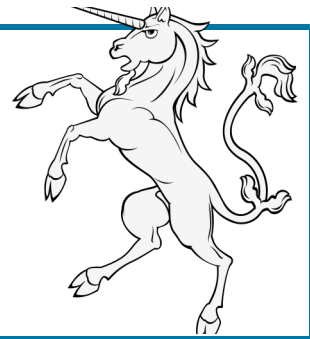


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The afternoon on the Patio was the perfect wind down for the excitement of the previous week, which started with news from Chicago the naming of Jack Thompson the 2019 IML Mr. Leather, over the Memorial Day Weekend, followed by Various Pride in the CLE Sporting Events, Kick-off Parties, throughout the week, with Saturday June 1st's Pride March and the Pride in the CLE Event in Cleveland's Public Square.

Sunday's Unicorn Pride Party and Celebration of 48 years of Brotherhood with the Unicorns MC, It gave everyone a chance to relax, share their Pride adventures, chat with friends and acquaintances, imbibe in the Saloon's fine libations, and hopefully cruise for that special Pride moment to remember. Thanks to everyone's support we have nearly reached a quarter of our yearly fundraising target, let us all reach a little deeper and make 2019 a record breaking year.

The officers and members would like to take this opportunity to Thank Ken Meyers, Jr. and his entire staff for all of the hard work and support they give to the community. Thanks to them we have the wonderful venue, there are just so many things that take place behind the scenes to make each event the success that they are.

Furthermore, Road Captain Noel Walters deserves a big hand for keeping everything running smoothly. On his behave I am thanking all of the Unicorns who came out and made sure that our guest had a good time. Elijah Ortz who emceed the event for us, Dennis and Noel who sold the 50/50 Raffle Tickets, Tony Rotell who baked the Celebration Cakes and also sold the Jell-O Shots. We need to thank Bill Metzger and Robert Moeller for preparing and donating the Doorprizes, as well as working one of the Door shifts, along with Tom Johnson, Jim Broginski, Jim Hitchcock, Derryk Paramore, and myself.

We hope to see everyone here of The Great Unicorn Flea Market on Sunday, August 11th, here at the Stallion. There will be plenty of values, so come prepared to shop, shop, and shop!

Notice to members: Be sure all items brought to be sold are clean, in good repair, and clearly priced to sell. Any homemade food items must be packaged and sealed shut, with ingredients listed.



Unicorn MC Meeting Dates 2019



After many hours of contemplation, conciliation, and deliberation, imbibing in salacious amounts of libations, and in a delirious moment of weakness the following Dates have been set in Stone:

Aug 10, 2019 - UMC Meeting & Cook-out, Jack & Dennis' home in Willowick OH, 3PM

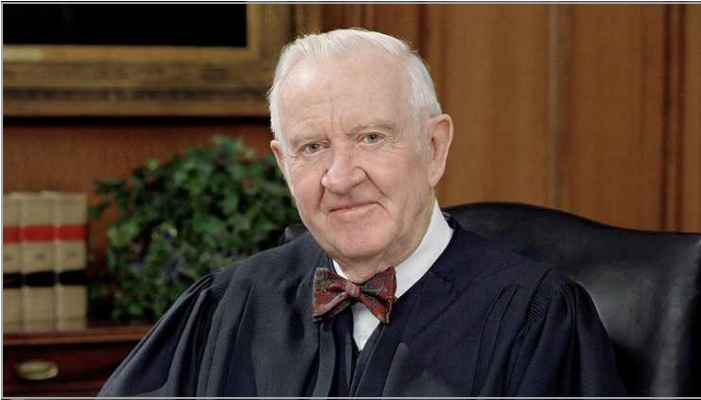
August 11, 2019 - UMC Annual Flea Market and Circus, LSS, 3PM

September 15, 2019 - UMC Meeting, LSS, 6PM

October 12, 2019 - UMC Meeting, LSS, 6 PM, Bar Event, LSS, 9PM

November 17, 2019 - UMC Annual Meeting and Election of Officers to Overthrow the Tyrant and Return Jack Giles from Exile, LSS, 6 PM

December Meeting and Christmas Party TBA



John Paul Stevens Leaves Legacy of LGBTQ Rights Advocacy

John Paul Stevens, who died Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at age 99, leaves a legacy of LGBTQ Rights advocacy as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. During Stevens' tenure on the Court, 1975 to 2010. He became a fierce defender of civil liberties, dissented in *Bush v. Gore*, and led a liberal wing of the Court for many years. He dissented from a ruling that upheld anti-sodomy laws and joined the majority in the ruling that finally struck them down nationwide. He also joined in the majority in the decision to nullify Colorado's Amendment 2, which blocked gay rights laws throughout the state. He supported abortion rights, church/state separation, campaign finance reform, and gun restrictions, he opposed the death penalty.

