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By William Gooden, Publisher Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine

here in Wisconsin celebrating all body shapes and sizes with her candle art.

Fall is here! The weather is getting chillier and it's the perfect time of year for art. Whether it's curling up in a warm blanket with a good book, watching a movie, working on arts and crafts or visiting a museum. Fall is the perfect time to get your art groove on. That is why September's issue is our Arts Issue.

In other news we look at 5 things on lawmakers' to-do list ahead of the midterm elections, as they return to their new session. In our "Healthy Life" section we talk about the falling rates of new monkeypox cases and what that really means.

But in some parts of the country something as simple as curling up with a good queer-themed book, is becoming more and more difficult. Many books, art exhibits, and artist and creators on social media are having their work censored at an unprecedented rate. This month in our "Pride Life Feature" we look at the effect the conservative backlash is having on queer art and content in our libraries, museums and online. In our "In The Spotlight" section, we take a look at a Black queer candle-maker

Our own art connoisseur Michael Johnston gives you the lowdown on all the fine fall fairs taking place in this month's "Cordially Yours, Again!" And we have some great photos from the he Grant Heffelfinger Memorial Big Gay 5K 2022 in our "Events & Happenings" section. And if you're looking for someplace to have a beer while catching the Packers game this fall check out our Resource Guide for our local bar listings and much more.



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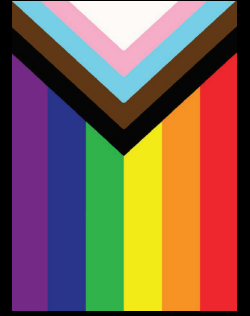
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# In The News

LOCAL & NATIONAL LGBTQ+ NEWS



## Congress returns: 5 things on lawmakers' to-do list ahead of the midterm elections

*Congress returns after a month-long break to address a possible government shutdown, same-sex marriage protections and a bill to avoid future coup attempts, among other items.*

By Scott Wong, Sahil Kapur, Ali Vitali and Kate Santaliz

Averting a government shutdown tops the list of priorities for Congress when it returns after a monthlong August recess for a final push to the Nov. 8 midterm elections.

The Senate returned Tuesday. The House is back next week. If Democratic leaders have their way, Congress will break for most — if not all — of October to let lawmakers go home and campaign ahead of a high-stakes election that will decide which party controls Congress for the next two years.

But first, they need to resolve a number of issues.

“We have several high-priority items that demand our immediate attention,” Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Tuesday as he reconvened the chamber, emphasizing the need to keep the government open and confirm more judges.

Here are the biggest priorities:

### Fund the government

Neither party wants to shut down the government right before the midterm elections, but there are a number of tricky issues the two sides will have to work out to avoid it.

Funding for the federal government runs out on Sept. 30, so lawmakers will be working furiously to pass a short-term stopgap measure in the coming weeks to keep the lights on in Washington past Election Day, likely until December.



Complicating matters is the fact that Democrats want to load up the continuing resolution, or CR, with some of their priorities. The Biden White House wants to attach a \$47 billion package that includes \$11.7 billion for additional Ukraine military and economic assistance, nearly \$27 billion for efforts to fight Covid-19 and monkeypox, and \$6.5 billion for relief for flooding, wildfires and other recent natural disasters.

Another issue that could hitch a ride on the CR is permitting reform legislation. To secure Sen. Joe Manchin's vote on Democrats' massive climate and health care package, party leaders pledged to pass legislation this month that would fast-track the approval process for domestic energy projects, including natural gas pipelines.

But the side deal has frustrated progressives and environmentalists who believe that easing permitting would be

taking a step backward in the nation's transition to clean energy. House Natural Resources Committee Chair Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., a progressive leader, said on Yahoo Finance that he and more than 60 House Democrats plan to send a letter to leadership demanding that the Manchin bill not be linked to the CR.

Congress faces another deadline on Sept. 30: A host of Food and Drug Administration user fee programs that help finance the agency are set to expire. Failure to renew them would force disruptions to the Food and Drug Administration.

