

WAR on DRUGS

U.S. Disinformation
Campaign Targets Cuba

by Jon Reed

HAVANA, CUBA—Recent White House attempts to frame Fidel Castro and the Cuban government as kingpin cocaine traffickers should be viewed with deep suspicion in the light of an ongoing 30-year program of disinformation and covert warfare designed to destroy the Cuban Revolution. In the wake of the spectacular July trial and execution of General Arnaldo Ochoa and three other high-ranking, Cuban military officers for cocaine smuggling and black market profiteering, the U.S. has tried to revive previously discredited charges of Castro's involvement in the international drug trade. These charges have run all the way from a preposterous claim of a meeting between Ché Guevara and Salvador Allende as far back as 1961 to plan the undermining of the U.S. system by importing drugs to recent allegations of a conspiracy between Castro, Nicaragua, and the Medellín Cartel.

The White House has ignored Castro's repeated offers to cooperate with the U.S. in drug interdiction, and seems to have conveniently forgotten Cuba's close cooperation with the Carter administration in the late 1970s—when the Cubans seized numerous ships and aircraft carrying contraband drugs. Instead the Bush administration has planted stories in the mass media claiming that Castro scapegoated Ochoa and the others in order to head off a mythical, Soviet-backed coup d'état (to force glasnost on the Cubans) and to hide his own role as Latin American drug kingpin. According to the New York Times, General Ochoa "may have been leading a group of dissidents and planning some type of action against the Cuban government."

The most recent administration rejection of a Castro offer to cooperate with the U.S. in stopping the drug flow and a false Reuters story released by U.S. Customs officials on July 9 ("Two Cuban MiG jet fighters kept a U.S. Customs aircraft at bay while a small plane dropped a load of cocaine") provide further evidence that the so-called "Cuban Connection" is basically a hoax.

As an August article in the New York Times by Juan Mendez of America's Watch points out, the Medellín Cartel works hand-in-hand with the chief U.S. allies in Columbia—the military and police authorities, not with left-wingers. Left-wing guerrilla cooperation with these drug cartels, so-called "narco-terrorism," is either minimal or non-existent. See M. Rabione, "The War on Drugs" (Zeta Magazine Jan. '89); Collett, "The Myth of Narco-Guerillas" (The Nation, Aug. 13, '88); Morales, "The War on Drugs: A New U.S. National Security Doctrine?" (Third World Quarterly, July '89) and "The CIA and Drugs" (Covert Action Information Bulletin, Summer '87).

Unfortunately the "Columbianization" of inner cities in the U.S. is not a myth, but rather a troubling reality and burning political issue which must be addressed by the left. President Bush's nationally-televised War on Drugs speech on Sept. 5 makes it clear that the administration plans to make this issue a centerpiece of reactionary, bipartisan politics. The cocaine epidemic of the late 1980s has done more to fuel racism and to destroy Black, Latino, and youth community consciousness and political organization than perhaps any other domestic counter-insurgency tool that could have been devised by the CIA and the National Security State. Not only does this multi-billion dollar industry provide strategic funds for a worldwide network of contras, death squads, and right-wing dictatorships, but its social and political effects are poisoning everyday efforts to build a broad-based radical movement in the United States.

As Jesse Jackson and others have pointed out, every misguided, desperate crack addict is a loss to the movement—a potential political activist who may never have the opportunity to become politically involved. This is the real reason that the White House is happy to promote the myth of left-wing narco-terrorism and the "Cuban-Nicaraguan connection" while hiding the fact that the CIA and its "secret teams" have been directly involved with major right-wing heroin and cocaine syndicates for the last 40 years—from the Corsican Mafia and the

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WOMEN & LANGUAGE

Expressing Ourselves

Four local women
talk about communication

by Catherine Fischer

"You who see for us a future
come sit here with me
Mek we drink tea
Let's talk
Mek we analyse
Mek we strategise
Mek we work together"

—Lillian Allen,
"Revolutionary Tea Party"

When women communicate with each other, even at a tea party, the sharing of experiences can be a political act; working together as women for change can be revolutionary. On top of our class, cultural and ethnic differences, every woman has her own relationship to language shaped by social and personal factors. How, then, do we find common understandings or a common language when communicating with other women?

The different ways in which our languages are shaped make it necessary to develop an understanding of both the positive elements of and the barriers to communication. I talked with four Ann Arbor women about their experience with language, what they think it takes to have a common language with other women, and the barriers they find to clear communication between women.

The women had a lot to say about how culture shapes what we choose to say when. Felicia French, a Black lesbian feminist, and an activist who works with children who have special needs, talked about "safe and unsafe words" and how they change depending on the setting. "For instance, if you say in a group of Blacks that something racist is going on, they know what you mean. If you say the word 'racism' in a group of



PHOTO: CASEY CAVANAUGH

Women wait for the bus in Washington, D.C.

people of non-color, it's like 'alarm! alarm!' and everyone starts worrying 'Was it us?'" She also described how "lesbian" is not a safe word in Black culture, yet it can be a "safe" word in progressive groups.

Another way that culture has an impact on the language of women interviewed is through cultural limitations on friendships and expressions of affection. Elizabeth Clare, a white lesbian feminist poet, said "From time to time I will try to talk with friends about the difference between friends and lovers—how to define them. There is a huge area around the two where there's no language. It's hard to use language true to my values when there aren't any words."

Ximena Zuniga, Coordinator of the U-M Office of Intergroup Relations and Conflict, is a Latina from Chile. She described how cultural differences between Chile and the U.S. form similar barriers to communication: "Latinos are very social, caring, giving people.... We have a very

affectionate way of communicating. We have different words to express affection besides 'I care' or 'I love you.' In English, there is nothing in the middle...I'm not sure what effect it carries when I express affection to Anglos." Ximena said this cultural difference also affects her body language. "I keep my hands in my pockets all the time. I am very conscious of my hands."

Some of the women talked about what it takes for them to feel a common language with other women. Ximena said, "In order for me to be close with an English-speaking American woman, she needs to know some Spanish. If she has spent some time in Latin America, it can help her cross some cultural barriers. On a more general level, I think shared meaning and culture, body language, words, norms, and common experience are all part of a common language."

Felicia noted that among her friends there is a lot of humor and intimacy. "Even the silence is (see COMMUNICATION, page 4)

Defining Women's Writing

by Julie R. Enszer

Language weaves the fabric with which we cloak our lives. That is a metaphor. Language is thread. Language is a cloak. Metaphoric language is flowery language, even pompous language. Yet, the metaphor suggests how central language is to our existence. We record our lives, our histories (and herstories) with language. We write.

However, in our culture language is not shared equally between men and women. Note the parenthetical addendum "and herstories" in the first paragraph. Purists will maintain that the etymology of the word "history" does not reflect the patriarchal (male as norm) bias of "his story." Nevertheless women's lives, women's stories, women's herstories often become an addendum, a parenthetical inclusion to "his story." Sexism pervades our language, separating and devaluing women, their language, and their ideas.

Sexism pervades our culture, establishing a literary canon that excludes women. Recently, feminists have rediscovered women's writing from antiquity and have altered the current standards of taste to include women's voices. As a result, Sappho, Aphra Behn, Fanny Burney, Mary Wollstonecraft, Phillis Wheatley, Charlotte and Emily Bronte, and Virginia Woolf have become part of historical surveys of literature, while Toni Morrison, Gloria Naylor, Louise Erdrich, and Margaret Atwood are being recognized as important contemporary writers.

Restructuring the canon is not enough, however. Integrating feminism into literature and incorporating women's experiences requires a broader view of women and language, of women and writing.

What is women's writing? If a text is signed with a woman's name, is it women's writing? Can women's writing be defined unequivocally?

Does women's writing exist? Is there an autonomous body of work that exists as women's writing?

Consider language on three different levels of organization: words, sentences, and texts.

WORDS

What we have in common are the words at our backs. I have so many words...that they do not fit on my skin."

—Maxine Hong Kingston
"The Woman Warrior"

"How do you learn to spell?
Blood, sky & the sun,
your own name first,
your first naming, your first name,
your first word."

—Margaret Atwood, "Spelling"

Words are letters organized to signify things
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"Whitey" Wrong

In response to Gil Scott-Heron's anguished and misdirected racism in "Whitey on the Moon"—does this mean that Ronald McNair and his colleagues on the Challenger died in vain?

Ronald E. McNair, Ph.D., Mission Specialist, became an astronaut in 1978. During Shuttle mission 41-B, McNair operated the Canadian arm in the first use of the Manned Maneuvering Unit. He had 191 hours in space.

NASA's budget is less than 1% of the national budget, and would run the Dept. of Health and Hu-

man Services for less than nine days. As one of the richest nations on earth, we carry a heavy responsibility to feed and house the poor of this nation and the world. But if we use the money we now spend on space technology on direct humanitarian aid, that means that we will not invest in everyone's future, therefore in the long run, everyone will be worse off.

There have been three large meteorites this year that have barely missed the earth, and there are undoubtedly more. An advanced space program could deflect these meteorites, but when one of them hits earth, we will all die. It is not an either/or choice. It is a necessity that we fulfill our responsibilities both to people who are less fortunate than ourselves and to future generations.

Tihamer Toth-Fejel
ANN ARBOR, MI

Too P.C. For Me

Thanks for telling me why I'm morally obligated to see Soul Vibrations ("Afro-Nicaraguan Reggae Comes to A2," Sept. '89). Had you gone so far as to actually appraise their music, beyond one adjective (and "sizzling" at that), I might have actually decided

to see them. Is it counter-revolutionary to consider the bourgeois construct of aesthetics, or did it just slip your minds?

Remember, folks, if you ignore art in favor of p.c.-ness, you wind up stuck with a lot of Jackson Brownes.

Jim Ponlewozik
ANN ARBOR, MI

An Open Letter to the Progressive Community

The U.S. government wants us to "forgive and forget" those responsible for the Iran/Contra crimes. Yet some activists who opposed these crimes now face life in prison.

One of Ed Meese's last actions before leaving the Justice Department was to order the indictment of six long-time political activists on charges of protesting U.S. domestic and international policies through "violent and illegal means."

Like other recent political trials, U.S. v. Whitehorn, et al., (The Resistance Conspiracy Case) targets domestic opponents of illegal practices such as the contra war against Nicaragua and the invasion of Grenada. The investigation of these defendants is linked to the recent illegal FBI investigations of CIS-PES and the Central America solidarity movement. Like them, it's characterized by massive FBI misconduct and illegality.

The six—Alan Berkman, Tim Blunk, Marilyn Buck, Linda Evans, Susan Rosenberg, and Laura Whitehorn—are charged with being part of a network of groups that claimed responsibility for bombings of government and military buildings in 1983-85, including the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Capitol after the invasion of Grenada. No one was injured in any of these actions. The government makes no claim to know who actually carried out the bombings. Rather, it wants to convict the defendants by proving that they shared a "common purpose" of resisting illegal U.S. war crimes: "guilt by political association."

The government has already put these defendants through 14 separate political prosecutions. Five of the defendants are already serving sentences of up to 70 years. The sixth has been held in preventive detention for two and a half years. This April, the trial judge dismissed all charges against three of the defendants on the grounds of double jeopardy, but the Justice Department has vowed to fight the decision.

The government wants to stage a show trial to have a chilling effect on activists. It uses the guise of security to create an atmosphere of fear and intimidation to make a fair trial impossible. A bulletproof plexiglass wall in the courtroom separates the defendants from their families and supporters. Surveillance cameras in the courtroom are trained on the defendants and spectators.

