

# Look Who's Doin' the Jailhouse **ROCK!**

## Fannies Tries to Finger Dish in Closing Arguments

By Bill Meunier

Milwaukee- A major confrontation erupted when during his closing remarks to the jury, Defense Attorney Jim Stewart attempted to open the possibility that Dish may have caused the blaze. "Who else may have had a motive to set the fire? Dish!" he said. District Attorney James Griffin was instantly on his feet asking the Judge for a sidebar conference. The Judge excused the jury from the courtroom.

"I am astounded that you would now try to present this defense so late in the trial," said Judge Elsa Lamelas. "I am not saying that Dish set the fire," said Stewart. "I am saying that someone associated with it may have set the fire." He said that testimony showed that Cristin and Amber, two former Fannies employees both of whom would later work at Dish watched the fire.

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The women, who were called as witnesses for the prosecution, said they lived together and that they went to watch the fire after receiving a phone call alerting them to it. In her testimony, Dixon claimed that Cristin had a key to the doors at Fannies. The Judge said that she wanted it entered on the record that she found Cristin and Amber to be "quite credible" in their testimony.

Stewart said that Dish owner Julia Loggia testified that her opening night business was larger than she anticipated and that Fannies closing due to the fire might have been one of the reasons. He contended that proved Loggia had a motive to burn down Fannies. Judge Lamelas responded, "I found Julia Loggia to be a savvy businesswoman extremely professional, and a highly credible witness."

Lamelas then told Stewart that he could not use the defense under the terms of a pre-trial "Deny Motion" made by the State. Griffin later

told *WI Light* that under the terms of a Deny Motion, "in general you can't point the finger at third parties just because they may have had some motive." He said that there must be testimony or evidence showing that there was real reason to believe the third party may have committed the crime. Judge Lamelas said that the testimony and evidence did not indicate any involvement by Dish.

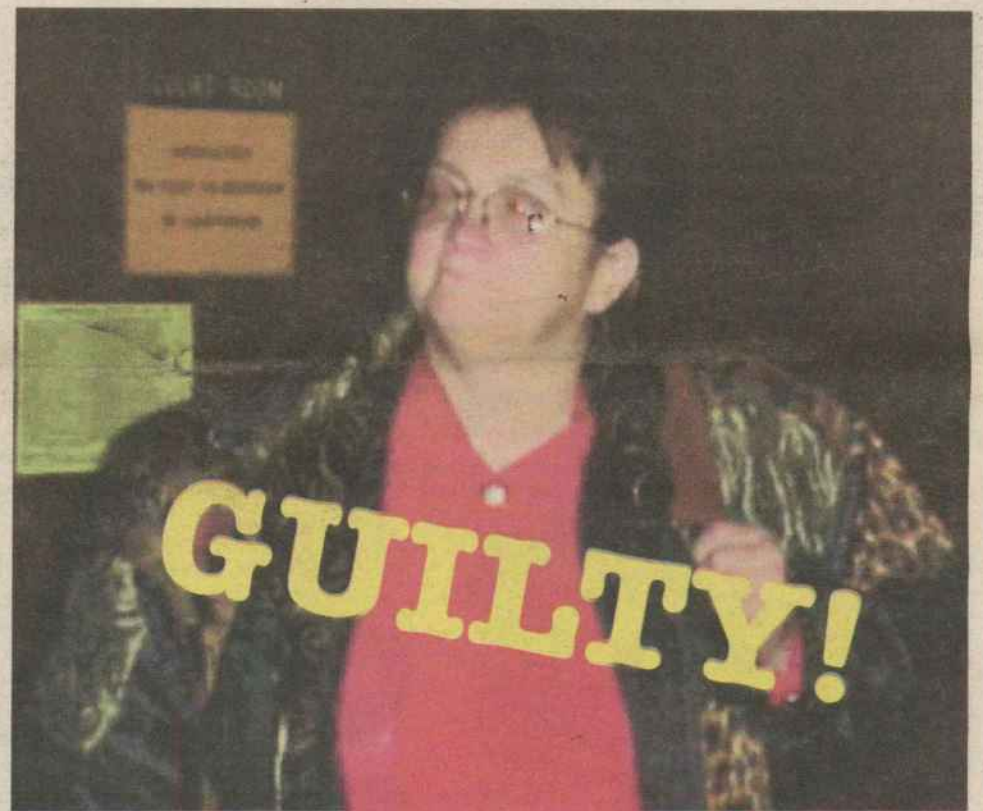
Loggia testified under subpoena from the prosecution. She was called to support the State's contention that Dixon saw Dish as a threat to her business and decided to burn her bar down to get money for remodeling so it could compete with Dish.

Loggia testified that she had spoken with Dixon about buying Fannies about six months before she opened Dish. Loggia testified that she wasn't worried about competition from Fannies. "We were basing our approach on what we wanted to do, not what they were doing. We had a good concept and a sound business plan," said Loggia. She added that her bar was going for a "cutting edge" crowd. "We are in competition with La Cage and other bars as well as Fannies."

Loggia also stated that she ordered her staff not to talk about the Fannies fire because it was distracting. "It took away from we were about and trying to do," said Loggia.

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Loggia told *WI Light* that her sales talks with Dixon never got serious. "We were looking at several places at the time. I tried calling her a few times, but Sharon never called me back," she said. When asked about Stewart's remarks, Loggia said, "I am not surprised. I think it was a move of desperation."



Dixon leaving courtroom after verdict

### The Dish Fire

*WI Light* has learned that in March of 1998, someone threw a Molotov cocktail on the roof of Dish. The resulting fire did little damage but it had the potential to be serious. The Dish building abuts the Cest Le Vie bar and rooming house.

The incident occurred after the Police found Dixon's storage locker and shortly before a John Doe investigation into the Fannies fire commenced. At the time, Dixon was saying that the Fannies fire might have been the work of an anti-Lesbian arsonist. Law enforcement officials refused to confirm or deny that Dixon was suspected of involvement in the incident.

### Dixon Reacts

A jury of her peers has given its answer to the question of whether Fannies owner Sharon Dixon conspired with an unknown party to burn down her bar: Yes. The jury deliberated for about two hours before notify-

ing the court that it reached a verdict. The jury also found Dixon guilty of illegal possession of controlled substance - morphine. Dixon bowed her head as Judge Donaldson stepped in and announced her convictions on charges that may mean a sentence of up to 42 years in prison.

Two hours later the trial judge Elsa Lamelas remanded Dixon into custody over the vigorous objections of her attorney, Russell Stewart.

**Charges may mean a sentence of up to 42 years.**

The January 28th verdict concluded a bitterly fought trial that included testimony from a former Milwaukee TV personality, allegations from Dixon's attorney Russell Stewart that she was being persecuted because she is a Lesbian and a last minute attempt to shift blame for the fire to a competing bar, Dish. The later provoked an angry response from trial Judge Elsa Lamelas, who chastised Stewart and rejected his attempts to convince the jury that Dish employees may have set the blaze.

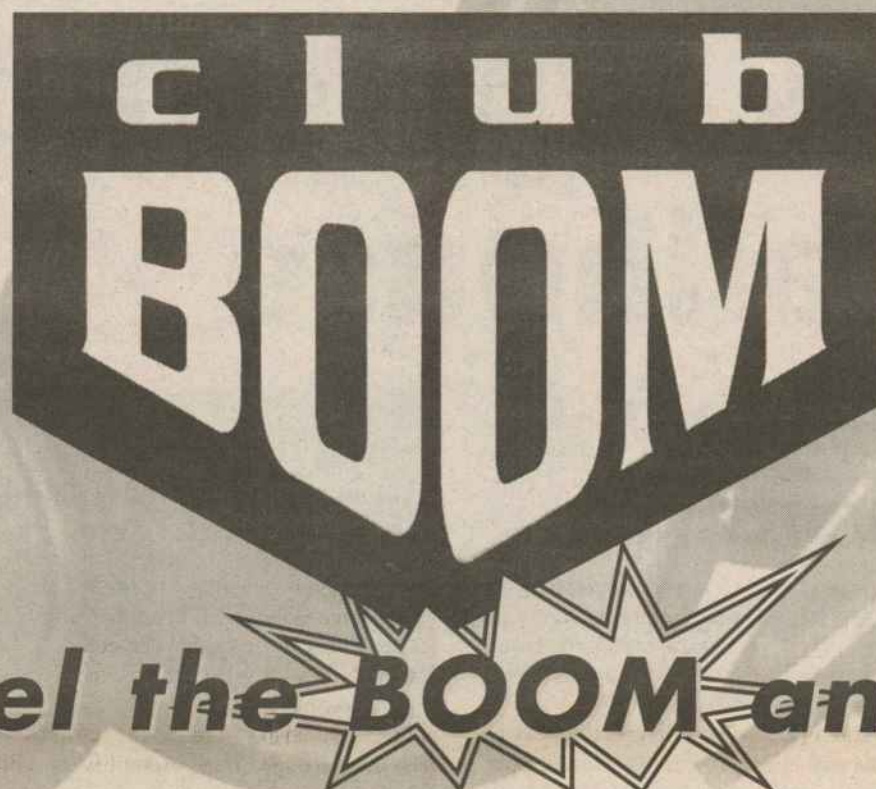
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**World NEWS****Rome Mayor Backs Gay Pride Week**

**Rome**— Gay pride week comes smack in the middle of the Roman Catholic Holy Year has many wondering whether the event will be permitted to take place. "You might not go along with the gay pride event, but it would be a mistake to ban it," Mayor Francesco Rutelli said.

World Pride Roma 2000 is expected to bring hundreds of thousands of gays and lesbians to Rome. The Pride event is right in the middle of the Catholic church's Holy Year.

"Rome has a millennium-old code of welcome and respect that won't change in 2000," Rutelli told a city council meeting on Holy Year issues. that the Vatican was irritated by the fact that the gathering comes during the Jubilee year.



Pope John Paul II

The Vatican's Holy Year calendar includes days dedicated to the sick, to children and to city traffic officers. The Pope's fellow Poles get their day during the first week in July — the same time as World Pride.

"World Pride will be a great appeal to Italy and to the entire world not to close their eyes to the legitimate requests for dignity and social inclusion for 5 percent of the population," said Sergio Lo Giudice, leader of the Italian gay rights group Arcigay.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, number two in the Catholic Church hierarchy after Pope John Paul, said on Friday he hoped authorities would reconsider staging a big gay festival in Rome in 2000.

The gay jamboree has received 350 million lire (US\$178,000) in funding from the city of Rome, which has begun to draw stiff criticism from the political right.

Rome Mayor Francesco Rutelli defended the cash grant to gay groups to help with the organization of the festival and said organizers of all events taking place in Rome during 2000 were aware that the Holy Year had to be respected.

"This event is neither against the Vatican or the Pope," said Imma Battaglia of the Rome gay organization "Mario Mieli." "This is an important moment in which homosexuals, transsexuals, heterosexuals, atheists and believers will gather peacefully to ask for equal rights, respect for people's differences and an end to discrimination," Battaglia added.

**Democrats Are Fighting to Pass Laws to Punish Hate Crimes**

**Washington, DC**— President Clinton and Congressional Democrats are Fighting to Pass Legislation to Punish Hate Crimes. Shocked by several hate crimes nation-wide, Democrats have redoubled their efforts to pass hate crimes legislation. Senate Democrats successfully attached a hate

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crimes provision on to one of the yearly spending bills, but GOP House and Senate leaders insisted on deleting the measure.

Despite bipartisan support for expanding hate crimes legislation in both the House and the Senate, Republican Congressional leaders refused to allow this critical legislation to become law. In July, the Senate passed two amendments to increase federal jurisdiction over hate crimes and to provide federal grants to states for hate crimes prosecution. In November, the parents of hate crimes victim Matthew Shephard came to Capitol Hill to personally lobby for better legislation. Republican Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott refused to even meet with the family.

**Religious Leaders Back Same Sex Marriage**

**Vermont**— An interfaith group of 17 Vermont religious leaders, including the state's Episcopal and Methodist bishops, released a statement last week in support of same-sex marriage.

The institution of marriage "can only be strengthened by extending our understanding of marriage to include the faithful committed relationships of same gender couples," the statement says. "When two women or two men make a loving commitment to one another and wish to assume the responsibilities of marriage, they exemplify a moral good which cannot be represented by so-called registered partnership."

The statement followed by one day a pastoral letter by Vermont's Roman Catholic bishop, urging Catholics and other people of faith who oppose same-sex marriage and domestic partnership to rally at the State House

**DNC Applauds LGBT Community**

**Washington, DC**— Democratic National Committee National Chair Joe Andrew and General Chair Mayor Edward G. Rendell applauded the LGBT community in Iowa for its outstanding showing at the nation's first Presidential caucuses on January 24th. At the precinct caucuses, voters elected 26 openly-gay Democratic delegates along with 22 openly-gay alternates.

"The tremendous level of gay and lesbian involvement in the Iowa Democratic Caucuses is a testament to the Democratic commitment to equality and fairness for gay and lesbian Americans," said DNC National Chair Joe Andrew. Democrats made specific efforts to reach gay and lesbian voters in Iowa, while the Republican candidates continue to demonize gay and lesbian Americans.

"It is clear that gay and lesbian Iowans had a very significant impact on the Democratic Caucuses. The nation will be looking to Iowa and the precedent it has set by electing openly-gay delegates, alternates, platform committee members, and county central committee members," said DNC General Chair Mayor Rendell.

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**LGBT Community Win Delegates Seats**

**San Diego**— The predominately gay and lesbian San Diego Democratic Club fielded a successful slate of delegates at the various delegate selection caucuses held in each Congressional District on January 23. A total of twelve SDDC members placed in their respective caucuses, more than any other Democratic Club in San Diego County.

