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BOSTON PRIDE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

MAYOR MICHELLE WU'S PRIDE KICK-OFF

5pm, Boston City Hall
www.boston.gov

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

#HELLABLACK LIVE MIXTAPE, VOL. 4: PRIDE EDITION

A one-night-only popup event that this year features six local LGBTQ-IAA+ Black artists and storytellers.

6:30pm, Boston Center for the Arts Plaza Theaters, 539 Tremont St., Boston www.bostonarts.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

TRANSGENDER EMERGENCY FUND

Transgender Pride
11am, Boston City Hall
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BRENDAN KENNEY'S HOUSE PARTY, CLUB CAFÉ

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6pm-9pm, Napoleon Room at Club Café, 209 Columbus Ave., Boston

SILENT DISCO PIER PARTY

Headphone Party
DJ Dena, DJ Frenchy, and DJ Tracey Hogan Battle it out.
7pm-11pm, The Anchor, 1 Shipyard Park, Charlestown

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

PRIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

11am, Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston St, Boston

DRAG BRUNCH

Linda Marie Possa, Chanel Thee Angel, Kirbie Fully Loaded, Lilly Rose valore, DJ Steve Pysclone. Portion of proceeds donated to BAGLY
11am, The Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., Boston

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WE OUTSIDE Pride Day Party
12n-6pm, Encore Boston Harbor, 1 Broadway, Everett

TEA DANCE AT DORCHESTER BREWING CO

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4pm-8pm, 1250 Mass Ave., Dorchester

MONDAY, JUNE 6

YAPPIER HOUR:

Furry friends are invited to join the "paw-ty" at Liberty's Pride-themed Yappier Hour.

5:30pm, The Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., Boston

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

PRIDE GALLERY NIGHT

Shoppable works of art from queer local artists.

6pm, The Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., Boston

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8pm, dbar, 1236 Dorchester Ave., Boston

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

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9pm, The Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., Boston

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MASSACHUSETTS PRIDE EVENTS

QUINCY PRIDE

JUNE 1-5

Quincy Pride's Opening Ceremony is slated for Wednesday, June 1, with the big Q Pride Day Festival starting that Sunday, June 5, at noon on Pageant Field with speakers, drag performances, food and beer, local and LGBTQ+ vendors, the Pridetul Puppy Contest, puppeteer story time, deejay and much more.

Quincypride.com/qpride-day/

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JUNE 1

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PORTSMOUTH PRIDE JUNE 25

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"It was in the middle of a live show! We go backstage during the commercial and find a little corner and I'm literally taking off my pants, off my underwear, and putting on his."

—Ryan Seacrest reveals that he had to change into his stylist's spare underwear during the finale of "American Idol" because his penis was too "prominent". And if you believe that one...

more in Billy Masters on page 6!



GOOD SHOWS PRIDE

When we look back at the amazing strides the LGBTQIA+ community has made over the years, we're reminded of why its yearly celebration is called Pride. We too are proud to stand with you for equality and continue our support. We look forward to celebrating in person again, and for more GOOD things to come.

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MAYOR OF BOSTON

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Friends,

It is my honor to usher in Pride Month with all of you. I want to first acknowledge my identity as a cis-het woman. And I want to affirm my commitment to fight for equality and justice for all people. It is a commitment to join hands in solidarity and work towards a future for everyone.

That's why I'm so excited that, in March of this year, we established Boston's first-ever Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement. The Office is dedicated to developing policy, organizing programs, and providing resources to protect and expand the rights of our queer residents.

When we announced the Office, I had the privilege of standing alongside queer leaders from across our community. Many spoke about the urgency of this work, what it means to them and to all those they do it for.

It was a beautiful day—filled with love, strength, and the promise of a more equitable future. It was a day that centered our LGBTQ+ community's needs, joys, and dreams. It was a victory for all those who have insisted—for years!—that a better world was possible.

As we kick off Pride Month and build out this Office, I look forward to even more days of equality, of justice, of victory.

In solidarity,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

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Ricky Gervais' special, "SuperNature", was just released on Netflix and includes several jokes about the trans community. There are also pointed barbs about fat people, thin people, rich people, poor people, straight people, gay people, and every other imaginable group of people. Gervais says of the trans community, "They just want to be treated equally. I agree—that's why I include them." Some of his jokes certainly made me cringe. But I wondered—was I cringing about what Gervais said, or what it triggered in me? Humor should hold up a mirror to society. When a comedian makes you think about your own failings, they have done their job. Of course, not every comic is for every person. I suspect many people who are criticizing Gervais' special have not even seen it.

I felt the same way about people criticizing **Dave Chappelle**. So I was not surprised when many fans expressed outrage when **John Mulaney** surprised them with Chappelle as his opening act in Columbus, Ohio (where Dave lives). I don't know Mulaney, but he's had a helluva year. He left his wife and went public about his addictions, and connected with **Olivia Munn**—someone I've met numerous times yet can never quite place. But any comedian who has the chance (and the balls) to follow Chappelle onstage is fearless. I totally understand that some members of the audience felt ambushed having to sit through Chappelle. Trust me, I felt the same way when **Wild Orchid** opened for **Cher**! But just do what I did—put on your earplugs, go to the concession stand, and get drunk.

Last week, I told you all about the shows I saw on Broadway. While I was watching **Patti LuPone** in "Company", I thought what an interesting Martha she would be in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?". Instead, I saw **Calista Flockhart** attempt the role at the Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles. From her first entrance, I was distracted by her striking resemblance to the late **Lee Remick**. No longer is Calista the clothes hanger we remember. She is now a multi-layered, multi-dimensional, fuller figured (or padded) woman. That she isn't an ideal Martha is unsurprising. But she is eminently competent—high praise given my expectations. I would even venture to say that her first two acts were good...in their own way. She's more bossy than blousy; more coquettish than cantankerous; more mischievous than malevolent. All valid choices. That it fell apart in the last act was not unexpected, but jarring nonetheless. She simply could not sustain her intention. Her partner, **Zachary Quinto**, was so low-key (even for him) that the first two acts dragged. His last act had some juice. He was coming up, Calista was coming down, and they never intersected long enough to save the show. One is almost grateful that these actors are somewhat young for their roles (although not chronologically) and they each have a good 10-20 years left to try them again.

Which leads to news of seismic proportions. Last week, some footage fell in my hands that gives readers the rare chance to see limited portions of these performances from the comfort of their own home. Not only are scenes from "Who's Afraid of Ally McBeal?" available for your viewing pleasure, but also some exclusive footage of **Pamela Anderson** in "Chicago". Check them out on BillyMasters.com.

