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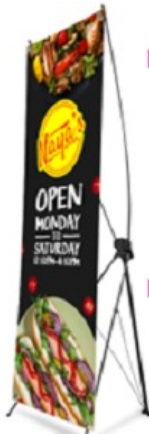
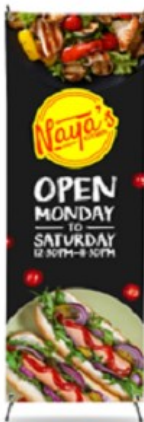
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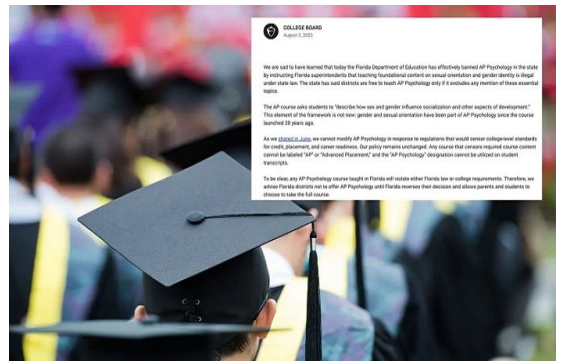




News & Politics

Florida Effectively Bans AP Psychology Course Over LGBTQ Content, College Board Says

By David Vandygriff



Florida "effectively banned" Advanced Placement Psychology classes in the state due to the course's content on sexual orientation and gender identity, the College Board said Thursday.

The state's Department of Education informed the College Board that its AP Psychology class is in violation of state law, the higher education nonprofit said in a statement. Florida's Parental Rights in Education Act, or what critics have dubbed the "Don't Say Gay" law, restricts the instruction of sexual orientation and gender identity in the state's classrooms.

"The state's ban of this content removes choice from parents and students," the College Board said in a statement. "Coming just days from the start of school, it derails the college readiness and affordability plans of tens of thousands of Florida students currently registered for AP Psychology, one of the most popular AP classes in the state."

The state's move to restrict the AP Psychology course comes

several months after its decision to block AP African American Studies courses was widely condemned by academics and civil rights activists.

The College Board added that Florida will allow superintendents to offer the college-level psychology class for high schoolers if they exclude LGBTQ topics.

However, the College Board argued that excluding the lessons — which it describes as teachings on "how sex and gender influence socialization and other aspects of development" — "would censor college-level standards."

It added that lessons regarding sexual orientation and gender identity have been included in AP Psychology since the course was created 30 years ago.

The group said that more than 28,000 Florida students took AP Psychology in the prior academic year.

When asked to confirm that the department effectively banned the course, Cassie Palelis, a spokesperson for the Florida Department of Education, said

the nonprofit was "attempting to force school districts to prevent students from taking the AP Psychology."

"The Department didn't 'ban' the course. The course remains listed in Florida's Course Code Directory for the 2023-24 school year. We encourage the College Board to stop playing games with Florida students and continue to offer the course and allow teachers to operate accordingly," Palelis said in an email. "The other advanced course providers (including the International Baccalaureate program) had no issue providing the college credit psychology course."

The governor's office did not immediately return a request for comment.

The American Psychological Association, the nation's largest scientific and professional organization of psychologists, argued against stripping AP Psychology of LGBTQ topics earlier this year, after the state requested that the College Board review sexuality and gender identity topics in all advanced placement courses.

“Understanding human sexuality is fundamental to psychology, and an advanced placement course that excludes the decades of science studying sexual orientation and gender identity would deprive students of knowledge they will need to succeed in their studies, in high school and beyond,” the association's CEO, Arthur C. Evans Jr., said in a statement in June. “We applaud the College Board for standing up to the state of Florida and its unconscionable demand to censor an educational curriculum and test that were designed by college faculty and experienced AP teachers who ensure that the course and exam reflect the state of the science and college-level expectations.”

Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, the nation's second largest teachers union, said the decision to restrict AP Psychology in the state is “part of the DeSantis playbook of eroding rights” and “censoring those he disagrees with.”

LGBTQ advocates also condemned the state's AP Psychology restriction on Thursday.

