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## Interview with Craig Gunderson by Mark Mariucci aka Za

Some people win a title and let it go right to their head. Instead of wearing the title like a badge of honor, they go all "Diva" on us. This is true in both the female impersonator community as well as men in pageants for men including the leather community.

Craig Gunderson who hails from Green Bay is not one of those people.

He holds the title of Mr. International Daddy Bear with grace and style, always a professional, always kind to everyone around him. I have known Craig for many years dating back to when I owned one of Green Bay's LGBT bars called Za's.

It is unusual to have someone from our little state hold a national title let alone one that is international. We caught up with Craig to ask him what is new in his life and in the leather / levi / bear community in Wisconsin.

**Quest:** You and I have been very busy lately. It took us a while to connect, and I noticed from one of your facebook entries, you are back on vacation right now. What is on your itinerary for this fall?

**Craig:** The 3rd weekend in Aug. is the ArgonautsLL & Castaways campout leather run in Hilbert, WI. Sept. 1-6 I'll be going to New Orleans, LA. for Southern Decadence & Bear Decadence. AKA Gay Mardi Gras.

I have a job offer in Palm Springs, CA. so Sept. 15 I'll be moving there with a stop in San Francisco, CA. for Folsom St. Fair Sept. 25. Nov. 7-9 is Palm Springs Gay Pride weekend. Nov. 11-21 I'll be going to New York City just for a vacation. It will be my first time there. Feb. 2012 I'm planning to go to Sydney, Australia for Mardi Gras there.

**Quest:** You sent me something reported in the Bay Area Reporter News that the organization whose title you represent is ending this contest after 17 years. Is it sad for you to know you will be the last to hold this title and will not be passing it on to another?

**Craig:** Yes it is sad there won't be another International Bear Rendezvous. The economy has taken its toll on the event and attendance has dropped over the last few years. The expense to put on the event is too costly and donations to the charities suffers. The committee is working on some other kind of event to take its place but that has not been determined to this date.

**Quest:** I photographed you as a guest on stage during the leather show at PrideFest this year. What else have you been doing since February when you won Mr. International Daddy Bear to represent the title here in Wisconsin?

**Craig:** I've been doing a lot of traveling representing the title and promoting the Bear Community at Bear runs, Leather runs and Gay Pride Festivals. I've been to Palm Springs & Los Angeles, CA. [twice], Dallas, TX. Albuquerque, NM. Chicago, IL. Milwaukee, WI. Seattle, WA. and San Francisco, CA.

**Quest:** I know you have been a member of the Argonauts of Wisconsin. Are you still a member and do you have affiliation with other leather or bear organizations in Green Bay or Wisconsin?

**Craig:** I am an Alumni member of the Argonauts and a member of the Bear Club 4 Men here in Green Bay. I have also been promoting both organizations in my travels as well.

**Quest:** What is your most important mission as a representative of this international bear title that you intend to fulfill this year or next.

**Craig:** Since I am the last Mr. International Daddy Bear and there will no longer be an International Bear Rendezvous I have taken on a different roll. I have been promoting the "Bear Community" in general and lending a helping hand by volunteering at most of the events I attend. I assisted the Sandia Bears in Albuquerque, NM. in putting on their run in April this year.

**Quest:** Anything else you want to say to our readers?

**Craig:** There were 13 contestants from the USA, Germany and Australia this year at IBR in San Francisco Feb. 18-20, 2011. See BOSF.org for pictures of the event. I was also voted by my brother contestants as "Mr. Congeniality". I got my first title Mr. Rise N Shine Bear 2009 at a Bear run in Albuquerque, NM. Then the title of Mr. Black Frost 2011 at a leather run in Minneapolis, MN.

It has been an amazing journey from growing up on a small farm in Abrams, WI. and coming out in Oct. 1980 to my first Gay Bar "The Manhole" here in Green Bay, [after the Green Bay Pressgazette ran a week long series on "Gay Life in Green Bay".] to standing on a stage in San Francisco, CA. and being awarded the title of Mr. International Daddy Bear 2011.

It's a great feeling to be recognized for over 30 years of helping raise money for various Gay charities across the country. I got my start with the ArgonautsLL here in Green Bay, then on to Stockton, CA. working with the Imperial Court System there and back to Green Bay helping the ArgonautsLL and the Bear Club 4 Men.

I'm always proud to tell people wherever I go what a great gay community I'm from! The Green Bay Gay Community will always have a very special place in my heart!

**Quest talks with International Bear Rendezvous of San Francisco title holder "Mr. International Daddy Bear 2011" Craig Gunderson from Green Bay, WI.**





# US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS AND MADISON AREA POLICE DEPARTMENTS UNITE TO PREVENT HATE CRIMES

**Equality Federation Institute Summer Meeting panel brings together federal and local law enforcement agencies for a groundbreaking presentation on federal hate crimes prevention**

**Madison** - Representatives from the United States Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will join the City of Madison and the University of Wisconsin-Madison police departments to discuss the ongoing implementation of Shepard-Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

"Federal, state and community collaboration to address hate crimes against LGBT people sends a strong signal that these crimes will not be tolerated," stated Rebecca Isaacs, Executive Director of the Equality Federation Institute. "We applaud this joint effort and hope that it leads to a reduction in attacks on members of our community."

Panelists will include: United States Attorney, John Vaudreuil; Senior Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General, Matt Nosanchuk; Community Relations Service Acting Director, Becky Monroe; Community Relations Service Hate Crimes Prevention Act Analyst, Kelly Collins-McMurry; Madison Police Chief, Noble Wray; University of Wisconsin - Madison Police Chief, Sue Riseling; and FBI Special Agent in

Charge, Nancy McNamara.

Reported hate crimes against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people have risen dramatically over the last decade. After more than a decade of advocacy, Congress passed the Shepard-Byrd Act, which extends federal hate crimes coverage to persons who are, or are perceived to be, LGBT, among other categories. Federal prosecutors and investigators now have a duty to form stronger liaisons with the LGBT community so that law enforcement can better identify and prosecute these crimes.

"We are proud of the partnership the LGBT community has with local law enforcement agencies in the Madison area and we are excited by the opportunity to expand our work with local and national leaders to protect our communities," stated Katie Belanger, Executive Director of Fair Wisconsin Education Fund. "It is through strong collaborations with these individuals and agencies that we will continue to build a more inclusive community for all people."

