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Fall is here! The weather is getting chillier and it's the perfect time of year for falling in love with the season.

In this month's "News" section there is some news to fall in love with like Jacksonville Jaguars' Kevin Maxen coming out as the first pro sports coach in the NFL (page 6); and some not to love, like a Neo-Nazi Group showing up at Wauwatosa Pride (page 3), or School District of Waukesha School Board firing a teacher who wanted the students to perform the song "Rainbowland" (page 5).

Of course our elderly LGBTQ+ seniors also need love and care too and in our **Senior Living** section we talk about how the national caregiver shortage is affecting them (page 6).

Fall is the perfect time to curl up with during those cold nights. But finding that someone especially on the apps like Grindr can only lead to frustration. So

in our **Pride Life Features** section we give you a few alternatives to help you find that someone without using the trying hook-up apps.

One of the most favorite things we queers love about the season is Halloween and in our **In The Spotlight** section. We look at the long-standing love affair that the community has had with the holiday.

Of course a new season means a new season of arts and entertainment. And our own art connoisseur Michael Johnston gives you the lowdown on all the fine fall shows and events taking place in this month's "**Cordially Yours, Again!**"

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.

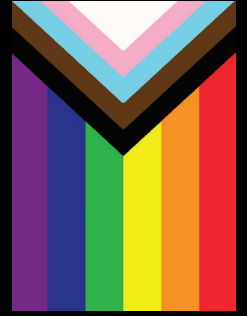
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In The News

LOCAL & NATIONAL LGBTQ+ NEWS

NEWS

Neo-Nazi Group Waving Swastika Flags Disrupts Pride Event In Watertown

Pride in the Park organizers insist 'love won.'

Riverside Park is one of Watertown's beautiful highlights, but organizers of a Pride event say it was marred by ugliness Saturday.

Protesters dressed in black, wearing full facemasks arrived waving black and white swastika flags and in at least one case, carrying a rifle.

"They came up the road and stopped at the barricades. They were chanting and waving their flags," said witness Sammie Harkness.

She said they were chanting, "It's us or the pedophiles. There will be bloodshed. They need to hang."

The approximately 10 Neo-Nazi protesters didn't identify themselves and didn't move past Watertown police officers who stood between them and the pride event.

"They all had masks so you can't identify who they are either. They must not be all that proud," Harkness said. "If they were proud enough to fly the flag, why not show your face? Let your employer see that you're flying that flag."

Harkness said she didn't want to give the neo-Nazi group the satisfaction of seeing her leave, but also had to think of the safety of her children.

"They had assault weapons. They were flying swastika flags, yelling that the LGBTQ community are pedophiles, and



they were threatening bloodshed, that we need to hang. I just didn't feel safe," she said.

And now she said she worries the protest will impact future pride events in Watertown.

"I think a lot of people are going to be a little scared to go next year. I just hope that doesn't happen. I hope they don't shut it down. It's very fun, it's fun for the kids, it's fun for everybody, and it's nice to see a community come together," Harkness said.

The Pride in the Park event was organized by The Unity Project of Watertown. Their board issued a statement Monday about the Neo-Nazi protest, reading in part "Allies and members of the LGBTQ+ community spent the rest of the day laughing, sharing joy, making friendships and spreading love. The

Neo-Nazi group tried to derail us, but they failed. At Watertown's Pride in the Park, love won."

No arrests or citations were reported. WISN 12 News contacted the police department but was told they had no comment on the protest.

Gov. Tony Evers issued a statement condemning Nazis, saying in part, "This is a disgusting and direct attack on our state's LGBTQ community, communities of color, and Jewish Wisconsinites. Nazis, swastikas, and any other anti-LGBTQ, white supremacist, or anti-Semitic messages, symbols, or groups are unacceptable and unwelcome in Wisconsin. Period."

Jacksonville Jaguars Kevin Maxen Becomes 1st Male Pro Sports Coach To Come Out In Us

"I realized I have the right and responsibility to love and be loved."

