

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 15



Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom and a reminder of the ongoing struggle for racial equality.



It commemorates the announcement of freedom to enslaved people in Galveston, Texas. June 19, 1865, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued on January 1, 1863. The message took time to reach all parts of the country, especially Texas.

LESLIE'S BIRTHDAY JUNE 24TH



Photo By Tim Pipe

Leslie Queen of Austin was a weird activist & distributor of the Challenger



Photo By Val Romness

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Mission: The Challenger Street Newspaper advocates, informs, and connects diverse people from all walks of life. We empower street dependent campers with economic opportunity and get their viewpoints



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Leslie Cochran wrote for the Challenger our first 6 months.

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We use century gothic font cause it uses least amount of ink.



WHAT'S THE SCOOP ON BUS PASSES???

By CTOSH email & Val Romness

Paper passes with a magstripe on the back will continue to work on the fareboxes, which are not changing. Participants will receive paper passes throughout 2025. (Local fare only) Once paper passes run out, it will move to the **new reloadable passes**; There are enough paper passes for the year, change coming most likely in 2026.



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Deadline is 2nd Sunday or the 15th.

Should you come into contact with an individual you believe could benefit from the Homeless Outreach Street Team **(H.O.S.T.)** you can reach them at 512-804-3720

Time for a discussion Challenger Will Visit Your Org/Hood

Zoom or in person

Understanding Homelessness and building empathy.

Goals

- 1 See the whole person
- 2 Meet them where they are
- 3 Recognize that there may be invisible disabilities
- 4 Use cultural competence
- 5 Never take your eyes off the person's humanity



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Success unshared is failure

John Paul DeJoria



Thru Mar 2024

HE'S AN ALCOHOLIC

BY RYAN DOWD



"He's an alcoholic."

It hit me like a gut punch.

I was talking to a close family friend.

She was talking about her adult son, James.

I had known James his whole life.

I had played with him when he was a child.

I think I even changed his diaper once or twice.

James had been a sweet kid...

Who grew up to be a sweet man...

... and an alcoholic.

His parents wanted to do an intervention.

They had no appetite, though, for a nasty screaming match or the risk of James not speaking to them.

I casually mentioned that last year I interviewed a doctor who works for the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

Dr. Nicholas Christian had told me about different intervention models:

- The "**Johnson Intervention**" is the old-school, tough-love, yelling match intervention.
- The **CRAFT Intervention** is a newer model that is kinder, more supportive, and less yelling.

Here's the wild, thing, though – in research studies:

- The Johnson Intervention is effective 30% of the time
- The CRAFT Intervention is effective 64% of the time (and up to 74% in some situations).

Yup, the compassionate approach is twice as effective as the "tough love" approach.

James' mother started to tear up at the thought of a compassionate AND effective way to help James.

The CRAFT Model

In honor of James, I thought I would share resources with all of you in case you have a James in your family:

You can watch my interview with Dr. Christian here (it is free, but it will make you register): [https://](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/SI3aU0N6V45duG0bDCvpsD0oo_EJi7TiUwUxLU_ixP)

[us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/SI3aU0N6V45duG0bDCvpsD0oo_EJi7TiUwUxLU_ixP)

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[w9SWHVfFG_jFHgjDrztMc.oQuJPFEmzAHLBoUz](https://www.hazelden.org/store/item/653?Get-Your-Loved-One-Sober)

(If clicking on the link doesn't work, copy and paste it in your browser)

You can learn more about the CRAFT model here:

<https://helpingfamilieshelp.com/about-craft>

I particularly recommend scrolling to the bottom of the page on that last website.

The "Here's how to learn more!" box has books, videos, online groups, live events, a provider directory and a bunch of other great resources.

In writing this newsletter, I reached out to Dr. Christian and he also recommended this book:

<https://www.hazelden.org/store/item/653?Get-Your-Loved-One-Sober>

One Final Thought

This historical moment will be remembered for the way we confused cruelty with strength.

Ultimately, we will need to be wiser with our world. In the meantime, though, we can be wiser with our families.

Don't believe the darkest corners of the human spirit:
Cynicism is not wisdom. Hope is not naïve.
Cruelty is not strength. Compassion is not weakness.

Ryan Dowd ryan@homelesslibrary.com



Time to spend money on mental health yet?

GONE HOME

BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

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We want to remember them. A picture is nice
Call 512-560-4735 challengernewspaper@yahoo.com*

R.I.P. THOSE WHO ARE UNCOUNTED

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Great source for vids of APD harassing Street People

<https://www.youtube.com/@LizzardoGiganticus>

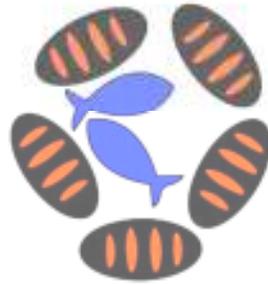
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A SUMMER BEGINNING

BY TIMOTHY WARFIELD

The heat is on to be explosive
 Summer school is nearby for education
 Beach towels are fresh and attractive
 Males and females are available for satisfaction

Happy Father's Day; more than just a necktie
 Happy Father's Day because of my son's birthday
 My face is moist of tears from my eyes
 Happy Birthday once again; 18th day of May

Explosive I want to be with knowledge
 I want to be educated like I was in college
 Pencil me in or sharpie me in
 The heat is on, hopefully we can remain friends

