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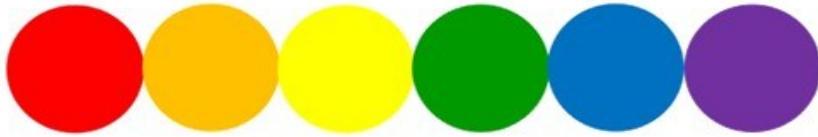
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News & Politics

Trump To Close Kennedy Center After Takeover For Renovations

By Dave Jones



The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., will close in July for two years, Donald Trump announced Sunday, saying the center needs renovations. But its reputation is what seems to need renovation, given that major acts have canceled and ticket sales have tanked since Trump took over the once-esteemed venue. Open since 1971, it had already undergone a renovation and expansion in 2019. Here's what's happened to the center in the past year.

Trump Takes Over

In February 2025, shortly after beginning his second term as president, Trump announced plans to replace the Kennedy Center's board with loyalists and make himself chairman. He particularly objected to drag shows at the center, even though they were family-friendly.

"Just last year, the Kennedy Center featured Drag Shows specifically targeting our youth — THIS WILL STOP," he wrote on Truth Social. "The Kennedy Center is an American Jewel, and must reflect the brightest STARS on its stage from all

across our Nation. For the Kennedy Center, THE BEST IS YET TO COME!"

He fired several board members appointed by President Joe Biden, including former White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, award-winning musician Jon Batiste, and billionaire philanthropist David Rubenstein. New Trump-appointed board members included Second Lady Usha Vance, White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles, and Deputy Chief of Staff Dan Scavino.

Trump also fired Kennedy Center President Deborah Rutter and appointed former ambassador Richard Grenell, one of his few gay supporters, as interim executive director.

Cancellations And Criticism

Some cancellations came at the behest of the center's management, but most happened because performers did not want to be associated with the Trump-run center. One of the ones canceled by center management was a Pride concert by the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C., with the National Symphony Orchestra.

In May, organizers of WorldPride, held in

Washington, D.C., in 2025, decided to move several events from the Kennedy Center to another venue because the center had come to feel like a hostile space. The Capital Pride Alliance, in charge of WorldPride, announced that its Tapestry of Pride programming — originally scheduled to feature portions of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, a reading room, and a family-friendly drag story time at the Kennedy Center — would instead be held at the WorldPride Welcome Center in downtown D.C.

Lin-Manuel Miranda canceled a staging of *Hamilton* that was to take place at the center this year for the nation's 250th birthday. Wicked composer Stephen Schwartz ditched plans to host the Washington National Opera's gala at the center, and the opera company moved its performances to George Washington University. Musician Issa Rae canceled a sold-out show at the Kennedy Center. Jazz artist Chuck Redd decided not to do his annual free Christmas Eve concert at the venue. Classical composer Philip Glass recently announced that the world premiere of his *Lincoln*

symphony, scheduled for the center in June, would no longer take place there. The list goes on and on. Some of the cancellations came soon after Trump's takeover, others after he added his name to the center in December.

The board voted for the renaming in December, making the venue the Donald J. Trump and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Center for the Performing Arts, or the Trump Kennedy Center for short. U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty of Ohio, a Democrat who is an ex officio member of the board, has brought a legal challenge to the renaming since the original name was established through a law passed by Congress. That law bars the board from making the center a memorial to someone else and prohibits adding another person's name on the building.

Ticket sales had already plummeted. The Washington Post analyzed sales between September 3 and October 19, when roughly 43 percent of seats went unsold, compared with only 7 percent during the same period in 2024. Attendance at National Symphony Orchestra concerts is down 50 percent. Overall, tens of thousands of the center's seats have been empty in the past year.

Viewership of the Kennedy Center Honors also took a hit. Trump made himself the host of the much-anticipated annual event, which was held December 7 and honored Sylvester Stallone, Kiss, Gloria

Gaynor, Michael Crawford, and George Strait. The December 23 taped broadcast drew 4.1 million viewers, down 26 percent from 2024, according to the Nielsen ratings organization.

Renovation And Reaction

Trump did not mention cancellations or ticket sales in announcing the renovation. He called the center "tired, broken, and dilapidated" in a post on Truth Social, adding that the reconstruction will make it "far better than it has ever been before" and saying he has secured funding. It will close July 4. Most of the staffers first heard about the closure through Trump's announcement, according to several news outlets.

"It's not the decor that has driven performers away," Democratic political consultant David Axelrod wrote on X. "It's the decorator."

There were critiques from Republicans too. "Trump puts his name on it and kills the Kennedy Center," Barbara Comstock, a former Republican congresswoman from Virginia, wrote on X. "Instead of allowing the Center to return to its arts mission, he'd rather close it than admit his vanity project was rejected by the American people. More Trump failure and @RichardGrenell a disgrace too. If it's closed, hope no \$\$ for him and his team. How does the Republican Congress allow one man destroy so many institutions? And what a disgrace this so called Trump 'Board' is."

Several members of the Kennedy family weighed in. "Do not be distracted from what this Administration is actually trying to erase: our connection, our community, and our commitment to the rights of all," Democrat Joe Kennedy III, a grandson of President Kennedy's brother Robert and a former congressman, wrote on X.

"Trump can take the Kennedy Center for himself," Jack Schlossberg, a grandson of President Kennedy who is running for Congress from New York, posted on the platform. He can change the name, shut the doors, and demolish the building. He can try to kill JFK. But JFK is kept alive by us now rising up to remove Donald Trump, bring him to justice, and restore the freedoms generations fought for."

Maria Shriver, President Kennedy's niece, offered a translation of Trump's announcement: "It has been brought to my attention that due to the name change (but nobody's telling me it's due to the name change), but it's been brought to my attention that entertainers are canceling left and right, and I have determined that since the name change no one wants to perform there any longer. I've determined that due to this change in schedule, it's best for me to close this center down and rebuild a new center that will bear my name, which will surely get everybody to stop talking about the fact that everybody's canceling... right?"



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Florida Restores Funding For 16,000 People's HIV Medication — For Now
By Ryan Wilson



The Florida Department of Health is reversing its funding cuts to a program that provides HIV medication for low-income individuals, but only until they can do it legally.

The department published a notice Tuesday backtracking its decision to gut the AIDS Drug Assistance Program after supposedly failing to find \$120 million in the state budget to cover it. Instead, the state will attempt to go through the formal rule-making process in order to make the cuts after a lawsuit from the AIDS Healthcare Foundation accused officials of violating the law.

