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## Voter's Guide to Ballot Proposals A, B, & C

### April 2: City Must Face Solid Waste Crisis

by Mike Garfield

By voting "yes" on Proposal A, voters would enable our city to handle its trash in an environmentally-sound manner and resolve Ann Arbor's solid waste crisis. Proposal A, the environmental bond, would essentially overhaul Ann Arbor's solid waste operations to emphasize waste reduction and recycling. In addition, the bond would fund a clean-up and expansion of the city's landfill.

Proposal A would authorize the city to sell \$28.2 million worth of bonds to fund recycling and landfill improvement programs. The capital costs would be funded through the issue of two series of bonds. To pay off the bonds, Ann Arbor would levy a 1.34 mill increase in the property tax. This amounts to an increase of \$67 per year for the owner of a \$100,000 home.

The bulk of the bond money, \$19.3 million, would be spent on the Ann Arbor Landfill: to investigate groundwater contamination and formulate a clean-up plan for Phase I, to comply with environmental regulations for the clean-up of

Phase II, and to construct the first of eight cells of Phase III.

The rest of the Proposal A bond money, \$8.9 million, would pay for recycling and composting programs. According to the Ann Arbor Recycling Coalition, the city of Ann Arbor could recover 35,000 tons of recyclable material per year, thereby saving 440,000 trees; 46,000 barrels of oil; 200 million gallons of water; 750 tons of avoided air pollutants; and half of Ann Arbor's scarce landfill space through these programs.

If approved, Proposal A would fund weekly collection of recyclables from all households in Ann Arbor. Residents would be given one container for all paper products and another for metal, glass, and plastic containers. At present the city contracts with Recycle Ann Arbor to collect recyclables from all single-family households only once a month.

If approved, Proposal A would also fund weekly collection of recyclables from apartment build-

ings. Each building or complex would be outfitted with "curbarts" or "recycling dumpsters." Currently residents of apartment buildings and other multi-family complexes must drive to the Recycling Drop-Off Station at 2050 S. Industrial Highway or to one of the unstaffed drop-off bins now being located around town. (One has been opened at Veterans' Park, and three more are scheduled to open soon.)

Proposal A would provide year-round yard waste collection at all residences and businesses in Ann Arbor to be taken to the city's compost facility. The bond would cover \$790,000 of the city's costs for construction of a composting facility.

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PROPOSAL

**A**

YES  NO

## WHY PANAMA?

by Eric Jackson

When the Reagan and Noriega regimes were on better terms, the U.S. made Panama a revealing offer. It offered to turn the Panama Canal back 10 years early (by 1990) in exchange for a 15-year extension of U.S. rights to use the 14 military bases it currently occupies.

To the U.S., the canal itself is of little economic, strategic, or military consequence. Most aircraft carriers can't fit through it. The U.S. Navy, unlike at the time when the canal was built, has a large fleet in every ocean on the planet. Moreover, the canal cannot be defended. An explosion in one of several practically indefensible places would close it down.

And as all the nations of the world have free access to the canal, and as its mostly Panamanian work force has been running it on a break-even basis, no nation has much of a rational interest in closing the canal or preventing it from getting entirely into Panamanian hands. We can probably trust George Bush when he says that it is the U.S. government's intention to turn the canal over to complete Panamanian ownership and control by the Dec. 31, 1999 deadline.

At this point the Panama Canal is important to Bush only because it serves as a smokescreen for what the U.S. really wants—a continuation of an agreement with Panama to allow the presence of U.S. military bases there, especially the U.S. Armed Forces Southern Command headquarters at Quarry Heights in Panama City.

The Southern Command is an administrative unit for all U.S. military forces for Latin America and the Caribbean. Having the headquarters in Panama gives the U.S. a centrally-located position from which to oversee these military operations. The 1965 U.S. invasion of the Dominican Republic, the 1983 invasion of Grenada, the contra war against Nicaragua, U.S. operations in El Salvador, and military missions to Guatemala, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador have all been run on a day-to-day basis from there.

The Southern Command also operates Howard Air Force Base and Albrook Field. The former was used in 1967 by the planes which carried U-M-designed heat sensors which detected the campfires of Che Guevara's Bolivian guerrilla band so that troops on the ground could track him down and kill him. Albrook Field is the home of the Inter-American Air Force Academy, which trains almost all Latin American air forces, including the Salvadoran pilots who drop napalm on villages in FMLN-controlled areas.

On the Pacific side of Panama, the U.S. Navy runs Rodman Navy Base, an associated Marine detachment. On the Atlantic side, the Navy runs an electronic installation at Galeta Island.

The U.S. Army has Fort Clayton, the biggest Army base south of the border on the Pacific side. On the Atlantic side, the 7th Special Forces Group carries on its "counter-insurgency" activities all over Latin America from Fort Davis. Also on the Atlantic side is the U.S. Army's Jungle Operations Training Center at Fort Sherman.

The policy which makes Panama "strategic" is U.S. domination of Latin America and the Caribbean. Most Panamanian observers expect there will be a Panamanian attempt to revise that part of the 1977 Panama Canal Treaties which would force the U.S. Southern Command out of Panama

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### "Just Vote No!" on Harsher Marijuana Law

by Rich Birkett

Ann Arbor's current \$5 marijuana law has its origins in an ordinance passed by Ann Arbor's City Council in 1972. The next year, when the make-up of City Council changed, the ordinance was repealed, prompting a "grass"-roots petition drive to place the ordinance, word for word, on the April 1974 ballot as a charter amendment. It passed by a small majority.

In 1982, a petition drive to repeal the \$5 law failed to gather the required minimum number of signatures. Repeal proponents convinced City Council to place the repeal on the ballot, and in April 1983 voters rejected the repeal by an overwhelming 61% "no" to 39% "yes" vote.

Now, City Council wants to put the \$5 law to a vote again. By ignoring the petition process altogether, City Council has failed to show that there is sufficient voter support to justify the time and expense of an election.

The impact of Proposal B, if passed, goes beyond the issue of raising the fine for possession

of small amounts of marijuana from \$5 to \$25. Proposal B will have serious consequences to the civil liberties of those persons accused of violating its provisions.

While the first offense fine of \$25 and the second offense fine of \$50 are fixed, the perception (promoted by City Council and The Ann Arbor News) that the third offense fine is \$100 is incorrect. If you read Proposal B's wording carefully, you will notice that the fine for a third offense is a minimum \$100 fine with no maximum fine specified. Since maximum fines spelled out in the City Charter exclude the marijuana provision, only state law limits the maximum fine. Currently, state law limits municipal fines to \$500. However, a bill is pending in the state legislature to raise the maximum fine to \$1000. No law should have minimum fines without maximum fines, nor should any law surrender local control of maximum penalties to the state legislature in this manner.

Proposal B also changes violations to a civil infraction, which would eliminate the right to trial by jury, and lower the standard of proof from the current "beyond a reasonable doubt" to "a preponderance of the evidence." With a maximum \$5 fine, a person may not have a right to a trial by jury. However, persons charged with first offense drunk driving are routinely granted jury trials and, if found guilty, are usually given fines less than \$400. Yet, with Proposal B, a person could face a \$500 or \$1000 fine without the same right to a jury trial afforded drunk drivers.

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PROPOSAL

**B**

YES  NO

### Make "Choice" a Local Issue

by Sabra Briere

I have never joined NOW, worked at a Planned Parenthood clinic, or attended a march/rally for choice in Washington, D.C. or Lansing. Like many other people who feel strongly about issues of choice, I have spent my time letting others fight battles I thought were won. Instead, I worked in Cub Scouts, PTO, city and school committees, and the local Democratic Party. I wanted to devote my efforts toward changes I thought needed to be made; I believed that, with the Roe v Wade decision, choice was no longer in jeopardy.

Today, I find myself urging you to vote for the Zone of Reproductive Freedom. Why should you vote for Proposal C in the Ann Arbor election on Monday, April 2? The Zone of Reproductive Freedom charter amendment would set a maximum \$5 fine for having or performing an abortion in Ann Arbor if abortion once again becomes illegal in Michigan. Abortion is legal in Michigan and has been since 1973. Some people will tell

you that this is a deplorable state of affairs. Others will tell you that they are pro-choice, but do not think that this issue belongs in a local election.

I believe that the only way pro-choice voters can be heard is to make choice a local issue. We need to remind our state and national leaders that most voters do not believe that matters of privacy (such as contraception and abortion) belong in criminal courts.

Currently, no law is in force in the state of Michigan that restricts or prohibits abortion. Gov. Blanchard consistently vetoes efforts by the State Legislature to create such laws; the pre-Roe v Wade law still on the books cannot be enforced while Roe v Wade is in effect. However, it may be only a matter of time before the State Legislature is able to muster enough votes to override Governor Blanchard's veto. He may not be Governor if he loses his bid for re-election this November. And the Supreme Court is under constant pressure

to overturn Roe v Wade.

The people working to garner votes for the proposed Zone of Reproductive Freedom charter amendment sincerely hope that it will never have to go into effect. We do not believe that any group of people—especially the State Legislature, pandering to right-wing fanatics—has the right to impose criminal sanctions for making a very private decision. Pro-choice supporters recognize that abortion is only one choice available to women who are surprised by a pregnancy.

It is easy for people who wish to eliminate choices to create an atmosphere which encour-

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PROPOSAL

**C**

YES  NO

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## LETTERS

### Is Hillel Alternative?

I have been an avid reader and supporter of AGENDA ever since its inception. Since September, I have noticed a significant increase in the number of listings for Hillel in the Calendar section of the paper, from five in the September issue to 23 in the January/February issue. This has created concern for me, as I feel some of their entries conflict with the alternative views that I seek in this paper. For example, I am very uncomfortable with some of the listings for pro-zionist/pro-Israel activities, especially in light of the inhumane treatment of the Palestinian populations living in Israel. I was raised as a Jew (for those of you who

need this information) and feel that these organizations represent the mainstream rather than an alternative Jewish perspective. On the other hand, I do support the activities of the New Jewish Agenda (for example) which represents an alternative Jewish perspective.

Another thing that concerns me is that none of the organizations listed with the activities located at Hillel have participated in the Community Resource Directory, bought advertising or submitted articles. Are they using the paper for free publicity or do they intend to participate in the future? I welcome their contributions, however, I do not prefer these organizations to dominate the paper either. I just want to know what they are about and learn what is so alternative about their organizations, if this is the case.

**Lisa Anne Danto**  
ANN ARBOR, MI

### Get Israel Out of Calendar

Living in the thriving metropolis of Winfield, PA (pop. 200) it's good to be able to find out what's going on in Ann Arbor with our monthly issue of AGENDA. The calendar from the January-February issue was somewhat disturbing, however. After just reading two articles in Zeta discussing the atrocities being committed by the Israeli government against the Palestinians, I found a calendar item in AGENDA advertising "Israel Information Days" where people could "meet with the representatives of the the Jewish

Agency and Young Judea who will...answer questions about programs in Israel."

