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New Studies Show Harms to Children Under Trump

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contributing writer

Nelson Mandela once said, "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." Two new studies that look at the impact of Trump's second term on LGBTQ+ youth and children with transgender parents show just how soulless our government has become.

Glisten's (formerly GLSEN's) 13th National School Climate Sur-

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You Can't Talk the Gay Away

by Rev. Irene Monroe
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On International Transgender Day of Visibility in March, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that therapists' speech is protected under the First Amendment. In an 8–1 decision in Chiles v. Salazar, a case centered on conversion therapy, religious and conservative groups celebrated the ruling. The plaintiff, Kaley Chiles—an evangelical Christian and licensed therapist—argued that Colorado law violated her free speech rights when working with young people "who have same-sex attractions or gender identity

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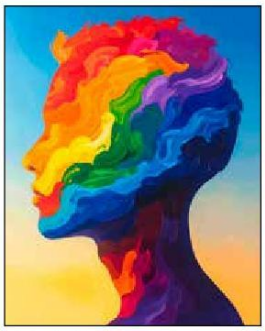

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America the Changeling

Time to restore and reinforce our democracy

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The nation's capital is a liberal city with many immigrants and people of color. It is the sort of place Donald Trump likes to call a crime-ridden hellhole, despite the evidence contradicting him.

Considering that the Civil War ended 161 years ago, why are some people still fighting it? Americans could get along better if our latter-day Confederates would knock it off with their resentments and fake grievances, stoked by oligarchs to divide us so they can hoard most of the wealth.

Trump did not create this. He merely has a knack for exploiting it. He is a relentlessly ignorant, pathological narcissist who appears amused by the prospect of destroying our nation and the world.

The Vatican on April 10 denied a report by The Free Press that the Pen-

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BU pauses Pride flag removals after protests

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Policy review announced after students and faculty rally over enforcement of signage rules affecting LGBTQ+ displays

By Bay Windows Staff

Boston University has paused enforcement of a campus signage policy that led to the removal of Pride flags from some offices after protests by students, faculty and staff earlier this month.

University President Melissa Gilliam announced April 6 that the school would temporarily halt enforcement of the rule while administrators review the policy and its impact on the campus community, according to WBUR.

The controversy centers on a university policy that restricts signs, posters or flags mounted in outward-facing windows or attached to university property. Administrators said the rule is intended to apply to all signage regardless of viewpoint, according to information published by the university about its posted-materials policy.

University officials began asking some offices to remove outward-facing Pride flags in 2025, and the issue intensified during the spring semester when additional flags were taken

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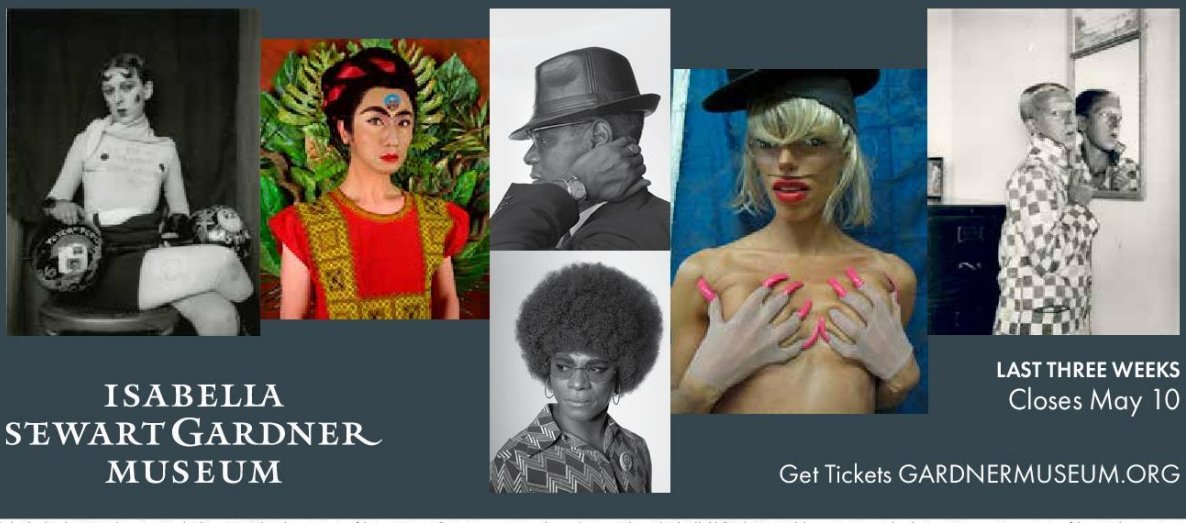