Locate me in uniform as I try to regain cheers
 Athlete at heart, being on top I don't fear
 Admirable, may I not melt in this heat
 Socks I don't need, looking to be knocked off my feet



WHAT INSPIRES

BY THOM THE WORLD POET

EVERY BREATH, PRANA, CHI, KA
 Every moment of every day (and nights!)
 Every leaf, every flower, every weedy grace
 Every act of kindness and compassion
 Each person i encounter with opened heart and eyes
 Every cat as Egyptian as Bast, as Magical as Merlin
 Every color that Illuminates /Everything that changes Fates
 Free Will to choose at the Crossroads of Happiness
 Open doors and windows-to Gardens of Great Growings
 The Next Moment-with all Unknown Surprises
 The Next Stranger-revealing Mysteries in Silence and in Sound..
 And Stories-ever evolving, ancient, contemporary
 Apocryphal, Entrancing, Enticing and Astonishing..
 And songs-that become ear worms of hum a long repetitions

And Art-that surrounds us in Gardens, unframed
 With one thousand greens in shades and tones unpainted
 More than Monet. brighter than Banksy.-hYper-Realities..
 You ask what inspires? Like Zorba and Zelig-i sing aloud -
EVERYTHING and EVERY BODY inb EVERY MOMENT
 Astounds, Confuses and Perplexes me-to New Inspirations
 (Poetically)

PRISON SHOES

BY JOHN CURRAN

I'm wearing my prison shoes today. It's a sort of a joke, 'cause of all that's went down. See, back at that place there was a thrift store and they sometimes had some stuff. I'd gotten clothes there, various other things, shoes, and what was good was that everything was priced five dollars. Except for this one day, this one pair of shoes. Don't think I was even looking for shoes but this pair was hard not to see, especially here, on this rack of various, mostly used, five dollar specials. But not this pair, they were like totally new. Nikes. Now I did not fully appreciate at the time the fact was that in this part of the country Nikes were no rarity, Mr. Nike himself in fact lived just down the road, richest man in town, all a' that. All I knew was in the moment them shoes did look good. My size, if a little pointy toed, sturdy enuff



and colored flat black. Flat. With the old nike arrow trademark along the sides, a kind of sick color contrast if ever there was. Stylewise, these were the shoes that did not shine. They'd caught me for the moment though. The nice lady wanted fifteen for these 'n I had no problem with that.

Took 'em home, 'n hardly ever wore them after that. But then, that terrible day, I figured I'd better play dress up. So I dragged out my new hardly used pointy toed black that will never shine Nikes out and left my old favorites behind, figuring they was just a little bit dusty for this unfortunate appointment I had to make, too well worn, too much loved. I never saw those good shoes again. No, it was that pair black of black as new born darkness Nikes that I stepped in to Hell and back 'n we're still walking. They're the worst shade of black, that black that don't shine at all, but they're sturdy. Been through the rough stuff for sure. I'm wearing them still today. It's all I got.

ILLEGAL BY JOHN CURRAN

Well, my chimp Charley was leading the charge looked like, as he'd just slipped his leash and was heading on ahead, where all the people were already gathering there at the courthouse. It was the Protest, and me and my people were following up behind, me pushing Dave in his wheelchair and Darlene and Vaydra carrying the signs and cowbells. I was trying to keep an eye on Charley, my chimp. He's a pretty good chimp, but he is a chimp, in a world of humans. And ya know, it's not really Charley I worry about in this, it's mostly the humans. But like I say, he's a cool chimp. I see him over there. He's gone right over to that nice shady patch of lawn where two weeks before me 'n some other fellas had had a drum circle going. That had been at Protest 2. We were now at Protest 3 and it must be said that at Protest 2 we had sat right there where Charley now was and we banged on our bongos and everything had been peaceful and fine. Charley had not been there, we'd left him at the ranch, he'd thought he was in love with the neighbor chimp. Now he knew better but that's another story. Now he was here with us and amazingly enough having gone on ahead with my bongo and his bag full of ping pong balls, was now sitting in the very spot where we'd sat for our bongo party. And then I saw it all. Charley hadn't been there ten seconds when up walks this uniformed big



white dude acting like Security saying no one allowed there Buddy you gotta go in front of the wall like everybody else was suddenly being told they had to do. Well, Charley wasn't having it and went in to full on bad chimp mode. He's a

pretty good actor Charley is and when he puts on this one I gotta say, he's pretty damn convincing. Anyway you shoulda seen that security guy step back one time and back his big butt slowly, if he'd had a gun probably woulda' drawn it. Anyway, he hooks up with some other "security" guys down at the far end 'n they all come up in a bunch but by that time Charley's gone right up the nearest tree and he's throwing ping pong balls down on these guys. I decide

at this point I better step in here and declare myself. Well, they told me I could probably be charged. I said yeah I know, that much I know. They were really kinda alright though, we all had a laugh, and Charley came down and acted like he was sorry. Very convincing too, was Charley. And later, nine days exactly, it was reported in our local paper that what the security had been doing telling people (and chimps) that they couldn't sit on the Courthouse grass had been illegal. I showed it to Charley and he just laughed. As if he'd known all along. Pretty convincing 'n, I ain't lying, maybe sometimes even a little scary, in that way. I mean, what is really going on, Charley.

