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COVER STORY

We thought a "Summer" cover might warm the cockles of your hearts in the midst of a very wintry season...

Greg Brown, our cover artist this issue, was born and raised in the Deep South and first crossed the Mason-Dixon line a little over a year ago. He received a BFA from the North Carolina School of the Arts in theatre design and says "Show biz is my life." (*Personally, we don't believe anyone really says those things... we just print what we're told.*)

Greg works in many mediums, but is most at home with pencil or watercolor. He has proved his diversity at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre by serving last year in the paint shop, and is doing time this season sewing costumes.

His first cover for *In Step*, Greg would like to dedicate the drawing to Monique and Tex — two very special friends.

Greg's only regret in life is that he doesn't own a cocker spaniel named Sam.

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BRIEFS

Wisconsin AIDS Toll Now At 17

Five more people died of AIDS in Wisconsin during the last three months of 1984, the State Division of Health said recently.

James Vergeront, a state epidemiologist, said 17 people had died of AIDS in Wisconsin since the first confirmed case was reported in the state in August 1983. Vergeront said 13 confirmed cases of AIDS among state residents had been reported since then, and that eight of those victims had died. In addition, there have been 13 confirmed cases among non-residents in Wisconsin. Vergeront said nine of those victims had died.

Those victims who showed symptoms of the disease prior to moving to Wisconsin are classified as non-residents by the division, Vergeront explained.

There were more deaths than newly confirmed cases of the disease during the last three months, Vergeront said.

One additional resident case and one more non-resident case were reported confirmed during the final quarter of the year, while deaths were up by two among residents and three among non-residents.

Milwaukee Journal

New AIDS Finding

Scientists say they have found at least part of the reason why the AIDS virus targets a key immune system cell, and an expert on the disease says the discovery may someday help interfere with the infection process.

AIDS cripples the immune system by killing a certain kind of white blood cell, and the new research demonstrates that the suspected virus latches onto a particular protein on the surface of that cell to begin infection.

Robert Gallo, an AIDS expert at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, said identifying the "receptor" protein for the virus was significant. "If you know a lot about the receptor, it opens up ideas you didn't have before," he said recently.

Robin Weiss, one of the British researchers who identified the receptor protein, said that he would not make large claims for me-

dical use of the discovery, but "it does give us possible ideas." Weiss said the protein was at least an essential part of the receptor, and that other factors might also help determine what limits the targets of the AIDS virus.

Weiss said scientists had known that in AIDS, the virus invades and kills "T4" white blood cells that display the "CD4" protein on its surface. Nobody knows that the protein's normal role is, he said, but it may help the T4 cell work with other immune system cells to fight off disease.

New AIDS Drug To Be Tested

Tests of a drug believed to boost the depressed immunity of people with AIDS Related Complex (ARC) will begin in San Francisco and 11 other cities. There is also hope that the drug may benefit those with fully developed cases of AIDS.

The drug, called isoprinosine, has been used for a decade in Europe and other parts of the world to treat cancer-related immune suppression. Recently, it has been found to be effective in fighting herpes.

Isoprinosine is considered safe by the nations that permit its use — it has never been pulled from the market and seems to have no serious side effects. But it has not been approved for use in the U.S. because its manufacturer has never submitted it for scrutiny by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Clues that isoprinosine may be effective in fighting ARC came from a recent study of 63 people with related symptoms. Since these symptoms sometimes precede the onset of AIDS, some authorities have referred to ARC as pre-AIDS. This study was conducted at the Mount Sinai Hospital AIDS Medical Foundation in New York. Results of the study were scheduled to be released at an international AIDS conference held at the University of California at Irvine. Dr. Joyce Wallace of Mount Sinai Hospital said the results were "very encouraging."

No one knows just how the drug works. But scientists say that it doesn't fight invading diseases itself; instead, it somehow helps the body's natural defenses ward off attacks.

Philadelphia Gay News

GRAFFITI

Mary Y. — Had a great time with you at La Cage.
Love, Bill

People — Devious bastards are coming.
Anonymous

Gary G. (Pewaukee) — How do I join the boyfriend of the month club?
Observer

Georgette — Miss you tending at Hot Legs. Now that you're on the other side, you seem even busier.
A Sekrut Admirer

Steve — Is it? could it really? Do you think maybe? Me too!
Alan

Dennis (La Cage) — Had a real good time on our date (ha-ha). Maybe next time we could invite your lover to come with!
Not So Easy (C'est La Vie)

Salli S. — Sorry to hear that you hurt your back, but now you finally have a legitimate reason for being on it all the time! Get well soon!
Laurie Miller

Bill & Frankie — Whatever would you do if all of Appleton came down to stay for the weekend?
Little Chute-Menasha Express

Northern — Hope '85 is "lots" better for both of us.
Brooklyn

Rick — Bean dip, huh?
Taco John

Happy Birthday Sarah — Wishing me lady another good new year. You're a loyal, humorous, passionate penguin. See you tonight.
Love, Me Lord

Mike, Staff & Jane (Body Shop) — Thanks for a wonderful weekend (and my own room).
Sunny (Milw.)