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tagon had bitterly lectured the Vatican's ambassador to Washington over Pope Leo's criticisms of Trump's warmongering. His Holiness, a humane and kind man who understands servant leadership better than Trump ever will, was rewarded on April 12 with a direct personal attack by Trump via social media.

Trump, with his utter lack of decency and self-control, thus confirmed once again our well-advanced slide into a post-American world disorder he created thanks to millions of voters refusing to recognize he is not a leader but a saboteur.

It is one thing for a country to grow and develop. It is another to be a changeling—to transform into something completely different and contrary to what one previously stood for.

Fundamental freedoms are under assault, including freedom of the press, freedom of religion, the right of the people peaceably to assemble, the right to vote, and due process of law.

The president postponed by two weeks his threat to end an entire civilization, which was as blatant a threat of genocide as one could make without using the word. To completely destroy Iran, including its civilian infrastructure, would be a violation of international law and a betrayal of American values. We cannot accept being turned into such a monster.

Our leaders' willingness to commit and even boast about war crimes invites our adversaries to do the same to our service members.

Generations of Americans have struggled to make our country live up to its principles, including the promise of "equal justice under law" carved above the entrance to the Supreme Court. These basic values are being dismissed and derided as "wokeness," as if only straight white cisgender men could possibly be qualified for any job.

That assumption flies in the face of a great deal of evidence, including Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's sharp grilling of counsel during oral arguments, and her written opinions.

Pretending that we can wall out the world only leaves us worse off. Past colonialism and imperial conquest come back to us in the form of migration, while electing a sociopath to lead our country has spread violence across the globe.

We cling to comfortable certitudes and prejudices, and when they leave us worse off, we find other people to blame.

An Afghan-born teen whose father helped American troops in Afghanistan is arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents. Senator Richard Blumenthal decries this cruelty, and the MAGA response on social media is a false disparaging generalization about immigrants and a claim that our president is protecting America.

This has it backwards. The main criminal endangering our country is the man in the White House. The main terrorists are the ICE agents he is using as secret police.

Israel's insistence on having defensible borders means in practice that it is entitled to expand its borders as its leaders see fit. That sabotages a two-state solution. My support for a state of Israel does not mean a constantly shape-shifting, imperialist one.

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The shape-shifter I am most familiar with is the fictional Odo from "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine." He was played by actor René Auberjonois. Odo had been raised by humans, or "solids" as others of his kind called them, and felt a certain attachment to them.

In a 1993 episode, Odo was stuck in an elevator with Betazoid Ambassador Lwaxana Troi, played by actress Majel Barrett. He grew extremely tired, but did not have his bucket to melt into to rest, so the ambassador raised up her metallic dress and he gratefully melted into that.

It would be a great blessing if our shape-shifting president melted into a bucket. That option being unavailable, we have some serious, old-fashioned political organizing to do to restore and reinforce our democracy.

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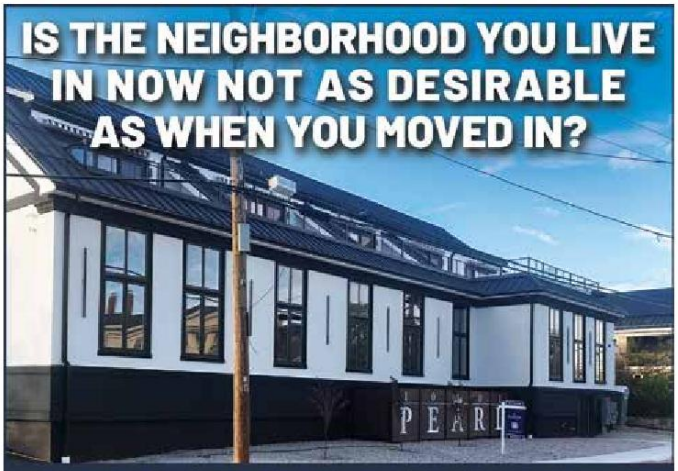

