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Cover Story

We thought a “Summer” cover might warm the cockles of your hearts in the midst of a very wintery season...

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

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

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

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

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New AIDS Finding

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

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

Robert Gallo, an AIDS expert at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, said identifying the "receptor" protein for the virus was significant. "If you know something about the receptor, it helps you understand how the virus works."

Dr. Robin Weiss, one of the British researchers who identified the receptor protein, said that he would not make large claims for medical use of the discovery, but "it does give us possible ideas." Weiss said there is at least an essential part of the receptor, and that other factors might also help determine what limits the targets of the AIDS virus.

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

New AIDS Drug To Be Tested

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

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

Isoprinosine is considered safe by the nation's leading AIDS experts, but it has never been pulled from the market and seems to have no serious side effects. But it has not been approved for use in the U.S. because its manufacturer has never submitted it for scrutiny by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

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

No one knows just how the drug works. But scientists say that it doesn't just fight in and for the body's natural defenses ward off attacks.

Wisconsin AIDS Toll Now At 17

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

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

In addition, there have been 13 confirmed cases among non-residents in Wisconsin. Vergeront said nine of those victims had died.

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

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

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

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**West Hollywood Lesbian Mayor Envisions A Utopia**

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

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

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

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

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

**Heckler Promises Access To H.H.S.**

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

National Gay Task Force Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo, one of the leaders present, said that HHS Undersecretary Charles Baker would be the department's point man for AIDS issues. Apuzzo said that Heckler promised the group that Baker would be as open and willing to help solve problems as outgoing assistant health secretary Dr. Edward Brandt, Jr.

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

**San Francisco Ordinance Survives Court Challenge**

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

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**Town Passes Anti-Obscenity Ordinance**

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

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

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

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**GROUP NOTES**

**John Cowles Elected President Of GAMMA**

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

Winter activities of the group include their Saturday volleyball league, social volleyball games, ski trips to Whitecap Stopes, Alpine Valley, and a special ski trip to the Lambda House in February. There is a monthly game night, rap session, and sheepshead night. Milwaukee GAMMA, 2511 N. Farwell, Unit L, Milwaukee, WI 53211 or call 276-2204.

**Pink Triangles To Be Shown At UWM**

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

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

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

**Stevens Point Gay People's Union Going Strong**

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

Events for January included a banquet party, with their general meeting being held on January 21st in the U.C. Green Room at 7:00 p.m. A Valentines Dance is scheduled for February 13 and Lesbian/Gay Awareness Week has been set for March 25-31.

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

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FACE DEBTS, PLAN MEMBERSHIP DRIVES**

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

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An Exciting Year!

1985 looks like another big year on the Milwaukee gay sports scene. Early year bowling tournaments are scheduled for Ft. Lauderdale March 1-3, and Easter weekend tournaments will be held April 5-7 in Atlanta and Kansas City. Columbus will host a bowling tournament April 26-28.

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

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

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

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

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

Be of luck to all sports people in 1985!

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New Year Wishes

Sorry there wasn't a column last issue. Had a case of the awful terrible icky flu and couldn't type to save my life. I hope you all had a nice holiday season — was Santa (or 'Hannukka Charlie') good to all of you? I've been thinking about 1985. I don't like New Year's Resolutions — never keep 'em, and all I can think about are negative things you know, I should stop (like smoking — but I like to do it), or changes I should make in my life (never mind what those things are; some things I won't share with anyone. But thanks for the leather handcuffs, anyway...)

I do have a number of wishes, though, for the New Year; things I wish would happen, dreams, call them what you will. Some are meant in jest, some serious, some are just things on my mind, I guess. I thought I might share them with you — after all, you can thanks for the leather handcuffs, anyway... .

I wish myself strength to continue fighting the Army. (No, Virginia, I haven't sold out — in fact, I haven't even gotten what I am entitled to by law. Ten years is a long haul, though.)

I wish Milwaukee would get (finally) fair representation on the Governor's Council. How long will our place remain vacant and unfilled?

I wish all the luck in the world to West Hollywood's new Lesbian Mayor, Valerie Terrigno. Wisconsin's proud of you, Valerie!

I wish certain segments of the Feminist Community here in Milwaukee would be supportive, for once, of women who do make it in what is still a man's world. Hey, girls, just because those women made it doesn't mean they sold out. Time you realized that.

I wish that Shelly Gaylord would get a good dictionary and look up the term 'investigative reporting.' And stop telling people to keep their mouths shut!

I wish that the cause/cure for AIDS will be found, and that San Francisco gays/lesbians would stop buying the 'victim is at fault' syndrome.