## FAIR WISCONSIN EDUCATION FUND HOSTED 2011 EQUALITY FEDERATION INSTITUTE SUMMER MEETING, A NATIONAL LGBT CONFERENCE

**Madison** - Fair Wisconsin Education Fund, Wisconsin's statewide lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) education organization hosted the Equality Federation Institute's 2011 Summer Meeting, bringing together executive directors, staff, and board members of the statewide LGBT organizations who are advancing equality across the country. The five day conference was held at the Concourse Hotel in Madison over August 10 through 14, 2011.

The Equality Federation Institute is the national organization that seeks to end LGBT discrimination by building a skilled and effective state-based movement advancing equality for LGBT people.

The Summer Meeting is an annual opportunity for leaders across the country to celebrate victories, share best practices and look to the future of the movement. Two panels focused on federal LGBT policy and hate crimes prevention with representatives from the Obama Administration, the United States Department of Justice, and the FBI, as well as Madison Police Chief Nobel Wray, and University of Wisconsin-Madison Police Chief Sue Riseling.

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## PRIDE ALIVE MOVES FORWARD WITH NEW CO-CHAIRS FOR 2012

**Green Bay** - The 4th annual Pride Alive is officially in the history books, and everyone who attended agrees it was a tremendous success. "Mother Nature even enjoyed herself, giving us a rainbow in the early evening," expressed volunteer Lora Danforth. With the largest attendance to date, the highest numbers of vendors and an overall response from crowds that it was the most fun event yet, event planners are very excited about pulling off yet another successful Northeast Wisconsin Pride celebration.

Outgoing NEWPride Co-chairs Andrea Schultz and Andrew DeBaker are extremely pleased with how Pride Alive 2011 came together. "We estimate there were close to 4,000 people in attendance this year," said Andrea. "For our fourth year, and considering the size of Northeast Wisconsin, we think that's a huge success." Andrew echoed those statements. "We're excited Pride Alive remains a community-based and supported event. There's something for everyone." Although Andrea and Andrew are stepping down this year after helping create Pride Alive and leading efforts for the past four years, they are confident in the leadership team going forward. "We've made it no secret we were both on a limited timeframe, but we're ecstatic that members of the community have stepped up to lead next year's efforts" said Andrea. "It's a good thing to have new ideas and a fresh look at things every couple years. We anticipate Pride Alive remaining fun and relevant in people's lives for years to come."

"Although in many ways Andrea and I are sad to be handing off a project that we're so passionate about, we're really happy that Pride Alive will continue to move forward, still working as a program of Rainbow Over Wisconsin, getting bigger and better every year. That was our intention from the beginning - to make Pride Alive a sustainable, community effort."

The new leadership team met recently to discuss the transition and get a feel for how the new management structure will take shape. To capitalize on the current momentum, planning for 2012 has already begun. For more information, to get involved or to give ideas, visit [www.newpride.org](http://www.newpride.org) or email [info@newpride.org](mailto:info@newpride.org).

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## HIT 33 "BRINGING BACK THE OLDIES"

The Holiday Invitational Tournament will be hosting it's 33rd annual Tournament November 24-27, 2011 under the Direction of Rick Steiner and cast of many new and returning enthusiastic board members. The tournament is expecting an increase in participation in bowlers this year and many exciting events will lead up to Thanksgiving weekend. Bowling will take place Friday and Saturday November 25-26 at AMF Bowlero Lanes. The host hotel is the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee where the theme of the tournament will follow through to the awards banquet held at the Hyatt. The HIT committee is excited about the many fundraisers they have planned leading up to the tournament. Get your chance to see the world champion Green Packers as HIT will be raffling off 2 tickets to the October 16, 2011 game at Lambeau Field against the St. Louis Rams. Tickets are \$10.00 per ticket and the drawing for these tickets will take place on Saturday October 8 at 9pm at BOOM during the "Bringing Back the Oldies" fundraising show hosted by Karen Valentine and a lineup of many local talents. If interested in purchasing raffle tickets please contact Rick Steiner at 414-881-8071 or see any HIT Board Member.

Stay tuned for many more exciting events being sponsored by HIT. If you would like more information on HIT or volunteering, bowling or making a donation please contact Director Rick Steiner at [steinerrw@aol.com](mailto:steinerrw@aol.com) or 414-881-8071 or Assistant Director Roland Hoffmann at [wisportguy@aol.com](mailto:wisportguy@aol.com) or 414-899-7832.

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# GREEN EGGS AND HAM IN UW MILWAUKEE STUDENT UNION

*Sustainability orientation for new students includes free breakfast*

**Milwaukee** - UWM Union Programming's Share the Earth Series, the UWM Office of Sustainability and the Student Association's Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) are partnering to provide new UWM students with an early introduction to sustainability on campus. On Wednesday, August 31 from 8:30-11am, a new event called Green Eggs and Ham will provide incoming students with a free breakfast of local food, information about sustainability initiatives at UWM, tours of "green" campus projects, and the opportunity to sign up for S.W.A.T. - Save the World Action Teams. This event will take place in the Concourse at the UWM Student Union and is free for UWM students.

"We think students come to UWM already interested in environmentalism and want to become involved in making our campus more sustainable," said Linda Corbin-Pardee, who organizes the Share the Earth Series in the Student Union. "We're excited about engaging with students early, showing them what great things UWM is doing already, and helping them to identify and accomplish their own goals for making UWM even greener."

Green Eggs and Ham will provide UWM students with a free breakfast of locally sourced food, made and served by UWM's Restaurant Operations. The UWM Office of Sustainability will be on hand, showing students the Energy Dashboard - an online app that tracks real-time energy consumption - as well as their new interactive map, offering a virtual tour of sustainable UWM. For those interested in a real tour, they will be running every 15 minutes from 9-11am, leaving from and returning to the Student Union Concourse - the tours will show students gardens on campus, energy initiatives and stormwater management projects.

Interested students will be able to sign up for S.W.A.T. - Save the World Action Teams - which will take on sustainable projects on campus. Teams will be organized according to student's interests, and could include Water, Food, Transportation, Recycling, Energy and Awareness. The teams will work with other students, staff and faculty through SA's Environmental Sustainability Committee on projects of their choosing. The S.W.A.T. program will culminate with a recognition ceremony during Earth Week 2012, recognizing the accomplishments and leaders of the action teams.

More information about Union Programming's Share the Earth series can be found at [www.sharetheearth.uwm.edu](http://www.sharetheearth.uwm.edu).