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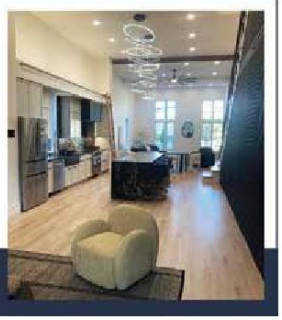

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APRIL 2026

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Families of LGBTQ+ Youth Circle Up

TQNC hosts a gathering for families of LGBTQ+ youth, 6–8 PM, creating space for intergenerational support and community connection.

Host: The Queer Neighborhood Council
tqnc.org

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Queer Advocacy Potluck & Food Drive

TQNC's community advocacy potluck and food drive, 6–8 PM, bringing together queer advocates, organizers, and neighbors.

Host: The Queer Neighborhood Council
tqnc.org

MAY 2026

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Hampshire Pride

Hampshire Pride's 4th annual celebration kicks off the 2026 New England Pride season in Northampton. Schedule: Parade 11 AM–12:30 PM | Vendor Festival noon–6 PM | Main Stage 1–6 PM | Drag Stage 2–6 PM | Bar Crawl 6 PM–2 AM. Allied and non-LGBTQ+ orgs are welcome to participate.

Location: Sheldon Field to Route 9 & Main Street, downtown Northampton, MA Host: Hampshire Pride, Inc.
hampshirepridema.com

May 2026 — Date TBD

Massachusetts Youth Pride

The oldest youth-led, adult-supported LGBTQ+ Youth Pride celebration in the country, organized by BAGLY. Features a march, festival, community partner resource fair, and a live stage show produced by LGBTQ+ youth. Open to youth and allies. Watch BAGLY's site for date announcement.

Location: Boston, MA Host: BAGLY
bagly.org/myp

Tuesday, May 7, 2026

Boston Spirit Executive Networking Night

Boston Spirit Magazine hosts its annual networking event connecting LGBTQ+ business professionals, corporate leaders, and entrepreneurs across New England.

Host: Boston Spirit
bostonspiritmagazine.com

Friday–Sunday, May 28–31, 2026

Cape Ann Pride 2026

The third annual Cape Ann Pride celebration spans Greater Cape Ann — Gloucester, Essex, and Rockport — with a combination of free and ticketed events over the long weekend. Past celebrations have included a Pride flag raising, a Tea Dance on the Pier at Maritime Gloucester, bowling, live DJ sets, and more. Full schedule coming soon.

Location: Gloucester, Essex & Rockport, MA Host: Cape Ann Pride Coalition
capeannpride.org

Sunday, May 31, 2026

TQNC Queer Art Market

TQNC's Queer Art Market returns, 12:30–5 PM, featuring queer artists, artisans, and community groups in an outdoor market setting welcoming all committed to LGBTQIA+ spaces.

Host: The Queer Neighborhood Council
tqnc.org

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vey (NSCS), released March 31, asked 2,800 LGBTQ+ students (including intersex, asexual, and two-spirit youth) in U.S. middle and high schools to reflect on the 2023-2024 school year. Glisten also organized focus groups in 2025 with 36 students who were underrepresented in that sample or in national LGBTQ+ research, including Asian, Black, Latine, transfemme, intersex, disabled, and rural students, and ones in Southern states.

Two-thirds of respondents and more than two-thirds of trans and gender-expansive ones felt unsafe at some point due to their LGBTQ+ identity. Just under two-thirds of respondents experienced verbal, physical, or online harassment/assault because of their sexual orientation; and just over two-thirds reported the same due to their gender identity or expression.