This week, "Billy Masters LIVE" returns with a guest who has done it all—stage, screen, and recordings. Ladies and gentlemen, **Miss Melba Moore**! I first became aware of Moore when she hosted a summer replacement variety show with **Clifton Davis**. Around that time, I often heard "This Is It" and "Lean on Me" on the radio. So, imagine my excitement when I learned Melba has a new album out called "Imagine". Then I heard she was

willing to be on "Billy Masters LIVE". Be sure to tune in on Thursday at 3PM Eastern / Noon Pacific—or anytime thereafter—on our YouTube channel, Billy Masters TV, or on BillyMasters.com/TV.

It's been a while since we've talked about **Kevin Spacey**, and I suspect he'd love it if we didn't have anything to talk about. After all, he's trying to salvage the remains of his tattered career with not one but TWO films. Since there's a yin to every yang, Spacey also has four new sexual assault charges. Let's start with the two new films. The first is a thriller that was shopped around Cannes. "Peter Five Eight" is already completed and finds Spacey starring alongside **Rebecca De Mornay**—and, may we ask in all sincerity, what rock did she climb out from under? Spacey also plans to film "1242—Gateway to the West" in Hungary and Mongolia in October.

As to the four new sexual assault charges, they come from three men in the UK—which means one of them had a bonus round. The announcement came from the UK's Crown Prosecution Service Special Crime Division—which is too cumbersome a title to name a TV show after. There are four offences "of sexual assault, contrary to section 3(1) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003". The other charge is an offence "of causing a person to engage in penetrative sexual activity without consent, contrary to Sections 4(1) and (4) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003"—which I think is somewhat self-explanatory. To add insult to injury, Spacey's brother **Randy Fowler** made a statement: "It's not surprising to me that eventually they would've gathered enough evidence to pursue the four charges against him—I think the reckoning is going to happen."

Our thoughts go out to **Leslie Jordan**, who is mourning the passing of his mother. How fortunate that he spent most of the pandemic in Chattanooga with his family—a lovely silver lining. On the positive side, FOX just renewed "Call Me Kat", which stars Leslie alongside **Mayim Bialik** and **Cheyenne Jackson**. It's really grown on me, so I'm thrilled it will be back for a third season.

While I'm making confessions, and I can't believe I'm going to say this—**Renée Zellweger** was fantastic in "The Thing About Pam". What a great performance and a complete physical transformation. While Zellweger has never struck me as the most compelling of performers, she earned my respect and admiration with this role. Brava.

Our "Ask Billy" question comes from Tony in Florida: "Is that *'Hocus Pocus'* sequel ever happening?"

Honey, it's in the can! I spoke to some people who worked on a production number, and they told me the sisters were in rare form. Disney recently announced that the film will premiere exclusively on Disney+ on September 30th. While that takes it out of contention for an Oscar, it should still be around on Halloween...one hopes!

Lastly, **Laverne Cox** is a real doll! Mattel just announced that a Barbie doll version of the actress will be included in the Tribute Collection. While it's a nice story to kick off Pride Month, I don't think the doll looks anything like Cox. But it does look familiar. I just couldn't figure out who. And then it hit me—**Hoda Kotb**!

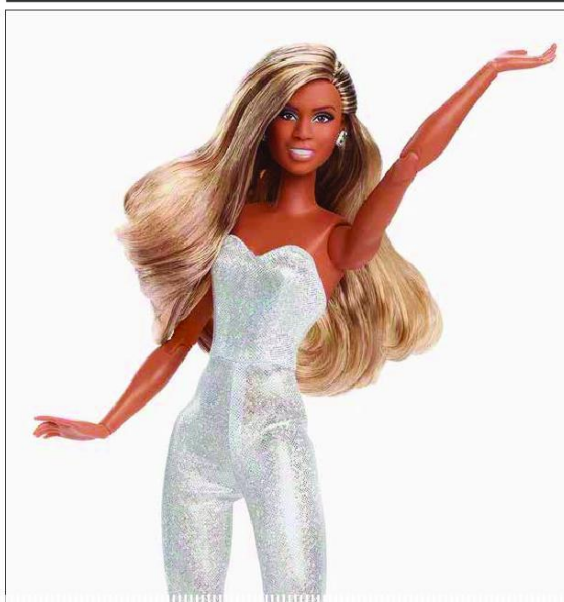
When anyone is celebrating Gay Pride Month with a **Hoda Kotb** doll, it's definitely time to end yet another column. I'm really excited about these videos—I know my fans love Pam; whether they love Calista remains to be seen. And you can see all on www.BillyMasters.com—the site that tempts you with no strings attached (although restraints can be fun). If you have a question for me, dash it off to Billy@BillyMasters.com, and I promise to get back to you before we see Pam Anderson's "Virginia Woolf"! Until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.



Ricky Gervais



Miss Melba Moore



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The fog of domestic terrorism

The far right's descent into sacralizing guns

by Richard J. Rosendall | rrosendall@starpower.net
contributing writer

"The Broadway company of [Phantom of the Opera]," reported CTINewsletter in April 2013, "uses six City Theatrical SS6000 Dry Ice Foggers which are finishing their second decade on the show." I wonder if the folks in the orchestra pit at the Majestic Theatre are adversely affected by the fog pouring over them. If they catch cold, it's the price we pay for a theatrical effect.

Republicans generate a fog of misdirection and obfuscation to prevent action to rid American streets of assault weapons. Murdered schoolchildren are the price we pay for GOP legislators in thrall to the gun lobby brazenly ignoring the "well-ordered militia" clause at the beginning of the 2nd Amendment. The Founders were protecting state militias (which were used to quell slave revolts), not individuals amassing personal arsenals. Furthermore, 18th century muskets bore no resemblance to modern semi-automatic rifles.

Isn't it odd how the textualists on the Supreme Court ignore the text of the Constitution when

it suits them? Isn't it strange how the National Rifle Association cannot distinguish hunting rifles from AR-15s with 30-round (or more) magazines? Is there a drive-by hunting craze I'm unaware of that involves mowing down entire herds of deer? That would hardly be sporting.

But who are we to question? The sound of gunfire has become the music of the night, or at least of fourth-grade math. One girl trapped with the gunman in a classroom at Robb Elementary School called 911 with her teacher's phone after the teacher was fatally shot.

