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FOR PRIDE!

Saturday
February 22nd

Poelking Lanes
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Calendar of Events

- Jan. 31 11:55 PM Deadline for 2025 Horizons of Aging Breakout Proposals
- Feb. 01 **Black History Month**
- Feb. 02 2:00 PM Cultural Arts Book Series "Kissing Girls on Shabbat" Zoom
[Click here to register and Join the series](#)
- Feb. 03 1:30 PM HIV Testing with Equitas Center
- Feb. 03 7:00 PM LGBTQ AA Group Center
- Feb. 06 6:00 PM Center's Monthly Board Meeting Center
- Feb. 10 1:30 PM HIV Testing with Equitas Center
- Feb. 10 7:00 PM LGBTQ AA Group Center
- Feb. 11 6:30 PM PFLAG Valentine's Day Party Center
- Feb. 12 6:00 PM Q+ Youth Valentine Party Center
- Feb. 12 7:00 PM Pozitive Attitudes HIV Support Group [Zoom](#)
- Feb. 15 **Valentine's Day**
- Feb. 15 7:00 PM Annual Women's Valentine Dance Center
- Feb. 16 3:00 PM Miami Valley Primetimers Potluck Center
- Feb. 17 **President's Day**
- Feb. 17 1:00 PM HIV Testing with Equitas Center
- Feb. 17 7:00 PM The Gatlyn Dame Group Center
- Feb. 22 1:00 PM Bowling for PRIDE Poelking Lanes
- Feb. 23 2:00 PM PRIDE Planning Meeting Center
- Feb. 24 1:30 PM HIV Testing with Equitas Center
- Feb. 24 7:00 PM LGBTQ AA Group Center
- Feb. 26 7:00 PM Pozitive Attitudes HIV Support Group [Zoom](#)



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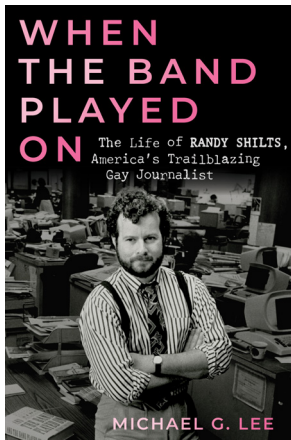
Book Reviews

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"When the Band Played On: The Life of Randy Shilts, America's Trailblazing Gay Journalist" by Michael G. Lee c.2025,
Chicago Review Press \$30.00 282 pages



You spent most of your early career playing second fiddle.

But now you've got the baton, and a story to tell that people aren't going to want to hear, though it's essential that they face the music. They must know what's happening. As in the new book "**When the Band Played On**" by Michael G. Lee, this time, it's personal.

Born in 1951 in small-town Iowa, Randy Shilts was his alcoholic, abusive mother's third of six sons. Frustrated, drunk, she reportedly beat Shilts almost daily when he was young; she also called

him a "sissy," which "seemed to follow Randy everywhere."

Perhaps because of the abuse, Shilts had to "teach himself social graces," developing "adultlike impassiveness" and "biting sarcasm," traits that featured strongly as he matured and became a writer. He was exploring his sexuality then, learning "the subtleties of sexual communication," while sleeping with women before fully coming out as gay to friends.

Nearing his twenty-first birthday, Shilts moved to Oregon to attend college and to "allow myself love." There, he became somewhat of an activist before leaving San Francisco to fully pursue journalism, focusing on stories of gay life that were "mostly unknown to anyone outside of gay culture."

He would bounce between Oregon and California several times, though he never lost sight of his writing career and, through it, his activism. In both states, Shilts reported on gay life, until he was well-known to national readers and gay influencers. After San Francisco supervisor Harvey Milk was assassinated, he was tapped to write Milk's biography.

By 1982, Shilts was in love, had a book under his belt, a radio gig, and a regular byline in a national publication reporting "on the GRID beat," an

acronym later changed to AIDS. He was even under contract to write a second book.

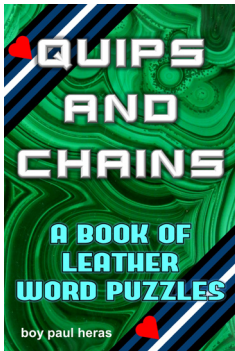
But Shilts was careless. Just *once*, careless.

“In hindsight,” says Lee, “... it was likely the night when Randy crossed the line, becoming more a part of the pandemic than just another worried bystander.”

Perhaps not surprisingly, there are two distinct audiences for “When the Band Played On.” One type of reader will remember the AIDS crisis and the seminal book about it. The other is too young to remember it, but needs to know Randy Shilts’ place in its history.

The journey may be different, the result is the same: author Michael G. Lee tells a complicated, still-controversial story of Shilts and the book that made America pay attention, and it’s edgy for modern eyes. Lee clearly shows why Shilts had fans and haters, why Shilts was who he was, and Lee keeps some mystery in the tale: Shilts had the knowledge to keep himself safe but he apparently didn’t, and readers are left to wonder why. There’s uncomfortable tension in that, and a lot of hypothetical thinking to be had.