Corn Fed Jessie (Dubuque) — I'm single now; met you at B.G. — I was a friend of Beau's. Would love to see you again for friendship or whatever. Write back here with meeting time, date & place if interested. Miss you.
Data Entry Operator, Milwaukee

Paul — I'm still looking, but now all I need is a car.
Little Brother

People — You wanna have some real fun, take a shower or bath with someone and soap each other up good and etc., etc.
Waterlogged

Dynasty Fans — Did you almost cum like we did last week? Gawd it's great to see Steven "turn gay" again!
Dynastyfan

Rezza — The cartoon this issue is just great — your best yet!
Ron & Dave

Steve & Chuck — I'd like a big deluxe — extra mayo.
Burger King

Rip — The "aftertaste" was just *sooo* much today — I loved every minute of it! (I never realized that u-no-what leaves such an interesting aftertaste.)
Your Other Half

Bianco — I hope you had fun, stuck up two face dick tease bitch!
Troy

To One & All — Here's wishing you the very best, or worst, this coming year. And may the new year bring you everything you've always wanted.
Denny

B.J. — Congratulations girl! I wish you the very best.
A Friend

Jose — Next time someone steals your cigs, check with Ginger first before you make a spectacle of yourself, ok?
Anonymous

Sonic Vibrator — Am I sleeping heavier or did you get it fixed? Haven't heard the walls vibrate lately, what's up?
Rattled

Chili Pepper (Chicago) — Even though we paid a buck to have you insult us (in good fun, of course — or was it?), it was real fun to watch you on Donahue yesterday. (Milwaukee never did get to see the original show!) Thought you all handled the questions, etc. real well.
A Won-Over Fan

Glen N. — You're a wonderful person!!
Your Secret Admirer

Jonnie — I don't care what you think, I'll take a Dago anyway, so quiche me!
Love, Mishka

Deb — Glad to see you at Legs — you're a great bartender!
Love, Laurie

Tootie (J.L.H.) — Happy New Year!
Love, Sue & Blair

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West Hollywood Lesbian Mayor Envisions A Utopia

Valerie Terrigno speaks of planting trees, installing fountains and creating a safe and beautiful place for all of West Hollywood's 36,000 residents, about one-third of whom are gay.

Terrigno, 31, the newly selected mayor of newly incorporated West Hollywood, is a lesbian.

"You don't have to say avowed lesbian or admitted lesbian," she said. "I am a lesbian. I won't deny it." She is believed to be the first lesbian mayor of a U.S. city, and the importance of that, she said, can't be underestimated.

"We were illegal not too long ago," she said. "We've come a long way in a very short time." Terrigno was named mayor by the other four City Council members. All five council members are paid \$200 a month. The November election also established West Hollywood as a new city. Terrigno stressed at that time that West Hollywood would not be "a gay city," but she conceded recently that those who predicted a "gay Camelot" might have been right.

"Ideologically, cityhood was good for everyone," she said. "Emotionally, it was the most exciting thing that had every happened for the gay community. I'm a utopianst at heart. I like having a place that's safe for everyone, where there's enough food and shelter for everyone."

Milwaukee Journal

Heckler Promises Access To H.H.S.

In the first-ever meeting between a Cabinet official and representatives of the gay/lesbian community, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Margaret Heckler assured a group of gay leaders that she would give "appropriate and reasonable access" to them in discussing the AIDS-related issues of research funding and confidentiality.

National Gay Task Force Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo, one of the leaders present, said that HHS Undersecretary Charles Baker would be the department's point man for AIDS issues. Apuzzo said that Heckler promised the group that Baker

would be as open and willing to help solve problems as outgoing assistant health secretary Dr. Edward Brandt, Jr.

Brand is credited with Congress's appropriating more than \$60 million in additional research funding for fiscal years 1984 and 1985.

AuCourant

Town Passes Anti- Obscenity Ordinance

In an effort to keep adult bookstores out of their area, the Town of Paris Wisconsin Board has passed an ordinance that basically outlaws obscene material and performances — "applying contemporary community standards" — and prohibits specific sexual acts.

The board considered placing zoning restrictions on certain parts of the town, located just south of Kenosha off I-94, but it was told that that type of ordinance would fail in a court test. It then adopted the ordinance that is very similar to anti-obscenity laws used by 44 states.

According to Kenosha County Sherrif Sgt. Louis Vena, the bookstores along the interstate have become havens for persons "of questional character." A sheriff's department investigation has shown, Vena said, that the bookstores tend to attract prostitutes, and more recently, gays.

They also provide a place, he said, for gays who have begun meeting at the tourist information center at the state line. "These bookstores have provided them with a haven to do their acts," he said.

Paris Town Supervisor Mark Wisnefski stated, "We felt that until the state does something, we'd do this on our own." "Everybody's kind of looking for the state to pick up the ball and run with it."

Milwaukee Journal

San Francisco Ordinance Survives Court Challenge

San Francisco's gay rights ordinance withstood a challenge from Boston-based Digital Equipment Corporation, reports the *Bay Area Reporter*.

The challenge came in preliminary motions involved with Brandon T. Stanford's \$5 million suit charging that Digital's local office

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"maintains a course and policy of refusing to promote gay employees" and has "refused to pay on an equal basis with heterosexual employees."

Superior Court Judge Roy Wonder ruled against Digital's claim that the city ordinance conflicted with state law, which does not expressly prohibit anti-gay discrimination.

