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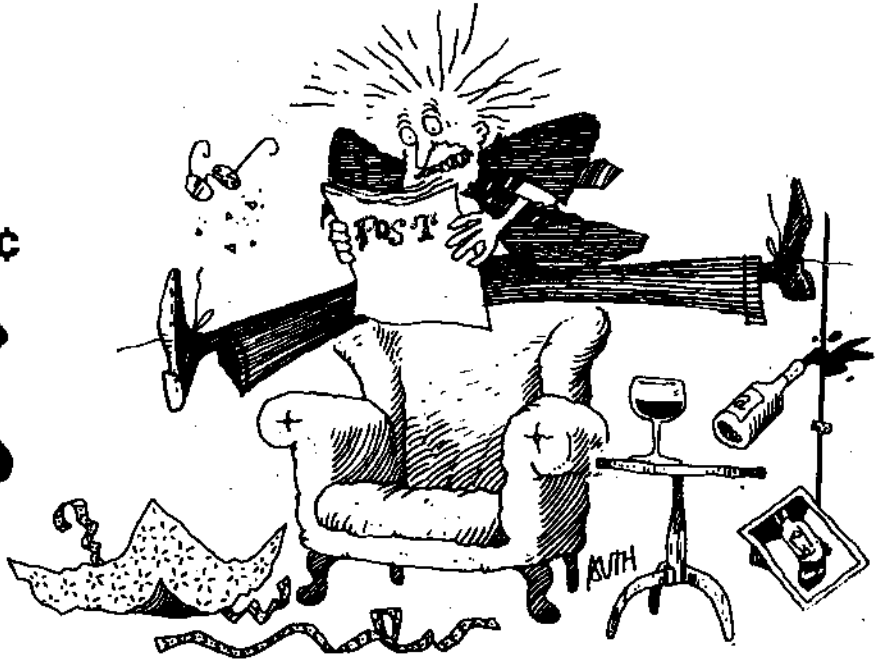


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Hell no, we won't go!

The rumors of the death of the Post Amerikan have been greatly exaggerated. The response we received was not only gratifying enough to make us believe there really was someone out there who cared, but substantial enough to allow us to keep going for at least another year.

There are, of course, still plenty of tasks to be done, so if you meant to call and offer your help, please do.

The Post's schedule has been changed--we'll be putting out a paper every other month. And during those months when human resources are relatively slim, the paper may be a little slim, too.

But we're still here, ranting and raving about all the outrages and atrocities of the world around us. Thank you for still being there, too.

--The Post staff

The deadline for the next issue is November 5.

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- UPIC.....827-4026

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Domestic violence victims to have a place to turn

Community Action has been selected by the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence as the agency to provide services to victims of domestic violence and their families in McLean County. The program will officially begin September 21st.

Services are temporarily being provided with supportive services from PATH and other local social service providers in addition to two full-time CDV staff. Emergency housing is temporarily being provided in local motels/hotels.

When Community Action begins its program September 21st, it will be called "Countering Domestic Violence" (CDV) to more clearly represent the services which will be provided.

Jewel Beal, Countering Domestic Violence Program Director, is confident that CDV will be there to support those in need. "Throughout the past few months, the community has responded to the emergency needs for victims and

their families. We've also gained a lot of input from members of the community regarding how best to provide domestic violence services and are incorporating this input into our planning."

According to Jewel, community support and an adequately trained staff will allow CDV to assure victims of domestic violence and their families a safe, supportive place to turn when they are in need.

CDV will provide emergency housing, legal advocacy, and other support services to victims and their children. The program also plans to develop monthly support/informational meetings to victims and their family members.

The shelter will allow the families time to work on the problems associated with their experiences with their abuser.

Because over 95% of the victims of domestic violence are women, the shelter will house only female victims and their children. However, CDV will also work with male victims on a non-residential basis.

Long-term goals for the program include initiating comprehensive programs to preserve/re-unite families afflicted by domestic violence. "A real need in this community is supportive services for the abuser. Without working with the abuser too, the problems of domestic violence will only continue," according to Jewel. CDV hopes to initiate a comprehensive program within the next year.

For more information, call PATH at (309) 829-4005 and ask for someone from Community Action's Countering Domestic Violence Program.

--MM

There is support!

If you are in an abusive relationship, or know someone who is, Community Action's Countering Domestic Violence Program is here to provide you with information regarding your options and provide necessary supportive services. For further information, or just someone to talk to about your situation, call PATH at 827-4005 and ask to speak with someone from Community Action's Countering Domestic Violence Program.

CDSV/YWCA shutdown

It took a long time to get CDSV out of the hands of YWCA bunglers, and I for one don't know why. Mark Silverstein and I, in March 1985, wrote a collection of articles about the agency's outrageous mismanagement (P-A Vol. 13 #10). Through interviews with paid staff, volunteers, clients, and the township supervisor, we exposed the YWCA administrator, Jackie Macy, as a boss who fiddled not only with the books but with women's lives. It was June 1982 when the funding agency, Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, yanked the service from the Y's purview.

In our stories, we detailed how Macy ran an unsafe house for battered women, demeaned volunteers and staff, withheld and read client mail (which she insisted on having sent to the Y), lied about CDSV directors' salaries (funds which disappeared), and bullied Pantagraph editor Bill Wills into squelching an expose of CDSV. Loose about training and confidentiality, Macy was tight with a buck, crossing out paid hours on staff time sheets and designating them "volunteer" hours as well as cutting off rides to battered-women, telling staff to "hand out bus tokens."

By the time we finished our extensive interviewing, I was disgusted so heartily with Macy that I gave her a nickname even the Post wouldn't use. Imagine that.

--Phoebe Caulfield

CDV wish list

If you have any of the following items, they would be much appreciated by Community Action's Countering Domestic Violence Program and its clients:

Bunk beds--to provide housing for a larger number of victims of domestic violence and their families.

Sewing machines--for women and children who might have an interest in sewing and/or a need to sew their own clothes.

TV set/VCR--for educational programs for children and adults as well as staff training.

Typewriters--for staff.

Picnic table.

Outdoor chairs.

Lawnmower, garden tools.

Outdoor swing set.

Children's toys.

Vacuum cleaners.

Office supplies.

Anything else you might think of to add to the safe, supportive environment of a home.

Countering Domestic Violence needs your support

Community Action is enthusiastic about meeting the challenge of assisting those in abusive situations. We are committed to providing victims and their children with the options available to them and allowing them to make their own decisions in a supportive, nonjudgmental way.

We cannot, however, successfully reach these goals without your help. With limited funding available, we are in need of volunteers to assist in providing support services to victims and their children.

If you have a special talent that you'd like to share with others on a periodic basis, or would like to volunteer your services by assisting with meal planning/preparation, or public relations (to mention a few), please call PATH at (309)827-4005 and ask for someone from Community Action's Countering Domestic Violence Program.

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Kaleidoscope bashing in Bloomington-Normal

With over a decade of sporadic publicity, local child care agency Kaleidoscope once more hit the Central Illinois media this summer. How it was covered and how some of the area's more press-conscious mouths responded to the latest burst of Kaleidonews is a story in itself: one of reactionary opportunism, political hucksterism and just plain creepiness, of kids reduced to stereotypes and cross-the-board labeling that showed nobody in a good light.

For over a decade K-scope has been a presence in Bloomington-Normal. A non-profit organization, the agency has operated group homes, supervised foster families and independent living arrangements of adolescents and children. The bulk of these clients have been wards of the state brought into the community by the Department of Children and Family Services, children removed from their families due to abuse or neglect or legal difficulties, classed as emotionally or behaviorally disturbed as a result of their lousy family experiences.

At one point in its history, Kaleidoscope had the reputation of taking those kids that the rest of the human services system had rejected, those kids who had gone through the system so much that they were cannier than any bureaucrat when it came to living in the loopholes. Within the past few years the agency has tended to shy away from the more "hard core" cast-offs in the face of community complaint. To some local vocals, though--like mayoral blowhard Jesse Smart--the phrase "Kaleidoscope kid" has remained synonymous with "delinquent."

That perception has been fueled by both media and police treatment of K-scope clients over the past year. Since summer '86, when two Bloomington group home residents invaded the apartment of an elderly lady, newspaper attention has been focused on the slightest misdeed of any kid in the agency. Where regular community adolescents (or, indeed, clients at similar residential agencies such as Scott Center) could be assured of a degree of anonymity when they screwed up, K-scope found their every fumble scrutinized.

When the Pantagraph printed a review of "problems" between the agency and the community, it became clear that undue special attention was being

paid: every "newsworthy" administrative/legal hassle that the agency had suffered (some of which were characteristic of child care and social service agencies everywhere) was tallied up. The list looked impressive until you realize that (1) it covered fourteen years of ongoing activity and (2) there was nothing else to compare it to. With the focus off big money sources like Scott Center and with other agencies like MARC scrambling to disassociate themselves from K-scope's "delinquent" label, it's not likely the comparison can be made.

But then, fairness and understanding isn't what the latest bout of Kaleidoscope bashing is about. Kaleidobashing is about fear and attention-seeking. When one of the agency's group home clients was arrested this summer for alleged sexual abuse, the media-hungry flocked to be seen castigating the Big K. Ron "I'm A Judge Now" Dozier put gavel in mouth by blaming the agency for importing troubled youth into our spotless community. In a speech before a House investigative subcommittee he all but attributed a rising crime rate to Kaleidoscope's presence alone.

The bashing got especially vigorous at the abovementioned subcommittee hearing, convened by Demo representative Curran in the name of the House Subcommittee on Child Welfare and Protection in the wake of this summer's big news arrest. Present were members of the deceitfully named Community Advocates for Troubled Children, a group formed after last year's major incident and a regular presence (especially photog founder Ken Kashian) on page 2 and 3 of the Pantagraph.

Especially canny in their use of the media (word has it the group was coached for their subcommittee testimonies by local politico Jerry Bradley), CATC members timed their hearing appearances for maximum teevee news exposure, dominating the first two hours of public time just before lunch when the bulk of the media folk packed up their equipment and left. Never mind that most of the group members' complaints were over a year old and had already been addressed by the agency--the group trotted out their stories again.

