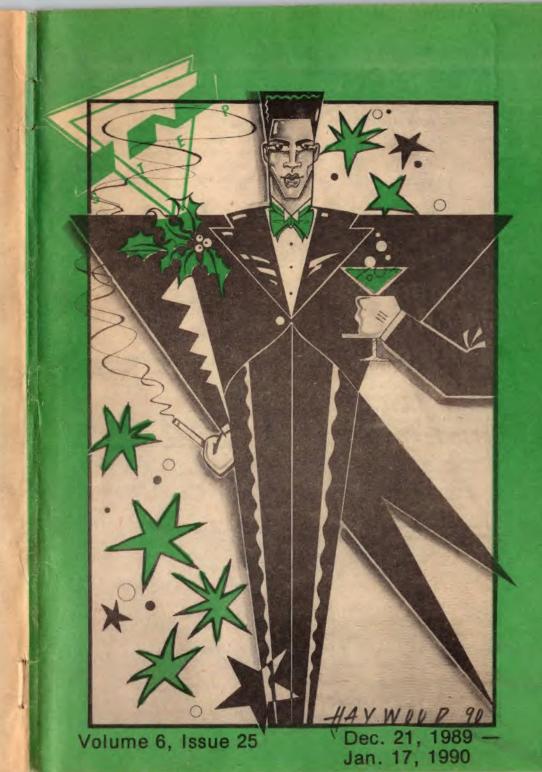
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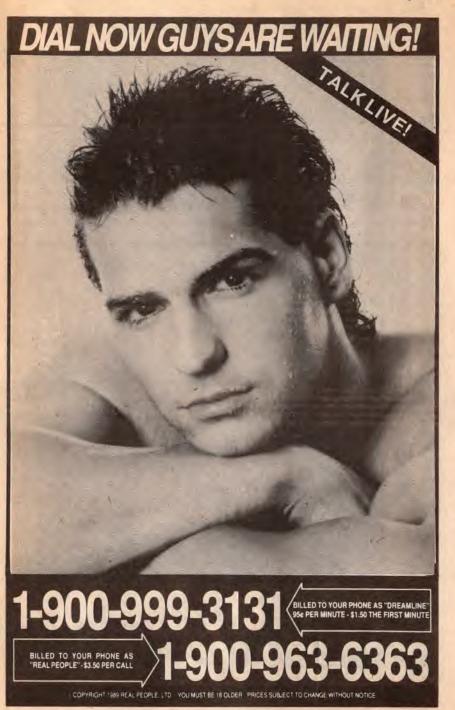
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ACT-UP Stops Mass at St. Patrick's

by Rex Wockner

The most radical segment of the gay/lesbian movement and the most powerful sect of Christianity clashed December 10 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

It was a conflict that many observers were surprised hadn't happened sooner, given the increasing strength of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) and the increasingly anti-gay posture of the Roman Catholic Church.

ACT UP was joined in the demonstration by WHAM!, Women's Health Action and Mobilization, a group fighting to keep abortion legal.

The irreverent protest took place both inside and outside the massive gothic cathedral, during a solemn Pontifical mass celebrated by New York's John Cardinal O'Connor.

As some 2,000 demonstrators (police said 4.500) circled outside, chanting "They say don't fuck, we say fuck you," about 100 militants inside brought services to a halt by heckling and conducting a "die in" in the cathedral's aisles.

The AIDS activists said they were protesting November's pronouncements by both the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and by the Vatican that condoms must never be used as protection against AIDS — a position that places the church in conflict with health authorities throughout the world.

One year ago, American bishops gave their tentative blessing to safe-sex teaching in public schools, but that approval was rescinded in early November following intense pressure from O'Connor and other conservative bishops.

One week later, the U.S. positions were adopted by attendees at the first Vatican conference on AIDS.

The activists inside St. Patrick's sat

quietly through the first half of the mass, which included various prayers and readings from the Bible.

But as O'Connor began his sermon, heckling erupted from a small section of the congregation about half-way back in the church.

News reporters were prevented from approaching the scene of the protest, but the activists apparently lay down in the aisles and conducted one of their now commonplace die-ins.

As the disturbance began, O'Connor stopped his homily and said, "Let us pray."

He then led the congregation in some 10- 15 minutes of standard Catholic prayers, including "The Lord's Prayer" and the "Hail Mary."

As the prayers were repeated over and over, ushers circulated transcripts of the aborted homily and police slowly removed 43 demonstrators, carrying some of them out on orange stretchers.

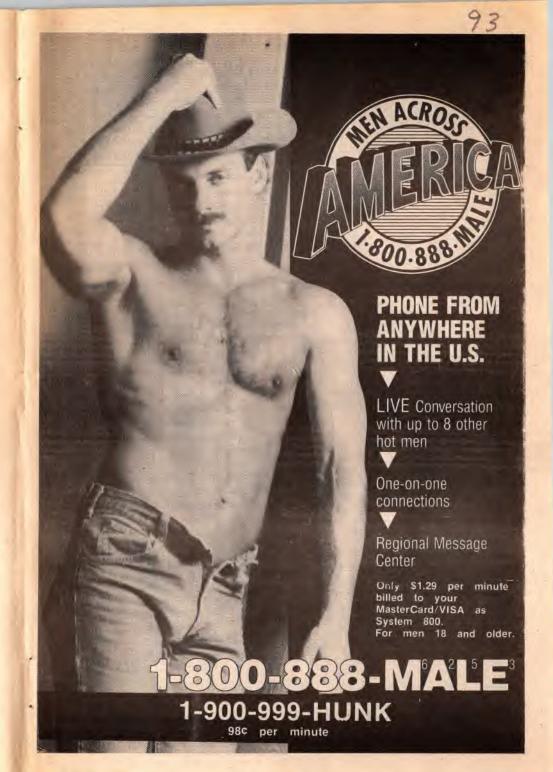
O'Connor resumed the service while the protest continued and some observers were shocked that demonstrators shouted insults at the Cardinal during mass' most solemn moments.

Catholics believe that priests can change bread and wine into the actual body and blood of Jesus Christ. Known as "Transubstantiation," the events occur when a priest says the words "This is my body" and "This is my blood."

As the Cardinal spoke over the bread, one of the demonstrators shouted, "O'Connor, you're a murderer."

Parishioners near the front of the cathedral were again scandalized some moments later when one protester went forward for communion and, rather than consuming the wafer, smashed it between his fingers and dropped it to the floor.

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A number of priests quickly dove to the floor and scooped up the tiny remains.

After careful scrutiny of the area where the bread had fallen, one priest reverently carried the bits away in his cupped hands.

The demonstration outside on Fifth Avenue continued in the sub-freezing weather throughout the debacle inside.

New York police said that 68 additional demonstrators were arrested for blocking the street at various points during the three-hour protest.

The activists carried signs that read:
"Keep you mass off our ass," "Eternal life for Cardinal O'Connor — NOW!" and
"Curb your dogma."

And they chanted such things as "He's a Nazi in a dress, the Cardinal's morals are a mess" and "For every ejaculation, a college education."

Flyers charged that Catholic bishops have overstepped the bounds between church and state by trying to force their morality on all Americans.

Catholicism

The Catholic church opposes condom use by anyone in any circumstances because church teaching demands that every sexual act be "open to the possibility of procreation."

Since using a condom to prevent the transmission of disease would also prevent sperm from contacting an egg, Pope John Paul II has said the devices violate God's plan for the universe and are sinful.

For the same reasons, all Catholics are forbidden from having gay sex, masturbating, engaging in oral sex to orgasm, or doing any other non-potentially-procreative sex act.

The church opposes abortion because it believes that at the moment a sperm contacts an egg, God instills a unique and sacred soul into the new creation.

New War With Gavs

Relations between the Catholic Church and gays have been on a downslide since 1986, when Rome's Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a letter asserting that a homosexual orientation is "more or less ordered toward intrinsic moral evil."

Previously, Rome had condemned homosexual acts but maintained that merely being gay was "morally neutral" — a position that has allowed seminaries in recent years to ordain a high percentage of gay priests, as long as they promise to be celibate. The 1986 letter also demanded that Catholic groups using Catholic buildings fully support all church teaching.

As a result, chapters of the gay/lesbian Catholic group Dignity were evicted from their parishes throughout the U.S. and Canada in the past two years.

ROTC Voted Out of UW-Madison

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Faculty Senate voted December 4 to kick the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) off the campus in 1993, unless military policy is changed to permit Gays and Lesbians to enlist.

The 386-248 vote was advisory to UW Chancellor Donna Shalala, who polled the faculty a week after the Senate vote. That written survey showed that a majority of the faculty responding want to keep ROTC despite its discriminatory policies. 1,007 faculty members responded out of a total of 2,400. Five options, and the responses:

 222 votes to keep ROTC and not try and change Dept. of Defense policy.

296 votes to keep ROTC but press
 DOD to change policy.

98 votes to phase out ROTC in 93, only if the Senate confirms in the fall of '93.

 315 votes to terminate ROTC in June
 '93 if their discrimination has not ended by that time.

• 76 votes to terminate ROTC as soon as possible.

Shalala now ponders the Senate vote, and the results of the separate poll, and can make a recommendation to the UW Board of Regents. But reports have said that Regents President Paul Schilling and others on the board oppose removing ROTC. Schilling has said he could have supported a compromise that would have delayed an ROTC decision under '93, but could not support the Senate vote.

World AIDS Day Demo & C.D. in D.C.

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington, D.C.- With angry chants of scorn directed at the President and the District of Columbia police, 78 activists from nearly all levels of the nation's fight against AIDS were arrested in front of the White House Dec. 1, World AIDS Day, in an act of civil disobedience intended to raise awareness of the mounting AIDS caseload nationwide.

Alternately led or carried away by D.C. police officers — nearly all of which were wearing clear plastic gloves — the activists, wearing everything from tailored suits to jeans, chanted slogans decrying what they called the government's inadequate response to the AIDS epidemic.

"We die, they do nothing!" the protesters repeatedly chanted they lay down in the middle of Pennsylvania Avenue while others drew chalk outlines of their bodies on the pavement.

The protesters were charged with blocking traffic, a minor violation, paid a fine and were released shortly afterwards.

According to event organizer Sue Hyde, staff member of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, police officials had given event organizers assurances that the officers would not wear the plastic gloves while arresting the activists. Police officers at the demonstration would not comment on why they were the gloves.

Those arrested comprised a disparate group, part of a gathering of over 200 activists attending a World AIDS Day rally in a park across the street from the White House, which sought to raise public attention to what they called the government's inadequate response to the continuing epidemic.

Opening the rally which preceded the civil disobedience action, NGLTF Executive Director Urvashi Vaid welcomed the crowd to the "world capital of AIDS neglect," calling attention to the disparate group of people with AIDS and HIV, AIDS activists, lobbyists, volunteers and executive directors of AIDS service

organizations who would all be risking arrest.

"These (AIDS service) organizations are the front line in this country's response to AIDS," bellowed Vaid. "And believe me my friends, it is a line that has been paid for, cared for, nurtured, not by the government, certainly not by this (Bush) administration, but by we, the people of this country!"

A day previous to the demonstration, the Bush White House issued a statement addressing World AIDS Day. Calling the activists' demonstration a "commemoration... to remember all those with HIV infection and all who have died from it," the White House statement added, "(T)hough the (AIDS) problem is great and taxing our health care system now, far greater difficulties await us in terms of human suffering in terms of health care."

Calling the statement "too despicable" to read in its entirety, Vaid read portions of it to the crowd, which then broke into chants of "Bush, open your eyes and see, AIDS is a state of emergency!"

Bush, en route to the Dec. 2 U.S./Soviet summit in Malta, was not present at the White House during the demonstration.

Nearly all of the speakers addressing the rally cited Bush's focus in international events as inappropriate, considering the number of those dying of AIDS within the U.S.'s own borders.

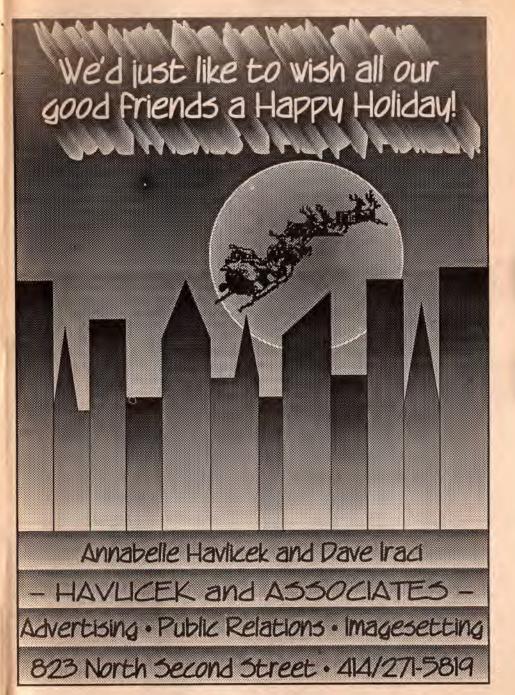
The White House statement also noted that resources have been committed to AIDS services at what it called an "unprecedented rate," a statement which was greeted with angry chants by the demonstrators.

At the rally, demonstrators also called attention to the exponentially increasing numbers of Americans with AIDS, now well over 100,000, which experts expect to be over 200,000 in little less than one year.



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Americans With Disabilities Act

By Cliff O'Neill

When AIDS activists "handed"
President George Bush his "report card
on AIDS" an AIDS demonstration
protections.

And there, the best "grade" they would give him was an "incomplete."

That is because, while Bush has pledge support for a federal law banning AIDS discrimination — as part of the mammoth disabilities anti-discrimination bill — he has failed to exercise sufficient leadership in pursuing such a law, according to the activists.

These protections are included in the Americans With Disabilities Act, a comprehensive civil rights package which, for the first time, would ban discrimination on the basis of disability — including AIDS and HIV infection — in employment, public accommodations and transportation and telecommunication systems. Such discrimination in housing was banned by the Fair Housing Act of 1988.