GayLife

National Organizations Face Debts, Plan Membership Drives

Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) and the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) have both recently reported debts in the tens of thousands of dollars, and have announced organization restructuring and campaigns for

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GROUP NOTES

John Cowles Elected President Of GAMMA

Milwaukee sports-oriented GAMMA recently re-elected John Cowles as President and Jay Stallman was pegged as Vice President.

Winter activities of the group include their Saturday volleyball league, social volleyball games, ski trips to Whitecap Slopes, Alpine Valley, and a special ski trip to the Lambda House in February. There is a monthly game night, rap session, and sheephead night. Also scheduled for February is a Valentine's Day rollerskating party at Rollaero.

You don't have to be a college jock to join GAMMA — new members who just enjoy participating in social and league sports are always welcome. For more information write Milwaukee GAMMA, 2511 N. Farwell, Unit L, Milwaukee, WI 53211 or call 276-2204.

Pink Triangles To Be Shown At UWM

The Gay and Lesbian Community at the University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee (GLC-UWM) has announced the free screening of the 50-minute documentary entitled *Pink Triangles*.

Triangles encompasses the history of the harassment/treatment of gay and lesbian people from Nazi-era concentration camps to more recent times.

GLC-UWM will present the film January 23rd at 5:30 p.m. in the UWM Union Room East 309. For further information contact GLC-UWM at 963-6555.

Stevens Point Gay People's Union Going Strong

The University of Wisconsin — Stevens Point Gay Peoples Union offers the chance for gay and lesbian people in the Stevens Point area to get together at various functions during the course of each month.

Events for January included a banner party, with their general meeting being held on January 21st in the U.C. Green Room at 7:00 p.m. A Valentines Dance is scheduled for February 15 and Lesbian/Gay Awareness Week has been set for March 25-31.

Anyone interested in joining in on Union activities or to help with the annual awareness week should attend the January 21 meeting. The Union can be reached by mail: U.W.S.P.-G.P.U., Slap Box 30, Stevens Point, WI 54481; or by calling (715) 346-3698.

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The year's big bowling tournament (after the Milwaukee Holiday Invitational Tournament, of course), The International Gay Bowling Organization Tournament, will be held in Louisville over Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-26. Talks with Louisville committee people indicate they expect as many as 900 bowlers, which would certainly make it the largest gay bowling tournament ever held. The tournament will be held on two separate lanes, so there should be plenty of room. Many Milwaukee bowlers will likely participate, since there will be no Wreck Room Classic this year, and Louisville is a relatively short drive from Milwaukee.

Atlanta will be hosting their softball tournament over Memorial Day weekend. For the Summer bowlers, Portland will sponsor a bowling tournament June 7-9; Detroit and Seattle will have tournaments over the July 4th weekend. The July 4th weekend will provide opportunities for softballers, too, as Toronto and Minneapolis/St. Paul host softball tournaments.

Milwaukee will be in the national spotlight during the last week of August, before Labor

Day, as the Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) hosts the winning teams from up to 20 cities in the 9th Annual Gay Softball World Series. A woman's World Series is scheduled in conjunction with the men's tournament. You'll be hearing more on this as the year progresses.

Minneapolis/St. Paul and St. Louis will host bowling tournaments over labor day weekend. Dallas will have a bowling tournament October 11-13 and Washington D.C. October 25-27. The final tournament of the year (obviously they save the best for last) will be the "Grand Daddy" — Milwaukee's own Holiday Invitational Tournament (H.I.T.) over Thanksgiving weekend.

It's too bad people have to work for a living. It would be much more fun just to participate in all the gay sponsored tournaments. Mark your calendars now so that you'll be ready to participate in your favorite events this year.

Best of luck to all sports people in 1985!

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OUT! is holding a reception on Sunday, January 13th as a fund-raiser to help open a Milwaukee news and advertising office. This is part of their on-going effort to increase news coverage of the Southeastern Wisconsin area. If you're interested in helping, or just want to meet or talk to some of the OUT! staff, stop by at 2716 E. Newberry Boulevard (Milw.) between 3 and 6 p.m.

The United Forms Rural Outreach Project

The United, a Madison based lesbian and gay social service agency, announced the establishment of a Rural Outreach Project.

The project will provide services to gays and lesbians in Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, Rock, and Sauk counties of southwestern Wisconsin. The initial services to be included are: direct services to individuals; guaranteeing the rights of gays and lesbians under recently enacted state laws; assisting individuals overcome the isolation experi-

enced by gays and lesbians in rural areas.

Funding has been provided through a grant from the Chicago Resource Center. More information can be received from Jay Hatheway, P.O. Box 310, Madison, WI 53701 or by calling (608) 255-8582.

P.F.O.G. Forms In Fond du Lac

Parents and Friends of Gays is now meeting on a monthly basis in the Fond du Lac area. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. People have attended from Brandon, Randolph, Fond du Lac, and other areas surrounding Fond du Lac. The contact person is Dave, 921-7191.

