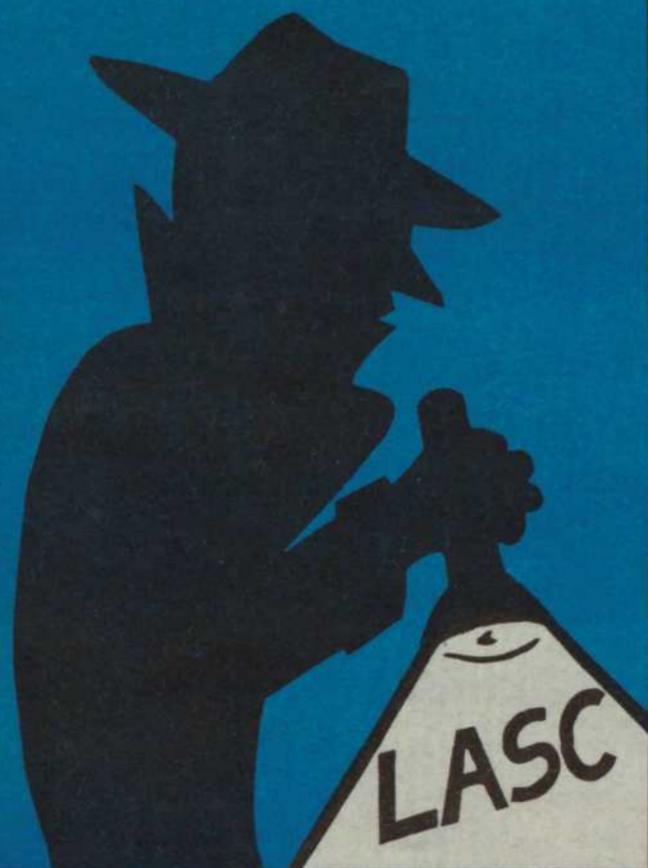


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The Whitewashing of Main Street: People of Color Harassed at Two Local Bars

by Barbara Ransby

Thirty years ago this spring in Greensboro, North Carolina, African American college students launched one of the most pivotal phases of the modern Black Freedom Movement—the desegregation sit-ins. The premise of these protests was that African Americans, like all other Americans, should have the right to utilize public facilities and accommodations and be served in stores, restaurants and hotels, like any other patron, regardless of race. These seemingly moderate demands met with staunch and often violent opposition from the southern white power structure. Desegregation protesters were kicked, spat upon, had lit cigarettes gouged into their backs and hot coffee thrown into their faces. Four years later the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed and in 1965 the Voting Rights Act became law. These two major pieces of civil rights legislation ostensibly guaranteed the basic civil rights of all citizens regardless of skin color.

Three decades later, however, in more subtle guises, people of color, the poor and the homeless are still being routinely excluded from public space, harassed for demanding their rights, taunted with racial epithets, and even threatened with physical and police violence if they don't remember their "place." The struggle then was focused on racial justice. The struggle now is focused on racial and economic justice.

On two separate occasions in July and August, Black and Latino patrons of two Main Street restaurants, the Full Moon and

the Quality Bar, reported being harassed, insulted, and threatened with arrest before being kicked out of these two establishments. On July 20, during the Art Fair, two African American and two Latino U-M graduate students along with two other Latinos went to the Full Moon. An individual in the group politely asked two nearby waitpersons (one white male and one white female) if it was possible to get service there. The male waitperson said they could not be served at that table unless they ordered food. The group told the waitperson that they intended to order food. The waitperson then argued that they could not be served at the table because there were no chairs and that it was not his problem to find chairs. Without provocation the female waitperson said if the group caused any problems they would be thrown out. As the group of Latinos and Blacks waited to be seated at a table with chairs, several groups of white patrons were seated before them.

Chris Lombardo, the manager of the Full

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Concerned Citizens Poster

the Full Moon, abruptly appeared at the table where the students sat down and without explanation told them to leave or the police would be called to remove them. The students insisted they had as much right as anyone to be served. Lombardo called the Ann Arbor police. The police arrived and said that the group would have to leave given the management's supposed right to refuse service. The police were asked if they knew why all of the group members were being forced to leave rather than any one person with whom the manager might have had difficulty. The students explained to the police and Lombardo that given no justification it was clear to them that they were being racially discriminated against and their civil rights needed protection. The officers said that the matter could only be pursued in court and everyone would have to leave. The police agreed to write a report. The officers did not charge the students with any offense. According to observers, the police seemed to want to keep things unofficial

and informal. The students objected to this approach, arguing that if the law had been broken, they should have been charged and arrested, if not, they were being unduly harassed. As they were leaving, the owner of the bar, Andy Gulvezan, stated to Cynthia Hernandez, a Latino patron, "If you bring Blacks here, that's what they get," followed up by the threat that "this time they're leaving through the door, the next time it'll be through the window." Another Black patron, Phil Cole, and a student of East Indian descent, who were standing nearby but not involved in the verbal exchange, were also arbitrarily asked to leave. The victims of this incident have since filed a discrimination complaint with the Ann Arbor Human Rights Department.

On August 3 a similar incident occurred at the Quality Bar, one block from the Full Moon on Main Street. In this incident a large predominantly white group was meeting informally at the Quality Bar to plan a high school reunion. Cameron Moody, chairperson of his Ann Arbor high school reunion committee and his brother, Corey, both Black men were part of the group. Two Latinos, also there for the reunion activities at a nearby table, were, for some undetermined reason, being forced to leave by the the Special Problems Unit of the Ann Arbor Police Patrol Division. (The Special Problems Unit was created in 1989 in response to "individuals and fights in the Liberty/Maynard area and to cope with summertime problems," according to police Lieutenant Tinsey. The unit,

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No More Lies

I hope this letter finds both you and AGENDA in good health. My name is James Daniel Armstrong and I am an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution in Oxford, Wisconsin.

I am working at 22¢ an hour for the Electronic Cable division of Unicor, a prison industry here, which is contracted by the Department of Defense to make electronic cables for tanks, jet aircraft and other war machines.

As you might imagine, I am none too happy having to work for this aspect of the Military Industrial Complex. I consider it a form of indentured servitude because I am forced to pay off a heavy court fine. Nevertheless I realize the situation I'm in and where I'm at—in federal prison. The most I can do is hope to re-educate myself, so that never again will I or anyone close to me fall for the lies our government has given us. In doing so I need all the help I can get!

I have heard many good things about AGENDA and I am glad there are still journals like yours in publication. I hope your publication continues to have much success.

James Daniel Armstrong
OXFORD, WI

Write to Save Berkman

Dr. Alan Berkman, M.D., is a political prisoner. He has worked for justice from joining the 1968 Columbia University rebellion, to giving medical aid at Wounded Knee, to testifying for tortured Black activists, to serving poor communities. He has paid a heavy price for this. He was the first physician criminally charged for treating a fugitive since Dr. Mudd was jailed for treating John Wilkes Booth. Berkman has served over five years of a 12 year sentence for his activities with a revolutionary group. Anyone else with his sentence and prison record would be out on parole by now.

Berkman is in a Washington, D. C. hospital jail, fighting for his life against cancer. The Justice Department tried to deny him medical treatment, and is now working to deny parole which is his only chance for proper care.

It is a care and death matter that you write to the U.S. Parole Commission and demand parole for Berkman. Address letters: U.S. Parole Commission, Attn Irma Huseman, case analyst, Air World Center, Suite 200, 10920 Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153.

Eric Jackson
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newsbriefs

Calling All Kids!

On September 29-30, the first World Summit for Children will convene at the United Nations. For the first time world leaders will meet to talk exclusively about the needs of children worldwide and to devise ways to meet those needs. To help focus attention on the Summit, several hundred cities in the U.S. are organizing local events. Ann Arbor is organizing the Children's Ribbon.

The Children's Ribbon is being made by children only. All Ann Arbor area children are invited to create a 12" x 18" panel for the ribbon, illustrating what they think is needed to make the world a better place for children. Art teachers and schools are involved and will be coordinating this effort in their classes. This work will culminate in the tying together of the panels

on Sept. 23 at Pioneer High School from 3 to 5 pm. In addition to the panel tying, there will be speakers and music.

From there the Ribbon will travel to New York City for display at the UNICEF House. A Children's Congress will be held at the House Sept. 24 where students from ages 8-14 will draft a statement about what they consider to be children's most pressing needs. One Ann Arbor student will be invited to attend. Interested students should send a one paragraph statement indicating your interests and related activities to Jenni Zimmer, The Children's Ribbon Project by mail no later than Sept. 10 at 4080 Joanne Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. To volunteer or for more information call Jenni at 662-3523.

Reading Between the Numbers

Poverty in the U.S. is not confined to the unemployed. Just look at the numbers: A full-time worker at the new federal minimum wage (\$3.80 an hour) earns \$7,904 before taxes. That's enough to lift a single person above the poverty line of \$6,280. But if

the worker has one or more children to support, no such luck. This year, the poverty line for a family of two is \$8,420 and for a family of three is \$10,560. (From Hunger Action Forum, P.O. Box 789, San Francisco, CA 94101)

Ann Arbor Creeks Project Launched

The Huron Watershed Council and the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner have launched a joint project to improve water quality and wildlife habitats of five local creeks. The City Creeks Project will focus on monitoring and cleaning up Pittsfield-Ann Arbor, Fleming, North, Swift Run, and Traver Creeks.

The water quality of the Huron River and Geddes Pond is affected by pollution and sediment carried to

the river by the urban tributary creeks that make up Ann Arbor's storm drainage system. "The difference between a high-quality, beautiful creek or river and one that has become polluted is often due to the concern and efforts of individuals and groups," says Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner Janis Bobrin.

The program will provide training and assistance to youth groups, school classes, community groups and individuals interested in taking on practical environmental projects.

For more information call Scott McEwen at 994-2525 or 769-5123, or write to him at 415 W. Washington, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Oil War Cover for Problems at Home

On August 24, about 140 people gathered at the Federal Building in Ann Arbor to protest U.S. intervention in the Persian Gulf.

"Why this? Why now?" Richard Cleaver of American Friends Service Committee asked, referring to the largest U.S. military operation in 35 years. Cleaver contended that the build-up is extremely provocative. "The U.S. is thumbing its nose at Iraq," Cleaver said. "Bush made his money as a Texas oil man. Neither Bush nor his cronies are likely to suffer from this adventure." He added that this is "happening at a time when the military budget is supposed to be cut by congress, and Bush's son is in trouble for lining his pockets with people's money..."

Speakers from New Jewish Agenda to the Revolutionary Workers League agreed with Rabia Shafie of the Palestine Aid Society that U.S. "motivation for intervention has nothing to do with freedom and sovereign nations."

