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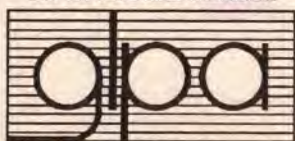
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Cover Story

In Step welcomes another new contributor to our cover art family, Chicago's Matthew S. Remington. Matt, a 24 year old Army brat, is largely self taught, and we think you'll agree he has a natural talent. Matt has previously displayed his work on the cover of Metra. Thanks Matt, and keep In Step in mind for future pieces!

We've received a number of Holiday themed pieces from a variety of artists from throughout the area, but we've chosen Matt's for this issue, and will follow tradition in bringing you a Tom Rezza original for our 4-week Holiday issue, out December 20. Apologies to all of you who sent in Holiday themed art that we didn't use. Please feel free to send us un-themed art.

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Gay Side

by Tom Rezza



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Thank you also for the many benefits produced throughout the year by bars, groups of friends, and energetic individuals. All of these benefits are vital to our financial strength.

Most of all, thank you for being our most faithful source of support. The continuing support of the Lesbian and Gay Community has helped to prepare us for the difficult challenges of AIDS that lie ahead. We are profoundly grateful.

Milwaukee AIDS Project



News

The 101st Congress; An Analysis

by Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Despite getting off to a slow start, the recently convened 101st Congress actually finished its 1990 session having approved the widest array of pro-Gay and AIDS related legislation in history. But despite that, there is still much that remains to be done.

They were a tempestuous two years, what with the numerous ethics scandals, the pay raise controversy, the Savings and Loan scandal, the Catastrophic Health Care repeal and all. But despite months upon months of what seemed at the times to be near endless delays, a bumper crop of issues were addressed in legislation.

And in the final analysis, Gay men, Lesbians and people with AIDS and HIV infection came out among the winners with bills addressing anti-Gay violence, AIDS and disability-related discrimination, the AIDS care crisis, AIDS and homelessness and immigration by Gays and the HIV infected all passing Congress before the final bell.

On Capitol Hill, Gay and AIDS lobbyists had never seen anything like it.

First, there was the passage of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, which mandated collection of statistics on bias-motivated crimes, including those inspired by anti-Gay prejudice.

In early 1989, the coalition of Gay, ethnic, racial and religious groups backing the measure rejoiced at its passage in the House, but remained fearful that Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), who had effectively killed the bill in the 100th Congress, might do it again.

But what a difference a year makes.

After a series of carefully placed newspaper ads from the liberal People for the American Way attacked Helms for his roadblocks, the conservative stalwart acquiesced to letting the bill come to the Senate floor. And after fancy maneuvering on the part of Gay lobbyists working with key Republican Senate leaders, Helms was defeated, the bill was passed

overwhelmingly and the first federal law expressly including reference to "sexual orientation" was signed by the President.

Gay and Lesbian activists were even invited to the signing ceremony for the bill, much to the (continuing) consternation of anti-Gay religious zealots.

Then came the Americans with Disabilities Act, a landmark measure which, along with its broad prohibitions against discrimination against the disabled, was a long sought ban on AIDS and HIV bias.

The victory wasn't easy, with the multifaceted measure being attacked on all sides for its limitations on businesses. But victory did come, despite a temporary distraction from a last minute amendment allowing discrimination against food handlers with HIV (which was eventually defeated).

Finally, the millions of disabled Americans, including those disabled Lesbian and Gay Americans and the nearly one million Americans with HIV were protected from now-illegal bias.

And again Gays and Lesbians witnessed the signing, this time on the White House lawn.

In any other session, that would be enough, but with the AIDS crisis continuing to mount and urban and now rural hospitals bursting at the seams with AIDS cases, this year those victories weren't enough.

To meet the challenge, Congress in near record time overwhelmingly approved the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990, a bill which would channel millions in federal funds to urban and rural areas disproportionately affected by the AIDS epidemic and would provide funds to provide early treatment for the needy HIV infected.


The victory was soured later in the year



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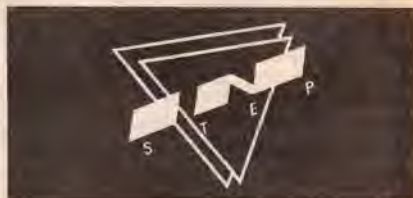
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when a key Senate subcommittee opted to defer implementation of the bill until next year. Yet when the final dollars were counted, the CARE act was appropriated less than originally expected, but it did get as much as lobbyists could have hoped for in the face of the oncoming recession and the endless budget negotiations.

To add to the list of victories, AIDS among the homeless was finally addressed in legislation when an AIDS housing measure survived a major challenge to be attached to a larger housing bill. Eventually, the comprehensive measure passed the Congress in the final moments of the 1990 session, handing AIDS activists their third straight victory in less than a year's time.

But probably the biggest and most unexpected triumph was the last minute passage of a comprehensive immigration reform act which effectively eliminated the federal bans on Gay and AIDS immigration.

Long a key goal of the Gay and Lesbian movement, the removal of the 24-year old Gay ban had been stymied in the 100th Congress. But in 1990, thanks to the work of Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), who had made this one of key goals, the amendment sailed through without a challenge. In a last minute development it even managed to bring with it a provision effectively ordering the Secretary of Health and Human Services to strike the AIDS ban.

"It's been a great session for Gay and Lesbian Americans," commented Human Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Tim McFeeley on the Congress' adjournment. "More happened in the one final week than happened in a decade in terms of Gay and Lesbian Americans."

COMPROMISES, NEAR LOSSES & DEFEATS

Of course, despite the victories there were compromises, near losses and at least one outright defeat.

In the 101st Congress, the issue of the federal funding of controversial art, including homoerotic works exploded with a vengeance. But by the time the final door closed on the Congress, Gay and arts

activists had removed a one-year decency pledge from the National Endowment for the Arts' funding procedures and were faced with an approved bill vastly restructuring the agency without restrictions on the content of art.

And, of course, there was the painful saga of openly Gay Rep. Frank who, after a year's investigation, was reprimanded for actions he took on behalf of male prostitute Steven Gobie.

The one clear loss this Congress came from an unexpected source, President Bush.

After Congress had passed the Orphan Drug Amendments of 1990, a measure relaxing the monopoly rights drug companies have to certain treatments, Bush, in a surprise move, vetoed the bill, charging that it removed the incentives drug companies need to investigate drugs treating rare conditions.

And there were a handful of bills that remained trapped in the bowels of Congress. Among those were a bill revitalizing the National Institutes for Health, which included a lifting of the ban on fetal tissue research, which some suspect could hold the key to reconstituting the immune system; and another bill which would remove the ban on the federal funding of drug treatment programs which distribute needles and bleach to IV drug users.

Yet, if and when the Gay and Lesbian history books are written, the achievements of the 101st Congress (and the players behind the scenes) will go down as a pivotal points in the advancement of the movement.

What the future holds, though, remains a mystery. But to judge from the past two years, one could suspect that nearly anything could be possible.

Proposed Health Plan Covers AIDS

Madison — "Health care reform is destined to become the premier public policy issue of the 1990's," according to State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison).

Clarenbach has proposed a system of universal health care that covers all state

residents, declaring, "the public deserves and is demanding no less: health care is a right, and ought not be based on one's ability to pay."

The proposed legislation covers all health conditions. It will be especially important in providing medical services to people with AIDS and HIV infection, including all hospital and clinic costs, physician services, prescription drugs and long-term care. There would be no patient billing by providers, and no deductible or co-payment requirements.

The Wisconsin Universal Health Plan signals a "significant grassroots commitment to health care reform in Wisconsin," Clarenbach said. It was formulated with the help of the Coalition for Wisconsin Health, a statewide network of over 60 groups: churches, senior citizen organizations, labor unions and health care professionals.

"Health care costs are out of control, and the number of uninsured and underinsured are growing at an alarming rate. Thirty-seven million Americans have no medical insurance at all — another 50 million have inadequate insurance. And, for those who have health insurance coverage, at work or individually underwritten, the rates are skyrocketing," said Clarenbach.

The Wisconsin Universal Health Plan proposes to take the entire health care system out of the private market and place it under the control of a 21-member governing board representing consumers.

With health care costs increasing at twice the general rate of inflation, Clarenbach contends this will bring relief to most people in Wisconsin, including those who cannot afford private insurance and whose employers do not provide coverage — and it will ease the burden on industry and private businesses now faced with staggering costs that make employee plans nearly prohibitive.

Some facts about the Wisconsin Universal Health Plan:

- All private & public money spent on health care will be put into a pool to cover medical costs of every state resident.
- Hospitals and physicians — health

care providers — will remain private.

• Regional boards will be created to monitor health care needs in different areas of the state.

• These regional boards will determine needs for new buildings and capital expenditures.

