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Mental health and housing instability worsened for LGBTQ youth during pandemic, report says - Eighty-three percent of nonbinary young people reported "feeling sad or hopeless every day for more than two weeks," followed by 78 percent of transgender respondents, according to a report released Tuesday by the Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth.

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Amazon Studios Prioritizing Disability Inclusion - The Hollywood studio behind "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," "One Night in Miami..." and "Borat: Subsequent Moviefilm" is committing to put more people with disabilities on screen. [Read More >](#)

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Biden Plan To Boost Disability Services In Limbo - President Joe Biden's effort to get people with disabilities off waiting lists by infusing billions into Medicaid home and community-based services looks stalled, but it may soon get new life. [Read More >](#)

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