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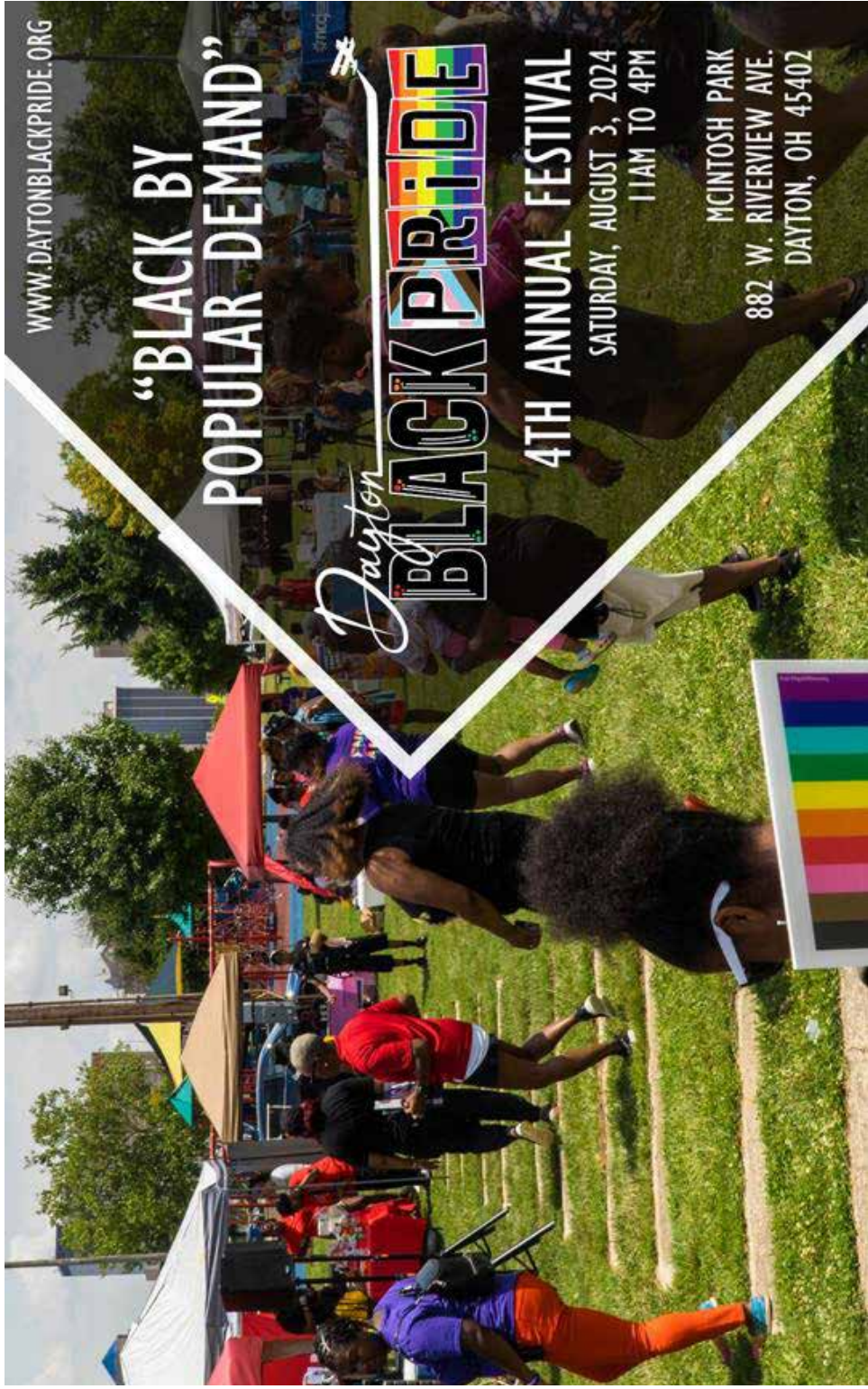
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024
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Calendar of Events

