

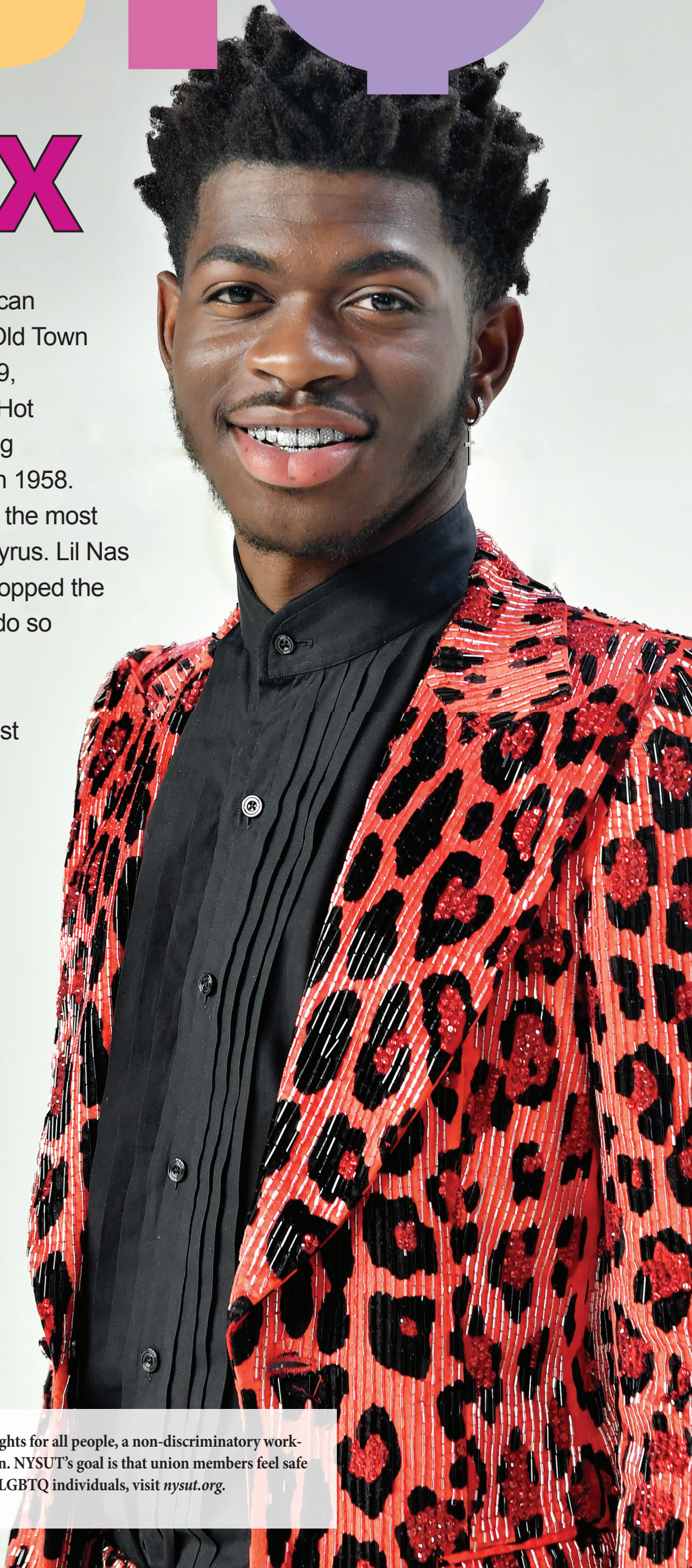
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# Lil Nas X

Montero Lamar Hill, “Lil Nas X,” is an American rapper and singer. His country rap single “Old Town Road” achieved viral popularity in early 2019, spending 19 weeks atop the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 chart, and becoming the longest-running number-one song since the chart debuted in 1958. Several remixes of the song were released, the most popular featuring country singer Billy Ray Cyrus. Lil Nas X came out as gay while “Old Town Road” topped the Hot 100 chart, making him the first artist to do so while having a number-one record.

Lil Nas X was the most-nominated male artist at the 62nd Annual Grammy Awards where he ultimately won awards for Best Music Video and Best Pop Duo/Group Performance. He is the first openly LGBTQ Black artist to win a Country Music Association award. In 2019, *Time* magazine named Lil Nas X one of the 25 most influential people on the Internet. In 2020, Lil Nas X appeared on the “*Forbes* 30 Under 30” list.



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