The Jacksonville Jaguars' assistant strength and conditioning coach, Kevin Maxen, has made history by becoming the first male coach in professional sports in the United States to publicly come out as gay in an exclusive interview with Outsports.com.

"I don't want to feel like I have to think about it anymore," Maxen told Outsports in the interview. "I don't want to feel like I have to lie about who I am seeing, or why I am living with someone else. I want to be vocal in support of people living how they want to live, but I also want to just live and not feel fear about how people will react."

Maxen, who has worked for the Jacksonville Jaguars since the 2021 season, previously worked as a strength coach at Baylor and Vanderbilt as well as an intern at Iowa and Army, according to ESPN.

The owner of the Jaguars, Shad Khan released a statement in support of Maxen to ESPN on Thursday, calling Maxen



Kevin Maxen, associate strength coach of the Jacksonville Jaguars

"a key member of our football team and community."

"Kevin is a Jacksonville Jaguar through and through, and a key member of our football team and community," Khan said in his statement. "I look forward to seeing Kevin next week at training camp, and hope that he comes to work each day during camp and through the season feeling confident, free and at peace. I know our players and staff feel the same."

Maxen told Outsports.com that he has been together with his partner Nick for approximately two-and-a-half years and that he came out because he wants to live his life openly without fear while hopefully inspiring others to do the same.

"It wasn't until recently – and with the immense love and support of my family, my friends, colleagues and peers, and the courage and sacrifice from my partner – that I realized I have the right and responsibility to love and be loved, and that maybe sharing this will hopefully give someone else the strength to accept

their own life and take control of their own story," Maxen told Outsports.com.

While others within the Jaguars organization would share stories of their families or introduce them to colleagues at team functions, Maxen said he initially felt the need to stay silent about his partner and not share details about his personal life.

"You have other coaches who have significant others, and they're talking about their significant others," Maxen said. "And I felt guilty that I couldn't do the same thing, that I was letting myself down. For a while I had such an anger for myself and hatred that I thought was from a fear of what others might think about who I am. But that wasn't it. It was an anger and hatred of myself because I put myself in a life where I was living by other people's rules and not by my own. And I was right to be angry at myself for thinking that I had to live in the image of anyone else."

Since coming out, Maxen has received an immense amount of support from



within the Jaguars organization.

“In an environment that is diversifying, it is a privilege to work alongside Kevin who is hard-working, dedicated and thriving as a strength and conditioning coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars,” said Marcus Pollard, Jaguars Director of Player Development.

Said Brandon Linder, a center for the Jaguars for eight seasons who worked with Maxen during his final year in the NFL: “Kevin was a big part in helping me prepare every Sunday during my last year in the NFL ... He understands what life is truly all about. That’s why I gravitated towards him. It was truly an honor and extremely humbling when I was one of the first people Kevin confided to about his sexuality. I can’t imagine how hard that must have been, not knowing what my reaction would be. I remember the day he told me I was so elated for him to get that off his chest.”



Kevin Maxen and his boyfriend, Nick, have been together for two-and-a-half years.

School Board Votes To Terminate Teacher Who Wanted To Use 'Rainbowland' Song During Concert

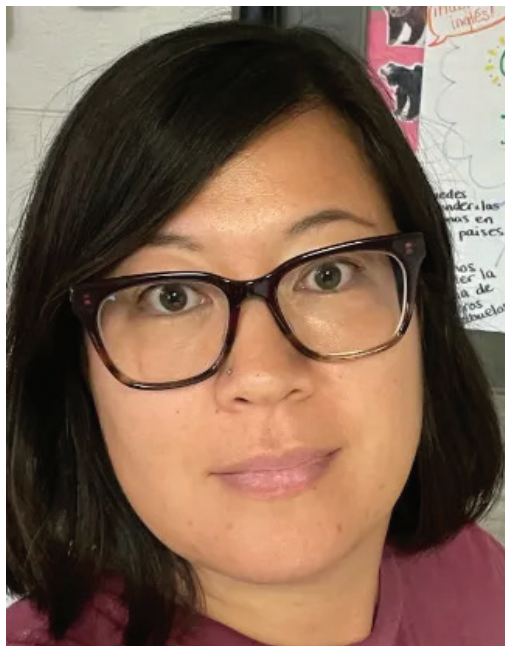
Melissa Tempel expressed frustration on Twitter after school leaders banned students from singing the song