This is political persecution, not a criminal prosecution. The targets are people who have shown a

deep commitment to human rights and social justice over many years. There may be political disagreement among us, but we are all part of the community of people in the U.S. who have opposed and tried to stop the murderous, inhumane and illegal practices of the Reagan administration. The defendants in this case, like the other political prisoners in this country, need to be returned to our communities and not disappear into the prison system. We must lend our voices and support to ensure their rights—and thereby our own. We ask you to join in a campaign to halt this vindictive prosecution. Stopping this last prosecution brought by Reagan and Meese can be an important step in dismantling their legacy of a politicized criminal justice system and resurgent FBI.

We support the defendant's demands to: drop this politically motivated indictment, stop preventive detention, release Laura Whitehorn on bail and remove the bulletproof wall and surveillance cameras from the courtroom.

LOCAL SIGNERS: Chokwe Lumumba, Rev. John Rohde, Eric Jackson, Pete Murdock, Mary Backos, Ben McMurray. **NATIONAL SIGNERS:** National Lawyers Guild; seven chapters of ACT-UP; Angela Davis; IWW, SW Ohio; Mitch Snyder; Pete Seeger; and hundreds of activists, political prisoners and other supporters nationwide.

ed. note: Break through the prisoner's isolation by writing to them and by putting them on your group's mailing list. Their addresses are: Alan Berkman, 233-315, Tim Blunk, 233-410, Marilyn Buck, 233-396, Linda Evans, 233-411, Susan Rosenberg, 233-412, Laura Whitehorn, 220-858, D.C. Jail, 1901 D. St., SE, Washington, DC 20003.

Add your name to the "Open Letter" and/or send your contribution payable to: Emergency Committee for Political Prisoners, P O Box 28191, Washington, D.C. 20038-8191.

County to Map Groundwater Pollution

A project to inventory and map potential sources of groundwater contamination in Washtenaw County was begun last month by Scott McEwen, in cooperation with Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner Janis Bobrin and the Great Lakes CEIP Fund Inc., a national environmental organization. Over the next three months, McEwen et al. plan to identify and document sites and activities which may have an adverse impact on groundwater quality by reviewing historical records, state, county and municipal files, conducting interviews with local residents and by physical inspection. McEwen is hoping that the inventory will spur local action to undertake prevention oriented programs.

The maps will show the locations of all registered underground storage tanks, past and present landfill and dump sites, facilities which handle particularly hazardous chemicals, sites of accidental chemical spills, junkyards, and wastewater sludge and septage application, and salt storage areas. Maps will be available to area officials and citizens to aid in planning and managing groundwater protection and in understanding the threats groundwater faces.

Citizens having information on potential sources of groundwater contamination are urged to contact Scott McEwen at the Office of the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner, P O Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 or 994-2525.

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World Food Month You Can Combat Hunger

by Robert Krzewinski

World Hunger. Mention the words and most people feel pity, helplessness or frustration. With at least 400 million people suffering from malnutrition, 40,000 deaths a day from hunger-related symptoms and 250,000 people a year going blind due to nutritional deficiencies worldwide, it is very easy to throw up your hands in frustration. Can such a huge problem as world hunger be ended? Yes, it can.

In our own area, such local hunger organizations as Bread For The World, the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ), Results, and the World Hunger Education Action Committee (WHE-AC) have banded together to form World Food Month of Washtenaw County (WFM/WC). WFM/WC's purpose is to dedicate the month of October as World Food Month, and educate the public, through events, speakers and displays, on the problem of hunger.

CROP Hunger Walk—October 15

CROP Hunger Walks, sponsored by Church World Service and local community organizations, raise millions of dollars to help end hunger through domestic and international projects. People participating in CROP Walks pledge, or find sponsors to pledge, a donation for every mile or kilometer walked. Funds raised are used in self-help development projects, disaster relief, public education and service to refugees. Out of every dollar raised by CROP walks, over 85¢ goes to directly end hunger.

The Washtenaw County sponsor for the CROP Walk is the ICPJ, as it has been for many years. The Walk takes place on the afternoon of October 15. The Crop Walk has raised \$20-30,000 per year. This year's Walk will be 10 kilometers long (6.2 miles) and 25% of the funds raised will go to local organizations such as the Ann Arbor Hunger Coalition, Women in Transition House, Ypsilanti Salvation Army, Brown Chapel AME Food Program and the Huron Valley Friends Food Pantry.

If you would like to participate in the Walk, contact ICPJ at 663-1870. Materials including Walk Pledge Cards, bulletin inserts and background information are available free of charge to help you as an individual, or your religious/civic organization become involved with this event.

World Food Day—October 16

On October 16 individuals, organizations and governments around the world will join together for the ninth time to declare their support for ending hunger. The event, World Food Day, is held in recognition of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UNFAO) in 1945. The UNFAO is the lead UN agency for technical assistance, research and policy-making in world agriculture, fishing and forestry.

World Food Day is a time look back at what progress has been made in the past year in the struggle against hunger. It is also a time to see what more can be done in the year ahead to advance the goal of food security for all people on earth.

This year observances will be held in over 150 countries. There will be food policy debates in national legislatures and farmer co-op meetings in ru-

ral villages. Thousands of colleges and universities will hold seminars on food problems while children will study agriculture, family nutrition and social responsibility in their classrooms. There will be religious services, "best farmer" awards, food collections for the needy, and town planning meetings on every continent.

The annual World Food Day teleconference will focus on "Food, Environment and Development: A Sustainable Agenda for the 21st Century." Panelists will be Sen. Al Gore, Dr. Verghese Kurien (winner of the World Food Prize), Stephen Lewis (former Canadian UN Ambassador) and Dr. Robert Miller of the National Science Foundation. Judy Woodruff of the PBS MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour will moderate.

WFMWC will be observing World Food Day by sponsoring the teleconference at local sites, and displaying educational materials at libraries in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area and other public locations. For an expanded information packet send \$5 to ICPJ, 730 Tappan, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

The teleconference will be held at the Eastern Michigan University library from noon until 3 pm. Plans are being finalized to also have the teleconference at U-M and to have it carried by Community Access Television. The time and location are to be announced. WFMWC will also be working on getting media coverage on the problems and solutions to hunger.

UNICEF

The United Nations Childrens Fund (UNICEF) is one of the most successful and respected hunger organizations in the world. Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1965, UNICEF has been heavily involved with the Child Survival Plan, which seeks to save the lives of at least half the 30,000 plus children who die needlessly each day from poverty and hunger.

The Child Survival Plan is based on four simple, low-cost methods to save children's lives. Growth charts are used to chart a child's weight/height every month to see if growth progress is normal or problems are occurring. Oral rehydration therapy is the administration of a simple solution of sugar, salt and water to treat dehydration caused by diarrhea. Breast feeding is encouraged as the best food for infants. UNICEF also plans to make sure that all children are immunized against measles, tetanus, whooping cough, polio and tuberculosis by the 1990s.

Funds donated to UNICEF directly aid those who are treated the most unfairly by hunger, children. While UNICEF receives funds from member nations of the UN, it still depends heavily on donations from groups and individuals. For UNICEF's annual Halloween children's drive, children go door-to-door and instead of looking for candy ask for donations to UNICEF. If you would like to help with this year's Halloween project, contact Dixie Edwards at the First United Methodist Church, 662-4536. You can also support UNICEF through direct contributions or by purchasing UNICEF Christmas Cards. For more general information about UNICEF, call 1-88-FOR-KIDS.

Area Toxic Dump Fought

by Hal Grano

MILAN—Augusta Township, a sparsely populated rural community 12 miles south of Ann Arbor, could very well be the home of a new \$45 million hazardous waste disposal facility.

The Envotech corporation, a privately-owned company, has plans to erect a commercial incinerator/landfill complex on 375-acres adjacent to the town of Milan. Highly toxic solid and liquid chemical wastes would be trucked in and then incinerated. The residue ash would then be buried in specially designed, plastic-lined cells.

The development would be available to commercial industries and open to the public. The facility would be large enough to handle the majority of Michigan's hazardous waste with room enough to import more from other states. This would make it second in size only to the Chemwaste landfill, the

largest in the nation, in Emelle, Alabama.

Milan Citizens Against Toxic Substances (MCATS) is a grassroots organization of over 300 members actively fighting the construction of the proposed facility. They claim that incineration and landfill techniques are outdated, extremely dangerous and stressful toward the environment. They see their job as one of informing surrounding communities about the imminent dangers of possible groundwater contamination, toxic emissions and poisoned soils which would deteriorate the quality of life in the area.

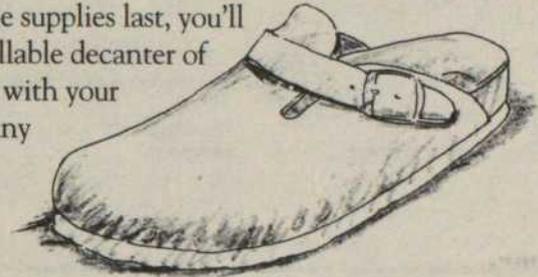
"Why should Augusta Township, which is primarily a farming community, be the site for the U.S.'s second largest toxic dump, when the community itself is responsible for less than 1% of the

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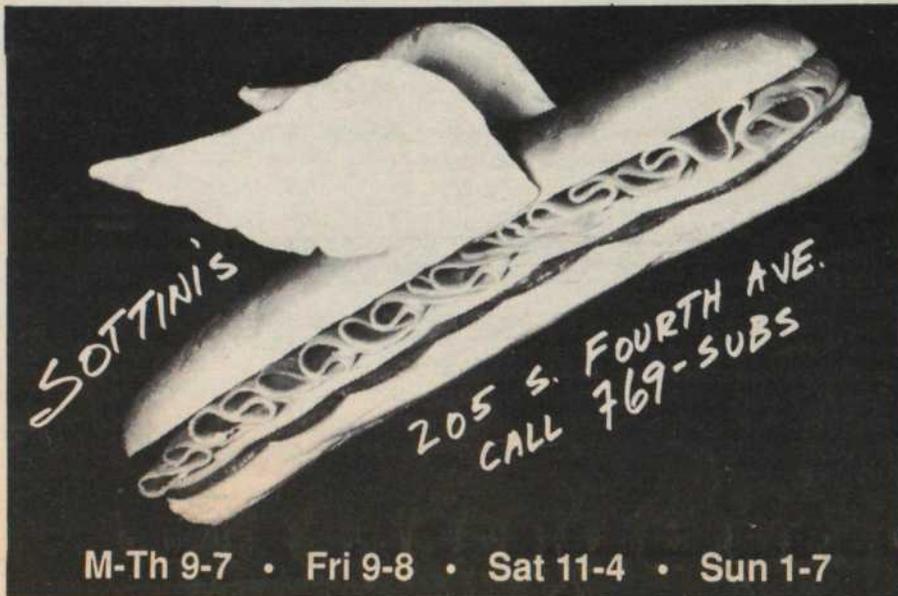
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COMMUNICATION

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different," she said. "When you're quiet among friends, it's just another part of the spectrum of friendship...women use language to soothe each other."

Elizabeth said she feels that common languages exist for her in different communities. "In doing political activism with women that I work well with there's a kind of common language. Another community is the community I live in, which is mostly lesbians. What is true for me is that common language is always with women. A common language includes, at the bottom, being willing to listen. Listening is a huge part of it. Having a common language is not idyllic or utopian. That sense of common language can simply fall apart, even among women with a history of a shared common language." Elizabeth noted that there doesn't seem to be one common language. "There are a number of different common languages which apply to the same communities but are not the same, and are in many ways defined by race and class," she said. "For example, a Black lesbian common language would be different from what I have with my community."

