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## FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK

### It's Time For Pride



It's Pride! Time to dig your rainbow gear out from the closet, throw up some rainbow lights and celebrate your queerness. This year the new administration in Washington seems to want to make that more difficult. With Trump ending the tradition of the White House designating June as "Pride month" and instead renaming it "Title IX Month" (*page 3*). The new administration has also made sweeping changes and cuts to many HIV/AIDS research and prevention programs (*page 12*) which will affect the health and safety of our community. With all that is going on in Washington things seem scary right now. But Pride can be more than just celebrating our freedom, Pride can be a

protest against oppression (*page 4*).

Once again this year we present our "Officially Unofficial Guide to Pride!" (*page 5*), which also has the complete line-up for Milwaukee's 2025 Pridefest (*page 8*). However Pridefest isn't the only form of entertainment this month as the Sharron Lynn Wilson Center has some excellent performance lined up this month and beyond (*page 15*).

So, no matter how you celebrate it, I hope everyone has a happy and safe Pride this year.

- Your's Truly,  
William S. Gooden, Publisher



## IN MY OPINION

BY: WILLIAM S. GOODEN

## Pride Is Our Resistance



Well Pride is finally here but there is a bit of tension around it this year. With sweeping changes in Washington under the new administration, and many corporations dropping their support of Pride events; as well as safety concerns. Many are a bit apprehensive to celebrate this year. Even travel organizations have offered warning to foreigners who are heading to Washington DC for World Pride this year.

However, queer people are not backing down. If you were to look up themes for this year's pride many events are adopting a theme of resilience and resistance. With themes like "Joy is Resistance," or "These Colors Don't Run." Even Milwaukee's Pridefest theme is "Celebrating The Power of Pride." The themes for Pride events around the country harken back to what Pride originally was and has always been. A form of resistance against societal norms and discriminatory practices. Pride is our way of saying, "Yes, we are here and we are not going anywhere. Nor will we go

quietly away and not without a fight."

As YouTuber Vera Wild said in a short, *"With everything that is going on, I find it helpful to remember, that everyday I wake up. That fact alone pisses off the Alt-Righters, the MAGAs, the Trumpers and the Turffes. And with all of their ilk, they hate the fact that I'm still here. Still here, still Trans, still Queer. Every gray hair is a middle-finger. And I'm getting so many more of these, 'cuse I'm not going anywhere."*

So by all means, march shirtless, don your Puppy gear or fur suit, fly the flags of your choice, dye your hair the rainbow, and walk with your head held high. We have always been here, even when society said we should not be and we will continue to be "here and queer," even as they plot and scheme against us in the White House, conservative think tanks and Evangelical churches. Because like Veras' gray hairs, we are not going anywhere either.

- William S. Gooden  
Publisher

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# In The News

LOCAL & NATIONAL LGBTQ+ NEWS



## Pride Month No More: Trump Administration Says, 'June Is Title IX Month'

By: Bernardo Sim

President Donald Trump's administration has officially declared that June will now be recognized as Title IX Month — not Pride Month.

Monday, June 2, 2025, announcing that June will now be about recognizing instead of Pride Month. The official statement reads:

"The U.S. Department of Education (the Department) today announced that it is recognizing June as 'Title IX Month' in honor of the fifty-third anniversary of Title IX of the Educational Amendments (1972) being signed into law. June will now be dedicated to commemorating women and celebrating their struggle for, and achievement of, equal educational opportunity. Throughout the month, the Department will highlight actions taken to reverse the Biden Administration's legacy of undermining Title IX and announce additional actions to protect women in line with the true purpose of Title IX.

The report also specified that the department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is kicking off the first-ever Title IX Month with two "investigations into the University of Wyoming and Jefferson County Public Schools in Colorado for allegedly allowing males to join and live in female-only intimate and communal spaces."

The official page for the department also wrote in an X post:

"By prohibiting sex-based discrimination in federally funded programs, #TitleIX opened countless athletic & academic opportunities for women & girls across the country. This month, we celebrate Title IX's 53rd anniversary &



Pride flag and trans flag; Donald Trump in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, D.C.

will take more action to protect women's hard-earned rights."

News outlets reporting on this update have drawn parallels between this new Title IX Month replacing the long-standing recognition of June as Pride Month.

"The Education Department announced Monday that June, typically known as Pride Month, would be honored as 'Title IX Month' as it works to undo Biden-era transgender protections," The Hill reported.

