



# LGBTQ+ MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

July 2026

## Non-binary Awareness Week

July 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Non-Binary Awareness Week is dedicated to amplifying the voices and experiences of non-binary people, while promoting understanding and visibility of identities beyond the gender binary. It's a powerful opportunity to spark meaningful conversations about gender, challenge assumptions, and educate others on the diverse spectrum of gender identities.

## Other July Holidays

- July 16th: International Drag Day



## Literature and Film

### "The Mars House: A Novel"



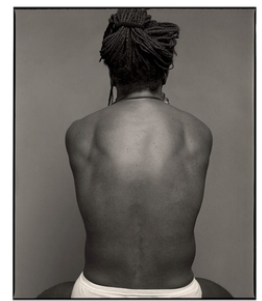
Storygraph  
Review

A queer sci-fi novel about a marriage of convenience between a refugee ballet dancer from Earth and a Martian politician, set in a terraformed colony on Mars.

## LGBTQ+ Spotlight

### Del LaGrace Volcano

Del LaGrace Volcano is an intersex and non-binary visual artist, photographer, and activist whose work challenges gender norms and celebrates fluidity. One of their publications, titled "Sex Works" (2005) in collaboration with Beatriz Preciado, explores how sex work is often entangled with broader struggles for bodily autonomy, queer liberation, and feminist politics.

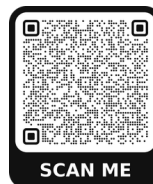


### "Raised Without Gender"

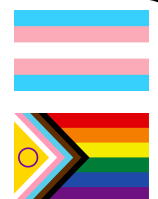


Click here to watch!

VICE host Amelia Abraham goes to Sweden - the world's most forward thinking country when it comes to questioning gender - to find out what it's like to grow up without the gender binary.



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## Local 2026 Pride Events in Ventura County!

July 25<sup>th</sup> Ventura Pride @ Plaza Park Downtown Ventura (11 am to 5 pm)



### Non-binary Flag Meaning

The yellow stripe represents gender outside of the binary, the white stripe represents those who identify with multiple genders, the purple stripe represents a combination of masculinity and femininity, and the black stripe represents those who identify as agender (those without a gender).



### Transgender Flag Meaning

The transgender flag features a set of five horizontal stripes in light blue, pink, and white. The light blue stripe represents the traditional color for baby boys, the pink stripe represents the traditional color for baby girls, and the white stripe represents non-binary or gender non-conforming individuals.



### Intersex Flag Meaning

The intersex pride flag uses a golden-yellow background and a purple circle to celebrate bodily autonomy outside of binary gender norms. The color palette intentionally rejects traditional pink and blue stereotypes, offering a neutral space for diverse human biology. At the center, the unbroken circle symbolizes wholeness, completeness, and the right of intersex individuals to be perfect exactly as they are born.

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