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Pride Parade and Festival to Return to Boston

Boston LGBTQ+ Celebration Set for June; Pride Organizers Call for Volunteers and Sponsors

BOSTON – Boston Pride For The People (BP4TP) announced the return of a Pride Month celebration in Boston. The celebration will be held in June 2023, and will include a parade, a festival, block parties, and more. The parade and festival will take place on Saturday, June 10th on Boston Common and at City Hall Plaza. Other activities will

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Boston Pride 2019. Photo by Jason McGorty for Boston Pride.

NH School reverses urinal ban after bathroom access debate

MILFORD, N.H. (AP)— A New Hampshire school board has reversed a policy banning middle and high school students from using urinals after dozens protested the measure, which had been a compromise to a proposal that would have blocked students from using facilities based on their gender identity.

Students at Milford Middle School and Milford High School can still access the bathroom that "corresponds to their gender identity consistently asserted at school."

But at its Feb. 6 meeting, the school board debated a proposal that would require students to use the restroom and locker room of their assigned sex at birth. The proposal upset transgender students, gender nonconforming stu-

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Court to reconsider CT's transgender athlete policy

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)— A federal appeals court has reinstated a challenge to Connecticut's policy of allowing transgender girls to compete in girls high school sports, two months after a three-judge panel upheld the rules.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City said the full court will rehear the appeal of four cisgender runners who said they were unfairly forced to race against transgender athletes in high school competitions.

The court said in a decision Monday that a majority of its judges voted in favor of rehearing the appeal, a rare move by the court. The court did not say why it

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IN MEMORIAM

Alice Wolf

December 24, 1933 – January 26, 2023

Submitted by Ellen J. Zucker

Photo via Alice Wolf Facebook.

In the Summer of 1987, I got on my bicycle, attached a flag to the back of it, and rode through Cambridge with comrades from the National Organization for Women: Women on Wheels for Wolf, our flags declared. Afterwards, we gathered with the candidate whose run for office we endorsed. This was when I first got to know the wonderful, indomitable Alice Wolf. Over the years, when she was City Councilor and then Mayor for the City Cambridge, and when she served as its State Representative, we worked together on issues of women's rights, LGBTQ equality, combating racism and working for economic justice.

I had the honor of working with her when she gathered a group to draft and pass what would be landmark domestic partnership legislation. I saw her deep commitment to women's rights and to making sure that wom-

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Nonbio Mom Vs. Sperm Donor Case Is a "Call to Action"

by Dana Rudolph | drudolph@mombian.com
contributing writer

An Oklahoma judge has ruled that a married, nonbiological mom has no parental rights to the child she and her wife created and were raising together, but the couple's sperm donor does. The case shows both why LGBTQ families need to take extra steps to protect themselves, and why there is a critical need for reform of parentage law across the country.

Kris Williams and Rebekah Wilson married in 2019 and had a son later that year with the help of Harlan Vaughn, a gay man who agreed to be their sperm donor, court documents say. Wilson carried the child, and both women's names were placed on his birth certificate. The child was given Williams' last name, and the two women jointly parented him for two years.

Wilson and Williams wanted their child to know his donor, however, as they had heard from other donor-conceived people that this was important to them. They therefore let Vaughn meet the child and spend time with him.

In December 2021, Wilson filed for divorce, claiming there were no children "of" the marriage, but that Vaughn is the father to the one child born during the marriage. At the same time, she obtained a Victim Protec-

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"I knew I was gay before I knew I was Asian."

—Joel Kim Booster on one of my favorite podcasts, "Mayim Bialik's Breakdown".