Fox News reported, "Dept of Education labels June as 'Title IX Month' in wake of trans athletes winning girls' competitions."

### What is Title IX?

Title IX is a federal civil rights law enacted as one of the Education Amend-

ments of 1972. The main function of Title IX is to prohibit discrimination based on sex. The official language of Title IX reads:

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

A Title IX explainer from Harvard University notes that "Title IX regulations guide how colleges and universities, including Harvard, must respond to sexual harassment and other sexual misconduct through appropriate grievance procedures, supportive measures, and related policies."

<https://www.out.com/news/donald-trump-cancels-pride-month-title-ix-explained-updates>



# In The Spotlight

SPOTLIGHTING MILWAUKEE'S AMAZING PRIDE COMMUNITY

## Celebrating Pride as Resistance

*Police Brutality, Criminalization Still Mark LGBTQ+ Lives Worldwide*

Pride Month is usually a time of revelry. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people flock to the streets in joyful parades celebrating sexual and gender diversity. Pride originated in the United States as a commemoration of the 1969 Stonewall uprising in New York City and has been taken up by activists around the world as both protest and celebration. But while Pride is now welcomed in many places around the world, elsewhere, it remains a point of contestation.

In 2019, Human Rights Watch marched at New York's massive "Stonewall at 50" commemoration, celebrating with other marchers while drawing attention to persistent rights violations in the United States and around the world. We held signs with slogans reading, "Brunei: Repeal 'Death by Stoning' Law," "Tanzania: End Forced Anal Exams," and "US: End Trans Military Ban." But as millions commemorated Stonewall in 2019, the country of Georgia's Interior Ministry was curtailing Pride, forbidding outdoor Pride events citing safety concerns. In previous years, other governments have similarly censored Pride and related events in Lebanon, Singapore, Turkey, Uganda, and elsewhere.

But 2020 is different, with many marches canceled due to Covid-19. Pride organizers in the US transformed some marches into protests against structural racism, in solidarity with Black Lives Matter after the killing of George Floyd



in May. Remember too that Stonewall was sparked by queer and trans people of color resisting police bigotry and harassment.

In recent years during Pride month, Human Rights Watch has published resources on the global state of LGBT rights. Interactive world maps show where anti-LGBT laws persist and which countries have laws recognizing marriage equality or civil unions, while in-depth profiles recount recent events in 120 countries. At least 70 countries criminalize same-sex relations. At least 9 criminalize gender nonconformity. Almost everywhere Human Rights Watch works, we find that policing of sexual orientation and gender identity most often targets marginalized LGBT people: trans people, those who defy

gender norms, sex workers, and those who cannot afford the privacy that protects against police scrutiny.

As we launch our 2020 global resources, the origins of Stonewall highlight the urgent need to strip law enforcement of the ability to police gender and sexuality, and the importance of working across divisions of race, class, and gender to center marginalized voices in the struggle to advance LGBT people's human rights.

Source: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/06/22/celebrating-pride-resistance>



# Pride Guide Special

SPOTLIGHTING ALL THE PRIDE EVENTS ALL MONTH LONG



## Our Officially Unofficial Guide To PRIDE 2025!

By William Gooden

Pride is upon us and despite things happening in the world, there are numerous events happening all month long throughout Milwaukee and Wisconsin. Featuring an event for every taste, from picnics in the park to motorcycle rides. However you like to celebrate Pride, have a happy and safe one.

### Milwaukee

#### PrideFest Milwaukee 2025

When: June 5-7

Where: Henry Maier Festival Park, 200 N. Harbor Drive, Milwaukee

Wisconsin's largest Pride event will feature performances by Nina West, Jan Sport, Jordin Sparks and plenty of other artists. Take part in a volleyball tournament, get health and wellness resources and check out the vendors on site.

#### Ride with Pride 2025

When: June 7

Where: Harley-Davidson Museum, 400 West Canal Street, Milwaukee

The world's largest LGBTQ motorcycle run is back for Pride 2025. Registration and check-in starts at 10 a.m., with the ride starting at noon. The ride will be led by a police escort and all who participate will get a commemorative poker chip.

#### Milwaukee Pride Parade

When: June 8

Where: 2nd Street, Milwaukee

It's the 21st anniversary of the Pride Parade in Milwaukee; this year's theme is "Remember, Resist, Rejoice." Last year, over 200 groups marched in the parade which drew in thousands of people.