I know what a struggle it is to keep AGENDA going and that you are incredibly overworked, but you've got to keep your eyes out for things like this. Imagine what it would look like if you had an ad for the South African or Salvadoran government. Obviously it is desirable to keep AGENDA open to as many people as possible, but the current Israeli government is as viciously racist and reactionary as any in the world.

**Dean Baker**  
WINFIELD, PA

### Hillel Responds

Hillel is the umbrella organization for about 25 independent student groups at the U-M. Hillel subscribes to a rather radical notion of free expression that comes out of its uncompromising commitment to pluralism within the Jewish community and by extension to the community at large. We celebrate difference and tolerance and passionately uphold the human rights of any person or group to be a participant in the discourse about ethical values, political priorities, resource allocations, civil liberties—all the vital issues that affect the material and spiritual quality of life of this one world. If we are "anti" anything, it is chauvinism, the unreasoning belief in the superiority of one's group. Consequently, we are wary of anyone who would despise the difficult and sometimes agonizing struggle of an entire nation, in this case Israel, when its fervently-held democratic traditions come into conflict with the choices it must make to survive under dangerous circumstances of decades of implacable hatred, violence and global intimidation. Hillel's Israel Information Day provides information about programs of study, work on kibbutz, and Interns for Peace, among others. Given AGENDA's legitimate agenda, an ad for CIA recruitment might be deemed inappropriate, but would your readers oppose an ad seeking volunteers to work with the homeless, or inner-city kids, etc. because both are sponsored by the same country, a country whose domestic and international policies don't meet your readers' approval in every case. I wonder if your readers would have advocated an end to travel to America after the U.S. government interred Japanese-Americans during WWII because they were

perceived as a threat to national security. Persons of Japanese extraction were living at peace in the U.S., they were not throwing molotov bombs and stones at other American heads; Japan had no four-decade history of warfare with the purpose of national extermination of the U.S. Some of your readers' chauvinism in this instance needs to be challenged.

Practically, Hillel's commitment to pluralism means that some of the programs sponsored by some of its student groups will present views that may not be in keeping with the perspectives generally espoused in AGENDA (and which, I might add, AGENDA has every right to espouse and indeed serves an important function in our community by espousing). For example, in one week we may host a discussion on the Mideast featuring Jerome Segal (one of the first Jews ever to speak to Yassar Arafat), President of the Jewish Peace Lobby, and Rabbi Irving Greenberg, a supporter, if not a wholehearted one, of Shamir. We mail our listing of events to the various media in one press release. We completely understand that AGENDA staff cannot possibly be familiar with every group or speaker sponsored by a Hillel group. If the editors of AGENDA would prefer that we screen what we send, and select only the notices that are politically appropriate, we would be happy to oblige.

**Joseph Kohane, Hillel**  
ANN ARBOR, MI

**Dear Readers,**  
You can help AGENDA upgrade its calendar policy. Send your suggestions to: AGENDA editors, 202 E. Washington #512, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

### Ann Arbor Backsliding

At a time when people of vision—including such unlikely people as William F. Buckley and George Shultz—are taking a long hard look at the "war on

drugs" and coming to the conclusion that decriminalization/legalization may be the best offensive weapon, Ann Arbor, usually a trend setter, is in retrogression. Mayor Jernigan, along with all but two of the council members, has voted to put the \$5 marijuana fine on the ballot for repeal.

It is always interesting that politicians who have no principles, always seem to come up with these things around election time. Sensing a major clash coming up between opponents and proponents of legalization, and noting that city elections generally lean to republicanism, local Democrats apparently will go populist and play to the conservative gallery. In fact, of the main parties, only the Libertarian, consistently for individual human rights, appears to be the only trustworthy party. Maintaining principle, it stays off bandwagons constructed solely for the purpose of currying votes.

When Ann Arborites voted in the \$5 fine they were saying that there were more important priorities. A repeal of that fine and a return to office of the people and parties that put the referendum on the ballot will send out the message that this city is no longer in the forefront of progressive thought.

A lot of us do not like having any fines, but faced with even higher fines or a return to prison sentences, compromising principle to keep the smaller fine seems a small price to pay.

**Jim Greenshields**  
ANN ARBOR, MI

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## Local Plastic Recycling Begins

by Laurie Wechter

YPSILANTI—Area residents can now recycle plastic. The Ypsilanti Recycling Project (YRP) in February began accepting two types of plastic bottles for recycling. "We are pleased to remove these high volume items from the municipal waste stream," said YRP coordinator Pete Murdock. "Recycling plastic should help the local municipalities reduce disposal costs and conserve landfill space."

The Ypsilanti Recycling Drop-off Center accepts two types of plastic bottles: High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) and Poly-Ethylene Terephthalate (PET). HDPE and PET bottles make up 70% to 90% of the plastic bottles in the marketplace.

YRP recently doubled its site size and created a "drive-through" access to accommodate the larger volume of materials coming into its Drop-off Center. Murdock said in addition to Ypsilanti residents, Ann Arborites are using YRP's services because Recycle Ann Arbor does not yet recycle plastic.

YRP collects the plastic bottles and stores them on site in huge bags holding about 70 pounds each. The plastic will be sold at 6¢ per pound to Clean-Tech in Dundee and will eventually end up as the inner ply of the three-ply bottles Plasti-Pak makes for Proctor and Gamble. (About seven one-gallon milk jugs make up one pound.)

It is important, said Murdock, to be able to identify and separate HDPE and PET bottles as plastic recycling is very sensitive to mixing.

HDPE containers are never clear. They are either

opaque or colored with a dull surface finish and will float in water. Opaque HDPE containers include gallon and half-gallon milk, distilled water, spring water, orange juice and cider jugs. Colored HDPE containers include liquid laundry, bleach and dish-washing detergent bottles, skin lotion, and bubble bath bottles. They also include motor oil, and transmission fluid bottles, but YRP cannot accept these as they are too hard to wash out thoroughly.

PET containers are clear and sink in water. Most PET bottles are clear or green-tinted. Products packaged in PET bottles include soda pop, peanut butter, salad dressing, mouthwash and dish soap.

The plastic industry has come up with seven numbers for identifying the different plastic types, said Murdock. PET containers are number "1." HDPE containers are number "2." Many containers already have the numbers on them. But all of the numbers will be in place by 1991.

To prepare your HDPE or PET container for recycling: rinse it thoroughly, discard the cap and ring, and flatten. It's okay to leave labels on. YRP will only accept bottles that are free of food or other residues, so wash them out well.

The Ypsilanti Recycling Drop-off Center is located at 651 Rice Street between E. Cross and E. Forest. It is open from 2 pm to dusk on Wednesdays and 9 am to 3 pm on Saturdays. For more information call Pete at 485-7799.

## HAC Keeps Pressure On City

by Jeff Gearhart

ANN ARBOR—At least 150 people on January 19 attended the first ever City Council meeting devoted specifically to Ann Arbor's low-income housing crisis. The meeting was a result of the Homeless Action Committee's (HAC) takeover of a city council meeting in November and continuing pressure on the Council to address the needs of low-income people. "Poor people aren't just going to crawl under a rock and die," HAC-member Larry Fox told Council.

While some councilmembers acknowledged that homelessness in Ann Arbor is a problem, they also claimed that the city has a serious limitation in funds when it comes to finding a solution. HAC members argued that the Council has its priorities mixed up since the city is spending several million dollars building new parking structures instead of building low-income housing.

"There is no excuse for building parking structures before meeting the needs of low-income people," said Laura Dresser. "It is a crisis that people are homeless. It is a crisis that people are doubled- and tripled-up in substandard housing. It is a crisis that long-time residents can no longer afford to live here. It is not a crisis that someone has to walk an extra block to work. It is not a crisis that people would have to carpool to work."

Both Democrats and Republicans refused to consider a moratorium on construction of further parking structures until Ann Arbor's housing needs are met. Mayor Jernigan said, "I am not the least bit embarrassed by any single parking structure that went up in the downtown because I am committed to the downtown."

"Whatever you say the city's role in housing is, the city and its residents are going to pay," said Fox. "The resources of the community are going to be shared with poor people in one way or another through paying for prisons, more police, higher insurance rates, and more crime, or through providing housing and the services that people need. In one way or another the city is going to pay; whether it builds low-income housing or not."

HAC members said that City Council must assume some responsibility for developing low-income housing, because neither the state government nor private developers are willing to do so. The state of Michigan is embarking on a \$1-billion prison construction campaign, Fox pointed out, while "Gov. Blanchard is cutting the DSS budget and mental health budget, the very things that these people need so that they won't be involved in crime, won't sell drugs, vandalize, steal and rob."

Other speakers described the stark realities of being homeless in Ann Arbor. "When you're poor

and you don't have a place to live you're treated like you're a bum, worthless; like it's your fault you're in this situation," said Helen, a homeless woman and 30-year resident of Ann Arbor. "We are herded into the shelter like animals."

Mary Teasdale, another long-time Ann Arbor resident said, "This town is falling apart. I have moved four times in three years and I am about to be homeless in May. People can't survive without home, food, and clothes on their backs. If you don't have these main things in life, how are you going to live in Ann Arbor?"

In response Mayor Gerald Jernigan repeatedly asserted that Ann Arbor "is a kind and generous city," and asked various city administrators to present facts about what the city actually contributes. Housing Commission Director Bonnie Newlun described the 364 (mostly federally-funded) public housing units which exist in Ann Arbor. Other administrators described the funds that go to the shelter system and other social services. Terry Martin (R-2nd Ward) said to one formerly homeless person: "Sounds like this town's not been very hospitable to you... Why do you stay here? ...it's time you learned what a caring city this is."

HAC members in turn pointed out that there is already a two-year waiting list for public housing units, that people have been turned away from the shelter all winter, and that existing social service programs are inadequate and underfunded.

In response to what HAC members felt was an insulting and lackluster response at the public meeting, 40 protesters on Jan. 25 marched through downtown to Mayor Jernigan's office in City Hall.

The mayor was not in his office due to recent surgery so HAC delivered a statement to Julie Teorey, the mayor's assistant, calling Ann Arbor "a city in which low-income people can work but can't afford to live."

When protesters confronted City Administrator Del Borgsdorf about the city's inaction Borgsdorf conceded that "there hasn't been any [low-income housing] constructed in a long time," and that "we need to do better than we've done."

HAC continues to occupy "Day One," an abandoned house which is set to be bulldozed this spring to make room for the next scheduled parking structure. HAC members say they are committed to stopping the construction of that structure. "For a change its nice to have a room with a window to look out of instead of being totally outdoors," said Helen, who has resided in the house since November. "Especially during the cold weather—I don't know where I would have gone. At this point I don't know where I would go if the house was torn down." . . . .

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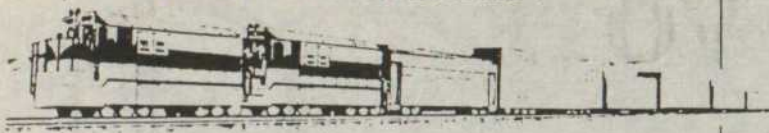
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## WHY PANAMA?

