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AIDS: WE ARE ALL AT RISK!

by Andrea Walsh

Over 50,000 people in the U.S. have died from Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and an estimated 1.5 to 3 million people in the U.S. are infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the agent that causes AIDS. Gay men and intravenous drug users have been wrongly thought to be the only AIDS-infected populations. While it is true that most of the AIDS deaths in this country have been from these populations, HIV has spread into all segments of society. "Everybody is at risk and it's important that people use safe sex now," says Vicky Nicewander at the Washtenaw County Department of Public Health. "Weighing risk factors against each other is like playing a kind of Russian roulette. It's important to get informed, practice and teach safe sex in order to reduce risk and save lives."

AIDS is the final stage of HIV infection. HIV can be spread unknowingly to others via the exchange of body fluids, primarily through unsafe sex (sex without protection against exchange of body fluids) or drug needle sharing. HIV infection is not the same as having AIDS, rather it is preliminary to the onset of ARC (AIDS Related Complex) or AIDS. The HIV virus infects the cells of the immune system and the brain. HIV can remain latent for as long as 20 years. (The median amount of time before someone shows symptoms is about 10 years.) During this latency period, HIV weakens the immune system's ability to fight infection. Eventually, diseases that the immune system could ordinarily fight become deadly.

People with ARC suffer many of the same illnesses as do people with AIDS. They have night sweats, persistent diarrhea, fungus infections, and chronic fatigue. However, they do not suffer the opportunistic infections that eventually kill people with AIDS. (The most common of these infections are Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia and a cancer called Kaposi's Sarcoma.) ARC is thought to pre-

An AIDS Glossary

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS): A complex disease, resulting from HIV infection, characterized by severe damage to the body's natural immune system. A person with AIDS suffers from unusual opportunistic diseases and cancers that are not ordinarily a threat to people with normal immune systems.

AIDS Related Complex (ARC): A health condition resulting from HIV infection in which some of the symptoms of AIDS have appeared, but none of the opportunistic infections used to define the syndrome. ARC is often an intermediate stage between HIV infection and AIDS but can result in death.

Antibody: Antibodies are produced by the body to counteract specific infectious agents like viruses and bacteria. The antibodies then combine with and often destroy the infectious agent.

Asymptomatic: Having an infectious organism within the body but showing no outward symptoms.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV): The virus that weakens the immune system and leads to ARC or AIDS.

Immunosuppressed: A condition in which the immune system defenses do not work normally. This state can be brought on by illness or induced by immunosuppressive drugs.

Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS): KS is a rare form of cancer of the small blood vessels. It is characterized by a raised non-tender, purplish skin rash with lesions on any part of the body, ordinarily first appearing on the legs or arms. Some patients, however, have no skin lesions. KS behaves more aggressively in AIDS patients than it does in older men of Mediterranean descent. (see Glossary, page 10)

cede AIDS, though sometimes it leads directly to death. According to a 1989 Ms. Magazine special report, women seem especially prone to ARC. The National Center for Disease Control (CDC) which has been tracking AIDS since 1981, does not include people infected with ARC or HIV in its reports.

While HIV is very destructive inside the body, it dies after being exposed to the air. It cannot be spread through casual contact like hugging, shaking hands, working together, massage, and face-to-face conversation according to the Michigan Department of Public Health. It is not spread by sharing eating utensils or by contact with toilet seats. Mosquitoes do not transmit the virus either.

HIV is virtually impossible to transmit unless

blood or other infected fluids come into contact with open cuts or mucous membranes, say Cindy Patton and Janis Kelly in "Making It: A Woman's Guide to Sex in the Age of AIDS." The body fluids most heavily contaminated with HIV are blood and semen. Semen contains white blood cells which are the carriers of HIV. Cervical and vaginal fluid may contain enough virus to allow transmission in some instances, such as when there is a high white blood cell count in the fluid as at the time of a common yeast infection or via menstrual blood.

The HIV-infected fluid must be transferred through a direct route. Sharing needles puts fluid directly into veins. Anal intercourse without a

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New State HIV Laws in Effect

by Judson N. Kempson

On March 30, a series of state laws about the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the generally believed cause of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), went into effect. The laws, passed in a 48-hour marathon session at the end of the legislative term in Lansing last December, represent Michigan's most comprehensive strategy to tackle the AIDS epidemic. Since their implementation, officials from the Public Health Department (PHD) have been giving talks, AIDS organizations such as Wellness Networks - Detroit have been holding workshops for their volunteers, and civil rights attorneys have been conducting seminars to decipher the laws and determine their impact.

HIV is the agent of AIDS. Once infected, a person is infected for life. Transmitted either through sharing needles or sexual intercourse, the virus destroys T4 cells which orchestrate the immune system's response to infection. Once T4 cells are sufficiently depleted, the body can no longer stave off life-threatening opportunistic infections. These infections constitute the final stages of HIV infection, known as AIDS.