In complying with his campaign pledges to support the bill and its AIDS anti-discrimination protections, the Bush Administration has negotiated with the Senate on the bill and has testified in favor of it. But otherwise, reviews on the White House's performance on the bill are, at best, mixed.

"The President's statement on this bill when he endorsed it was that he wanted the bill on his desk by Christmas," stated Tom Sheridan, lobbyist for the AIDS Action Council. "Well, it's going to be Christmas and they're not going to put a bill on his desk. I'm anxious to know why the President and his staff are not more aggressive in terms of seeing this bill passed."

After Attorney General Richard Thornburgh negotiated with Senate leaders for a compromise version of the bill, it went on to pass the Senate by a landslide margin. But as the bill has moved to the House side and crawled through the requisite committees, House

Republicans,, led by Rep. Steve Bartlett (R-Texas), have voiced a myriad of concerns with the bill, bogging it down while they examine their issues of concern.

Although most of the details being examined closely by House Republicans deal mostly with how the bill will affect small businesses, a number of amendments affecting the bill's AIDS protections are also waiting in the wings.

Sitting on two of the three committees through which the bill must still pass, Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) is expected to introduce at least one amendment attacking the bill's AIDS protections.

Dannemeyer telegraphed his intention to introduce such an amendment at a recent congressional hearing on the bill. While questioning Thornburgh, Dannemeyer, who sought to extract similar protections from the Fair Housing Act last year, stated that while he wanted to protect children and blood transfusion recipients with AIDS from discrimination, he did not want to extend those protections "homosexuals and drug addicts."

Dannemeyer then expressed his intent to exclude from the bill all people with infectious diseases acquired through "intentional conduct."

As for the prospects of such an amendment passing, lobbyists are hopeful that, having voted down Dannemeyer's attempts to exclude similar protections from two previous bills, the House will do it again.

Lambda Clears Sodomy Record

[New York]-A New York State trial court on December 1st vacated the guilty plea of a man arrested and convicted in 1969 under statutes since declared unconstitutional in New York. The court decision cleared his record, helping to ensure that he will not be further penalized for charges used in the past to criminalize sexual conduct between consenting adult partners of the same sex.

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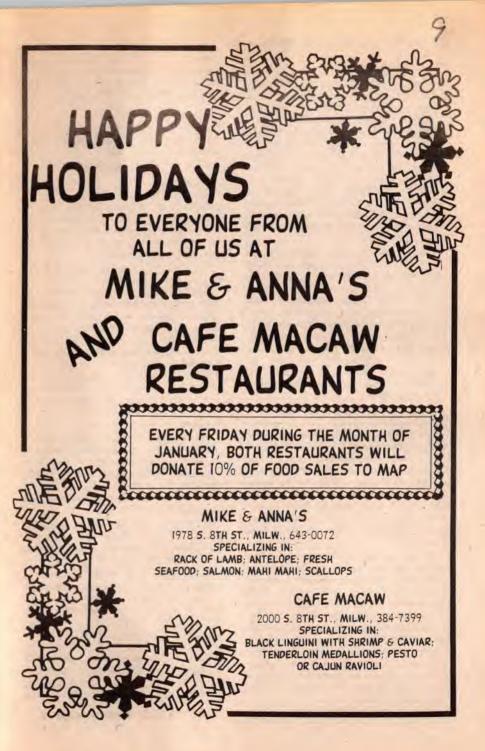
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Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund represented "John Doe," a New Yorker arrested for the first and only time in March 1969 for the so-called crime of "Consensual Sodomy." In return for a dismissal of this charge, Mr. Doe pled guilty to the related offense of "Loitering for the Purpose of Engaging in Deviate Sexual Intercourse." Several years ago, the Court of Appeals, New York State's highest court, found both of these statutes unconstitutional because they violated constitutional rights to privacy and equal protection.

Earlier this year, twenty years after his arrest. Mr. Doe's conviction resurfaced when his job required that he move to a foreign country. Mr. Doe learned he would need a "Good Conduct Certificate" from the police department before the country would grant him residency. The certificate he received listed the unconstitutional arrest and conviction. Reasonably fearing that such charges, however old and invalid, might prejudice his chance of getting residency abroad, the man turned to Lambda for help.

"This case illustrates the continuing and very real harms that consensual 'sodomy' laws and related statutes pose to the gay community, even when they've later been overturned," said Evan Wolfson, the Lambda staff attorney who handled the case. "Here, twenty years later, this conviction came back to haunt Mr. Doe, just as they do many people when they go to till out a job application, seek a license, or get asked about their past."

To get the conviction vacated and the record expunged and sealed, Lambda contacted the Manhattan District Attorney's office to seek their cooperation. Lambda submitted a record of the facts in the case along with an analysis of the constitutional and practical issues, highlighting the landmark court cases striking down the offending statutes. The prosecutor's office ultimately agreed to vacate the conviction and seal the record, and offered to do the same in other cases.

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AIDS

AIDS COMMISSION RELEASES FIRST REPORT

By CLiff O'Neill

Washington, D.C .- The National Commission on AIDS, citing a mounting urgency on the epidemic, on Dec. 5 sent a preliminary report on to President Bush more than nine months early, asking for his leadership in the guiding of the nation out of the ongoing health crisis.

"The testimony we recently heard on health care and financing was so compelling we felt it is vital to write to you now, rather than wait until our statutorily required annual report next August." wrote commission chair Dr. June E. Orborn and commission vice-chair Dr. David E. Rogers in a letter to Bush which accompanied the report.

AIDS and gay/lesbian advocacy groups were quick to heap praise the preliminary report which was also forwarded to Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress.

"Once again, we have a comprehensive critique of the government's failure to respond to the real needs of Americans who face HIV infection and the AIDS epidemic," stated Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

In its report, the commission pointed to what it called a "growing complacency in our country toward the epidemic that many people want to believe is over."

Noting that the AIDS epidemic is "reaching crisis proportions among the young, the poor, women and many minority communities." the 15-member commission called for "prompt appropriate action" from the U.S. government. Also included as key portions of the seven-page report were findings that the link between drug use and HIV infection has not been adequately addressed and that a national plan to prop

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up the nation's "faltering health care system" is needed.

"The Commission believes it is time to match rhetoric with action," the report stated, outlining the scope of the AIDS crisis in the nation in staggering terms, noting that in the next 12 months the nation will face a near doubling of the number of AIDS cases diagnosed, bringing the total number to well over 200,000.

The primary problem addressed in the report is the lack of adequate access to health care by a startling percentage of those affected by the disease. Deriding the belief that Medicaid programs adequately cares for the thousands of low-income HIV infected individuals in the U.S. as a "Medicaid fantasy," the reports notes that, in hospitals in the South, fewer than 20 percent of AIDS patients qualify under state Medicaid programs, as opposed to 44 percent nationwide.

The report also notes the serious problem of access to medical treatment and hospital care, point out that five percent of the nation's hospitals treat 50 percent of the nation's AIDS and HIV infected.

"(A) series of problems," the report concludes, "have resulted in a health care system singularly unresponsive to the needs of HIV infected people: the initial appearance of HIV infection and AIDS in groups often shunned by the larger society — gay men, the poor, minorities, and intravenous drug users encouraged a slow response, a gross lack of training support for primary care physicians to treat people with HIV infection and AIDS, and serious disincentives for physicians to take Medicaid patients and perhaps poor people in general."

To combat the crisis, the report states that "frank recognition that a crisis situation exists" and "extraordinary measures" are needed.

Among those measures, the report states, is the creation of a "flexible, patient-oriented, comprehensive system of care" which would bring together a variety of health care options, including hospitals, ambulatory centers and home health care. Also, the report recommends the creation of "regional centers, or networks of care" and "units" which could treat people for both drug use and HIV infection as well as a consolidation of health care services "under one roof."

On the connection between HIV infection and drug use, the report chides the recently released White House drug war strategy for only mentioning AIDS four times in its 90 pages.

"The President's strategy simply must acknowledge and include HIV infection and AIDS," it stated.

To realize its proposals, the report estimates that in 1991 the U.S. would need to allocate between \$2.5 billion and \$15.1 billion to meet the need.

"We simply must be prepared to make these expenditures," the report added, calling on all levels of government to address the need.

(In a recent memo to Office of Budget and Management Chief Richard Darman, Health and Human Services Secretary Louis W. Sullivan, a Commission member, criticized OMB cuts to his proposed \$1.72 billion 1991 AIDS budget. AIDS activists reacted to the letter with dismay towards what they regarded as Sullivan's low budget requests.)

"To date there is no national policy or plan, and no national voice" the report summarized. "Currently... without the definition of roles each level of government points a finger at another and says it is their job. Clearly, managing the HIV epidemic is a responsibility which must be shared by all."





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To all our Faithful Customer's: Thanks for attending our 15th Anniversary Party. Here's to 15 more. John and Staff

Thanks: To Lois & Sheri at Station II and to those of you who came in, (and to David O'Day) during my stint as guest bartender. We raised \$300 for MAP through tips, 10 percent of the till & raffles! Shirley Fitz

Phyl: How long do I have to hold your Christmas gift get the coffee, partner!

Gift Holder

Rona: I think of you while I'm in Acapulco. I'll do my best to look for a husband for you.

Zorba

Eva and Sue: No moving in together while we are on vacation.

Your Bridesmaids, D. & B.

Greg in Supplies: If she's not I'm not! Flo

Richard: It's going to be the Gay 90's, Go for it! Love me P.S. Black night?

Oh Stanley: Lets look for the SILO and squeel like pigs! Love, Milwaukee

Bruce & Robert: Looking forward to the 'girl's going shopping.' Love, Zorba

But Scott: I'm so shy, shy, shy. Love, Sister

Chuck: Picture this! Love to you both. Dorothy

Blanche: Don't worry hon, you'll have your legs up in no time! Love, Dorothy

Doris, HIT Company '89: Thank you very much. We look forward to next year. Triangle Bar

Readers: Thanks to all of you & may everyone have a Gay-la Holiday & win big bucks in the lottery in '90. Ron, In Step

Rumor-Mongers: I DO NOT have In Step up for sale. Perhaps the person(s) who started that rumor, are trying to get back at me for cutting down Gossip Queens in my column a few issues ago. Think about it. The Gay 90's will mark In Step's 6th Anniversary Ron, In Step

Tony & Del: It's rare that a business relationship develops into a friendship. I'm glad ours did. Ron, In Step

Tony & Del: Thanks for 3 good years.
Good luck in your future endeavors!!
Love, Kimberly Anne

219 Girls & Staff: Merry X-mas...Happy New Year! Kimberly Anne

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Ron, In Step

Geek: Happy, Happy!

Gook & Greta

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Gash: I am going to hit you sooo hard... Merry X-mas & H.N.Y. Mommy





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Awards at LRN Annual Meeting

Lambda Rights Network (LRN) has announced that the famous Cream City brick awards begun by Cream City Business Association (CCBA) will become part of LRN's Annual Meeting/Cocktail party.

Set for Wednesday, January 17 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the upstairs party room at the M & M Club (Water at Erie), members and guests will be treated to delicious snacks, delightful entertainment and an opportunity to meet the 1989 award winners.

LRN's Board is currently receiving the names of individuals and groups who, in the opinion of each nominator, has done outstanding work to advance the needs and concerns of the gay/lesbian/bisexual communities of metropolitan Milwaukee.

While there will be a charge of \$5 per person for pre-registration for the cocktail party, members and guests will be admitted for no charge for the awards program and annual meeting. Reservations are available by calling 445-5552.

LRN Secretary Diane Banach urged all lesbians/gay men and bisexuals to call LRN at 445-5552 with nominations for the awards by no later than January 2, 1990.

Awards:

 Pace Setter — that gay man or lesbian who has truly set the pace for advancing understanding toward our community.

 Torch Bearer — that non-gay/lesbian person who best demonstrates leadership in expanding understanding and acceptance towards our community.

 Spot Light — that media, whether print or electronic, which has most consistently advanced honest coverage of issues impacting the gay/lesbian community.

 Group Spirit - that organization or group of people who have most demonstrated the accomplishments possible for gay and lesbians when working together.

 President's — presented at the discretion of the President and officers of LRN for truly outstanding service.



[L to R] MAP's Doug Nelson, Randy Frank and Fred Stewart at the Tree of Hope in the M&M Garden. The tree is a fundraiser for MAP. Help turn it Pink!

Holiday MAP Fundraisers

Two projects in Milwaukee bars are raising funds for the Milwaukee AIDS Project during the holiday season. Randy Frank and Fred Stewart are creating the second annual Tree of Hope to raise money for MAP at the M&M Club. Meanwhile, Jet and Bob and staff at Jet's Place are selling Stars for AIDS, and have scheduled a 'Stars for AIDS' show at the bar on December 22nd.

The Tree of Hope is designed to contd. on page 16

Sensitive GWM-27, 6', 170, brown hair/eyes & attractive. Published author, poet, artist, philosopher, runner, romantic, seeks GWM 18-35 for friendship & possible relationship. Lawrence, P.O. 566, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Oconomowoc/Watertown area. Trying to start a Support/Social group, for Gays/Lesbians. If possible could you provide a phone number for faster response? Write: P.O. Box 602, Watertown, WI 53094.

GWM 35, 170lbs Blue/blond. Want to meet men 20's and under for friendship, safe sex. Bi and black welcome. No fats, fems. Gordy 414-497- 1593.

BiWM, 35, attractive, educated professional, trustworthy, discreet. Travel Milwaukee area frequently. Looking for similar or GWM couple for safe fun, friendship without relationship when I'm in town. Must be straight acting appearing. No fats, fems or drugs. Inexperienced, curious, Married OK. Write: Boxholder, P.O. Box 3004. Madison, WI 53704-0004.

Muscular, Handsome, Horny, 31 GWM, 7" and thick. You: GWM 25-35 butch, in good shape, 8" plus and ready. Bret, P.O. Box 1631, Kenosha, WI 53141.

HIV Positive Volunteers Wanted Persons testing Positive for the HIV antibody or who are PLWA's are wanted for an expanded study of a "New AIDS Control Diet." The new diet plan has been tested in two cases and has increased T-4 Helper cells and reduced ARC symptoms. For a copy of the new theory and diet plan, write: Keep Hope Alive, P.O. Box 32001, Franklin, WI 53132.