**Pat Robertson tells Religious Right to Get Sophisticated**

**Virginia**— TV preacher and Christian Coalition President Pat Robertson last week told his national television audience that religious conservatives should be more politically sophisticated and accept Republican presidential candidate George Bush.

Robertson's nationally syndicated *700 Club* program ran several news features about the Iowa caucuses, including one noting that religious conservatives are divided among the Republican candidates. Some Religious Right activists were quoted as criticizing Bush for refusing to say whether he will name an anti-abortion running mate or apply an anti-abortion litmus test to judicial nominees.

Speaking on the morning of the Iowa caucuses and the anniversary march in Washington against the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, Robertson chided the Religious Right for lacking political savvy.

Warning that a public commitment to an anti-abortion litmus test for judges would cost Bush votes, Robertson said, "The people have got to get more sophisticated in this Christian...movement, so to speak, to understand that you have to, to get people elected. If they're not elected they're not going to do you any good."

Observed Robertson, "Look, George Bush right now does not want to step into a land mine, you know. And the land mine is, 'I will have a litmus test for judges.' Well, if you say that, bingo, you've just lost a large part of the general electorate."

Robertson warned that religious conservatives must not make the mistake of pushing Bush too far to the right by demanding a "strong statement" on abortion. He noted that a Virginia gubernatorial candidate lost the general election because he opposed rape, incest and life-of-the-mother exceptions for abortion at the behest of the Religious Right.

Added Robertson, "What Lyndon Johnson said a few years ago to his friends on the left, he said don't have them push me so far to the left that can't win. He said, 'I'll take care of them when I get into office.'

Robertson assured his viewers that political pragmatism will pay off and that Bush's judicial nominees will satisfy them.

## National Resource for Single and Gay and Lesbian Adoptive Families

Washington, DC - The urge to call someone "Mom" or "Dad" and to experience the safety, security and love of a permanent home is on the mind of thousands of waiting children in the United States. However, this is only half the story of adoption. The urge to become a parent and to experience the special challenges and rewards of parenting, has moved single adults and gay and lesbian adults to explore adoption as a means of creating a family.

With the opening of its national office, the Adoption Resource Exchange for Single Parents, Inc. (ARESP) has taken its first solid steps at becoming a more effective national resource for single adoptive parents and gay and lesbian adoptive families. ARESF was founded in 1994 to help single people adopt special needs children.

For the past 5 years ARESF has worked with both sides of the adoption story -- the hopeful parent(s) and the waiting child -- serving the needs of each to make their improbable dreams come true. "In our first four years, as an all-volunteer organization, we facilitated an average of 4-5 placements per year. This year, as a staffed organization, our production increased substantially by helping to facilitate 15 placements."

ARESP intentionally works with those not well served by the mainstream adoption community; children lingering in foster care as well as single adults who are often not

seen as appropriate choices for creating a family. "However, because of our work, adoption professionals are increasingly realizing that singles, gays, lesbians, and unmarried couples make excellent adoptive parents."

The purpose of ARESF is to advocate and promote the adoption of older and special needs children in the foster care system; advocate for single adoptive and foster parents; provide advice and counsel on the process of adoption, the home study process and the search for waiting children; maintain listings and profiles of waiting children; and gather resources to be made available to prospective parents.

ARESP, a nonprofit organization, is located in Silver Spring, Maryland. The organization recruits single adults as well as gay and lesbian adults to become adoptive parents of special needs children. ARESF provides direct services to the Washington area but also serves single adults nationwide and plans to expand its direct services to people nationwide in the near future.

## Jimmy Creech to speak at MMOW Wedding

Washington, DC -- "I'm very pleased to announce that the Rev. Jimmy Creech, former United Methodist clergy and outspoken advocate for holy unions of same-sex marriages, will be speaking at 'The Wedding', the largest same-sex wedding demonstration and celebration in history," said Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry, founder and moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC).

UFMCC is the world's largest and oldest spiritual organization offering positive, affirming spirituality to the LGBT communities.

Rev. Jimmy Creech, a United Methodist minister for 29 years, lost his credentials in November 1999 after a United Methodist Church jury found him guilty of disobeying church law by officiating at the same-sex union of two North Carolina men. Creech is at the forefront in the fight to remove sanctions against same-sex marriages in established Protestant churches. He has called the opposition to holy unions amongst same-sex couples "spiritual violence".

"We aren't being faithful to the vision of Christ when we exclude gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons," Creech stated. Rev. Creech will be joined by his wife, Chris Weedy and their daughter at "The Wedding".

"The Wedding: Now More Than Ever" will take place in front of the Internal Revenue Service Building, located at 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 29 at 10:45am. Registration for the April 29, 2000 "Wedding" exceeds the numbers of "The Wedding" that Rev. Perry conducted at the 1993 March on Washington, which was recorded at that time as the largest same-sex wedding demonstration and celebration in history.

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## ARCW Board Elections

**Milwaukee**— Michael Youngman, Vice President of Government Relations at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, has been elected the board chair for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Mr. Youngman has served on the ARCW board for four years, most recently as Vice Chair.

"I am honored by my colleagues' confidence in me to lead the board," said Youngman. While AIDS is constantly evolving, we can never forget the toll it has taken on the gay community. ARCW remains dedicated to protecting Wisconsin's new generation of gay youth from HIV and providing quality care and services to those living with HIV," said Youngman.

"Michael is an outstanding community leader and AIDS advocate. His deep commitment and clear vision will give ARCW's board sound direction over the next few years," said Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director.

Joining the board for a three-year term is ARCW's newest member Bill Murat of Madison, district director for U.S. Representative Tammy Baldwin. "Bill Murat brings extensive political experience and years of AIDS advocacy to ARCW's board," said Nelson.

Ken Kujava, owner of Za's bar in Green Bay, was re-elected to the board. "Ken brings solid ideas and solutions to issues through his work on ARCW's board and at Za's bar, which is frequently the venue for HIV/AIDS benefits," Nelson added. "We appreciate the diversity and community support of our board."

Also re-elected to the board is Dennis Kurtz, Director of Youth Ministry for the La Crosse Catholic Diocese. Cris Ros-Dukler was elected to serve as ARCW's board vice chair.

Serving existing terms, ARCW board members include Stuart Rau, Virginia Finn, Brian Buggy, MD, Michael Homes, Ed Hashek, Dean Fitzgerald and Jose Milan.

Nelson added that ARCW's board is comprised of a strong and diverse group of individuals from around the state, all having tremendous abilities and contributions to offer during this highly critical time in AIDS.

A primary board objective in 2000 is finalizing a new strategic plan which ARCW will launch this spring. ARCW's strategic plan will advance HIV initiatives for statewide prevention programs and boost services for people with HIV. The board is also looking at ways to engage community collaborators at many levels in the AIDS fight, as well as providing recommendations for ways to diversify revenue sources.

"AIDS drug failures are increasing as are new HIV infections. AIDS is far from over in Wisconsin, across the country and around the world. The support of our community and business partners is more crucial than ever to effectively confront this new wave of AIDS," said Youngman.

## Youth Activist Featured in Tribune

**Madison** — 13-year-old Madison, LGBT Rights Activist Sol Kelley-Jones was featured in the Family Section of the Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000 *Chicago Tribune*.

The article was entitled *BATTLE-SCARRED ROOKIE LEADS THE CHARGE AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA*. The article was well written and sensitive to this young activists' issues. Kelley-Jones, having grown up in a family of two Moms, spoke openly and freely of her feelings within the home and its acceptance in the community.

Sol is the child of two lesbian mothers and a "donor" dad. Her birth was the result of alternative fertilization, also called donor insemination. Her biological mom, Sunshine Jones, and her mother, Joanne Kelley, together for 21 years, selected the donor because they wanted to be able to tell their child that he was "a tremendous person." Sol has met her biological father.

## AIDS Network to Hold Annual Red Ribbon Dinner

**Madison** — Some of Madison's best chefs are once again coming together to create an extraordinary culinary experience in support of the Madison-based AIDS Network. This year's Red Ribbon Chef's Collective Dinner will be held on Friday, February 18 at the Sheraton Madison Hotel.

Since its inception in 1992 this event has become a flavorful tradition and has garnered support from a wide variety of sources.

Originally conceived by the Sheraton Hotel and AIDS Network to showcase the Sheraton's building renovation, it has become an opportunity for guests to taste some of the best foods, produced by some of the area's best chefs and raise much needed funding for the AIDS Network client services.

Guests this year will enjoy a full five-course meal, complete with wines and breads. Chef Coordinator for this year's event is Brian Boehme of Deb&Lola's. Boehme has acquired chefs from the following restaurants: The Sheraton Hotel, The Dining Room, Pasta Per Tutti, Otto's Bar and Restaurant, The Opera House, Restaurant Magnus, The Blue Marlin and the new Clay Market Café. Accompaniments will be provided through the expertise of Madison Sourdough Company, Left Bank Wines, Victor Allen's Coffee and Tea, and Candinas Chocolatier.

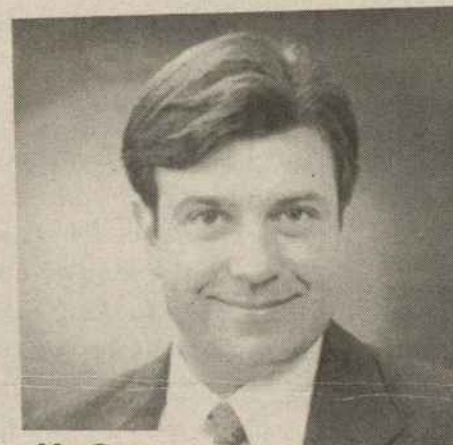
All proceeds from the evening will allow AIDS Network to continue their work throughout south central Wisconsin. Tickets for the event are available by contacting the AIDS Network at (608) 252-6540

*Editor's Note: WI Light will be there, and encourages everyone to attend! Good Food, Good Company, Good Chocolate, and a Silent Auction, what could be better!*

## The Pageant Cancelled

**Milwaukee** — The Pageant for Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin, which was to be held Sunday February 13 at the Milwaukee Hilton's Crystal Ballroom, has been cancelled until further notice. *WI Light* received this sad news from Ron Marx as we went to press Tuesday. Watch *WI Light* for continued coverage and updates.

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## Fannies Conviction

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After the verdict was announced Dixon, continued to insist that she is innocent. "I expected to be convicted on the drug charge because of the way the law reads. I never expected to be convicted of arson," Dixon told *WI Light*.

**"I didn't do it. I am not that stupid. I am insulted that the jury thought I was that stupid."**

**— Dixon**

When reminded of the evidence and testimony of witnesses who said she act strangely on the night of the fire, Dixon said, "I didn't do it. I am not that stupid. I am insulted that the jury thought I was that stupid." Dixon said she will appeal the verdict. "There are many grounds for an appeal," she said.

### Let's Make a Deal?

Dixon, who said she would sell Fannies, told *WI Light* that she was offered a deal by the DA. "They said if I would plead guilty to any five year felony and they would drop the drug charge," she said. "I told them I would not plead guilty to something I did not do." When asked why she did not make a deal on the drug charge, Dixon said, "I was hoping that at least one juror would find me not guilty."



Sharon Dixon conferring with her attorney after the verdict

Prosecutor Jim Griffin declined to comment on Dixon's statement. Some members of the community are speculating that the deal may have been contingent on Dixon naming the person who set the fire.

### Dixon's Bail Set at \$50,000 Cash

Two hours after the verdict, Judge Lamelas was back in her courtroom to enter the verdict on the record. Griffin asked the Judge to set cash bail for Dixon and revoke her personal recognizance bond. Stewart suggested a \$2,500 cash bail. He said that Dixon needed time to get her affairs in order and argued that Dixon has ties to the community and no prior criminal history.

"That is not nearly enough," said Judge Lamelas. "Your client has been convicted of a very serious crime. She faces very serious penalties. Stewart said that Dixon didn't have much money. The Judge responded that former Milwaukee television personality Marty Burns Wolfe testified that she would lend Dixon \$50,000 and that the Defense said that Dixon has many financial resources. "Am I supposed to disregard that testimony?" asked the Judge. She then set Dixon's bail at \$50,000 in cash.

Outside the courtroom, Stewart expressed anger over the bail amount. "Sharon Dixon showed up for six court appearances," he told *WI Light*. "I have seen armed robbers walk away while awaiting their sentencing. If I shot at you and missed and was convicted, I would go home to get my affairs in order." The anger over the bail was the last chapter in a contentious, bitterly fought trial that some Dixon supporters branded as unfair.

### The State's Circumstantial Case

Throughout the trial, Assistant DA Jim Griffin built a circumstantial case against Dixon. The State conceded that Dixon herself did not set the blaze. She was having dinner with friends when it broke out. The State said that on October 28, 1997, Dixon helped an arsonist burn down her bar so she could pay her debts including a tax bill owed to the IRS. The State said that Dixon also needed money in order to remodel her bar so it could compete with the soon to be opened Dish. Witnesses testified that Fannies was in disrepair with a leaking roof, a buckling dance floor, electrical problems and an inferior sound system.

Three witnesses testified that on separate occasions Dixon told them that she would burn down Fannies rather than let the IRS seize it. Other witnesses testified that four days before the fire, Dixon's cousin rented a storage locker where Dixon moved items including sound equipment, clothes, checks, family photos and personal effects the State said she wanted to save from a fire. Her cousin rented the locker in her own name and put a Dixon friend on the application rather than Dixon.

Witnesses testified that on the day of the blaze Dixon moved things out of the bar. These included a Karaoke machine (complete with all of its CD's and songbooks). They also said she gave away a very expensive magnum of champagne and told an employee not to set the bar's alarm as her dinner party left the bar. One witness testified that while Dixon watched the efforts to put out the fire she commented, "They always blame the owner." Griffin thundered to the jury, "It could have been accidental. How did she know it was arson? No one knew what caused the fire at that point, no one but Sharon Dixon."