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LASSA TX Hotline: 844-303-7233

SAFE 512.267.7233 www.safeaustin.org

VINE 512-936-1200 www.vineline.com

Kind Clinic .833.937.5463 www.kindclinic.org

If this is insufficient or you need help reporting or treating an event, email Challenger ATTN: Jenny

NAT'L SEX ASSAULT HOTLINE 1-800-656-HOPE

HUMAN TRAFFICING 1 (888) 373-7888

NAT'L HUMAN TRAFFICKING Resource Center
Text "HELP" or "INFO" to 233733 English, Spanish and 200 more, traffickingresourcecenter.org
<http://stopthetrafficking.org>

NAVIGATIONS CENTERS:

Sunrise Homeless Navigation Center (M-F 9-1) .
4430 Menchaca (Ben White) Hot meal, mail, showers, hygiene, ltd clothing, laundry, computer lab, triage referral/navigation: Service Point ID, Coordinated Assessment, MAP/Food stamp sign-up; Medical clinic (Th only), Integral Care; job resources, recovery support. **Hotline:** 512-522-1097 NARCAN VENDING MACHINE sunrisenavigationcenter.org

Trinity Center: 304 E. 7th St. Navigation/service ctr, meals, case mgmt, ID docs, Coordinated Assessment; MAP, SNAP, Food Stamp sign-up; bus passes, ltd travel assistance, clothes/showers (women only on Mondays), mail, phone, computer access, housing referrals. M-F 9a-1p, Sun. 3-4:30p Come in person/ no appts. TrinityCenterAustin.org

Charlie Center-Mosaic Church Navigation Cntr
2675 Research Blvd. (McNeil/183) 512-922-8954
Tues, Wed, Thurs 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. ID's, Social Security Cards, Vital Records, Meal Served Daily, SNAP Sign-Up, Coordinated Assessments, Housing Info & Referrals, Case Management, Mail, Packages, Medication, Secure Document Storage theCharlieCenter.org

First Austin Baptist

Case management, Resource navigation, Call for appt. 512-476-2635, 901 Trinity St. fbcaustin.org

BATHROOMS:

-Public Restroom 4th & Trinity

-Public Restroom 6th & Brazos

-Portapotti 7th & Trinity

-Portapotti 6th & IH35

-Downtown Austin Community Court / 505 Barton Springs Rd / 8-5 Monday -- Friday

-Libraries

-Near city trails

Shower and bathroom:

Rec Centers

Mon-Sat, 10a -3pm:

Bartholomew Pool
1800 E. 51st St East

Barton Springs Pool
2131 William Barton Dr Central

Springwoods Pool
13320 Lyndhurst St. Northwest

Balcones Pool /closed for season
12017 Amherst Dr. North

Showers:

M-F Sunrise Homeless Navigation Center 8:30 -11am

M-F-- 7th & I-35 / 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

M-F-- Burnet and Hwy 183 / 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

The Other Ones Foundation A mobile hygiene truck (showers, sink and toilet)

Barton Springs Pool

Shwrs available/Bath House being remodeled.

Swim at your own risk 5-8 am & 8-9:50 pm daily

8 am to 8 p (fee charged)

Closed Mondays & Thurs

VETERANS are always in free

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Mobile laundry, (must have voucher) care packages and connections to assist in transitioning to stable, self-sufficient and healthy lifestyles.

Each location 9am-12N

Unscented soap available.

M-- Sunrise Navigation Ctr--4430 Menchaca Rd

Tu-Violet Storage--700 E.. 7 St (parking lot)

W, F, Sat-The Other Ones - 780 S. Hwy 183

W-The Charlie Center at the Mosaic Church

12675 Research Blvd.

FOOD:

Angel House / Austin Baptist Chapel Soup Kitchen
Food Pantry/breakfast/lunch - daily 9:30-10a, 11a-12:30p, 512-643-2327, 908 E.

Cesar Chavez St

Bread For All: Food Bank Faith Presbyterian Church at 1314 E Oltorf St, 5-6:30 pm Mondays. We also sponsor a mobile distribution with the food bank at Parker Lane United Methodist (2105 Parker Lane) second Monday of the month from 9-10 am. All are welcome. <https://austincitylutherans.org/food/>

Caritas of Austin: Housing, food, educ, employment, veterans assistance. Housing programs require referral via Coordinated Entry system. Daily Lunch 11a. CENTRAL: 611 Neches NORTH: 9027 Northgate Blvd. Lobby hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-11AM & 1-4:45PM. Tuesday 8-11AM & 1-6:45PM. Friday 8-11:45AM caritasofaustin.org

Central Presbyterian (200 E. 8th, corner of 8th and Brazos) Breakfast Thursdays 8-9 am, limited space, clothes and toiletries. 512-472-2445 cpcaustin.org

El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission:

Community Health Worker Training, Adult Educ, Youth Progs, Vaccines and Health Literacy. Office

hours: M-F 9a-5p, Food Help: T/Th 8a-10a 7000 Woodhue Dr, 512-439-8900, ElBuen.org

Foundation Communities' Prosper Health Coverage program provides FREE help for all people to find and use affordable health insurance or other health coverage programs. We have phone and in-person advice available. Call 512-381-4520, email enroll@foundcom.org, book an appointment online (<http://prosperhealthcoverage.org/>), or visit one of our community Prosper Centers at 5900 Airport Blvd. or 2900 South IH-35 from 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday

Foundation for the Homeless / Feed My People

Tuesday/Thursday breakfast 5:30-7 am.. First United Methodist Church, Family Life Center, 1300 Lavaca St. Showers, AA meetings, a clothing closet (Thursday only), showers, and haircuts (every other Thursday).