## End o' Summer Best Fiction Titles

### Lesbian Fiction:

#### 1 **Firestorm**, Radclyffe

Firefighter paramedic Mallory "Ice" James commands a crew of smokejumpers—twenty women and men who parachute into raging forest fires together—and she has thirty days to whip the rookies into shape. Mallory isn't happy when "Hotshot" Jac Russo shows up. Jac is none too pleased about her cold reception. Mallory and Jac may not like each other much, but lust isn't something either can control—and they soon discover ice burns as fiercely as flame.

#### 2. **Storms**, Gerri Hill

Though Carson has spent more than a decade trying to forget her family, circumstances pull her back to the Montana ranch where she grew up. She discovers her brothers divided over plans to change their working ranch into a guest ranch, and their consultant, Kerry Elder, doesn't seem above using her wiles to get her way. Kerry finds the wayward sister awakening something in her she has long denied. The big Montana sky crackles with thunder and lightning as emotions twist in unbidden directions.

#### 3. **Nightrise**, Nell Stark & Trinity Tam

As Blood Prime of the clan of the Missionary, Valentine spends her days transforming an old family bank into the financial capital of the Consortium and her nights painting the town red. Blood red. Alexa Newland believes their everafter to be over. But then a new discovery about an ancient myth kindles her hope that Valentine can be saved. Will Alexa succeed in her quest before Valentine irrevocably crosses over to the darkness?

#### 4. **Like Lovers Do**, Lori L. Lake

Kennie McClain is still recovering from the loss of her partner three years earlier and has moved to Portland to escape bad memories. In her off hours, she rehabs apartments and nurses a broken heart. Lily Gordon is beautiful and accomplished - and haunted after her lover ditches her. Sparks fly in a big way when Kennie and Lily finally connect. Can Kennie ever rise above previous losses and risk her heart again?

#### 5. **Two for the Show**, Chris Paynter

Not everyone is accepting of Amy Perry, who is an open lesbian playing professional baseball on a men's team. Thank goodness she's found Stacy McCrady and still has the friendship and support of sportswriter Lisa Collins. When personal tragedy strikes, Amy goes into a tailspin. It takes a true team effort to get her back on track in all parts of her life.

### Gay Men's Fiction:

#### 1. **Dutch Treat**, Andrew Grey

When Michael accepts a company assignment overseas, he doesn't count on being dumped by his boyfriend on the way to the airport. Michael's time in Europe would have been one of loneliness and corporate backbiting if it weren't for his coworker, Stephan who wants more than friendship. Michael is torn. Even if he chooses to risk his one bright relationship in Europe for a chance at love, when this project is over, isn't his only choice to say goodbye?

#### 2. **Take the Lead**, Johnny Diaz

Gabriel Galan has a job he adores in Boston, a hot young lover, and a buddy who goes along on pub crawls and Star Trek nights alike. But Gabriel wants more. When Gabriel's stubbornly independent father needs help managing his Parkinson's disease, his life takes a sharp turn as he teeters on the edge of a new crush on Adam, his father's physical therapist. Gabriel has always yearned for a co-pilot, but first he needs to navigate the troubled waters of his own heart.

#### 3. **The Evolution of Ethan Poe**, Robin Reardon

Sixteen-year-old Ethan Poe's life has become a complicated mix: his parents are divorcing, his older brother Kyle is exhibiting alarming behavior, and his best friend is turning into a spiritual fanatic. There's also his attraction to Max Modine. Family and friends are turning against each other, school is a battleground, and Ethan will have to take a stand. Once Ethan finds the courage to become who he was meant to be, the outcome could be absolutely extraordinary...

#### 4. **No One in the World**, E. Lynn Harris & RM Johnson

Closeted Cobi Winslow, a handsome district attorney, knows nothing about the life of his estranged twin brother, Eric Reed, a career criminal raised in the foster care system. Following their parents' death, Cobi searches for his brother, hoping to regain lost years. Meanwhile, Cobi faces a crisis when he learns he must marry in order to inherit the wealth of his father's estate. By the close of **No One in the World**, family and friendship bonds are tested, and life-altering sacrifices are made.

#### 5. **The Affair of the Porcelain Dog**, Jess Faraday

For Ira Adler, the plaything of crime lord Cain Goddard, stealing back the statue from Goddard's blackmailer should have been a doddle. But inside the statue is evidence that could put Goddard away for a long time under the sodomy laws and everyone's after it. No sooner does Ira have the porcelain dog, than he loses it to a nimble-fingered prostitute. As Ira's search for the dog drags him back to the mean East End streets where he grew up, he discovers dangerous secrets about his own past.

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# NO H8 in Milwaukee

By Paul Masterson

**Milwaukee** - According to its website, the NOH8 Campaign is “a photographic silent protest created by celebrity photographer Adam Bouska and partner Jeff Parshley in direct response to the passage of Proposition 8. Photos feature subjects with duct tape over their mouths, symbolizing their voices being silenced by Prop 8 and similar legislation around the world, with “NOH8” painted on one cheek in protest.” Earlier this month it appeared at Milwaukee’s Intercontinental Hotel.

Almost three years since the passage of California’s Proposition 8 in November 2008, the NO H8 Campaign has assembled 13,000 photo portraits. Models include a broad spectrum of celebrities, students, housewives and others from all walks of life. It continues to grow with each photoshoot.

QUEST spoke with Los Angeles communications director Chris Hayden.

He was on site along with photographer Adam Bouska. “We’re expecting 300-400 people at this exclusive Midwest event. No local LGBT organizations collaborated with NO H8, portrait models learned about the photoshoot through its website, social networks and the media,” Hayden said.

Participants at the Milwaukee photoshoot came from all over the region. One young pair of friends, Ivy and Gina, drove seven hours from Deluth, Minnesota. Others came from the metro Milwaukee area including a family from West Allis and students from UW-Waukesha.

When asked why they had come to have their photos taken, one Milwaukee couple, Sandy and Michelle, stated their reason quite simply: “to support for the campaign.”

The NOH8 Campaign has received overwhelming worldwide support. The individual images appear on Facebook and Twitter as a grassroots effort to achieve equal rights. According to its website, the NO H8 photos will one day be compiled for a large-scale media campaign. For more information go to [www.noh8campaign.com](http://www.noh8campaign.com)



## ON OUR COVER

In memory of former Triangle Bar owner and long time member of Wisconsin's LGBT community, James Marr, the humongous pride flag that is featured yearly at Milwaukee's Pride Parade took a trip to Madison to be a part of Madison's Capitol Pride this year.