A strict tally of the full testimony offered the day of the subcommittee

hearing found the pros and cons fairly evenly divided, but you wouldn't know it from the way the media reported the event. Those teevee news reports that covered it only had footage from the morning, when CATC dominated. The Pantagraph's front page coverage was even more slanted: "KALEIDOSCOPE SUPPORT DIMS," the headline trumpeted when a full day's attention of the event showed a more complicated picture. But then, complicated pictures have never been the Pantagraph's strong suit.

Much of the negative testimony against the agency at the hearing could be typed into one of three categories: (1) old stories by members of CATC; (2) slices of vendetta by disgruntled former employees (two from the past two years; one from an employee of fourteen years ago); and (3) the sadly strange. In the case of the last consider the testimony of a single woman who lived on W. Jefferson several blocks away from one of the agency's group homes and came home one evening to find an apartment window cut out. This poor frightened soul doesn't know who cut her window but is certain it must've been one of K-scope's group home kids. After all, nobody else in the area gets in trouble with the law.

And then there was the discharged group home night staff who whined to the subcommittee that the non-denominational agency wouldn't let her "put Jesus in."

To be sure, some of the criticism leveled at the agency has been just. But it's been surrounded by so much hyperbole and dunderheaded politicizing that it's quite a task separating the sincere from the reactionary. This much is fairly obvious: provincial pleas for protection from the "bad kids from upstate" are going to fall on deaf ears when you're talking to state legislators. After all, the kids have to go someplace in the state; the days of shipping problem kids to Texas have passed.

But then Kaleidobashing is more about rumor than it is reality. It's about Ron Dozier testifying about "imperiling his political career" the first time he spoke out against the agency. (Ron Dozier, Friend of the People vs. Political Monolith Big K.!) It's about Pantagraph editor Bill Wills defending the selection of embittered former K-scope foster parent Scott Richardson as the paper's 'Scope reporter on the grounds that his personal experience gave him "special insight" into the story. (Geez, you'd think those guys were the Post-Amerikan or somp'n!) It's about a police/court system that's gotten so reactionary that Kaleidoscope clients are being so labeled in their first brush with the law--and finding some of their basic rights getting somewhat abbreviated in the process.

But perhaps hysterical rumor-mongering is what you should expect in a community with no difficult kids of its own, eh?

--Denny Colt



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67 arrested in suburban protest rally

Introduction: On Saturday, August 22, a large protest rally and demonstration took place in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Five hundred activists from all over the midwest gathered at the Arlington Heights Army Reserve Base to voice their disapproval of activities there, and the effect of those activities on the U.S. war in Central America. The operations at this base have been cloaked in secrecy for years; it has never participated in the traditional "open house" event on Armed Services Day.

Through intensive efforts, activists and investigative journalists learned that the base is the training camp for at least two major military covert operations: The 12th Special Forces Group (Green Berets) and the 305th PSYOPS Battalion (Psychological Operations). The Special Forces Reserves function as counter-insurgents and "counter-terrorists." They learn interrogation and sabotage techniques as well as the usual jungle warfare, and funding for their training has increased 400% in the last six years.

PSYOPS is an even more diabolical cog in the war machine and is a critical part of the strategy known as "low intensity conflict." The purpose of their operations is to destabilize populations, spread propaganda, and create chaos by turning citizens against each other. They are also responsible for infiltrating and destabilizing protest movements in the U.S. as part of the Reagan Administration's desire to "cure" us of the "Vietnam Syndrome." The most recent example of their efforts is the CIA Assassination Manual prepared for the Nicaraguan Contras.

Because of the heinous nature of the operations at Arlington Heights, a local Pledge of Resistance group there organized a demonstration based on the concept of holding an "open house" at the base and exposing their activities to the public. This became the regional demonstration described below by Canny Poppen, Central Midwest Pledge of Resistance Coordinator.

* * * * *

What happened August 22 is my idea of harmonic convergence. One hundred fifty patient, enthusiastic, committed, and efficient people came on Friday night to a final planning meeting. At least half were from elsewhere in the region. The next day, 500 showed up for a rally filled with wonderful music, inspiring speeches, and moments of quiet reflection.

The rally featured many engaging speakers. Peggy Moore, director of the National Guard information clearinghouse sponsored by St. Louis Pledge of Resistance, detailed the ways in which National Guard exercises support U.S. aggression against Central America. Merle Hansen, President of the North American Farm Alliance, told how the plight of our small farmers is directly related to the Administration's policy of guns and no butter. And former CIA agent Ralph McGehee, in a well-received speech, described the two main activities of the CIA (based on his 25 years with the "Company"): planning and carrying out covert operations against popular foreign governments and causes, and lying about those operations both here and abroad.

The threatening clouds never spilled any rain; the sun continued to shine. We looked impressive as we walked from the park to the base, singing and chanting with our banners flying, clowns dancing, drums keeping the beat--colorful and determined. The parade included an Uncle Sam from Milwaukee with chains coming out of his fingers, dangling the Central American countries. A man dressed up as the Grim Reaper carried a sign "Contra Aid Dollars for Death."

Many people carried crosses emblazoned with names of civilians who have died in the Central America wars. Fake wooden coffins bore slogans. Ladders for use later in fence climbing were disguised as litters for "dead bodies" during the parade.



The scene at the fence went on for a long time--at least two hours. Our supporters were singing songs, chanting peace slogans, hanging anti-Contra aid banners on the fence. We also scattered "Grand Opening" leaflets onto the base, with the Pentagon lesson "Utilization and Containment of Rumors" for Latin American military officers on the back. We had initially wondered if there would be more police than demonstrators: there were about 220 police officers at the scene, complete with helmets and billy clubs and stocks of plastic handcuffs. The Arlington Heights police were supplemented with officers from five surrounding communities.

Sixty-seven people eventually climbed over the eight-foot barbed wire fence, or walked in at the end after the crowd opened one of the gates. Folks from Minnesota brought double-hinged ladders for climbing the fence, with rugs on top to protect against the barbed wire. We had rope ladders to extend down the other side, but the police kept throwing the rope ladders up again. So we used the chain link on the other side to climb down.

Once I had dropped down inside the base, I was handcuffed and dragged away from the fence to a golf cart. I was then driven to a driveway in front of the east gate. We stood there for a long time (at least a half hour, maybe 45 minutes). We then were put in a van and driven to the west gate.

This is when the high point occurred for me. I was in the third van to be taken to the Arlington Heights police station. We realized when we got close to the west gate that our friends outside had managed to keep it shut! Suddenly Jim from Minneapolis jumped on the hood of the squad car in front of us, and we all shouted with real meaning, "The people, united, can never be defeated!"

The van had to turn around and take us back to a room on the base, where we were held for about an hour. So we

Financial support for Bloomington 6

Thirty people from the B/N Pledge of Resistance took part in the Arlington Heights action, carrying a large effigy of Uncle Sam followed by a stretcher with a body representing a Central American peasant. The group also handed out hundreds of soda cans which were painted red and black, and filled with rocks so that they made noise when shaken.

Six people from the Bloomington group were among those arrested trying to enter the base. They were charged with trespassing and were held for ten hours in Arlington Heights before being brought before a judge. The group had opted for bail solidarity, which meant that they refused to post bond, not wanting to put money into the system. This also meant that no one

actually occupied a base, a conclusion beyond our wildest expectations. And the gates seemed to be in our control: we opened them up or shut them down, whatever was appropriate.

We were held for many hours in the Arlington Heights police station awaiting bond hearings. At least 60 supporters gathered in the courtroom to encourage us. We missed the opportunity to sample the local prison food, since the police forgot to feed us. I was one of the last to be released, at midnight. We joked about being on a "hunger strike" saying, "We refuse to eat until you give us food!"

At one point I had been taken from my cell to appear for a bond hearing, but then together with six other women I was returned to our cell without the hearing. We figured out that it was because we were "uncooperative." I had only answered the questions about my name, address, and social security number. I did not answer the whole array of other questions for the "rap sheet": birthplace, religion, marital status, job, etc. Others did not give correct names and such.

The police station was in chaos--the police officers really weren't prepared to deal with such a situation, especially all the paperwork. (They also were complaining about missing the Bears game.) Some officers kept their good humor through it all, but others were obnoxious.

I had a very disturbing experience with one officer at the end of it all. After I had received my I-bond (personal recognizance), the officer processing me saw I hadn't answered all the other questions. He really blew up at me when I told him I was not legally obligated to answer such questions. He started shouting angrily at me, using vulgarities. I really thought for a moment he was going to hit me.

Perhaps we need to think more about how we can defuse such situations, how we can help the police deal with such a stressful situation that obviously is outside their usual training.

Recently someone asked me (trying to bait me) what would make the demonstration successful for me. He obviously expected me to say "numbers attending, numbers arrested, press coverage." But as I thought about his question I realized that what I hoped for was a large group of people being able to exemplify what we believe is possible: that we can work together creatively and resolve conflict in peaceful ways.

Later we will evaluate the action in more detail, but my first impression is that it was a resounding success: in numbers, in press coverage, and most of all, in harmonic interaction.

--Canny Poppen

left until all were released, which finally happened around midnight.

The arraignment date has been set at Nov. 2, and a number of those arrested have decided to plead not guilty in the hopes that a trial can be used as a tool to raise public awareness about U.S. involvement in Central America.

The B/N Pledge is trying to raise a defense fund for the people who are going to trial. We also took out a \$300.00 ad in the Pantagraph to promote the demonstration. Because of the costs and the small amount of time, money is urgently needed. Donations can be sent to:
B/ Pledge of Resistance
501 S. Main St.
Normal IL 61761

Police pester Posters

Bloomington's police department was the special guest at the Post Amerikan's 15th anniversary celebration held July 30th at Robinson's Cocktails and Rihs. Jesse's boys hit the scene at about 10:00, all fired up--and wanting to check ID's.

Cops always cause the most trouble at parties.

With an invented probable cause ("We had a complaint"), our brave ones in blue scoured the crowd for underage drinkers. This harassment was both outrageous and unwarranted: Robinson's doesn't let in underage drinkers. That's why there's a doorman.

Of course, in Bloomington, police actions are always as comic as they are intimidating. These cops checked some ID's twice, some not at all, and even requested that a 40-year-old man prove his age (he just laughed).

But they could find no underage drinkers. Grudgingly, they returned to their treacherous traffic beats. In the process, though, they committed the most horrendous faux pas: Our special guests left without saying goodbye!