There have been over 97,000 cases of AIDS reported in the United States. In Michigan, 1,200 cases have been reported, 46 in Washtenaw county. Estimates of the seroprevalence, the actual number of individuals infected with HIV, are up to 100,000 in the state and 2,500 in the county. Michigan ranks 16th in the nation. In Michigan, 95% of the AIDS cases are men, 45% are Black.

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AN ABORTION TESTIMONIAL

It has been seven years since I had my abortion. Although through the years I have affirmed my self-identity as a feminist and political activist, I still feel compelled to remain anonymous as I describe my abortion and its subsequent impact on me. Countless clandestine conversations with other women confirm that I am not alone in my insecurity. Although abortion is one of the hottest political issues in this country today, its personalization is taboo. The guilt imposed by society upon women who choose to end pregnancies is intense. The people who make up the mainstream, the majority of whom are pro-choice, seem to believe that contraceptive technology is advanced enough so that unintended pregnancies must result from irresponsibility, lack of control.

When I became pregnant I was 21 finishing my B.A., and preparing to leave the country for two years as a Peace Corps volunteer. A positive test, after weeks of denial and anxiety, confirmed that I would have to deal with an unwanted pregnancy. Intellectually, I had decided long before that if I were to become pregnant I would have an abortion. Subconsciously however, I bought the social message that I alone was responsible for my pregnancy. I felt deceived by the trust I had put in my diaphragm, which I had been using at the time. (Statistics show that 12% of women become pregnant in their first year of using a diaphragm.) I felt angry and confused. It saddened me to know that my capacity to bear children had been called into play before I was ready, or able, to respond. The guilt imposed by society, in addition to my own genuine sadness, shook my emotional equilibrium. The implications of a situation in which I had

legal rights, but not society's approval, overwhelmed me.

I was terrified of what people would think of me if they knew, so I didn't tell anyone. There are no words which adequately describe the emotional and physical turmoil which I, as a young, inexperienced woman, endured in deciding to end a pregnancy. As anger and resentment slowly replaced guilt, I began to hate that lump of cells which clung to the wall of my uterus. I thought of it as a cancerous tumor, trying to drain me of life.

By 1982, the anti-choice picket lines were well established in front of the local Planned Parenthood clinic. An escort led my partner and me from the parking lot through the front door. The picketers shouted, "Baby Killer!" They beseeched me to continue the pregnancy. I was struck by their fanaticism, as well as by the cruelty of their words. My integrity, as a human being capable of making responsible decisions, was assaulted. At least there were no Operation Rescue troops to prevent us from entering the building, as now happens with alarming frequency.

Once inside, the wait was long and nerve wracking. Finally, during the thorough and empathetic counseling session provided by Planned Parenthood volunteers, I was told about the procedure. It would take about five minutes and I would experience a feeling similar to heavy menstrual cramps as the doctor dilated my cervix. I don't remember much else except a profound sense of relief that it would all be over soon.

The actual abortion was excruciatingly painful. The clinic assis-

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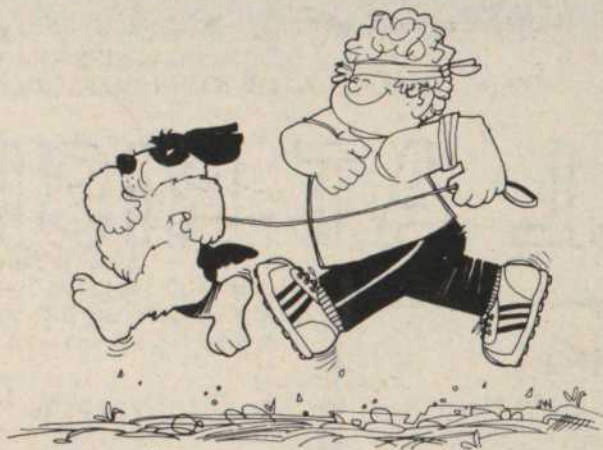


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Domino's boycott delivers

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Flag Amendment Absurd

Is President Bush serious?! An amendment to the Constitution?! Legislation is one thing (still highly controversial in this debate) but an amendment can only be called a gross over-reaction. The issue: the burning of the American flag. Granted, it is greatly offensive to many, but where in the history of the American justice system do we find mere offensiveness as a cause for a Constitutional amendment? As long as our actions don't interfere with the rights of others we, in theory at least, should be unencumbered by government control. Not according to Bush though. The very language he uses, calling for protection of a "unique national symbol," is dangerous. A symbol, any symbol is no better than that which it symbolizes (in this case the freedom and democratic principles of our country). If he is to view the symbol as more important than the ideals themselves, then not only is he setting a dangerous precedent but iron-

ically makes a mockery of the flag.
The claim that this action will in no way diminish an individual's right to speech or expression is simply ludicrous. Any government action enjoining the activities of an individual necessarily takes away from his ability to express himself. What must be decided is whether or not this specific action (flag-burning) jeopardizes another individual's rights or his ability to practice them.
Also insulting to anyone's intelligence is Bush's statement of the importance of his proposed amendment. Come on! Currently faced with the dilemmas of oil spills, China, the homeless, crime, Iran, etc., the flag. Bush chooses to harangue about the most is the flag. Most of us, myself included, love this country, our flag and the ideals they encompass, but going to the length of a Constitutional amendment to ban flag-burning is absurd. Either our President is a very near-sighted individual or he is trying to divert our attention from other areas.
Which is it George?

