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P.J. Moton-Poole said the new interactive exhibit 'With Love' is his and ViiV's love letter to the communities they serve

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With Love



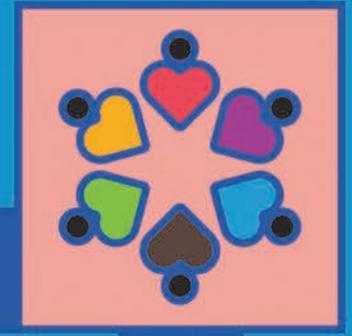
With Love is a new interactive exhibit at the ViiV Center for HIV, AIDS, and LGBTQ+ Health.

The exhibit is a love letter to the communities they serve, featuring interactive displays, videos, and a virtual reality experience. It is designed to educate and inspire, and is a must-see for anyone interested in HIV, AIDS, and LGBTQ+ health.

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P.J. Moton-Poole and his husband, Isaiah Moton-Poole, at the *With Love* exhibit. Photo by Ricardo Mauricio, courtesy of ViiV

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Protesters outside Texas Live! couldn't stop Disney Drag Brunch.

Protesters try to block Disney Drag brunch

A Pride event in Arlington over the weekend was hit with protesters that one attendee caught on video and posted to Reddit. The video showed one individual being especially vulgar and aggressive, claiming he would “happily” return to jail for the chance to beat up the attendees.

The protesters accused the attendees of being pedophiles, although the Disney Pride brunch was for people ages 21 and up only. They may have been conflating the event with a family-friendly, no-alcohol-served drag show that took place at a bar on Cedar Springs Road on June 3.

Protesters were claiming they were not allowing people to pass, and at the end of the video, the person recording the incident called 911. In reality, Arlington police had the protesters cordoned off to a small area across the street. Organizers of the sold-out Pride brunch had already been in touch with Arlington police who responded quickly. While there was a lot of big talk about fighting and defending Texas, no one was injured.

DeeJay Johannesen, executive director of HELP Center for LGBT Health and Wellness which received a portion of the proceeds for the

event, said protesters did not interfere with the event itself, which included two sold-out shows.

— David Taffet

Biden issues executive order to 'combat discrimination'

President Joe Biden on Wednesday, June 15, issued an executive order pledging to “combat unlawful discrimination and eliminate disparities that harm LGBTQI+ individuals and their families, defend their rights and safety, and pursue a comprehensive approach to delivering the full promise of equality for LGBTQI+ individuals.”

The president said the main focus of the order is protecting LGBTQ youth who are increasingly targets of state legislation that limits access to health care and creates unsupportive school environments. According to the Williams Institute, some 2 million youth ages 13-17 in the U.S. identify as LGBT, including 300,000 who identify as transgender.

In the executive order, the president said, “The federal government must take action to address the significant disparities that LGBTQI+ youth face in the foster care system, the misuse of state and local child welfare agencies to target LGBTQI+ youth and families and the mental health needs of LGBTQI+ youth.”

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Northaven Pride parade (Photo by Jeremy Holland/Dallas Voice)

Texas is one of the states that has been specifically targeting transgender youth and their families. Gov. Greg Abbott called three special sessions after last year's regular session of the Texas Legislature, focusing on passing not only one of the most restrictive anti-abortion bills in the country but also a measure banning trans youth from participating in school sports based on their gender identity.

— Tammye Nash

PHNTX opens after-hours Pride Clinic

Prism Health North Texas this week announced the opening of its Pride Clinic, an after-hours STI and HIV testing service that is free and available to anyone. The Pride Clinic is open from 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at PHNTX's Worth Street Health Center, 4004 Worth Street in Dallas. Patients can be tested for

HIV and common STIs including syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia. Walk-ins are welcome.

Once testing is complete, results are reviewed by PHNTX medical providers and patients are offered referrals to any needed services including treatment options, linkage to PrEP and HIV services and additional general health screenings recommended.

All of PHNTX's services are available to North Texans regardless of insurance or socioeconomic status.

— Tammye Nash

Northaven Church holds 3rd Pride parade

Northaven Church held its third annual Pride Parade and added a cook out after the event on Saturday, June 11.

The parade was first staged the first year of the pandemic when the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade was canceled.

The parade was led by Northaven pastor the Rev. Ann Willett. Members of Congregation Beth El Binah, a predominantly LGBTQ synagogue that meets at the church, joined the festivities.

The route is short — from the south parking lot to the north, then a block down Northaven

Street and a block down Preston Road. But it's held in a conservative neighborhood and interrupts traffic just long enough to be noticed. And despite the searing heat, the parade was followed by a cookout.

— David Taffet

Stedfast Baptist member cited for shoving protester

Stedfast Baptist Church has been back in the headlines the last couple of weeks after a video was posted online of a sermon by Stedfast preacher Dillon Awes in which he declares that every LGBTQ person should be "lined up against the wall and shot in the back of the head" because "That's what God teaches. That's what the Bible says."

And Sunday, June 12, at least one Stedfast member was reportedly cited by police in Watauga after shoving a protester outside the church. A source tells Dallas Voice the church member cited for assault was Ryan Urbanek.

Stedfast Baptist, led by pastor Jonathan Shelley, is now located in a strip center on the Old Denton Highway in Watauga after being evicted from its former location in Hurst. A group called No Hate Hurst had protested regularly on the sidewalk across from the Hurst location, and when the church moved to Watauga, the group changed its name to No Hate Texas and continued its protests. Sunday was the first time there has been any kind of physical contact between church members and protesters as far as we know.

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And they call Dems ‘groomers’

Ohio House Republicans pass bill allowing nearly anyone to demand a ‘genital inspection’ of anyone playing girls’ sports in schools

In the United States the call for meaningful gun violence prevention is louder than ever. People are tired of mass shootings every day; they want their kids to go to school and then come home alive. And Republicans are responding to the deadly gun violence epidemic just as you’d expect them to: by demanding to see the genitals of transgender kids.

Ohio House Republicans have passed a bill that allows just about anybody to demand a “genital check” of any kid playing girls’ sports if said kid is suspected of being transgender.

They passed it on the first day of Pride Month.

I wish that I were making this up.

Called the “Save Women’s Sports Act” (barf), the Republicans were so proud of it that they bravely tacked it onto an unrelated bill at 11 p.m. The bill is now headed to the Senate — except the Senate isn’t in session again until November. So it could take a while for it to actually get to Republican Gov. Mike DeWine’s desk, assuming it passes the Senate.

Now, you might think that this bill is extreme. But according to The Advocate, bill sponsor Rep. Jena Powell says, “Across our country, female athletes are currently losing championships, scholarship opportunities, medals, education and training opportunities and more to discriminatory policies that allow biological males to compete in girls’ sports.”

And as we know, numbers don’t lie. Surely this is a serious issue in Ohio that affects a very large number of people, right?

Of course not.

The number of transgender girls playing high school sports in Ohio is ... one.



D'Anne Witkowski
Creep of the Week

One.

Democrats voted against the bill. “There are not scores of girls’ dreams being crushed; there is one child trying to play on their high school sports team,” Democratic Rep. Beth Liston, a physician, said on the floor. “This is a made-up controversy, and this amendment is state-sanctioned bullying against one child.”

What a horrible thing to do to this poor kid. Imagine your state legislature passing a bill that targets only YOU and is intended to punish you for being who you are. It’s truly sick.

And to do it on the first day of Pride Month! And to do it so soon after yet another horrific mass shooting in an elementary school! And to do it AT ALL!

Shame on everyone who voted for this bill.

Rep. Liston also blasted the legislation in a statement calling it “just plain sick,” adding, “No child should be forced to undergo ‘genital inspections’ so that they can play sports.”

Worth pointing out here that the Republican Party claims that Democrats are “groomers” (aka sexual predators who prey on children), and yet Republicans are the ones who demand to know what a kid’s genitals look like.

“Our children’s sexual development is none of the Ohio House’s business,”



said Rep. Liston. “My Republican colleagues need to keep their hands off our children.”

Republicans are claiming that this is actually a women’s rights issue, but that’s bullshit. They DGAF about women. And if you don’t believe me, just look at their votes on reproductive freedom, abortion, violence against women, affordable child care, paid child and family leave and on and on and on.

“The health and safety of our youth are not negotiable,” said Equality Ohio Executive Director Alana Jochum in a statement. “This should not be a partisan issue, and we are appalled that our lawmakers are once again causing real harm to LGBTQ youth to score political points. All Ohio youth deserve the opportunity to play on a sports team with their peers without having to hide who they are.”

Focusing on the so-called “culture wars” has always worked for Republicans in the past. And right now they literally have nothing else. They are a party that literally stands against democracy and defends insurrectionists, encourag-

es conspiracy theorists and perpetuates racism.

