

2013

YEAR IN REVIEW

A look back at the events that shaped our year.

FIRST OUT: Vice President Joe Biden administers the Senate Oath to Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., during a swearing-in ceremony on Capitol Hill on Jan. 3, as the 113th Congress officially began. Baldwin is both the first woman ever elected to the U.S. Senate from Wisconsin and the first out gay person ever to win a U.S. Senate seat.



PHOTO: CLIFF OWEN/AP



PHOTO: NIKI JOHNSON

PAPAL WRAP: Shorewood artist Niki Johnson created a larger-than-life portrait of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI using some 17,000 multi-colored condoms. The piece, titled *Eggs Benedict*, drew attention worldwide, with media from New York to London to Ghana to India writing about it. It was sold to out philanthropist Joseph Pabst after going on display at the Portrait Society Gallery in Milwaukee's Third Ward.



PHOTO: CLIFF OWEN/AP

FIRST COUPLE: Speaker of the House John Boehner swears in openly gay freshman U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Wis., standing on the right, with his husband Phil Frank in the center. Frank was the first same-sex spouse to attend his husband's swearing-in ceremony.



PHOTO: PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

THE LEADER AND THE POET: President Barack Obama, left, shakes hands with openly gay poet Richard Blanco, who wrote and presented the inaugural poem at Obama's swearing-in at the 57th Presidential Inauguration in Washington on Jan. 21.



PHOTO: MTV

SAME LOVE: Ryan Lewis and rapper Macklemore pose with the MTV Video Music Awards they won for "Same Love" on Aug. 25. The two gave an emotional performance of the equality anthem during the televised awards ceremony, joined by Mary Lambert and Jennifer Hudson in their performance. On Dec. 6, the hip-hop duo was nominated for seven Grammy Awards.

HELLO, GORGEOUS: Plaintiff Edith Windsor of New York reacts as she looks toward supporters in front of the Supreme Court in Washington on March 27, after the justices heard arguments on the Defense of Marriage Act. Windsor, who married her late wife in Canada, was forced to pay \$363,000 in estate taxes due to DOMA. She ultimately prevailed in the case, creating a sea change on the issue in the United States.



PHOTO: CAROLYN KASTER/AP



PHOTO: AP/CHARLES REX ARBOGAST

FIRST IN LINE: Chicagoans Patricia Ewert, left, and Vernita Gray, enter their living room for their Nov. 27 wedding ceremony — the first same-sex marriage in Illinois. Although marriage equality is not set to begin in Illinois until June 2014, a judge ordered the Cook County clerk to issue an expedited marriage license to Gray and Ewert because Gray, an iconic and beloved gay activist in Chicago, is terminally ill.



PHOTO: AP/GERO BRELOER

PUTTING DOWN PUTIN: Demonstrators hold a poster of Vladimir Putin during a protest march in Berlin on Aug. 31 against Russia's anti-gay laws and violence. Worldwide protests against Russia throughout late summer raised criticism about holding the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi.



PHOTO: AP/RINGO H.W. CHIU

DOWN THE DRAIN: West Hollywood bars owners on Aug. 1 dump Russian vodka into a gutter as part of a nationwide protest against anti-gay laws enacted by Russian President Vladimir Putin.



PHOTO: TILDA SWINTON

FLAGGING HATE: Academy Award-winning actor Tilda Swinton distributed this picture of herself holding a gay Pride flag in front of the Kremlin to protest Russia's draconian laws against LGBT people and the epidemic of violence against gays in Russia.



PHOTO: BRIAN K. LEADINGHAM

VICTORY MARCH: Rallies and celebrations, like this one in Miami, erupted across the United States after the Supreme Court ruling in June striking down key provisions of the federal Defense of Marriage Act and overturning California's Proposition 8.

SPECIAL DELIVERY: In February, petitions calling for an end to the Boy Scouts of America's ban on gays are delivered to the organization's national headquarters in Texas. In May, the executive board voted to allow out gay Scouts but not gay leaders.