### The Defense

The Defense insisted that Dixon's debts were not nearly as much as the State claimed they were. It maintained that since Dixon's tax problem emanated from Mike and Anna's, (continued on page 8)

# Madison's Political Climate

With Wisconsin's Capitol looming over its skyline Madisonians are constantly reminded that Madison is a political city. From the beginnings of Progressivism in the early 1900's to the Vietnam War riots of the 70's to the year 2000, the people of the city have been involved in political action and making their voices heard at the Capitol and in the halls of the City/County Building. Historically Wisconsin has shown progressive leadership on social issues and Madison has been the bastion of progressive thought within the state, a liberal oasis in the sometimes-rough seas of social conservatism.

Madison and the state have also shown the same kind of leadership on LGBT issues. At a time when only a handful of much larger cities around the country dared to pass equal rights ordinances that included sexual orientation language. Madison joined the few that were willing to do so. Madison's ordinance passed in 1978 and withstood an assault from a conservative group organized by The Reverend Dillabaugh, whose stated purpose was to overturn the new ordinance. It was at that time that The United (now OutReach) was formed by concerned Gays and Lesbians to ensure that the law stayed on the books. The grass roots organizing effort of The United paid off with a victory and a law that remained.

Fresh from that victory, community members decided to try to advance Lesbian and Gay rights even further. After several unsuccessful attempts to pass a statewide law banning discrimination based on sexual orientation, Madison's Assemblyperson David Clarenbach managed, with a lot of help from all over the state, to get the nation's first Gay rights law, AB-70, passed in 1982. He did it with a large coalition of business and other professionals, gay/lesbian leaders and perhaps more importantly, many of the leaders from mainstream churches around the state.

The church support enabled many politicians to back the bill who otherwise may have been afraid to do so. That support helped the historic bill become law.

Following the success of AB-70 Clarenbach was able to successfully get a bill through Wisconsin Legislature that decriminalized sexual activity between consenting adults. Within a couple more years the state had passed a Hate Crimes bill.

The City of Madison was electing openly Gay and Lesbian politicians regularly by the 1980's, including people like Richard Wagner, the first openly Gay or Lesbian person elected to the Dane County Board, Kathleen Nichols, Ricardo Gonzalez and others. Currently Madison has a number of openly LGBT representatives on the city council, Wisconsin Legislature and, with Tammy Baldwin's election in 1998, in the United States Congress. Prior to her election to Congress Baldwin had served in the Wisconsin Assembly (in the seat now held by Mike Poca). With her election Baldwin became the first female Congressperson in Wisconsin's history and the first out lesbian Congressperson in our country's history.

In 1990 Madison passed a Domestic Partner Ordinance, creating a domestic partner registry in the city. Many of the other battles of the last part of the Twentieth Century were reactions to assaults on our rights. An

example of that was the huge turnout massed in Wausau in 1997, many of whom took buses from Madison, to protest AB-104, a pre-emptive attempt to disallow LGBT marriage. When Wisconsin Christians United put up bulletin boards denouncing homosexuality a few years ago, the City Council saw hundreds of speaker's turn out to support a resolution proclaiming Madison a City of Tolerance. The resolution passed unanimously.

In the educational arena the University of

Feature by Callen Harty

there are those who would deny LGBT rights wherever possible. The Reverend Ralph Ovadahl of Wisconsin Christians United, a Monroe group that travels all over the state in its attempts to quash the "Gay Agenda," periodically inundates Madison neighborhoods with hateful pamphlets and fights every pro-LGBT social justice bill introduced. LGBT people still face job discrimination, homophobia and other problems. The city's equal protection ordinance still does not include gender-identity language.

Just last year State Representative Steven Nass (R-Whitewater) introduced two more anti-gay, anti-domestic partnership bills in the Assembly. One of the bills would prevent domestic partners from the state insurance pool. At about the time Nass' bills were being brought before the Committee, openly Gay Assemblyperson Mark Poca (D-Madison) introduced two pro-LGBT bills. One would create a statewide domestic partnership registry similar to the one in Madison. The other would open up the state insurance pool to domestic partners. Madison recently passed an ordinance allowing for the reimbursement of insurance expenses for domestic partners and Dane County is offering similar benefits as part of their union contracts. The Madison Metropolitan School District enacted a similar policy before either the City or County.

Many groups and individuals have worked hard over the years to secure basic civil rights for all Madisonians and Wisconsinites. They continue to do so. Some of the Madison groups that are active in the cause of LGBT rights include Pride in Wisconsin, A Congress for Human Rights, OutReach, and the Log Cabin Republicans. Many other groups do work on specific issues. For information on how to contact any of these groups check *WI Light* Resource Guide or Call OutReach (608)-255-8582.



Frank Lloyd Wright's Menona Terrace in Madison.

Wisconsin has had the 10% Society since it was founded by four friends in 1983. It also now has the LGBT Campus Center, a liaison to the administration and this semester, for the first time, and LGBT studies course that counts towards and LGBT studies certificate. All five of Madison's public high schools now have Gay/Straight Alliances, something that would have been unthinkable a few decades ago. A number of area schools in Dane County also have alliances. The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) and Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity in Education (GLADE) have both done incredible work in making the schools safer.

Madison is not Utopia either. While it has generally been a comfortable community

## Tremendous Opportunities to Get Active

By Mary McBride

Madison is an activist's dream come true -- especially if you are gay. But, what if you aren't an activist? What if you just want to do some volunteer work? Or have a special interest you wish to pursue? Or you are new to Madison and don't know where to start?

While large and diverse, most of Madison's LGBT organizations are actually networked through OutReach. **OutReach** is Madison's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Center. OutReach offers the best snapshot of Madison's LGBT organizations in their annual *Directory*. *The Directory*, published every July, comprehensively lists almost 100 LGBT organizations and 180 LGBT friendly businesses in the Madison area.

After reviewing *The Directory*, you may still feel overwhelmed and unsure about calling a group out of the blue to inquire about their work. Perhaps attending the group's event or meeting would seem more comfortable. A listing of activities in Madison's LGBT community is printed monthly in *The Calendar*. Also published by **OutReach**, *The Calendar* offers detailed information about meetings and events along with a business guide.

"Information overload" one might say

after reviewing *The Directory* and *The Calendar*. If you are still wondering where to begin, then perhaps you need to ask yourself a few questions. Do I want to volunteer for an event which has a limited commitment? Or something ongoing? Do I want to work with community issues, social service issues, or political issues? Or am I just not sure?

If you still are not sure where to volunteer your time, the best place to begin is with OutReach itself. Direct Services Coordinator, Callen Harty, at OutReach juggles a volunteer base of almost 200 people. He reports that some people volunteer at OutReach for a particular project with a limited commitment such as the successful annual New Year's Eve **Pink Party** or July's **MAGIC Picnic**. Others volunteer for ongoing projects such as OutReach's phone line, speaker's bureau, or as a support group facilitator.

As an OutReach volunteer, you will meet other OutReach volunteers. Many of these volunteers are also involved in other LGBT community organizations. Through these volunteers and your OutReach exposure you will access information about volunteering with other LGBT groups if you want to

branch out in your volunteering services.

Some other large community service agencies which always need volunteers are **AIDS Network**, **New Harvest Foundation**, and **Wisconsin Community Fund**. The later two groups are foundations which support Madison's LGBT groups through grants and other services.

On the social scene, the two most popular LGBT events in Madison are July's **MAGIC Picnic** and the New Year's Eve **Pink Party**. As mentioned above, the **Pink Party** is an OutReach event. The **MAGIC Picnic** has become the cornerstone of Madison's pride weekend. The event is a large LGBT social gathering which also doubles as a fundraiser for at least half of Madison's LGBT organizations. The **MAGIC Picnic** committee is a coalition of the recipient groups. Volunteers are needed from the planning committee to filling a work station the day of the event. To obtain information about **MAGIC Picnic**, call OutReach.

If you are interested in politics. LGBT legislation has become increasingly popular. Sometimes proposed legislation is actually against gay rights. Opposition to this legislation needs just as much support as promoting

the pro gay rights work. The largest organization working on LGBT legislation is **Action Wisconsin** with a statewide membership of 850. Their Madison headquarters works closely with Madison's elected officials Mark Poca and Tammy Baldwin. Both politicians recruited hundreds of volunteers during their campaigns and still utilize volunteers for a variety of jobs.

As the University of Wisconsin's main campus, Madison is blessed with many student organizations. The most popular is the **Ten Percent Society**. This group regularly sponsors enormous dances popular to all ages, but particularly targeted to college LGBT's and their friends.

LGBT academic staff will find the **Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network of Wisconsin (GLSEN Wisconsin)** a rewarding experience. GLSEN seeks to create as an educational environment which is free from harassment and intolerance.

By now, you can see that volunteer activities in Madison come in all shapes and sizes. The groups mentioned above are just a small sampling of what exists. Your time and energy will be rewarding and most appreciated by any organization.

# Fannie's Conviction

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her failed restaurant, Fannies was not in jeopardy. Dixon said that Fannies was an attractive buy because she held a difficult to obtain cabaret license. She testified that she would have sold the bar rather than burn it and claimed to have received numerous offers to purchase, but she provided no proof or witnesses to corroborate her claim.

The Defense denied that Dixon used to locker to save her personal items from the fire. Dixon said the locker was used to store items from Mike and Anna's and things she moved to the restaurant from her late mother's apartment. Dixon admitted that some of those items were hers but said they were mixed in with her mother's possessions. She maintained that the timing of the rental was coincidental. Dixon said she moved the items to the locker because of security concerns at Mike and Anna's.

The Defense showed the jury a video shot by the Police that showed the fire damage. The State claimed that Dixon moved some sound equipment from Fannies to the locker, but the video clearly showed the bar's sound system was in place during the fire. It also showed that Dixon's clothes remained in her upstairs apartment. Dixon and her attorney maintained that she could have gotten financing.

Dixon insisted that she wasn't worried about competing Dish and that she could have gotten financing.

**"This case is about money, the difference between money you have to pay back and money you get for free."**

**- D.A. James Griffin**

Former Milwaukee TV news anchor Marty Burns Wolfe testified via telephone that she offered to lend Dixon \$50,000 so that she could reopen Mike and Anna's. Dixon friend, Connie Goffinet testified that she secured financing for Dixon, but that Dixon rejected the loan package. "This case is about money," said Griffin. "The difference between money you have to pay back and money you get for free."

## The Lesbian Card

In concluding his summation, Stewart told the jury, "Sharon Dixon is being prosecuted because she is a Lesbian. She is also a human being, she deserves justice." The Defense introduced no evidence to support that allegation. Over half of the State's witnesses were Lesbians.

Griffin opened his rebuttal by telling the jury, "Do not convict Sharon Dixon because she is a Lesbian." He said that Dixon's sexual orientation was only mentioned because the State believed one of the reasons for the fire was Dixon's need for money to compete with another Lesbian bar, Dish.

The day after the verdict, Griffin told *WI Light* that he was "personally and professionally offended" by Stewart's remarks. "I think the record speaks for itself in terms of the fairness of the trial," said Griffin.

## Dixon Friends Question Trial

Dixon's supporters disagree. "The prosecution got five days, the Defense only got one day," said Bridgett, a Dixon friend. While the Judge did express frustration that the trial was clogging her calendar by taking much longer than expected, she never told the Defense how much time it would have to present its case. Nor did she place a limit on the number of witnesses Stewart could call to the stand.

**"I am in shock, I never thought this would happen."**

**- Dixon**

Bridgett also accused Judge Lamelas of using facial expressions to indicate her feelings about Dixon. This reporter did observe the Judge burying her face in her hands at least once while Dixon testified. It is not clear whether that was a sign of frustration that the proceedings were dragging on or a commentary on Dixon's testimony. One other neutral observer, who was present in the courtroom for the Defense summation and the argument on the Denny motion said he felt the Judge's attitude toward Dixon's attorney and her facial expressions during his summation were



markedly different from those she displayed when dealing with Griffin.

Dixon said that she was angry that her attorney did not introduce evidence that the contents of her apartment, which were damaged by smoke, were not insured. She believes that evidence would have helped to convince that she had no financial incentive to arrange for the fire. "I am in shock," she said. "I never thought this would happen."

For his part Griffin told *WI Light*, "I hoped and expected that justice would be done. It was."

## The Case against Dixon

Several court room observers told *WI Light* that Assistant DA Jim Griffin built a strong case based on circumstantial evidence. Griffin told the jury that by itself none of the evidence meant that Dixon was guilty, but that as a

whole, the evidence showed Dixon's involvement in the fire.

Among the key points he presented to the court were these:

### Dixon's Motive

The State said that Dixon was heavily in debt and burned down her bar to get insurance money that would allow her to rebuild the aging building, get out of debt and reopen her restaurant business, Mike and Anna's. Dixon said the restaurant was not profitable, but also testified that she wanted to reopen it.

### Dixon's Debts

A forensic auditor testified that Dixon owed at least \$136,000 in sales taxes alone. Her accountant testified that she owed him \$43,000 for accounting fees alone. He also testified that Dixon was three months behind in her mortgage payments to him at the time of the fire. Even her friends testified that Dixon was worried that the IRS would seize her bar because of taxes owed from Mike and Anna's. The State also said that an IRS representative accompanied the Police on an inspection of the bar.

### The Dish Factor

The State said that Dixon desperately needed cash to remodel Fannies in order to compete with Dish, which opened three days after the fire. Some former employees testified that the sound system was bad, the roof leaked and the dance floor was buckling.