“Psychology is centered around people – all people,” Kelley Robinson, president of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest LGBTQ advocacy group, said in a statement. “Erasing us from the curriculum ignores our existence, sets back Florida students who want to pursue

psychology in higher education and disrupts pathways for future mental health professionals to provide comprehensive, culturally competent mental healthcare for the LGBTQ+ community.”

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican who is running for president, signed the so-called Don't Say Gay law last year.

The law was widely condemned by LGBTQ activists and prompted an ongoing feud between the governor and The Walt Disney Co., Florida's largest employer.

The measure initially prohibited “classroom instruction by school personnel or third parties on sexual orientation or gender identity” in kindergarten through third grade “or in a manner that is not age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students in accordance with state standards” in public and charter schools.

But earlier this year, DeSantis doubled down, signing a measure into law expanding the restrictions to explicitly include students through the eighth grade. The newer version of the law also restricts reproductive health education in sixth through 12th grade.

In addition to enacting the “Don't Say Gay” law, the governor recently signed into law a measure that bars transgender people from using public restrooms that align with their gender identities and another that restricts drag performances in front of minors. A judge subsequently

blocked the drag law.

On the final day of LGBTQ Pride Month in June, DeSantis' presidential campaign released a video portraying the governor as a champion of anti-gay and anti-trans policies.

The video garnered widespread attention for its pairing of DeSantis' anti-LGBTQ policy accomplishments alongside images of shirtless bodybuilders, in what appeared to be an attempt to portray the Florida governor as strong. It was condemned by both Republicans and Democrats, with some calling it “homophobic.”

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COVID Hospital Admissions Jump In What Could Be A New Norm Of Summer Surges

By Heath Massengill



Recent data from the CDC, marking the highest jump in admissions since last winter.

This week's hospital admission rate follows last week's rise of more than 10%. While this data suggests more infections, a metric the CDC does not track anymore, it remains unclear how concerned people should be.

While hospital admissions have risen by more than 10% in each of the past two weeks, the number of patients currently hospitalized has risen by a comparatively smaller degree. Compared with last week, the number of patients hospitalized for COVID this week rose by 7 percent to 6,121. Deaths due to COVID-19 have also not changed in recent weeks as hospital admissions have risen.

The most recent wastewater surveillance data from July found that the majority of sites in the U.S. are seeing lower levels of the COVID-19 virus. Only 7 percent of sites are reporting levels between 60% and 100%, encompassing the two highest categories of viral wastewater detection. The number of sites reporting data has been

declining since June, but the majority are still providing information.

It has been almost three months since the public health emergency for COVID-19 expired and life has largely returned to pre-pandemic rhythms for the majority of people. After 3 years of living with COVID-19, a small surge in cases during the summer may be a new norm to get used to.

"We have had a summer wave of COVID for the last few summers and so it's not surprising to see an increase in COVID right now," said Jill Rosenthal, director of public health policy at the Center for American Progress.

A smaller summer wave of COVID cases has been observed each year since the very start of the outbreak. Coronavirus cases began to climb in mid-June of 2020 after having previously plateaued for a few weeks. A larger surge began around July 2021, and cases remained elevated throughout May and August of last year.

Many people rightly associate increases in respiratory viral infections to colder weather,

when people are driven indoors and transmission more easily occurs in smaller spaces with less air flow. But the warmer weather comes with its own factors that encourage behaviors that could lead to more infections.

Just as colder weather drives people indoors, warmer weather invites people to go outside, let their guards down and gather together. This urge to be outside is perhaps even stronger with the official end of the public health emergency.

The summer also sees higher rates of travel, which may be spreading viruses like COVID faster than they normally would. A survey from Forbes found that half of consumers said they planned to travel more in 2023, and 45 percent said they were budgeting to spend more on travel this year.

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And while people may be spending more time outdoors, Rosenthal noted that extreme heat also drives vulnerable populations, such as homeless people, to public indoor cooling centers where crowding could be worse and infections spread more easily.

Speaking on heat waves and COVID, Rosenthal said, "There's an indirect link between the two."

