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Three Constitutional Amendments on the November 3rd Ballot



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

BALLOT LANGUAGE:

"Governmental entity discrimination prohibited: Shall section 27 of article I of the constitution be created to prohibit governmental entities in the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration?"

WHY THIS AMENDMENT IS MISLEADING:

- Governmental entity discrimination is already illegal in Wisconsin and nationwide.

The phrase "granting preferential treatment" is misleading here because:

- It makes public equity-based programs unconstitutional.
- It asserts that helping marginalized groups is discrimination against everyone else.
- It eliminates assistance for underserved communities.

Find more info on
the LWVWI website:



<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/constitutional-corner>

WHAT IS AT RISK IF IT PASSES:

- Health and environmental equity programs for marginalized people
- Educational access and changes in admissions, scholarships, grants, and curriculum
- Community Action programs such as Head Start, and others that reduce poverty, provide housing and food
- Support for women and minority-owned businesses
- Workplace diversity initiatives that enable equitable hiring practices
- Public contracts to certified minority-owned firms

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In addition to the Amendment reviewed above, these two will also be on the ballot:

Wisconsin Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Closure of Places of Worship in response to a state emergency:

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The amendment would prohibit the state or any political subdivision, such as cities and counties, from ordering the closure of, or forbidding, gatherings in places of worship in response to a state of emergency, including a public health emergency.

What constitutes a state of emergency in Wisconsin?

Under Wisconsin Statute 323.10, the governor may issue an executive order declaring a state of emergency for the state or any portion of the state if they determine that an emergency from a disaster or an imminent threat of a disaster exists.

The governor can also make the same determination for public health emergencies and can issue an executive order declaring a state of emergency related to public health. The governor is also authorized to designate the Department of Health Services as the lead state agency to respond to that emergency.

A **"yes" vote** supports this amendment to prohibit the state or any political subdivision from ordering the closure of or forbidding gatherings in places of worship in response to a state of emergency, including public health emergencies.

A **"no" vote** opposes this amendment to prohibit the state or any political subdivision from ordering the closure of or forbidding gatherings in places of worship in response to a state of emergency, including public health emergencies.

Wisconsin Constitutional Amendment Prohibits Governor's Partial Veto to Increase Tax or Fee Amendment

[Article V] Section 10 (1) (c) In approving an appropriation bill in part, the governor may only reject one or more entire bill sections capable of separate enactment as a complete, entire, and workable law and reduce appropriations in the enrolled bill.

A partial veto, also referred to as a line-item veto, is a power that authorizes a chief executive — such as the president or the governor of a state — to reject specific provisions of a bill, rather than the entire bill.

Other constitutional amendments have been passed to restrict the governor's partial veto power:

1. The 1990 Amendment Prohibiting Creating New Words In 1990, voters ratified a constitutional amendment limiting the Governor's partial veto authority by prohibiting the creation of a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of an enrolled bill. [1989 Enrolled Joint Resolution 39; Wis. Const. art. V, s. 10 (1) (c).]

2. The 2008 Amendment Prohibiting Combining Parts of Sentences In 2008, voters ratified a constitutional amendment limiting the Governor's partial veto authority by prohibiting the creation of a new sentence by combining parts of two or more sentences of the enrolled bill. [2007 Enrolled Joint Resolution 26; Wis. Const. art. V, s. 10 (1) (c).]

A **"yes" vote** supports amending the Wisconsin Constitution to prohibit the governor from using the partial veto to create or increase any tax or fee.

A **"no" vote** opposes amending the Wisconsin Constitution to prohibit the governor from using the partial veto to create or increase any tax or fee. ♦



The Bay Creek Bulletin is looking for our next Editor

Our sincere thanks to Miranda Salazar for her time in this role. Although she was only Editor for a short time, she made some extremely helpful changes. Miranda has moved out of Bay Creek; we wish her much happiness in her new home.

Your main role would be to suggest story ideas and find people who want to write for the newsletter. You would also review the articles that are submitted and help edit them when necessary.