### Dixon's Credit

The State said that Dixon was not able to obtain financing. Dixon friend Connie Goffinet testified that she was able to secure a \$128,000 loan for Dixon, but that Dixon rejected it because the lender insisted on holding \$30,000 in escrow to pay for Dixon's IRS bill. The State said that Goffinet and Dixon told investigator Fennig that Dixon would have only \$20,000 left from a \$98,000 loan. Goffinet admitted that an Illinois company turned down Dixon's request for a loan. The State said that company gave Dixon its lowest possible credit rating.

### Dixon's Words

Three witnesses testified that on different occasions Dixon told them that she would burn down the bar rather than let the IRS have it. One of them said Dixon made that statement just two weeks before the fire.

### The Locker

Pat Johnson, Dixon's cousin, rented a storage locker for Dixon four days before the fire. Johnson's rented the locker in her own name. She put down Dixon's best friend Monica Balfour as the contact person instead of Dixon. Balfour denied knowing that Johnson had done this. Police discovered and searched the locker in February 1998, four months after the fire.

The State said that many of the items it found there were being stored moved to the locker to keep them from burning in the fire. Griffin said that some of these items like fami-

ly photo albums could never be replaced by insurance money. Other items included Dixon's VCR, sound equipment, a gun, Dixon's passport and unused checks from the bar.

### Dixon's Behavior

The State conceded that Dixon was out to dinner with her friends when the fire was set, but insisted that her actions showed that she knew that it was going to be set. Dixon's dinner companions testified that she acted in strange ways the day of the fire.

### Dixon's Parking Place

Witnesses testified that on the day of the fire, Dixon did not park her truck in its usual place in front of Fannies. The State said Dixon parked her truck about 60 to 100 feet away from the bar so it would not be damaged by the fire.

### Dixon's Dinner party

Fannies was closed the day of the fire. Dixon invited some friends and acquaintances to go out to dinner. Some members of the group had gone out to dinner the month before and decided to get together once a month for an evening of fun. Several witnesses said they found it "strange" that Dixon invited around 15 women many of whom weren't part of her circle of friends.

The State said that the timing of the fire was more than coincidental. Griffin said that Dixon expanded the group because she wanted people other than her friends to provide her with an alibi.

### The Champagne

Dixon opened a bottle of champagne at the bar before the group left for Senore Frog's. Numerous witnesses said that Dixon was not a drinker and they found it unusual for her to be drinking in the late afternoon. "Sharon Dixon knew that this would be the last time she would be in Fannies with her friends," said Griffin.

### The Magnum

The day of the fire Dixon gave Balfour a very expensive magnum of Dom Perignon telling her to save it for a special occasion. In his summation, Griffin said, "Why couldn't it have been saved in Fannies?"

### The Guns

The Police fire damage video showed two empty gun holsters were hanging in Dixon's apartment. Police found a gun in Dixon's storage locker. The State said Dixon removed the guns to avoid exploding ammunition during the fire.

Dixon said that a former employee stole the guns and \$3,000 six months before the fire. She testified that she could put in an insurance claim because the alleged theft occurred at her upstairs residence. Nevertheless, Dixon said she didn't report to the incident to the Police because it would have meant higher insurance rates. When Griffin asked if she wasn't concerned about two guns being put in the hands of criminals,



Dixon said she was worried about higher insurance rates.

### The Gas Can

About five weeks before the fire, Dixon purchased a plastic gasoline container when Balfour's motorcycle ran out of gas in front of Fannies. Dixon put the empty container in the bar. Balfour said that on the day of the fire, Dixon insisted on putting the gas can in Balfour's trunk. She testified that she told Dixon to keep the container but Dixon insisted on getting her keys and did put in Balfour's car. "Suddenly this can has to leave Fannies," said Griffin. "She wanted it out because it would have made her look bad after the fire."

***In the end, the weight of nearly 20 prosecution witnesses and the over 100 exhibits entered into evidence removed any doubts the jury may have had...***

### The Alarm

Two witnesses testified that when the dinner party was leaving the bar the night of the fire, Dixon told her bartender Carrie Posernich not to set the alarm because "We'll be back in an hour or so." Numerous Fannies employees and Dixon friends testified that she always insisted that the alarm be set. The alarm was not connected to a security service but did sound locally.

Furthermore, Dixon's friends testified that after dinner, she wanted to go the M&M Club, a bar she previously said she didn't like, rather

than return to Fannies. "Sharon Dixon wanted to stay as far away from the fire as she could," said Griffin.

### The Karaoke Machine

Dixon asked her friends to move a Karaoke machine, its CD's and its songbooks to Posernich's car. She then tried to convince the five person group to ride in the car despite the fact that the machine took up the back seat.

The State said that Dixon wanted to save the machine for Balfour, who had testified that it was her favorite aspect of the bar. While Balfour testified that the machine was not operating properly on the day of the fire, another witness said it worked fine two days before the arson. Witnesses testified although the Karaoke took up the backseat of Posernich's car, Dixon wanted to take the five person group to take the vehicle to dinner. The State said Dixon wanted to use Posernich's car, which was parked next to the bar so that the Karaoke would not be damaged in the fire.

### Open Doors

A firefighter testified that when his engine company arrived they found two unlocked doors at the bar and that there was no sign of a break in suggesting that the arsonist used a key to enter Fannies.

### Dixon's Keys

The Police found a set of keys that Dixon said was hers laying the middle of the bar. The 13 keys on the ring did not include the front door key for Fannies. Dixon said she was later

able to access the bar by using the spare set of keys she had on her. "Who carries two sets of keys?" asked Griffin during his summation.

### Locking Up

Dixon said that she asked Posernich to lock the doors at Fannies because she left her keys in the bar. Witnesses testified that it was unusual for Dixon not to lock the bar herself. Griffin told the jury, "She asked Carrie Posernich to lock up the bar so when the fire-fighters found open doors she could say that she didn't leave them unlocked, someone else did."

### The Drugs

Police found 270 morphine pills hidden in a safe inside of Dixon's apartment. The labels were cut off of the prescription pill bottles holding the pills.

As noted in the January 26 issue of *WLight* and in this article the Defense contested the State's claims on some points and disputed the State's logic on other points. In the end the weight of nearly 20 prosecution witnesses and the over 100 exhibits entered into evidence removed any doubts the jury may have had about Dixon's involvement in the fire.

*Editor's note:  
Coverage on the Dixon Arson  
will continue on February 23  
after sentencing.*

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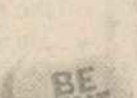
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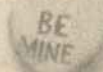
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## NEWS FROM THE SECOND FLOOR

### OUR NEWEST ARRIVALS:

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# Students Reaching Out for Safety and Respect

By **Jason Rasmussen**

"I pledge to make a difference."

So ends the Safe School Pledge of Respect that members of three extracurricular groups at Madison-area Middleton High School are working to make an integral part of the school's culture. In spreading the word about this pledge and encouraging students to sign during pledge week, February 21-24, these faculty and students are making a difference in their school.

On January 19th, nearly thirty students and seven teachers at Middleton High School met for the first time this semester to talk about their ambitious plan to have all of the students at the school sign this pledge. They are the members and advisors of three groups: The Alliance to End Homophobia (often called simply the Alliance, Middleton High's Gay Straight Alliance),

Imagine, and Ahana. Imagine and Ahana are student groups that have joined with the Alliance before to work on ninth grade orientation programs. Imagine focuses on preventing sexual violence, and Ahana is the student group for students of color. Their coalition has been so successful in the past that when the Alliance decided to pursue a Pledge of Respect, as at least one other GSA in the area has done, they joined forces again.

In addition to the pledge drive, students are planning activities, meeting with faculty individually or in department meetings to gain support for the pledge, and holding a bake sale to raise money for the flyers, publicity, and buttons that each student who signs the pledge will wear. This pledge is one exciting way that students are reaching out for respect and to make a difference in Middleton High.

The Alliance itself is another way. According to Martha Popp, one of the

group's advisors and an openly lesbian woman who has appeared on national talk shows, "When the Alliance started, four and a half years ago, it changed my life immensely. The kids made my life better. . . Now I feel so much more comfortable with my fellow teachers just knowing that they're not going to discriminate against me because they realize that that's not

done. If that's the way they feel during their private time, that's fine, but at school, I'm going to respected. I can talk about my partner at lunch in the faculty lounge or whatever, and that's fine. So it's been a HUGE difference for me to have the students do this."

Making this difference is part of the reason students join. Jen, a junior, joined with her boyfriend this year because of people she knew who

had been involved with the group. She talks about her own experience with the group as heightening her awareness of homophobia and making her even more eager to actively oppose homophobic speech and action: "You know how when you're part of things you notice more. It really became bothersome to me, the homophobia. I never realized how many people would say really awful things. Then I wanted to be a part of this and do whatever it takes. Even if you can just change two or three people, even one or two people, that's better than nothing." Ross, a freshman, explained his involvement more succinctly: "I'm in it cause it's the right thing to do."

And the students do make a difference. As Popp makes clear, the students' involvement helps gay and lesbian teachers feel more comfortable. It also helps straight teachers, who learn from the students'

### Middleton High School Safe School Pledge of Respect

*I believe all people should be able to be themselves in a supportive and accepting environment, without the threat of harassment and harm.*

*I believe that a lack of understanding of other people's differences results in discriminatory language and actions.*

*I believe that any intolerant words or acts directed towards any students or staff in our school based on race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, creed, physical appearance, disability or any other differences are unacceptable.*

*I hereby pledge to take a stand against hurtful language and behavior.*

*I will set the example of a caring individual.*

*I will eliminate taunting from my own behavior.*

*I will do my part to make my school community a safe and supportive place for all people by being more sensitive to others.*

*I will encourage others to do the same.*

*I pledge to make a difference.*

involvement in the Alliance. Hope, a senior and the school's only openly lesbian student, explains: "I've had teachers come to up to me and said they never thought there were gay kids in high school until they saw the group active and how much stuff I have gone through throughout my high school career and how it has gotten better."

The reaching out and making a difference doesn't just go one way, however. Hope talks about her experience coming out as a sophomore and how the teachers and the teachers and the group helped her. "Sophomore year, I came out. Got my car keyed, written on, notes, death threats, you name it. I never physically got harmed. Junior year was pretty decent. A lot of the teachers were really supportive." She describes how the advisors for the group, Martha Popp, Lisa Aarli, and Vicki Shaffer talked with her and encouraged her to join the group and get support. And things have gotten better for her. She talks about the dynamics of the Alliance: "We've all come together, and we all respect each other's sexuality." And that support has helped her to reach her senior year and become a confident young woman.

Despite the work of the group, however, Popp describes how difficult it still is for some students: "There are a lot of kids who are still very isolated in this school, who are perceived as gay or might be gay who are still, that we can't reach. We can only try to change the environment, but

kids are still suffering. There's no question about it." It remains difficult for students to come out in high school. According to Jen, "Maybe they are gay or lesbian or bisexual and maybe they want to come out, but they're so afraid." But the members of the group have hope. They've seen the changes that have come so far, and they can hope for further change. Ross explains this hope as part of the group's purpose, to make it easier for the isolated students and to provide support for them: "One of the reasons for the Alliance is hopefully our goal is to get those people to feel comfortable and come talk to us about it."

Through their involvement in this group and through the work of all three groups, Imagine, Ahana, and the Alliance on the Pledge, these students and faculty are making a difference in their school and through that difference, changing the world. This possibility, of larger changes in society growing from changes in the schools is an essential part of the LGBT movement, and part of the reason for the existence of GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Educator's Network). As Jason Rasmussen of GLSEN-Wisconsin, writes, "A lot of people in the GLBT community do not view GLSEN's work with youth as directly relevant to the homophobia in everyday adult life. We believe that by changing the culture of schools, we ultimately can change the culture of society as a whole."

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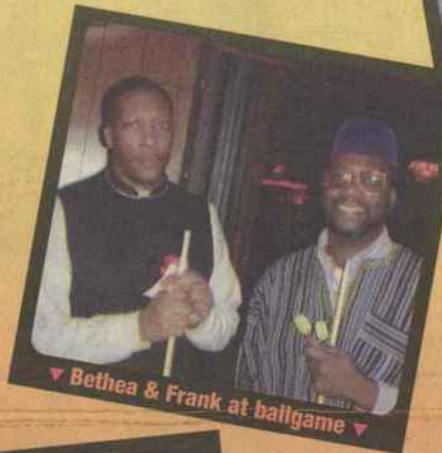