She noted that some people also believe in the myth that ambient heat and sunlight can eradicate the coronavirus, leading them to be less cautious in public. While UVC rays have been found to help reduce microbes in the air, the American Academy of Dermatology has previously pointed out that the atmosphere blocks those rays from reaching the Earth's surface.

At the same time as hospital admissions are rising, officials are working on efforts to prevent a major surge later in the year.

Federal health authorities are currently preparing for a fall vaccine campaign this year, the first that will mimic a normal flu shot campaign. Both Moderna and Pfizer have filed for FDA authorization of their respective shots updated to protect against the XBB.1.5 Omicron subvariant.

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Colton Haynes & You's James Scully Play Gay Miners In This Emotional New Music Video

By Tina Bennett

32-year-old singer-songwriter Tyler Childers has a new music video that will pull at your heartstrings and make you believe in love.

In the vein of Brokeback Mountain and God's Own Country, the music video for "In Your Love" tells the story of two male coal miners, played by Colton Haynes and You star James Scully, who fall in love in 1950s Appalachia. The two begin a secret affair, exchanging meaningful glances in the mine, four-leaf clovers in



field, and kisses in secret.

Unfortunately, one of their fellow miners catches them kissing in the woods, leading them to be attacked at work. But the story doesn't have its end there.

Haynes and Scully move out to a farm in the country where they live and love happily together. They build a home together, go out on dates, and become a family.

Unfortunately, Scully starts to cough more and more, and his history as a miner catches up with him, giving him black lung. He dies in Haynes' arms on the porch of the house they lived in together.

On Instagram, Haynes called the video "easily one of my favorite projects I've ever been a part of," and encouraged

viewers to "grab a tissue."

The video was written and creative directed by Silas House, who knows the importance of telling stories like this.

"As a gay teenager who loved country music, I could have never imagined seeing myself in a video. That visibility matters. There have always been LGBTQ people in rural places and finally we're seeing that portrayed in a country music video," he said in a statement. "Tyler and I both felt the attention to detail about rural life was very important, so we made sure that the house and the people looked realistic for the time period instead of the stereotypes of country people that have become so ingrained in the public consciousness."

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By Brenda Jackson

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"I wrote Everyday Investing because I want people in the LGBTQ community to be confident and proud about investing for their future. Many of us focus on today, spending thousands of dollars per year on vacations, dinners, and luxury items when we should be planning for our future. It's perfectly ok to splurge every now and then, but I would much rather be able to retire by 50 than 62 the earliest ago that a person can choose to receive Social Security benefits."

As a young adult out of college, Amato accumulated over \$50,000 in credit card debt to 'keep up with the Jones's'. At 31, he finally took control of his financial life and began saving and investing, slowly paying down debt, and is now 100% debt-free with the exception of a low-interest rate home mortgage.

"I made many financial mistakes throughout the early part of my life and my dream for this book is to educate

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"Readers will explore various investment vehicles, including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, and more." Each chapter provides in-depth analysis, empowering readers to make informed decisions

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people, so they don't make the same mistakes I made."

Everyday Investing is a roadmap to financial freedom and the fulfillment of personal aspirations. It empowers readers to create a personalized investment plan, aligned with their unique goals and dreams.

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Calvin Klein's New Ad Campaign Starring Wednesday's Hunter Doohan Is Serving Body

By Adam Davis

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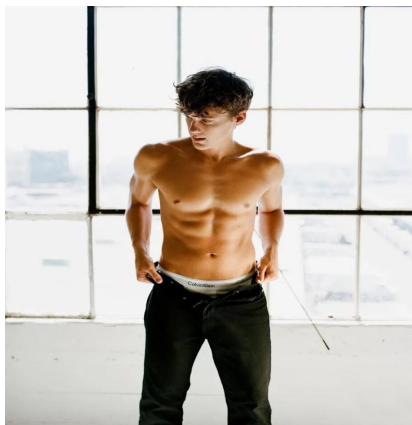
The actor, who is currently 29

years old, is the son of Peter Doohan – a famous Australian tennis player known for winning a record-breaking three consecutive Australian Hard Court Championships in the 1980s.