Anne Boardman is a white feminist anarchist who is in the process of embracing the idea of herself as a writer. She says that the greatest understanding she has felt with other women is at a non-verbal level. But Anne said she preferred to think of developing a common language with other individuals, not groups. "It's hard to make generalizations about the way men and women communicate. Generalization has a use, but I don't want to lose sight of individuals." A common language to Anne would be "a way to communicate that had ambiguity only when wanted, not alienating to anyone, and respectful of every person's words."

All four women identified barriers to clear communication between women. Anne said that, at times, she has felt a subtle competitiveness toward other women which she tries to put aside. She finds this to be less of a barrier when other women have made the same realization. A more common barrier she experiences is what she called "p.c. fascism," (p.c. means "politically correct"). "There are some women who have undergone a revolution in their heads," Anne said. "They put up barriers which say 'you're not correct enough' when they meet another woman who has not made the same choices, or who does not use the right combination of words."

Felicia finds that value judgements, the kind that allow one thing for men, another for women, get in the way of communication. As an example, she said that comedienne Whoopie Goldberg uses profanity to make a certain point in her routine, and audiences shut down and are unable to hear her because of her language. "Now how come it's okay for Eddie Murphy to swear, but not for Whoopie to do it?" asked Felicia. "It is our right as humans to take the language and adapt it."

Felicia said she also feels that the socially denied right of individual women to develop a manner of expressing themselves is a barrier to communication between women. "We are not trained to find our own voice. Women need to be more impatient with their language, more assertive." Some women, she said, are clear and straightforward with their language and meanings. Others still feel they have to be ultra polite and often their meaning is not clear because of it.

Unrealistic expectations are another barrier between women. "We assume that we have a common

experience and then get angry because we cannot communicate," said Ximena. She pointed out that "...the more you are in the majority, the more you think you have all the information." Therefore, Ximena said, many white middle class women operate on assumptions, the accuracy of which they do not try to check out. She said she finds that unless she is talking with a woman who is willing to ask questions, clear communication is difficult. "I sometimes sense that people don't get what I'm trying to say, but they don't ask. Maybe they think they are protecting me. People need to be willing to check."

Elizabeth points out that people working together in groups can have a language which is "truly a common language or a rhetoric without a lot of meaning or communication behind the words." She said she has heard women talk about not having a common language at the level of vocabulary, and at the level of process (the way in which individuals or groups settle on communicating with each other). She pointed out that differences in process are not always obvious. "Sometimes you don't know about them until the hard stuff comes up." She also said lack of respect for other women's way of communicating is another barrier. She talked about cultural differences that she had heard Jewish friends talk about which felt stifling to them, like the common expectation that women should keep their voices down and be "nice and polite."

The differing position in the world of white women here in the U.S. and that of women of color from South America is significant to Ximena's comfort in communicating with other women. "Growing up in Chile, I was taught a sense of inferiority. We knew that there were people that were better. In order to make it, you had to be more like people in the U.S. or Europe. I also learned that my needs and desires didn't count as much as the collective whole's. My sense of entitlement on this earth is limited." She said this difference is both reflected and shaped by the use of the first person "I" which is frequent in English, but much less common than the third person "you" which has frequent use in Spanish. "This shapes the way we view how important we are. The language allows me to think that things happen to me rather than that I have control over things. Spanish doesn't help people take responsibility. English puts too much responsibility on the individual." Ximena also said this difference in language reinforces cultural differences which she finds easier to work out with other women of color than with white women.

Taken together, the women interviewed put forth a fairly comprehensive program for removing barriers to communication between women. They said that to remove the barriers we must examine how our position in the world is reflected by our language and our assumptions about other women. We must also increase our willingness to listen to and ask questions of one another, respecting cultural differences in communication, which means we will not stop listening to another woman because of the language she uses. We must also be willing to take responsibility for expressing ourselves and working toward change.

As we develop our abilities to communicate with each other so that we can drink tea, talk, analyze, strategize, and work together as Lillian Allen suggests, we can also keep in mind how important it is to find the words we want to use for ourselves. Felicia puts it beautifully: "Women have the power to get rid of a lot of barriers when women find their voice. A lot of women are freed when one woman finds her voice."

How are Speaking Patterns Affecting Your Group?

Whether social or political, all women or mixed, every group has a particular set of dynamics, one of which is participation. The amount of participation by each member can be affected by a variety of factors. Some people may feel uncomfortable speaking in small groups of any kind, while others enjoy speaking in certain groups but find themselves unable to contribute in others. Explanations often range from subject matter to male/female ratio in the group. For example, a man might be disinclined to talk about abortion if he is a minority in a group of women, or a woman might find herself fulfilling a passive role in a predominantly male group. Whatever the circumstance, becoming aware of speaking patterns in a group can lead to a better understanding of how they affect the quality of the group as a whole as well as the individual

members.

The following exercises can help your group examine participation patterns. It will be helpful to include time at the end of the exercise to talk about what you noticed, how it felt, and changes you would like to make.

1. Have the group sit in a circle. Have a ball of string when you start the meeting. The first person to talk holds the string and passes the ball to the next person who in turn holds onto the string and passes the ball to the next speaker. No one may speak unless they are holding the string. This process creates a web so that participation patterns become visible to the whole group.

2. Use a ball or a bean bag as the indicator of who (see PATTERNS, page 10)

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(objects, actions, concepts, ideas) in the world. Within a given language, people agree on the meanings of words from what the words signify in the world and from the relationships between words. However, the true meanings of words are obscured by connotations, associations, and implications resulting in a rigid morality and ideology.

For example, "woman" and "lady" are two words that have been constructed differently, yet they signify the same thing in the world, namely, an adult female. "Lady" suggests refinement and gentility, whereas "woman" functions as a more general term. Thus, "lady" becomes a compliment for an adult female, as in "she is a real lady," while "woman" is a descriptive term. Similarly, "teacher" and "professor" have been constructed differently to reflect a patriarchal bias in our culture. Teaching, especially at the elementary school level, is a profession traditionally dominated by women. Professorial jobs, on the other hand, are mainly occupied by men. Hence, there is a disparity between the prestige and financial remuneration each job receives. Teachers are devalued and professors are valued and even revered. These are the tacit agreements of our language.

Women writers challenge these tacit agreements. Women writers change, reclaim, recreate, invent, and envision new words and new meanings for old words. Agreements that men have shared for centuries about words are undermined by women because those agreements constrain and compromise women's writing and women's existence.

SENTENCES

"A word after a word after a word is power."

—Margaret Atwood, "Spelling"

"She had gone further and broken the sequence—the expected order. Perhaps she had done this unconsciously, merely giving things their natural order, as a woman would, if she wrote like a woman."

—Virginia Woolf, "A Room of One's Own"

Although as women and as feminists, we can alter words and change the ideas that they signify in the world, sentences have power from the way in which our world is constructed. In our society communication is essential. We must express our needs, wants, and concerns to other individuals in the world. We communicate with words formed into sentences. Sentences have the power of suggestion and implication. They have the power to demand and expect, as well as, to submit and comply. This system of communication was designed by men to give them power over people and things in society. Often women must internalize this imposed model of power in order to communicate with the patriarchal culture on its own terms.

Virginia Woolf begins to understand the significance of sentences and their patriarchal bias. Woolf notes that when sentences are broken and the expected order of language is disrupted a natural order for women emerges, the natural order of women's thoughts. This natural order is not reflected in the sentence as it currently exists because the sentence was not created by women to express their thoughts

and experiences. The sentence was designed to express complete, well-developed thoughts and dichotomous thinking. Margaret Atwood postulates in her poem "Spelling" that in women's sentences "There would be no either/or." Women's sentences would reflect a more contextual mode of judgment and a different moral reasoning.

The either/or dichotomy is discarded by women. Women writers are interested in the development of thought; they are interested in the stages that lead to a sentence rather than the sentence itself. Moreover, they are concerned with disrupting a sentence structure that has traditionally paralyzed women writers and labelled these writers as bad, not right, and in opposition to something.

Finally, women's sentences would not be bound by punctuation. Thoughts do not necessarily end at a period; paragraphs are not born with thesis statements; commas isolate words and ideas. Women's writing is marked by an awareness of space on the page and time for the reader, by a refusal to accept a language that they did not create.

TEXTS

"A woman writing thinks back through her mothers."
—Virginia Woolf, "A Room of One's Own"

"Guided by my heritage of a love of beauty and a respect for strength—in search of my mother's garden, I found my own."

—Alice Walker, "In Search of My Mother's Garden"

"I am a reflection of my mother's secret poetry as well as of her hidden angers."

—Audre Lorde, "Zami: A New Spelling of My Name"

A text is a short story, a novel, an article, a poem. A text consists of words and sentences sequentially placed. Historically, women have been limited to journals and personal letters as their texts. A few women novelists have emerged, including Virginia Woolf who imagined poetry to be the pinnacle of artistic creation and dreamed of the day when women could be poets. That day has come. Adrienne Rich, Maxine Kumin, Sharon Olds, Marilyn Hacker, and Carolyn Forché are a few of the many poets creating women's texts.

Women's texts are not simply texts signed by women, rather they are texts that consciously or unconsciously reclaim and recreate words and sentences. Women's writing celebrates women and their accomplishments, individuality, and modes of thinking. As Virginia Woolf, Alice Walker, and Audre Lorde have written, women's writing is a memory of our mother and a vision of our daughters.

Finally, let me return to the original metaphor, "Women's language weaves the fabric with which we cloak our lives," and let me recast the metaphor to reflect a vision of the language and structure of women's writing. *Language orality Weaving intimacy and connectedness traditionally a women's art form weaving working with Fabric bringing warmth and shelter a Cloak for our Lives as mothers sisters daughters.* Women's language weaves the fabric with which we cloak our lives.

SOME NONSEXIST WRITING GUIDELINES

*Speak of people as persons irrespective of their sex.

*If it is necessary to use sex-specific words, maintain sexual symmetry in their treatment. (Ask yourself if you would say the same thing in the same way about a person of the opposite sex).

*Watch for hidden bias. Ex: Seventy people were killed in the derailment yesterday including 14 women.

*If a quotation is sexist you can paraphrase, replace sexist words with bracketed substitutes, use [sic] to call attention to the sexist word, quote only part of it, or omit the quotation.

*Refer to things as "it."

*Identify women by their own names, not their connections to husband, son, or father.

*Avoid changing official titles (use [sic] if necessary). Ex: Manpower was an agency of the Department of Labor.

*The use of the third person singular pronoun "he" as a generic is to be strictly avoided. (Rewrite the sentence in the plural or second person, recast in the passive voice, omit the pronoun entirely, replace the masculine pronoun with an article or noun).

**"Man" refers to men, "human being" to men and women.

*Replace vague sex-linked descriptors with thoughtful words that describe an individual instead of a member of a set. (If one says, "I found her feminine charm appealing"; what precisely was appealing? Was she polite, warm, welcoming, quiet, gracious?)

*Avoid feminine suffixes such as -ess, -ette, and -trix. If the individual's sex is critical to your material, use the adjectives "male" and "female."

*Words used for name-calling (bitch, fag, bastard) are generally sex-linked in some way, and are therefore to be avoided.