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by the end of the century. You won't see it on TV, but the prospect of keeping U.S. military bases in Panama into the third millennium is what George Bush was willing to send U.S. troops there to die for.

### The U.S. is undercutting Guillermo Endara

Reasonable people can argue about the fairness of Panama's May 1989 election. The Noriega-backed COLINA slate had control of broadcasting and the newspapers. Noriega's troops had control of the streets. The U.S.-backed opposition had a \$10 million slush fund and a country bled white by U.S. sanctions and fed up with Noriega. There can be no reasonable doubt that Panamanians voted for the ticket headed by Guillermo Endara by a wide margin.

Under the old regime, Panama had weak figurehead civilian presidents who were ordered about by military officers at the Commandancia, the headquarters of Panama's Defense Forces (PDF). Under the new regime, Panama has a weak figurehead civilian president who is ordered about by military officers at Quarry Heights, the headquarters of the U.S. Southern Command. Knowledgeable Panamanian and U.S. observers tend to agree that Endara is a puppet who is not well liked by his handlers. Many believe that he will not serve out his term of office.

Endara represents the strongest current in Panamanian politics—nationalism. Thus in 1987 when the U.S. openly turned against Noriega and invited opposition leaders to meet with then U.S. ambassador Arthur Davis, Endara was not invited. The Reagan administration was boosting Ricardo Arias, the leader of the Christian Democratic Party, as its preferred opposition leader at the time due to his reliably pro-U.S. stance. Arias is currently first vice president of Panama.

When, in a series of meetings hosted by the U.S. ambassador and Catholic archbishop Marcos McGrath, the opposition slate for the 1989 elections was formed, it became necessary to put the nationalist *arnulfistas* at the head of the ticket. This was done to unite anti-Noriega forces in a slate that could win. Endara, a veteran *arnulfista*, had few enemies and no national reputation to attack. Thus he made the perfect figurehead presidential candidate.

"Inaugurated" in a secret ceremony at a U.S. military base a few hours before the invasion started, Endara, his first vice president Ricardo Arias and second vice president Guillermo Ford, theoretically took charge of Panama's government.

The chain of command unraveled almost immediately. Endara announced that if captured, Noriega would be prosecuted in Panama rather than be extradited to the U.S. to face drug charges since the Panamanian Constitution prohibits extradition of its citizens to other countries. The U.S. Army announced that Noriega would be extradited. First Vice President Arias (who upon inauguration became minister of justice and government) announced that Panama lacked facilities to try Noriega and thus would send Noriega to the U.S. In the end Noriega was sent to the U.S. without any extradition proceedings.

When Endara announced a plan for compensating the many Panamanians who suffered losses from the U.S. invasion, Second Vice President Guillermo Ford announced that there would be no "handouts" under the new regime. George Bush announced that no injured Panamanians or families of those killed would receive compensation.

Endara announced that a standing military would be abolished in Panama because it is unaffordable and because of past abuses. His plan to hire only a small police force was well-received. However, U.S. Army General Mark Cisneros and First Vice President Arias went on a speaking tour to convince the population that they need to defend themselves against Fidel Castro. The new army, which has become visible again, consists of many of Noriega's old force. With U.S. prodding, Endara named Arias as the civilian commander of the new army, though the Panamanian constitution reserves this post for the president. It appears that the U.S. is running Panama behind Endara's back through the vice presidents.

### There is a wave of repression in Panama

The leaders of Panama's labor unions were among the first targets of the U.S. Army's arrests. Though most were never charged with any crime and were released after a few weeks in U.S. custody, a full-scale attack on organized labor is under way. There

have been massive political firings of public employees. Usually the reasons given are corruption or support for the old regime, based in many cases upon anonymous denunciations and workers are given no chance to contest the accusations. In Chitré, a provincial capital, 59 out of 60 city employees were fired. Most post office employees have lost their jobs. Even street vendors have had their licenses cancelled.

The Panamanian Teachers Federation, who denounced the invasion, saw their retirement village looted and stripped of plumbing, electrical wiring, fixtures and even roofing under the watchful eyes of the U.S. Army and the Panamanian police. Such officially-approved looting has taken place all over Panama, resulting in the stripping of government buildings, the homes of former military officers and public officials, Dignity Battalion members and political activists.

*You won't see it on TV, but the prospect of keeping U.S. military bases in Panama into the third millennium is what George Bush was willing to send U.S. troops there to die for.*

U.S. troops occupied the University of Panama during the first day of the invasion, which coincided with the middle of finals week. A door to door search produced none of the arms that were allegedly sought. The new semester was scheduled to begin in March, but the Education Ministry has announced that it will be delayed by at least a few weeks.

La Estrella and other Panamanian newspapers have reported rumors of planned purges of faculty, administration, students with low grade point averages and tuition strikers (leftists who withheld tuition to protest against Noriega). So far, other than vague references to "reforms," Education Minister Ada Gordon has neither confirmed nor denied these stories. Many observers expect the "reforms" to be little more than a series of measures to purge the left from academic life.

Probably the most unreported bit of repression is the indictment of 14 doctors for allegedly allowing Santo Tomas Hospital to be turned into an armed camp by forces who fought against the invasion. The hospital was under the control of the PDF and Dignity Battalions for the first few days of the invasion. The hospital was the only place where both wounded Panamanian combatants and civilians caught in the crossfire could be treated. Hospital personnel allowed photographs of the overflowing morgue to be taken and gave out casualty figures that sharply contrasted with the low numbers disseminated by the U.S. Southern Command.

### There is no freedom of the press

The American public was led to believe that freedom of the press was one of the issues which justified Operation Just Cause.

When the invasion took place, Panama had four daily newspapers, all of which parroted the Noriega line. When the first post-invasion editions came out, Panama had four daily papers that were rabidly anti-Noriega. The largest paper, La Estrella, has a long history of being pro-government, no matter which government is in power. The other three papers, La Critica, La Republica and El Siglo were confiscated by the new regime and "returned to their rightful owners." La Prensa (co-owned by Vice President Arias) reopened with the help of the Miami Herald. Panama America, an *arnulfista* paper also started publishing after being closed since 1969. There is no Panamanian newspaper that took an anti-invasion position. Nor did one Panamanian newspaper report on the true extent of casualties or damages caused by the invasion.

One of the first acts of the new government was the closing of three television stations and 10 radio stations, purportedly because it was suspected that their financial records were not in order. The closure of the 13 broadcasters effectively put all criticism of the invasion off of the air. As some of the stations have resumed broadcasting, they have come back with uniformly pro-government managements and editorial policies.

In the early hours of the invasion, U.S. Army helicopter gunships blasted the government TV station, channel 2 off the air. Shortly after the invasion, channel 4 went back on the air with a pro-invasion editorial position and many "public service announcements" celebrating "liberation" and "the new Panama." Not a single critic of the invasion was heard on channel 4 news. Neither was there any coverage of the repression or the death, injury and destruction caused by the invasion.

# Jesuit Massacre Whitewashed

by Jon Reed

Fearing a cutoff of his \$600 million a year subsidy by the U.S. Congress, right-wing Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani admitted in a nationwide television address on Jan. 7 that "elements of the armed forces" had carried out the Nov. 16 massacre of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and her 15-year-old daughter.

Six days later, standing next to five military commanders believed to be some of the real intellectual authors of the massacre, Cristiani gave out names of eight carefully selected scapegoats: seven Salvadoran soldiers and low-ranking officers from the U.S.-trained Atlacatl Battalion, and one token colonel, Guillermo Alfredo Benavides, the head of El Salvador's military academy and nominal commander of the San Salvador zone in which the assassinations took place.

According to a number of witnesses at the University of Central America (UCA) campus, the six priests and two women were brutally murdered and mutilated by a heavily armed squad of approximately 30 soldiers who dragged the victims from their beds in the middle of the night on Nov. 16.

The killings took place five days after left-wing guerrillas of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) launched the largest and most effective military offensive in the country's 10-year civil war. In retaliation for the rebel uprising, which brought thousands of new recruits into the FMLN ranks, the Salvadoran armed forces, under the leadership of Air Force General Juan Rafael Bustillo, went on a rampage. They bombed heavily populated working class zones in and around the cities of San Salvador, San Miguel, Usulután, and Zacatecoluca; killing and kidnapping several thousand persons throughout the country; and imposing martial law. This repression has included a sharp crackdown on labor unions, students, human rights groups, humanitarian organizations, and the churches. According to well-placed sources inside the military, it was General Bustillo—with the compliance of the entire military high command—who ordered the slaughter of the Jesuits.

Since the civil war began, over 75,000 of the country's 5.5 million citizens have been killed. According to America's Watch and church sources, approximately 50,000 civilians have been assassinated or disappeared by the Salvadoran military and its affiliated death squads, who were originally funded and trained by the U.S. military and the CIA. In its 1989 report, the Legal Aid Office of the Catholic Church in El Salvador documented nearly 3,000 political assassinations for the year, the overwhelming majority committed by government-organized or -sanctioned hit men. Despite this bloodbath, not one single officer in the El Salvadoran armed forces has ever been convicted of human rights abuses; not even in such highly publicized cases as the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero and the four U.S. churchwomen in 1980.

According to spokespersons from the Jesuit University, the six priests were killed because they were some of the most important and respected intellectuals in the country calling for a just, negotiated settlement between the ruling ARENA Party (Nationalist Republican Alliance) and the FMLN. In the days preceding the massacre, military-controlled radio broadcasts called for the execution of the "Jesuit subversives." The night before the UCA massacre, the entire military command of several dozen colonels and generals joined Roberto D'Aubuisson (head of the ARENA party) in a television address calling for "total war" against the FMLN and their collaborators in the aboveground opposition. Hours later military death squads raided the UCA campus as well as the homes and offices of opposition leaders throughout the capital.

After several months of lies and disinformation, Cristiani's reluctant admission of guilt in the Nov. 16 massacre seemed to represent, at least at first glance, a serious public relations setback for the Bush administration who have consistently tried to deny that military and ARENA Party death squads still operate throughout the country. As recently as Jan. 3, the U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador, William Walker, reportedly told aides of Congressman Joe Moakley that the assassins "could have been FMLN guerrillas dressed in military uniforms." The New York Times reported 11 days later that a U.S. Major had been recalled to the U.S. for withholding infor-

mation from North American officials about the Jesuit killings—an incident which fueled speculation that the U.S. Embassy and the Bush administration have known what was going on all along.

Robert White, former U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, along with many other commentators, has characterized the leader of the death squads and President Cristiani's ARENA Party, Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, as a "pathological killer" and an open admirer of the Nazis.

As everyone in Washington and El Salvador acknowledges, the ARENA regime would fall immediately without its U.S. subsidy, which equals 60% of the government's entire budget. This, in fact, is the real reason for the public relations charade that will now unfold in regard to the prosecution and trials of a token number of Salvadoran soldiers. Since the November FMLN uprising and the Jesuit massacre, there has been a significant upsurge in grassroots anti-war activity in the U.S., prompting a significant number of U.S. Congresspeople to call for a cutoff of aid unless significant advances are made in regard to human rights and a negotiated settlement of the civil war.