The Phantom of the NRA is here inside your mind. The professedly pro-life MAGA crowd appears not so much pleased by the death toll as indifferent to it. They've gone from "Every sperm is sacred" to "Every gun is sacred."

When Beto O'Rourke crashed Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's news conference on the school shooting in Uvalde, everyone quoted by Fox News was mad at Beto. Apparently his telling Abbott "It's on you" for weakening gun laws was

inexcusable.

When will it be the right time to discuss ending this senseless carnage? How is it political for Beto to discuss it but it's not political for Gov. Abbott and other Republicans to blame every mass shooting on mental health problems? There are many mentally ill people on the streets of my city; they are among the least violent people I have encountered. How can the proliferation of assault weapons not be at least part of the problem? Why the vehement, wall-to-wall denial of that obvious factor? To the extent that mental illness is a factor and not an evasion, why do the same Republicans oppose mental health funding?

Elie Mystal of The Nation tweeted on May 26, "[W]hite Republicans are not interested in solving problems, they're interested in creating pretextual excuses to absolve them from having to solve problems."

To be fair, I should note that Sen. Ted Cruz suggests locking every school entrance but one and posting a cop there. Can you say fire code violation?

Even if we hire a phalanx of police to guard every school door, what's to prevent them from acting like the cops in Uvalde who reportedly waited an hour outside the school, tackling parents rather than going after the gunman?

Inevitably, right-wing sources spread a false

claim that the shooter was a transgender person. One terrified trans girl was set upon by four men who blamed the trans community; one called her "a mental health freak." Imagine the courage it takes to remain true to yourself despite being the nation's favorite scapegoat.

Two Democratic U.S. senators out of fifty refuse to change the filibuster rule to allow passage of gun safety legislation. On the Republican side is a solid wall of opposition. Pundits, determined to blame both sides for a lopsided problem, turn this into "Congress refuses to act." Many people use this as an excuse not to vote, which helps Republicans win.

If we ban assault weapons and conduct a buy-back program, lives will be saved. It won't solve everything, no. All-or-nothing approaches perpetuate grievances rather than getting anything done. But an assault weapons ban will lower the death toll. It did before.

It ought to be clear by now that we cannot shoot our way out of this problem. We can stop the mayhem and misery only if enough of us see through the fog of Republican disinformation and vote in unprecedented numbers to send them packing.

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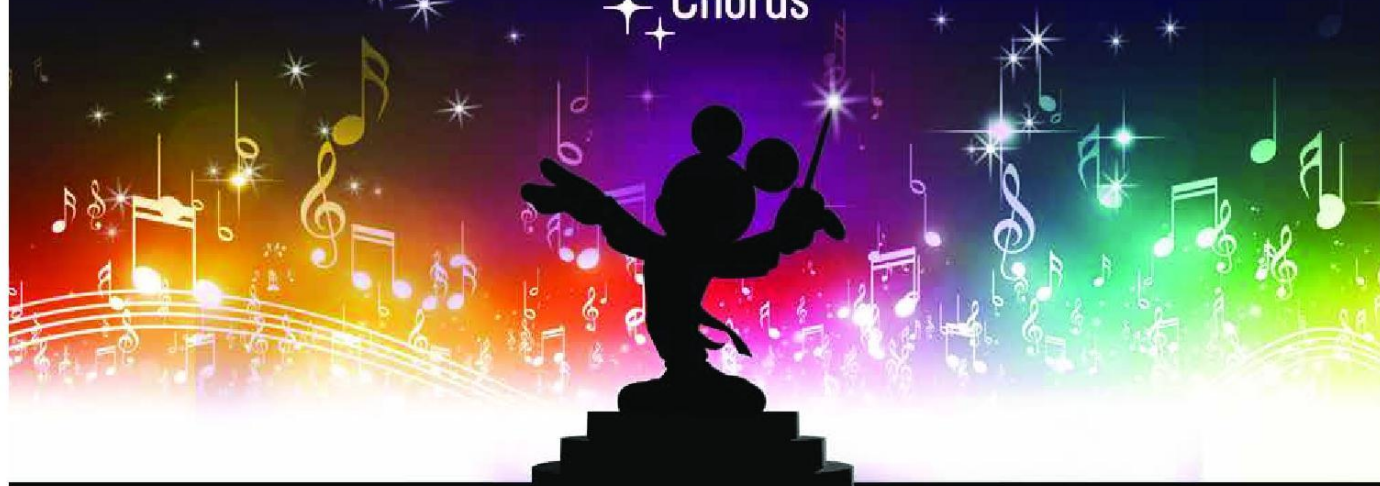
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By Jules Becker
Contributing Writer

Thomas Wright Waller accomplished a lot as both a composer and performer during his far too short life (39, from pneumonia in 1943). Best known as “Fats,” the multi-talented musician (piano, organ and other instruments) established the Harlem Stride piano style, wrote well over 400 songs and influenced such modern jazz pianists as Errol Garner and Count Basie. The internationally busy performer was also known to flavor his performances with humor. Richard Maltby, Jr. and Murray Horwitz beautifully captured Waller’s world in their snappy tribute show “Ain’t Misbehavin’-The Fats Waller Musical.” Now a kind of theater triumvirate—Nora Theatre, The Front Porch Arts Collective and the Greater Boston Stage Company—is bringing fresh and high-stepping expression to the deserving 1978 Tony Award winner.

Under the smart guidance of Front Porch co-producing artistic director Maurice Emmanuel Parent—himself a gifted actor (Norton

and IRNE Awards) and multi-talent, the current revival beautifully evokes the jazzy ambience of this revue. Designer Elisabetta Polito has dressed the two men in sharp period suits and the three women in colorful evening wear. At the same time art deco band identifiers precede the up-stage musicians, with the piano at stage left. Large wall murals by Harlem Renaissance painter Archibald Motley Jr. encase the cabaret setting with vivid images of enthusiastic aficionados.

The talented quintet are equally enthusiastic—both on the ample selection of Waller classics and songs not written by Waller but recorded by him (all thoroughly identified in the playbill song list). Anthony Pires, Jr. captures the trademark Waller humor that enriches many numbers and makes the most of the devilishly suggestive Andy Razaf lyrics on “Honeysuckle Rose.” Lovely Hoffman brings plaintive drama to “Mean to Me.” Big-voiced Sheree Marcelle (who alternates with Becky Bass) delivers “That Ain’t Right” with riveting forcefulness. Kira Sarai Helper (who sometimes substitutes for Christina Jones) proves very expressive on “I’ve Got My Fingers Crossed” in the fast-paced five-number finale.