The Milwaukee Brewers will host Pride Night on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

#### FatD.I.X. Pride Block Party

When: June 8, starts at 12 noon

Where: 739 S 1st St, Milwaukee

Get ready to party in the sun as D.I.X. Milwaukee & Fat Daddys team up again to bring you the 2025 #FatDIX Pride Block Party!!!

Located on National Ave. between 1st & 2nd St. and conveniently on the main route of the Milwaukee Pride Parade, this party is made for your proud celebrating.

#### Pride on 2nd!

When: June 8, starts at 11 a.m.

Where: Walker's Pint, 819 S 2nd St, Milwaukee

Join the ultimate Pride celebration at the Pride on 2nd Block Party! Kicking off on June 8th at 11 AM, this vibrant event will keep the energy high well into the evening. Grab the best seat to enjoy the parade and stay for an unforgettable party! Get ready for an incredible lineup featuring amazing DJs, live entertainment, and delicious food LaCage, Revival and other local vendors. Sip on refreshing drinks

while you celebrate love, diversity, and community.

#### Milwaukee Brewers Pride Night presented by Aurora Health Care

When: June 12

Where: American Family Field, 1 Brewers Way, Milwaukee

Join the Crew to celebrate the return of Pride Night. All fans in attendance are invited to embrace the LGBTQIA+ community with local vendors, music, curated retail opportunities, and more!

#### The Official Pride Bar Crawl

When: June 21, starts at 4 p.m.

Where: D.I.X. Milwaukee  
739 S 1st St, Milwaukee (Check-in)

Gather your crew, rock your rainbow, and get ready for a day of colorful drinks, good vibes, and epic bar-hopping fun—let's make this Pride Bar Crawl one to remember! Tickets are required and are available at <https://www.crawlwith.us/milwaukee/pride>



## Door County

### 2025 9th Annual Open Door Pride Festival

When: June 28

Where: Martin Park, 207 S 3rd Avenue, Sturgeon Bay

*The Open Door Pride Festival will feature a DJ, live music, games, face painting, a new art tent and more. There are also various initiatives to take part in during the festival, such as "What's My Pride?" photo booth campaign and various scholarships that support LGBTQ+ community members.*

## Sheboygan

### Sheboygan Pride Picnic

When: June 28

Where: City Green, 710 New York Avenue, Sheboygan

*The Sheboygan County LGBTQ Alliance will host the Sheboygan Pride Picnic. After being called off last year, the community said it is excited to reconnect and celebrate pride.*

## Madison

### The Big Gay Pride Market

When: June 13 from 6 to 10 p.m., June 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 15 from 19 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison

*Shop more than 200 queer and ally vendors over three days. The first night of the market is for adults only, includes a queer comedy show and a fundraiser raffle. Saturday, the market includes another fundraiser raffle, plus a kids' comedy show and an adults-only drag show. Sunday, dawn your masks and gear up for a clothing swap, fundraiser raffle and adults-only drag bingo.*

### Sun Prairie Pride Fest

When: June 28

Where: Sun Prairie West High School, 2850 Ironwood Drive, Sun Prairie

*This family-friendly pride event features live entertainment, face painting, games,*



Sheboygan Pride Picnic will take place on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

*art activities, food resources and more.*

## Appleton

### Fox Valley Pride 2025

When: June 21

Where: Jones Park, 301 W Lawrence Street, Appleton

*Head to Jones Park, which offers playground equipment, all gender restrooms and amphitheater and more. The park will act as this year's festival grounds, with events such as the Pride Promenade, a dance party, a corn hole tournament, drag shows and more.*

## Wausau

### Wausau Family Pride Fest

When: June 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: 400 Block, Downtown Wausau

*This free, family-friendly festival includes bounce houses, live entertainment, food trucks, nonprofits, vendors and more. Located in the heart of downtown Wausau, it doubles as a time to support and explore local*

*businesses.*

### Pride at Night

When: June 7 starting at 6:30 p.m.