Although no one in El Salvador expects Cristiani to actually prosecute his own party leaders or the military high command for their involvement in carrying out the Jesuit massacre or the thousands of other unresolved cases, Cristiani is expected to choreograph a long, drawn-out show trial that will succeed in preserving U.S. Congressional aid. Either the Salvadoran high command is prepared to sacrifice Col. Benavides and a few lieutenants and draftees in order to safeguard Bush administration programs of "low-intensity warfare" in Central America, or else they've reassured Col. Benavides that he'll be quietly pardoned or found not guilty in a few years.

In any case, opposition leaders warn that this public relations maneuver should not be confused with an actual modification of Salvadoran state terrorism. A serious prosecution of the country's death squads would involve jailing thousands of government officials, military personnel, and their handlers in the U.S. Embassy—not eight soldiers.

If the investigation and trial can be orchestrated successfully and the U.S. subsidy can be preserved, "total war" advocates in the military command and the ARENA Party apparently believe that they can militarily defeat the FMLN. But if the FMLN continues to get stronger, and worldwide solidarity efforts intensify, the ruling elite in San Salvador may find themselves living in Miami in a few years. That is, unless the Bush administration is prepared to launch an all out invasion of the country using Guatemalan, Honduran, and U.S. troops.

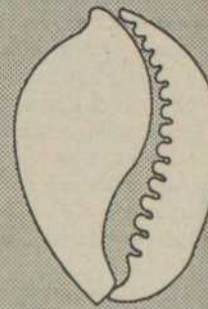
Opposition critics have emphasized that it took five years to bring a token number of enlisted soldiers to trial for the 1980 murder of the U.S. churchwomen, and that the assassins of Archbishop Romero have never been brought to trial—even after establishment spokespersons (including the Christian Democratic Party) brought forth conclusive evidence that Cristiani's boss, D'Aubuisson, ordered Romero's assassination. A current magistrate in the Jesuit massacre case, Ricardo Zamora, is reported to be one of the judges who has refused to bring indictments against D'Aubuisson in the Romero case.

The U.S. Embassy in El Salvador and the FBI appear to have suffered a loss of credibility in the wake of Cristiani's admission of guilt. Up until Cristiani's announcement, these agencies steadfastly denied armed forces involvement in the incident—suggesting at various times that the FMLN killed the Jesuits and the two women to make the Cristiani administration look bad.

Although the FBI admitted immediately after the massacre that they had collected bloody fingerprints and other forensic evidence at the scene of the crime, they were later caught intimidating and terrorizing a Salvadoran eyewitness to the massacre, Lucia Barrera de Cerna, who had been brought to Miami supposedly for "her own safety." The FBI held Barrera incommunicado for four days in Miami while they conducted joint interrogations with a notorious Salvadoran military torturer who threatened the woman with deportation back to El Salvador (and certain death) if she didn't recant her sworn testimony of seeing 30 uniformed soldiers carrying out the slaughter.

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## The 28th Ann Arbor Film Festival: It's Weird & It's Ours!

by Ken Garber

When I was a U-M undergraduate in the mid-'70s, the Ann Arbor Film Festival was pretty much a mandatory event. My friends and I would shoulder our way into the jammed Lorch Hall corridor and gaze at the bizarre art work on display as we waited for the auditorium. We'd be high, of course—what better way to absorb the hours of abstract images, wild animation or cinema verité onscreen? Between shows, a tall blond woman named Pat Oleszko would strip off bizarre, elaborate costumes to the music of a piano player named Blue Gene Tyranny, in order to reveal still more bizarre, elaborate costumes.

We didn't know it, but a technical wizard named Peter Wilde was orchestrating the whole event from his projection booth perch, and a nerdy-looking art professor named George Manupelli was present to make sure things stayed fairly crazy. At times I suspected that the whole event was a monumental joke on the audience, and I didn't always understand the films, but one thing was certain: this was more fun than seeing "Saturday Night Fever" at Briarwood.

Now—15 years later—Manupelli is teaching in Toronto, Oleszko and Blue Gene Tyranny are plying their trades as successful New York artists, and Wilde—who left town in 1983—is dead. After returning to Ann Arbor in the early '80s, I stopped going to the festival for a while, and by the time I started attending again, it had moved to the cavernous Michigan Theater. But not much else has changed.

The films, for one thing, seem even better. This is probably a false perception; by all accounts there are fewer people working in experimental film these days (economic pressures and the encroachment of video are the main reasons), and making personal statements on 16mm film stock is even less of a viable career option now than it was in the '70s. My new appreciation of the genre, I think, results from maturity. It's easier to appreciate irony and self-parody (essential qualities in experimental film) after turning 30 than at 18, just as it gets harder and harder to sit through an earnest, technically perfect and smugly obvious Ste-

ven Spielberg film. Experimental films, by their nature, comment on and subvert mass culture, and that's something we may need to appreciate more as we get older and our lives are governed more and more by routines and encroaching cynicism.

The festival also provides continuity. It's now in its 28th year, and the rituals and habits that Manupelli and his friends started in the early '60s are still faithfully adhered to. These include: regular live music and dance performances, strange and provocative lobby artwork, the acceptance and encouragement of raucous audience participation, and a general party atmosphere free of any sort of pretension or elitism. Festival posters and programs still sport the kind of whimsical, oblique imagery that Manupelli once crafted. The screening committee, an unsung group of six or seven bleary-eyed film nuts who review the hundreds of festival entries, still ruthlessly removes more conventional film offerings so that the public screenings will contain only the "purest" of experimental films, even (especially?) if that adds to the general level of incomprehension.

The festival has survived without selling out, has maintained high artistic standards, and enjoys an international reputation, all without taking itself too seriously. It's still weird and it's still ours, and I can't wait for the projectors to roll.

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## WHITEWASH

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The Archbishop of El Salvador, Arturo Rivera y Damas, strongly condemned the Bush administration for intimidating the woman and her husband: "instead of being protected as promised by the personnel of the U.S. Embassy in El Salvador, Lucia Barrera de Cerna was subjected to brainwashing and blackmail that she would be deported if she didn't tell the truth."

U.S. Ambassador William Walker stated in December that "I am saddened that the Archbishop does not believe that the U.S. government and he are on the same quest for truth." After 50,000 murders and disappearances going unpunished, one might wonder what kind of "truth" the Bush administration is looking for in El Salvador. Following her interrogation by the FBI in Miami, Lucia Barrera de Cerna

went into hiding, under protection of the Jesuit Order in the United States.

As the whitewash and cover-up of the massacre progresses, we can expect the commercial mass media and the U.S. Congress to continue to debate the "sincerity" of Cristiani's promise to be a good boy from now on. As Cristiani's polished

U.S. television performance on the MacNeil Lehrer Report on Jan. 18 indicates, we may be dealing with the same Murder Incorporated in El Salvador; but under the expert direction of White House spin doctors Cristiani and company are learning how to put a kinder and gentler mask over their bloody deeds.

### LASC Takes Washington!

On Sat., March 24, the 10th anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero in San Salvador, solidarity activists from all over the U.S. will surround the White House in Washington to protest the U.S. government's ongoing support of brutal death-squad governments in Central America as well as its sabotage of Nicaragua. The protest is being organized by the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), the Ann Arbor Latin Amer-

ica Solidarity Committee, the Nicaragua Network, Interfaith Council for Peace, SANE/FREEZE, and others.

LASC buses for this march will leave A2 from the front of the Mich. Union at 7:30 pm on Fri., March 23 and return from Washington late Sat. night. The cost is \$50; (we hope to offer some partial scholarships). To come or to donate to our scholarship fund, contact Mike Fischer at 665-2709. To reserve a spot, send a check payable to "LASC" to: Mike Fischer, 507 W. Huron, #1, Ann Arbor MI, 48103.

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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.

## 1 Thursday

**National Call-In Day to Congress: Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice** Call your D.C. reps and senators regarding the Feb. 25 Nicaraguan election asking them to: 1. Accept only vote counts certified by the UN and the OAS observers; 2. In response to elections certified as free and fair by the UN and OAS, declare an end to the U.S. war on Nicaragua, an end to the embargo; 3. Demobilize the contras immediately. Call Sen. Carl Levin at (202)224-6221, Sen. Don Riegle at (202)224-4822, and Rep. Carl Pursell at (202)225-4401.

**Peter Ostroushko: The Ark** 8 pm, 637 S. Main. One of Nashville's acoustic greats, \$8.75/\$7.75 stud. & mem. 761-1451

**"A Synthetic Circus": Performance Network** 8 pm, 408 W. Washington. Frank's Absurd Repertory Theater Co. debuts with short, short plays by Beckett, The Futurists, the Dadaists, John Cage and more set to engage today's ever-shrinking attention span, \$9/\$7 stud. & seniors 663-0681

**Voter's Registration Party: Performance Network & Student Initiative** 10:30 pm, 408 W. Washington. Happy Birthday to all of you who will be 18 by April 3. Deputy registrars will be on hand to get you registered in time to vote in the April 2 election. The party

features: Dick Siegel, Frank Allison, Iodine Raincoats, Tracey Lee Komarmy, Juice, Pontiac, Elise Bryant and more. 663-0681

## 2 Friday

**Meeting: Alliance for U-M Campus Child-Care (UM-ACCC)** noon, Women's Studies Programs offices, 234 W. Engineering Bldg. Open to anyone interested in affordable, quality, on-site childcare services at U-M. 763-2047

**"The CIA from the Inside": Peace InSight** 6:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Former CIA agent John Stockwell describes CIA activities in Central America. 769-7422

**The Sugarcubes: Prism Productions** 8 pm, The Latin Quarter, 3067 Grand River, Detroit. With special guests The Primitives, \$15.50. 665-4755

**"A Synthetic Circus": Performance Network** 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

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

**Meeting: Black Gay Men Together** 8 pm, 3200 Mich. Union. 763-4186

**Group Meditation and Massage for Gay & Bisexual Men: Lesbian/Gay Male Programs Office** 8 pm, 1522 Hill. A safe environment to explore touch. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring oil or lotion, 2 sheets, and a towel. David 662-6282

## 3 Saturday

**"A Synthetic Circus": Performance Network** 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

## 4 Sunday

**Fitness Fest: Humane Society of Huron Valley** 9:30 am regist., A2 Berkshire Hilton, 610 Hilton Blvd.

10 am aerobic workout to benefit the animals at the Humane Society; light brunch at 11:30. Participants must obtain \$50 min. pledges. 662-5545

### Poetry Reading & Lecture:

**Le Minotaure Gallery** 3 pm, 115 E. Ann. Ann and Ken Mikolowski, a painter and poet, will read and talk about their work and 20 years of publishing The Alternative Press. 665-0445