*Letter salutations such as "Dear Sir" should be altered to be inclusive to women. Ex: Dear Madam or Sir, Greetings, To whom it may concern, Dear Friend, Dear Editor Walesa.

*Use "fellow, king, lord, and master" only in their narrowest, male-defined terms. Ex: landlord, Masters Degree.

—based on entries from the "The Nonsexist Wordfinder: A Dictionary of Gender-Free Usage" by Rosalie Maggio, Beacon Press 1989.



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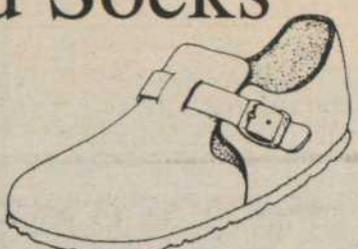




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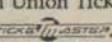


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DRUG WAR

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right-wing Laotian tribesmen to the Afghan contras and the Guatemalan military high command. From the standpoint of the national security state, the North American-European crack epidemic is a phenomenon to be prolonged for as long as possible—since it divides and weakens opposition forces while providing a demonic replacement for the traditional "Evil Empire" of the Soviet Union.

While police and military-affiliated drug lords in Columbia and Central America bolster counter-insurgency campaigns through assassinations and kidnappings of left-wing grassroots leaders; violence, robbery, and gang warfare have reached epidemic proportions in many North American urban areas, stimulating racist attacks and reactionary calls for police-state repression. While a crack dealer shoots down and kills former Black Panther Party leader Huey Newton in the streets of Oakland, Miami Vice stereotypes have replaced Malcolm X and Ché Guevara as role models for an unfortunate proportion of youth.

National polls indicate that the cocaine epidemic has now begun to destabilize the U.S. itself, with fearful citizens ranking drugs as the country's number one problem. If the public won't support sending U.S. combat troops into Latin America to fight the FMLN, the Sandinistas, or the Columbian guerillas, then perhaps they'll support a normalization of relations with socialist Cuba; perhaps this dangerous tendency can be reversed by painting the Castroites as crack wholesalers. If sending the Green Berets into Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Mexico is too unpopular, then the White House will be glad to send in an army of militarized DEA thugs instead.

In the absence of a propaganda and action offensive by the left, government calls for increased funds for police and military intervention have an undeniable attraction for many people who should know better. Instead of demanding the controlled legalization of drugs and recognizing the crack epidemic as a deep-rooted socio-economic and medical problem, we are asked to support sending combat troops to Columbia and Peru and to sanction widespread spraying of deadly herbicides in the war zones of Guatemala. Instead of qualitatively improving economic opportunities for disadvantaged youth or pumping the huge funds needed into drug rehabilitation programs, what the bipartisan hard-liners suggest is the imposition of police state measures in the ghetto and the society at large. If present trends continue, we can expect White House denunciations of ghetto violence and left-wing "narco-terrorism" to increase, not decrease—especially as the myth of the "communist menace" loses its rationale in the Gorbachev era.

Even though evidence uncovered by the Christie Institute and investigative reporters demonstrates conclusively that the Godfather of heroin and crack is really former CIA Director George Bush and his death squad/death drug peddling allies across the globe, we on the left have been losing the propaganda battle for the War on Drugs. Public receptivity (and relative silence by the left) to Bush's recent disinformation campaign surrounding the drug scandal in Cuba are a depressing indication of just how far we have to go if we are to point our finger at the real socioeconomic causes of the crack epidemic and clean up the biggest "Crack House" in the hemisphere, the White House.

After visiting Cuba firsthand, it's obvious that there's no significant cocaine or crack problem on the island—in fact other than alcohol abuse, there are no drug problems at all. The main problems are economic stagnation and political overcentralization, direct results of the White House's 30 year war against the Cuban revolution. After even a brief look at the situation, it's clear that the economic consequences of a normalization of relations with the U.S. would go a long way toward solving the country's major problems. If the travel blockade were lifted, the Cuban tourist industry would boom. If the Cubans could freely trade with the U.S., there would be no "hard currency" crisis. If U.S. peace activists and ordinary citizens could freely travel to the island, there would be a significant upsurge in solidarity and cross-cultural communication. With close cooperation between the U.S. and Cuba, the fundamental right-wing roots of the Medellin Cartel and international cocaine trafficking would become evident. These are the

real reasons why the Bush team want us to believe that Castro and the Latin American left are at the root of our problems.

The achievements of the Cuban revolution are impressive and undeniable in education, in health care, in combating racism, in providing employment and eliminating poverty, and most of all in creating anti-imperialist consciousness and commitment on the part of the majority of the island's 10 million people. It's hard to imagine a more exciting or uplifting place to visit.

As part of a rousing send-off for an international delegation, several thousand young Cubans have massed on 23rd Calle this afternoon, dancing to a live Afro-reggae band and turning the Vedado neighborhood into an impromptu carnival. Fascinated by the multi-ethnic composition of the crowd and the exuberant energy of the dancers near me, I am forcefully reminded of all the good things about the Cuban revolution, it's internationalism, its emphasis upon the revolutionary potential of youth, and its vibrant Afro-Cuban culture.

As my Cuban compañera reminds me, many of the young men and women in the crowd have recently returned from volunteer duty in Angola, fighting against the South African Army and the UNITA mercenaries of Jonas Savimbi. After 13 years of bloody war, many Cubans believe that Angola's enemies have finally been defeated. Without the Cuban volunteers, the Angolans would probably have been defeated by the U.S.-backed counter-revolution—a fact widely acknowledged in the Third World, if not in North America.

After months of travelling through the war-battered cities and villages of Central America, it's a relief to see so many beautiful, smiling faces. It's reassuring to look out across the crowd and see how well-dressed and healthy everyone looks. Standing in the shade of tropical foliage that borders the Cuban Pavillion, I try to make myself heard above the amplified sound system, asking several women dancing beside me what they think about the trial and execution of General Ochoa and the others.

"It's terrible. I can hardly believe it," a Black woman in jeans tells me, shaking her head. "Ochoa was a war hero in Angola and a long-time associate of Fidel."

"As I watched the testimony of the accused officers on television," the other young woman adds, "I didn't know what to think...How could this have happened?"

Everyone I talk to on the streets is careful not to blame Fidel, who after 30 years in power remains very popular. But it's obvious that my questions stimulate an uneasy guardedness, a defensiveness arising out of the average Cuban's desire to protect the image of the revolution. People are willing to criticize lower-level Communist Party bureaucrats for corruption and inefficiency, but not the top leadership.

One very articulate Cuban I spoke with, off the record, felt sorry for Ochoa and the others—defending their action by pointing out that perhaps they were only trying to earn badly-needed hard currency in order to be able to continue financing Cuba's anti-imperialist activities in Africa and Central America. He reminded me that the Soviet Union can no longer afford to provide such large sums of money for its allies in the Third World. Since drug trafficking is obviously used as an important fundraising tool by the CIA and its allies, perhaps Ochoa and the others believed that they were justified in using "any means necessary" to raise needed funds. Most people I talked with, however, blamed Ochoa and the other accused officials for corruption, condemning them forcefully for trying to enrich themselves personally and for staining the reputation of the Revolution.

The majority of Cubans on the street seemed genuinely shocked when I described to them the terrible social and political effects of the crack epidemic in the U.S. No one was able to answer my question in a satisfactory way as to why the Cuban press still appeared to support General Noriega of Panama in an uncritical fashion, when it is clear that Noriega was involved in money-laundering and cocaine smuggling, that he worked hand-in-hand with the right-wing Medellin Cartel, and that he had a long prior record of cooperation with the Reagan administration and the DEA. One person speculated that perhaps Noriega had played the role of a "double agent," working with the DEA and the Bush/North network in order to be able to expose them afterwards—otherwise why would the U.S. be trying so hard to get rid of him now?

Drug War Heats Up in A2

by David Nestle

ANN ARBOR—Calling it an embarrassment to the city, Mayor Jerry Jernigan, last month revealed plans to revise the city's \$5 pot law. The proposed revision of the current law would change possession of small amounts of marijuana to a civil, rather than criminal infraction, but would raise the fine to \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for a second and \$100 for a third (the same state fine structure as for possession of alcohol by a minor). City Council Republicans expect to have the revision on the ballot for the April 1990 city elections.

In spite of attendance on the U-M diag by 2,000-5,000 people at the past two Ann Arbor Hash Bashes, The Ann Arbor News has ignored any voice for liberalized marijuana laws in their aggressive anti-pot campaign in recent months. However, The News ran several anti-pot articles with headlines such as "Marijuana: Getting Tough" and "Backlash builds against liberal pot laws."

The local chapter of NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, which sponsored the Hash Bash in 1988 and 1989, is an educational and political group fighting marijuana prohibition and the criminalization of 26 million pot-smoking, but otherwise law-abiding citizens.

U-M, for its part, has been attempting to block NORML from organizing Hash Bashes. For instance, Henry Johnson, U-M Vice President for Student Services, vowed that NORML will not be given permission to use the diag for the 1990 Hash Bash. Johnson and other U-M officials blame the Bash for two nights of drunken rioting after Michigan's victories in the NCAA basketball tournament on April 1 and 3 (The Ann Arbor News, 4/7/89). Attempting to deflect blame from the University and area bars (and the city's \$14,000 bill for damages in the South University area) U-M President James Duderstadt blamed the \$5 pot law, the Hash Bash and concurrent Grateful Dead Concerts for the damages. In response the Michigan Student Assembly (MSA), U-M's student government, passed an April 18 resolution deploring the administration's attempts to "scapegoat NORML for the events following the NCAA basketball games."

On September 5, after President Bush's most recent drug war plans were revealed, NORML organized a nighttime picket at the Federal Building in Ann Arbor, in conjunction with similar pickets around the nation.

Activities underway among forces for liberalized marijuana laws will include: Last Thursday of the month NORML meetings at Dominick's, 812 Monroe at 8 pm, and telecasts of previous Hash Bashes on Ann Arbor Cable Community Access TV. Clandestine marijuana promoters promise a "Joints for Jerry" campaign, targeting Mayor Jernigan for mailings of marijuana cigarettes.

Write NORML at P. O. Box 6014, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 or call 453-8840.

Given the desperate conditions that prevail in much of the world, robbing banks, collecting war taxes, and kidnapping right-wing businessmen for ransom may be seen as justifiable and necessary—after all, a revolutionary struggle cannot be carried out without significant sums of money. But I would hope that comrades on the left would continue to make one thing clear: trafficking in cocaine and heroin and other death drugs is not justifiable. Instead of falling silent in the face of right-wing propaganda surrounding the War on Drugs, we should be defending Cuba and the freedom fighters of the world, and turning the spotlight on the real source of the drug problem: the Bush White House and its reactionary allies across the globe.

