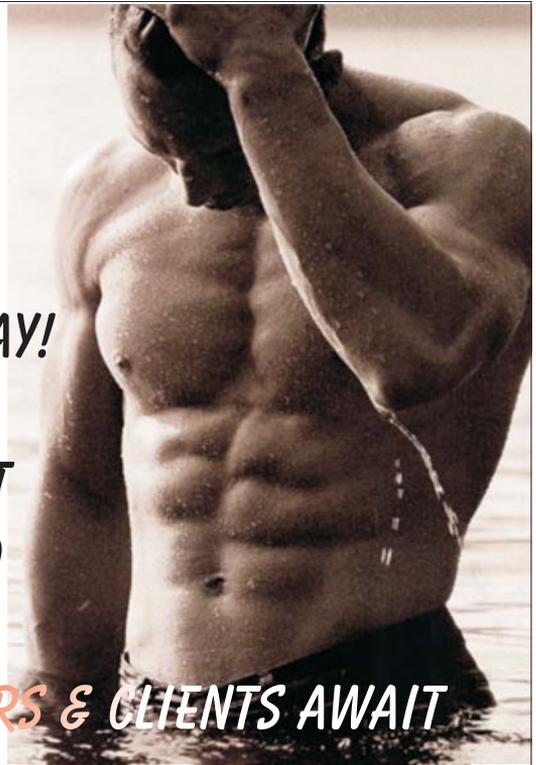
Crack open the front cover of "How to Live Free in a Dangerous World" and you might wonder what the heck you just got yourself into. The first chapter is artsy, painted with watercolors, and difficult to peg. Stick around, though. It gets better. Past that opening, author Shayna Lawson takes readers on a not-so-little trip, both world-wide and with observant eyes – although it seems, at times, that the former is secondary to that which Lawson sees. Readers won't mind that so much; the observations on race, beauty, love, the attitudes of others toward America, and finding one's best life are really what takes the wheel in this memoir anyhow. Reading this book, therefore, is not so much a vacation as it is a journey of discovery and joy.

Just be willing to keep reading, that's all you need to know to get the most out of this book. Stick around and "How to Live Free in a Dangerous World" is what to pack.

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**The total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 is one of the year's most significant astronomical events.**

Observers from the U.S. and Mexico, and Canada will have the chance to witness this event and we here in the Miami Valley are in prime position to view this phenomenon.

### **What is a total solar eclipse?**

A total solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between the Sun and the Earth and completely blocks the view of the solar disc. During a total eclipse we can see the Sun's corona (the outer atmosphere).

Why is the total solar eclipse 2024 special?

### **Over 600,000,000 watchers**

The total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, will be visible over North America (that's why the event is also known as the Great Northern American Eclipse). About 652,000,000 people living in the United States, Canada, Mexico and other countries will be able to see at least a partial eclipse, and 438,000,000 of them will be within the totality path.

### **Big Corona**

Like the Moon, the Sun has cycles. A solar cycle lasts 11 years, during which time the Sun's activity (number and size of sunspots, level of solar radiation, solar flares and coronal loops) varies. The total solar eclipse of 2024 falls during the maximum activity period, so the Sun's corona (the outermost part of the Sun's atmosphere) during the totality is expected to be huge.

### **Bright comet and planets in the sky**

During the eclipse, observers can see comet 12P/Pons-Brooks at 27° from the Sun. The comet may be bright enough to be visible to the naked eye (its apparent magnitude will be around 4), but the sunlight might obstruct the view. Planets Venus and Jupiter will also be in the sky along the eclipsed Sun. You can easily spot all these objects with the help of a stargazing app.