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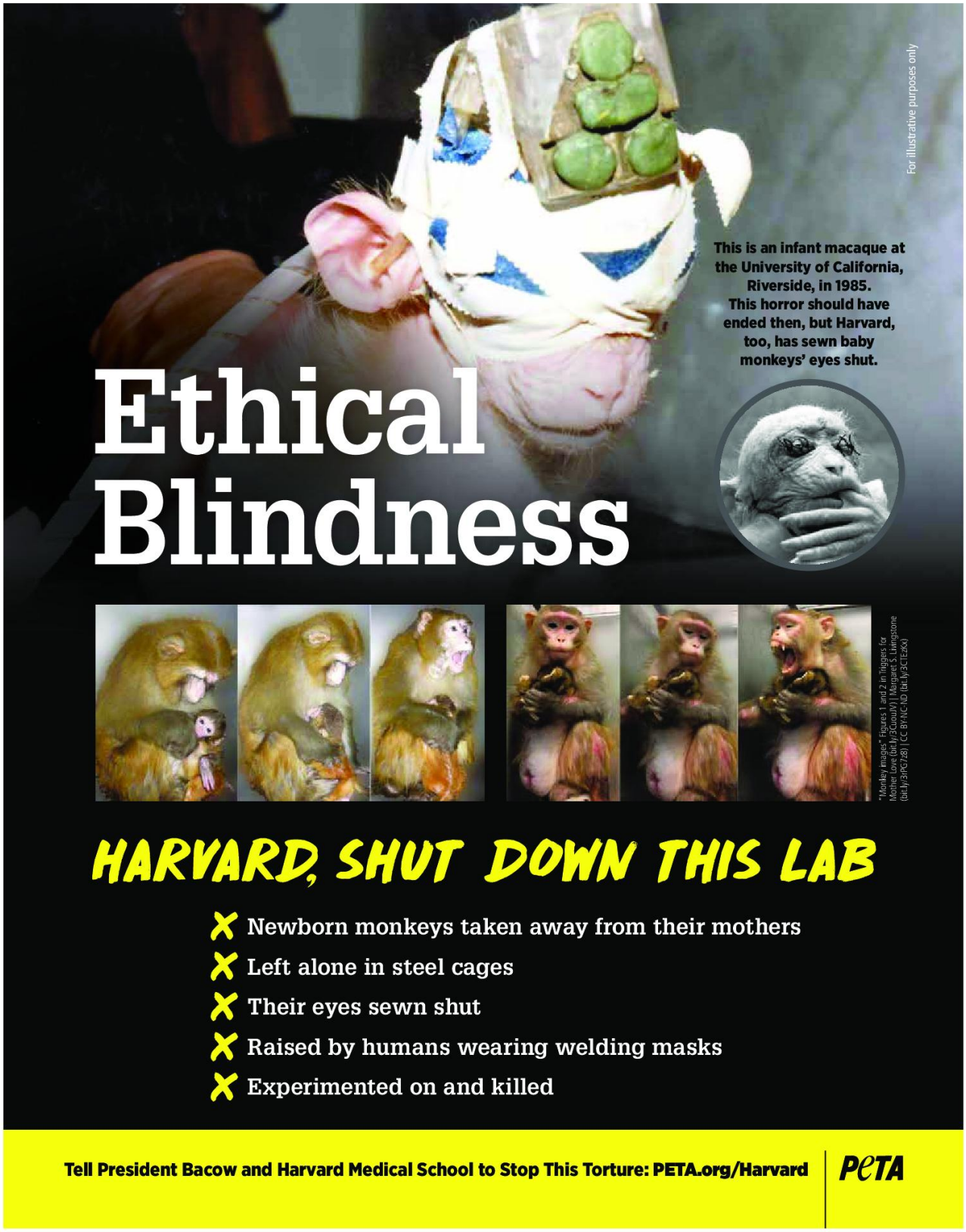
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Pride

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be held in the preceding week and throughout the month. BP4TP is a new organization formed to reimagine the annual celebration that hasn't been held in person since 2019.

"It's time for a unified Pride for everyone to enjoy," said Adrianna Boulin, President of BP4TP and Director of Community Impact & Engagement at Fenway Health. "The last time we came together, there was a different President, a different Governor, a different Mayor. The pandemic kept us apart for a long time. Now, all of us are eager to reconnect, embrace each other as a community, and most importantly have fun."

"Thank you so much to the organizers who have been working to build and ground the evolution of Pride in community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Boston has a long history of advancing LGBTQ+ equality, and I'm so grateful to Boston Pride for the People to keep this legacy going and ensure the success of this year's events. I look forward to welcoming people from all across New England to Boston this June!"

The newly formed group worked over the past year to ensure that input on the Pride events included a broad chorus of voices. "We want to produce a Pride celebration that centers the rich diversity, culture, and intersectionality of our city's LGBTQ+ community," noted Jo Trigilio, BP4TP board member and an LGBTQ+ grassroots activist who helped organize the Boston Dyke March for 14 years. "To do that, we need to be intentional about ensuring that people who are often marginalized feel welcome and valued."

