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San Francisco LGBT Memorials Contain Embarrassing Typos

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Well, this is awkward -- a glitzy new LGBT history walk unveiled this week in San Francisco is off to an embarrassing start after several plaques were discovered to contain typos.

The project, called the **Rainbow Honor Walk**, is like a Hollywood Walk of Fame for the LGBT community, according to the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Sitting on San Francisco's storied Castro Street, the installation contains twenty bronze plaques honoring notable deceased LGBT people like Allen Ginsberg, Frida Kahlo, Bayard Rustin, and Gertrude Stein.

"But almost immediately after the plaques were unveiled" on Tuesday, the paper reports, "people started pointing out errors on the slabs."

For example, Oscar Wilde's plaque refers to the iconic author's "bitting wit." Even more embarrassingly, the slab honoring trans trailblazer Christine Jorgensen refers to her as "trangendered," a term that is not only misspelled, but problematic under the **GLAAD style guidelines**.



Jorgensen's entire plaque is poorly worded -- it reads "First transgendered [*sic*] American publicly to announce her change of sexual identity and bring issues of sexual identification into mainstream conversation." A better way of wording this would be "First American public figure to come out as transgender and bring issues of gender identity into mainstream conversation." And disco legend Sylvester's plaque **awkwardly describes him** as a "multi-gold record singer."

After the errors were discovered, the manufacturer agreed to replace the plaques by October for free. According to *Tales of the City* author Armistead Maupin, the error-laden plaques will then be **bauctioned off** to raise additional funds for the Rainbow Walk.

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