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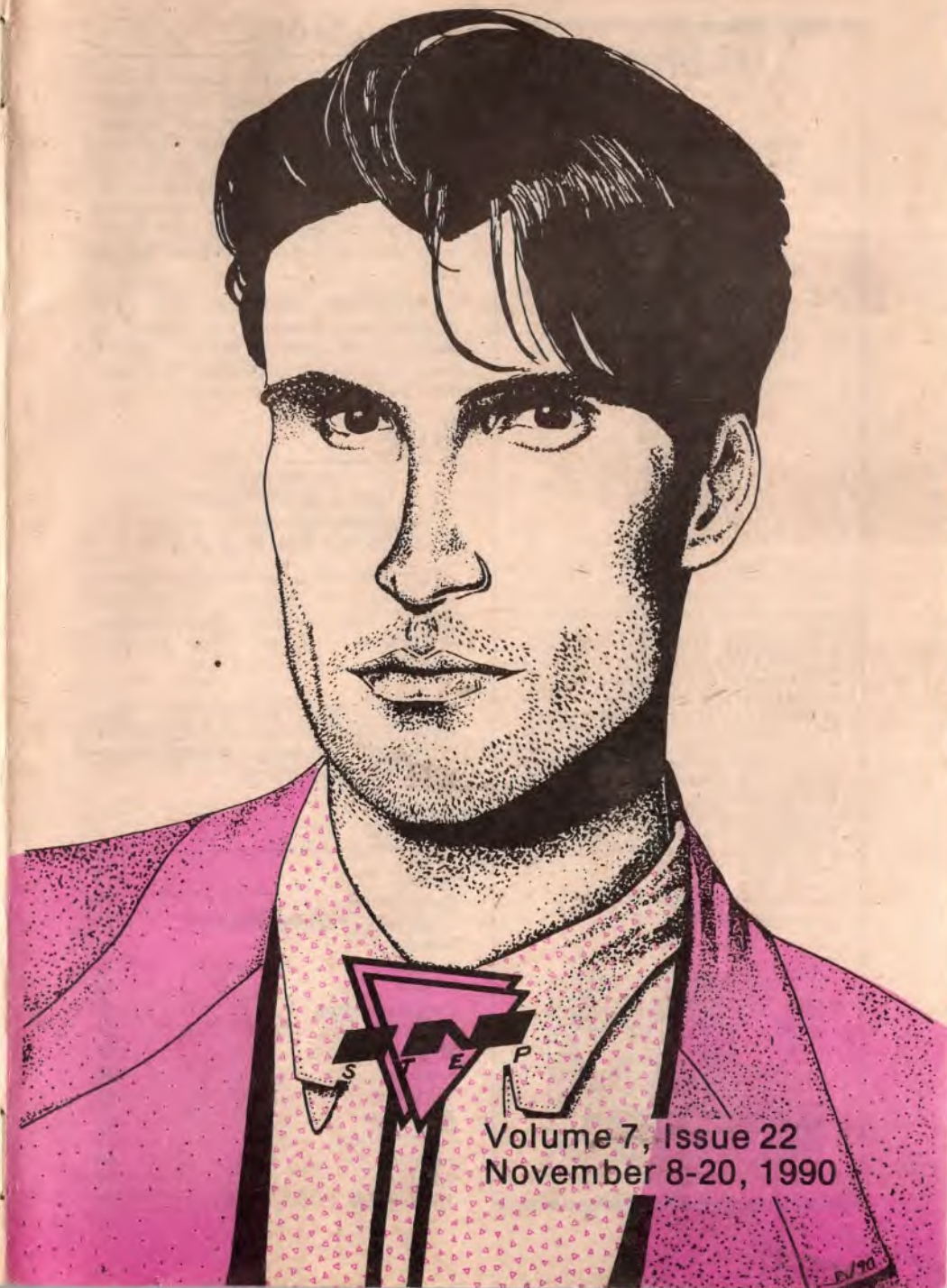
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Cover Story

Madison's Jim Buckett returns to the cover with another In Step novelty item, his first was the pencil sketch of the man wearing an In Step Baseball cap. When we ran his last cover, we didn't have In Step caps... now we do. We presently do not have In Step bolo ties, but if anyone out there is into ceramics and could make them for us, please call our office. Thanks Jim!

ATTENTION ARTISTS: Our art supplies have dwindled once again, so please send in submissions for the cover. Keep them in ink (preferably) and keep them seasonal.

Note

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DUE TO SPACE RESTRAINTS "THE GUIDE" HAD TO BE PULLED FROM THIS ISSUE, IT WILL RETURN FULLY UPDATED, NEXT ISSUE.

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by Tom Rezza



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News

Congress Agrees On Almost \$1.9 Billion In AIDS Funds

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — The U.S. Congress on Oct. 25 agreed on spending nearly \$1.9 billion for the nation's AIDS programs in fiscal year 1991, including a hard-fought \$350.6 million for a recently enacted AIDS care package.

Passing out the \$182.1 billion 1991 appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, the House and Senate completed action on the package which contains the bulk of the nation's AIDS spending. The bill went to the President, whose signature was expected.

The \$1.88 billion dollars for federal AIDS programs included in the bill marks a 20 percent increase over 1990 funding levels.

Of the AIDS figures, the most hailed item was the \$350.6 million in spending which will be used to implement the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, an omnibus AIDS package overwhelmingly approved by Congress and signed by the President earlier this year.

Stunned that the bill was left completely unfunded by a Senate appropriations subcommittee earlier in the process, AIDS activists had staged a forceful campaign to effect implementation of the bill in the current fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

During their final comments on the bill, a number of House and Senate members mentioned the AIDS figures as lower than they would have hoped, but as much as could be found under the circumstances.

The CARE bill originally authorized \$4.4 billion to be spent over five years to channel money to urban and rural areas disproportionately affected by the epidemic, formalize certain existing AIDS service programs and set up a series of HIV early intervention initiatives nationwide. The measure allowed for up to \$881 million to be spent for these

programs in fiscal 1991.

But operating under the gun of the limited finances offered by the House and Senate committees and the all-encompassing budget deficit, AIDS activists were pleased, although not satisfied, with the 350.6 million they got for the CARE package.

Of the \$350.6 million allocated for the CARE bill, \$150 million is funding for new government AIDS programs. Slightly over \$200 million of the line item will be used to subsidize existing efforts, such as a four-year old low income AIDS drug subsidy which until passage of the CARE bill was not a formal government program.

Seventeen hard-hit urban centers and other areas with a disproportionate number of AIDS cases will qualify for \$88.7 million in federal grants from the final bill. Another \$88.7 million is included in the package for existing AIDS service programs and \$174.9 million in grants is offered for early intervention initiatives.

The remaining AIDS-specific expenditures for the Public Health Service in the money bill include \$496.8 million for the Centers for Disease Control, \$821 million for the National Institutes of Health, \$63.2 million for the Food and Drug Administration and \$2.9 million for the National Commission on AIDS.

NEA Exonerates Gay Film Fest

San Francisco — The National Endowment for the Arts disclosed on October 15, that it had conducted an investigation of a 1990 grant made to Frameline. (Frameline is the national Lesbian and Gay media arts organization that presents the annual San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival.) The NEA began its

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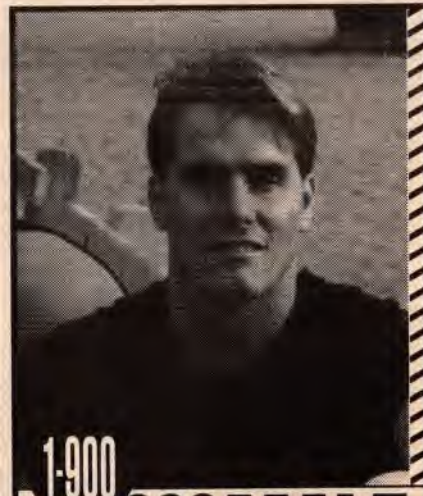


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Gays Surround Chicago Cops

by Rex Wockner

Sixty Chicago cops faced off with more than 500 anti-violence demonstrators Oct. 20 outside the 23rd District police station in the heart of the city's Gay New Town neighborhood.

As marchers approached the intersection of Halsted and Addison Streets, police surrounded the building, lining up shoulder-to-shoulder for half-a-block on either side.

At first, some demonstrators thought police were there to show support for the

investigation of the organization's use of federal funds on July 5, after allegations from conservative Congressmen and religious groups that the grant was being used to fund obscene work.

This investigation is the first to be undertaken by the NEA to determine if a grantee had violated the Helms amendment of the 1990 NEA appropriations bill. The amendment (since dropped in new NEA legislation) stated that NEA funds may not be used to promote homoerotic materials which "when taken as a whole, do not have serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value."