In a sane country, they would not be serious contenders in any race. Certainly no one would worry about them taking back the majority in the U.S. House, for example.

But we do not live in a sane country. We live in a country that has more guns than people and more mass shootings than anywhere else in the world. And Republican lawmakers are laser-focused on a kid’s crotch.

Vote them all out.

But also, be a loud ally of transgender folks right now — not just because it’s Pride Month, but because they are under a laser-focused attack.

And if you’re trans, know that there are lots of people who support you and think you’re pretty great just the way you are. ■

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From P.J., ‘With Love’

fighting HIV

One drugmaker uses a wholistic approach to help people thrive not just survive HIV

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“It’s time for us to do something different in this work,” says P.J. Moton-Poole. “People deserve more.”

Moton-Poole works for the HIV drug company ViiV, the only drugmaker solely focused on HIV care. He takes a wholistic approach to his work, saying his job is to do more than just push pills. That’s why he put together an art exhibit that will go on tour later this year reflecting his work with Black men, Hispanic men and Black women, the three communities most heavily impacted by new HIV infections.

“We look at HIV as more than just a virus,” he said of his company, adding that ViiV has been working to understand some of the things that make people vulnerable to contracting HIV and to help people living with HIV live long healthy lives.

“*With Love* is our newest cultural initiative,” Moton-Poole said.

That’s the name of the interactive art exhibit he assembled showing through July 1 at the event space 2700 Swiss. *With Love*, Moton-Poole said, is a love letter to the three communities he focuses his work on.

Dallas is one of four cities ViiV has targeted with its play space initiative to make an impact on the local area in managing HIV care and access to services. That initiative began with listening sessions with individuals and organizations focused on learning how to provide care for people with HIV and those who could benefit from PrEP.

One of the things ViiV learned by listening is that housing is a major issue in accessing HIV care. For the housing-insecure, remembering a daily pill is low



Visitors at the opening day of *With Love* included, from left, Christopher Walker of ViiV Healthcare, former city council member Adam Medrano, Hope Health Center Executive Director Tamara Stephney, P.J. Moton-Poole, AP, Inc. CEO Kirk Myers and Councilman Omar Narvaez.

on the priority list. That’s one of the reasons the company developed Cabenuva, an injectable medication that’s administered just a few times per year and can be used as HIV medication and is also an alternative to traditional PrEP.

Through this work, Moton-Poole said, ViiV learned that local organizations don’t always coordinate services to make them easier for clients to access. And agencies didn’t always maximize their services when clients were there, partially due to lack of funding.

As an example, he said, ViiV granted Abounding Prosperity funds to do HIV testing while people were getting COVID-19 vaccines too at Dallas Southern Pride this weekend.

ViiV has also learned to listen to the “youth voice.”

“As times change, needs change,” Moton-Poole said.

During these listening sessions, Moton-Poole said ViiV also learned that

younger people are more likely to engage digitally. So the company helped fund telemedicine.

He said that through grants, his company has developed some good collaborations through healthy partnerships.

And that brings Moton-Poole back to *With Love*, which he calls, “a love letter from ViiV to the community.”

The exhibit is interactive and designed to help attendees create and explore their own narrative, create their own community and create their own independent and collective future.

“It’s reframing the idea of living with HIV or empowering through PrEP,” Moton-Poole said.

It teaches people to thrive rather than just survive, he explained.

The exhibit

When you enter 2700Swiss, you’re greeted by LED lights and by vibrant

colors and big words around the space. You’re given chalk and markers to interact with the exhibit.

The idea, Moton-Poole said, is to “leave a piece of yourself.”

In the center of the exhibit are a table and chairs where visitors can sit and reflect on who they bring to the table with them and to recognize who their support is. Those who have been cast out by family or religion can reflect on who makes up their chosen family.

“You are an architect of your own future,” he said. “Map out who is at your personal table.”

Moton-Poole said he wants to empower Black men and women and Hispanic men to consider PrEP. Although PrEP has been around since 2012, he said, “it wasn’t marketed to black and brown individuals till 2015.”

And keeping Black trans women healthy is something Moton-Poole said

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Pride in the Arts District returns

PRIDE

Museums offer an evening of a wide variety of entertainment options to celebrate Pride

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Pride will be celebrated in the arts district tonight (Friday, June 17) with live performances, a dance party in the Nasher garden, film screenings, art, dance, games, gallery tours, drag shows and more. And if the last pre-pandemic Pride event in the Arts District was any indication, about the same number of people will be attending tonight's event as were in Fair Park for the parade.

What's missing from Arts District Pride? The blazing sun. The event begins at 6 p.m. and continues till midnight downtown in and around the Dallas Museum of Art, the Nasher Sculpture Center and the Crowe Museum of Asian Art and along Flora and Harwood streets.

Also missing are banks, insurance companies and other corporations. The sponsor list instead includes organizations like the Texas Commission on the Arts. The North Texas LGBT Chamber of Commerce and Dallas Voice are about as commercial as the sponsor list gets.

The community stage at the corner of Flora and Harwood streets will be a focus of entertainment. Uptown Players will take the stage at 7 p.m. with a medley of music from some of their shows. That's followed by the Abounding Prosperity set promoting Dallas Southern Pride and Juneteenth events happening through the rest of the weekend, a performance by Dezi-5 and a grand finale with Jada Pinkett Fox.

More entertainment takes place in the galleries of the DMA where Flexible Grey Theatre Company will premiere *Bridges: Texas and T*, fourth in a series of interview plays featuring trans and gender-nonconforming actors.

Films include Hollywood hits like



Visitors relax on the lawn while listening to performers at Arts District Pride 2019. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

Victor, Victoria at the Nasher and, at the DMA, *No Straight Lines* about the rise of five queer comics. Jeannette, showing at 10 p.m. in the Horchow Auditorium, tells the story of a competitive bodybuilder and queer single mom struggling to cope with a trauma after surviving a mass shooting.

Stacey Lizotte of the Dallas Museum of Art said the museums are ramping back up all of their programs, including late night events, and this year's Arts District Pride will offer both new programs and some of the most successful parts of previous events.

Tours of the museum will be led for the first time by members of the DMA's Teen Advisory Council. Those tours include one that explores post-war abstraction and another that visits works in the collection that include images of dogs and cats. One tour investigates unconventional materials used in various pieces in the collection by Basquiat, Rauschenberg and Bochner. *Pride and Self-Expression* gives participants a look at *Lady Godiva* by Anne Whitney, Bama mud cloths and Monet's *The Water*

Lily Pond.

A self-tour guide to five queer artists in the DMA collection can be picked up at the client services desk. It's an interesting way to tackle the museum's massive collection by looking for specific paintings or other artistic creations rather than just going from painting to painting, room to room.

Artitude will be back with new artists, poets, dancers and visual artists, Lizotte said. They'll present a showcase of African-American women speaking to issues of identity, culture and social climate and honoring Juneteenth. B. Randall hosts Lyrik Hunter, Haley Colbert, Lyrique Jaye, Danielle Ellis and Shukee.

"We're delighted to continue our partnership with Resource Center for the Kiki Ball," Lizotte continued. To make it more participatory, audience members will be invited to come up on stage and walk the runway themselves.

And new arts groups will be part of the activities. This year the Dallas Opera joins Arts District Pride.

Librarians from the Dallas Public Li-

brary will be on hand with books and recommendations. They promise to be radical librarians who don't believe in banning books but believe in making appropriate recommendations.

While entrance to the DMA is free, tickets will be required to enter the current Cartier exhibit of fine jewelry.

Lizotte recommended for those interested to spend some time admiring and examining the detail work and craftsmanship of the Cartier masterpieces collected from around the world for the exhibit. Tickets are \$25.

At the Nasher, the Pride Dance Party begins at 6 p.m. with Johnny B33. Pride After Dark begins at 8 p.m. with periodic live performances. Or if you prefer to watch dance, Anita Martinez Ballet Folklórico opens the evening on the community stage.

Gallery tours will be offered hourly from 6:30-9:30 p.m., and admission to the Nasher is free for the evening.

The Crowe Museum teams up with University of Texas at Dallas to present a program at 7 p.m. on *Coming Out*:

Celebrating freedom

PRIDE

Dallas Southern Pride celebrating Juneteenth with full weekend of parties

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For many years, Juneteenth was a uniquely Black and uniquely Texas celebration of the day that Union General Gordon Granger landed in Galveston, on June 19, 1865, to announce General Order No. 3, declaring freedom for enslaved people in Texas, the last Confederate state with institutional slavery.

On June 18, 2021, 156 years later, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, and that weekend, Dallas Southern Pride hosted its largest Juneteenth celebration yet.