### Protect legal same-sex marriage

Democrats have also pushed to enshrine protections for same-sex marriage and interracial marriage this year in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* and the possibility that those rights could be overturned, as well.

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# Congress returns

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The Respect for Marriage Act cleared the House with help from 47 Republicans. But the issue has not gained significant GOP support on the other side of the Capitol, leaving its prospects to defeat a filibuster in the Senate uncertain.

Senior Senate Democrats have been considering adding it to the CR, a congressional Democratic source said, to try to get it through.

Just four Senate Republicans have indicated support for the bill — Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Rob Portman of Ohio and Thom Tillis of North Carolina — far short of the 10 Republicans needed to overcome a GOP filibuster.

A number of Republicans, including Sens. Josh Hawley of Missouri, and Ted Cruz and John Cornyn of Texas, have told NBC News that they oppose the bill and don't see a need for the legislation since they believe these rights aren't being threatened. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., said he saw "no reason" to oppose the bill, but has since suggested there may be issues with it.

But there's disagreement among Democrats about the path forward. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., who is leading the marriage bill, said Tuesday that the government funding measure is "not my preferred path" to advance the legislation.

Baldwin said she's soliciting "feedback on an amendment that would address the remaining concerns adequate to getting more than 10" Republicans to support the bill.

"The Senator's goal is to pass the Respect for Marriage Act and she will do whatever it takes to get there," a Baldwin spokesperson said in an email. "Individuals in same-sex and interracial marriages need, and should have, the confidence that their marriage is legal."

## Tighten election laws to prevent coups

A priority for many lawmakers in both parties is to pass a new law tightening election laws in order to prevent future coup attempts, starting with the 2024 presidential election. A bipartisan group of senators, led by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W. Va., released two bills in July to do just that, largely in response to attempts by supporters of former President Donald Trump to overturn the 2020 election.

The Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement Act would clarify the 1887 law on the vice president's role in counting votes, beef up laws to certify elections for the rightful winner and promote an orderly presidential transition.

The Senate Rules Committee, chaired by Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., held a hearing on the issue on Aug. 3. It is unclear when the bills will get a floor in the full Senate. Senators are grappling with whether to vote before the election or during the lame duck session.

Democrats — and some Republicans — believe the legislation must pass this year, worrying that a potential GOP-controlled House would throw it in the trash can next year.

That bill recently secured its 10th Republican sponsor — Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa — putting it in shape to pass the Senate if Democrats unify. A second bill, the Enhanced Election Security and Protection Act, would set new rules for protecting electronic records and add penalties for intimidating election workers or officials.

## Finish Jan. 6 investigation

After holding eight televised hearings in June and July, the Jan. 6 committee is planning to hold additional hearings later this month.

Those hearings are expected to highlight key findings of the bipartisan Jan. 6 panel's 15-month investigation which likely will be detailed in an interim report before the midterm election.

The committee's final report won't be completed until after the election but

must be written before the end of the year. "We're like Cinderella at midnight," Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., said Sunday on CBS's "Face the Nation." "Our license runs out at the end of the year."

Even as committee members and staff put pen to paper, they are still seeking additional interviews with high-profile witnesses who could help fill in missing details. The Jan. 6 panel said it still would like to talk to former Vice President Mike Pence, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and conservative activist Ginni Thomas, among others.

"My guess is ... that it's going to be very tough to get the entire report done by the end of October, but we'll have some key findings," Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., a committee member, said during a recent appearance on MSNBC. "There's such a volume of information to be displayed and conveyed, and hopefully in a way that is accessible to the American public."

## Confirm more judges

Also on Schumer's to-do list is to confirm as many of President Joe Biden's judicial nominees as possible. There are currently 78 vacancies on federal trial and appellate courts. Biden has issued four nominations for appeals court and 33 for district courts, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. That will take time to process.

The Democratic-led Senate will have to decide whether to process judges — and how many — in the lame duck session between the election and swearing-in of the new Congress in January.

Many Democrats will feel less restrained about holding votes in November and December than in previous Congresses, no matter how the midterm election turns out. In the 2020 lame duck session, under the leadership of Sen. Mitch McConnell, Republicans ended a longstanding custom to avoid confirming judicial nominees sent by a president who had just lost the election.

