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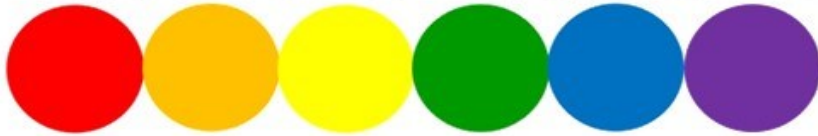
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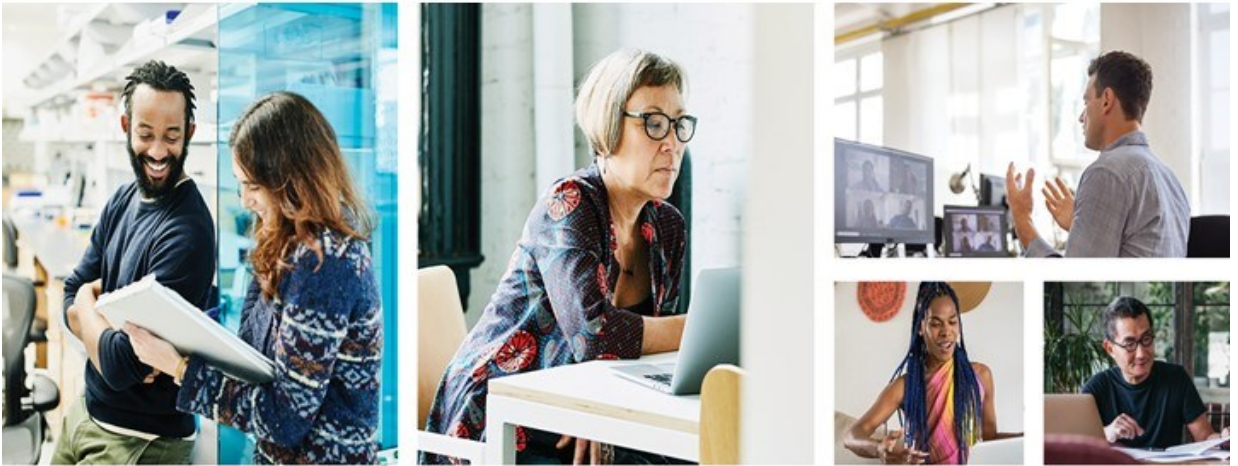
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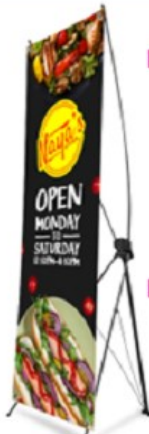
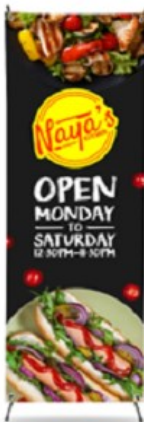
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News & Politics

Israel Admits To Kid-Killing Attack On U.N. School In Gaza

By Billy Carter



Israel says its fighter jets targeted a “ Hamas compound ” embedded inside a school in Gaza early Thursday, but local health officials say over 30 people were killed in the attack including women and children.

The airstrike hit the al-Sardi School, a facility run by the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) in Nuseirat in central Gaza. Both Western and Palestinian news agencies reported that the school was sheltering people who had been displaced by the almost eight-month war at the time of the strike.

The Israel Defense Forces in a statement characterized the bombing as a “ precise strike ” which eliminated “ several Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists ” who “ participated in the Oct. 7 massacre ” in Israel. The military also claimed that “ a number of steps were taken to reduce the risk of harming uninvolved civilians during the strike ” which involved “ conducting aerial surveillance ” and “ additional intelligence information .”

According to the Associated Press, victims of the school attack were taken to Deir

al-Balah’s already overwhelmed Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital. The news agency cited one of its reporters at the scene and information from the hospital saying that at least 33 people were killed in the attack, including 14 children and nine women.

The Palestinian Authority’s Wafa news agency reported that 32 died, “ most of them women and children ,” and dozens more were injured, including some seriously.

Ayman Rashed, a man displaced from Gaza City who was among those seeking refuge at the school at the time of the strike, told the AP that missiles struck classrooms on the second and third floors of the building where families had been sheltering. He said he’d helped to carry five deceased victims out of the school, including two children and an old man. “ It was dark, with no electricity, and we struggled to get out the victims ,” he said.

The mass casualty incident comes after at least 45 people died in another UNRWA facility for displaced Palestinians in Rafah in southern Gaza last week. The Israeli military said strikes in that incident were

also targeting Hamas militants, with an IDF spokesman later claiming that the type of munitions used could not have started the blaze which broke out in the wake of the attack. They added that the inferno which swept through tents, burning people alive and injuring over 200 others, may have instead been ignited by “ secondary explosions ” due to weapons being stored in the area.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described the disaster as a “ tragic mistake .” Multiple reports said U.S.-made munitions had been used in the Israeli strike.

Since Israel launched its Gaza offensive in response to the Oct. 7 attacks, over 36,500 people have been killed in the enclave, according to the Gaza health ministry.

On Wednesday, before the reported influx of patients from the school airstrike, the ministry shared a press release from the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital saying one of the facility’s two electricity generators had failed, risking a “ humanitarian catastrophe in which dozens of wounded, sick, and premature babies may fall victim .”



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OUT & HEALTH

CDC Warns Of New Mpox Outbreak, Urges Vaccination *By Greg Evans*



With a severe version of mpox breaking out in the Democratic Republic of Congo, officials with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention are warning that it could spread & that people at risk should be vaccinated as soon as possible.

High-risk populations include men who have sex with men, although anyone can contract the disease, which is largely spread by skin-to-skin contact — sexual relations, for instance, but also in crowds at outdoor festivals. Thousands of gay & bisexual men developed mpox in a 2022 outbreak. People with compromised immune systems, such as those living with HIV, are at high risk for serious cases and death.

“There are two main types of mpox: Clade I, the type that is dominant in Congo, and Clade II, a version of which caused the 2022 global outbreak,” The New York Times reports. Clade I is deadlier than Clade II, the Times notes, explaining that “a clade is a genetically and clinically distinct group of viruses.”

No Clade I cases have been

documented outside of Congo yet, but a global spread is possible, as the 2022 outbreak that affected Europe and North America originated in Nigeria.

“This is a very important example of how an infection anywhere is potentially an infection everywhere, and why we need to continue to improve disease surveillance globally,” Anne Rimoin, an epidemiologist at the University of California, Los Angeles, told the Times.

Many of the cases in Congo were among sex workers, both male and female, and their clients, plus men who have sex with men, according to the CDC. The symptoms of mpox infection include fever, severe headache, back pain, a rash, and sometimes sores at the infection site.