Other P.F.O.G. groups already active in Wisconsin include: Fond du Lac, Appleton, Green Bay, Eau Claire, Madison and Milwaukee. The current master plan calls for groups to be organized in the Monroe, Stevens Point, Wausau, Shawno and Rhinelander areas. More information will be provided as it becomes available. Check back issues of *In Step in The Guide* section for more contact information about the active groups — *The Guide will return in the next issue.*

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Miriam Ben-Shalom New Year Wishes

Sorry there wasn't a column last issue. Had a case of the awful terrible icky flu and couldn't type to save my life. I hope you all had a nice holiday season — was Santa (or 'Hannukka Charlie') good to all of you?

I've been thinking about 1985. I don't like New Year's Resolutions — never keep 'em, and all I can think about are negative things — you know, I should stop (like smoking — but I like to do it), or changes I should make in my life (never mind what those things are; some things I won't share with anyone. But thanks for the leather handcuffs, anyway . . .). I do have a number of wishes, though, for the New Year; things I wish would happen, dreams, call them what you will. Some are meant in jest, some serious, some are just things on my mind, I guess. I thought I might share them with you — after all, you can never tell what will happen in the year to come. And you can say you saw it here first . . .

- + I wish myself strength to continue fighting the Army. (No, Virginia, I haven't sold out — in fact, I haven't even gotten what I am entitled to by law. Ten years is a long haul, though.)
- + I wish Milwaukee would get (finally) fair representation on the Governor's Council. How long will our place remain vacant and unfilled?
- + I wish all the luck in the world to West Hollywood's new lesbian Mayor, Valerie Terrigno. Wisconsin's proud of you, Valerie!
- + I wish certain segments of the Feminist Community here in Milwaukee would be supportive, for once, of women who do make it in what is still a man's world. Hey, girls, just because those women made it doesn't mean they sold out. Time you realized that.
- + I wish that Shelly Gaylord would get a good dictionary and look up the term "investigative reporting." And stop telling people to keep their mouths shut!
- + I wish that the cause/cure for AIDS will be found, and that San Francisco gays/lesbians would stop buying the "victim is at fault" syndrome.

- + I wish that Old Master's Gallery would carry more lesbian cards. I don't care what laws are being proposed, I like sending — uh — different images of women to my friends. Gives the postperson something to enjoy, also. My mailwoman liked the cards I sent to my lover from San Francisco. She told me so, herself.
- + I wish Dan Ody would stop being a homophobe and learn that his voice can't be disguised very well when he makes nasty phone calls to gay people working at a certain insurance company. This one's for you, Mr. B. Don't let 'em get you down.
- + I wish that there would be more parking near the *In Step* offices. How many more times am I going to have to fake a car breakdown so I can deliver my articles? Putting up that hood is hard work.
- + I wish that once, just once, Ron and Dave and some of my other gay male friends would get a dead leaf on one of their plants. I look at mine, I look at theirs, and I get sick and brown with envy.
- + I wish there was a chance civil rights would survive Ronald Reagan.
- + I wish there was a chance Jerry Falwell would see the light and become a born again pagan.
- + I wish that the gay/lesbian characters in TV shows didn't keep being written out of the shows. *St. Elsewhere* was just getting interesting.
- + I wish my roof would stop leaking. Trouble is, when it's sunny outside, it doesn't leak, and when it's raining, well, who wants to climb up on a roof in the rain?
- + I wish someone would invent shoes you didn't have to break in.
- + I wish that in 1985, Milwaukee gay organizations will learn to work together. There's room for all of us and so much yet to be done.
- + I wish that Henry Maier would come to his senses and realize that there is more to Milwaukee than the Downtown and the East Side.
- + I wish sincerely that the new police chief wouldn't be so nervous around gay people. But I'm nervous around vegetarians, so I guess I can't blame him. It takes a

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em Love (RCA 12") is their follow-up to #1 *Out Of Touch* zooming predictably up the charts; here, the duo's hallmark pop/R&B style renews its freshness and interest once again. And finally, *Sheena Easton's Sugar Wells* (EMI 12") is aggressive electro-disco, XX rated in rated, if not in actual words; and it was only three years ago that she war-mekly waving her baby off the morning train.

Until next time — keep dancin'!



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DANCE STEPS

Kim Zweibohmer Sade Is Here!

Looking for something exciting to listen to? Go and pick up a 12" copy of *Hang On To Your Love* (Portrait) by **Sade** (shar-day). This darling, gorgeous woman is part of Britain's four-piece jazz-funk band whose album has already topped the British chart titled *Diamond Life* (look for the album in mid-January). *Hang On To Your Love* is the first U.S. single, a haunting, gorgeously fluid mid-tempo soul number and perfect for relaxed dance floors. Look out for this group in 1985 — **HOT!!!**
The Limit's *Say Yeah* (Portrait 12") struts with the classy beat of urban contem-

porary; Gwen Guthrie's guest vocals are soothing and John Luongo's mix bubbles... **Girtalk's** *Can The Rhythm* (Geffen 12") is among the most direct high-energy Eurodisco heard from a major label since 1979 — kinda takes you back a few years (remember the old Factory?).

Check out this one: **Clair Hicks** and **Love Exchange** *Push (In The Bush)* (KN 12") is a scratched-up remake of one of disco's raunchier oldies — and boy does tis one get down and funky. A nice change from the original which was twice as fast!