Over the course of his career, Hunter Doohan has identified himself as queer. In June 2022, he got married to his husband,

Fielder Jewett. Now, the actor is making his fans even thirstier with a sexy new underwear shoot for Calvin Klein.

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Erie, Pennsylvania, Declares Itself LGBTQ+ Sanctuary City

By Jennifer Davis

Erie, Pa., has declared itself a sanctuary city for LGBTQ+ people.

The City Council adopted a resolution last month stating that the city “strongly supports the treatment of all individuals with respect and dignity, regardless of an individual’s race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, age, disability, source of income, marital status, and familial status, including but not limited to the areas of housing, public accommodation, education, healthcare, and employment,” and going on to note the large number of anti-LGBTQ+ bills being considered in state legislatures around the nation, including three in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

If the state, Erie County, or the U.S. government passes any anti-LGBTQ+ law, “the Erie City Council urges the Police Chief to make enforcement their lowest priority,” the resolution goes on. It states the city’s commitment to human rights and access to health care, and concludes, “Be it finally resolved that the City of Erie be

considered a safe place, a sanctuary, for LGBTQ+ individuals and families.”

The resolution was proposed by Councilwoman Susannah

Faulkner, a member of the LGBTQ+ community. She has pointed out that other cities, such as Kansas City, Mo., and West Hollywood, have adopted sanctuary city policies. (In those cities, the most recent resolutions focused on transgender people, who are particularly under political attack.)

“I appreciate you all,” Faulkner said after the vote, according to the Erie Times-News. “This is something that is a movement. ... That is why I have chosen to be proactive instead of reactive in this moment.”

Pennsylvania is one of the most populous states without a law banning discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity — and the only one in the Northeast. A bill that would add such a ban, House Bill 300, also known as the Fairness Act, has passed the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives and is pending in the Senate, which has a Republican majority that might impede its passage. Gov. Josh Shapiro, a Democrat, supports the bill. Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and a few other Pennsylvania cities have LGBTQ-inclusive



nondiscrimination laws.

One Erie council member, Ed Brzezinski, suggested the sanctuary city resolution be put before voters, but the council did not agree. Faulkner told the Times-News Brzezinski had not consulted her about that, and she questioned if putting a question on the ballot would be feasible.

Erie saw some controversy over LGBTQ+ issues this year. Some residents complained about a display of LGBTQ-themed children’s books at the entrance to the children’s section at one of the city’s libraries. County officials, who run the library system, ordered that the display be taken down moved to a less prominent place. Administrators at the library decided to take down all displays, the Times-News reports.

The Erie Gay News praised Faulkner’s work on the resolution, with an article saying, “We are thankful to City Council Member Susannah Faulkner for her dedication to and collaboration with the LGBTQ+ citizens of Erie in advancing this resolution through Erie City Council.” The article also called for LGBTQ+ Pennsylvanians to “rally together in support of the Fairness Act.”

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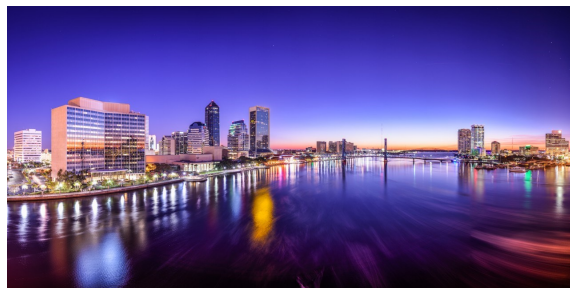
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Jacksonville A 'Burgeoning Gay Mecca'

By David Vandygriff



According to the sloganeers at the local chamber of commerce, Jacksonville is "where Florida begins." While that's not exactly true (Amelia Island to the north lays claim to that honor), Jacksonville is the first real sign of life that drivers spot upon entering the state, an actual urban cityscape against that pale blue Florida sky.

For gay travelers en route to the State's more traditional destinations -- Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Key West and even Tampa -- Jacksonville has been little more than a weigh station along the road, a place to fill up one tank and empty another.