• The state board will negotiate hospital budgets for operating expenses and establish rates for physicians.

How will the Wisconsin Universal Health Plan be financed? Today it is estimated that health care for state residents costs over \$10 billion. No additional costs are expected to be incurred by the Wisconsin Universal Health Plan. Government funds now being spent for health care, including Medicare, Medicaid, and other medical assistance, will be pooled into a Health Trust Fund to partially cover the costs.

6,000 Berliners Protest Anti-Gay Laws

by Rex Wockner

More than 6,000 Gay Berliners marched through the city center Oct. 27 protesting Paragraph 175 of the West German legal code, which sets a higher age-of-consent for Gay sex than for heterosexual or Lesbian sex.

East Germany repealed its version of Paragraph 175 two years ago and Gay campaigners fear that the unified German parliament is preparing to adopt West Germany's laws wholesale.

If that happens, Gay East German boys between ages 14 and 18 will effectively become criminals overnight.

The demonstration began at East Berlin's central Alexanderplatz and wound through the heart of the city, catching the attention of tens of thousands of Saturday shoppers.

Protesters finished with a rally at the Brandenburg Gate where speakers demanded "completely equal legal and social rights for Lesbians and Gay men."

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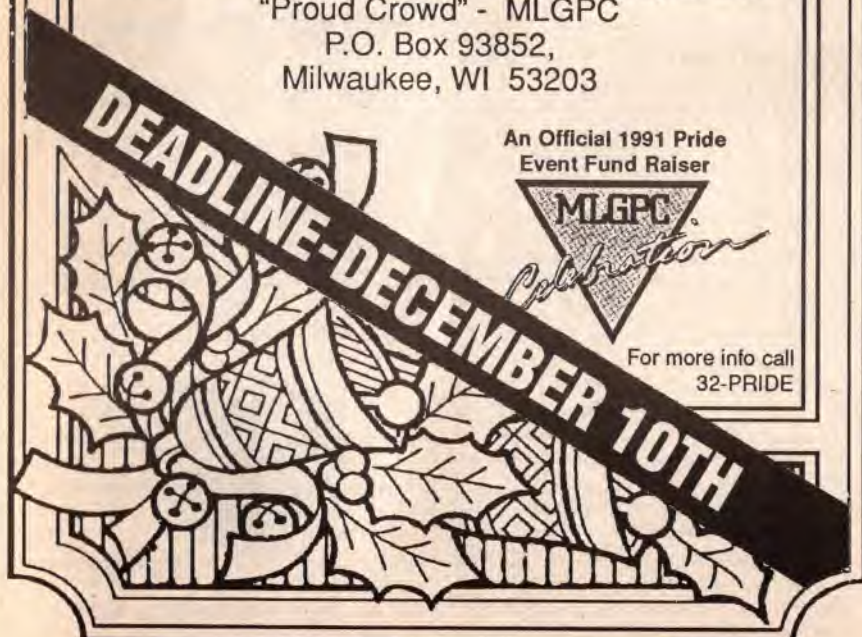
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ACT Uppers Found Guilty

by Rex Wockner

Six of the 100 AIDS activists who stopped mass at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral last December have been found guilty of disorderly conduct, trespass, resisting arrest and interrupting a religious service. Sentencing will be Jan. 7. The other arrestee's settled their cases out of court.

Following the trial, the "St. Patrick's Six" charged that Judge JoAnn Ferdinand prevented them from presenting their defense. They had hoped to argue the 'necessity' defense, wherein one admits he broke a law but says he did so to save lives.

ACT UP says Catholic teaching against condoms, homosexuality and abortion leads to HIV infections, Gay/Lesbian suicides, and botched back alley abortions.

Defendant Charles King, himself an attorney, made an emotional, unscheduled closing statement at the trial's end.

"I've just lost two of my best friends during this trial time alone," King shouted, his voice breaking.

As Judge Ferdinand read the verdict, ACT UP member Bob Rafsky interrupted her, shouting, "There is no justice in this court."

ACT UP believes that the trial's outcome was predetermined "by the political pressures of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and the government of New York City."

Ferdinand denied motions to move the trial out of New York County, to hear the case before a jury, and to remove the "In God We Trust" sign from the courtroom. She also quashed a subpoena served by ACT UP lawyers on New York Cardinal John O'Connor.

The defendants were among about 100 activists who stopped a high mass celebrated by O'Connor last Dec. 10 as up to 5,000 other AIDS and 'pro-choice' activists picketed outside the cathedral. The protesters chained themselves to

pews and shouted anti-O'Connor slogans. One demonstrator destroyed a 'transubstantiated' communion wafer, which Catholics believe is Jesus Christ's physical body.

Chicago Gays Demand Marriage Rights

by Rex Wockner

Same-sex couples from Queer Nation/Chicago and Citizens for Gay Action spent three hours at the Cook County Marriage License Bureau Nov. 23 repeatedly demanding that clerks issue them marriage licenses.

The clerks said no, but activists scored a media coup, attracting nearly every news organization in the city.

The protesters handed out fliers to heterosexual couples. "Did you know that Lesbians and Gay men are denied the privileges associated with heterosexual marriage in every state of the union?" the flyer asked.

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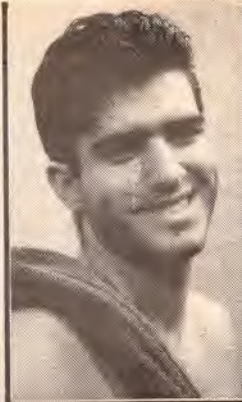
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"You cannot put your partner on your medical insurance at work," explained another QN/CGA flyer. "Your foreign lover can be deported... Hospitals can keep you from your sick or dying loved one. Your children belong to only one of you."

James Romberg, Deputy Director of Vital Records, handed protesters a photocopy of Chapter 40, Paragraph 201 of the Illinois Revised Statutes.

The passage reads, "Formalities: A marriage between a man and a woman licensed, solemnized and registered as provided in this Act is valid in this State."

Romberg urged activists to take the matter up with their representatives and senators in Springfield, the state capital.

Some of the protesters said they did not personally believe in marriage but were committed to fighting for equality for Gays and Lesbians on every front.

800 Soviet Gays Jailed Yearly

by Rex Wockner

An estimated 800 men are imprisoned each year under Russia's male sodomy law, penal code article 121.1, says groundbreaking Moscow Gay activist Roman Kalinin, who was visiting the U.S. in November.

Kalinin also reported that the Soviet Union produces and imports only enough condoms for each sexually active male to purchase four per year.

Both the domestic and the imported condoms, which come from India, frequently break. Condoms are available on the black market, but are considered very expensive "for even the relatively affluent."

Set to return to Moscow in early December, Kalinin — who is co-founder of the Moscow Gay and Lesbian Union — has vowed to promptly begin formation of an ACT UP chapter.

He was impressed with ACT UP/New York and believes direct action tactics in

Moscow will create media coverage which, in turn, will stimulate social change.

Meanwhile, about 100 American Gay/Lesbian activists are preparing to descend on Moscow and Leningrad next July to help stage the Soviet Union's first Gay-pride parades.

AmFAR Pulling In Big Grants

The American Foundation For AIDS Research (AmFAR) November 15 unveiled a \$6 million fundraising campaign for its Community-Based Clinical Trials (CBCT) Program — an innovative approach to AIDS research that is revolutionizing the search for a cure and accelerating the development of promising new treatments for HIV/AIDS.

This is AmFAR's most ambitious fundraising effort to date targeted for a specific project. Already, AmFAR has received \$2.2 million in pledges and contributions to support the campaign. The donations — from some of the leading names in the corporate and foundation worlds — include cash grants, challenge grants and goods and services.

AmFAR founding co-chair Dr. Mathilde Krim said "It will help insure that CBCT's can indeed play a pivotal role in the race to find new treatments and a cure for HIV/AIDS." She continued "Just over a year ago, CBCT research was considered a highly innovative idea, and there were many critics and skeptics. Now 45 centers are planning or already conducting clinical trials, and are receiving support from both government and industry."

(The Wisconsin Community Research Consortium is one of the 45 CBCT's referred to. WCRC is in the advanced planning stages, and should be beginning clinical trials in the very near future.)