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## Capitol Pride After Parties





# HOMOPHOBIC ANN COULTER TO SERVE AS HONORARY CHAIR OF GOPROUD'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

*GoProud refers to Coulter as, "the right wing Judy Garland!"*



**Washington, D.C.** – GoProud, the only national organization of gay conservatives and their allies, has announced Ann Coulter was joining the organization's Advisory Council as Honorary Chair. Coulter's official title will be "Gay Icon."

"Ann Coulter is a brilliant and fearless leader of the conservative movement, we are honored to have her as part of GoProud's leadership," said Christopher Barron, Chairman of GoProud's Board. "Ann helped put our organization on the map. Politics is full of the meek, the compromising and the apologists – Ann, like GoProud, is the exact opposite of all of those things. We need more Ann Coulters."

"I am honored to serve in this capacity on GoProud's Advisory Council, and look forward to being the Queen of Fabulous," said Coulter.

Coulter joins other conservatives, Margaret Hoover, Grover Norquist, Andrew Breitbart, Liz Mair, Chuck Muth, Lisa De Pasquale, Christian Josi, Roger Stone, Andrew Langer, Kathryn Serkes and Bob Carlstrom on the GoProud Advisory Council.

Gays on the liberal left are of course outraged by this action. Truth Wins Out wrote, "Apparently, as far as the (self-loathing) conservative gays at GoProud are concerned, being on the wrong side of every major LGBT rights issue (opposing the repeal of DADT and DOMA and the passage of ENDA and hate crimes laws, endorsing "reparative therapy," etc.) presents absolutely no impediment to a person being arbitrarily declared a "gay icon."

Media Matters blog lists a history of Coulter's homophobic, gay baiting and namecalling:

- Coulter: "Obama has responded to terrorists on U.S. soil by coming out for gays in the military"

- Coulter launches bigoted anti-gay attack on Kevin Jennings

- Endorsing the Manhattan Declaration, Coulter compares "cultural crisis" to Holocaust, slavery

- Coulter to appear on June 26 Hardball -- first time since "brilliant brain" called Gore a "total fag" Coulter: "I don't think there's anything offensive about any variation of faggy, faggotry, faggot, fag"

- Coulter reference to Edwards as "faggot" gives rise to questions for media

- Coulter put "even money" on Sen. Clinton "[c]oming out of the closet"

- Olbermann awards Coulter third place in "Worst Person in the World" contest for her "Revenge of the Queens" column.

Each of these on the bullet list is a hyper link with more available if you check out their website: <http://mediamatters.org/blog/201008070012>

Ann Coulter is the author of *Demonic: How the Liberal Mob is Endangering America*, as well as seven other New York Times best-sellers — *Guilty: Liberal Victims and Their Assault on America* (January 2009); *If Democrats Had Any Brains, They'd Be Republicans* (October, 2007); *Godless: The Church of Liberalism* (June 2006); *How to Talk to a Liberal (If You Must)* (October, 2004); *Treason: Liberal Treachery From the Cold War to the War on Terrorism* (June 2003); *Slander: Liberal Lies About the American Right* (June 2002); and *High Crimes and Misdemeanors: The Case Against Bill Clinton* (August 1998).

She is a frequent guest on many TV shows, including *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *The Early Show*, *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, *Hannity*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, *The Glen Beck Show*, HBO's *Real Time* with Bill Maher, and has been profiled in numerous publications, including *TV Guide*, *the Guardian* (UK), *the New York Observer*, *National Journal*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and *Elle* magazine. She was the April 25, 2005 cover story of *Time* magazine.

In 2001, Coulter was named one of the top 100 Public Intellectuals by federal judge Richard Posner.

Last year, Coulter headlined GoProud's inaugural Homocon event in New York City.

## ACLU ASKS COURT TO STOP MISSOURI SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM ILLEGALLY CENSORING LGBT WEBSITES

**School District Ignored Requests to Remove Web Filter to Avoid Liability for Unconstitutional Viewpoint-Based Censorship**

**ST. LOUIS** – The American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU of Eastern Missouri filed a lawsuit against Camdenton R-III School District after the district ignored warnings that its Internet filtering software had been improperly configured to block access to web content geared toward the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of LGBT organizations whose websites are blocked by the filter: PFLAG National (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays), the Matthew Shepard Foundation, Campus Pride

and DignityUSA, a Catholic LGBT organization.

"We have made every effort to inform the school district that its filtering software illegally denies students access to important educational information and resources on discriminatory grounds," said Tony Rothert, legal director of the ACLU of Eastern Missouri. "Unfortunately, it will now be up to the courts to compel the district to grant its students viewpoint-neutral access to the Internet."

The district's custom-built filtering software relies on a database of websites compiled by

URL Blacklist, which has a viewpoint-neutral category that allows schools to block all sexually explicit content. But it also has a viewpoint-discriminatory category called "sexuality," which blocks all LGBT-related information, including hundreds of materials that are not sexually explicit. The filter does, however, allow students to view anti-LGBT sites.

"School districts cannot use filtering software that discriminates against websites based on their viewpoint," said Joshua Block, staff attorney with the ACLU LGBT Project. "This filter was designed to block more than just adult content and is not viewpoint-neutral. There are many other filtering systems available that do not arbitrarily group websites like PFLAG in the same category as adult-oriented websites."

The ACLU informed the district in May that the sexuality filter was unconstitutionally blocking access to four websites with anti-bullying information and other resources for student gay-straight alliances. The district unblocked those websites but refused to reconfigure its software to solve the broader problem. As a result, hundreds of other LGBT websites remain blocked. The lawsuit argues it is discriminatory and unreasonable to require students to ask for per-

mission every time they want to access a new LGBT website when students can freely access anti-LGBT websites.

"Our Safe Schools program resources, coming-out guides and other support and education resources that we have been providing to LGBT young people nationwide for nearly 40 years are all blocked," said Jody M. Huckaby, executive director of PFLAG National. "Many LGBT students either don't have

access to the Internet at home or, if they do, they don't feel safe accessing this information on their home computers. In order to ensure the physical and mental well-being of LGBT youth – especially given the wide access to negative information on LGBT issues – these resources must be accessible."