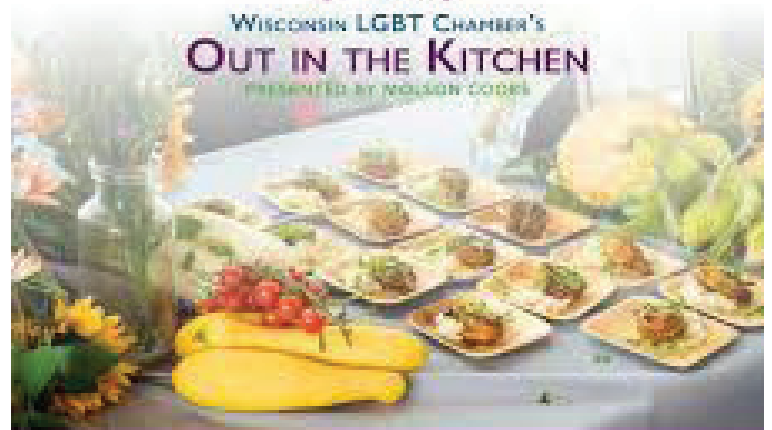
Where: Central WI Convention and Expo Center, 10101 Market Street, Rothschild

*Vanessa Vanjie of "RuPaul's Drag Race" headlines the drag show during Pride at Night. Complete with a meet and greet, post-show performance, a dance party, cocktails and food trucks, this 18+ event*

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### Central Wisconsin Pride

When: June 19-22

Where: Motorama Event Grounds,  
181705 Stradale Lane, Aniwa

*Everyone is welcome to this Pride-themed camping weekend. Head to the campground to set up your RV or campsite, then enjoy a potluck dinner on night one. The following days include tons of activities such as river tubing, drag shows, a pride pageant, vendors, karaoke, food, drinks, museums, bingo, fashion, dance parties, brunches and more.*

### Eau Claire

#### Pride in The Park

When: June 14

Where: TBA

*Community members, local businesses and advocacy organizations are all pitching in to bring back Pride in the Park. Dozens of vendors, food trucks and activities — including drag shows from local performers and music — will be in attendance.*

### Stevens Point

#### Pride Crawl

When: June 13

Where: Downtown Stevens Point

*The day before Point Pride, local businesses will host a traditional bar crawl with drink specials, a crawl cup and more. Get your punch card marked to be*



The 2025 Ride With Pride will take on Saturday, June 7.

*entered into a raffle. Catch live entertainment during the crawl. Open carry will end at midnight.*

### Point Pride

When: June 14

Where: TBA

Details have yet to be announced.

### Fond du Lac

#### 7th Annual Fond du Lac Pride Picnic

When: June 22

Where: Lakeside Park, 555 N. Park Avenue, Fond du Lac

*The LGBTQ+ community and allies are welcome to celebrate community, love, laughter and joy. Expect food vendors,*

*music, community outreach and more. Bring your chosen family, pack your picnic gear and take the day to relax in nature.*

### Hudson

#### Valley Wide Pride Fest

When: June 21

Where: Lakefront Park, 1st Street, Hudson

*Details have yet to be announced.*



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# 2025 Milwaukee Pridefest Stage Line-up

## Skyline (Main Stage) Thursday, June 5th

### SM6

5:30- p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

### Party Favors

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Adore Delano

8:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

### Ru Queens Drag Review

Featuring Nina West, Adore Delano,  
Raja Gemini, Willow Pill and Jan

### Sport

9:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

## Friday, June 6th

### Coven/Evening Hosts Featuring

Aubry Del Mar, JJ O'Ryan, Mia  
Amor, Omeega, Risk E. Bismuth and  
Sidney Viscous

3:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

MKE Royals Featuring Lee Vine, Dev  
Estate, Michael Bubbles, Nick Bone  
Us, and Latin Heat

3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Kristen Ford

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

### Boy Band Review

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### The Love Monkeys

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Pablo Vittar

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### Jordin Sparks

10:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.



Pablo Vittar - Friday Headliner

## Saturday, June 7th

Homme Fatale: All Male Show Featur-  
ing Talon, Hunter, Ben, and Khrist

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Loretta Love Lee presents: LOUD &  
PROUD featuring Aiden, Dream, El-  
lah, Ike, Joey, Kenya, Mercedes, Shaw-  
na and Venezia

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

### Our Voice Milwaukee

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Latin Explosion

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

### Zee Machine

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Jay Jurden

8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

### Chris Housman

10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

## Dance Pavilion

## Thursday, June 5th

Lady Gia - Evening Host

7:00 p.m. - Midnight

Amethyst Von Trollenberg - Evening  
Host

7:00 p.m. - Midnight



Adore Delano - Thurs. Headliner

### DJ Deemanda Schotts

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Mad Hazzard

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

### Euphoria Revolution

6:00 p.m. - Midnight

### Cielo

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Adore Sanchez

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Since the Beginning Drag Show