**Trever Wayne
DETROIT, MI**

Help Safeguard Michigan

I am a law student at Wayne State University who is very concerned about preserving and improving Michigan's environment. The task of setting up and safeguarding the environment has been entrusted to various government agencies. The local governments have delegated this responsibility to the county health departments. The state has charged the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with it and the federal government utilizes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for safeguarding and cleanup.
Michigan's environment is the base upon which our children's future and our economy will be built. Our state's resources and future are too valuable to completely entrust to these bureaucracies. The public should become more aware of the seriousness of Michigan's present situation and what is being done about it. It is our environment and our responsibility. Concerned people can apply the pressure needed to force these agencies to investigate suspected contamination sites and demand that they be cleaned up. Michigan's bureaucrat-ridden system is extremely slow and ineffective in both of these regards. The voters of Michigan passed a \$450 million bond to provide public funds for cleanups. The funds are at risk of being largely wasted by inefficient and directionless remediation plans.
The government needs our help. Let them know of suspected pollution sites and find out what they

are doing about them. Below is a list of telephone numbers you can use to report spills, dumping, leaky storage tanks, pesticide contamination or any other potentially threatening activities. You have a right to know all of the hazardous substances you may be exposed to on the job. We all have a right to obtain files and documents under the Freedom of Information Act from these agencies to find out what they are doing, or not doing, about cleaning up Michigan.
Citizens of Michigan must take the initiative to prevent wasting our bond issue and to make a very ineffective system of policing the environment more efficient so we can pass on a promising future to our children.

Environmental Hotlines: Washtenaw County Health Department, 994-2490; Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 517-344-9440; State Toxic Substance Control Commission, 517-373-1031; Michigan Department of Public Health, 517-335-8259; Michigan DNR (Freedom of Information Act Info), 517-373-3503; Michigan Health Department Toxics Division, 800-648-6942; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Community Right-to Know, 800-535-0202; EPA Environmental Health Hotline, 800-458-1158; EPA Safe Drinking Water, 800-426-4791; EPA Toxic Exposure, 800-648-6732.

**David Christensen
ANN ARBOR, MI**

NEWS RELEASES

Kent State Remembered

On July 28, the first of "The Tired of Waiting (TOW) Concerts" was held to raise the funds needed to facilitate building the originally planned memorial for the four students gunned down May 4, 1970 by the U.S. National Guard on the Kent State campus. TOW organizers say the fundraising efforts are being held because the Kent State University Board of Trustees has not raised adequate funds to build the original memorial and has decided to build a scaled-down version instead. The concerts will be held once a month through May 1990.

The group says the shocking recent events in Beijing poignantly remind them how governments are willing to use excessive force on their own people. They further add that the events in Beijing echo the events at Kent State in 1970.

The group says that their effort to commemorate the events of May 4th appropriately have been met with continual opposition. Nevertheless, they are not discouraged. They are just tired of waiting.

For concert information: The Tired of Waiting Concert Series, 459 The Arcade, 401 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114. For May 4, 1970 information: The Kent May 4 Center, Box 3313, Kent, OH 44240.

Transitional Housing for Women Opens in A2

ANN ARBOR—On May 30, WIT (Women in Transition) House began operating here. The program was created by the Shelter Association of Ann Arbor and the Coalition for Displaced Women. WIT House will provide housing for seven homeless women at a time, for up to 18 months. Liz Cramer, a member of the Coalition, says WIT was started because women "dealing with is-sues such as mental illness, domestic violence, and recovery from chemical dependency need time and on-going support to help them make the transition to independent living."
Cathy Zick, Executive Director of the Shelter Association of Ann Arbor, says that expanding into the transitional housing area will break the cycle of homelessness that keeps so many women continuously returning to night shelters.

ing or on any part of the program call WIT House Program Coordinator Carol McCabe at 665-6955.

The house was donated by the City of Ann Arbor and moved from Division Street to N. Ashley Street. All renovation work and furnishings were donated by volunteers.