Gateway Church - Feed the Community Food Pantry, 7104 McNeil Dr. Wednesdays 9-11am

Green Doors' veterans (transitional housing) and affordable housing residents (affordable rental or PSH with vouchers) until capacity is full. They may require a brief hotel stay for folks seeking to join the transitional housing program (and Green Doors would cover the cost); affordable rentals are immediate admission because they are single occupancy. info@greendoors.org or 512-469-9130 for information or applications.

Mobile Loaves & Fishes For locations and schedules, visit <http://www.mlf.org/truck-schedules>.

The Other Ones Foundation Work opportunities, out of town transportation assistance, emergency shelter. 512-568-7557 780 S. Hwy 183. toofound.org

University Presbyterian Church/Micah 6 Food Pantry Thursdays at 5:30-7 pm and Saturdays at 9:30-11 am. 2203 SanAntonio St., micah6austin.org

University United Methodist Church/ Open Door Ministry: breakfast & clothing every Saturday from 8-9 am. 2409 Guadalupe St.

Victory Ministries (2300 Canterbury St) supplies are VERY LOW. People being served outside only. If able, PLEASE CALL 512-480-9628 to check status before coming.

Westover Hills Church of Christ Providing food (non-perishable groceries) for everyone Saturdays 9-11 am. Drive-thru style. Located at 8332 Mesa Dr., Austin, TX 78759. Food for Seniors

Meals on Wheels and More [Main Office]
3227 E. 5th Street, Austin, TX 78702

STORAGE/LOCKERS:

Violet KeepSafe Storage 700 E 7th St. (Indoors/ bathroom available) 96 gal barrel with long-shank lock. 7 days 7 am - 7 pm. To apply for a storage bin, show up at the facility. If you have a Photo ID, that will help. 512-974-1294

Resource Directory con't

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EMPLOYMENT:

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Sign up 1-3 pm on Sundays outside City Hall (Guadalupe & Cesar Chavez) or Rm 471 Central Library.. Low barrier self employment. Make money today and every day you work. Distribute the paper on a donation basis, you keep all profits. Challengernewspaper.org

Workforce First: Offers individuals experiencing homelessness opportunity to work cleaning parks. Also offers case management. The program is on a waitlist that can take several months to get through. Must be 18+ and currently unhoued. Call 512-568-7557 or email brian@toofound.org

Skillpointalliance.org Job training: plumbing, HVAC, electrical, manufacturing. Women & Men 512-729-4922

Hungry Hill Foundation.org
Jobs, clothing, laundry, showers, meals 2xday. East Austin-12th & Springdale Rd

Fair Living Wage Calculator: enter zip code www.universallivingwage.org

Shelter App:
Connecting People In Need to Services.

REFERRALS:

First Call for Help : 211 or 988
Free, bilingual information & referral service about food, clothing, housing, child and youth services, job placement assistance, education, recreation, support groups and other programs and services.

Arcilinc.org
CASE MANAGEMENT 512-832-6349



American Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 Text to 838255

Texas Veterans Commission www.tvc.texas.gov

V. A. 512-823-4100 7901 Metropolis Dr) 78744
Outpatient Clinic: Primary healthcare, specialty care and hospitalization. Contact Andrew Miller
Transitional housing for single veterans.

Caritas of Austin: 7th & Neches. Community Kitchen is serving lunch Monday-Friday 11 AM-12:30PM. Our clients receive case management/housing stability services and groceries through our food pantry. The lobby has public access to water, bathrooms, phones and info on community resources. Lobby hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 -11AM & 1-4:45PM. Tuesday 8-11AM & 1-6:45PM. Friday 8-11AM

Green Doors 512-469-9130 1503 So IH35
Housing First- Transitional, affordable, permanent housing.

Strike Force Help with VA benefit claim, denial or appeal, call 254-299-9950. See www.tvc.state.tx.us for even more resources and links. 877-4AID-VET

Center Point Texas Veterans Program 512-297-2990 out-

reach, assessment of needs, vocational readiness training, housing assistance, job placement and referrals to job skills training programs for homeless Veterans . 2101 S. Interstate 35 Suite 219 Austin, TX 78741 Up to \$800 housing/car repair.

SHELTER:

ARCH Austin Resource Center for Homeless
500 E. 7th St. 512-978-9920

8th Street Shelter- Emergency shelter for single women & transwomen 501 E. 8th St (Neches) (referral only) Contact Sunrise Navigation Cntr 512-522-1097 8am-8 pm M-F On site case management

Marshaling Yard: Appointment only.
Esperanza is expanding, they got more land adjacent.

Esperanza Community 780 S US Hwy 183 (Old Bastrop Hwy) between Briggs Equipment and Palm Harbor Homes. Contact the Other Ones Foundation for a space (512) 568-7557. Pets are welcome. Charging station, . Shower trailer Bus Route #217

The Safe Alliance Call for locations, 512-267-SAFE (7233) Emergency shelter, counseling, transitional housing and case managers for women escaping domestic & sexual violence. children & men also accepted.

YOUTH:

Lifeworks Under 27 yrs. 835 N. Pleasant Valley Rd. Mon-Thurs 12-4 pm Bus routes 300 & 493. Food, hygiene, bus passes, Wifi, gear, charging, mailing address, coordinated assessment.

American Youth Works 216 E. 4th St.
High School Diploma Program, ages 16-20
Also has a first-time home buyer program.