Those numbers are not surprising; schools have unfortunately long been hostile climates for LGBTQ+ youth. Under Trump, however, things are getting worse. The NSCS also found that students experienced increased hostility, bullying, and harassment after the 2024 election, and "felt schools were frozen into inaction out of fear of being targeted or losing funding." As one 15-year-old in a rural focus group in Oregon noted, "There are people in high positions of authority...[who] have a lot of say over how young people think. When you hear...them saying some pretty horrible things, it normalizes it."

Glisten emphasized, though, that the students' experiences are "multi-dimensional" and the youth shouldn't simply be categorized by the binary of "victims" or "leaders." It also indicated actions schools can take to support them, including staff training, taking reports of bullying seriously, enacting LGBTQ+-inclusive school curricula, supporting GSAs (gender and sexuality alliances) and other student organizations, and clarifying and implementing explicitly LGBTQ+-inclusive school policies and practices.

Another recent study, "Impact of the Trump Administration on Transgender Parents and their Children," was released April 9 by the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law. Abbie Goldberg, professor of psychology at Clark University and Williams Institute affiliated scholar, and Brad Sears, distinguished senior scholar at the Williams Institute, surveyed 108 parents on the topic last year: 37% nonbinary, 32% transgender women, 22% transgender men, and 9% genderqueer, genderfluid, or genderflux. One-third were people of color.

Among the 55% of respondents who felt that their children were old enough to be aware of and impacted by the administration's policies, two-thirds (66%) said their children had increased anxieties and/or fears because of the Trump administration. Over half (56%) said these included new worries or concerns, including ones about their parents' safety and/or lack of access to gender-affirming care; discrimination, harassment, or violence towards their families; and questions about why people don't like their parents or families. One parent observed, "My eldest daughter even at a young age is beginning to ask often more into the subject of 'why people are mean to families like ours.' The changes in language and attitude in media and some public spheres seem to register emotionally with them, even though they may not grasp the politics behind it."

Another parent even shared, "My older child asked whether families like ours would still be allowed to stay together if laws keep changing. My younger one asked if people will always be mean to us for being different."

Goldberg explained in a statement that these fears "strike at the heart of their security and stability. For many, what is at stake is not simply a matter of hardship, but whether their family will survive the Trump presidency intact."

The parents used three key strategies, however, to address children's concerns: acknowledging, validating, and processing them; providing reassurance that their families were safe; and promising to advocate for them. They also provided information, worked to build their children's self-esteem, cultivated open communication, and shared historical perspectives on what was happening. As one parent explained, "I reassure them that our family is strong, that I will always protect them, and that there are many people and communities fighting for fairness and love—even when it feels like the world is uncertain."

Most of the parents (87%) also took specific steps to protect their children, including limiting their own or their family's visibility in public spaces and/or social media; avoiding one or more family-oriented spaces and events like playgrounds, school events, and birthday parties; moving or considering moving; homeschooling or changing schools; securing legal safeguards to protect their familial relationships; and taking self-defense classes or buying personal safety devices.

One-third of respondents also said that because of the Trump administration, they were planning to have fewer children, while others indicated that the timing or method that they had planned to use to grow or start their families had changed.

Despite the challenges, however, many respondents also expressed strength and resilience. As one said, "I am not stopping myself from living my life because of bigots in this country. My and my family's lives matter too."

Many other groups of children have been negatively impacted by this administration, too, including trans children kept from medically prescribed care and children, particularly those of color, in ICE detention centers. These two studies add to that bigger picture of the damage that is being done to the next generation and offer some important protective suggestions.

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confusion" and who seek to "live a life consistent with their faith."

Conversion therapy—also known as reparative therapy—is rooted in the Christian ex-gay movement that spread rapidly in the 1980s and 1990s before largely fading in the 2000s. However, it resurfaced during Donald Trump's first term and, in his second, has reemerged more openly and assertively.

This form of psychotherapy, which purports to help LGBTQ+ people become heterosexual, is hardly new—despite overwhelming evidence discrediting it as ineffective pseudoscience. In 1997, the American Psychological Association issued a position statement affirming that "homosexuality per se is a normal and positive variation of human sexual orientation." In 2021, the APA strengthened its opposition to conversion therapy with new resolutions. Earlier, in 1973, the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from the DSM, declaring it not a mental disorder, and in 2000 formally opposed conversion therapy.