Half the funding for the program will come from rent collected and the other half will come from a HUD matching grant. For information on volunteer-

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Pro-Choice Movement Must Expand its Demands

by Barbara Ransby

Access to abortions should be a fundamental right for all women in this society. It is as important as access to contraceptives for sexually active women and pre and post natal care for pregnant women who wish to carry their pregnancies to term. Such a right is particularly important for poor women, who are disproportionately women of color. This is not because we cannot afford to have children, because we must demand that society provide us with the means of financially supporting our children, with education, jobs, and public services, when and if we opt to have them. Rather, the issue of reproductive choice is important in this society because we have been denied choices at virtually every turn. Poor women of color have never had control over our own bodies. Under slavery, rape and forced marriages took from us our basic physical autonomy as women. Forced sterilization of rural southern Black women and thousands of Puerto Rican women is yet another example of the degree of control that has been exercised over our bodies, and by extension our lives, by groups of predominantly white men. Estimates are that nearly half of all Puerto Rican women of child-bearing age have been sterilized, many of them without being told the irreversible consequences of such procedures. Given the historic denial of choice for poor women and women of color, the demand for reproductive choices is as essential and fundamental as all the other struggles for personal and political freedom we have waged over the years. It is integral to our overall quest for self determination.

Recent attacks on abortion rights have hit poor women and women of color the hardest. They represent not only manifestations of sexism, but of racism and class discrimination as well. By limiting abortion, the Supreme Court has put the reproductive rights of all women in jeopardy in the long run. However, it has curtailed the rights of poor women and women of color in a much more severe and immediate sense. As states move to restrict and complicate the circumstances under which simple abortions can be performed, the actual cost of the procedure will undoubtedly increase forcing small, minimally staffed clinics to close their doors. This will de facto make safe, legal abortions less available, if not unavailable to millions of poor and working class women throughout the country. This process is already under way in Michigan.

The struggle for abortion rights is an important struggle for all women, regardless of race or class. However, the slogan "a woman's right to choose" has very different implications for poor women of color, in the context of a society which not only denies us reproductive freedom, but also denies us choice in most other facets of life. The predominantly white feminist movement must recognize and respect this difference and develop slogans, demands and campaigns that are consistent with an expanded definition of "pro-choice." The reality is that class and racial oppression compound and influence how gender and sexual oppression impact upon us all. We, as women of color, are, in a wide range of contexts, and often simultaneously, denied choices as workers, as members of oppressed racial minorities, and as women in a sexist society. For example, as workers we have very little autonomy in our workplaces—ever the servants and subordinates of others. We are most often unemployed or underemployed and therefore trapped and immobilized by the prison cell of poverty. As welfare recipients we are required to open up the most intimate details of our lives to the scrutiny of strangers. If we are poor we have little choice about where we live, work, shop, or seek health care. And as oppressed people of color, we cannot move into many communities without the threat of harassment by white neighbors or even walk down the street in many areas without the fear of random vigilante violence. Our choices, on the whole, are very circumscribed.

In order, therefore, to address the needs of those women who have the least degree of choice in our society, the pro-choice movement must link the demand for reproductive freedom with the demand for economic justice and racial equality. Because,

inescapably, reproductive freedom for poor women and women of color will always be undermined by the relative lack of freedom in other areas of our lives. Moreover, campaigns for jobs, education, affordable housing, daycare and healthcare are directly related to our ability to make real choices about reproduction and parenting.

There are those who make the narrow and erroneous argument that abortion rights for poor women of color is another form of genocide. However, abortion rights, when framed in the larger context of the struggle for social and economic justice, is unarguably a progressive demand. For women of color to gain a greater amount of control, personal power and choice in our lives is always positive. Abortion, like contraception, does not prevent women from having children, it simply allows us to do so at a time and under circumstances best for us and our families. In addition, if one argues against abortion on the grounds that it undermines "the family," we are arrogantly subscribing to a monolithic model of family. Such a rigid ideal suggests that sexuality is solely for procreation, which reduces women to baby factories, and negates the sexual realities of many gay male and lesbian couples who do not have children. But the demand for abortion rights without the demand for economic and social justice still leaves women of color and poor women in a bind. Our sexual and reproductive choices should not be made for us, either by the Supreme Court or by economic necessities outside of our control, be they the inability to afford a simple medical procedure to terminate an unwanted pregnancy, or the inability to financially bear the cost of raising a child. To the degree that abortion is a "choice" made out of economic necessity, it is no choice at all and represents yet another aspect of class oppression felt by poor and working class women. At the same time, if and when a poor woman is forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term, because of her inability to afford an abortion, we see the same form of discrimination in reverse.

These complex and interrelated dynamics of race, class and gender have confronted women of color throughout history in differing forms. Unfortunately, however, most liberal white feminists and moderate Black civil rights leaders have both failed to fully address the complexity of issues and multiple systems of oppression that impinge upon the lives of poor women of color. For example, Ben Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, when asked if the organization would take a stand on the abortion issue commented, "We do not want to get in the middle of that." However, millions of Black women are inescapably in the middle of the issue and any organization that professes to be concerned with our interest, must concern itself with the issue as well. Similarly, it is quite disturbing to hear some white pro-choice advocates defend the abortion issue from the point of view of economic efficiency, suggesting that it is cheaper to fund an abortion than to support an unwanted child on welfare. This borders on the very dangerous argument that poor women simply do not have the right to have children.