The swine!

No matter--everyone who stayed had a great time. After more than a year

without a commercial club catering to B/N's progressive art/music/politics scene, Robinson's opened its door and let us all hang out. The response was tremendous. About 200 people showed up on a Thursday night in the dead of summer to support the Post, check out some new music and art, and engage in some serious revelry.

The stage looked somewhat as follows: Earl's Breakdown launched the night with a manic set of original songs, followed by a rousing rendition of "Ollie You Blow My Fucking Mind" by the Barely Brothers; Big Guitar played an absorbing piece written by ensemble-leader Mike Hogan, after which Mojo Stew thoroughly shook the audience with their rockin' rhythm and blues for nearly an hour; and performance art group Audiovision offered up a language/noise ritual, whereupon Patchouli Scented Crazies, B/N's latest sensation, soared through a set of their asymmetrical Persian rock.

Sounds like just what this often desolate town needed, doesn't it? Well, guess what: Robinson's is willing to keep its doors open on Thursday nights to any sort of progressive culture needing a place to happen. Yes, the drought is over--if you want it. On Thursday, September 17th, Robinson's premieres its new format with musical groups Joe's Kitchen and Twelve Fishing Game.

Bands scheduled to appear in the next month and a half include Mister Hand, Patchouli Scented Crazies, Sert Lom Boon, Moment's Notice, Big Guitar, Hip Pocket, and Mojo Stew. A benefit for the Pledge of Resistance will take place sometime in late October/early November. All shows will start at 9 p.m., and cover charge will be \$2. Now, remember, this is all on a trial basis--if you want a culture in this town you have to support it. So be there (426 N. Main, Blmgt'n).

Once again, thanks to all the performers and others who contributed their time and energy to the P/A celebration/benefit. And thanks to the undercover policeman who showed up that night--your \$2 was especially appreciated.

MJ



Draft resister imprisoned for non-registration, activism

Anti-draft activist Gillam Kerley has begun serving a three-year prison term at the Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary in Kansas. He was sentenced and fined \$10,000 for refusing to register for the draft. But in handing down the sentence--the harshest given a non-registrant since the Vietnam War--Judge John Shabaz gave an interesting justification unrelated to the charge.

He accused Gillam, as the executive director of the Committee Against Registration and the Draft (CARD), of "continuing criminal activities" in "aiding, abetting, and encouraging" other draft resisters.

Kerley, 26, has been a law student and bookstore owner in Madison, Wisconsin. In 1982, he was targeted for prosecution as one of 18 vocal non-registrants, and entered a plea of "not guilty by reason of sanity." His friends, parents, and community gave him their full support during the ups and downs of the trial process. At its end, the judge decided to imprison Gillam before a decision on his appeal.

Now, the national CARD and its over 50 local affiliate groups have launched the Campaign to Free Gillam Kerley. As Gillam said recently in an interview from Leavenworth, "Given the nature of my offense, the manner in which I was selected for prosecution, and Judge Shabaz's justification for severity of my sentence, there should be no question that I am being held as a political prisoner. What we are seeing, in this case and others, is the criminalization of political dissent."

Gillam Kerley is the only Amerikan in prison today for resisting draft registration. Even his case officer at Leavenworth had to comment, "You got three years for that?" The judge's attempt to make a political example of Gillam--in order to intimidate other organizers--is the basis of applications to Amnesty International and the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, urging his adoption as a prisoner-of-conscience.

CARD has filed an amicus brief on the legality of the its activities, and is raising funds for Gillam's political-legal defense. With an assigned prison typist job at 28 cents an hour, he cannot pay for the \$5,000 appeal costs on his own.

The Campaign to Free Gillam Kerley has received endorsements from dozens of peace, civil liberties, and social change activists, former political prisoners and draft/military resisters from around the nation and the world. They see Gillam's release as a key to stopping the momentum toward a new draft, and in asserting the First Amendment rights of anti-draft organizers. They also recognize that if military personnel levels are further increased, it will make it that much easier for the President to intervene in Central America, the Mideast, or elsewhere. Like Judge Shabaz, the anti-war movement can make an example of Gillam Kerley, but by winning his release from unjust imprisonment.

CARD is calling for three courses of action:

1) Write Judge John Shabaz (120 North Henry Street, Madison, WI 53703) protesting the severity of the term and asking that it be reduced before the late September deadline. Send a copy to the CARD Midwest Office (731 State Street, Madison, WI 53703), which will forward it to Gillam.

2) Write your federal representatives, demanding that they repeal registration and resist further moves toward reinstating inductions (US Senate, Washington, DC 20510 and US House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515).

3) Send a tax-deductible contribution to the CARD Midwest Office to help with the Campaign to Free Gillam Kerley and CARD's general work against the existing poverty draft and the pending compulsory draft. To volunteer other forms of help, call CARD at (608) 257-7562.

--Zoltan Grossman, acting executive director of the national CARD in its Midwest Office



Everybody needs some body, sometime

If you're like most people, you wholeheartedly support the idea that organs no longer needed by the newly deceased go on to those unfortunates who do need them. How much, though, do you really know about the organ donation process?

Did you know, for instance—

—That the recovery of viable organs from donors is called harvesting, and that the medical team that recovers the organ is the harvesting team?
—That organs are transported in sterile Tupperware placed in Playmate coolers of ice?

—That the only people not making money from such transactions are the donors' families and the recipients?

Most people have vague ideas about tragic deaths with silver linings. Desperately needed organs are rushed by relays of good Samaritans to the seriously ill, usually the infant or child you saw on the news the week before.

Publicity does play a large part in obtaining needed organs. Appearing on the nightly news has proven to be an effective way of getting a vital organ donated to the subject of the publicity.

Desperate parents are often driven to parading their critically ill children before the television cameras in emotional appeals for help. Often it works and another family in the midst of their own loss reaches out to prevent someone else's.

Generally, organ donations increase after such an appeal so that more than one person reaps the benefit, so to speak.

Unfortunately, the most newsworthy candidates for donation—small, lovable children—aren't always the most needy. An appeal to the public can be a way of circumventing the list of the needy and cutting in at the head of the line.

Currently, the United States has no organized or equitable system of organ distribution. A tangle of organizations actually compete for available organs to distribute.

Often, money talks. Transplants of livers are prohibitively expensive; up to 200,000 dollars. Most hospitals won't even put a patient on the waiting list without a substantial down-payment.

Some hospitals have been found boosting rich foreigners on the need lists because they make more from foreign patients than from Americans on Medicare or Medicaid.

In 1984 Congress passed the National Transplant Act, making it illegal to buy and sell human organs. Attempts by some doctors to start businesses devoted to the procurement of organs for transplant, frequently from overseas and not barring live donors, inspired such legislation.

Instead, to bolster the supply of available organs the U.S. government is passing a law—effective Oct 1, 1987—that requires hospitals of all sizes to ask bereaved families about the possibility of organ donation or lose their Medicare reimbursement. Currently, many states, including Ill., have already required request laws.

Such legislation has done much to increase the supply of available transplants but still leaves the final decision to the donors' families.

Donation does not cost anything to the next of kin. The organization the transplant is going to—such as the Central Illinois Organ Donation Program—picks up all charges after brain death except for burial. Those charges are of course passed on to the recipient.



dollars for a year's supply. For the organs themselves, costs range from 3-5,000 for a cornea to 30,000 for a kidney to about 100,000 for a heart.

Currently doctors are able to harvest organs from only about 10% of the available pool of donors due to lack of consent. It is to be hoped that the pending federal legislation can alleviate that waste of potentially life saving organs.

In the meanwhile, despite the rampant profiteering by hospitals, organ donation remains a worthwhile endeavor. Ignoring all the middlemen, it is still the gift of life from one person or family to another and the only answer to many otherwise fatal illnesses.

If you wish to donate, do discuss your wishes with your family—the next of kin retain final say in the matter—and sign the back of your driver's license. Removal of organs for transplant does not disfigure the corpse. Your family could still have an open casket funeral if they so chose.

What it all comes down to is—
what have you got to lose?

--Ivan Offalitch

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of candidates for organ transplant since 1980. That was the year that the immunosuppressive drug cyclosporin hit the market. The drug has a great deal of success in suppressing the rejection of foreign tissue in the body and has made it possible for many more people to receive and survive organ transplants.

For the recipient of a donated organ, living can be an expensive proposition. Cyclosporin can cost up to 5,000



The Post Amerikan's Soiree Francaise, held at the Unitarian Church in July, was an unqualified success. Post friends got a chance to meet each other and to enjoy the best French cuisine in the Twin Cities. Top picture: Happy, fulfilled diners. Bottom picture: Waiters, cooks, and kitchen help. Master chef Laurie Dahlberg appears close to center, with apricot flan and triumphant expression.



Keep your han

Mammography and you, the consumer

Woman, how can I exploit thee? Let me count the ways: Carcinogenic make-up ... Birth control devices ... PMS drugs ... Mammography....

Mammography? Yes, Virginia, mammography. The newest means of exploiting women is by making money off the fear of breast cancer and by selling women a way of early detection which, in some cases, can be dangerous. Examine the Mother's Day weekend ad which ran in the Decatur Herald (at right--the local hospitals haven't begun this, yet.) This incidious gift certificate purports to give your mother or other female friend "peace of mind through mammography."

What is wrong with mammography? After all, it detects potentially cancerous breast lumps and it's safe. But is it really effective and is it safe? There's quite a controversy over what is the best method of breast cancer detection. Other methods exist, but knowledge of them is either ignored or suppressed. These methods include ultrasound, thermography, graphic stress tele-thermography, diaphanography, and tumor markers. (For more information on the pros and cons of each, see Medical Self-Care, Winter 1981, available from Normal Public Library.)

Why can mammography be dangerous? A mammographic exam consists of two x-rays taken of each breast, one from above, the other from the side toward the center. The breasts are gently (?) compressed with a flattening device to allow a complete picture. As with any x-rays, radiation is used and this radiation can damage breast cells, possibly causing breast cancer years after the examination.

According to Medical Self-Care magazine (Winter 1981), "Some scientists have speculated that routine mammography of young women may cause as much breast cancer as it detects. Mammography has been shown to be most accurate in detecting abnormalities in fatty breast tissue, the kind found in older women."