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# Healthy Life

HEALTH AND FITNESS NEWS



## Monkeypox cases are falling, but experts warn that the outbreak is not over

*New monkeypox cases are down 40% since Aug. 10, according to an NBC News analysis. Most of the decline has occurred in large cities with better access to medical care.*

*By Erika Edwards, Joe Murphy and Marina Kopf*

The number of new monkeypox cases in the United States has fallen by 40% since early August — a signal that the country's outbreak could be abating.

According to an NBC News analysis of data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the seven-day average of new reported cases decreased from a daily average of 465 on Aug. 10, to 281 on Aug. 31.

The overall drop in cases is largely driven by falling case counts in big cities including New York City and Los Angeles.

Much of that decrease, experts say, may be attributed to conscious changes in behavior among people most at risk for monkeypox — men who have sex with men and others in their sexual networks.

Dr. Jay Varma, director of the Center for Pandemic Prevention and Response at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City, cited research from the CDC that found a 50% drop in risky hookups. According to the New York City Department of Health, cases fell consistently throughout the month of August.

Men who have sex with men "take their health seriously," Varma said. "This is born of experience with the HIV epidemic and intensive activism."

The CDC reported the first cases asso-



ciated with the outbreak in May. Since then, nearly 19,000 cases have been reported nationwide, with the vast majority — 16,241 — in August.

The rollout of vaccines may have also played a role in the decline. As of Aug. 30, 352,675 doses of monkeypox vaccine had been administered in areas of the country that report such data.

Cases are also falling in European countries, including Germany and the Netherlands, World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said Wednesday in a briefing.

With the right public health messag-

ing, vaccines and treatments, it's possible, he said, that the virus can be eliminated, at least in Europe.

"This is an outbreak that can be stopped," he said.

While the drop in cases in the U.S. is promising, the national numbers are "only one measure" of what's truly happening with the outbreak, said Dr. Bruce Y. Lee, a professor of health policy and management at the City University of New York Graduate School of Public Health.

"What we really want to know is the geographic spread of the virus," Lee said.

# Pride Life Features

THE EVENTS AND PEOPLE THAT ARE SHAPING LGBTQ+ MILWAUKEE

## Queer Art and the Conservative Backlash

By William S. Gooden,  
Publisher, Milwaukee Pride Life

Queer art has always pushed the boundaries of society and politics. From the homo-erotic undertones in the writings of Oscar Wilde, to the erotic drawings of Tom of Finland. So queer artists from all media are no strangers to the struggle for acceptance of their art, nor to the concept of censorship.

When the US Navy forcibly removed Paul Cadmus's 1934 painting *The Fleet's In!* from an exhibition at The Corcoran Gallery of Art before it opened that same year, a national scandal unfolded. The unmentioned queer presence in his painting ignited one of the earliest known cases of censorship of a gay artist in the United States. Eventually, Cadmus would win out against the Navy, as reproductions of the work proliferated in newspapers across the country, catapulting Cadmus into the media spotlight.

As the LGBTQ+ movement continued on through the decades and fought to gain acceptance, so too did our community's art and artists. Eventually, there seemed to come a golden age for queer art and culture. Mainstream TV shows began to feature more LGBTQ+ characters, and queer themed shows, like *RuPaul's Drag Race* became certifiable hits. Musical artist like Sam Smith, Big Freeda, Superfruit, Kim Petras, Todric Hall or Little Nas X, all who several years ago would have remained known only to queer audiences, have found commercial mainstream success and recognition in the music industry. Last year, from July 23 to August 23, 2021, Milwaukee played host to *Queering the Cream City*, a public art exhibition organized by Vaughan Larsen as an extension



of *That Way*, an Instagram account and printed zine, featuring weekly takeovers of LGBTQ+ artists. This outdoor exhibition replaced ads on billboards with art, adding contemporary LGBTQ+ art to the streets of Milwaukee. This was Wisconsin's first-ever billboard art exhibition featuring work exclusively made by LGBTQ+ artists. Which was largely publicly well received!