The School District of Waukesha Board of Education voted to terminate an elementary teacher over fallout from the fight over Miley Cyrus and Dolly Parton's song "Rainbowland," saying she violated three board policies.

Melissa Tempel had a message for her former students after the decision.

"I also wanted to just say hi to my students because I haven't been able to talk to them since March, and I really miss you guys, and I love you, and I really wanted to be there with you this year, and I hope that we get to see each other really soon," said Tempel.

In March, Tempel took to Twitter, venting frustration, after school leaders at Heyer Elementary School "banned"



her students from singing the song at their spring concert, saying it "could be deemed controversial."

Her tweet went viral, bringing national attention to Waukesha school leaders' decision.

Parents in the district said the decision was made because the song encourages LGBTQ+ acceptance and references rainbows.

District officials confirmed to WISN 12 News Tempel was placed on leave on April 3.

In a letter in May, Superintendent James Sebert said he would be recommending to the Board of Education that her job be "terminated."

The hearing consisted of hours of testimony from school administration and Tempel herself.



Senior Life

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The National Caregiver Shortage Is Affecting Milwaukee's LGBTQ+ Seniors

By Kobe Brown

Demand for home health and personal care aides is expected to grow 33% by 2030. That's according to a report by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

There's already a worker shortage that disproportionately affects LGBTQ+ seniors, according to SAGE, which advocates for LGBTQ+ elders.

Many aging seniors need a variety of care, from meeting health needs to possibly finding housing with medical or other support.

Socialization is also important to combat isolation, but these things can be especially hard for LGBTQ+ elders to obtain.

Christie Carter explains one of the reasons. She's aging and disability coordinator at Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center.

"A lot of LGBT seniors in particular because of the time that they, you know, were brought up. They might not be connected with their families and the family structure might be different. So when people, when the typical or average person ages, they usually like, rely



From left to right: Christie Carter, Jammie Paul and John Griffith.

on family members to check in on them and provide the care, but that might not always be available because for whatever reason folks might not have the support system—the typical support system," says Carter.

Extended conversation with Christie Carter, Dr. Linda Wesp, and John Griffith.

In a commentary for the *Wisconsin Examiner*, Carter added that prejudice

against LGBTQ+ people makes some elders feel like they have to "go back into the closet, or not be themselves when interacting with caregivers."

Dr. Linda Wesp says assumptions in society can get in the way of health care staff making a true connection with an older LGBTQ+ person.

Wesp specializes in LGBT clinic care as an assistant professor in UWM's college of nursing:



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"We could come up with a scenario: There's a man who was married to a woman and then she died 20 years ago and he hasn't had a partner since. And then he just only wants to be with women? Well, that's an assumption. Has that person ever been asked about sexual orientation or even sexual activity in general," she asks.

Wesp says many medical providers haven't been taught how to have conversations about sexual orientation and gender identity.

"And that's one other thing I want to talk about briefly is the need to take and have education in caregiver facilities for staff— in terms of understanding what the needs of the LGBT," adds John Griffith.

Griffith volunteers at the LGBT Community Center in Milwaukee.

He says it's key for caregivers to understand that many seniors recall the years before 1982, when Wisconsin adopted a gay rights law—the first state in the nation to do so.