This weekend, DSP hosts its 2022 Juneteenth celebration. In fact the celebration started Thursday night, June 16 with the Cypher Party at Amplified, featuring performances by YaBoiKandir, Fat Pimp, DJ Chose and Beat King. DSP's Ahmad Goree took a few minutes this week to talk to Dallas Voice about the rest of the events planned for this weekend, and what Juneteenth means to the Black LGBTQ and same-gender-loving community.

DALLAS VOICE: Tell me about all the different events planned through the weekend. Who are the entertainers on hand for this year? Ahmad Goree: Juneteenth Unity Weekend is through June 19. On Saturday, Yo Gotti will perform at the Mega Party, alongside Dallas' own superstars Erica Banks and Yella Beezy. The Mega Party will start at 10 p.m. and will be held at Amplified, 10262 Technology Blvd E.

The City Girls, Saucy Santana and Moneybagg Yo will perform at the Juneteenth Unity Festival and Pool Party on Saturday, from 5-9 p.m., at Samuell-Grand Aquatic Center, 3201 Samuell Blvd. And



Ahmad Goree

singer, actress and reality star K. Michelle will perform on Sunday at 6 p.m. at the newly-added Sunset Rooftop Pool and Club Party, which will take place at The Pool at Crowne Plaza, 1015 Elm St.

We are adding a family component this year on Saturday when Dallas Southern Pride will host the Juneteenth Unity Weekend Family Day at Samuell Grand Aquatic Center, 3201 Samuell Blvd., from 12:30-2:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. And on Sunday, Juneteenth Unity Weekend will sponsor 500 kids, plus one adult per household, to attend the Dallas Children's Aquarium, 1462 1st Ave., in celebration of both Juneteenth and Father's Day.

Black Royalty: Emancipation Ball II begins at 2 a.m. Sunday at Crowne Plaza Dallas Downtown.

If somebody wants to celebrate but can only make one event, which one do they need to go to? The Unity Festival is our main event. It is Saturday at Samuell Grand Park. There will be vendors, voter registration, health screenings and performances from local and national artists, including some A-list Celebs. The Dallas Police Department will be there with some specialized vehicles to show off as well, and we will end the evening with our annual fireworks show.

The Pool Party has been part of the Juneteenth celebration for years, hasn't it? What makes this party so special? And the Emancipation Ball — is that new for Juneteenth

this year or has it been around, too? And why have the ball from 2 -6 a.m.? Is it just because the weekend is SO crowded with so many parties happening? The Pool Party was actually how all this started at Kirk Myers-Hill's home, and it has grown since then to include an entire festival. The Ball has been around for years as well. Balls are normally late into the night because people in this community have their day-to-day lives, with work and all, and for this weekend they want to be able to enjoy the other activities.

Last year's Juneteenth was HUGE. What kind of attendance are you expecting

this year, and how much do you expect this weekend is going to add to the Dallas economy? Do you think people in general realize what a large and important event this is each year? Last year was huge, with nearly 20,000 people attending, and it added nearly \$2.2 million to the local economy. We expect this year's celebration to exceed both of those numbers based off our current tickets sales and hotel demands. We believe that the word is getting out about the success of our Unity event thanks to the type of sponsors that are supporting our efforts, such as Gilead Sciences, Hilton, Dallas Mavericks, Yale University, John Hopkins University, Brinker International, VisitDallas, Radio One and many others.

Dallas' Black LGBTQ/same-gender-loving community has celebrated Juneteenth with a weekend of parties for years. When did Dallas Southern Pride start organizing the celebration?

Yes that is true. DSP has celebrated Juneteenth for over a decade, and it has grown more than we ever imagined.

The significance of Juneteenth to the Black community is obvious. But why do you think it means so much to the Black LGBTQ/same-gender-loving community? I think it is all about Unity within our community. The Black family has experienced tough times in general and coming together for this cause is what Unity means.

I was really surprised when I got older to realize there were so many people who didn't even know what Juneteenth meant much less celebrated it. Now it is a federal holiday. What do you think that means to folks, to finally have Juneteenth recognized this way? Do you think that will have any impact on the DSP Juneteenth celebrations? We are so excited to have Juneteenth finally be recognized as a federal holiday. It means the celebration is important and finally being taken seriously, and that it is not just for the Black community but for America as a whole. We believe it becoming a holiday will shine more light on our efforts.

There are, I think, a lot of folks — mainly non-Black folks — who still don't really get the importance of Juneteenth. What message do you have for them? My message is for them to learn about the importance of Juneteenth. It rep-



Erykah Badu, Lil Kim and Kash Doll were among the performers at Dallas Southern Pride's 2021 Juneteenth Unity weekend

resents how Blacks in America were left behind even after being free, which is something we still see today within the justice system and other aspects of life, such as access to healthcare, employment, housing and fair treatment as a whole. Understanding the history is a way to improving the future.

What else do you want to mention that I didn't ask about? We invite any and every one to celebrate with us during this weekend. It will be filled with education, art, culture and mostly fun.



Dallas Police Department will once again participate in Dallas Southern Pride's Juneteenth Unity weekend

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AT&T brings Pride to downtown with Turn Up the Love

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Every June, we're bombarded with every type of business, corporation or take-your-pick touting rainbows and wishing Happy Pride — until July 1. AT&T wants to assure its support is year-round but is celebrating Pride with its *Turn Up The Love* tour, landing in Dallas on June 24 at the AT&T Dallas Discovery District.

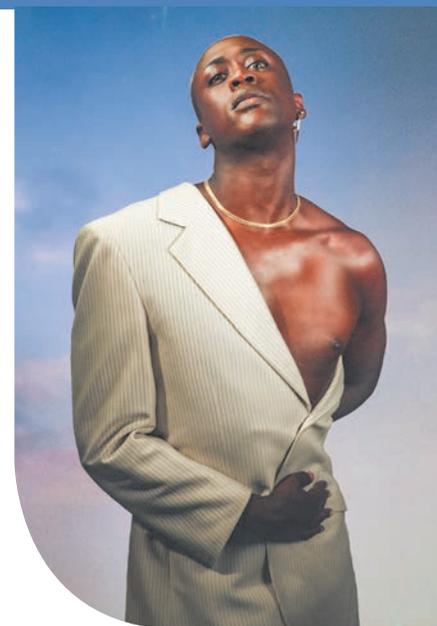
Singer VINCINT headlines the series that benefits the Trevor Project, but the Dallas edition will feature some hometown flavor with performances by Alison Ponthier and Brayla in a night hosted by *Drag Race's* Silky Nutmeg Ganache.

But *Turn Up the Love* isn't just a concert series, it's a perpetual philosophy of the corporation.

"AT&T Turn Up the Love is a year-round event and editorial initiative to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and to promote acceptance and allyship," Robert Hebert, lead manager of marketing communications, said in an email. "We turn up the love by celebrating important moments for the community, by promoting acceptance and by connecting people to important resources like The Trevor Project."

The corporation's relationship with the LGBTQ community has been longstanding. AT&T began early on to a safe space for queer employees, Hebert said, noting that the company's pro-gay practices began back in the 1970s.

"In 1975, AT&T became one of the first major American corporations to adopt a policy prohibiting discrimination against employees based on sexual orientation, now expanded to include gender identity and gender expression," he said. "And in 1987, The LEAGUE at AT&T was established, making it one of the first and oldest LGBTQ and ally



VINCINT headlines *Turn Up The Love*.

employee groups in the nation, whose work and service positively impacts local LGBTQ+ communities year-round."

Next weekend, AT&T steps up by turning up and, quite literally, will provide a platform — okay, a stage — for queer voices this Pride month.

"For this year, AT&T *Turn Up The Love* continues to advance its mission to amplify LGBTQ+ voices and harness the power of musicians and artists as universal truth-tellers to create awareness of the importance of love and acceptance, Hebert said.

Brayla brings it home

Hailing now from Philadelphia, Brayla will return to her hometown for her opening performance. The out lesbian singer is ready to bring her brand of soul to Dallas, especially for Pride. And with this audience, the 22 year-old should find some new exposure for her music.

Her soulful sounds and chill vibes are her way to connect with listeners, she said by phone. "I think I try to be limitless in my music," she added. "Every time I create music or release something, I use that to become relatable to those who are listening."