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Certified Scruffian

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### Baby Weight

10:30 p.m. - Midnight

## Friday, June 6th

Aviana C. Laurent - Early Host

4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Baylee I.J Davenport - Early Host

4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### DJ Livid

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



**DJ Shorty Macc**

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**MAN Williamz**

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**DJ Sammy T**

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**This is it. The grand finale.**

7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

**Melee - Evening Host**

7:30 p.m. - Midnight

**Iconika Strange - Evening Host**

7:30 - Midnight

**Robin Fierce - Evening Host**

7:30 p.m. - Midnight

**Space Cats**

7:30 p.m. - Midnight

**AIM Squad**

7:30 p.m. - Midnight

**Furries**

7:30 p.m. - Midnight

**PrideChella: Dance Edition**

8:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**Montell's Melanin****Extravaganza Vol. 5**

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Travvy Trav**

10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**DJ Femme Noir**

11:00 p.m. - Midnight

***Saturday, June 7th*****Esther Talopram - Early Host**

Noon - 6:00 p.m.

**Lola Rome - Early Host****Jordin Sparks- Friday Headliner**

Noon - 6:00 p.m.

**DJ Tylex**

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**World Dance Revue**

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**DJ Ariam Perez Hilton**

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Skrat & FXY**

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**\*aya\***

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Sabor Latino**

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Melee - Evening Host**

6:00 p.m. - Midnight

**Aubrey Del Mar - Evening Host**

6:00 p.m. - Midnight

**Space Cats**

6:00 p.m. - Midnight

**AIM Squad**

6:00 p.m. - Midnight

**Furries**

6:00 p.m. - Midnight

**DJ Mel-Down**

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**DOGGPOUND**

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Lady Gia Presents Icons**

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**DJ Shawna**

9:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

**Kaleena Zanders**

10:30 p.m. - Midnight

**The Intersection****Thursday, June 5th****Stone Theory**

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**The ASL Scene Presents: Deaf Trivia**

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Emily Zimmer Duo**

8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Cirquelesque**

10:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

***Friday, June 6th*****Cynthia Starich**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Tigernite**

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**MMB ENT**

7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Hue Reveue BIPOC Cabaret**

9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

**DJ Jean Le Duke**

10:45 p.m. - 11:45 p.m.

***Saturday, June 7th*****Emerging Artists Showcase Featuring:**



**Chacha Royalty, JBeau Rainboi, TINY and TREY**

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Grim Paddle**

2:00 - 3:00pm

**Out in the Open Spoken Word Lounge**  
Featuring Lilo Allen, Carmen Murguia, Kentrell and Mikey

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**The Gayme Show**

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**The Locals**

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**TRANS/ENBY**

**Excellence Extravaganza**

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**IV King**

10:00 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.

### Red Light District

**Thursday, June 5th**

**Kinky Trivia**

with Milwaukee Queer Munch

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Speed Friending**

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Pole Factory MKE - Matthew**

10:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

### Friday, June 6th

**Bump & Grind: Mutual Pleasure for Queer Folks (Tool Shed Class)**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Ya'Ya's Sensual Movement**

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Kinky Carnival**

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Comedy Showcase: After Dark** Featuring Carly-Malison, Gemini the Savage, Kay Baratti and Michael McChesney

10:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

### Saturday, June 7th

**Burlesque 101** Featuring Afrodisaic Slays, Blaque Diamond, and Lady V'Lush

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Sexyoke: Karaoke with a Twist** Featuring Holly Garland, Lola Mischief, Jade Envy, MS B Haven and Sugar St Clair

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**For Your Eyes Only Dance Showcase** by Ya Ya

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Pitch - A - Friend**

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**DJ Jean Le Duke**

9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

### Children's Stage

**Saturday, June 7th**

**Face Painting**

ALL DAY...!

**Kids are People Too!**

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Mischief & Magic**

**Clown & Magic Show**

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Fox and Branch**

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Pride Mentor Youth Drag Show**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Festival Grounds

**Friday, June 6th**

**The Pride of Atlantis: MKE Pride Ball**

7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

**Saturday, June 7th**

**PrideFest Fireworks Show!**

9:30 p.m.