I wish that Old Master's Gallery would carry more lesbian cards. I don't care what laws are being proposed, I like sending — uh — different images of women to my friends. Goes the postperson some things to enjoy, also. My mailwoman liked the cards I sent to my lover from San Francisco. She told me so, herself.

I wish Dan Ody would stop being a homophobic and learn that his voice can't be disguised very well when he makes nasty phone calls to gay people working at a certain insurance company. This one's for you, Mr. B. Don't let 'em get you down.

I wish that there would be more parking near the In Step offices. How many more times am I going to have to fake a car breakdown so I can deliver my articles? Putting up that hood is hard work.

I wish that once, just once, Ron and Dave and some of my other gay male friends would get a dead leaf on one of their plants. I look at mine, I look at theirs, and I get sick and brown with envy.

I wish there was a chance civil rights would survive Ronald Reagan.

I wish there was a chance Jerry Falwell would see the light and become a born again pagan.

I wish that the gay/lesbian characters in TV shows didn't keep being written out of the shows. St. Elsewhere was just getting interesting.

I wish my roof would stop leaking. Trouble is, when it's sunny outside, it doesn't leak, and when it's raining, well, who wants to climb up on a roof in the rain?

I wish someone would invent shoes you didn't have to break in.

I wish that in 1985, Milwaukee gay organizations will learn to work together. There's room for all of us and so much yet to be done.

I wish that Henry Maier would come to his senses and realize that there is more to Milwaukee than the Downtown and the East Side.

I wish sincerely that the new police chief wouldn't be so nervous around gay people. But I'm nervous around vegetarians, so I guess I can't blame him. It takes a

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

Until next time — keep dancin'!
Kim Zweibohmer

Sade Is Here!

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

The Limit’s Say Yeah (Portrait 12") struts with the classy beat of urban contemporary; Gwen Guthrie’s guest vocals are soothing and John Luongo’s mix bubbles... Girltalk’s Can The Rhythm (Geffen 12") is among the most direct high-energy Eurodisco heard from a major label since 1979 — kinda takes you back a few years (remember the old Factory?)

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

Two new cuts to keep your eyes on: Daryl Hall and John Oates’ Method Of Mod Continued on page 25

IN STEP’S TOP 25

1) WHY/SMALLTOWN BOY — BRONSKI BEAT
2) LIKE A VIRGIN — MADONNA
3) LOVERGIRL — TEENA MARIE
4) SOS FIRE IN THE SKY — DEODATO
5) HANG ON TO YOUR LOVE — SADE
6) LOVERBOY — DILLY OCEAN
7) RAINFIRE — PAUL HARPCASTLE
8) ROCK THE BUSH — SYLVESTER
9) SAY YEAH! — THE LIMIT
10) COLOR MY LOVE — FUN FUN
11) YOU USED TO HOLD ME SO TIGHT — THERMA HUSTON
12) MADAME BUTTERFLY — MALCOLM MCLEVEN
13) BELLE OF ST. MARK — SHELIA E.
14) OPERATOR — MIDNIGHT STAR
15) NEUTRON DANCE — POINTER SISTERS
16) CAN THE RHYTHM — GIRL’S TALK
17) BETTER BE GOOD TO ME — CHAKA KHAN
18) I FEEL FOR YOU — EVELYN KING
19) HEARTLESS — SHAKATAK
20) DOWN IN THE STREET — ALICIA MEYERS
21) APPRECIATION — ALPHAVILLE
22) BIG IN JAPAN — MARIA VIDAL
23) BODY ROCK — HALL & OATES
24) OUT OF TOUCH — DONNA SUMMER
25) SUPERNATURAL LOVE — HALL & OATES

HOT PICKS

1) TREAT HE LIKE A LADY — THE TEMPTATIONS
2) BORDERLINES — JEFFERY OSBORNE
3) BEEF-A-FREAK — THE GAP BAND
4) METHOD OF MODERN LOVE — HALL & OATES
5) KALUMBA DE LUNA — BONEY M
42nd Street

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

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

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

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

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

The sets and costumes are truly the stuff of what Broadway shows should be made of. The score contains some memorable Warren and Dubin melodies: We're In the Mood, Damned, Shuffle Off To Buffalo, Lullaby Of Broadway, and of course the title song, 42nd Street. It is a fitting theatre piece to the memory of the late great Mr. Champion.

The Shubert Theatre in Chicago features this extravaganza which runs through the 23rd of February. Tickets are available through Ticketron as well as 1-(800) 239-3123.

Torch Song Trilogy To Perform In Milwaukee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Your Place's Christmas party included drawings for presents — this woman won "Gay Monopoly." Photos by Carl Olby
W. W. Wells
Of Mice
And Elephants . . .
A Fable

Like all fables, this story has a moral.
Once upon a time, in the jungle, there
lived an elephant and a mouse. One day,
while walking in the jungle, the mouse heard
the elephant's cries for help. Upon investiga-
tion, he discovered the elephant was trapped
at the bottom of a deep, deep pit.