Street Youth Ministry 2008 Justin Ln

SAFE CARES a program of The SAFE Alliance, YOUTH 12-22 experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or human trafficking. Case management, advocacy, therapy, and Drop-In services. Call 512.267.7233(SAFE)

SENIORS/ELDERS:

Family Eldercare Outreach and in-home care for those over 60 years old. M-Th 8-4, Fri 8-12
Call for locations, 512-450-0844

Safelink for 60 yrs+ FREE cell phones and service 1-800-Safelink (1-800-723-3546)

MEDICAL, DENTAL, MENTAL HEALTH:

Dell Seton Medical Center at UT (formerly Brackenridge) 512-324-7000 1500 Red River St. Emergency care-911

ARCH Clinic-Community Care
500 E. 7th St. 512-978-9920 Mon--Fri 7-11 am & 12-4 pm. walk-ins and appointments

MAP cards 512-978-8130 1313 Red River Ste. 217A Mon. - Fri. 8am or 1 pm Homeless get right in. Screening and enrollment done on a walk in basis. appts preferred. Full coverage medical services with reduced or no copay. Must meet a set criteria.

CARE CONNECTIONS CLINIC Walk in. 3706 S. First St.

Tuberculosis Elimination Clinic 15 Waller St., TB testing. Also Community Care-Hancock Cntr

BREAST CANCER ADVOCACY AWARENESS CENTER
1704 EAST 12TH ST 78702 512-965-6950
drduncan924@gmail.com

KIND CLINIC Austin-Koenig Suite 200 Free HIV/STI walk-in testing No appt Mon-Fri 9 am-12pm & 1:30-4:30pm 1-833-WE-R-KIND (1-833-937-5463) kindclinic.org

THRA TX Harm Reduction Alliance 512-893-3237
Drop in 1803 E. Cesar Chavez St. Mon-Thurs 11:30-2:30 pm Wed 3-5 pm. We offer support for people who use drugs, including tools, resources, and overdose prevention.

RecoveryATX.org Peer recovery/support 512-553-2683

Manos de Cristo Dental Clinic (wait in line or appt)
4911 Harmon Av 78751 512-477-2319
Emergency dental care for people who are working and don't qualify for city, state, or federal programs. Manosdecristo.org

STD Clinic 15 Waller St., 512-972-5430
not anonymous, but confidential STD testing. Must have photo ID.

AIDS Services of Austin 7215 Cameron Rd., 512-458-2437 case management, testing, & a variety of financial services available. The Jack Sansing Dental Clinic is a part of AIDS services of Austin and operates on a sliding scale for all HIV positive clients.

Integral Care.org Crisis Helpline 512-472-4357 (HELP) 24/7 Immediate emotional support. 24 hr/day, 7 days/week. or you may call them and an outreach worker will come to you.

S.H.A.C. Self Help and Advocacy Center 3205 S 1st St. Drop in. 512-442-3366

Austin Clubhouse community of mutual support and recovery for adults living with mental health diagnoses www.austinclubhouse.org An applicant must: Be at least 18 yrs, have a mental health diagnosis, be following a treatment plan (doctor, psychiatrist, therapist, case worker, peer specialist, etc.). We do not require a referral letter from a health professional. To become a member call 512-925-5877 to schedule a tour. 610 E. 45th Street, Austin, TX 78751 (Inside Hyde Park Christian Church)

MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCIES:

Call 988 For Police w/mental health training, don't call 911, call 512-472-HELP.

Mental Health Information HelpLine
1 (800) 950-NAMI (6264), Mon— Fri, 9– 5, CST

Healthcare for Homeless HUB co-located with *Lonestar Circle of Care* 3000 Oak 512-532-9961 for appt.

Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES)
1165 Airport Blvd Walk in M-F 8a-10p and Saturday/Sunday and holidays from 10a-8p.

East 2nd Street Clinic (Central Austin)
1631 E 2nd Walk in M-F 8-5

Stonegate Clinic (So. Austin) 2501 W. William Cannon Dr, Bldg 4 Walk in M-F 8-5

St. John Clinic – (North Austin)
6937 N. IH 35 Walk in M-F 8-5

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www.aayhf.org

African American Youth Harvest Foundation
6633 Hwy 290 E. Ste 307 (512) 428-4480
ContactUs@aayhf.org

H.O.S.T Homeless Outreach Street Team
512-804-3720

We CanNow Street Outreach
Sunrise Navigation Outreach

Suicide Lifeline 800-273-TALK
(8255) IF YOU TEXT 741741 WHEN YOU
ARE FEELING DEPRESSED OR SUICIDAL, A
CRISIS WORKER WILL TEXT YOU BACK
IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUE TO TEXT
WITH YOU!

Coalition of Texans with Disabilities is at the
corner of 18th & San Antonio, 1716 San Anto-
nio St. Austin, Tx

LEGAL:

Legal Aid Survivors of Sexual Assault
1-844-303-SAFE free legal assistance to
survivors of sexual assault.

Austin Tenants Council 512-474-1961 (M-F
9-12 and M-Th 1-4 PM)

Camp Ban Tickets TX Fair Defense Project
512-637-5220 Press 0 Mon 12-5 pm & Thurs
10 am-1pm or if in jail: Austin Lawyers Guild
hotline 512-817-4254

Community Court 505 Barton Springs Rd first
floor. Bus 1, 3, 7, 10, 20, 801

(1700 Guadalupe St) is the current,
Travis County Civil Law Court House, which
gets confused with old courthouse, 11th &
Guadalupe & causes tardiness if you're not in
the know. At the Current & old Court houses
the cops do mag wand & scan your bag, coat, &
belt & there's barriers to leaving the building
too. But, at new courthouse they have a law
library on 2nd floor, where law books & comput-
ers with internet access, and law clerk librarians
can help you research forms & methods for
filing legal & business forms. All available for
anyone wanting to study law or research what
are common civic expectations, not taught or
explained in public school.