His record led some to dub him a champion of liberal causes, but he was nominated to the court by a Republican president, Gerald Ford, after having been named to a lower federal court by another GOP president, Richard Nixon. He thought himself a Conservative Republican when he was appointed, he told *The New Yorker* in an interview upon his retirement, but he declined to say if he still did. He did observe that **"things have changed"** over the years, with moderate Republicans becoming rare.

Stevens' first major gay rights case was *Bowers v. Hardwick* in 1986, in which the high court upheld state anti-sodomy laws in a 5-4 ruling. Stevens was in the minority, and he wrote a **"ringing dissent,"** as a blogger at the *'Constitutional Accountability Center'* describe it.

"Although the meaning of the principle that 'all men are created equal' is not always clear, it surely must mean that every citizen has the same interest in 'liberty' that the members of the majority share," Stevens' dissent reads in part. **"From the standpoint of the individual, the homosexual and the heterosexual have the same interest in deciding how he will live his own life, and, more narrowly, how he will conduct himself in his personal and voluntary associations with his companions. State intrusion into private conduct of either is equally burdensome."**

Stevens stayed on the court long enough to see *Bowers v. Hardwick* reversed, in *Lawrence v. Texas* in 2003. He helped solidify Justice Anthony Kennedy's vote to invalidate anti-sodomy laws by asking him to write the majority opinion, according to the 2007 *New York Times Magazine* profile. **"sometimes, in all candor, if you think somebody might not be solid, it might be wiser to let that person write the opinion,"** he told the magazine, as writing the opinion forces that person to defend their position and become more convinced of its validity. **"It worked out OK,"** he added. **"I don't know if I'm entitled to the credit or Tony's entitled to the credit, because he wrote an exceptional opinion."** Kennedy did give Stevens some credit in the opinion, saying Stevens' analysis in *Bowers* was correct.

Stevens also joined in the majority in favor of gay rights in 1996's *Romerv. Evans*, which struck down Amendment 2, a ballot measure approved by Colorado Voters that prohibited the state or any of its cities and counties

from adopting or enforcing laws that banned antigay discrimination. This was the first pro-gay ruling ever to come from the Supreme Court, and Kennedy wrote the majority opinion.

Stevens took the position that no American should be forced to pay taxes to support the religion of another. He also understood why government attempts to **"help"** religion end up weakening faith groups.

"The disease of entanglement may infect a law discouraging wholesome religious activity as well as a law encouraging the propagation of a given faith." His defense of the wall of separation was evident later in his career, too.

"School sponsorship of a religious message is impermissible because it sends the ancillary message to members of the audience who are nonadherents that they are outsiders, not full members of the political community, and an accompanying message to adherents that they are insiders, favored members of the political community," he wrote.

Stevens had retired from the court (*he was replaced by Elena Kagan*) by the time it had ruled for nationwide marriage equality in 2015, but he praised the ruling in a speech to the *American Bar Association* shortly afterwards. **"The right to marry - like the right to decide whether to have an abortion or the right to control the education of your children - fits squarely within the category of liberty protected by the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment,"** he said.

In the same speech, he added, **"It borders on the absurd to assume that the word 'liberty' does not include one's right to choose a spouse, but does include a right to possess a firearm in one's home."** Indeed, in his 2014 book *Six Amendments: How and Why We Should Change the Constitution,* he recommended altering the Second Amendment to clarify that it applied only to gun ownership by state militias, not private citizens. In the same book he called for campaign finance reform and for an end to the death penalty.

Regarding campaign finance, Stevens dissented from the 2010 *Citizens United* ruling, in which the court majority paved the way for greater corporate influence in politics by saying they have free speech rights similar to those of individuals. Another major ruling he did not go along with was 2000's *Bush v. Gore*, which stopped the recount of votes in Florida and therefore handed the presidency to George W. Bush by 537 votes. **(those damned hanging chads)**

Stevens views became more liberal over the years, with his position on the death penalty evolving from concern about its administration to outright opposition. He also became more supportive of affirmative action.

He attributed the gradual changes to what he learned while a member of the judiciary. **"Learning on the job is essential to the process of judging,"** he said in a Fordham University speech in 2005, at the time he had been a federal judge for 35 years and on the Supreme Court for 30. **"At the very least, I know that learning on the bench has been one of the most important and rewarding aspects of my own experience over the last 35 years."**

Two years after his retirement, in 2012 president Barack Obama awarded Stevens the *President Medal of Freedom*, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Citizen.

We're fortunate that there are other justices who carry his torch in that regard. Just not enough of them. Still, at a time when the judiciary is under assault from the Trump administration, eager to install as many young, incompetent, right-wing, anti-abortion advocates as possible while they have the numbers, take a second to pay your respects to someone who was a defense against precisely what the Republicans are doing today.