Griffith continues, "This is what they have to be aware of in these care facilities and that's why they're reluctant to be out. They go back into a closet of sort and stay in the closet out of fear, and they shouldn't have to go into fear. As you see, I wear my button, I wear my button every day. That love, love is love is love. It's got the rainbow heart behind it and it's simple. It's a simple way for you to say who I am as a person and for other people to see that we are out there. We're visible and ... don't put us back in those damn closet."

Griffith says there are some programs that provide support, understanding and socialization for older LGBTQ+ people. For instance, at the LGBT Re-

source Center:

"We have a 50 and Better, for example, support group that meets every Wednesday evening—wonderful support group," says Griffith. "We're gonna be starting a fitness program here in the spring for our seniors. It'll be a wonderful opportunity for somebody to come in and get involved."

One of the people who frequents the Milwaukee LGBT community Center is 75-year-old Jamie Daniel Paul. She's a trans woman who says she felt isolated most of her life. She says socializing with people who understand her experience is a big factor for her and that's what keeps her going back to the center.

"You know everybody talking and they talk about their life. Also, I felt so good about that. You know, and sometimes the beginning, I hardly talk at all, you know, and after a while probably talk more," says Jamie.

But there's more work to be done, according to volunteer John Griffith. He'd love to see a senior housing facility especially for LGBTQ+ people: "Because there's a lot of discrimination that does take place [still] in society," says Griffith. "And for them to have a safe place to call home in their later years would be a wonderful thing."

In the meantime, Griffith puts in this plug for the programs already offered by the LGBT Resource Center: "Come in the door. Check us out. Be here. Show up. Be part of it," says Griffith.

Source: <https://www.wuwm.com/2023-03-15/the-national-caregiver-shortage-is-affecting-milwaukeees-lgbtq-seniors>



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Pride Life Features

THE EVENTS AND PEOPLE THAT ARE SHAPING LGBTQ+ MILWAUKEE

How To Meet Men IRL (And Not Just On Grindr)

By Zachary Zane and
Andrew J. Stillman

Oh Grindr. We could go on and on about its pros and cons, but God only knows we don't have to, because you've probably already experienced the good, the bad, and the ugly for yourself. Grindr is exhausting, addictive, and (at many times) disheartening. I've also met, slept with, and dated some pretty incredible men from Grindr, a few of whom I'm still close friends with today, so I can't say Grindr is all bad.



Grindr though, should only be one tool in your toolbox, but that's often not the case. For many gay men, it's the only method they use to meet other men. They then complain that their love life sucks, and they can't find a single decent man in [enter city name here].

It's important to have various ways of meeting men. Some via the Internet, which has allowed us to connect with more queer men, but also, IRL. In case

you're struggling with ideas, here are 8 ways and places to meet men in real life (*that aren't bars/clubs because that's not every gay man's scene and there are already bajillions of articles dedicated to that*).



Go to a gay bar

You may not find the most lasting relationships here, but gay bars are basically like the Grindr grid in person. If nothing else, it's a great place to at least practice talking to people, if that's what you're nervous about. Just don't be too offended if they're too tipsy the night you meet to remember you the next morning.



Join a gay sports league

If you enjoy playing sports (or want to start being more active), then this is

hands down your best bet. Gay sports leagues are a great way to make new friends and partners. Being part of a team automatically bonds you, so if you're shy or introverted, that's okay. Just by being part of a close-knit group, you'll meet new guys.



Join a gay man's chorus/a cappella group

If you love to sing, and your town has a gay men's chorus, you should absolutely join. Alas, only major cities have a GMC, so if you live in a smaller town you may be out of luck. That's where a capella comes into play. Not to perpetuate any stereotypes, but in my experience, a capella has many, many gay men. Once graduating from college, I joined a post-collegiate a capella group to meet men. (*Spoiler: It worked!*)



Join an LGBTQ+ religious group

Depending on your religion, your city may have a surprising number of

LGBTQ+ religious groups, which is a fabulous way to meet new men, enhance your spirituality, and discover an accepting LGBTQ+ community.