We must demand more of those who deem themselves spokespersons for the best interests of women and people of color. To combat oppression, any progressive movement must give priority, not to those of us who are suffering the least in this society, but those who are suffering the most. Poor women of color are clearly that group in the United States today. In addition to the denial of abortion and other forms of medical treatment to poor women, homelessness, poverty, underemployment and unemployment are also on the rise and circumscribe our reproductive choices. The movements against racism and sexism must get beyond a mutually exclusive and competitive definition of these forms of exploitation and understand their intimate connections. Since poor women and women of color are under assault from virtually every quarter, we must step up our efforts to mobilize, form alliances and give leadership around the issues that are threatening our lives and the lives of our loved ones.

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Foreign Debt Strangling Latin America

by Mark Weisbrot

"The division of labor among nations is that some specialize in winning and others in losing. Our part of the world, known today as Latin America, was precocious: it has specialized in losing ever since those remote times when Renaissance Europeans ventured across the ocean and buried their teeth in the throats of the Indian civilizations. Centuries passed, and Latin America perfected its role."—Eduardo Galeano, "Open Veins of Latin America" (1973)

The full impact of the debt crisis on the people of Latin America, and the Third World generally, is not widely known in the U.S., although it is, painfully understood by those who suffer the consequences south of the Rio Grande. Not only have present living standards declined for the majority of the population, but their future has also been put in jeopardy. Economic growth, national assets, social spending on basic needs and education—all have been sacrificed at the altar of foreign capital. And despite minor concessions extracted by riots and resistance, there is no indication that relief is in sight.

The Third World debt crisis became evident in August 1982 when Mexico was unable to service its debt and international banks were unwilling to extend credit as they had previously done. At that time the total debt owed by Less Developed Countries (LDCs) was about \$700 billion, with about two-thirds owed to private financial institutions in the large capitalist countries. Since then, the LDC debt has nearly doubled to \$1.3 trillion, with Latin America and the Caribbean accounting for about \$384 billion.

The result has been that the LDCs have been using a large and growing portion of their GNP's to service their foreign debts—i.e. to pay their foreign, wealthy, private creditors. The ratio of debt service to GNP for all LDCs has risen from 4.5% in 1983 to 5.5% in 1986. The latter figure is actually quite staggering when one considers that it is nearly double the normal rate of growth for the U.S. economy. In absolute terms, the net outflow (the amount of resources leaving the LDCs) exceeded the inflow of resources by \$31.1 billion for 1988, in spite of new loans that were made.

An economy cannot grow unless it puts resources that are not consumed into productive investment. This drain of capital abroad for debt service means that these countries, which are already capital-starved, are sacrificing most of their potential for growth to satisfy foreign creditors. And without growth, there is no prospect for improving the conditions of the impoverished majority.

There has therefore been a slowdown in the growth of GNP and in particular GNP per capita, to the point where the latter has actually declined for Latin America in the last seven years. There have also been dramatic cutbacks in social spending as governments scramble to raise the resources to make their remittances abroad.

But the per capita figures tell only part of the story, since they include the income of rich capitalists and landowners, along with poor peasants and workers, divided by the total population. The resulting statistic is undoubtedly an understatement of the reduction of the standard of living of most people in these countries.

For example, it seems that real wages have fallen as much as 40-50% in some Latin American countries. In Mexico the average annual rate of growth of manufacturing earnings between 1980-85 was a negative 5.9%. This trend has continued in the late '80's. The standard of living in Peru has fallen to what it was 15 years ago, and Argentina's has fallen to that of 20 years ago, according to the Inter-American Development Bank.

The human cost of debt repayment and austerity in countries like Mexico has been staggering. According to a recent UN study, more than half of Mexico's 85 million people live below minimum international nutritional standards. In rural areas, only one in every five children less than 4 years old is of normal weight and size. Half of all children are now dropping out of elementary school, often to work to help support their families.

Another consequence of the debt has been the selling off of national assets to foreign capital. For example, Argentina had to sell to foreigners its state

owned airlines as a partial repayment of debts. Such "debt-equity swaps" permit foreign capitalists to cheaply buy productive nationalized sectors of these LDCs. Private creditors and governments of the developed countries have pressed for an "opening of LDCs" to foreign investors.

Meanwhile, the LDC governments have been blackmailed by their creditors into adopting a whole host of regressive policies generally reported in the media as "liberalization." This is a euphemism for the restructuring of the economy on terms more favorable to domestic and particularly foreign capital: the privatization of nationalized industries, accompanied by massive layoffs and reductions of real wages; breaking the power of unions; and opening of the domestic economy to foreign domination through the reduction of tariffs and quotas.