More information can be found here: [www.aclu.org/lgbt-rights/pflag-v-camdenton-r-iii-school-district](http://www.aclu.org/lgbt-rights/pflag-v-camdenton-r-iii-school-district)

## ESURANCE DONATES FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE TREVOR PROJECT

### *Esurance Employees Thank Facebook Fans with Video Tribute*

**SAN FRANCISCO** - Esurance, a direct-to-consumer personal car insurance company, announced that the company has donated \$50,000 to The Trevor Project, the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth.

Esurance recently launched the charitable giving campaign on its Facebook page. For each new "Like," the company donated \$10 to The Trevor Project to help support the Trevor Lifeline, a 24/7 crisis intervention phone hotline offering free and confidential suicide prevention counseling to youth nationwide.

With Twitter and Facebook support from The Trevor Project itself, and the mentions from celebrities such as Perez Hilton, Jonathan Knight of New Kids on the Block, and others spreading the word, Esurance quickly reached its stated goal of \$50,000.

To thank fans who generously supported the campaign, Esurance created



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a video tribute that features individual employees from the company's Dallas, Sacramento, San Francisco, Sioux Falls, and Tampa offices. The employees thank the Facebook community for their help in reaching their donation goal, and discuss the company's commitment to The Trevor Project.

To view the video, please go to <http://blog.esurance.com/trevor-project-thank-you/>

Esurance was one of the first companies to offer car insurance discounts to domestic partners who list on the same policy, and has earned a 100% rating on the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index four years in a row. The company also promotes and sponsors Pride events around the country. For more information on Esurance's diversity and inclusion initiatives and community involvement, visit its Diversity and Inclusion page.

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# bookworm sez by Terri Schlichenmeyer

**"Nina Here nor There: My Journey Beyond Gender"** by Nick Krieger  
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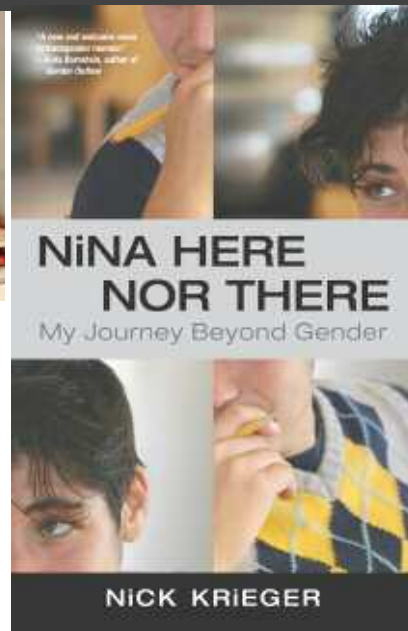
You've always hated your nose.  
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But would you have the courage to alter the

very things that define you to the rest of society? In the new book **"Nina Here nor There"** by Nick Krieger, you'll see why one young man did.

When writer-blogger Nina Krieger landed in San Francisco's Castro district, she felt welcomed.

Her lesbian friends, the "A-gays," folded her into their circle with parties. Old pals were glad to see Krieger, and she was glad to find an apartment with roommates she could tolerate. She even found a job that allowed her to continue writing.



But Krieger wasn't happy. For years, she'd struggled with gender identity: she was not a lesbian, not exactly a woman but yet — she was. Being in The Castro gave her hope, though, and unwittingly, she had surrounded herself with people who could give her guidance.

Greg, with his newly-flat chest and eagerness for life, was willing to share his experiences with surgery and testosterone shots. Jess, one of Krieger's roommates, was transitioning and taught Krieger about "packing" and binding. Zippy, a long-time close friend, gave optimistic support.

"Before moving to the Castro, I'd thought becoming a man was as realistic as growing wings," said Krieger.

But living "with her community" gave Krieger the courage to try. Deciding that breasts were the worst part of who she was, Krieger bought minimizers and purchased the other body parts that she lacked. Little by little, she allowed her family careful peeks into the person she knew herself to be. She "convinced" herself that she belonged, yet she was uneasy. What exists between *girl* and *boy*?

"... I didn't fully relate to either anymore," Krieger said.

Despite a fear of needles, unfazed by a list of realities, and heartbroken by a paternal lack of understanding, Krieger knew she had to find out...

"Nina Here nor There" is a bit of a conundrum.

On one side, author Nick Krieger takes his readers by the hand, allowing us to see what he sees. As Krieger explores the gender spectrum, we do, too. At the same time he's seeing the blurred lines of woman and not-woman, we see it as well. The journey is a good one, shared.

By the time I got to the latter third of the book, though, I was well good and ready for Nina to make up her mind. By then — just before the culmination of the story — "Nina Here nor There" becomes a struggle, both in content and story. And it's with great relief that you'll find what happens.

Overall, this is a book worth a look, especially if you're examining the fluidity of gender yourself. For you, "Nina Here nor There" is a nice change of pace.



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# MILWAUKEE FETISH MEN

## A LOOK AT MILWAUKEE'S LEATHER AND GEAR REVIVAL

By Paul Masterson

Earlier this year the Boot Camp Saloon burned in a suspicious late night blaze. Owner Si Smits decided not to rebuild. The Milwaukee leather and fetish scene lost one of its last remaining venues.

However, even before the Boot Camp fire, a movement was set into motion by both old and guard members of the community.

QUEST spoke with one of Milwaukee Fetish Men's (MFM) founders and current president, Sebastian, about the organization's mission and direction.

**QUEST:** For many, the leather and fetish scene is passé. Liberation and acceptance seems to have made this particular expression of gay male identity superfluous. What's the rationale behind its revival?

**Sebastian:** MFM was formed as a result of a group of men coming together whose interests lie in this realm. It's not passé by any means. But I kept hearing the same thing – "I wear my leather out but no one else does." The lack of a "scene" or a venue has made it difficult for men to make a public, visual statement. There are still a lot of men who want to show their gear in public.

Recognizing the need, we started back in February with a meeting at the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center. That led to forming Milwaukee Fetish Men. From there we developed a monthly meeting at Boom. David, the owner, has been very supportive. We use a space for an organizational meeting then follow it up with a bar crawl.

**QUEST:** When do the meetings take place?

**Sebastian:** MFM meets on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30pm. Everyone is welcome. After the meeting, around 10:15, the socializing starts.