Boston Pride For The People has established a mission that aims to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ people by emphasizing activities and experiences that EMPOWER, CELEBRATE, EDUCATE, AND COMMEMORATE:

- **Empower** through creating LGBTQ+ community and respectfully reaching across differences to support and love one another
- **Celebrate** and honor the rich, diverse, creative, and fabulous culture of LGBTQ+ communities, while imparting knowledge of LGBTQ+ history and a sense of pride among LGBTQ+ youth
- **Educate** and advocate broadly about oppression that LGBTQ+ people still experience, especially LGBTQ+ people who face multiple forms of oppression
- **Commemorate** the Stonewall riots and memorialize the queer, trans, Black, Indigenous, and People of color (QTBIPOC) activists at the forefront of the 20th century (LGBTQ+) movement.

To make the multifaceted celebration successful requires substantial volunteer and financial support. Boston Pride for the People welcomes volunteers to join Pride planning committee positions by applying at www.bostonprideforthepeople.org.

"Our intent this year is to center the people of the community, in the parade and at the festival. We are hoping to secure sponsorships to cover the majority of the cost of the events, in order to minimize the cost of registration for community groups and small businesses (particularly LGBTQ+ and Black owned businesses) to participate," said Gary Daffin, BP4TP Board member and Executive Director of the Multicultural AIDS Coalition. "The goal is $750,000. There are many opportunities for major sponsors and individual donors to support the return of this important event that the whole city looks forward to experiencing." Those interested in sponsoring Boston Pride for the People, should contact info@bp4tp.org.

The Boston Pride for the People Parade and Festival will take place in Boston on Saturday, June 10, 2023 and other events will take place on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

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About Boston Pride For The People:

Boston Pride for The People (BP4TP) is a new grassroots organization leading the way for a reimagined Pride celebration for Boston. Learn more about Boston Pride for the People at www.bostonprideforthepeople.org, and follow the organization on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok @ bostonprideforthepeople

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Chatbots from the edge

Let's deal with current challenges, not science fiction

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contributing writer

All the talk of UFOs flying above us and being shot down takes me back to my youth when I read science fiction novels about invasions by space aliens. Some covers would feature an alien carrying a scantily clad, busty young woman, invariably unconscious. That was before Sigourney Weaver kicked butt in the *Alien* movies.

If I were commissioning art for those books, I would base a cover on Michelangelo's Pietà, with a beautiful young man passed out in the alien's arms. Just because you're a bug-eyed monster out to conquer the Earth doesn't mean you can't have good taste. This, however, was the 1970s, when most sci-fi editors were nerdy straight guys with cramped imaginations.

Another development that echoes sci-fi stories is Microsoft's artificially intelligent Bing chatbot that professed its love for one reporter and described dark fantasies like hacking computers.

I'm not too worried about chatbots, though they could well replace House Republicans who haven't an ounce of wit but can recite the latest talking points. Would anyone notice if Kevin McCarthy were replaced with a robot? (I apologize to robots for that remark.)

Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson noted recently that an alien species capable of crossing the vastness of space would be far more advanced than humans and would not need to sneak around.

At present, we are unlikely to encounter alien spacecraft much less shoot them down, and are not at a point when sentient computers will launch wars on their own, though our technology advances faster than our wisdom.

Entertaining as they are, science-fiction scenarios are a distraction from present-day threats like nihilistic demagogues manipulating gullible people. Who needs shape-shifting aliens when we have Nikki Haley? She is so all over the place in her pandering to the Republican base that she could have been one of the victims in the movie *Jaws*.

After Haley's presidential campaign launch in which she said America is not racist (which raises the question why she found it necessary to abandon her first name, Nimrata), conservative troll Ann Coulter told her, "Why don't you go back to your own country?" It is discouraging that, after such a long struggle, the right wing still does not see large swaths of America's population as Americans.

But the fact that Trump's MAGA hordes don't even bother faking moderation is their Achilles heel. They constantly go too far with their ridiculous rhetoric. For example, QAnon cultists insist that Democrats are satanic, cannibalistic pedophiles. Granted, I think freshman Congressman Maxwell Frost of Florida is brilliant and adorable, but the most I would do is join him for lunch, not have him for lunch. And he is 25, not 15. As for devil worship, they should stop projecting.