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To publicize November CALENDAR events, send formatted listings by Sunday, October 15 to AGENDA, 202 E. Washington #512, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. (996-8018)

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Recycling Drop-Off Station: Recycle Ann Arbor 2050 S. Industrial. 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Fri & Sat only. Recycling service and education info: M-F, 9:30 am to 5 pm. 971-7400

Recycling Drop-off Center: Ypsilanti Recycling Project Rice St. between Cross & Forest (N. of Depot Town), Ypsilanti. Sat. 9 am to 3 pm, Wed. 4 to 8 pm. 485-2995

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 5:30 to 8 pm (Tue & Thur), 4 to 6 pm (Sun), Argo Park Canoe Livery. Rowing program for the mobility impaired using specially modified craft. Aides available to assist rowers. 662-9319

1 Sunday

Long John Baldry: Blind Pig 6 pm, 206 S. First. With the Professor's Blues Review. \$10. 996-8555

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee (HAC) 6 pm, First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. Plan actions to fight homelessness. 930-2959

"Trane—Beyond the Blues": Performance Network 6:30 pm, 408 W. Washington. World Premiere production of Christine Rusch's play on the life of John Coltrane. \$9/\$6 stud. & seniors/group rates. 663-0681

"You Strike The Woman, You Strike The Rock": Michigan Theater 8 pm, 603 E. Liberty. Extraordinary three-woman troupe, the Vusisizwe Players from South Africa's townships, offer a series of fleshed out snap-shots of life under apartheid. Stories, song, dance and mime. \$23.50/\$17.50. 668-8397

2 Monday

Jewish Women's Call for Peace in the Middle East: Zionist Women Against the Occupation 7 pm, Federal Building. The organizers support the idea of a two-state solution in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Open to all (wear black). Judy 665-2825

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm, Canterbury House, 218 N. Division. 665-0606

3 Tuesday

Family Health Night: Public Health Division/AIDS Counseling & Testing Clinic and Bryant Community Center 5:30 pm to 8 pm, Bryant

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James Keelaghan, "Canada's newest folk star," will be in concert Oct. 28 at The Ark, highlighting material from his just-released "Small Rebellions" album. (see 28 Thursday)

Elementary School, 2150 Santa Rosa Ct. Talk with health providers about community health issues and crime prevention (refreshments). 971-4582

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. Call-in talk show. 763-3501

Hiroshima, Never Again: Peace In-Sight 7:05 pm, A2 Community Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Video of August, '89 "Celebration of Life, Peace, and our Future," held at Gallup Park on Hiroshima Day with Memorial Lantern Boat Launch. 769-7422

Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Men's Rights Organizing Committee (LaGROC) 7:30 pm, 3100 Michigan Union. 763-4186

The Flaming Lips: Prism 10 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. With Steel Pole Bath Tub and Nirvana. \$10. 665-4755

4 Wednesday

Theatre Party: The Domestic Violence Project (SAFE House) 7:30 pm, Ann Arbor Theatre. Film: "The Navigator: An Odyssey Across Time." \$7-12 (ability to pay). Susan 973-0242

"Intifada: Road to Freedom and Independence": Palestine Solidarity Committee and New Jewish Agenda 7:30 pm, Hutchins Hall Room 100, U-M Law Quad. Featured speaker: Israel Shahak, concentration camp survivor, and Professor of Chemistry at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee 8 pm, ask for room at info. desk, Mich. Union. 665-8438

5 Thursday

Bobcat Goldthwait: Prism 7:30 pm, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. \$17.50 reserved. 665-4755

"Trane—Beyond the Blues": Performance Network 8 pm (see 1 Sun)

Massage Therapy Classes for Gay/Bisexual Men: Lesbian & Gay Male Programs Office 8 pm, 1402 Hill St. A safe environment to explore touching and sharing thoughts. Bring 2 sheets, a towel, any vegetable oil, and wear loose clothing. David 662-6282

6 Friday

"Hiroshima, Never Again": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 3 Tue)

Gay Men's Coffee House: Brothers 8 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 763-4186

"Trane—Beyond the Blues": Performance Network 8 pm (see 1 Sun)

Meeting: Black Gay Brothers United 8 pm, 3200 Mich. Union. 763-4186

Adrian Belew: Prism 10 pm, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$13.50. 665-4755

7 Saturday

Volunteer Work Day: Leslie Science Center 9 am to noon. Pruning, clearing trails, and revamping paths. Tools provided, refreshments. 662-7802

John Lee Hooker: Prism 8 pm, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. \$12.50/\$15 reserved. 665-4755

"Trane—Beyond the Blues": Performance Network 8 pm (see 1 Sun)

John Lee Hooker: Prism 8 pm, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. The first great recorded practitioner of the electric blues-rock-funk and stream-of-gut-consciousness boogie. \$15 & \$12. 665-4755

"Little Vera": Hill Street Cinema 8:35 pm and 10:30 pm, 1429 Hill St. A genuine depiction of Soviet life in a dreary industrial town. \$2.50. 769-0500

Pat's in the Flats: Tired of Waiting Concert Series 2233 Canal Street, Cleveland (yes, Ohio). Four bands will play to honor the 4 students shot at Kent State University. (216) 687-1838

8 Sunday

Third Annual Marvelous Mutt Dog Show: Humane Society of Huron Valley 1 to 4 pm, Domino's Farms, Frank Lloyd Wright Dr. Prizes, \$10 entry fee for participants; forms available at area pet stores & at HSHV Shelter. 662-5545

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 6 pm (see 1 Sun)

"Trane—Beyond the Blues": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

"The Crowd" (1928): U-M Film Classics Series 7 pm, Michigan Theater. King Vidor's silent drama about Everyman; preceded by the Harold Lloyd short "His Royal Slyness." Live organ. 764-0147

9 Monday

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm (see 2 Mon)

Bob Mould: Prism 10 pm, Nectarine Ballroom, 510 E. Liberty. \$13.50. 665-4755

10 Tuesday

October News & Feature Deadline: AGENDA News & feature articles due before 5 pm, 202 E. Washington #512, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 996-8018.

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm (see 3 Tue)

"The People's Guide to National Defense": Peace InSight 7:05 pm, A2 Community Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Replay of Oct. 1988 Sheila Tobias' witty, informative slide show on U.S. defense policy—and how illogical the "more-is-better" thinking about weapons is. 769-7422

"Abortion, Religion and Philosophy": A2 Pro-choice Coalition 7:30 pm, Henderson Room, Michigan League. Panel discussion with Anne Marie Coleman (city council member), Sandra Damesworth (President of Catholics for Free Choice—Michigan), and others. 665-2709

Meeting: Amnesty International Group 61 7:30 pm, Michigan Union. Activities to protect human rights and

free prisoners of conscience around the world. 761-1628

"Labor Strikes Back: The Pittston Coal Strike": Solidarity 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Talk by Jim Woodward, co-author of "Battle Line: The Coal Strike of 1978." 665-2709

Meeting: LaGROC 7:30 pm (see 5 Tue)

11 Wednesday

Celebration: National Coming-Out Day (LaGROC) Noon, U-M Diag. 747-9743

Jonathan Richman: Prism 7:30 & 10 pm, The Ark, 637 S. Main. \$14.50. 665-4755

"Abortion: The Politics of Medicine": A2 Pro-choice Coalition 7:30 pm, Michigan Union Ballroom. Talk by Dr. Ethlene Crockett-Jones. 665-2709

Meeting: LASC 8 pm (see 4 Wed)

Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA Meeting 8:30 pm, Ypsilanti Area Community Education Center (old Ypsilanti High School), 210 W. Cross, room 115. 484-0456

12 Thursday

"Zelig": Hill Street Cinema 7 pm and 9 pm, 1429 Hill St. An inspiring and brilliant pseudo-documentary of Zelig, a legendary but fictional hero of the '20s and '30s. \$2.50. 769-0500

Support Group: The Domestic Violence Project, Inc. (SAFE House) 7 to 8:30 pm, 2301 Platt Rd. This group, for women who are or have been in an abusive relationship, meets every Thursday for 10 weeks. Pre-registration required. 973-0242

"Reproductive Rights & Women of Color": A2 Pro-choice Coalition 7:30 pm, Michigan Union Ballroom. Panel discussion with Barbara Ransby (UCAR member), Paquetta Palmer (National Lawyers Guild member) and a rep. from the Puerto Rican Solidarity Organization. 665-2709

"Trane—Beyond the Blues": Performance Network 8 pm (see 1 Sun)

Massage Therapy Classes for Gay/Bisexual Men: Lesbian & Gay Male Programs Office 8 pm (see 5 Thur)

Jimmy Cliff: Prism 10 pm, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12. 665-4755

13 Friday

Abortion Rights Workshops: A2 Pro-choice Coalition 3 to 6 pm, Unitarian/Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw. Topics: "The History of Abortion Rights Struggle in the U.S." and "Birth Control and Abortion Technology: Strategies and Tactics of Pro-choice Activists," and others. 665-2709

The People's Guide to National Defense: Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 10 Tue)

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Board Meeting: Wellness Networks Inc. 7 to 9 pm, 3075 Clark Rd., Suite 207, Ypsilanti. Meeting open to the public and interested newcomers are encouraged to attend. 572-WELL

The Red Hot Chili Peppers: Prism 8 pm, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, \$17.50. 665-4755

Meeting: Black Gay Brothers United 8 pm (see 6 Fri)

"Trane—Beyond the Blues": Performance Network 8 pm (see 1 Sun)

14 Saturday

"Speak-Out" & March: A2 Pro-choice Coalition 3 pm, Federal Building at Fifth Ave/Liberty. Demonstrate to keep abortion legal. Speakers include women who have experienced legal & illegal abortions. 665-2709

Dance Celebration: A2 Pro-choice Coalition 9 pm, Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Concluding celebration of Reproduction Rights Awareness Week. Free refreshments, small donation. 665-2709

"A Thousand Clowns": Hill Street Cinema 9:15 pm, 1429 Hill St. Oscar-winning adaptation of Herb Gardner's Broadway comedy about one of society's most engaging dropouts, \$2.50. 769-0500

"Trane—Beyond the Blues": Performance Network 8 pm (see 1 Sun)

15 Sunday

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Victor McManemy and Friends in Concert: Huron Valley Greens 8 pm, The Ark, 637 S. Main, \$9 donation. 761-1451 or 449-0001

15th Annual CROP Walk for Hunger: Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice 1:30 pm, beginning at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave. 663-1870

Poetry Reading: Ypsilanti Writers Alliance 2 pm to 5 pm, Mean Bean Cafe, 17 E. Cross, Ypsilanti. Featuring Dr. arwulf arwulf, Helen Grenier & Vince Keuter, \$3 incl. taco bar. 663-0546

Puppy & Dog Training & Care Clinic: Humane Society of Huron Valley 4 to 6 pm, A2 Dog Training Club, 1575 E. North Territorial Road. Feeding tips, and health care info. 662-5545

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 6 pm (see 1 Sun)

"Trane—Beyond the Blues": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

"Love Me Tonight" (1932): U-M Film Classic Series 7 pm, Lorch Hall Aud. Musical comedy with Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald directed by Rouben Mamoulian. 764-0147

October Meeting: Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND) 7 to 9:30 pm, St. Aidan's Episcopal/Northside Presbyterian Church, 1679 Broadway. WAND will show "Working for Peace," a videotape featuring Helen Caldicott. Regular business includes: update on congressional lobbying efforts, activities of the 2nd Congressional District Peace Coalition, and political action plans for fall. 761-1718

"White Bird with Black Spot": Hill Street Cinema 8:30 pm, 1429 Hill St. Russian drama about two brothers with opposing views set in Rumania on the eve of World War II, \$2.50. 769-0500

16 Monday

World Food Day Teleconference: Bread for the World 12 to 3 pm, Eastern Michigan University, Main Library, Ypsilanti. Topic: "Food, Environment and Development; A Sustainable Agenda for the 21st Century." 487-9058

6th Annual Vigil: The Domestic Violence Project (SAFE House) 8 pm, Federal Building. In honor of battered women who have been killed by their assailants. Bring a candle if you can. 973-0242.