"The Department's action makes clear that legal processes have not been followed. Floridians will now have a say in what happens to this program and its effect on them," Esteban Wood, AHF Director of Advocacy & Legislative Affairs, said in a statement. "It will also provide needed transparency, as the

Department has not shown why it needs to make these harmful changes, and show how it now has a claimed \$120 million deficit. This program should be fully funded to continue the care needed by thousands across Florida."

The ADAP helps provide medication to those making up to 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (\$62,600 or less). Under the proposed cuts, it would only cover those making up to 130 percent of the poverty level (\$20,345), impacting over half of the more than 30,000 enrolled in the program.

While the state claims it can't find the money for the program, a December investigation from the Miami Herald and Tampa Bay Times found that the Ron DeSantis administration diverted more than \$35 million in taxpayer funds to defeat two constitutional amendments on the ballot in 2024. The amendments, which would have legalized recreational

marijuana and overturned the state's six-week abortion ban, each fell short of the 60 percent supermajority required to pass, receiving 56 percent and 57 percent, respectively.

Democratic Party Chair Nikki Fried previously told JGM that it is "absolutely unconscionable to think that a state of Florida or any government in the United States at this moment, with this amount of research and the advances that we have, either was intentionally or as a consequence of intentional actions, giving tens of thousands of individuals potentially a death sentence."

"We have the damn money. The damn money is in the state of Florida," Fried said. "They were able to spend \$500 million building Alligator Alcatraz with no big contracts. We are still in a state of emergency for now almost two and a half years. They have the money. They can put the money in the coffers. They're choosing not to."

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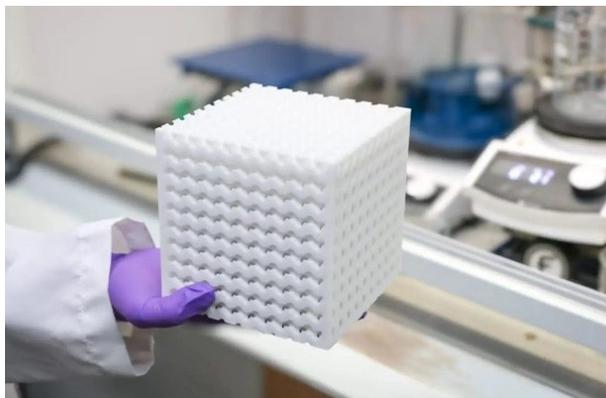
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By Neetika Walter



Supra Elemental Recovery aims to extract lithium, gallium, and other critical minerals from U.S. waste streams.

A new U.S. startup is aiming to recover high-purity critical minerals from domestic waste streams using a technology that blends chemistry, materials science, and advanced engineering.

Supra Elemental Recovery Inc., a spinout from The University of Texas at Austin, says its approach could help ease supply constraints for materials essential to semiconductors, batteries, magnets, and defense systems.

Supra launched with a \$250,000 pre-seed investment from Discovery to Impact's UT Seed Fund.

The company plans to commercialize a proprietary platform designed to extract minerals such as lithium, cobalt, gallium, and scandium from mine tailings, industrial byproducts, and electronic waste produced across the U.S. Demand for these minerals is rising sharply as chipmaking,

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electrification, and advanced manufacturing expand. Yet refining them at high purity remains difficult.

Existing extraction techniques rely on large machinery, high costs, and harsh chemicals, while often failing to efficiently separate closely related elements.

This has left the U.S. dependent on foreign supply chains for materials considered strategically important.

Supra's founders argue that waste streams represent an underused domestic resource. Millions of tons of industrial waste and discarded electronics contain recoverable quantities of critical elements, but current technologies struggle to extract them economically or cleanly.

A Cartridge-Based Approach

The company's core technology centers on a 3D-printed, porous cartridge that acts like a molecular sponge. Fluids pass through the cartridge, where targeted materials are selectively captured using simple solvents such as alcohol and water.

The system combines features of solvent extraction and ion exchange into a reusable, modular format.

The platform was developed by a multidisciplinary team at UT Austin, including chemist Zachariah Page, nanomanufacturing expert Michael Cullinan, and supramolecular chemistry pioneer Jonathan Sessler.

Their combined expertise led to a design that uses fluid dynamics and molecular recognition to separate elements that are typically difficult to isolate from one another.

Because the cartridges are 3D printed, they can be customized for specific materials and scaled for different industrial settings.

Supra says this flexibility allows manufacturers, recyclers, and mining operators to tailor recovery systems to their own waste streams while keeping costs down.

The startup also positions its technology as a cleaner alternative to conventional refining. By avoiding toxic reagents and heavy

infrastructure, the system could reduce the environmental footprint associated with mineral processing.

Supply Chains Under Pressure

Beyond technical performance, Supra is targeting a strategic problem: U.S. reliance on overseas sources for critical minerals. Supply disruptions and export controls have exposed vulnerabilities in sectors ranging from electronics to defense manufacturing.

“Supra has the potential to reshape how the U.S. sources key materials essential for the high-tech, aerospace and defense industries,” said Mark Arnold, associate vice president for Discovery to Impact and managing director of Longhorn Ventures.

Supra co-founder and CEO Katie Ullmann Durham framed the technology as both an economic and strategic tool.

“America’s ability to compete in advanced manufacturing depends on securing its supply

of critical minerals,” she said.

“We’re ushering in a new era where we can profitably recover these elements from a wide range of domestic sources to restore America’s resource dominance.”

The company joins a growing list of startups emerging from UT Austin’s commercialization pipeline, as universities increasingly play a role in translating lab-scale breakthroughs into industrial systems.

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Nicki Minaj Attacks Trans Kids—Again

By David Vandygriff



Nicki Minaj continues her far-right spiral as she furthers her transformation into a conservative mouthpiece by citing anti-trans talking points on a recent podcast episode.

Minaj, who has dedicated recent months to supporting President Trump, Vance, and the Republican Party, appeared on The Katie Miller Podcast this week, where she talked about Trump, Gavin Newsom, and trans youth.

At one point, Miller — who served as Vice President Mike Pence's communications director and press secretary and is married to Trump advisor Stephen Miller — asked Minaj what some of California Governor Gavin Newsom's policies were that led her to call him "Newsom." Miller brought up immigration, the Palisades fires, and trans youth.

"I personally don't have an issue with the trans part of the LGBT at all. I am the biggest advocate for adults doing whatever the heck they want to do. They're adults, I don't care," Minaj replied. "I only mentioned something because when it

comes to children, I wouldn't even allow my 17-year-old daughter to get breast implants. And 99 percent of the parents wouldn't let their 17-year-old child get breast implants."