Remarkably agile Jackson Jirard amazes with the stylish and quick moves of a Bojangles and even mid-air splits. His sardonic phrasing and wonderful elusiveness make “The Viper’s Drag” an eye-catching stand-out and stamps this charismatic performer as a large talent with a big future. Parent’s snappy choreography (with co-choreography by Ilyse Robbins) keeps the per-



From left: Lovely Hoffman, Sheree Marcelle, Anthony Pires Jr., Christina Jones, and Jackson Jirard in “Ain’t Misbehavin’” at Central Square Theater. Nile Scott Studios.

formers’ moves as expressive as their renditions. Throughout the versatile band members—under pianist-conductor Catherine Stornetta (subbing for co-music directors David Freeman Coleman and Dan Rodriguez)—capture the diverse demands of both Waller’s repertoire and the other material he recorded.

If the Waller musical largely comes across as light-hearted and free-wheeling—particularly the strongly choreographed first act-closing winner “The Joint Is Jumpin’,” the second act-finale closer “Black and Blue” serves as a timely remind-

er of the pain that African-Americans suffered (and in sometimes subtler ways continue to suffer) at the hands of racists. The first-rate quintet builds this iconic number from a kind of subdued sadness to a powerfully full-voiced harmony.

Parent, in his playbill notes, points to this show as a rarity asking performers “to embody joy and freedom onstage in response to the racial oppression that songs like ‘Black and Blue’ point to.” This collaborative revival of “Ain’t Misbehavin’” so joyously celebrates Waller’s genius that audiences will want to dance in their seats.

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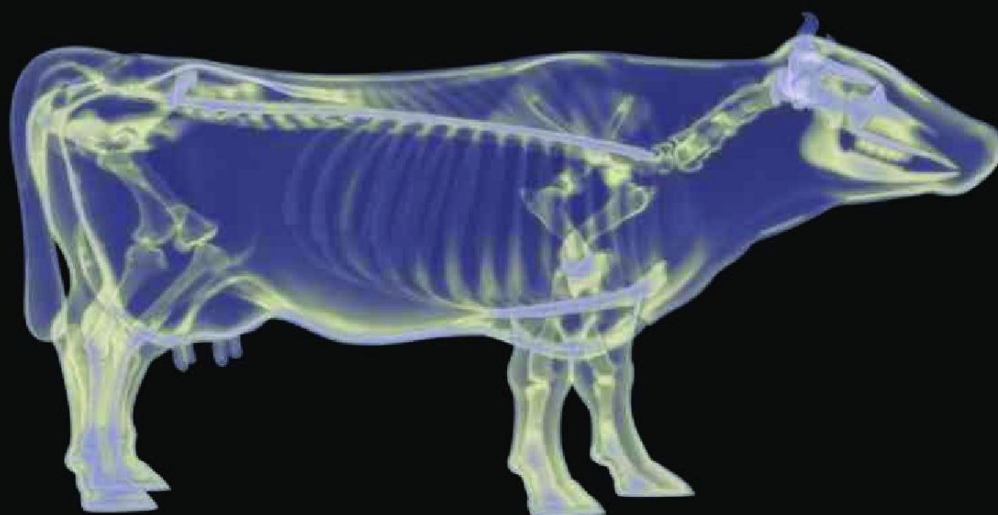
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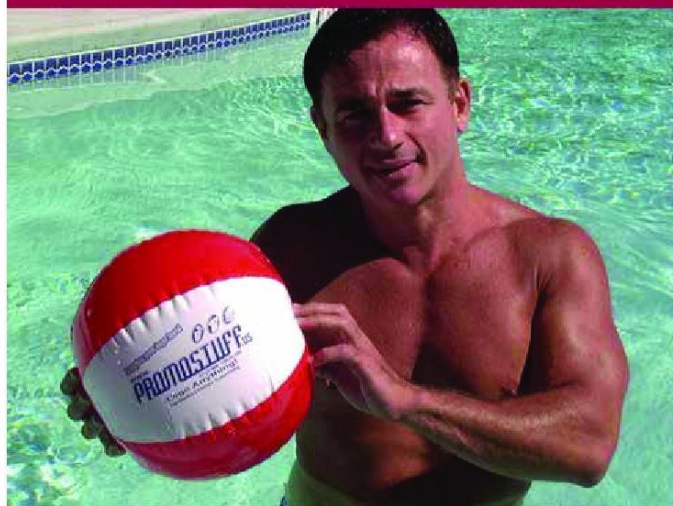
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June 4, New Bedford.

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BERKSHIRE PRIDE

JUNE 4

First-ever Pride parade, starts at 11:30am on Eagle Street headed to The Common Park. Festival, 11am-4pm Pittsfield.

Berkshirepride.org

FRAMINGHAM PRIDE CEREMONY

JUNE 4

City Hall Plaza in front of the Memorial Building, 3pm Rev. Debbie Clark of Edwards Church, emcee. Speakers include student leaders and city officials.
framinghamma.gov

HULL PRIDE

JUNE 4-5

Hull Yacht Club, 4-9 pm, June 4. Family-friendly entertainment, deejay, dancing, cabaret performance by Bill Spera and Katie Connor, food trucks, Hull Pride swag for sale, cash bar and the Hull High School scholarship award presentation.

June 5: Drag Brunch, Nantasket Flats, 11am-2pm; Pride at the Hull Historic Carousel, 2-5pm,
hullpride.net

NANTUCKET

JUNE 5

Nantucket Gay Pride Car Parade and Picnic

Annual Nantucket Gay Pride Car Parade and Picnic.

Begins at Jetties Beach at 11am Decorate your car, motorcycle, mode of transportation and join us as we drive through town, up Main Street, and out to Tom Nevers for a picnic.