Aug., 01,	6:00 PM	LGBTQ Center Board Meeting	Center
Aug., 01,	7:00 PM	Yoga with Matt	Center
Aug., 03,	11:00 AM	Dayton Black Pride	McIntosh Park
Aug., 04,	3:00 PM	8/4 Memorial Dedication	Oregon Dist.
Aug., 05,	1:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
Aug., 05,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Aug., 06,	6:30 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Aug., 08,	7:00 PM	Yoga with Matt	Center
Aug., 12,	1:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
Aug., 12,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Aug., 13,	6:00 PM	PFLAG Dayton	Center
Aug., 13,	6:30 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Aug., 14,	11:30 AM	Rainbow Elder Care	Center
Aug., 14,	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Aug., 15,	7:00 PM	Yoga with Matt	Center
Aug., 18,	3:00 PM	Miami Valley Primetimers Meeting/Potluck	Center
Aug., 19,	1:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
Aug., 19,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Aug., 20,	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
Aug., 22,	7:00 PM	Yoga with Matt	Center
Aug., 26,	1:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
Aug., 26,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Aug., 28,	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Aug., 29,	7:00 PM	Yoga with Matt	Center

All I can say about life is, 'Oh God, enjoy it!' Bob Newhart

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Book Reviews

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"The Guncle Abroad" by Steven Rowley c.2024, Putnam
\$29.00 307 pages



The cake's going to be *magnificent*.

You must've tasted fifteen different samples and a dozen frostings, and considered five unique looks before settling on a showstopper. Next, you have to get invitations addressed and in the mail. You have to confirm the tuxes. You have to get flowers and centerpieces ordered. As in "**The Guncle Abroad**" by Steven Rowley," you have to get everyone on-board.

Patrick O'Hara couldn't believe how his life had changed.

A few short years ago, he was living in Palm Springs, having "retired" from making films. He was in love, happy, and he had temporary custody of his niece, Maisie, and his nephew, Grant. Life was good.

Now... *oh boy*. Patrick and Emory had split-ish (Emory was still living in Patrick's California home), Patrick was living in Manhattan, making a movie in London, looking for another role soon, and the kids were four years older. Maisie was an attitudinal teen now, Grant was nine and too wise for his age.

They weren't the cuddly kids Patrick once knew – especially since their dad, Patrick's brother, Greg, was getting married again and the kids didn't like Livia, their wealthy socialite stepmom-to-be. Patrick suspected it was because Grant and Maisie still missed their Mom. It hadn't been all that long since Sara died. Was a new marriage an insult to old memories? Patrick didn't think so, and he'd prove it. While Greg and Livia were last-minute wedding-planning, he bought three Eurail passes, one for him and one each for the kids. He'd give them some culture *and* some new Guncle rules about love. Maybe – was it possible? – he'd even become their favorite GUP again.

But Maisie and Grant had other ideas. They agreed to go on the stupid trip around Europe with their GUP, if Patrick agreed to talk to Greg about calling off the entire wedding. Something old (memories), something new (stepmother), something borrowed (trouble), and something blue (two kids) just had to be undone, and soon.

There's an old saying, to paraphrase, that if the wedding is perfectly smooth, the marriage won't be. With this in mind, "The Guncle Abroad" is covered: add a snarky lesbian with an entourage, a tipsy sister on a manhunt, a Lothario who doesn't speak English, and lost love, all at a lakeside hotel, and yeah, we're good.

But here's the thing: author Steven Rowley doesn't just make readers laugh. We're covered on that part, too, because the whole pre-wedding scene in this book is pure chaos and LOL funny. Long before that, though, you'll be charmed by Rowley's main character and his desperation to stay relevant, to avoid-not-avoid love, and by his efforts to connect with his brother's kids. And after the not-so-storybook wedding, well, you know how those things are.

Bring tissues, that's all you need to know.