Two new cuts to keep your eyes on: **Daryl Hall** and **John Oates' Method Of Mod-**
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— IN STEP'S TOP 25 —

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| 1) WHY/SMALLTOWN BOY | | BRONSKI BEAT |
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| 8) ROCK THE BOX | | SYLVESTER |
| 9) SAY YEAH! | | THE LIMIT |
| 10) COLOR MY LOVE | | FUN FUN |
| 11) YOU USED TO HOLD ME SO TIGHT | | THELMA HOUSTON |
| 12) MADAME BUTTERFLY | ..... | MALCOLM MCLAREN |
| 13) BELLE OF ST. MARK | ..... | SHELIA E. |
| 14) OPERATOR | ..... | MIDNIGHT STAR |
| 15) NEUTRON DANCE | ..... | POINTER SISTERS |
| 16) CAN THE RHYTHM | ..... | GIRL'S TALK |
| 17) BETTER BE GOOD TO ME | ..... | TINA TURNER |
| 18) I FEEL FOR YOU | ..... | CHAKA KHAN |
| 19) HEARTLESS | ..... | EVELYN KING |
| 20) DOWN IN THE STREET | ..... | SHAKATAK |
| 21) APPRECIATION | ..... | ALICIA MEYERS |
| 22) BIG IN JAPAN | ..... | ALPHAVILLE |
| 23) BODY ROCK | | MARIA VIDAL |
| 24) OUT OF TOUCH | | HALL & OATES |
| 25) SUPERNATURAL LOVE | | DONNA SUMMER |

— HOT PICKS —

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| 1) TREAT HE LIKE A LADY | | THE TEMPTATIONS |
| 2) BORDERLINES | | JEFFERY OSBORNE |
| 3) BEEP-A-FREAK | | THE GAP BAND |
| 4) METHOD OF MODERN LOVE | | HALL & OATES |
| 5) KALUMBA DE LUNA | | BONEY M |



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THE ARTS

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42nd Street

After a two year absence opening their National Tour in Chicago, the winner of the 1981 Tony Award as Best Musical, *42nd Street*, has returned. If you love Busby Berkeley's musical films of the 30's and enjoy a Broadway show where you leave the theatre tapping your feet with songs from the score on your lips, then this show was made to order for you!

This song and dance spectacle is no great "book" show, but it is clearly a pleasant evening's entertainment. Its plot is loosely based on the 1933 film by Berkley with the same name where Peggy Sawyer, the chorine who goes on for the ailing star is "going out a youngster but coming back a star!"

Gail Benedict as Peggy, does just that! She is a delight and her presence lights up the stage. Dolores Gray, star of Broadway and film, is featured as the star Dorothy Borck. She is fine actress but her strong vibrato can be irritating when amplified. Barry Nelson, as Julian Marsh, the driven director, gives a convincing performance but a singer he's not. Unfortunately, when he has to "sell" *Lullaby of Broadway*, he's unable to fully deliver.

Lucia Victor, Karin Baker, and Randy Skinner have done admirably in recreating the work of the late Gower Champion who left his legacy with this show. He died of cancer on its Broadway opening night. His production numbers are outstanding and many of the included effects, though seen in his previous shows, are still spectacular.

A veritable list of Melody Top "graduates" are included in this company. Denise Lor, featured here as Golde in *Fiddler* delivers an amusing performance as the wise-cracking, Maggie Jones. Stephen Bates, formerly assistant musical director at the Top and music director at *Skylight*, conducts the orchestra. In much the same vein as Peggy, he was promoted from rehearsal accompanist to musical director. Also included in the company are Michelle O'Steen, Richard Lee Ruth, Michael Worcell, Suzie Jary, and Greg Schanuel — all formerly at the Melody Top.

The sets and costumes are truly the stuff

of what Broadway shows should be made of. The score contains some memorable Warren and Dublin melodies: *We're In The Mondy, Dames, Shuffle Off To Buffalo, Lullaby Of Broadway*, and of course the title song, *42nd Street*. It is a fitting theatre piece to the memory of the late great Mr. Champion.

The Shubert Theatre in Chicago features this extravaganza which runs through the 23rd of February. Tickets are available through Ticketron as well as 1-(800) 233-3123.

Torch Song Trilogy To Perform In Milwaukee

Torch Song Trilogy, Harvey Fierstein's 1983 Tony Award winning play, will perform February 26 to March 3 at the Riverside Theatre in Milwaukee.

Torch Song Trilogy is about the humorous and touching unfolding of the relationships of Fierstein's gay hero, Arnold Beckoff, and his quest to find what everyone wants in life — a decent home, a good job and someone to share it with.

Starring in the National Company of *Torch Song Trilogy* is P. J. Benjamin and Malcolm Stewart with Thelma Lee, Louisa Flaningam, Bruce Toms, Brooks Almy, and Karl Wiedergott. Charles E. Gerber and Will Osborne star for matinee performances.

The National Company of *Torch Song Trilogy* is directed by Peter Pope, who directed the original Broadway production. Stage design is by Bill Stabile, costume design is by Mardi Philips and lighting design is by Martin Aronstein. Musical director is Marvin Jones, musical supervision and arrangements for "International Stud" by Ned Levy, and original music for "Fugue in a Nursery" is by Ada Janik.

Torch Song Trilogy began off-off Broadway in October 1981 and since its move to Broadway on June 10, 1982, the play has garnered several awards including the 1983 Tony and Drama Desk Awards for Best Play. *Torch Song Trilogy* is now in its third year on Broadway.