<https://www.facebook.com/Nantucket-GayPride>

SPRINGFIELD PRIDE

JUNE 4

Historic parade begins on the campus of Springfield Technical Community College at 10am and marches to Court Square, in front of City Hall for a parade reception.
springfieldprideparade.org

WATERTOWN PRIDE

JUNE 4

Meet in front of the Library by 11am
 Salstonstall Park, 11am-4pm
www.watertownlib.org/pride

JUNE 17 & 18

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Mosesian Center for the Arts

The Dorothy and Charles Mosesian Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal Street, Watertown

BELMONT PRIDE

JUNE 11

Belmont Pride Parade, 404 Concord Ave., 1pm
facebook.com/belmontdgbtqalliance/

SCITUATE PRIDE

JUNE 11-25

Opening Ball, Vigil & Flag-raising, Middle School Breezeway, 7:30-10pm, June 10; Kids Craft, Scituate Library, 10am-noon., June 11; Religion & Pride, Middle School Cafeteria/Church, June 12.; Roller Skating Party, Minot, 1-4pm, June 19; Speaker TBA, Community Building, June 23; Pride Walk and Closing Ball, June 25.

scituatepride.com

TAUNTON PRIDE FESTIVAL

JUNE 11

sclgtqnetwork.org

ARLINGTON PRIDE

JUNE 12

LGBTQIA+ Pride, Winfield Robbins Memorial Garden (adjacent to east side of Town Hall), 2-5pm Face painting, karaoke and lots of swag! On your way there, be sure to spot all the LGBTQIA+ Pride banners on lamp poles and rainbow-colored crosswalks along Mass. Ave. Everything is organized by the town's LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission, celebrating their fifth anniversary.

arlingtonma.gov

NORTH SHORE PRIDE

JUNE 25

Salem, MA

Northshorepride.org

Parade and festival, 8am to 5pm, followed by afterparty. See website for many more Pride-related activities.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 10

BOSTON DYKE MARCH

The 25th Boston Dyke March returns to the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common again this year. The Boston Dyke March is ASL interpreted, and wheelchair, stroller and scooter accessible. An accessibility vehicle will be available for those who need a ride for some or all of the March.

6:30pm, Boston Common, near Parkman Bandstand, bostondykemarch.com

SILENT DISCO ROOFTOP PRIDE PARTY SAM ADAMS BOSTON TAPROOM

Celebrate the start of Pride Weekend and vibe with us from 6-9pm. We'll have our annual Love Conquers Ale beer on draft and DJs Midnight Poe, Twinkletoes, Fox Child and AriKari will be spinning on 3 different channels. Tickets are \$20 but more importantly, \$5 from every ticket will be donated to Transgender Emergency Fund!

6pm-9 pm, Sam Adams Boston Taproom, 60 State St., Boston

SILENT DISCO ROOFTOP THE REVERE HOTEL BOSTON

LGBTQ Women, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer.

LesbianNightLife takes over the hottest rooftop bar in the city, the Rooftop@Revere Stuart St Boston. Dance under the stars and indulge in

some of Boston's best hand-crafted cocktails in a series of Summer Rooftop events brought to you by LesbianNightLife! 3 DJs Battle it out... Dj Jamila Afrika, La Nena, & Andrea Stamas
7p-12m, The Revere Hotel, 200 Stuart St., Boston

PAIGE TURNER'S BIG GAY PRIDE, CLUB CAFÉ

NYC/Provincetown Drag star Paige Turner, the "Showbiz Spitfire" takes you on a colorful journey with an over-the-top night of entertainment, featuring outrageous numbers from La Cage Aux Folles, Hedwig, Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Hamilton and many more. You might even catch Judy Garland, Andy Warhol and Rainbow Brite, if you're lucky!

8pm-9:30pm, Moonshine at Club Café, 209 Columbus Ave., Boston

PRIDE STOP LIGHT PARTY, DBAR, DJ BRIAN HALLIGAN

10pm, dbar, 1236 Dorchester Ave., Boston

SUNDAY JUNE 11

LANSDOWNE ST. HOSTS PRIDE BAR FEST 2022

Hosted by LGBTQ Nightlife Events.

The ten venues participating include: Time Out Market, Fenway Johnnie's, Lansdowne Pub, Bill's Bar, Game On, Bleacher Bar, House of Blues, Lucky Strike, Loretta's Last Call and Cheeky Monkey. For those under 21, that want to join in on the fun, Time Out Market is the designated space for you. You will

receive an under 21 wristband and will only be allowed at this venue. All others will be 21+

Time Out Market-2:30pm Drag Show
Fenway Johnnie's-3pm Drag Show
Lansdowne Pub-3:30pm Drag Show
Bill's Bar-4 pm Drag Show
Bleacher Bar-4:30pm Drag Show
Game On!-5pm Drag Show
House of Blues Restaurant & Bar, Live Music
Cheeky Monkey, Specials
Loretta's Last Call
Lucky Strike, Specials
Queer Vendor Market
11am-6pm, Lansdowne St., Boston

BOSTON URBAN PRIDE

Roxbury Pride LGBTQ+ Brunch
12n, Soleil, Nubian Square, 2306 Washington St., Boston

25TH ANNUAL ESME WOMEN'S BLOCK PARTY

Womxn's Main Event
1000s of LGBTQ+ women (non-binary & trans fold) partying in the Sts with DJ Frenchy!
The Esme women's block party is a partial benefit for La Network Red...

The Network/La Red is a survivor-led, social justice organization that works to end partner abuse in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, SM, polyamorous, and queer communities. Rooted in anti-oppression principles, our work aims to create a world where all people are free from oppression. We strengthen our communities through organizing, education, and the provision of support services.

2pm-7pm, Edgar Allen Poe Alley off Boylston St., Boston

BOSTON THEATER COMPANY'S LGBTQ+ ROAD OF RAINBOWS

The Road of Rainbows will take place at the historic Boston Commons. It will mark the 2nd annual running of Boston Theater Company's LGBTQ+ Road of Rainbows. The 1st of its kind in Massachusetts where gender has no bounds. You be YOU and run for YOU, with love, support, and a team cheering you on! The Road of Rainbows is an inclusive 5K that is as much about running as it is about showing off inner unicorns! ALL genders are welcome! For all LGBTQ+ folks and supporters!

3pm Boston Common, Boston www.runguides.com

CHANDLER ST. BLOCK PARTY

Boston Proud Presents.
DJ Alex Costa
2pm-8pm, Trophy Room 26 Chandler St., Boston

PRIDE PARTY @LIGHHOUSE ARTSPACE!

The Official Esme After Party (LGBTQ+ Women's Pride Party).
7pm- 2am, Lighthouse ArtSpace Boston, 130 Columbus Ave., Boston

DBAR PRIDE HAT CHARITY RAVE, DJ BEGGIB

Proceeds from the hat sales all weekend are being donated to MTPC.

Also, the first 50 people through the door with donation receive a free Rainbow dbar Pride Hat

10pm, dbar, 1236 Dorchester Ave., Boston

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SUNDAY JUNE 12

BOSTON POP-UP PRIDE

Rally and festival with food, music and performances, along with youth, family and quiet areas. Organized by community members and local organizations.