### All Weekend Long

**Cirque du Cham**

**Furries**

**Spacecats**

**Haus of Ogé**

**AIM Squad**



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## Trump makes sweeping HIV research and grant cuts: ‘Setting us back decades’

*Termination of at least 145 grants will decimate progress toward eliminating epidemic, scientists say*

The federal government has cancelled dozens of grants to study how to prevent new HIV infections and expand access to care, decimating progress toward eliminating the epidemic in the United States, scientists say.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) terminated at least 145 grants related to researching advancements in HIV care that had been awarded nearly \$450m in federal funds. The cuts have been made in phases over the last month.

NIH, a division of the Department of Health and Human Services, is the largest funding source of medical research in the world, leaving many scientists scrambling to figure out how to continue their work.

“The loss of this research could very well result in a resurgence of HIV that becomes more generalized in this country,” said Julia Marcus, a professor at Harvard Medical School who recently had two of her grants cancelled. “These drastic cuts are rapidly destroying the infrastructure of scientific research in this country and we are going to lose a generation of scientists.”

In 2012, the FDA approved pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), an antiviral drug taken once a day that is highly successful at preventing new HIV infections. While the drug has been a power-



A protest against cuts to American foreign aid spending, including USAid and the PEPfar programme to combat HIV/Aids, on Capitol Hill in February. Photograph: Mark Schiefelbein/AP

ful tool to contain the virus, inequities remain in accessing those drugs and sustaining a daily treatment. Despite major progress, there are still 30,000 new infections each year in the US.

Many of the terminated HIV-related studies focused on improving access to drugs like PrEP in communities that have higher rates of infections – including trans women and Black men. One of Marcus’s projects was examining whether making PrEP available over the counter would increase the use of the drug in vulnerable communities.

“The research has to focus on the populations that are most affected in order to have an impact and be relevant,” said Marcus.

Yet, this may be the justification for defunding so many HIV-related studies. A termination letter reviewed by the Guardian dated 20 March cited that “so-called diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) studies are often used to support unlawful discrimination on the basis of race and other protected characteristics, which harms the health of Americans.”





**"Scrapping an entire category of disease from research will have innumerable downstream effects on the rest of healthcare."**

**- Erin Kahle,  
University of Michigan**

The National Institutes of Health did not expand on why the grants were terminated in response to questions from the Guardian. In a statement it said it was "taking action to terminate research funding that is not aligned with NIH and HHS priorities. We remain dedicated to restoring our agency to its tradition of upholding gold-standard, evidence-based science."

Many researchers were left stunned by the scale of the cancellations since in 2019, Donald Trump announced in his State of the Union address a commitment to eliminate the HIV epidemic in the country over the next 10 years. As part of this initiative, his administration negotiated a deal with drug companies to provide free PrEP for 200,000 low-income patients.

"Scientific breakthroughs have brought a once-distant dream within reach," said Trump in his address. "Together we will defeat Aids in America."

Amy Nunn, a professor at the Brown University School of Public Health, said she had even tailored grant proposals to fit the policy goals of the initiative, which included geographically targeting HIV prevention efforts. One of her studies that was terminated focused on closing disparities of PrEP use among African American men in Jackson, Mississippi.

"They finally adopted those policies at the federal level," Nunn said, noting that Trump was the first president to make ending the epidemic a priority. "Now they're undercutting their own successes. It's so strange."

Though hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds had been awarded for the grants, the terminations will not recoup all of that money for the administration, since many are years into their work. Some are even already finished.



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Nathaniel Albright learned earlier this month that an NIH grant supporting his doctoral research was canceled even though his project had already been completed. A PhD candidate at Ohio State University, Albright is defending his dissertation at the end of the month. Still, Albright is concerned how the cuts affect the future of the field.

“It’s created an environment in academia where my research trajectory is now considered high risk to institutions,” said Albright, who is currently struggling to find postdoctorate positions at universities.

Pamina Gorbach, an epidemiologist who teaches at University of California, Los Angeles, had been following hundreds of men living with HIV in Los Angeles for 10 years to learn their needs. She had been awarded an NIH grant to better facilitate their treatment through a local clinic. Her funding was cancelled earlier this month as well.



**The National Institutes of Health campus in Bethesda, Maryland, in 2015. Photograph: Lydia Polimeni/AP**

“It’s really devastating,” said Gorbach. “If you’re living with HIV and you’re not on meds, you know what happens? You get sick and you die.”