**Orientation: Huron Valley Greens** 5 pm, 1411 Henry. 663-0003

**Meeting: Homeless Action Committee (HAC)** 6 pm, 337 S. Ashley. Help end homelessness. 662-5372

**Meeting: Huron Valley Greens** 6:30 pm, Guild house, 802 Monroe. 6 pm potluck; bring a dish to pass. 663-0003

**"A Synthetic Circus": Performance Network** 6:30 pm (see 1 Thur)

**Women's Music: Gay Liberation** 8 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. 996-8555

## 5 Monday

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

## 6 Tuesday

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

**Survivors of Sexual Assault Support Group: Womynspace Taskforce of Ann Arbor NOW** 7 pm, 208 King Hall, EMU, Ypsilanti. Eileen 481-1245

**Take Back the Night Planning Meeting: Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape** 7 pm, Center for Indep. Living, 2568 Packard. Help plan the April 21 demonstration. Sue 996-9517

**Living With ARC and AIDS Support Group: Wellness Networks** 7 pm, 3075 Clark Rd., # 207. 572-9355

**"Women, Power and Difference": Peace InSight** 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. 1989 U-M talk by African-American feminist and poet, Audre Lorde. 769-7422

**Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Men's Rights Organizing Committee (La-GROC)** 7:30 pm, 3100 Mich. Union. 763-4186

## 7 Wednesday

**"Womyn's Rites and Rhythms"** 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. Weekly public affairs show focusing on womyn's issues. 763-3501

**Meeting: Professional AIDS Support Group** 6 pm, Social Work Conference Room, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Debbie Mattison 572-3520

**Meeting: Womynspace Taskforce of Ann Arbor NOW** 7 pm, 208 King Hall, EMU, Ypsilanti. Eileen 481-1245

**HIV Positive Testers Support Group: Wellness Networks** 7 pm, 3075 Clark Rd., Suite 207, Ypsilanti. 572-9355

**Gathering: Creation Spirituality** 7:30 pm, First Unitarian-Univ. Church, 1917 Washtenaw. Native American ceremony and spirituality. 971-5924

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

## 8 Thursday

**"Food and Farming in the Environmental Decade": Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice** 7:30 pm, Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 W. Liberty. A panel of farmers will discuss concerns and distinct approaches to growing residue-free and organic food products. 663-1870

**Green Fair Planning Meeting: Huron Valley Greens** 7:30 pm, 525 Miller #2. 665-6251

**"A Synthetic Circus": Performance Network** 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

## 9 Friday

**Art Exhibit: U-M Arts & Programming** through 27 Tue, all day, Art Lounge, Mich. Union. Paintings from worldwide children's competition honoring the 20th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. 764-6498

**Meeting: UM-ACCC** noon (see 2 Fri)

**"Women, Power and Difference": Peace InSight** 6:05 pm (see 6 Tue)

**Board Meeting: Wellness Networks** 7 pm, 3175 Clark Rd. Suite 207, Ypsilanti. Open to the public. 572-9355

**"A Synthetic Circus": Performance Network** 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

**Meeting: Black Gay Men Together** 8 pm (see 2 Fri)

## 10 Saturday

**Meeting: Washtenaw Earth Day Coalition** 3 pm, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver. Open to anyone interested in coordinating or participating in April's Earth Day events. 761-3186

**APRIL News & Feature Story Deadline: AGENDA** 5 pm, 202 E. Washington #512, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. 996-8018

**"A Synthetic Circus": Performance Network** 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

**Laurie Anderson: Prism Productions** 8 pm, Michigan Theater. This critically acclaimed performance artist returns to Ann Arbor after 6 years absence, \$22.50. 665-4755

## 11 Sunday

**The Art of John El Kerr: Le Minotaure Gallery** through March 31. Opening reception tonight from 4 to 7 pm, 115 E. Ann. A one-person gallery show of Ann Arbor-based artist John El Kerr's work. 665-0445

**Open House: Community Farm of Ann Arbor** 3 pm, Rudolph Steiner School, 2775 Newport Rd. Learn about

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this local organic/biodynamic farm. 769-4251

**"Reception and Report to the Community": Ann Arbor-Juigalpa Sister City Election Delegation** 4 pm, Friends Center, 1416 Hill. Ten A2 delegates just back from observing the Feb. 25th elections in our Sister City will report their findings. 663-0655

**Puppy and Dog Training & Care Clinic: The Humane Society of Huron Valley** 4 pm, Ann Arbor Dog Training Club, 1575 N. Territorial Rd. A two-hour seminar with obedience demos, feeding tips and more, \$2 don./children under 12 free. 662-5545

**Meeting: HAC** 6 pm (see 4 Sun)

**"A Synthetic Circus": Performance Network** 6:30 pm (see 1 Thur)

**"Changes in the Soviet Union: Impressions From a Recent Person-to-Person Visit": Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament** 7:30 pm, St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway. A talk by Art Vander on what Soviet people think of the changes in their country, and the implications of these changes for U.S. military policy. 761-1718.

**Israeli Dancing: Hillel** 7:30 pm, 1429 Hill. Beg & adv, \$2. 769-0500

**Women's Music: Gay Liberation** 8 pm (see 4 Sun)

## 12 Monday

**"Report on the Nicaraguan Elections": Central American Solidarity Committee** 7 pm, 1100 St Aubin, rm. 210, Detroit. Kate Carter and Kathryn Savoie, eyewitnesses to the election, will report on their findings. 259-1188

**Meeting: The Religious Coalition on Central America** 7:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. Help plan the religious community's efforts to change U.S. policy in Central America. 663-1870

**Soundgarden and Volvod: Prism** 7:30 pm, State Theater, 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo. With special guests: Faith No More, \$11.50. 665-4755

**Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Lib** 8:45 pm (see 5 Mon)

## 13 Tuesday

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

**Caregivers and Loved Ones of People With AIDS Support Group: Wellness Networks** 6:45 pm, Dept. of Social Services, 2350 W. Stadium. 572-9355

**"Women and Aging": Ann Arbor/Washtenaw NOW** 7 pm, Unitarian Church, General Assembly Room, 1917 Washtenaw. Meeting with panel speaking on various aging topics. Molly 434-8358

**Living With ARC and AIDS Support Group: Wellness Networks** 7 pm (see 6 Tue)

**Take Back the Night Planning Meeting: Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape** 7 pm (see 6 Tue)

**"The Intifadah in Palestine and the Student Movement in China": Peace InSight** 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Chan. 9. Ali Mazrui, creator of the widely acclaimed PBS series "The Africans," compares the two movements in his 1989 talk for the Palestine Aid Society. 769-7422

**Meeting: LaGROC** 7:30 pm (see 6 Tues)

**Meeting: Washtenaw Citizens for Animal Rights (WCAR)** 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Learn about animal rights issues and help WCAR educate the community. 665-2480

**"Resounding Winds": U-M Arts & Programming** 8 pm, Pendleton Rm., Mich. Union. Saxophonists Denise Fest, Helen Haller, Eric Wilson, and Charles Young perform. 764-6498

## 14 Wednesday

**"Womyn's Rites and Rhythms"** 6 pm (see 7 Wed)

**One Man Show (Peter Kubelka 1954-77): U-M Program in Film and Video Studies** 7 pm, Angell Hall, Aud. C, \$1 don. 764-0147

**HIV Positive Testers Support Group: Wellness Networks** 7 pm (see 7 Wed)

**Meeting: Womynspace Taskforce of Ann Arbor NOW** 7 pm (see 7 Wed)

**Planning Meeting: Huron Valley Greens Earth Day Working Group** 7 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Help plan Earth Day activities. 663-0003

**"Halacha & Contraception": Jewish Feminist Group** 7:30 pm, 1429 Hill. Discuss traditional and modern Jewish views on contraception and how this relates to women today. 769-0500

**Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC)** 8 pm, rm. # at info. desk, Mich. Union. 665-8438

**Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA Meeting** 8:30 pm (see 7 Wed)

## 15 Thursday

**Music at Mid-Day: U-M Arts and Programming** 12:15 pm, Kuenzel Rm., Mich. Union. Ensemble of string bassists. 764-6498

**APRIL issue deadline for Calendar & Community Resource Directory: AGENDA** 5 pm, 202 E. Washington #512, 48104. 996-8018

**Green Fair Planning Meeting: Huron Valley Greens** 7:30 pm (see 8 Thur)

**Meeting: Bread for the World** 7:30 pm, Memorial Christian Church, 730 Tappan. Discussion of domestic and international hunger issues, legislative updates and future events. 487-9058

**"MX Missiles on Michigan Railroad Tracks": Disarmament Working Group of Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice** 7:30 pm, St. Francis School Library, 2270 E. Stadium. Video and workshop on the Air Force's



Ann Arbor artist John El Kerr has designed a poster for Pat Oleszko, an album cover for Tracy Lee and the Leonards, and theater props for People Dancing. This month El Kerr celebrates his first one-person gallery show at Le Minotaure Gallery. (see 11 Sun)

plans to deploy nuclear warheads on Mich. railroad tracks. 663-1870

**"A Synthetic Circus": Performance Network** 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

## 16 Friday

**Meeting: UM-ACCC** noon (see 2 Fri)

**"Healing Mother Earth: Ecology, Creativity, and Education": U-M Wesley Foundation** 3:30 pm, 100 Hutchins Hall, U-M Law School. A lecture by Matthew Fox. 668-6881

**"Joining the Resistance: Psychology, Politics, Girls and Women": U-M Dept. of Philosophy** 4 pm, Rackham Aud. Carol Gilligan, author of "In a Different Voice." 761-1618

**"The Intifadah in Palestine and the Student Movement in China": Peace InSight** 6:05 pm (see 13 Tue)

**"Islamic Fundamentalism in Syria: Its Social Basis, Leadership, and Growth": Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice** 7:30 pm, McKenny Union, EMU, Ypsilanti. Lecture by Dr. Raymond A. Hinnebusch. 663-1870

**"Healing Mother Earth: An Ecological Spirituality": U-M Wesley Foundation** 7:30 pm, First United Methodist Church. With Matthew Fox. 668-6881

**Jesus and Mary Chain: Prism** 8 pm, The Latin Quarter, 3067 E. Grand River, Detroit, \$14.50. 665-4755

**Steve Somers: Friends Meeting House** 8 pm, 1420 Hill. Somers performs works by Murcia, Schoenberg, Satie and more on classical guitar, \$6/\$5 stud. & seniors. 668-6211

**Gay Men's Coffee House: Brothers** 8 pm (see 2 Fri)

**"A Synthetic Circus": Performance Network** 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

**Meeting: Black Gay Men Together** 8 pm (see 2 Fri)

**Fundraiser for Student Initiative: Performance Network** 10:30 pm, 408 W. Washington, \$7/\$5 with voter's reg. card. Help fund the U-M student group concerned with raising grassroots involvement in local electoral issues. Courtesy of the best in local talent: Dick Siegel, Frank Allison, Iodine Raincoats, Tracey Lee Komarmy, Juice, Elise Bryant & more. 663-0681

## 17 Saturday

**"Roots of Islamic Revivalism: Syria in Comparative Perspective": Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice** 9 am, Wesley Foundation, First United Methodist Church, 602 E. Huron. A seminar by Dr. Raymond A. Hinnebusch. 663-1870

**Workshop: "Healing Mother Earth": U-M Wesley Foundation** 9 am to 4 pm, First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. With Matthew Fox on global spirituality, \$25/\$5 students. 668-6881

**Benefit Pool Tournament: People Understanding the Severely Handicapped (PUSH)** 11 am, Games Room, Mich. Union. Perry 930-1932

**Great American Meat-Out: WCAR and Farm Animal Reform Movement** 2 pm, Washtenaw Community College. Sampling of vegetarian foods, free film, local celebrities, prizes. 665-2480

**"Weapons of the Spirit": Hill Street Cinema** 7:45 pm & 9:45 pm, 1429 Hill, \$3. 769-0500

**"A Synthetic Circus": Performance Network** 8 pm (see 1 Thur)

## 18 Sunday

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

**Poetry Reading: Granite Line Poets** 2 pm, Freighthouse Cafe, Ypsilanti. Mary Ann Cameron and Sharon Smith-Knight. Refreshments, \$3. 663-0546.