The Gen Z-ers of which Frost is the vanguard are not troubled by sexual minorities, and are not traumatized by learning the less heroic details of America's past. These young citizens are used to mass-shooting drills. They are familiar with diversity and do not regard it as an existential threat.

Not most of them, at least. Without fixations and resentments being passed down from generation to generation, there would not still be people eager to refight the Civil War. But shielding children from outside influences is increasingly difficult.

The far right in its paranoia is unable to adjust to changing demographic trends and is uninterested in solutions. By contrast, the emerging generation will not be fooled by bullies who pose as freedom lovers, nor tolerate greedy industrialists who socialize risks while privatizing profits.

That's my bet. There is more of a future in cooperating to solve problems together. Still, Republicans enjoy structural advantages in our political system (e.g. the Senate and Electoral College), and have been taken over by fanatics as surely as if they were alien changelings. It's like the old movie, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. Don't go to sleep!

A friend warns, regarding Twitter, "You never know whether you're engaging a person or a bot." True, but sometimes a writer's work involves dancing on the edge. And simulated friends might assuage someone's isolation at a remote outpost. In the end, however, we need flesh-and-blood people in our lives, not just imitations on a screen.

If we broke out of our electronic bubbles and encountered actual human beings more often, right there in front of us, who knows? It might restore a healthy dose of reality to our politics.

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tion Order against Williams, alleging domestic abuse and banning Williams from contact with Wilson or their son for five years. Regardless of the allegations there (which Williams has denied but that are not available to the public), that is a separate matter from whether Williams is a legal parent.

Vaughn also filed a motion in 2022 to establish his parental rights, and on February 13, 2023, Oklahoma County District Court Judge Lynne McGuire ruled in his favor, denying that Williams is the child's parent. The ruling explained that "The Uniform Parentage Act that Oklahoma adopted was enacted in 2006 and does not take into account same-sex marriage, and there is no presumption that the wife of the mother is automatically the presumed parent of a child born during the marriage."

Polly Crozier, director of family advocacy at LGBTQ legal organization GLAD, told me, "This case highlights the vulnerabilities LGBTQ+ families and their children still live with. Like all family law matters this story is complex, but the court's conclusions are deeply concerning on several fronts."

The case hinges on whether same-sex married couples have the right to the presumption of parentage, the legal principle long applied to heterosexual couples that any child born within a marriage is presumed to be the child of both spouses.

Crozier observed that McGuire "disregarded the marital presumption of parentage that should have applied in this situation, finding that the presumption does not apply to LGBTQ spouses. The judge's refusal to apply Oklahoma's parentage statutes to this child because the decades-old law uses gendered language runs contrary to constitutional principles."

These principles, she explained, were articulated in the U.S. Supreme Court rulings Obergefell v. Hodges, which established nationwide marriage equality, and Pavan v. Smith, which said both parents in a same-sex couple have the right to be on their children's birth certificates. "Those decisions affirmed that all married people should be treated equally and have equal access to the rights and responsibilities of marriage, including the marital presumption of parentage," she said.

Despite those rulings, LGBTQ legal advocates have long advised that because not all states may honor that marital presumption for same-sex couples, even married nonbiological/nongestational parents who are on their children's birth certificates (an ability based on the marital presumption) should also get a co-parent/second-parent adoption, court order of parentage, or the equivalent. Unlike birth certificates, these other actions legally establish (and don't just record) a relationship between the child and the parent and are guaranteed "full faith and credit" in all states.

Williams did not get a co-parent adoption, however. Because she could have pursued one but chose not to, McGuire said in the ruling, that counted against her claim.

Williams' attorney Robyn Hopkins has told the media that they will appeal the decision.

"Beyond the heartbreaking implications for this child, whose relationship with one of their parents has now been legally severed, this case should be a call to action," Crozier said. "States must ensure their parentage laws are updated and inclusive of LGBTQ families and their children, and there's a model for doing so—the Uniform Parentage Act of 2017."

Oklahoma's parentage laws, like those in 24 other states, are based on the Uniform Parentage Act (UPA), model parentage legislation developed by the Uniform Law Commission, a non-partisan body of state lawmakers, judges, scholars, and lawyers. The UPA was first developed in 1973, then updated in 2002 to expand ways of determining legal parentage for children born through assisted reproduction, and in 2017 to ensure that state parentage laws remain constitutional by providing equality and paths to parentage for LGBTQ families, among other changes.