Clinic staff in Los Angeles will likely be laid off as a result of the cuts, said Gorbach. Others agreed one immediate concern was how to pay their research staff, since the funds from a grant are immediately frozen once it is terminated. The NIH funds also often make up at

least a portion of university professor’s salaries, all said they were most alarmed by the impact on services for their patients and the loss of progress toward ending the epidemic.

“This is erasing an entire population of people who have been impacted by an infectious disease,” said Erin Kahle, the director of the center for sexuality and health disparities at the University of Michigan who lost an NIH grant.

Scrapping an entire category of disease from research will have innumerable downstream effects on the rest of healthcare, she added.

“This is setting us back decades,” said Kahle.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/mar/31/trump-administration-hiv-research-grant-cuts>

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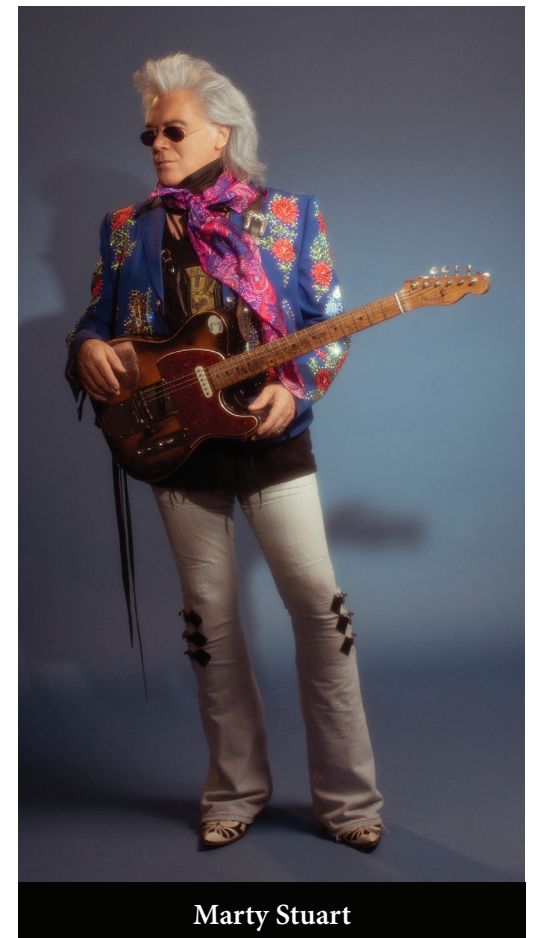
- Julian Lage Trio (Aug 15th) – The Grammy-nominated guitar prodigy returns to the Wilson Center, showcasing his evolution as one of modern jazz’s most exciting voices.
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- Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives (Oct. 24th) – Country music royalty comes to the Wilson Center for an unforgettable night of Americana.
- Joshua Redman Quartet (Nov. 8th) – The iconic saxophonist performs selections from his upcoming Blue Note Records release.

- Voctave (Dec. 18th) – The a cappella sensation brings an all-new holiday performance to the SLWC.

- AJ Lee & Blue Summit (Jan. 16th) – California’s rising bluegrass stars make their Wilson Center debut.

- Emmet Cohen presents Miles and Coltrane at 100 (Feb. 27th) – In honor of the centennial birthdays of jazz legends Miles Davis and John Coltrane, this acclaimed group delivers a celebratory tribute.

- Adam Pascal & Anthony Rapp “30 Years of Friendship and RENT” (April



Marty Stuart



11th) – Original stars of RENT reunite to reflect on three decades of friendship and perform hits from the groundbreaking musical.

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*Mixed bar with college-age crowd*

722 E. Burleigh St.

Milwaukee, WI 53212

(414) 372-7880

<https://www.facebook.com/artbarmke>

## DIX Milwaukee ♦

*Southern Style Video/Dance Bar*

739 S. 1st St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 231-9085

<https://dixmke.com>

## Fluid Milwaukee ♦

*Gay Bar*

819 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

414-Oh-Fluid/(414) 643-5843

<https://fluidmke.com>

## Harbor Room ♦

*Levis' & Leather Bar*

117 E. Greenfield Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 672-7988

<https://www.facebook.com/Harbor-Room-117-E-Greenfield-Ave-Milwaukee-WI-151982704821436/>