But in recent years, Jacksonville received a welcome notice of recognition when it was included in a list of burgeoning gay meccas. Its 80,000 acres of parkland, beautiful beaches, interesting museums and business opportunities were credited with attracting a healthy population of gay residents and visitors. It's no Key West, to be sure; in fact, locals would probably agree it more closely resembles South Georgia than South Florida in its physical and political landscapes.

Jacksonville's small-town feel tends to belie its size -- in fact, it's the largest city, in terms of landmass, in the continental United States. The key to navigating Jacksonville, like any big city, is knowing where to look for culture, sophistication and fun. In and around the downtown area, the several gay-friendly neighborhoods -- including Riverside, San Marco and Springfield -- happen also to be the most historic, the most culturally significant and the most pedestrian-friendly areas of the city. These neighborhoods are where you'll find museums, galleries, gay bars and the best restaurants.

Jax River City Pride was just named #12 of Best Cities To Celebrate Gay Pride. What's better than Pride in June? Pride in June and October! River City Pride organizes multiple events in June, including a "paint and sip" night of painting rainbow-colored beach chairs on the sand, art tours, dance parties, drag brunch, and a pride night at a Jumbo Shrimp (AAA baseball) game. In October, the date of the official pride fest hasn't been announced yet, but Oct. 1 kicks off Jacksonville River City Pride month which features

numerous events, including the Pride Festival & Cabaret and a 1.5-mile parade starting at Willow Branch Park, where the city's LGBT Pride Picnic took place in 1978.

Duval Black Pride is held the first weekend of August with numerous shows, foam parties, brunch spread over an entire week throughout the city. The Duval Black Pride continues to grow and attract more and more participants each year.

In October **Rainbow Events** host the Rainbow Awards Gala honor local LGBTQ+ members & allies for the most OUT standing achievements, now in its 13th year during June. The last Saturday in June Rainbow Events holds The Big Gay Picnic in Willowbranch Park where Gay Pride started, reestablishing a prior tradition now in it's 3rd year. Rainbow Events host many LGBTQ Events throughout the year including the White Party, Unity, Red Dress Party and many more events. Be sure to check out Rainbow Events for the hottest LGBTQ+ Events in Jacksonville.

A few years back the US Census Bureau found that Jacksonville is home to one of the biggest populations of gay parents in the county. In

addition, the data show, child rearing among same-sex couples is more common in the South than in any other region of the country, according to Gary Gates, a demographer at the University of California, Los Angeles. **Equality Florida** has helped to bridge the past gaps of family events with it's recent Family Ice Skating event and more planned for the future.

The transgender community in Jacksonville is represented and embraced. The launch of the **Transgender Awareness Project** & the opening of Jacksonville's 1st Transgender drop in center call **UnSpoken Treasure Society** both organizations are working to educate and assist many within the transgender community. A much needed and appreciated cause within the Jacksonville LGBTQ+ Community.

Last year **Amber House** opened its door helping to proved temporary safe housing for LGBTQ+ youth which represents about 40% of the homeless populations.

JASMYN (Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) another local organization has aid LGBTQ+ for over 25 years in Jacksonville. JASMYN supports the empowerment of LGBTQIA+ teens and young

adults through leadership, advocacy, resources, and a safe and affirming community. JASMYN host their annual Coming Out Day Breakfast held during October. JASMYN chose the national day of observation, Coming Out Day, to celebrate diversity in our Northeast Florida workforce. The breakfast honors the work of individual leaders, employee resource groups, corporations and non-profit partners while focusing support for our LGBTQIA+ teens and young adults.

COLORS Jax Community Center (2650 Park St) is Northeast Florida's LGBTQ Community Center meeting the needs of the community. Colors Jax offers anger management classes, job coaching, support groups, HIV testing, coffee hours, etc. **COLORS Jax Community Center** is an inclusive advocacy and social service organization actively working to meet the needs for safety, empowerment, education, and wellbeing of Northeast Florida's LGBTQIA+ community.

Jax LGBT Chamber of Commerce recently launched in Jacksonville. The chamber is just starting and a welcomed addition to Jacksonville.