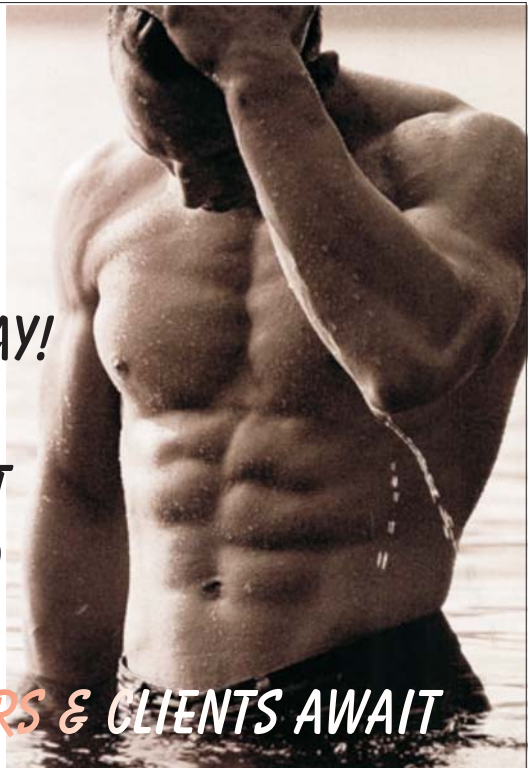
If you're in need of a rom-com this summer, just bring the bubbly, pop a cork, and make it this one. Reading "The Guncle Abroad" is best for beach, bench, or back yard.

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Poets Corner
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The Rainclouds - The Sun - And The View

when light is here or dark is there and when these things collide
it does not mean you shouldn't let the tears fall from your eyes

there is no way to change the past the void - the black - the blue
for we should all appreciate
the rainclouds - the sun - and the view

for when the sky breaks open
just to breathe the dawn of day
the rain will come to lift you up
and wash the pain away

remember this before you leave remember this forever
sometimes in life we must accept that dark and light go together

kaleidoscopes without the light will all be filled with dark
and places where the lovers go need light from all the stars

there is no way to change the past the void - the black - the blue
for we should just appreciate
all the colors of me and you

and when you feel like falling
I'll be here - for this is true
I will hold you close and love
the rainclouds - the sun - and the view



8/4 Memorial

On August 4th, 2024, on the 5th anniversary of the mass shooting that took place in the Oregon District, “The Seeds of Life” memorial will be unveiled and dedicated. The design for this memorial was chosen by a committee made up of artist and community leaders to reflect creation, inspiration, and community growth since the horrific event that left 9 people dead, besides the assailant and many others injured.

“The memorial is to honor nine lives that were lost on August 4, 2019,” said Jes McMillan, executive director of the Mosaic Institute who has worked so diligently with her team to create a mosaic of healing and togetherness that provides the ground work before the 9 sculptures within the memorial along with the live plantings to represent those that were injured, and a large bench where people can sit and reflect.

“These things have a long-term impact. That is the only thing I can stress because I get that a lot, you know? Oh, it’s been going on for five years, you should feel better, or you should be doing alright. There is no time limit on trauma,” said Dion Green, mass shooting survivor.

Join us on August 4th, from 3-4 pm for the dedication of this historic piece. Next door to the Trolley Stop, 530 E. Fifth Street in the Oregon District.

The artist team includes:

Terry Welker, FAIA: architect/sculptor, team leader

Sierra Leone: poet, educator, community builder

Jes McMillan: artist, community builder, The Mosaic Institute

James Pate: artist, designer, community builder

“This memorial will be an important step in the healing process as we remember those who were lost and grieve with those who were affected by this tragedy in the heart of our community,” said Sandy Hunt, memorial co-chair.

Funding for the 8/4 Memorial is possible thanks to the support from the CareSource Foundation, City of Dayton, Conor Group Kids & Community Partners, Dayton Children’s Hospital, Kettering Health Network, Montgomery County, Premier Health, Sinclair College, University of Dayton and donations from the Gem City Shine hosted by Dave Chappelle.

“Give Me An America” - by True Rivir Newland

Give me an America

Where two groups of people don't argue over whether the assassination attempt was real or not,

Wondering if Trump pulled a gun out of his pocket and tried to shoot himself in the ear.

Give me an America that doesn't blame all of Biden's mistakes on his age.

Give me an America that can stay united regardless of who the president is.

Give me an America that can accept the results in November without any bloodshed,

Without any opinionated news channels,

Without any corrupt corporations from either side.

More importantly,

Give me an America that doesn't film TikTok dancing videos at Ground Zero in New York.

Give me an America that educates itself on who to vote for instead of voting because it's red, blue, or green.

Give me an America where the individual is more attractive than a group, Where self-education is more paramount than a cumulative belief.