Good-Looking, non-smoking, health-conscious, romantic professional. 6'3''/180/32. You won't meet me in a bar, so please write and let's meet for coffee! Send photo (returned with mine) and phone to: Occupant, Box 365, Evanston, Illinois, 60204-0365.

GM, 40, professional seeking a relationship with a younger man. Masculine, medium build. Described by friends as warm, sensitive, and caring. Would like to share those qualities with you. Call 608-764-5225 and leave a message.

If you are over 60, or retired and would like some occasional company, please call 352-1694. No Blacks, Hispanics, Oriental's OK.

38 year old Attractive Straight Professional, 5'9", 140 brown hair, blue eyes, seeking goodlooking thin GWM 25-35 for romantic times, friendship & possible relationship. No drugs, fats, fems, or blacks please. Photo & phone w/get immediate reply. It's going to be a long cold winter, lets get together. Write me. J.F. P.O. Box 27301, Milwaukee, WI 53227-0301.

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GWM, Late Thirties desires GWM 18-27 to develop friendship and enjoy some weekends away. Honest, sincere, clean. Non-smoker nor drugs. Just looking for good-spent time. Reply to: Boxholder, Box 134, Waukesha, WI 53187. Photo would be nice.

Bottom Buddy 30-50, G/P, F/A. For GWM 38, 6', 180lbs, br/bl, Top with a lot to offer. Safe sex, friendship without relationship. Occasional but regular visits for right person. Photo appreciated. Boxholder, P.O. Box 93315, Milw., WI 53203-0315.

Chubbies and Friends: Looking for activities, friends, companionship, pen-pals; contact: Girth & Mirth, Inc.; P.O. Box 14384, Chicago, Il. 60614; 24-hr. hotline (312)776-9223.

GWF Couple Looking For You If you replied to our previous ad (issues 17,18,19) 1000 apologies, major goof- up on our part. Please reply again! P. & S., P.O. Box 23784, Milw., WI 53223.

GWF, Late 30's: Discreet, many interests, not into bars/drugs. Friends for fun outings married OK. Relationship potential. Photo/phone welcomed, write: P.O. Box 11732, Green Bay, WI 54307-1732.

BiWF, 25, am seeking to meet other BiF/GF for special times. I enjoy most music, good films, photography, fine food, good conversation and good times. Please write me at: MBC, P.O. Box 93683, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

If you are looking for someone worth while to spend Christmas with as well as the coming New Year and you want him to be a middle-age professional, great so am I. Call Anthony at 354-2788 between 5 & 6:30pm. To me age & looks do not matter.

GWM 40's looking for long-term relationship. 5'10'', 145lbs, blond hair, interested in getting to know men 30 plus. Not into the bar scene. Respond: P.O. Box 150, Hales Corners, WI 53130.

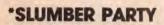


GWM attractive, 49, wants to meet young men for sincere, passionate relationship. Educated & Anxious. Marrieds & Bi's OK, no fats or fems. Write: P.O. Box 83173, Milwaukee 53223. Eager & Willing.

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symbolize many things: hope for the future for People Living With AIDS; hope for increased responsibility with regards to safer sex and AIDS prevention; and hope for a cure to end this tragic epidemic. The tree will be up during the months of Dec. and Jan. in the Glass Menagerie Garden. Covered with hundreds of white lights, pink lights will replace the white with each donation. Small pink lights are \$1 or more, large pink lights are \$100 or more. Randy's goal is to raise \$6,000. Help turn the tree pink!

This is the second year Jet's has sold cut-out stars to benefit MAP. Once a minimum donation of \$1 is paid, sponsors get to write a message on the star. As of deadline, Jet's ceiling was well decorated with stars, but there was plenty of room left. The Stars for AIDS show will feature a strong line up of entertainment including many titleholders who will donate their time and talent. Cost for entry is a \$2 donation, with a \$5 table reservation fee. All moneys go to MAP.

Poster Contest

The Fifth Annual Make a Promise Dinner will be held in March, 1990. This annual fundraiser for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) features a dinner, auction, and entertainment. This year we are looking to the community for ideas on the graphic for a poster and brochure which can set the design for "Make a Promise Dinner' for years to come.

In the past we have used a brochure, 8 1/2' x 11', to advertise the event by mail. and a poster, 11' x 17', to advertise the event in various locations. Last year, Bob Stocki designed an excellent poster and brochure. As we started planning the event this year, many people indicated that they had an idea for the design. In an effort to generate many creative ideas we decided to hold a contest for the design, giving everyone a chance to express their talent.

The theme is: "Make a Promise." We need a graphic design that will fit on the cover of a tri-fold 8 1/2' x 11' brochure, and an idea of how the graphic will fit on an 11' x 17' poster. The deadline for submission is December 29, 1989. Please

submit your graphic with your name, address, and phone number to Chris Doerfler at the MAP office - P. O. Box 922505, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Please call Chris at 273-2437 if you have any questions.

Bi Group Forms

A Milwaukee area network has announced a Bi-Sexual Support Group, which will be meeting Fridays and Saturdays for fun, food and conversation. All are welcome. For more details and meeting times and location, call 271-7831.

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I had seen him fly to my house top, and then again down, armed mainly with vac, duster and mop in boa-duster gown. Still wearing pink, bunny-eared slippers, one on each foot; he was finished, draped now, in my former cobwebs and soot.

I had watched him polish, wash and dust, and clean away! Clean away! Clean away all! He rearranged himself with a few tucks or more, and soon he was gone, and outside my door.

But I knew that next week I'd see him once more, the 'Kid' would be there rapping again at my door. As I watched him turn quickly out of sight, I knew I'd done the best thing, I called Mr. Right!

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United Sets 1990 Goals

As we near the end of 1989, Madison's The United's board of directors has evaluated the past year's activities, and established goals for the coming year. Before planning for the next year, the board compiled the following list of major accomplishments from the past 12 months.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- moved to a larger, more visible office;
- served a larger and more diverse clientele;
- · expanded our office staff, and

- provided fiscal sponsorship for several organizations. United also
- continued to build and maintain good relationships with funders;
 - · publicized the agency effectively:
- sponsored several social and outreach groups;
- streamlined the volunteer training program; and
- filled most of the positions on the board.

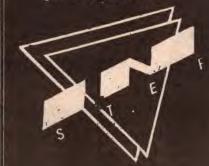
The members of the board also noted with pride the extensive commitment volunteers have made to The United: 25 people staff the phone line, five help with support groups, 15 are affiliated with the newsletter and special projects.

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OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 21, 1989 THROUGH JANUARY 7, 1990 In Step*Dec. 20, 1989-Jan. 17, 1990*Page 18 contd. from page 17

For the coming year, the board has established the following seven goals:

GOALS FOR 1990

- Improve the agency's financial stability.
- Enhance lesbian outreach and involvement.
- . Increase paid office staff.
- · Sponsor a major fundraiser.
- Continue to build community recognition of The United as Madison's agency for lesbian/gay social change.
- Install a more adequate telephone system in the office.
- Enhance advocacy programs.

BY-LAWS REVISIONS

To help accomplish these objectives, the board has made some revisions to the by-laws. First, The United is no longer a "membership" organization. Individuals who make financial contributions will not be buying a membership — they will simply be supporting the organization.

Second, committees have been reorganized. United now has six standing committees: Community Resource, Finance: Personnel, Program Coordination, Executive and Advisory. Participation by non-board members is again welcomed.

Finally, the board's method of operation has been changed from parliamentary procedure to a modified majority rule process. We will strive for consensus when possible. If consensus cannot be reached, a non-binding vote will be taken, further discussion will ensue, followed by a final, binding vote.

Pride Dance

Dancing to the beat of Cheryle Williams' music approximately 120 partied at the 10% Society's and Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee's dance held at the UWM Union Wisconsin Room. The crowd, mostly young with smidgens of older persons, listened intently as Jim English, MLGPC secretary announced the theme of Pride week for 1990: "Look to the Future...THE GAY '90's." The dance was held as a kickoff for the MLGPC theme.



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ROOMIES

To share, large home, upper Eastside. Own bedroom. Large kitchen with microwave, cable TV, phone answering service, laundry facilities just up the street. 4 blocks from UWM. Street parking, close to 3 bus lines. \$225 mo. plus 1/2 mo. security dep. Must be neat, clean, responsible and employed. Call Tom at 963-1315, 9-11am or 9-10pm.

Roommate: To share 4 bedroom Eastside home. Own room, off-street parking, convenient to Downtown. Seeking non-smoking mature GWM. \$250/mo. plus security deposit. Call 765-0658 after 5:30pm or leave message.

Roommate Wanted: Responsible GWM to share large 3 bedroom metro-home Eastside apt. w/two stable 'Twenty-something' artistic men. \$160 mo./security, w/heat (1/3 phone & electric). Parking, yard, pet? Avail. Jan. Ist. Contact Don or Cory 271-2447. Please leave message.

Responsible Roommate Wanted: Professional GWM needed to share downtown apartment. Large, sunny, convenient to shopping with a great view. \$280/mo. includes heat. Call 225-0240 or please leave message.

GM or F Roommate Wanted Madison 2 story house. Northeast side. Carpeted bedroom, own living room, quiet, share kitchen. Must be non-smoker, no drugs. \$275/mo., 1/2 utilities/heat. Avail. Feb. 1st. Call 608-241-5630.

Roommate or Couple wanted: Westside home, off-street parking, own room, freeway access. \$250.00 plus 1/2 elec. bill. Available immediately. Should be employed or a student. Call 442-9777.

Roommate Wanted: To share near Marquette University, parking on street. Locked lobby, laundry, security deposit, low rent, storage available?? Call 342-2754.

GWM, 28, Slightly handicapped and with speech impediment seeks to share housing on North or Northwest side. Willing to pay up to \$250 per mo. Write Scott at: 11325 W. Florist Ave, Milw, 53225

Roommate Wanted: Responsible, employed, GWM. Rent includes furnished or unfurnished bedroom. Washer/dryer, utilities, heat and central air. \$185.00 Call 476-7464.

GWM 30, seeks roommate 18-35 to share 2 bedroom apt. on Northwest side. \$250.00/month available immediately. 444-4397/ Steve.

HOUSING

McKinley Blvd. 3030 W. Deluxe one bedroom. Heat, appliances, laundry, cable, storage, incl. Pets welcome. Now or January 1st. \$295, 771-7743.

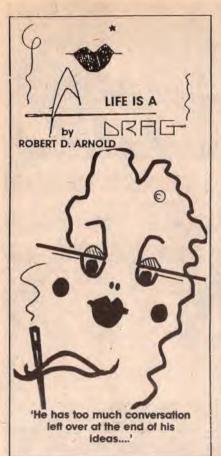
EMPLOYMENT

Communications Coordinator This is a salaried position. full-time. Responsibilities include: Coordination of public relations plan, development of promotional materials, publicizing of agency programs and coordination of special event fundraising activities. A degree in communications or equivalent experience required. Sensitivity of HIV/AIDS related issues a must. Send resume with salary requirements to: Director of Development, Milwaukee AIDS Project, P.O. Box 92505. Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Administrative Assistants [2 openings] These two positions are full-time, 40 hours per week. One position will be 8:30am - 5:30pm while the other will be 12:00pm (noon) - 9:00pm. include: Responsibilities processing, data entry, filing, scheduling, reception and other telephone duties, supervision of office support volunteer staff. Individual must be computer literate with experience in WordPerfect and dBase III Plus preferred. Sensitivity to HIV/AIDS related issues a must. Send letter of application with resume to: Kris Vaughn, Milwaukee AIDS Project, P.O. Box 92505, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Dust Collectors are looking for a conscientious individual for Part time home/apartment/office cleaning. Must have a driver's license, Call Ken at 964-6886.

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Many, many thanks go out to the wonderful people at 10½ Society who helped plan, advertise, decorate and set up for the dance. A special thanks to Cheryle, N LGPC Treasurer, whose dj expertise kept the crowd moving throughout the evening. Noteworthy was the enjoyment had by all in a safe non-alcohol environment. The dance not only brought many friends together, but also allowed for the under 21 crowd an opportunity to party for the evening.

MLGPC is still looking for volunteers as they plan their schedule of events for June, 1990. Although six months away, much needs to be done in the early stages to tope the successful Pride Week of last year. MLGPC still has openings on the Steering Committee. The difficult work ahead will reap its rewards next June only in our Community pitches in.

To volunteer or for information, please call MLGPC at 32-PRIDE.

Black Leadership Forum

The third annual National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference and Health Institute occurs February 16-19 in Atlanta.

The Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum planning committee, in cooperation with The Men and Women of African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance cordially invite all to attend the forum, with a them of "Celebrating Our History, Creating Our Future." The reason for the forum is because strong leadership leads to a stronger community.

The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. For more information and to register, write: BGLLF, PO Box 29812, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Or call (213) 666-5495.

> JO'DEE'S, RACINE THROW A PIE AT YOUR FRIEND OR ENEMY FRI., DEC. 22 SEWAP BENEFIT

G/L Series At Prairie Society

"Positively Lesbian and Gay" is the theme of a series of services scheduled at Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society for January 14 and 21, 1990. Lay ministers Fredericka and Mary invite you to celebrate in the context of a liberal religion the joys and difficulties of living the gay life.

These issues have been selected: lesbian/gay history and culture, homophobia, legal/economic discrimination, parents and children issues, and more

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Services are Sundays, 10 a.m., 2018 Whenona Drive — Madison (one block south of the beltline pedestrian overpass between Seminole Highway and Verona Road). Anyone is welcome regardless of religion (or lack of it). Children's religious education classes and childcare are available. This congregation dresses casually, so come as you are.

For more information call (608) 271-8218.

G/L Writers Conference

San Francisco- Out/Write '90, the first-ever national lesbian and gay writers conference, will feature poets Allen Ginsberg and Judy Grahn as keynote speakers at the March 3-4 event in San Francisco. The conference will focus on the past, present and future of gay and lesbian writing.