PFLAG Jax was founded over 25 years by Frieda Saraga aka LGBTQ+ Mother of Jacksonville. PFLAG Jax's goal is to see a world where all people are free to express their gender identity and sexual orientation with pride and without prejudice. PFLAG Jax host their annual PFLAG Scholarship Celebration in August, where PFLAG Scholarship recipients accept annual scholarships. In 1996, the leadership of PFLAG Jacksonville attended a meeting in New Orleans, where they met a group of young people who benefited from college scholarships. As the leaders returned to Jacksonville, they decided to try to raise funds so that they might offer scholarships for Northeast Florida students. Since its inception, PFLAG Jacksonville has provided more than 345 scholarships totaling more than \$430,000.

Don't forget to check our **Stonewall Sports Jax** which offers many weekend and week day events around town from kickball games, pool games, yoga, volley ball on the beaches and many more sports & activities. Don't worry if you're not a player, at least you can join the crowd and meet some new friends.



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90-Minute Episodes of Drag Race Season 15 Are Coming to Paramount+

By Stephen Wilson



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Life and Style

Tinto De Verano Is The Lazy Sangria Substitute You Need This Summer

By Tim Vito



If you've never heard of a tinto de verano, you're not alone. However, the wine cocktail is incredibly popular in Spain in the summer months. The drink is ubiquitous in the Iberian Peninsula during the long hot season, and for good reason — it's refreshing, affordable, and incredibly easy to make. Many foreigners think of sangría as the Spanish red-wine drink of choice, but a glance around any crowded beach-side establishment reveals that the locals are more likely to be drinking glasses of tinto de verano instead.

But what exactly is a tinto de verano? The name literally means "red of summer" or summer red wine, and it's a simple mixture of red wine with soda, served chilled and finished with lemon and a bit of ice. It's perfect for summer sipping because the soda dilutes the wine's alcohol content, making for a lighter drink.

Spain is known for its red wine-producing regions, and a classic choice for a tinto de verano is tempranillo wine. The best tempranillo wines for a tinto de verano are less expensive, younger bottles. After all, you don't want to

waste your best vintage on something you'll be watering down, but your drink won't be tasty if you use bad wine, so choose wisely. In Spain, the soda added is usually La Casera, which is a light, lemon soda similar to Sprite or 7-Up but not as sweet. While tastes vary, the usual ratio is 1:1 wine to La Casera.

Humble Origins For Tinto De Verano

Where did the drink come from, and why does everyone love it? As is usually the case with popular items, it's hard to trace tinto de verano's exact origins, but most point to early 20th century Córdoba, a city in southern Spain, as the beginning of this fan favorite.

Restaurant owner Federico Vargas reportedly created the wine mixture. Vargas was the owner of Venta Vargas, a restaurant known for its flamenco scene and bohemian crowd. Vargas had the bright idea of stretching his wine a little further by creating a brighter, fizzy version of red wine by adding soda to it. Juan Valls, a Spanish bar owner, told Imbible, "In the beginning, it was called Valgas, because the drink was made with red wine from the old winery region Valdepeñas." However, it soon

became known as "un Vargas" after its owner and eventually tinto de verano.

The delightful combination became known up and down the peninsula, and the tinto de verano has proliferated throughout the country in the decades since. The most traditional version of the cocktail includes just red wine and soda, with lemon for garnish, but something so prevalent can't help but inspire alternate versions as well.

Variations On A Theme

While tempranillo wines are the traditional base, other wines can be substituted. Some obvious choices are other young reds like garnacha, pinot noir, Côtes du Rhône, and Beaujolais. People sometimes add vermouth to the mix, which gives the beverage a bit more edge and boosts the alcohol content.

There are regional variations as well. While the drink is generally made with red wine, some regions of Spain have their own substitutions. The region of Catalonia is famous for its cava (a sparkling white wine similar to Champagne, but more affordable). There is a version of a tinto that swaps cava for the red wine in the

recipe — as strange as it is to call a drink a "summer red" when it's completely white. Asturias, in northwestern Spain, is known for its hard cider, which can also be used in place of wine — resulting in another pale, but delicious, version of the drink.

Those making cocktails where the soda brand La Casera is scarce typically use whatever lemon-lime soda is available locally. However, you can also substitute some lemon or lime seltzer for part of the soda, especially since not all lemon-lime sodas are created equal. Likewise, diet soda lowers the sugar content for those who prefer a lighter

version. Even the lemon garnish can be swapped for an orange or other citrus.