There were about 30,000 cases of mpox in the U.S. in 2022 but only 1,700 last year, thanks to vaccines and changes in behavior, the CDC reports. However, only 23 percent of at-risk Americans have gotten both necessary doses of the Jynneos vaccine against mpox, so CDC scientists are urging all those at risk to be vaccinated. The

vaccine is now available at pharmacies in the U.S., making it easier to access than previously.

A recent Government Accountability Office report found serious flaws in the federal government’s response to the 2022 outbreak. The Department of Health and Human Services’ internal communication was poor, hampering coordination of efforts to fight mpox, according to the report. Democratic U.S. Rep. Ritchie Torres of New York, a gay man, has introduced legislation to improve communication within federal agencies and messaging to at-risk populations.

“The federal government and HHS were catastrophically unprepared for the mpox outbreak,” said Torres in April.

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Science & Technology

Wireless Smart Contact Lens Weill Detect Irreversible Vision Loss Early

By Debbie Scott

With over three million people in the United States and 80 million people in the world suffering from glaucoma, a new smart lens offers a promising solution to prevent the condition. Glaucoma is a type of irreversible vision loss.

Recently experts developed an intelligent wireless measuring contact lens (WMCL) equipped with a dual inductor-capacity-resistor (LCR) resonant system in the ambition to achieve temperature self-compensation for quantitative intraocular pressure (IOP) monitoring.

This new type of contact lens has the potential to measure IOP – the pressure inside the eye wirelessly. It's important because abnormal IOP can be a sign of eye conditions such as glaucoma.

Smart Lens Adjusts Regardless Of Temperature

The dual LCR resonant system aids in adjusting changes to the temperature which ensures accurate measurement of intraocular pressure.

The progress in lens technology could lead to

improved diagnosis and management of eye conditions, potentially reducing the risk of vision loss associated with conditions like glaucoma.

According to a statement published by the ACS Newsroom, the smart contact lens was devised to enable early detection and monitoring of glaucoma, a group of diseases that damage the optic nerve and lead to vision loss.

Therefore, early treatment is crucial in reducing vision loss associated with the vision condition.

Now, researchers crafted a prototype “smart” contact lens that measures eye pressure accurately, regardless of temperature, the statement noted.

Conventionally, medical professionals employ flinch-inducing “air puff tests” during eye exams to measure the eye pressure at a time.

“A slight elevation in pressure, an otherwise imperceptible symptom caused by fluid buildup around the cornea, can lead to a glaucoma diagnosis,” the statement added.



Researchers believe that this method continuously and more comfortably detects small fluctuations in pressure. For instance, they alluded to the contact lenses transmitting signals to receptor glasses but this test can be affected by changing temperatures like when an individual steps out in cold weather.

Thus, the research team engineered two miniature spiral circuits, both with distinct natural vibration patterns. When stretched, these are impacted by minute amounts.

The new pressure-detecting contact lenses sandwiched miniature circuits between layers of a typical contact lens material known as polydimethylsiloxane.

They wirelessly read the embedded circuits' vibration patterns using a coil connected to a computer held near the lens. These signals remained accurate despite tests simulating eye movement, moisture exposure, and daily wear and tear.

New Lenses Were Tried On Individual Pig Eye Specimens

Upon conducting laboratory experiments, the new lenses were tried on individual pig eye specimens where the ocular pressures and temperature were controlled.

As per the statement, the

contact lenses monitored and wirelessly transmitted pressure data from 50 to 122 degrees F.

“When pressures were calculated from the signal of only one circuit in the lens, the results deviated up to 87 per-

cent from the true values. However, when information from both circuits was used, the pressure readings differed by only seven percent from the true value because the combination removed temperature-related errors.”



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Here's When Heartstopper Season 3 Is Coming Out

By Page Rodriguez



Now we know when our favorite queer teens are coming back for season 3!

Netflix's global hit series Heartstopper is coming back for a third season, showing us what happens next in the lives of Charlie (Joe Locke), Nick (Kit Connor) and all the others. And now, we know exactly when it will come!

In a new date announcement teaser video for the third season of the show, Charlie is practicing telling Nick "I love you," when his sister walks in.

"I'm shocked you haven't said it already," she tells Charlie.

"I don't want him to have to say the awkward 'I love you too' cause he feels obligated to," he replies.

Heartstopper: Season 3 | Date Announcement | Netflix

The new teaser reveals that the eight episodes of season 3 will debut on Netflix on October 3.

The entire preview is set to an exclusive snippet of a brand new Billie Eilish song, "Birds of a Feather," which (fittingly for a song featured in Heartstopper)

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will be her first single since coming out.

The new song is expected to be featured on the Grammy and Oscar winner's upcoming third studio album Hit Me Hard and Soft, which released May 17.

The official season 3 description reads: "Charlie would like to tell Nick that he loves him. Nick also has something important to say to Charlie. As the summer holiday ends and the months race on, the friends begin to realize that the school year will come with both its joys and its challenges. As they learn more about each other and their relationships, plan social events and parties

and start thinking about university choices, everyone must learn to lean on those they love when life doesn't go to plan."

The third season of Heartstopper has some big new names joining the cast, including Eddie Marsan as Geoff, "Charlie's wise and straight-talking therapist," Hayley Atwell, who will play Nick's Aunt Diane, and Fellow Travelers hunk Jonathan Bailey, who will play Jack Maddox, an "Instagram-famous classicist and celebrity crush of Charlie."

You can check out all of the new Heartstopper adventures on October 3 on Netflix

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OUT & HEALTH

Your Happy, Healthy Guide To June
By Erin Dohnelly



Welcome to June — month of Pride, Juneteenth, Father's Day and the official start of summer. You've probably got a lot already planned for the weeks ahead — beach vacations, summer cookouts with your nearest and dearest, tickets to see that big blockbuster in an air-conditioned movie theater — but allow us to share a few more suggestions for wellness-boosting ways to spend this time.

Here's our guide to enjoying summer's simple pleasures (perfectly ripe tomatoes! vitamin D! switching your out-of-office email responder on!) while doing some good and keeping your health top of mind.

Hit up a farmers' market.

June is National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month, and it's a great excuse to skip the grocery store checkout lines and instead see what local producers have on offer. Summer cookouts call for recipes featuring the best in seasonal ingredients — think cherries, berries, peaches, corn, tomatoes, summer squash, green beans and more — so grab a tote bag and stock up.

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Take a CPR class. June 1 to 7 marks National CPR and AED Awareness Week. Recent research shows that lifesaving AEDs (or automated external defibrillators) are rarely used in cases of cardiac arrest occurring outside of a hospital setting, even though experts say they are pretty simple to use. And just last week a survey from the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center found that only about half of Americans feel they could perform CPR in an emergency. If you're not one of them, take time to sign up for a course through the American Red Cross (or brush up on your training with these tips).

Time to see the doc, dude.