Carole Little and Leonard Rabinowitz, Co-Chairs of Carole Little, Inc., the California-based women's apparel company, have agreed to serve as Chairs of the special capitol component of the \$6 million drive. Little and Rabinowitz made a personal contribution of \$220,000 to the

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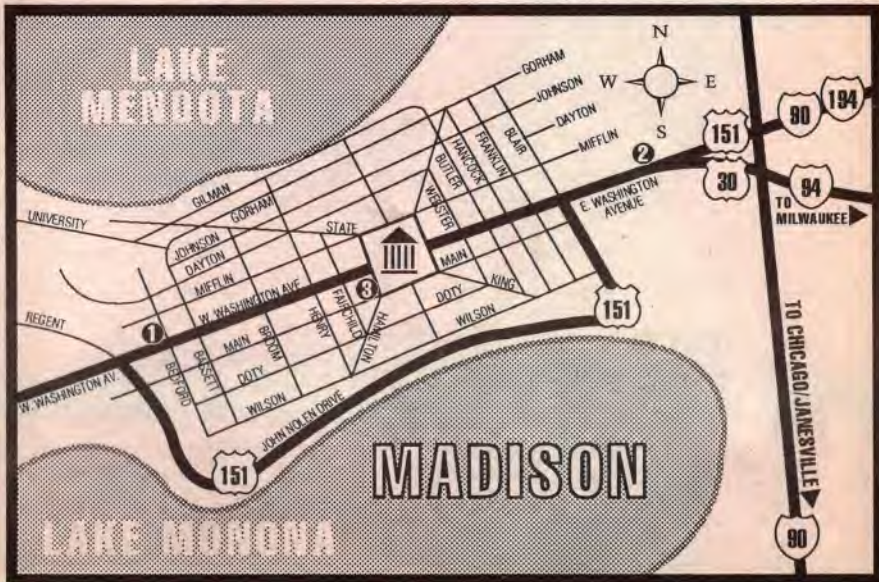
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- Black Gay Consciousness Raising P.O. Box 93694, 53203 933-2136
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- Galano Club (chemical free recovery club) 2408 N. Farwell 276-6936
- Fest City Singers (gay choral group) P.O. Box 11428, 53211 263-SING
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- Gay Men's Yacht Club P.O. Box 818, 53201 476-0808
- Gay People's Union P.O. Box 208, 53201 562-7010
- Gay Youth Milw. (regular peer group meetings) P.O. Box 09441, 53209 265-8500
- G/L Parents Coalition of Milw. P.O. Box 93503, 53203 962-0861
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effort. In addition to their pledge, the drive also received the following pledges and contributions to support the CBCT program:

- A technical training program sponsored by Ortho Biotech to bring community-based clinicians up to state-of-the-art standards of scientific research, including teleconferencing, production of a reference manual, and an 800 number where CBCT researchers can direct direct questions concerning trials.

- A donation from Apple Computer, Inc. that will supply each of the 45 CBCT Centers with a personal computer, hardware, software and technical assistance to track the progression of HIV disease in North America. Total value of \$310,000.

- A challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation to help raise a total of \$2.25 million for capital renovations and equipment needs at CBCT centers. Total value of \$739,000.

- A challenge grant from The Ledler Foundation of Los Angeles to support clinical trials at CBCT Centers in Los Angeles County. Total value of \$300,000.

- A pledge from the Fan Fox and Leslie R. Samuels Foundation for capital renovations and equipment needs at New York-area CBCT's. Total value \$150,000.

- A donation from Concerned Parents for AIDS Research to support the ongoing work of CBCT Centers, total value of \$130,000.

- A gift from singer Madonna, who donated all net profits from the closing-night concert of her US 'Blonde Ambition' Tour, to support the work at five CBCT Centers. Total value of \$300,000. (Wisconsin's WCRC received a \$25,000 Madonna 'Seed Grant' from AmFAR's Dr. Mathilde Krim on October 16.)

AmFAR was catalyst in the creation of the CBCT Network. AmFAR's CBCT Program supports the network with seed grants, operating grants and project grants that fund specific clinical trials. AmFAR also helps CBCT's to meet capital needs and sponsors special projects, provides technical assistance and staff support to the Network.



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Gay/Lesbian Support Group 424-2061
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Fox Valley G/L Parents 727-1975
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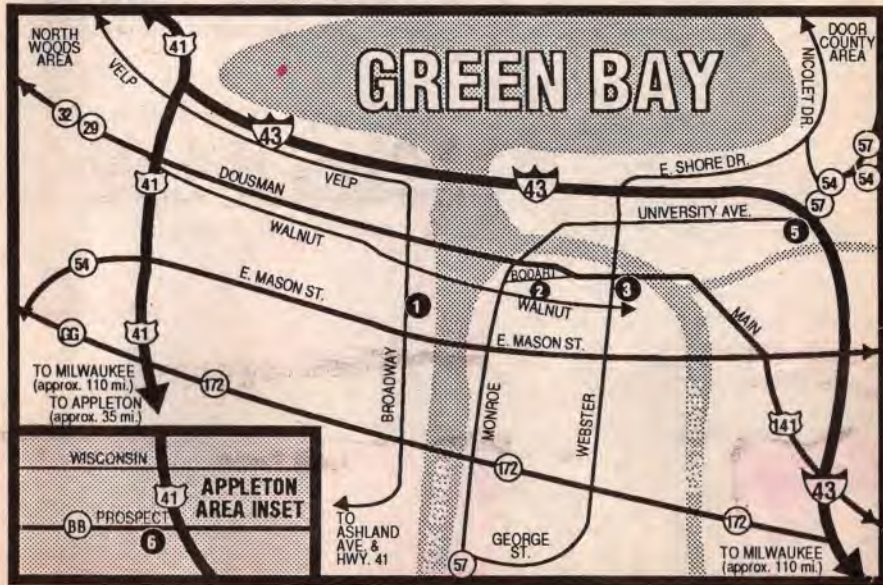
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It was recognized by a group of people in the Rhinelander area that there was no outlet for social activity or an informational center for medical, legal, religious, legal, religious, and recreational resources for the Gay community in Northern Wisconsin. In a release, organizers said, "It is NWLS's intent to fill that gap. Also recognized here in the extremely rednecked, homophobic atmosphere is that Gays and Lesbians are often times ostracized from family and community affairs. NWLS hopes to create a family atmosphere for our people to replenish some of those missing feelings."

Anyone wishing information or wanting to join NWLS may phone (715)362-4242. There is a message recorder on the line, informing when the line will be staffed or if one wants, a message may be left. Write: Northern Wisconsin Lambda Society, P.O. Box 153, Woodruff, WI 54568. Any information exchanged is strictly confidential.

Planned at this time are meetings on a bi-weekly basis, a celebration of the holidays in "Gay style," as well as special outings and trips. The Release continued "Visitors to the area are encouraged to call, perhaps we can make your stay in Northern Wisconsin more comfortable. Our slogan is 'Alternate lifestyles for the not so rich and not so famous.'

"Yellow On Thursday"

"We're Dreaming Of A Yellow Christmas..."

Yellow on Thursday, Milwaukee's award-winning Gay comedy cable program, has announced December 20, 1990 as the date set for the premiere broadcast of it's holiday special. The show can be seen at 10:30pm on Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14. Additional airing dates of December 23, 27 and 30 were also scheduled.

The all new December show features a parody of Woody Allen's **Manhattan**, with a local twist. The piece titled **Milwaukee** pokes fun at the Cream City and features the talents of George Cabal, Joseph Rogan, Bryce Clard and In Step humorist, W.W. Wells III. Also included in the

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Paul

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The Minneapolis Boys

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program is an avante garde absurdist family comedy skit titled, "Pass the Salt" starring Allan Kurth. The remainder of the half-hour show is filled with commercial parodies, a News Update and other skits.

The show's cast is rounded out with the talents of Tom Livieri, Mike Westerhausen, Arlyn Kampen, Jimmy Ciganek and Steve Rynish.

Yellow on Thursday is a production of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network, which also produces the New Tri-Cable Tonight. Tri-Cable Tonight is a community affairs orientated programs which features interviews and a panel of guests for lively discussion of issues effecting the Gay and Lesbian community.

Tri-Cable Tonight and Yellow on Thursday alternate airing dates. As a result, programming for the Gay and Lesbian community can be viewed weekly, every Thursday and Sunday evenings at 10:30pm on Channel 14. The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network receives funding through the Cream City

Foundation.

MCC Christmas Gala

New Hope Metropolitan Community Church celebrates its annual "Christmas Gala" on Sunday December 16. After the regular worship service at 6:30pm. All are invited to gather at The Kenwood United Methodist Church at 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. to enjoy holiday appetizers and Christmas carols.

This is also the third Sunday of the month and is our regular "Loaves And Fishes" Sunday. As is customary you are encouraged to contribute a can of non-perishable food and/or toiletries that will be donated to The Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry. The pantry feeds over 100 persons living with AIDS per month. In addition, in honor of the "Christmas Spirit" we invite you to consider donating a "Christmas Gift" fully wrapped and ready to be distributed to The Milwaukee AIDS Project.

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who are not able to consume sweets such as diabetics. Come and enjoy the festivities! This celebration is good news for all those who might feel alone during this holiday season! Come and add your voice to the chorus!