It has little value for young women whose breast tissue is more dense and less fatty. The article goes on to say that "routine mammography should not be performed on women under 45 unless a palpable mass has been found in a breast or the woman is at high risk for breast cancer."

In a Pentagraph Messenger article dated July 3, 1984, which announced that St. Joseph's Hospital would offer mammography screening, local doctors were asked at what age should screening be done. "Barry Slotky said the American Cancer Society recommends routine screenings for women approaching middle age. He said many people are starting to screen women about age 40, and mammograms are recommended annually for women over 50. Meng Y. Horng also said the service was a good idea, although he does not send his patients for routine screenings." So some doctors in town are beginning mammography screening at age 40 and some are screening annually.

According to Brokaw Hospital's Radiology Department, a person will receive less than one rad of radiation per screening. But if a woman goes to a doctor who believes in routine annual screenings, she has increased her risk of breast cancer. If she has had other x-rays in her lifetime, her chances are further increased of having some type of cancer. Having to pay a yearly mammography fee and later for a possible mastectomy operation tends to make a woman feel angry and exploited.

According to the National Women's Health Network Newsletter (May/June 1982), there is a concern "that mammography detects non-infiltrating cancers or in-situ cancers that remain latent for life." This concern was first "raised when data from the Health Insurance Plan study was reviewed by a National Cancer Institute appointed committee of experts. The HIP study, which forms the basis for current recommendations that high risk symptomless women should have periodic mammographies, was found to be severely flawed. Among other findings, mammography was determined to be an ineffectual means of detecting infiltrating cancers. One cancer text acknowledged that is a small number of cases, "Microscopic diagnosis of cancer is not always clear-out."

"Mammography has raised the odds for an equivocal diagnosis. Forty-eight of the 506 'minimal cancers' that were diagnosed via nationwide mammography screening project were later found to be 'not classified as cancers' upon a review by a panel of expert pathologists. Although all 48 were believed to be minimal at time of diagnosis, 37 received some form of mastectomy as the treatment." Again, this creates a feeling of loss of control over one's body.

So if mammography is not the way to detect breast cancer, what is? Other methods listed earlier can be tried. Yet, as responsible women, we should take health matters into our own hands. That's right, Breast Self-Exam! Pamphlets explaining how to do BSE are readily available from various sources, including the American Cancer Society.

However, many women fear BSE. Some aren't sure what a lump in a breast should feel like. Some let their doctors "handle" it. According to Medical Self-Care (March/April 1987) magazine, a team of researchers studied the ability of 80 doctors to detect breast lumps in breast models.

Michigan womyn'

Imagine 7500 womyn, from all states in our country and from nations all over the world, camping for five days on 200 acres of wooded land. During their gathering, they will hear concerts by some of the finest womyn-oriented musicians in the world. They will also participate in feeding, caring for, and healing each other, in doing rituals and going to workshops, in dancing, and in making the music happen themselves.

And all of this will occur in such an atmosphere of love, cooperation, and trust that if one should leave her wallet out in the woods one night, she would find it, fully intact, the next day at the lost and found. If all of this sounds like a feminist/lesbian utopia to you, then you're nearly right: It's as close to a womyn's utopia as I've seen, and it's called the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival.

The Festival, now in its 12th year, happens every August in rural Michigan on the Land, a 600-acre wooded haven very near to the Lake. The Land is maintained by Festival founder Lisa Vogal and her partner Barbara Price who, with the help of many others, spend nine months a year organizing the event.

I don't know much about the Festival's history. My understanding is that the original idea was to create a womyn-only space where primarily lesbian womyn could gather together safely and celebrate their culture. It started as a relatively small gathering and the land was leased for the event.

As the numbers of participants grew, however, so did the complaints from nearby towns and some frightening attacks, accusations, and invasions by men in the area. The obvious solution was to acquire a large enough piece of land so that privacy and security would be guaranteed, and the 600 acres were purchased through donations, ticket sales, and Festival revenues.

This year's was the biggest Festival yet, and the first one I've attended. It was an experience which truly altered me as a person, and I'd like to share some of its finer aspects.

Upon arrival, each woman goes through an orientation, which is very helpful because the scope of the Festival is so large that it can be overwhelming. During orientation, we learned about various aspects of the Festival. We were also told that in order to make the Festival run efficiently, each woman was asked to work one four-hour shift during her stay. There were hundreds of jobs available, from garbage crew to sign language interpretation. After signing up for our shifts we were shuttled off to our chosen campsites.

I say "chosen" campsites because there were nine separate areas to camp, depending on what your needs and preferences were. This has to do with one of the main themes of the Festival: respecting and celebrating our diversity. There was a campsite for differently-abled (special needs) womyn and one for womyn over 40. There were quiet sites, chemical-free sites, and a loud and rowdy site aptly named The Twilight Zone.

The concept of respecting diversity meant that everyone could be comfortable with whatever her needs were and was carried throughout the Festival to include seating at the concerts. In this way a woman who was a recovering alcoholic could sit in a chem-free area and relax without the stress of being surrounded by drinking. Choice seating was also provided for differently-abled womyn--no wheelchairs at the back of the room here. (Can you imagine this happening at a regular concert?)

The Festival is set up so that womyn can participate in a wide variety of activities during the day, with the main evening event being the Night Stage concerts. The possibilities for things to do during the day were so numerous that it was very easy to be overwhelmed.

First of all there were the workshops. Every day from 8 am to 5 pm, in 16 locations on the Land, workshops on almost any womyn-oriented subject imaginable took place, sometimes as many as 75-100 in a day. The topics ranged from new-age healing theories and techniques to crafts and dance to strictly lesbian issues, and spontaneous sessions were constantly being added. The amount of energy generated by all of these womyn teaching, healing, and sharing with each other was truly powerful.

ds to yourself

"The doctors were able to find only 44% of the lumps. Gynecologists performed the worst, finding 40%; general practitioners performed the best, 50%." Further in the article, it states that "physicians are not committed to early detection of small treatable breast cancers. Instead, they wait for women to come to them with larger, less-treatable self-detected tumors."

Also, a thorough exam takes 15 to 20 minutes. "A study in Clinical Research showed that doctors spent only an average of 1.8 minutes examining both breasts." Clearly, there is a need for better BSE. A new program geared toward training the woman to do BSE as well as training health care providers has been created. Called Mammacare, it analyzes a woman's breasts for tissue characteristics (fatty or dense) and then teaches her research-proven techniques on life-like, tissue-matched breast models. "Mammacare-trained women can detect lumps as small as a pea." Doctors, nurses and medical students benefit from Mammacare sponsored training courses.

Mammacare's BSE differs from the American Cancer Society's method in several ways. "Mammacare employs two positions: first, a side-lying position which exposes each breast's upper quadrant where 50% of tumors occur; then lying on the back with the arm at a right angle so you can reach all the way up to the upper boundary. The ACS says to put your hand behind your head instead of at a right angle, but that squashes the tissue and makes self-exam difficult." For further comparisons between Mammacare's BSE and American Cancer Society's method, read Medical Self-Care (March/April 1987).

Where in Bloomington-Normal can you get Mammacare training? At the present time several area doctors and nurses are being contacted by Mammatech Corporation to see if there is interest in Mammacare training. A local women's health consumer organization, Childbirth and Parenting Information Exchange (CAPIE), is looking into forming a BSE class. An additional note: Mammatech Corporation will only send its informational kit to doctors and nurses. (Does this make a woman feel like she has no control over her health?) To get a kit sent to your health care provider, call 1-800-MAM-CARE with his/her address.

And if any women out there would like to start a true women's health center and circumvent the status quo, write the Post and let me know.

Also, men get breast cancer. "Breast cancer kills a higher proportion of men because it is rarely detected early and because men have less breast tissue between the tumor and vital organs of the chest."

And a final note: BREAST LUMPS DO NOT ALWAYS EQUAL BREAST CANCER.

Next issue, preventing breast cancer through diet will be discussed.

Lastly, I must admit that I did not check the Decatur Herald on Father's Day to see if a Prostate Cancer Check-Up Gift Certificate was advertised...

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s music festival

And speaking of energy: The whole Festival was alive with an earthy, spiritual power which was, I feel, largely due to the concentration on ritual-making, chanting, witchcraft, healing, and general celebration of the ancient Goddess religions. For me, it was an experience of genuine spiritual awakening as I began to learn about and participate in the identification of cultures which flourished before the advent of Christianity.

Goddess worship and paganism celebrates our power to heal, nurture, and bring about peace on the planet. To experience all this in the company of thousands of womyn was an intense experience which culminated in the Harmonic Convergence Rituals.

For those who haven't heard of it, the Harmonic Convergence, which began to occur on August 15, 16, and 17 and will take 25 years to complete, was prophesized by many ancient cultures such as the Aztec, Mayan, and Hopi. It was seen as a crucial time for humanity marked by a sort of "shifting of the cosmic gears." It is said to be a return, on a mass level, to the peaceful, Feminine Ray energy and away from the Masculine. We at the Festival were lucky to be together at that time to lend our voices and powers to the effort.

And then there was the music. The musical set-up consisted of three stages: Day Stage, Acoustical Stage, and Night Stage. Day Stage, which ran daily from noon till four, included a wide variety of performances such as dance, jazz, funk, reggae, and blues bands as well as huge percussion jams. These performances featured womyn artists from all over the world and were my personal favorites.

Acoustic Stage performances, running from 4-6, were geared toward storytelling, poetry, mime, and, of course, a wide range of acoustic music. All ritual gatherings also took place in the Acoustic Stage area.

Night Stage featured the top "womyn's music" artists such as Holly Near, Heather Bishop, and Rhiannon as well as more varied performances such as the wild reggae-dance party performed by Canadian dub-poetess Lillian Allen and her band.

Unfortunately, many performances were rained out, but what I did hear was wonderful and inspiring. I also loved seeing all of these womyn doing traditionally male jobs during the concerts, such as climbing light scaffolding, running sound, and swinging sledgehammers down onto tent stakes.

Last, but not least, for the womyn who were "born to shop," there was the Festival Bazaar, featuring the products of over 150 artists and craftswomyn. You could buy anything from records to crystals to clothing to jewelry, and it was a real effort to conserve money!