The actual work of putting the newsletter together is done primarily by our superbly talented layout person, Victoria Horn. Our ad contact, Judy Robinson, has years of experience helping with copy editing. You would be welcome to help with that piece if that's something that interests you.

The Editor position has a lot of flexibility. Each person who has done the job has done it a little differently. We are looking for someone with new ideas. Time commitment can vary but generally doesn't exceed 5 hours per month. Most of that time is needed as we are getting an issue ready to send to the printer.

To learn more, please contact Judy Robinson by texting (preferred) or calling 608-469-1218 or emailing judysotheremail@mail.com. Thank you!

Make Words Puzzle

By Stanley Rubio Jackson

Fourteen solid letters below (CLUMY, FINGR, HADW) have been eliminated.

Four letters (PESO) must be used, but are in their wrong place.

Use these four letters and/or the remaining letters on the "keyboard" below to make two possible six letter words. You may use letters more than once.

Answers on Page 4)

C	L	U	M	P	Y
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S	H	A	D	O	W

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ALDER REPORT

By Tag Evers

Two things can be true at once

Five days after Corey Ruiz was killed by a Madison police officer, I wrote that two things could be true at the same time:

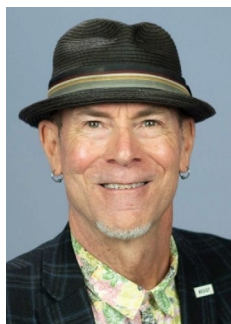
- 1) The circumstances surrounding his death were deeply disturbing, and
- 2) a protest that morphed into a homeless encampment, making demands that could not be met, was a distraction from the work of reforming policies to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again.

Today, I find myself at a similar place where two things are true at the same time: 1) Independent police oversight is necessary in Madison, and 2) what we have now is not working.

At our Council meeting on July 21, the day before Corey Ruiz was killed, Council President Sabrina Madison invited two representatives from the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) to make a presentation about the basics of police oversight. In the Q&A that followed, a question was asked about the impasse that exists between alders and the Office of the Independent Monitor (OIM). NACOLE offered clear direction regarding the importance of relationships in the work of police oversight and warned that if the impasse were allowed to continue it would threaten the legitimacy of the office.

Unfortunately, the impasse remains and the divide has only widened. The interim independent monitor and the OIM's data analyst routinely take to social media vilifying fellow city employees, alders and the mayor, making claims and accusations that reveal a complete lack of interest in improving these relationships.

Here's an example. A few weeks ago, the OIM's data analyst accused MPD of functioning in an unlawful



manner, posting on Facebook an image of a white police officer holding a gun to the head of Black man with the tag line in bold: Gang In Blue.

The OIM job description states that the monitor "will set the office's operational philosophy and develop and maintain standard operating procedures to ensure all matters are handled in a thorough, objective, fair, and impartial manner." This clearly is not what is happening here.

No longer a neutral arbiter of facts, the OIM has traded impartiality and objectivity for the passion of an activist. In so doing, the office has torched its credibility and greatly diminished its ability to provide effective police oversight.

Lastly, the current independent monitor, Aeiramique Glass, is the interim monitor. Accordingly, a significant portion of her job description is to be the hiring manager for a permanent replacement. However, little to no progress has been made in hiring a permanent independent monitor.

For these reasons, I cannot in good conscience support any additional funding for the Office of the Independent Monitor. Two things can be true at once -- most Madisonians firmly believe we need independent oversight of the police, but they also believe the office as it currently stands is deeply flawed and dysfunctional. ❖

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Neighborhood Events

Compiled by Judy Robinson

Oct 7 – Bay Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) Meeting. First Wednesday of Month. 6pm.
baycreekmadison.org has agenda and Zoom link.

Oct 9 – Bonfire at Bernie's Beach 5-9:30 p.m. Join your neighbors in an evening of fire & fun! See page 1 for more information.

Oct 10 – Monona Bay Shoreline Clean-up
Friends of Monona Bay. Second Saturdays of the Month: 10am–12pm. Information Contact: Nina: ninajemerson@yahoo.com, (608) 698-9708.