The Fog of War

It is amazing what kinds of fireworks people can now obtain for personal use. We've come a long way from the sparklers, bottle rockets, and fire-crackers of my youth. Today, you can have fireworks displays in your own back yard that would rival the displays towns put on for the fourths of July of my youth. This past Independence Day, we were driving back home from an afternoon visiting my parents. The drive takes about an hour and as dusk fell, we were treated to grand bursts of light on every horizon. There were impressive patriotic displays literally everywhere you looked as far as the eye could see. When we drove through more densely populated areas, we could hear the loud explosions along with the visual bursts of color and we drove through a hazy smoke that hung just above the ground. It was like driving through a battlefield. Then it hit me; what we were driving through actually was a reenactment of war, polished to a blood-free shine. I realized I was driving through a metaphor of how our nation was born of war, became powerful through war, and continues to hold power with the threat of war. Every July, we, mostly unconsciously, glorify the fact that war brought us here. We glorify it every time we sing, *"the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air..."*. As we live our daily lives in the Land of the Free, we are continually walking through the fog of war.

War must be the worst aspect of the human race. When held up to objective analysis, war makes no sense whatsoever. Every war ever fought was started because of one or more of three things; religion, economic resources, or human rights. As often as not, all three of those themes are in the mix. And when it comes right down to it, the worst part of all is that wars are fought not by the men who start them, but rather by their armies of pawns whom they send to fight in their stead. Millions upon millions of lives have been lost and families have been devastated in the effort to serve leaders that, in the end, care only about their own greedy interests. Intolerance and greed of the *"elite"* are the engines that power war. And the machines that carry wars out are the least of these our brothers and sisters who are sent marching off as sacrificial lambs. It is utter madness, yet we have never evolved enough to find a way around it.

Part of the problem, as I see it, is that we polish and shine wars to make them seem honorable and even glamorous. I've yet to hear anyone who's personally experienced war call it honorable and glamorous. If you can get them to talk about it at all, they'll tell you that war is a hell they'd never wish on anyone. But we have a way of letting time erode away the horrors of war. We make movies that somehow make war seem cool. We write a version of history that clearly delineates the heroes from the villains. We redraw maps and add vast new territories, resources, and wealth brought by wars. We allow the fog of war in which we all exist to shroud the facts and delude our perspectives. And yes, we even celebrate war.

Many hide behind the shield of their religion to justify war. They see people who worship differently as a threat and act out in hatred and violence. A direct link to our current state of affairs can be drawn to a series of wars called the Crusades. Christianity, Islam, and Judaism spring from the same family, that of Abraham, and they all claim daddy's home place in Israel. The true and peaceful nature of all three of those religions has been irreparably damaged over the centuries by intolerance, greed, and hatred. What's left behind is an unrecognizable slurry full of misinformation, misinterpretation, and missed opportunities to come together in peaceful compromise and coexistence.

4th of July: Independence From What?

The independence of our nation on this July 4th is a stark reminder of the foundations our nation was built upon. What is the responsibility of the Citizen to ensure we maintain our values at a time they seem to be so vulnerable?

America is at a crossroad as our nation celebrates Independence Day. Sure, I like to enjoy the fireworks like the guy next door. But Independence Day is much more than having barbeque parties and fireworks. On one hand we have the pledge of Allegiance to our flag, cherishing freedom and liberty for all. On the other hand, the very principles that form the foundations of our country are being tested and challenged time and time again.

Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The pledge of allegiance is originally attributed to Rear Admiral George Balch in 1887 and Francis Ballamy, a Baptist minister, proposed its current language five years later. U.S. Congress adopted the pledge in 1942. However *"under God"* was not part of the pledge until 1954. Thanks to Senator McCarthy's *'Red Scare' (those Godless Soviet Russians)*.

Let me review the various components of pledge under the current environment.

One Nation and Indivisible?

Unfortunately America is as polarized today as ever. As reported by *Mother Jones*, referencing studies by *Pew Research Center*, Republicans hate Democrats and Democrats cannot stand the Republicans. Pro-choice groups have constant run-ins with pro-life supporters. The *"99%"* feel the country is hijacked by the *"one percent"*. Pro-immigration groups snipe at the anti-immigrant supporters constantly.

And yes, I am leaving the two of the most controversial issues to the end of this list- the racial rift between blacks (and other minorities) and whites, and the division based on religion. *'Black Lives Matter'* has taken a life of its own. Islamophobia is at its peak, and anti-Semitism is on the rise. Despite many laws discrimination against LGBT communities, gay hate crimes are not unusual. The hate crimes against Muslims, Jews, Sikhs and places of worship, including temples, synagogues, mosques, and yes, even churches is on the rise.

We are far from being one nation. The same issues are viewed very differently in the *"red states"* and *"blue states"*. Recent presidential election added fuel to the fire and most people would agree that our country is more divided than ever, regardless of which side you favored during the election (*or afterwards*).

'Under God'

This has been a thorny issue almost from the very beginning of the addition of this phrase to the pledge that has resulted in many legal challenges. Additionally, there are numerous instances when the parents wanted their children to be not part of the pledge during school.