The investigation was launched after a letter from the U.S. General Accounting Office to the NEA raised questions regarding grants made by the Endowment. The GAO letter was sent to the NEA in response to inquires made by Sen. Jesse Helms, and conservative religious groups, about the Endowment's activities.

Frameline was exonerated by the NEA after its review determined that the Festival presented works of artistic integrity. An NEA official concluded that "the festival was considered to be one of the premiere ones in the world."

The San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival presents films and videos by Lesbian and Gay artists to annual audiences of over 25,000. The annual event has received NEA funding since 1988, and is currently being considered for a 1991 award.

march — since officers were standing in a relaxed pose.

But Police Operational Services vice-commander John Walsh explained, "We're here because these people would like to run through the station and have their fun in there, that's why."

The march was staged by the Coalition Against Bashing, a group of 15 Gay, Lesbian, bisexual, AIDS, disabled, Latino, women's and people-of-color organizations.

Among those responsible for increased Gay-bashing in the past year, organizers said, is the Chicago Police Department itself.

During the 20 minute face-off, protesters used a portable P.A. system to hurl inflammatory accusations at the officers. The group then marched off chanting, "Nazi Cops, Fuck Off."

Protesters chanted: "Whose streets? Our streets!" "Out of the closet and into your face!" "We're here. We're queer. Get used to it!" And "You say sodomy, we say fabulous!"

Comic relief was provided by the Killer Queens, five men from Queer Nation dressed in black fish-net and carrying tommy guns.

Peruvian Gays Killed

by Rex Wockner

Peru's Maoist Shining Path guerrillas were responsible for 30 anti-Gay murders in 1989, according to human-rights organizations interviewed by France's magazine Gai Pied.

The magazine said the guerrillas hold that, "Homosexuality is a bourgeois deviation, a cultural deformation linked to imperialism and Soviet revisionism."

Shining Path leader Gonzalo has been quoted as saying, "Creation of imperialism, homosexuality must be annihilated."

Gai Pied's report was confirmed by Oscar Urgarteche, spokesman for the

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Movimiento Homosexual de Lima, in an Oct. 26 telephone interview.

According to Gai Pied and Urgarteche, the guerrillas are most active in Peru's rural High Plains, where they send letters to homosexuals ordering them to renounce their sexuality or leave town. If the homosexual does not respond, a second letter gives him 48 hours to depart.

After 48 hours, Gai Pied said, "A body will be found full of bullet holes with a note attached reading, "This is how the bourgeois die."

According to Gai Pied, hairdressers and witch doctors are always Shining Path's first targets. All village shamans are Gay, the magazine reported, "and everyone accepts it." The Gay witch doctors are believed to be able to bring rain and cure illness. They also mediate small disputes.

The guerrilla's anti-Gay campaign coincides with passage of legislation by the Peruvian parliament mandating HIV testing of all people at high risk for AIDS. The law takes effect Jan. 1.

Anti-Gay Arrests In Cincinnati

by Rex Wockner

Just three days after Gays protested outside the trial of the Cincinnati Arts Center — which was cleared of obscenity charges stemming from display of photographs by the late Gay photographer Robert Mapplethorpe — Cincinnati police arrested two Gay men for holding hands inside a parked car.

Commedore Canyon, 29, of Cincinnati and John Harden, 28, of suburban Ludlow, KY., were cited in Eden park on the city's southeast side for disorderly conduct by creating an offensive condition.

Officer Marty Polk testified that he saw Canyon and Harden holding hands when he shined a flashlight into their car.

Hamilton County Municipal Judge Joseph Leubbers promptly dismissed the charge against the two men Oct. 25,

saying it was too vague to mean anything, but the American Civil Liberties Union and Gay activists are livid that the arrests happened in the first place.

The arrests followed by three days a large Gay demonstration at the county courthouse where the Cincinnati Arts Center and director Dennis Barrie were on trial for displaying homoerotic Mapplethorpe photos.

Asian Gays Gather

by Rex Wockner

As the Gay liberation movement continues its spread into developing nations, more than 30 Asian activists gathered in late August in Bangkok to share ideas and plot international strategy.

Delegates attended from Guam, Japan and Malaysia, and Gay groups in many other Asian nations, including Hong Kong, South Korea and Taiwan, sent letters regretting that they did not have any travel funds. Several absent organizations sent papers detailing the state of their local Gay movements.

As the conference opened, key Thai activist Natee Teerarojjanapongs told delegates that, "Over the past decade, we have seen a dramatic shift in acceptance of Gay identity and lifestyles in Bangkok, as the result of the development of a significant Gay business community, a vigorous Gay press, and the role of good Gay men presented by the media."

"Let us speak up courageously without being afraid of disputes," added Teishiri Minami of the Japanese International Lesbian and Gay Association Support Group. "we must stand up now — not for someone else, but for ourselves — so we can live faithfully and truthfully."

Minami says there is "a new Gay militancy" in Japan.

Malaysian delegates, from the Pink Triangle organization, said homosexuality is not discussed in their country but the government is 'relaxed' about the underground Gay world. Gay sex is illegal under both civil and Islamic law, the delegates said.

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Black Leaders Discuss G/L Issues

Atlanta, GA — Black leaders from around the country met in mid September at The King Center in Atlanta, GA to discuss placing Black Lesbian/Gay concerns on the agendas of major Black institutions.

Representatives from The King Center, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the National Conference of Black Mayors met with the heads of Black Lesbian and Gay organizations, including the National Coalition of Black Lesbians & Gays, and the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum.

Discussion centered on Gay/Lesbian rights, historical contributions of Black Lesbians and Gays, Black history and the Black liberation struggle, and the resources Black Lesbians and Gay men can bring to current concerns of Black communities. The devastating affect of HIV disease/AIDS, anti-Lesbian/Gay violence, and sexism were also discussed by the group.

The group of Black leaders agreed recognition and utilization of the talents and expertise of Black Lesbians and Gay men by traditional Black institutions needs to be a priority.

"Most Black Lesbians and Gays believe traditional Black institutions such as the (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) and (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) are closed to them," said Sabrina Sojourner, one of the meetings conveners. "Part of the purpose of this meeting was to explore the extent to which this might be true and to begin a dialogue to bring about inclusion."

Though unable to attend in person, Dr. Joseph Lowery, President SCLC, sent a representative with a statement expressing SCLC's dedication "to the elimination of bias and discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, national origin, sex, and sexual orientation."

The group will spend the next few months encouraging other Black civil rights organizations to issue

anti-discrimination policies and statements which include sexual orientation.

The group also agreed to: develop organizational specific programs to sensitize staff, board and constituency to Lesbian/Gay issues; review existing programs and public agendas to include Lesbian/Gay concerns; actively recruit openly Lesbian/Gay individuals of membership, staff and board positions; encourage increased visibility of current staff, board and constituency members who are openly Lesbian or Gay; and include Lesbian/Gay concerns in organizational conferences and meetings.

Gay Polish Love Song A Hit

by Rex Wockner

The Gay love song "Do Love, Don't Kill" is at number 8 and climbing on the Polish pop music charts, according to Warsaw Gay News.

The song was written and recorded by Balkan Electrique, one of Poland's most popular bands, led by openly Gay singer Slawek Starosta.

The band has also funded a "Do Love, Don't Kill" AIDS information campaign because, Starosta said, the government has made no attempt to inform young people about safer sex.

Starosta is now working on a dance mix of "Do Love, Don't Kill," with more detailed lyrics about condoms and not sharing needles.

"It's going to be a scandal," he said, "but we love scandals."



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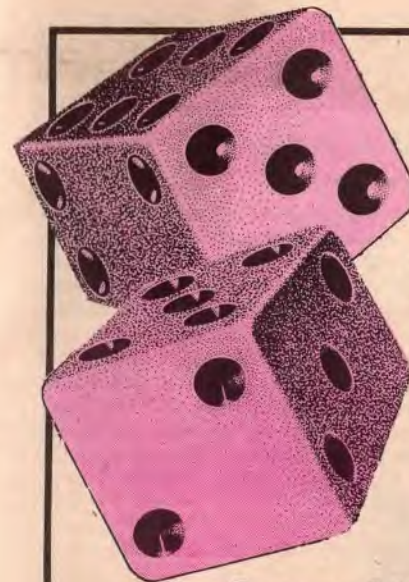
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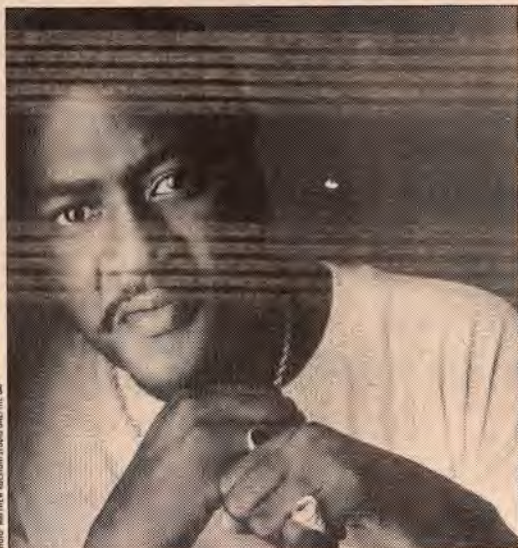
Milw. Gay Cable Shows Win Awards

Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network was the recipient of two Philo Awards for outstanding community programming. "Yellow on Thursday's" pilot episode received the award for Best Entertainment Program and the original Tri-Cable Tonight won for Best Community Issue Series.