Oct 11 – Guided Nature Walks
Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT). Second Sundays of the Month: 1:30 pm. Meet at Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr.

Oct 18 – Sever Forever Grand Opening
11 to 6 pm at 1520 Gilson Street: forging demos, scratchboard illustrations, boat construction, gemstone jewelry, and open mic poetry, music and comedy shows at Friend's Applaud restaurant.

Nov 8 – Guided Nature Walks
Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT). Second Sundays of the Month: 1:30 pm. Meet at Turville Parking lot off John Nolen Dr.

Nov 14– Monona Bay Shoreline Clean-up Friends of Monona Bay. Second Saturdays of the Month: 10am–12pm. Information Contact: Nina: ninajemerson@yahoo.com, (608) 698-9708.

Live Music at Lakeside Street Coffee
(402 W Lakeside St)

October 9 – Alex and Emily 7:00pm
Oct 23 – Madison Classical Guitar Society 7:00pm
Oct 24 – Irish Jam Session 7:00pm
Nov 6 – The Honey Pies 7:00pm
Nov 13 – Trio Soliel 7:00pm
Nov 14 – Flamenco Night 7:00pm
Nov 20 – Tumbledown Shack 7:00pm
Nov 21 – Irish Jam Session 7:00pm

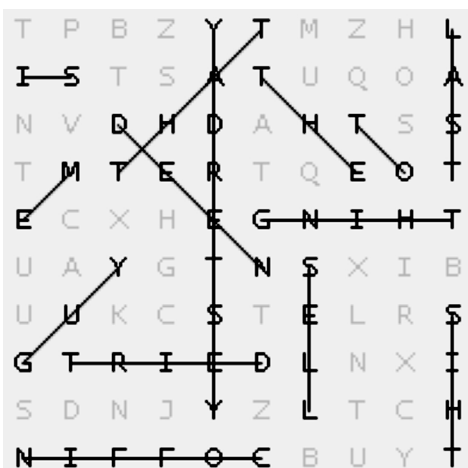
Live Music at Friends Applaud
(1602 Gilson St)

Nov 21 – Shy Guy 7:00 p.m.
Nov 24 – Alex and Emily 7:00pm

Joke Word Find Solution

Make Words Answers

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EXPOSE,
(Russian
KOPEKS, is
acceptable.)



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The Friends of Monona Bay

Shoreline monthly cleanup summary

On September 12, 2026, the Friends of Monona Bay (FOMB) Monthly Shoreline Cleanup had 32 volunteers who collected 24 bags of trash and one abandoned suitcase. Thank you to members from the UW-Madison Mercile J. Lee Scholars Program and Alpha Phi Omega for volunteering as well as everyone else who showed up!

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Joke Word Find Puzzle

By Stanley Rubio Jackson

Find the words in this joke: Up, Down, Diagonally, Forwards, Backwards, and Overlapping. (Find repeat words once. Answer on page 4)

This guy tried to sell me a coffin yesterday – that is the last thing I need!

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N	I	F	F	O	C	B	U	Y	T

Sever Forever Grand Opening Set for Sunday October 18

You may have heard of the mom and pop boutique store on 1520 Gilson Street that sharpens knives. Well, this would be the perfect time to check us out. It's our official grand opening! Not only do we sharpen knives, but on Sunday Oct 18 we also will be featuring:

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kitchen knives for sale

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by LuxeArtisan Studio and minimalist utilitarian ceramics

Friends Applaud restaurant next door will be celebrating the occasion with an open mic of poetry, music and comedy shows. Don't forget to purchase a savory sandwich while your knives are being sharpened.

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double in the last 2 years. We typically serve around 100 people at each meal.

Please consider a donation to St. Mark's Free Community Meal. Most meals cost about \$200. Your donation of any

amount will make a big difference in St. Mark's ability to continue serving healthy meals to adults and children in need. To donate online, please go to stmarksmadison.org, there is a link on their homepage for donations. To donate with a check: make check out to St. Mark's Community Meal and mail to St. Mark's Community Meal, St. Mark's Church 605 Spruce St. Madison, WI 53715 Thank you!!