Grahn is the author of Another Mother Tongue and numerous volumes of poetry, including the feminist classic The Common Woman Poems. The work of Ginsberg, author of "Howl", is collected in White Shrouds and Collected Poems: 1947-1980. Their reflections on the literary landscape of the lesbian and gay community will lead off two days of two dozen workshops, panels and other discussions relevant to lesbian and gay writers and their work.

Among the confirmed participants are Sarah Schulman, Dennis Cooper, Pat Califia, Thom Gunn, Marilyn Hacker, Michael Nava, Jewelle Gomez, John Preston, Dorothy Allison, Kevin Killian, George Stambolian, Barbara Wilson, Essex Hamphill and Tee Corinne.

The conference is sponsored by Out/Look Magazine and will be held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, 1101 Van Ness Avenue. Advance registration is \$25 per person for both days through February 1. For more information or to register, write to: Out/Write '90, c/o Out/Look Conference, 2940 16th Street, Suite 319, San Francisco, CA 94103. Checks should be made payable to Out/Look.

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Krystalmoon performed at Fannies' before a nice mixed male/female audience.

New Women's Calendar

Nur Damen Productions, a new, small mail order publishing business in the Los Angeles area with an objective of producing the artistic/creative works of women writers, photographers, artists and musicians in products that will promote a sense of pride, has made its debut with the "1990 Women Only Calendar."

The Calendar is available through mail order only for \$19.45 (includes tax, postage, and handling). Nur Damen has pledged a portion of all proceeds to sponsor Women Support programs.

"Frontiers After Dark," a West Hollywood publication, has said about the work: "For years the gay male community has put out superior calendars, but now women have joined the ranks with force." Frontiers continues: "The calendar is stunningly photographed in black and white at locales in and around Los Angeles. The theme of the calendar is easily discernible as 'Lesbians of the Gay 90's'. The women in the photos are an attractive multi-racial mixture of feminine and masculine that subtle yin-yang so much a part of gay and lesbian culture. The range of the photos is the campy. vampish movement-oriented cover to quiet eroticism including high fashion, adventure, romance and sex.

To order your copy or for more information, write or call: Nur Damen Productions, 13601 E. Whittier, Suite 212, Whittier, CA 90605. 213/698-5604.



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HEALTH

Milw. G/L's Meet on AIDS/HIV Effort

[MAP]- Approximately 30 members of Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay Community attended a social forum held at the Milwaukee AIDS Project on December 1. World AIDS Day, to learn, share and discuss AIDS/HIV prevention needs in our community and be updated on the current programs underway.

The three programs highlighted were:

STOP AIDS MILWAUKEE: Volunteers have been doing outreach on the streets, at bars and to organizations, inviting people to attend STOP AIDS discussion groups, held twice monthly. STOP AIDS MILWAUKEE provides a forum for communication about AIDS prevention and related issues of health and well being. They meet in small groups of 5-10 persons with a facilitator in someone's home. The group discusses safer sex practices and learns about the extent of HIV transmission. Most importantly, the group provides a safe space for persons to share their concerns, attitudes and feelings about how the AIDS crisis has affected them personally, in their relationships and in their social lives.

DROP-IN CENTER: One new program

that will be implemented in January will be a Drop-In Center at the Foundation Community Center, 225 South 2nd Street. The plan is to operate the Drop-In Center on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 p.m. -2 a.m. The objectives of the Drop-In Center are to provide an outreach station for STOP AIDS Milwaukee and the Milwaukee AIDS Project. It will be a site for AIDS/HIV prevention information, resources and referrals: brochures. materials and safer sex kits will be distributed. Also, Brady East STD Clinic will provide testing periodically. The Drop-In Center will also provide a safe environment for everyone with non-alcoholic refreshments. Sometimes we need a place to "drop in," to take a breather, or to just relax in a different setting when we go out. The Drop-In Center will be utilized to provide education and prevention programs for the Community as needed and/or requested.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: An Advisory Committee is being formed to assess the needs within our community, and develop programs targeting specific population groups within our community. Some specially targeted groups include

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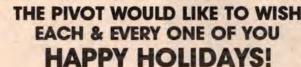
PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS OF WISCONSIN

The PLWA Coalition is an organization of People Living With AIDS which has taken up the mission of advocacy of AIDS-related issues. We are attempting to contact People Living With AIDS who are HIV+ to develop an agenda of their needs. Some of the issues include:

Please Contact Us At (414) 273-2437. Ask to speak to a Coalition member.



Fa La La La La... Santa [Al] Claus made a stop at the Triangle's Christmas party to see who's been naughty or nice. [Everyone got a lump of coal!]



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219 CHANGES HANDS — [L to R] Old owners Tony and Del with new owner Bobby Lyons, and Bob Hultman, manager of Club 94. Lyons has made some big changes at the venerable 219.



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People of Color, Womyn, youth and the bisexual community.

Other suggestions that surfaced at the forum included:

Developing innovative programming in HIV/AIDS education/prevention for cable public access television.

 Re-activating the "Bartenders Against AIDS" program to provide HIV education aimed specifically at customers.

 Developing education/prevention programs aimed at the Lesbian community — (the Lavender Kaffeeklatsch sponsored one such successful session in November).

 Developing programs/workshops with the various religious groups and churches in the Milwaukee area which are Lesbian/Gay affiliated.

 Promoting information about HIV transmission and safer behavior practices in the bars/businesses/organizations.

 More bar outreach in such areas as posters displayed, pamphlet distribution and condom handouts when appropriate.

In order to effectively transform these ideas into programs and implement them, MAP will need many volunteers just in these above mentioned areas alone. You can volunteer by calling MAP (273-2437) and you will be scheduled for the next orientation session.

Global AIDS Epidemic

by Rex Wockner

New figures released this week by the Switzerland-based World Health Organization reveal more clearly than ever that the AIDS epidemic is following vastly differing patterns as it circles the globe.

A total of 186,803 AIDS cases have been reported to WHO's Global Programme on AIDS as of November 1, 1989, a figure that WHO officials believe represents about one-third of actual cases.

The disease has now been seen in 177 countries or territories, leaving only 25 nations yet to report their first case.

The Americas have 70% of the world's AIDS cases and 85% of those have

occurred in the United States. The U.S. is followed by Brazil (7,787 cases), Canada (2,,867), Mexico (2,351), Haiti (2,041) and the Dominican Republic (856).

Other American nations with at least 100 cases are Argentina, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, French Guinea, Guadeloupe, Honduras, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela.

In North America, only about five percent of AIDS cases have been traced to heterosexual sex, but in some Caribbean nations that figure is now approaching 50%.

In Africa, 32,062 AIDS cases have been reported from 48 nations. Countries with more than 1,000 cases are Burundi, Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. In some major areas of sub-Saharan Africa, up to 30% of sexually active adults between ages 20 and 40 are believed to be HIV-antibody-positive, primarily as a result of heterosexual sex. The incidence of AIDS in North Africa, however, remains very low.

In Europe, 25,905 cases have been reported. France leads with 7,149 cases, followed by Italy (4,158), West Germany (3,872), Spain (3,386), the United Kingdom (2,649), Switzerland (996), the Netherlands (983), Belgium (519), Denmark (470) and Sweden (340).

Eastern Europe has so far remained relatively untouched by the epidemic. But both health experts and East bloc officials believe the recent opening of Iron Curtain borders would lead to an increased incidence of AIDS in this area.

Asia and Oceania are currently least affected by AIDS with 2,122 cases reported by a total of 32 countries. Australia has seen the bulk of the cases (1,498), followed by New Zealand (144) and Japan (108).

In Asia and the Pacific, most of the initial AIDS cases were linked to persons who had traveled where the disease was more prevalent, but WHO officials say indigenous transmission is now occurring among persons with multiple sexual partners, prostitutes and those who share needles.

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Last-Minute Gift Ideas

by Allen Smalling

What do you get for the man (or woman) who has everything? There are plenty of bizarre novelties for sale this year but sometimes the traditional categories are best. In Step took a look recently at new products in five distinct areas and found all kinds of innovation, style and good value. Prices are approximate retail, except for cameras, where typical discounted prices are shown. The items we selected are widely available.

Cameras

Today's compact cameras are small, lightweight, easy to use, and take versatile 35 millimeter film. The fixed-focus Olympus Trip MD (about \$60) takes great snapshots, offers automatic loading and rewind, lens cover, and pop-up flash. Nikon makes the popular One-Touch 100 (about \$140), complete with the flexibility of automatic focus. self-timer, and fill flash to highlight shaded subjects. From Pentax comes an exciting new line of automatic zoom cameras, including their I.Q. Zoom 700 camera for about \$225. The zoom lens lets you "zero in" and "angel out" automatically for maximum picture-taking opportunities.

Fountain Pens

Nothing writes like a real fountain pen. and no writing instrument makes so highly cherished a gift. Today's models offer the convenience of cartridge-loading ink. The handsome Parker stainless steel fountain pen (\$30) offers durability, a great "feel," and Parker's famous lifetime warranty. The futuristic Targe 1003 by Shaeffer (\$60) is in black matte with gold accents and gold inlaid nib. Waterman pens from France are a perennial holiday favorite in America. Their top-of- the-line Leman 100 is convertible - it may be filled with ink from a bottle or from cartridges. It sports an 18-karat nib and gold highlights. Retail price is \$240 but discounts are available.

Shortwave Radios

Bored with regular radio? Listen in on the world with a short-wave. Follow

political developments in Eastern Europe - catch the new music from Latin America and Africa. Today's multiband radios are compact, lightweight and offer features unheard of just a few years ago. Plus, they're handy when you travel abroad. All of the following have AM and FM bands, too. The little Magnayox D 1875 II (\$65) is a go-anywhere model that gives good sound. The tuner is logical and easy to use. It runs of 4 "AA" batteries. Radio Shack offers the best-selling Realistic DX-440 (\$200), with a digital read-out display, keyboard tuning, clock and timer, and external antenna jack (*plus built-in antenna). Sony makes the highly acclaimed IFC-PRO80 World Band (\$440), including TV bands, digital read-outs, and priority and manual scan features that allow you to lock onto the strongest stations.

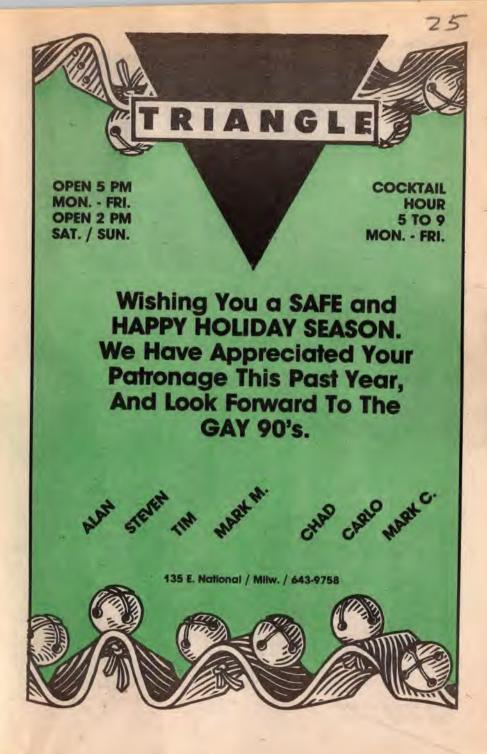
Books

How does a clutch work? How do they get music from a Compact Disc? The Way Things Work by David Macaulay (Houghton Mifflin, (\$30) answers these and other perplexing mechanical questions with the help of simple explanations and clear, easy-to-understand drawings. The inimitable Quentin Crisp has published again: Quentin Crisp's Book of Quotations (Macmillan, \$19) offers pithy sayings of all subjects, specifically aimed at gay and lesbian readers.

Blenders

Specifically immersion blenders, those odd- looking but extremely handy devices that recharge in a wall unit and then let you immerse them directly into what's cooking. Immersion blenders offer the speed and ease of a lightweight mixer with much less clean-up - they offer the high-speed aeration capability of a blender without coping with a separate jar. Puddings, sauces and soups all go quicker with one - even reconstituted frozen orange juice tastes better. Leading models include the Black & Decker "Handy Slender Blender" and the Braun "Multipractic Hand Blender." Both cost under \$30.

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C'est La Vie celebrated its 15th Anniversary party with a big day of festivities, food, drinks, and fun.

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unique situation. More people are qualified than know they are, especially gays and lesbians who are property owners.

Above and beyond the IRA, let's look for a moment at other types of contributory retirement plans.

If you are in a 401 (k) program where you work, this is currently the best vehicle (provided it is managed by a firm where you have choices of investment options) and each person should be placing the maximum number of dollars possible into that program because the tax breaks happen at many levels.

If you can contribute to a SEP or HR10,

then make sure it is done before December 31, 1989 so that you can take full tax advantage of that plan.

If you would like to know more about how to save lots of money and have it all grow tax deferred for your retirement, call your gay/lesbian financial planner now! Gay/lesbian planners are in a much better position to help protect your special needs.

Happy SAVING AND INVESTING!



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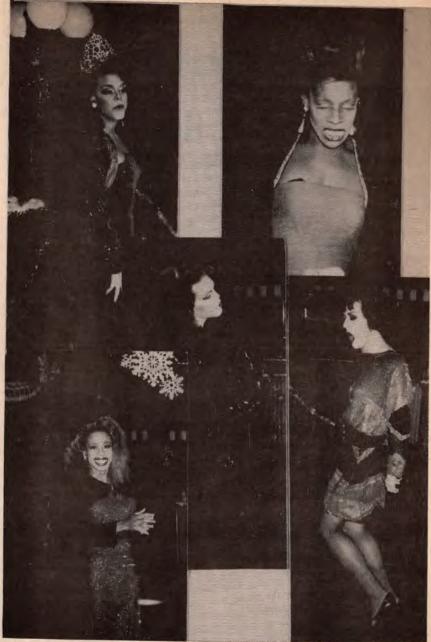
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King Production's "Stars of Wisconsin" show at Club 94 in Kenosha was a showcase of title holders of King Prod. Pageants.



