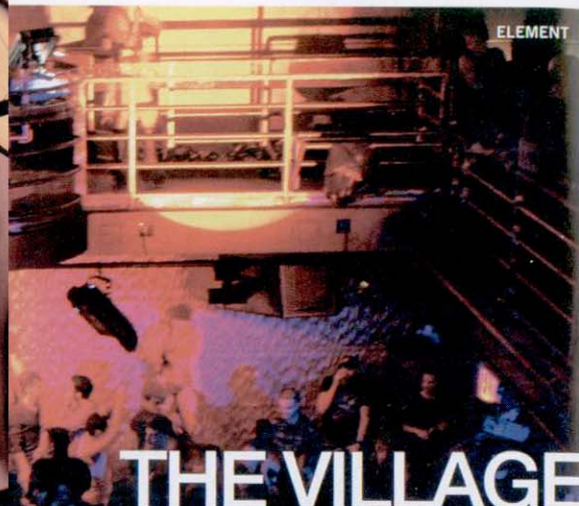


every piece imaginable. Commitment mimosa bands are great for couples who want to take the next step, made of solid 18-karat yellow, white, green rose and blackened gold. 71 Sullivan St, 212-925-1944.

DUGOUT

The decor is classic butch gay bar with a no fuss, no muss undercurrent. You'll find a pool table, red neon, trophies and peanuts for snacking, but you won't find any ferns here—and that's just the way this mellow, friendly crowd likes it. The CD jukebox is heavy on Led



THE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

BONE LICK PARK

No, it's not a porn shop. And no, it's not an underground sex party you've yet to hear about. There are, however, bones of another variety you can chow down on, and the tender ribs smoked with hickory, apple and cherry woods do the job. Served with creamy blue cheese dip, the addictive Vidalia onion rings make a great opener. Oysters, either as a starter or on the po'boy sandwich, are breaded, deep-fried and served with garlic aioli. A huge Coca-Cola sign dictates the bar, and cute waiters whisk plates across the dining room and to the sidewalk patio. A mix of Chelsea boys, West Village families and casual dates enjoy the mellow atmosphere. 75 Greenwich Ave, 212-647-9600.

DAVID LEE HOLLAND

An elegant fine gallery, David Lee Holland Jewelers work expresses artistic creativity in precious metals inspired by all things that are natural. Ranging from the superb veining in a laurel leaf, the irregularity of an oak twig or the fragility of an orchid, these natural entities are personified into wearable art. I sat down with managing director John Kyriazis and had the pleasure of the ultimate "pretty woman" experience, trying on

restaurant, decorated with photos, chandeliers and glistening gems, serves Americana dishes and provides performances by local drag stars, including Yvonne Lamé, Chandelier, All Beef Patty and Peppermint. Drag shows begin at 7:30pm each night, and at 12:30 pm for the packed Sunday brunch. 4 Bank St, 212-675-7710.

THE MONSTER

In a city where gay spots change with direction of the wind, The Monster has withstood two decades of trends under the dynamic management of the late Joe Scialo, who noted that the bar "is vibrant, comfortable, proper and familiar." Upstairs offers the intimacy of a piano bar and downstairs is dominated by drag shows starring such fagtabulous notables as Laritza DuMont or Jesse Volt plus the beats many hip special guest DJs. 80 Grove St, 212-924-3557.

MR. BLACK

A Soho basement bar promotes pure pleasure with uninhibited music and dancing reminiscent of the city's nightlife heyday. The trend of pretension has grown tired, so tired, and this underground lounge aims to resurrect a dear friend: fun. Fierce Connie is door