**Meeting: HAC** 6 pm (see 4 Sun)

**Big Circle Meeting: Huron Valley Greens** 6:30 pm, Guild house, 802 Monroe. 6 pm potluck; bring a dish to pass. 663-0003

**"A Synthetic Circus": Performance Network** 6:30 pm (see 1 Thur)

**"The Gold Rush" (1925): U-M Program in Film and Video Studies** 7 pm, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. 764-0147

**"An Evening with Madame F.": Hill Street Forum** 7:30 pm, Irwin Green Aud., 1429 Hill. A one-woman presentation based on "Playing for Time," Fania Fenelon's account of her life as a musician at Auschwitz, \$12/\$7 stud. & seniors. 769-0500

**Women's Music: Gay Liberation** 8 pm (see 4 Sun)

## 19 Monday

**Meeting: Economic Issues Taskforce of Ann Arbor NOW** 7:30 pm, Unitarian Church, 1917 Washtenaw. Christa 663-7106

**Meeting: Ann Arbor City Council** 7:30 pm, City Hall, 100 N. Fifth Ave. Council will consider a resolution opposing the deployment of MX missiles on Michigan railroad tracks. SANE/Freeze and other local groups will present information on the danger to Ann Arbor citizens posed by the Air Force's plan. 663-1870

**"That Again": Talk to Us** 8 pm, 1429 Hill. U-M's interactive theatre troupe performs this specially-commissioned piece for Hillel's Conference on the Holocaust. 769-0500

**Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation** 8:45 pm (see 5 Mon)

## 20 Tuesday

**"The United States and the Holocaust": Hillel** 12 noon, 1429 Hill. Join U-M History Prof. Sidney Fine for a brown bag lunch discussion. 769-0500

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

**"The Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament": Peace InSight** 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Coverage of the Great Peace March in Washington, D.C., and info about how you can participate in a new Global Walk for a Livable World. 769-7422

**Survivors of Sexual Assault Support Group: Womynspace Taskforce of Ann Arbor NOW** 7 pm (see 6 Tue)

**Living With ARC and AIDS Support Group: Wellness Networks** 7 pm (see 6 Tue)

**Take Back the Night Planning Meeting: Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape** 7 pm (see 6 Tue)

**One Man Show (Kurt Kren 1960-68): U-M Program in Film and Video Studies** 7 pm (see 14 Wed)

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**"Because of That War": Hill Street Cinema** 7 & 9 pm, 1429 Hill. Powerful documentary about the impact of the Holocaust on children of survivors, \$3. 769-0500

**"Women and the Cuban Revolution": Solidarity** 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Margarita Samad-Matias, who teaches at City University in New York, is a specialist on women and social movements in Cuba and the Horn of Africa. 665-2709

**Meeting: LaGROC** 7:30 pm (see 6 Tues)

**Opening Reception: 28th Ann Arbor Film Festival** 7:30 pm, lobby, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. Mix and mingle with the folks who bring you the oldest 16mm film festival in the country. 668-8397

**Film Showings: 28th Ann Arbor Film Festival** 8:30 pm, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. Screening the latest independent and experimental cinema from around the world, the AAFF is the oldest such event in North America, \$4 /\$7 Nightly Series/\$25 Festival Series. 668-8397

## 21 Wednesday

**"March for Child Care": Alliance for U-M Campus Child Care (UM-ACCC)** noon, Hatcher Graduate Library front. Visibly demonstrate U-M's childcare needs by bringing your kids to this short march. Also bring your kids to work or school if you can. 763-2047

**Judge's Show: 28th Ann Arbor Film Festival** 3 pm, Michigan Theater. AAFF Awards Jury member Barbara Hammer, a feminist experimental filmmaker, will screen and discuss her work. 668-8397

**"Womyn's Rites and Rhythms"** 6 pm (see 7 Wed)

**"Putting First Things First: Peace Through Economic Justice": Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice** 7 pm, First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. A talk by the Rev. Charles G. Adams, pastor of Detoit's Hartford Memorial Baptist Church which provides a free medical clinic, free legal counseling, a higher education scholarship fund, and many other social services for its community. 663-1870

**HIV Positive Testers Support Group: Wellness Networks** 7 pm (see 7 Wed)

**Film Showings: 28th Ann Arbor Film Festival** 7 & 9:30 pm (see 20 Tue)

**Meeting: Womynspace Taskforce of Ann Arbor NOW** 7:30 pm (see 7 Wed)

**Meeting: Women and Prison Taskforce of Ann Arbor NOW** 7:30 pm, Unitarian Church, 1917 Washtenaw. Bart 229-9866

**Evening with Survivors: Hillel** 7:30 pm, 1429 Hill. Listen to and talk with women survivors of the Holocaust. 769-0500

**Spring Equinox Ceremony: Creation Spirituality** 7:30 pm, Island Park, next to the Huron River at the far end of Island Drive. 971-5924

**"The Death Squad Lobby": Student Organizations United for Peace (SOUP)** 8 pm, Main Lounge, McKenny Union, EMU, Ypsilanti. Mary Swenson of the Minneapolis Central America Resource Center will talk about O'Connor and Hannan, the lobbying and legal services firm that represents the government of El Salvador and EMU. Ben 482-2797

**Meeting: LASC** 8 pm (see 14 Wed)

**Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA Meeting** 8:30 pm (see 7 Wed)

## 22 Thursday

**"Our Thoughts on the Holocaust": Hillel** noon, 1429 Hill, brownbag discussion. 769-0500

**Music at Mid-Day: U-M Arts and Programming** 12:15 pm, Pendleton Rm., Mich. Union. Pianist Midori Koga plays Mozart and Schubert. 764-6498

**Judge's Show: 28th Ann Arbor Film Festival** 3 pm, Michigan Theater. AAFF Awards Jury member Karen Aqua, an independent animation filmmaker, will screen and discuss her work. 668-8397

**Film Showings: 28th Ann Arbor Film Festival** 7 & 9:30 pm (see 20 Tue)

**"Rethinking Christian Ethics in Light of the Holocaust": Hillel** 7 pm, 1429 Hill. 769-0500

**Green Fair Planning Meeting: Huron Valley Greens** 7:30 pm (see 8 Thur)

**Turtle Island String Quartet: Office of Major Events** 8 pm, Rackham Aud. A musical landscape of jazz, bebop, bluegrass and more, \$16. 763-TKTS

**New Works: Intersect Theater Dance Company** 8 pm, Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Two pieces by choreographers Kiro Kopulos and Ariel Weymouth Payne, \$9/\$7 stud. & seniors. 663-0681

## 23 Friday

**Meeting: UM-ACCC** noon (see 2 Fri)

**Judge's Show: 28th Ann Arbor Film Festival** 3 pm, Michigan Theater. AAFF Awards Jury member Richard Kerr, a Canadian independent filmmaker, will screen and discuss his work. 668-8397

**"The Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament": Peace InSight** 6:05 pm (see 20 Tue)

**"Reflections on the Passover Hagaddah": Hillel Orthodox Minyan** 6:30 pm, 1429 Hill. Prof. David Sykes of Yeshiva University will speak after shabbat dinner. Ari 764-0811

**National Clinic Defense Conference: AACDARR & others** 7 pm, Hillberry Rms., Wayne State University. A conference with clinic defense activists from all over the U.S. to discuss the current status—and future—of the women's movement. 996-8028

**Ecumenical Prayer Service in Remembrance of Archbishop Romero: Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice** 7 pm, St. Francis, 2270 E. Stadi-

um. A commemoration of the life and work of the Salvadoran bishop killed 10 years ago by a military death squad. Gloria Galan of the Committee of Mothers of the Disappeared will speak. Buses to Sat.'s "March on Washington to End the U.S. War in Central America" will pick up passengers at St. Francis after the service. 663-1870.

**Film Showings: 28th Ann Arbor Film Festival** 7 & 9:30 pm (see 20 Tue)

**Buses to D.C. March: LASC** 8 pm, front of Mich. Union and St. Francis Church. Buses will depart for the "March on Washington to End the U.S. War in Central America" and return late 24 Sat (see page 10), \$50. 665-2709

**James Blood Ulmer Trio: Eclipse Jazz** 8 and 10 pm, The Ark, 637 S. Main. Ulmer has been called "the most original guitarist since Jimi Hendrix," \$12.50/\$10 stud. 763-TKTS

**New Works: Intersect Theater Dance Company** 8 pm (see 22 Thur)

**Meeting: Black Gay Men Together** 8 pm (see 2 Fri)

## 24 Saturday

**National Clinic Defense Conference: AACDARR** 10 am to 6 pm, Hillberry Rms., Wayne State University. Speakers in the morning, workshops in the afternoon. (see 23 Fri)

**Archbishop Romero Commemoration and March to End the U.S. War in Central America: Washington, D.C.** 11 am, White House. 665-2709

**Free Matinee: 28th Ann Arbor Film Festival** 1 pm (see 20 Tue)

**Film Showings: 28th Ann Arbor Film Festival** 7 & 9:30 pm (see 20 Tue)

**"Smithereens": Hill Street Cinema** 8 pm and 9:45 pm, 1429 Hill, \$2.50. 769-0500

**New Works: Intersect Theater Dance Company** 8 pm (see 22 Thur)

**Rock and Roll for Reproductive Rights: AACDARR** 9 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. National Clinic Defense fundraiser with music by Frank Allison and the Urbations, \$5. 996-8028.

