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fused, no-holes barred performance. If you are not familiar with the Blondes' music, think of a less-classy Courtney Love only talented but still really drunk. After I finished my own mini-performance of Yentl in the restroom, Nathan Jarvis headed up a Phantasmagoria performance complete with dancing ladies and coordinated leopardprint costumes which, I hope to borrow in the very near future. Meow.

Speaking of costumes, mine was great! But so were the costumes of the Madonna's – all five of them. They not only looked fabulous, but also performed a "best-of" montage thanks to the many re-incarnations of Madge herself. What Drag Ball isn't complete without a handful of Madonna's? I'm not talking about religious icons either (ok, I did see a few Mary's). Attendees that really made a splash were Aykasha who was crowned Queen and Professor Shamus OnMe who was crowned King. Other





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Sue Nami & Tori Nado [JL], dancer [ACW], Tania Golubovich of Phantasmagoria [ACW], Brian Cina [ACW].

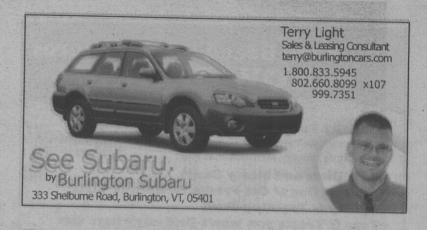
title holders were Miss Muff Diver & Miss Blow Hole (Mess Congeniality), Miss Matterhorn (Originality), The Bad Weather Girls (Best Group – no, we didn't bribe), and a name-less duo that won Best Couple (rumor has it they were named The Retro Girls). When the coronation came to an end, DJ Elliot and DJ John Martin spun hits right up until 2 PM. So much dancing and so few sensible shoes - what a shame!

All-in-all, everyone loved me, although the last time I saw that many fake tits "Baywatch" was still on the air. Don't worry, I don't discriminate. The last time I saw that many fake dicks was at a Republican fundraiser.

Political leanings aside, the real star of the evening was the Vermont People with AIDS Coalition. The entire evening was a benefit for the Montpelier-based nonprofit, so big thanks should be given to the House of LeMay, everyone at Higher Ground, all the talented performers and everyone who attended. To learn more about VT People with AIDS Coalition or to make a donation visit http://www.vtpwac.org.

I will close with a beauty tip: Do not go hunting with Dick Cheney. That guy will really f*@k up your make-up!

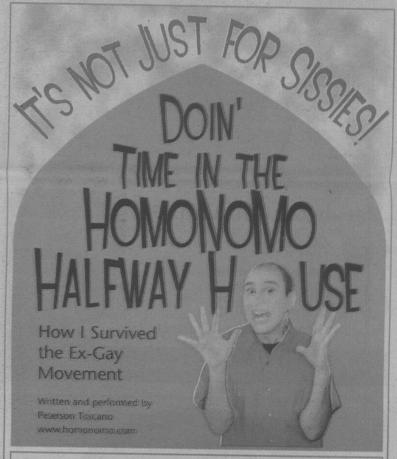
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