I'd like to end this article with some personal observations and insights gained at the Festival. The most radical experience for me as a non-lesbian was finding myself a non-dominant member of a culture. In other words, I was outnumbered. In a community of womyn-loving-womyn, I had no lover, or rather I would have been an outsider because of the sex of the lover I have now.

I got a good dose of what it feels like to be gay in our culture, to have to hide my sexuality, and it was no fun. I was irritated at first by the fact that only "womyn's music" was allowed on the Land, because I felt that this excluded a lot of really good womyn musicians. But when I put this in the context of our culture, I realized again the extent of homophobic oppression. Our commercial radio stations aren't exactly overflowing with gay/lesbian music, are they?

But precisely because I was in a womyn-only community, I experienced absolute safety for the first time. What a joy to walk alone in the woods at night with complete confidence. As a fellow Festival-goer put it, "I never realized what a haven Michigan was until I went back out into the world and had to start lowering my eyes in front of men again." In Michigan, there was no reason to fear that a sexual confrontation might be the result of looking too boldly into another's eyes.

Oh, well. All that's left to do now is carry on what I've learned and experienced at the Festival, and dream on about next year.

See you in August.

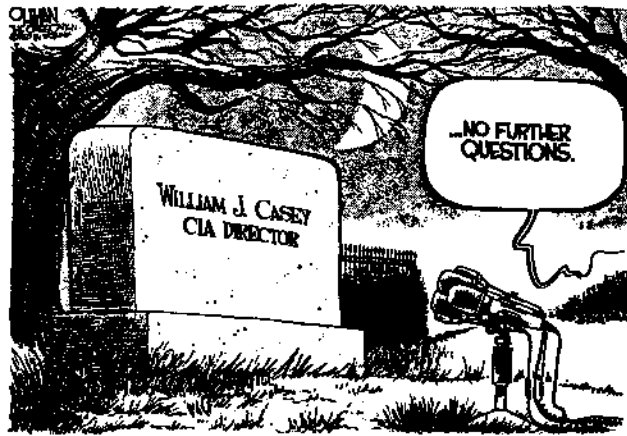
--Womoon Walking



Iran-scram explained

Unless you were unemployed, sick, or a school teacher, you probably didn't have the time to keep up with the hearings that were held for the last year or two by the Congressional Committee for Droning on About the Iran-Contra Scandal Until Everybody Involved Is Dead. So, as a public service, I am going to provide a summary of the entire affair, putting the events in numerical order for your convenience and edification. There will be a quiz.

1. It all started when some Maniac Terrorists took some American Hostages.
 2. This upset Ronald Reagan, who to the best of his recollection was President of the United States at the time.
 3. So naturally he sold weapons to the Maniac Terrorists in exchange for Money.
 4. This Money was funnelled--with the help of several Courageous Patriots, who received nothing for their efforts but a sense of satisfaction and \$8 million--to the nearly secret Foreign-Policy Adventure Team.
 5. This team was headed by Lt. Col. Oliver North, who, with Fawn Hall--who has been offered \$500,000 by Penthouse Magazine to pose naked--occupied an office in the White House.
- 5A. North and Hall were in no way whatsoever connected with Anyone Higher Up because it is a common practice for totally unofficial people (such as jewelry salesmen and marimba teachers) to have offices in the White House.
- 5A-1. Thus it was that Col. North, acting completely on his own, decided to divert the Money to the Contras, who are at war with Iraq.



5A-1-a. No, wait, sorry, Iran is at war with Iraq, which is the country that shot one of Our Ships, naturally causing President Reagan to speak out angrily against Iran, which is the same country he sold weapons to (see point 3 above).

Back to 5A-1. The main point is that Col. North was merely trying to see that the Contras had enough money to carry out the Reagan Administration's Secret Plan (shh!--don't tell) to overthrow the government of Nicaragua.

(5A-1x. The Contras have been about as effective as a

Bucket of Dead Worms in carrying out the Secret Plan.)

So, now you are up-to-date with everything that Congress took months and months of questioning to learn. Of course, you missed the high drama of the actual testimony when the Committee tried to trick the Reagan Administration Officials into revealing the Foreign Policy of the United States.

But there really was no danger that a witness would slip up and reveal the Foreign Policy because, as a Security Measure, the Reagan Administration changes it on a daily basis. They also don't tell Mr. Reagan, who would just forget it anyway.

Now you can test your knowledge of Iran-Scam:

1. What is the Foreign Policy of the United States? Points will be awarded for originality and clarity.
2. Would you pose naked for \$500,000? Me, too.

--Ferdydurke

(With apologies, but not very many, to Dave Barry of syndicated newspaper fame.)

Pope go home!

When President Reagan greeted Pope John Paul II in Miami on Sept. 10, the state of Florida spent at least \$5.5 million for security alone. That's almost half the amount that Florida has budgeted for the entire year to fight AIDS--in a state that already has 3,000 people with the disease.

The Pope's visit to the United States is clearly a political event. He has come to our country to promote his politics of oppression. John Paul Too wants to silence the dissents within his church and to peddle his repressive views on abortion, homosexuality, women, birth control, and other human rights issues.

Now, a church has as much right as anyone else in this country to try to persuade others that its way is the right way. But it shouldn't be given free prime-time ads by the government, and certainly not without first doing its duty as a citizen and paying taxes. When the Founding Parents proposed that church property be tax-exempt, they meant the little white church at the corner of Elm and Main--not the \$25-billion portfolio of the Roman Catholic Church.

John Paul #2 is the head of a giant money-making corporation that ought to pay tax at the same rate secular corporations do (or did, before Reagan). And the Amerikan people--especially those of us who have been savagely attacked by the Pope's henchmen--shouldn't have to subsidize the propaganda junkets of the Chief Executive Officer for Catholicism Inc.

At the very least the U.S. government ought to take a neutral stance toward the Pope's visit. But Amerikan presidents, especially Reagan, seem to love (or is it envy?) dictators--remember that at one time or another our government has supported the Shah of Iran, Somoza, Marcos, Batista, Pinochet, and the junta in El Salvador. So it's no wonder that this tyrant in a gold gown and funny hat has been hailed as a messenger of peace and love. (Under Reagan, Double-Speak has replaced English as the official language of officials.)

I'm tired of reading about John Paul II and seeing his smug smile and pudgy fingers plastered all over the



newspapers. I didn't like the original John Paul very much, and I sure don't want to see the sequel. Some people say we should respect the Pope and welcome his visit as an occasion for dialogue. To me, a two-thousand year dialogue is enough. The RCC still hasn't forgiven Galileo (for being right); they aren't about to start talking to me. Besides, I'm not sure I want to be accepted by somebody who entertains old Nazis.

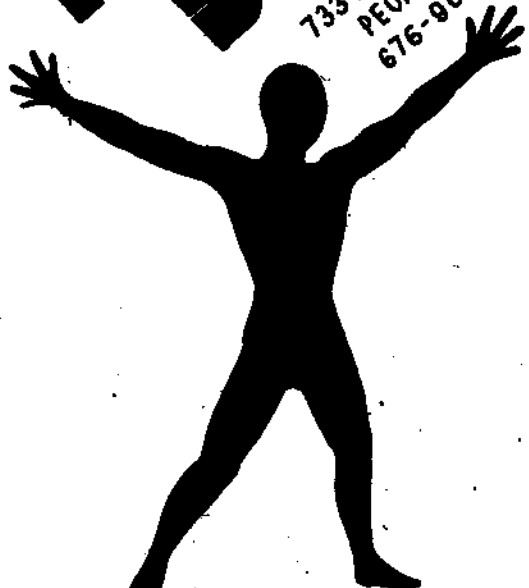
I'm also tired of hearing that the Pope's medieval bullshit is the "word of God." That's what they said about the Inquisition and the slaughtering of thousands and thousands of so-called witches. The Vatican may have done away with the autos-de-fe, but their Pastoral Letters and public pronouncements burn me up just the same.

I want JohnPaul/JohnPaul to pack up his sumptuous gowns and expensive jewelry, to put on his cute red shoes and hit the highway back to Rome. Let him stay there with all those guys he's been living with all these years. And when he opens his mouth to speak, one of them should shove something in it.

--Ferdydurke

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Reagan's AIDS commission

There he was, the conservative Ronald Reagan, making history by apparently becoming the first President to appoint an openly gay person to a public post.

But there was no triumph in watching the administration do something that it so obviously found distasteful. And a few days after it was leaked that Dr. Frank Lilly, a known homosexual, would be named to the President's AIDS commission, Reagan announced the full panel. It's a group undistinguished for any AIDS-related experience, and it includes several right-wing members who are clearly antigay.

Reagan lost no time in appointing a commission to deal with the AIDS crisis—it took him only six years. The President had never uttered the word AIDS in public until last spring, but he still vowed on July 23, the day he announced his commission, that "I will do all that God gives us the power to do to find a cure for AIDS." Perhaps God could give him a wake-up call.

The Presidential 12-member commission is supposed to come up with a "full-fledged strategy for battling AIDS." The panel's report could well turn out to be a right-wing attack on gay people. Consider these members of the commission:

--Cardinal John O'Connor, archbishop of the Diocese of New York. O'Connor is an outspoken enemy of gay people. He denounced a pro-gay executive order issued by Mayor Ed Koch, lobbied against the city's gay-rights ordinance, and helped to devise several of the Vatican's head-in-the-sand positions on homosexuality and AIDS.

--Theresa Crenshaw, a San Diego physician and sex counselor who has criticized condom use as "putting a mere balloon between ourselves and a deadly virus." Crenshaw reportedly supported the LaRouche-backed Proposition 64, which sought to quarantine people with AIDS in California.

--Richard De Vos, the founder and president of Amway, who opposed a gay-related antidiscrimination bill introduced in the Michigan legislature. De Vos is on the board of directors of the Robert Schuller Ministries. His wife, Helen, served as Michigan's head of Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum.

--Penny Pullen, a conservative Illinois state representative who sponsored a series of AIDS-related measures seeking mandatory HIV testing for several different groups along with mandatory tracing of the sexual partners of people with AIDS. Pullen represents the "panic approach" to dealing with AIDS. She is also a long-time backer of Ms. Schlafly.

--Cory SerVaas, conservative editor and publisher of the Saturday Evening Post. She is a strong supporter of Pat Robertson's presidential candidacy.