New Hope Metropolitan Community Church meets in the Kenwood United Methodist Church which is located at the corner of Kenwood and Prospect across the street from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (UWM). For further information you may call our phone line at (414)442-7300.

Womyn's Holiday Affair

Buy your holiday gifts, or something for you, from Womyn Artisans at the Womyn's Holiday Art & Craft Affair on Sunday, December 9th. The event will be held at the South Shore Pavilion, 2900 South Shore Drive from 10:00am to 5:00pm. A \$1 donation will be requested, which will go to benefit the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

Womyn Artisans from the surrounding area will be selling original art/craft items. Baked goods, refreshments and food and entertainment will also be part of the Affair, along with a silent auction of donated artisan items. The kitchen will be operated by members of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee and proceeds from selling refreshments and food will go to that organization.

SSBL Seeks Classic Logo

Milwaukee's Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) is looking for a logo for the 1991 Milwaukee Classic softball tournament held yearly over Memorial Day weekend. Anyone interested in submitting a logo design should contact either Tom (273-3594) or Jerry (744-9666). Deadline for entries is December 31, 1990. A \$50 cash prize will be given by the SSBL to the winning entry.

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- What the holiday season means and how it effects you as a Gay man
- Capturing, rather than buying, the holiday spirit
- The Gay man and his connections to his love, his family, and his friends
- Spirituality as a personal experience
- Creating new holiday traditions

A news release said, "Please join us on Sunday, December 23rd, from 6pm to 8pm as we join together and share with one another our own unique ways of making the holidays truly Gay." The GMDG will be held at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, located at 2038 North Bartlett Avenue.

Offered through the Men's Support Group Program, the GMDG's goal is to provide information, ideas, and support to men on a variety of issues that are of interest or concern to the Gay community. Pre-registration is not required and the cost is a \$2 donation. If you'd like more information, please call Tim Baack, Coordinator of the Men's Support Group Program, at 271-2565.

Reiki/Massage In-Service

An inservice demonstration of complimentary therapies including Reiki and massage will be held December 19 from 7-9pm at the Creative Learning Center, located at 6040 West Lisbon Avenue.

Reiki masters Sue Miller and Mark Kamlah, along with MST Massage Therapist Claude Gagnon will discuss the history of healing modalities, balancing Western and Eastern medicine, effects of stress on immune system functioning and

creating a positive health attitude in Living With HIV/AIDS. The evening is open to the HIV infected community, their significant others and health care providers.

The evening will be preceded by an introduction to HOPE, a fledgling organization, which will describe its philosophy and goals within the HIV community. (HOPE has no affiliation with the Milwaukee AIDS Project.) HOPE also plans on offering two support groups for People Living With AIDS in January, which are scheduled to run for 12 weeks. For more information call HOPE at (414)643-HOPE.

12th Intl. G/L Jewish Confab

The 12th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will be held May 24-27, 1991 in San Francisco, CA. The conference, sponsored by the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations and hosted by San Francisco's Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, offers the opportunity for Jewish Lesbians and Gay men from around the world to meet, network, exchange ideas, worship together and socialize.

The last conference held in Chicago in 1989, was attended by over 300 Jews, from ten nations and five continents and included programs dealing with topics as varied as Jewish homophobia, self-hatred and pride; Jewish Gay history and herstory; developing Gay-oriented, degenderized ritual, liturgy and midrash; community and congregational organization and outreach; AIDS care within the Jewish community and context; and Gay and Lesbian rights in Israel.

Further information, including registration forms, may be obtained by writing Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers St., San Francisco, CA 94114, Attn.: 12th International Conference. Information on the World Congress may be obtained by writing World Congress, P.O. Box 18961, Washington, D.C. 20013.



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After six years of torture, I reported the incidents to my personnel manager, where it fell on deaf ears. I was told nothing could be done without witnesses, and personnel made no attempts to rectify the situation.

I then decided to contact the state Equal Rights Division, where I was told there was indeed something that could be done. I was told it truly was illegal in Wisconsin to harass someone because of their sexual orientation, or even perceived sexual orientation. I filed a complaint against the four people involved, and against the company's personnel office at the ERD office in Milwaukee.

After many hours of filling out papers and responding to the personnel departments side of the story, the state found probable cause in my case. The next step was for my lawyer and employer to try and reach a resolution to the problem. No resolution could be reached, and a court hearing was set to see if I had enough merit points to go to court.

Two weeks before the merit hearing my attorney informed me the company wanted to settle the issue out of court. A monetary settlement was reached, but I was forced to voluntarily quit my job, which isn't bad considering the harassment I received.

I was told for years that nothing could be done about my situation, and all those people were wrong. Stand up for your rights if this is happening to you! It's a lot of paperwork, but you'll feel satisfied in

the end knowing that you've done something to curb the prejudice in the world and letting people know that you can't be stepped on just because they think you're different.

If you're having problems at work because of your sexual orientation or someone's perception of your orientation, please contact the Division of Labor and Human Relation, Equal Rights Division. They can be of great help.

—Sincerely,

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GWF — let's bring in the New Year together! I'm 39, looking for a good friend and that special someone. Discrete, honest and sincere. Please write: P.O. Box 172, De Pere, WI 54115.

GWM - seeks same, (under 35) for friendships, possible relationship. I'm 28, 5'4", 145, blond, blue. Visit Fox Valley every 3 weeks. Like music, golf, movies, tennis, plays, trips. Send photo to: #411, 501 W. Mitchell, Milw., WI, 53204.

Tired of game playing? GWM, 49, 5'8" wants sincere attachment to younger male. Me: attractive, stable, educated, passionate, caring. You: 25-40, good-looking, passive or active, nice body, affectionate. Phone/photo optional. P.O. 83173, Milw. 53223. You won't be disappointed.

Male 40, interested in meeting Gay female for friendship, possible relationship. I'm 5'8", 160, safe, open-minded and have many interests. P.O. Box 714, Appleton, WI 54912- 0714.

GWM Couple, 39 & 43, seeks GM singles and couples to age 50 for friendship. Enjoy week-end getaways, entertaining at home and evenings out. Contact Mike and Roger, 5904 - 50th Ave., Apt. 10, Kenosha, WI 53144.

Wausau area WM, late 20's, 6'3 1/2", 195lbs, attractive, athletic (cycling, lifting, volleyball, skiing, more), professional, non-smoking, does not enjoy bars. Seeks non-smoking buddy 22-32 for steady friendship and more. Write P.O. Box 32, Schofield, WI 54476.

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The Arts

FCS Holiday Schedule

The busy holiday schedule of Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers (FCS) began on Sunday, December 2 with a serenade of carols as part of the Milwaukee Public Museum's Holiday Weekend. And since the Museum at 800 W. Wells Street is featuring "Trains from Toys to Model Railroading," the Singers became kids again as they manned the switches on the fantastic layout of classic trains.

On Saturday Dec. 8, the Fest City Singers will present their annual Family Holiday Open House, "A Stocking Full of Song" at the South Shore Pavilion at 2900 South Shore Drive at 8pm. In addition to a varied program of Christmas music they will don Dickensian costumes, and mingle with their guests in a festive program of holiday cheer. Refreshments will be served with special treats for the children. A cherubic Santa Claus will be there to heighten the party spirit.

The Singers have donated tickets to the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) for PWA's to share in the family spirit of the holiday open house.

On Sunday, December 9, the Fest City Singers will weave "A Garland of Carols" in song for Milwaukee's Galano Club celebrating their annual "Christmas Trim a tree" family get together from 7 to 9pm at the Galano Clubroom.

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Tickets range from \$6 to \$18. A special half-price rate is available for children 12 and under, except for Friday and Saturday performances. There will be an interpreted performance for the hearing-impaired on Tuesday, December 18, at 7:30pm. For tickets, call the MRT Box Office at (414)224-9490.

'4am America'

4am was first seen by Milwaukee audiences in the Stiemke Theater during the Rep's 1989/90 season as a part of the In-The-Works series, was further developed during a residency at the Storm King Institute in New York this past summer and is now being presented in its final form in the Powerhouse Theater, through January 6.

In this collaboration between the MRT and Ping Chong and Company, the off-center suburban Prawn family tries to correct their daughter's strange sleeping habits. **4am America** is a humorous, contemporary piece that takes a satirical look at today's "TV society" and shows us firsthand the effect of commercial jingles, game show mania and soap opera lifestyles on the not so rich and famous.

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Goldie Adams will perform Dec. 8 as part of Leo Feldman's annual Xmas & Craft Show at Hotel Wisconsin's lower level [former C Club].

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January 2, and Wednesday matinees, December 5, 26 and January 2 at 1:30pm There will be an interpreted performance for the hearing-impaired on January 6 at 2:00pm For tickets call the MRT Box Office at (414)224- 9490.