Torch Song Trilogy is the presentation of three plays by Mr. Fierstein as a single eve-

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(l-r) Paul Gumsey, Jane, Mary & Henry celebrated during Jane & Mary's visit home over the holidays. Photo by Carl Ohly

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The Christmas show presented by Miss M at the Music Box had a cast that included Laurie & The Boy, Candi Stratton, Miss M, Kelly, Melinda, Tiki, Mandy & Derek. Pictured above are a few of the performers.

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ning's entertainment: International Stud, Fugue In A Nursery, and Widows And Children First!

Tickets are available at the Riverside Theatre box office, Riverside Theatre charge by phone (271-2000), all Ticketron outlets including Sears, and Ticket Charge (799-1007). For group discounts and more information call 276-5672 and mention this In Step article.

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new members.

According to Executive Director Nancy Roth, GRNL is \$64,000 in debt, primarily because of a "drastic" decline in new memberships. Income from new memberships dropped from \$54,000 received between August 1982 and August 1983 to under \$18,000 received between August 1983 and August 1984, due in part to a lack of funds for direct-mail solicitations.

Because of these financial problems, GRNL's executive board voted not to hire a full-time Capitol Hill lobbyist. Roth will perform that function in addition to her administrative duties, even though prior to her tak-

ing over the executive director's job she had no previous lobbying experience. Roth said she will be aided by volunteers who will do research on issues such as gay/lesbian immigration, and gay adolescent sexual abuse, and cultivate contacts.

NGTF, despite a debt that tops \$95,000, is planning to expand its lobbying operations in Washington.

The NGTF board approved a proposal submitted by Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo to expand the group's D.C. office by entering into an office space-sharing arrangement with the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the national gay/lesbian political action committee.

AuCourant

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while to realize that difference need not be threatening.

And lastly, I wish for you all: A happy, prosperous New Year. We've made it through the dreaded 1984 . . . On no, not four more years of Ronald Reagan and bonzo — I guess I'd better do a titter more than wish. Anyone got money for a ticket to Canada? Or the Bahamas? I wish I did!

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Pamela Stanley ("Coming Out Of Hiding") made a return holiday engagement at Club 219 & premiered her hot new song "If Looks Could . . ."

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Your Place's Christmas party included drawings for presents — this woman won "Gay Monopoly."

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JUICY BITS

W. W. Wells Of Mice And Elephants . . . A Fable

Like all fables, this story has a moral.

Once upon a time, in the jungle, there lived an elephant and a mouse. One day, while walking in the jungle, the mouse heard the elephant's cries for help. Upon investigation, he discovered the elephant was trapped at the bottom of a deep, deep pit.

"Just hold on," said the mouse. "I will go and get my Corvette and then I will be able to put you out of the pit."

Moments later, the mouse returned with his Corvette and a rope. He tied one end of the rope to the bumper of the car and threw the other end down to the elephant, and proceeded to pull the elephant out of the pit.

The elephant was, of course, eternally

grateful for the mouse's help. After much thanks the two went their separate ways.

Several months later, the elephant was walking in the jungle and heard the mouse calling for help. It seems the mouse had fallen to the bottom of the very same pit and could not get out.

"Don't worry," the elephant said. "I'll get you out." The elephant then straddled the pit and let down his enormous dick, the mouse then climbed up his dick, out of the pit, to safety.

The moral of the story is: If you have a big dick, you don't need a Corvette.

Meanwhile, in another jungle far, far away

There lived an elephant and a mouse. One day, while strolling through the jungle, the mouse heard the elephant crying out for help. The mouse discovered that the elephant had a rather large thorn lodged in his foot. The mouse removed the thorn and the elephant was very grateful.

"I'll do anything you want," The elephant said.

"Anything?" the mouse asked.

"Anything!" confirmed the elephant.

"Well then, I want to fuck you."

Reluctantly, the elephant agreed and they walked behind the bushes near a coconut tree. The mouse then climbed up the hind-quarters of the elephant and began humping away. Just then, the elephant bumped the tree and a coconut came loose and crashed down on the elephant's head.

"Ouch!" cried the elephant.

To which the mouse replied, "That's right, take it all bitch!"

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A Random Observation

Whenever someone asks me what sign I was born under, I always say "Slippery When Wet."

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Club 219's Christmas show came complete with a beautifully crafted gingerbread house (and Doris as Santa).
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STEPPIN' OUT

Ron Geiman

All Partied Out . . .

Co-Editor Dave starts things off with a holiday update . . . Ron joins in later.

Well, the holidays are over — finally.

Ron went back to Pennsylvania to visit with his family right after the Christmas issue was released and things were pretty quiet around *In Step* — well, almost.

Right before Ron left, we decided we'd seek out the "perfect" Christmas tree. What we ended up with was a beautiful, perfectly formed 12 foot tree — a real monster that had to be brought up to the loft in a freight elevator! It took four of us almost a full day to decorate it, complete with over 700 lights, 16+ dozen ornaments (in pink, white and red), four boxes of tinsel, etc. What the heck, what are 12' ceilings for anyway? It sure beat having one of those fakey trees!