The Philo Awards were presented by MATA, Milwaukee Access Telecommunications Authority, October 26 at an awards ceremony held at the

Astor Hotel Ballroom.

The "Yellow on Thursday" pilot, a half hour comedy program, featured short skits and commercial parodies with the talents of George Cabal, Joseph Rogan, Allan Kurth and In Step columnist W.W. Wells among others. Executive producers of the show were Bryce Clark and Mark Behar. The success of the pilot has spawned a series of special "Yellow on Thursday" programs the most recent of which aired in October. Plans are already



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B.&J. of Brown Deer: You are too fun!
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Daniel Tiger: Oo sometimes — the truth is harder than the pain inside. Oo sometimes — it's the broken heart that decides. PLEASE don't leave me!
Love, Gregg

Bobo: You're 40! Time to make out the will.
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Bobby: Thank you for a wonderful joyous night.
Love always, Tom

Skippy: Choosy sister choose Jiff.
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Jeff: Trickys & Bookworm have installed a permanent trash compactor — you're in it! Left overs never were a very good idea, were they? Regrets only...
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Randy: You make my life worth living, I love You.
Bobby

Walter: Happy Birthday, Nov. 13
Love, Dan

underway for a holiday edition of "Yellow on Thursday" with a tentative air date of December 13, 1990.

The original Tri-Cable Tonight, a magazine style program focused on the Gay and Lesbian community, won with a compilation of episodes featuring co-hosts Juana Sabatino and Michael Lisowski and the talents of Dr. Terry Boughner and Lula Robins. Executives producers for the show again were Mark Behar and Bryce Clark. Plans are underway for a new Tri-Cable program with the first episode to be airing before the end of the year.

Bryce Clark, co-executive producer said of the awards, "I am just tickled, we've tried some challenging new things and the effort has paid off. This is the third

consecutive win for Tri-Cable and I am very pleased. I think it's important to thank all of the production crew who's hard work makes all of these shows possible. And I'd like to acknowledge the Cream City Foundation for their support."

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Thanks from MAP's Food Pantry

In mid-Sept., the Sunday Greenbay Packer Club at Station II started a collection of money to purchase food for the Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry.

In the last six weeks, Station II has collected more than \$1,000 in donations for the Pantry. Nightingales and Leaded Shade II (Alternative) have accepted challenges from Station II and have also begun collecting donations.

The Milwaukee AIDS Project thanks Shirley Fitzpatrick and all the bars and organizations who have taken on the challenge of meeting the dietary needs of HIV positive individuals including Jet's, who donated \$500 in money and in-kind items for the Food Pantry through their annual show.

The Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry has given out more than 18,000 bags of groceries and personal hygiene items in the past year and a half. More than 100 people use the Pantry each month and projections are that more than 300 people will be using the Pantry this time next year. The many financial and food donations given to the Milwaukee AIDS Project help to meet this need.

For information on donating to the Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry or accessing its services, call Christina Kotlowski, social worker at the Milwaukee AIDS Project at (414)273-1991.

CCF Announces Grant Cycle

Milwaukee — The Cream City Foundation is entering its 3rd grant cycle of 1990. Applications can be picked up at the office (2821 N. 4th St.) or by phoning CCF at 265-0880, (M-W-F, 1pm to 4pm).

Grant applications are due back at the CCF office by 4pm, Monday, December 3, 1990, for Board Action in December 1990.

The Cream City Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises funds from the Gay/Lesbian community in Wisconsin. Those funds are granted to some 30 Gay/Lesbian organizations to

"Build Community" through out-reach efforts, and new programs for that community.

Hate Crimes Require Reporting

Reports by Gay men and Lesbians in Southeastern Wisconsin of hate crimes (physical, verbal, psychological) are increasing, right along with the incidence of murders, spouse abuse and child abuse. For reasons too numerous to mention, the second and third hand reports of such violence towards Gay men and Lesbians is growing.

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GWM 19, 6'1", 150lbs. Seeks someone special under 23. Maybe we're right for each other. Please write. Allan, 132 Cambridge Ave. #402, Waukesha, WI. 53188. Your photo gets mine.

GWM 30, 6'1", 170lbs, brn, blue, mstche, top, 8", warm, sensitive, sincere, very romantic, desperately needs TLC. Seeks loving, honest male, 30+, (anywhere in Wis.) who is willing to make monogamous relationship a priority in life. Have been told I am attractive, but, inner beauty more important to me. Enjoy absolutely everything in life, but would enjoy it more with 'that special someone.' Orig. from Wis. - planning to return in '91. Will answer all (photo apprec.- not nec.) Jim G., 1104 E. Maple Av., Lombard, IL 60148.

Wanted: Leather Clad Guy totally and unequivocally into macho construction boots for combat action. Searching for rare breed whose fantasy like mine, is ultra rugged boot erotica. This GWM, 5'8", 165lb, mature 40's wrestler is steaming hot to boiling point for give and take boot scissoring brawl. My juices, blood rush to tangle, down and dirty, with butch studs who get off on gearing in tall laced boots over skin tight leather/denim jeans. Want rough action with younger aggressive loner for fighting fit workouts, workovers. Not into games, pursuits of chaps and harness clones, posturing GQ fashion or western boot types. Offering social interaction, companionship and 'hard' times. Mutual pain and punishment with frequent, ongoing and prolonged submission wrestling, kick ass combat absolutely essential for compatibility. Visuals, intimate sex not a priority. Size 9-10 boots available. You're serious, novice or master ready to rumble with following specs: Age 21-30, height to 5'9", weight to 170. Explain boot combat strategies, best submission tactics, finishing holds. Name time, place, on the mat or ground. 259- 9069. Ask for 'Boots.'

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Sadly, however, the first hand reports... from the actual victims of such physical, verbal and psychological violence, has dropped.

While it may be valuable to report such crimes to the National Gay/Lesbian Task Force in Washington, it is far more important to report such crimes locally to the Hate Crimes/Gay Bash reporting line which is now sponsored by Gay Information Services (GIS). You can report any type of violence to 444-7331 24 hours per day. All reports protect the reporting party. Your name never leaves GIS.

Why report locally?

• GIS will file all reports with NGLTF annually — reporting only the incident, no specifics that could in any way identify you.

• GIS will file all reports with the local Chief of Police, again with no specific identifying information. "If we do not file with the local police department, they have no proof that such violence is occurring (since most people do not file complaints with the police) and can ignore growing problem areas."

• GIS plans to file reports with local media to further increase the full community awareness of the special horrible forms of violence that is impacting our community.

• GIS offers local referral services, especially if you have been hurt in some way. GIS can direct you to attorney's, doctors, counselors, etc.

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Not sure that something that happened to you should be reported? Call 444-7331 and check it out. Gay Information Services would rather have too many calls than have any crime go unreported.

Retreat For PWA/HIV's

People with AIDS or HIV infection can experience difficult times during the Holiday Season.

"At a time when joy is being

celebrated, some people experience loneliness, isolation, and a sense of loss," said Rev. E. Ellwood Carey, pastor of Parkside Presbyterian Church and member of the Madison Interfaith Committee on AIDS/HIV Ministries.

"At Peace with the Holidays" is the theme of an ecumenical retreat where participants will be able to explore their own spirituality while discussing the upcoming holiday season in small groups. People of all religious or spiritual traditions are encouraged to attend. Caretakers, close family members and friends are also welcome, though space for them is limited to allow attendance by as many people with AIDS as possible.

St. Benedict Center, the Wisconsin Conference of Churches AIDS Task Force, Integrity/Dignity of Madison, the American Red Cross and Damien Ministries are working together as the Madison Interfaith Committee on AIDS/HIV Ministries in planning this spiritual retreat.

The overnight retreat will cost \$50 per person, but participants who are HIV-positive will be able to attend without charge. Checks to register for the retreat or sponsor someone who has the HIV infection should be made out to "St. Benedict Center/AIDS Retreat." For more information, please write to George Hinger at the St. Benedict Center, P.O. Box 5070, Madison, 53705, or call him at (608) 836-1631.

PFLAG To Benefit from CPC Campaign

The Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a certified participating organization of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for Fall, 1990, according to Paulette Goodman, Federation President. The campaign provides the opportunity for federal employees to support independent charitable organizations with payroll deduction gifts. The number to use to designate P-FLAG is '0863.'

