



LGBTQ+ MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 2026



Bisexual Awareness Week

September 16-23, 2026

Bisexual Awareness Week is an extension of Celebrate Bisexuality+ Day, held annually on September 23rd. Bisexuality awareness week works to accelerate the acceptance of the bi+ (bisexual, pansexual, fluid, no label) community.

Other September Holidays

- **September 18:** National HIV/AIDS & Aging Awareness Day
- **September 27:** National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Literature and Film

"The New People"

"A searing and strikingly intimate debut set in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis, about a newly married lesbian couple who move into a flipped foreclosure, unaware that the former homeowners are still living in the attic."



Goodreads Review

"Not Another Second: LGBTQ+ Seniors Share Their Stories"



Reverend Kennedy, 81

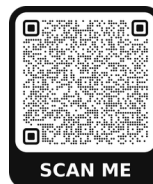
[Click here to watch!](#)

"A beautiful journey through the stories of 12 LGBTQ+ seniors who discuss the years they were forced to hide their true selves, the struggles they have faced, the rights they have earned and the beautiful moments they have experienced."

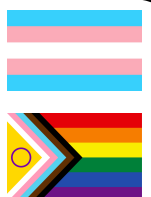
LGBTQ+ Spotlight

Andrés Mañón

Andrés Mañón (he/him) is a Mexico City-based photographer and creative director whose work documents the city's vibrant, modern queer scene. Utilizing a unique blend of ornate portraiture, intricate makeup and vivid fantasy, he constructs elaborate visual worlds that celebrate non-binary and fluid identities.



LGBTQ+ Ventura County Resources





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“Build for Everyone: A Framework for LGBTQ Representation and Safety in AI”

“Foundation models (e.g., OpenAI’s GPT, Meta’s Llama, Google’s Gemini) function as the building blocks for many downstream AI products. The choices made in their design and training significantly shape how LGBTQ topics, issues, and experiences are represented – or misrepresented – across the wider AI ecosystem. Because foundation models establish the baseline linguistic, conceptual, and safety boundaries for the entire downstream ecosystem, model providers bear a primary responsibility to ensure their core architectures do not produce fundamentally flawed or harmful data that cannot be reliably mitigated at the application layer. LGBTQ representation in training data can be sparse, biased, inaccurate, or incomplete. As GLAAD’s [Social Media Safety Index](#) conveys, generative AI systems learn from existing or general datasets that often lack sufficient context or complexity.^[2] These gaps mean models may reproduce overly-stereotypical depictions of LGBTQ people, misrepresenting diverse experiences within the community. In her seminal overview “[Design Practices: ‘Nothing about Us without Us.’](#)” researcher Sasha Costanza-Chock, PhD, explains that “designers tend to unconsciously default to imagined users whose experiences are similar to their own.”

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Queer Zine Archive Project

“The Queer Zine Archive Project (QZAP) was first launched in November 2003 in an effort to preserve queer zines and make them available to other queers, researchers, historians, punks, and anyone else who has an interest DIY publishing and underground queer communities.”

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