Most of the speakers also expressed fear for U.S. citizens of Arab descent if there are American casualties in the Middle East. Of particular concern to them is the large Arab population in Detroit.

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FBI Fingers Campus "Terrorists"

by Ted Sylvester

At least 54 current or former Ann Arbor residents are listed in the FBI's international terrorism files, according to FBI documents recently obtained by a former Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) member.

The documents were obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request filed in July 1988. The FBI at first refused to release any information, citing national security and its need to protect informants. After an appeal, 18 pages of an acknowledged 22 pages were received, with significant portions blacked out. What was left readable reveals an extensive FBI surveillance from 1982 through 1986 of LASC membership and activities.

The 54 names, including University of Michigan students and faculty as well as community members (including the two current AGENDA editors), all appear to be present or former members of LASC. No discernible pattern is apparent to explain the exclusion of other active LASC members from the FBI list.

The Latin American Solidarity Committee "is a non-profit campus-community organization dedicated to supporting the self-determination of the people in Latin America, and changing our government's policy of intervention in Latin America."

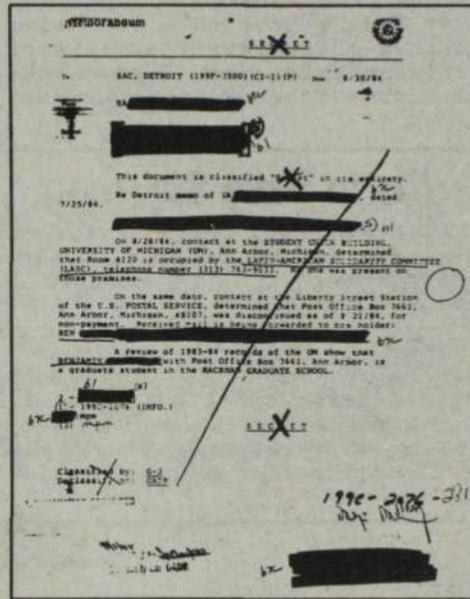
In addition to compiling a general list of LASC members, the declassified documents show that FBI agents spied on LASC rallies and meetings, entered the LASC office without permission, and searched Post Office records for the owner of the LASC postal box, and then read that person's U-M records.

The heavily censored documents show that the probe of LASC in Ann Arbor was part of a nationwide FBI investigation of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), a Washington D.C.-based group with around 180 chapters in the United States. LASC is a member of CISPES as well as other national organizations which oppose U.S. government policy in Central America.

The FBI began investigating CISPES in September 1981 after the Department of Justice asked the bureau to determine whether CISPES was in compliance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA). This Act requires that persons acting in the U.S. on behalf of foreign governments or entities register with the U.S. government. No violation of the FARA was discovered and the investigation ended in December, 1981.

In March 1983, based upon information furnished by the Dallas Field Office, the FBI authorized a new investigation of CISPES, this time to determine if CISPES was controlled by what the FBI considered "terrorist" organizations in El Salvador, the Farabundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN) and the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR). The FBI also suspected that CISPES was planning terrorist activities in the U.S.

In October 1983 the investigation expanded to every FBI field office in the country. Subsequently, numerous other investigations arising out of the CISPES probe, referred to as "spinoffs," were conducted. The FBI investigation of LASC in Ann Arbor appears to have been one such "spinoff" since it continued past the date the CISPES investigation was alleged to



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have ended (June 18, 1985).

The CISPES investigation and its 178 spinoffs eventually surfaced in the media and sparked such a public outrage that the FBI conducted its own internal investigation in 1987 (which cost \$800,000, nearly as much as the original CISPES investigation). A number of hearings were also held in both the Senate and House of Representatives concerning the CISPES investigation as well as the FBI's internal probe.

At one such hearing, on September 29, 1989, FBI Director William Sessions described to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence the investigative techniques used by the FBI in trying to substantiate links between CISPES and the FMLN. "Among them were checks of public records and sources, photographic and visual surveillances, undercover attendance at meetings, reviews of financial records...trash checks, checks of telephone and utility company records, checks of records of license and credit bureaus, checks of records of law enforcement agencies, and limited personal interviewing of CISPES members," he said.

The FBI Director also told the committee that "no substantial link between CISPES and international terrorism was ever substantiated." Mr. Carroll Toohey, who led the FBI's internal probe of the CISPES investigation also told the committee that the FBI "never was able to establish that funds were provided to the FMLN as a result of CISPES."

"Based upon the documentation available to the FBI by October, 1983, there was no reason to believe that all CISPES members nationwide knew of or had any involvement in support of El Salvadoran or U. S. terrorists," Sessions told the committee. "Thus there was no reason to expand the investigation so widely."

"Instead," Sessions continued, "these activities caused information on rank-and-file members who had nothing to do with international terrorism to be included in the FBI case files."

As a result of the FBI's internal probe of the CISPES investigation, Sessions told the committee that he imposed disciplinary sanctions against six FBI employees at the middle supervisory level for their performance. A seventh employee, who would have been

dismissed, resigned.

During the course of the hearing, the Director admitted several times that the CISPES investigation was improperly handled, that the FBI's investigative process was "flawed," and "the FBI was not proud" of its conduct. Sessions also told the committee that "in the CISPES investigation there were instances when activities that were essentially political in nature were surveilled."

During the course of the hearing, a number of Congressmen asked the Director what could be done about expunging the names from FBI files of citizens whose rights were violated in the course of the investigation, citizens who were doing nothing more than exercising their legitimate rights as protected under the First Amendment. One suggestion was that the CISPES files be removed from FBI control and housed in a neutral location like the National Archives.

Sessions explained that since "the CISPES investigation was a foreign counter-intelligence terrorism investigation, as they call it, a 199 classification, as we call it...the Archivist would not approve a request that the CISPES files be totally expunged because they are of historical significance."

Historical significance or not, many local members of LASC feel that the investigation of CISPES and their inclusion in the FBI's international terrorism files is totally unjustified, and could have a chilling effect on legitimate participation in the democratic process.

In the July 1990 issue of La Palabra, the newsletter of LASC, one writer observed: "What kind of freedom do we have when the FBI investigates those who disagree with the government? The threat of an FBI investigation can scare people. It can force them out of the democratic process. It is ironic that every day we read of the democratic transformation of Eastern Europe, and the hatred the Eastern Europeans have for their secret police. If we live in the 'land of the free,' should we accept the secret police here in the United States of America?"

In addition, many LASC members feel that the FBI continues to spy on their activities. They cite documents which show that the FBI continued to collect information on LASC through 1986 as a reason not to believe Director Sessions' assertion that the FBI probe of CISPES ended in June of 1985. Since it took nearly two years for the FBI to respond to their initial FOIA request for documents relating to LASC, it is only a matter of time, they say, before they have more documents to prove that they are still being spied upon.

The FBI, for its part, refused to be interviewed for this article. A spokesperson for the FBI's Detroit Field Office (which supervises the Ann Arbor Field Office), said that Hal N. Helterhoff, the Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Division, "did not have any additional comments above and beyond the Director's public statements."

If you participated in LASC activities between 1982-86, and wonder if you are one of the 54 persons named in the FBI's international terrorism files, you may contact this reporter at the AGENDA office for information.

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One of the most distinctive features of Michigan's natural landscape is its abundant diversity. No single terrain typifies this state's natural wealth. "Characteristic" of Michigan are sandy dunes and beaches, deciduous woods, forests of pine and spruce, rocky outcrops along the Great Lakes' shorelines, marshes, swamps, meadows, and even remnants of tallgrass prairie in the southwest corner of the state.

Each of these areas supports its own habitat for specific plants and animals. Variations in soil type, availability and amount of water and sunlight, and competition from other species determine the types of plants likely to survive in each habitat. Because of Michigan's rich diversity of habitats, our natural heritage includes an amazing array of plant types as well, from the delicate lady-slipper orchids of acidic woodlands and bogs, to the endangered dwarf lake iris which grows naturally only along the shorelines of the Great Lakes, to the robust wild bergamot, butterfly weed, and black-eyed susans of open meadows and prairie.

In spite of this great diversity, many of our native plants have become threatened, endangered, or extinct due to habitat loss, caused largely by human activity. Rampant development in urban and suburban areas has imprisoned countless acres of fertile green earth under concrete and steel. In rural areas, overgrazing by livestock, careless agricultural practices, and irresponsible logging operations have led to severe erosion, bringing about the demise of other plant communities. Many plants have been killed and their sensitive habitats degraded beyond repair (in the name of recreation) by off-road vehicles, dune buggies, and other forms of vandalism.

Digging and collection of rare native plants from the wild, often by gardeners and rare plant enthusiasts, serve only to damage these communities even further. Well-meaning but naive plant lovers have also introduced certain non-native plants into this country, with grave consequences for indigenous species. Introduced plants, having evolved within a different ecological framework, can upset a delicate balance and dominate an entire habitat within a short time. You may have seen the bright magenta-colored flowers of purple loosestrife massed in local wetlands in July. Brought to New York state from Europe in the late 1800s by a well-intentioned gardener, this aggressive plant has spread westward to Minnesota, invading and choking almost every wetland in its path. Native plants such as cattails are unable to compete for sunlight and nutrients. When the cattails decline, so do the animals and birds which depend on them for food, shelter, and nesting sites.

There are a number of ways we can help our native plants in their struggle for survival. While native plants are most beautiful growing in their "home" habitat, on occasion we must intervene to save them. When a natural area you are acquainted with has been sold, figures in three-piece suits have been sighted in the woods, and bulldozers

Plant Rescue

When a natural area you are acquainted with has been sold, figures in three-piece suits have been sighted in the woods, and bulldozers are looming on the horizon, it's time to organize a plant rescue.

by Lois Huff

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Harry Phillips, in his book "Growing and Propagating Wild Flowers," provides the following valuable advice on how to coordinate a plant rescue. First, list the individuals and local organizations who may be interested in participating. (Check with sympathetic friends, college botany departments, garden clubs, etc.) Next, get written permission from the landowner to remove plants from the area in question. Keep a copy of the permit with you when digging and be

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familiar with property boundaries. If possible, have someone familiar with native plants scout the site prior to the actual dig. A local botanist and/or native plant gardener can determine which plants are worth rescuing, thus enabling the rescue crew to prepare new homes

for the plants. Notify your crew of the time and place of the rescue, and necessary clothing and tools to bring.

Make proper preparations in your own planting area for the new arrivals. Make sure to duplicate soil, sunlight, and water requirements of the plants as closely as possible. Do not expect trilliums, for example, to thrive in a garden that receives full sun. On the pre-arranged date, meet with your crew and dig the plants. While realizing that whatever plants you leave behind will soon be destroyed, concentrate your efforts on native plants, whether they are wildflowers, woody shrubs, or small trees. Wrap the roots, with some soil attached, in wet newspaper or burlap. Plant the leafy refugees as soon as you can, and water them well. Do not apply chemical fertilizers; wild plants have no appetite for junk food.