Religion in general, has come under attack. Religion has been blamed for dividing people and inciting violence. As much as the people of faith despise the notion, the fact is that religion has been used to divide people-for political and other selfish gains as the fear-mongers fully realize that creating fears and hate based on religion actually works.

Even though Islam has been under the limelight, and Muslims and terrorism have been seemingly made interchangeable, the fact is that even within the United States, the law enforcement feel the right wing extremist groups pose the biggest threat, as reported by Charles Kunzman and David Schanzer after conducting a survey of 382 law enforcement agencies.

"The main terrorist threat in the United States is not from violent Muslim extremists, but from right-wing extremists. Just ask the police."

Liberty and Justice for all?

There are widespread reports that the minorities-blacks, Hispanics and others are treated differently by the justice system. The Muslim travel ban has faced legal challenges from the word go but portions were recently upheld by the Supreme Court. Here are some examples where the *"justice*

for all” seems to be failing.

“People of color are significantly overrepresented in the U.S. prison population, making up more than 60 percent of the people behind bars. Despite being only 13 percent of the overall U.S. population, 40 percent of those who are incarcerated are black. People of color, particularly black males, face longer sentence than their white non-Hispanic counterparts for similar crimes. According to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, between 2007 and 2011, sentences for black males were 19.5 percent longer than those for whites.”

Similar discrepancies were reported by *Huffington Post* and *Washington Post* among several respected outlets, and *Pew Research* center has reported how blacks view the justice system as unfair, along with *American Bar Association* in a piece reported by *The Guardian*.

I did not mean to overwhelm you with references here, nor do I believe we live in an **“unjust”** country. In fact I believe strongly that despite all of these challenges, the United States remain the most open, the most welcoming and the most preferred place to live.

However, we do face serious challenges to our values, civil liberties and freedom and we must speak up to ensure we maintain our rich heritage. I do realize it may seem odd, and perhaps insulting to many of my readers, that these reminders are coming from an immigrant like myself.

Lets us pledge that on this and every Independence Day that we will:

Be independent from hate and fear of others who are not like us.

Be Independent from forces that divide Americans based on religion, race, color, social status, ethnicities, gender, gender identity etc.

Fight to protect our civil liberties and freedom.

Treat others like we would like to be treated.

“Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” And mean it.

US Supreme Court sends Same-sex Wedding Cake Case back to Lower Court

The ruling was hailed as a win for a couple who refused to bake a cake for a same-sex wedding on religious grounds.

The US Supreme Court has sent a case regarding bakers who refused to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex couple back to a lower court. The move is regarding a ruling by Oregon’s Court of Appeals which found against bakers Aaron and Melissa Klein. The bakers cited their religious objections to marriage equality as the reason they objected to baking a wedding cake for a same-sex couple.

Supreme Court justices said on June 17, 2019, “the Oregon court should reconsider the Klein’s case.” The high court’s decision was described as a ‘victory’ by lawyers representing the bakers. This follows on from the high court narrowly ruled in favor of a Colorado baker, who, in a similar case, refused to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple on religious grounds.

The cases are seen as pitting religious beliefs against allegations of discrimination against people for their sexual orientation.

‘Government hostility toward religious Americans will not be tolerated’

The Supreme Court’s decision defers a potential major and divisive case which could have continued into the 2020 presidential elections. The order was two lines long, with no dissents.

The move dismisses a 2017 order from the Oregon Court of Appeals which ruled against the Kleins and upheld a \$135,000 fine against their business, Sweetcakes by Melissa. (who subsequently raised nearly one million dollars on a G0-fund Me site and de-frauded the donors generosity by filing

bankruptcy and closing the business)

Kelly Shackelford, president, CEO and chief counsel to First Liberty, which represented the Kleins, released a statement praising the Supreme Court’s decision.

“This is a victory for Aaron and Melissa Klein and for religious liberty for all Americans,” Shackelford said in the statement. “The Constitution protects speech, popular or not, from condemnation by the government. The message from the Court is clear, government hostility toward religious Americans will not be tolerated.”

Lambda Legal, an LGBTI rights legal organization, tweeted “SCOTUS just sent back our case on behalf of a same-sex couple denied a wedding cake to Oregon courts to check for anti-religion bias, in light of Masterpiece Cakeshop. That the decision is ‘disappointing but this fight is NOT over.’”

Rachel and Laurel, a loving couple of ten years & moms to two special needs girls, decided to get married. A bakery refused to make their wedding cake, and called them “an abomination”. When they filed a complaint, the couple was inundated with death threats & media attention.

Similar court cases ongoing

The follows on from Supreme Court’s ruling on a high-profile case regarding a Colorado baker, Jack Phillips, who operates Masterpiece Cakeshop, also cited his religious objections to marriage equality as the reason he refused to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex couple.

The Supreme Court found in favor of Phillips by a 7-2 ruling last year. The Court held that the Colorado Civil Right Commission showed a ‘Religious Bias’ during their deliberations, when finding Jack Phillips guilty of Discrimination. Not that such Discrimination is Legal.