Parents FLAG is a national network of volunteer support groups for families, providing information, counseling, and telephone helpline services.



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GWM 32, Attractive Clean-Cut. Seeking someone who enjoys weekend getaways, fall/winter activities, dining out/movie going, and spending quality time together. I'm discreet, straight-acting, and lead a healthy lifestyle. (A good catch.) Write me and let's stay warm together this winter. P.O. Box 671, La Crosse, WI 54602.

Professional GWM 27, seeks discreet friendship. Interests include concerts, movies, spectator sports and work outs. Would like to meet people with similar interest. No fats, fems, drugs or games. Married OK. Photo please. P.O. Box 37462, Milwaukee, WI 53237-0462.

WM, 38, 6', 195lbs, Dark bi/BI, Straight appearing/act, good body, average looks, educated, non-smoker, recently divorced with straight exp. only. Seeks to establish friendship/relationship with GWM's, 23-45, of strong character, good values, good personality, health conscious, smooth athletic/muscular build. The man I'm looking for is confident and comfortable with himself and is willing to share himself with another who is looking forward to a new life style experience with anticipation. Send particulars, add, ph., (photo?) to: P.O. Box 421, Sussex, WI 53089, all replies answered.

Black Transsexual, 32, 6ft, 185lbs., and 11 inches. Into B&D, S&M, crossdressing, greek, french, watersports, and fetishes. Ex-porn star. You've seen me in movies and mags. Now see me in the flesh. Call Priscilla at (414) 271-0970. 36-30-381/2.

GWM, 26, 6'1", 230lbs, Br/BI, beard, attractive. I'm interested in meeting a hairy man age 30-45 for possible relationship. I'm stable, sensitive and love to cuddle. I enjoy movies, music and quiet evenings at home. If interested please write with photo/phone to Boxholder, P.O. Box 1643, Kenosha, WI 53141.

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

Couples!!! Want a man to spice up your relationship without threatening it? This tall, good-looking, non-smoking, health-conscious, honest, sincere, 29-year-old man is interested in a friendship with you. Let's meet for coffee and if things work out... perhaps once or twice a month. Please send photo (returned with mine) and phone to: Boxholder, Box 653, Wilmette, Illinois, 60091-0653, privacy and discretion assured.

Professional WM, Handsome, 5'10", 155lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, Good-looking. Enjoy walking, biking, outdoors, working out, keeping in shape, music, quiet evenings at home, going out for dinner, concerts. Don't smoke, drink occasionally. Seeking friendship, and or relationship with stable mature white male, preferably in the central Wisconsin area, in late twenties to early forties who is caring, wants to share and have a future with trust and respect. Interested reply to Brad, P.O. Box 571, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481, your photo for mine.

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Organization Meeting Schedule

SUNDAYS

Galano- Afternoon card tournament at the Clubroom, 2408 N. Farwell.

Dignity- Mass & Friendship, 6pm, St. Plus X Church, 76th & Wright, Tower Entrance.

New Hope MCC- Worship Service, 6:30 pm, Kenwood Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood.

MAP Support Group- For PWA's & PWARC's, 7 pm, 273-2437.

Bisexual Women's Group [Madison]- 7:30 to 9:00pm at Ada James, 710 University Ave., Rm. 202.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays [Madison]- Meets the second Sunday of each month, 1:30-3:30 pm at the Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Ct. f.m.i. Jane at 271-0270 or the United at 255-8582.

BESTD HIV & Support Group- Meeting, 7:15pm, call 272-2144 for location.

HIV Positive Support [Green Bay]- Meets bi-weekly at Center Project, f.m.i. 437-7400.

Bi-Sexual Support- Meeting, call 271-3067 for location and info.

Lutherans Concerned- 3rd Sunday every month, Village Church, 130 E. Juneau, 5 pm.

BESTD "A Course in Miracles" Sharing Group, 3:30 pm at 1240 E. Brady, 966-1061 for info.

MAP Worship Service- 4th Sun. of the month, 5 pm, Village Church, 130 E. Juneau.

Touch Football- Every Sunday during season, 2pm, Lincoln Memorial Drive Soccer Field, call Bob 963-9833.

MONDAYS

BESTD- HIV testing and Hepatitis screening, 6-9 pm, by appt only. BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St.

HIV + Support Group for Racine, Walworth & Kenosha Co.'s location alternates, call SEWAP 657-6644 or 1-800-924-6601 for more info.

GAY AA Meeting [Racine]- 8 pm, 625 College Ave. Racine.

Lawrence Univ, GayLesbian Awareness [Appleton]- Mondays, 6:30pm, Colman Hall, Room 107 (41) 832-7103.

TUESDAYS

Christian Gay OK- Support group gathering, 7:30 pm, All Saint Guild Hall, 818 E. Juneau Ave. (west entrance).

Family, Friends of PWA's Support [Oshkosh]- 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm Holy Family Rm., East Frontage Rd., Oshkosh, Place 2B.

Fox Valley Gay/Lesbian Parents- Meet first Tues. of month at 7:30, Universalist Church, 800 N. Superior, Appleton 727-1975.

PFLAG/Lakeshore [Sheboygan]- Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 1st Tues. of each month. Info. write: P.O. Box 1396, Sheboygan 53082.

BESTD- STD testing 6-9 pm, walk-in, BEST Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. (272-2144).

ACT UP Milwaukee- Meetings 7:30 every Tuesday, 1650 N. Arlington Place, call 769-8708 for info.

MAP- Support Group for family, friends of Persons with AIDS (PWA's): Alternate Tues., f.m.i. call 273-2437.

HIV-Positive -Support Group [Madison]- 7-9 pm, call 255-1711 for time and location.

Gay Men's Chorale [Madison]- Rehearsal in Memorial Union, see TITU for room, 6-9 pm.

Evangelicals Concerned [Madison]- Bible study at 7:30 pm, f.m.i. Duane at 244-5010.

MASN Support Group [Madison]- For people with AIDS or ARC, f.m.i. 255-1711.

WEDNESDAYS

BESTD- HIV testing, 6-9 pm, by appointment only. BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St, 272-2144.

Cream City Chorus- weekly rehearsal, men and women singers and accompanists welcome; 7:10 pm, New Hope United Church of Christ, 1424 W. Greenfield.

Fest City Singers- weekly rehearsal, 7:10 pm, War Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., men and women singers and instrumentalists welcome.

Galano- DePaul Lifestyle Support Group- Last Wed. only, 4:30 pm, De Paul Rehab Hospital, Room 2123.

MAP Support Group- Info & education regarding HIV infection & treatments, 7 pm, 273-2437.

The Ten Percent Society [Madison]- Meets during the semester at 8 pm in Memorial Union, check TITU for room.

Nothing to Hide [Madison]- 9pm on cable channel 4.

Men's Coming Out Support Group [Madison]- Meets, f.m.i. 255-8582.

MASN Support Group [Madison]- For HIV-positive individuals and friends, lovers and family of persons with AIDS, f.m.i. 255-1711.

THURSDAYS

GAMMA- Volleyball, 8-10 pm, Englemann Gym at UWM.

Gay Fathers- Meeting 1st Thurs. only, pot luck- 3rd Thurs. only; call 871-2362 for location.

Lesbian Drop-In Group [Madison]- 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm, The United.

Support Group for Family, Friends [Madison]- Of people with AIDS, 7:30-9:30 pm, call 255-1711 for time and place.

Men's "Phase II" [Madison]- (Post Coming Out) support group, meets 8pm., 1127 University Ave., B103, f.m.i. David at 241-2500.

Gay/Lesbian Support Group [Appleton]- 8 pm, 1st Congregational Church, 724 E. South River Rd.

Social Volleyball- 8:30pm, UWM's Engelmenn Gym (2033 E. Hartford), cost is \$2, includes lockers & showers, all skill levels welcome. Call Bob 963-9833.

G/L Comm. at U.W.M.- Every Thursday, 3:30, seeing posting by UW Union (2200 E. Kenwood) elevators for room number, 2229-6555.

FRIDAYS

BESTD HIV + Support Group- 7-8:30, call Ross 966-1061.

Bi-Sexual Support [Milw.]- meeting, call 271-3067 for location and info.

SATURDAYS

BESTD Women's Alternative Health Clinic- GYN exams, STD testing and more 10am-12 noon, walk-in, BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St., 272-2144.

Galano- Movie night; 9pm, 2408 N. Farwell.

BWMT- 3rd Sat., 8 pm, 265-8500 for more info.

Gay Youth Milw.- Discussion group- 1st & 3rd Sat. only 1-3 pm, Main Public Library (9th & Wis.), 1st floor meeting room (18 yrs. & under)- 265-8500 for info.

GAY AA [Appleton]- 8 pm, 1st Congregational Church, 724 E. South River Rd.

Metro. Milw. Friendship Grp.- 2nd Sat. For details/info call Dave 423-0379.