## Hunty's Social Club ♦

*Drag Bar inside*

*Hamburger Marys*

734 S. 5th St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 488-2555

<https://huntyismke.com>

## Kruz ♦

*Levis' & Leather Bar*

354 E. National Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 272-5789

<https://www.facebook.com/kruz>

## kruzbar

## La Cage Niteclub ♦

*Gay Dance Club*

801 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 383-8330

<https://www.facebook.com/LaCageNiteclub>

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## POP

*Live Drag Performances & Food*

124 W. National Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 808-2028

<https://www.popwalkerspoint.com>

## Walker's Pint ♦

*Lesbian Bar*

818 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 643-7468

<https://walkerspint.com>

## Woody's Sports Bar ♦

*Gay Sports Bar*

1579 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 672-0806

<https://www.facebook.com/woodys.mke>

## Zócolo Food Park ♦

*Bar with food trucks, gay friendly*

636 S. 6th St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 433-9747

<https://www.zocalomke.com>



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## C 3 Designs ♦

*Custom Jewelry designer in South*

*Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

2110 10th Ave.

South Milwaukee, WI 53172

(414) 764-3892

<http://c3designs.rocks/>

## Oun Kine Grindz ♦

*Hawaiian Cafe, caterer and store*

7215 W. North Ave.

Wauwatosa, WI 53213

(414) 778-0727

<http://www.okgrindz.com>

## Purple Door Ice Cream ♦

*LGBTQ-owned ice cream parlor with unique flavors and treats*

205 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 988-2521

<https://www.purpledooricecream.com>

## Sherman Perk Cafe ♦

*Local coffee shop in the Sherman Park Neighborhood*

4924 W Roosevelt Dr.

Milwaukee, WI 53216

(414) 875-7375

<https://shermanperkcoffeeshop.com/>

## La Finca Coffeehouse ♦

*Women owned coffee shop with unique coffees and eats.*

3558 E Sivyver Ave.

St Francis, WI 53235

(414) 394-0722

<https://www.lafinca.cafe>

## Todo Postres LLC. ♦

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Community health center provides discounted or free health programs  
2906 S. 20th St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53215  
(414) 672-1353  
<https://sschc.org>

### BESTD Clinic

Free STI testing Clinic  
1240 E. Brady St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
(414) 272-2144  
<https://www.bestd.org>

### Community Health Systems, Inc. ♦

A federally qualified Health Center that operates a medical, dental, and behavioral health clinic in Beloit, Wisconsin  
74 Eclipse Center,  
Beloit, WI 53511  
tel: (608) 361-0311  
[www.chsofwi.org](http://www.chsofwi.org)

### Compassionate Clinical Services

Provides private therapy and counseling services by Ryan Larkey, LCSW, SAC  
985 W. Oklahoma Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53204

### Planned Parenthood

(414) 839-1821  
<https://www.compassionateclinicalservices.com>

### Waukesha County Public Health Division

514 Riverview Ave.,  
Waukesha, WI, 53188  
262-896-8430

[www.waukeshacounty.gov/publichealth](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/publichealth)

**Vivent Health (formerly ARCW)**  
HIV/AIDS health center that provides medical, dental, counseling and social service help  
820 N. Plankinton Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
(414) 273-1991  
<https://viventhealth.org>



### Cream City Foundation

Not-for-profit that funds LGBTQ+ outreach organizations  
PO Box 511099  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
(414) 225-0244  
<https://creamcityfoundation.org>

### Diverse & Resilient ♦

LGBTQ+ health and advocacy group  
2439 N. Holton St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53212  
(414) 390-0444  
<https://www.diverseandresilient.org>

### LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin

Community center with many programs for LGBTQ+ groups  
1456 Junction Ave.  
Racine, WI 53403  
(262) 664-4100  
<https://www.lgbtsewi.org>

### Milwaukee LGBT Community Center ♦

Community center with many programs for LGBTQ+ groups  
315 W. Court St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53212  
(414) 271-2656  
<https://www.mkelgbt.org>

### Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce

Networking and resources for LGBTQ+ business  
5027 W. North Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53208  
(414) 678-9275  
<https://wislgbtchamber.com>



### Central Library ♦

The main branch of The Milwaukee County Library system has books, movies, periodicals available for lending.  
814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233  
414) 286-3000

### Wisconsin LGBTQ History Project, Inc.

Local organization dedicated to preserving and bringing light to LGBTQ+ historical events and people.  
(414) 324-9072  
<https://wislgbthistory.com>



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