Brayla left Dallas to attend Berklee College of Music and pursue her music dreams. After graduation in 2021,





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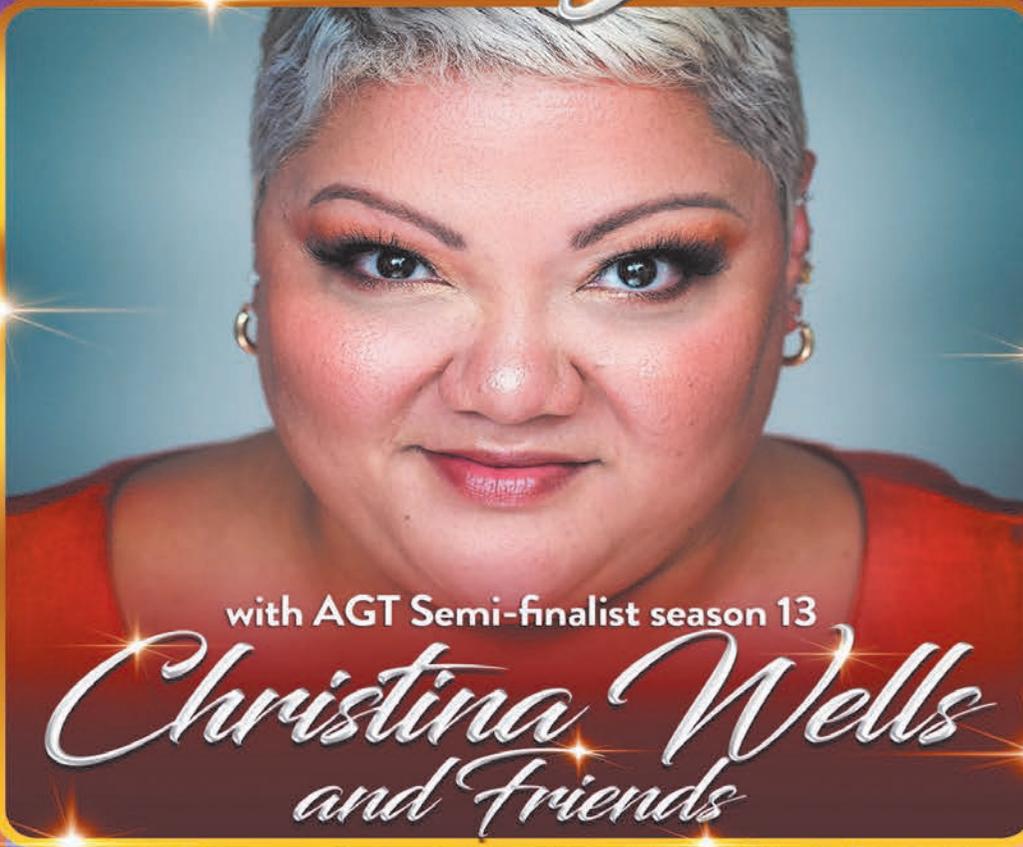
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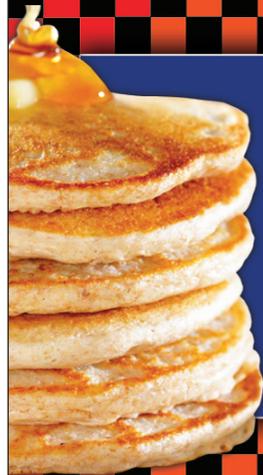


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ViiV's *With Love* exhibit hopes to engage people by getting them to interact with the various elements. (All photos by Ricardo Mauricio)

From there, he worked for AP, Inc. and then the national organization AIDS United before joining ViiV.

"ViiV hopes to be positioned as the company that has engaged the community in a different sort of way," Moton-Poole said. "We want to disrupt health disparities and engage and end HIV for all, not just those who have access to resources."

The exhibit is open noon-5 p.m. at 2700 Swiss, 2700 Swiss Ave. through July 1. After Dallas, the exhibit moves to Atlanta and Miami later this year.

they are just learning how to do. He said many of those women face a lot of rejection from family and isolation to gain a sense of safety and survival. But Muhlyasia Booker's murder and the national publicity and outrage it ignited caused the community to mobilize and begin to create its own organizations promoting safety and health.

Moton-Poole called *With Love* the culmination of his 16 years doing HIV prevention work. He began in college as an outreach specialist providing safe-sex kits and offering information on local testing. His first job out of grad school, where he received a master's degree in social work, was at Resource Center where he was a founder of United Black Ellument.

"I was still doing community work elevated to a different level," he said.



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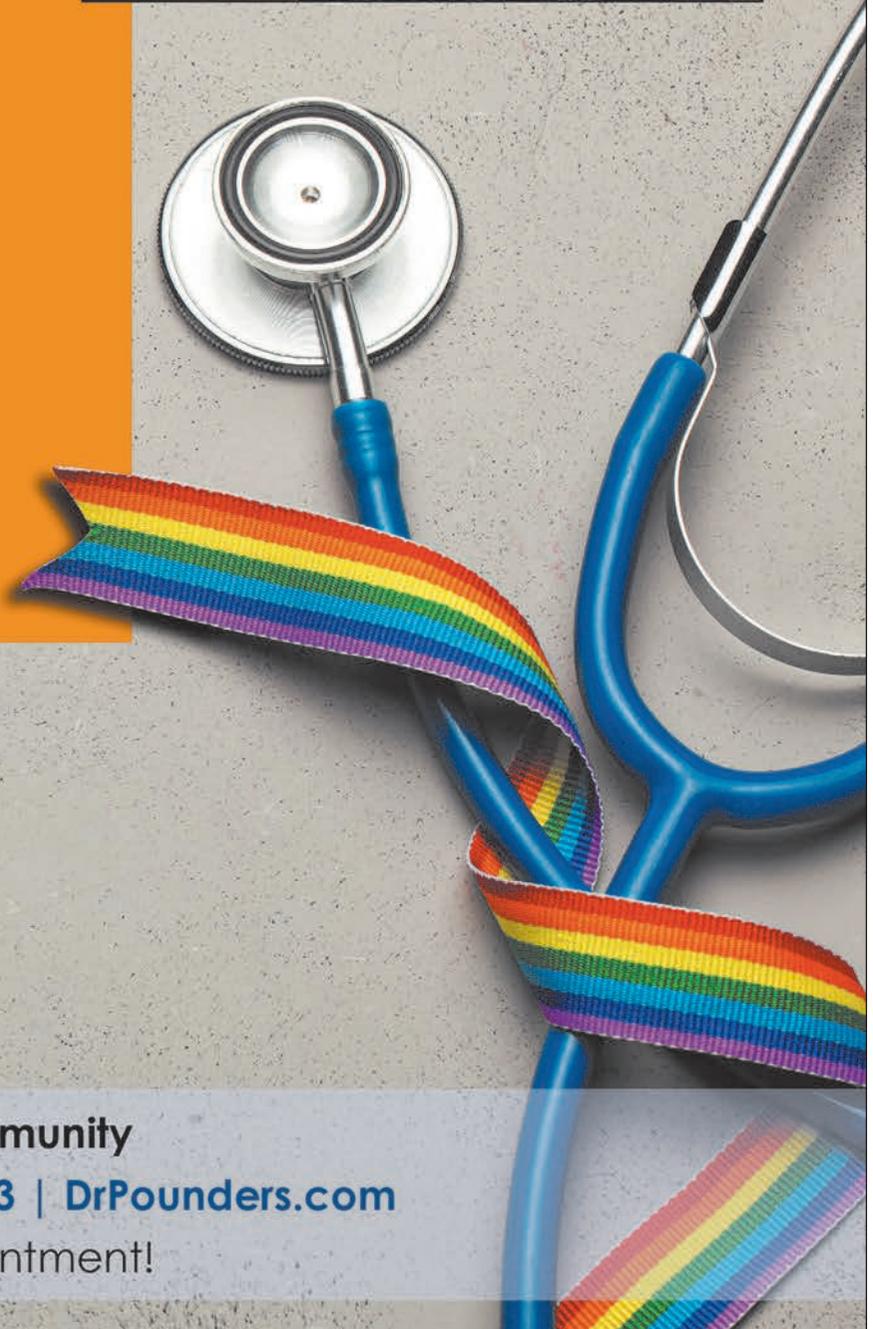
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Vendor booths at Arts District Pride give visitors a chance to interact with creators displaying their work. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

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Abounding Prosperity and Resource Center will have their HIV and STD testing vans outside the DMA’s entrances.

“You can register to vote both inside and out,” Lizotte said.



A variety of food trucks will be on hand for hungry folks at Arts District Pride. (David Taffet/Dallas Voice)

On Sunday, in conjunction with Arts District Pride, the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum is offering free admission to the permanent and special exhibitions as well as screenings of the film *Harriet*.



SINGING From Page 12

she set out to conquer the world in song. It is a goal she is unapologetic about.

“Ultimately I’d love to live in a huge mansion with

my partner and have a

studio to just record and produce there for the rest of my life,” she said. “Right now, I’m working on getting all the resources I need to make that happen.”

And she is — at least, she is getting her name out there. She’s dropped two EPs, books a slew of live shows and continues to build her online presence through her socials (mostly Instagram at @brays.anatomy).

“I’m just so grateful to be working on my dreams and seeing them happen right before my eyes,” she said.