"So if you wouldn't let a child get breast implants, you're not gonna want them to have any kind of surgery," she continued. "Because we all know the brain is not developed. And we've heard about 19 times more likely to commit suicide. What more do you need to know? That a child is 19 times more likely to commit suicide if they have a surgery before they're an adult."

The "19 times more likely" statistic Minaj cites is referencing a 2011 study of 324 adults who underwent surgical sex reassignment in Sweden from 1973 to 2003. The study came to the conclusion that doctors should have "improved psychiatric and somatic care after sex reassignment" for trans patients — not that sex reassignment should be stopped.

Additionally, since 2003, many advancements have been made in the field of surgery for

transgender people.

A 2021 study that looked at nearly 8,100 trans patients who underwent any type of gender-affirming surgery found that overall, about 1 percent of patients who underwent surgery regretted it.

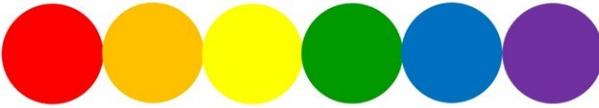
According to studies, only about 2 out of every 100,000 minors diagnosed with gender dysphoria get any type of surgery before they turn 18. Additionally, of the 151 breast reductions performed on minors in 2019, 97 percent were performed on cisgender males.

Minaj made headlines on Sunday for not attending the Grammys — that observation, made by host Trevor Noah, sparked applause from the audience. Meanwhile, during the telecast, the "Bang Bang" singer used her social media platform to try to persuade her LGBTQ+ fans to vote Republican.

In December, transgender singer Kim Petras clapped back at a transphobic tirade on X from her former "Alone" collaborator. "trans kids r healthy btw," Petras posted at the time.

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OUT & HEALTH

No, Trans Women Don't Have Inherent Advantage Over Cis Women In Sports: New Study

By Drew Williams



Transgender women athletes do not have an inherent advantage over cisgender competitors, according to a new study.

That's what advocates of trans inclusion have been saying for years, while anti-trans forces have been saying the opposite. Now a report in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*, which its authors call "the most comprehensive synthesis to date," counters the idea of inherent advantage.

The authors, all based at academic and medical institutions in Brazil, looked at 52 studies with 6,485 participants, including 2,943 trans women, 2,309 trans men, 568 cis women, and 665 cis men, ranging in age from 14 to 41. Forty-five of the studies focused on adults, seven on adolescents. Since the authors were reviewing existing studies and not doing new research, their report is what's known as a meta-analysis.

While current evidence is low and varies in quality, it "does not support theories of inherent athletic advantages for transgender women over

cisgender," the authors wrote.

"Empirical evidence challenges initial concerns that transgender women would dominate women's sports, largely due to the physiological effects of testosterone suppression therapy," they noted. "In fact, transgender women remain under-represented in elite athletics, highlighting the lack of dominance by transgender athletes in practice."

Trans women had higher absolute lean body mass than cis women, the authors found, but there were "no significant differences in physical fitness metrics," such as upper-body strength, lower-body strength, and maximum oxygen consumption after the trans women underwent one to three years of gender-affirming hormone therapy. Because of differences in the studies, the researchers could not establish "direct correlations between muscle mass and functional strength."

"in fact, the absence of strength disparities between transgender women and cisgender women found in the current review was consistent

and contradicts narratives framing male puberty as conferring irreversible athletic advantages despite [gender-affirming hormone therapy]," they remarked.

They emphasized the need for more research. "Few studies controlled for training history, diet, baseline fitness, physical activity and body composition or previous hormone therapy, potentially hindering the isolated effects of [gender-affirming hormone therapy], since high-dose oestrogen may alter both fat and muscle mass estimates," they wrote.

Also, studies have focused on "physiological outcomes, with little consideration of the social, psychological and cultural factors that also shape sport performance (eg, stigmatization, discrimination, access to opportunities, self-concept, self-esteem)," the authors pointed out. Trans people face stigma and discrimination, often leading to negative mental health effects, but "the impact of these sociocultural factors on athletic engagement and achievement remains insufficiently addressed in the available

studies and, consequently, in this review,” they continued.

“Finally, there is very little literature involving transgender athletes of any age, across all sport settings and at any competitive level,” they wrote. Therefore, future studies must prioritise transgender athletes, assess sport-specific performance metrics and evaluate long-term (eg, >5 years) physiological and psychological changes, controlling for puberty suppression whenever possible.”

But, they added, “the current data do not justify blanket bans.” Just the same, 27 states have laws barring trans girls and women from competing

under their gender identity, and two have regulations to this effect. Donald Trump has threatened to withhold federal funding from schools and states with trans-inclusive policies, and some, like the University of Pennsylvania, have given in to his demands. The U.S. Supreme Court recently heard arguments challenging trans bans in Idaho and West Virginia, and the conservative majority appeared likely to uphold those bans. The U.S. Olympic Committee has barred trans women from competing in women's sports.

However, the study “refutes the logic behind blanket bans on transgender women in sports,” coauthor Bruno Gualano, a

physician and researcher at the University of São Paulo in Brazil, told Spanish newspaper El País. “Most of these policies are based on the assumption that transgender women retain inherent physical advantages and would therefore dominate women's competitions. The data does not support this idea.”

“Good scientific evidence doesn't dictate values, but it could guide how we apply them,” Gualano he added. “That's the role this article aims to play. ... We believe the debate should be guided by values fundamental to sport itself, such as fairness, inclusion, and human dignity, rather than sweeping bans.”



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Life and Style

The Powerful Natural Force That Makes Some Of Sicily's Wine So Unique

By James Sappington



Rising above the Sicilian city of Catania, Mount Etna boasts the titles: It is the most active and tallest active volcano in all of Europe. Below the volcano, which can be seen spewing ash every few months, lies an abundance of rich, fertile, volcanic soil. In this soil, old vineyards thrive, making for some of the most unique wines on the island, and some might argue, in the country.

Despite being an island, Sicily, which sits just off the tip of Italy's boot, is quite large, with 23 different DOCs, or controlled designations of origin. Etna is one of them, and is considered to be one of the oldest wine-growing regions in Italy. Only in more recent years has the Mount Etna region started to become more globally recognized, as winemaking was revived in the area about 30 years ago. The area also received some on-screen attention when a local winery was featured in "White Lotus."