Sangria's Chill Cousin

So what makes a tinto de verano different from sangría? A few essential elements distinguish the two, namely: the fruit, the fuss, and the proof. Cut fruit (usually oranges, peaches, and apples) plays a critical role in a good sangría, and additional sugar and higher-proof alcohol (typically, brandy) are almost always added, making sangría sweeter, more potent, and fruitier. In order for the fruit flavors to permeate the wine, the fruity-wine mix generally needs to sit overnight —

meaning that sangría takes a good bit of time and forethought to make. That also makes it extraordinarily difficult to prepare at a regular bar, where pitchers of muddled fruit are not usually lying around.

A tinto de verano, on the other hand, is easy for most wine lovers to make, in Spain and elsewhere. It can be whipped up quickly with ingredients to which most mixologists have ready access. It also involves no sitting overnight, can be made in pitchers or in a single glass, and has a lower alcohol content. In short, it's perfect for lazy summer afternoons that drift happily — and easily — into summer nights.

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Ginger Minj Protests Anti-LGBTQ+ Bills With New Music & P-Town Show

By David Vandygriff

This glamour toad is putting in the work!

Ginger Minj made it all the way to finale on the seventh season of RuPaul's Drag Race and the sixth season of All Stars. She also made up part of the iconic cast that competed on the second season of All Stars.

Since her time on TV, the star has dabbled into multiple entertainment spaces and has used her platform to advocate for LGBTQ+ rights.

"If I learned anything from RuPaul, it's the hustle is real. You gotta get out there and keep doing it," Minj tells said.

During this past Pride Month, Minj kicked her off I Am What I Am Campaign with the release of her cover and a powerful video for the iconic song "I Am What I Am," originally introduced in the Broadway musical La Cage aux Folles.

As a Florida native, the song serves as a response to the numerous anti-drag bills being signed and introduced throughout the country.

"100% of the proceeds go directly to the Drag Defense Fund [and] the ACLU. To me, Pride has always been about being proud of your community and trying to uplift them -- not about making the money. I've been very blessed with the platforms I've had to turn out an entire campaign that benefits the community," she says.

Beyond her activism, Minj is bringing her charisma and talent to Provincetown for a third year in a row with her brand new show The Broads' Way.

"I'm only blessed to be able to do what I'm doing because I stand on the shoulders of eons and eons of queens who were

brave enough to get out there and do it. We've been sold out every single night. It's been insanely fulfilling."

The show stars Minj and Gidget Galore as they cover and reimagine some of the most iconic Broadway songs in herstory.

"It is a Broadway tribute in the way that only Ginger Minj can give it to you. We flip it on its head. We make fun of it. We revere it. We definitely celebrate all things Broadway, but in a very silly, stupid, unexpected way. Even though we are having fun, there is a message that is being professed between myself and the audience. Then, they go out there and spread that joy and love and positivity into the rest of the world."

The Broads' Way is playing now at The Art House in Provincetown.

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News & Politics

Florida Schools May Begin Using PragerU Videos That Pushes Blame Onto Black People Themselves

By Drew Williams



In the wake of Florida's controversial history curriculum changes, PragerU announced that the state has deemed its content acceptable for schools.

The right-wing think tank is known for its catalog of videos with a heavy right-wing slant, which are contrary to Florida's supposed shift toward "objectivity."

Earlier this month, Florida's Board of Education updated its history curriculum to abide by conservative-backed legislation that requires lessons on race to be taught objectively, not in a manner to "indoctrinate or persuade students to a certain point of view." The curriculum has been contested for its questionable framing of African American history, including clumsy phrasing that suggests slavery had some "personal benefits" for enslaved people.

Prager University Foundation, or PragerU, produces videos on various political and historical topics for millions of viewers. By its own words, PragerU is "not an accredited university." They claim to offer a "free alternative to the dominant left-wing ideology,"

presenting partisan politics in a manner that resists objectivity.