For scholars of gay history, this is an essential book to read. Also, for anyone too young to remember AIDS as it was, “When the Band Played On” hits the right note

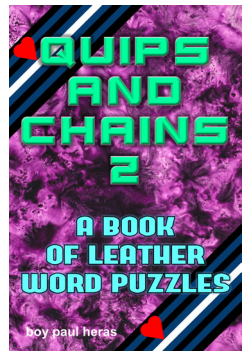


QUIPS AND CHAINS Paperback – June 18, 2024 \$11.99
by PAUL HERAS (Author), S. JAMES CURTIS (Illustrator)

This is a novelty book of gay leather, kink, and fetish word puzzle by Paul Heras. This entertaining and comical puzzle book is intended for adults who are interested in testing their knowledge against traditional and modern word puzzles. Eight different types of puzzles are included!

QUIPS AND CHAINS 2 Paperback – September 26, 2024
by PAUL HERAS (Author) Amazon Books \$11.99

This the second novelty book of gay leather, kink, and fetish word puzzles. This entertaining and comical puzzle book is intended for adults who are interested in testing their knowledge against traditional and modern word puzzles. Eight different types of puzzles are included! This book is more challenging than the first one!





Valentine's Day Party



February 11th

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Greater Dayton LGBT Center



Speed Friending, Raffles, Crafts, & Pizza!

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DRINK SPECIALS
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2025
WOMEN'S
VALENTINES DANCE

SATURDAY
FEB
15th

DOORS OPEN
AT 7PM

FOOD, CASH BAR & DANCING

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VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY!!!

AT THE GREATER DAYTON LGBT CENTER!



Valentine Parties Ahead

February ushers in a number of Valentine's Day events. First is the Q+ Youth Center's Annual Valentine's Day Party on February 12th at 6 pm at the Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 136 St. Clair St, Dayton, for 7th through 12th graders. As many of our young people are coming under attack politically, with teachers and counselors being forced to "OUT" them to parents before they are ready, even if doing so may put them in danger, it is all the more important that we offer them a safe space and a party to remember. If you have, or know of, a youth in this age group, make sure they know about this exciting event.

The annual Women's Valentine's Day Dance will take place at the Greater Dayton LGBTQ+ Center, 136 St. Clair St, Dayton, on February 15th, at 7 pm. This event features a live DJ, yummy appetizers, and a Cash Bar. Ladies, put your dance shoes on and come join the fun! Singles are welcome, and, of course, couples. Come and enjoy this popular dance party.



SAVE the Date

Rainbow Elder Care, in association with United Church Homes, presents the 2025 LGBTQ+ Horizons on Aging Summit "Navigating Wellness and Nurturing Resilience in Uncharted Seas" on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Registration opens at 9:15 am. The program begins at 9:45 am and runs to 5:00 PM. The program will take place at the Dayton Metro Library, 215 E. Third St., Dayton, OH 45402. There will also be a Library Elder Awards Reception from 6:30 pm to 8:00 PM. Ample parking is available on the street and in the Library parking garage. Please place this event on your calendar as it will be a very enlightening.



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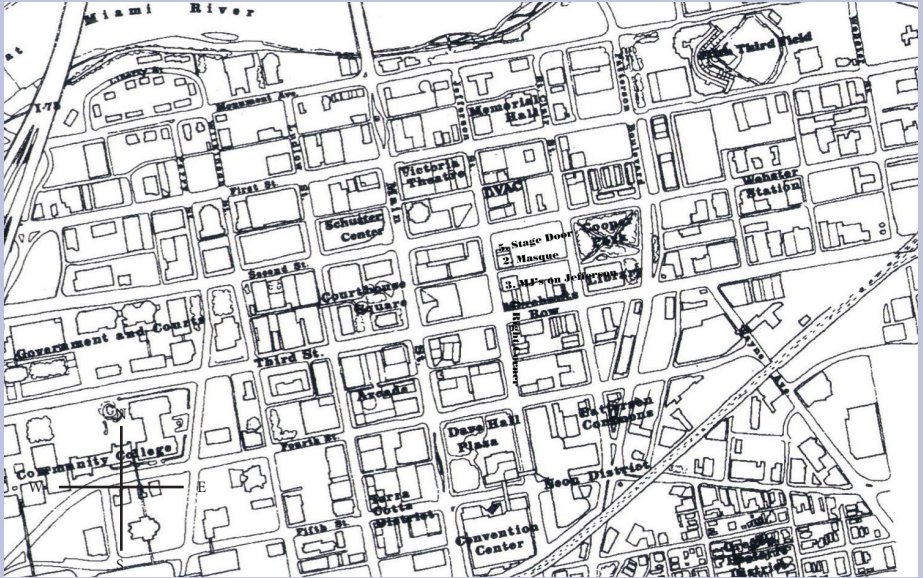
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A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

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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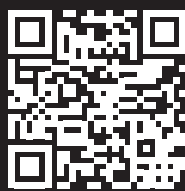


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Open Daily @ 3 pm ~ 2:30 am



Beer Menu



Bourbon Menu