PHOTO: GLAAD



PHOTO: AP/TAMIR KALIFA

FIGHTING FOR CHOICE: Texas Democratic Sen. Wendy Davis, center, greets supporters with a sign that she voted against an abortion bill that is, along with Wisconsin's, among the most restrictive in the nation. Davis became a hero to women in the state after delaying the bill through a filibuster. In November, a sharply divided Texas Supreme Court allowed the controversial measure to stand. Davis has launched a bid for governor.

NEW POPE IN TOWN: Pope Francis waves to the crowd as he's driven through St. Peter's Square in September. Francis, who assumed the papacy after Pope Benedict XVI stepped down, has signaled a softer approach at the Vatican on divisive issues about sexual matters and a return to the teachings of Jesus concerning compassion for the poor and economic justice. He was named Time's 2013 Person of the Year.



PHOTO: AP/ANDREW MEDICHINI

LAKESIDE SEAT: A couple watches the fireworks dancing over Lake Michigan on the opening night of Milwaukee PrideFest 2013. Officials said 28,340 patrons attended the event June 7-9 — about 277 more attendees than in 2012, despite poorer weather conditions. Gay performer Andy Bell opened the annual celebration at the Summerfest grounds. Other headliners included Belinda Carlisle and the Indigo Girls.



PHOTO: DAVE LAUERSDORF



PHOTO: ERIC WALTR

HOW YOU SAY 'ANTI-GAY' IN FRENCH? The French anti-gay marriage group Manif Pour Tous stages a demonstration against same-sex marriage in Paris on Jan. 13. The nation's adoption of marriage equality prompted waves of violent protests from right-wing and skinhead groups, and at least one gay man died as a result of the bashings.

FIGHTING FOR CHOICE: Supporters of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin gather in June at the Capitol to protest laws passed by Republican legislators to make it more difficult for women to terminate unwanted pregnancies. Wisconsin's laws are among the nation's most restrictive and include forcing women to undergo transvaginal ultrasounds prior to having an abortion. Another provision requiring abortion practitioners to have admitting privileges to a nearby hospital is on hold pending a court ruling.



PHOTO: PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WISCONSIN

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PHOTO: JOE BRUSKY/OVERPASS LIGHT BRIGADE

UP IN LIGHTS: The Overpass Light Brigade protests the not-guilty verdict in George Zimmerman's trial for killing unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla., last year. Zimmerman's acquittal on July 13 set off protests across the nation. Since then, Zimmerman has had multiple run-ins with the law, including a late November arrest on domestic violence charges. Zimmerman had five guns and more than 100 rounds of ammunition with him at the time of his latest arrest.



PHOTO: SCOTT BAUER

THE SOUND OF HANDCUFFS: During a crackdown over the summer, Wisconsin Capitol Police arrested dozens of people gathered in the Capitol rotunda for daily noontime singalongs protesting Gov. Scott Walker's busting of public-sector unions. In one arrest that was videotaped and posted on YouTube, police slammed a man who was offering no resistance to the ground.

TEARS OF JOY: Wisconsin natives Michael Knaapen, left, and his husband John Becker embrace outside the Supreme Court in Washington on June 26 after the Court struck down a federal provision denying benefits to legally married gay couples and overturned California's infamous Proposition 8. The ruling set off a rash of marriage equality cases across the nation and paved the way for marriage equality victories in several states.



PHOTO: AP/CHARLES DHARAPAK



PHOTO: AP/CHUCK SNYDER

SPECIAL DAY: Chris Beagle, left, and Eric Englehart of Rehoboth Beach were the first gay couple to be married in Sussex County on July 1, the first day that same-sex couples could legally wed in Delaware.



PHOTO: AP/STACY BENGIS

MIDWEST MOJO: Margaret Miles, right, celebrates with wife Cathy ten Broeke after marrying Aug. 1 at Minneapolis City Hall. Minnesota is one of five states where lawmakers enacted marriage equality in 2013, including Illinois. Three of Wisconsin's four neighboring states now permit same-sex couples to marry.