Brayla’s signature sound is orchestrating background vocals behind her lyrics. That sound, she said is her passion, and it that creates a whole other texture to her songs. And when she writes, love is a big inspiration.

“I do write a lot about love, and it’s this chance to say the things I never would say out loud,” she said. “My biggest challenge is going deeper.”

But Brayla doesn’t shy away from being out and proud. Her song “Saving Grace” is dedicated to her partner of three years, Majesty, who will join Brayla on her trip back home.

Turn Up the Love will be one of Brayla’s first Pride performances and she’s ready for it.

“This is one of my first big Pride events, and I’m so excited to just be me up there and sing with my brother who’ll be playing with me,” she said. “You know, I did not feel comfortable expressing myself growing up, so for me, having that freedom of expression now — there’s no way better to celebrate that for Pride month.”

Silky, silky now

Coming off *RuPaul’s Drag Race All-Stars* last year, Silky Nutmeg Ganache has been doing her own thing since serving up some deadly and now-icon-



Lesbian singer Brayla, left, returns to Dallas for *Turn Up the Love* with another North Texas native, Alison Ponthier, center, and emcee Silky Nutmeg Ganache.

ic lip syncs. She may not have taken the crown, but the Mississippi queen is intent on making an impact. So when she takes the mic as the show’s emcee, be ready to listen.

“When the idea was brought to me, I was excited. This gives me the opportunity to show a different side of me,” she said by phone from Los Angeles. “This time I’m not the focus, so I get to interact with the audience, say a few jokes and get the folks hyped about the talent.”

But Ganache does drag with a message. She may be funny on stage, but she said she has a responsibility.

“As the host of the tour, it is my responsibility to bring awareness to issues,” the 32 year-old said. “Not only do we wanna turn up the love, we wanna rally people to turn up the awareness.”

That’s what Pride month means to the queen. She’s all about the celebration but also awareness of the struggle that needs to be on the forefront.

She’s taken that message as part of her drag. While many post-*Drag Race* queens are on tour, Ganache has found a niche for empowerment through speaking engagements at colleges. She describes herself as an independent queen. With that in mind, she’s published her first book, *Cocktails for a Queen*, with a second volume on the way and a cookbook coming up.

“I like it that way because I am calling my own shots,” she said.

But first, Ganache has a show to do. She’s ready to bring her drag to Dallas, and she invites any and every queer person and ally to come on down.

“Come ready to have a good time and prepare for an actual live concert because the talent is major,” she said. ■

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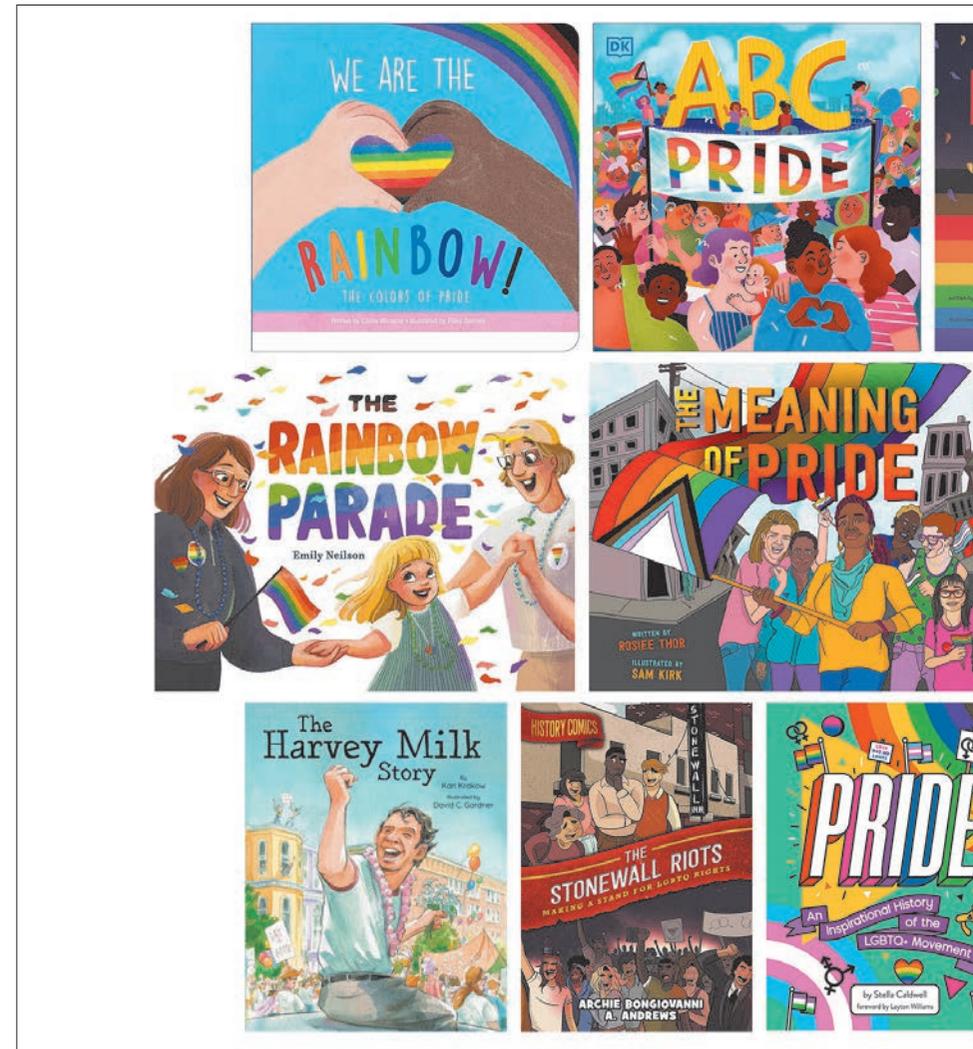


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PRIDE ON THE PAGE



10 new kids' books about Pride are my faves among the many new titles

Amidst attempts around the country to ban LGBTQ-inclusive children's books, the sheer number of new titles being published gives me hope. Here are some of my favorite new ones about Pride and the early LGBTQ rights movement, perfect for this month but worth reading all year 'round.

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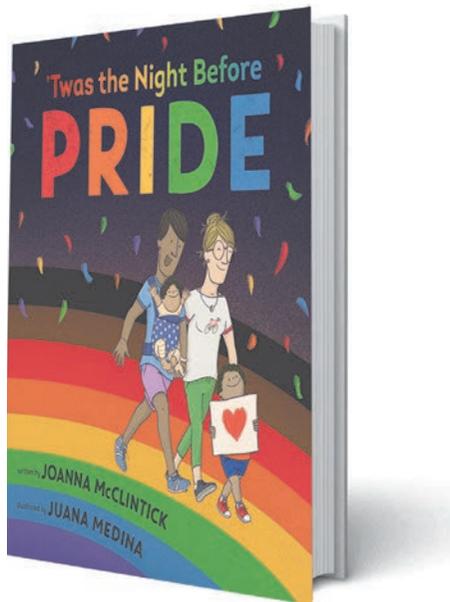
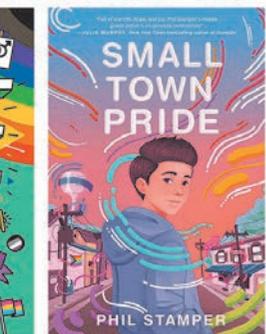
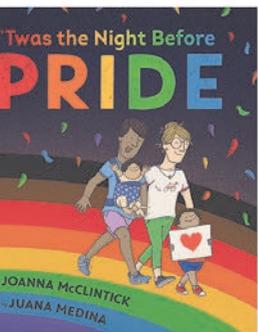
We Are the Rainbow! The Colors of Pride, by Claire Winslow and illustrat-



Dana Rudolph
Contributing Columnist

ed by Riley Samels (Sunbird Books): This board book takes readers on a journey through the colors of the LGBTQ rainbow flag and the meanings behind those colors. While there are already several similar books, this one is notable for its visible inclusion of gender creative and trans people, as well as a wide range of children and adults across many aspects of identity.

ABC Pride, by Louie Stowell and Elly



ly story. One of the moms is also “that kind of mom who’s more boyish than girly”— a bit of representation that we don’t always get to see. Also available in Spanish as *La víspera de Orgullo*.

The Rainbow Parade, by Emily Neilson (Dial): A young girl with two moms is excited about going to the Pride Parade in this winsome story based on the author-illustrator’s own experience as a child. When a drag queen suggests to the watching Emily that she and her moms should be in the parade, Emily isn’t sure ... until a group marches by with an “LGBTQ+ Families” banner. Emily and her moms then join in the fun. At the end, she tells her moms she’s going to practice pride “all year long.”