The dawn of a new Pride is rising! After two long years without a Pride event in downtown Boston, we are excited to invite you to celebrate Pride on the Boston Common. For the past 50+ years, LGBTQ+ people and their allies have gathered in June to celebrate Pride. For two years, COVID has made a public gathering for Pride impossible. Pop Up Pride will offer the community an opportunity to gather and celebrate during this year of rebuilding a more inclusive and responsive Pride organization that serves Greater Boston.

Pop-Up Pride is a grassroots, community-organized, community-centered, one-time event. The day-long event will include a rally with speakers, music, performers, community tables, food vendors, a family area, a LGBTQ+ youth area, and a quiet area.

In the wake of a dismantled Boston Pride, we seek to reclaim a Pride that not only belongs to the community, but serves the entirety of the LGBTQ+ community, especially Greater Boston's communities of Queer and Trans, Black, Indigenous, people of color (QTBIPOC) who experience intersecting forms of oppression.

Organizers include a diverse group of community members. Partner organizations assisting with the planning and/or funding include Pride for the People, Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce,

Mass Equality, Boston Lesbian Urban Foundation, BAGLY, Fenway Health, MA Commission on LGBTQ Youth, GLSEN, Greater Boston PFLAG, GLASS, Queer Youth Assemble, Girls LEAP, Cambridge YWCA, and more joining every day.

The Massachusetts LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce has generously volunteered to serve as fiscal host and raise funds from foundations and nonprofit organizations to support this event.

11am-5pm, Boston Common, Boston
www.boston-pop-up-pride.org/

"FOR THE GAUWDDZZ" DRAG BRUNCH

Lilly Rose Valore, Just JP, Rusty Hammer
DJ No Jokez
10am-2pm W Boston, 100 Stuart St., Boston

JP BLOCK PARTY

Day full of fun. Line up and details coming soon. Local vendors, DJs, Drag show, live music, community vibes.

11am, 8 Perkins St. between Centre St. and S. Huntington St., Jamaica Plain

BOSTON PRIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

11am Old South Church, 645 Boylston St., Boston, oldsouth.org

BACK BAY BLOCK PARTY

DJ Line up-DJ Wayne Michael & DJ Marco De Silva

2p-9p, St James Ave., Back Bay, Boston (Between Arlington and Berkeley St) Entrance on Berkeley St.

PRIDE TEA DANCE, DBAR, DJ JOE BERMUDEZ

4pm-8pm, dbar 1236 Dorchester Ave., Boston

SING WE OUR TOMORROW

Boston Choral Ensemble Concert
4pm, First Church Cambridge, 11 Garden St., Cambridge

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

PRIDE NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK

Ticket holders who purchase via this special offer will receive a Red Sox Hat in Pride colors. Additionally, arrive early for a pre-game social on the Sam Deck.
7:10pm, Fenway Park, Boston

SATURDAY JUNE 18

PRIDE GAMER PARTY

6pm, Alley Bar, 14 PI Alley, Boston

WEDNESDAY JUNE 22

LOVE ALWAYS WINS

2pm, Alley Bar, 14 PI Alley, Boston

SATURDAY JUNE 25

TRANS RESISTANCE MARCH & FESTIVAL

Begins 11:30 a.m. Marching from Nubian Square in Roxbury to Franklin Park Playstead, with performances and celebration to follow. This, the third annual event, is a celebration by and for QTBIPOC (trans and queer Black and indigenous people of color) in Massachusetts.

11:30am Franklin Park Playstead transresistance-ma.com

SATURDAY JUNE 25 - SUNDAY JUNE 26

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Saturday at 8pm, Sunday at 3pm
Boston Symphony Hall, 301 Mass. Ave., Boston www.bgmc.org

JUNE 30 - JULY 4

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THURSDAY JUNE 30

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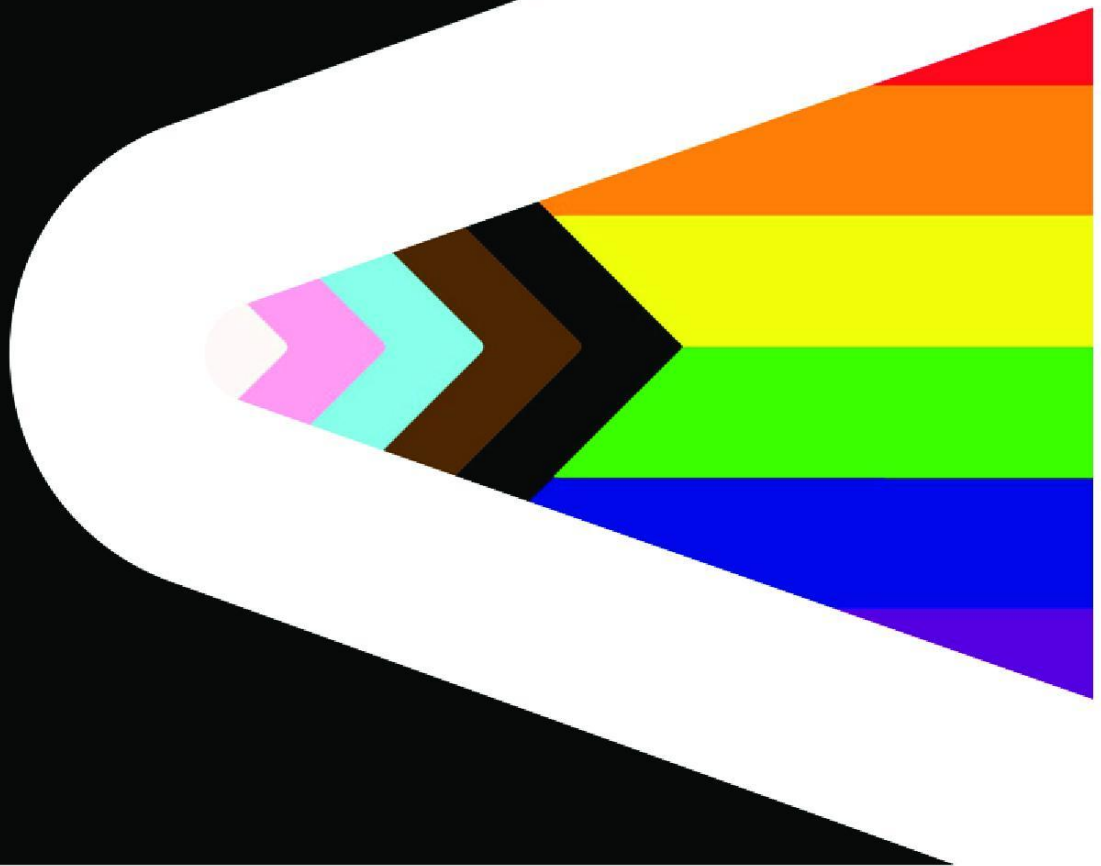


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PLYMOUTH PRIDE

JUNE 26

Nelson Park, 11am to 6pm Live music, entertainment, vendors, beer garden, food trucks, children's area, resources and more.