Leo Feldman's Holiday Show

The X gets put back into Christmas at Leo Feldman's 14th Annual Xmas & Craft Show at Milwaukee's Hotel Wisconsin, 720 Old World Third Street. The show runs two days: Saturday, December 8, from Noon to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 9, from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Admission is free, except on December 8 from 7:00 p.m. till 9:30 p.m., when admission is \$3.00.

Along with local, handmade Xmas arts and crafts, the show will feature a 3 ft. x 4 ft. Xmas card for Lawrencia Bembenek, which is available for signing by the general public and "Ho Ho Ho," a Xmas lounge act featuring the flabulous Goldie Adams from La Cage's weekly revue the Sunday Show. "Ho Ho Ho" begins at 9pm, December 8.



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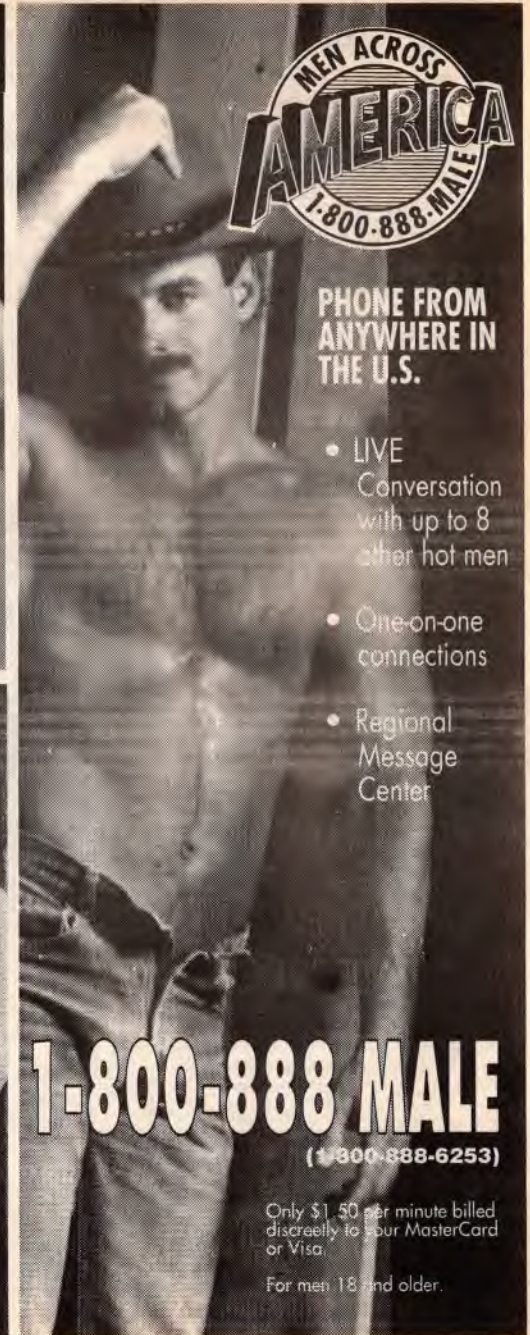
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GWM Roommate wanted to share large 1 bedroom apartment in Menomonee Falls. \$150 a month, half utilities. I have a speech impediment, call 255-2922.

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Country singer Jeff Miller entertained an intimate gathering at Club 3054 Thanksgiving night.

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by
ROBERT D. ARNOLD

**LIFE IS A
DRAG**

“That man must be in the drycleaning business: he works fast and never leaves a ring . . .”



Thanksgiving came early to Partner's for some of these lucky winners of the bars Thanksgiving Shopping Game.

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"Amazon Queens and Other Exotics," "Switch Hitters and Cross Dressers," and "A Global Affair," it's fun as well as informative, and a great source of trivia about Lesbians through the ages. What's this — could it be — a Mapplethorpe book for us? St. Martin's Press has promised us **Lady Lisa Lyon** (\$40.00) in time for the holidays. In this coffee-table type volume, the late photographer's skill with Lady Lyon is as provocative and sexy as his best work in other areas.

The Gay & Lesbian Almanac

Developments during 1990 in current Gay/Lesbian history, along with many others in Education, Courts and Laws, the Media, Religion, Politics, Women and Minority Concerns, are presented in the **Gay & Lesbian Almanac & Events Of 1991** Year in Review Section.

This section also contains attractive graphs, charts, and tables with such diverse information as the year's Gay and lesbian Best Selling Books; major book and media awards; data on AIDS and AIDS education; where to find publishers of Gay and Lesbian books; all the major Gay/Lesbian newspapers and periodicals; state sodomy laws and penalties; the Congressional sponsors of the federal Gay/Lesbian civil rights bill; cities and towns with local Gay/Lesbian rights laws; corporate contributions to Gay/Lesbian causes or to anti-Gay groups; openly Gay/Lesbian public officials; and major Gay/Lesbian religious groups.

Preserve the Past; Prepare for the Future — is the motto of the almanac. Future new making events are listed in the 1991 Calendar of Events, which runs from January to December. Here are listed the upcoming major events of 1991, such as the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Conference in February, the National Lesbian Conference in April, Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebrations, the International AIDS Conference in June, and hundreds of other concerts and music festivals, conventions and meeting, cruises and tours, sports events and square-dance

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SUNDAYS

Packer Games-Beer Bust
Noon-8 & 9 pm-2 am

SAT. DECEMBER 8TH

Going Away Party for Rob in Wings 3054

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

Club Christmas Party with Bonnie Bitch

Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Thanksgiving and H.I.T. are over and we're racing towards Christmas and New Year's, yet Summer only seems like last week. (The older you get... the faster time goes by.) Do you have your Christmas shopping done? Half-done? Or like me, you haven't even made up your list yet? I like last minute Christmas shopping... not the last day kind, but the last week suits me just fine. Besides, I have to work on these last two issues of the year before I can relax enough to go shopping!

As you all should know after six years, our next issue (Dec. 20 cover date) will

cover Christmas, New Year's and the first two weeks in January '91. It's our annual holiday break and gives this old thing a much-needed rest. Deadline for what ends up being our biggest issue of the year is 4pm, Wednesday, December 12. Just think... last year's holiday issue was our first 96 page issue. Since then at least six of our 25 issues this year have been 96 pagers, a good sign that In Step continues to grow. Now our problem is that 96 pages is the biggest we can go in our present size/format. Who knows what '91 will hold?

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Jet's Place held a country dance on the HIT/Thanksgiving weekend. Jet's holds line and two step Country dances every Tuesday night.

the development of Lesbian literature as represented by some of our finest writers. It was worth the wait!

Future fiction, a genre which has been dominated by men, has finally found a true Lesbian voice. Lynda Lyons' **Priorities** (Naiad, \$8.95, paper), is the first of the "Controllers" series, complete with androids, evil villains, and strong, enigmatic Lesbian protagonists. Complex and full of the detail that makes future fiction so intriguing, **Priorities** is also uniquely Lesbian in a way that more mainstream, Lesbian identified future fiction has not dared be.

Academics and critics have largely ignored the growth of Lesbian writers in this century. **Lesbian Texts and Contexts**, edited by Karla Jay and Joanne Glasgow, fills a real need. It's the first anthology of literary criticism devoted exclusively to Lesbian writers and issues — important, and readable too (New York University Press, \$15.00).

The redoubtable Dell Richards has compiled the **Lesbian Book of Lists** (Alyson, \$8.95, paper). With chapters like



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as always... no cover

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take note: a new paperback edition might be available shortly before Christmas, but we wouldn't count on it.

There are basically two kinds of Armistead Maupin readers — those who have already read his novels and those who intend to. Either group will appreciate **28 Barbary Lane** (Harper Collins, \$25.00), a collection of Maupin's first three "Tales of the City" novels [**Tales of the City**, **More Tales**, **Further Tales**]. These books were written in the mid and late 1970s: reading them today adds the happy glow of sexual nostalgia to charming characters and screwball plotting. A great book for someone who just loves to hole up and read, and something of a bargain for its size (700-plus pages). For those with the bucks, the publisher has a deluxe, six-volume set of all the "Tales of the City" novels (Harper Collins, \$125.00, requires special order), but maybe this is too much of a good thing.

The surprise publishing hit of 1990 — among Gay-male fiction, at least — has to be **Some Dance to Remember** by Jack Fritscher (Knights Press, \$11.00). **Some Dance** is as far as you can get from politically correct, stylistically orthodox, writer's-workshop fiction, and we like it all the better for it. The story of Ryan and Kick — the lapsed Catholic intellectual and his Adonis boyfriend — deals with bodybuilding, philosophy, the promise of love and the possibility of perfection, all in 1970s San Francisco. A rugged, sprawling book in the **From Here to Eternity** tradition, it's the kind of novel that some will hate and others can't put down. give it a try!