UTILITIES:

Baptist Community Center Mission 2000
E. 2nd St Elect, water, gas, meds, birth
cert, food

CLOTHING:

Mobile Clothing TRUCK:
Thrift-ish.org Contact for your group to
have a free shopping experience

Really Really Free Market
Last Sunday 2-5 PM
Treasure City Thrift 2242 E. 7th St

FREE HAIRCUTS::

Supercuts Training Academy call ahead
512-481-8900.

Ron King Academy call ahead 512-596-
5000. (tip expected)

Foundation for the Homeless- haircuts
(every other Thursday). First United Meth-

odist Church, Family Life Center, 1300
Lavaca St.

**FOOD STAMPS, HUMAN SERVICES,
MEDICAID:**

Texas Dept. of Human Services
Moved to Capital Plaza 512-929-7330
Women, infants & Children (WIC)
Call for closest location, 1-800-942-3678

HOUSING

VA 7901 Metroplis Dr) 78744 (512) 823-
4000
Transitional housing for single veterans.

Blackland Community Development Corp.
2005 Salina St., (512) 220-8751
Transitional housing for families and single
persons.

American Youth Works 216 E. 4th St.
High School Diploma Program, ages 16-20
Also has a first-time home buyer program.

Green Doors 512-469-9130 1503 So IH35
Housing First-Transitional, affordable,
permanent housing.

Project Transitions-Roosevelt Gardens
HIV Housing Complex
5606 Roosevelt Avenue
The 40-unit homeless or unstably housed

Austin Housing Authority 1124 S. IH-35
ATX, 78704. 512-477-4488 6 month to 2
year; waiting list depends heavily on indi-
vidual circumstance. www.hacanet.org

Travis County Housing Authority 2200 E.
MLK Jr. Blvd. 512-480-8245 Similar to
Austin Housing Authority.

Foundation Communities
Affordable housing for individuals and
families with low to moderate incomes: 512-
447-2026

Community First! Village Micro homes,
trailers, canvas tents. mfv.org Hogeys Rd

Victory Homes Austin Greater Austin area
as well as the surrounding cities. Lodging,
food, and clothing is provided. Majority of
people providing assistance are former
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found themselves trapped in the same
cycle.

For more info: Director Gus Celaya (512)
920-8708 or Admin office 512-822-9182

Excellence & Advancement Foundation
(EAF) provides programs, services and
advocacy to break the school-to-prison
pipeline by coordinating prevention and
intervention programs to support children at
risk of becoming involved in the criminal
justice system. Below are some of
the programs. For more info:
<https://breakthepipeline.org/programs/>

Awesome Activist Leadership Program,
Black Leadership Academy, SPARK
change, The Wrap up, The Excellence
Resource Center (this is the advocacy,
case management program), Parenting
with a purpose

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Mon & Tues 10am-1pm Thurs 12-3PM

(Women Only: Wed 12-3 PM)

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allows each artist to be in the annual show in
October!

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Homer The Homeless Goose's Demands By Challenger Newspaper

- More mental health care. TX is 47th in spending on mental health.
- Stop scraping camps and stop throwing all of ppl's things away!
- Pay social workers a living wage!
- Women's shelter: Current one has appointments only. Must be able to walk in for safety.
- Phones easier to get
- *End oppressive ordinances. No more criminalizing the poor!*
- *Increase funding for homeless services*
- *Austin Living Wage*
- *Pets must be allowed at shelters—better mental and physical health (get brief orientation for socialization of pets)*
- *Get past Moral Bankruptcy and be fiscally responsible. It can cost 17 to 35 thousand/year/person to ticket, court, jail, police, hospitalize, ER, ambulance rides. When a person is housed (w/a social workers guidance) they stand up and walk back into society.*
- *Take the boards off vacant homes.*
- *Cooling/heat Center: behind ARCH— Oasis has shade, water and bathrooms*
- *Find me! Get me on public display!*

Heat Exhaustion

Heat Stroke

ACT FAST

- Move to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing
- Sip cool water
- Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve

ACT FAST

CALL 911

- Move person to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing and remove extra layers
- Cool with water or ice

Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.

CDC **Challenger** **Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!**

Summer Info Flier 2025
 Due to extreme heat, all Parks and Library facilities will serve as Cooling Centers
OASIS BEHIND ARCH— SHADE, H2O & BATHROOMS
 list of locations.
CAP METRO IS OFFERING *FREE BUS RIDES* TO COOLING CENTERS!

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EVERYBODY
RISES**

Nihil de nobis,
sine nobis.