It is important not to disturb a habitat that is in no imminent danger of being developed. Refrain from picking wildflowers. Unless their lives are at stake, do not dig up plants in the wild, and avoid buying plants that you suspect may have been collected in this way. Question plant dealers; reputable nurseries supply commercially grown native plants, and will appreciate your inquiries and concern.

Make your opinions and feelings known to your local and state government officials. Write letters expressing your misgivings over habitat loss. Contribute to nature and plant preservation groups; volunteer your help. Support legislation directed at improving habitat or removing threats to it. For pointers on effective ways to influence plant legislation, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: The Nature Conservancy, 1800 N. Kent St., Suite 800, Arlington VA 22209.

Many of Michigan's wild areas have been irretrievably lost, and with them the plants that once thrived there. In 1980, 25 native plants were determined to be extinct; ten years later the figure has risen to 38. Almost 200 plants are listed as threatened or endangered by the state DNR. For those of us who mourn this loss, it is imperative that we try to prevent further ruin to habitat for the plants that still have time. It is our duty to protect our native plants, not just for the sake of ourselves and future human generations, but for prosperous future generations of the plants as well.

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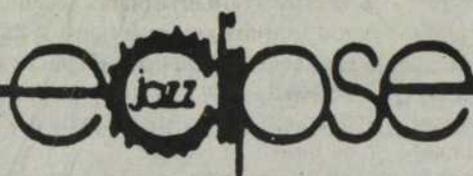
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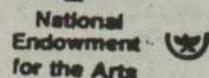


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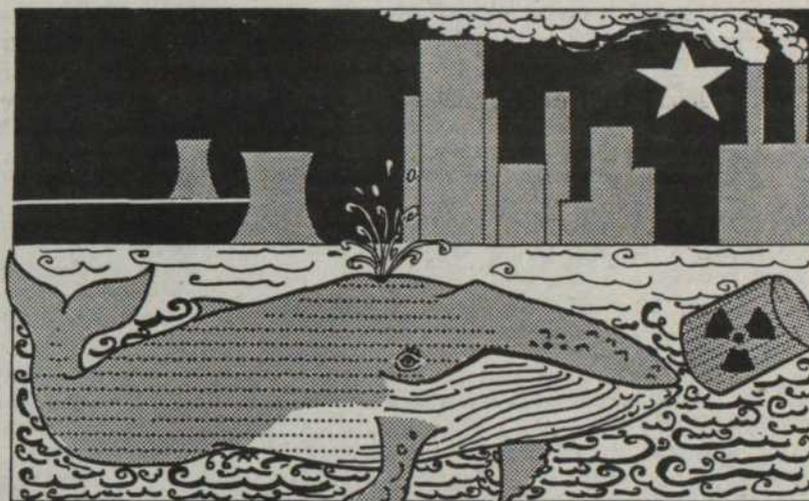


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The Guatemalan Army continues to rule the country's indigenous majority with an iron fist.

Guatemala Déja Vu?

by Jim Burchfield

In a surprising turn in the Guatemalan presidential elections scheduled for this November, Efrain Rios Montt, the born-again former president who presided over the genocide of the early 1980s, has emerged as a serious contender. Recent polls show Rios Montt to be narrowly trailing the heavily favored Jorge Carpio Nicolle, a conservative businessman endorsed by U.S. Embassy officials who desire to maintain a facade of democracy in Guatemala.

Inexplicable as it may seem to those who have followed the sad recent history of Guatemala, Rios Montt has a substantial following. The third major candidate in the race, Alfonso Cabrera, is running far behind both Rios Montt and Carpio, mainly because of his affiliation with the rampant corruption of the Christian Democratic party of current president Vinicio Cerezo.

With allegations of official drug trafficking and visibly spiraling street crime emerging as the final hallmarks of the pathetic Cerezo years, many Guatemala City residents look back on the rule of Rios Montt as a period of relative order within the city limits. Although military and paramilitary forces massacred roughly 30,000 of Guatemala's rural poor in the 16-month presidency of Rios Montt from March 1982 to August 1983, the more well-to-do sectors of Guatemala City felt little of the damage.

More importantly, Rios Montt has the support of a significant corps of young officers whom he helped train at the military academy. Many of these officers rose to power during the reign of terror in the early '80s in which hundreds of villages in the countryside were razed as part of a scorched earth campaign against guerrilla insurgents.

A bizarre dimension of the Rios Montt campaign is the constitutional restriction which enjoins past presidents or leaders of a coup d'état from again assuming presidential power. Rios Montt took power in a coup after claiming the 1982 elections were a fraud, and thus, cannot legally take office. He obviously feels, however, that he can either set aside the constitution or can gain sufficient momentum for another coup if he receives enough support at the polls. He also has the advantage of having one of his chief adversaries, Hector Alejandro Gramajos, suddenly out of the country, since the former defense minister is grooming himself at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University for his own later run at the presidency. Under current election rules, a candidate must win

more than 50% of the popular vote to assume office. With several candidates running, this is unlikely, so the top two vote-getters will probably face off in a run-off election on January 6, 1991.

With the notable exception of the 1986 vote which carried Cerezo into the nation's highest office, Guatemalan presidential elections have consistently been marked by fraud. (Ironically, Rios Montt had the 1974 elections snatched out from under him when then president Osario Arana unilaterally declared his hand-picked successor, Kjell Laugarud, the winner.) Thus, there may be ample opportunity for Rios Montt, with the support of powerful allies in the military, to be able to ascend to the presidency outside of the electoral process.

Guatemalan elections are hardly open and free. Even with a majority of the nation's population being Indians, there has never been an Indian candidate leading a major party. Additionally, since political dissidents, labor leaders, and intellectuals are routinely executed in Guatemala, there has been little fundamental political debate about the struggling economy, access to land, labor rights, and forced conscription into military-led civil patrols.

The true political opposition in Guatemala, the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Union (URNG), concluded long ago that they could only survive as an armed opposition, and have effectively repelled repeated military campaigns against them. The goal of the URNG is to build a real democracy in Guatemala in which all political forces can participate, and toward that goal they have been unwilling to lay down their arms until serious negotiations and reconciliation have been completed with the government and the army. Remarkably, they have been able to begin the negotiating process over the past year, with a dialogue between the URNG and the government in Oslo, Norway, in March. Another set of meetings were recently completed outside of Madrid, Spain. Although little progress has been made, the fact the negotiations are occurring is an optimistic sign.

On the other hand, the primary goal of the United States is to downplay the negotiations between the URNG and the government, and to attempt to legitimize the November elections which offer little political choice. A victory by Cabrera or Rios Montt would be disastrous, since the former is so obviously

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The Ann Arbor Inn: Another Lost Opportunity

by Jeff Gearhart and Jen Rubin

Over the past ten years, people in Ann Arbor have become interested in helping the poor and homeless in the community. The traditional way that people have "helped" the poor has been through supporting the work of social service agencies, shelters, and churches. In turn, these organizations have typically provided free meals, emergency shelter, counseling, and administered state and federal welfare and housing programs. This approach to dealing with homelessness exacerbates instead of solves the problem of homelessness.

This standard approach to homelessness was developed in the early 1900's by social planners to aid people who are unable to find housing in our current for-profit housing system. Almost all housing today is financed by private, profit-oriented mortgage lenders. Monthly mortgage payments (interest & principal) are the biggest part of housing costs, usually 30-50% of the cost of occupying a house. The cost of this money, interest rates, has been one of the main factors creating a lack of low-income housing. High interest rates mean that it's not profitable to build affordable housing. They also result in higher mortgage payments paid by developers, which cause higher rents for already existing housing. The standard approach is to accept the poverty caused by this system and to create an institutionalized bureaucracy to aid poor people. Not only does this approach not challenge the current system, it perpetuates it by hiding the system's failure to provide affordable housing.

The standard approach is founded on the myth that poor people are unable to function. Thus, if a person is homeless, it is because of their individual shortcomings. And if they are given a home, they will not be able to sustain it without proper intervention. It is assumed in this model that what poor people need before they're ready for "independent living" is transitional shelter and support services.

One alternative solution put forward by housing activists is to get government and private grants and thus bypass high-interest borrowing. This would allow for the development of a public and/or cooperatively owned housing system. Locally, for instance, the Ann Arbor Inn at 100 S. Fourth was a target of a recent effort to do just that.

The Inn has been vacant since January. In May, several groups formed an ad hoc committee to convert the Inn to low-income housing. Over the course of three months, biweekly meetings were held at the First Baptist Church. They were attended by various business people, service providers, city officials, local activists and concerned citizens. The group looked at blueprints of the Inn and discussed potential combinations of use of its space. However, the group was unable to come to a consensus about whether the Inn should be converted into housing or a shelter and whether the Inn should be converted to permanent or temporary housing. Currently, the Inn is set to go to auction on September 15. What these meetings illustrated was that the standard approach to homelessness is impractical and condescending.

There was a major debate about what is suitable density for low-income housing. It is accepted as conventional wisdom that high concentrations of poor people, especially in urban highrises, leads to rampant social dysfunction, i.e., crime, vandalism, and drug use. While significant proportions of the homeless population do have a variety of emotional and physical problems, these are frequently generalized as a condition of poverty. "It's a myth that poor people don't know how to live," said Tracy Cipoletti, a formerly homeless mother of three children. "They need to stop talking about the problems and start helping us to deal with them. Permanent housing is the most important first step."

However, one of the main arguments made at the meetings against converting the Inn into housing was the idea that highrises are unsuitable for poor families with children. Clearly the problems which have occurred in highrises and public housing are more complex than the density of people and are potentially avoidable. For example in Chicago, which has a high percentage of low-income housing highrises, tenants have successfully managed some buildings and have revealed the real factors behind housing failures. According to J.S. Fuerst and Roy Petty, who work with public housing projects in Chicago, "Poor original locations, poor tenancy controls, enormous concentrations of the very poor, socially troubled families, some design flaws, poor maintenance, few supporting social services and inept management have a lot more to do with public housing problems than how many floors [density] each building has," (In These Times, June 20, 1990).

There was also dissent at the meetings over prioritization of short-term shelter over permanent housing. In Washtenaw County over half of the welfare recipients don't receive a high enough housing grant to pay for rent. In addition, a recent survey of Domestic Violence Shelters in Michigan found that because of a lack of safe, decent, and affordable housing, "...nearly 60% of women who returned to their violent partners...did so because of housing problems." No matter how many short-term shelters there are, the majority of people still have nowhere to go after leaving these programs. Knowing this, several service providers still proposed using the Inn for short-term shelter and office space.