Though despite all the progress and high-notes, there would come a price to pay. And that price would come in the form of a conservative backlash in the last few years. What started as law makers attempting to pass laws to prevent transgender athletes from competing in sports as their preferred gender, has turned into an all out assault on LGBTQ+ culture, including, censorship of queer art.

### Banning Queer books

Starting back in 2021, there was an increased rise of book banning. The American Library Association (ALA) Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 729 challenges to nearly 1,600 books — most of them by or about Black or LGBTQ+ people — in America's public schools and libraries in 2021, its annual State of America's Libraries report revealed. The number of challenges, more than double those in 2020, were the most the ALA has seen since it began

compiling such information more than two decades ago. "A year ago, we might have been receiving one, maybe two reports a day about a book being challenged at a library," said Deborah Caldwell-Stone, the director of the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom. "Now, we're getting three, four, five reports a day."

Books are being challenged at a record pace in a national culture war that has also led to bans on Pride flags and state bills seeking to limit LGBTQ+ classroom instruction.

Further, PEN America, a literary and free expression organization, identified in a report released on Monday, September 19, 2022 at least 50 groups at the national, state or local level that have advocated for book bans in recent months.

Many of these efforts seek to pull books with LGBTQ+ characters or themes — think Maia Kobabe's *Gender Queer* or George M. Johnson's *All Boys Aren't Blue* — and are part of a broader, conservative-led movement to chisel away at the rights and status of LGBTQ+ Americans. (Notably, the aforementioned groups also target titles that grapple with race and racism, including Toni Morrison's debut novel, *The Bluest Eye*.)

In a CNN interview with Anthony Michael Kreis, a law professor at Georgia State University whose interests include civil rights and anti-discrimination, Kreis talked about how today's book banning efforts fit into a long US history of marginalizing certain groups and can disadvantage young people in the long run.

"I think that we're seeing a relaunch of an old story, which is that sexual minorities are "groomers" and predatory



and that sexual orientation and gender identity are inherently sexual.

"This story is being repackaged, but it's also being weaponized in a way I think is a bit different now.

"In the 1990s, for instance, these narratives and themes were used largely to scare people into rejecting LGBTQ+ rights and in particular nondiscrimination laws. One thing that's different now is that, with social media being so prevalent and with the various ways we can interact with one another, we're not necessarily seeing a broad allegation against the entire LGBTQ+ community. It's an allegation targeted directly at individuals – a great degree of hatefulness is being projected at individuals in a way I don't think we've really seen before.

"So, you could be a teacher in a small town in Virginia or in a big city such as Chicago or Atlanta and suddenly you might have an account with a million followers targeting you and saying that you're something you're objectively not."

#### **It's Happening on the Internet**

But libraries across the country are not the only place we are seeing censorship. Once the bastion of free expression, social media sites like Instagram, Twitter and Facebook; suspensions and 'shadowbans' have become a regular issue for queer artists and creators.

Eva Wo, a queer artist in Philadelphia, PA, in an interview with *Philadelphia Weekly* said, "My work is constantly being censored. My accounts are all shadowbanned and flagged even when I post something that is properly censored, I still get it taken down."

It isn't just artists getting banned and having their content removed without so

much as a word. Terry Miller, LGBTQ+ activist, director, spokesperson and husband of sex advice columnist Dan Savage, tweeted on September 19, 2022 that, "My very highly edited and self-censored account has once again been suspended by IG." This instance by Meta is about the third or fourth time Miller has had an account suddenly suspended without any particular reason than the generic Instagram notice of, "your account has been suspended for violating community rules." While Miller does post photos for a number of underwear and clothing lines he does spokes-modeling for, his photos have always been self-censored. However, numerous straight female models regularly post provocative photos or even nude images promoting porn sites or their *OnlyFans* accounts with no repercussions.