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Dear Editor:

With the appointment of Michael S. Lisowski, MSW, as the Gay/Lesbian Community Educator for the Milwaukee AIDS Project comes the needed opportunity for the Gay/Lesbian community to actively work with him in aggressively educating the G/L community to AIDS/HIV.

Far too often it's assumed both here in Milwaukee and other larger cities that the G/L community has been sufficiently educated as to the transmission of HIV because we have been in the forefront of this crisis in terms of both number of HIV/AIDS cases and advocacy/activism. But this is a dangerous belief to assume.

While many of us have taken responsibility for educating ourselves to HIV transmission and are making changes in our sexual practices, there still exists a smaller part of the G/L community that continues to deny that AIDS is not going to affect their lives and responsibilities. Thus, they are not taking responsibility for their health and the health and lives of others by not educating themselves and refusing to take steps in stopping the spread of HIV.

We now have the opportunity to address HIV transmission and AIDS in the G/L community by not only working with Michael and MAP but also working together as a whole, united community.

This means we all need to take an active role in AIDS/HIV education - not continuing to rely on a handful of individuals to assume this role and responsibility for all of us.

Individuals must take responsibility in not only their own lives but the lives of others in the G/L community. HIV/AIDS is a strong reality in Milwaukee and we can not continue to deny this any longer.

Leaders/activists need to take a broader role in their advocacy and support of the G/L community. HIV/AIDS is a G/L issue and it must be considered an important and vital issue of concern in our community on all levels. Let's not lose

sight of where our concerns as community lie.

G/L bar owners, businesses and organizations must take a more hands-on effort to extend their roles in educating their patrons/customers to AIDS/HIV transmission and safer sex practices through posters, educative materials. AIDS/HIV discussions/forums, condom distribution (free, where appropriate), etc. Accepting a more aggressive role in AIDS education will not turn off or turn away your patrons/customers. Not promoting educative resources will be far more effective in turning off customers and losing not only patrons, but also members of our community - friends, loved ones.

Let's all use this opportunity to drop the denial. We often blame the straight community, and take our own responsibility in actively combating HIV/AIDS transmission through community education and unity.

-Daniel Trzebiatowski

Dear Gay and Lesbian Community and Supporters:

Syndicated advice columnist Ann Landers has asked what her readers think about "legal sanctions for same-sex couples." (Two days' worth of responses - mostly anti-gay - were run.) To communicate your support for the rights of gay and lesbian couples, write to: Ann Landers, c/o The Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

Here's what we told Ms. Landers:

We think lesbians and gay men should be able to legally marry. In our view, it's a matter of civil rights. Not to mention simple fairness and good sense.

Too often, gay and lesbian relationships have been attacked as antithetical to "family values." Nothing could be further from the truth. Gay and lesbian couples - with their children - are genuine families. They share with all families the traditional values of love, caring and mutual support.

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'FOR THE BEST SEATS IN TOWN'

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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by Tim Hensiak

I Hate New Year's Eve!

Five, four, three, two, one...

"Happy New Year!"

Yes, again. Didn't we just get through the last one?

"Should Oldddd Acquaintance Beee Forgottt....

Well, if you insist on splashing everyone with cheap champagne, you could at least grab some earplugs for me while your at it.

New Year's Eve? Forget it.

If holidays were people, New Year's Eve would be the annoying relative who chatters endlessly without really saying anything. All talk and no substance. A bore. New Year's Eve is nothing but a big, well, nothing.

Which is why it's tough to understand the hoopla every twelve months. The new year will arrive whether you wear black tie and tails or pajamas and night cream. Yet we bow to the pressure every December 31, right on schedule.

There's pressure to go out somewhere, anywhere. One year while still in college, two friends and 'I went to one of those blond-wood-and-brass places with several hundred other collegians. You couldn't see the floor beneath the balloons, and you couldn't hear the music above the yelling and the belching and the pick-up lines.

This is fun?

There is pressure to get a date. Any date. A miserable date is better than no date. I had one once, in Minneapolis. I wanted to go to the cities winter festival

with parades, ice sculptures and music. My date wanted to get "hammah'd."

We compromised. We went to dinner and both of us had a terrible time.

There is pressure to go to a big city, like New York or Los Angles, and get herded behind barricades to count down the last seconds with thousands of partyers and thousands of pickpockets, all of whom will, an hour latter, be fighting for cabs and seats on the subway.

Amazingly, some fortunate enough to be sitting at home actually grow despondent that they're not a part of that frostbitten crowd. They watch the proceedings on T.V., comfortable and safe, and then are misguided enough to mope about it.

Promotions and raises are exciting. Vacations are exciting. In some cases, even a decent white sale can be exciting.

New Year's Eve is not exciting.

Promotions and raises are exciting. Vacations are exciting. In some cases, even a decent white sale can be exciting.

New Year's Eve is not exciting.

Last year, I didn't have a date. I went to a glum gathering, not a party, drank the obligatory flute of champagne, and then went out.

On January 2 I went on a date, we've been seeing each other ever since.

He hates New Year's Eve too.

So this year, keep those ridiculous horns down to a low roar, and wake us when it's all over. And for heaven's sake don't forget to sweep up the confetti.

m On e y Year End Tax Savings

by Ralph Navarro

Most people are still confused about the role that IRA's play in the overall scheme of things after the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Most people seem to believe that there is little to no benefit to adding or

beginning an IRA anymore. That is simply nonsense!

Instead of explaining the IRS's convoluted rules, simply call your lesbian/gay financial planner so that s/he can give you a specific answer for your

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The truth is, gay and lesbian couples are already marrying one another in both religious and secular ceremonies. According to preliminary results of our national survey of gay and lesbian couples, 16 percent of female couples and 10 percent of male couples had "ritualized their relationship with a ceremony." More than one-third had executed legal agreements to protect their relationship. Results based on 812 respondents.

Unfortunately, these couples cannot choose to legally marry and depend on existing laws to support their family life. The legal contracts we make can replicate only some of the protections that are automatic with marriage. Just one

JO'DEE'S, RACINE FREE BEER 7-9 FRI., DEC. 22 SEWAP BENEFIT example: A widowed lesbian partner cannot claim her departed spouse's Social Security benefits.

And this inequity is far-reaching. At least 10 million Americans are in same-sex relationships, judging from a recent San Francisco Examiner poll that found 60 percent of gay men and lesbians in relationships.





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Our society should support these gay and lesbian families for the same reasons we support traditional families. Functional families make better neighbors and more productive citizens.

-Stevie Bryand and Demian, Ed.D.

Dear Editor:

The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee is outraged by recent reports in the Milwaukee Journal and the Milwaukee Sentinel stating that Marquette University threatens to disband a student organization whose purpose is to promote the civil rights of minority students, including gays and lesbians.

The Marquette Integrated Leadership Council (MILC) had been told by University officials that its support of gay and lesbian rights might "Give people the wrong idea."

If the Jesuits at Marquette University feel so strongly about public opinion, why do they continue to invest in companies that do business in South Africa? Perhaps

Marquette can explain why apartheid is not contrary to the university's "religious values and principals" but support of gay

Last year Marquette University promoted "Celebrate Diversity" in response to some racist incidents on campus. Students were told to accept others, to realize the cultural differences among MU students, and to accept lots of different kinds of people. Does Marquette want to practice selective diversity when it comes to gays and lesbians? What kind of lesson are MU students learning? That diversity can only be accepted as defined by Catholic teachings? How hypocritical!

It's unfortunate that Marquette officials can't see that their repression of gay and lesbian students and supporters is akin to those old regimes in East Germany and Poland. And it, too, will fall.

Marquette University, in the spirit of true Christianity, should be offering understanding and support to its gay and lesbian students, not quashing sincere attempts at open dialogue and free speech. -Kitty Barber

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a view from a room

The Night Before Christmas

By Nancy Lyn Define

It's the night before Christmas and you feel like a louse. You jump every time you hear hoofs by the house. Your friends have all hung up their stockings with care. But you know that you had better not dare. What if this thing about naught and nice—is not only true but really checked twice? Just the thought makes you tremble with dread. Cause you know in that case you're pretty much dead.

So you sit in a chair all alone in the dark; and you think of your lover asleep like a lark. Well, you really can't blame anyone but vourself for staking your life on the words of an elf. Too many drinks, your tongue started to wag; you announced to the world Barbara Bush was a hag, said William Buckley wore a locket that stressed he was Bette Davis in drag (in a dress). You mocked Vanna White as the goddess of sex; you swore Jimmy Swaggart wore telescope specs. You called Dan Quayle a moronic quack; then suggested he gave Margatet Thatcher a whack while they romped in the sack. You referred to the Pope by all kinds of names; and implied that O'Connor, well, wasn't quite sane. And then to cap off your curmudgeony day, you said that you thought good St. Nick might be gay.

So now here you sit as the hours take wing; and you wonder how soon you'll hear sleigh bells ring. No fireplace here so you watch the door; which after a while is really a bore. When what to your wondering ears should be heard; a noise in the kitchen (?); but THAT's clearly absurd. Still, you check it out thinking what the hell; if it's really weird, you can always yell. But you're stuck in your tracks, and you curse all your drinks; and stare as Santa comes in through the sink! He turns around and he gives you a wink; and you realize that he's dressed all in PINK! You shake your head, you close your eyes. Wow, talk about a major surprise.

Mr. Clause says "Oh, don't act so stunned. Honey, my work has just begun. When everything is said and don;e Christmas is for everyone. It's whatever YOU want and it's ALWAYS fun." He laughs when he asks about Buckley and all; he told all the gang at the pole, he recalls; then he grabs you as you begin to fall.

You wake up and cautiously look around; but he seems to have left without making a sound. You check under the couch and behind the toy boats; then you throw open the closet and grab your coat. You run out to the porch where you find a note.

"Would have loved to stay and gossip and gab. I think your apartment really 'fab'. But I have lots of other places to go. And as you can see it's beginning to snow. But the way I'm not hereto, homo or bi; I'm however I'm seen through believing eyes. And my suit isn't pink or red or white, it's really the color of dazzling light. And I don't judge who's been good or bad by some pompous religious conservative fad. As long as you

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Pauley and conquering the Today Show, Deborah Norville will be sent to Central America and successfully complete a secret C.I.A. mission by easily ousting Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega.

• Citing a little known clause in an 1941 treaty, San Francisco will withdraw from the Union and become an independent nation. In retaliation, the U.S. will impose a strict embargo and the fledgling nation will be forced to rejoin the States after shortages of hair care products cause riots and looting of beauty salons.

 The Department of Agriculture will field test a new fertilizer made of synthetic bullshit, distilled from pick-up lines used in gay bars. Farmers using the fertilizer will report that their cucumbers all grew to a length of 10 inches.

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publisher's space

by Ron Geiman

A Glance Back...

The month of December has seen every newspaper and magazine taking a look back at the 80's. I'm not going to do that. The main reason? In Step's only been around since '84. Besides, with everyone else doing 80's retrospectives, what bits of insight could I possibly add? Let's contrast some of the highlights of the Gay 80's...

A Decade of Contrasts

A Decade of Life/Death During the 80's many Gay and Lesbian youth came of age in an era of increased visibility and media attention. But the specter of AIDS (earlier called GRIDS Gay Related Immune Deficiency Syndrome) cast its shadow over the World. With time came some medical advances that prolonged life for Persons With AIDS. Those advances didn't come soon enough, and our community demonstrated our outrage at government inaction, and slowness of response. The Names Project Quilt brought home the impact of AIDS on our society.

A Decade of Advances/Defeats Wisconsin became the first state in the nation to extend civil rights protections to Gays and Lesbians in 1983. Massachusetts became the second state to do so, but not until '89. Many counties and cities across the country added protections for Gays and Lesbians, yet many others were rejected or repealed in referendums. Pride celebrations flourished and grew across the country, with local government units issuing proclamations saluting them. Yet, in '89, Milwaukee's first major Pride week celebration was met with virulent opposition from fundamentalist religious fanatics who threatened to recall politicians who supported us.

A Decade of Coming Out/Closetedness With the help of mainstream media attention, a healthy Gay/Lesbian press, and social progression, many more Gays and Lesbians opted to 'Come Out' of their closets. Positive Gay and Lesbian role models popped up on television talk shows and in cinema. Families finally realized that the world wouldn't end if a son/daughter, or niece/nephew came out to them. Yet, on the other hand, many who did come out to their families were often ignored, or out right rejected because of their sexuality. Many were fired from their jobs, or by-passed for promotions because of coming out at work. Many of us were verbally or physically harassed/attacked/assaulted because of our gayness. Thus, many who wanted to come out, were afraid to and locked themselves even deeper into their closets.

A Decade of Unity/Separatism It was a time when Gay men and Lesbians rallied together for Pride, Rights and against AIDS. Gays and Lesbians also socialized together more, with less of our bars being perceived as just for Men or Women only. At the opposite side of the spectrum we'll find Gay men not wanting to get involved in women's issues, and vice-versa. Gay Men who won't get involved in Pro-Choice efforts, single-parenting issues, financial discrimination, and other issues on the Lesbian/Feminist agenda. We'll find a few Lesbians who won't get involved in AIDS issues because Lesbians are the least impacted by AIDS and HIV infection. Then there are the Lesbian separatists who want nothing to do with men, even Gay men. Women only space taken to the extreme of "no male children over a certain 'single-digit' age allowed."

Cultural Development

The 80's saw a blossoming of a Gay/Lesbian culture in the USA. The development of a G/L intellect came about through education of our own community and the rest of society as well. We've seen an explosion in our arts, beliefs, customs, and institutions... keys to the emergence of any cultural group.