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NewBridge: matches older adults to volunteers who do safety-check calls and/or friendly social



calls; **provides** Case Managers to connect older adults to resources; **delivers** food pantry groceries to older adults' door on an ongoing basis; **does** home chores – only case management clients may receive home chore assistance; **gives** Zoom and In-Person Classes & Activities; **runs** Zoom Diversity & Inclusion Activities, for Dane County Black and Hispanic older adults; **feeds** older adults.

NewBridge congregate meals sites: Meals are not free. We ask for a suggested donation of \$5 per meal. Please pay what you can afford.

Reservations are due two days in advance at all sites EXCEPT Goodman Community Center and Kavanaugh's Esquire Club (No reservations are required at these two locations)

Specific phone extensions have been added to contact each site to make a meal reservation for a much easier/better experience.

South Madison: *Madison Senior Center*, 330 W. Mifflin St. Monday-Friday, 11:30 am.

East Madison/Monona: *Messiah Lutheran Church*, 5202 Cottage Grove Rd. Tuesday and Thursday 11:30-12:30 pm; *Monona Senior Center*, 1011 Nichols Rd. Friday, Noon

West Madison: *Meadowridge Commons*, 5734 Raymond Rd. Tuesday, Thursday, Noon; *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*, 5701 Raymond Rd. Friday, Noon.

North Madison: *Warner Park Community Recreation Center*, 1625 Northport Dr. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 11:30 am; *Goodman Community Center*, 149 Waubesa St. Monday-Friday, 11:45 am. *Kavanaugh's Esquire Club*, 1025 N. Sherman Ave. Wednesdays, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

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How Halloween is celebrated around the world

From NPR.org

While Halloween conjures images of candy and costumes around the U.S., the holiday looks different across the globe. Here's a breakdown into how the holiday is celebrated in seven other countries.

Mexico – While children in Mexico also go trick-or-treating on Oct. 31, it acts as a primer for another celebration: el Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, which takes place on Nov. 1 and 2. Observers say the Mexican holiday, which dates back 3,000 years to pre-Columbian Mesoamerica, occurs when the gates of heaven open, allowing the spirit of a deceased loved one to be reunited with their still-living family.

Family members may prepare a feast with the deceased's favorite foods or leave gifts on their gravesite. Festival-goers will don skull masks and eat skull-shaped sweets. And the holiday, once typically celebrated only in rural, Indigenous parts of the country, is now celebrated in major cities, including the capital, Mexico City.

England – The increasing popularity of Halloween in pop culture means that British children may partake in the holiday. But like other countries, it can often be overshadowed by another, much larger event: Guy Fawkes Day.