Give me an America that sincerely creates more jobs,

One that feels safe to walk through despite political differences.

Give me an America that loses less life in wars we didn't have to fight in the first place.

Give me an America that doesn't think Joe Biden's letter about dropping out is somehow artificial intelligence,

And an America that doesn't do the same for the blood on Trump's face.

Give me an America where it doesn't feel scary to put an American flag and a pride flag in your yard at the same time, not afraid of either flag offending anyone,

Where you can have dinner with Biden supporters

And Trump supporters

And any other supporters, all at the same time,

Where you can be adults and share different opinions without screaming at one another.

Give me an America that believes in liberty again,

Give me an America that believes in

Freedom, success, change, growth, peace,

Love, democracy, respect, honor, dignity, valor.

Give me an America where I can live in no fear

Of a bullet entering my chest and

Exiting like light when its bones become ghosts on the Fourth of July.

Give me an America where I can hold anything American and not feel guilty,

For the America I have had its stars stripped and frayed
Like the threads of democracy and freedom.
The America we have waits for us to picnic on top of the flag
And shoot firecrackers into its skin.

Give me an America
Where the cross isn't the only
Symbol advertised as the logo
Of Heaven,
Where the homeless don't have to tightrope
Next to death,

An America where tithing in a church is not
The only hill you can die on while speaking
From a burning tongue.

Give me an America
Where the Statue of Liberty doesn't grab the cables of the Golden Gate
Bridge
And hangs a noose from the sky.

Give me an America
Where a trans person isn't considered a pedophile because of one incident
from someone else,
Where a person of color isn't considered someone who "uses the govern-
ment to get by,"

Where the body of someone who is disabled
Isn't called "ugly, disgusting, and a waste of space."

Give me an America where the dog doesn't get left outside
To howl at the moon,
Where it doesn't feel like gravity holds it closer
Than two hands in a home.

Give me an America where father absence meets father presence and
makes a truce,

Where the veins of addicts no longer carry poison,
Where pills and needles no longer steal time away from an addict,
Where a tomorrow morning makes room for the past,

Where we can only learn from it,

Where we can't run from it,
And where America roams free
Forever.

Where a blind person can touch the stars and read back their words in
Braille,

And where those words translate to say,
"We witness your light—may we burn bright with you—forever."

Give me an America,
America.

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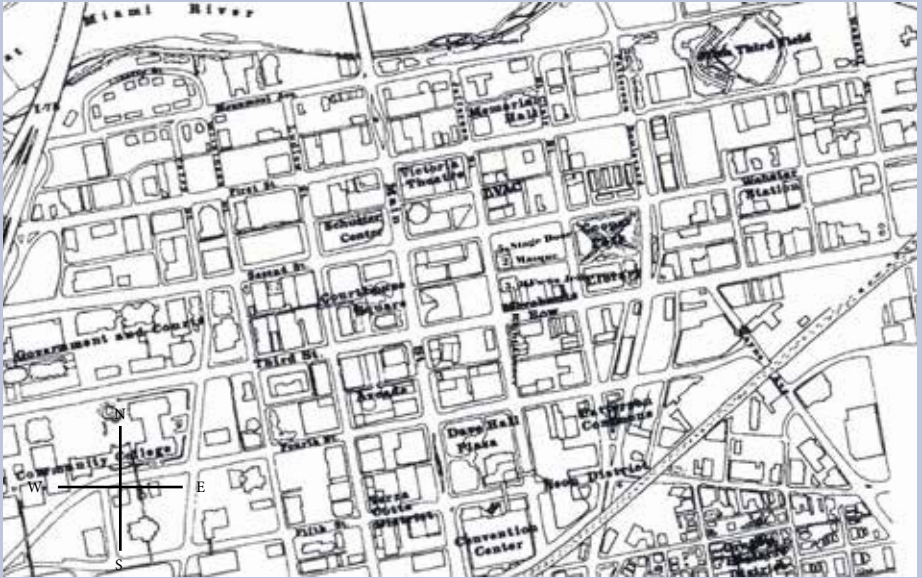


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18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

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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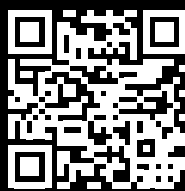


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Beer Menu



Bourbon Menu