Tasting Table spoke with Sicilian winemaker Angelo Di Grazia, who produces bottles for Tornatore Wine and his private label, to understand why this wine region is so special. Di Grazia explained, 26 www.JaxGayMag.com

"Mt. Etna is such a unique terroir that it is difficult to compare it to other Sicilian wine regions," likening the area to "an island within the island." The soil, a key component of terroir, is specifically what sets the wine apart, with Di Grazia noting that, "The mineral content of the volcanic soil certainly plays a fundamental role, giving the wines complexity, longevity and elegance."

The Volcanic Wines Of Mount Etna

The wine grapes of Mount Etna grow at some of the highest elevation vineyards in Italy, with many situated at 3,900 feet; some are even planted on the side of the active volcano! As a result, the vines are exposed to many minerals, like magnesium, copper, phosphorus, and iron, which affect the flavor of the wine, proving how impactful terroir is to a growing region. According to Flatiron Wines, different eruptions and lava flows can have varied mineral and chemical compositions. So if there are a handful of vineyards in one area, their

wines can all taste quite different depending on how lava flows have influenced the soil. Different sides of the volcano slope also have different terroir; some slopes are hotter and sunnier, and other parts are rainy and shadier.

In terms of types of grapes grown in this DOC, Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio are planted for red wines, and Carricante is the most common for white wines. These grape varieties are indigenous to the area. As a DOC, wine from the Etna region must follow a certain composition. Red (rosso), white (bianco), rosé (rosato), and sparkling wine (spumante) are all produced in the area, and must contain a certain percentage of the indigenous grapes.

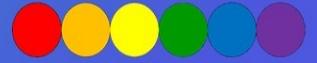
As for their taste, expect reds from this region to have high tannins and acidity, with a slight earthiness and notes of berry. Etna whites can be compared to Rieslings, with a more saline flavor and a herbaceous aroma with hints of diesel fuel.

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COVER STORY

Erasing America

By Rivka Maizlish



Since taking office last year, President Donald Trump and his administration have launched a full-scale attack on American history, glorifying racists and traitors and erasing not only the horrors of slavery, but also positive stories of resistance and the triumph of democracy.

The steps Trump has taken to distort American history to serve his antidemocratic agenda have been strident and harmful, but they are simply the latest in a tired, centuries-old attempt at revisionist history by those opposed to multiracial democracy. Reviewing the timeline of Trump's attacks on American history and putting them in historical context can reveal this administration's aims and help counter them.

In February 2025, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth announced, "Bragg is back!" boasting that the administration had returned the Confederate name "Bragg" to the U.S. military base that Congress had, through bipartisan efforts, renamed Fort Liberty in 2023. In a post on X, Hegseth wrote: "Bragg

now. More to come." On March 3, 2025, the administration removed the name "Moore" from a U.S. military base in Georgia, returning its former name Benning, evoking its original namesake, Confederate Gen. Henry L. Benning.

By ... invoking the name of World War II soldier Private Roland Bragg, Secretary Hegseth has not violated the letter of the law, but he has violated its spirit."— U.S. Sen. Jack Reed, ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee



Hegseth's unilateral action stands in stark contrast to the bipartisan, democratic efforts that led to the removal of these Confederate names. In 2020, with overwhelming bipartisan support, Congress mandated that the military change the names of all nine

bases named after Confederates. An independent, nonpartisan naming commission found new names that honored American heroes and principles instead, and by the end of 2023, the military had removed all Confederate names.

In his first full month in office, Trump set about reversing this careful and democratic work. On June 10, 2025, Trump announced the restoration of Confederate names to all nine bases. Because the 2020 bipartisan law that called for removing Confederate names stated that no base could be renamed for a Confederate leader, Trump and Hegseth found other past servicemen with the same names as Confederate leaders, such as Bragg, Benning and Lee, and used their names instead. U.S. Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island, the ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called this move insulting and dishonorable.

"By ... invoking the name of World War II soldier Private Roland Bragg, Secretary Hegseth has not violated the

the letter of the law, but he has violated its spirit,” Reed said in a written statement. “Worse, he has insulted the Gold Star families who proudly supported Fort Liberty’s name, and he has dishonored himself by associating Private Bragg’s good name with a Confederate traitor.”

On March 27, 2025, Trump issued Executive Order 14253: “Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History.” The executive order singled out Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia for sponsoring trainings for staff that advocated “interrogating institutional racism.” In January, the Department of the Interior removed Independence Hall’s slavery exhibit, which included a memorial to people enslaved by George Washington at the site of his Philadelphia residence. The city of Philadelphia is suing the federal government over the removal of the exhibit, and citizens have put up handmade signs advocating for telling Black history.

The executive order also attacked the Smithsonian American Art Museum for featuring stories on “systems of power, privilege, and disenfranchisement.” The executive order empowered the secretary of the interior to review all federally funded

spaces of public history and pushed national parks and the Smithsonian museums to erase evidence of injustice and the struggle for freedom and democracy.



In April, the Trump administration cut federal funding to the Whitney Plantation in Louisiana, one of only two historic plantations in America that educates about the history of slavery and the experience of enslaved people. The termination of the federal grant threatened to quash a new exhibit on resistance to slavery that the Whitney planned for January 2026. A letter terminating the federal grant explained that the termination complied with 14253 and that the grant was “no longer consistent with the [federal government] priorities and no longer serves the interest of the United States.”

Following the executive order, federal websites removed the names of thousands of non-white figures in American history, such as Harriet

Tubman, the Tuskegee Airmen and the Navajo Code Talkers. An image of the Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the atomic bomb over Hiroshima, Japan, was flagged for removal, possibly because of the word “gay” — the name of the B-29 pilot’s mother, Enola Gay Tibbets. In addition to the Enola Gay, the military flagged several images on its websites as “DEI” (diversity, equity and inclusion) that should be removed — mostly content about war heroes who were Americans of color or other minorities.



More fallout from the executive order came on June 13, 2025, when the National Park Service placed signs throughout park grounds asking visitors to use QR codes to report any “negative history” they encounter at the parks. Two months later, Trump ordered a review of content at the Smithsonian museums for “negative history.” On Sept. 12, 2025, the National Park Service ordered the removal of “The Scourged Back,” a photo of an enslaved man’s scarred and wounded back, from

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display at Fort Pulaski National Monument in Georgia. In the 1860s, the circulation of this photo made white Americans painfully aware of the horrors of slavery and helped galvanize public support for the Union and for emancipation.