## 25 Sunday

**National Clinic Defense Conference: AACDARR** 10 am to 4:30 pm. Plenary session (see 23 Fri)

**Award Winning Films: 28th Ann Arbor Film Festival** 5 pm, 7 & 9 pm (see 20 Tue)

**Meeting: HAC** 6 pm (see 4 Sun)

**New Works: Intersect Theater Dance Company** 6:30 pm (see 22 Thur)

**Women's Music: Gay Liberation** 8 pm (see 4 Sun)

## 26 Monday

**Poetry Reading: Granite Line Poets** 7:30 pm, Freighthouse Cafe, Ypsilanti. Antler, Jeff Poniewaz and M.L. Liebler, \$5. 663-0546

**Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation** 8:45 pm (see 5 Mon)

## 27 Tuesday

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

**Caregivers and Loved Ones of People With AIDS Support Group: Wellness Networks** 6:45 pm (see 13 Tue)

**Living With ARC and AIDS Support Group: Wellness Networks** 7 pm (see 6 Tue)

**Take Back the Night Planning Meeting: Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape** 7 pm (see 6 Tue)

**"Nuclear Weapons and the Third World: One Issue, Not Two": Peace InSight** 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Chan. 9. Why is the U.S. continuing to escalate the arms race despite the end of the Cold War? Tobi Hanna-Davies, recent co-president of the local WAND, explains with slides how the real reason for nuclear arms is to threaten Third World nations which defy U.S. control of their economies. 769-7422

**Meeting: LaGROC** 7:30 pm (see 6 Tues)

**"Home Is Where": Homeless Action Committee & Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice** 8 pm, Slauson Intermediate School, 1014 W. Washington. In Underground Railway Theater's newest play Vietnam vets, Central American refugees and young mothers with children interact to explore the causes of displacement and homelessness, and potential solutions, \$3 min. don. 936-3076

## 28 Wednesday

**Bucket Drive: World Hunger Education-Action Committee** all day. Fundraiser for Oxfam America and Overseas Development Network. Help by swinging a bucket or donating generously. 764-3669

**Jewish Welfare Bureau: Hillel** noon, 1429 Hill. Steve Bayer will answer questions and provide info. about a wide variety of programs and opportunities in Jewish communal service. Appointment 769-0500

**"Womyn's Rites and Rhythms"** 6 pm (see 7 Wed)

**Planning Meeting: Huron Valley Greens Earth Day Working Group** 7 pm (see 14 Wed)

**Avant-Garde Films by Paul Sharits and Malcolm LeGrice: U-M Program in Film and Video Studies** 7 pm (see 14 Wed)

**HIV Positive Testers Support Group: Wellness Networks** 7 pm (see 7 Wed)

**Meeting: Womynspace Taskforce of Ann Arbor NOW** 7 pm (see 7 Wed)

**"Why is the Bedroom So Crowded?" & "A Play About Love": Residence Hall Repertory Theatre Troupe** 8 pm, 1429 Hill. These two

shows examine issues of rape culture, the sexual conditioning of men and women, homophobia, loneliness, hatred and love. 769-0500

**Meeting: LASC** 8 pm (see 14 Wed)

**Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA Meeting** 8:30 pm (see 7 Wed)

**Spring Benefit with "Juice": World Hunger Education-Action Committee** 10 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Proceeds will be donated to Oxfam America, a group which funds disaster relief and self-help development projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America, \$3. Bob 761-2509

## 29 Thursday

**Bucket Drive: World Hunger Education-Action Committee** all day (see 28 Wed)

**American Peace Test Action at the Nevada Nuclear Weapons Test Site: WAND & others** through April 2. Despite the end of the Cold War the U.S. is developing even deadlier nuclear weapons than ever. Local groups will be traveling to Nevada to join a national nonviolent action to end nuclear weapons testing and production. 761-1718

**Music at Mid-Day: U-M Arts and Programming** 12:15 pm, Pendleton Rm., Mich. Union. Renaissance-era music by members of the Academy for Early Music. 764-6498

**"Don't Give a Damn": Progressive Zionist Caucus** 7:30 pm, 1429 Hill. The story of an Israeli soldier who has been crippled in action and his lack of adjustment. 769-0500

**Planning Session: Jewish Feminist Group** 7:30 pm, 1429 Hill. Help plan the First Ann Arbor Hillel Women's Seder scheduled for April 4. 769-0500

**"Khomeinism: Fundamentalism or Populism": Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice** 7:30 pm, McKenny Union, EMU, Ypsilanti. A lecture by Dr. Ervand Abrahamian. 663-1870

**Green Fair Planning Meeting: Huron Valley Greens** 7:30 pm (see 8 Thur)

**"Gates of Heaven" & "The Thin Blue Line": Hill Street Cinema** 8 pm & 9:45 pm, 1429 Hill. Two great movies by the one and only Errol Morris, \$2.50. 769-0500

**New Works: Intersect Theater Dance Company** 8 pm (see 22 Thur)

## 30 Friday

**Meeting: UM-ACCC** noon (see 2 Fri)

**"Nuclear Weapons and the Third World: One Issue, Not Two": Peace InSight** 6:05 pm (see 27 Tue)

**"Khomeini's View of Private Property, Society, and the State": Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice** 7:30 pm, Wesley Foundation, First United Methodist Church, 602 E. Huron. 663-1870

**Gay Men's Coffee House: Brothers** 8 pm (see 2 Fri)

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**COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY**

**WHE-AC to Hold Hunger Week March 26-30**

WHE-AC is in the process of planning its winter activities. Our big project for March will be a fund raising and education week for Oxfam's Tools for Peace and Justice. We are currently discussing plans to adopt an Overseas Development Network (ODN) project in conjunction with the Oxfam project for our hunger week. Events for our education and fund raising week include: educational videos and/or guest speakers on March 26 and 27, a benefit concert by the band Juice at the Blind Pig on March 28, and a bucket drive for Oxfam America and ODN on March 28 and 29.

Last semester was full of educational activities in which many students and community members participated. The Oxfam Fast for a World Harvest was a great success. Through the combined efforts of many hard working people, WHE-AC was able to raise about \$8,000 of which 50% will go to Oxfam America and 50% will go to local soup kitchens and shelters. We would like to send out a special thanks to all the people in the University of Michigan Residence Halls, the ICC Housing Co-ops, the University of Michigan Greek System, the People's Food Co-op, the Wildflower Community Bakery, and all those individuals in the Ann Arbor area who fasted and/or donated money to help others both locally

and internationally who are less fortunate than ourselves.

This past semester was a great success for WHE-AC. Many new people joined WHE-AC in the fall, and we would like to see even more new faces in 1990. Our meetings are held every Tuesday at 6 pm in room 4202 Michigan Union. If you are interested in learning more about WHE-AC and/or would like to learn about what you can do to help locally or internationally with hunger-related issues, please attend our meeting or call 764-3669.

The World Hunger Education Action Committee (WHE-AC) is a campus-based organization whose focus is on educating the community on the causes of world hunger and on the solutions to world hunger. Our goal is to understand the complex social, political, economical, and environmental forces that both create and promote world hunger. We recognize that true development can only be achieved by empowering people on a grass roots level. We organize projects with this perspective in mind. Consequently, we work with Oxfam America, Overseas Development Network, and the Institute for Food and Development Policy (IFDP).

**WHE-AC, 4202 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109; 764-3669**

**Wellness Networks Tries Political Lobbying**

The past two months have been busy for Wellness Networks. Aside from running our usual support groups for persons with AIDS and HIV-positive testers, we've added a new support group for caregivers and loved ones of PWA's. In addition, we've had a successful training of 20 new volunteers and we've taken our first stab at political lobbying in Lansing.

Wellness Networks is a statewide organization dedicated to the prevention of AIDS and the support of all individuals infected with HIV. The Huron Valley chapter serves not just Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti but also Chelsea, Saline, Dexter, Howell and Jackson, to name a few. Our other chapters are located throughout the Lower Peninsula. On February 7, the entire organization hosted a luncheon in Lansing for our state representatives. The purpose of this luncheon was to let our representatives know who we are and what we do.

As we go to print, the state House and Senate

have not yet voted on a large budget cut for public health. We felt that it was important to inform our representatives of our services, so that they would have a first hand idea of what would lose funding if they were to approve this cut. Although the attendance of representatives for our service area was not what we had hoped it would be, we felt that the response was positive from those who came. More than half of our budget comes from state funding, so this is an issue that we are all very concerned about.

Anyone who would like to see our services continue can attend our monthly board meetings or become a volunteer to join our efforts in supporting PWA's and preventing HIV from spreading. See the calendar for a complete list of support group meeting times.

**Wellness Networks, Inc.-Huron Valley, 3075 Clark Rd., Suite 207, Ypsilanti, MI 48197; 572-9355**

**1990 Census: Whether "they" like it or not, we exist!**

All members of the community are urged to attend the events marking the celebration of Lesbian and Gay Men's Awareness Week, sponsored each year by the Lesbian-Gay Men's Rights Organizing Committee at U-M. Rallies, workshops, films, and other events are scheduled for March 24 through April 1. Please call 763-4186 for details.

The 1990 U.S. Census could have a significant impact on issues affecting lesbians and gay men, according to Ivy Young, Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce's Lesbian and Gay Families Project. For the first time in history, the U.S. Census Bureau has added the category "unmarried partner" to the "relationship" section of the census questionnaire. This relationship the Bureau's attempt to achieve an accurate count of the number of heterosexual couples living together without "benefit of marriage," but by simple deduction, the Bureau will also be able to determine the number of same-sex couples living together in presumably

committed relationships.

This calculation raises issues of governmental intrusion into individual privacy. Therefore we need to consider our options about responding to the Census. An individual decision to boycott the Census would be understandable, but a preponderance of boycotting will stand to a gross undercount of same-sex couples and a skewed statistical profile—a continuation of our invisibility. Let's all consider carefully what we have to lose by being truthful—and what we stand to gain. We need to have our relationships and our families recognized, both informally and officially. Our struggle for our rights can only be helped by as accurate a count as possible of our families. Whether "they" like it or not, we exist!

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

**Community Services** include a **Hotline**: crisis intervention, peer counseling, referral. **Education**: workshops and conferences on lesbian and gay male concerns, with an emphasis on how people in the "helping professions" and "teaching professions" can work positively with lesbian and gay male clients, patients, & students. **Speakers Bureau**: phone for information. **Human & Civil Rights**: information and referral to help people who are being discriminated against because of their actual or presumed sexual orientation or because of their presumed "cross-gender" characteristics; lobbying for human and civil rights. **Community Organizing**: information and assistance in organizing groups, setting goals, addressing conflict, linking with other groups and resources.

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

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

**CALENDAR**

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**Meeting: Black Gay Men Together** 8 pm (see 2 Fri)

**New Works: Intersect Theater Dance Company** 8 pm (see 22 Thur)

**31 Saturday**

**Aretha Franklin: The Ann Arbor Summer Festival** 8 pm, Hill Aud. Franklin will make her first ever Ann Arbor concert appearance at the Second Annual Winter Warm-up, \$27.50/\$22.50/\$17.50. 763-TKTS

**New Works: Intersect Theater Dance Company** 8 pm (see 22 Thur)

**"Gates of Heaven" & "The Thin Blue Line": Hill Street Cinema** 8 pm & 9:45 pm (see 29 Thur)

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Arthur Vander, one of the co-founders of the local Physicians for Social Responsibility, spent part of August and September 1989 in the USSR talking with a wide variety of Soviet people. He addresses these questions in his slide talk: Changes in the Soviet Union: Impressions from a Recent Person-to-Person Visit at 7:30 pm, on Sun., Mar. 11, at St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway, across from the Baits Drive entrance to North Campus. WAND and PSR are co-sponsors.