Nothing about us
without us

CARTOONS

BY ANDY STECKEL



ART

By Kaye Lee



LIFE OPENS UP LIKE A PRESENT

BY THOM WORLD POET

life opens up like an umbrella
 to shelter from climate change sun
 to share shadows under moonlight
 to flip up when wind comes in
 i used to guide by moods
 fly free and fast like a sparrow
 Earth reminded me-i am dust
 beneath this skin,cities of blood freeways
 Age is only clocks that wind down
 Grandfathered in old hallways
 Wrist watch of gold fathers
 iPhone of young batteries
 Beach reminds me -Eternities
 to an ant /different to dinosaurs

Extinction always selective..
 Rainforests as delicate as spiderwebs
 Strong as tensile steel
 Light cannot get through such Entanglements
 Congress.
 Just to be in one place
 Fully inhabit each moment
 Who needs to move?
 i painted my prison bright colors
 Sculpted Light wings for windows
 Then flew away
 Taste of mangoes-sharp.Sweet
 Sticky to the hands and skin
 We are bird food.

Pyramid of White Supremacy

Genocide

Mass Murder
Unjust Police Shootings
Lynching Hate Crimes
Police Brutality

In a pyramid, every brick depends on the ones below it for support. If the bricks at the bottom are removed, the whole structure comes tumbling down.

Violence

Neo-Nazis KKK The N-Word
Confederate Flags Burning Crosses
Mass Incarceration Swastikas

Calls for Violence

School-to-prison Pipeline
Hiring Discrimination Stop and Frisk
Redlining
Anti-Immigration Policies

Discrimination

Racial Profiling
Fearing People of Color
Racial Slurs
Funding Schools Locally
Predatory Lending
Victim Blaming Racist Jokes
English-only Initiatives Euro-Centric Curriculum
Bootstrap Theory
Tokenism
Cultural Appropriation
Colorblindness

Veiled Racism

Paternalism
Racist Mascots
Tone Policing
Claiming Reverse Racism
Denial of White Privilege
"We all belong to the human race"
"Post-Racial Society"
"Why can't we all just get along?"
White Savior Complex
"It doesn't matter who you vote for"
White Ally Speaking over POC
"Not all white people..."
False Equivocation

Minimization

"But my Black friend said..."
Not Believing Experiences of POC
Two Sides to Every Story
Prioritizing Intentions over Impact
"It's just a joke!"
"Get over slavery!"
Not Challenging Racist Jokes
Remaining Apolitical

Indifference

"Politics doesn't affect me"
Avoiding Confrontation with Racist Family Members

Adapted from Ellen Tuzzolo and Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence's diagram

THE STORY OF TWINKLETOES—SPREADER OF LOVE

BY TWINKLE TOES 1ST BADGE #490 wakeupalice@gmail.com



LET'S START AT THE BEGINNING, 1975, I WAS BORN IN VICTORIA, TEXAS. IN 1986, WHEN I WAS 11 YEARS OLD, I WAS A BMX RACER. THE ABA, (AMERICAN BICYCLE ASSOCIATION) WAS HAVING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RACE (Lonestar Nationals) IN SAN ANTONIO. I WON FIRST PLACE IN STATE!

FAST FORWARD SIX YEARS, 1992 MY FAMILY AND I WERE LIVING IN AUSTIN AND THEY WERE HAVING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RACE HERE IN AUSTIN. I RACED AND I CAME IN FIRST PLACE IN STATE AGAIN! OKAY FAST FORWARD TO 1995, I HAD JUST GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL IN 93. ON APRIL 13, 1995 FOUR FRIENDS AND I WERE HEADING EASTBOUND ON HIGHWAY 71 A.K.A. BEN WHITE. IT WAS AROUND MIDNIGHT, WE WERE GOING HOME. I WAS IN THE BACK SEAT PASSENGER SIDE OF A BMW. WE WERE AT THE INTERSECTION OF HWY 71 AND MONOPOLIS. WHEN THE GREEN ARROW APPEARED, WE PROCEEDED TO TURN LEFT ON TO MONTOPOLIS. MY LAST MEMORY WAS SEEING TRUCK HEADLIGHTS OUT OF THE PASSENGER SIDE WINDOW. THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER SAYS THAT HIS LAST MEMORY BEFORE THE TRUCK HIT, WAS OF ME REACHING OVER AND PULLING HIM TOWARDS THE MIDDLE OF THE CAR.

MY NEXT MEMORY WAS AWAKENING IN A HOSPITAL BED WHEN I AWOKE, THEY TOLD ME "RANDY, U CAN'T WALK, YOU HAVE BEEN IN COMA FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS. YOU WERE INVOLVED IN A DWI ACCIDENT. MY IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS "OH MY GOD DID I KILL ANYONE?" THEY SAID, "NO RANDY YOU WERE A VICTIM, YOU WERE HIT BY A 16 YO DRUNK DRIVER". I DO NOT KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME (ACTUALLY I DO, LOVE CAME OVER ME) BUT I MET WAYLON FRANKS (DRUNK DRIVER) AND SHOOK HIS HAND AND SAID I'M NOT MAD @ YOU. YOU MADE A MISTAKE, I FORGIVE YOU, JUST DON'T DO IT AGAIN. SO I FIRST ATTENDED QUEST AND BRIDGES DAY PROGRAM AND IT WAS ENJOYABLE AS FAR AS REHABS GO. MY PARENTS WOULD DROP ME OFF IN THE MORNING AT THE REHAB AND PICK ME UP AROUND 5 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON. DURING THE DAY AT THE REHAB WE WILL DO FUN ACTIVITIES LIKE BOWLING AND HIPPO THERAPY WHICH IS WHERE YOU RIDE HORSE BACK BAREBACK WITH A SURSINGLE TYPE SADDLE AND WHEN THE HORSE WALKS IT MOVES YOUR HIPS IN THE SAME MOTION AS IF YOU WERE WALKING. THE NEXT REHAB WAS NOT ENJOYABLE AT ALL. IT WAS A RESIDENTIAL REHAB FACILITY THAT I LIVED AT IN

SAN MARCOS. I DIDN'T ENJOY IT MUCH, BUT THIS IS RAD RANDY ARMSTRONG 2 TIME STATE BMX CHAMP. I WAS DETERMINED THAT I WAS GOING TO WALK AGAIN. WHICH I DID AFTER TWO MONTHS IN THAT RESIDENTIAL REHAB. BUT I WALKED SLOW AND USED A WALKER.