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm (see 2 Mon)

17 Tuesday

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm (see 3 Tue)

"Caravan to El Salvador": Peace Insight 7:05 pm, A2 Community Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Documentary about 50 North Americans, including local activist Rev. Don Coleman, who drove to El Salvador last March to deliver aid to victims of the U.S.-funded war. 769-7422

Meeting: LaGROC 7:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

"The Plight of Ethiopian Jews": Hillel 7:30 pm, 1429 Hill St. Slide presentation by Jack Edelstein, President of the Michigan Association for Ethiopian Jews. 769-0500

18 Wednesday

Meeting: LASC 8 pm (see 4 Wed)

Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA Meeting 8:30 pm (see 11 Wed)

19 Thursday

The 7% Solution: Food Gatherers All day, at local restaurants (see list, next page). Help fight hunger by eating out at your favorite restaurant today. 7% of all profits will be donated through Food Gatherers to the hungry and homeless in our community. 761-2796

"Homage to Chagall": Hill Street Cinema 7 pm, 1429 Hill. Prize-winning documentary, includes rare interview with Chagall. 769-0500

"The Perfect Party": Performance Network 8 pm, 408 W. Washington. West End production of A. R. Gurney's comedy about a tenured professor who quits his job to throw "the perfect party," selecting guests based on ethnic origin and ability to mix, a microcosm of America itself. \$9/\$6 stud. & seniors. 663-0681

Message Therapy Classes for Gay/Bisexual Men: Lesbian & Gay Male Programs Office 8 pm (see 5 Thur)

20 Friday

Silent Vigil: Zionist Women Against the Occupation 1 to 2 pm, Federal Building. The group plans to hold third-Friday vigils until the Israeli occupation ends. Judy 665-2825

"Caravan to El Salvador": Peace Insight 6:05 pm (see 17 Tue)

"Dreams: The Journey Within": School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. 482-9600

"The Perfect Party": Performance Network 8 pm (see 19 Thur)

Gay Men's Coffee House: Brothers 8 pm (see 6 Fri)

Meeting: Black Gay Brothers United 8 pm (see 6 Fri)

21 Saturday

"Our Voices, Our Vision" Workshop: WAND 9 am to 5 pm, St. Aidans/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway. WAND's annual speaker-training workshop to help you express your concerns about the nuclear arm's race. \$25, register by Oct. 14. 665-6086

"The Perfect Party": Performance Network 8 pm (see 19 Thur)

22 Sunday

"Our Voices, Our Vision" Workshop: WAND 1 to 5 pm (see 21 Sat)

Meeting: Parents-FLAG/Ann Arbor 2 pm, King of Kings Lutheran Church, 2685 Packard. 763-4186

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 6 pm (see 3 Sun)

"The Perfect Party": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 19 Thur)

"Tropical Timber and the U.S. Consumer": Rainforest Action Movement (RAM) 7 pm, Rackam Aud. 662-1199.

"Variety" (1925): U-M Film Classics Series 7 pm, Michigan Theater. E. A. Dupont's silent drama about trapeze artists preceded by short, "Le Ballet Mécanique," live organ. 764-0147

23 Monday

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm (see 2 Mon)

24 Tuesday

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm (see 3 Tue)

The Palestinian Struggle for Peace With Israel: Peace Insight 7:05 pm, A2 Community Access TV, Cable Channel 9. May 1989 talk at U-M by former West Bank professor, Salim Tamari, about the Intifadah. 769-7422

"Reproductive Rights and Women of Color": Solidarity 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Talk by Sharon Holland of LASC and the Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness Center (SAPAC). 665-2709

Meeting: LaGROC 7:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

"Chico Mendes": Rainforest Action Movement (RAM) 8 pm, Anderson Room, Michigan Union. A film documenting the life and murder of a man who fought to save the Brazilian rainforests. 662-1199.

25 Wednesday

Tree Planting Ceremony: Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. & A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 4 pm, Baxter Park, Baxter Rd. (just off Green Rd.). The tree, a summit ash donated by Plymouth Nursery of Plymouth, will provide shade for existing play equipment. 994-2780

"Costa Rica, Central America, and the Politics of Rainforest Protection": Rainforest Action Movement (RAM) 7:30 pm, Western Michigan University. (616) 345-7500.

Meeting: LASC 8 pm (see 4 Wed)

Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA Meeting 8:30 pm (see 11 Wed)

26 Thursday

"Grassroots Organizations and Tropical Rainforest Preservation": Rainforest Action Movement (RAM) 7 pm, School of Natural Resources, room 1040. 662-1199

"The Golem": Hill Street Cinema 7:15 pm, 1429 Hill St. A horror story based on a Hebrew legend of a clay figure brought to life by a rabbi, \$2.50. 769-0500

"The Perfect Party": Performance Network 8 pm (see 19 Thur)

Message Therapy Classes for Gay/Bisexual Men: Lesbian & Gay Male Programs Office 8 pm (see 5 Thur)

27 Friday

"The Palestinian Struggle for Peace with Israel": Peace Insight 6:05 pm (see 24 Tue)

Metaphysical Rap Session: School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Donations appreciated. 482-9600

"The Perfect Party": Performance Network 8 pm (see 19 Thur)

Meeting: Black Gay Brothers United 8 pm (see 6 Fri)

Benefit Disco for U-M Lesbian, Gay Male, & Bisexual Alumnae 9 pm, Nectarine Ballroom, 510 E. Liberty. 662-8532

28 Saturday

Tree Planting: Rainforest Action Movement (RAM) 12 pm, Pickney Recreation Area. Effort to reclaim the wilderness. 764-2147

Recent Paintings of Jean Martin Dassonval: Le Minotaure Gallery 4 to 7 pm, 115 E. Ann St. Opening reception. 665-0445

James Keelaghan: The Ark 7:30 pm and 10 pm, 637 S. Main. One of Canada's finest young songwriters returns to Ann Arbor. Call for price. 761-1451

Halloween/Casino Night: School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Come as you were in past life party. 482-9600

Meeting & Homecoming Social: U-M Lesbian, Gay Male, & Bisexual Alumni 8 pm, Alice Lloyd Hall (Blue Carpet Lounge). 662-8532

"The Perfect Party": Performance Network 8 pm (see 19 Thur)

Maxwell Street Klezmer Band: Hill Street Forum 8:15 pm, Irwin Green Aud., 1429 Hill. This band revives Eastern European Jewish music "with enthusiasm, jazz and humor." \$18/\$10 students & seniors. 769-0500

29 Sunday

Walk-a-thon for a Free El Salvador: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) 1 pm, U-M Diag. Fundraising walk-a-thon for the Association of Women of the Marginalized Communities (AMMA) and the Community Youth Council (CJC) in El Salvador. 665-2709

Recent Paintings of Jean Martin Dassonval: Le Minotaure Gallery 4 to 7 pm, (see 28 Sat)

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee (HAC) 6 pm, First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. Plan actions to fight homelessness. 930-2959

"The Perfect Party": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 19 Thur)

"Tropical Timber and the U.S. Consumer": Rainforest Action Movement (RAM) 7 pm, Rackham Auditorium, U-M. Talk by Norman Myers, internationally renowned conservation biologist. 662-1199

"A Nous La Liberté" (1931): U-M Film Classic Series 7 pm, Lorch Hall Auditorium. René Clair comedy preceded by the Chaplin short "The Idle Class" (1922). 764-0147

"Why Do They Leave?": The Domestic Violence Project (SAFE House) 7:30 pm, place to be announced. Seminar by Ginny NiCarthy examining why, when and how battered women leave abusive relationships. 973-0242

Youssou N'Dour In Concert: Office of Major Events, U-M 7:30 pm, Power Center, U-M. Senegal, Africa's brightest musical star, N'Dour plays and sings bluesy, polyrhythmic music known as "mbalax," \$16.50. 763-5117

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Oct. 19th is World Food Day: Be Part of "The Seven Percent Solution!"

Don't just enjoy a meal. Help out by dining out. Help fight hunger in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area by eating out at your favorite restaurant on Thursday, Oct. 19, 1989. As part of the celebration of World Food Day, many local restaurants have agreed to donate up to 7% of their gross sales for Oct. 19th to Food Gatherers, a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding the hungry and homeless in our community.

World Food Day (WFD) is a worldwide event designed to increase awareness, understanding and informed year-round, long term action on the complex issues of food security for all. Now in its 9th year, it is a day set aside to look at local, national, and international hunger issues.

The 7% Solution—part of the Ann Arbor area's WFD activities—is a community-wide campaign that allows both restauranters and diners to join together in feeding the hungry in our area. People may enjoy a meal out and know that up to 7% of what they spend is being given to people for whom hunger is a part of life. Why 7%? Because more than 7% of Americans go hungry every day.

Everybody can become involved in the fight against hunger just by eating out at one of the following participating restaurants on Thursday, October 19th:

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U.S. Gov't: Lesbian and Gay Male Youth at Increased Risk for Suicide

All members of the community are urged to attend the events marking "National Coming Out Day," scheduled for Wed., Oct. 11. The Lesbian and Gay Men's Rights Organizing Committee (LaGROC) is planning a number of commemorative events including a celebratory Rally on the U-M Diag beginning at noon.

The 8th International Convention of Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (Parents-FLAG) will be held at the Novi Hilton Fri., Oct. 20 to Mon., Oct. 23. Sylvia Hacker, Professor in the U-M School of Public Health and nationally-renowned expert on issues of human sexuality, will be the keynote speaker for the first Plenary Session, Sat., Oct. 21. For a registration form, call 478-8408 or write to Parents-FLAG/Detroit, P.O. Box 145, Farmington MI 48332.

According to CRUISE magazine, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Task Force on Youth Suicide has issued a report acknowledging that lesbian and gay male youth are at increased risk for suicide. The report calls for "an end to discrimination against youths on the basis of such characteristics as disability, sexual orientation, and financial status." Research findings indicate that the increased risk of suicide among members of this group is linked to growing up in a society that teaches them to hate themselves and to hide their orientation from others. The report

states that "mental health and youth service agencies can provide acceptance and support for young homosexuals, train their personnel on gay issues, and provide appropriate gay adult role models; schools can protect gay youth from abuse from their peers and provide accurate information about homosexuality in health curricula; families should accept their child and work toward educating themselves about the development and nature of homosexuality." Copies of the four-volume report of the DHHS Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide cost \$45; write to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington DC 20402.

All U-M graduates who are lesbians, gay men, or bisexual people, are cordially invited to two events marking the establishment of an Association of U-M Lesbian, Gay Male, and Bisexual Alumni. A Benefit for the group is scheduled for Fri., Oct. 27 at the Nectarine Disco, 510 East Liberty. A Social and organizing meeting will be held at Alice Lloyd Hall in the Blue Carpet Lounge on Saturday, October 28 at 8 pm.

Gay Liberation's Purpose is to provide information, counseling, and related social services for people concerned about sexual orientation.

Community Services include a **Hotline:** crisis intervention, peer counseling, referral. **Education:** workshops and conferences on lesbian and gay male concerns, with an emphasis on how people in the "helping professions" and "teaching professions" can work positively with lesbian and gay male clients, patients, & students. **Speakers Bureau:** phone for information. **Human & Civil Rights:** information and referral to help people who are

being discriminated against because of their actual or presumed sexual orientation or because of their presumed "cross-gender" characteristics; lobbying for human and civil rights. **Community Organizing:** information and assistance in organizing groups, setting goals, addressing conflict, linking with other groups and resources.