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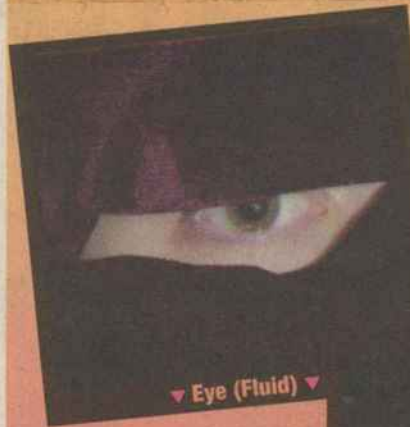
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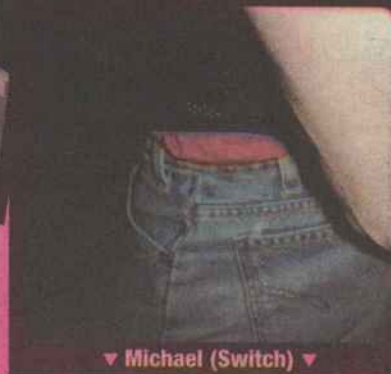
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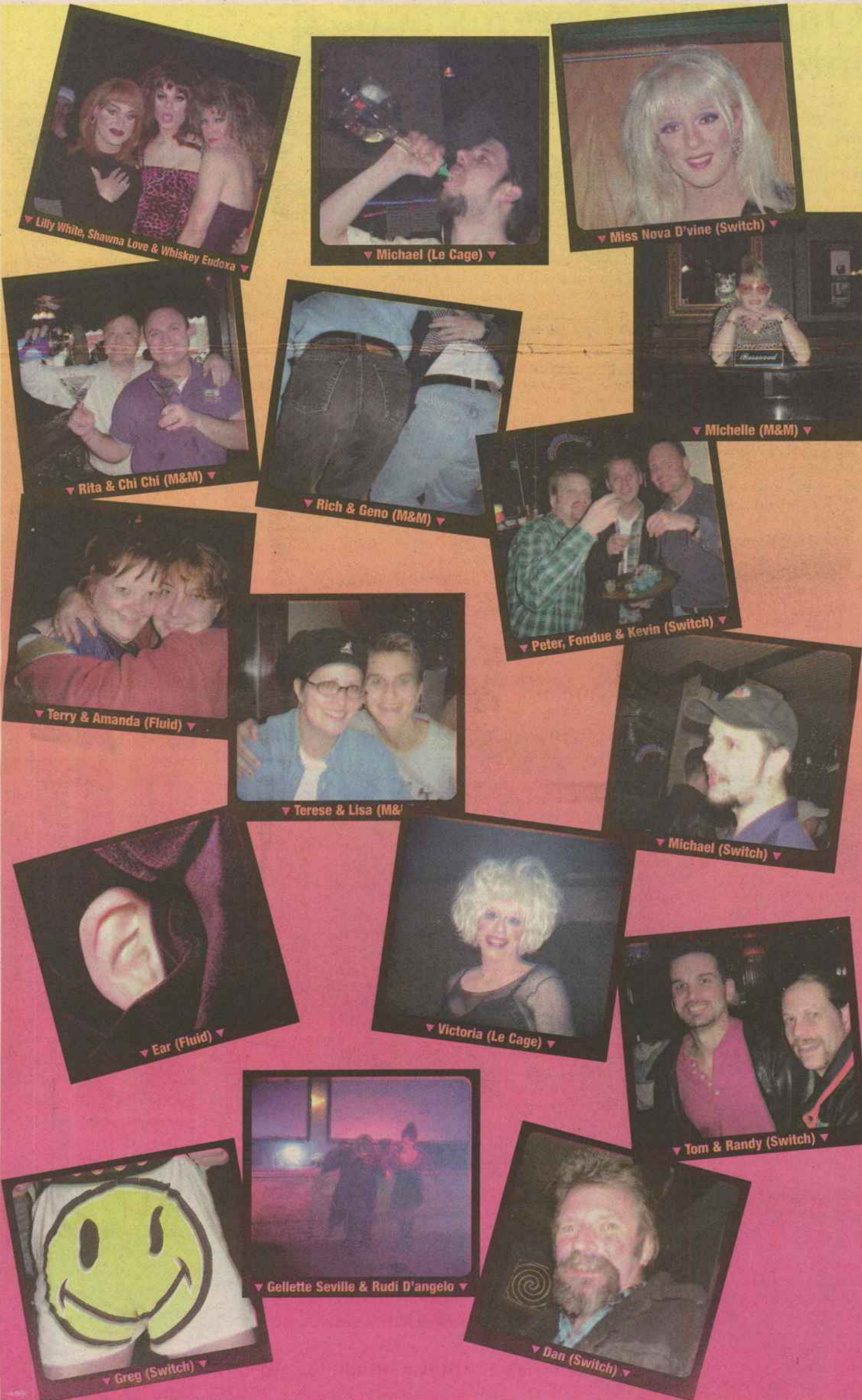
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## guest Editorial

By Virginia M. Apuzzo

The year was 1976. Americans were marking the Bicentennial. Ships from around the world poured into the New York Harbor to celebrate the world's oldest democracy. Despite the fireworks and fanfare, however, it was in many ways, a bleak time. The country was struggling to pull itself out of a recession. A southern governor by the name of James Earl Carter was taking political center stage, challenging us with the phrase, "Why not the Best?"

That season of celebration, the Democratic Party Platform Committee was travelling around the country, taking live testimony as it decided what the party would stand for heading into the November elections.

I was a volunteer for the then-named National Gay Task Force. My job was to travel around the country, dogging members of the Platform Committee, and helping local groups organize and lobby for gay, lesbian and bisexual equality. Our goal: a plank in the platform calling for nondiscrimination against gays and lesbians in such areas as housing, public accommodations and employment.

As the Platform Committee wound down its public hearings and the Drafting Committee began its important work, I found myself closed out of a public meeting by two high-level Carter aides. I was called an "embarrassment" to candidate Carter. In that Bicentennial year, the plank was not included in the final platform and our hope of inclusion remained unfulfilled.

# Out of the Margins and into the Mainstream - Almost

Four years later, I found myself pursued by the White House, being asked to join the Carter campaign and help organize the gay and lesbian vote in such key electoral states as California, Florida, New York and Texas. We had just come out of a contentious Democratic National Convention. Many gay and lesbian activists, frustrated by President Carter's inaction on issues important to our community, had bolted to support the insurgent candidacy of Senator Ted Kennedy, who mounted a vigorous primary challenge to Carter. Although the 1980 election was dominated by the Iranian hostage crisis and the theme of "economic malaise," the frustration demonstrated by many of these activists, and the subsequent decision by many in the progressive community to sit out the election undoubtedly contributed to Carter's defeat.

Through the 1980s, the Democratic Party made progress on our issues, at least theoretically. But passing a platform with strong, inclusive language - as the party did in 1980 and 1984 - is an exercise in futility when you can't win elections. And President Reagan wasted valuable years before he could even bring himself to say "AIDS" in public, much less offer up a plan for addressing the most serious public health care crisis of our time.

Today, as I watch candidates Bill Bradley and Al Gore go head to head for the votes of gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans, I reflect on the distance we have covered. We have progressed from an issue on the margins to a constituency knocking on the doors of "mainstream" USA - and we are a constituency whose votes are aggressively pur-

sued, at least by some candidates.

Among the Democrats, the candidates' recent expressions of support for domestic partner benefits and nondiscrimination laws and opposition to the "Don't ask, don't tell" military policy demonstrates vividly the importance of the GLB community in the nominating process.

Among the Republicans, the two leading candidates for president have resorted to the classic bob and weave when expressing their views on GLBT issues. Yes, Texas Gov. George W. Bush opposes the rights of gays and lesbians to parent and opposes a hate crimes law inclusive of sexual orientation, and his views on a wide array of issues important to the GLBT community reflect a lack of knowledge and awareness. But some would argue that Bush also has gone to some lengths to tone down the divisive rhetoric of yesteryear, when gay and lesbian Americans were seen as a threat to children and to families.

While Sen. John McCain supports the anti-gay "Don't ask, don't tell" policy, he also thinks that a gay or lesbian person could serve as president.

And he has taken \$40,000 in contributions from gay Republicans - a far cry from 1996, when candidate Robert Dole waffled when handed a check for \$1,000 from Log Cabin Republicans, a gay and lesbian group that is lobbying on the local level to help revise the GOP's history of anti-GLBT extremism.

What happened between 1976 and the year 2000? Two important developments. First, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgen-

dered voters organized and reached out to locally elected officials who were climbing their way up the political ladder. Second, politicians learned how to count.

By 1996, according to exit polls, voters who self-identified as gay, lesbian or bisexual comprised 5 percent of the electorate - larger than the Latino vote (4.5 percent) or the Jewish vote (3.4 percent).

And these are not automatic votes for the Democratic nominee, either; in the 1998 mid-term elections, fully one third of gay, lesbian and bisexual voters supported Republicans.

Today there remains a disconnect between the American electorate and the views of a majority of presidential candidates, which is why we remain unable to say we have entered the political mainstream. Yet it is undeniable that we have made substantial progress. While such names as Gary Bauer, Alan Keyes, Robert Smith, Dan Quayle and Pat Buchanan fall into oblivion or irrelevancy, it is clear from the way our support is being sought after that we in the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community have become an permanent part of the political landscape.

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## Letters Regarding St. Camillus

Allow me to comment on your article dealing with Saint Camillus. Father Steven is a genuinely lovely person and is held in high esteem within this community. As far away as I am I've already managed to learn the truth and wonder why you haven't. There might be money missing from St Camillus. But if so it went to pay for the drug habit of a certain Father Cronin who is shutting Fr Steven up to take the fall. Priests take a vow of obedience and I'd bet you dollars to donuts Fr Steven's been told to shut up. He can't defend himself because of their sneaky little church laws. I've learned as well that Fr. Steven's secretary was fired just after they sent him to Florida. Can you say cover-up? Would a phone call to her be so difficult? As a Gay man I must support those who support us. I know of very few company bosses who can operate without travel and meal expenses. I wonder where the money he's accused of taking went? Sounds like a clear rumor to me. I think we need to know the truth. Please investigate further.

**Carl Brighton**

It's about time everyone realized the enemy we have in the Catholic Church. But you guys dropped the ball on this one and went after the wrong man.

As always the real story lies with the powers that be in the church hierarchy. Father Cronin, the head of St Camillus was forced

into rehab by Braddock after becoming absolutely atrocious and negligent in the performance of his duties. Braddock says enough and off goes Cronin for an extended stay in the drug tank. Cronin sets up all this crap for revenge as soon as he gets back. So you think there's money missing? Who pays for all of Cronin's drugs fellas? Wake up now.

They're doing to Father Braddock what they've been doing to us for centuries. Shut us all up quickly and get us out of their faces. Braddock at least had the stones to stand up and now look what they have done. The real seep is Cronin's continued drug abuse. He'll close down any services offered to the Gay community next. Count on it. Meanwhile the hypocrite is sleeping with one of the campus janitors (name withheld).

Before you get on your high horse and gallop after Braddock you should check the facts I just gave you. Cozy that the big rumor's Scott Everitt from St Camillus sleeps with (name withheld). Corruption maybe? Oh yeah. But don't attack guys like Braddock so blindly. He treated my partner very well when he was dying and supported me without question or judgement. Get to the truth boys and girls. Forgive me for leaving myself out of this. You'll be printing that Braddock's my partner next.

**(Name Withheld by Request)**

HIV/AIDS Ministry evolved out of activities and hospitality for people with AIV/AIDS in one of the Order's houses, spurred by the vision of Fr Stephen Braddock. The order made this work one of its top priorities. It grew rapidly and drew financial support from donations and grants.

These resources have dried up substantially in the past one and a half years, obliging the Order to draw on internal funding. This internal funding can no longer be sustained. At present, efforts to secure new funding have not been successful and measures have to be initiated to downscale or close down the Order's ministries that are not self-sustaining.

The present situation led to the resignation of Fr Braddock. The cumulative stress of the growing financial crisis had its toll on his health. He was wearing many administrative hats for the Order. Our present review of his administration has not uncovered any embezzlement and theft as rumors allege. Fr. Braddock resigned and the process was genuine as well as painful. There was no police escort as the rumors cited in your article suggest. Fr Braddock remains a priest and brother to the other members of the Order of St Camillus. His work in Florida is authorized by our leadership of the Order and he receives his typical support for a member on leave and contributes his income back to the

Order. His recent cruise was the result of gifts from outside the Order of St Camillus.

It is with great pain that the Order has discontinued part of the ministry that Fr Braddock developed with the Order's blessing. Cutbacks are necessary in order to permit some of the ministry to survive. Funds will be sought to rescue what we can of the Order's ministries.

**Fr Louis Lussier, OSCam**

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# Theatre Preview

## Nabucco

Previewed By John Jahn

The careers of the great composers were often launched by a single work that captured the public's imagination, sometimes after they had labored for years without popular success. Such was the case with the Biblio-historical opera *Nabucco* by famed 19th century Italian composer, Giuseppe Verdi. This powerful, grand opera will be performed at Uihlein Hall of the Milwaukee Marcus Center for the Performing Arts on February 18, 19 and 20.

Set in Jerusalem and Babylon, the background of *Nabucco* derives from the Book of Jeremiah in the Bible's Old Testament. Led by King Nebuchadnezzar (*Nabucco* in Italian), the ancient Babylonians conquered Jerusalem and carried its inhabitants back home. But *Nabucco's* supposed daughter, Abigaille, seizes control and orders the deaths of all the captives, among them the king's rightful daughter, Fenena. How will it all end? You'll have to attend a performance to find out!

Donnie Ray Albert in the title role, an acclaimed baritone, leads an international cast. Sopranos Linda Roark-Strummer and

Leslie Morgan alternate the highly demanding role of Abigaille. Returning to the Florentine Opera for this production are bass Stefan Szkarafowsky as Zaccaria, the Hebrew Priest, tenor Philip Webb as Ismael, mezzo-soprano Kitt Reuter-Foss as Fenena, and bass Charles Robert Austin as the High Priest of Baal.

The Florentine Opera production of *Nabucco* will be performed at the Marcus Center February 18 - 20. For tickets and further information, call (414) 273-7206 or (888) 612-3500. *Nabucco* will be sung in Italian with English Supertitles.

## Words Book Review

### Contessa

*An Unexpurgated and Intimate Autobiography of the Great Star as told to Jack Fitzgerald*

Reviewed by Lorraine Sharkey

Upon first view, this 544 page quality paperback with its intriguing cover of a modern Mona Lisa type figure seems to be just one more tell-all autobiography. After a moment's reflection, you realize this is a put on there is, and never has been, a great star by the name of Contessa.

You open the book and read the one-page

preface. The preliminary remarks seems decidedly campy until the end which reads: "I admit the actuality of my birth has eluded practically everyone, and I've kept it that way for a very pointed reason....At long last, you, my public, are going to get the totality of the truth about me....I can guarantee that a lot of what you are about to read is definitely not pretty and will shock you!" That certainly didn't sound frivolous so I decided to invest a few more minutes of my time on Chapter One. I began reading. The book did have a decidedly fanciful tone and I caught myself laughing out loud.