PragerU's catalog presents a staunchly right-wing perspective, with titles like "The Inconvenient Truth About the Democratic Party" and "The Left Wants to Keep Racism Alive."

When discussing the African American experience, PragerU videos tend to shift blame onto black people themselves. "The Top 5 Issues Facing Black Americans," for example, starts with Taleeb Starkes asserting that "too many" Black Americans see themselves as victims, and "their victim status becomes their primary identity and their ruling ideology." PragerU has even adapted its victim-blaming lessons for young audiences, with PragerU Kids videos like "How To be a Victor & Not a Victim."

Other videos, like "A Short History of Slavery," attempt to gloss over the causes and effects of slavery in the United States. Candace Owens tells PragerU viewers that white people didn't invent slavery, but they should be credited for "stopping" it in the west.

The video is not so much a

retelling of history as it is an attempt to relieve the United States and England of a uniquely brutal past. Owens points to other instances of slavery, which occurred throughout history and continue to this day in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

But those forms of slavery are "not the same as the slavery that uprooted millions of Africans," wrote Dr. Molefi Kete Asante. Making false equivalencies on topics like the enslavement of African Americans and the Holocaust would set a concerning precedent for educators. If PragerU is integrated into history lessons, its framing of Black history would help to uphold the continued legacy of slavery in the United States.





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BUSINESS & TRAVEL

Miami Sees Its First Population Drop in Decades

By Glenda Rutherford



The “great migration” to Florida isn’t hitting Miami quite the same.

Miami-Dade County’s population declined between 2020 and 2022, with nearly 80,000 people moving to other parts of Florida or leaving the state, according to U.S. Census data cited by the Wall Street Journal. That contradicts what many brokers, developers and politicians like Miami Mayor Francis Suarez preach about growth in the Magic City.

The 1 percent drop in population marks the first time the county has experienced a multiyear net loss in residents since at least 1970. Still, the county’s population grew slightly last year, when looking at the year alone, thanks in part to the return of foreign immigration.

Florida, meanwhile, saw its

population rise 3 percent to 22.2 million people, the Miami Herald reported. Nearly 707,000 people migrated to the state between 2020 and 2022.

Broward County’s population grew just 0.1 percent, and Palm Beach County’s population rose nearly 1.8 percent between 2020 and 2022.

Many have been fleeing Miami-Dade for cities with less expensive housing, less extreme inflation and better job opportunities.

“The people who built this city cannot afford to live in their own homes that they spent their entire lives in,” documentary filmmaker Billy Corben told the Journal.

Last year, HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge called Miami “the epicenter of the housing crisis in this country.”

The median price of single-family homes has been rising every month for nearly 12 years. In June, it reached \$622,500, up 8 percent annually, according to the Miami Association of Realtors. The median price for condos reached \$418,000, a 2 percent increase compared to the previous year.

Apartment rents have also surged, though rent growth is slowing from its high during the pandemic. Rent hikes in Miami led the nation, skyrocketing 58 percent from March 2020 to April 2022, according to Realtor.com. More than 60 percent of the rental population is spending more than 30 percent of household income on housing, which gives it the highest share of “cost-burdened” renters, according to a Harvard University study.



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1st
Monday

6 - 7 PM: Anger Management Support Group in Rm 1

1st
Tuesday

6 - 8 pm: Resume Workshop in Library
6 - 7 PM: 50+ Social Hour in Rm 1

1st
Saturday

10 - 11 AM: Coffee and Conversation in Library

2nd
Monday

6 - 8 PM: Book Workshop in Library

2nd
Tuesday

6:30 - 7:30 PM: De Colores LGBT Peer Group in Rm 1
6:30 - 7:30 PM: The Real "T" M2F Peer Group in Rm 2

2nd
Saturday

10 - 11 AM: Coffee and Conversation in Library
2 - 4 PM: Book Club in Library (starts 5/13)

3rd
Monday

6 - 7 PM: Sexual Identity Support Group in Rm 1

3rd
Saturday

10 - 11 AM: Coffee and Conversation in Library



4th
Monday

6 - 8 PM: Book Workshop in Library

4th
Tuesday

6:30 - 7:30 PM: The Real "T" M2F Peer Group in Rm 1

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