The Meaning of Pride, by Rosiee Thor and illustrated by Sam Kirk (Versify): This colorful and inclusive introduction to the people and achievements that give Pride its meaning covers both the history of Pride and the qualities it encompasses, like wearing what you want and feeling good, fighting for your rights and those of others, and more. Each spread shows famous LGBTQIA+ people who represent the relevant concept.

The Big Book of Pride Flags, by Jessica Kingsley Publishers, illustrated by Jem Milton: Pride flags across the LGBTQIA+ spectrum fill this colorful book. Each page offers a bit of history about the flag as well as an explanation

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Barnes, illustrated by Amy Phelps (DK Children): A bright and cheery alphabet book that not only features words and definitions specific to queer culture and identities, but also ones related to emotions like “acceptance,” “belonging,” “kindness” and “love.” Explanations are simple enough for the age group but also consider many aspects of LGBTQ identities.

Other Picture Books

’Twas the Night Before Pride, by Joanna McClintick and illustrated by Juana Medina (Candlewick): This fun take on the classic poem shows a child getting ready for the Pride parade and happily retelling the history of Pride to their younger sibling. It captures the meaning and history of the event with just the right amount of detail for younger ages, while blending it with a relatable fami-

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Could there be a vehicle more out of touch with our era of high fuel prices and emerging electric vehicles than the 2022 Ford Bronco Wildtrak Sasquatch edition? Well, maybe if you drove a heavy duty pickup for your daily city commute. But it's simply ridiculous as it guzzles gallons of gasoline like they're martinis at the club.



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***Fire Island: A Century in the Life of an American Paradise* by Jack Parlett; c.2022, Hanover Square Press; \$27.99, 272 pages.**

Ugh, it's been a week. Two hours into Monday and your brain is already screaming for something fun, something far removed from work, a get-away that lets you play. You need to dance this weekend. You need to feel the sun on your face and sand between your toes.

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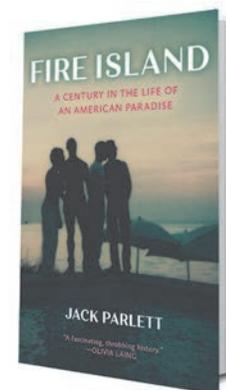
Geographically speaking, Manhattan and Fire Island are a mere 60 miles apart — 60 miles and half a world.

Stretched out and very narrow but walkable, the island is home to several vacation communities. Two of them, Cherry Grove and Fire Island Pines, both located in about the middle of the island, feature prominently in LGBTQ history.

Parlett says that Native Americans sold Fire Island to white Europeans for a pittance, after which activities there were shifty and possibly illegal. By the 1820s, conversely, it was a hot vacation spot for the elite; in certain places, it was the place for finding romance, too, which Parlett says was a sign of the future.

Famous men like poet Walt Whitman were big fans of Fire Island, and over the next century a then-quiet queer subculture began to grow. Sometimes it grew with families and children in the picture, the latter raised by nonconformists and theater people.

Even so, despite these many changes, Parlett says that Fire Island wouldn't be what it is today were it not for a



hurricane that hit the island on the afternoon of Sept. 21, 1938. It devastated Fire Island and resulted in a real-estate bust. Cottage prices fell

significantly, and vacationing there suddenly became affordable for gay New Yorkers.

Throughout the 20th century, Fire Island became a playground for performers, thinkers and writers such as James Baldwin and W. H. Auden. It was a source of controversy for locals who objected to nude bathing. It was a source of embarrassment for Noel Coward. It allowed everyday gay men and women to dance, drink and party freely.

And later on, it was a place to mourn ...

Considering that this is a book about a getaway destination, *Fire Island* isn't much of a vacation-y read. It's actually pretty dry, in fact, and filled with people that were once very famous but aren't exactly household names anymore. Their drama and the love triangles they struggled with are mildly interesting, in the way that you might perceive great-grandma's old Confidential magazines in the attic.

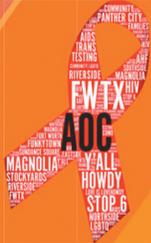
And yet — the history.

Author Jack Parlett offers a lot of solid information beyond those tired scandals to further show how Fire Island came to be a gay hot spot and why that was important. These tales envelope the rest of the island, as well as current events in America, as a whole and the impact those outside influences had on LGBTQ life, even today.

More scholarly than not, this book also includes a fair bit of memoir for readers who are looking for something less frivolous. If you want a book for fun, though, *Fire Island* is weak. ■



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of the identity(-ies) behind it and what the colors mean.

The Harvey Milk Story, by Kari Krakow, illustrated by David C. Gardner (Lee & Low): Long out of print but now reissued, this biography looks at Milk's life from birth through his assassination, and conveys his significance with warmth and appreciation. The text is wordy enough that it's best for the old-

current challenges once they are back in the present. The story is obviously fictionalized, but is in many ways one of the best short LGBTQ histories for this age group.

Pride: An Inspirational History of the LGBTQ+ Movement, by Stella Caldwell (Penguin Workshop): A broad overview of LGBTQ rights from ancient times to the present, this book emphasizes the

U.K. and U.S. but occasionally ventures farther afield. It covers politics, culture, media, social movements and more and is interspersed with snapshot biographies of a variety of LGBTQ people throughout history as well as profiles of young LGBTQ people today.

Small Town Pride, by Phil Stamper (HarperCollins): In this fictional title, 13-year-old Jake has just come out as gay in his small Ohio town. Jake's father, in a perhaps overly enthusiastic show of support, raises a giant rainbow flag in their yard. This triggers panic among some members of the community, including the conservative mayor, who are afraid the flag might signal the

er end of the picture book age range, but that will be a selling point for such readers looking for a substantial biography.

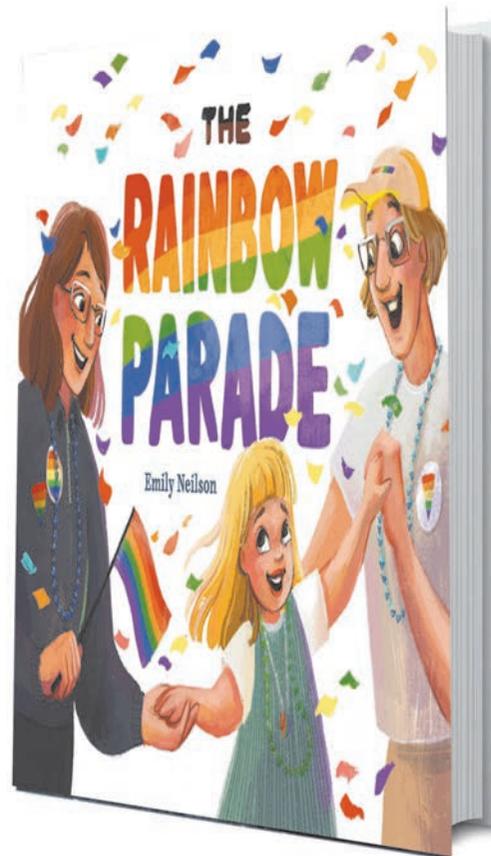
Middle Grade Books

History Comics: The Stonewall Riots: Making a Stand for LGBTQ Rights, by Archie Bongiovanni and illustrated by A. Andrews (First Second): In this fun yet informative graphic novel, three modern queer teens are magically transported back to the Stonewall Inn in June 1969, where they meet Marsha P. Johnson, Silvia Rivera, and Stormé DeLaverie, learn more about queer history, and are motivated to take action on

start of an actual Pride celebration. Jake gets caught up in small-town politics as he and his friends work to make that vision a reality. At a time when some of the most vicious real-life battles for LGBTQ inclusion are taking place in town councils and school boards, Stamper not only reflects the state of our country but also shows us one possible, hopeful way forward. That's no small feat.

These are far from all the kids' books on Pride that now exist; for more (and for LGBTQ-inclusive kids' books on other topics), please visit my ongoing database (mombian.com/database).

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Drag queens may be getting all the headlines these days, but the drag kings are ready to shine too, and *Boulet Brothers' Dragula* Season 3 winner Landon Cider will be shining bright this weekend at Urban Cowboy Saloon, 2620 E. Lancaster Road in Fort Worth. The show starts at 9 p.m. Landon Cider is the third in a series of special guest performers Urban Cowboy has brought in to help celebrate Pride Month. The bar's celebration continues with *Drag Race Canada* winner Priyanka on Friday, June 24, and the Pride After Party, following Trinity Pride from 3-10 p.m. at Magnolia Green on Saturday, June 25.



PLAN YOUR WEEK

- **Red for community events**
- **Blue for arts and entertainment**
- **Purple for sports**
- **Green for nightlife**
- **Orange for civic events and holidays**

JUNE

■ June 17: Pride Block Party

Also known as Arts District Pride, the block party includes events at the Dallas Museum of Art, the Nasher and the Crow museums as well as participation by Resource Center, The Dallas Way, Human Rights Campaign, Visit Dallas and Uptown Players. From 6 p.m.-midnight.