While the poor have suffered from cuts to government subsidies of cooking oil, basic grains, and transportation, the richest citizens of the LDCs have been quietly removing their money from the country and depositing it with LDC creditors in New York and Miami. This capital flight amounts to a massive proportion of the LDC debt—the majority of Mexico's borrowing, for example, has left the country. These deposits are, of course, not taxable by the LDCs, and the U.S. and other governments refuse to cooperate by withholding taxes for the LDCs. The latter governments thus resort to inflationary financing in order to squeeze the maximum revenue out of those classes whose income remains in the country—i.e., the popular classes. This has led to hyperinflation in countries such as Bolivia and Argentina, with attendant disastrous economic effects.

Least burdened by the crisis, up to now, have been the international creditor banks. The banks have concealed their insolvency and have even managed to pay out very large dividends to their stockholders. This year, however, riots in Venezuela and Argentina have shaken the confidence of senior Bush cabinet members, who hastily came up with the Brady plan. Unveiled in March, this plan provides that some debt be written off if austerity and "free-market" policies are implemented. Remaining loans would be backed by a system of guarantees funded partly by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The first agreement under this plan was reached at the end of July with Mexico, with an overall debt reduction that probably will not exceed 13%. A reduction of this size is unlikely to have any significant impact on Mexico's economic crisis, nor will the majority of Mexicans see a reversal of the decline in their living standards.

There are differences of opinion in Washington over how much debt relief may be necessary to defuse the growing anti-U.S. sentiments in Latin America. Some policy-makers fear default and a threat to the international financial system, or to U.S. political control generally. Nonetheless, the general consensus among policy makers is that the creditor nations can continue as in past years, collecting interest payments and taking advantage of the crisis to consolidate U.S., European, and Japanese control over the economies of the Third World.

From the point of view of the LDC's, their interest clearly lies in refusing to cooperate with their own strangulation. A recent conference on the debt sponsored by Brazil's National Council of Christian Churches noted that Brazil (whose foreign debt is \$124 billion) has paid \$176 billion in debt service from 1972-88. The conference concluded that "the current foreign debt should not be paid, because it already has been paid." But while it may be in the "national interest" of debtor countries to default, those who hold political power in these countries do not represent the national interest. A striking example is President Carlos Salinas de Gortari of

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Upcoming Election Plants Nicaragua Back in the News

by Steve Meyers

Buried on page four of the June 10 edition of The New York Times lies a small two-paragraph story: "The United States today accused Nicaragua of shipping weapons to Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, the Panamanian leader, and said such a move was 'deeply offensive to all who support democracy in Latin America.'" To the informed reader, the implied association appears rather spurious.

If the Times article was a plant, it was certainly not without precedent. Presidential privilege in such matters exists, with ex-President Reagan's National Security Department Directives (NSDDs) as worthy examples. Eve Pell in the June 19 issue of The Nation outlined the purposes and functions of many of Reagan's NSDDs, in her article, "The Backbone of Hidden Government." Pell says it was NSDD 77, signed on Jan. 14, 1983, that created "ministries of propaganda" within various government departments to apply pressure on journalists and plant stories in the press when appropriate. For instance, Pell says, the National Security Council staffer in charge told her that NSDD 77 was used to influence public opinion by "gluing black hats on the Sandinistas and white hats on UNO (the contras' United Nicaraguan Opposition)."

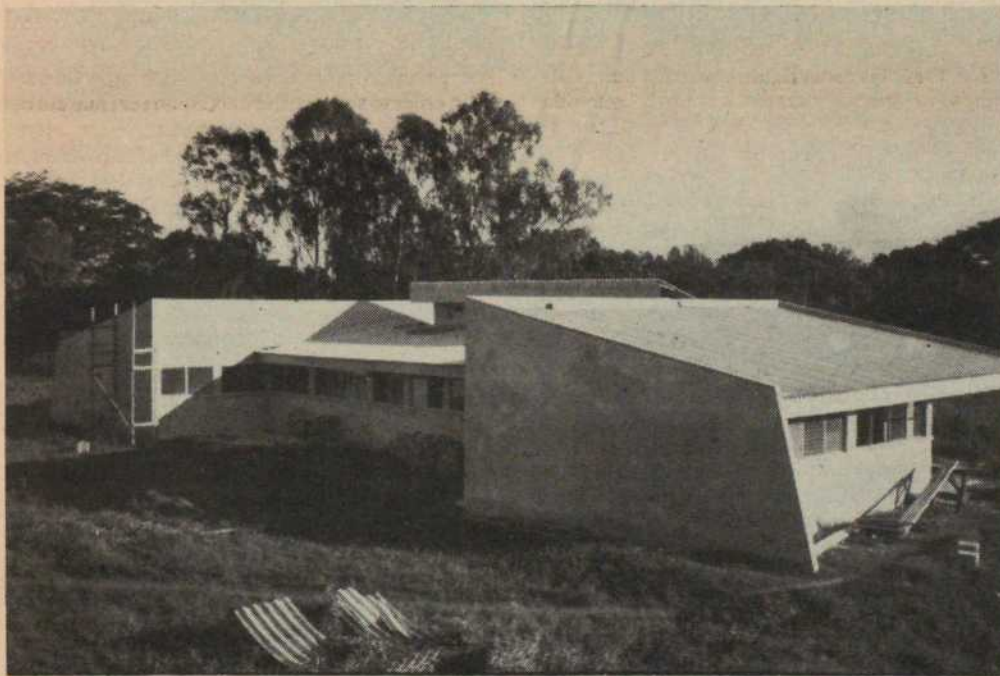
Two other more infamous plants come quickly to mind. The alleged shipments of weapons from the Nicaraguan government to the FMLN in El Salvador throughout the 80s proved to be an integral part of the administration's contra aid campaigns before these claims were invalidated.