Gay and Lesbian writers and publishers

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by W.W. Wells III

Predictions: 1990

"Roseanne saves East Germany over lunch... Barefoot drag queens attempt Philippine take-over... Dan Quayle forced to resign..." These are just a few of the astounding predictions for the coming year made by W. W. Wells III, whose incredible second-sight makes him the world's leading gay clairvoyant. Here's what the amazing W. W. Wells forecasts for 1990:

- · During a noon stop-over in East Germany, while on a goodwill tour of Eastern Europe, Hollywood chow hounds Roseanne Barr, Elizabeth Taylor, Shelly Winters and Delta Burke will personally save East Germany from financial ruin by pumping millions of dollars into its failing economy. The fleshy foursome will order an enormous lunch, including thousands of bratwurst sausages, gallons of dark beer and oodles of apple strudel. Tragically, disaster will strike the plane ride home, when Shelly Winters' two ton dogie bag overloads the aircraft causing a crash which spreads left- over German potato salad across the countryside. making it impossible to identify the bodies.
- Vice President Dan Quayle will be forced to resign when he admits cutting out a queen-sized section of the Names Project AIDS Quilt to use as a bed spread, claiming his toes got cold at night.
- Pope John Paul II will reverse the church's stand on celibacy for priests when the sex-deprived pontiff kisses the ground, after his plan lands in New York City, and gets so carried away that he gives the tarmac a hickey.
- Philippine President Cory Aquino will use fancy foot work to put down another coup attempt, this time lead by a hateful band of rebel drag queens. Unhappy because strict rationing left them without cha-cha heels, forcing them

to perform barefooted, they will stage a daring raid on the large stockpile of high heels left behind by deposed First Lady Imelda Marcos. The take-over will be abandoned when the Philippine government agrees to open a Kinney Shoe Store at a local mall, pledging it will stock plenty of fancy women's shoes in larger sizes.

- A major condom manufacturer will introduce a new technological hybrid combining the heating elements of an electric blanket with a condom, creating a rubber which can keep your private parts toasty at up to 30 below zero. Consumer protection groups will force a recall of the gadget after several Safe Sex-minded gay Eskimos suffer orgasm-induced electrocutions.
- In June of 1990, NASA will reveal that a 10th planet discovered 4.7 million miles outside the orbit of Pluto is actually a planet-sized revolving mirrored ball, abandoned in the mid-seventies by humungous, leisure suit-clad, dancing space creatures after the disco craze fizzled.
- A Japanese company will market the hottest new bedroom gadget, a skin-mounted, rear-view "mirror" that will use a miniature TV camera to relay the view during sex to a headboard-mounted, high resolution video monitor. This device will sell like hot cakes among gay men who enjoy backing up in bed.
- A gay national park ranger will announce that he has befriended the legendary Big Foot in northern Wisconsin. The ranger will be all smiles when he confirms that the size of the creature's feet is directly proportionate to another, more intimate part of its body and the two are now living happily together in a small, one bedroom apartment.
- · After quickly disposing of Jane

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have flourished and expanded. We've formed our own music companies, and supported our own musicians and entertainers.

We've expanded our own religious organizations and made headway in gaining acceptance from many mainstream religious institutions. We've established and built upon customs, such as Pride week, local Pageants, MAPfest, and the Make a Promise Dinner, to name a few.

We've seen our Gay and Lesbian Institutions and organizations thrive and grow. More Gays and Lesbians are donating time and money to our groups, both locally and nationally. The Human Rights Campaign Fund has become one of the biggest Political Action Committees in the country. We've established G/L foundations that raise money for various small G/L organizations. We built AIDs support groups from the ground up long before any help was available from the government or the rest of society.

We've seen a boom in Gay and Lesbian sporting events. Bowling, Softball, and Volleyball leagues and tournaments have continued to expand. Locally, the Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) celebrated its 11th Anniversary in 89, and the Milwaukee Classic hit its 10th year. More cities across the country join national sports organizations every year. The Gay Games were born in San Francisco and we're preparing for our next one in Vancouver.

Into the 'Gay 90's'

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80's, and writing it provides me with a sense of hopefulness for the future. The World is quickly changing all around us. (Witness Eastern Europe) It's up to us to keep pace with those changes, and adapt them to our benefit. AIDS remains the biggest challenge facing us, even though it's become more prevalent in a non-gay context. It's become our enemies favorite way of directing hate towards our community. Education is our key to success. Educating the public about AIDS, and about our community in general. Through education comes change, and altered perceptions which will, hopefully, lead to more acceptance.

With hope, and some trepidation, here come the '90's. We've always looked back on the 1890's as 'The Gay 90's'... maybe we can twist that meaning a bit for the 1990's, so we can look back in the year 2000, and talk about Our type of 'Gay 90's!'



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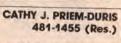
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David Burrill signed autographs after his HOT set at Club 219. Burrill is on the verge of signing with a big record label, but has released a number of songs on BS Records.

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Nitengales: Bloody Mary's \$1.25, tap beer 50 cent, Bowl games, free pizza, popcorn, hors d'oeuvres. Doors open noon.

Back East [Madison]: Football on Big Screen TV, food, specials all day, beer bust

Partner's: Baby Jane Hudson Look alike & Attitude Contest, \$50 cash prize for best in either category, 10:30pm.

Rod's [Madiosn]: New Year's Morning, Karlotta's Pajama party, wear PJ's, get drink discounts until noon.

Loft [Green Bay]: Pot luck New Year's brunch at 2pm.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Mint II: Deadline for joining In House dart league. Starts 1/10/90. 7pm weekly, trophies, & bar tabs & extras. Sign up by tonite.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

M&M Club: Tommi & Nannette.

Jet's Place: Kick-off of 'Hearts for AIDS.'

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Partners: Larry Stussey Look-A-Like & attitude contest. \$50 prize for best in each category. 10:30pm.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Club 219: Miss Chubby Wisconsin Pageant, showtime 10:30pm, \$150 cash prize. Special guest Miss Chubby World Lady Ashley. Contestants contact Ginger for details, entry.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

M&M Club: The return of Kathy O'Hara & Diane Laffery, 9pm.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

M&M/Glass Menagerie: January Gourmet Night, early reservations required.

Partners: Holly Brown Look-A- Like & Attitude contest. \$50 prize for best in each category. 10:30pm.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

LRN Annual Meeting/Cocktail Party: M&M Banquet Room, 5:30pm, \$5 per person pre-registration for cocktail party, members & guests admitted no charge for awards program & annual meeting. Reservations call 445-5552.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Keep Hope Alive: Meeting at F.C.C., 225 S. 2nd St., 7pm, to present results of alternative AIDS therapies experiments & present diet plan.

Rod's [Madison]: Customer Appreciation Nite, free draft beer as long as it lasts from 9pm- midnite.

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do what you think is best, don't worry, I'll handle the rest. Give me some credit, Santa's no fool. Santa is kinda extremely cool. Best wishes from Rudolph and Frosty and Blixen; enjoy Christmas dinner with all of the fixins. Oh, before I forget and fly off like a kite, MERRY CHRISTMAS to all — and to all a good night!"



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Alternative: Premiere of daily cocktail hour, 3:30-7pm. Double Bubble & hors d'oeuvres.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Jet's: Premiere of 'Jet's Guys & Dolls', Showtime 10:30, \$2 cover.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Ces't La Vie: Bartender Reunion Party, 9-? Open bar for all past & present employees, buffet 10pm.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

Club 219: 75 cent Rail Drinks, \$1 Corona from 4pm-11:30pm. Hors d'oeuvres after midnite, \$3 cover, hats, horns, party favors, DJ, spot entertainment all evening.

Ces't La Vie: Post Midnite buffet, party starts 8pm-?, party all night long & into the 1st.

M&M/Glass Menagerie: Brunch 11-4, dinner 5-11pm.

Za's [Green Bay]: New Year's Eve, no cover, open 9pm-5am (later?) Buffet & champagne early evening, guest performers.

Jet's: New Years Eve, celebrate '90 with a friend.

Nitengales: 8pm-??? New Year's Eve, hot buffet, party favors, free champagne at midnite.

Triangle: New Year's Eve, open 24 hours, with a 1am buffet.

Back East [Madison]: Open 24 hours, food, fun, dancing, hats & horns, free champagne & 5am buffet.

Alternative: New Year's Eve, Buffet & Champagne.

Wreck Room: New Year's Eve celebration, free buffet.

The Pivot Club [Appleton]: New Year's Bash, party all night long, spanferkel lam.

Loose Ends: New Year's Eve, favors, discount drinks, close 7am New Year's day.

Jo'dee's [Racine]: Open 7pm, Buffet 12:30am, open all night, champagne specials.

Rod's [Madison]: Gay-la New Year's Eve, no cover, party favors, open all nite long.

Main Club [Superior]: New Year's celebration, open until 5am.

Platwood Club [Steven's Point]: MNDC/MGA's Annual New Year's Eve party. Live music & DJ, starts 9pm.

Downtown Express [Eau Claire]: Into the gay 90's, free hors d'oeuvres & beer 8-midnite.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: Open 6-?, Buffet after midnite, drink specials all nite.

Ballgame: Bring on the Gay 90's, hats, horns, favors, buffet served, open 24 hours.

La Cage/Dance: New Year's Eve 89/90, Two complimentary buffets, complimentary champagne, party favors, open bar at midnite, open 9pm-?

The Loft [Green Bay]: Open all nite, buffet, DJ & Dancing, 7-?, Free champagne & drink specials starting at midnite. Slumber party (don't drive drunk!).

NEW YEAR'S MORNING PARTY AT C'EST LA VIE!

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Ces't La Vie: Party with Rod, Bob, & Kelly in the morning as the celebration continues, afternoon football games, more food & fun.

M&M/Glass Menagerie: Continue the celebration with New Year's Day Brunch 11am-4pm.

Triangle: New Year's Day Party.

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Some of the many performers who have entertained at Club 219 over the years returned to the bar for Tony & Del's last night as owners of the bar. Some staff members are also shown.



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Nineties and our seventh year of operation, we
would also like to renew our commitment to you.

That commitment is: 1) to continue our program of innovation, improvement and expansion; 2) an attentive, friendly and caring staff that make you feel at home; 3) to provide the Gay community with the best possible facility this area is able to support.

The past six years have been a mixture of fun, excitement, hard work, dreaming, building and sorrow. But we promise not to stand still; and together we can march into this new decade... THE GAY NINETIES!

BEST WISHES, George, Corey, & Staff



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calendar



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

La Cage/Dance Dance Dance: A Special Holly & Co. Show to celebrate Holly's Birthday.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Back East [Madison]: Christmas Party, 9-close, Santa & helpers hand out gifts.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Jet's Place: 'Star's for AIDS' show, special entertainers & guests, 10:30 sharp, \$2 donation, \$5 table reservation.

Jo'dee's [Racine]: 'Give the Boot to AIDS' 7-close, free beer 7-9, pie toss.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: 'Christmas Under Construction,' show presented by Sage & with lots of guests, 10pm showtime.

Alternative: Christmas Party, free beer from 8pm-?, buffet.

Wreck Room: One day showing of original prints & paintings by artist Mark Geisheker; prize drawings for champagne & framed print.

Downtown Express [Eau Claire]: Christmas Party, Free hors d'oeuvres and beer 8-11pm, 75 cent shots Schnapps.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: Live, Copesetic Sounds Entertainment, with the Tri-State sounds of Compact Disc DJ Brian & Cheryl.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 HANUKAH

M&M Club: Christmas Bash, Sing-A-Long with Tommi & Nannette.

Jet's: Christmas party, 9pm, snacks, gifts, etc.

Za's [Green Bay]: Live comedy 'The Flying Napkins', 10pm, \$2 cover.

Loose Ends: Christmas party, discount drinks.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: Ginger Spice & her Chicago guests Holiday Show, 9:30 showtime.

La Cage/Dance: Holly & Co. present a very special show, 'The Phantom', 9:30pm.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Ces't La Vie: Christmas Eve Party, Buffet & special happenings all evening.

M&M/Glass Menagerie: Serving brunch 11am, bar open 6pm.

Za's/Java's [Green Bay]: Christmas Eve Party in Java's.

Club 219: Closed tonite, show moves to tomorrow.

Nitengales: Closed tonite.

Back East [Madison]: Open tonite.

Pivot [Appleton]: Open 9pm.

Loose Ends: Open 7pm.

Jo'dee's [Racine]: Open 7pm, drink specials.

Rod's [Madison]: Christmas Eve Beer Bash 2-8, surprises all nite.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: Closed Christmas Eve.

La Cage/Dance:Holly & Co., present a very special show, 'The Phantom', at 10:30. After the show, complimentary buffet & champagne, plus, Santa's Grab Bag of gifts for the first 250 people!



MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

M&M/Glass Menagerie: Dining Room Closed, bar open 6pm.

Za's [Green Bay]: Dance bar open at 9pm.

Nitengales: Closed today.

Back East [Madison]: Closed today.

Pivot [Appleton]: Open 9pm.

Loose Ends: Open at 2.

Jo'dee's [Racine]: Open 7pm, drink specials.

Club 219: Special 219's Girls Holiday

Rod's [Madison]: Open 4pm, on with plenty of Christmas surprises.

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Where to from here? Reflections

by Ralph Navarro

One of the interesting things in having worked on various gay/lesbian "hot lines/information & service lines" for the past 9 years is that I have access to information and insights that very few others have about who we are, where we've been and maybe where we should be going.

At Gay Information & Services we get between 25-40 phone calls each day. While 60% of the callers seek social establishments and other services of import to our growing personal and community needs, one of the things that fascinates me is that people calling just to talk are:

- · deeply closeted:
- · often married or getting there;
- · self loathing
- have no awareness of what our rights are at all in Milwaukee and Wisconsin and think that we are despised and even our phone conversation may be monitored leading to their arrest.

I have become convinced of the real need for this service, and yet except for three volunteers working 15-20 hours per week, and three businesses which give a little economic support, few in our community seem to understand the need for "someone to be there" and to point others in directions to meet their needs.

The bottom line is: Milwaukee serves as a hub for information for others from Wisconsin. We are a big city with the needs of a big city, yet closeted and uncloseted gay men lesbians/bisexuals continue to operate as if we were loathsome creatures slinking around dark alleys interested only in meeting personal needs.

In contrast, the truth is otherwise because of the work of a few people during this decade who have "busted butt" to begin to network with vital business, political and community leaders, making us a valued commodity.