■ June 17: DSP's Juneteenth Weekend Reception

Dallas Southern Pride hosts its Juneteenth Weekend Welcome Reception from 7-10 p.m. at Thrive, 1015 Elm St. DallasSouthernPride.com.

■ June 17: Night Out on the Square

Night out at the Court House on the Square in Denton from 6-9 p.m.

■ June 17: Pride Variety Night

Celebrate queer performers on the lawn at Union Coffee, 3705 Cedar Springs Road, at 7 p.m.

■ June 17-19: Pride Marfa

Pride Marfa opens with the Welcome Party at Planet Marfa, followed by the Pride Marfa

Block Party at the courthouse, the Dance Party at the Sentinel and Sunday Drag Brunch at El Cosmico. PrideMarfa.org.

■ June 17-Sept. 4: Disney Art from Private Collections

Art from some of the most creative talent over 80 years of Disney animation at the Arlington Museum of Art, 201 W. Main St., Arlington. Tickets at ArlingtonMuseum.org.

■ Through July 25: Pride Then and Now

Ted Kincaid is among the artists showcased as AT&T celebrates Pride month by showcasing LGBTQ artists who exemplify and empower their community. This curated selection of art draws from AT&T's Corporate Art Collection and from the Dallas area to present emerging artists alongside some of the most influential LGBTQ artists of the 20th century. AT&T Discovery District Showcase Gallery, 208 S. Akard St. Open daily until 10 p.m.

■ Through June: Black Everyday: Photographs from the Carter Collection

The first presentation of its kind at the Carter, Black Every Day: Photographs from the Carter Collection features over fifty works, from 19th-century daguerreotypes to 21st-century contemporary photographs, juxtaposed with over 100 vernacular images. Amon Carter Museum, 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd., Fort Worth. CarterMuseum.org.

■ June 18: Blue Moon Dances

Women only dances the third Saturday of the month from 7 p.m.-midnight at DanceMakers of Texas, 6125 SW 820, Suite 140, Fort Worth. BYOB. \$10.

■ June 18: Pride Bar Crawl

Hit some gay bars all at once like any weekend on the strip – only this time in a guided tour with proceeds benefiting the Trevor Project. 5 p.m. BlackfriarPub, 2621 McKinney Ave. \$10-\$15. CrawlWith.us.

■ June 18: Promenade in the Park

DIFFA picnic in Turtle Creek Park benefiting North Texas HIV/AIDS organizations from 1-4 p.m. General admission includes picnic meal and open bars. DIFFADallas.org/picnic.

■ June 18: Landon Cider

Landon Cider, winner of *Boulet Brothers' Dragula* Season 4, performs at 9 p.m. at Urban Cowboy Saloon, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

■ June 18: Juneteenth Unity Festival and Pool Party

Dallas Southern Pride hosts its Juneteenth Unity Festival and Pool Party from 5-9 p.m. at the Samuell Grand Aquatic Center, 3201 Samuell Blvd. DallasSouthernPride.com

■ June 18: Juneteenth Mega Party

Dallas Southern Pride presents its Juneteenth Mega Party from 10 p.m.-3 a.m. at Amplified, 10261 Technology Blvd. E. DallasSouthernPride.com.

■ June 18: TAG Pride in the Park

Tyler Area Gays hosts its annual Pride in the Park celebration from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lindsey Park, 12557 Spur 364, Tyler (on the soccer field side). TylerAreaGays.com

■ June 18: Greatest Little Pride in Texas

The Central Texas Pride Community Center hosts its second annual event from 6-10 p.m. at the Wild Meadows Arts Collective, 3034 FM 2313, Kempner (outside Killeen). There will be a drag show, DJ, vendors, poetry performance, a mini parade, musical performances, food trucks and more. Visit the event page on Facebook.

■ June 18: Sun City PrideFest

The 16th annual Pride in El Paso at Main Room Events Center. SunCityPride.org.

■ June 18: Chosen Family Reunion

Special guest DJ Ursa Minor and more at the Chosen Family Reunion at Harvest House, 331 E. Hickory St., Denton, from 8 p.m.-midnight.

• June 19: Juneteenth

• June 19: Father's Day

GAY AGENDA



Sure — lots of cities celebrate Pride. But which cities actually have an official city Pride flag? Dallas, that's which one! City officials raised the city of Dallas Pride flag at several different locations at the beginning of June (including at Dallas Love Field, pictured here), and on Wednesday, June 22, officials host Dallas City Hall Pride, with Pride Awards being announced at City Hall, 1400 Marilla St., at noon. The ceremony takes place in the Flag Room outside the City Council chambers on the fifth floor.

PLAN YOUR WEEK

■ June 19: Marketpalooza & Pub Crawl

30 vendors and artisans and more followed by a pub crawl along the strip is the opening event for The Summer of LifeWalk. Parking lot behind 4001 Cedar Springs Road at 11 a.m.

■ June 19: Black Royalty Emancipation Ball II

Dallas Southern Pride presents Black Royalty Emancipation Ball II from 2-6 a.m. at Crowne Plaza Downtown Dallas, 1015 Elm St. The event is hosted by Gulfcoast Fatha Shemar Garcon. DallasSouthernPride.com

■ June 19: Kirk Myers Signature Brunch and Pool Party

Noon-4 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Downtown Dallas, 1015 Elm St. DallasSouthernPride.com.

■ June 19: Marsha & Friends Drag Brunch

Coalition for Aging LGBT is the beneficiary of a drag brunch hosted by Marsha Dimes at noon and 2 p.m. at Cedar Springs Tap House, 41223 Cedar Springs Road.

■ June 21: Paws Cause

Proceeds benefit spay/neuter clinics in Dallas from 6-9 p.m. at The Rustic, 3656 Howell St. PawsCauseDallas.com.

■ June 22: Dallas City Hall Pride

Pride Awards at Dallas City Hall, 1400 Marilla St. at noon in the Flag Room outside City Council Chambers on the 5th floor.

■ June 24: Priyanka

Priyanka, winner of Canada's Drag Race at 9 p.m. at Urban Cowboy Saloon, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

■ June 25: Resource Center Pride

Pride celebration and carnival extravaganza with food trucks, entertainment, games and more from 3-7 p.m. at 5750 Cedar Springs Road. Free admission. Free parking at Cathedral of Hope.

■ June 25: Trinity Pride Fest 2022

Trinity Pride Fest celebrates Fort Worth's queer community from 3-10 p.m. at Magnolia Green with free parking at 1201 Alston Ave. Facebook.com./TrinityPrideFW.

■ June 25: Big Pride in Lil D

Chalk & Chill at Oak Street Draft House in Denton. Chalking at 8 a.m. Patio opens at 11 a.m.

■ June 25: Shreveport Q-Prom

ShrevePride hosts Shreveport Q-Prom, a safe place to interact, entertain and have fun for northwest Louisiana's LGBTQ community at The Supper Club, Shreveport. Tickets at ShrevePride.com.

■ June 25: Panhandle Pride

Amarillo at Starlight Ranch. PanhandlePrideInc.org.

■ June 25: Mexico City Pride

Mexico City's LGBTQ Pride Parade returns with more than a million expected to attend. Noon.

■ June 25: Houston Pride

Festival at Houston City Hall, 901 Bagby St., Houston from 1-6:30 p.m. Parade steps off at 7 p.m. HoustonPride365.org.

■ June 25: Pride San Antonio

Parade begins at 9 p.m. along Main Street. PrideSanAntonio.org.

■ June 25: Erath County Pride

Erath County Pride from 5-9 p.m. at Stephenville Senior Center, 164 E. College St., Stephenville. ErathCountyLGBTQ.org/pride.

■ June 25: Different Strokes Golf Association (DSGA)

DSGA, the LGBTQA golf organization plays Irving Golf Club, 2000 E. Shady Grove Lane, Irving. First tee time 9 a.m. \$53 includes golf, cart, range balls and prizes. Information at DSGADallas.org or email communications@dsgadallas.org. All skill levels welcome.

■ June 25: Dallas Wings Pride

Dallas Wings celebrates Pride in a game they always win. College Park Center, 600 S. Center St., Arlington. Wings.WNBA.com.

■ June 25: AIDS Walk South Dallas

The 11th annual IDS Walk South Dallas steps



PRIDE MONTH CONTINUES

Pride Month continues full steam across North Texas — and the rest of the state — this week. Here are a few options for you to celebrate your Pride over the next seven days.



PRIDE VARIETY NIGHT

Union Coffee gets in on the celebration with queer performers on the coffeehouse lawn, 3705 Cedar Springs Road, at 7 p.m.