Join a support/social group

There are literally thousands of support and social groups out there for LGBTQ+ people to meet other LGBTQ+ people.



Go to kink events

Kink events may sound intimidating, but in my opinion, they are less intimidating than gay clubs. People at kink events work hard to create a safe, com-

fortable, and accepting space. There's also no judgement at a kink event. Typically, everyone is friendly (or shy and awkward, but still friendly). The two people I'm currently dating seriously I met at two separate kink events.

Go to board/card game meetups



Queer people absolutely love board/card/strategy games. It's a THING. On Meetup, there are numerous queer events dedicated to playing games (think Settlers of Catan or Dominion). It's a perfect way to meet some new friends without pressure. If you're nervous, just play the game and have fun. If you want to chat someone up, go for it.

Go to any meetup for your hobby

Do you like hiking, chess, jewelry making, old movies, or reading? There's an LGBTQ+ Meetup for that. Think about how you spend your leisure time. I have friends who say, "I have no hobbies, I just sit at home and binge-watch crummy TV on Netflix." I always reply the same thing, "That IS a hobby, and



there are meet-up groups where you can do just that."

Volunteer for an LGBTQ+ organiza-



tion

You can volunteer for a social group or a more politically-active organization. Either way, you'll meet other LGBTQ+ folk who are either passionate about LGBTQ+ rights and social progress, or simply looking to meet new friends.

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In The Spotlight

SPOTLIGHTING MILWAUKEE'S AMAZING PRIDE COMMUNITY

Why Halloween Is 'Gay Christmas' To Many LGBTQ Americans

The contemporary excitement around the campy holiday has a long history within the queer community

By Matt Lavietes

Growing up outside of Salem, Massachusetts, famous for its 1692 witch trials, Lee Roberts is more connected to Halloween than most. Throughout his youth, Roberts recalls frequently partaking in costume parades, working at haunted houses and getting an up-close look at the country's most wicked city on the hair-raising holiday.

"Having an outlet on Halloween to sort of live in this fantastical aesthetic world was a really important outlet for me," said Roberts, 35, who identifies as queer and is transgender. "It was the big time of year in a way I couldn't fully articulate at the time. So many aspects of Halloween, and things that are celebrated, are things that I've always been drawn to."

Today, Roberts continues to play out his Halloween fantasies, working as drag king under the name Sweaty Eddy. Eddy's year-round performances include a rendition of the movie "Silence of the Lambs," an act where he rips off his hand and reveals bare bone, and a plethora of body casting.

"It's less that I'm obsessed with Halloween and more that like I feel genuinely connected to exploring these things in my work," he said. "I see as a gateway into an appreciation for things that are 'othered.'"



An extravaganza of the supernatural, all things sweet and larger-than-life costumes, many LGBTQ Americans like Roberts hail Halloween as "gay Christmas." But the contemporary excitement around the supernatural holiday has a long history within the LGBTQ community.

The modern phrase "gay Christmas" actually stems from an earlier queer nickname for the holiday, "bitches Christmas," according to Marc Stein, a professor of history at San Francisco State University, and author of "City of Sisterly and Brotherly Loves."

During the 1950s and '60s, Philadelphia's LGBTQ community celebrated "bitches Christmas" by dressing up in drag and partying in the city's gay bars,

Stein said. Revelers by the hundreds would follow drag performers from bar-to-bar, he notes, forming some of the country's first queer Halloween parades.

"As for why LGBT people were so drawn to the holiday, I think it picks up on those older traditions that Halloween's a time for transgressing all sorts of social boundaries," Stein said. "So, it had a particular set of meanings for people who were basically living a straight life and saw Halloween as an opportunity to express their genders and sexualities."

Brad Balof, 42, is the chair for Northalsted's Halloween committee, which hosts Chicago's annual Halloween parade in its Northalsted neighborhood, also known as "Boystown." As a gay man, he described Halloween as one

of the only times a year growing up when he was not "ostracized or punished or criticized for having these flamboyant, creative tendencies."