Witness at the beginning of the decade the near election of Dennis Conta for Mayor. Note the role we played for John Norquist, David Schulz, Jessie Jackson and others. For almost a year now, Tom Loftus has been courting us in Milwaukee.

It is appropriate that just like everyone else, we should take a look back as well as project where we need to be moving as lesbians/gay men and bisexuals into a new decade. For, even though I am not a historian, I am a strong believer that those who do not know their history are doomed to repeat it.

A Look Back...

We in the Milwaukee area began the '80's with the slow death of Gay People's Union (G.P.U.), the grandparent of most organizations here. Without G.P.U. having fought hard during the entire decade of the 1970's it is doubtful that we would have much of what exists today. The Founders and leaders of the organization have been enrolled in the Lesbian/Gay Hall of Fame, begun by Cream City Business Association (C.C.B.A.).

The heart and soul of the 1980's was C.C.B.A. Sadly, as the decade of the '80's ends, so has C.C.B.A. In its glory, C.C.B.A. held a membership of about 275 people. This organization originally geared to professionals and business persons became the center for insight and information for all of us about ourselves; as well as a view of us to the "outside" world.

C.C.B.A. launched not only a superb monthly newsletter, but the nationally noted "Cream City Special Edition." It launched such projects as the now famous "brick awards," given to those who did outstanding work to advance the causes and understanding of our own people. Now Lambda Rights Network (LRN), a C.C.B.A. spin off, carries on that tradition and that of the Hall of Fame.

C.C.B.A. created Cream City Foundation (C.C.F.), which is a shining light of funding for vital projects serving

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our community, such as the Hate/Violence Reporting Project, Gay/Lesbian Cable Network and countless other groups.

It was C.C.B.A. who went into doing awareness training programs for all area media and the Milwaukee Police. It was because of their work that two of three major Milwaukee television stations ran one week series on our community and have continued coverage. L.R.N. has also picked up this area.

Following decades of repression by the Milwaukee Police Department towards lesbians and gay men, C.C.B.A hosted the new Chief, Robert Ziarnik, as a guest at a dinner attended by hundreds in our community. L.R.N. will be hosting a Community SPEAKOUT with Chief Philip Arreola in either February or March.

With the advent of Gov. Tony Earl's administration dawned on a completely new approach by government in dealing with us. After Republican Gov. Lee S. Dreyfus signed the now historic A.B. 70 (including sexual orientation into State nondiscrimination laws), Tony Earl put teeth into it by having a special desk with a staff person dealing with gay/lesbian issues. His special volunteer council on gay/lesbian issues traveled the State being a witness to our presence everywhere.

AIDS has opened a new door in our history. People from Brady East STD Clinic (BEST) C.C.B.A., G.P.U., GAMMA and others came together scratching and kicking to establish what is now the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (A.R.C.W.) and the Milwaukee AIDS Project (M.A.P.). Thousands of us have helped build M.A.P. in volunteer hours, money, tears and loss of friends and lovers.

NEW YEAR'S MORNING PARTY AT C'EST LA VIE! And, to use a cliche, every storm cloud has a silver lining. Contrary to many, the battle for basic gay/lesbian rights has been helped immeasurably by the loss of our loved ones. Some of you will recall our old adage, "if only all gays/lesbians/bisexuals would turn purple for one day..." well, sadly death from AIDS doesn't end after one day, however, people now know that indeed we are EVERYWHERE.

Aside from the overwhelmingly devastating experience of the famous "QUILT PROJECT" from San Francisco, a much missed by profoundly powerful symbolic action took place when art museums around the U.S., to punctuate World AIDS Awareness Day, either closed their doors completely or opened for free with large signs saying that unless we conquer AIDS, this (the museum) may not be here again... referring to the endless contribution of gays/lesbians to the arts.

Where is the Current Hope?

There is much life in our community.

New groups abound. In addition to contd. on page 40



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Grapevine, a lesbian organization that spanned the decade, a major new women's group with between 150-200 members is beginning names: Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (L.A.M.M.); Black & White Men Together, another group that spanned the decade, is alive and well and growing; Club Muse, a 2-3 year old group has emerged as a strong and vital group organized around the social needs and interests of Black members of our community.

It is clear that the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee is here to stay and will continue to be a network to insure that all groups and individuals come together annually to celebrate who we are and where we have come from, reminding all of us how proud and significant we all are.

And while there is no forgetting the athletic organizations and social groups around town who have been here and remain the only link for many lesbians and gay men, the said fact is that they generally operate in their own sphere's and rarely contribute to the dynamic growth and evolution of our total community:

What seems to be easily forgotten is that without the political and education groups like L.R.N., the beginning Milwaukee's own ACT UP, and the endless contributions of Ron Geiman (Wisconsin In Step) and the recent addition of Wisconsin Light (Terry Boughner, Jerry Johnson and Bob Melig - to name a few there), the environment of the Milwaukee Area gay/ lesbian/ bisexual community would be no different than that of most other narrow minded, back water towns.

And From Where?

The speed of our maturity as a "people or minority group" depends on several things. Our own mind sets must change in understanding "Who we are."

- · Individually we MUST believe that as human beings who happen to be gay/lesbian/bisexual, we are GOOD, HEALTHY and both LOVING and LOVABLE
- · We must commit ourselves to helping those who don't believe that they

are loving and lovable, this will reduce the abuse of addictive substances and behaviors.

· We must come out of our "closets." Only by coming out, regardless of your stature in life, will you ultimately find genuine self esteem as well as your essential value.

· We must work to understand our commonalties; we must actively pursue understanding our own internal differences, such as male vs. female; drag queen vs. biker: fem vs. macho; black vs. white vs. oriental vs. hispanic vs. indian; old vs. young: fit vs. larger framed; wealthy vs. poor, etc. These differences work to divide and destroy us.

· We must be available for service to our community, first. We have major talent in our community, yet many suffer because of lack of appropriate help and direction.

*We must commit to supporting organizations and individuals economically who are working endlessly for the advancement of our needs. We must make a goal of 5% of our income toward both local and national gay/lesbian supportive organizations, including the A.C.L.U.

· After we have given time and money to our own, first, we must volunteer to serve our larger community, but only as an openly gay/lesbian/bisexual person. We must remembers that education of homophobes begins when a person realizes that s/he knows such a persona.

· We must learn how to listen to each other with care and non judgment; we must learn how to forgive ourselves and each other.

If we follow these 10 suggestions, the - future empowerment and growth of the Milwaukee area gay/lesbian/bisexual communities will have no boundary.

HAPPY 1990's!

In the next issue of In Step, I will look at what a random sampling of our community thinks our agenda for the 1990's should be as well as find out who people think are some of our leaders.

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A benefit for Center Project Inc. Emergency fund at Za's was a Salute to Christmas by Samantha and friends. The emergency fund needs are highest in the Holiday season. In another benefit show at Jet's Place, the SSBL 'Stars' were back in a fundraiser for the Saturday Softball Beer League.

It was Toys for Tots (Not THOSE kind of toys... those Rod's guys!) at Rod's on the 10th. Those who brought in a toy for a boy or girl, unwrapped, received a free drink compliments of the bar. Upstairs at The New Bar Terry Nichol's and his Night With the Boys Productions presented 'Frosted Window Pane' (Druggies: That is NOT a form of acid), a show that featured among others, BJ Daniels, back in the town she started up in. It was BJ's first performance at The New Bar, and the crowd loved her. Happy homecoming, Girl!

I made sure my photographer and his entourage stopped at the new Back East II, to say 'Hi' to Cheri, Kraig and the staff. They report the place is just Huge, vet comfortable. They've been bringing in a nice mix of people, even during the early afternoon hours. Good luck Cheri! I'll stop in during the Holiday break and check it out, myself.

My deadline for this issue was Dec. 14th, and that also happened to be Tony and Del's last night at the helm of Club 219. Tony and Del's Farewell party at Club 219 on the 14th was THE party of the season. From an open bar to a lavish buffet, to one hell of a show featuring cast members and guests who have performed on the 219 stage over the years. The special video of photo montages showing scenes from over the years brought tears to many eyes. Thanks Tony and Del for the memories and good times over these past 9 years... now it's Bobby Lyons turn! Good Luck to all of you. And by the way, Bobby's made lots of exciting changes at the bar, with a new look, video and laser.

The Triangle's Christmas party was the first and only one prior to deadline. What was that old Christmas song ... something like "I Saw Daddy Kissing Santa Claus ...?" Everyone got a

gift, and the buffet was bulging. By the way. Al from Triangle, and Corey from La Cage went off on a cruise to the Bahamas... Those Bahama Mama's will be back in time for Christmas... with tans!

To all those bars whose events fall between Dec. 15th and Jan. 5th, don't look for our photographers... Since In Step won't be out again until Jan. 18th, it makes no sense for us to cover all these Christmas and New Years events. By the time Jan. 18th rolls around, nobody's going to care What happened that long ago. My staff & I will be enjoying the Holidays as we see fit. Covering Gay/Lesbian Wisconsin for you can be tons of fun, but it's still work ...

Have a Safe and Very Happy Holiday and New Year ... See you in the 'Gay



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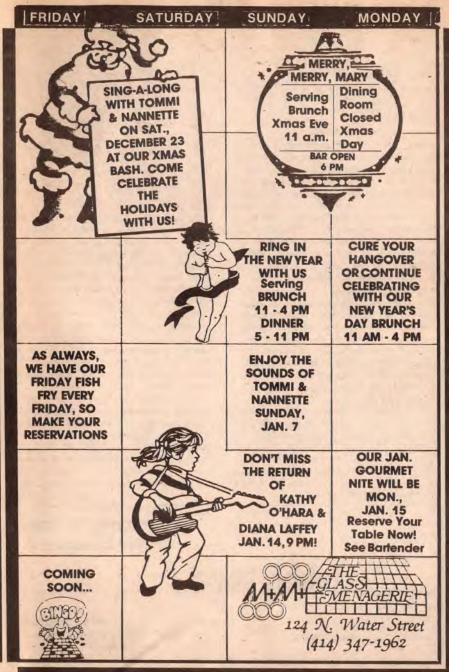
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The "Frosted Windowpane" show at The New Bar featured the premiere New Bar appearance of BJ Daniels, a Homegirl back for a visit.



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"Frankie and Johnny In The Clair De Lune"

by Kevin Michael

An ambitious undertaking by Milwaukee Chamber Theatre was this play by Terrence McBally. Ambitious because of its subject matter especially for the normal audience of the Chamber Theatre who tend to be on the conservative and more sedate side. For Milwaukee audiences, "Frankie and Johnny..." was neither conservative or sedate. As a matter of fact, the subject matter would be closer to Theatre X's recent production of "Jerker."

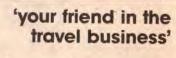
"Frankie and Johnny..." opens in the dark with five to ten minutes of dialogue between a couple who are obviously making love. When the lights finally do come up, the couple are in bed and continue their discussion regarding the night's activities though both are still in the nude. In fact, later in the production, full nudity in shaded light is included. Now. I share this bit of information not as a come on at all but as a matter of fact given that the remainder of the audience other than I seemed to be aged 60+. I thought, "My, how far we've come in Milwaukee..." Just five years ago, a play with staging such as this in the confines of the Milwaukee Center theatre complex would have been unheared of

Back to the show. The premise of the play is wonderful. Johnny is a short order cook in a New York diner and Frankie is employed there also as a waitress. They have stolen glances at one another leading to their first date with a movie and then stopping for something to eat. She invites him up and nature takes its course. Now, they've "done it" and no doubt their relationship will never be as it was, but he's falling in love and she wishes he'd leave (slam, bam...) What a thought provoking piece especially in the days of AIDS awareness (and that, too, is alluded to) but what of the one night stand?

Is it or was it ever really fulfilling? Johnny doesn't want to lose his chance to build on where they've gone. It reminded me of all those attempts at building a relationship after the bedroom. Somehow, it was trying to build a relationship so that intimacy would then make sense. But, it always was or seemed to be an afterthought.

Frankie on the other hand is totally, though not fully, satisfied with the arrangement. He was to have come up, done his thing, and then gone. She didn't need or want him to mess things up with anything more.

The character of Johnny was acted superbly by Anthony Crivello. Crivello is a Milwaukee native who took on the "Big Apple" with Broadway roles as Jevert in "Les Miserables" and Che in "Evita." He also has been featured in film and television. His ability to get inside the character and present him as real and contd. on page 44



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by Ron Geiman

My last column of the year also happens to be my last column of the decade ... And I can't wait to get it done! After this issue is out, we skip a full issue for our annual Holiday break. It's a break I need to assure I don't have a break-down! I often refer to publishing an issue as giving birth... if that's the case, this Holiday issue is like bearing triplets! It marks our first 96-page issue ever - A Real Milestone!

In reading the last issue, after it was printed, I noticed a glaring typo in my column. The Pivot presented singer Ferron the night of Nov. 29th, and during the evening, several patrons had their CAR TIRES slashed by some local jerks. That's what really happened, but some how in my column it came out that the PATRONS were slashed, and then the club provided an open bar to console the victims. I don't think a cocktail would be very consoling if you were just 'slashed.' Sorry to both the Pivot, and to all you readers who were a bit shocked by my typo

The first weekend in December found Dec. 1st - World AIDS Day with many galleries across the country, including UWM's Union Art Gallery, as part of its "Our Voices/Our Lives" exhibit, dimming their lights in a response to AIDS. Worldwide, there were many other protests, some a bit more confrontational then dimming ones lights.

John, Rod and the staff at Ces't La Vie celebrated that bars 15th Anniversary with a big crowd on hand to help out. There was champagne, a buffet, and lots of prizes and surprises of course to round out the evening's festivities. Congratulations to John and his 'boys' for hitting the big 15.

In Green Bay, Brandy's II owner Jerry saluted the bar's roots with a three day celebration of the original Brandy's 5th Anniversary. (Jerry's always looking for an excuse to throw a party!)

Partner's had the Walker's Point area all a-'buzz' over the Beehive hairdo contest they had in honor of the B-52's Milwaukee appearance. The contestants went wild with their do's to the delight of Jim and his staff.