And convicted felon Oliver North, was reportedly the mastermind behind the story alleging So-

viet MIG shipments to Nicaragua. As you may recall, this fabrication "conveniently" broke on election night 1984 and shared space with Ronald Reagan's "landslide" victory on TV screens all over the country. Undoubtedly George Bush has created a similar apparatus to help him in executing unpopular policies.

Time Magazine's recent spread on Nicaraguan La Prensa publisher and possible opposition presidential candidate, Violeta Chamorro, is an unhealthy exercise in Sandinista-bashing. Not surprisingly, Time portrays Chamorro as some sort of überfrau waiting in the wings to put all the pieces back together after the inevitable Sandinista demise. Given the source, this perspective is understandable and expected, but any close observer should have no difficulty concluding that despite all the economic problems, despite 10 years of war, and despite the U.S. blockade, the political opposition that exists in Nicaragua remains fragmented and disorganized. If Sandinista success at the polls in February becomes a serious question, you can be assured there will have been foul play by you-know-who.

Old soldiers don't die. They keep fighting the same battles again and again. What they can't get done with the sword and the gun they will do with pen and ink. In the age of the national security state, the existence of such a media culture is understandable and expected, but it is never justified. Just or not, the swords and the poisoned pens are being sharpened and they are coming soon to a newspaper near you.



After four years of fundraising, and two years of building (along with Nicaraguan workers), The AMISTAD (Ann Arbor Initiative for Soil Testing and Development) Construction Brigade finished its part in constructing an agricultural laboratory in Managua, Nicaragua in May. Dutch workers are now installing \$1 million of lab equipment donated by Norway and Italy. Classes began in the building in June.

Greenpeace Aids Nicaragua

In October, 1988 Hurricane Joan ravaged the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua. She left in her wake more than 200,000 acres of flattened forests and human settlements. Corn Island, 40 miles east of the coastal city of Bluefields, was among the hardest hit. Joan whipped up winds over 170 miles per hour and battered parts of the island with a storm surge that rose over 80 feet. Over 95% of the trees on the island were felled or snapped off.

At the request of the Nicaraguan government, Greenpeace recently sponsored a team of American and Nicaraguan restoration ecologists and marine biologists to inspect the damage and recommend a strategy for recovery. Town meetings to discuss the needs of island residents were held. As part of this effort a women's group wants to build a community center. The center will include facilities for a sewing

group, and an ecology museum to educate residents about rebuilding in environmentally sound ways. To support their efforts contact Reed Beaman at (813) 351-3012 or Paul Stark at (313) 271-1643.

DEBT

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Mexico, whose fraud-marred election last year cleared the way for continuing national capitulation to the IMF. Until there is radical restructuring of political power within the debtor countries, is unlikely that any country or group of countries (as in a Washington cartel) will offer sustained resistance to the IMF and the banks. In the meantime, an entire generation is losing the hope that their children or even grandchildren might escape from poverty.

A version of this article appeared in the July 1989 issue of La Palabra, the newsletter of the Latin American Solidarity Committee.

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Domino's Pizza Boycott Delivers

by Phillis Engelbert

ANN ARBOR—On July 18, a newly-formed coalition of local community activists announced the start of its national campaign to boycott Domino's Pizza. Among The Coalition to Boycott Domino's Pizza's members are representatives from the National Organization of Women, Industrial Workers of the World, Ann Arbor Tenants Union, Latin American Solidarity Committee, Homeless Action Committee, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Ann Arbor Coalition to Defend Abortion Rights, and residents living near Domino's Headquarters. The Coalition lists numerous reasons for its boycott, ranging from saving Tiger Stadium to stopping Domino's funding of the anti-choice movement.

The Coalition's concerns are rooted in how Domino's profits are used by Thomas Monaghan, founder and sole stockholder of Domino's Pizza. Being sole stockholder means that Monaghan profits from every pizza sold. Although this relationship is more direct in corporate-owned pizza outlets, privately owned franchises also must turn over a percentage of their intake to Monaghan in the form of royalties. Therefore, buying a pizza from Domino's amounts to making a contribution to a wide array of right-wing causes.