Finally, consider **In Memory of Angel Clare** by Christopher Bram (Plume, \$9.95, paper), a story about adapting to a loved one's death by AIDS that's told with sympathy, insight and a Barbara Pym-like wit. Or either of Felice Picano's memoirs, **Ambidextrous** (Plume, \$7.95, paper) or **Men Who Loved Me** (Plume, \$8.95, paper). Read them together for a Gay-male saga of growing up, coming out, and making it, set in the 1950s and 1960s and told with vividness and style.

Enough fiction — time for the nudes. **Bruce of Los Angeles**, edited by Jim Dolinsky (Bruno Gmunder, \$29.95 paper) depicts classic, smooth body builders in posing straps or nude, often leaning on Roman columns. Equally stunning men in modern poses grace **Athletes** by Patrick Sarfati (Bruno Gmunder, \$25.95, paper). Or someone you know may enjoy the bikini-clad **Arnold Schwarzenegger — A Portrait** by George Butler (Simon & Schuster, \$29.95), which tells in words and pictures the story of Arnold's meteoric rise to bodybuilding superstardom.

OF INTEREST TO LESBIANS

We think **Bedrock** by Lisa Alther (Knopf, \$19.95), is the year's best Lesbian novel. Alther brings insight and wit to the story of Clea, a photographer who abandons her fast-paced Manhattan existence for a small Vermont town. This book, from the author of **Kinflicks** and **Other Women**, is alternately hilarious and poignant — really Alther at her best.

A richly written novel about a middle-aged woman struggling to understand herself and her complex relationships with women is **A Place at the Table** by Edith Konecky (Ballantine, \$3.95, paper). We think too many people missed this novel in its hardbound printing last year, so the new paperback is especially welcome.

The Bar Stories by Nisa Donnelly (St. Martin's, \$9.95, paper) is a wonderful first collection of short stories. Donnelly's fictitious "Babe's Bar" in San Francisco is the meeting place for dozens of women, including Babe herself, a retired Roller Derby racer who creates a home for all of us. Characters and place weave together to create a novel celebrating the diversity of Lesbian culture.

Finally, after three editions of **Men on Men**, we get **Women on Women: An Anthology of Lesbian Short Fiction** edited by Joan Nestle and Naomi Holoch (Plume, \$9.95, paper). This 300-page collection brings together authors from Willa Cather ("Tommy, the Unsentimental") to Sarah Schulman ("The Penis Story"), with a wide range in between. **Women on Women** is a rare opportunity to experience

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BRING IN THE NEW YEAR
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JANUARY
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Back on November 17 Mary Miller was crowned Miss Gay Wausau at King Production's pageant held at Masquer's. A nice crowd of over 75 were on hand for the occasion. The following evening, over 150 watched as Franchesca was crowned Miss Gay Rockford at Mr. C's in another King pageant.

Some of our community's glitteratti were in evidence at the Skylight Opera's 'Rhythms of Life' benefit for MAP that afternoon here in Milwaukee. The benefit included a reception, art exhibition, silent auction, and a fashion entertainment show.

It's great to see how Milwaukee's arts community has pulled together in the fight against AIDS. Of course, it's a nationwide trend because the arts have lost so many of their (and our) own. But the Milwaukee arts community seems to have done more than most other cities our size.

Partner's 'The Place Is Right' Thanksgiving Shopping game was held just in time to fill some lucky persons cornucopia with a harvest of goodies.

Fannie's owner Sharon Dixon and her staff(s) provided a wonderful, classy buffet reception in honor of Miss Gay Wisconsin Vanessa Alexandre (no longer Michaels) to a nice crowd the evening of the 20th. Sharon and her construction crew were still putting finishing touches on the start of some recent remodeling at 6pm that same evening. (They really "raised the roof")

Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) bowlers who arrived in town the evening of the 21st were able to join Milwaukeeans in greeting the Chicago Meatpackers dancer troupe at Club 219. Two of the five Chicago dancers were home-town boys, who have made it big in the Windy City. They put on quite a choreographed show for the packed (butt to belly button) house. At least these guys know how to dance!

La Cage offered a pre-HIT reception for the HIT bowlers that same evening.

It was back to 219 on Thanksgiving night for the HIT welcome show featuring some of the 219 Girls who joined in with HIT show cast members made up of the

HIT committee. (Ms Vance was a slendiferous Viking opera diva!) Another big crowd showed their appreciation.

HIT bowling started that evening, and the Red Carpet Regency on North 76th Street saluted the tourney with 'Welcome HIT Bowlers - Happy Thanksgiving' on their large billboard-sized roadside sign.

Partner's kicked off their Sunday and Thursday night 'Great Giveaways' on Thanksgiving night. Thursdays from 9pm until 1am every time you purchase a drink, you get a chance to win great prizes ranging from TV's to boom boxes at a 1am drawing.

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Books

'90 Holiday Book Guide

by Carrie Barnett, Jeff Zurlinden and Allen Smalling

As we change, our books change. Was it just a couple of years ago that Gay fiction was so concerned with coming-out rituals? Today's books live the Gay and Lesbian life in all its aspects. We've listed below just a few of our favorites from the incredible variety at hand. This year we're particularly happy to have Carrie Barnett join us in this report.

Carrie is co-owner of Chicago's People Like Us bookstore, which carries Gay and Lesbian-interest books exclusively. We'd also like to thank Carrie's partner at PLU, Brett Shingledecker, and the entire staff of Chicago's Unabridged Bookstore for their help.

OF INTEREST TO GAY MEN

Our favorite 1990 Gay-male novel? **The Irreversible Decline of Eddie Socket** by John Weir (Harper Collins, \$17.95), which tells the story of a young Manhattanite, his friends, his loves, and his battle with AIDS. **Eddie Socket** is an astonishingly mature first novel that swings from comedy to tragedy and back to comedy without missing a beat. Bargain-hunters

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The Chicago Meatpackers packed 'em in at Club 219 Plus on Thanksgiving eve.



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Other Thanksgiving events included Club 3054's presentation of country singer Jeff Miller for an evening of intimate down home entertainment. Meanwhile in Green Bay Brandy's II provided a free Thanksgiving day buffet complete with all the trimmings (and a few cocktails!)

Post Thanksgiving Friday saw a full slate of HIT bowling, followed in the evening by three HIT-sanctioned events - a 'Turkey Bowl' complete with frozen turkeys at Jet's Place, a beer bust at Fannie's, and a special HIT buffet at the Wreck Room.

Nitengales held their 'Turtle' weekend with turtle give-aways, and lots of drink specials including free beer. Everyone was asked to bring food for the MAP food pantry as their part of the event. Cowabunga, Dudes!

Out in Mad Town The New Bar kicked off their Friday "It's Raining Money" event, which will continue through January 18, '91. A total of over \$2,000 in cash and prizes will be distributed through January. Need some Holiday spending money?

HIT bowling continued through 1pm, then that evening the bowlers were feted at an Awards Banquet with more great entertainment by the HIT cast. All in all a very fine end to one of the most successful HIT's ever (this was the 13th, and it certainly wasn't unlucky!).

Jet's got down that night with a down home country dance with country music all night complete with line dances and two stepping.

In Green Bay, Za's with the cooperation of Elektra Records and Rock America participated in a 30-city release party for "The Cure's" newest. While out in Madison, The New Bar premiered their 'Party Melt' with wild and crazy male go-go dancers and 'shot boys' keeping the crowd pumping.

The dancers and shot boys were back at The New Bar again Sunday night to introduce 'Disco From Hell' featuring weekly music from the 60's, 70's and 80's. At Club 3054 King Productions entertained the crowd with another of their 'Stars of Wisconsin' shows featuring King title holders from across the state.

M&M/Glass Menagerie was busy that day with a HIT farewell brunch in the early afternoon, the first monthly GAMMA co-sponsored Square Dance upstairs in the banquet room later that afternoon; and songstress Denise Tomasello that evening. I bet Bob and staff were glad when THAT weekend was over!

Don't forget, Za's is now open on Monday nights and to get you to come in, they're offering \$1 Rail and bottle beers and 50 cents tappers!

You might have noticed the ad for The Wildwood Club in the last issue, the new full-time Gay/Lesbian bar in Eau Claire. Previously Ju Di's Wildwood, new manager Kathy Harrington took it over last month. Since then, she's added a professional sound and lighting system to the dance floor, and sponsored a successful Halloween show and contest. She's out to achieve "unity in the community" in Eau Claire and wants both Gay men and Lesbians to feel welcome.

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

A Long Winter's Night...

As a child, my family would wait until Christmas morning to open our gifts. It was always the longest night of the year, filled with excruciating anticipation. I was convinced my parents planned this as a hideous torture, punishing me for stuffing Butch, our cat, into one of Barbie's evening gowns or some equally horrid sin. I was astonished that one night could last so long. As an adult, I've come to realize there are other events which can slow time to a snail's pace. Time has a funny way of coming to nearly a standstill when you wish it would fly by. Sometimes, hours can seem like days, even weeks. While nothing can match the length of a childhood Christmas Eve, the following would come pretty darn close.