Fellas, it's Men's Health Month — an important reminder to follow through on any delayed checkups (like getting to the bottom of that pesky twinge in your knee you've been brushing off as "no big deal") or kick-start any wellness goals you might have. Sign up for a gym membership trial! Improve your mood by making plans with that buddy you haven't seen in forever! Make like Guy Fieri and work out with a weighted vest! The sky's the limit.

Donate blood. June 14 is World Blood Donor Day. If you're able, roll up your sleeve and do your part. Bonus: It's good for your health.

Embrace the summer solstice.

For those of us in the northern hemisphere, the summer solstice — as in, the official start of summer and the longest day of the year — falls on Thursday, June 20. Some experts associate the solstice with improved moods, though it's unclear whether that's because of the extra sunshine it brings or the effect on circadian rhythms and sleep cycles. Either way, the sky has another trick up its sleeve that week that might also lift your spirits. On Friday, June 21, there will be a strawberry moon — so named by Native American tribes because it coincides with the peak of summer harvesting season, and not a reference to its color — shortly after sunset.

Strike a pose. The dog days of summer are calling for some downward dog. June 21 is International Day of Yoga, a United Nations-recognized observance that encourages people the world over to try the practice. Research shows that yoga offers a number of mental

and physical benefits (including increased flexibility and strength), so roll out your mat and get started with some simple poses.


Boost your brain health. June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, so look for opportunities to keep your mind sharp. As Yahoo Life recently reported, that could include starting your day with Wordle or some other type of brain teaser, picking up a new skill

that challenges you or just focusing on healthy habits like sleep, diet and hydration.

Find a pool to help you beat the heat. In a perfect world, you'd have an Olympic-size pool in the backyard to keep you cool. In reality, you're sticking your ankles in a plastic kiddie pool you picked up at Walmart. But a refreshing splash is more attainable than you think. If your community's public pool doesn't appeal, look

into buying a day pass at a local hotel or resort, where you can enjoy poolside perks without being a registered guest. Services like Swimply also serve as an Airbnb of sorts for privately owned pools, with rates charged by the hour. It's definitely something to consider when temperatures climb and the risk of heat illness gets very real. Just make sure you're following water safety rules, especially if kids are around.

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Life and Style

Tequila With Apple Juice Mask The Booze But Equals Hangover

By William Reed



Using apple juice as a tequila mixer is all the rage on TikTok, but it's not for the faint of heart. Sure, good mixers make hard alcohol easier to take, but the hangover that's bound to ensue is usually not worth it.

According to those posting about the trend, apple juice is a powerful mixer that completely masks the taste of tequila. While that may be true, it will have sickly consequences if not consumed with caution. The trick is tasty, and there's no doubt that it works. But the fact that apple juice makes for a nice tequila cocktail is not a new concept.

It may seem like an unlikely duo, but according to each ingredient's flavor profile, it makes total sense. The sweet, slightly tart apple juice covers the blow of tequila's bite, and it's not far off from the citrus fruits that usually pair well.

Even apple cider does the job. However, sugary mixers are a sure-fire way to accelerate your level of intoxication and the intensity of your subsequent hangover. That's because it makes it much easier to gulp down more drinks than

intended. Partnered with the high number of congener compounds in tequila, the hangover of a DIY apple juice and tequila cocktail will be enough to make you never reach for that apple juice bottle again.

Go For Cocktails That Complement Tequila Instead

TikTok user @timthetankofficial gave the apple juice and tequila concoction a try and figured out the potential problem right away, saying, "I can't make this up, I don't taste the tequila at all... Be careful with this one because it will sneak up on you faster than a ninja with night vision goggles."

Rather than simply combining apple juice and tequila, you should turn to well-mixed cocktails that won't make your head pound in the morning. A

skinny margarita is one of the best cocktails that won't leave you with a hangover, and it can be made sweet with agave nectar. It's light, low in alcohol percentage, and ideal for that subtle fruity flavor you might be after if you're reaching for apple juice.

For a similar effect, try our classic Paloma cocktail recipe. The grapefruit and lime juice are tangy splashes that balance the spirit's bitter notes. If you're looking for a more subdued tequila flavor, our classic tequila sunrise recipe might be your answer. It's your best bet at softening the tequila taste without total elimination. Any preferred version of a well-mixed cocktail can make tequila taste delicious without compromising alcoholic flavor and, best of all, it can save you from a serious headache or two.

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Science & Technology

Air Force's New 'Doomsday' Planes: Nightwatch Fleet

By Larry Evans



US-based aerospace firm Sierra Nevada Corporation has secured five Korean Air 747-8 passenger jets to build the Air Force's Survivable Airborne Operations Center fleet.

The purchase follows the company's \$13 billion contract awarded in April to build a new version of the E-4B Nightwatch. The aircraft is often called the "Doomsday plane" because it can survive nuclear attacks and be a command center during emergencies.

The planes, provided by Korean Air were constructed around 2015, will be about 15 years old when they join the USAF fleet. While the exact tail numbers remain undisclosed, many of Korean Air's recent 747-8s have been grounded for at least two of the past five years due to the global decrease in air travel amid the COVID pandemic.

Delivery to Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC) is expected by the third quarter of 2025, with fully operational Survivable Airborne Operations Center (SAOC) aircraft slated for deployment by 2036. The sale

aligns with Korean Air's strategy to phase out older aircraft and upgrade to newer generations, as stated in their filing.

SNC Beats Boeing To Upgrade Fleet

SNC secured the program contract over the traditional prime contractor Boeing, to replace the existing E-4B Nightwatch fleet. This milestone is important because SNC, known for its work on smaller aircraft, is now tasked with modifying Boeing's 747-8i for the fleet. This comes as Airbus and Boeing have stopped making new A380 and 747 aircraft that can support the system.

The contract, structured with a fixed-price-incentive-firm target alongside a cost-plus-incentive fee, starts with an initial award of \$59m.

It encompasses the development and production of the SAOC Weapon System, comprising engineering and manufacturing development (EMD) aircraft, associated ground systems, production aircraft, and interim customer support.

However, it remains uncertain whether SNC will construct five SAOC aircraft or opt to replace the current fleet of four Nightwatch jets on a one-for-one basis, reserving the fifth plane for engineering mockup, fitting, and installation checks.

Aging 'Doomsday Plane' Fleet Faces Many Challenges

According to the Air Force, the SAOC project aims to replace the aging aircraft from the 1970s, which are nearing the end of their service life.

The "Doomsday plane" comprises the USAF's four-aircraft fleet of flying command posts. Each aircraft is capable of commanding and controlling both U.S. nuclear and conventional forces. Originating from the late 1970s/early 1980s, the fleet faces challenges such as parts obsolescence, declining reliability, and issues related to the availability of vendors.