It is likely that the high court will face another decision on whether or not to hear another case of a business arguing religious liberties over LGBTI discrimination. The justices previously sent back a case of whether a florist had discriminated against a same-sex couple in Washington state, The Hill reports.

Washington’s Supreme Court had upheld a ruling against florist, Arlene’s Flowers. However, the florist – which is represented by Christian group, Alliance Defending Freedom – has vowed to take the case to the Supreme Court again.

Supreme Court to Hear Gay and Transgender Workplace Rights Cases

The Supreme Court has agreed to take up a set of high-profile cases involving gay rights and the rights of transgender people in the workplace.

The justices announced that they will consider whether existing federal law banning employment-related sex discrimination also prohibits discriminating against individuals on the basis of sexual orientation or because they are transgender.

The Supreme Court said it will hear a pair of cases in which federal appeals courts split over whether LBGTQ employees are protected by the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The justices also accepted a case involving a transgender funeral home employee, saying they will consider whether being transgender is protected in itself or whether it falls within existing law against “sex stereotyping.”

The Cases will be heard October 8, 2019 with the decision expected during the height of the 2020 Presidential Campaign cycle.

Amicus Briefs were due the first week of July, more than 200 Companies have filed a brief against Discrimination of their LGBT Employees.

We will take a closer look at these cases next month. ~ Editor

TWO FOR THE ROAD

In last month's Unicorn Horn we regretfully announced the disbanding of one of our favorite clubs, the Rochester Rams. This month, we are happy to present two very special memories of the Rams' famous, annual celebration from Bob Kirsop.

THE JACK DYKE BIKE HIKE,

A Great Rams Run Memory.

Cyclops' memories of the recently disbanded Rochester Rams got me thinking about their run which I attended for many years. I especially remember the Jack Dyke Bike Hike which was the Rams name for their motorcycle ride.

Jack Dyke was an avid biker who was gay but rode mostly with straight guys, largely, I believe, because he didn't particularly identify himself with gays and preferred the company of "hetero" bikers. He used to credit me with inspiring him to ride. If I did, it was one of the nicest compliments I ever had!

As the name implies, Jack led the Rams ride even though he was not a member of the club. One year, for some reason, Jack was unable to attend the run and lead the group, so the Rams, knowing me to be a regular attendee and a biker, asked me to plan it. I said yes, an interesting challenge since I lived some 300 miles away!

Fortunately, I had some detailed maps of the Finger Lakes and Rochester area, so I planned the ride. We did one thing the Unicorn run always did, and the Rams Bike Hike had not - we visited a motorcycle dealership, this one at Ithaca, New York, near the start of the trip. It gave me a chance to add another Harley-Davidson T-shirt to my vast collection!

And it was a good thing I tested my route the day before. Using my maps, I had inadvertently planned part of the ride on a gravel road - not good news for a band of bikers. I was able to switch us onto a better paved road on the day of the ride itself without too much trouble.

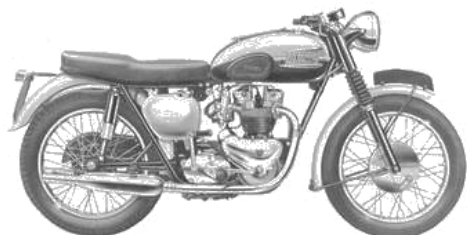
Our trip was a pleasant ride through one of the loveliest areas in the eastern U.S. During the exploring the route the day before, I met a guy (I think his name was Mike.) who had a small motorcycle museum not too far from the run site at Camp Whitman. So, I made that the last stop before we returned to camp, before rejoining the non-bikers at the run for cocktails and dinner, then on to some other evening activities which I will not even try to describe!

One year's ride was memorable for a really weird reason. Jack led us all the way to Niagara Falls! We got there okay, but once in town we couldn't find any place of park! So, we turned around and headed back to Camp Whitman and our eager group never saw the falls at all!

Jack moved away from Rochester a couple of years ago, to assist an AIDS victim, and I have lost track of my great biker chum. It would be great to talk together again of these grand old biking times.

The Jack Dyke Bike Hikes were always interesting with Jack creating some great rides in this tremendously interesting, beautiful hill-and-like area. Thanks, Jack!

Finally, let me add something else to Cyclops' tribute to the Rochester Rams: to Bob, Mike, Russ, Chip, Al, Dan, Ed, John, David, and all the others who mad our lives a bit happier with fun and brotherhood, I simply say **THANKS!**



JON'S KICK-ASS MEATLOAF

As prepared and served by Jon Templin at the 2002 Rams Run in Chi-Chi's Diner, and again at the Rams Run in 2003.

This recipes serves 6 people.

