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design makes amends

Goodbye, giant horse-shaped lamps. Hello, multifunctional exercise stools. After years of excess, exhibitors at this year's International Contemporary Furniture Fair finally focus on the consumer. **Danny Sinopoli** reports from New York
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Topped with a slab of sustainably harvested walnut joined by a row of recycled-plastic Xs, the **Stitch Coffee Table** by Brooklyn-based **Uhuru Design** (www.uhurudesign.com) is an apt emblem of the movement toward modest, eco-friendly products. MICHAEL FALCO FOR THE GLOBE AND MAIL

TREND » THE BIKEATHON



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Help on wheels

Cycling for a good cause is the season's hottest pastime

BY AMY VERNER

Last Saturday at the Beaver didn't seem all that different from any other evening at the cozy hangout in Toronto's West Queen West. But as four guest DJs took turns churning out beats, many of the hipsters in attendance were throwing their support behind another form of spinning.

From July 26 to Aug. 1, co-hosts Kris Steeves and Chris Reynolds will be among 200-plus riders in the 11th annual Friends for Life Bike Rally, which benefits the Toronto People with AIDS Foundation (PWA).

The night's \$5 cover – which was collected by Reynolds, who sported a preppy checked shirt and shorts accessorized with a black bondage mask – brought in \$800 and got them that much closer to the \$2,200 required to participate in the six-day ride from Toronto to Montreal.

"I often throw parties, so what better way to raise money than to throw a party," Steeves said by phone before the mixer.

With summer around the corner, bicycle races, tours and rallies are kicking into high gear. And at a time when Canadians are anxious about the economy, cycling fundraisers are proving to be not only remarkably resilient, but extremely popular.

Also last weekend, another, larger-scale initiative for PWA, SpinTO, raised \$15,000 at a fete for 300 at Toronto's Mod Club. Highlights of the evening, which was organized by Adam Schwabe and Mark Kuznicki, included various burlesque acts, "Cause-mo" cocktails and a silent auction offering two bikes.

And Bike for Africa, a new event organized by Virgin Mobile and Bikes Without Borders, joins the Dignitas Race for Dignity and the Toronto-based Princess Margaret Hospital's Ride to Conquer Cancer, which has now expanded to Vancouver, Montreal and Calgary.

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