The emotional and psychological harms associated with these programs are profound. They are linked to high rates of depression, anxiety, self-destructive behavior, sexual dysfunction, avoidance of intimacy, loss of faith, suicide, and the deepening of internalized self-hatred, among other damaging outcomes.

Progressive religious groups—both straight and LGBTQ+—have condemned the ruling. As DignityUSA executive director Marianne Duddy-Burke stated in a press release: "Throughout our more than 57 years of ministry, we have worked with hundreds of LGBTQ+ people who have undergone conversion therapy. Every one of them described it as a dehumanizing, horrific experience. Not only was it ineffective at changing their sexual orientation or gender identity, but it resulted in deep shame that many tried to treat with alcohol, drugs, or even suicide attempts. It took years to recover, in most cases."

THE TRUTH REMAINS: CONVERSION THERAPIES HAVE AN ESTIMATED FAILURE RATE OF 90 PERCENT.

When it became clear that conversion therapies could not "pray the gay away," and programs like "Jesus Camp" failed to achieve their aims, religion alone became a less effective tool for discrimination against LGBTQ+ Americans. Now, those same efforts are being reframed and protected under the banner of free speech.

The truth remains: conversion therapies have an estimated failure rate of 90 percent. Numerous "ex-gay" organizations have shut down after their leaders publicly acknowledged their own sexual orientation or gender identity. Many prominent figures within the movement have been exposed as fraudulent.

A well-known example is John Paulk, once a nationally recognized "ex-gay" figure. In 2000, he was photographed in a Washington, D.C., gay bar by Wayne Besen of the Human Rights Campaign—an image captioned simply, "Gotcha!" The Kodak moment caused a stir, as Paulk attempted to conceal his identity. His explanation—that he entered only to use the bathroom—was widely questioned, given that he remained there for 40 minutes.

Paulk, a former drag performer known as Candi and a runner-up in the Miss Ingenue pageant, was at the time married to a woman who also identified as a former lesbian through an Exodus International ministry. The couple became high-profile symbols of the ex-gay movement, appearing in 1997 on the cover of Newsweek, as well as on 60 Minutes and Oprah. They co-authored Love Won Out, a memoir that became foundational to Focus on the Family's ex-gay conferences. Their marriage ended in divorce in 2013—the same year Exodus International closed its doors.

In a public apology, Paulk later renounced the ex-gay movement and expressed remorse for the harm caused. He stated: "I no longer support the ex-gay movement or efforts to attempt to change individuals—especially teens who already feel insecure and alienated. I feel great sorrow over the pain that has been caused... I am working hard to be authentic and genuine in all of my relationships."

When we fail to recognize that human life is varied, precious, and of equal worth—as conversion therapies do—we deny the unique gifts each person brings to the world. These practices, whether administered by clergy or licensed therapists, do not honor human diversity; they attempt to erase it. In doing so, they diminish not only individuals but also violate fundamental civil rights.

Sadly, with the ruling in Chiles v. Salazar, there is now concern that existing bans on conversion therapy in 27 states could be challenged and potentially overturned.

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"I would never have approved. She sticks out so much above the waist. She was totally wrong to play me."

- Kim Novak shares thoughts on the casting of Sydney Sweeney in her proposed biopic.

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Last week, the Ohio House of Representatives passed House Bill 249, which is called the "Indecent Exposure Modernization Act". It would outlaw people from wearing clothes and makeup designated for the opposite gender. Now, of course, who is this targeting? The bill does exclude performers in a "venue", but woe be unto **Gene Simmons** if he tries to go to the concert hall in his KISS regalia. Or Jared Leto from throwing on a bit of guyliner. Or **Adam Lambert** from...well, even leaving the house! But we stress that at this point, it's not a law. If "Schoolhouse Rock" taught us nothing, we know that it's just a bill, yes it's only a bill, and it's sitting there on Ohio Capitol Hill. It's not yet a law. It can hope and pray that it will, but today it is still just a bill.