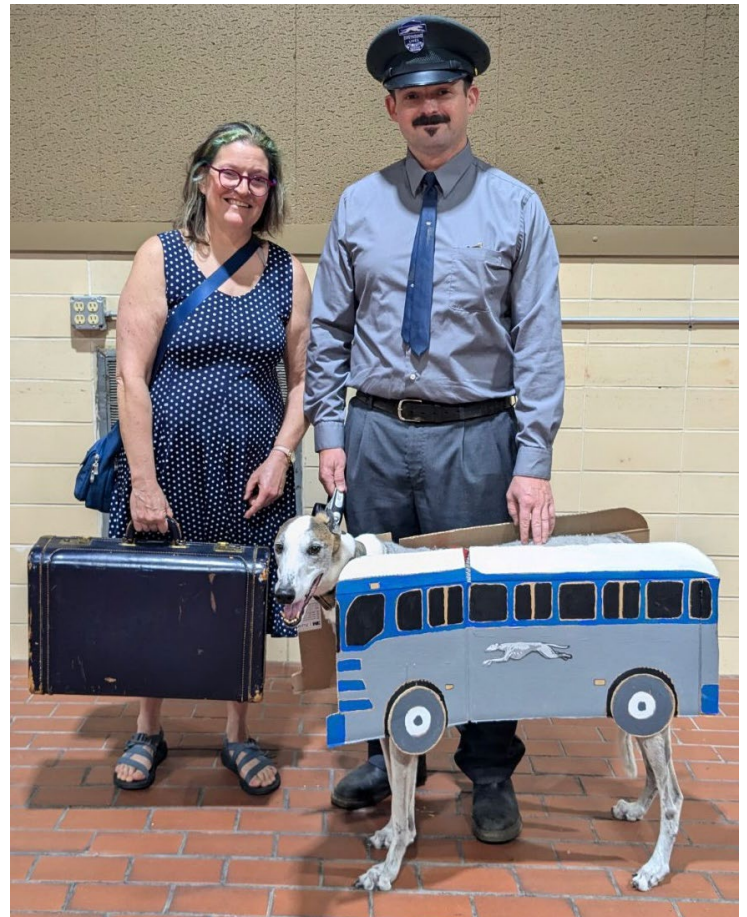
On Nov. 5, British citizens celebrate the failed assassination of King James I by Guy Fawkes and other participants in the plot. Because Fawkes attempted to kill the king with barrels of gunpowder — before being found by the authorities and being sentenced to death — the holiday is celebrated with bonfires across the country. And instead of trick-or-treating for candy, children will walk around asking for a “penny for the Guy.”

Italy – On Nov. 1, Italians celebrate Ognissanti, or “all saints,” a festival with deep religious undertones. While it's common to see Italian holidays dedicated to a specific saint, this holiday is dedicated to all of the saints as a whole.

How the holiday is celebrated varies by region: in Sicily, the deceased rise from the dead to bring gifts to well-behaved children, while children in Sardinia go door to door to ask for offerings from the deceased. Romans will eat a meal near the gravesites of loved ones, while people in the region of Abruzzo and Trentino fashion lanterns by placing candles in pumpkins.

Guatemala – Guatemalans also honor the dead during the first couple days of November. During the Barriletes Gigantes, or “giant kites” festival, Guatemalans populate the sky with massive, colorful kites.

The kites — which can go up to 40 feet in the air — are often hand-painted, and flown over the graves of loved ones who have passed away. The kites are said to represent a bridge between the living and the dead.



Rebecca Rettenmund and Isaiah Schroeder dressed as passenger and driver and their greyhound, Zoiks, in his homemade bus attire won the Nutzy Mutz costume contest.

Japan – Halloween is a new holiday in Japan and the country is embracing the Western tradition and adding its own influence. Because there are other holidays in Japan meant for celebrating the deceased, including Obon, trick or treating isn't as popular.

Instead, Halloween in Japan is all about the costumes. Celebrators, who are normally adults, will don costumes and head to parties and clubs instead.

Ireland – It's an understatement to say that Halloween is a big deal in Ireland: it's where the celebration began in the first place. Halloween as it is known today originated from the ancient festival of Samhain, which celebrated the beginning of winter in pagan Ireland more than 2,000 years ago.

Festivals take place across the country: from the Púca festival, which celebrates the folklore behind the Celtic holiday to the Derry Halloween celebration in the northern part of the island.

China – In China, the Qingming festival, which is celebrated at the beginning of April, is the holiday reserved for celebrating the deceased. The event, which is also known as Tomb Sweeping Day, draws Chinese people to literally sweep — and clean — the tombs of loved ones. The act is considered to be one of the most respectful acts one can take to honor the deceased.

Join your neighbors in an evening of fire & fun!

Bring a camp chair, marshmallows for roasting, and your fav beverage as we enjoy an evening under the stars.

5:30 pm – Campfire Singalong for the young and young at heart with Rachel Linsmeier Hart

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The Bay Creek Ice Cream Social was a success. Despite the rainy weather, neighbors gathered to chat and enjoy time together. Thank you to all who attended!

After this year's ice cream social, two young Bay Creek residents discovered the fun of combining dry ice with Monona Bay."