Plymouthprideinc.com

REVERE PRIDE

JUNE 26

Revere is celebrating pride with a tea dance at Waterfront Square from 2-7pm. With a dj, drag performance.

GARDNER CITY HALL PRIDE LIGHTING

JULY 13

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Leominster Pride Flag-raising
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Lunenburg Pride Flag-raising
nowocopride.org

NOWOCO PRIDE

JULY 13-17

Fitchburg, MA
Riverfront Park, downtown Fitchburg
Hopewell Park, noon to 5pm Taunton's first-ever Pride celebration, featuring music, dancing, food, drag performances, games, vendors family activities and more. Followed at 6pm with an afterparty at Bobby's Place.

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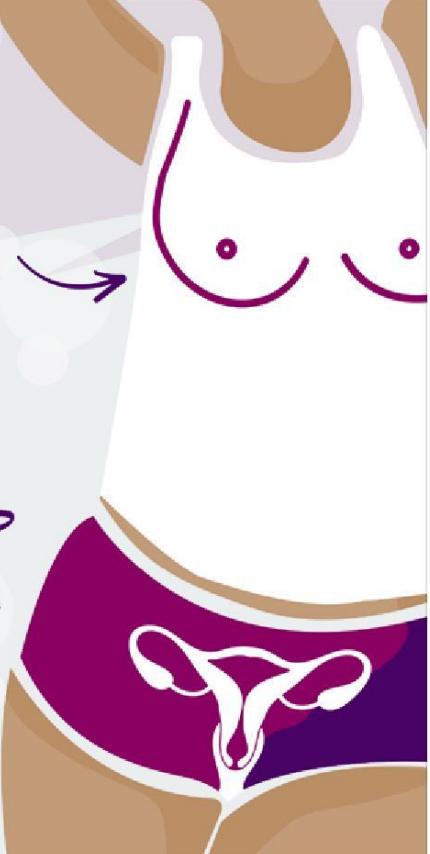


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In the Wake of Tragedy, Again

by Dana Rudolph | drudolph@mombian.com
contributing writer

This was going to be a very different column. Then 19 children and two adults were shot and killed by a gunman at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

As I started composing this column in my head, something about those two sentences made me pause. I then realized they were nearly identical to what I'd written almost a decade ago when 20 children and six adults were killed by a gunman at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut. Have we learned nothing as a nation about protecting our children since then? Apparently not.

The unconscionable shooting at the mostly Latinx Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, comes just weeks after 10 Black people died in a shooting in Buffalo. And while the victims of any shooting are someone's children, when the victims are young children, their deaths hit me—and I'm sure many others—like a gut punch. School shootings have been one of my main fears as a parent and remain so, even though my son is grown. My heart breaks for the families of the victims and for the children who survived but will have to grapple with ongoing fear and trauma.

In 2022 so far, there have been at least 77 incidents of gunfire on school grounds in the

U.S. (six in Texas), resulting in 14 deaths and 45 injuries, reports Everytown for Gun Safety, the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country. The first half of the 2021-2022 school year was the deadliest in recent history, they say. "Deadly" and "school year" in the same sentence—consider how horrifying that is.

As a society, we give much lip service to doing things "in the best interests of the children." Repeated mass murders of children, over decades, are as far from their best interests as one can get. The right-wing, which has done nothing to further gun control, nevertheless has wielded a "best interests of the children" argument against LGBTQ parents and LGBTQ kids (particularly transgender ones). It claims to care about the lives of fetuses but will do nothing to protect children from gun violence after they are born. There is something deeply wrong with that ideology.

A country has failed its citizens when it cares less about protecting them and more about allowing them access to firearms—particularly semi-automatic weapons like those used in Newtown, Buffalo, Uvalde, and many other mass shootings. Gun control is only part of the solution—the Buffalo shooting, for example, underscored the continuing need for increased action

against White supremacy and racism—but it is a key step. We need stronger background checks and bans on the sale of semi-automatic rifles and high-capacity magazines, among other restrictions. (And no, armed guards, much less armed teachers, in schools is not an alternate solution. Studies have shown this is not effective and there are high risks of hitting a child rather than an attacker during a chaotic and stressful situation. See Valerie Strauss' piece in the Washington Post, 5/25/2022.)

I write this on the cusp of Pride Month—the original subject of this column. Pride has come to be a time of celebration—but this year, it feels wise to remember its roots as a protest. LGBTQ equality is facing some of its biggest challenges since the marriage equality battle, with a surge of anti-LGBTQ, particularly anti-trans, legislation around the country. Reproductive rights are under attack, impacting both queer and non-queer people. And gun violence continues to rise. No one is immune from gun violence in the U.S., but for those of us in marginalized communities that have been targeted by such violence because of our identities—LGBTQ people, people of color, and Jews, among others—the fear and the need for change may feel even more pressing, bound up with our other work towards social justice.

I therefore hope you'll consider joining one of the "March for Our Lives" protests across the country on June 11 in support of stricter gun control. (See marchforourlives.com.) Please also call or write to your elected officials about this issue, and make gun control a factor when you

vote. Support organizations working for gun control; donate if you can and help elevate their messages regardless.

For those looking for ways to help young children process their feelings around this latest shooting or around ongoing active shooter drills in their schools, I recommend Sesame Street's resources—visit [sesamestreetincommunities.org](https://www.sesamestreetincommunities.org) and search for "gun violence." Additionally, publisher A Kids Company About is making their "A Kids Book About School Shootings" downloadable free at akidsco.com. Written by a survivor of the 1999 Columbine High School shooting, it is aimed at ages 5 to 9.

And for people who need it, the Disaster Distress Helpline, 1.800.985.5990, is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline with immediate crisis counseling for people experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster.

I'd like to say I have hope that things will change, but I said the same after Columbine, and after Newtown, and after all the other shootings. In the absence of much hope that we will see change anytime soon, I find myself turning for strength to a saying from my Jewish tradition, "You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." We must resist, persist, and not desist. We owe it to our children.