If you're an organized Christmas shopper (unlike most of us) you might have stopped in Rod's for their Christmas Bazaar, and gotten some crafty/arty items for some lucky soul on your list. Or maybe you just chucked your shopping list and trekked to Club 94's Stars of Wisconsin show, instead. Jimmy King got together some of the 'crowns' of Wisconsin for a show at the Kenosha bar. He plans on taking the show on the road in coming months, spotlighting Wisconsin's entertainers in clubs across the state.

It was an evening of live music on Dec. 3rd at The Loft as Micki and gang brought one of Wisconsin's finest. Leslie, to the Loft stage. In Milwaukee, Shirley 'Fitz' did a celebrity bartender stint at the Station II in memory of Steven Smith, for the benefit of MAP. Between tips, 10% of the bar take, and raffles, over \$300 was raised for MAP.

December 9th was an evening for entertainment with BS Recording artist, and male model David Burrill thoroughly entertaining the crowd at Club 219. He only did 4 (3 danceable, 1 ballad) songs, but their length, his dancing, strutting, and working the audience made up for that. He was also unpretentious enough to sit down afterwards for a marathon autograph session. I predict this man goes far in whatever field he chooses.

Fannie's brought the singing duo 'Krystalmoon' to the stage. The singers play guitar and keyboards and specialize in Country flavored soft rock and C&W. It was nice to see an audience of about one third men there. Then at M&M Club we found the venerable Tommi and Nannette delighting the weekend crowd.

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credible was a clear indication of his mastering of his craft.

Unfortunately, he was not matched by Carol Mennie as Frankie. Though she too has a good resume, she lacked credibility. Her Frankie wasn't presented with enough depth to make her take on reality for us. She seemed to always coast on the surface of the character, never getting below to "flesh her out." Too bad the potential was there, but the comparison with Crivello made the difference most clear, especially in that this was only a two character piece.

Milwaukee Chamber Theatre is to be commended for taking on such a project and extending the theatre community just a bit further. As we continue to grow in this fashion, I truly believe people will come to a better understanding of one another. After all isn't this another one of the purposes of the theatre for us, to allow us to see ourselves and our fellow human beings more honestly and hopefully a bit m ore sensitively.

Feinstein at PAC To Benefit AIDS Fund

MILWAUKEE-Pianist and cabaret singer Michael Feinstein, 32, noted interpreter of the American musical theater whose repertoire includes classic Broadway show tunes from the pens of such renowned composers as Irving Berlin and George and Ira Gershwin, will perform a benefit concert for the Wisconsin AIDS Fund, Tuesday, February 13, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. in Uihlein Hall of the Performing Arts Center.

Feinstein will donate \$10,00 of his fee for this concert to the locally-based AIDS Fund which is managed by the Milwaukee Foundation. He will play a series of memorable songs from his six albums and previous performances on Broadway. Recognized for his ability to transform old lyrics and melodies into new and contemporary arrangements, he has performed in leading cabarets across America, including New York's Algonquin Hotel, the Ritz Carlton in Washington and San Francisco's York

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Talk about BIG HAIR... A Beehive contest at Partners helped build excitement for the bars trip to the B-52's concert during the groups recent Milwaukee appearance.





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Oh, yes, as long as we're in the closet, I, , resolve to CLEAN OUT my closet, or at least arrange the drag into readily identifiable groups (this section for cowboy, this one for cowgirl, that one for financial district drag, etc.)

I, , resolve to spruce up my apartment. Those oh-so-utilitarian milk crates and cinder blocks with wooden boards stretched across them made fabulous title bookshelves in the sixties Summer of Love; but here we are in the Eighties Winter of Our Discontent and it's time to upgrade. And please, please break down and buy Levolors—the tie-dyed Indian bedspreads draped over your windows have got to go!

Sic Transit Gloria

I, , resolve to present a more tasteful appearance of my car. This means I must throw out the "My Husband (Wife) is in the Trunk" yellow diamond-shaped stick-on sign, and "Boys (Girls) Wanted: No Experience Necessary" license plate frame.



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NOW FEATURING ULTRA-STRETCH LIMOSINES I, , resolve to locate a garage space for my car that is closer than 18 blocks from my house and costs less than half my monthly apartment rent. Of course I realize this may require me to move to Cowtown USA.

I, , resolve to control my temper on the bus every day on the way home from work, when several rude old Chinese ladies (carrying pink plastic see-through bags of heretofore unknown vegetables) manage to poke me with their umbrellas, and I sustain minor flesh wounds.

Well, there you have them. Ready-made resolutions that you most likely have not made before and therefore have not yet broken. Use 'em or lose 'em. Personally, I have only one resolution this year: "I resolve to be me that best I can, since nobody else does me as good as I do me."

Happy (and safe and gay) 1990, everyone!





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Hotel, as well as on numerous occasions at the White House for former President and Mrs. Reagan.

Feinstein, a native of COlumbus, Ohio, moved to Los Angeles in 1976. There he met Ira Gershwin, the lyricist half of the Gershwin songwriting team, and went to work for him, cataloging the Gershwins' music, records and memorabilia. He eventually launched his performing career in Beverly Hills clubs. In two separate engagements in 1988, Feinstein performed on the Broadway stage to SRO audiences.

His most recent album, released this fall, is a collection of songs from great Metro Goldwyn Mayer musicals.

Concert tickets for the Feinstein benefit are priced at \$50, \$35, \$25 and \$15. They will be available from the PAC box office and Ticketron outlets.

Tickets to a post Concert reception in The Bradley Pavilion of the PAC, at which Feinstein is scheduled to appear, are priced at \$50.00 each, and are only available with the purchase of a \$50 concert ticket. Information on both the Concert and reception is available from the PAC Box Office, 273-7206. Individual volunteers will also be selling tickets to this benefit.

Proceeds from the benefit will be used for the Wisconsin AIDS Fund which supports AIDS prevention and treatment programs in Southeastern Wisconsin.

Rep's MAP Benefit January 17

Last year the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre raised \$5,600 for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, and with the help of a number of co-sponsors, will once again participate in raising money for MAP this season. The third in a series of five special Wednesday Night performances in the Stackner Cabaret will occur Wed., Jan. 17th, with the Rep's presentation of "A Little TomFoolery."

The 8pm show will be co-sponsored by Fest City Singers, Skylight Opera Theatre, Milwaukee Ballet, and Bauer

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Contemporary Ballet. All co- sponsors will donate their tips to the AIDS fundraiser.

"A Little TomFoolery," by Tom Lehrer is a musical revue promising an irresistible evening of witty naughtiness with the deliciously wicked and irreverent songs of Tom Lehrer. Directed by Larry Deckel, it introduces Milwaukee to the songwriter described by Clive Barnes as "A Charles Addams of the keyboard... a twisted Noel Coward with hemlock where his bite should be."

Tickets for the special MAP benefit performance in the 17th are \$10, and available from sponsors, at the MAP Office, and at the MRT Box Office, 224-9490, 108 E. Wells, Milwaukee, 53202.

Skylight Makes The Season Swing

MILWAUKEE-Skylight Opera Theatre will present a holiday performance entitled Close Harmony Holidays through the 31st at the Performing Arts Center's Vogel Hall.

Conceived, written and directed by Skylight Artistic Director Stephen Wadsworth, this original seasonal revue is the story of a vocal group on the road as it rehearses its new holiday show. The production takes a light-hearted look at the season from holiday blues to holiday cheer through the personal perspectives of each singer. As they rehearse the upcoming holiday show, the singers battle and banter their way to a fresh understanding and celebration of the spirit of the season.

A cast of four men and two women transform traditional holiday favorites and popular melodies into a sweet, jazzy style of singing known as close harmony singing. With its roots in barber shop quartet harmonization, close harmony singing was made popular in the 50's and 60's by such groups as the Hi-Lo's, The Four Freshmen, and Singers Unlimited, and today is perpetuated by Manhattan Transfer.

The show features choreography by Skylight veteran Pam Kirger and musical direction by Skylight newcomer Dan Dance. The cast of four men and two women is a diverse and talented one.

Tickets for Close Harmony Holidays are \$18-\$25 and available at the PAC box office, 273-7206. Performance times are Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m.

"Fences" at MRT

FENCES is the story of the Maxsons, a Black family in the late '50s trying to plant roots in a middle-American urban city. Once having had a shot at becoming a professional baseball player, Troy Maxson allowed color lines and racial hardships to interfere with his dream. With the advent of new attitudes, Troy's tenuous world is jostled by his son's free spirited pursuit of a professional football career.

"I was writing about Black America... while the specifics of the play are Black, the commonalties of culture are larger realities in the play," said playwright August Wilson. "You have father-son conflict, you have husband-wife conflict—all these things are universal.

This moving story is directed by Claude Purdy and runs through January 7. Making their debut on the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Powerhouse stage are Jonathan Adams as Cory, Hugh Hurd as Jim Bono, Lawrence James as Troy, Delores Mitchell as Rose, Kelvin Shepard as Lyons and Adolphus Ward as Gabriel.

The set design is by Vlcki Smith, with costumes by Constanza Romero and lights by Don Darnutzer, The Stage Manager is Cynthia E. Poulson.

Talkbacks will take place on December 13, 20, 27 and January 3 at 7:30 p.m. There will be an interpreted performance for the hearing-impaired on Sunday, January 7 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$4 - \$18. For ticket information call the MRT Box Office at (414) 224-9490.



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by May, 1990, or when my outstanding balance is just under the national defense budget, whichever comes first.

, resolve to climb out of my rut and try a new bar, instead of hanging out at the same old saloon in the same old drag. Example: if you're a died-in-the-wool (or should I say, died-in-the-hide?) leatherman, experiment with not wearing the Crisco-encrusted chaps for just one weekend, and venture out into one of the chi-chi bars for a change. A variation on this theme is to go to your usual hangout, but change out of your usual costume into something that's more of a stretch for you. Take a fashion risk: don't wear the Joan Crawford padded shoulders to your gender-bender bar. Women will want to be truly daring and leave the plaid shirt home for once.

I, , resolve to do SOMETHING about my hair. Get a new "do," dye it, bleach it, send it out to the cleaners.

 resolve to finally get my ear pierced and wear an earring to work (get real, Wanda, they all knew you were gay the first day you came into the office and hung the "Hunky Firemen" calendar above your desk. Women will come out by hanging a lambda insignia form their earrings.

I, , resolve to stop hiding the "Honchos" under the "Architectural Digests" whenever Aunt Susie comes to visit. Let's face it, no straight man, other than an actual, bona fide architect, keeps "Architectural Digests" around the house. You blew your cover long ago, honey. (Lesbians, substitute "On Our Backs" and "Family Circle" here.)

And while we're at it, I, resolve to come out to (insert name) as a (insert personal proclivity).

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Another Happening In January ...

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AND, HERE ARE OUR FRIENDS ..

January 1 Baby Jane Hudson	Someone has to win!
January 8 Larry Stussy	Is this possible?
	Is she incomparable? We'll see!
January 22 George Prentice It v	vorked with Larry so we'll try George.
	Beautiful people needed!
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This happening shall begin at 10:30 p.m. "Partners time" each Monday in (brrrr!) January.

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Resolution Solution

by Dennis McMillan, aka Sister Dana Van Iquity

"FAST AWAY THE OLD YEAR PASSES: FA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA."

And now it's time to make your annual list. No, not the Christmas card list. THAT little task has been completed, thank God and the U.S. Postal Service. And, no, it isn't the list that you make, check twice, and find out who's naughty or nice. I speak of none other than the perennial New Year's Resolution List.

Every year you write out the same, tired, old life-changing monumental decisions that deep in your heart you know you will never keep: "I promise to give up cigarettes, start drinking light beer only, and phone home more often." Oh, puh-leeeeeze, Miss E.T. (Extremely Tired). How boring. It's no wonder you break your resolutions within the week. You need a real challenge. Besides these are the gay nineties now!

And so below I offer some new, creative resolves that you need not even write out; merely pen your name in the appropriate blanks and store this list along with all your other vital documents — on your refrigerator with clever little magnetic plastic sushi replicas and happy faces.

The resolutions are broken down into three different categories, for ready reference.

Nature Lover

- I, resolve to spend less time, nature lover that I am, going for midnight walks in the local park in search of wildlife.
- I, , resolve to stop being so sexually selfish, wearing my "ribbed-for-pleasure" condom inside-out.
- I, , resolve to cut down drastically on my 976 and 1-900 phone sex

line usage, and try calling a PERSON and actually making a date to GO OUT somewhere and RELATE.

- I, , resolve to no longer engage in the post-coital phone-number-exchange mating ritual, when I really have no intentions of calling the poor soul again ever, ever, ever.
- I, , resolve to curtail the number of times I circle the block cruising in my car at the local trysting spot after bar curfew, thereby helping out tremendously in doing my part to lower the national consumption of imported Arabian gasoline and staving off imminent OPEC crisis.
- I, resolve to search my "files" of trick numbers the ones scrawled on bar napkins, matchbook covers, and that endless pile of dog-eared business cards and, in an effort to restore the lines of communication, actually call at least ————— (insert integer you are most comfortable with) phone numbers.
- I, , resolve to at least make an attempt to read the articles in the gay newspapers first, and THEN pore over the "Personals" section in the back for the latest hot-and-hairy-daddy or tofu lesbian momma ad. Well, at least I'll make an attempt to read the headlines of the articles first.
- I, , resolve to stop telling visitors to my apartment that I am an official birdwatching member of the Audobon Society, and admit that the binoculars are for watching the members across the apartment complex.
- I, , resolve to improve my cultural exposure by making sure at least one of the videos of the stack that I rent each time for my weekend viewing pleasure is a classic cinematic work of art, and does not contain either the word "hot," "hung," or "horny" in the title. Although two exceptions come to mind: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" and "Some Like It Hot."

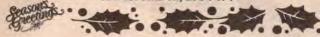
Personal Proclivities

I, resolve to pay off at least half my Field's bill (substitute or include "Saks, "Neimans," "American Express," "The Sex Connector," etc.)

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-Rick, Ken, Dan, Tim & Dave

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