The Meat Loaf:

- 1 medium onion, chopped med.
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 large eggs
- ½ teaspoon dried leaf thyme
- 1 tsp, (teaspoon) salt
- ½ tsp. Ground black pepper
- 2 tsp. Dijon style mustard
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ tsp. Tabasco sauce
- ½ cup milk, or plain yogurt
- 1 pound ground beef (see notes)
- ½ pound ground pork
- ½ pound ground veal
- 2/3 cup crushed saltine crackers
- 1/3 cup minced fresh parsley leaf

Brown Sugar-Ketchup Glaze

- ½ cup ketchup or chili sauce
- 4 tablespoons brown sugar
- 4 tablespoon cider vinegar

1. For the glaze; mix all of the ingredients together in a small saucepan. Set Aside.
2. For the meat loaf; preheat oven to 350-degrees. Saute onion and garlic in some oil until softened, about 5 minutes. Set aside to cool.
3. Combine the remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Add the cooled onion and garlic. Mix with washed hands (*still wet is best*) to combine ingredients until evenly blended and the mixture doesn't stick to the bowl. (If it does stick, add additional milk or yogurt, a few tablespoons at a time, until mixture no longer sticks. The mix should be quite moist.
4. Turn the mixture onto a flat, clean work surface, Again with wet hands, pat the mixture into a 5 x 9 inch loaf shape, turning it into a foil lined (*for easy clean-up*) shallow pan or rimmed baking sheet. (**Do NOT use a loaf pan; a loaf pan will trap the juices and stew the loaf instead of baking it with a nice, even crust!**) Brush with half the glaze.
5. Bake until the loaf tests 160-degrees with a quick-read thermometer. About an hour. During the last 15 minutes of baking, brush the loaf with the remaining glaze. Cool the loaf for at least 20 minutes before slicing.

IMPORTANT. See the Following Notes.....

Important Notes for Meat Loaf

1. If you are unable to find, or special order all of the above meats, try a butcher-prepared meat loaf mix available in most good super markets. The glaze recipe can be doubled, the remaining half briefly simmer to accompany the meat loaf at table.
2. This meat loaf recipe was adapted from "*Cooks Illustrated Magazine*", September, 1996. It was reprinted in "*The Battering Ram*", Fall, 2002.

Cyclops



CYCLOPS AT *Disney World*

The last time I saw Orlando, Florida was nearly seventy-five years ago; the place was little better than a central Floridian mangrove swamp from which one could honestly flee in the family car after a mere six hours of overnight shut-eye.

Then, war intervened; all travel to Florida, when allowable, was by rail and Orlando became a faint memory. Three decades later came Disney World, a recreation of its older California sibling, the world famous theme park Disneyland. Nearby, at Cape Canaveral, the NASA- John F. Kennedy Space Center brought world attention to the area. Orlando then, as now, is booming. To which gigantic hotels, freeways, outlet malls of all descriptions, a multi-terminal international airport, convention centers, and countless apartment complexes will attest. Later on, Disney wannabes such as Universal Studios theme park sprang up. (*If you're into rubber, they've got the Gill-man "Creature from the Black Lagoon"*.) If all that doesn't excite you, at nearby Kissimmee (*make that Shootamee!*) there's an outfit called Machine Gun America which bills itself as "An Adrenaline Rush for the Entire Family" The price there "starts at \$24.99" which includes a 10% discount on something called the "Shooting Experience". This might give you some idea of what things cost in the area. Add an additional hundred bucks and you have the week-day entrance fee to Disney World.

Our pathetic, self-congratulating RTA (*a mis-nomer these days*), should note that in the greater Orlando area Disney operates its own transit system which, along with local public and private bus lines, will bring visitors to Disney World from just about anywhere. Better yet, when on Disney property one travels by a superb, completely self-operating monorail system which is clean, function, fast, and in the ages of Cleveland RTA, an inspiration. Not that it's needed, but Disney monorail makes a mockery of such utterly ridiculous projects as the RTA's so-called Euclid Avenue "*Health Line*" with such ridiculous, non-functional add-ons as self-watering floral patches at each ugly concrete station.

Disney World, including Epcot, its so-called scientific branch, is vast and very, very crowded. The use of one of the multi-lingual maps and guides is essential. The grounds are beautifully planted and magically and unobtrusively clear of all litter. One must bring lots of money, for every ride or attraction ends, like a Disney Broadway show, in a gift shop where prices are steep. Water fountains are available, but not plentiful. The fountain water is seldom cold which on a hot day, demanding constant hydration, is a big deal.

There are many rides, many on subterranean waterways that border on great fun or dull kitsch. Admission to these is by long, tedious waits, or by timing which costs an additional fee. Highlights for me, both in content and waiting time, included the many international pavilions. Norway had a great boat ride mercifully cold and ice-bound. Their gift shop sold tarhelmis, little tykes of five or six looking pretty fun in their horned head gear. The Japanese pavilion featured cutsey dollies on which we ardently passed. Their gift shop was probably the largest and most tasteful at Disney World. China provided a 360-degree, cycloramic documentary film of their nation's progress and also presented a live team of acrobats; what's not to like.