SO THE VERY NEXT YEAR FOR MY 21 ST BIRTHDAY PARTY I HAD IT AT THE BROKEN SPOKE. I AM THE CALLER NICKNAMED BRAIN ON 93.7 KLBJ'S DUDLEY AND BOB SHOW I WILL TELL YOU THAT STORY ANOTHER TIME).

They advertised my birthday party on the radio and over 100 morning show fans showed up at my party! So I didn't use a wheelchair for 7 years after the accident. I used a walking stick and I would often fall and portray in a scene from breakin' 2, electric Boogaloo. You know, make it look like I was doing that on purpose!

It was that night I will never forget when my friend Manuel said "Hey Fatboy, I got a nickname fir you, I'm gonna call you Twinkle-mf'n-toes and it just stuck!

Well that Year (1996, the drunk drivers name kept popping into my mind and there was something new in 1996. It was called google. People were saying if you want to find out about anybody in the world, just put their name in Google. So I did. Do you know what he did the next year when he was 17? He killed a lady! People often ask me Twink, aren't you torn up with anger at him, now since he didn't learn anything from hurting you? I can honestly say that I don't have any anger on my heart. What good would it do? Would it make me walk again? Would he even know that I was angry? I would just be a pissed off guy in a wheelchair that nobody wants 2 be around. I would much rather be the guy rolling around listening to the BeeGee's with a huge smile and even huger boobies (o)(o)sharing my story and telling everyone that I meet, that I loves em all whilst doing donuts fir dolla bill\$ baby!!! and everybody wants to be around Twinkle-toes these dazel Shoot brother I gotz em standin' in line! Not yet at least. But that is my dream, just to be recognized.

I hand out bout 10-25 business cards a day. I have two cards I of which says, "Tell somebody you love them" and my other card simply says "Give Love"

But back to my original point about musical chairs, I refused to use a wheelchair fir 6-7 years after the accident, but I still walk slowly and with a walker. My speaker weighs in @ about 30lbs on the back of my seat. I've had a speaker on my chair fir the last seven or eight years, so I am used to the seat breaking and the tires being bald but my parents keep telling me that I need to start taking better care of my wheelchair, ie, no more speaker, no more donuts, but that just cramps my style too!

Randy Armstr...

@Randy-Armstron.



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Randy Armstrong
Scan to pay \$!twinkletoes1x



DE-ESCALATION VS. NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE

BY RYAN DOWD



Not many people know this, but I took a "break" from homelessness in 2013.

I started an organization that assisted churches who were using nonviolent resistance against dictatorships.

I worked primarily in Zimbabwe.

The first time I went there I was arrested within an hour of arriving. That *sucked*.

The last time I was there I was interrogated by two Zimbabwean Central Intelligence agents. *That really sucked*.

In between, there are stories I can't tell in an email that goes to over 70,000 people because my Zimbabwean colleagues could still get in trouble.

In the end, the organization wasn't financially viable, and I had to shut it down.

It was probably the most frustrating event of my life.

I look back on that time, though, with equal parts excitement and residual terror.

For the last several years I have been a full-time "De-Escalation Teacher."

As I get deeper and deeper into understanding conflict, I am struck by the similarities between de-escalation and non-violent resistance.

They don't appear related, but they have the same philosophical core.

Nonviolent Resistance and De-Escalation are both "**The Third Way.**"

Nonviolent Resistance

There are a lot of people famous for nonviolent resistance:

- Mahatma Gandhi (India)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. (USA)
- Leymah Gbowee (Liberia)

In the face of human rights and democratic abuses, most people think they have two choices:

1. Fight back - This is the way of violence.

2. Give up - Ignore the abuse, keep your head down and cross your fingers that it doesn't get worse.

Nonviolent resistance is the third way:

3. Nonviolent resistance - Call out and actively resist abuse, but with a refusal to use violence.

De-Escalation

There are not a lot of people famous for de-escalation, but I have worked with hundreds of masters.

In the face of an individual breaking the rules or behaving poorly, most people think they have two choices:

1. Fight back - If the person is yelling, you yell back.

2. Give up - Avoid conflict by giving in to whatever the person wants.

De-Escalation is the third way:

3. De-Escalation - Hold the person to the rules, but do so calmly and respectfully.

The Third Way

The Third Way is about refusing to give in to aggression, while also refusing to use aggression.

The Third Way is about using your own humanity to draw out the humanity in the "other side."

The Third Way is about choosing hope over cynicism, even in the face of people calling you a fool... *and thinking that they might be right.*

The Third Way is ultimately about speaking truth:

- Nonviolent resistance is "speaking truth **to** power."
- De-escalation is "speaking truth **with** power."

The more deeply I reflect on both, the more I am struck by how often the answer is The Third Way.

Don't believe the darkest corners of the human spirit:
Cynicism is not wisdom. Hope is not naïve.
Cruelty is not strength. Compassion is not weakness.

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