It will be a long winter's night if...you're making love with an eager gardener who yanks on your thing like he's pulling a weed.

It will be a long winter's night if...unable to find a Christmas stocking, you hang condoms from the chimney with care and can't sleep, worrying that Santa might get the wrong idea, which could be really terrible since you're not really into chubby guys.

It will be a long winter's night if...after a candid, hour long conversation with your mother, your significant other discovers that 'mom' knows more about your sex life than he does.

It will be a long winter's night if...while wrapping your lover's presents, you discover you've accidentally switched gifts and mistakenly mailed your 5 year old niece in Maine the latest Jeff Stryker video instead of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles tape you're now holding in your hand.

It will be a long winter's night if...you've finally got a date with that cute bartender and you're so excited you sprout a big, juicy stress- induced pimple on the tip of your nose and he mistakes you for the guy playing Rudolph in the bar's Christmas Show.

It will be along winter's night if...you are caught snooping in your lover's drawers and pockets and he doesn't believe you are acting out a secret fantasy in which you are Nancy Drew or Angela Lansbury.

It will be a long winter's night if...your lover gets aroused about as fast as the plot line moves on Twin Peaks.

It will be a long winter's night if...you're having dinner with a drag queen who got a degree in chemistry from Liberace University, and constantly steers the conversation to his campaign to have Nail Polish declared an Element and added to the Periodic Table in the square right next to sequins.

It will be along winter's night if...you're boyfriend comes home unexpectedly from work to find the cleaning man, using a feather duster to clean your naked body.

It will be a long winter's night if...during sex with your boyfriend all you can think of is what color to repaint the bedroom ceiling.

It will be a long winter's night if...you have to call your boyfriend to bail you out of jail because you got arrested for exposing your ornaments.

It will be a long winter's night if...you're Christmas tradition includes reading this column instead of The Night Before Christmas.

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The urban cowboy and cowgirl will really appreciate the sudden authenticity they automatically gain with your useful gift of a lifetime supply of horse and cow manure. This way for the first time in their lives these city slickers can be real shit-kickers in their genuine doo-doo-covered boots.

Remember, with a little presence of mind you can have these presents of mine delivered to those hard-to-shop-for homosexuals. And don't worry, you can rest assure that they won't be rushing out to exchange these gifts. I mean, who would have the nerve to take back cow ca-ca??



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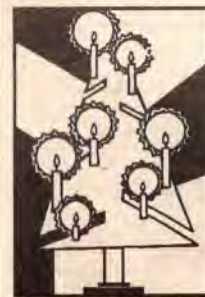
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Club 3054 [Madison]: 1st Anniversary Celebration, cocktail party at 5pm, hors d'oeuvres, free champagne, special entertainment 10:30pm.

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: 1st Annual Bartender Reunion Party. Join us while we enjoy the confusion. Drink specials, edibles, music & dancing, 4 until close.

Tri-Cable Tonight: Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm. Episode 2.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Recording artist Paul Lekakis, showtime 10:30pm.

GAMMA: Trip to the Comedy Cafe, GAMMA guests welcome. Call Bob 963-9833 by noon Dec. 6.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Wreck Room: Green Bay bar crawl, bus departs WR at 4pm, returns midnight, \$12 beer, soda & bus. Also, Oberon's Club Night, 9pm.

Jet's Place: An Old Fashion' Christmas Show, 10:30pm. \$2 donation to Pride Committee, with Mr. Gay WI '90-91 David Pope & guests.

Wildwood Club [Eau Claire]: Miss Western Gay Wisconsin pageant, 10pm, sponsored by King Productions.

Fest City Singers: Family Holiday Open House "A Stocking Full of Song" South Shore Pavilion, 2900 South Lake Shore Drive, 8pm. Song, refreshments & Santa.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Trim The Tree Party, bring an ornament, get a free drink in Java's.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Going away party for Rob.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

The New Bar [Madison]: Christmas Party, 4-9pm with Santa & Gifts for all, Christmas show "Silver & Gold" 10pm. \$3 cover, a Terry Nichol 'Night With The Boys' Production.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Christmas With The King Family, holiday show, 10pm.

Womyn's Holiday Art & Craft Affair: 10am to 5pm, South Shore Pavilion, 2900 S. Lakeshore Drive, everyone welcome. Silent auction, baked goods, arts & crafts, refreshments.

Square Dancing: Co-sponsored by GAMMA & M&M, 4pm, M&M Banquet Room, all skill levels welcome, \$3 admission, please wear western gear & soft sole shoes.

All Saints Cathedral: Evensong & Public Healing Service for People Living with AIDS, Sacrament of Unction, prayers for PWA's and those affected by AIDS. 4pm, 818 E. Juneau. Call office 271-7719 for prayers, info from 9am-1pm.

Bowling-GAMMA: Social bowling at Oriental Landmark Lanes, 7pm. Call Bob 963-9833 for reservations.

Tri-Cable Tonight: Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm. Episode 2.

Partner's: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing from 1-6pm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Rod's [Madison]: Annual Toys for Tots Party, give a toy & receive a free drink.

Roller Skating: GAMMA returns to Rollaero, 5200 S. Pennsylvania Ave., 6:30pm, all welcome, \$2 includes skates.

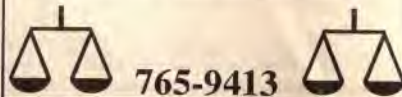
Triangle: Clash of The Titans Final Weigh-off, who's lost most weight between Al Thomas & Uncle Al? M.A.P. fundraiser.

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Top — Fannie's owner Sharon Dixon hosted a reception for Miss Gay Wisconsin 90-91, Vanessa Alexandre. Bottom — In Step publisher Ron Geiman with Vanessa

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or her custom-made outer and undergarments from Male Hide Leathers. If they are avid beer bust aficionados, you might want to have an expandable elastic waistband sewn into those chaps.

And whether the drag is for a nelly sequin queen or a butch Crisco stud, either man might be most appreciative of a smooth, hairless body beneath that drag. The latest appliance available is the Epilady leg hair remover that **twists** (should appeal to the masochist crowd) those pesky hairs right out of the skin. The perfect fa-la-la-follicle holiday gift. Of course This would be a most **unwelcome** gift to the ultra-feminist dyke in your life.

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For the combination gourmet chef and pornography addict on the go, why not save him time with split-screen videos of Julia Child and Al Parker, for simultaneous cooking in the kitchen and cooking in the bedroom? Can't you just imagine the narrative as Julia and Al in unison say: "Now you will stuff that turkey with your nuts, and your meat should be covered in a thick, creamy sauce."

For the guppy (yuppwardly mobile Gay) man or woman in your life, nothing less than an hour's shopping spree at Fields will do. Of course it will take you a lifetime to pay off your Visa and Mastercard bills, but isn't it worth it to see your friends finally complete their sets of fine Waterford crystal and Baccarat "objet-d'arts?"

For the sluppy (slutwardly immobile Gay) male, and hour's shopping spree at the local adult bookstore and marital aids emporium will fit him to a tee (t-room?). It should only take a week's wages, and isn't it worth it to see your buddy finally complete his set of fine latex devices, rubber dildoes, and designer butt plugs? The libidinous Lesbians on your list will surely adore a quartz-movement, combination heat-and-massage, variable-speed vibrator.

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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
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In Step Deadline: Early, 4pm, today for 4 week long Holiday Issue, covering Dec. 20 '90 to Jan 16 '91. Office hours 11am to 7pm.

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Madison Cable Channel 4, 9pm, "Real Eyes Realize Real Lies With Jay Hateway," on The Gulf Crisis.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

Tri Cable Tonight: Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 4, 10:30pm, Episode 2.

Rod's [Madison]: "Flesh" Light Night, "Birthday party of the Stars," buffet at

5pm, lights out 9pm, bring your own flashlight.

M&M Club: BEST Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing from 8-12.

Club 219 Plus: Presents recording artist Paul Lekakis, live track show, \$5 cover, kick-off our anniversary week.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Club 219 Plus: Anniversary Week, promo party for A&M Records/Telegenics video compilation "Jam Harder." Shot specials, door prizes, surprises.

Leaded Shade II: Welcome back party for Paul.

Station II: Christmas Party, ornament exchange, potluck supper, free beer 8-11.

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The Wreck Room sponsored a special HIT buffet the Friday evening after Thanksgiving.

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No Nonsense

By Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

Less Than 20 Shopping Days...

It is now two weeks after the opening of the post-Thanksgiving, get-a-jump-on-the-holidays shopping season. There are fewer than twenty shopping days until Christmas. Do you know where your presents are?