I surely hope **Kristi Noem's** husband isn't planning to change planes in Cleveland anytime soon. And, "change" is the operative word. The story everyone who isn't in the Cabinet is talking about is the photos of Kristi Noem's husband. If you don't know, I'll explain. **Bryon Noem** who is barely a looker as a guy—is dressed in some kind of leotard top stuffed with some enormous fake boobs (complete with nipples) and pink stretch pants. He's allegedly into "bimbofication" (which means exactly what you think) and has a penchant for interacting with online webcam girls. **Lydia Love**, who works on CamSoda, said Bryon was a submissive who paid about $25/minute. "He would try to talk more feminine. His kink was yoga pants." However, Love said it could be very frustrating because he was not very good at being submissive. With a wife like Kristi, that actually surprises me. It should be noted that in 2022, when Mrs. Noem was governor of South Dakota, she signed an anti-trans bill into law. At the time, she cited a study that over 90% of trans people are depressed. When asked about this, she said, "That makes me sad and we should figure it out." I'm kinda surprised she didn't recommend taking them outside and shooting them, but I guess she limits that punishment to four-legged creatures. BTW, when this story about her hubby broke, Kristi asked for "privacy and prayers". The words "you reap what you sow" spring to mind.

We interrupt this column to bring you a message from **Scott Baio**: "When my wife says that people are trolls towards her and our daughter, she's not lying. Let me be clear...it's a shame that people (especially women) tear down my daughter's prom pictures. Bailey is a natural born blonde with blue eyes, like her mother. They are both born natural blondes. Bailey highlights around her face since moving to Florida. If you watched the movie 'Courting Mom & Dad' she had to have her natural blond hair darker to 'play' my daughter. (Ironic, right). So please, stop being mean towards my daughter. Stop it!" I think the younger Baio's hair looks fine. But, who picked out that hideous prom dress? Doesn't she have any gay friends? With Chachi as her dad, I'm guessing no.

The last thing I would expect **Nicole Scherzinger** to do is reunite with The Pussycat Dolls. After a triumphant run in "Sunset Boulevard" on Broadway and in London—to say nothing of a handful of concerts in London, New York and Los Angeles—one expected her to be looking forward, not back. Then came word that the "Dolls" were reuniting...as a trio, consisting of Scherzinger, **Kimberly Wyatt** and **Ashley Roberts**. Wyatt explained, "The Pussycat Dolls have always been known for an ever-changing line-up." Nicole added, "After 20 years, you're like, 'Where is everybody?' But for us, it aligned." Where they were was sitting home. Original member **Carmit Bachar** says she was not invited. **Jessica Sutta** said she didn't know about a reunion until it was announced. The "PCD Forever" tour will make its only LA stop at the Outloud Music Festival, which is part of WeHo Pride.

One of the years I hosted LA Pride, we had **En Vogue** as our headliners—and we had the four original members (fans know members come and go from this group with alarming regularity). The ladies are touring this summer with **TLC** and **Salt-N-Pepa**, and we hear either **Salt** or **Pepa** or **Spinderella** had an issue with **Rhona Bennett**, who has been with En Vogue since 2003. But now, Rhona is suddenly out and founding member **Maxine Jones** was back for the first time since 2012. Everyone is saying it's all just happenstance, but I ain't buying it. Anyway, this is the trio...for now. Before you ask, I don't know if **Dawn Robinson** is still living in her car. I'll get back to you.

While promoting "Project Hail Mary", **Ryan Gosling** revealed that one of the biggest inspirations as an actor came from the daytime drama "Days of our Lives". "When Marlena, **Deidre Hall**, gets possessed...it was an incredible acting class." When Hall heard about this, she went online and extended an invitation. "Hi Ryan, this is an open invitation to visit the 'Days of our Lives' set. Nobody will be possessed." In record time, Gosling responded. "Deidre Hall, are you kidding me? Yes, I will be there to thank you in person for being my OG acting inspiration. It wasn't **Marlon Brando** in 'On the Waterfront', it wasn't DeNiro in 'Taxi Driver'. It was you. I'm not worried about the possession. I'll say a Hail Mary before I get there. I'll be fine. See you on set."