**QUEST:** What happened to the traditional leather scene?

**Sebastian:** A variety of things. In the last 15 years, being gay has become a lot more accepted. The bar scene itself is shrinking now that younger people feel comfortable going to any bar rather than a gay one. The Internet has made its impact felt as well. Before, people relied on the bars as a means of meeting other like-minded men. Today, it's done on the computer. In the past, the leather-gear

scene was much more exclusive. It was a tough scene to enter. Now that's a detriment to those who want to discover the mystic of leather and gear. It's expensive as well. Traditionally, leather was passed down to younger men as they connected to people in the scene. Without a scene to continue that, the cost alone can dissuade people from exploring. Other gear is cheaper so the tendency is in that direction.

**QUEST:** Does MFM address all these issues?

**Sebastian:** It's an all-inclusive group that is open to anyone with an interest in the lifestyle and gear. Beyond leather, we decided to be as broad as possible and include uniforms, athletic and other gear.

**QUEST:** And what is MFM's mission?

**Sebastian:** We have three goals. 1. To raise visibility of leather and kink in the Milwaukee area; 2. To provide a social environment for individuals to meet; and 3. To educate people about safe and sane play. I should make it clear that we are not a play organization. We're a social group with a mission to facilitate contact and provide guys with an opportunity to meet.

**QUEST:** Who is your target audience? Based on the name, it's solely a men's group.

**Sebastian:** Anyone with an interest in leather, gear, kink and the BDSM scene who is curious to get information and meet people. And yes, it's a men's group. Our primary target is the gay or bisexual man. MFM is about sexual expression. It's tricky but the tension between diversity and specificity of focus has to be balanced. There are different needs. There are leather women and straight people interested in BDSM. But here gender and sexual orientation dictate the dynamics. This one area where a mixed crowd would make things uncomfortable.

**QUEST:** Still, the Internet has really taken over as a medium for meeting people. Why is MFM necessary?

**Sebastian:** Meeting on line is subject to all sorts of problems. For one thing, you never really know who's on the other side. Meeting publicly in a group is safer for one thing. You actually see people and how they interact. MFM is a reaction to the gay scene becoming homogenized. On-line profiles, even if they're honest, don't tell you much about the person. Wearing gear declares that one's sexuality is not mainstream.

**QUEST:** How does the physical presence change the equation?

**Sebastian:** There's a spark seeing someone wearing his leather or gear. It's very sensual. Leather has a scent and a sound. It changes the way a person moves. Wearing leather is restrictive. It forces movement that is more aggressive and deliberate. All that is lost on line where there is only a picture...and probably not a very good picture at that. I like to think when I'm out in my leather I'm exhibiting the dominant side of my personality. That wouldn't come across on line. And that's the point, isn't it?

**QUEST:** What about the submissive personalities?

**Sebastian:** Often a submissive guy wears more revealing gear. Doms are often covered from head to toe. There are codes as well. Some of that has been lost in the new generation but flagging was once common. Accessories like keys, or a tattoo would be on the left for doms and right for subs.

**QUEST:** How has the response been?

**Sebastian:** Good. We have a core of guys who show up for the monthly meeting and an extended, larger group on our mailing list. People show up when they can. Boom recently hosted the Cleveland Leather Awareness Weekend (CLAW) fundraiser. It was very successful.

**QUEST:** And MFM's future?

**Sebastian:** We hope to grow and raise public awareness of kink in general. Besides, drag queens are recognized for their contribution to LGBT rights. Stonewall was their great event. It sparked the revolution. I'd like to see the leather scene recognized for its role in the community as well.

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Jerry Grillo with Kirk Tatnall, guitar and Madeline Dietrich, Bass,  
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**Montage (Milw)** Drag Bag Weekend Trans-Formation show 11pm

### Saturday, August 27

**BOOM (Milwaukee)** Fetish Night with Puppy Party 10pm

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**Napalese (Green Bay)** Bear Night

**Shelter (Green Bay)** Miss Gay Titledown WI-USofA Pageant an official prelim to Miss Gay Wisconsin USofA 2012

### Sunday, August 28

**Fluid (Milwaukee)** Bingo 4 pm

**Frank's Power Plant (2800 S Kinnickinnic Milw)** Travis Hard & Mya Lynn's Birthday Bash Drag Show 10pm, 21+, \$3 cover. Get a dollar off door price if you wear a birthday hat.

### Labor Day Weekend

### Friday, Septmeber 2

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### Saturday, September 3

**Captain Dix (Wisconsin Dells)** Northern Plains presents Midwest Leather Prides Bear/Cub 2011 Competition 7pm on Sept 3 & 12am Sept 4

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**Brew Haus ( 2535 S Kinnickinnic Milw )** GLOW - A glow in the dark drag event. 9:30pm, \$5 cover, 21+ Bring glowsticks, paints, clothes and everything else that glows in the dark.

### Sunday, September 11

**Kruz (Milwaukee)** Castaways Beer Bust 3-7pm  
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### Monday, September 12

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### Tuesday, September 13

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### Friday, September 16

**Outreach's (Madison)** 19th Annual Awards Banquet Monona Terrace 5 pm

### Saturday, September 17

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### Saturday, September 24

**Monkey Bar ( 1619 S First Milw)** BrewCity Boiz and Babez drag show. 10pm showtime, 21+ \$3 cover.

### Friday, September 30

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## NEW on DVD Heartbeats (Les amours imaginaires)

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

The Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival has made a concerted effort to showcase emerging Québécoise filmmaker Xavier Dolan. Dolan's feature, **I Killed My Mother** (*J'ai tue ma mere*), screened at the Festival last October, was indeed an auspicious debut for a filmmaker still in his teens. This sexy, post-modern **Rebel Without a Cause**, offering as it does an invariably shirtless Dolan, paid suitable homage to just the sort of influential filmmakers Dolan himself aspires to.

If Glenn didn't actually love **I Killed My Mother**, the young filmmaker's daring mix of style, moxie and sheer audacity proved unmistakable and intoxicating.

Dolan's second feature, **Heartbeats** (*Les amours imaginaires*) was screened at one of the Film Festival's monthly screenings earlier this year and has now been released on DVD.

An enigmatic epithet from Alfred de Musset, "The only truth is love beyond reason," prefaces **Heartbeats**, effectively warning moviegoers not to expect smooth sailing in forthcoming matters of the heart. Even those few remaining optimists will surely lose hope after what follows, a veritable Greek Chorus of lovelorn twenty-somethings waxing poetic upon the impossibility that cupid's arrow might ever have a serious chance at success.