On Aug. 7, 2025, Trump and Hegseth claimed that they would return the Confederate memorial to Arlington National Cemetery, which the military removed in December 2023. Fortunately, this has not happened yet, despite Trump's assurances. However, on Oct. 27, 2025, Trump restored a statue of Confederate Gen. Albert Pike to Washington, D.C.'s Judiciary Square. This monument had been removed in 2020 by Black Lives Matter protesters. Its restoration means a statue of a man who committed treason against the United States stands in the nation's capital. What's more, it means a statue of a white supremacist stands in a city where Black residents form a plurality.



Waging 'A War Of Ideas'

While Trump's attempts to uplift traitors and racists over heroes who fought against slavery and fascism are a threat to public memory and true history, they

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are just the latest in a centuries-old campaign against history by those opposed to multiracial democracy.

One year after the Civil War, former Confederate Edward Pollard wrote that what the South lost on the battlefield it could still win "in a war of ideas." The war of ideas was a struggle for American memory, and former Confederates waged this war in multiple arenas. They erected memorials designed to remake Confederate heroes as American heroes — hence the nine military bases named for men who fought against the United States. They attacked and revised Civil War history in textbooks.

They attempted to erase slavery from American memory, particularly slavery as the cause of the Confederacy. In 1919, the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) published a guide for textbooks, demanding that school districts reject textbooks that vilified Confederate President Jefferson Davis or glorified President Abraham Lincoln. Above all, the guide instructed, schools should reject textbooks that demonstrate the Confederacy fought for slavery,

and ones that speak "of the slaveholder of the South as cruel and unjust to his slaves."

Trump's attacks on history are straight out of this old UDC playbook. For centuries, groups like the UDC and others who opposed multiracial democracy tried to erase the horrors of slavery and who fought for justice. Despite the large success of this propaganda campaign, many Americans — especially Black Americans — continue to remember and preserve the truth in their stories and their communities.

For example, in June 2025, college students in Augusta, Georgia, took public history into their own hands, working with the city to place two new historical markers, one celebrating the city's civil rights history and one celebrating its Jewish heritage. In October, Eastern Tennessee State University unveiled a bronze sculpture of Eugene Caruthers, Elizabeth W. Crawford, George L. Nichols, Mary Luellen Wagner and Clarence McKinney — Black students who integrated the school in the 1950s. Uplifting stories like these will ensure that true history prevails and democracy triumphs.

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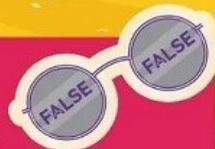
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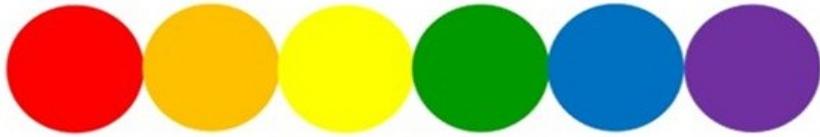
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Science & Technology

Boeing's Ghost Bat Drone Gets Hidden Weapons

By Kaif Shaikh



Boeing has revealed new details about the next-generation configuration of its MQ-28 Ghost Bat uncrewed combat aircraft, revealing major structural and capability upgrades to extend range, expand weapons capacity, and improve mission flexibility.

The latest disclosures, presented at the 2026 Singapore Airshow, show the program transitioning from a technology demonstrator to a deployable, collaborative combat aircraft designed to operate alongside crewed fighters in high-end air operations.

The MQ-28, originally developed in Australia under the Airpower Teaming System initiative, is intended to function as a “loyal wingman,” flying semi-autonomously to provide sensing, electronic warfare, and strike support while reducing risk to crewed aircraft. The forthcoming Block 3 version has the most substantial redesign yet, incorporating both structural growth and expanded mission payload options.

Larger Wings, Internal Weapons Bays Mark Key Changes

According to Breaking Defense, the Block 3 MQ-28 will introduce internal weapons bays for the first time, enabling the drone to carry air-to-air missiles such as the AIM-120 AMRAAM as well as precision-guided munitions, including the GBU-39 Small Diameter Bomb. Flight Global noted that each internal bay is expected to accommodate one AMRAAM or multiple small glide bombs, improving survivability by reducing external stores and preserving the aircraft’s low-observable profile.

The redesign also increases the wingspan from roughly 6 meters (20 ft) to 7.3 meters (24 ft), allowing approximately 30% more fuel capacity and significantly extending mission range, an upgrade Boeing officials say is particularly important for long-distance operations in the Indo-Pacific region.

Company representatives have emphasized that the larger wing is primarily intended to

support endurance and range requirements, rather than to carry a higher payload alone.

The aircraft’s modular architecture remains central to the Ghost Bat concept. A detailed report by The War Zone noted that the entire nose section can be swapped to integrate different mission payloads, including infrared search-and-track sensors, electronic warfare packages, or other classified sensor configurations currently under development. Boeing officials indicated that several additional sensor variants are being explored, but have not disclosed technical specifics.

Program Advances Toward Operational Capability And Export Markets

The MQ-28 program is moving steadily toward operational deployment with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), which is expected to field the aircraft before the end of the decade while also supporting development of the export-oriented Block 3 configuration.

Recent trials have demonstrated the drone’s growing combat capability,

including a 2025 live-fire test in which a Ghost Bat successfully launched an AIM-120 missile while operating in coordination with crewed fighters and airborne early-warning aircraft, highlighting its role in networked, multi-platform combat formations.

TWZ, who were present at the Singapore Airshow, say that

Boeing is also positioning the Block 3 design for potential sales across allied Indo-Pacific air forces, reflecting increasing global demand for collaborative combat aircraft that can extend fighter reach at lower cost while operating in contested airspace.

Discussions with multiple international partners are

underway, and the aircraft's modular, open-architecture design is intended to allow customers to integrate national sensors and weapons systems with minimal redesign.

As development continues, the MQ-28 is emerging as a foundational platform in the rapidly expanding category of collaborative combat aircraft.

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BUSINESS & TRAVEL

Mexico City: Excellent Gay Vacation Destination

By Michael Bryason



When the average LGBTQ+ American thinks of vacationing in Mexico, places like Puerto Vallarta, Tulum, or the remote Zipolite are usually the first to come to mind. However, please consider moving Mexico City to the top of your list, not just in Mexico, but in the world of travel opportunities. Mexico City is one of the most populous cities in the world and certainly in the Western Hemisphere, with 22 million people and a gay scene to match its large population. At nearly four times the size of New York City, there is something for everyone and every taste. The affordability and vibrancy of the city, from Michelin restaurants to culture and history to some of the best drag performers and packed gay saunas late on weekends, virtually anyone of diverse backgrounds can fill their days and nights in Mexico City.