Finally, it is clear that the social service system is unwilling or unable to fully advocate for the interests of low-income people. Shelters and social service agencies have daily contact with low-income people and are aware of the inadequacies of their programs but rarely mention this in political debates about housing. Alternatively, when real housing opportunities arise, like the Ann Arbor Inn, a myriad of excuses are offered as to why they won't work, with the alternative being more shelters. While this may appear to be a humane response, we will continually be plagued by lost opportunities and self-defeating misdirected actions until we challenge this approach.

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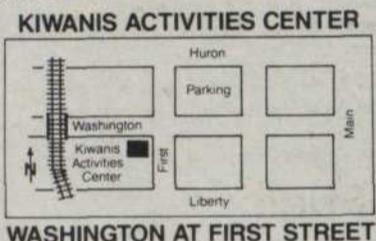
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Stratford Offerings Too Glitzy

by Rachel Urist

The Ontario-based Stratford Festival's standard of excellence reaches from its stellar actors to its capacity for magical spectacle. The festival's resources have often seemed limitless. This year, unfortunately, spectacle seems to have taken on a life of its own. It no longer serves the play. It no longer serves a director's concept. It serves itself. An inflated Stratford seems to have imploded.

Two of the productions, Congreve's "Love for Love," directed by the festival's artistic director, David William, and Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor," directed by Bernard Hopkins (who butchered every show he directed at the Third Stage last summer where he was and remains general director), are both examples of excess in interpretation and design. Ingenuity has been replaced by indulgence. The result, a showy display, is distracting. The fault in both of these cases lies with the director. This conclusion is drawn from the fact that both actors and designers appear to suffer the same confusion. Huge chunks of dialogue are unintelligible. Now and again a talent like Colm Feore, or Patricia Connolly, or Roberta Maxwell will emerge and sweep away the confusion with a command of stage and speech that makes things crystal clear. But in between their appearances, the acting is so uneven that the plays, ultimately, fall flat. It is as if the directors thought that by having their designers show off they would compensate for their own shortcomings.

Watching "Love for Love" was like gazing at a spray of dried flowers. It's not an unpleasant experience, but my hope was to see something live. As for "Merry Wives," the less said the better. The show was drowned in spectacle, and there wasn't much that was merry about it except the above-named actors who lit up the stage whenever they appeared. Colm Feore single-handedly saves many of the scenes from certain death.

"Home," by David Storey, is directed by veteran actor Marti Maraaden, who should have left this play alone. She is woefully out of her depth. She seems to have no sense of the play's rhythms, relying, as she herself admits in a program note, on the vast experience of her accomplished cast. Barbara Byrne and Pat Galloway are a hilarious pair and do justice to their duet scenes. Nicholas Pen-

nell, an admirable chameleon of the stage, is fatally paired with the miscast James Blendick, and it is simply impossible to play a duet alone. The entire, two-hour exercise is a mistake. Reading the lines provokes laughter. Remembering the leaden renderings of those same lines is disappointing. A good deal of talent is wasted.

The one bright light of my weekend trip was "As You Like It" on the Festival Stage. Richard Monette, who was responsible for last season's highlight, "Comedy of Errors," directs this play with wit enough to make an extreme interpretation seem to have sprung naturally from the play.

Monette's frame for the play is the Canadian frontier, more specifically "Quebec City and on L'Isle d'Orleans in the late fall of 1758." The forest of Arden is peopled with rustic courtiers in buckskin and American Indians in native dress. A bubbling brook flows just beyond the stage. (Rosalind tosses stones into the water.) French Canadian folksongs are woven through the play. Conceptually all this is apt. It conjures a sense of collective (Canadian) nostalgia. Unfortunately, the costumes look like something out of Walt Disney. Even if these elaborate feather headdresses (not to mention the wildly colorful shirts and leather garters under loincloths) are historically accurate, these Indians look absurdly improbable. Like the buckskin on their European comrades, the outfits are too elaborate, too perfect, too pristine and wrinkle-free, hardly the stuff one expects to find on men who've been living outdoors for months. Only cartoon characters survive catastrophe so starched and clean.

While the best feature of the cast is its ensemble work, Lucy Peacock warrants special mention. As Rosalind, her transformation from lass to lad is astonishing. Her very features seem to change. William Dunlop, too, should be singled out for his Sottish Touchstone, a kilted figure with a highland brogue which he uses to punctuate the comedy. While this year's trademark excess is in evidence, Richard Monette comes closest (among these four) to the director's ideal of using invention to serve the play.

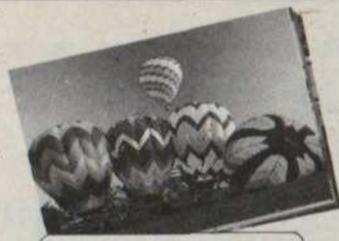
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GUATEMALA

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corrupt, and the latter because of the potential blood bath which could ensue.

To help discredit Cabrera, the State Department came up with an unusually harsh report on the human rights situation in this year's annual report on Guatemala, stating: "There continued to be credible reports of security forces personnel and political extremists engaging in extrajudicial killings, disappearances, and other serious abuses."

We need not be fooled into thinking that this critique is because the U.S. wishes to support human rights and self-determination to Guatemala. The U.S. continues to support the Guatemalan military, with the Bush administration requesting another \$2.88 million in military assistance and \$50 million in security assistance.

Behind the scenes, the CIA, with the help of U.S. service personnel, has recently stepped up its support of the infamous Guatemalan secret police, the G-2. Using the war on drugs as the perfect cover to allow additional funds and logistical support to aid in operations against insurgent forces, U.S. pilots have been helping to fly reconnaissance missions over the tropical forest areas which are the strongholds of the guerrillas. On the other hand, the admission by the State Department that security forces are responsible for human rights abuses is a far cry from Ronald Reagan's statement that Guatemala was "getting a bad rap" on human rights.

In the U.S. Congress there is a shred of good news. On July 27, Representative Peter Kostmayer

(D-PA) introduced a nonbinding resolution, House Congressional Resolution 355, to cut off all military aid and commercial arms sales to Guatemala. Unlike other kinds of legislation on Guatemala, where only a few committee members have any input, any member of the House can sign on to this resolution. It should come to the House floor after the August recess, and it is an excellent opportunity for individuals to hold their representatives accountable for U.S. assistance to Guatemala.

In early August Michigan 2nd Congressional District Representative Carl Pursell was urged by this reporter to add his name to HCR 355. His response was the following: "Please be assured that I will keep your thoughts in mind should HCR 355 come before the full House of Representatives for consideration." This kind of noncommitment in the face of several years of Congressional support to the very security forces that inflict abuse on the Guatemalan population is unconscionable. The cutoff of military aid by the U.S. in the late 1970s certainly contributed to the international isolation of earlier Guatemalan military regimes, and forced a return to civilian government. Granted, the civilian regime of Cerezo has not been able to wrestle real power from the military, but continuing financial and technical support to the military does nothing to loosen its cruel grip on the Guatemalan people. The increase in human rights abuses in Guatemala in 1990 is acknowledged by everyone from Americas Watch to the State Department. Congressman Pursell has never been known to take a stand supporting human rights in Central America. This is an opportunity that he shouldn't miss.

CALENDAR

To publicize October Calendar events, send formatted listings by Saturday, September 15 to AGENDA, 202 E. Washington #512, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, (996-8018). Listings for more than five events must be sent to AGENDA on Macintosh disc. Send SASE if you want your disc returned.

FORMAT—Date, event, sponsor, time and place. One or two sentence description, fee, phone number.

Unless otherwise noted, all events listed in the CALENDAR are free and open to the public. All locations are in Ann Arbor unless otherwise noted.

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2 Sunday

Jazz Academy Clinics: 1990 Montreux-Detroit Jazz Festival 2 pm. Pianists Bess Bonnier, Barry Harris, Oliver Jones and Earl Van Riper will present an open rehearsal & discussion (see 1 Sat).

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 4 pm, Argo Canoe Livery, 1055 Longshore. Rowing program for the mobility impaired. Specialized aides for rowers who use modified craft on the river. 437-5286

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3 Monday

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4 Tuesday

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 5 pm (see 2 Sun)

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5 Wednesday

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Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee 8 pm, ask for rm. # at front desk, Mich. Union. 665-8438

6 Thursday

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 5 pm (see 2 Sun)

Meeting: Palestine Solidarity Committee 7:30 pm, International Center, W. Quad. 347-2587

Grad & Professional Open House: Hillel 8 pm, 1429 Hill St. A chance to meet fellow grads and learn about Hillel. Refreshments. 769-0500

7 Friday

Meeting: Alliance for U-M Campus Childcare noon, rm. # at info. desk, Mich. Union. 763-8346

Fall Rummage Sale: Kiwanis Activities Center 9 am to 6 pm, 200 S. First St. Antiques, books, hardware, furniture, clothes, sporting goods and more. 665-0450

Brown Bag Meeting: Disarmament Working Group noon, Interfaith

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"El Salvador in Crisis": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 4 Tue)

Dream Lecture: School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti. Learn the true meaning of your nocturnal adventures. 482-9600

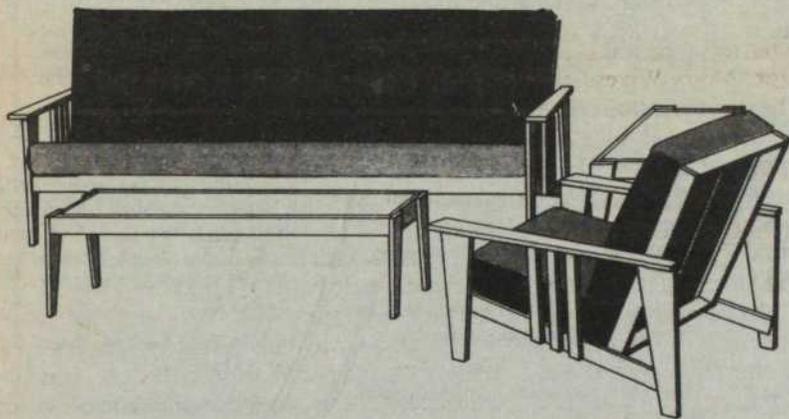
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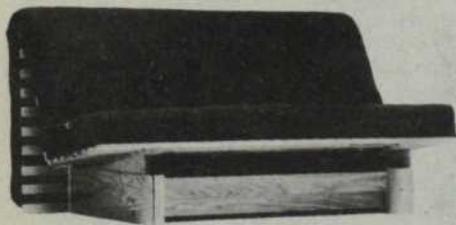


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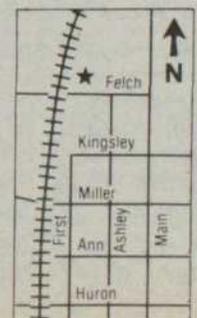