All of a sudden I read: "That fall, Mildred went into labor. Sure enough, the light at the end of the tunnel was an eight-pound son which was quickly, and with much public ceremony, anointed Clyde. Thus, dear readers, please pay attention to the following: I was born. No, you did not mis-read. I, Contessa, was born a male - by the name of Clyde Dillard!"

Before I knew it, I couldn't put this book down. The more I read, the more I realized the author had led us down a humorous path in the first few pages of his book to hook our attention so we would continue on and view the neurotic hate which sex has spawned in our national psyche. Immediately you begin a safari into episode after episode of the vigor of bigotry, self-righteousness and hate in the United States from the year of Contessa's birth 1932 up until the present.

The aforementioned Clyde Dillard is born in a small town in Arkansas where his dad is the area godfather - a bootlegger, mur-

derer and tyrant. To J. W. Dillard's dismay, his son considers himself an "it" in life-not a male and not a female-"an alien born into an alien world". In 1951 when Clyde is 18, his father, rather than admit he sired an "it", opts to put Clyde into a mental institution and have him lobotomized. Clyde manages to escape, goes to Mexico, later joins the U. S. Army, then on to a university and afterwards in 1957 to Cuba, which at that time has the only recognized clinic for sex changes. Clyde is transformed into a woman called Contessa and enters the nightclub circuit in Havana as an entertainer. Castro's violent revolution, which changes one extreme form of government for another equally as brutal, envelopes Contessa and she goes to Paris. There, erasing all vestiges of her past, she enters the world of music halls and film and over time becomes a famous international star.

As adventurous and interesting as this book is in plot, its true richness is in the vignettes we share with Contessa of the hate she has to endure to finally achieve any happiness in life. At the end of the book, Contessa questions what her life would have been like if she had not had the sex change. "Where would Clyde be today? What kind of life would he have led? How happy would he have been?"

This book upon first view appears to be flighty and fanciful, but it proves to be anything but. Contessa is out to change the scope and attitudes of its readers. That it easily does and in a very entertaining and enlightening manner.



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**Gallery Talk, Madison Art Center (Madison):** Focusing on the exhibitions of Leonardo Drew and Erik Weisenburger on views through Feb. 13. Today with Aristotle Georgiades, sculptor and Asst. Professor, UW Madison Art Dept. on Drew. 211 State St., Gallery: 5:30pm, free admission, call (608) 257-0158.

**The Nerd, Hartford Players (Hartford):** Larry Shue's histrionic play centers on the hilarious dilemma of a young architect who is visited by a man he's never met but who saved his life in Viet Nam. Saturday Sun. and next Fri., Sat.; Hartford Union High School Drama Lecture Hall, 8pm, 2pm matinee 13th, \$7, \$6 for matinee only, (262) 673-2671.

**12 Sat. TAPESTRY: Songs of Love, Early Music Now (Milwaukee):** The Boston-based ensemble Tapestry, makes its Milwaukee debut with *Song of Songs*: Come into my garden - A portrait of Sensual and Spiritual Love. This extraordinary concert brings forth the fertile garden of sensual imagery come to life through Hebrew Cantillations, Latin Chant, Hildegard von Binge, Sephardic instrumentals and a dash of new music. (Concert is preceded by a chocolate reception and auction at 3pm.) Congregation Shalom, 7630 N. Santa Monica Blvd., 5pm, \$22, (414) 225-3113.

**13 Sun. An Afternoon of Alternative Love Stories, Room of One's Own (Madison):** Local writer's group will read original works. 307 W. Johnson St., 2pm, (608) 257-7888.

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# Gotcha!

by Billy Masters

Last night, I had a nightmare. I dreamed that **Barbra Streisand** broke into my closet and cut the shoulders out of all my shirts! What is with that woman? For a while, she was into her legs and nails. Now it's shoulders. What's next? Earlobes? I was sitting at a table near Babs at the **Golden Globes**, and what struck me as peculiar about her long speech was that she never found time to even mention her son **Jason** (who has proven, incidentally, that the current short Gay-boy haircut is not for everyone). However, you've gotta give Babs credit for an on-stage costume change. She started out with her sweater tied around her neck. It slowly inched down to her breasts. By the end of the speech, she was wearing it like a sarong!



Barbra Streisand

I love the Golden Globes. Why? Because I like any awards show where they pass around liquor as freely as they pass around **Winona Ryder** (who clearly had a bit too much Moet!). I'd like to say that I have some behind-the-scenes gossip, but after reviewing the videotape when I got home, I realized that you really did see it all.

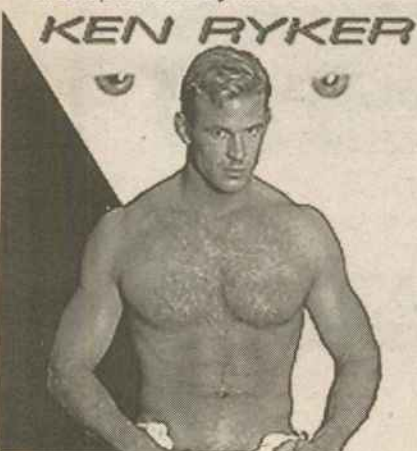


Winona Ryder

But most people have been asking me if they could see more of **Angelina Jolie's** brother. While I can't help you in that department, I can say that **James** is 27, cute as a button (whatever the hell that means), sweet, single, and losing his hair. That's life. Speaking of losing, [Miss Spacey] appeared none too happy about losing in his category - he walked in thinking that he had the award in the bag and walked out with just a bag. *Surprise, surprise!*

Here's another surprise - when did *Playgirl* become home to a group of size queens? Each nude featured in the February issue is accompanied by the graphic of a ruler showing how big the model's penis is. Who knew that women and Gay men could have so much in common? I was further surprised to find not one, not two, but three Gay porn stars among the photos - we have more in common than I thought!

First up is **Ken Ryker**. I'm sure that



you've heard of **Kenny** - he was mighty close to my own little bundle of lust, the now-retired **Joey Hart**. Ken is featured in seventeen photos showing off his amazing body and even more amazing ten-inch penis (so what if it can't get completely hard and curves downward?). Here's the funny thing - Ken is listed as a "Discovery"! He was "discovered" by someone named Emma, who not only reads *Playgirl* but must also watch Gay porn! Ken mentions in his interview, "I don't think there's anything sexier than a woman wearing cowboy boots - and nothing else!" Unless the cowboy boots come with a cowboy in them, I think that Kenny may be slightly disappointed.

Then we skip over the **Ingo Rademacher** interview for legal reasons (but not before noticing his loose mid-section and the absence of a ruler for his private parts) and find center-fold **Julian Rios** sporting eleven inches, according to *Playgirl*.

He may be straight (he mentions being engaged), but he did a solo Gay porn a few years back. Look for the full-page close-up of Julian's penis on page 63 with the definition of the word "big". Right after Julian is a spread (so to speak) on "Hot Young Hunk" **Jeff Palmer**. Hello? Can you say "big ole queen" with me (I doubt the linguistically-impaired Palmer could - at least not in English)? Jeff is the smallest of our nude men, having only nine inches to his name, but when you take into consideration his diminutive 5'8" frame, he's proportional to the other guys. Along with Jeff's fifteen photos is the obligatory interview. In it, Jeff says that he likes an athletic girl. He neglects to say that it would be nice if this girl has a penis!

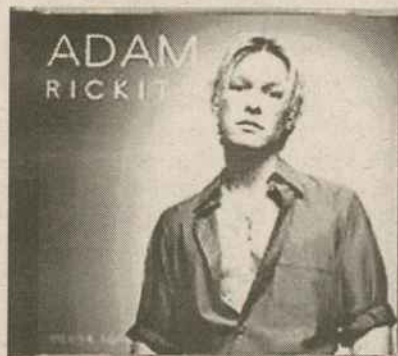
One final note about this issue of *Playgirl* - I don't mind all of these guys being shaved within an inch of their lives. But the scrotum and testes shaving has gotten out of control, girls. Keep that Lady Schick and Nair on your chests, where they belong!

Speaking of hot men, have you seen *Supernova*? In terms of film merit, there's virtually nothing to see in this film, but in terms of hot men - YOWZA! First off, when did little **James Spader** get so buff?? He looks quite luscious in his shirtless scenes, as well as in the clingy uniform (and if anyone could get me one of those shirts, I'd be mighty grateful!). **Lou Diamond Phillips** has buffed up as well and shows it off deliciously. I guess that **Wilson Cruz** is cute in that soft, feminine kinda way (if you're into that sorta thing). For me, once **Jennie Garth's** hubby, **Peter Facinelli**, shows up and immediately strips down, he puts all of the other men in the movie to shame. At that point, the film virtually morphs into soft-core porn. Peter's full-frontal nude scene may have been cut (I hear he's cut as well), but we can keep our fingers crossed that **Walter Hill** will release a director's cut DVD soon!

Could it be that young hottie **Adam Rickett** has gotten over his Gay issues? You'll recall that last year, Adam did a fan "Meet and Greet" at a London nightclub, G.A.Y., but asked cameras to be confiscated once he realized that it was a Gay club (oh, those kooky blonds). Now that Adam has released a CD, he not only

returned to the same club for an appearance, he sang three songs (oh, well, you can't have everything) and doffed his shirt during the last number so that the boys could ogle his abs. *That's "Ab Fab" as far as I'm concerned!*

Could it be that a certain brooding Golden Globe nominee got a bit sloshed



Adam Rickett

when he didn't win? Let's just say that you can take the boy off of the streets, but you can't take the streets out of the boy. This god didn't take home the award, but he did take home the next best thing - another boy! I noticed at the awards that one of our own was drinking heavily, flirting with the waiters, and basically making a monkey of himself. Once he hit the studio after-party, all discretion was tossed to the wind as he made out with a string of cuties. He did end up going home with one of them, and - well - I guess he depended on the comfort of strangers.

When Adam's warming up to queens in London and I'm sitting here in Hollywood, it's time to end another column and catch a plane! After all, I've got a birthday coming up. Speaking of which, in case anyone's stumped about what to get me, let me give a blatant hint. I was looking around eBay for **Lindsay Wagner** stuff, and I noticed that there was a Bionic Woman "Fembot" doll. I must have one! Just something to keep in mind (although even a card would be nice - particularly if it's from Lindsay herself).

*While we wait for February 13th to roll around, feel free to send any questions or comments to me directly at [Billy@filth2go.com](mailto:Billy@filth2go.com) and I promise to get back to you before *Playgirl* puts Kevin Williams in the magazine! So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.*



James Spader

## Nights out Events

**3** **Grand Opening Weekend, Club Boom (Milwaukee):** Doors open at 8pm tonight. No cover opening weekend, drink specials. **LaCage, BestD Clinic (Milwaukee):** Free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, from 10pm-1am.

**4** **Grand Opening Weekend, Club Boom (Milwaukee):** Doors open at 5pm today. No cover opening weekend, drink specials.

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**6** **Miss Southern WI USofA Pageant, Club 5 (Madison):** Watch contestants vie for the title, featuring Kylie West, Miss WI USofA, 10:30pm showtime, contestants contact the bar ahead of time.

**11** **HIV Testing and Counseling, Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee):** Provided anonymously by the BESTD Traveling Clinic, 6-9pm.

**12** **Oberons Club Night, 1100 Club (Milwaukee):** Every 2nd Saturday of the Month. **Valentine's Day Party, Rainbow Room (Madison):** Featuring the Millennium Men bare their hearts for you. **Jazz Hot Baby, Rainbow Room (Madison):** Featuring the best of Madison's female impersonators. **Levi/Leather Night, The Main Club (Superior):** Last Saturday of each month.

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**Showcase, LaCage (Milwaukee):** Female impersonators, dancers and guests, Customer Appreciation night, no cover; beer bust 10pm-close. Showtime 11:30pm.

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**Male Dancers, Club 219 (Milwaukee):** Amateurs welcome to audition, bring a t-strap, no g-strings allowed. 10:30pm.

# Dance Season Preview

by John Jahn

Here is *WI Light's* comprehensive preview of all the dance productions taking place in Wisconsin during the Winter-Spring, 2000 season. Many excellent works are in store for the culture and entertainment-conscious LGBT community, including classic choreography, premieres and experimental works.

## Danceworks Performance Company

*Danceworks*, the contemporary dance company based in its new, permanent Milwaukee space, is known for its invigorating, modern dance productions with original and cutting-edge choreography. They are located at 1661 N. Water St. For



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### L'Chaim! A Jewish Tapestry February 19

Celebrate Milwaukee's International Arts Festival with Madison-based **Tap It/New Works** as they present this critically-acclaimed play about Jewish life in Wisconsin. This performance in two acts recreates the stories, glories, wishes, worries and celebrations of earlier Jewish Wisconsinites.

**Imago: March 17**

The **Theater Mask Ensemble** will present this imaginative blend of mask, mime and dance - a visually stunning, comic treat for all ages. The masks and costumes are brilliant tricks of the eye, the music is original and the performers are masters of drama and acrobatics.

**Cubanismo: April 8**

Bandleader Jesus Alemany leads a 15-piece Cuban orchestra in music which is loyal to traditional rhythms but devoid of nostalgia, forging a modern Cuban music. The band explores Latin-flavored dance music, including the rumba, son, cha cha, danzon, pa'ca

and more.

### Li Chiao-Ping Dance: May 13

Madison's Li Chiao-Ping has been described as "a one-woman movement theater revolution" who "takes post-modern dance to a new edge, one that pushes the metaphors of the body, form and culture..." This prolific dancer and choreographer and her company will delight with their emotionally-charged, physically-demanding showcase of modern works.

## Ballet Wisconsin

All *Ballet Wisconsin* performances take place and is located at 820 East Knapp Street in downtown Milwaukee. Performances are held at the Lincoln Center of the Arts at that location. For tickets and further information, call (414) 265-1346.