Seven states (California, Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington) have adopted the 2017 UPA or substantially similar legislation. Hawaii, Kansas, and Massachusetts have introduced bills this session to do so. New Hampshire and New York have also adopted some similar provisions. Oklahoma's parentage laws, however, and those of 10 other states, are still based on the 2002 UPA; other states are further behind.

Crozer stressed, "This case is also a painful reminder that LGBTQ+ families still need to make sure that they do everything they can to protect their children, including completing co-parent adoptions."

She recommended that LGBTQ parents consult the "What LGBTQ+ Families Need to Know" guide (glad.org/post/faq-protect-your-family) created by GLAD, NCLR, COLAGE and Family Equality "to help families understand what they can do now to protect their children and their families, while we continue to advocate for updated parentage laws across the country."

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en's voices were heard in the political realm. I remember battles for economic fairness and her work to racial equality.

Over the years, I came to know and love the sincerity, the doggedness and the deep decency Alice brought to everything she did. Hers was never empty rhetoric left to one side when time came for the real work. Quite the contrary: She often forgot about the stuff that felt less real to her. I remember reminding her to draft a press release when the domestic partnership legislation passed. She needed to take appropriate credit for her amazing work, I told her. She shrugged; she just wanted to get the right thing done. So, in that instance and others, I made her sit on the phone with me as I drafted a press release for her. This was never her first thought. She made a difference in the world because she believed in doing that work. That was enough for her.

Alice loved the City of Cambridge, and she was clear eyed about its challenges. So, in 2008, when I needed a witness to explain City government at a trial against her beloved City for race discrimination and retaliation, the former Mayor stepped up. She was fabulous.

Alice also cared deeply about others. Some public officials do well in public space and perhaps not so well in private. That was not Alice. Her bond with her extraordinary husband, Bob, and her wonderful children and grandchildren was strong and wonderful to behold. And for those of us lucky to become part of her broader family, the warmth extended beyond shared political commitments. When I was pregnant and about to give birth in 2003, she proudly appeared at my door: she had the Wolf family bassinet in her hands. Your son, the child of two Moms, will be the first non-Wolf family child to sleep in this bassinet, she told me with delight.

I had sort of assumed Alice Wolf would live forever. Although we cannot escape the passage of time, with Alice, her energy, her drive to make a difference and her engagement in the world had never waned. At the news of her passing, I looked through emails and pictures; I quietly remembered. And I came upon her RSVP to the wedding celebration my spouse and I had twenty-five years into our union. She wrote this: Alice Wolf on Wheels for the Ellens! I could not believe it. Nearly thirty years after she and I had met, she remembered that event. But that was Alice. A woman with her eyes set on a better future who nonetheless remembered the importance of every moment. May we be enriched by her example – and may our wheels keep turning toward the justice she envisioned.

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voted on whether to rehear the case, and none of the parties to the lawsuit requested a rehearing.

The court has become more conservative in recent years, with five of its 13 judges— excluding several senior judges— having been appointed by former President Donald Trump.

Christiana Kiefer, a lawyer with the conservative Alliance Defending Freedom, which represented the four Connecticut cisgender athletes, said the group was pleased by the court's decision.

"Every woman deserves the respect and dignity that comes with having an equal opportunity to excel and win in athletics, and ADF remains committed to protecting the future of women's sports," Kiefer said in a statement.

Transgender athletes' ability to compete in sports is the subject of a continuing national debate. Eighteen states have passed laws banning transgender women or girls in sports based on the premise it gives them an unfair competitive advantage.

The four cisgender runners filed a lawsuit in 2020 against the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference, the state's high school sports governing body, as well as several local school districts.

They sought injunctions to bar enforcement of the state policy on transgender athletes and to remove records set by transgender athletes from the books between 2017 and 2020. They also sought money damages. All the student athletes involved in the lawsuit have since graduated.

In December, a three-judge panel said the four cisgender athletes lacked standing to sue— in part because their claims that they were deprived of wins, state titles and athletic scholarship opportunities were speculative.

CIAC officials declined to comment Tuesday. The organization has said its policy is designed to comply with a state law that requires all high school students be treated according to their gender identity. It also said the policy is in accordance with Title IX, the federal law that allows girls equal educational opportunities, including in athletics.