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Puppy/Dog Training and Care Clinic: Humane Society of Huron Valley 3:30 to 6 pm, Ann Arbor Dog Training Club, 1575 East N. Territorial Rd. Don. \$2. 662-5545

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Parks & Rec. 4 pm (see 2 Sun)

Grad & Professional Picnic: Jewish Comm. Ctr. 5 pm, West Park Shelter, Chapin St. Kosher hot dogs, buns and drinks. Bring salads and veggie dishes. \$3 don. Reserve 769-0500

Solidarity Among Women and Political Action: WAND 7:30 pm, St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway (across from Baits Dr. entrance to North Campus.) A talk by Pat Gurin, U-M Professor of Psychology and Women's Studies and co-editor of "Women, Change and Politics." 761-1718

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA 7:30 pm (see 2 Sun)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon 7:30 pm (see 2 Sun)

Israeli Dancing: Hillel 8 pm, 1429 Hill. One hour of instruction followed by open dancing. \$2. 769-0500

10 Monday

Class Registration: Jewish Learning Center all day, thru 14 Fri, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Classes begin 17 Mon. and meet for nine weeks, except holidays. 769-0500

October Issue Deadline for News & Feature Stories: AGENDA by 5 pm, 202 E. Washington #512, 48104. 996-8018

"Middle East Perspectives" 6:30 pm (see 3 Mon)

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

11 Tuesday

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 5 pm (see 2 Sun)

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

"Radioactive Waste: From Here to Eternity": Peace InSight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Did you know 98% of "low level" radioactive waste comes from nuclear reactors? Talk by Nancy Leiserowitz and Connie Peakes. 769-7422

Meeting: Religious Coalition on Central America 7:30 pm, Room D307, First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Monthly meeting to further our plans: to support the Folger's Boycott because Folger's uses Salvadoran coffee beans, to support the Catholic parishes that have recommended better ways to respond to Nicaragua's needs than funding a cathedral in Managua, and to plan other work. 663-1870

Meeting: Amnesty International Group 61 7:30 pm, Michigan Union, check room # at desk. Activities to protect human rights and free prisoners of conscience around the world. 761-1628

Meeting: Washtenaw Citizens for Animal Rights 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Discussion of walkathon to benefit the Farm Sanctuary and future events. 665-2480

Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Men's Rights Organizing Committee (LAGROC) 7:30 pm, 3100 Mich. Union. 747-9743

Women's Night: Mich Union Billiards and Games Room 7:30 pm (see 4 Tue)

12 Wednesday

Film/Lecture Series: U-M Sociology Dept. 4 pm, location TBA. Ray Jenkins, of Slave Labor Annuity Pay will speak about his pursuit of reparations for African Americans who are descendants of slaves. 764-6324.

"Womyn's Rites and Rhythms" 6 pm (see 5 Wed)

Nine-Ball Tournament: U-M Arts & Programming 7:30 pm (see 5 Wed)

Jennifer Jean Casolo: Latin American Solidarity Committee 8 pm, MLB. Casolo is a U.S. church-worker who, while helping poor communities in El Salvador, was arrested for and accused of burying weapons for the FMLN in her backyard. Donations accepted. 665-8438

13 Thursday

"200 Years of the Penitentiary System: A Time For Change": American Friends Service Committee 10 am, Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, 18700 James Couzens Dr., Detroit. Two-day conference to review the criminal justice system and discuss what prisons cost, who goes to prison, and just why people commit crimes. \$25. 761-8283

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 5 pm (see 2 Sun)

"Our Children: Are They Our First Priority?": Women's Int'l League for Peace and Freedom 7:30 pm, 310 S.



Jeff Seaholtz as Mr. Gross in Vaclav Havel's political comedy, back by popular demand, at the Performance Network (see 13 Thur)

Ashley. With speaker Carol Brock. 663-4741

Meeting: Palestine Solidarity Committee 7:30 pm (see 6 Thur)

"The Memorandum": Performance Network 8 pm, 408 W. Washington. Vaclav Havel's political comedy is back by popular demand, \$9/\$7 studs. & srs. 663-0681

"Scenes From the Intifada": Michigan Student Assembly 8 pm, 4th fl., Rackham Bldg. Words and slides from the returned delegation to Occupied Palestine. 1-347-2587

14 Friday

Hispanic Heritage Month Exhibit: Arts and Programming all day, thru Oct. 5, Michigan Union Art Lounge. With works by Michigan artists Roman Hill and Nora Mendoza. 764-6498

Third National Convention: Palestine Solidarity Committee all day, thru 16 Sun., New York City. Analysis of and debate on Palestinian peace strategy, with speakers from the PLO, the Palestinian National Council, the Jewish community, the Rainbow Coalition and many more. Workshops on political mobilization. Sat. night

banquet to feature Prof. Edward Said. Carpools and airline discounts available. 1-347-2587

"200 Years of the Penitentiary System: A Time For Change": American Friends Service Committee 10 am (13 Thur)

Meeting: Alliance for U-M Campus Childcare noon (see 7 Fri)

Welcoming Tea for Lesbians & Gay Men: Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office 4 pm, Lawyers Club Lounge, 551 S. State. 763-4186

"Radioactive Waste: From Here to Eternity": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 11 Tue)

"The Memorandum": Performance Network 8 pm (see 13 Thur)

The Chenille Sisters: Prism 8 pm, State Theater, 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, \$12.50. 665-4755

15 Saturday

Canoe Clinic: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 10 am (see 8 Sat)

October Issue Deadline for Calendar & Community Resource Directory: AGENDA by 5 pm, 202 E. Washington #512, 48104. 996-8018

Third Annual "Bid From The Heart" Auction: The Humane Society of Huron Valley 7 pm, Ann Arbor Marriott, 3600 Plymouth. Auction of \$30,000 in merchandise to benefit the Humane Society, \$25. Reserve 662-5545

"The Memorandum": Performance Network 8 pm (see 13 Thur)

16 Sunday

Candlemaking: Dept. of Parks & Rec. noon to 4 pm, Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard Rd. "Living History Day" demonstrations of candlemaking. \$1.50/\$.75 children & seniors. 994-2928

Fifth Annual Harvest Festival: Project Grow 1 to 4 pm, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver. Workshops on honey harvesting and composting. With a scavenger hunt and a hay jump for kids. Fresh honey, cider, cookies and garlic on sale. Donations of fresh produce and canned goods for the Huron Harvest Food Bank requested. 996-3164

"The Memorandum": Performance Network 2 pm & 6:30 pm (see 13 Thur)

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

Poetry Reading: Granite Line Writers 2 pm, Freight House Cafe, Ypsilanti Farmers Mkt. Bldg., Cross St. at River. Poets Danny Rendleman and Jan Worth are featured, plus eight open mike slots. \$3. 663-5034

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 4 pm (see 2 Sun)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA 7:30 pm (see 2 Sun)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon 7:30 pm (see 2 Sun)

Israeli Dancing: Hillel 8 pm (see 9 Sun)

17 Monday

"The State of Academic Freedom in Occupied Palestine": MSA noon, brown bag lunch: Lane Hall Commons, 200 S. State. Speakers from the returned MSA/PSC delegation. 1-347-2587

"Middle East Perspectives" 6:30 pm (see 3 Mon)

Meeting: Jewish Feminist Group 7:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. 769-0500

Candlelight Vigil for Becky Bell: Planned Parenthood of Mid-Michigan 7:30 pm, U-M Diag. Protest against the Parental Consent Laws and vigil for Becky Bell, an Indiana teenager who died from an illegal abortion because of them. 973-0710

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm (see 10 Mon)

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18 Tuesday

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 5 pm (see 2 Sun)

Mass Meeting: Ann Arbor Committee to Defend Abortion and Reproductive Rights (AACDARR) 5:30 pm, Mich. Union (ask for room # at desk). 482-1709

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm (see 11 Tue)

"A Cathedral for Managua?": Peace InSight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Four Catholics recently returned from church work in Nicaragua explain why they have serious concerns about Domino's Pizza owner Tom Monaghan's fundraising for a cathedral in Managua, and describe better ways to tend to Nicaragua's needs. 769-7422

Meeting: LAGROC 7:30 pm (see 11 Tue)

Women's Night: Mich Union Billiards and Games Room 7:30 pm (see 4 Tue)

19 Wednesday

"Womyn's Rites and Rhythms" 6 pm (see 5 Wed)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA 7:30 pm (see 5 Wed)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon 7:30 pm (see 5 Wed)

Nine-Ball Tournament: U-M Arts & Programming 7:30 pm (see 5 Wed)

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) 8 pm (see 5 Wed)

20 Thursday

Rally Against Parental Consent and Notification Laws: AACDARR noon, U-M Diag. Rebecca 482-1709

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 5 pm (see 2 Sun)

Meeting: Bread For The World 7:30 pm, Memorial Christian Church, 730 Tappan. Discussion of hunger issues, legislative updates and planning for upcoming events. 487-9058

Meeting: Palestine Solidarity Committee 7:30 pm (see 6 Thur)

"Fried or Boiled?": Performance Network 8 pm, 408 W. Washington. London-based Dorothy Talk theatre company actresses Hilary Ramsden and Jude Winter star in a physical theatre piece which looks at the problems two sisters face when their autocratic father dies, \$10/\$7 studs. & srs. 663-0681

21 Friday

Meeting: Alliance for U-M Campus Childcare noon (see 7 Fri)

"A Cathedral for Managua?": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 18 Tue)

Monthly Metaphysical Discussion Group: School of Metaphysics 7:30, 719 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti. Share your thoughts and insights about the universe. 482-9600

"Fried or Boiled?": Performance Network 8 pm (see 20 Thur)

Gay Men's Coffee House: Brothers 8 pm (see 7 Fri)

Dance Jam: People Dancing 10 pm (see 7 Fri)

22 Saturday

"Liberating the Body": Performance Network 10 am to 4 pm, 408 W. Washington. A workshop on freeing the body from tension for women with the Dorothy Talk company. Wear loose clothing and bring something to lie down on, \$15. 663-0681

Canoe Clinic: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 10 am (see 8 Sat)

Festival for a New World: Michigan Sane/Freeze 6 to 11 pm, Southfield

Civic Center Auditorium, 26000 Evergreen (at 10 1/2 Mile Rd.) Charlie King headlines this benefit for Michigan Sane/Freeze. 1-548-3920

"Fried or Boiled?": Performance Network 8 pm (see 20 Thur)

23 Sunday

Community Involvement Meeting: Wildflower Community Bakery noon to 2 pm, 208 N. Fourth Ave. Share in the decision making at Ann Arbor's community-owned bakery. Preceded by a potluck at 11 am. 994-0601

The Children's Ribbon Culminating Event: World Summit on Children Planning Committee 3 pm, Pioneer High School. Join the community in tying all of the children's panels together to form one long ribbon, (see page 3). 662-3523