As I do with most new cities I visit, I went to Mexico City for 11 days, as I felt this would allow me to explore while retaining some of my daily routine. I found a great Airbnb hotel-like suite in the Juárez barrio, which is central to the

Zona Rosa gay district, as well as the Centro, Roma Norte, and Polanco neighborhoods, home to most of the LGBTQ+ hot spots and diverse arts and cultural centers. I booked the place a bit late, so I ended up paying about \$110 a night for a beautiful, new, and well-appointed studio suite with a full kitchen and washer (clothes dryers seem forbidden in Latin America, but I'm not complaining). However, with more planning, one can find an equally luxurious and safe accommodation for \$75 to \$100 a night — a bargain compared to any gay U.S. destination.

Exploring This Affordable City

While it's rare for any article aimed at a diverse traveler to start with food, I must give Mexico City credit for being a culinary standout. From the most delicious taco stands that pop up as semi-permanent establishments on nearly every street corner, to the rise of Michelin-rated restaurants, many of which are very affordable, Mexico City has something for every palate and budget. Any American who thinks they know Mexican food

through the lens of their home country is in for a treat with every bite of delectable, authentic Mexican food made in the traditions of the original people.

I visited Mexico City in November, just after the Day of the Dead celebrations, when many orange flowers and painted ceramic skulls were in virtually every public park and attraction. The weather this time of year was heading into their dry season, with cool nights in the 50s and warm sunny days in the mid-seventies. Layers of clothes to remove as the day warms up, shoes made for walking, and sunscreen with a good hat are the way to go. Despite an elevation of nearly 7,500 feet above sea level, Mexico City is very walkable, with neighborhoods blending into one another, and the hills, if any, are very gentle.

My first order of business upon arrival was to have ChatGPT develop a daily itinerary, which included many walks through the wonderful, diverse neighborhoods. My favorite of all, packed with unique coffee shops, restaurants, and many same sex couples openly

holding hands as they walked, was Roma Norte. This was adjacent to the barrio where I was staying and seemed to draw me in almost every day to experience something new. It is also home to some of the best gay night spots, restaurants, and several gay saunas popular with handsome men.



Gay Nightlife

On my first Saturday night in Mexico City, I booked the unique Gay Hopping Tour Mexico City, led by the handsome, gay-about-town Chapu. Chapu is clearly among the “it gays” of Mexico City queer nightlife, which enhanced this tour in many unexpected ways. No Google search, dating app, or AI can match Chapu’s up-to-the-minute understanding of the hottest gay hotspots, theme nights, and performing talent, from locally known drag queens to the hottest DJs. The tour included three vibrant and popular gay spots curated by Chapu. With our well-known host, we moved in easily, feeling like VIPs bypassing lines and other obstacles common at a popular nightspot on a Saturday. In fact, Chapu knew everyone at every club, greeting doormen and

managers with hugs as he introduced us, ensuring the best experience. At each stop, we were given a dedicated bartender or server and access to even the most private and exclusive areas. Chapu was attentive to every need and even offered to be the best “wing man” for those of us seeking someone special. I knew that if I returned to the places we visited on my own, I would be treated as well as when we were on the tour. As importantly to any international traveler, I felt safe.

Culinary Delights

While I am not much of a foodie, Mexico City is a foodie city! Boasting some of the best Michelin-rated restaurants in the world, I had to book Pujol, which was one of the most fantastic restaurant experiences of my life. For about \$250 (US), you can enjoy Pujol, Mexico City’s iconic Michelin-starred restaurant. It’s where Chef Enrique Olvera reimagines traditional Mexican ingredients and techniques into refined, contemporary cuisine rooted in deep cultural history. Chef Enrique created Pujol with a seven-course tasting menu based on traditional Mexican cooking, featuring at least three taco dishes, in the comfort of a modern, wood-paneled restaurant, with a pianist playing beautiful music as you enjoy each dish.

It was a magical two-plus hours, and my lunch companion also enjoyed the drink pairing, which took his

meal to about \$400. You don’t have to spend at this level to enjoy a Michelin experience in Mexico City. The Michelin list in Mexico City included one of the first taco stands, Taqueria El Califa de Leon, but be prepared to wait 30 minutes or more in line. It’s worth it! I also had one of the best pizzas and a choice of select wines for under \$30 at a Michelin-rated newcomer, Vigneron. Regardless of your budget, you will find the food scene, from sidewalk vendors to the top-rated chefs, to be worth the trip to Mexico City.



Architectural Wonders

Architecture and design were other surprising aspects of Mexico City that I enjoyed. Whether they’re colonial-era buildings dating back several hundred years, museums, or modern skyscrapers, I saw some of the best designs in the world. I purposely put my phone in my pocket many times during my walk so I would look up and enjoy the immense beauty of this magical city. The modern art museum, which houses the framed Frida Kahlo’s priceless artwork, was a magnificent design. I also went on my own luxury hotel tour, because the world’s best hotel brands spared no

in design and offerings. The Ritz-Carlton sky bar, which soars 36 stories above the city and offers expansive views, is a must, even if its drinks and food rival those in New York City in terms of cost. However, it is worth a \$20 martini to take in the view at night.

Mexico City and the surrounding areas are rich in history and culture. I really enjoyed the museums, as well as my day-long tour of the pyramids created by the ancient Teotihuacan native tribe. Though they mysteriously

disappeared even before the Aztecs discovered the pyramids' amazing architectural and design feats built for sun worship, the spirits seem to be active! The Catholic Church is also prolific throughout the region and was part of the Spanish conquest of the Aztecs and the establishment of Mexico City in the 1500s. The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe is one of the most visited Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world, as the original church was built after 1531 and completed in 1709 in honor of

Juan Diego, an Aztec who converted to Catholicism and reportedly saw the Virgin Mary. The image of the Virgin Mary was embellished on Juan Diego's cloak and remains on display in the updated, modern church that welcomes millions every year.

Mexico City is a vibrant, accessible, and affordable choice for any diverse traveler. No matter your interest, mood, or desire, you can be sure Mexico City will have what you need at any time. Divertirse! (Have fun!)

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9 Busted For Drugs Trying To Board Atlantis Gay Cruise

By Bridgette DeVoe



As thousands of gay men gathered at Port Miami in Florida on Sunday to board what organizers billed as the “world’s biggest gay festival at sea,” law enforcement officers arrested nine passengers after narcotics were allegedly discovered in their luggage.