Two transgender sprinters at the center of the lawsuit— Terry Miller and Andraya Yearwood, from Bloomfield and Cromwell, respectively— frequently outperformed their cisgender competitors.

They were defended in the lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union, which said Tuesday that it looked forward to defending the state's policy again.

"As the initial ruling found, cisgender girls lose nothing from the participation of transgender girls and Connecticut's policy simply recognizes the right of all student athletes to equal participation and protection under Title IX," Joshua Block, an attorney for the ACLU, said in a statement.

New Hampshire

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dents and their supporters.

The ban on urinals approved by the board was offered as a compromise measure to the proposal. It also capped the maximum occupancy for bathrooms and locker rooms at the number of stalls each contains, and prohibited students from using shared changing areas.

Dozens of students walked out several days later.

Milford School District Superintendent Christi Michaud said school officials also received emails and phone calls opposing the ban, which led to Wednesday night's vote.

"The board has listened to folks," Michaud told WMUR-TV.

Republicans across the country have been pushing anti-transgender legislation. While New Hampshire bans discrimination based on gender identity in housing, employment and public accommodations, state lawmakers are considering legislation that says public entities are capable of "differentiating between the male and female sexes in athletic competitions, criminal incarceration, or places of intimate privacy."

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Whenever I get a break from being on the road, I catch up on messages people leave. But one person who called didn't leave a voice message—or couldn't. "An inmate at the California City Community Correctional Facility, California City, California. This call and your telephone number will be monitored and recorded. To accept this call, say or dial 5 now." Obviously I wasn't available to say or dial anything. Alas, I don't have a clue as to who was calling. The one thing I do know is that my fan base at the California City Community Correctional Facility is quite extensive. So, boys, just be patient—I'll be by for a group conjugal visit real soon!

The good folks at Atlantis recently hosted a Southern Caribbean cruise on the Harmony of the Seas. Returning patrons found a curious new entry in the official handbook which would have made me raise my eyebrows... if I still had the ability to raise my eyebrows: "While we want everybody to have fun, there are limits and so we ask that you be respectful of all guests and our cruise partners. Please do not post anything explicitly sexual on social media in a public forum or other online space. Any guest who posts or publishes an explicit and publicly visible photo or video will be asked to leave the ship with no refund." No explicit sexual photos or videos from a gay cruise? What is the world coming to! I'm happy to take whatever you have to give at Billy@BillyMasters.com. Not only do I not have any gag orders, I am also devoid of any gag reflex!

Everybody seems to be talking about hunky number 89 from the Super Bowl. The person in question was **Danny Amendola**—formerly #89 for Houston, and also a former wide receiver for the New England Patriots in two previous Super Bowls. You might remember **Adam Rippon** giving him shaving tips...or was it the other way around? Amendola was recently on "Special Forces: World's Toughest Test". For some reason, the Super Bowl featured a photo of him showing off his muscular assets in a jock strap, which can be found on BillyMasters.com.

My love for **Natasha Lyonne** was cemented with the perfect first season of "Russian Doll". Still, I went into Peacock's "Poker Face" with some trepidation (similar to how I felt about season two of "Russian Doll"). Sure, the photo of Lyonne in the ad looked eerily similar to her Netflix series. So I braced myself and prepared to be disappointed. I am delighted to report that my devotion has only grown. Charlie Cale has many of the quirks of Nadia Vulvokov...well, except that pesky dying thing. But Charlie has a superpower of her own—she's a human lie detector! This comes in handy as she travels city to city solving murders. Lyonne captivates throughout with her quirky and engaging presence—so much so that the series has already been picked up for a second season.

If you know anything about me, you know that I'm always willing to try a new position. And one just piqued my interest—working for sexy **Trace Lehnhoff**. You remember Trace—former assistant to **Jeff Lewis** (of "Flipping Out" fame). Former paramour of **Antoni Porowski** (from "Queer Eye"). And possibly still dating **Miles McMillan** (previously with **Zachary Quinto**). Trace has his own interior design firm and, well, he needs a hand. He's looking for a "Personal Assistant" and is willing to pay $22-28/hour—which is only mildly appealing to me if the office is clothing optional. He adds (and I quote) the following: "It is essential that the candidate is: incredibly detail-oriented, organized, ability to multi-task, excellent communication skills, is a natural problem solver and has an appreciate for design." Someone with good writing skills would really enhance his office immensely.