Stonewall Network [Madison]- Discussion & support for Lesbian/Gay/ Bi youth under 22, every Sat. from 1-3, UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St., Madison f.m.i. (608) 246-4297.

Cowles Volleyball League- 2:30 warm up session at UWM's Engelmenn Gym.

ORGANIZATIONS: Send us info and we'll include you. If there are errors, send corrections.

Health

Learn About Clinical Trials

With the Wisconsin Community-based Research Consortium (WCRC) well on their way to setting up clinical trials in Wisconsin, obtaining a copy of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR)'s new brochure, **AIDS/HIV Clinical Trials Handbook** might benefit potential WCRC clients (Persons With AIDS/HIV).

The handbook, designed for HIV-infected people and their care providers, answers the most frequently asked questions about participating in clinical drug/treatment trials in easy-to-understand, non-technical language, which is easily accessible to most readers.

The **AIDS/HIV Clinical Trial Handbook** was designed as an educational tool about the risks and benefits of participation in clinical research. The handbook addresses these concerns frankly, describing the drug-approval process, the rights and responsibilities of people in the clinical trials, and how participation might affect someone's daily life.

The handbook also serves to introduce AmFAR's **AIDS/HIV Treatment Directory** which provides detailed, comprehensive cross-referenced information on treatments for AIDS/HIV infection, and associated opportunistic infections and neoplasms. The Treatment Directory is updated and published every 90 days and includes cutting edge information on trial results and current drug trials. It is designed for both patients and clinicians.

Persons With AIDS/HIV may obtain a free copy by calling the National AIDS Information Clearinghouse, at 1-800-458-5231. Organizations wishing to obtain copies should send a check to AmFAR (with Trial Handbook written on the memo line) in the amount of \$15 for 50 copies, \$25 for 100 copies, or \$50 for 250 copies. Send them to AmFAR, 1515 Broadway, Suite 3601, NY, NY 10036-8901.

WI. AIDS Update

As of September 26, 1990, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services, announced a total of 789 cases of AIDS in Wisconsin with 448 deaths since the onset of the AIDS epidemic. One year ago those figures were at 536 cases with 323 deaths. Gay males make up 75% of exposed cases, Intravenous Drug Users make up 7% of cases, with Homosexual Gay male IV Drug Users making up another 4% of the total. Heterosexual transmission account for 4% of the caseload, with Hemophiliacs (2%), transfusion associated (3%), and undetermined (5%) making up the rest of the cases.

In addition, the Wisconsin AIDS Update's October issue reports that 94% were male, 78% white, 17% Black, and 5% Hispanic. The largest majority of cases occurred in the 30-39 year old age category, with those 20-29 and 40-49 coming in second and third. There have been 6 children under 5 years of age diagnosed in the state.

Ostomates

The Gay and Lesbian Concerns Committee of the United Ostomy Association has just published a pamphlet entitled **Living With An Ostomy, Information For Gay Men, Lesbians And Their Caregivers**. This pamphlet had been in the development stages for several years and now with its publication, it will become another publication available to help assist Gay and Lesbian ostomates in their rehabilitation.

In addition to this pamphlet, the Gay and Lesbian Concerns Committee also provides several educational and outreach programs to Gay and Lesbian ostomates, significant others, health care professionals and others interested in the rehabilitation of Gay and Lesbian ostomates.

To receive a copy of the pamphlet, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: GLCC Pamphlet, United Ostomy Association, 36 Executive Park, Suite 120, Irvine, California 92714.



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PEOPLE

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GWM, 38, seeks GW student for weekend getaways. Take time out and enjoy. Photo helpful. Reply to Boxholder, Box 134, Waukesha, WI 53187.

GBM, 27yr, 5'11", 170lbs. Physically active, works out daily. I would like to meet a cute friend. Between the ages of 18-28, long hair, swimmers built, kind of femm. I adore TV's. If you are interested send photo along with phone or address to: Randy White, Box 080952, Racine, WI 53408.

GWM, 40, total bottom. I need a butch top man (w/s okay!) Come and dominate me. I'm HIV positive. 5'10", 160lbs. Box 1830, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Gay & Bi male, single, safe, seven shaved, cut, receives prolonged French, Greek, rectal massage, butt plugs, lite B&D. Desperate for live-in lover, male/female, young couple. I live just six miles North of New London, WI on Hwy 45. Call Jake at (715)752-3476. Keep calling, 8am-8pm weekdays, anytime weekends, let's get busy!!

GM, 23, 6'1", 210lbs student. I need a partner/friend who's young at heart, healthy, articulate, full of life, passionate, adventurous, sizzling and dominant. Long sweaty sessions of flexing and toning the sensual sexual muscles. Hugging, licking, stretching, nipping, spanking, nibbling and groovy. Fats, fems, harsh drugs, queens, duds and abusers need not apply. Photo appreciated. P.O. Box 92701 Milw., WI 53202.

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David Paul Iraci 1957-1990

David found peace with Jesus on October 31 after a very courageous battle with AIDS at the age of 33. Beloved son of Marie C. and Peter H. (Josephine) Iraci. Dear brother of James (Pamela), Jean (Gerald) Kirchner, Dolores (Michael) Flemming, Patricia (Marc) Roseleip and Daniel. Further survived by aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and his cats. Special friend and business partner to Annabelle Havlicek of Havlicek & Associates.

His service was held November 2 in the Chapel at Woods, Wisconsin for his family and friends, followed by burial in Woods National Cemetery. Since we celebrated a new life for David with our Lord, he requested no mourning clothes at the service.

Memorials to Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Milwaukee Home Hospice or the Iraci family would be appreciated.

David was a very talented, intelligent and special person, with a gift for graphic artistry. He was a co-founder of In Step

magazine along with Ron Geiman, and in 1985 moved to Palm Springs, California where he started The Bottom Line. A recent example of his work is the 1990 Pride Guide, along with various other promotional pieces he did for Galano Club, Women Touched by AIDS and others.

A Special Note from a Loving Friend:
Though David may be gone from our lives, he will live on through the knowledge and expertise he gave to me. He called me his protege, and I called him my mentor. We shared a loving and warm bond through our work and through our ties to the community. I will honor him by creating a quilt panel — and invite everyone from the community to attend a 'Hands-On Quilt Panel Workshop' (date and time to be announced). We will also hold a memorial get-together for him in the next few weeks so friends and family can mingle with each other and share their memories of my beloved friend.

—Love,
Annabelle



with a cocktail piano stint in Florida over the Christmas holidays. The Advocate layout is in the proof stage and will be released after February. Page through Faces International in spring and you will be pleasantly surprised.

I have met many men and womyn that deserve the title of Mr, Miss or Ms Gay Wisconsin. These people aren't in the spotlight. They are the activists, volunteers, and professionals that use their spare time for the betterment of the Gay community.

I have deep respect and admiration for their roles in making all of our lives better and easier to live.

Best wishes to the upcoming titleholders. And to Wisconsin's Gay community.

— Sincerely,
J.J. Newman



Letters

To The Editor:

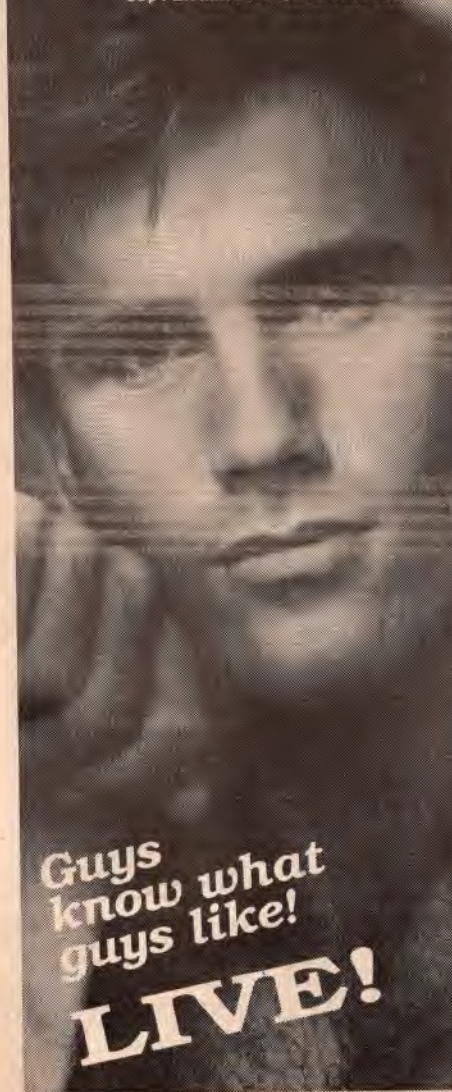
What a great year! The opportunities afforded me as Mr. Gay Wisconsin '89-90 were endless in abundance, not only as an entertainer, but as an individual. I have met many wonderful people — Ginger and the 219 Girls; BJ and Robert at Signature Salon; Terry Boughner and Jerry Johnson; and the numerous entertainers and business owners that I've worked with all deserve recognition and a heartfelt 'thanks.' Mimi it's an honor to have been your counterpart and I wish you the best.