The panel, which was not scheduled to meet until after Labor Day, has been instructed to present an initial report to the President by the end of October. A final report is expected by next July, which would give Reagan only six months to take action on the commission's recommendations. Given the membership of the panel, the administration's dilatory pace may be our best ally.

--Ferdydurke, with help from David Walter's article in The Advocate, Sept. 1, 1987.

AIDS needs aid Reader offers help Reader turns red

AIDS outbreaks in Africa correspond geographically to those regions in which female circumcision is still practiced, says anthropologist Uli Linke of the University of California.

Infibulation, the most extreme female genital mutilation, includes the removal of the vulval tissues (including clitoris and labia.) The sides of the wound are sewn together, leaving a miniscule opening the size of a matchstick. No anesthetic is used; the instruments are not sterilized. Sexual intercourse is impossible unless the vagina is re-opened, often forcibly, leading to hemorrhaging. There is not only chronic pain but also lesions in the vaginal tissue leading to the presence of blood during intercourse. Anal intercourse is a common alternative.

An equal ratio of men and women make up the estimated 5 million AIDS victims in Central Africa. The overwhelming majority of western victims are male homosexuals and drug users who share dirty needles.

Women in Nigeria recently launched a massive campaign to educate against genital mutilation. Donations and inquiries are welcome:

Mrs. Hannah Edemikpong
Women's Centre
Box 185 Eket
Cross River State,
Nigeria, West Africa

From: IAM Newsletter, Aug. 1987

Post Amerikan Vol. 16, No. 3

Dear Post-Amerikan,

Incredulous at the sight of a raised-fist (vol. 16, #2) adorning a newspaper sold-by-the-corner-box in downtown Bloomington, I snatched up a copy and read it on my sun-porch. I was raised in this smug but pleasant town, yet somehow missed you during your first five years, 1972-77, and I've lived in the Eastern U.S. for the past ten.

Yours is a valuable voice of sanity on the local scene, and this one issue has done a lot to shatter my views respecting Bloomington-Normal's seeming homogeneity (I.S.U. excepted in part).

To find you, only to hear from your own pen that you may not be with us much longer, moved me to write to you at once. If you are still looking for volunteer help, please call me or write to me. I can give of some time and talent. I'm not sure how much of either, but I'm sure when added to the work of others my own efforts would be of some assistance.

Although I have only read what may be your last issue, it is obviously the excellent result of many years diligent labor by many concerned citizens of Central Illinois. More than I would have imagined possible before reading the Post Amerikan V. 16 #2, I have been moved by your attempt to advance through enlightenment (and some harangue) human civilization in this bread-box of the world.

I am,

TYPIST NOTE: Scott Oleson

Dear Scott, We've been calling you. Where are you?

Post Staff,

I finally found the kind of Marxist organization I've been looking for. I was beginning to wonder if there was a communist organization which objected to authoritarianism and torture while still being communist.

Fortunately, I came across News + Letters in Washington D.C. After the April 25 action I ordered subs and constitutions from News + Letters and the Revolutionary Communist Party. After reading the News + Letters Committee's constitution and bylaws I knew it was my kind of organization. I still haven't received my order from the R.C.P.

My money order was probably lost in the mail. I'll report it lost or stolen this week. Hopefully, I can just get my twelve bucks refunded.

Though I intend to be an active NLC member and supporter I will still make an occasional donation to the Post Amerikan. There is no love in my heart for Peyton Place, I mean Bloomington as a town, but it is my home town and I feel the Post Amerikan leads the fight for workers' rights in that city.

Yours in Solidarity,
Richard S. Mote

P.S. Thanks again for publishing the thing I wrote against fascism and racism a few years back.

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Sexual diversity: A better answer

In this time of AIDS and homophobia, there are saner, more humane voices speaking--those of Native Americans in Walter L. Williams's The Spirit and the Flesh: Sexual Diversity in American Indian Culture (Beacon, 1986).

Among many tribes there has always been a tradition of a third gender between men and women (known by various native terms such as nadle or winkte; berdache is French). Both the person and society benefit when such differences from the majority are accepted as natural. Briefly, a winkte is a man who is androgynous (both masculine and feminine) in behavior, and who has sexual partners of his same sex. (Williams also tells of women, whom he calls "amazons," who sometimes fill this societal role.)

Unlike in our dominant Judeo-Christian culture, berdaches and their lovers are not considered "unmanly," ridiculed, pressured to conform, or

punished.

Instead, a nadle fills an important role within his family and tribe. He helps with the upbringing of children. He is generous with his wealth to those in need. A nadle is described as hard-working, accomplished in the arts and crafts, highly individualistic, and flamboyant.

His family furthermore enjoys increased prestige because of his tribal contributions. There he serves as a mediator between men and women. His wisdom is consulted, and his imposing presence is essential at ceremonies. His sexual activity is also seen as a part of tribal life.

Of course, when Europeans came to this land, they and their missionaries tried their best to stamp out such third gender traditions. We've inherited this legacy.

But a month after I read this book,

Liberace died. Everything just struck me--we have an unrecognized berdache tradition that is simply waiting to be realized! Yes, I know this way of thinking is hardly "Bloomington-Normal mainstream." But go back through the list that describes the nadle's roles within his family and society. Read Williams's book. Think about Rock Hudson and other movie stars who are gay, but are idolized by millions of middle-aged matrons.

We as a culture have rock stars such as Michael Jackson and Boy George--people who may or may not be gay in private life, but who celebrate androgyny in glitzy performances.

The present is too much filled with fear and hatred. I do not want to continue to live that way as a culture. Williams brings us voices we need to listen to closely.

--No name

Community News

Time Out for teen moms

If you are a teen mom, or if you are a pregnant teen, you probably need time out--time out from fixing meals every day, time out from watching over your baby every minute, time out for you.

Planned Parenthood's APPLIES has just the answer for you--Time Out.

Time Out groups are starting at the end of September. The groups are open to any woman who is or was a teen mom.

Time Out will provide a hot, nutritious meal for the moms during the meeting, child care at the meeting, and transportation to and from the meetings. There will be both afternoon and evening groups.

Time Out will help teen moms learn about the growth and development of their babies; how to balance a relationship, a job, and a family; new ways of feeling good about yourself.

For more information about Time Out groups, call Cathy at 827-4368.

Time Out--it's free, it's fun, it's for you!

Black history project

The Bloomington/Normal Black History Project is presenting a major Program and Exhibit celebrating 152 years of Black people in this area. The event will be held at the McLean County Historical Society (201 E. Grove, McBarnes Bldg.) on October 3rd from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Free parking in the Bloomington City public parking lot.)

All of the activities are free. Ap-

Encephalitis warning

In nature, St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) is carried by birds. The Culex Pipiens, or northern house mosquito, in turn, is the carrier of the disease between birds and humans. Although most people who have encephalitis recover completely, some individuals may be stricken with severe symptoms such as convulsions, coma, paralysis, or personality changes. Death occurs in approximately 10% of the cases. The Illinois Department of Public Health, as part of its annual surveillance of wild birds, has found significant SLE antibody titers in birds in Christian County, less than eighty miles south of McLean County.

Although no confirmed cases of encephalitis have been reported in McLean County, the Health Department recommends that local residents take the following precautions:

- Help eliminate Culex breeding sites

proximately 100 community people and ISU faculty-staff are involved in planning this event.

The effort is financed by the Illinois Council of Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Bloomington Human Relations Commission, McLean County Historical Society, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and Illinois State University.

from yards and premises by discarding tin cans, old tires, bottles or any other container that may collect small amounts of water. Stack pails, barrels, tubs, wheelbarrels and vases upside down. Empty and clean wading pools at least once a week. Provide proper maintenance of backyard swimming pools.

- Help protect yourself by using liberal amounts of mosquito repellent, especially when going outdoors after dusk. The Culex mosquito normally rests during the day and emerges around dusk to feed.

Anyone experiencing a sudden onset of high fever, headache, or muscle-ache should contact a physician immediately. Subsequent symptoms of encephalitis may include stiffness in the back of the neck, problems with muscular coordination, disorientation or confusion. For more information contact the McLean County Health Department at 454-1161.

Classy Fried Ads



SAVE A CAT! Moving; must give up gorgeous antisocial 7½ yr old gray and white long-haired spayed female cat. Needs tolerant person who doesn't need to pet her often or who will follow behavior therapy program; interesting study in feline psychology and feline-human interactions. Has cohabited with other cats. Comes with moving kit (food & litter). Call SOON or she has to go to the shelter. 828-8875 or 827-0296.

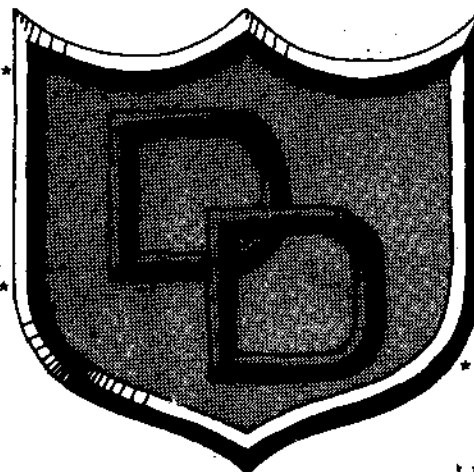
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More Community News

School immunizations

State law requires that children entering school be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella.

School code revisions, effective June 29, 1987, require that all children enrolled in school, including female students age ten and older, provide evidence of immunity to rubella.

The rubella vaccine is available through private physicians and the McLean County Health Department.

Pledge of Resistance / CISPES fall calendar

- Sept. 12 CISPES meeting, 7:30 pm Stevenson 346 (ISU Campus)
- Sept. 17 Dr. David Linder speaks at Global Review. ISU Walker Hall, 7 pm with reception following at Newman Center, 501 S Main, Normal
- Sept. 24 Pledge Meeting at 7 pm, Newman Center, followed by Central America Debate, 7:30, also at Newman
- Sept. 26 "Days of Decision" rally and protest against Contra aid, Normal Post Office, 10 am to noon
- Sept. 29, Oct. 13, Oct. 27 CISPES meetings
- Oct. 8, 22 Pledge Meetings, 7 pm Newman
- Oct. 24 National Walk-a-thon for Justice and Peace with the People of El Salvador, 10:30 am (Contact CISPES for more info)
- Nov. 3 Protest Jean Kirkpatrick speaking at Wesleyan's Fieldhouse. Contact Pledge for more info

Pledge of Resistance--828-2507
829-3954
CISPES--829-3701

The Health Department's Immunization Clinic is in operation Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. There is a minimal fee per immunization. Parents or guardians must accompany their children and are encouraged to bring previous immunization records.