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BUSINESS & TRAVEL

Krispy Kreme's Latest Donut Menu Is Dolly Parton-Themed

By David Vandygriff

Throughout her legendary career as a country singer, Dolly Parton has also made a mark on the culinary world. Parton collaborated with Duncan Hines on a line of cake mixes, has a \$230 apple pie at Dollywood theme park, and will release a new cookbook filled with classic American recipes, "Good Lookin' Cookin'," later this year. Now, Parton has a first-ever partnership with Krispy Kreme in the new "Dolly Southern Sweets Doughnut Collection," per a press release.

In this collection, four all-new donuts reflect Parton's favorite sweet Southern flavors. The "Dolly Dazzler Doughnut" is an original glazed with strawberry icing and a signature Dolly butterfly chocolate piece. "Banana Puddin' Pie" is filled with banana pudding Kreme and wafers, all decorated in yellow icing. You can't have Southern desserts without peach, so "Peach Keen Cobbler Doughnut" channels cobbler with a real fruit filling and a crumbly topping. Last is the "Chocolate Crème Pie" glazed donut adorned with brownie cream, whipped

topping, and cookie crumbles. Parton told Krispy Kreme, "Having some of my very favorite Southern flavors in one, unique donut collection from Krispy Kreme is so special to me."

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Peach cobbler, banana pudding pie, and chocolate cream pie are classic Southern comfort foods, and putting them in donut form creates exciting desserts that likely appeal to a wide range of foodies. Fans of Dolly Parton and Krispy Kreme alike can get their hands on a custom "Dolly Southern Sweets Doughnut Collection" box of a dozen now in Krispy Kreme stores. Alternatively, they can look for a box of six at select grocery stores, like at some Ralph's, where Krispy Kreme delivers fresh donuts daily.

Customers who stop into Krispy Kreme stores also have an opportunity to receive a free original glazed donut on Saturday, May 18. With their sweet smell and melt-in-your-mouth texture, Krispy Kreme donuts are widely recognized as delicious, and there are



plenty of lengths people would go to for a free one. All customers have to do is go to a store on May 18 all "Dolly'd Up" in a Parton costume or their favorite Parton merch. Those without the clothes for it can opt to sing their favorite Parton song in-store instead — a slightly more embarrassing but arguably easier method.

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ART AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Cleaning Lady' Renewed For Season 4

By Michael Parker



Fox crime drama “The Cleaning Lady” has been renewed for a fourth season, TheWrap has learned. The show was forced to reshape its third season following the death of Adan Canto. The actor died of cancer in January at the age of 42. Canto played Arman Morales on “The Cleaning Lady” until his death.

Miranda Kwok and Jeannine Renshaw, who both served as executive producers and showrunners on Season 3 of the series, aren’t expected to return in that capacity for the fourth season. Kwok will stay onboard as a consulting producer as she focuses on developing new programming with Warner Bros. Television — she originally developed “The

Cleaning Lady” for the U.S. The new showrunner(s) have yet to be announced.

The series stars Élodie Yung as Thony De La Rosa, a Cambodian-Filipino former surgeon living and working in Las Vegas with her young son... and an expired visa. Instead of operating on patients, Thony works as a cleaning service worker with her sister-in-law Fiona (Martha Millan). Things get spicy after Thony witnesses a murder and gets offered a job as both doctor and cleaner — with a criminal organization.

Hailed as one of the most diverse shows on TV, “The Cleaning Lady” marks the first Southeast Asian-led drama

series — and the first major show starring a lead of Cambodian descent. The series is based on an original from Argentina and is produced by Warner Bros. Television and Fox Entertainment.

The show averaged 3.6 million viewers across platforms during Season 3.

Kwok and Renshaw served as showrunners and executive producers of Season 3. Rose Marie Vega and Paola Suarez also are executive producers. Shay Mitchell and David Dean Portelli are executive consultants.

The third season of “The Cleaning Lady” concluded with a two-hour season finale at 8 p.m. on May 21.



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Life and Style

The Temperature Mistake That Will Ruin Your Beer-Batter Onion Rings

By Mateo Lopez



It is a universally acknowledged truth that a cook in possession of both onions and beer may want to make beer-battered onion rings. Well, okay, it is necessary to scrounge up a few more ingredients first, since you'll also need eggs, flour, and salt to make up the batter, as well as a quart or two of oil for frying. (Here's a money-saving tip: It's perfectly okay to reuse frying oil a few times.) Even once you've assembled your ingredients, you may need to wait a bit longer to make the batter if your beer is warm.

As long as the beer is cold, it doesn't really matter what kind you use for your onion ring batter — a cheap domestic lager will work just as well as an imported pilsner or stout, and non-alcoholic beers make a refreshing contrast to boozier beverages. (You might want to avoid using an IPA, though, unless you want your batter to be bitter.) The beer really ought to come straight out of the

refrigerator, though, since the chilly liquid will keep the gluten in the flour from developing and too much gluten means tough, chewy onion rings. Even though the beer does need to be cold to make the best batter, it's okay if it's flat since bubble-free beer can still make the rings fry up light and crispy.

The Temperature Of The Oil Also Makes A Difference

Of course, the beer isn't the only ingredient where the temperature matters. With deep-fried onion rings — or with any deep-fried foods, for that matter — proper oil temperature is crucial. In fact, one of the biggest mistakes everyone makes when deep-frying is to let the oil get too hot. So be aware that 375 degrees Fahrenheit is best for onion rings, and a higher temperature could result in having the batter burn while your onions remain uncooked. Even worse, if the oil gets too

hot, it might even burst into flames, which is a situation best avoided at all costs.

Of course, frying your onion rings at too low a temperature, while less hazardous, is also not optimal. If the temperature dips below about 350 degrees Fahrenheit, then the food will take longer to cook, which will in turn allow the batter to absorb more of the oil. This leads to greasy, soggy rings, which are a sad waste of both beer and onions. To keep the temperature from dropping, it'll help to fry small batches of rings at a time since a too-crowded pan will cool off the oil. You'll also need to use a deep-fry thermometer of some sort to keep the oil temperature in the safe zone. The USDA also recommends keeping a fire extinguisher on hand in case the oil overheats to the point where it becomes dangerous or splashes onto the heating element.



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Bob The Drag Queen Recommended Sasha Velour For 'We're Here S4'

By Brenda Walker

It seems like Bob the Drag Queen had a direct impact on Sasha Velour's fabulous casting on We're Here!

"The first person to reach out was Bob the Drag Queen," Sasha said during her full interview promoting season 4 of the hit HBO series. "She was like, 'I'm about to recommend you for this. Do you want to do it?'"

The winner of RuPaul's Drag Race season 9 was already drawn to the impact that We're Here has had on representing the LGBTQ+ community. She also praised the series for putting together "the kind of drag show that I love to put on; the heartfelt, reveal-filled drag show of everyone's dreams that I love as well."