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

Moments later, the mouse returned with
his Corvette and a rope. He tied one end of
the rope to the bumper of the car and threw
the other end down to the elephant, and
proceeded to pull the elephant out of the pit.
The elephant was, of course, eternally
grateful for the mouse's help. After much
thanks the two went their separate ways.

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

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

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

Meanwhile, in another jungle far, far away

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

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

"Anything?" the mouse asked.

"Anything!" confirmed the elephant.

"Well then, I want to fuck you."

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

"Ouch!" cried the elephant.

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

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

Thanks to Peter's Aunt.

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

Ron Geiman

All Partied Out...

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

Well, the holidays are over — finally.

For us back in Wisconsin to visit with family right after the Christmas issue was released and things were pretty quiet around In Step — well, almost.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As you might have noticed in the last issue, In Step is going electronic. We originally planned on subscribing to the Gaylink® system, but decided recently to go with the GNIC network instead. I was truly shocked when I saw the difference in price between the two services (for basically the same thing). When the "paper" copy of In Step is distributed, an "electronic" version of the magazine will be sent to all those on the GNIC network who want it. We'll also be providing news briefs, happenings, etc. on the network for anyone to pluck off as well as taking whatever information appears on the network that might be of interest to our readers. The service charges a one-time fee of $30 and $5.25 an hour for computer time. Even with the three hour minimum per month, that comes to a mere $15.75 a month! (Transmitting at a 1200 baud rate, three hours' time translates to about 300 single spaced pages of information that can be transmitted.) A real nice feature is that most areas have a local access number which means you don't have to worry about huge long distance bills. At press time, I don't have all the particulars available and will certainly pass it along when I receive it — or drop me a line in care of In Step and I'll get Continued on page 15 .
CALENDAR

January 9 - 20, 1985

Wednesday, January 9th

Castaways — Open microphone; sing along with Jim at the piano 8-12; every Wed. & Sun.

Thursday, January 10th

Rod's — Capricorn Birthday Party.

Sunday, January 13th

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

Men's Awareness Network — Gender & affectional identity; the essence of andromenes. 6:30-9:30 p.m.; $3 donation; The Counseling Center, 1426 N. Farwell (Milw.); 271-2565.

Monday, January 14th

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

Wednesday, January 16th

AIDS Committee Meeting — All are welcome at this positive action community project; Brady East Clinic, 7 p.m.; 1240 E. Brady St. (Milw.); 272-2614.

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

Sunday, January 20th

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

Men's Awareness Network — Deepening your own sense of masculinity; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; $3 donation; The Counseling Center, 1426 N. Farwell (Milw.); 271-2565.

Arts Happenings

Ballet Folklorico Nacional de Mexico — PAC; February 26th; 276-6767.

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

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

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

Magic Of David Copperfield — PAC Uihlein Hall; February 26th; 276-5767.

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

Irish Rovers — PAC; March 14th; 276-5767.

Les Ballets Trocadero de Monte Carlo — PAC; March 12th; 276-5767.

Lawitzy Dance Company — PAC Uihlein Hall; January 15-16; 8 p.m.; 276-5767.

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

Marcel Marceau — PAC; April 1st; 276-5767.

Merry Widow — Milwaukee Ballet; PAC Uihlein Hall; May 2-5; 276-5767.


Peter, Paul & Mary — Riverside Theatre; March 1st; 8 p.m.; 271-2000.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band — PAC; March 5th; 276-5767.

REO Speedwagon — MECCA; January 14th; 271-7250.

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

Sophisticated Ladies — Duke Ellington score; PAC; January 21-23; 276-5767.

Torch Song Trilogy — PAC Uihlein Hall; February 26th to March 3rd; 271-2000.

Vienna Choir Boys — PAC; February 27th; 276-5767.

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

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

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

So, welcome to 1985. What's in the crystal ball? How many new bars will open in Milwaukee? (I predict a large dance bar on the near south side and a small video-cruise bar ala Chicago's Sidetracks, and lory knows how many bars will "turn gay.") How many will close? (I don't know of any "unsuitable" places except for maybe two.) Jim and Greg bought The Pendulum less than two
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AIDS will continue to claim victims, and the pleas for all types of AIDS funding will increase — and maybe our community will become more alert and involved. I wish I could predict that a cause and cure will be found for AIDS. I also wish that Police Chief Ziarnik would institute gay sensitivity training classes in the academy and for veterans. I also wish Milwaukee and Wisconsin would be recognized by the gay press on the coasts.

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

THE VALLEY BEAT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Happy 1985

Miss Tanja Michaels

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