### Youth is Wasted On the Young April 6, 7, 8

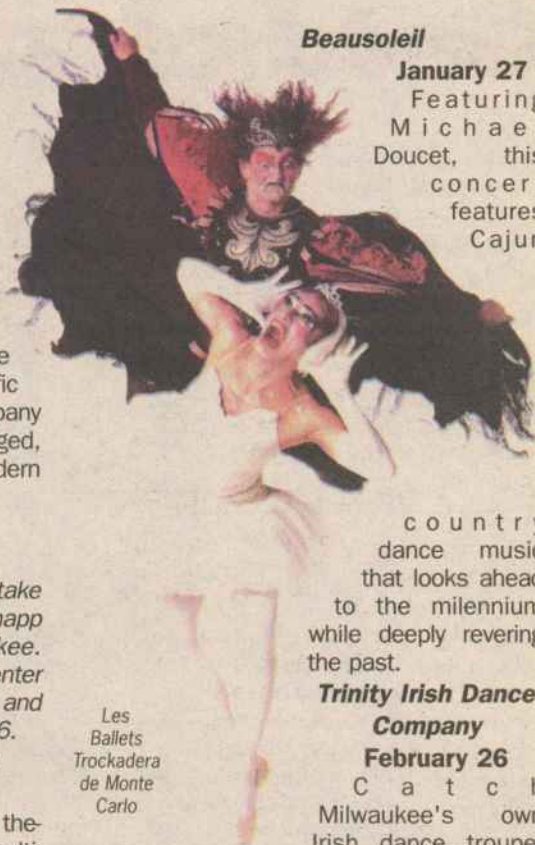
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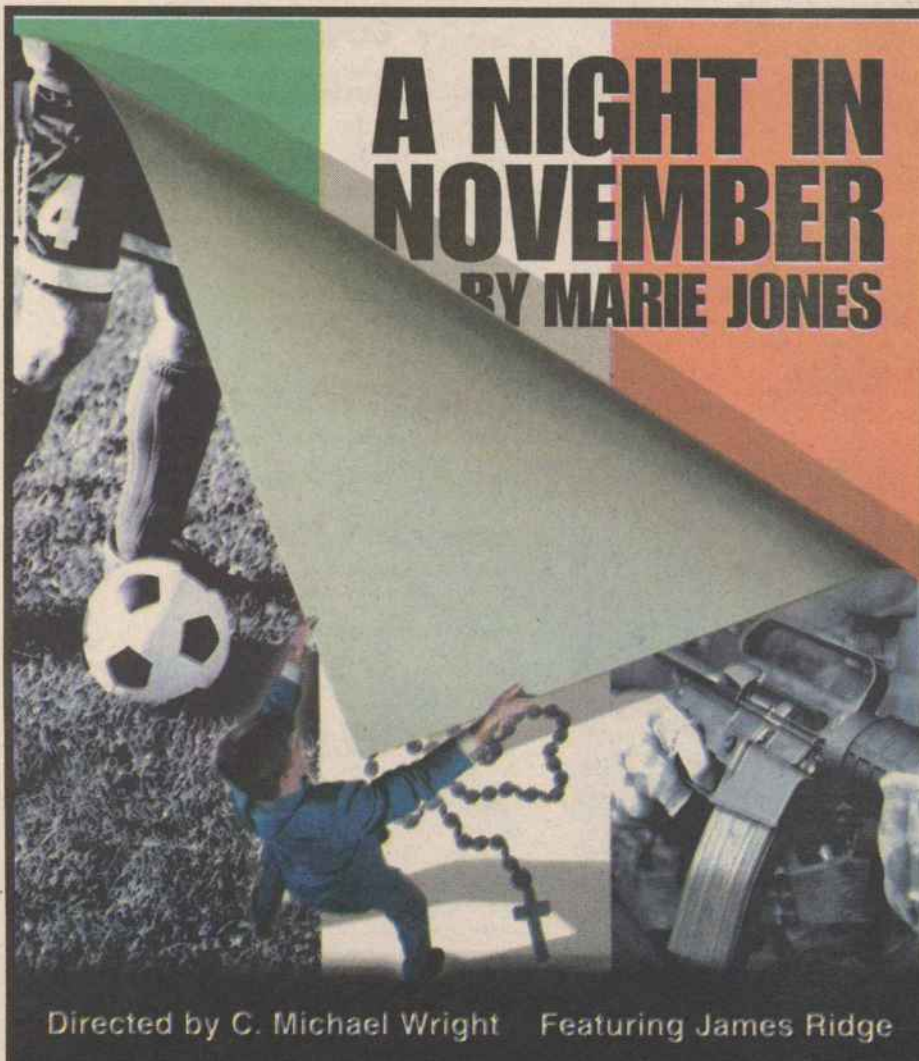
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# Lesbian notions

by Paula Martinac

Every so often, lesbian and gay political chitchat turns to the question, "Why doesn't our movement have a Martin Luther King?" It's kind of a sad question, one that's full of longing to have the lesbian and gay movement be recognized by a majority of people as socially and politically significant. The question suggests that if we only had a great national leader, then we'd be taken seriously and could claim our place in the history books. Was Harvey Milk that potential leader? Was Urvashi Vaid, before she left the top post at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force? The problem with the question is that its implied goal - unity - is probably unattainable.

But maybe we're asking the wrong question. Instead of asking why our movement hasn't produced a national leader with King's profile or why we're so lacking in "unity," maybe we should take another look at what lessons we can learn from the black civil rights movement of which he is a symbol.

First of all, there's a misperception out there among many white lesbians and gays that the black civil rights movement was a coherent, unified set of actions, with King securely at its helm throughout the 1950s and 1960s. The media certainly fostered that idea, and the image of King at the 1963 March on Washington delivering his unforgettable "I Have a Dream" speech is indelibly etched in most Americans' minds. With that picture as the model, it would seem that, by comparison, the lesbian and gay movement is indeed a fractured muddle with only tennis players and TV stars to speak for it.

What many of us forget or never learned is that the black civil rights movement, like the lesbian and gay movement it helped to inspire, was composed of an assortment of groups and individuals with varying and often conflicting agendas. King, whose adherence to nonviolence made him particularly attractive and non-threatening to liberal whites, often came under criticism within his own movement. At one time or another, groups as diverse as the NAACP, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and African-American businessmen expressed strong dissatisfaction with King's actions. Later at odds with King's methods were Malcolm X's "by any means necessary" doctrine and groups like the Black Panthers, a wing of the movement that many blacks and whites alike dismissed as too radical or "fringe."

The civil rights movement had other internal problems, like sexism, homophobia, and classism. While women performed much of the local work registering voters, they rarely held positions of power or influence at the national level. Bayard Rustin, architect of the March on Washington, was made publicly invisible because he was a gay man and therefore was considered a political liability. Many African-American working-class people were hesitant to sign on to a movement that they perceived as having middle-class goals, while some educated blacks were embarrassed by the "unlettered" preachers of the black Baptist churches.

There's a further misperception that the

black civil rights movement proceeded up, up, up to victory - enjoying stunning legal and judicial triumphs like the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Supreme Court's *Loving v. Virginia* decision in 1967. But, in fact, there were many setbacks along the way to these successes, including a dramatic increase in racially inspired violence by whites as segregation was eroded. And many of the social programs set up during Lyndon Johnson's administration have been chipped away by more conservative presidents and lawmakers, injuring the gains of the civil rights movement.

There are a lot of parallels with the lesbian and gay movement. So what can we learn from all this? Certainly, we've learned much already. For example, that voter registration can create political clout. That nothing can be achieved without supportive politicians, but that laws and judicial decisions alone don't produce social change. That to be effective, a movement must offer something to a wide range of its people. That it must also have strong allies on the outside.

But there's also the lesson that "unity" is an elusive thing. It looks good when the media depict it on the television news or in the photo spreads of national magazines, but it is rarely really achievable. What is more attainable and probably more desirable is coalition - different groups of people recognizing that, though they may have different immediate goals, their desires to change society are basically in synch.

On one of my online mailing lists recently, I was pleased to see the Black Radical Congress (BRC) doing outreach to feminists and LGBT people, among other progressive groups, in an attempt to "better fight for the needs of the masses of Black people." I wish the lesbian and gay movement would make a similar effort. One big lesson we could learn from the civil rights movement is that social change is an ongoing process that isn't dependent on one charismatic leader, but on a loose, sometimes messy array of people.

Paula Martinac is the author of seven books. Her latest is *The Lesbian and Gay Book of Love and Marriage*. She can be reached care of WI Light.

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# OutState



by Mike  
Fitzpatrick

**New Year, New Terms:** The turning of the year didn't always mean "out with the old and in with the new." Familiar faces continue in leadership roles in two "rainbow" organizations in central and northeastern Wisconsin.

**Rainbow Alliance:** At its monthly meeting and social in Wausau on January 15, the **Rainbow Alliance of Central Wisconsin (RACW)** chose Doug Bauer of Madison as the group's new president. Bauer previously served as RACW's vice-president. Bauer announced that RACW will sponsor a presentation by openly Gay Wisconsin Assembly representative Mark Pocan (D-Madison) in Spring, 2000.

RACW also selected Joan Glascock and Jackie Mallory as co-vice presidents, Fran Cherney of Milladore as secretary and Larry Steltenpohl of Stevens Point as treasurer.

With more than a hundred members in nine counties, the Rainbow Alliance is the largest LGBT civic and social organization in the center of the state. For more information about the group, call (715) 592-6245, Extension 5920200.

**Rainbow Over Wisconsin:** In Green Bay, Rainbow Over Wisconsin (ROW) reelected its executive board during its annual open meeting at **Za's** on January 17. Terry Tetzlaff of Green Bay will return as president and Todd West of Appleton as vice president.

The group combined the position of secretary and treasurer and selected current treasurer Glen Paschen of Appleton to fill the revised office.

Following the election, ROW announced it had agreed to fund the printing costs of the recently-completed educational brochure *Paying for Hate - What the Radical Right Costs Wisconsin*. Targeted for the LGBT supportive community, *Paying for Hate* details the negative economic and social impact of the Religious right and provides capsule summaries of all groups currently active in Wisconsin.

The **Wisconsin Research Center for Pluralism, Inc.** of Milwaukee, a right wing monitoring organization, developed the brochure with key design and editorial focus input from the state-wide LGBT group, **Action Wisconsin**. A review committee which included representatives from Action Wisconsin, the **Human Rights League**, the **Domestic Partnership Task Force** and other concerned LGBT individuals reviewed the material prior to publication.

With the grant, ROW joins Milwaukee's **Cream City Foundation** and Madison's **New Harvest Foundation** in underwriting publishing costs for the brochure.

Following the announcement, invited representatives from a dozen regional and statewide LGBT groups provided brief updates on their activities. **Cafe Bourbon** and **Rascals** provided refreshments for the event.

ROW is a foundation providing funding for

projects which improve the quality of life for the LGBT community throughout the state, with a primary focus on northeastern and central Wisconsin.

Amongst ROW's major activities in 1999 were serving as fiscal agent for the lavish World AIDS Day show at the Weidner Center produced by **Entertainers Against AIDS**, providing seed funding for the new Green Bay chapter of **PFLAG** and continued underwriting for **ARCW's** condom distribution and safer sex outreach in venues patronized by the LGBT community in Green Bay and Appleton.

**Beach Beauties and Swimming Fish:** It may have been winter outside, but it was tantalizingly tropical inside **Napalese Lounge** Saturday, January 22. The bar held its annual mid-winter beach party which featured a ninety minute show and a contest for best tan line. Many in the crowd joined in the festivities by exchanging their parkas and mittens for Hawaiian leis and costumes bedecked with exotic fauna.

Among the revelers was a large contingent from the **Dinettes**, the Gay men's dining group in northeastern Wisconsin. The group held their annual holiday dinner and gift exchange at **Cafe Bourbon** earlier in the evening.

Napalese also hosted grand opening festivities at their new Cedar Street location January 28-30. The popular northeastern Wisconsin rock group **Swimming Fish** performed, there was Karaoke with Charlie and a Superbowl Sunday party that featured a lavish buffet and free beer during the gala weekend. Congratulations, ladies!

**Reggie Watch:** Millenniums may move and centuries may change, but some things remain the same. Having spent his entire professional life attempting to be an immovable object, I guess its only logical that former Packer defensive standout Reggie White would pursue his new career as self-appointed spokesmodel for the Almighty with a single-mindedness which suggests that he played his final season without a helmet.

More than a year ago I reported that Reggie had sought to reopen Heritage USA, the Christian theme park in the Carolinas once owned by disgraced televangelist Jim Bakker and his spectacularly spackled (former) wife Tammy Faye. Unable to convince the Japanese investors who now own the site to sell him the park, he's settled for second best: an alliance with Bakker.

Bakker announced the partnership along with plans for a 24-hour cable network in Fort Myers, last month. Can't you just hear evangelicals worldwide screaming "I want my Reggie TV"?

However, I suspect Reggie will most likely be the junior partner in this new arrangement. After all, Bakker defrauded \$158 million from gullible fundies nationwide. Reggie's unwitting involvement in the missing \$1.2 million suckered from midwest fans for his burned out Knoxville church is chump change by comparison.

Still, my mind wanders. Will Reggie's wife, the sodomite-hating Sarah, be the new, ebony Tammy Faye? According to my sources, Sarah has a predilection for daily hairdos. Will we see a new line of Christian hair care products replace Tammy's discontinued line of face paint? They'll have stiff competition, though. Pat Robertson, TV's top pulpit pounder, already has a line of beauty aids including mud packs made from the waters of the Galilee.

## Gay Online Information Company Forges New Path and Internet Directory

**West Hollywood, CA** – Cybersocket has pioneered the merging of gay & lesbian web-site search tools into useful and popular printed publications. This unique vision has resulted in three years of stellar growth and expansion for the company. Each year the company has introduced a new product or service with spectacular results.