Sasha continued: "I asked Bob,

'Would you recommend that I do this show?' And she told me how it's changed her life to be a part of three seasons. (...) So I wanted to be part of this magical show as well."

Later in the interview, Sasha also discussed how her connections to We're Here costars Latrice Royale, Jaida Essence Hall, and Priyanka deepened while filming season 4.

"I had met all of them, and I loved all of them before the show," Sasha explained. "But the way we get to meet other drag artists is often in passing, [like] backstage at a gig."

She added, "Working on a show like this, literally needing each other for survival in stressful moments, having to do group therapy in the lobby

before you go film a day of scene work because you've been up against hatred for the last several days, and you're dealing with people's really sensitive stories... those are life bonds."

Sasha also highlighted how they all have different ways of dealing with the obstacles that they must face on We're Here. "You can see in moments of conflict, we each take a different approach to trying to defuse it or fight back, and I think we're all surprised. We all get to show a different side of ourselves than people may have seen before."

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News & Politics

Justice Sotomayor Admits Rulings Have Brought Her To Tears

By David Vandygriff



The earth-tilting decisions the Supreme Court has made in the recent past have sent Justice Sotomayor sobbing in her chambers.

The most senior liberal member on the conservative majority Supreme Court admitted as much during a speech before the Radcliffe Institute at Harvard University.

“There are days that I’ve come to my office after an announcement of a case and closed my door and cried,” she said. “There have been those days. And there are likely to be more.”

The justice set a tone of optimism even as she voiced frustration with some of the court’s rulings, a possible signal that the end of the term when the most high-profile decisions typically land, could bring more conservative victories. She urged a long-term view of pushing for the values she views as guiding principles — equality, diversity and justice.

Sotomayor made the remarks as the Supreme Court turns toward the final weeks of a term in which the justices will decide a number of high-profile

controversies, including former President Donald Trump’s claim of immunity from federal election subversion charges and two major cases dealing with abortion.

The court is set to hand down those decisions and dozens of others by the end of June. Sotomayor did not discuss specific cases in her remarks.

Sotomayor has previously discussed her “frustration” with the court’s direction. Speaking at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law earlier this year, she said she lived with that frustration and that “every loss truly traumatizes me in my stomach and in my heart.”

“But I have to get up the next morning and keep on fighting,” she said.

But her remarks, while generally upbeat, were also more poignant on Friday.

“There are moments when I’m deeply, deeply sad,” she said at Harvard. “And there are moments when, yes, even I feel desperation. We all do. But you have to own it. You have to accept it. You have to shed the tears, and then you have to wipe them and get up and fight

some more.”

As often happens this time of year, most of the opinions the court has issued have been unanimous – or have split along non-ideological lines. But that is partly because the court tends to handle less controversial issues first and deal with the most politically or legally fraught opinions at the end of June.

In recent terms, the court has issued several landmark decisions that have broken along ideological – or near ideological – lines, including the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in 2022, a decision that same year that expanded gun rights and a ruling last year that gutted affirmative action policies in college admissions.

Earlier this week, Sotomayor joined a sharply worded dissent authored by Justice Elena Kagan in a major redistricting case. The court upheld a pro-Republican congressional map in South Carolina and rejected an argument from civil rights groups and a lower court that lawmakers impermissibly used race as a proxy to bolster the GOP’s chances.

The decision was 6-3 along conservative-liberal lines.

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BUSINESS & TRAVEL

Disney Planning \$17B Development In Florida

By Brandon Moore



After years of acrimony between Disney and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, the two sides are working on a new development agreement that would provide assurances and guardrails for the Bob Iger-run behemoth as it plans to expand near Orlando. In exchange, the State of Florida would see up to \$17 billion in investment from Disney over “the next ten to twenty years.” It also sets the stage for a fifth park at the resort.

While the cessation of hostilities is good for all involved, the monetary commitment from Disney is more a renewal of vows than a new promise. The corporation has repeatedly promised over several years to invest \$17 billion in and around Disney World and hire over 10,000 new parks employees in the state over the 10 years. The new agreement cites the same monetary investment, but extends the timeframe. But given all that’s happened between the parties in Florida, state and local officials are likely grateful to have any reassurance.

One new deal point in the proposed agreement is a
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minimum spend on Disney’s part.

“In furtherance of its plans to make significant capital investment in the Project during the term of this Agreement, Disney agrees to make at least an initial capital investment of \$8 billion dollars within the first ten (10) years of the term of the Agreement, consisting of capital investment in existing infrastructure, new construction and technology investment.”

There is also a promise of a “minimum development” of 5 major theme parks in Orlando.

Additionally, there is a provision that Disney may “convert hotel/motel land use entitlements to up to an additional 225,000 gross square feet of office uses within the District Jurisdictional Properties.”

That item may just be additional flexibility, but it also could make room for Disney to restart its plan to move approximately 2,000 Parks, Experiences & Products staffers and their families to central Florida from California. That plan, which was put on ice almost exactly a year ago, would add not just jobs, but more tax revenue to the \$1.1

billion Disney already pours into the state’s economy.

The new agreement would replace a very favorable 30-year development deal the then Disney-controlled board signed at its last meeting before the current DeSantis appointees stepped in. It requires a final vote next week to become official.

Disney just locked down a similar revised development agreement with the City of Anaheim for Walt’s original park. That deal gives Disney increased flexibility to create mixed use environments and new zoning permissions enabling it to add additional attractions. Dubbed DisneylandForward, the multi-decade expansion plan is tabbed at \$1.9 billion. The company last fall touted a \$60 billion investment commitment to its parks worldwide over the next 10 years, though details have been scant.

Another force likely driving the Disney deals is Epic Universe, a highly anticipated \$1 billion expansion at Universal Studios Orlando set to open next year. Universal’s parks unit is riding high after opening its first Super Nintendo World at

Universal Studios Hollywood last year and announcing regional parks in Las Vegas and Texas.

In response to a question about competition from NBCU during the company's last earnings call, Disney CEO Bob Iger said, "We've been aware of Universal's plans for a new park for more than a decade. And we have a sophisticated approach to analyzing the needs of all of our businesses and strategically deploying capital."

He then got another shareholder question about why more details about Disney's promised total \$60 billion investment in its parks

have not been shared. Iger kept his comments fairly brief. "You know, we have a lot of projects in development," he said. "Many of them are known to us. But we disclose these at a cadence and when we really feel we're ready, and we have something more tangible to show people."

Experiences, the division that encompasses theme parks and consumer products, reported a 10% rise to \$8.4 billion, while operating profit climbed 12% to almost \$2.3 billion in the most recent quarter.

The uptick was driven by international led by Hong Kong Disneyland. Walt Disney World and the cruise line were solid.

But Disneyland, despite growing attendance and per capita spend, saw results dip year-on-year on higher costs, including labor, said CFO Hugh Johnston on an earnings call with analysts.