"It was a time of year when it was celebrated as opposed to the rest of the year where it may be looked upon as being too extra, too fabulous or too flamboyant," Balof said.

While the parades still enjoy crowds in the thousands today, many of today's LGBTQ Americans have moved off of the streets and into queer nightclubs on Halloween. LGBTQ bars throughout the country host Halloween-themed parties throughout October, making it one of their busiest and most profitable seasons of the year, according to LGBTQ bar owners and performers.

Lisa Menichino, owner of New York's lesbian bar Cubbyhole, said Halloween is the bar's "second busiest day of the year, after Pride."

Merrie Cherry, a Brooklyn drag queen who is a contestant on Shudder's fourth season of "The Boulet Brothers' Dragula," says she has performances booked every night of the week leading up to Halloween on Sunday. The holiday is her "last hoorah" to perform before temperatures drop and parties flock indoors, she said.



"We have to put on these, not just masks, but shields to protect ourselves from everyday, regular straight life," Cherry said. "Halloween gives queer people a chance to let their freak flag fly and be as explicit and insane looking as possible. Sometimes, you just want to be a different person, you know?"



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Falling for Autumn...

The dog days of summer are now winding down ... so, I encourage one and all to embrace the remaining month, weeks, days, hours ... bask in the Sun , the heat, the warmth soon it will be autumn!

The one consolation to the world turning is the theater season starting up once again. **The Marcus Performing Arts Center (MPAC)** and the Johnson Financial Group will have **Uihlein Hall** filled with Tony Award winning and worthy entertainment. Leading the pack of perfected prize winners is Disney's "**ALADDIN**", the Hit Broadway musical rides it's magical carpet to town Tuesday, **October 17th – Sunday, October 22nd.**

Richard (The Walton's) Thomas stars in Harper Lee's "**To Kill a Mockingbird**" **Tuesday, November 7th – Sunday, November 12th.** I've seen the movie countless times, and in high school read the award-winning novel, before it became too controversial and banned in so many school districts. I urge you all to see this and see what is so questionable...

With the New Year (2024) comes a show that hasn't played in decades, "**Funny Girl**". The opus that propelled Streisand to stardom! The fabled tale of long forgotten singer, actress, comedienne Fanny Brice! Lea (Glee) Michelle resuscitated her on Broadway. And now, a new life On tour! Katerina McCrimmon has the tiara on the road, and playing her mother, Miss Melissa Manchester! Yep, "**Don't Cry Out Loud**", a Bette Midler Harlette, and daughter of David



By: Michael Johnston

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Some toe-tapping fun and sing-along madness warms your Valentine month. "**Mama Mia**" dances into port **Tuesday, February 20th – Sunday, February 25th.** And once again, you can be the winner and take it all!

Mystery, music, and gamesmanship takes center stage as "**Clue, A New Comedy**" debuts here **Tuesday, March 12th** thru St. Patrick's Day, **Sunday, March 17th.** An opportunity to catch up with Col. Mustard – everyone relishes that! We may have lost her, but her music and this tribute will live on – "**Tina, The Tina Turner Musical**". No reason to be a private dancer **Tuesday, April 23 – Sunday, April 28** and love is what it's got to do with it!

Closing out this stellar selection of showstoppers "**Moulin Rouge! The Musical**". The windmill will be circling **May 14th – May 26th,** and extended

stay to make sure you all have a chance to marvel at this masterpiece.