Canada presented a similar 360-degree film of it's national diversity, unfortunately narrated by Martin Short. The United Kingdom really bombed with a pretend Beatles concert in the garden and a threatened personal appearance at three by Mary Poppins. We fled in disgust from its store, filled mostly by Twining's teas, but nary a breath of literature, musical, or other cultural achievement. France had balancing acrobats in the street outside a not bad bistro restaurant. What a great surprise to find the Beaujolais, a red wine, served somewhat cooled, but not overly chilled, as this wine is served in France! The Moroccan area was slightly mysterious and souk like, everything there but a statue of Paula Wolfert'

The German restaurant offered an all-you-can eat buffet at about \$ 50.00 of so-so traditional cuisine. The red cabbage and apples, the scent of which was alluringly piped out into the entrance, proved utterly divine. All this heavy grub could be worked off by lively dancing to music provided by a very noisy om-pah band. The Mexican pitch took place in some sort of Maya tomb, fitted out as a gigantic cantina, with gift shop showing those ubiquitous painted china skulls. A cooling relief to all this frantic drinking and selling was a very festive underground boat ride hosted by the Three Caballeros: Jose Carioca, Panchito the gun-toting Mexican rooster, and Donald Duck, stars of a 1940's wartime, good neighbor film, a 40's genre made to thwart Nazi-ism and Communism in the Latin American world.

As a matter of fact, with few exceptions, many of the rides and experiences of Disney World are coordinated with hit Disney films of the past (*DVD's coming instantly to a gift shop near YOU!*) The stars of these extravaganzas are brought to life each afternoon by a slam-bang parade featuring them all. It's probably as good as it gets. Still, one of my highlights of the whole damned three days spent at Disney World was the Mine Ride, even though one waits nearly an hour in the squalid setting of a mineral mine, to board (*Not to worry, even the grime is impeccably clean!*) The mine train is several cars long pulled by a rusty old locomotive which, as it turned out, has no human engineer, pure horror to me, alone in the first car behind it. As you see, Cyclops braved the event with flying colors, which were mostly various tones of the chalk white of sheer terror.

I spoke to one of my companions on the second day of our three at Disney World, about how many women, about half of them, were obese and how terribly unconcerned the average American woman has become with the way she looks. This seems a crisis if not simply in the matter of the women's movement's renewed struggle to achieve parity and decency in the Age of Trump, but more basic, a matter of public health. In the matter of choice, men and women need to consider this as ill health. Women of obesity, especially what medicine considers as extreme or "*morbid*" obesity, especially in a place like a public amusement park, simply stand out like lost souls, many of whom, riding in those electric wheel chairs called scooters, demand of us that we make way for them. Why and for what? It IS a matter of choice.

Another great sadness which I noted a lot at Disney World, were the little girls, happily holding star wands, dressed by their mothers or grandmothers as Disney fairy princesses or Cinderellas from costume shops in the Fairyland part of the park. More obviously, many of these rags screamed "*home sewn*". Were the little girls buying the entire package of "*adorable*" or were mummy or granny searching for talent agents, babbling: "*screen test*" or clutching contracts in their hot, greasy paws. I never found out; I've always had an obesity problem.

Another highlight which continues to haunt me is Disney World's gently firm ability to persuade and influence. It came to our group of three and our experience at Disney World's NASA Space Center rides. Cyclops and companions were hot, tired, and at my urging, after conquering the Mine Ride, I felt that Outer Space would be a piece of cake. It was not helpful that at day's end, we seemed a bit stoned even though none of us touches the stuff.

We began with the Astronaut training ride; once lightly around the earth. Our NASA Flight Commander, on the big screen, was a very attractive woman of color; impeccably groomed, perfectly uniformed, and marvelously articulate. We instantly were believers and more important, under her control. Once were sealed in our seats, only three, out of the four in the