Gay Liberation Meetings vary according to purpose; we do most of our work in sub-committees (counseling, groupwork, education, civil rights). Call for time and place. Gay Liberation includes U-M students, staff, and faculty, and people from the larger community. We have a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. We're a registered non-profit organization.

Gay Liberation, c/o 4117 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, info: 763-4186; hotline: 662-1977.

Mandatory Recycling Soon?

Ann Arbor City Council is tentatively scheduled to vote on a mandatory recycling ordinance in late October.

The Ann Arbor Recycling Coalition, 20 community and environmental groups representing over 10,000 persons, calculates that the cost savings from mandatory recycling will be \$2.8 million per year once the Ann Arbor Landfill closes in Nov. 1990.

The Recycling Coalition urges townspeople to call in their support of the ordinance to their respective Councilperson. For more info. call Mike Garfield at The Ecology Center at 761-3186.

30 Monday

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm (see 2 Mon)

31 Tuesday

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm (see 3 Tue)

Linking Disarmament & Homelessness: Peace Insight 7:05 pm, A2 Community Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Women's International League for Peace & Freedom celebrates its 75th year with talks by National President Anne Ivey & Executive Director Jane Midgley linking homelessness to the arms race. 769-7422

Meeting: LaGROC 7:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

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Amnesty Int'l: Thanks to Letter Writers

For two years Group 61 (and others) investigated the case of a Sri Lankan man, A. Vettihasan. In June we learned from the U.S. embassy in Sri Lanka that Mr. Vettihasan was freed and was actually in prison for only a short time. He was detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act in May 1984, was tried and convicted for an unspecified crime and served one week's rigorous imprisonment. A Sri Lankan human rights worker informed the embassy that Mr. Vettihasan returned to his home town upon completion of his prison term. According to this source, he is now married with a child and is working as a salesman. The case is now officially closed. The embassy suggested that the Sri Lankan government's responsiveness in this case may have been due in part to the many letters written concerning the welfare and whereabouts of Mr. Vettihasan. Thanks to everyone for all the letters written over the past couple of years.

Presently the group is working on the case of a Peruvian man, Reyber Murrieta Chistama, who disappeared after being detained in January 1988 by combined Peruvian army and police forces.

Meetings & Membership: One of several ways in which individuals become involved in Amnesty International's (AI) activities in defense of human rights around the world is to join an adoption group. Among its various activities, an adoption group writes letters and does other work on behalf of individual prisoners whose cases have been researched by AI's International Secretariat.

Group 61 holds its meetings at the University of Michigan Student Union on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. For further information on Group 61, call 761-1628 or 761-3639.

To learn more about AIUSA programs, contact the national headquarters at AIUSA, 322 8th Ave., New York, NY 10001, (212)807-8400. For information about, or to join, the AIUSA Urgent Action Network, which concentrates on cases that demand immediate action (such as those in which torture or imminent execution are feared), contact The Urgent Action Network, AIUSA, P.O. Box 1270, Nederland, CO 80466, (303) 440-0913. An urgent action group in Ann Arbor works on Latin American cases; for more info. contact Bob Hauert, Ethics and Religion, Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

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Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament: Working for Peace

On Sunday, Oct. 12 WAND (Woman's Action for Nuclear Disarmament) will show the 20-minute videotape, "Working for Peace" at our monthly meeting. The video features Helen Caldicott, the stirring and inspiring founder of WAND and past president of Physicians for Social Responsibility. The film will be followed by a discussion.

In early August, WAND and other groups lobbied actively to influence Congressman Pursell to vote against three important defense issues: SDI funding, adherence to SALT II, and a ban on nuclear testing. He voted with a minority of Republicans to oppose the President's defense plans and to vote in favor of our position.

After being trained at the Speaker Training Workshop sponsored by the National Office in Boston, WAND member Ginger Owens went to train speakers at WAND's third Michigan affiliate in Marquette.

Sarah Peterson, from WAND, was one of the speakers at the U-M Regent's Meeting on Sept. 18. She spoke against SDI research on campus.

Members are still appearing at the Farmer's Market every week to hand out lobbying materials, the WAND brochure, and the flier with

Congressman Pursell's voting record.

WAND's purpose is to educate the public and the public about the dangers of continued weapons production and to influence our congressional representatives by informed lobbying. An overall goal is to empower women personally and politically, and to broaden the constituency of individuals who are working toward the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Washtenaw County WAND was formed in December 1984 by 12 individuals, and became affiliated with the national WAND organization, founded in 1980 by Dr. Helen Caldicott. The local group currently has around 400 members and affiliates.

The local WAND is a fully functioning organization which includes the Executive Committee, Coordinating Committee, and 10 other active committees which reach out to others with public action, lobbying, sales, publicity, coalition-building, and political action, while strengthening the group with educational programs, fundraising, a newsletter, and membership services.

Meetings are on the second Sunday of the month at St. Aidan's Episcopal/Northside Presbyterian Church, 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor and are open to the general public. Doors open at 7 pm for conversation and sales of WAND items, the meeting begins at 7:30 pm, the program or speaker at 8:30 pm and discussion at 9 pm. The meeting concludes at 9:30 pm. Babysitting is provided.

Membership is open to anyone interested in stopping the arms race. Most of our approximately 200 current paid members are women between age 25 and 45. Many others have been involved in various ways. Men are welcome and encouraged to join. Membership fees are \$25 per year with scholarships available for those unable to pay the entire amount. Membership benefits include a subscription to the local monthly newsletter and the national quarterly WAND Bulletin, voting rights at the annual meeting, and alerts from the coalition phone bank as key votes come up in Congress which require immediate lobbying. Contact Rob Stone at 971-9249 for more details.

Call our Information Hotline at 761-1718 to hear a 3-minute message announcing important lobbying information, meeting times, and upcoming community events. Our Speaker's Bureau provides trained speakers who will address small informal groups, classes, public forums and rallies on a variety of issues. Contact Jean Carlson at 426-2232.

Washtenaw County Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, Inc. (WAND), P.O. Box 1815, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1815, 761-1718.



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Medical Supplies En Route to Nicaragua

At this moment, a 40-foot container stuffed with about \$40,000 worth of medical supplies and equipment is on its way to Juigalpa, Ann Arbor's sister city in Nicaragua. It will go to Hospital Camilo Ortega Saavedra, a regional facility in Juigalpa that serves an area in central Nicaragua larger than the entire country of El Salvador. The shipment includes such critical items as surgical supplies, equipment for treating premature babies and infants suffering from diarrhea and dehydration, as well as basic medications and vitamins.

This shipment is the result of a cooperative effort by the Nicaragua Medical Aid Project, Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, the Ann Arbor-Juigalpa Sister City Committee, and World Medical Relief, Inc. (WMR) of Detroit. WMR, a non-profit medical aid organization, collected the goods after reviewing an application from Juigalpa and meeting with Dr. Luna, director of the hospital. The Ann Arbor groups were responsible for the shipping costs (about \$7,000) and with the help of the community were able to meet this obligation. The shipment is expected to reach Juigalpa in mid-October. Many thanks to those who helped make this truly significant act of peace and friendship possible.

Two delegations visits to Nicaragua are currently being organized. A religious delegation is planned for January 3-17. It may go to El Salvador as well as Nicaragua. It is not necessary to speak Spanish. A delegation is also being organized to be in Juigalpa during the election, February 16-27. People with experience in electoral processes and/or a working knowledge of Spanish are needed for this delegation. These trips typically cost about \$1,200. Call Interfaith for an application: 663-1870.

Ann Arbor-Juigalpa Sister City Committee, P. O. Box 8198, Ann Arbor, MI 48107.

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Wellness Networks is dedicated to the promotion of physical, mental and emotional health. Our clients are men and women who are HIV-positive, and we offer a variety of services, from an information hotline to support groups and buddies. We have a speakers' bureau for giving talks on everything from safer sex to living healthfully, and we are proud to be the only organization of our type in the state to go into prisons for talks, buddies, etc.

Currently, we need people to work our referral line and we're hoping to find a volunteer willing to work on coordinating a food bank. We also need someone to coordinate our buddies and support groups. This candidate must be a mental health professional.

Plans for the future include: a therapeutic benefit bash (having a good time is good for your health) and a series of monthly workshops on a variety of topics from fundraising to health and legal issues. And of course, there's the never ending job of preparing for the Art Fair.

Our board meetings are the second Friday of every month, 7 to 9 pm, at the Clark Rd. office. They are open to the public and interested newcomers are welcome to attend. Call 572-WELL for any more information.

Wellness Networks Inc.- Huron Valley, 3075 Clark Road, Suite 207, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, 572-WELL.

Solidarity: Labor Strikes Back

Solidarity's Fall Discussion Series will continue with two talks this month. On Oct. 10, Jim Woodward, co-author of "Battle Line: the Coal Strike of 1978," and participant in the recent Pittston Solidarity caravan from Detroit, will speak on the topic "Labor Strikes Back: The Pittston Coal Strike." On Oct. 24, Sharon Holland, steering committee member of the Latin America Solidarity Committee (LASC) and

a member of the Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness Center (SAPAC) will speak on the topic, "Reproductive Rights and Women of Color." Both talks get under way at 7:30 pm.

Solidarity is an organization committed to building a non-sectarian, socialist movement in the U.S. We are socialist activists who place a high priority on participating in an open and constructive manner in the struggles against racism and sexism, as well as the struggles for lesbian and gay rights. In Ann Arbor, our members participate in the Latin American Solidarity Committee, the Committee to Defend Abortion Rights, the United Coalition Against Racism, the Homeless Action Committee, and Concerned Faculty. We firmly believe that any socialist movement worthy of the name must join in such struggles now rather than perpetuate the illusion that they can either be separated from, or take a back seat to, the class struggle.

We oppose the growing U.S. drive toward war, whether that be in the Middle East or Central America. We support the PLO and the FMLN in their struggles against Israeli and U.S. oppression. We see the need for international solidarity among working people and the oppressed in a period of concessions, deindustrialization, unemployment and the growing debt crisis. We believe in a creative rethinking of socialism for the '90s in which an open environment and a variety of views is more important than presenting a monolithic face to the world, or engaging in pretenses of being "the vanguard."

Solidarity, 4104 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 665-2709.

LASC Walks For Justice

On Oct. 29, Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) will hold a walk-a-thon to raise money for the people of El Salvador. The walk-a-thon will be part of a national series of over 50 such events sponsored by the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES). One of the two specific projects for which LASC will raise money is the Association of Women of the Marginalized Communities (AMMA), which fosters programs and collects resources empowering Salvadoran women to play active and meaningful roles in El Salvador's struggle for justice. The other is Community Youth Council (CJC), which fights against the Army's forced recruitment of Salvadoran youth and for an alternative educational infrastructure in which young Salvadorans can experience and share their indigenous culture. LASC encourages all concerned Ann Arborites to walk with us for a free El Salvador. The walk-a-thon begins at the Diag at 1 pm. For more information, contact Mike Fischer at 665-2709.

LASC is committed to education and action in support of the right of self-determination for Latin American peoples. Our activities include education about historical and current realities in the region and the role of U.S. foreign policy in Latin America's conflict. We oppose U.S. intervention and work to end U.S.-sponsored war and repression throughout Latin America. We welcome all who are in general agreement with our ideas to attend our Wednesday weekly meetings at 8 pm in the Michigan Union. Ask for the room number at the information desk in the lobby.

Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC), 4120 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 665-8438.

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can talk. You can only speak when you hold the ball. This will draw attention to interruptions and to dialogues.