When we meet Marie (Monia Chokri) and Francis (Dolan again but here gelled to the very limits of possibility), they are two friends hosting the sort of youthful gathering one only encounters in foreign films. All those in attendance are young, extraordinarily beautiful, smoke cigarette after cigarette and expound upon matters inevitably political, philosophical or at the very least delving into the nature of art and literature.

Yet into this expected grouping of the usual intellectual suspects is one whose beauty and radiance transcends even the lingering cloud of cigarette smoke: Nicholas (Neils Schneider).

Immediately Marie and Francis are bewitched by the gorgeous Nico, falling truly, madly, deeply in love. Or at least the two friends convince themselves that they are truly, madly deeply in love, while simultaneously attempting to convince each other of their own lack of interest in the Scandinavian dreamboat.

Left wonderfully ambiguous is the nature of Marie and Francis' friendship. Marie wears absurdly retro clothing as if protective amour while Francis self-indulgently proudly wears his heart on his sleeve, as is daring life's disappointments to take their best shot. All too quickly our two protagonists drop any pretence of nonchalance with regard to Nico. Each surreptitiously plan chance encounters and shower Nico with attention and oh-so thoughtful little gifts whilst all the while seeking to sabotage the other's efforts. Even as Marie and Francis become more and more determined to woo the hunky blond, Glenn increasingly wondered if this competition was merely just that: two friends childishly trying to win a prize neither actually wants?

And then there is the question as to which Nico is actually interested in.

Nico initially seems oblivious of the attentions of Marie and Francis, innocently offering Marie a dazzling smile upon her

## Buy it, rent it or just forget it...

Xavier Dolan is nothing if not a precocious filmmaker managing in his youth and only his second feature both the cynicism and the cinematic stylings of one far more experienced. Dolan offers an extraordinary color palette as well as slow motion effects providing such sophistication one rarely finds at the cinema these days.

**Y Tu Mamá Tambien** by Alfonso Cuarón's, Bernardo Bertolucci's **The Dreamers** and particularly François Truffaut's influential **Jules and Jim** are all evoked by Dolan in **Heartbeats** and yet so too is **Death in Venice**, Luchino Visconti's memorable adaptation of Thomas Mann's cautionary tale of a fatal, unrequited attraction. Schneider's Nico particularly recalls Björn Andrésen's Tazio, the film's unobtainable youth to an extraordinary extent, right down to the actor's mop of curly blond locks.

As stunning as **Heartbeats** often is to watch, the pivotal characters of Marie and Francis remain aloof and uninvolved. Eventually, having been toyed with long enough, the two friends' frustrations finally bubble to the surface but by then Nico as well as most moviegoers, Glenn suspects, will have ceased to care.

## Just the facts...

**Heartbeats** has a running time of 95 minutes and is in French with English subtitles. **Heartbeats** is available on DVD with a SRP of \$19.99

Neils Schneider played one of boyfriends in Dolan's debut, **I Killed My Mother**. Look also for a cameo appearance by French star Louis Garrel as the subsequent victim of Marie and Francis' fatal attraction.

arrival at a café, drunkenly nibbling on Francis' ear when greeting the young man at a party. Perhaps the three friends might chastely sleep together, yet only the most clueless (or besotted) would miss the blatant sexual overtones as Nico coyly teaches Francis how to eat a marshmallow around the campfire.

Glenn is reminded of a moment from David Sedaris' hilarious **Santaland Diaries**, the delightful holiday story that catapulted the humorist to fame and fortune. As a Macy's elf at Christmas, Sedaris' Crumpet was smitten by an adorable elf named Snowball, an elf who shamelessly flirted with elves and Santas alike. "Snowball leads elves on, elves and Santas," only later would professes total ignorance of the attentions he has garnered.

Even as Nico is almost certainly infatuated with one, both or neither of them, what possible outcome is there for such an absurd ménage?





# Hoo\$ier Daddy?

## INDIANA ANTI-GAY LAWMAKER LIKES TWINKS

By Paul Masterson



In case you missed it, married Indiana Republican legislator Phillip Hinkle, 64, a co-sponsor of the Hoosier state's anti-gay constitutional marriage amendment, got busted earlier this month. Seems while he attended a wedding reception at the Marriott in Indianapolis, he was busying emailing a young male prostitute and coordinating a pay for play sex date in the same hotel.

The enterprising young man, Kameryn Gibson, 18, posted an ad on the local Craig's List looking for a "sugga daddy." The generous solon responded and offered \$80 plus a \$50-60 tip "for a really good time." Stupidly, Hinkle made the proposal using his personal email.

After getting settled in the hotel room, Hinkle, now in a towel, identifies himself to the impressionable youth as a state representative. The kid balked but his "sugga daddy" insists a deals a deal and grabs the kid's ass. So, the teen runs to he bathroom and calls his sister. She arrives and Hinkle tries to buy them off with \$100, his iPad and Blackberry, which they take. Then the wife calls on the Blackberry. The sister tells her that her husband's gay. Mayhem ensues.

Long story short, the Hinkle family offer the siblings \$10000 to keep quiet. But, they don't. Instead, they turn over the story and the emails to the Indiana Star.

"You've ruined me," quoth the man.

Meanwhile, according to the Advance Indiana website, the Indianapolis Metro Police Department seems uninterested in investigating the crime, even though it has been particularly vehement about pursuing prostitution and other lewd behavior. Its on-line report of the Hinkle debacle stated "this is the same police department that has cops working undercover to lure men to engage in sex acts in public bathrooms and the showers at local health clubs and makes their arrests a big public production."

Of course, Republican presidential con-

tender Michelle Bachman has a simple solution for the whole gay marriage conundrum. Recently quoted around the Internet as having said, "Gay men must marry women; the experience of marrying a woman will make a homosexual a heterosexual - it works every time," Bachman's advice seems to work some of the time, but certainly not every time. Republican, Christian, family values state representative Phillip Hinkle has seemingly tried and failed. Not only that, but he seems to have a taste for supple twink.

Of course, lest we think these people are homophobic, Bachman also stated, "I do not have anything against homosexuals. Some of my best hairdressers are part of that lifestyle. But that does not mean they should be allowed to marry those of the same gender."

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### Who Are You Becoming?