A big surprise — he said Parks growth in the current fiscal third quarter will be flat for a few reasons including "some normalization of post-Covid demand as it relates to demand. While consumers continue to travel in record numbers and we are still seeing healthy demand, we are seeing some evidence of a global moderation from peak post-Covid travel."



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May 31

**Pride In Our Freedoms – A Community Bridge-Lighting Event**  
Organised by John Hamon, Matt McAllister, & the Dongers Buff Boys

JUNE 1

**14th Annual Rainbow Gala**  
By Rainbow Events Jax

**Otro Mundo es Posible: Queer Latinx Joy in Florida**  
By Matheson History Museum & UF Dept of Gender, Sexuality, & Women’s Studies

First Week of June

*Streaming For Trans Equality*  
By Advocate for Trans Equality

JUNE 2

**Zumba For Pride**  
By Fernandina Beach Pride & Disco Witch

**Pride Month River Cleanup & Kayaking**  
By House of Prism & Picnic And Paddle

**Queer Makers Market**  
By 4th Avenue Food Park & PCCNCF

**Tea Dance Fundraiser**  
By Transcending Adolescence & Hardwicks  
With Bebe Deluxe featuring Daisy, Lolly, Jordan, & Daisy

**Leather Night**  
By Hardwicks, with DJ Mike Bitar

MAY 30 – JUNE 3

*“Gay Days in Orlando”*

**#REDShirtPrideDay**  
First Saturday of June – June 1<sup>st</sup>  
By KindRED Pride Foundation

*Unleash the Magic: One Magical Weekend at Walt Disney World*  
By One Magical Weekend with KindRED Pride Foundation

*The Pride Cup National LGBTQ+ Tournament*  
By OUT Sports League and KindRED Pride Foundation  
Including Stonewall Jax in the kickball tournament

*Girls In Wonderland Concerts, Pool Parties, Comedy Show, and More*  
By Girls in Wonderland

*Bear Jamboree!*  
By Orlando Bear Pride

*Gay Days circuit parties*  
By Gay Days

JUNE 4

**Fernandina Beach City Commission Pride Proclamation**  
With Fernandina Beach Pride

**Sign-Making Party for FB Pride Parade**  
By Fernandina Beach Pride at Memorial United Methodist Church



Trivia Night: Pride on TV  
By Alewife

## JUNE 5

### Pride Ride

By House of Prism & West Augustine Wheelers

### Pride Month Art Walk Wednesday

By ArtWalk Jax and James Weldon Johnson Park

Including

- The Lounge at JWJ Park – Pride Lounge Edition  
Featuring Mr. Al Pete
- Hardwicks & DJ Omy  
Featuring Emily Cargill & Dancers at Untitled Art Space

### Adult Coloring Night: Pride Edition

By Alewife

*The 2024 Legislative Session: What Lawmakers Did, Undid, and Didn't Do*

By BAM & Indivisible Mandarin  
With Pamela Burch Fort  
Virtual

## JUNE 6

### Jacksonville Pride Kickoff

By Aardwolf with Equality Florida First Coast

### Mini Vintage Flea Market – PRIDE! Edition

By TwoGirlsOneMarket & Muggsy's with Real Peel Pizza

### ThursGays Are For Dancing

By Duval County Queer Pride & The Walrus Jax  
With Bebe Deluxe & Listen2Daddy

*Pride Month Legal Name & Gender Marker Change Clinic*  
By Southern Legal Counsel's Transgender Rights Initiative, Leon Cosgrove  
Jimenez, & Greenburg Traurig  
Virtual

## JUNE 7

### Pride Bingo

By MixHer & Alewife

### Bingo Fundraiser

By Colors Community Center

### Bold Love Festival's Night at Hardwicks

By Bold Love Festival & Hardwicks  
With NickFresh, food truck, and featuring a special Bold Love Cocktail

### Peace for Jax March

By Wear Orange Weekend with ICARE & Jax Moms Demand  
Action

*"Our Joys & Truths" – Illuminating the Richness of Black  
Disabled Peoples*

Ramp Your Voice Inaugural Conference  
Virtual

## JUNE 8

### 4th Annual Fernandina Beach Pride Parade & Festival

By Fernandina Beach Pride & AHF  
Honoring Cindy Watson as Grand Marshal & Trevor Gibbs as Keynote  
Hosted by Ch. 4 News with Katie Garner & Jana Angel  
Featuring The 7 Street Band  
Afterparty at The Palace Shipyard with Brian Ernst

### 'All Means All Pride Party

By PCCNCF & First Magnitude Brewing Co.  
With a Queer Makers Market & Drag Show  
Featuring Emma Gratton, Inertia, Sooz, & DJ Skip The Track

### Annual Pride Build

By House of Prism for Habitat For Humanity

### Tournaments: Spades & Dominoes

By Colors Community Center

### Legal Clinic – Last Name Change, Will, Power of Attorney, & More

By Colors Community Center

### Pride Night at Hardwicks

By Hardwicks and River City Pride  
With DJ Mike Bitar, featuring Diva Cliché & Lolly Gag

### Philippine Independence Day Celebration

By JaxFilipinos & Riverside Arts Market

## JUNE 9

Drag Brunch & FB Pride Scholarship Fundraiser  
By Fernandina Beach Pride & Disco Witch with Luxe Picnics by Les

### Hardwicks Ladies Day

by MixHer & Hardwicks, with DJ Omy  
Benefitting Equality Florida  
Followed by Hardwicks's own Sapphic Night

### Sapphic Sunday

By Hardwicks & Les Vixens Burlesque

### Queer Market Jax

At "Pride Plaza", Colors Community Center

### My Big Fat Gay BBQ

By PCCNCF  
At The Backyard @ Boca Fiesta & Palomino  
Hosted by Emma Gratton & Inertia with Violet Primadonna, Selene Wild, & Lilith

## JUNE 10

### Hipp Pride Week – Scene Queens: Anniversary

By Hippodrome Theatre

## JUNE 11

### Hipp Pride Week – Hipp Unplugged: A Stage Reading Series

By Hippodrome Theatre  
Featuring "Dike", by Hannah Benitez



JUNE 12

*Pulse Day of Remembrance*

By *Pulse Orlando, Come Out With Pride Orlando & The Center Orlando*  
→ 49 Bells Ceremony at First UMC Orlando  
→ Pulse Remembrance Ceremony at Dr. Phillips Center

Queer Book Club

By MixHer & Aardwolf with Natalie Naudus  
Featuring The Chosen and The Beautiful by Nghi Vo

Hipp Pride Week – Hipp Unplugged: A Stage Reading Series

By Hippodrome Theatre  
Featuring “Saint Brigid”, by Hannah Benitez

Slut Pop Party: A Hyperpop Bimbocore Dance Party

By Hardwicks with DJ Omy

JUNE 13

Jumbo Shrimp Pride Night

By River City Pride and the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp

Jumbo Shrimp Pride Night After Party

By Hardwicks

Art After Dark Museum Nights: Art + Pride 2.0

By Harn Museum of Art

ThursGays Are For Dancing

By Duval County Queer Pride & The Walrus Jax  
With Bebe Deluxe & Listen2Daddy

Hipp Pride Week – Basement Sessions Pride Edition

By Hippodrome Theatre

JUNE 14

Drag Bingo Night

By JAX GALS Social with Jessica Jean Hart & Jax Pics Booth  
At Dave & Buster’s Jacksonville

Pride Month Pride Night

By National CARE Foundation & Coquina Coast Brewing

Hipp Pride Week – Hipp Cinema: Pride Movies

By Hippodrome Theatre  
Featuring Rafiki

JUNE 15

**St. Augustine Pride Parade**

By House of Prism  
Honoring Paige Mahogany Parks as Grand Marshal & MC

**Bold Love Fest**

By Bold Events, LLC, at Daily’s Place  
Featuring Ava Max, Aly & AJ, G Flip, and Vincint  
Hosted by Monet X Change and Trinity The Tuck

Springfield Pride Drag Brunch

By River City Pride & Tulua Bistro-Springfield

Secret Tiki Temple Takeover

By Hardwicks with Tiki Tommy  
Music by DJ. KÜNT & food by Hungry Owl

LGBTQ+ Short Film Screening & Forum

By Fernandina Beach Pride and Amelia Island Museum of History  
At Story & Song Bookstore Bistro

Annual Pride Cheers for Queers & QueerBizzareBazaar

By House of Prism & Muggsy’s

Pride At The Drive

By the City of Gainesville with PCCNCF, Stonewall Sports Gainesville, Queer Sports GNV  
At Ironwood Golf Course  
Featuring DJ Wild Creatrix

Hipp Pride Week – Hipp Cinema: Pride Movies

By Hippodrome Theatre  
Featuring But I’m A Cheerleader

Hipp Pride Week – Story Time With A Mermaid

By Hippodrome Theatre

*Rep Angie Nixon’s Campaign Kickoff & Juneteenth Celebration*

*Trans Is Magic! 2024 Debrief*

By *Come Out With Pride Orlando Trans & Nonbinary Task Force, The LGBTQ+ Center Orlando, & HRC Orlando*

*Other Events in Jax: Duval Comic & Zine Fest | Jax Digital Art Fest*

JUNE 16

Pulse Remembrance Vigil

By National Care Foundation  
At Veterans Park, Flagler Beach

Hipp Pride Week – Hipp Cinema: Pride Movies

By Hippodrome Theatre  
Featuring Portrait Of A Lady On Fire

Latin Night

By Hardwicks with DJ Papi Disco

JUNE 19

*We Celebrate Juneteenth*

By *Cafe Resistance Bookstore*

JUNE 20

Speed Dating

By MixHer & Aligning With Love at Greenhouse Jax

Alewife + Aardwolf: A Colorful Collaboration

By Alewife and Aardwolf with Aardwolf’s Jacksonville Pride  
In support of PFLAG

ThursGays Are For Dancing

By Duval County Queer Pride & The Walrus Jax  
With Bebe Deluxe & Listen2Daddy



JUNE 21

Sex, Drugs, STIs, & Rock 'N Roll Panel  
By Unspoken Treasure Society  
With Regina Livingston, Mulan Williams, Ashunte Coleman, Yasmine Prosper,  
& Kaleen Gibson  
Virtual (on Zoom)  
  
Hardwicks Toga Party  
By Hardwicks with NickFresh

JUNE 21 & 22

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Deaf Arts Show  
At Flagler College

JUNE 22

Tea Party at Hardwicks  
By Queer Trans Project with Hardwicks  
  
Articulation  
By House of Prism at Southeast Library Branch

JUNE 23

**Bunnell Gay Pride Festival**  
By The Cosmic Hippie & 2K Ranch  
  
Self-Care Sunday – Taking PRIDE In Our Self-Care  
By The Lotus Project  
  
Duval Hoedown  
By Transgender Awareness Project & Unspoken Treasures Society  
  
Queer Market Jax  
At "Pride Plaza", Colors Community Center  
  
Pride Beach Day  
Organised by Jessica Gonzalez & Alicia Wheeler Slater  
At Neptune Beach, between Lemon St. & Orange St.

JUNE 24

National Trans Visibility March Preview Webstream  
On the NTVM website  
  
Women's Strike Day of Action  
By Bans Off Our Bodies Florida & many more

JUNE 27

LGBTQ+ Health Panel Discussion  
By Fernandina Beach Pride & Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare  
At Council on Aging Grand Hall  
  
ThursGays Are For Dancing  
By Duval County Queer Pride & The Walrus Jax  
With Bebe Deluxe & Listen2Daddy

JUNE 28

Summer Nights Pride Party  
by MixHer, Greenhouse Jax, and JaxRCPrude  
  
Duval Folk Pride  
By Duval Folk with DJ Common Judgement, Geexella, Ariel Zetina, & Soft  
At the Cummer Museum of Arts & Garden  
  
Match My Freak Pride After Party  
By Duval Folk at rain dogs.  
With Geexella, Soy Cupid, Omy, Lunaxcel  
Featuring Akai Marje  
  
Disco Yes  
By Hardwicks and NickFresh

JUNE 28 – 30

**Unity Gay Jax Weekend**  
By Rainbow Events Jax  
→ June 28 – Unity Kick-Off Party at InCahoots Nightclub  
→ June 29 – Unity Party at Riverside North  
→ June 30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Big Gay Picnic at Willowbranch Park  
  
Duval County Queer Pride  
By Duval County Queer Pride & The Walrus Jax  
More info TBD

JUNE 29

**DUUUVAL Means All! Acosta Bridge Pride March**  
Organised by Amy Glassman  
  
Stonewall Uprising Re-enactment  
By Stonewall Nat'l Museum  
  
"Off The Hook" Crochet Circle  
By Project SPOT

JUNE 30

**Official Grand Opening of Cafe Resistance Bookstore**  
  
A Prismatic Drag Brunch  
By House of Prism at The Floridian  
Featuring Kyndall Moore, Melanie Moore, Lolly Gag, & Dairy Queen





# Make Sure to Get Involved And Stay Involved

## EVENTS

### Jacksonville City Council Full Council Meetings

June 10 & June 24

### School Board Regular Meetings

- June 04 – Duval (DCPS)  
*Leader: Duval County Public School Defenders*
- June 06 – Clay (CCSD)  
*Leader: Equality Florida*
- June 11 – St. Johns  
*Leader:*
- June 13 – Nassau  
*Leader: Fernandina Beach Pride*