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 4 pm (see 2 Sun)

"Fried or Boiled?": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 20 Thur)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA 7:30 pm (see 2 Sun)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon 7:30 pm (see 2 Sun)

Israeli Dancing: Hillel Foundation 8 pm (see 9 Sun)

24 Monday

"Middle East Perspectives" 6:30 pm (see 3 Mon)

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm (see 10 Mon)

25 Tuesday

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 5 pm (see 2 Sun)

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio Coll. 6 pm (see 11 Tue)

"Military Spending and the Health Status of Mothers and Children":

Peace InSight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Kristine Siefert, U-M Social Work professor and consultant to the U.S. Public Health Service's Office of Maternal and Child Health, describes why and how we must reorder federal spending priorities. 769-7422

Meeting: LAGROC 7:30 pm (see 11 Tue)

Women's Night: Mich Union Billiards and Games Room 7:30 pm (see 4 Tue)

An Evening With Elie Wiesel: Hill Street Forum 8 pm, Hill Auditorium. Nobel Peace Prize winner Wiesel has used his talents as an author, journalist and storyteller to defend human rights and peace throughout the world. A benefit for Celebration of Jewish Arts, Ann Arbor's Jewish cultural arts program, \$25/\$10/\$7. 769-0500

26 Wednesday

"Womyn's Rites and Rhythms" 6 pm (see 5 Wed)

Nine-Ball Tournament: U-M Arts & Programming 7:30 pm (see 5 Wed)

Meeting: LASC 8 pm (see 5 Wed)

27 Thursday

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Parks & Rec. 5 pm (see 2 Sun)

Meeting: Palestine Solidarity Committee 7:30 pm (see 6 Thur)

"Fried or Boiled?": Performance Network 8 pm (see 20 Thur)

28 Friday

Hispanic Extravaganza: Arts and Programming all day, Michigan Union Art Lounge and Pendleton Room. Films, poetry, music and dancing. 763-9044

"The World Around Us": Ecology Center Of Ann Arbor 10 am, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver. Children ages 4-5 are invited to explore the outdoors, \$4. Pre-register 662-7802

Meeting: Alliance for U-M Campus Childcare noon (see 7 Fri)

"Military Spending and the Health Status of Mothers and Children": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 25 Tue)

Dusk Walk: Leslie Science Center 7 pm, 1831 Traver. A local naturalist will take pre-teens (8-12 year olds) on an exploration of the science center site as the sun sets. Children should be accompanied by a parent or other adult. \$2.50, includes refreshments. Pre-register 662-7802

"Fried or Boiled?": Performance Network 8 pm (see 20 Thur)

Steve Somers in Concert: Friends Meeting House 8 pm, 1420 Hill. Solo guitarist Somers plays classical, jazz and original compositions. \$6/\$5 studs. & srs. 668-6211

29 Saturday

Canoe Clinic: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 10 am (see 8 Sat)

"Theatre Beyond Words": Performance Network 10 am to 4 pm, 408 W. Washington. A movement and improvisation workshop for performers with the Dorothy Talk company. Wear loose clothing, \$15. 663-0681

"Fried or Boiled?": Performance Network 8 pm (see 20 Thur)

Yom Kippur Break Fast: Hillel 8:15 pm, 1429 Hill. Pre-reserve. \$7/ University meal card. 769-0500

30 Sunday

Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 4 pm (see 2 Sun)

"Fried or Boiled?": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 20 Thur)

Israeli Dancing: Hillel Foundation 8 pm (see 9 Sun)

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AGENDA Publications publishes AGENDA, Ann Arbor's alternative newsmagazine, featuring grassroots politics and community events. Volunteers are always needed. 202 E. Washington #512, A2, 48104, 996-8018.

AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP Ann Arbor) believes that America's response to the AIDS crisis is inadequate, due to institutionalized racism, and is committed to fighting racism and anti-gay and lesbian bigotry in all its forms. Weekly meetings. No address, 662-6282.

Alliance for U-M Campus Child Care campaigns for on-site child care and a family-friendly campus for university families. Weekly meetings. P.O. Box 4133, A2, 48106, 763-8346.

Alternative Action Film Series is a student group that shows films for the university community. It sponsors at least two free political film series each year. 4314 Mich. Union, A2, 48109, no phone.

Amnesty International works to protect human rights and free prisoners of conscience. Monthly meetings. 1020 Fountain, A2, 48103, 761-1628.

Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape is a feminist collective which puts on the annual Take Back the Night March and Rally, usually held in April. Meetings start in January. c/o Assault Crisis Center, 1866 Packard, YPS, 48197, 434-5910.

Ann Arbor New Jewish Agenda is committed to building an inclusive Jewish community through working against racism, heterosexism, sexism, intervention in Central America and the Israeli-Palestinian crisis. Monthly Shabbat potlucks. 711 Wesley, A2, 48104, 769-5680.

Ann Arbor Tenant's Union is an advocate and information source for tenants. 4001 & 4304 Mich. Union, A2, 48109, 763-6876.

Baker-Mandela Center is an alternative student-run, anti-racist center, providing literature on racism, sexism, classism and other information on people of color. Rm.3 E. Engineering Bldg., A2, 48109, 936-1809.

Black Law School Students Association helps to recruit students, and encourages admission, academic success and a broadened awareness of the black community's needs. Basement, Hutchins Hall, A2, 48109, 763-1487.

B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation promotes the welfare, cultural, religious and communal activities and interests for Jewish students and the entire univ. community. 1429 Hill, A2, 48104, 769-0500.

Bread for the World is a lobbyist group that deals with hunger and health-related legislation. Bi-monthly meetings. 705 Dwight, YPS, 48198, 487-9058.

Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies coordinates graduate studies and promotes awareness of both the culture and politics of S & SE Asia via lectures, programs and performing arts. 130 Lane Hall, A2, 48109, 747-2082.

Coalition for Arms Control-2nd District lobbies, and takes part in educational projects concerning arms control and militarism. Monthly meetings. 1407 Wakefield, A2, 48103, 663-4897.

Concerned Faculty and Staff organizes U-M faculty and staff, and holds meetings to deal with racism on campus, Central America and other social issues. Guild House, 802 Monroe, A2, 48104, 662-5189.

Democratic Socialists of America is building a mainstream socialist presence in American politics and is active with poverty projects, Central American and South African issues. P.O. Box 7251, A2, 48107, 662-4497.

Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House provides shelter for battered women and children, crisis intervention, counseling, education, and activities for children involving nonviolent role models. Trainings in Sept., June and May. P.O. Box 7052, A2, 48107, 973-0242.

Ecology Center of Ann Arbor is an environmental advocacy and educational resource center working on such issues as solid waste reduction, alternatives to pesticides, and groundwater cleanup. 417 Detroit, A2, 48104, 761-3186.

EMU Student Government sponsors activities and works to enhance student life. 233 Goodison Hall, YPS, 48197, 487-1470.

Feminist Women's Union is an activist group dedicated to internal education and community outreach. It seeks to explore creative and diverse forms of action for effective social change. 611 Catherine #1, A2, 48104, 996-3904.

Food Gatherers is organizing a campaign to allow restaurateurs and diners to support World Food Day (Oct. 19) by giving 7% of what's spent to the cause. 420 Detroit, A2, 48104, 761-2796.

GET INVOLVED GUIDE

Whether you want to do something about human rights violations in South Africa, be an AIDS buddy, or clean up the Huron River, there's an organization for you in Washtenaw County. Below is a sampling of the area's many human service and political organizations. Getting information is the first step to getting involved. You can make a difference! (A2=Ann Arbor; YPS=Ypsilanti)



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Free South Africa Coordinating Committee is committed to opposing apartheid in South Africa. Rm. 3 E. Engineering Bldg., A2, 48109, 936-1809.

Gay Liberation provides peer counseling, group facilitators, education and political resources for the lesbian/gay male community. 4117 Mich. Union, A2, 48109, 763-4186.

Graduate Employees Organization Local 3550 is the union for graduate student assistants at U-M. Contract talks start this fall. 802 Monroe, A2, 48104, 995-0221.

Greenpeace Action campaigns and directs actions to protect the environment. Paid positions available. 214 N. Fourth Ave., A2, 48104, 761-1996.

Guild House is an umbrella for many organizations that further world peace and social justice. 802 Monroe, A2, 48104, 662-5189.

Hispanic Law Students Association encourages admission, academic success and a broadened awareness of the Hispanic community's needs. Basement, Hutchins Hall, A2, 48109, 763-0285.

Housing Bureau for Seniors assists, enables and empowers older adults to live in appropriate housing by providing counseling and information about housing options, public workshops, and runs the Homeshare Program which helps seniors find compatible people with whom they can share housing in exchange for work or low rent. Rm. 3D22, 300 N. Ingalls Bldg., A2, 48109, 763-0970.

Humane Society of Huron Valley houses stray animals and educates the public on the proper care of pets. 3100 Cherry Hill, A2, 48105, 662-5585.

Huron Regional Alliance is a network of local non-profit organizations dedicated to improving the community. No address, 769-9546.

Huron Valley Greens act locally to solve social and environmental problems. 1402 Hill, A2, 48104, 994-4937.

Industrial Workers of the World is an independent labor union with locals in all industries and services. IWW publishes a local paper and holds monthly meetings. 400 W. Washington #2B, A2, 48103, 995-1422.

Intercooperative Council provides affordable cooperative housing and meal programs for students. Locations around central campus as well as on north campus. 4002 Mich. Union, A2, 48109, 662-4415.

Interfaith Council for Peace is a coalition of church groups promoting peace and social justice. Projects include arms control, hunger, Third World affairs, local economic and racial justice, and farm preservation. 730 Tappan, A2, 48104, 663-1870.

Latin American Solidarity Committee supports the right of Latin American people to self-determination and works to end U.S. intervention throughout Latin America. Weekly meetings. 4120 Mich. Union, A2, 48109, 665-8438.

League of Women Voters promotes voter education and awareness. P.O. Box 7353, A2, 48107, 665-9376.

Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office provides information on local resources, support groups and events for U-M students, faculty and staff. 4117 Mich. Union, A2, 48109, 763-4186.

Lesbian and Gay Youth Support Groups offer peer support and counseling for teens. Confidentiality assured. 608 N. Main, A2, 48104, 662-2222.

Michigan Citizens Against Toxic Substances promotes toxic waste reduction alternatives. M-CATS is currently working to stop Envotech Corp.'s proposed toxic landfill/incinerator. Meetings 4th Tues. each month. P.O. Box 224, Milan, MI, 48160, 439-3385.

Michigan Citizens Lobby works for you in Lansing. 315 W. Huron, A2, 48103, 663-6824.