Another place on the web where queer creators are finding their work unceremoniously censored is YouTube. Once another bastion for queer content, over the last four or five years queer content creators have seen their work quite often demonetized or outright removed. Again with the vague, "your account has been suspended for violating community rules," reason. Particular demonetization, meaning your video is locked out of earning any money from ads shown during the videos run, financially hurts the creator. Many content creators use YouTube as a primary or supplementary source of income (especially during the pandemic). "Pup Amp" Somers, known for his sex positive podcast and YouTube Channel, "*Watts the Safe Word*," regularly has his videos demonetized or removed. Somers was not the only

LGBTQ+ YouTube content creator to experience this, which caused a number of queer creators to join together in a lawsuit against YouTube and its parent company Google back in 2019. Citing that YouTube/Google had violated their right to freedom of speech, the suit claimed, "videos containing keywords such as "transgender," "lesbian," "gay," or "bisexual" are often hidden or demonetized after being falsely flagged as adult content by the platform's "restricted mode." The suit was thrown out by a California judge in January 2021, and while Magistrate Judge Virginia K. DeMarchi dismissed the claims on the grounds that tech companies "are not state actors subject to judicial scrutiny under the First Amendment." Though the judge did not rule on the validity of what LGBTQ+ creators had experienced. YouTube still continues to ban LGBTQ+ content on its website, frustrating creators and fans alike.

Freedom of speech and creativity are crucial for developing vibrant, pluralistic, and democratic societies. In nearly all corners of the globe, whether through political satire, a protest song, a poster or a doodle on a wall in a public space, artists remain creative and rebellious. Despite censorship — or perhaps because of it — unwieldy artists and curators continue to be at the forefront of the dangerous but necessary work of driving awareness and social change. As a minority community our art is our community's voice; if its forever silenced then so are we. It is why we must continuously fight censorship, in order for that voice to be heard.



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# In The Spotlight

SPOTLIGHTING MILWAUKEE'S AMAZING PRIDE COMMUNITY

## This Black, queer woman in Wisconsin is making body shaped candles that celebrate all body-types

By Jordyn Noennig

The market for body-inclusive products in recent years has expanded to include all body types. Milwaukee's Jodyann Morgan is in on that movement.

Morgan, the owner of Ctoan Co, is working to redefine which bodies can be celebrated and molded into products by making a line of plus-sized body-shaped candles.

"Society surrounds us with art of the 'ideal' body, that Victoria's Secret body that we all know that is just a small portion of bodies in the world," Morgan said. "I wanted to take my art to highlight the other bodies that are out there. Not the runway ones, but the regular day-to-day body."

Morgan started making candles as a hobby during the COVID-19 pandemic. Between the smells of the candles and doing the work in the kitchen, it paralleled her other favorite hobby: cooking.

While Morgan commonly cooks for her wife and friends, she began to approach candle making with a business mindset.

In 2021 Morgan began to take orders of candles in jars and candles in various molds, including ones of slimmer bodies.



Eventually, someone with a larger body reached out to Morgan and asked if she could make candles that looked more like their body.

"I was like 'of course, that's a great idea,' and a new adventure I need to conquer, but I had to figure out how," Morgan said. "I found a small company in Poland that makes more inclusive molds."

Once Morgan found the body-inclusive candle niche, she stuck with it. At first, she leaned on her internet-famous wife, Chaya Milchtein of @mechanicshopfemme, to help promote the products through Instagram and TikTok.

The products have taken off, and Morgan has made a name for herself.

"The response of the candles in the bigger human form was so amazing,

so welcoming. I couldn't believe the amount of comments and messages that people would send me," Morgan said.

She moved from taking requests through DMs to setting up her own website in November 2021, and established the company name Ctoan Co.

### Can't think of a name

When Morgan was ready to take candle making more seriously, she had a hard time figuring out the name.

"I was thinking maybe enlightened or something, but I didn't want a name that everyone else had. I told my wife that I can't think of a name," Morgan said.

Milchtien responded, what about the acronym of that: Can't Think Of A Name.

Ctoan stuck.

Morgan also wants people to know that aside from being a business owner, she is a Black, queer woman. She prefaces many of her Instagram videos letting customers know that she is the one hand-pouring every candle.