In case Deidre Hall and Ryan Gosling weren't strange bedfellows, let me direct your attention to **Daniel Radcliffe**, who is currently knocking 'em dead with "Every Brilliant Thing" on Broadway. Since this is a solo show (with copious amounts of audience participation), the casting of his replacement is tricky. Someone with the right set of skills was needed. Drama, comedy and improv. Naturally, the first person who came to mind was...**Mariska Hargitay!** This will mark Hargitay's Broadway debut. It should be noted that her mom, Jayne Mansfield, made her Broadway debut in 1955 at the tender young age of 22. When Mariska takes over on May 26th, she'll be 62.

I can't imagine anyone having a problem being bedfellows with **Tyler Hanes** (I will save my history with him for the book). The Hallmark hunk is headed back to the stage, but admittedly further off Broadway than his previous endeavors. This latest venture just began previews at the Marriott Theatre outside of Chicago. He's taking on the role of **Elvis Presley** in what is being termed as a "bio-musical". "Heartbreak Hotel" focuses on Presley's life just before his 1968 comeback and includes about forty Elvis hits. Hanes as sexy Elvis? Sign me up! The show runs through May 31st. Get details and tickets at MarriottTheatre.com.

I suppose it was an inevitability, but an off-Broadway production has been announced called "Heated Rivalry: The Unauthorized Musical Parody". It got my attention because one of our favorites is taking on the role of Ilya—**Jay Armstrong Johnson**. As Shane, we have **Jimin Moon**, who I am not familiar with, but they both look hot in the photos. I'm told one of the highlights is a quasi-Greek chorus extolling the virtues of "gay hockey players with big butts". For the record, I've always enjoyed every inch of JAJ, but never thought of his ass as particularly large. Given his notable appearances in "Broadway Bares", you can check him out on BillyMasters.com. The musical opens on May 12th at the 5th Floor Theatre. More details can be found on HeatedRivalryParody.com.

Time for yet another almost predictable "Ask Billy" question. Gerry in Los Angeles writes, *"I keep hearing about some film* ***Connor Storrie*** *made about his ass. What do you know about it?"*

Well, I wouldn't say it's about his ass, but it surely figures prominently in this endeavor. It's called "Look Behind You". Get it? Behind? Anyway, it's directed by **Nia DaCosta**, who was Connor's "date" at the Oscars. It was released by Verizon—stay with me, I'll explain. The four-and-a-half-minute short opens with Storrie, playing himself, arriving alone at a secluded home (dare I say, a cottage). He uses his Verizon phone to unlock the door. Suddenly we hear a crash of music, and he runs to turn off the stereo. Then the alarm goes off. He checks the doors to make sure they're locked. Suddenly the landline rings—but nobody's there. The lights go on outside, and he hears the automation say the doors are unlocking. He checks his phone to find a text message saying, "I'm coming for you" and then "I'm here." He approaches the door and...well, just watch it on BillyMasters.com.

When we're bringing you Connor's crack and Jay's johnson, it's definitely time to end yet another column. Like our subjects, this column was overstuffed and long. You can always get more by checking out BillyMasters.com—the site that never scrimps on size. For your more personal needs, just do what Tyler did when he was just a tyke. Drop a note to Billy@BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before Kristi's husband competes on "RuPaul's Drag Race". So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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Adam Lambert

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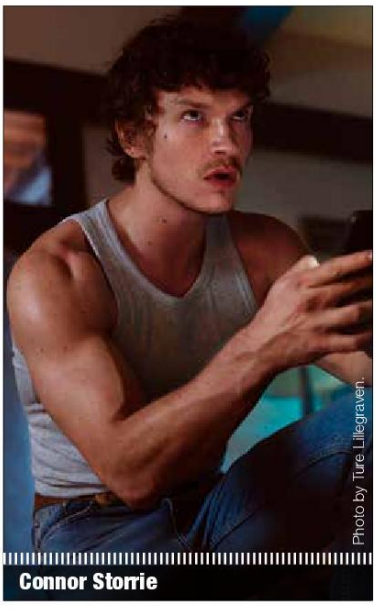
Daniel Radcliffe



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Connor Storrie

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down in campus buildings, according to Boston.com.