King Productions sent Carl Cliver and me to the Mr. Gay USA finals in Louisville, Kentucky. Even though I didn't place, I have many booking offers for the coming year. I leave November 6th to tour with Male Order Review, ending

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Publisher's Comment

by Ron Geiman

On Tuesday, October 30 approximately 75 Gays and Lesbians gathered in the M&M Club banquet room for another of Lambda Rights Network Community Speak Out programs. This one was to focus on "Where Are We Going," a look at Lesbian and Gay life in Milwaukee.

In a round table forum, representatives of some of Milwaukee's largest organizations spoke about their group — what it has done, and where it wants to go. Organizations represented included: Lambda Rights Network (LRN), the Milwaukee chapter of the National Association of Black and White Men Together (BWMT), Gay Youth Milwaukee (GYM), the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP), Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM), Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC), Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), Cream City Foundation (CCF), Gay Lesbian Community at UW-Milwaukee (GLC-UWM), and Grapevine.

Jamakaya (activist and contributor to the Wisconsin Light) and I served as an interviewing panel and LRN's Chris Ahmuty served as moderator.

Aside from some group representatives speaking a little too long (they were supposed to speak 2-4 minutes), thus cutting into the time set aside for questioning, some major areas of concern came into focus. Many in the audience were 'old-timers' and this session served as a rehashing of ideas for many of them. But scattered through the crowd were new faces, with fresh perspectives and they

were well-served by this over-view of our community.

The forum wasn't designed to settle any problems, but a few were brought to light in my and others minds. I'd like to share a few of my observations with you, and invite you to respond either in a 'Letter to the Editor' or in a 'Viewpoint' column.

• We need a coordinating agency/umbrella organization. The old Calendaring Sessions which fizzled out due to lack of participation were a step in the right direction, but didn't go far enough. Gary Wells, Pres. of MLGPC agreed at the roundtable to take on the responsibility of forming such a new organization and will be contacting groups in the near future. You could also contact him at 32-PRIDE. This new organization of group representatives will need the full support of all organizations to succeed and grow into a nurturing umbrella.

• We need a central phone line. Callers need to reach a person, not an answering machine. That phone line should be staffed a minimum of 16 hours a day with people knowledgeable about all our organizations and what they have to offer. As it is now, In Step and Light field many of these calls and we just are not designed to handle it. Besides, people have to know enough about our community to know about the papers in the first place. Perhaps there is a possibility of tying in with an existing phone help line (such as Underground

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Switchboard). We would have to educate them on our community and what it offers, but I'll bet they're getting Gay/Lesbian calls even now.

• Hate Crimes reporting has taken on added significance with two recent Gay-related murders in the state as well as a general increase in homophobia, verbal and physically assaultive Gay bashing. At the meeting it came to light that LRN was no longer running their Gay Bash hotline, and the need for one was stressed by many in the room. (Since then it has come to light that Gay Information Services, run by Ralph Navarro, has taken on the responsibility of running the line.) Only by compiling statistics of anti-Gay/Lesbian assaults and sharing those stats with appropriate local government authorities and the police department will proper actions be taken. Also, the stats must be shared with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force for their national studies, and with the Federal Dept. of Justice to comply with the federal hate crimes law. With increased Gay/Lesbian visibility comes increased hate reaction. To counteract that we must learn to cooperate and report these incidents.

• We react well to crisis, but life would be much easier if we were set up to act instead of just re-act. Again, the umbrella organization mentioned above comes into play, as do phone trees. Plans should be designed to react to crisis such as: impending legislative issues of importance; hate propaganda; criminal cases as well as other areas impacting our community.

• We need to, as Kitty Barber said at the meeting, "Broaden our Vision." We need to coordinate efforts with other communities and their organizations. Because Gays and Lesbians are from the full spectrum of society we must learn to work with those other communities and they must work with us. Not only will more work get done with a coordinated effort, those other communities will become educated on Gay/Lesbian issues just by working side-by-side with us.

• We have to learn WHO we (as "the Gay & Lesbian community") really are,

before we can ever hope to learn where "we" are GOING. This to was brought out at the forum. There were only 75 people in that room. If the city of Milwaukee has 700,000 people and you accept that 10% of the population is Gay/Lesbian, that means there are 70,000 of us in this town! Even on New Year's Eve, there are probably at the maximum 5,000 of us in the bars. Less than that showed up for the Gay/Lesbian Pride parade and rally. There are a core of well less than 1,000 actively involved in all of our organizations combined. So surely, we need to learn who "we" are before we start talking about Gay/Lesbian Community. We need to find a way of reaching all those others, and finding out what they want, too.

• And finally, to pull all this together, we need to create a Culture of Giving, as Gary Wells put it. All of the points above will take money...our money. Sure, grants may be available for some of it, but those grants would most likely come from Gay/Lesbian sources, such as CCF. They get their money from our giving, and we obviously haven't learned to give enough! Consider it a Gay Tax to make our lives more meaningful and to assure 'Community' and all that word implies.

Perhaps our community would be further along towards solving our problems if AIDS hadn't hit us so hard. The problems we face now are very similar to the ones we faced back in the early 80's. The Gay and Lesbian liberation movement, born in the 70's had come far, and laid the groundwork for what we have today. If AIDS hadn't impacted our community the way it did, our work could have focused on these other problems our community is still facing. But the way we met AIDS head-on, and the growth we've experienced because of it, should give us all great hope for solving these problems in the future.



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The Arts

Ballet Benefit For MAP

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project and the Milwaukee Ballet will co-host a benefit reception on Nov. 10, 1990 in the Performing Arts Center's Magin Lounge. Donations for the reception, which will benefit programs at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, are \$15 per person.

The reception will follow the Saturday evening performance of the Milwaukee Ballet's Nov. 8-11 three-ballet series, which includes "Of Rage and Remembrance," a ballet inspired by the Names Project AIDS quilt. The ballet addresses the AIDS epidemic and its effect on humanity. Tim Hess, 1990 Wisconsin AIDS Walk Co-Chair, will perform in this ballet.

Sponsored by Miller Brewing Company, the reception will feature Kathryn Posin, choreographer, who was commissioned by the Milwaukee Ballet to create "Of Rage and Remembrance," and will be an opportunity to meet many of the evening's dancers.

People are encouraged to purchase tickets for the ballet and reception through a special order form available from the Milwaukee AIDS Project by calling (414) 273-1991. In addition to the proceeds from the reception, for every ticket purchased through this special order form, 20% of the sale will be donated by the Milwaukee Ballet to the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

"The Milwaukee Ballet Company deserves the highest praise for producing this world premiere ballet on AIDS and for dedicating a portion of the performance proceeds to MAP," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project. "The Ballet and the Saturday evening reception promises to be an inspiring evening. Once again, we are very grateful to Miller Brewing Company for underwriting the costs of the benefit reception."

The Milwaukee Ballet's November 8-11 series also features the Milwaukee

premiere of Milwaukee Ballet Artistic Director Dane LaFontsee's work "UnderLight," and "Who Cares?" a work by George Balanchine, which is put to the music of George Gershwin.

Rhythms Of Life Benefit

You are invited to participate in a celebration of design, creativity, art & humanity on Sunday, the 18th of November, 1990 at the Skylight Opera Theatre, 813 N. Jefferson. A reception catered by Beans & Barley, art exhibition (sponsored by Art Muscle Magazine) and silent auction will begin at 2pm. A fashion-entertainment production will follow at 3pm featuring The Great Lakes Opera, The Skylight Opera, The Milwaukee Ballet School and Neal Gittleman of the Milwaukee Symphony.

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Festivities begin with registration on Wednesday, November 21 at the Marc Plaza Hotel. All bowling events will take place at Red Carpet Regency, Thursday through Saturday.

Applications are now being accepted to bowl in this event. For more information contact Pat Prudlow (414) 672-8960.