"It's important because it's who I am, and there's not a lot of companies that give visibility to people like me," she said.



her job working security at the Milwaukee Public Museum. She and her wife also bought a home where she can have her own business space.

"I didn't want to be 65, retiring from a company, looking back like what would have happened if I took this on full time," Morgan said. "I guess this is my new adventure. It's been a whirlwind."

To learn more about Ctoan Co <https://ctoanco.com/>.

Source: <https://www.jsonline.com/story/entertainment/2022/02/25/milwaukee-artist-creates-plus-sized-body-shaped-candles/6892641001/>

Seven hundred orders later, Morgan has made as much income as she would at her full-time job. She has wholesale orders for shops in California and Oregon, on top of continually incoming orders.

Now, what Morgan thought was a side hustle has become her full-time gig. She recently put in her two weeks notice at



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## “See You in September ...”

And in a blink of an eye, the summer of 2022 is history. Like so many things, it was quite joyous while it lasted. For years, I kept a diary. I stopped when it became boring, rather redundant. A shame when you're bored reading your own journals! LOL

Something tells me this year and this past season will resonate for me for the rest of my life. Theater-wise I saw an array of Tony Award Winning Performances! I witnessed the start of a Theater Company BombShell. Fell in love with The Milwaukee Rep's one-woman tribute to Garland and left utterly speechless from the skilled Master Class, Dennis DeYoung's "Hunch Back of Notre Dame".

Literature has ALWAYS been a big part of my life. I grew up across the street from a suburban library. And to this very day, there is not a room in my home, that does not have a stack of books. 2022, I was included in two books! "Legends of Drag – Queens of a Certain Age" and "A History of Milwaukee Drag – Seven Generations of Glamor". What a thrill, what an honor. The cherry on the sundae of ink complements, being unanimously elected by The Shepherd Express Magazine as "The LGBTQ + Person of the Year for the Arts." This was due in part to over 36 years as a performer, fund raiser, illusionist, drag queen and 11 years of overseeing The Valentine Fund for the Arts, Culture, and The Humanities. Fancy the notion of being a patron of the arts – performing and applied. Making gifts to and in support of LGBTQ + in



By: Michael Johnston

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The Saint Kate Arts Hotel has become my home away from home as of late. So many marvelous events took place year to date. With September, MOWA (Museum of Wisconsin Artists) updated their Exhibit Hall with something new and fresh. In doing so, down came Ruthie, B. J., The Sugarbaker Twins, Christina, Shannon, and Cordially Yours glorious portraits by Harry James Hanson. It was delightful hanging around the Hotel all summer and being so well hung! Did you ever think in our lifetime a major downtown hotel would host Portraits of prominent drag queens in their lobby?

So excited this September, as "Autumn Leaves" begin to fall, Nat "King" Cole will "appear" for an "Unforgettable" engagement at The Stackner Cabaret 09/09 – 11/06. I love the facelift this venue received.

The Rep will also relaunch "Titanic, The Musical" out of dry dock 09/20 – 10/23, so if you miss the boat last spring, or due to COVID opted out of a cruise, here is your chance. Run, don't walk, to make your arrangements. Bon Voyage! "Wife of a Salesman" rounds out the selections from The Milwaukee Rep. running 09/27 – 11/06 at the Stiemke Studio.

Milwaukee's Chamber Theatre has quite an intriguing Season in the offing. They are housed at The Broadway Complex, neighbors with The Skylight Music Theatre, mostly utilizing the Black Box Theater, which is ideal for their Play selections. The first stellar productions they're offering: "Where Did We Sit on the Bus" by Brian Quijada, original music prepared by Klasik, Studio Theatre 09/30 – 10/23. Everyone enjoys the music of Abba and their ever popular "Juke Box Musical," "MaMa Mia" it will take to the boards of The Skylight Music Theatre 09/23 – 10/16. During these somewhat troubling times, what is guaranteed to put a smile on your face faster than "Dancing Queen" and "Fernando" reminding us "The Winner Takes It All!" Disco returns to the corner of Broadway and Menomonee Streets, what was once The Factory Disco, now The Cabot Theatre! It's yesterday, once more ...