The removals prompted criticism from members of the university community who said the policy disproportionately affected LGBTQ+ visibility on campus.

On April 2, students, faculty, alumni and staff gathered outside Boston University's administrative offices to protest the removals and call for changes to the policy, according to Boston.com. Organizers also circulated a petition seeking to allow Pride flags and similar displays in office windows.

In her message announcing the pause, Gilliam said the university needed more time to evaluate the policy and acknowledged that the controversy had been painful for members of the LGBTQ+ community, WBUR reported.

University officials said discussions about the policy and possible revisions will continue.

LGBTQ+ Calendar

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JUNE 2026

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

MassEquality Advocacy Day at the State House

MassEquality organizes a day of meetings with lawmakers and advocacy training focused on advancing LGBTQ+ protections in Massachusetts.

Location: Massachusetts State House Host: MassEquality

massequality.org/events

Friday–Sunday, June 5–7, 2026

Provincetown Pride

Provincetown Pride kicks off the summer season with a parade down Commercial Street, dance parties, performances, and community gatherings. The Boston–Provincetown fast ferry operates from Long Wharf for the weekend (approx. 90 minutes). Book early — Friday afternoon ferries fill fast.

Location: Provincetown, MA

provincetown.com

Friday, June 5, 2026

Boston Dyke March

The annual Boston Dyke March gathers at 6:30 PM at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common. The march believes in anti-capitalist, intersectional gender liberation and is mask-required, ASL interpreted, and fully accessible, with a wheelchair, stroller, and scooter accessible route and an accessibility vehicle for those who need it.

Location: Parkman Bandstand, Boston Common Host: Boston Dyke March

Note: This date (June 5) is sourced from third-party event listings. Confirm at bostondykemarch.com as the 2026 date has not yet been officially announced on their own site.

bostondykemarch.com

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Boston Pride for the People Parade and Festival

The 2026 celebration begins with a parade at 11 AM from Copley Square, ending at Boston Common for an all-ages concert and festival from noon–6 PM, followed by a block party 2–8 PM. The volunteer-led event celebrates the rich diversity and intersectionality of the LGBTQ+ community.

Location: Copley Square to Boston Common Host: Boston Pride for the People

bostonprideforthepeople.org

Friday–Sunday, June 19–21, 2026

Rhode Island PrideFest & Illuminated Night Parade

Rhode Island Pride marks 50 years of Pride in the Ocean State. PrideFest takes place Saturday, June 20, at Waterplace Park in Providence with live concerts, drag shows, DJs, community booths, and food vendors. The celebration's signature Illuminated Night Parade lights up downtown Providence with glowing floats, neon lights, and rainbow energy after sunset on Saturday, June 20, starting at 8 PM. Admission to PrideFest is free; donations welcomed.

Location: Waterplace Park & downtown Providence, RI Host: Rhode Island Pride

prideri.org

JULY 2026

Wednesday, July 1 – Sunday, July 5, 2026

Boston Black Pride

Boston Black Pride returns for four days and 7+ events celebrating Black LGBTQ+ culture, music, and community across Boston. The annual weekend honors history, amplifies Black LGBTQ+ voices, and celebrates community with pride and power.

Location: Various locations, Boston, MA Host: Boston LesBiGay Urban Foundation

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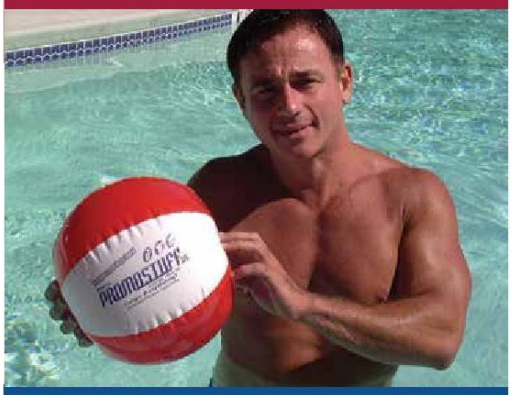

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