Michigan SANE/Freeze works to reverse the arms race and inform the public about the big business of nuclear arms production. Paid positions available. 1416 Hill, A2, 48104, 663-3913.

Michigan Student Assembly is the U-M undergraduate student government. 3909 Mich. Union, A2, 48109, 763-3241.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People works for racial equality and justice. 117 Pearl, YPS, 48197, 485-7515.

National Organization for Women organizes local events and meetings for equality and has task forces working on reproductive choice, economic issues, women in prison, lesbian rights and the ERA. 1917 Washtenaw, A2, 48104, 995-5494.

Native American Student Association promotes Native American issues on campus, offers support for students and information for those interested in Native American culture. 4203 Mich. Union, A2, 48109, 764-5418.

Nicaraguan Medical Aid Project is involved in sending medical supplies to Nicaragua. 910 Gott, A2, 48103, 769-1949.

Ozone House offers free phone and in-house counseling for young people, as well as support groups, community education programs, and extensive training for volunteers. Ozone House also arranges housing for homeless and runaway youth, as well as foster care and independent living programs. 608 N. Main, A2, 48104, 662-2222.

Palestinian Solidarity Committee works in support of Palestinians' right to self-determination and for peaceful coexistence with Israel. P.O. Box 982, Novi, MI, 48376, 347-2587.

Peace Neighborhood Center is a community service organization which provides an after-school program to help kids with homework and dinner, Special Friends (like Big-Brother/Sister), Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program, food, clothing and shelter for the needy, Job Options for Youth, and evening group counseling. 1111 N. Maple, A2, 48103, 662-3564.

People's Food Co-ops are alternative grocery stores stocking nutritious, organic and whole-grain food. Member discounts; non-member shoppers and volunteer workers are always welcome. 212 N. Fourth Ave., A2, 48104, 994-9174. 740 Packard, A2, 48104, 761-8173.

Performance Network stages new and experimental theatrical works of both local and outside productions. It is available on a rental basis to new local producers. 408 W. Washington, A2, 48103, 663-0681.

P-FLAG/Ann Arbor offers support and group meetings for parents of gays and lesbians. P.O. Box 15411, A2, 48106, 663-1867.

Public Interest Research Group in Michigan does social-minded research and lobbies for citizen/consumer protection laws. Paid positions available. 212 S. Fourth Ave., A2, 48104, 662-6597.

Puerto Rico Solidarity Organization studies and publicizes Puerto Rican issues. 3909 Mich. Union, A2, 48109, 763-3241.

Recycle Ann Arbor coordinates recycling programs and provides a drop-off station. For information on recycling and energy conservation, call 971-7400. Drop-off station: 2050 S. Industrial, A2, 48104, 662-8816.

Religious Coalition on Central America works to promote peaceful and just resolutions to the various conflicts in Central America, through education and action. 1507 Granger, A2, 48104, 663-1870.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center educates the public about rape prevention and explodes myths about rape. It also offers support and counseling for rape survivors, programs for men, a 24-hour emergency outreach service, and works for safer lighting and transportation. 580 Union #L107, A2, 48109, 763-5865 (9 am-5 pm), 936-3333 (5 pm-9 am).

Solidarity is a non-sectarian, democratic socialist movement. 4104 Mich. Union, A2, 48109, 665-2709.

Trotter House is a campus center which sponsors multicultural programs and provides office and meeting space for minority organizations, it is available to the public for evening programs. 1443 Washtenaw, A2, 48109, 998-7037.

Veterans For Peace works to educate the public about the costs of war, the need to end the arms race, restrain government intervention in other nations' affairs and end war as an instrument of foreign policy. P.O. Box 3881, Portland, ME, 04104, 487-9058 (local phone).

Washtenaw Citizens for Animal Rights promotes awareness of animal rights and works for more legal protection for animals. P.O. Box 2614, A2, 48106, 665-2480.

Wellness Networks, Inc.—Huron Valley provides AIDS education and promotes safe sex practices. There are support services for those with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV positive, including speakers and a referral line. 3075 Clark #207, YPS, 48197, 572-WELL.

Wildflour Community Bakery is run by collective members and provides healthy baked goods, plus education (especially for kids) about nutrition and how to make healthy food. 208 N. Fourth Ave., A2, 48104, 994-0601.

Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament offers lectures, video tapes, meetings and information related to nuclear disarmament. P.O. Box 1815, A2, 48106, 761-1718.

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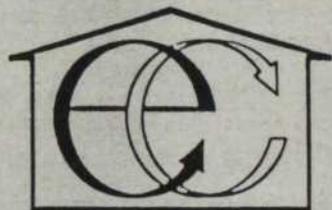
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COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

PSC: Mobilizing for Palestinian-Israeli Peace

The Palestine Solidarity Committee's Third National Convention, to be held in New York City from September 14-16, will be an opportunity for PSC members and friends from across the country to come together to discuss and debate strategies for an effective program of work for the coming years.

We have lined up an impressive array of speakers, including Edward Said, Ibrahim Abu Lughod, Sari Nusseibeh, Maha Nassar, Naseer Aruri, Chaya Amir, Jack O'Dell, Hilda Silverman, Peg McCormack, Barbara Lubin, Gus Newport, Vivian Stromberg and many more.

The convention will begin with an up-to-the-minute analysis of the Palestinian peace strategy, from the point of view of Intifada activists from the West Bank. We will also hear from leading Palestinian-American and PLO spokespeople, as well as leading Israeli peace activists. National figures from the Palestine National Council, the Jewish community, the Rainbow Coalition, and peace and women's movements will address the question of challenging U.S. support for the Israeli occupation.

Workshops will focus on concrete aspects of a potential sanctions campaign—congressional strategies, media and public opinion work, divestment strategies for trade unions, religious communities and universities, and mobilizing grassroots movements.

The Saturday night banquet will feature Prof. Edward Said, who will place the Palestinian struggle in the context of the global changes going on in the world today.

The urgency of the situation in the Occupied Territories demands that we come up with creative new ways to translate U.S. public opinion, which favors the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, into effective political action and ultimately into changes in U.S. policy. Car pooling and airline discounts are available. For more information and convention brochures, call the local PSC office at (313) 347-2587 or the national office at (212) 227-1435.

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NJA is committed to building an inclusive Jewish community. The work of its various cultural and political committees reflects the diversity of NJA's concerns. During 5750 (1989-90), the local chapter continued its work on the Ethical Giving Project, which promotes Jewish tzedakah that supports peace and social justice in the U.S., Israel, and around the world. The Middle East Committee organized a local Friends of Yesh Gvul chapter in coalition with other organizations, and brought in a number of speak-

ers to promote the Israeli peace movement and to expose the cost of Israel's continued occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. NJA's midwest region sponsored a conference in Chicago at which NJA activists came together to discuss and share their work.

The NJA national Feminist Task Force helped launch the new Jewish feminist journal Bridges, two of whose editors are members of the Ann Arbor NJA chapter. Nationally, NJA is focusing on four political priorities: fighting racism and anti-Semitism; building a broad movement for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian crisis; working to end heterosexism and sexism; and opposing intervention in Central America.

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September activities include: An Erev Rosh Hashanah dessert potluck, to welcome in a sweet new year (9/19); Tashlich ritual (9/20); and a Yom Kippur Break Fast (9/28). For times and locations, call Michael Appel, 769-5680.

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A Guide to Local Lesbian and Gay Male Resources

Every September many lesbians and gay men arrive in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor as newcomers or returnees to the area. We proudly and sincerely welcome you! Please call the Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office (LGMPO) at 763-4186 for information on local resources, groups, and events. While the Office's programming is primarily directed to U-M students, staff, and faculty members, the LGMPO's staff of volunteers, paraprofessionals, and professionals serve members of the larger community insofar as resources will permit.

The Office provides counseling, educational programs, civil rights advocacy, and community consultation. A community bulletin board including ads for housing is located outside the Office at 3118 Michigan Union (enter through rooms 3000 or 3100). Stop by to check the listings and to pick up informational flyers, calendars, etc. The corridor on which the Office is located is open 8:30 am to 5 pm weekdays. For access at other times call 763-4186.

For Detroit information, call 398-GAYS from 6 to 11 pm week days.

Books and magazines are available at: Common Language (a bookstore for women and their friends), 214 S. Fourth Ave., 663-0036; Borders, 303 S. State, 668-7652; Community News Center, 1301 S. University, 662-6150 and 330 E. Liberty, 663-6186; Crazy Wisdom Bookstore, 206 N. Fourth Ave., 665-2757; and Chosen Books, 120 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak (a Detroit suburb), 543-5758. You will find some listings of social and support groups that welcome your attendance in the AGENDA Calendar. For more details call 763-4186.

Other campus resources include the "East Quad" Social/Support Group for Undergrads, Black Gay Men Together, Black Lesbian Womyn & Gay Men in Struggle, Lesbian-Gay Law Students, Lesbian-Gay Male Library Staff and Students, Lesbian-Gay Male Medical Students, and U-M Staff and Faculty Social Group. Beginning in October, the Lesbian Programs Office and Common Language Bookstore will sponsor "Lesbian Coffee Breaks" at the bookstore on the first and third Fridays of the month.

The LGMPO offers "coming out" and other support groups, 763-1486. Also available in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti are AA, Alanon, and ACOA support groups for lesbians and gay men. Ozone house, 608 N. Main, 662-2222, offers a support group for lesbian and gay youth. Gay and Lesbians Older and Wiser (GLOW), a social/support group for lesbians and gay men over 50, meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 pm at Turner Geriatric Clinic, 1010 Wall St. Call Lynn Stern at 764-2556.

The Huron Valley Community Church offers a special ministry to lesbians, gay men, their families and friends. Glacier Way United Methodist Church, 1001 Green Road (at Glazier) holds a Sunday service at 2 pm, social hour at 3 pm, info. 434-1452. For

a listing of supportive local churches, call 763-1486.

Aside from the above resources, the area's social resources include the Nectarine Disco, which draws many gay men on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday nights and the Flame Bar, which attracts many gay men nightly. The Nectarine is located at 510 E. Liberty; the Flame is at 115 W. Washington. Lesbians are welcome at both establishments.

The Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR) is a statewide group committed to legal change and education: 537-MOHR and (517) 887-2605. The ACLU offers assistance in matters of civil rights: 662-5189 or 961-4662. Guild House "a Campus Ministry," offers pastoral counseling and political support: 802 Monroe (at Oakland), 662-5189. A national hotline to report violence against lesbians and gay men is at 800-SOS-GAYS.

For information, supportive services, and education about AIDS, call Wellness Networks/Huron Valley: 572-WELL, P.O. Box 3242, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Call Wellness Networks/Detroit at 800-872-AIDS or 547-9040. HIV and STD testing and clinics are available through the Washtenaw County Health Department: 555 Towner, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, 485-2181, and the U-M Health Service, 207 Fletcher, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 763-1320.