PRIDE MARFA

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SUN CITY PRIDEFEST

The 16th annual Pride in El Paso at Main Room Events Center happens Saturday, June 18. See SunCityPride.org for details.



MARSHA & FRIENDS DRAG BRUNCH

Marsha & Friends Drag Brunch at Cedar Springs Tap House on Sunday, June 19, benefits Coalition for Aging LGBT. See listings for details.

off at 10 a.m. from the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2922 MLK Jr. Blvd. Registration on site begins at 8 a.m. or register in advance at awds2022.eventbrite.com. Info at AIDSWalkSouthDallas.com.

Have an event coming up? Email your information to Managing Editor Tammye Nash at nash@dallasvoice.com or Senior Staff Writer David Taffet at taffet@dallasvoice.com by Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's issue. Look for extended listings online at DallasVoice.com



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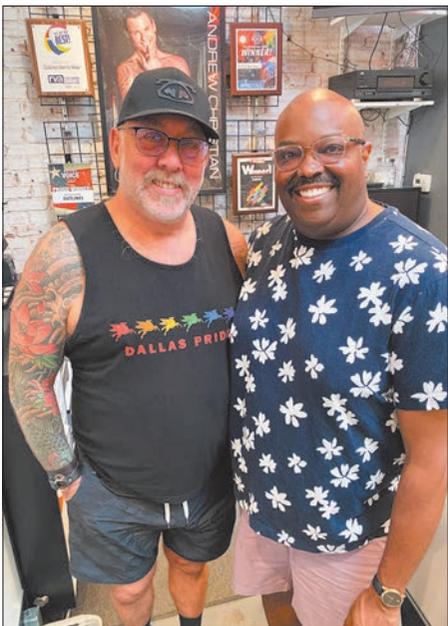
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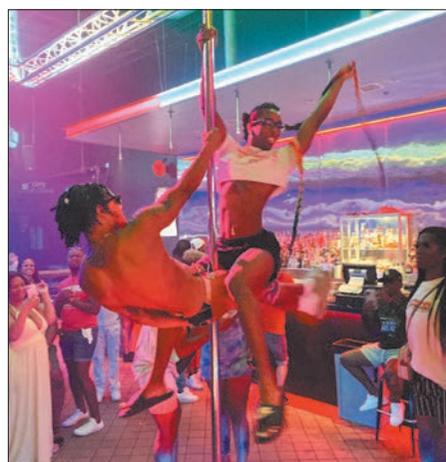
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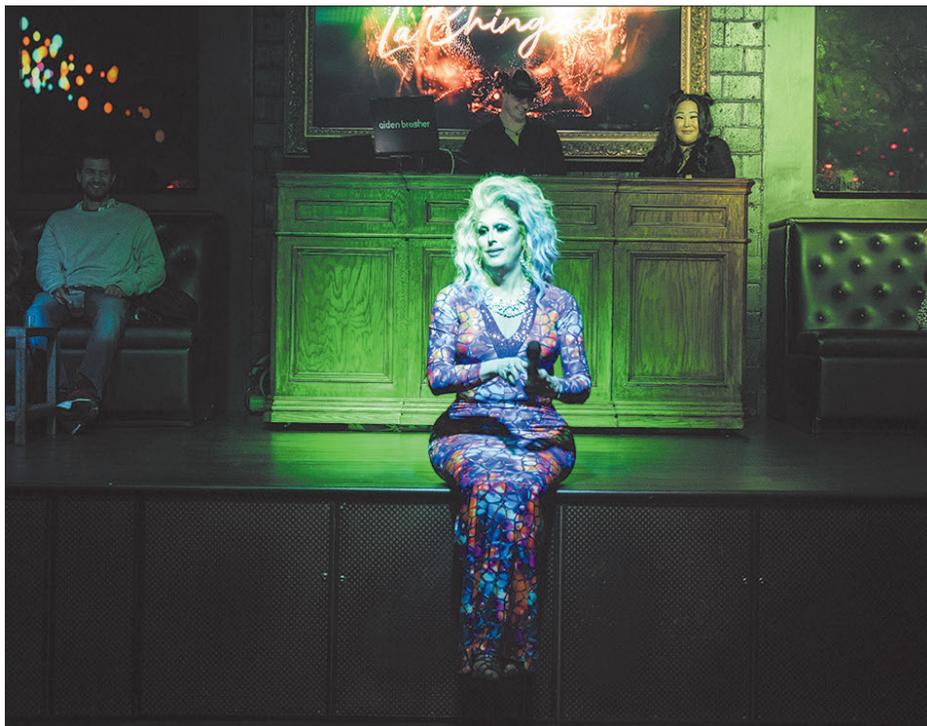
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- 1 Nickname in Luke Prokop's sport
- 5 Rock Hudson movie with James Dean
- 10 Greek group, for short
- 14 Contemporary Christian
- 15 Teachers in *The King and I*
- 16 S/M unit
- 17 Start of a quote from cartoonist Jaime Hayde
- 20 On the other hand
- 21 Like some of Liberace's keys
- 22 Brian of figure skating
- 23 Future flies
- 25 Broadway star Stritch
- 26 Intercourse while surfing?
- 27 Like a Muscle Mary who does sit-ups
- 30 They may be split
- 31 River of Gay Paree
- 32 Jodie Foster's *Room*
- 34 More of the quote
- 38 Hindu ascetic
- 39 Michael Musto's tidbits
- 42 Obligation, in court
- 46 Got going
- 47 ___ T. Lardbottom of *Kudzu*

Down

- 1 Put them in your mouth
- 2 Put in a place
- 3 What Kahlo often painted of herself?
- 4 Direct ending
- 5 Shakespeare's theatre
- 6 He did Moor good, then harm
- 7 Infamous Idi
- 8 *In the* (Village People hit)
- 9 Poet who inspired *Cats*, initially
- 10 Pansies and similar groups
- 11 Hansberry's fruit in the sun

- 12 Get up
- 13 "___ No Business Like Show Business"
- 18 Pekoe unit
- 19 Button you use to turn down REM
- 24 Ristorante beverage
- 25 Do a nocturnal activity
- 27 Dykes on Bikes radius
- 28 *Alice* star Linda
- 29 Like the gas krypton
- 33 Tongue of Leslie Cheung
- 35 Blades of grass, collectively
- 36 Words before end
- 37 One of a pair of stones
- 40 Falcon-like, to Bogart
- 41 Enjoyed Aspen, perhaps
- 42 In the heavens
- 43 Result of hearing Fred Phelps, perhaps
- 44 At the top
- 45 Members at a bathhouse?
- 49 Aardvark entree
- 50 The Oscars, and others
- 52 Like the end of a bacchanal?
- 53 Poet Kitty
- 54 Lettuce, to a lesbica
- 57 Keebler cookie maker
- 58 Composer Rorem

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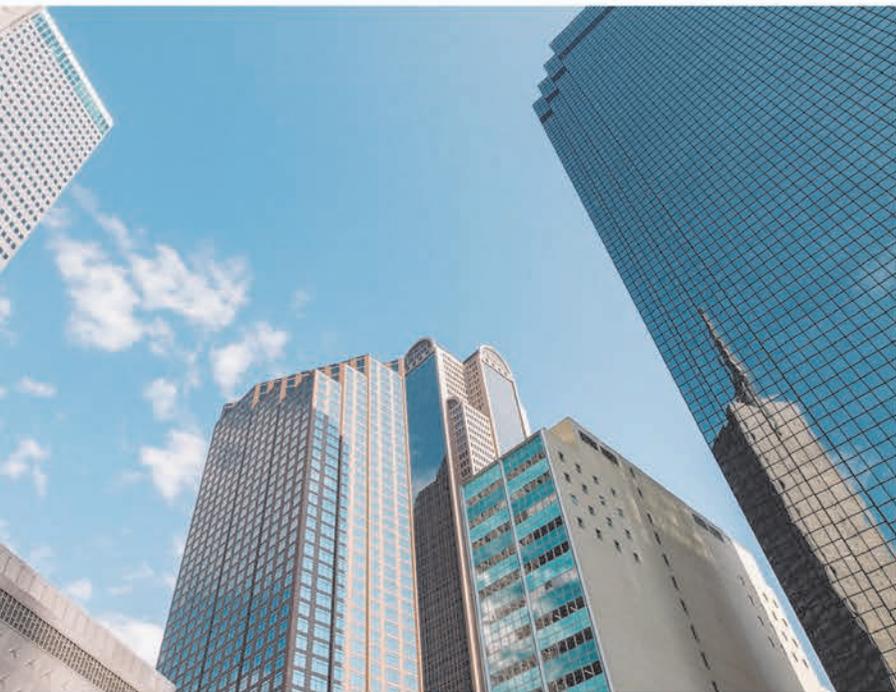
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