I'm sitting here thinking that I really couldn't handle any more parties — at least for a while. As always, there certainly were plenty of Christmas parties this year. It would be impossible for me to even try to acknowledge every one — you'll just have to take my word that they all were a lot of fun! We did manage to hit quite a few of them and they all seemed to be well attended with real jovial crowds.

All in all, most nightspot owners really knocked their socks off to throw some really fun parties!

It sure was neat getting our white Christmas in the Milwaukee area, too. The four inch snowfall Dec. 23rd/24th was just what the doctor ordered. While in the military I found myself stationed in the desert and subtropics; hence, a white Christmas was nonexistent. Say what you want about being someplace warm during Winter, but there's nothing like a fresh blanket of snow with all the house decorations reflecting off of it — palm trees with miniature lights on them just don't cut it.

Pamela Stanley made another Milwaukee appearance at Club 219 December 28th, and, like the last time she performed there, was just terrific. That woman does things with her voice that sends a chill right up your back!

That same weekend found us in the Windy

City for a couple of days of R&R. We started by going to the **Loading Dock**, which had a real fun (and hunky) crowd in there. Gotta say that those Chicagoans do know how to give you a real eye full. (Thanks!)

Ended up at **Carol's Speakeasy** for the first time, too — what a fun place! It surprised me that of all the places we had been to that weekend, Carol's had the smallest crowd — a welcome relief to the asshole to bellybutton crowds we were encountering elsewhere. Their D.J. in there is just great, playing a nice mix of new along with the old.

Finally made it back to Milwaukee — **exhausted** — only to remember that it was our bowling night. It never fails — we're in 16th place (out of 16 teams) and the one night we all bowled over our averages (not to mention the 99 pin handicap our opponents would have had to give us) our opposing team didn't show up! Too bad, the **Ball-game** team won't ever know what a good time they missed that night.

As you might have noticed in the last issue, *In Step* is going electronic. We originally planned on subscribing to the **Gaylink®** system, but decided recently to go with the **GNIC** network instead. I was truly shocked when I saw the difference in price between the two services (for basically the same thing). When the "paper" copy of *In Step* is distributed, an "electronic" version of the magazine will be sent to all those on the GNIC network who want it. We'll also be providing news briefs, happenings, etc. on the network for anyone to pluck off as well as taking whatever information appears on the network that might be of interest to our readers. The service charges a one-time fee of \$30 and \$5.25 an hour for computer time. Even with the three hour minimum per month, that comes to a mere \$15.75 a month! (Transmitting at a 1200 baud rate, three hours' time translates to about 300 single-spaced pages of information that can be transmitted.) A real nice feature is that most areas have a local access number which means you don't have to worry about huge long distance bills. At press time, I don't have all the particulars available and will certainly pass it along when I receive it — or drop me a line in care of *In Step* and I'll get

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13th

OUT! Reception — Cocktail party for OUT! staff; 3-6 p.m.; 2716 E. Newberry (Milw.)

Men's Awareness Network — Gender & affectional identity - the essence of humanness; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; \$3 donation; The Counseling Center, 1428 N. Farwell (Milw.); 271-2565.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14th

CCBA Annual Dinner Meeting — Cocktails 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m.; Nantucket Shores; \$12; deadline is Jan. 10; call 445-5552. Election of at-large board members, music & awards presentations.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16th

AIDS Committee Meeting — All are welcome at this positive action community project; Brady East Clinic, 7 p.m.; 1240 E. Brady St. (Milw.); 272-2144.

Club 219 — "Lip Sink" returns; 1st category - Female; \$1 rail & beer special.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20th

1101 West — Show; Tania Michaels presents Melinda James, Toni Clarke, Peter & Julie.

Men's Awareness Network — Deepening your own sense of masculinity; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; \$3 donation; The Counseling Center, 1428 N. Farwell (Milw.); 271-2565.

Arts Happenings

Ballet Folclorico Nacional de Mexico — PAC; February 28th; 276-5672.

Billy The Kid — Milwaukee Ballet; PAC Uihlein Hall; February 14-17; 276-5672.

Blackstone — Magician; Riverside Theatre; March 15-17; 271-2000.

Roy Clark — Riverside Theatre; March 9th; 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.; 271-2000.

Magic Of David Copperfield — PAC Uihlein Hall; February 25th; 276-5672.

Lee Greenwood — with Jim Hudson; Riverside Theatre; January 18th; 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.; 271-2000.

Irish Rovers — PAC; March 14th; 271-5672.

Les Ballets Trocadero de Monte Carlo — PAC; March 12th; 276-5672.

Lewitzky Dance Company — PAC Uihlein Hall; January 15-16; 8 p.m.; 276-5672.

Makem & Ciancy — Irish music; Wauwatosa East H.S.; February 23rd; 8 p.m.; 466-4566 or 259-1495/tickets.

Marcel Marceau — PAC; April 1st; 276-5672.

Merry Widow — Milwaukee Ballet; PAC Uihlein Hall; May 2-5; 276-5672.

Oliver! — Riverside Theatre; February 19-24; 271-2000.

Peter, Paul & Mary — Riverside Theatre; March 29th; 8 p.m.; 271-2000.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band — PAC; March 6th; 276-5672.

REO Speedwagon — MECCA; January 14th; 271-7230.

Red Skelton — Riverside Theatre; February 1-3; 271-2000.