Other important days in September/October:

- Monday, September 4th, Labor Day (U.S.A. and Canada)
- Sunday, September 10th, National Grandparents Day
- Monday, September 11th, Patriot Day
- Saturday, September 16th, Rosh Hashanah
- Sunday, September 17th, The Grant Heffelfinger Big Gay 5 K Walk & Run, 10:00 a.m. @ The Lakefront
- Thursday, September 21st, International Day of Peace
- Saturday, September 23rd, Fall Equinox
- Monday, September 25th, Yom Kippur
- Saturday, September 30th, Sukkot
- Monday, October 9th, Columbus Day / National Indigenous Day
- Friday, October 27th, Hal-lowsQueen – University of WI Green Bay Halloween Event
- Tuesday, October 31st, Halloween

Saturday, September 16th, marks Maple Veneer and Karen Valentine Fourth Anniversary at **La Cage** with "**Bosom Buddies**". In honor of their landmark, many live theatre stars will turn out in song, the stars will do all their duets, and there will be a special mistress of ceremonies, radio legend, Carole Caine. Doors open at **4:00 pm,** show starts promptly at **5:00 pm** and as always, **No Cover Charge.** On a personal note, Kel-

ly Klawes has had to excuse herself from the show to tend to her partner, Mike Hiller's, health crisis. Please keep both in your positive thoughts and prayers.

Skylight Music Theatre empowered us as no one can with “*Super You*” rise up blast through. Skylight truly empowered the Community and yours truly with this production. I was beyond thrilled to appear with the extraordinary Gino DeLuca in “*Our Cabaret*”. A true dream come true, something to mark off the bucket list! We sold out and have been invited back! And you'll be the first to know when!

Michael Unger and Susan Varela of **Skylight Music Theater** have put their heads together and have a 64th Season that is a potpourri of eclectic taste and interest for 2023/2024:

- Leonard Bernstein's classic “*Candide*”, with the current fascination on Ryan Gosling's Lenny biopic, tis high time for “*Glitter and Be Gay*” and great timing for opening on lucky **Friday, October 13 – Sunday, October 29**

- Last season audiences raved about and for Sir Andrew Lloyd Weber's “*Evita*” this season Sir Andrew Lloyd Weber's “*School of Rock*” should have them dancing in the aisles **Friday, November 17 – Sunday, December 30** (a happy holiday Show, and very family-friendly!)

- “*Xanadu*” skates in 2024 **Friday, January 26th – Sunday, February**. This show combines, disco, dancing, music, skating, fantasy, time travel, and was Gene Kelly's last movie! It is fun, quirky, campy, and escape. If you've read the newspaper as of late – this maybe the ideal bromide.

- “*Spring Awakening*” (with Special Hand Signage) Is appropriately **Skylighting** in the very merry month of March the First through Saint Patrick's Day (Friday, March 01st – Sunday, March 17th).

- “*From Here To Eternity*” the



motion picture that resurrected Frank Sinatra's career, was also a book a hit pop tune, and now, a theatrical musical play with lyrics and input by Tim Rice (Sir Elton John's Musical Partner). Mr. Rice will be here, on hand to make sure his vision is brought to fruition. Formation begins **Friday, April 12th – Sunday, May 5th**.

Milwaukee Repertory Theatre is 70 years old, with this the 2023/2024 Season, 1953 – 2023. There are twelve terrific theater-pleasing productions not to be missed:

- “*Country Sunshine: The Legendary Ladies of Nashville with Katie Deal*” to get your country fix on **Friday, September 08th – Sunday, October 29th**.

- “*Run Bambi Run*”, about the Brew City's favorite dear Lawrencina Bembenek our Dear One's saga will be staged **Wednesday, September 13th – Sunday, October 22nd** the new Rock Musical features songs/lyrics by Gordon Gano of the Violent Femmes.

- There is a **PRIDENight Thursday, September 14th at 6:00 pm - Party, and Curtain - 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$30. When you use the special discount code at checkout, **PRIDENight**. Pre-Show event is at 6, great for drinks, snacks, photos, chatting, and securing parking! You also get to visit with the PRIDE Hostesses: B.J. Daniels, Dear Ruthie Keister, Shannon Dupree, Marbella Sodi, and Karen Valentine, as well as The Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce. Always an evening perfect for networking and reunions.

- “*Parental Advisory*” a break beat play, opening **Tuesday, September 26 – Sunday, October 29**.