### DCPS Master Facilities Plan Community Meetings

- June 06 – District 3 @ DCPS Admin Building
- June 11 – District 4 @ Stanton College Prep
- June 13 – District 6 @ Ed White HS
- June 17 – District 7 @ Atlantic Coast HS
- June 18 – District 5 @ Paxon School
- June 20 – District 1 @ Terry Parker HS

## Regarding the Anti-Hate Ordinance

Ordinance 2024-334

By Jimmy Peluso, Matt Carlucci, Reggie Gaffney, Jr., Ju’Coby Pittman, Tyrona Clark-Murray, & Rahman Johnson

Introduced April 23, 2024; visited Rules, NCSPHS, & LUZ Committees. Last Action is on May 28, 2024 where City Council put it on hold. On agenda for NCSPHS meeting 6/03/2024

This Ordinance intends to prevent hate messaging via a variety of media and sets penalties for crimes committed as a hate crime as a response to the Dollar General shooting last August. Please come out to support Jimmy Peluso and this bill, more info will come on how to mobilise for it.

As members of marginalised communities, we need to ensure that our existence does not get erased, and that requires being involved politically. We must remain active to protect ourselves, those who have come before us, and those who will come after us.

At the local level, be sure to attend school board meetings and city council meetings (or the equivalent for your area). Some things that can be advocated for includes:

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| SCHOOL BOARDS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prevent Closing of schools</li> <li>- Bring back books (Equality Florida)</li> <li>- Encouraging following the Title IX statement by the Biden Admin and the Don't Say Gay Settlement</li> <li>- Equality in schools &amp; anti-racism</li> <li>- Bathroom policies</li> <li>- Respecting pronouns and chosen names</li> <li>- Regarding guns in schools &amp; armed personnel</li> <li>- Disability support &amp; accessibility</li> <li>- Support of teachers &amp; staff</li> <li>- Pride &amp; LGBT proclamations &amp; recognition</li> <li>- Restorative Justice</li> <li>Etc.</li> </ul> |
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Passing the Anti-Hate Ordinance</li> <li>- Free Palestine &amp; divesting from Israel</li> <li>- Lighting up bridges for Pride</li> <li>- Continuation of Pride &amp; LGBT proclamations &amp; recognition</li> <li>- Protecting workers' rights and supporting workers' needs</li> <li>- Protect protestors &amp; protestors' rights</li> <li>- Etc.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

CITY COUNCIL

## GET OUT TO VOTE

And of course, GET OUT TO VOTE!! Make sure your voter registration is up to date and check out your Supervisor of Elections for information of your local elections.

**August 20**

School Board Elections  
Primaries

**August 5 – 18**

Early Voting

Some organisations, including Equality Florida, will have voter guides with information about candidates who will fight for equality and human rights, so be on the look out for those.

**REMEMBER:**

“It can be overwhelming to witness/experience/take in all the injustices of the moment; the good news is that *\*they're all connected.\** So if your little corner of work involves pulling at one of the threads, you're helping to unravel the whole damn cloth.

Let's keep working our corners. Solidarity.”

- Ursula Wolfe-Rocca (@LadyOfSardines)  
February 23, 2022

*Because there is no LGBTQ+ Pride without Black Pride, Disability Pride, and Intersectionality everywhere.*

*Because there is no LGBTQ+ Liberation without Black Liberation, Disability Liberation, Workers' Liberation, and Liberation Everywhere.*

*Because the fight is not over until everyone is free.*

## Observations, Anniversaries, and Dates of Significance

### AWARENESS DAYS

June 05 – Aromantic Awareness Day  
June 05 – HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day

### REMEMBRANCE DAYS

June 12 – Pulse Night of Remembrance (2017)  
June 23 – Alan Turing Day  
June 24 – Of the UpStairs Lounge Arson attack (1973)  
June 25 – Of the Pride Shooting in Oslo (2022)  
June 28 – Stonewall Riots Anniversary (1969)

### LEGAL ANNIVERSARIES

June 07 – Griswold v. Connecticut (1965)

- 👍 Right for married couples to use contraceptives
- *Constitution protects liberty of married couples to use contraceptives without government restriction*
- *Overtured Connecticut "Comstock law"*
- *Privacy protected by Due Process Clause of 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment*

June 09 – Jacksonville City Council votes 15-4 to approve updated HRO (2020)

- 👍 Discrimination on basis of sexual orientation & gender for employment, housing, and accommodations made illegal
- Added "sexual orientation and gender identity" to list of protected category of persons protected from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations. However, exempted religious organisations from these provisions and small businesses (<15 employees) regarding employment discrimination complaints.

June 09 – Carey v. Population Services International (1977)

- 👍 Right to contraceptives for juveniles
- *Unconstitutional to prohibit anyone other than licensed pharmacist to distribute nonprescriptive contraceptives to persons 16+ or to prohibit distribution by any adult to minors under 16 (and also to prohibit advertising and display of contraceptives)*
- *Advertising restrictions in the Education Laws of New York in violation*
- *1<sup>st</sup> Amendment & privacy protected by Due Process Clause of 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment*

June 15 – Bostock v. Clayton County (2020)

- 👍 Title VII of Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects employees against discrimination due to sexuality & gender identity

June 24 – Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization (2022)

- 🚫 *overtured Roe v. Wade (1973)*

June 26 – Lawrence v. Texas (2003)

- 👍 Right to homosexual relations
- *Texas anti-sodomy law found to be unconstitutional and Bowers v. Hardwick (1986) overruled*
- *Privacy protected by Due Process Clause of 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment*

June 26 – United States v. Windsor (2013)

- 👍 Section 3 of Defense of Marriage Act in unconstitutional
- *Federal government must recognise same-sex marriages that have been approved by the states as legitimate*
- *Equal Protection under the Due Process Clause of 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment*

June 26 – Obergefell v. Hodges (2015)

- 👍 Right to same-sex marriages
- *Constitution requires a State to license marriages of people of same sex and to recognise marriages between two people of the same sex when lawfully licensed and performed out-of-State*
- *Overruled Baker v. Nelson (1971)*
- *Privacy protected by Due Process Clause of 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment & Equal Protection Clause of 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment*



INCAHOOTS NIGHT CLUB & JAX LGBT CHAMBER PRESENT

# UNITY GAY JAX CIRCUIT PARTY

## CIRCUIT

JACKSONVILLE'S ONLY CIRCUIT DANCE PARTY

PRIVATE VENUE SPACE

JUNE 29

9PM-2AM



PERFORMANCES BY  
JUDAS ELLIOT - SOFIA ANDREWS  
CHASITY ROSS BOEN

**RuPaul**  
DRAG RACE

KANDY HO



EDC VEGAS WEEKEND  
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LIL NAS X, JANET JACKSON  
& KATY PERRY

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