**Bombshell Theatre Company** [www.bombshelltheatre.org](http://www.bombshelltheatre.org) will host their very first fund raiser **Saturday, October 1**, at our **West End Theater, The Sunset Play House, Elm Grove**. Please consider supporting the freshman class.

**The Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM)** has Jim and Susee Wiechmann's astounding French Poster Collection now apart of MAM's permanent collection (the Weichmann's have gifted MAM with over 600 treasured posters) on view for all to see and enjoy through **Sunday, October 16** "*Always New, Paris, the 1800s and the works of Jules Cheret*"

*The Grant Heffelfinger Memorial Big Gay 5 K Walk/Run* at **Veteran's Park/The Lake Front** on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.** Sign In and Tee Shirt Pick Up. 11:00 a.m. The Run Starts, followed with The Walk. Please Register at: [www.milwaukeegayports.com/events](http://www.milwaukeegayports.com/events) Once again Karen Valentine will fence and root on all participants. Ascent Wellness, where Grant worked helping handicapped people learn how to use a gym and try to keep in shape, is located at **440 West Vliet Street**, adjacent to the ever-popular, ever-growing nuevo

Deer District (also the future new home of the ever-popular Milwaukee Public Museum). Since Grant's untimely death, earlier in 2022, his business partner, the dreamy Tony Langtimm and wife Catia Figueiredo and colleagues at Ascent,

want to salute Grant and his hard work, contributions, and keep his Spirit alive. A fund raiser will take place Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Facility Tours will take place from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and then from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. a DJ, Bar, hors oeuvres, and Drag Show Party! All uniting in Grant's bright vision and memory.

People remind me that summer continues through 09/21, almost another month. Yet school is in session and the new television season, for what it is, has begun and this year PBS Milwaukee (WMVS TV 10/36) no longer has Bohdan Zachary in charge after eight highly regarded, successful seasons. He is retiring to Palm Springs, CA. to escape midwestern winters and embrace the oasis of Pleasure, thank You.

**Remember, it's the glamour, not the grammar as I remain Still Cordially Yours, Again!**

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(414) 372-7880

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

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*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://huntysmke.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.

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(414) 383-8330

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

## This Is It! ♦

*Gay Bar with Drag Shows*

418 E. Wells St.

Milwaukee, WI 53202

(414) 278-9192

<https://www.thisisitbar.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 ♦

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(414) 778-0727

<http://www.okgrindz.com>

## Kilwins Milwaukee

*LGBTQ-owned candy and ice cream shop in Bayshore Mall*

5756 N. Bayshore Dr., Q101

Glendale, WI 53217

(414) 967-4803

<https://www.kilwins.com/stores/kilwins-milwaukee-bayshore>

## Outwords Books

**Gifts & Coffee ♦**

*LGBTQ+ books, movies and gifts*

2710 N. Murray Ave. #3645,

Milwaukee, WI 53211

(414) 963-9089

<https://outwordsbooks.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*

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<https://shermanperkcoffeeshop.com/>

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*Women owned coffee shop with unique coffees and eats.*  
3558 E Sivyer Ave.  
St Francis, WI 53235  
(414) 394-0722  
<https://www.lafinca.cafe>

**Todo Postres LLC. ♦**  
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(414) 988-2149  
<https://www.facebook.com/ToDoPostresOfficial/>



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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>

**Vivent Health (formally 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

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## The Grant Heffelfinger Memorial Big Gay 5K 2022



The late Grant Heffelfinger (above)



On Sunday, September 18, 2022, Milwaukee Gay Sports Network hosted their annual Big Gay 5K 2022 at Veteran's Park in downtown Milwaukee. This year was the first year honoring the late Grant Heffelfinger, a loved and active supporter, advocating for those with disabilities, mental health issues, and the LGBTQ+ community, Making this year's race officially The Grant Heffelfinger Memorial Big Gay 5K 2022. The funds raised will go to promote health and wellness in the LGBTQ+ community.

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