If there are any questions regarding the new regulations, please contact the McLean County Health Department at 454-1161.

Health screening

The McLean County Health Department will be conducting a health screening clinic for senior citizens at the Heyworth Legion Hall on Wednesday, September 30 from 9:30 to 10:30 am.

Hematocrit, glucose, and blood pressure tests will be provided to senior citizens 60 years of age and older. Donations are requested.

Diabetes awareness group

Diabetes is an ongoing challenge both for the diabetic and for anyone close to her or him. Do you wonder what you should do when your diabetic friend/student/client may be going into a reaction? Do you want to have your diabetic date over for supper but you're not sure what to serve? Has someone you love developed diabetes and you wonder what that "means" for how they'll live their life? Have you picked up myths of what diabetes is or involves, and you want some accurate information? Are you diabetic and feeling isolated in your efforts to balance "normal" life and particular requirements/complications of your diabetes?

Come share your concerns! The ISU DIABETES AWARENESS GROUP will hold its first meeting at 3 pm Wednesday, September 16, 112 Fairchild Hall. We plan to elect officers, brainstorm on topics of interest and activities for this semester, and start an information and support network. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are welcome! Interested but unable to attend? Call ISU Student Health Services, 438-5948, or Margaret Wolf, 827-0296.

Birth survey

An independent survey is being conducted by CAPIE (Childbirth and Parenting Information Exchange). All local birthing women are invited to participate. The 2 page questionnaire asks women what they like and dislike, want and need regarding birthing services. Questions cover the full range: prenatal care, labor and delivery, birth attendants, and postpartum services for mothers and babies. Final results will start to be tabulated on Nov. 1. Copies are available by calling Sue Frizzell, CAPIE Secy.-Treas., at 452-0310.

GPA fall schedule

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| Wednesdays | Gay People's Alliance Meetings 8 pm
112 Fairchild Hall
ISU Campus |
| Sept. 2 | Movie Night: "I Wanna Be a Beauty Queen"; Officer Elections |
| Sept. 9 | Gay Gaymes |
| Sept. 16 | Relationships: Why They Work and Don't Work and How to Develop One |
| Sept. 23 | Religion & Homosexuality |
| Sept. 30 | Biannual Coffeehouse & Poetry Reading |
| Oct. 7 | History/Herstory of GPA and Homosexuals |
| Oct. 14 | Gay/Straight Rap |
| Oct. 21 | Movie Night: TBA |
| Oct. 28 | AIDS Discussion |
| Nov. 4 | Coming Out to Family & Friends |
| Nov. 11 | Multiple Oppressions and Violence Against Gays & Lesbians |
| Nov. 18 | Movie Night: TBA |
| Nov. 25 | Thanksgiving Break:
No GPA Meeting |
| Dec. 2 | Xmas Party |
| Dec. 9 | Finals: No GPA Meeting |

OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays--Support Group
Tuesdays--Coffeehouse
Thursdays--Happy Hour

PARTIES

Fri., Sept. 18
Pink Lambda Lambda Lambda Rush Party
(dress tastefully in pink)

Fri., Oct. 23
Halloween Party

Fri. Nov. 20
60's Party

POTLUCK DINNER PARTIES

Sun., Oct. 4
Sun., Nov. 1
Sun., Dec. 6

For further information on any of the events, please attend a GPA meeting. Community people are welcome.

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APPLES needs volunteers

APPLES--Planned Parenthood's Adolescent Parent Program for Learning Essential Skills--needs volunteers to facilitate Time Out groups for teen moms. The groups meet weekly and allow the young mothers a chance to get together and talk about their experiences and to learn new skills for their new roles as parents.

Volunteers are also needed to provide child care at Time Out meetings. Child care providers not only give the moms a chance to be by themselves, but they also give the children a space to play, learn, and grow.

At every meeting, the adolescent mothers are given special learning activities to do with their children at home. These activities are designed to take into account the age and development of the child, the ability of the mother, and the desired level of mother-child interaction. APPLES needs volunteers to devise activities for use both at the meetings and at home.

The teen moms and their kids are given a hot, nutritious meal at the meetings, and Time Out needs help with meal planning and preparation.

Time Out needs volunteers to provide counseling for teen moms, teen dads, and the parents of those teen parents. Teen pregnancy affects all members of a household, and the issues that the new moms, dads, and grandparents have are very difficult--but very important.

Many teen parents must also learn to utilize the local social services. Most teenagers do not know what services are available or how to go about getting help. APPLES needs volunteers to provide help for the teen parents as they use the social service system, and to help them assess their situations and the services that might be most beneficial to them.

Training for APPLES volunteers is scheduled for September 22 and 24. If you are interested in volunteering your time, and if you are interested in helping teen parents, please call Cathy at 827-4368 to arrange an interview. You CAN make a difference.

Bills killin' ya?

Do you live in public housing and pay too much for your utilities? If you live in public housing, the housing authority is required to pay you a "utility allowance" to help you pay for your utilities, if you have utility bills in your name. Sometimes this amount is not nearly enough to pay the utility bills. If you are paying more for your utilities than you receive in a utility allowance, you may wish to contact Prairie State Legal Services at (309) 827-5021 or 1-800-874-2436 (toll free).

The Bloomington-Normal Black History Project Cordially Invites You to Attend
We the People: A Celebration of Black History in Bloomington-Normal
Program and Exhibits
Celebrating 152 Years of History
Saturday, October 3, 1987
12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
McLean County Historical Society
201 East Grove Street
Bloomington, Illinois

Ben Linder peace tour here

Dr. David Linder, father of Benjamin Linder, will speak at Illinois State University, sponsored by Global Review on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 pm, Walker Hall lounge, Normal, IL. Dr. Linder will be speaking about the US role in Central America and events surrounding the death of his son Ben.

Benjamin Linder, a 27 year old engineer from Portland, Oregon, was murdered by US backed Contras in Nicaragua on April 29, 1987, along with two Nicaraguan co-workers. He was a volunteer in San Jose de Bocay, a small village in northern Nicaragua, where he was designing a small hydroelectric plant. The plant would have been the second built by Linder in rural Nicaragua. Linder was sitting by a stream

taking measurements when twenty contras attacked. He was wounded before he was assassinated at point blank range.

Dr. Linder is appearing at ISU as part of the Ben Linder Peace Tour, a national speaking tour by the Linder family and US volunteers in Nicaragua who knew and worked with Ben Linder.

The tour's goal is to shed light on Ben's life as a volunteer in Nicaragua, his assassination by the contras, and the significance of his death for US foreign policy in Central America.

The tour will also serve to promote the Benjamin Linder Memorial Fund, which seeks to raise \$200,000 to help complete the hydroelectric project Ben was working on at the time of his death. Donations to the Memorial Fund may be sent to the Benjamin Linder Memorial Fund c/o PCASC PO Box 6443 Portland, OR 97223

Income or outgo?

Do you receive SSI and social security? Is the social security office counting as part of your income money being withheld from social security checks for a past overpayment? If so, you may wish to talk with Prairie State Legal Services, 827-5021 or 1-800-874-2536. A federal judge in Springfield has recently decided that Social Security is violating the law when it counts money as income that you are not actually receiving.

OR needs volunteers

Want to do something about our environment? Are you tired of the "throw-away society"? Operation Recycle needs volunteers who can give a few hours of time each month to help keep our growing community recycling center on track.

Jobs available include helping with a Saturday buyback, loading trucks, helping with public relations and assisting with maintenance/construction of drop-off sites.

Give us a call to find out more. Our number is 829-0691.

Evening immunizations

The McLean County Health Department will be conducting an Evening Immunization Clinic at the McLean County Health Department, 905 N. Main, Normal, every third Tuesday of each month through December 1987.

The times and dates of clinics are as follows:

Sept 15	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Oct 20	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Nov 17	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Dec 15	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

A parent or legal guardian must accompany children and bring previous immunization records.

A fee of \$1.00 is charged for each immunization.

For more information contact McLean County Health Department 454-1161.

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Mother Murphy's in Normal is the most popular hangout for the deal finder. If you only have a buck, you can leave with an album, which is in suprisingly good shape and usually very popular during its time.

Murphy's specializes in used records and also sells silk screens, buttons and other assorted items ideal for the dorm room. It is located at 111 1/2 N. Street.

— Tim O'Brien
Entertainment Editor
Daily Vidette

Flu shots for elderly

The McLean County Health Department will be offering influenza vaccinations to senior citizens over 60 years of age at the following locations:

- Thursday, Sept 17 McLean County Health Dept 905 N. Main St., Normal 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, Sept 18 Western Ave. Community Center 600 N. Western Ave. Bloomington, IL 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Sept 21 Newman Center 501 S. Main St., Normal 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept 23 Woodhill Towers Community Room 104 E. Wood, Bloomington 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- Thursday, Sept 24 McLean County Health Dept. 905 N. Main St., Normal 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, Sept 25 Miller Park Pavilion 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Monday, Sept 28 Chenoa American Legion Hall Chenoa, IL 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept 30 Heyworth Legion Hall Heyworth, IL 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, Oct 5 LeRoy Community Building LeRoy, IL 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct 6 Lexington St. Paul Lutheran Church Lexington, IL 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

- Wednesday, Oct 7 Gridley Community Bldg Gridley, IL 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- Thursday, Oct 8 McLean County Health Dept 905 N. Main St., Normal 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Some senior citizens should consult a physician before being administered influenza vaccine. For example, those who have a fever or feel ill; those who have received another type of vaccine in the past 14 days; those with allergies to eggs; and those with multiple sclerosis, previous attacks of Guillain Barre Syndrome or other recurring or persistent neurological illnesses. A \$1.00 donation is requested.

For more information on influenza vaccination, contact a physician or the McLean County Health Department.

Operation Recycle update

"NEXT TIME...TRY RECYCLING," read the banner which the environmental activist group Greenpeace put along the length of the Islip, New York, garbage barge. The barge traveled thousands of miles this summer looking for a place to dump its load of over 3000 tons of baled garbage.