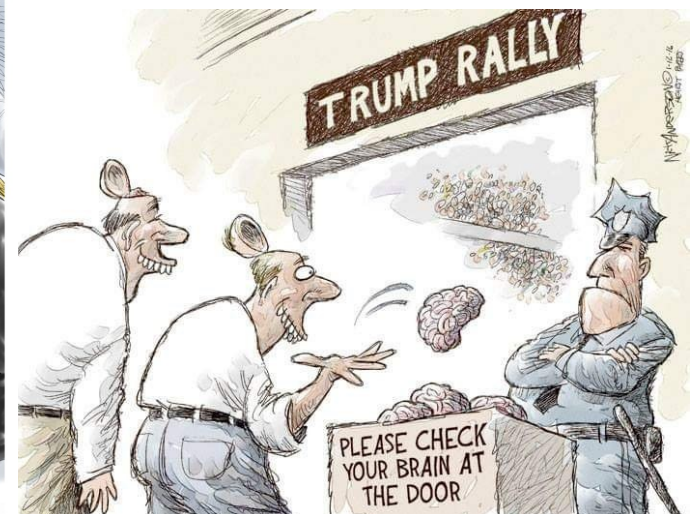
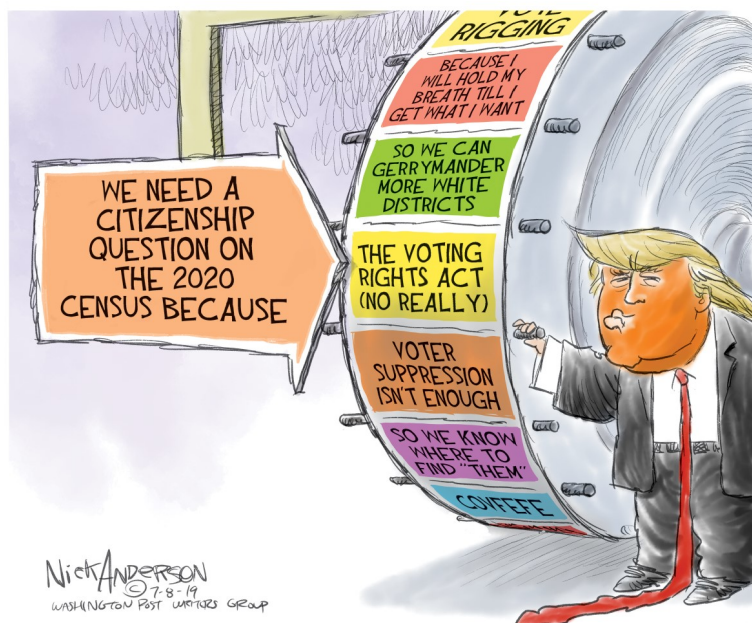
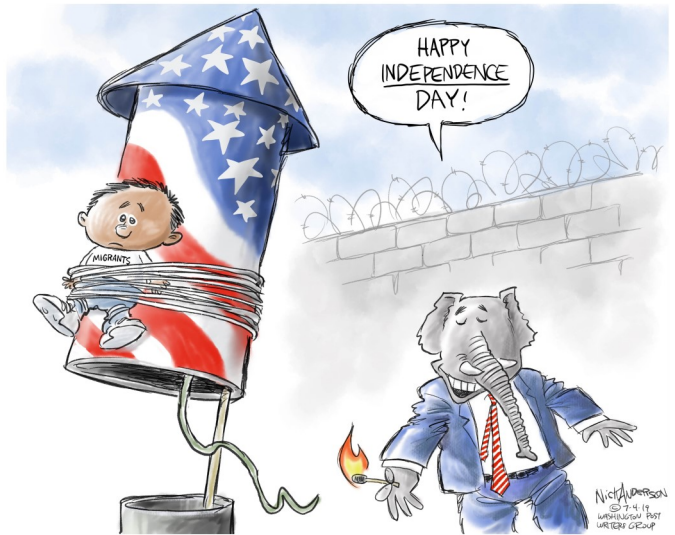
nodule, she gave us succinct directions as to our conduct. Unfortunately we were all experiencing quite a bit of giggling and forgot our individual duties. Unphased by our goofiness, she stood firm on our individual screens amid the pictorial hubbub of the Command Central room at Houston, leading us aloft. After about three or four minutes of global circling we were brought safely back to earth by this paragon of authority and stumbled out of the pod, I determined to lead us onward to Mars, again in the hands of this remarkable woman.

Sure enough, our splendid Flight Commander returned to guide us on our first interplanetary voyage. I, unprepared without a single martini yet consumed, was unflinchingly prepared to do her uttermost bidding and, much to the horror of my two other shipmates, was named Captain of the flight. Take off was indeed strange, with a terrific simulation of defying gravity in my derriere. My other shipmates, silently bonded to do exactly the opposite of everything I did which was great when we experienced our first flight through a gigantic meteor shower of rather ugly space debris. Things got dicey on Mars when I was told to turn my stick left. Unfortunately, I squeezed the trigger too and destroyed several of Uncle Sam's ground stations, and mountain tops, before crashing the space ship on the edge of a steep cliff. The still patient paragon officer advised us to evacuate the ship if we wished to remain alive. Mission very quickly accomplished. My shipmates were no longer speaking to me, but I personally was flushed with pride that since I had just destroyed untold billions of dollars worth of government property, Donald Trump would never afford to build his damned wall on the Mexican border. I have no idea who our influential Flight Commander was, but she has the persona to inspire young women of any race or creed or national background to perhaps follow their stars into an unlimited future of good and productivity, health, and happiness.....















Bravo Disney!

And speaking of the devil, Donald Trump has recently found the Orlando area a very happy taunting ground; loudly and venomously wiggling with his MAGA cultists. In central Florida he has successfully deepened, not drained, that mangrove swamp! Many citizens and foreign admirers of the United States are speculating that if we again place such a man as Trump in presidential leadership, perhaps, after all (*and THAT'S a lot!*) it might just be what America deserves. I hope not. (*And that goes for Bobblehead too!*)

Next time, Cyclops on the Epstein scandal: Where were the parents?



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