*Information provided by Stargazing News*



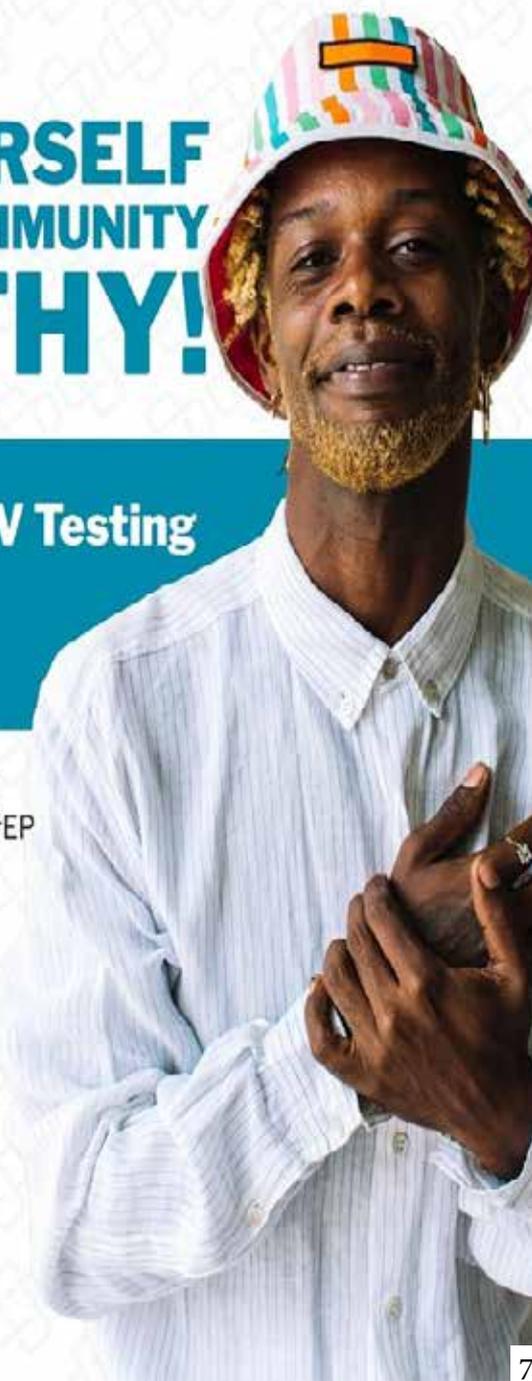
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# Apple Vision Pro

*By Paul Simmons*

As a long-time Appleholic, resisting the urge to buy Apple's latest technological wonder was impossible.

About 2 months in with the Apple Vision Pro (AVP)...

First, it's an amazing piece of technology! Spatial Computing (Apple's name) has to be experienced to understand and appreciate. Secondly, this is obviously a first-gen teaser of what's to come. Yes, it's typical Apple in its polish and attention to detail, but there are still a lot of areas in need of further development - both software and hardware. So, here are some initial thoughts, in no particular order of importance...

It's hard to wear more than a couple of hours or so at a time - even with either of the supplied head bands - it starts to weigh down on your face, particularly the bridge of your nose.

There is a minor problem with lens flare - once you notice it, it can be annoying. And, once you see it, you can't unsee it!

You can't cry when watching content... there's no place for the tears to go! The face band has a tight light seal around your face. Keeping the battery connected to a power source full time seems to be best - if the battery gets too low, the AVP sleeps/shuts down and no longer syncs with iCloud. Battery life is a couple of hours or so. The battery is external and hangs down on a cable.

3D movies (lots on AppleTV, no extra fee) are really fun, but not as sharp as I'd like. That's probably a 3D encoding problem...

You can record 3D content on iPhone 15s or on the AVP. If you record local video in 3D with an iPhone or the AVP... wow!

Movies and TV shows look really awesome... everything I've watched so far has a theatrical film quality, not a 4K video image where you can count every hair on an actor's head! I actually prefer the theatrical appearance.

Adding a Magic Trackpad and Magic Keyboard really enhance the user interface experience. The popup keyboard is clunky at

best and hard to use. Bluetooth mice are not supported. Apple's interface tracks your eye movements and what you're looking at.

Stare at a button or some menu item, then tap your fingers together to select it. Move your hand up and down or left and right to scroll.

The built-in speakers in the headband above your ears are exceptional. I've experimented with Air Pods Pro 2 to replace the speakers... the speakers actually sound much better - a fuller, more immersive, sound.

Eating/drinking while wearing AVP can be problematic... if you're in an immersive environment (your room is totally masked), you can't see your hands, you can't see an object to grab/pick up - you can't see where your mouth is!!!

The AVP app store has a growing number of apps specifically engineered for the AVP. Quite a few take advantage of the 3D capabilities. A lot of iPad apps will work, and many developers are promising AVP versions in the near future. Interestingly, Apple's core apps - Pages, Numbers, and KeyNote, are not available yet.

Bottom line, I'm impressed and can't wait to see where Apple goes with the AVP. And, I'm still learning... the more I use it, the more I discover.



# Spring Community Dinner



Saturday April 20th  
4:00 PM ~ 6:00 PM

Indulge in a delicious feast and celebrate the spirit of community with us at our free Annual Spring Community Dinner! Whether you identify as LGBTQ+ or an ally, everyone is welcome to come together in a space of warmth, acceptance, and inclusion.

This dinner isn't just about food; it's about forging connections, sharing stories, and creating a stronger, more vibrant community. Meet new friends, catch up with old ones, and revel in the joy of togetherness.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to break bread with fellow community members and experience the love and support that the Greater Dayton LGBT Center strives to provide.

Spread the word, bring your appetite, and let's make unforgettable memories!

# Gay Dayton Map



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. Mj's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
3. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
4. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
5. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
6. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 136 N. St Clair 274-1776

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