The arrests happened ahead of the departure of Royal Caribbean’s Symphony of the Seas. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers were screening bags at Terminal A with trained detection dogs when several suitcases were flagged, authorities said. Miami TV station WPLG first reported on five of the arrests. JGM reviewed arrest affidavits and court records showing the cases were referred to the Miami-Dade Sheriff’s Office, whose Narcotics Interdiction Squad assisted CBP in the operation.

In a statement, Miami-Dade Sheriff’s Office Detective Joseph R. Peguero Rivera told JGM that deputies were called in around 6 p.m. Sunday to assist CBP with a drug-enforcement operation at PortMiami.

“MDSO arrested a total of nine individuals on various drug-related charges,” he said, involving MDMA, LSD, and cocaine. The arrest reports also reference ketamine, methamphetamine, and GHB precursor GBL, among the substances seized.

Court records show those charged are Joshua S. Eddy, 41, of West Hollywood, California; Brad R. Kloha, 41, of Nashville, Tennessee; Adam Jones, 49, of Atlanta, Georgia; Hoi Le, 51, of San Francisco; Joshua Lee Jenkins, 39, of Tacoma, Washington; Ryan D. Medrano, 27, of Phoenix, Arizona; Tamar J. Wilson, 37, of Chicago; Daisuke Nakanoh, 40, of Chicago; and Ricardo Gabriel Junquera, 39, of Miami.

According to the arrest affidavits, Eddy faces a trafficking charge tied to MDMA, along with multiple felony possession counts after officers said his luggage contained MDMA as well as methamphetamine, ketamine, and GBL, a chemical associated with the club drug GHB that can render users unconscious and suppress breathing.

Kloha is charged with trafficking in MDMA and felony possession after officers said his bag contained MDMA and ketamine. Jones and Le each face felony drug charges tied to substances authorities said were found during screening. Jenkins is charged with felony possession after his luggage was flagged, and field testing indicated the presence of a controlled substance. Medrano, Wilson, Nakanoh, and Junquera are each charged with felony drug offenses connected to the same Port Miami operation.

In each case, the reports describe a similar sequence: luggage selected for inspection in the outbound screening area, passengers presented to CBP, field tests indicating the presence of controlled substances, and arrests followed by booking into the Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center.

Miami defense attorney Jordan Lewin, who is representing Jones, said his client denies the allegations. “The defense is confident their investigation will demonstrate that he was falsely accused and will be able to show that none of the

impounded items belonged to him,” Lewin told JGM in an interview.

The Symphony of the Seas, a ship that can carry more than 5,000 passengers, was preparing to depart on a weeklong Caribbean itinerary chartered by Atlantis Events, the West Hollywood-based company that has built a lucrative business around large-scale LGBTQ+ party cruises — voyages that function as both vacation and a floating nightlife festival.

For many LGBTQ+ travelers, those cruises are marketed as rare spaces of freedom and visibility. But in recent years, they have also become sites of grief and unanswered questions.

Atlantis-chartered cruises have seen a number of “code alpha” medical emergencies tied to drug overdoses in recent years, according to sources familiar with the incidents, including cases that raised questions about onboard safety. In January 2024, Jonathan Mindrum, a 36-year-old man from Chicago, died aboard Royal Caribbean’s Oasis of the Seas during an Atlantis-

chartered sailing after a life-threatening medical emergency was announced over the ship’s public address system in the early morning hours. Royal Caribbean and Atlantis Events said at the time that the death was “unexpected and not suspicious,” but Mindrum’s family later said they were left with few details about what had happened.

That death followed other fatalities tied to Atlantis-chartered voyages. In 2022, another passenger died during an Atlantis Events cruise. And in 2020, a 46-year-old Florida man died after falling overboard during an Atlantis-chartered sailing.

The Port Miami arrests renewed questions about how party-oriented cruises balance celebration with safety and about the role drugs can play in medical emergencies at sea, where the nearest hospital may be days away.

JGM contacted Rich Campbell, the CEO of Atlantis Events, as well as company spokespeople, seeking comment on the arrests and questions about passenger safety and security practices,

but neither Campbell nor the company responded. Requests for comment to Royal Caribbean Cruises and to Department of Homeland Security spokeswoman Tricia McLaughlin went unanswered.

Responding to the arrests, Randle Roper, the founder and chief experience officer of VACAYA, an LGBTQ+ travel company that charters similar cruises, told JGM that his company approaches travel differently. Roper previously worked at Atlantis as an executive producer.

“We take a zero-tolerance approach to illegal substances, not from judgment, but from lived experience and concern for our community’s safety and future,” Roper said. “Life at sea carries real legal and medical risks, and no vacation is worth that cost.”

Cruise ships lack fully equipped hospitals, evacuations can be slow or impossible, and substances that may seem minor on land can carry serious legal consequences once a vessel enters foreign ports, Roper said.



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Best Chain Restaurant Biscuits & Gravy

By Sam Schroeder

It's a burning question that could keep breakfast lovers up at night. Which chain restaurant has the best biscuits and gravy combo? To arrive at an answer, we turned to the most trusted (and brutally honest) source we could find — reviewers. After we scoured a series of posts across different sites, one chain stood definitively above the rest: Hardee's.

The range of platforms we consulted includes Google, Trustpilot, Facebook, and Reddit threads. We considered each chain's overall national rating and found standout locations to read what loyal and repeat customers had to say. As Facebook users in the group Polk County Restaurants and Reviews pointed out, Hardee's biscuits and gravy not only taste delicious but also come at a reasonable price. One member shared that they

had picked up Hardee's breakfast for their parents and stated, "They love the biscuits and gravy, and every day they are two for \$5 such a great deal..."

Why Biscuits And Gravy Reviewers Loved Hardee's

Reviewers repeatedly expressed positive sentiments about this popular Hardee's menu item. One thing that may help explain the quality of the biscuits is that they're baked from scratch. The restaurant says they're delivered from the oven every 15 minutes. In the Reddit thread *r/fastfood*, one user opined that the chain had "the best darn fast food biscuit hands down." The person went on to describe their local Hardee's as having lines around the store at 5 a.m., with customers eager to buy breakfast.

Another Hardee's with glowing reviews was located in Myerstown, Pennsylvania. It earned a rating of 4.2 out of 5 on Google. Filtering to show only breakfast-related posts revealed commenters raving about the location's biscuits. One reviewer claimed that the ones at the Myerstown Hardee's far outdo McDonald's in taste and quality, and reminded them of their grandmother's home cooking. Another reviewer at this location said the sausage gravy was awesome.