Sophisticated Ladies — Duke Ellington score; PAC; January 21-23; 276-5672.

Torch Song Trilogy — Riverside Theatre; February 26th to March 3rd; 271-2000.

Vienna Choir Boys — PAC; February 27th; 276-5672.

Dionne Warwick — Riverside Theatre; January 19th; 8 p.m.; 271-2000.

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the information sent to you as it becomes available. (Anyone with a home computer and telephone 300 or 1200 baud 103B or 212A protocol modem can use this service.)

Time to relinquish the computer over to someone who is better able to recap all the New Years festivities, the main force behind this magazine — **Ron**. Hope all of you enjoyed the holidays as much as we did — have a happy and healthy 1985!

I hope everyone had a great holiday and a safe and HOT New Years Eve. I arrived home from my trip East at 1 p.m. New Years Eve day — to the greeting of what would prove to be another blizzard New Years Eve. In recent years, many of our New Years Eve celebrations have been complicated by miserable weather . . . But does it dampen our stout-hearted spirits? NO! I saw it bring out the best in many people. By the time people started leaving the bars (around 3 a.m. or so in Milwaukee), many of their cars were buried in snowdrifts, or to get stuck while halfway home. Everywhere I went in our gay bar neighborhoods were strangers helping dig out or push out stuck cars. Ahh — friendships made in snow-bound parking lots. It just added to the evening.

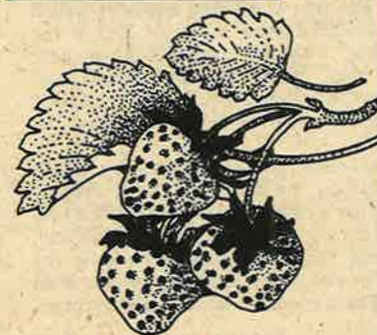
However, economically it was a "so-so" New Years Eve, according to many club owners. Even with the free bus service, by 11 p.m. it was already hazardous and we had a good four inches on the ground, making travel difficult — with a two hour wait for cab service. Many people had impromptu house partys or stayed at one bar all night (instead of the usual bar-hopping from buffet to buffet). Thanks to all the clubs that served a buffet breakfast, providing a needed break for people who may have had a few too many cocktails. Patrons here don't know how lucky they are — back East, most bar patrons have to pay \$15-25 cover charges before they'll see a buffet.

So, welcome to 1985. What's in the crystal ball? How many new bars will open in Milwaukee? (I predict a large dance bar on the near south side and, a small video-cruise bar ala Chicago's Sidetracks, and lord knows how many bars will "turn gay.") How many will close? (I don't know of any "unstable" places except for maybe two.) **Jim** and **Greg** bought **The Pendulum** less than two

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years ago and should be in a new location by mid-1985. *In Step* will celebrate its birth February 19th and grow stronger in 1985.

The 1985 Gay World Series of Softball will be held in Milwaukee this year (so be prepared for lots of benefits and fund raisers up until Series time in September). The Wreck Room Classic is not being held this year because of the Series. The Miss Gay Continental Wisconsin Pageant will be held in early Summer and the 85/86 Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant will be held at Halloween. The Holiday Invitational Tournament bowlers will return again at Thanksgiving. Milwaukee may have a major picnic during Gay Pride Week (similar to Madison's M*A*G*I*C picnic) to raise funds for the Brady East STD Clinic and AIDS.

AIDS will continue to claim victims, and the pleas for all types of AIDS funding will increase — and maybe our community will become more alert and involved. I wish I could predict that a cause and cure will be found for AIDS. I also wish that Police Chief Ziarnik would institute gay sensitivity training classes in the academy and for veterans. I also wish Milwaukee and Wisconsin would be recognized by the gay press on the coasts.

I also wish this issue was bigger but January is a slow month for advertising — so we'll just have to live with that — and besides, David rambled on so long — and I was gone and missed out the happenings. Check out Carl's photos to refresh your holiday memories — and have a great '85!

THE VALLEY BEAT

B.J. Daniels and Erica Stevens pulled off a wonderful show in Green Bay at the Bodyshop with their spare-of-the-moment special guest, Tess Sinclair, Empress of Wisconsin. After the show B.J. did a wonderful job proving that her boobs were small but real.

Oops, I have made a mistake by calling the Bodyshop, the Bodyshop. As of January 1st, the bar's new name is Whos. The new name is not the only change the bar has had. There has been remodeling done in the dance bar and a new light system has been put in. There are still more changes to come.

Recently, the Argonauts held their Toys for Tots benefit at the Green Bay bars which raised over \$700 in donations. Way to go Green Bay!

Some of the Queens from the Valley will

be putting on a show in Green Bay with Miss Southeastern Gay Wisconsin and other special guests, January 13. Not only is this show worth seeing but they will also be performing at 1101 West in Appleton, January 20th. Don't miss them.

Barbie Mason, ex-Miss 1101, held a Christmas show at the bar which was very well attended considering the weather. Everybody in the show was at their best in performing, including yours truly after drinking a bottle of Peppermint Schnapps during one of my numbers, *Hard Candy Christmas*. No, it wasn't water in the bottle and I wasn't acting drunk.

According to many people I spoke with, it was a very merry Christmas and may 1985 be just as good — if not better.

Happy 1985

Miss Tania Michaels



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