WAND Weapons Will be traveling to the Nevada Nuclear Weapons Test Site for the national nonviolent action planned by American Peace Test, Thur., March 29 to Mon., April 2. Travel plans are being made now. Call 761-1718 and leave a message if you would like to be included.

WAND member Valerie Ackerman is running for City Council from the 2nd Ward in the elections on Monday, April 2. Help elect a peace and justice activist, a Democrat endorsed by the Greens, to City Council. Call 662-2179, to contribute time, energy or funds.

WAND's goals are to educate ourselves and the public about the dangers of the nuclear arms buildup (which the U.S. is escalating 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 2nd Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm at St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor (across from the Baits Drive entrance to U-M North Campus.)

Call 761-1718 for a message about upcoming meetings and events, and important lobbying action. For information about Campus WAND, the student chapter at the U-M, or if you need a ride from campus, call Lissa Guenzel, 769-6570, or Sarah Cooley, 662-2475. For speakers who will address groups, classes, and public forums, contact Tobbi 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**

**SAPAC Needs Phone Counselors**

The University of Michigan Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC) has been open for four years. As a result, there is much more information about rape prevention on campus and there are more ways for people to get involved in fighting against sexual assault and sexism.

SAPAC was established in 1985 due to the awareness and activism of students. Our 24-hour phone line (936-3333) began operating in October 1988. Currently, we need women volunteers to answer phones and provide emergency intervention and support to sexual assault survivors and their friends and family at the hospital, the police station and other locations.

Part of our goal as an educational center is to convey information that challenges popular myths about rape. While some rapes are committed by strangers who either break into homes or strike outside at night, the vast majority of rapes are committed by acquaintances. In fact, 90% of all rapes on college campuses are acquaintance rape. Another common misconception about rape is that Black men rape white women. In fact, 93% of the time, the rapist is the same race and social class as the survivor of the assault.

Volunteering for the crisis line is a rewarding experience: one can help a person in need dispel popular myths and work toward changing societal attitudes. We are looking for women who would be willing to donate 10-15 hours a month toward staffing the line. Training for phone counselors will begin in September. Experience in phone or peer counseling is preferred but not necessary. Women of color are encouraged to apply to work on the line, for their experience and support is valuable to rape crisis work. Applications are available at SAPAC office from February 19th thru March 16th. For more information call 763-5865.

**The University of Michigan Sexual Assault Prevention Center (SAPAC), 3100 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109; 763-5865, 24-hour phone line 936-3333.**

## Solidarity Discusses Women and the Cuban Revolution

The Solidarity Discussion Series will continue with a talk on Tuesday, March 20, featuring Margarita Samad-Matias on "Women and the Cuban Revolution." Samad-Matias, who teaches at City University in New York, in the Caribbean Women's and Ethnic studies programs, is a specialist on women and social movements in Cuba and the Horn of Africa. So if you would like to hear something about Cuba besides the hysterical cant propagated from Washington—and grapple with complicated questions involving the intersection of gender and social change while you're at it—come join us and listen to someone who actually knows what they are talking about. The talk gets under way at the Guild House at 7:30 p.m. and it is free.

Solidarity is an organization committed to building a non-sectarian and radically democratic socialist movement in the U.S. We are socialist activists who place a high priority on participating in an open and constructive manner in the struggles against racism and sexism, as well as the struggles for lesbian and gay rights and national liberation. In Ann Arbor, our members participate in the Latin America Solidarity Committee, the Feminist Women's Union, the United Coalition Against Racism, the Palestine Solidarity Committee, the Free Southern Africa Coordinating Committee, and Concerned Faculty. We firmly believe that any socialist movement worthy of the name must join in such struggles now rather than perpetuate the illusion that they can either be separated from or take a back seat to the class struggle.

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

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



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ity. Currently the city only collects leaves for its composting facility every fall.

If enacted, Proposal A would also offer weekly commercial collection of corrugated cardboard and office paper from businesses on a pilot basis. Recycle Ann Arbor now runs a limited commercial collection program for less than 150 businesses.

Proposal A bond money would also fund the construction of a \$5.4 million materials recovery facility (MRF) in which all of Ann Arbor and eastern Washtenaw County's recyclables could be processed. Recycle Ann Arbor's facilities would be upgraded for the interim at a cost of \$367,000.

Proposal A's programs would reduce the amount of garbage sent to the city's landfill by 50%. Currently, Ann Arbor's materials recovery programs (including recycling and composting) recycle only about 5% of Ann Arbor's trash. Necessary recycling collection equipment, like trucks, bins, and containers would be funded with \$2.1 million of the bond money.

If the bond issue is passed, \$1.5 million will be spent on investigating the groundwater contamination of Phase I of the landfill and on formulating a plan to clean it up. The clean-up itself would not be funded by Proposal A.

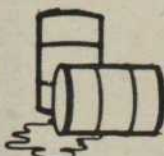
In addition, \$8.3 million will be spent to remove the 140,000 cubic feet of garbage that has been heaped on top of Phase II of the landfill. Once that overfill is removed a leak-resistant cap will be constructed to prevent rainwater seepage into that part of the

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## UM-ACCC: March for Child Care

The Alliance for U-M Campus Child Care (UM-ACCC) is sponsoring a "March for Child Care" to demonstrate the need for on-site childcare services for students and employees of the university. All students, faculty and staff who support on-site child care at the U-M's central campus are encouraged to assemble at noon, Wed., March 21 in front of the Hatcher Graduate Library for a short march. Participants who have children are encouraged to bring their children to the march and, if possible, to work or school to visibly demonstrate their childcare needs.

UM-ACCC has also organized a student/employee petition drive to further demonstrate widespread support for on-site childcare services. Petition forms are available in the Women's Studies Program offices, 234 West Engineering Bldg., at Alliance meetings, from Alliance members, and at various sites around campus.

UM-ACCC is a group of U-M students and employees who recognize the need for affordable, quality childcare services convenient to central campus. We believe that these services should be provided as an integral part of the university's higher education system.

Provision of on-site childcare services will: visibly demonstrate U-M's commitment to women and diversity (non-traditional students) through facilitating access to employment and education; enhance employee/student performance by reducing stress and absenteeism related to child care; be an inducement in recruitment and retention of female faculty (currently only 8% of full professors and 28% of assistant professors are women); contribute to research in child-related disciplines like education and social work; and provide a model for the community as the largest employer in the area.

UM-ACCC meets every Friday at noon in the U-M Women's Studies Program offices, 234 West Engineering Bldg. Anyone interested in affordable, quality, on-site childcare at the U-M is welcome.

If child care is not a problem for you today, perhaps it is a problem for a friend or classmate who will benefit from your support of our initiative. Also, please consider that actions taken today affect the range of choices for tomorrow. Will child care be a problem for you in the future?

**Alliance for U-M Campus Child Care (UM-ACCC), 234 West Engineering Bldg., Ann Arbor, MI 48109; 763-2047; or Bobbie Simson, 763-8346)**

landfill. The cap will help prevent groundwater pollution under Phase II.

Another \$9 million would be spent to build the first of eight cells of Phase III of the landfill. The first cell will be able to handle two to five years of garbage. Proposal A would not pay for the other seven cells of Phase III which will cost \$80 million in all, but opening the first cell will generate some of the money needed to build the rest.

**Mike Garfield is secretary of "Environment '90," the committee working in support of Proposal A. He is also the founder of the Ann Arbor Recycling Coalition and is employed as environmental issues coordinator of the Ecology Center.**



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Since greater fines will be imposed on repeat offenders, keeping records on all offenders is unavoidable. Proposal B does not prevent access to these records by the DEA, the State Police, or LAW-NET (Livingston and Washtenaw Narcotics Enforcement Team). Furthermore, Proposal B will allow judges to require court appearances of accused offenders, whereas the current law allows offenders to avoid court appearances by paying the fine to the court clerk.

The proponents of Proposal B are more interested in "messages" and "symbols" than in talking about facts and real issues. So, let's send them a message that marijuana should not be included in the war on drugs.

**Rich Birkett is secretary of the Just Vote No Committee and Coordinator of the Ann Arbor National Organization to Repeal Marijuana Laws. He is employed as a computer programmer and designer.**



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ages us to think that women who choose abortion are wrong. Anyone who studied freshman biology can understand the conflicts inherent in abortion.

But choice is not a single issue. If you talk to pro-choice supporters, you will learn that we favor contraception, sexual education, responsible sexual behavior, and adoption (many of us are adoptive parents). Many of us are also birth parents—by choice. We deplore the fact that any person must confront an unwelcome pregnancy. However, we can also read statistics.

Abortion is not just an issue for the young, unmarried woman. Each month every woman between the ages of 11 and 55 must face the issue of pregnancy, unless she is certain of her sterility or is not sexually active or is not heterosexual. Married women and older women are as concerned as the young. Men are frequently as concerned as women. Until our technology is sophisticated enough to allow us to completely control our fertility, people owe it to their children and themselves to maintain their options. A baby should never be considered a punishment for sex.

A vote for Proposal C, the Zone of Reproductive Freedom, is just one step toward ensuring choices. We must continue to send our messages to Lansing and Washington that choice is a private matter between a woman, a man, and their physician. We must work toward finding other, safer methods of contraception. As a society we must confront the fact that our technology has exceeded our ethical base and work together to find new answers to the ancient problems of fertility.

**Sabra Briere originated the zone of reproductive freedom concept and authored the charter amendment. She is a board member of the Kempf House Center for Local History and is employed as an academic secretary.**

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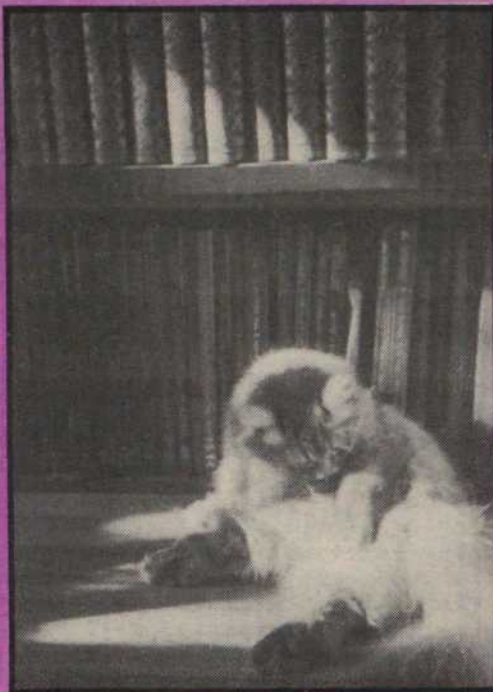
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