The company publishes Cybersocket.com a search engine, *Cybersocket The Gay Net Directory* an annual guide of 2,500 gay and lesbian website reviews, and the printed bimonthly *Cybersocket Web Magazine*.

Michel Choban, buyer for A Different Light Bookstore - West Hollywood, states "We carry several gay internet directories but Cybersocket continues to be a best seller over the others."

"We're different than any other gay internet directory on the market," says Morgan Sommer, President and CEO of Cyber International, Inc., Cybersocket's parent corporation. "Our directory is pocket-size, half the price of any other gay net directory and has no editorial other than brief site descriptions," he continued.

*Cybersocket Web Magazine*, available by subscription, keeps the gay internet user and webmaster up-to-date on the latest web trends through feature articles and also contains new site reviews. The combined price of the annual directory and the six-

issue magazine subscription is less than the price of any other gay online directory and keeps the users much more current.

Online, Cybersocket [www.cybersocket.com](http://www.cybersocket.com), is a refined search engine with 55 categories and thousands of websites reviewed by a staff member before being listed. Updated daily, the listings are informative and are not redundant as with most other search engines. Cybersocket will be offering free email accounts, personal webpage hosting, and other services in the near future.

Cybersocket's annual directory is distributed throughout North America, Australia and Europe by Bookazine, Barnes & Noble, Ingram, & Prowler Press and is in its 3rd edition. The magazine is subscribed to worldwide and, naturally, the website is visited by several thousand people per day from around the globe.

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## out in Cyberspace



by Michael  
Stewart

### Show & Tell

If you're among the tens of thousands with whom Santa left a new or upgraded computer, odds are one of the widgets on your holiday wish list was a web camera. Once strictly the province of avant-garde hobbyists on the bleeding edge of computer technology, miniature cameras perched atop monitors are quickly becoming de rigueur, as image quality improves and prices drop to bargain-basement levels. Supplanting the first generation of parallel-port Connectix QuickCams (now made by Logitech), most often seen these days are a nearly limitless number of brands of "USB" webcams, which make ample use of the high-speed Universal Serial Bus port found on most modern computers.

As one of the newly video-enabled, you've doubtless watched with rapt attention all the commercials highlighting happy people cheerfully talking to one another from coast to coast, but wondered how you can get started. Curiously, the manuals included with most new web cameras and computer systems assume that a rudimentary level of knowledge will miraculously descend from the heavens. Few bother to tell you how to do anything with the gadget once you've gotten it installed and spent half an hour making funny faces at it.

Launched in June of 1999, Visitalk (online at [www.visitalk.com](http://www.visitalk.com)), is one of a new breed of online portals. It aims to change how people communicate over the Internet with their cameras and microphones, removing tedious trial and error from the process and ensuring you can interact with whom you genuinely wish.

Registration for the free Visitalk service and your PCN – Personal Communications

Number – is quick and easy, and downloading the 1.5MB VoiceMail program takes only five to ten minutes, depending on the speed and quality of your Internet connection. The 12-digit PCN is the key to the Visitalk network, and acts as your never-changing Internet "phone number," much like ICQ's "Universal Identification Number." At present, Visitalk is available only to computers running the Microsoft Windows operating system, though a Macintosh version is expected soon.

The true core of Visitalk's system in their "Permanent Global Directory," in which everyone who's signed up for the service can choose to list themselves by their name, Personal Communications Number, e-mail address, location and/or group affiliation. You can, of course, opt not to include yourself in the Visitalk roster at all, but that takes away half the fun.

Unlike other net-based video communication protocols such as NetMeeting or ICU the Permanent Global Directory enables you to quickly check whether your friends and family are online, no matter what their video-conferencing gateway. Equally useful is the ability to leave a voicemail message if the party to whom you wish to speak is not presently online.

In order to get the full benefit of Visitalk's services, you'll need installed on your computer one of the two most popular video-conferencing software packages, either the freeware Microsoft NetMeeting (included with Windows98, or available for download from [www.microsoft.com/netmeeting](http://www.microsoft.com/netmeeting), or White Pine's popular CU-SeeMe commercial program ([www.cuseeme.com](http://www.cuseeme.com)). These programs, working in conjunction with Visitalk's VoiceMail program, provide the actual video-conferencing services, while Visitalk acts as an Internet "switchboard" for connecting your calls.

As a special bonus, new Visitalk users from the United States who register before January 31, 2000 receive a free \$20.00-retail value Labtec headset microphone – perfect for all sorts of Internet interaction – just for joining. Give it a whirl and have some fun with all your new toys.

## LGBT's have huge power on net

**West Hollywood, CA** – "One of the most dramatic developments we are seeing in the 7th International Gay & Lesbian 2000 - Business and Entertainment Festival is the enormous increase in the number of Internet exhibitors," states Denyse Morris, Vice President of the RDP Group, producer of the event. The overwhelming response from .com / e-businesses and the extent to which they are embracing the upcoming 2000 Expo (Saturday, February 26 - Sunday, February 27th Jacob Javits Convention Center, New York City) indicate how thoroughly they value the Gay and Lesbian consumer group.

The LGBT community is a huge power in Internet purchasing and virtually every business on the net is looking to capture this market. Of the 16.5 million gays and lesbians in the United States, roughly 83% own computers and 62% are online. The projected worldwide gay and lesbian Internet population by the year 2005 is 17.1 million.

In the words of Matt Skallerud, owner of Gay Wired, "The Internet has proved to be such a success to the gay and lesbian market because there was a large demand for more gay & lesbian products, information and socialization but no means to find them. Gay bars were, typically, the only place to meet; gay magazines were the only sources of gay information and retail was something that came only from mail order or traveling to a gay metropolis, where gay shops congregated in specific parts of town. Once online technology came into the picture, gays and lesbians could consume information, purchase products and meet other gays and lesbians without even leaving home."

# Horoscope

by Jill Dearman

**ARIES:** Mercury is currently transiting the most psychic sector of your chart, so no wonder you're picking up so many vibes! Center yourself, dear. Meditate. Spend time with your closest friends. Do a good deed, and it could come back to you in spades, in the form of a Gemini.

**TAURUS:** Jupiter is sending you confusing signals by way of your dreams. Don't be scared; be excited! A miraculous time in your life is right around the corner. Consider making a major commitment: What are you afraid of? A dreamy Scorpio deserves first-class treatment.

**GEMINI:** If you want more of an emotional connection with that special person, you're going to have to heat up that cool exterior of yours, doll. You'll soon be the object of much passion, in work and at home, so stop taking the "chill" approach and show some heat. A Libra is on fire for you.

**CANCER:** Put business matters in order so you can concentrate on your personal life. Venus is traveling through your house of love and could bring you many gifts in mid-February. So make room for something important: like life-changing sex with another Cancer.

**LEO:** You can't play both ends against the middle, darling. Let someone you've been resisting sweep you off your feet. No one wants to hear your pompous speeches; put your silly ego aside and say what you really want. A Gemini is getting sick of your diversion tactics.

**VIRGO:** Your body is trying to tell you something, dear Virgo: Start making some real changes in your physical and mental health. Do some good for a loved one and your self-esteem and sense of security will shoot up. Your relationship with a Leo is about to get a resurgence of erotic energy.

**LIBRA:** Life is what you make it, and you need to put some energy into yours, my dear. Jupiter is finishing up a transit in the most romantic sector of your chart, so throw caution to the wind and do what your heart tells you. Kiss an Aries like you mean it!

**SCORPIO:** It's time to have more fun in bed, with yourself or with the Pisces of your choice. You're going through one of those cycles where your sexual desires are changing. You have a rare opportunity to improve something about your appearance that gets you down, or really heal your inner self.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Please, darling, just say what's on your mind. It's not like people can't tell what you're thinking, anyway. And don't ignore your family; they are major reflections of you: the good the bad and the ugly parts of your soul. Working on your relationships garners results, so get busy with a Virgo.

**CAPRICORN:** Mercury is in your house of communication, so use that famous Capricorn diplomacy to get what you want. But stay true to yourself. Don't act like a party queen if you're a homebody, and vice versa. A Scorpio wants to see the real you, preferably naked!

**AQUARIUS:** Get out of your head and into your real life, dear one. Your imagination is running away with you. Stop crying about all the terrible things going on in the world and do something to help yourself and those closest to you! A Leo sees through your b.s.

**PISCES:** A time of major rebirth occurs for you in late February. Before that, put some closure on a painful chapter in your story. Sex and security go hand in hand for you right now: Don't sacrifice one unless you're willing to give up the other. Why not believe you can have both? A Libra does.

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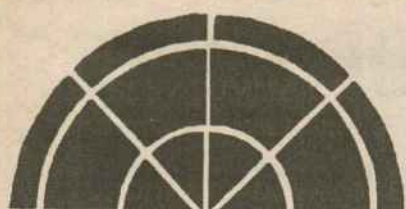
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<b>APPLETON (920)</b>			
Rascal's Bar & Grill	MW, F	702 E. Wisconsin, 54991	954-9262
<b>BELOIT (608)</b>			
Kloset	MW, DJ	232 Shirland Ave, 53511	363-8764
<b>CENTRAL WISCONSIN (715)</b>			
Oz	MW, DJ	320 Washington, Wausau, 54401	842-3225
Platwood Club	G/S, MW, DJ	1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481	341-8862
<b>EAU CLAIRE (715)</b>			
Scooters	Wm	411 Galloway St., 54703	835-9959
Wolf's Den	MW, G/S	302 E. Madison, 54703	832-9237
<b>GREEN BAY (920)</b>			
Brandy's II	Mw	1126 Main St., 54302	437-3917
Buddies	MW	1264 Main St, 54302	437-9256
Napalese Lounge	MW, DJ	1351 Cedar, 54302	432-9646
Sass	WM, Sp	840 S. Broadway, 54304	437-7277
Za's/Java'	MW, DJ, E, F, V	1106 Main St., 54302	435-5476
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Cafe Bourbon		1106 Main St., Upper, 54301	435-5476
<b>LA CROSSE (608)</b>			
Cavalier Lounge	MW, J, DJ	114 N. 5th St., 54601	782-9061
Rainbow's End	Wm, J, E	417 Jay St., 54601	782-9802
My Place	Mw, J, K, E, F	3201 South Ave., 54601	788-9073
<b>MADISON (608)</b>			
CE's	W,m	2415 Winnebago St. 53704	241-5042
Club 5/Planet Q	MW, F, DJ, V, E	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fox Hole	W, J	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Mens Room	M, L/L	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Rainbow Room	MW, DJ, E	121 W. Main St., 53703	251-5838
Ray's Bar & Grill	WM, DJ, F	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Shamrock	MW, F, J	117 W. Main St., 53703	255-5029
The Barracks	M, L/L	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-8700
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Club 5	Fine Dining	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fyfe's Corner Bistro	Fine Dining	1344 E. Washington	251-8700
<b>MILWAUKEE (414)</b>			
1100 Club	M, L/L, F, J	1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
Ballgame	M, S, E, J	196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
<i>(Open 2pm, Cocktail Hour 2-9 Mon-Fri; Sat &amp; Sun open 11am)</i>			
Barbie Dolls Playhouse	MW, E, K, D	700 E. Meinecke, 53212	374-7441
Boot Camp	M, L/L	209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
C'est La Vie	M, E, J, D	231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
<i>(Open 5pm, Cocktail Hour 5-8 Mon-Fri; Sat &amp; Sun open 2pm, Daily Specials)</i>			
Club 219	Mw, DJ, E, V	219 S. 2nd St., 53204	276-2711
Dish	W, M, DJ	235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
Emeralds Lounge	MW	801 E. Hadley St., 53212	265-7325
Fannies	Wm, DJ, E, K	200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9003
Fluid	MW	819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
<i>(Open 5pm everyday; 2-for-1 Drinks 5-8 Mon-Fri; Wed &amp; Thur specials, 8pm-close)</i>			
Kathy's Nut Hut	Wm, Sp, J	1500 W. Scott St., 53204	647-2673
La Cage	Mw, DJ, E, V	801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330
<i>(Open 8pm; DJ 7-nights-a-week; Sunday show; Thur. Super Bust)</i>			
M&M Club	MW, E, F	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
<b>South Water St. Docks</b>	M, L/L, J	354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
Station 2	Wm, Sp, J	1534 W. Grant, 53204	383-5755
Switch	Mw, Sp, J, K, DJ	124 W. National, 53204	220-4340
<i>(Open 5pm, outdoor patio, Cocktail hour 5-9pm, nightly specials 9-close)</i>			
This is It	Mw	418 E. Wells St., 53202	278-9192
<i>(Open 3pm every day; Cocktail hour special)</i>			
Triangle	M	135 E. National Ave., 53204	383-9412
Woody's	M, J	1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Annex Cafe	Late Nite	1106 S. 1st St., 53204	384-7999
Glass Menagerie	Fine Dining	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
<b>RACINE/KENOSHA (414)</b>			
Club 94	MW, DJ, E	9001 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-9958
Clubhouse Filling Station	MW, F	6325 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3744
Capers/Illusions	MW, DJ, E	6305 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3813
JoDee's	MW, DJ	2139 Racine St., Racine, 53403	634-9804
What About Me?	MW	600 6th St., Racine, 53403	632-0171
<b>SHEBOYGAN (920)</b>			
Blue Lite	MW	1029 N. 8th St., 53081	457-1636
<b>SUPERIOR (715)</b>			
Bev's Jook Joint	Wm, J	820 Tower Ave., 55880	392-5373
JT's Bar & Grill	MW, DJ	1506 N. 3rd St, 55880	394-2580
Main Club	MW, L/L	1217 Tower Ave., 55880	392-1756

M-Men • W-Women • G/S-Gay/Straight • F-Food • DJ-Disk Jockey • V-Video  
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