A popular trend across reviews was customers ordering breakfast sandwiches (like the egg and cheese biscuit) and dipping the entire sandwich into the gravy. A TikTok user performed this hack in a vehicle but said they often do it at home, spreading the entire concoction out on a plate.

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'Drag Race' Superstar Marina Summers Comes Out As Trans

By Brenda Griffin

Marina Summers, who finished as runner-up on Drag Race Philippines season 1 and went on to become a finalist on RuPaul's Drag Race UK vs The World season 2, has shared a new statement coming out as a trans woman.

"To all the people I love, I'd like to welcome you in — in this journey," the Drag Race superstar wrote in the caption. "I'd like to borrow a bit of your time today. I'd like to tell you something beautiful and meaningful."

Marina's full statement shared in an Instagram carousel reads:

"I've been sitting with this for a long time, trying to find the right moment and the right words. Today feels like that moment.

Since I was a child, I've always felt feminine — even deep into the parts that I didn't always know how to name. For so many years, I poured that energy into carving a life that required me to move at full speed that Becoming the person I've always seen myself as felt like something I'd get to

'later,' something I gently pushed to the side while I tried to catch every other dream first.

But last year, I finally gave myself permission to stop pausing. And start my transition. After years of questioning and pushing back, I finally made the beautiful decision to begin social transitioning early 2025. A lot of you may have noticed how I changed the way I present myself. That journey led me to start my Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) later that year — and I would say it's one of the best things that has ever happened to me.

I chose to keep the first part of this journey with my innermost circle. It's not as if I was hiding something from the world. I just really needed space to feel it, to heal, to simply exist in my own skin without the outside noise. I'm grateful I gave myself that. And now, I'm ready to open the door a little wider and let you all into my journey.

To everyone who knew me as Yan or Adrian, it's been

amazing. But that chapter of my life is happily closed. From hereon, I'd love for you all to get to know me more as the woman I'm becoming. Hello again my friends, it's me, Marina. There's still so much to learn. I don't have everything figured out. But I do know I want to be more honest with you and myself.

Thank you for the love you've shown me so far. Thank you in advance for the kindness and respect you continue to offer. This chapter means the world to me, and I'm happy to finally share it with all of you. With all the sunshine I have in my heart... Marina."

The comments section is filled with lovely messages from the Drag Race queendom, with responses from queens like Kandy Muse, Brooke Lynn Hytes, Kween Kong, Denali, Zahirah Zapanta, Hannah Conda, Rosé, and Kendall Gender, to name a few.

Our congratulations and best wishes to the icon diva superstar herself, Marina Summers!



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News & Politics

Trump Has Built A Plan For Intl Power After Office: Huckabee

By Jacob Nichols



US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee indicated that President Donald Trump's Board of Peace could become his primary post-presidency focus, giving him an indefinite position of power.

In an interview with the New York Post, Huckabee stated that Trump intends to remain influential following his departure from office in 2028. Huckabee said, "Anybody that knows him knows this is not a guy he's ever going to retire. He's not going to sit on a rocking chair on a front porch and just play golf once a week. He's incapable of settling down like that."

The Board of Peace, Trump claims, was built to assemble world leaders and international

power brokers to address global conflicts. It requires a \$1 billion contribution for membership, and was shunned by western leaders at an induction ceremony at the World Economic Forum in Davos last month.

But Huckabee said it could transition into a long-term personal initiative once Trump leaves the White House. Trump has already designated himself as the board's indefinite chairman and indicated his preference for locating the organization's headquarters in Washington.

Drawing on religious doctrine, Huckabee referenced biblical teachings about peacemaking. He stated: "There's a scripture in the New Testament that

says, 'Blessed are the peacemakers.' And unfortunately, a lot of people think that means, 'Blessed are the peace-lovers.' Well, everybody loves peace, but the people who love peace don't necessarily make it."

Huckabee continued, "You can give the peace sign, and you can wear symbols, and you get a tattoo on your arm saying, I love peace. That doesn't make peace."

"On the other hand, Trump wants to be a peacemaker."

Huckabee credited Trump with resolving or reducing tensions in multiple international conflicts — though those claims have been doubted by multiple fact-checkers.

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The Portland shootings have already drawn reaction from the far right. MAGA darling Kyle Rittenhouse, who in 2020 shot and killed two people during protests in Kenosha,

Wisconsin, was later charged and acquitted, and has since become a right-wing media figure, wrote on X, "BREAKING NEWS: Two people just shot by ICE in Portland, Oregon...

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John Lithgow Slams J.K. Rowling's Transphobia

By Moises Mendez II



John Lithgow, who is set to take over the iconic role of Dumbledore in HBO's upcoming Harry Potter television series, recently spoke out against J.K. Rowling and her rampant transphobia. Though at the same time, he did defend his decision to take over as the Hogwarts headmaster in the new adaptation, saying it made him "uncomfortable" and "unhappy" that people insisted he walk away from the job, but he chose not to.

Lithgow spoke at the Rotterdam Film Festival Sunday, where his film *Jimpa* premiered, and was asked how he felt about Rowling's hateful rhetoric. "I take the subject extremely seriously. She has created this amazing canon for young people, and it has jumped into the consciousness

of the society," *Variety* reports him saying. "It's about good versus evil, kindness versus cruelty. I find her views ironic and inexplicable. I've never met her, she's not really involved in this production at all. But the people who are, are remarkable."

He continued, "It upsets me when people are opposed to me having anything to do with this. But in Potter canon you see no trace of transphobic sensitivity. She's written this mediation of kindness and acceptance. And Dumbledore is a beautiful role."

The actor then attempted to lighten the mood, arguing that the opportunity is a good form of job security. "I'm the oldest person in this entire room, just turned 80. And yet I signed a contract – I will be playing

Dumbledore for the next eight years! I absolutely have to keep at it," he said. "I felt: 'Wow! That means I will live to be 88.' I have that in writing."

According to the publication, an audience member got up out of their chair and left the room in protest while Lithgow was talking and could be heard saying, "Things like these don't help," and the actor responded to the abrupt exit by saying, "I'm perfectly ready for collisions of opinion. I understand it."

In *Jimpa*, directed by Sophie Hyde and co-starring Olivia Colman, Lithgow plays a gay grandfather named Jim, affectionately referred to in the movie as the titular namesake by his nonbinary grandchild, Frances (Aud Mason-Hyde, the director's child).





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