Dana Rudolph is the founder and publisher of *Mombian* (mombian.com), a GLAAD Media Award-winning blog and resource directory, with a searchable database of 1000+ LGBTQ family books, media, and more.





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NASHUA PRIDE FESTIVAL JUNE 25

Join members of the local LGBTQIA community once again after a long winter and a long health crisis to celebrate Nashua Pride at the Nashua Public Library parking lot and a parade on Main street. Parade starts at 2pm from the Elm Street School. 2pm-6pm

<https://www.nashuanh.gov/1217/Nashua-Pride-Festival>

MAINE

BAR HARBOR PRIDE JUNE 9-11

www.barharborpride.com

PRIDE PORTLAND JUNE 18

<https://prideportland.org/>

PRIDE AROOSTOOK JUNE 18

Riverside Park in Presque Isle
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A call for auction items, vendors, and community organizations is coming soon! Must be LG-BTQ+ friendly and openly affirming.

<https://www.facebook.com/pridearostook/>

BANGOR PRIDE JUNE 25

West Market Square and Norumbega Park. Parade (route to be announced), 11 a.m.-noon. Festival, noon-4 p.m. Visit website for additional events and updates.

VERMONT

MONTPELIER PRIDE JUNE 3 - JUNE 7

www.pridecentervt.org/events

CENTRAL VERMONT DRAG BALL JUNE 11

7p Old Labor Hall Barre, 46 Granite St., Barre, VT

www.pridecentervt.org/events

RAINBOWFEST JUNE 24-JUNE 26

RainbowFest offers an alternative way to celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride, surrounded by and in communion with nature. Through yoga classes, inspiring & informative workshops, outdoor recreational activities, and simply providing a safe space to be YOU, this weekend offers a fun, healing opportunity to foster queer connection and well being. There will be hiking on local trails, paddle boarding on the nearby lake, horseback riding through forests, glow stick dancing, dips in the cool brook, bonfires, & more.

Milldale Farm Center for Wellness, 1461 Blood Brook Rd., Fairlee, VT

www.pridecentervt.org/events

SANGHA'S 2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY PRIDE PARTY JUNE 25

3pm-7pm, Sangha Pine, 120 Pine St., Burlington, VT

www.pridecentervt.org/events

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION WRJ PRIDE FEST JULY 30

10am-6pm, Main Street Museum, White River Junction, VT

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BURLINGTON PRIDE SEPTEMBER 9-18

12n-5pm, Waterfront Park, 20 Lake St., Burlington, VT

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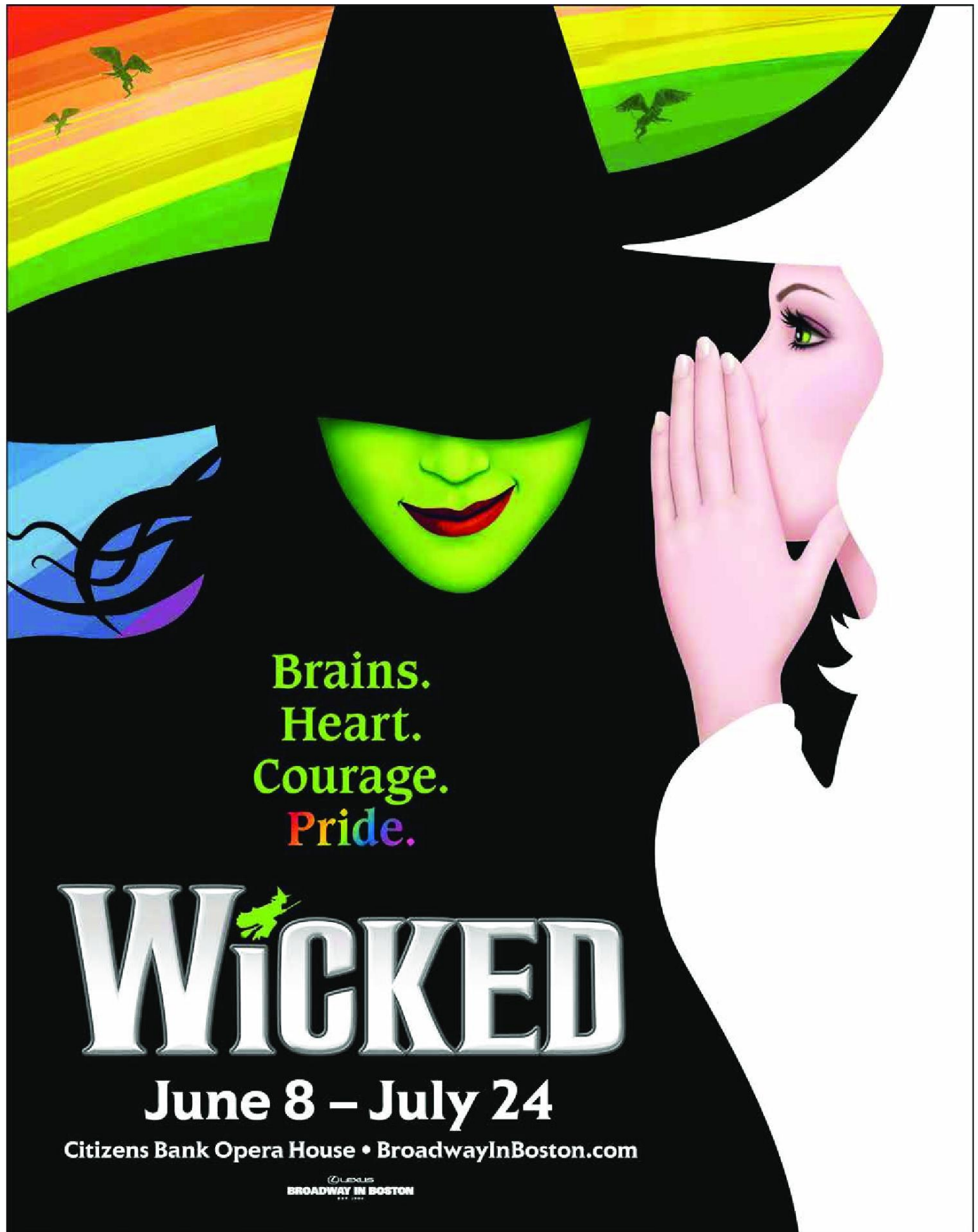
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