I'm talking about the presents you have yet to purchase for your Gay loved (and not so loved) ones.

Okay, so you've made your list, checked it twice (or to be more accurate, sixteen times... in your typically neurotic holiday frenzy), found out who's naughty and nice (mental note: nicer gifts for the naughtier ones). And unless Santa Clause truly is coming to town (ho-ho-ho), you'd better haul your own sleigh down to the mall and buy buy buy!

But perhaps you are in need of some Xmas shopper's X-rated advice. Well,

worry no more and look no further.

For the aforementioned naughty ones, how about a lovely, designer-colored Rolodex revolving phone number file with easily detachable cards for the sluts in your life and their revolving lovers involved in easily detachable affairs. And don't forget a year's supply of extra cards to exchange with tricks. So much nicer than those matchbook covers, cocktail napkins, and yellow post-its, don't you know?!

For the discriminating drag queen who barely squeezes into queen size gowns, what more thoughtful present than a Large and Lovely Clothes Outlet gift certificate for the truly tall and/or overly obese? And be sure to throw in a lifetime membership with the Pantyhose of the Month Club, specializing in massive, matronly thighs and child-bearing buttocks.

If your friend is more into leather than lame, you will be a hit when you give him *contd. on page 56*



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JC's Rainbow Bar: Grand Opening Weekend, buffet, door prizes, drink specials, 8pm to close.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Jodee's [Racine]: Christmas Show.

Womyn's Dance: Dirty Dancing's 3rd Annual Christmas Dance, Lake Park Pavilion (Lake Drive & Newberry Blvd.), 8pm, fundraiser for LOC. Women of Color. \$5 donation at the door, featuring a DJ, Alcoholic & Non-alcoholic beverages.

JC's Rainbow Bar: Grand Opening Weekend, buffet, door prizes, drink specials, 8pm to close.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: A very special Christmas Show to benefit M.A.P.'s Food Pantry, featuring Club 94 Follies. Showtime 10:30.

Fannie's: Annual Holiday Party, come join us from 7pm-on.

Club 219 Plus: Anniversary Week, shot specials, door prizes & surprises.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Tri-Cable Tonight: Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm, Episode 2.

Cream City Chorus Christmas Concert: "A Christmas Fantasy" 3pm, Centennial Hall, Milw. Public Library, (8th & Wisconsin). Tickets \$8 Advance, \$10 door, call 344-9222 for reservations.

Club 219 Plus: Gay-la Christmas Party & 1st Anniversary Celebration. Buffet, open bar, 2 shows with 219 Girls. See our ad for details!

New Hope M.C.C. Christmas Gala: After regular 6:30 worship service at Kenwood United Methodist, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. Holiday appetizers & Christmas Carols. Also "Loaves & Fishes" 3rd Sunday of the month, food & non-perishables encouraged for M.A.P.'s food pantry. For more info 442-7300.

Partners: Madison bar crawl, bus departs Partners 2pm, returns midnight.

The New Bar [Madison]: Chicago's Glory Hole presents "Demented Women," a benefit for the Rodney Scheel House for PWA's.

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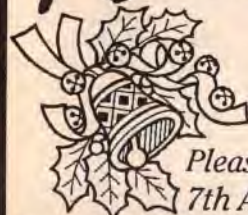


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Photos shown above are the X-Per-Tease Revue



Nitengale's held a weekend-long Turtle-riffic time, gathered food for MAP's pantry, and welcomed HIT bowlers.

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with her family (aside from the ones just mentioned). But those are **their** traditions, not ours. And I don't know what men's experiences are like, but often with women, until you're married, you're not considered a grown-up. Consequently, my partner is expected to participate in all of these traditions as if she didn't now have a family of her own: me. True, I am now invited to most of the holiday meals. But I am still not included in many of the specifically family things — the gift exchanges, the Christmas eve play, and so on.

But the point is not that I want to be incorporated into their family traditions (though that would certainly be nice) but that I want the space to develop our own traditions. Some of that we can do anyway, of course: baking certain cookies together; decorating the tree while listening to Christmas songs; having a cup of cocoa while we open our gifts to each other — things like that.

But I'd also like to do things like have an open house on Christmas or Christmas eve for our family of friends — as well as

my partner's family — maybe have them all help us decorate the tree or watch a classic holiday movie together or sing carols together. (By the way, whatever happened to Christmas carolers? I'm not sure that I'd have the chutzpah to do that, or that caroling works well in an urban environment where most people don't even know their neighbors, or that I even remember lyrics to enough songs to be able to do something like that, but what a heart-warming and beautiful thing that lost tradition is — though actually I, personally, never did go caroling. But it always looked great in the movies.)

Now I know it sounds like I'm just kvetching again, and I am kvetching, but I'm not **just** kvetching: I am lamenting the loss of a certain spirituality in the celebration of Christmas. I'm not talking, as you can guess, about established religious services — though even the pageantry and heightened feelings of that sometimes sounds appealing to me at Christmas time. What I'm talking about is — especially in the lean times when the gifts can't flow as freely as we would like

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Mint II: Christmas Party, food, drink specials, Christmas gifts 3pm-?

Nitengales: 7th All Women's "Holiday Show," 8:30pm featuring special guests, free champagne 7-8, \$1 cover.

Station II: Rescheduled Bowling Party, noon, Classic Lanes, call bar for details.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Triangle: A Very Merry Christmas Party, holiday buffet, gifts for everyone, 10pm-on.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Madison Cable Channel 4, 9pm, A conversation with Sam Day & Lesbian Bonnie Urfer on Nuke Watch.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Partners: Partner's Christmas Show, 11pm with Miss M & friends.

Yellow On Thursday: Holiday special, Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm.

Rod's [Madison]: Annual Christmas Party, have you been naughty or nice?

Club 3054 [Madison]: Christmas Party with special guest Bonnie Bitch.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Wreck Room: BESTD Clinic offers free anonymous HIV testing from 4- 8pm.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Jet's Place: Jet's Xmas Party, 8pm-close. "Christmas In The Country," country music, dancing, snacks, fun!

Club 94 [Kenosha]: King Productions Ms. Gay Wisconsin Pageant, 10pm. The only state pageant for Lesbians.

Leaded Shade II: Christmas Party.

ZA's [Green Bay]: A Christmas Show presented by Mr. Gay WI David Pope.

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The New Bar was pumping for their new weekend party theme nights.

Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipter

Putting the 'X' Back In Xmas

Christmas time — which, judging from the decorations in the stores, starts sometime right after Halloween — is the one time of year when the phrase "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" hits home with me, so to speak. Like any good, dysfunctional American family, mine was less than perfect (she said, a mastermind of the understatement). But somehow at Christmas time, I forget all of my family's little quirks and abuses, and I long for all of our holiday traditions.

Actually, though, it's not so much that I miss my family (for the most part) — it's that I miss having traditions. We were a pretty bland Americanized sort of family without any real ethnic traditions and we certainly weren't given to a lot of sentimentality, but, still, we did have traditions. For instance, a couple of days before Christmas, my mom, my sister,

and I would make jillions of Christmas cookies: little green cookie-press trees flavored with almond extract and decorated with colored sugar and those little silver balls that break your teeth; pecan fingers; gingerbread men; pfefferneuse; checkerboards; pinwheels; lemon-flavored cookie-press camels; and for my brothers, who had no sense of adventure, chocolate chip cookies. My mother also baked stollen and made egg nog.

On Christmas eve day, my sister and I would string cranberries and popcorn and decorate the tree. That evening, we would have a light meal of cold cuts and bread — the Christmas confections were for later — and wait for my dad to get home and my grandparents to arrive. Then we would open presents, following my grandmother's direction: only one person could open a present at a time, then they had to pass it around for everyone to see, announcing who it was from. We jokingly

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called these "the Christmas rules." One year, my younger brother, who usually doled out the presents from under the tree, actually wore a whistle around his neck and blew it whenever there was any noncompliance with this format. "Violation of the Christmas rules," he would then shout. But lest you find yourself "aw-ing" at this touching picture of a fun-loving, warm family, I should mention that the real measure of a good Christmas for us was if my grandmother didn't get upset and cry; such Christmases were few and far between.

At any rate, when I mentioned to my

girlfriend that I would like to initiate some traditions of our own in the celebration of Christmas, she responded in that sensitive way she has about her, "Whaddya mean? We have traditions! Every year we go out and look for a Christmas tree, get into a big fight, watch granny get drunk and abusive on Christmas eve, go over to my grandparents on Christmas day, see my cousin throw-up, and then we go to Laura and Martha's to see who had the worst Christmas. We have traditions!" Well, yes dear, but that's not *exactly* what I had in mind...

My lover does actually have a number of long-standing, nice Christmas traditions
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Fannie's sponsored a beer bust for HIT bowlers and friends.

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