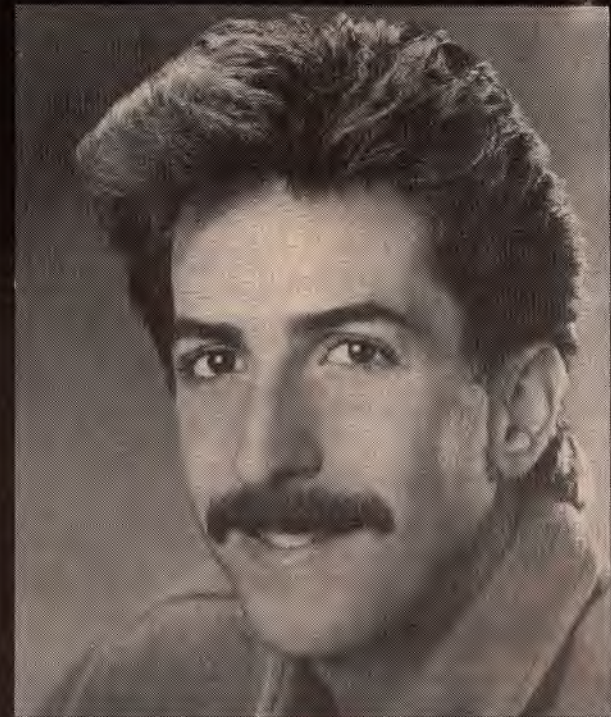
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The Group is sponsoring a 70's and 80's disco dance at Club 3054 on Nov. 9 from 7:30pm to 12:30am. This party will feature great dance music, drink specials and fun for everyone, plus a chance to get to know team members. Cost is \$3 per person, with a \$1 off your first drink.

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Purple Circuit Directory

Artists Confronting AIDS has published the second edition of **The Purple Circuit Directory** listing Gay and Lesbian theatres, groups and supportive organizations throughout the United States, Canada, and England. The Purple Circuit promotes quality Gay and Lesbian theatre through the Directory, networking, referrals, and the Purple Circuit Hotline at (213) 250-1413.

The Directory, edited by Bill Kaiser is designed to help playwrights, audiences, producers, and theatres to find each other. It is a fundraising project as well for Artists Confronting AIDS. Copies can be obtained by sending a contribution in any amount to ACA, Artists Confronting AIDS, 684 1/2 Echo Park Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90026 with a self-addressed legal-sized envelope with 25 cent postage.



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produce any S/M activities, racist, ageist, able-ist or other material that we perceive as denigrating to womyn. The S/M issue, in particular, has been a very painful and divisive issue for the Lesbian Community...the dialogue needs to continue."

"The forum for that needs to be other than the Lesbian Variety Show. We do not want to produce such material. However, we would encourage womyn involved in S/M activities to find another avenue to share these activities with womyn who knowingly and consciously choose to participate either in the show or as audience members. We are fully well aware that this decision will cause some of us to be alienated from one another, for that we are sorry. However, we are also aware that we will not and cannot possibly please 800 or more Lesbians...because we are still so diverse. All we ask is that you trust the fact that we have been very thoughtful in our decision making process. We hope that whether or not you completely agree with our decision...you will still give us your support. There is still a great deal of latitude for diversity, creativity, and for the fifth. Please know that we try, we try hard, we do this for ourselves, we do it for you, and we do it for our audience. Thanks!"

New Womyn's Group In Green Bay

When a new Lesbian organization celebrates it's birth with a December fundraising bash, it's members also will mark the beginning of a new era in the Green Bay Gay/Lesbian community.

Northern Womyn, Inc. — soon to be Green Bay's first non-profit Lesbian organization — already has had an impact in traditionally conservative and closeted Green Bay. In a city that previously offered no cultural options for Gays or Lesbians outside of four Gay bars, Northern Womyn's sometimes tedious organizational meetings provided an end to isolation for the 35 women who attended — some of whom came from as far away as Sturgeon Bay, Manitowoc and Racine.

The organization is the brainchild of Barbara Bonini, whose Two Women Cafe in Green Bay has become a popular gathering place for Gays and Lesbians.

"Women move to this area and come to the restaurant and ask for resources," she says. But until Bonini talked with customers about starting Northern Womyn, she says there was no place to refer Lesbians who didn't want to spend time in bars.

Now, members believe the organization will be a springboard for change. With it's events — including the Dec. 2 fundraiser — open to the public, members hope they slowly will be able to erode Green Bay's overwhelmingly anti-Gay attitudes while providing a way for Lesbians to socialize and support each other.

The fundraiser will run from 7 to 11pm, Sunday Dec. 2, at the Two Women Cafe, 1105 Main St., Green Bay. A \$5 admission will buy a full buffet dinner with tea or coffee and an evening of entertainment. Beer and wine will be available for an additional amount.

Artist will include Sally Davis, whose variety of original folk, country and jazz tones are a weekly staple at the Two Women, along with folk/rock musician Sharon Beckers, and Womyn's music performer Phylis Dahl.

A variety of artwork, including Davis jewelry & sculptures, and pottery by Wisconsin artist Tom Krueger, will be sold at silent auction.

Write Northern Womyn Inc. at P.O. Box 10102, Green Bay, WI 54307-0102.



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Marge and Homer Simpson paid a visit to several Halloween events.

Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

I'm writing this on October 31, during that brief spell of Indian Summer we had that week... I'm sure by now that's all a memory, and we're probably having snow squalls as you read this. Then again, one never knows...

Catch up time on what you've missed since last column. Sweetest Day (another holiday foisted upon us to sell flowers, candy and cards) saw **Station II** bring in vocalist Linda Smith for several hours of delightful music, with free champagne, to boot. Up at **Za's** in Green Bay Katrina K. blew into town with the Wausau girls for a show; and Madison saw the **Blue Triangle** AIDS benefit concert at the Union Theatre. The **Ballgame** ignored sweetest day and saluted the season with its Autumn Daze Affair with lots of food and door prizes.

October 20 was also the **Holiday Invitational Tournament's** 'HIT Against AIDS' fundraiser for the Milwaukee AIDS Project. HIT, as the sole sponsor of the event, donated 50% of all the proceeds to

MAP. It also served to raise the community's awareness of the upcoming annual Thanksgiving HIT bowling event. More on that next issue of In Step.

Club 219 Plus added Turtle Racing on Mondays to fill out their weekly calendar of events. Hosted by Miss Spice and her assistant Christina (resplendent in green turtle attire — but she could use a bigger shell!) this odd event just might be what the Doctor ordered for an otherwise boring Monday night...

The **Alternative** is changing their name to **Leaded Shade II** (if you remember the **Leaded Shade I** you're dating yourself!). The **Shade** was one of Beverly's first enterprises and offered food and a casual, comfortable atmosphere. Meanwhile, **October 24** saw another of their **Texas Ho Downs**.

Club 3054/Wings 3054 had a Jock Strap contest upstairs on the 24th, and an underwear contest downstairs on the

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26th. (Cheri, let me know when you're having a no-wear contest, and I'll be HAPPY to PAY to be a judge!) While the men were parading around in their underwear downstairs on the 26th, the women enjoyed the talents of Linda Smith upstairs in a much different atmosphere.

Now, instead of listing all the Halloween hunts, contests, shows and whatever, suffice it to say every Gay/Lesbian bar in the state did SOMETHING BIG for Halloween. Afterall, it's a very Gay holiday, and next to New Year's Eve, one of the club's biggest nights of the year. Naturally, we couldn't cover every party (not when you have over a dozen scattered around the state in any one night) so you'll find the pictures we did take over Halloween labeled 'Halloween In Wisconsin' and not mentioning any bar names, that way no one feels left out.

The Lambda Rights Network's [LRN] October 30 Community Speakout offered a chance to gain a working knowledge of a wide variety of Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian organizations and to take a look at where they've been and what the future holds for our community. Interesting, stimulating stuff...

The costumes were tres brief when Kevin Andrew's First Class Male dance revue performed at Club 219 on all-hallows eve, and that's just what the crowd wanted. Many Halloween events were held the weekend of Oct. 27- 28, and I thought people got the costume bug out of their system then, but the dancers on the 31st competed with just as many costumed Tricks & Treats as there were out on the weekend. (Wall to wall crowds are so fun!)

Apologies to all you Square Dance and Two Step enthusiasts for confusing the two. Bob Moore of GAMMA informed me of my gaff saying "there are three different types of specialized dancing becoming popular in the Gay/Lesbian world: square dancing; Texas Two-step; and line dancing. Jet's has taken on two-step (and maybe line) and the GAMMA/M&M group will focus on square (and, maybe line)."



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Kissing Girls Productions is thrilled to be bringing Madison's 5th Annual Lesbian Variety Show, "I Got This Way From Kissing Girls 5," to the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Ave., Madison at 7pm on Saturday, Nov. 17. In conjunction with the annual show KGP has organized a weekend line-up of special events for womyn:

• **Friday, Nov. 16:** KGP is proud to showcase in its own special forum, a fun and vibrant opening to the Lesbian Art Show from 5-7pm at the Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison. The traditional after-show party has been replaced with this opening. Please join us! The artwork will continue to be on display until 9pm.

• **Friday, Nov. 16:** KGP will be producing some of the best Lesbian poets around at the Lesbian Poetry Reading, running concurrently with the Art Show at the Senior Center from 7-9pm.

• **Saturday, Nov. 17:** KGP will continue its exhibit of Lesbian Artwork at the Senior Center from 11:30am-4pm.

• **Saturday, Nov. 17:** The Big Show at the Barrymore! And do we have a surprise for you...Maxine Feldman will do the honors of being our Special Guest MC! And of course, you'll be entertained by an incredible array of Lesbian talent. The evening promises to be magical!