The barge owners found no one willing to accept its cargo and eventually returned to New York where, after further delays, the garbage was burned in an incinerator. The moral of the story is, "you can't throw anything away, because there is no away left on earth."

For those who want to "try

recycling," Operation Recycle will be opening a new drop off location in the parking lot of the Western Avenue Community Center by late September. Funds from the materials collected at the drop-off box will go to help finance community center activities.

Other OR drops-offs are located at 1100 W. Market, 501 E. Stewart, the K-Mart parking lot (in the back corner across from the automotive department) and the Zayre parking lot, all in Bloomington, and the ISU parking lot at Locust and Main (near the football bleachers) and Hoosier School in Normal.

Newspapers, container glass, plastic milk jugs, beverage cans and tin cans should be brought to the drop boxes in grocery sacks or (in the case of newspapers and plastic jugs) tied.

The Operation Recycle buyback at 1100 W. Market will remain open 6 mornings a week from 9am-noon through the end of October.

Operation Recycle is McLean County's only multi-material, not-for-profit community recycling center. For more information, call 829-0691. Operation Recycle is a part of Community Acton.

For the love of animals

Welcome back, gentle readers, to alternative press and all it has to offer. After the Post summer hiatus, I welcome the opportunity to speak with you once again on the struggle of animal rights advocacy.

Many news items have accumulated in my file (I seem to have been targeted as a soft touch on animal issues). Some have made me smile, or thoughtful, and then some make me sick inside. I am a squeamish soldier in this battle -- I cut out and discard pictures of torture and mutilation. But I cannot so easily excise the memory of these atrocities. I am not suggesting that we remain ignorant of the world's evils, but let's pack up those pustules and bandage the gaping wounds, instead of running for the Nikkon.

A picture may be worth 1000 words, but the pen can also paint a vivid picture.

The fall fashion season is once more upon us, and trappers everywhere are preparing their grisly harvest for fur-hungry consumers. Don't kid yourselves; those spiffy raccoon and lynx and beaver duos came from wild creatures who may have endured countless hours of agony in a steel jaw trap. These are not farmed furs (just another example of "humane" cruelty), but the product of untold suffering.

But what of the additional suffering inflicted on the trappers' "trash" -- those victims who are valueless. The statistics are staggering. For every target animal, three non-target animals become trap fodder. Dogs, cats, hawks, eagles, all attracted to that bait enticement, and totally useless to a trapper. Imagine his anger at finding "trash" when he expects furry treasure. Pity any

helpless victim when faced by such fiscal frustration.

Trapping is a very lucrative business. For just a couple of hours work per day during trapping season, a full year's wages can be earned by anyone with a brace of leg-hold traps and access to good semi-natural habitat. Did you know that it is legal to trap within city limits? A trap could be waiting out there for your dog or cat, or child. Traps can be set on your private rural property without your consent. The law sets limits on how far they must be from human habitation, but recent legislation has been introduced to decrease this distance.

The full length fox coat you just saw on Wheel of Fortune took the prime pelts of 42 foxes. If 3 times as many "trash animals" were caught to equal that quantity, the old abacus shows us that 126 wasted deaths were caused before the quota was filled. Nothing is worth that toll in suffering.

Beautiful people don't wear fur. Faux fur offers as much style as the real thing, and at not so dear a price.

On a more positive note, the Animal Protection League of Illinois is once again sponsoring a low-cost spay/neuter program for dogs and cats. Last year, nearly 250 animals of both species and sexes received attention by a local veterinarian, and in so doing helped stem the burgeoning population of homeless and neglected strays.

It is cruel negligence to allow your pet to indiscriminately breed with no regard for the consequences. The product of such couplings creates a burden to owner, animal shelter and community alike. The only winners in

this game are classified advertisers and animal exploiters such as pit-bull trainers and laboratories.

Neutering is an investment in your own future peace of mind. Your furry friend will be more loyal and loving, and less likely to stray. Mating operas won't disturb your slumber. Finances won't be strained by the veterinary and advertising costs in disposing of unwanted litters.

And the community burden will be lightened. The McLean County Animal Shelter, a tax-supported entity, housed 2,408 animals in 1985, and 1,600 of them, nearly 70%, were killed because no one wanted them.

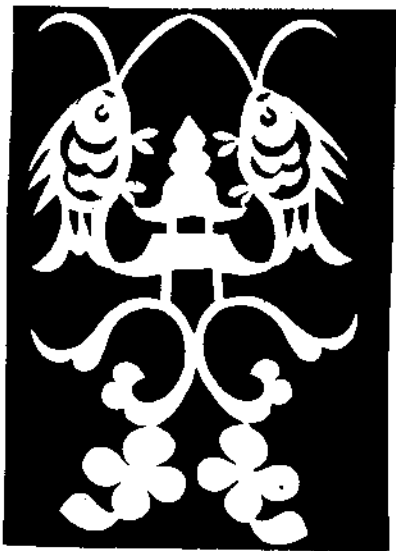
The A.P.L. low-cost spay/neuter program offers people of any income level a once-a-year opportunity to help break this shameless cycle at a greatly reduced price.

A certain faction of veterinarians opposes the program on the assumption that all those "bargain" surgeries are draining their coffers. Since many of these pets would not have otherwise received attention, this assumption can only be faulty, and their motives invidious.

So, if you feel your pet is worth a respite from biological burdens, contact the A.P.L. Beginning October 1st and continuing through the month, program registration will be taken and appointments made. For more information, call Teddy Johnson at 828-5371, Krystal Donovan at 829-9768, of Ginny Underwood at 1-527-2627.

Pet ownership is a responsibility, and aren't your friends worth it?

- RAF
with thanks to
Friends of Animals
and the A.P.L.



The Underground Vegetarian

Kiku--A real restaurant comes to B-N

Raw fish. That's right. Raw fish. That's what they've got. Raw fish. By now, you are probably thinking one of three things: (1) Who cares?, (2) Oh, gross!, or (3) Tell me more! If you fall into the first category, a pox on your firstborn for being so apathetic; if you fall into the second category, a pox on your secondborn for being such a jerk. If, on the other hand, you fall into the third category, then you are obviously a person with a sense of adventure, and a great deal of charm, wit, and sophistication. In other words, I like you.

Bloomington/Normal's newest and most sophisticated (and probably most expensive) restaurant is a pleasant change of pace from the run-of-the-mill schlock this town has had to put up with for years. If Grand Cafe is considered by many to be the best restaurant in town (witness recent letters to the Pantagraph), then "Kiku--The Japanese Restaurant" may just be the culinary Nirvana central Illinois vegetarians have so badly been needing. In a town where lard, dead cow flesh, and MSG reign supreme, the simplicity and subtle flavoring of authentic Japanese cuisine will come as quite a surprise. (No processed glop here, folks.)

For those of you who have not yet had the pleasure of trying Kiku's, or may be unfamiliar with the restaurant, it just opened in August on the northeast side of College Hills Mall--behind Rocky Rococo's and next to Bennigan's. As the restaurant can get crowded, reservations are definitely recommended.

Upon entering, the visitor is greeted by waitresses dressed in traditional kimonos; a Japanese rock garden and moon bridge provide the setting. On the righthand side is the register, where a waitress will greet you; in

the center are the tables set up in the Western manner (i.e. with chairs) and a Teppan Yaki corner for stir-fry or tempura cooking. (Dead cow flesh steaks are also available here.)

In the back is a Tatami room--that is, a traditional Japanese dining room with low tables, mats for sitting on, and movable ricepaper screens for privacy. (Group reservations only!) On the lefthand side is a Western-style bar and a sushi bar (for the adventurous--or the inebriated). Feeling both inebriated and adventurous on a recent visit to Kiku's, we opted for the sushi bar.

Ah, the sushi bar. One of life's little pleasures, it ranks up there with playing snugglebunnies with your own special someone at three in the morning. While you probably can't play snugglebunnies at the sushi bar, you can get great sushi or sashimi. For the uninitiated, sushi is not (I repeat, not) raw fish. Rather, sushi is a Japanese word that refers to preparing rice with a sugar/rice wine vinegar dressing that gives the rice a special mild tartness and crispness. The rice is then prepared in a number of different ways, often being rolled up in seaweed (Nori rolls) or with raw fish cutlets.

Sashimi refers to different types of raw seafood prepared with pickled vegetables. There are two menus--an entree menu and an a la carte menu, which shows pictorially each type of sushi or sashimi available. (For those who read Japanese, there is also a menu entirely in Japanese.)

We chose seafood on a bed of sushi rice, pressed whitefish sushi, and sashimi in a wooden bowl. (Price of all entrees: \$7 to \$15, roughly.) The seafood over rice included raw tuna, cuttlefish, shrimp, smoked eel,

pickled ginger, and wasabi (hot green horseradish), and came with a mundane tossed salad (an undignified bow to American tastes) and excellent miso (bean curd) soup.

The pressed sushi consisted of rice pressed into small squares and topped with wasabi and raw whitefish, while the sashimi included raw tuna, salmon, cuttlefish, pickled Daikon radish (a mild Japanese white radish), and seaweed and was served with pickled ginger (hot!) and soy sauce.

We also ordered the following from the a la carte menu: California rolls (sushi rice, raw crab, avocado, and wasabi rolled up in toasted seaweed sheets), cucumber rolls (rice, cucumber slices, wasabi rolled in seaweed), and raw shrimp sushi (rice, shrimp, wasabi). (Note for the faint of heart: fish can be either cooked or omitted entirely, although the chef may blacklist you, and for those who just can't seem to master the art of using chopsticks, forks are available.)

For those on a budget, be forewarned: a la carte selections will cost you \$1.25 to \$2 for each piece of sushi. No one ever said sushi was cheap, but considering that Kiku's imported a chef from Japan specially for the sushi bar, it's not such a bad deal. As an aperitif, a Japanese Sapporo or Suntory beer is recommended, with hot sake (rice wine) accompanying the meal. (Note: sake is potent!)

When you combine raw fish prepared to perfection, vegetarian a la carte selections, mind-altering alcoholic beverages, pleasant companionship, and exotic atmosphere, you've got all the ingredients for a festive evening. Kiku's offers all that and much more. And to hell with the cost. After all, you only live once.

Peace!

--Artie Choke

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