Details for Prince...er...**King Charles**' coronation on May 6th are starting to shape up. A highlight of the day will be a gala concert, which I'm told will feature a reconstituted Spice Girls (including **Posh**—probably with her mike off). However, two people the Palace hoped to lure have already declined. First was **Ed Sheeran**, who has a stadium concert in Arlington, Texas the night before. Understandable. But what to make of **Adele**? She reportedly said, "No, thank you," even though she has absolutely nothing on the docket for the entire month of May.

As if the royals don't have enough trouble, they have to deal with that pesky paternity issue. No, we're not talking about Harry. This is about **Simon Dorante-Day**, a 56-year-old living in Queensland, Australia who claims to be the illegitimate child of Charles and Camilla! According to Simon, his adoptive grandparents worked for the royal family—his grandmother was a cook and his grandfather was a gardener. A deathbed confession from his grandmother (his adopted granny, not Lizzie) claims that he is the biological child of King and Queen Consort. Lots of details don't add up—beginning with him being born in 1966. We know that Charles didn't meet Camilla until 1970 because we all saw "The Crown"! Isn't it just possible that granny was slightly...well, bonkers? Nonetheless, Simon is petitioning the court for a DNA test and says that Charles' coronation will not thwart his efforts.

One often hears about peaceful deathbed transitions. Not so for caustic comedian and actor **Richard Belzer**. As we went to press, we received word of his passing at the relatively youthful age of 78. His friend, Bill Scheft, reports that Belzer's last words were, "Fuck you, motherfucker." Maybe he saw someone he knew!

We've had lots of celebrity deaths lately. I was struck by the passing of **Raquel Welch**—surely one of a dying breed, so to speak. It reminded me of a particularly funny story **Cindy Adams** told about when she interviewed Rocky for "A Current Affair". Rather than recount the story here, I'll post the video of Cindy telling the story on BillyMasters.com. It's definitely worth watching.

Loads of you have written "Ask Billy" questions about the same person. The letter with the earliest postmark (as they used to say in the olden days) was from Harold—a name which was popular in those olden days. *"What do you know about the Bloater on 'The Last of Us'? What a massive hunk!"*

Call me old-fashioned, but the last thing I'd want to be called is Bloater! That said, Bloater turned up last week encased in what I'm told was an 88-pound costume! And the person wearing that costume is **Adam Basil**—a British actor and stuntman, which is a nice way of telling us he's muscular! And what a big boy he is—6'6", to be precise (you Brits can look up the Metric equivalent on your own). He's previously appeared on "Game of Thrones", "Beauty and the Beast", and "Let There Be Carnage". I'm sensing a trend here. Happily, he's also posed in a variety of skimpier outfits—including one reminiscent of Welch in "One Million Years B.C." I'll post it on BillyMasters.com.

When being bloated is a good thing, we've come to the end of yet another column. I want to also acknowledge the passing of **Stella Stevens**—who at one point was scheduled to be on "Billy Masters LIVE" with her son, **Andrew Stevens**. Come to think of it, Cindy Williams also cancelled on me...twice. See what happens when you stand me up? I'll be announcing some future shows on www.BillyMasters.com—the site that will even talk to people from the Great Beyond! The rest of you can send your questions to Billy@BillyMasters.com and I promise to get back to you before you get released! So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

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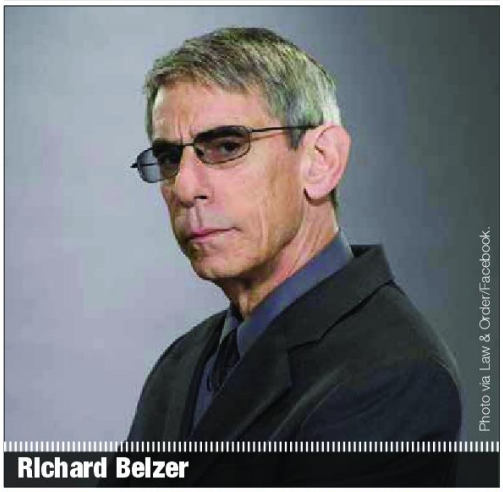

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