Sunday, Nov. 18: Maxine Aft- Feldman will present: Womyn's Music History - An Afternoon With Max at the Atwood Community Center, 2425 Atwood Ave., Madison from 2-4pm. There's a sliding fee scale at the door of \$5-\$10. Entrance to this event is Not included with your Variety Show ticket.

Tickets for the Variety Show are \$10.00 and are on sale at: A Room of One's Own, the Barrymore Theatre, and Whole Earth in Madison. Out of town mail order purchases can be made through Nov. 9. Mail your check payable to Kissing Girls Productions, Inc. (or KGP, Inc.), for \$10.00 per ticket, to LVS, P.O. Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716. Include SASE. Get your tickets early...this show sells out fast. This year, your ticket to "I Got This Way From Kissing Girls 5" will include

admission to all of our weekend events (except Sunday afternoon with Max). All womyn welcome.

Kissing Girls Production's Philosophy

In a news release, KGP outlined its philosophy, and we quote: "Kissing Girls Productions is a Lesbian, feminist production company. As such, we have decided to remain committed to our original intent of bringing both Lesbian variety and emotional safety to our audience. This means that ALL Womyn are welcome to attend the show.

However, we will not knowingly

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Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Milw. Reperatory Tteatre: MAP Benefit at Stackner.

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable channel 4, 9pm, "The Celluloid Closet" by Gay film critic Vito Russo.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Club 219: Disco Diva Pamala Stanley, live at midnight, singing her classics & her new releases, 11:30pm.

M&M Club: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing, 8pm- midnight.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Club 3054 [Madison]: Madison's Volleyball Group 70's & 80's Dance party, 7:30-12:30. \$3 per person (\$1 off 1st drink).

UW-10% Society (Madison): Harvest Ball, wear your best black & white, 8pm-12:45am, Great Hall, Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street. DJ's, cash bar & \$2 door, Gays/Lesbians/Bisexuals & friends welcome. Call (608)262- 7365 for more information.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Milw. Ballet Reception: To benefit MAP, co-hosted by MAP & Milw. Ballet, sponsored by Miller Brewing Company. PAC's Magin Lounge, donation of \$15. Reception follows performance. (See 'Arts' section for details.)

M&M Club: Featuring J.T., Country singer, live, no cover.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Club 3054 [Madison]: Live in concert, Pamala Stanley, singing her hits. \$9 door, \$7 advance includes \$1 off 1st drink.

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

Benefit Concert for Milw. House: Classical recital, 3pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 E. Knaap, program covers 300 years of music.

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

Jet's Place: Dawn Koreen at the piano, every Sunday 5- 9pm.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

In Step Deadline — strict 7pm deadline for upcoming Thanksgiving & H.I.T. issue covering Nov. 21-Dec. 5. Office hours 11am-7pm.

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable channel 4, 9pm, Allan Berube "Coming Out Under Fire", Gays & Lesbians in WWII.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Wings 3054[Madison]: Trash The Bar Party.

Womyn's Dance: Presented by Hurricane Productions, 8pm-midnight, Lake Park Pavilion, DJ, dancing, \$6 at the door.

stockpile of cologne, mostly Drakkar and Halston.

Despite the Stealth/Sequin fiasco, the squad's own Air Force has flourished. The pilots are experts, trained on all the latest fighter technology and will be used primarily on intelligence and reconnaissance missions. All pilots have trained at the Robert Mapplethorpe School of Photography and Aeronautics, so while the pictures they take may not prove to be of much military value, they promise to be interesting to look at, controversial and banned in Cincinnati.

The desert sun heat and sun has taken it's toll on the squad, morale sometimes falters as supplies of styling mousse and

hair spray run low. By far the biggest hazard is a gritty menace for Safer Sex, as fine Saudi Arabian sand finds its way into virtually everything, even Army Issue Condoms. Needless to say, Safe Sex can often be irritatingly sore, even more painful than any torture an invading hoard might inflict upon prisoners. But despite the hardships, these soldiers are ready and able. It's times like this that should make every Gay person proud to be an American and glad that as children, instead of Barbi Dolls, some of our Gay brothers and sisters played with G.I. Joe Action Figures!

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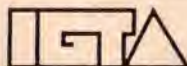
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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

Gay Commandos

With the microscope of world attention focused on the Middle East situation, it seems surprising the deployment of a band of Gay commandos has been left unreported by Connie Chung or at least Tom Brokaw. This crack squad, booted out of the US Armed Forces after an incident in which they covered the Air Force's new Stealth Bomber with sequins and rhinestones, stands poised and ready in the event of hostilities to deliver a blow for freedom as only Gays and Lesbians can.

Camp Fruit Cake is home base for this hearty band of renegade Gay soldiers. Positioned secretly in the hot desert of Saudi Arabia, this gaggle of Gay soldiers plans on being in the thick of it in the event of war. The group is lead by Sergeant Dan Dickhead, a ten year Army veteran discharged from the ROTC after officers discovered his extensive pornography collection. "It did fill five footlockers," explained Sergeant Dickhead, embarrassed and almost apologetic. "But how many dirty magazines I own has nothing to do with my abilities as a soldier."

This small army was formed after the invasion of Kuwait and consists of mostly ROTC off-casts, leather bar regulars, and some confused drag queens who thought the oil they would be defending was Oil of Olay. We were taken on a secret training mission with five of these veteran commandos. Their packs stuffed with what seemed like hundreds of little bottles of Maybelline Ultra Lash Mascara. "We call this Operation Desert Pantyshield," explained one freckle-faced soldier, "We'll sneak behind enemy lines and replace crude oil in their storage tanks with Mascara, that'll really clog their fuel lines."

The drill ran with typical military precision. Mascara bottles were opened almost in unison, an old Supreme's recording played from an army issue boom box, it was as if the whole exercise


had been choreographed, and of course it had. The chief choreographer for this mission was a former Miss Gay Vermont, Patty O'Furniture. "We've worked on this number for many weeks," boasted O'Furniture, "They'd better get it right, damn it!"

O'Furniture, an expert at her craft and drag show veteran, drilled the recruits, bitching out orders and reminding them to concentrate on moving to the beat. Frustrated, he demonstrated on how it should be done, swiveling his hips and lips perfectly synchronized to Diana Ross, it was clear he was no stranger to rigors of military training or high heels.

Back at Camp Fruit Salad, Sergeant Dickhead (or "Big Dick" as a soldier with a big, satisfied grin referred to him as) briefed his squad on plans of action if an attack is launched on the base. The squad had considered strategic placing of naked members of male dance troops in an early, more intimate version of "human shields." It was considered to be more of a moral booster than defense strategy and later dropped as an option when the evil Saddam Hussien began using a similar hostage ploy. Another strategy called for soldiers to off-set the stench of chemical weapons attack by spritzing the camp with their large

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Masquer's [Wausau]: Miss Gay Wausau Pageant, 10pm, King Productions.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Mr. C's [Rockford]: Miss Gay Rockford Pageant, 9:30pm, King Productions.

Rhythms Of Life: A MAP benefit at Skylight Opera Theatre, 813 N. Jefferson. Reception, art exhibition, silent action begins 2pm. Fashion — entertainment show follows at 3. \$30 tickets, call 278-0990 for info & tickets.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Roller Skating: Join GAMMA at Rollaero (5200 S. Pennsylvania), begins 6:30pm. \$2 price includes skate rental. Refreshments after at M&M. Call Bill at 442-2268 for more info.

Club 219: BESTD Clinic offers free anonymous HIV testing, 8pm-midnight.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable channel 4, 9pm, Jay Hatheway's 'Real Eyes Realize Real Lies' on the rich vs. the poor.

12th Annual H.I.T.: Registration of bowlers at Marc Plaza Hotel.

In Step: New issue out statewide this evening. Pick yours up now!

Nitengales: Thanksgiving, \$3 Beer Bash, 75 cent slammers.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

THANKSGIVING DAY

Nitengales: 2 for 1 rail drinks & 50 cent tappers.

Club 219: H.I.T. Welcome Show.

12th Annual H.I.T.: Bowling at Red Carpet Regency.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Jet's Place: Turkey Bowl for MAP.

Nitengales: Free beer 9-12, Turtle give-aways & prizes, bring food item for MAP pantry.

12th Annual H.I.T.: Bowling at Red Carpet Regency.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Jet's Place: Down Home Country dance.

Nitengales: Turtle give-aways & prizes, bring food item for MAP's pantry.

12th Annual H.I.T.: Bowling at Red Carpet Regency.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Elektra Records & Rock America present "The Cure" release party.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

MAP Worship Service: Interdenominational service, 5pm, Village Church (130 E. Juneau). Open to MAP clients, volunteers, their families & friends.

Club 3054 [Madison]: King Productions Stars of Wisconsin Show.

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