To volunteer your help to these groups, just pick up the phone and call! We hope to hear from you, and to meet you. Note especially the Welcoming Tea for Lesbians and Gay Men (see Sept. 14 Calendar listing.) Come out and join us!

Note also that the Lesbian-Gay Hotline 662-1977 is not operating at this time. See the October issue for details on Pride-Awareness-Commitment Week October 5-12.

Gay Liberation's Purpose is to provide information, counseling, and related social services for people concerned about sexual orientation. We maintain a hotline for crisis intervention, peer counseling and referral. We help provide factual information to offset prejudice and misinformation about lesbians and gay men. We work to obtain human and civil rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation. We help lesbian and gay men's groups organize and we are a link to other community groups.

Community Services include: a Hotline for 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

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WHITEWASHING

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consisting of five officers and one supervisor, is a branch of the patrol division and this year became an "ongoing part" of the division.) The two Blacks were then singled out by the police and also ordered to leave, allegedly for being rowdy and drunk. Neither of the two African American men had been drinking. As in the Full Moon incident, the police were called but did not make an arrest and refused to give the two men being accused of being drunk a requested sobriety test. The police officers involved refused to give their names. According to Cameron Moody, "We continued asking what we had done and the police would only respond that we had to leave immediately. Ironically as we stood there talking to the police, an extremely drunk white man was being carried out by a friend. One of my fellow white class members who was not being thrown out, said to the police, 'Look at this drunk person being carried out.'" The police responded with "shut up." The entire class reunion committee then left the bar and went directly to City Hall to make a complaint. The officers there refused to take a complaint. The entire incident is now under internal investigation by the police department, and the two African American men who were victims of this treatment are contemplating a lawsuit.

The Main Street incidents are as blatant and dramatic as the policies of exclusion that prevailed in the south in the Jim Crow era. In a concerted effort to give Main Street and Ann Arbor's central business district a "face-lift," local elites are attempting to "clean up" the area. In the eyes of many local, white merchants, cleaning up means eliminating unsightly spectacles which may make suburban patrons feel "uncomfortable," such as homeless people scavenging bottles out of public trash cans or large groups of people of color socializing. The treatment received by the Black and Latino students is not an uncommon occurrence in Ann Arbor and typifies the neo-racist realities of the last 10 years. The message is "It's not because you are a person of color, really. It's just you're too this or too that, or not enough of something else." And when the facade breaks down, the same old vulgar racism, sexism and classism lies beneath the surface.

Fortunately in these cases the victims are not simply accepting the incidents without a fight. Concerned Citizens of Ann Arbor has formed to urge Ann Arborites to boycott the Quality Bar and the Full Moon to protest these incidents. Complaints have been filed with the police department, the Ann Arbor Human Rights Department and the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. On Monday, August 20, a press conference was held in front of the Full Moon. Individuals and representatives of local organizations such as the Homeless Action Committee, the United Coalition Against Racism, and Socially Active Latino Students Association, made statements of support for the boycott. According to Roderick Linzie, one of the members of Concerned Citizens: "We won't allow this to be couched as two isolated incidents. We are outraged by this and the

larger pattern of racist treatment meted out to people of color and poor people in this town on a regular basis."

In an open letter issued by Concerned Citizens of Ann Arbor, Todd Shaw, an organizer, calls for the elimination of the police Special Problems Unit which, he says, harasses youth, especially young Black men and women in Ann Arbor. Concerned Citizens is responding to "an unholy alliance which exists between merchants and police, which raises serious questions as to whether or not the police understand or accept their responsibility to uphold the law and protect the rights of the public at large, not just the monetary interest of the merchants," according to Daniel Holliman, a Concerned Citizens member. "This makes Main Street, as well as other parts of Ann Arbor unwelcome—or worse, unsafe—for all people of color. Ann Arbor's homeless population, for example, who are disproportionately Black, are constantly harassed by police, particularly if they are in the Main Street area. This type of harassment seems to be a legitimized part of the renovation and 'beautification' of Main Street and the downtown area." As Gretchen Lopez, a victim of the Full Moon incident points out, it is not only college students, but more often poor, working class and homeless people who bear the brunt of harassment and intimidation from the police and local merchants who deem them "bad for business." As the ad hoc committee's literature suggests, we have to create the kind of response network and effective boycott campaigns which will make racism "bad for business." The response to these incidents represents a unique opportunity for people of color, and progressive, activist Ann Arbor citizens and others to advance the cause of social justice.

Concerned Citizens is asking the community to: 1) support the boycott of The Full Moon and the Quality Bar and the other establishments owned by these merchants. (Andy Gulvezan, the owner of the Full Moon, owns The Flame, City Grill, and The Monkey Bar. Main Street Ventures, which owns Quality Bar, also owns Gratz, Maude's and The Real Seafood Co.); 2) support the call for the elimination of the police Special Problems Unit; 3) support the Homeless Action Committee's demands; 4) report all racist incidents to the Ann Arbor Human Rights Department, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission or the Anti-Police Brutality Committee of the United Coalition Against Racism at 764-2228. For more information contact the Baker-Mandela Center for Anti-Racist Education at 936-1809.

(Editor's note: When asked to comment on the incidents of July 20 and August 3, Main Street Venture's spokesperson Mike Gibbons, said "I don't understand why the incident has become an incident. Five people were taken out of the bar for being drunk and disorderly." AGENDA also attempted to contact Andy Gulvezan, and the Ann Arbor Police for comment. At press time there was no response from either of them.)

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

WAND: "Making the Connections"

At the regular second-Sunday-of-the-month WAND meeting on Sept. 9, Pat Gurin will speak on "Solidarity Among Women, and Political Action." Gurin is a professor of Psychology and Women's Studies at the U-M and the co-editor of "Women, Change and Politics." She believes that "Women can't depend on our common experiences to give us a unified political stance. Women have to struggle to make the connections between all the political problems in the world." Her talk is the first of a series of WAND presentations called "Making the Connections." The meeting begins at 7:30 pm at St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway (across from the Baits Drive entrance to North Campus.)

WAND's goals are to educate ourselves and the public about the dangers of the nuclear arms build-up (which the U.S. continues to escalate despite the end of the Cold War), to influence our congressional representatives by informed lobbying, to support peace and justice candidates, and to empower people, especially women, personally and politically.

Meetings are held the second Sunday of the month (usually at 7:30 pm) at St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor. Call our message line at 761-1718, for information about upcoming meetings and events, or to leave a message. For information about Campus WAND, the student chapter at the U-M, call Paz Salas, 764-1295. If you need a ride to St. Aidan's/Northside from campus, call Sarah Cooleybeck, 662-2475. For speakers who will address groups, classes, and public forums, contact Tobi Hanna-Davies at 662-7869.

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

GAY LIBERATION

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Gay Liberation includes U-M students, staff, and faculty, and people from the larger community. We have a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer and is a registered non-profit organization.

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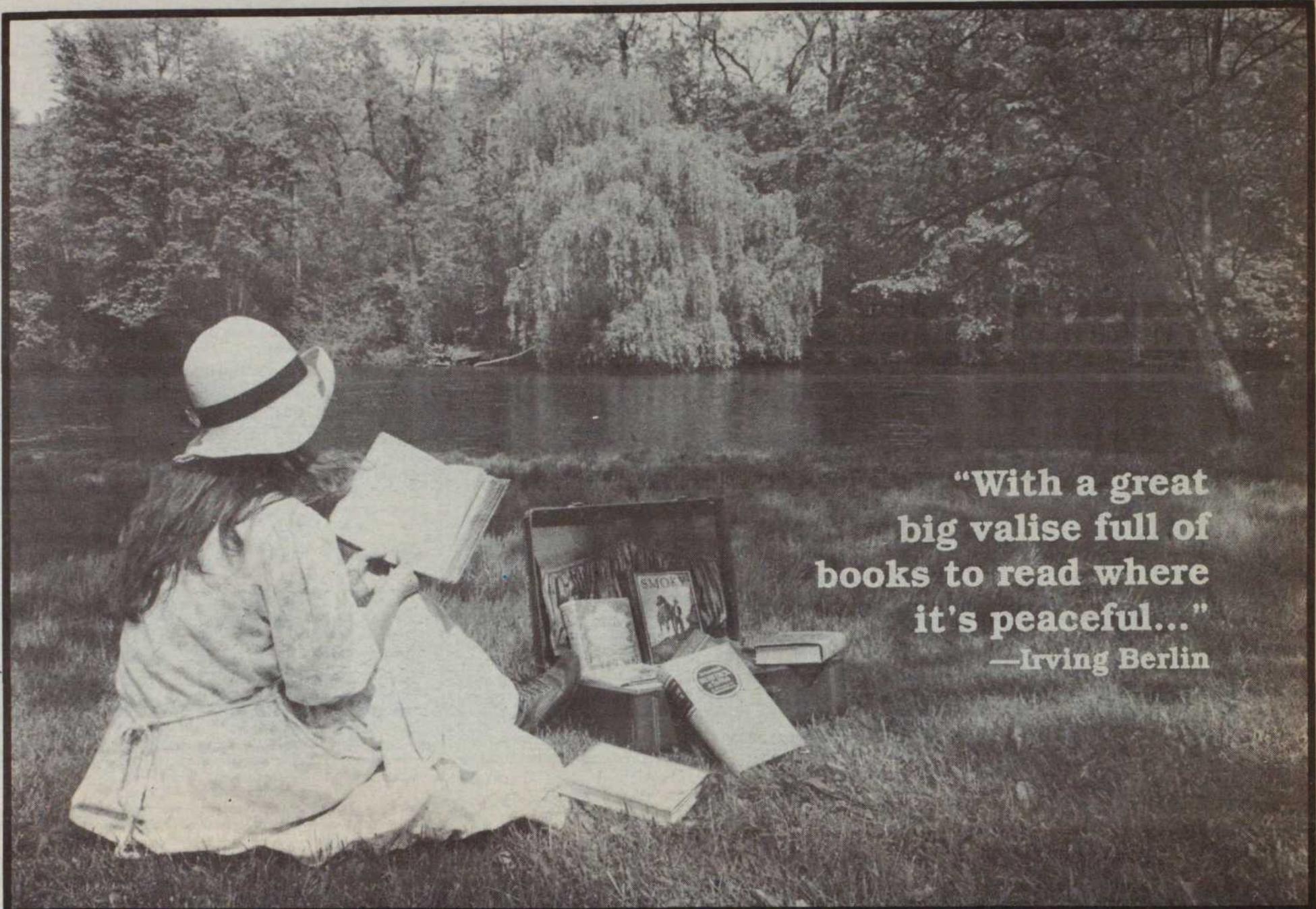


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