- “*Nuncrackers*”, this blessed event takes place **Friday, November 03rd – Sunday, January 07th, 2024**. Beware this production could be *Habit*-forming!

- You may have to go to an antique shop, to find an old phone, and explain to anyone under 30 just how one “*Dial M for Murder*”, by attending this suspense-filled terror **Tuesday, November 14 – Sunday, December 17**. A very popular property. A radio play, movie, and now trusted in the hands of **The Milwaukee Rep**. You'll want to answer this call! There will be a **PRIDENight Thursday, November 16th. 6:00 pm Reception, 7:30 pm Curtain (90-minute party beforehand)**. To receive the discounted rate of \$30. For your seat, use the discount code **PRIDENight** when ordering your tickets.

- “*A Christmas Carol*”, a tradition – if there ever was one. **The Pabst Theater** on **Tuesday, November 28 – Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th**. The same story, true – But always a new, fresh vision!

- “*Guys on Ice*,” this slippery devil opens in the New Year of 2024, **January, 12 – Sunday, March 17th – Saint Patrick's Day**.

- Louisa Mae Alcott's classic “*Little Women*” adds their special touch to the New Year as well. The March Sisters march on **January 16th – February 28th, 2024**. In these days of governmental questions

left and right on being left or right, The Rep helps their house with “What the Constitution Means to Me”. By seeing this, perhaps it will assist you when voting take place. **February 6th** continuing through **March 10th**.

- “The Chosen”, many are picked, and this is a must to see **March 5th** running the entire month through **March 31st**.

- “Piano Men 2” and the music of Billy Joel and making 88 keys sing ... **March 22nd** crescendo-ing **May 12th**.

- and the finale, “Nina Simone: Four Women”, closes the landmark 70th season out. Can you think of a better voice? A better message? **April 16th (Tax Day) – May 12th**. This tantalizing tribute has the third **PRIDE-Night, Thursday, April 18th**. With the same format – **Recep-**

tion 6:00 pm, show to follow at 7:30 pm. To be a part of this historic event, please call The Rep and/or subscribe to their sensational 70th Season at 414-224-9490/www.MilwaukeeRep.com.

The Cream City Foundation (CCF) has their *Annual Business Luncheon* on **Thursday, October 12, 2023**.

Sunday, October 16th Sun Day Fun Day Show Tunes Bus Trip to Chicago **SideTrack** with Karen Valentine.

Always a thrill to spend time with You ... Thank You for reading me! Until next time, remember it’s the glamour, not the grammar, as I remain **Still Cordially Yours, Again !!!**

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Gay Dance Club

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74 Eclipse Center,
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tel: (608) 361-0311
www.chsofwi.org

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Planned Parenthood

(414) 839-1821

<https://www.compassionateclinicalservices.com>

Waukesha County Public Health Division

514 Riverview Ave.,
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262-896-8430

www.waukeshacounty.gov/publichealth

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820 N. Plankinton Ave.
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<https://viventhealth.org>



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Milwaukee, WI 53202
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<https://www.diverseandresilient.org>

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Milwaukee, WI 53212
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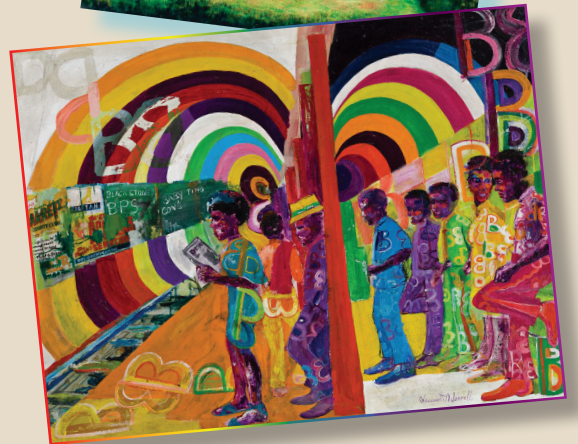
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