**Dear Uncle Barbie,**

I'm a Y/G/M (young gay male) who does not know what I want to do with my life. I am in my fourth year of college and still do not know who I want to be. The thought of graduating and entering the real world scares me. I don't know who I am. It took me my entire life up until now just to realize I am gay. And, even then, once in a while, I feel attracted to a beautiful girl. That really confuses me. So, I guess, I don't know what is going on or who I am. Help!

**Signed, Blue Boy**

**Hello Blue,**

We are all in the process of becoming. The question to ask yourself is what kind of a person would you like to become? It is an issue of character development. What type of character do you wish to develop? Do not just leave it up to fate--you decide. Take the bull by the horns and make a firm decision. Who do you aspire to be?

You were expressing some confusion regarding the best label to choose for describing your sexual orientation. Let me say a few words about that. The only label that I accept to describe myself is the label, human. I do not say that I am gay; I say that my sexual orientation is gay. I do not say that I am a professor; I say that I work as a professor. Do you feel the



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difference? I do not attach labels to my core identity; I attach them to my behavior where they belong.

Of course, you need to make up your own mind. Do not simply follow my lead just because you emailed me asking for advice. Some people feel comfortable using the term straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, transgendered, intersex, or allied to describe their sexual orientation. And, that is their choice. People have the right to pick whatever label they think fits them best. The only real concern I have is whether a label limits you or frees you. Does it enhance your life or restrict your life? Does it empower you or disempower you? Only you can answer these questions. Only you can decide who you want to become.

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director@creamcityfoundation.org

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director@diverseandresilient.org  
www.diverseandresilient.org

**Equality Wisconsin**  
2717 E. Hampshire Ave  
Milwaukee, WI 53211  
414-431-1306 equalitywi.org  
info@equalitywi.org

**Fair Wisconsin** 122 State St., Suite 309 Madison, WI 53703 (608) 441-0143  
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**FORGE** PO Box 1272 Milw., WI 53201 (414) 559-2123  
info@forge-forward.org  
www.forge-forward.org

**GL Community Trust Fund**  
PO Box 1686, Milw., WI 53201 (414) 643-1652  
glcentermil@aol.com  
glcommunitytrustfund.com

**Galan Club** 315 W. Court St. Milw., WI 53212 (414) 276-6936  
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www.galanoclub.org

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info@lgbtsewisc.org

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kurt@projectq.org  
www.projectq.org

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queerprgm@aol.com

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qzap@qzap.org  
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**Art, Sports Entertainment Bowling Out Loud**  
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www.madisongayhockey.org

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myspace.com/milwtownkings

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www.milwaukeeetennis.com

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**Milw Gay Volleyball Assoc.**  
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director@milwaukeegayvolleyball.com

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**LGBT Social Groups Argonauts of Wisconsin**  
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nkrainbowfamilies@hotmail.com

## LGBT Welcoming Churches

**Angels of Hope MCC**  
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aohmcc@netnet.net  
www.angelssofhopemcc.org

**Church of Atheism**  
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church\_of\_atheism@yahoo.com  
freewebs.com/churchofatheism

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footstepfellowship@yahoo.com  
geocities.com/footstepfellowship

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office@lakeparklutheran.com  
www.lakeparklutheran.com

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info@queerchurch.org  
pastor@milwcc.org  
www.queerchurch.org

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**Unity Church of Kenosha**, Racine 9220 26th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53143 Rev. Don (262) 914-8389  
helloworld@sbcglobal.net

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bvgpresident@bvgays.com  
www.bvgays.com

**Washington Heights Rainbow Association**  
(414) 258-8834  
washtsrainbow@aol.com  
washingtonheightsrainbow.org

**Wauwatosa Rainbow Association**  
tosarainbow@yahoo.com

## Other Service Agencies with LGBT Programming

**Aids Resource Center of Wisconsin**  
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www.arcw.org

**Brady East STD (BESTD) Clinic** 12240 E. Brady St. Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414) 272-2144  
bestd@execpc.com  
www.bestd.org

**OutReach**  
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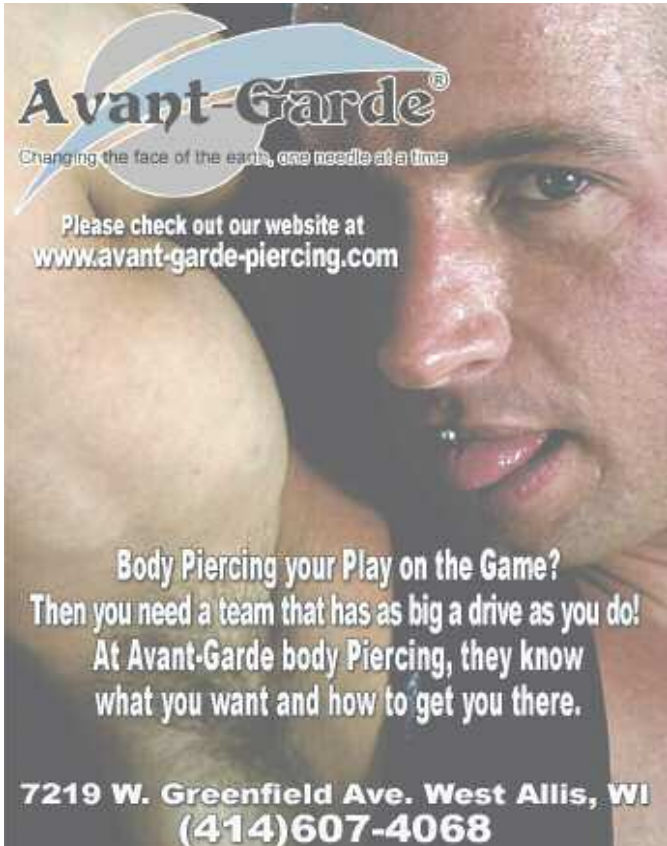




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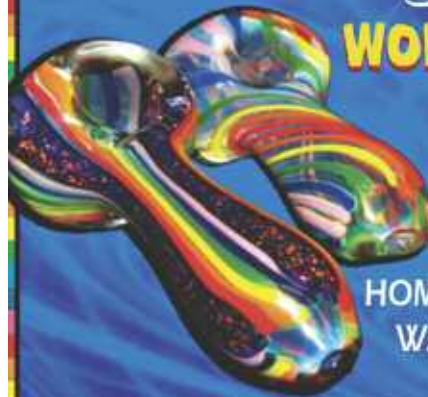
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