3. Have an observer keep track of who talks and for how long and present a summary at the end of the meeting.

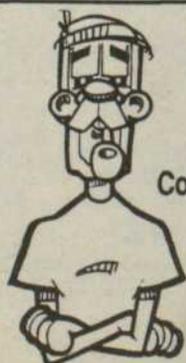
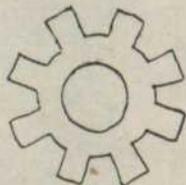
4. Give every person in the group an equal number of tokens (rubberbands, pennies, etc.). Each time a person participates in the discussion, they have to turn one of their tokens in. When the

tokens are gone, they don't get any more turns until everyone has used their own tokens.

5. Have your group observe its patterns of verbal participation. In the study "Observing participation patterns," J. Crowfoot uses the following questions to establish group patterns. "Who are the high participants? Who are the low participants? Do you see any shift in participation? (e.g. highs become quiet; lows take up some talkative)? Do you see any possible reason for this in the group's interaction? How are the silent people treated? How is their silence interpreted? As consent? Disagreement? Disinterest? Fear? What?

Pilar Celaya,

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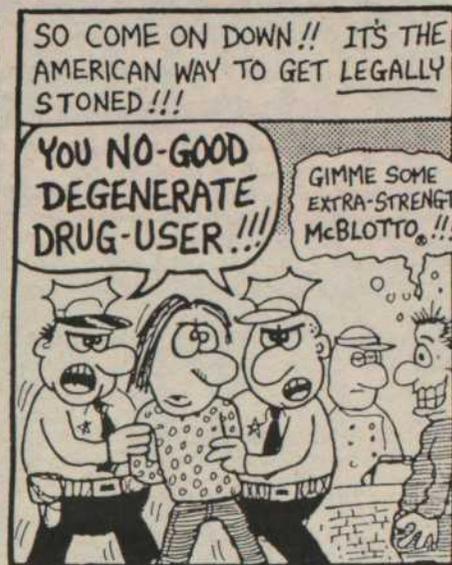
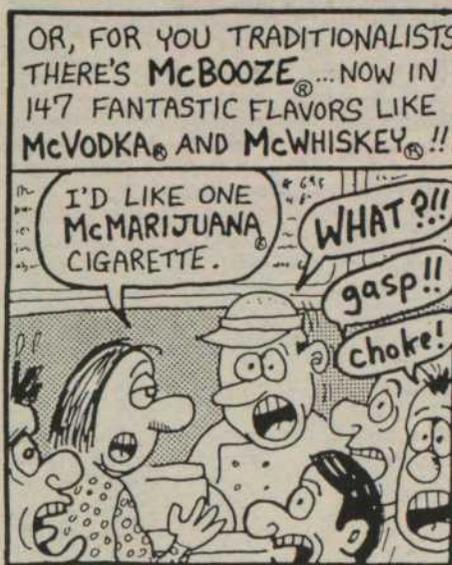
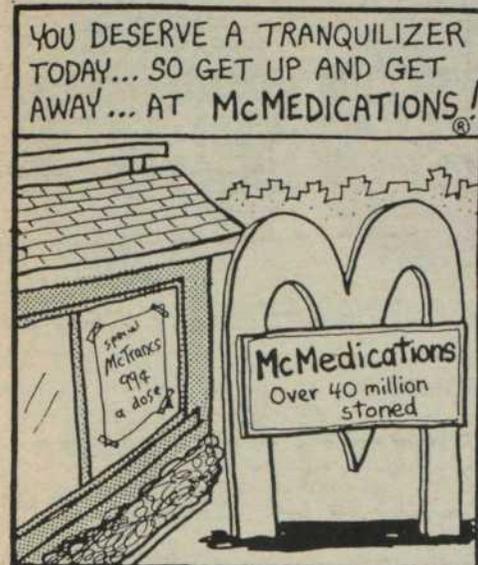
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BOOK REVIEW

"The Nonsexist Word Finder: A Dictionary of Gender-Free Usage"

by Rosalie Maggio, Beacon Press 1989

by Stephanie Harrell

It takes little effort to float through a conversation unaware of the multiplicity of meanings attached to each word we casually and thoughtlessly spew forth. The task of speaking, writing, or even thinking in a way that is precisely representative of what we are trying to communicate is enormously, and often overwhelmingly more difficult. It is with this sort of acute awareness of the complexity of language that Rosalie Maggio's "The Nonsexist Word Finder" defines, replaces, and suggests alternatives to trite and overused, sexist words and phrases.

The book is divided into two essential parts: the alphabetical dictionary and the appendices. The dictionary lists sexist words and phrases, as well as words that are ambiguous or, although not inherently sexist, often used in sexist contexts. Each sexist entry is immediately followed by one or more nonsexist alternatives. For example:

man-hours: worker/work/working/staff/labor/operator/typist hours, hours of work, labor, time.

nurture: both men and women can nurture.

virgin/virginity: use for both men and women. Be sensitive to the double standard that still expects virginity or at least some measure of virginal behavior from women while rewarding men in subtle and unsubtle ways for being experienced.

The appendices consist of writing guidelines and essays on nonsexist language. Included are definitions of terms such as "inclusive" and "false generic"; general rules for using gender-free language; and readings, one of which gives 14 ways to avoid the sexist singular.

One of the strong points of this book is that it assumes nothing about the reader. In the foreword, Casey Miller and Kate Swift explain, "[Maggio's] objective is not to impose her point of view on others, but to assist people at their own levels of understanding and commitment to enunciate theirs." A person may thus use the book to help completely omit any sexist language they use or merely to further their understanding of the history of sexist language.

Another strength of this book is it gives logical explanations for using nonsexist language. It then shows how this language can be used effectively and inoffensively. Take, for example, the quote used in the section of Appendix A entitled "Accuracy and Realistic Writing":

"People are beginning to realize that non-sexist language is more than a token gesture of good will to feminists. It is a matter of accurate communication."

Maggio goes on to explain how inclusive language is "logical, accurate, and realistic...exclusive language is not." She uses familiar examples and explains how they affect our understanding of the language.

It is important to remember that this is a reference book. The 205-page dictionary is a tool for developing language to avoid sexism, but it will probably ignite the curiosity of many to seek out more information on the subject. The bibliography is a good place to start. Undoubtedly, the book will help everyone become more conscious of the intricate meanings and effects of the words we use.

M-CATS (from page 3)

state's toxic waste?" asked Kim Dunbar, chair of M-CATS in a recent interview. "You never see toxic waste dumps in the back yards of corporate heads, in the yards of the people who are making all the money."

The site itself has been chosen by Envotech because of its geological composition. Between the surface soils and the bedrock is a layer of clay 70 feet thick. This has created an almost impermeable condition, inhibiting rain, runoff, and surface water from filtering quickly into the ground.

Envotech believes these clay soils will enhance their landfill storage cells, creating a secondary buffer against leakage. The location also offers good proximity to the Detroit metropolitan area, where 90% of Michigan's waste comes from. Furthermore, the site is situated in an isolated community of few people.

While Envotech perceives the area as an excellent choice, M-CATS has problems with the location of the proposed facility on many levels. "Envotech wants to put a waste facility on a site that is already contaminated. That doesn't make any sense," says Dunbar referring to the now-defunct Arkona dump, a 40-acre sanitary landfill run by Michigan Disposal on the site during the '70s. Michigan Disposal, an affiliate of Envotech, was charged by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with the unauthorized burial of chemical waste. According to the DNR, the site has not been cleaned up and the environmental contamination from the Arkona landfill violates a number of federal and state laws. The site is now on the Michigan 307 list of contaminated Michigan sites.

M-CATS claim that surrounding populations would face serious health risks because fragile ecosystems would be altered. The real impact, however, would be felt by the immediate township residents. Much of the population of Augusta Township relies heavily on groundwater and the land itself has been classified as "prime farm land" by the U.S. Geological Survey. The Environmental Protection Agency has stated that: "All landfills will eventually leak." In other words it is just a matter of time before the groundwater in Augusta Township is poisoned, said Dunbar. "Hazardous waste doesn't go away just because you bury it, it stays forever in its toxic form."

M-CATS also questions the suitability of the environment to tolerate the proposed stress this new facility would bring. Even with the most advanced technology, toxic chemical compounds would be emitted from the incinerator's stack. These emissions would be at the wind's mercy. "Ann Arbor is only 15 miles away," said Dunbar. "It would also be heavily exposed to toxic fallout." This fallout could contain many carcinogenic compounds, some being dioxins and furans, substances which M-CATS says have no acceptable threshold. Milan Township officials readily admit that evacuation of the area's 15,000 residents is something it isn't prepared for.

According to a spokesperson from Basset and Basset, a public relations firm hired by Envotech to handle all communications, the company is still conducting environmental impact tests. The formal process will begin when Envotech submits an application to the state and a Michigan DNR Site Review Board to assess all health and environmental risks. "The DNR informed the company [Wayne Disposal Inc., an affiliate of Michigan Disposal and Augusta Development Corp.] in May that this situation [code violations at the Arkona landfill site] must be addressed before any application for permission

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In order to inform the public about the seriousness and pervasiveness of domestic violence in the U.S., October has been designated National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Here, in Washtenaw County, the Sheriff's Department handles approximately 2,000 complaints of domestic violence each year. Last year 287 families were housed at SAFE House, a shelter for battered women and their children.

Local events commemorating Domestic Violence Awareness Month will include:

Oct. 16: Sixth annual candlelight vigil in memory of women killed by their abusers and in celebration of those who have survived, 8 pm, Federal Building, (Fifth & Liberty).

Oct. 26: Speakout on Sexual Abuse, 8 pm, Michigan Union Ballroom, U-M.

Oct. 29: Ginny NiCarthy, author of "Getting Free" and "The Ones Who Got Away" will speak about why battered women leave abusive relationships, 7:30 pm. Call 973-0242 for location.

If you are being abused and need help, contact SAFE House's 24-hour crisis line at 995-5444.

to use the site for hazardous wastes will be considered," (The Michigan Daily, 9/20/89). M-CATS believes the application will be submitted some time this fall.

M-CATS wants to solve the problem, not just cure the symptoms. They believe the solution is to reduce the amount of waste produced at the source. The Michigan DNR and Michigan Chamber of Commerce said in a 1987 Hazardous Waste Management Capacity Needs Report: "[T]here is general agreement that the preferred waste management strategy is to avoid or reduce its generation at the source." According to the report, source reduction can lower waste disposal costs, reduce environmental impact, and conceivably lower material input costs for an operation.

This puts the onus on the generators, the industry that creates this waste as a by-product. With better management practices industry could cut down on the amount of waste produced. This might entail equipment re-design, process re-design or product reformulation. According to a study cited by environmental scientist, Dr. Hans Posselt of the Augusta Environmental Strategy Committee (AESC), European countries generate only one-tenth as much toxic waste, on a per capita basis, as the United States.

M-CATS has also pointed to recycling and treatment (rendering hazardous waste harmless by combining it with other materials) as other examples of preferred management practices. What is strikingly evident, though, is that landfill and incineration techniques are considered the least desirable.

M-CATS believes their fight exemplifies how small, determined citizen's groups can fight multimillion dollar corporations. M-CATS says, there is no compromise for them and that they will not rest until the proposal is withdrawn. They don't expect it to be easy. "Some communities in our position have fought for years before they won," states Dunbar. "We will, too. Michigan doesn't need another landfill. That's the last thing this state needs."

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