The Coalition has vowed to continue the boycott until their list of demands, as follows, have been met.

1. Stop socially irresponsible and environmentally unsound development.

In March, 1989, Domino's Farms Corp. announced plans to construct a 600-acre exclusive community of 138 homes (The Settlement), each costing about \$1 million, on the northeast edge of Ann Arbor. The plan also calls for the construction of a golf course with a country club and driving range. Gordon Leopold, president of Domino's Farms Corp., claims that membership to the club will cost "several times \$10,000." The housing development project is anticipated to take 15 years to complete, with the golf course being completed in two-and-a-half years. Neighbors of The Settlement fear pesticide runoff from the golf course into Fleming Creek which flows through the U-M Botanical Gardens. Fleming Creek is the cleanest creek in Washtenaw County according to a U-M Fisheries study. Neighbors also fear the possible impact of the proposed on-site sewage treatment plant, specifically the risk to public health and cost of clean-up if it should fail.

In 1987 Domino's attempted to purchase Marshall Park, an 87-acre nature preserve in northeast Ann Arbor, from the city, to build luxury condominiums and a golf course. Many area residents protested this move out of concern for the rare plant and animal species sheltered there, coupled with alarm over the rapid growth of the Domino's empire. Due to this pressure, Domino's eventually backed down.

In addition, in 1985, Thomas Monaghan purchased 1,700 acres of Drummond Island, an 87,000 acre island off the eastern tip of the Upper Peninsula. Although Monaghan originally claimed he would use the land for his vacation home, in the last two years he has constructed, on that land, a corporate retreat and homes for himself and his top executives. He cleared the woods to build an 18-hole golf course and to build a pond and sewer plant. Currently, Monaghan is discussing plans for condominiums, marinas, lodges, banks, golf course expansion, a motel, a mini-car museum, and a chapel retreat. Monaghan has also proposed dredging the island's main fishing harbor, Potagannising Bay, in order to dock his schooner, "Domino's Effect." In a June 11 story in The Ann Arbor News, AP reporter Paige St. John stated, "While he (Monaghan) pledged his support for conservation by stopping his bulldozers from knocking down a tree with nesting woodpeckers, his workers filled in wetlands.... Before Tom Monaghan, Drummond Island was known mostly as a place for perch, bear & bobcat."

2. Stop funding the anti-choice movement.

In 1988 Monaghan personally donated \$100,000 to Proposal A, the referendum ballot "Committee to End Tax-Funded Abortions." In mid-1988 Monaghan made his first contribution of \$50,000. During a Proposal A telethon of October

3, 1988, Monaghan promised another \$50,000 of his personal money and Domino's Farms Corp. contributed an additional \$10,000 (Ms. Magazine, March, 1989). The passage of Proposal A banned Medicaid abortion funding and greatly restricted reproductive rights for poor women in Michigan.

Domino's Farms has hosted numerous fundraisers for Right to Life of Michigan, yet cancelled a National Organization of Women (NOW) fundraiser for pro-choice activities. A Domino's official stated that the cancellation was due to "Mr. Monaghan's religious beliefs against abortion."

NOW has filed a civil rights complaint against Domino's on the basis of religious discrimination. A statement by the Washtenaw County ACLU suggests that although Domino's is a private business, it is nonetheless subject to Section 302 of the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act. This section prohibits a private business which opens its facilities to the public, to discriminate on the basis of religion. The ACLU states that Monaghan's \$900,000 tax abatement from Ann Arbor Township "should result in a greater willingness to comply with the public policies against discrimination which are embodied in the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act."

3. Make public the political agendas of Word of God and Legatus and the financial support they receive from Monaghan, Domino's Pizza, Domino's Farms Corp. and TSM Properties, Inc.

Word of God is an Ann Arbor-based "Christian" cult which believes that women are "handmaidens of men," forces arranged marriages, and works according to the authoritarian principles of "shepherding," a doctrine demanding that members submit control of all aspects of their lives to a "shepherd," who is in turn submitted to a higher "shepherd," and so on (Russ Bellant, NCR, 11/18/88). Former Word of God member Tom Yoder told Bellant about the following examples of what occurred in Word of God: "expulsion due to unapproved marriages, people compelled to live in houses not of their choosing, a man forcing discipline on a woman by tying her up, and members submitting advance schedules to their 'head' on a weekly or monthly basis for approval." Bellant asserts that the following characteristics of Word of God are associated with cults: "esoteric language and titles; secrecy; exclusivity; declarations of war on some vague enemy; personal messages from a higher source."

Word of God members, in a 1987 meeting, were encouraged to see themselves "as a nation," and were told that "there is no distinction between 'military,' 'civilian,' and 'spiritual' leadership.... People say war is hell, but in this case war is heaven" (Bellant, NCR, 11/18/88). Word of God co-founder Steve Clark has claimed that "Democracy is not a scriptural concept." Consistent with this belief is the significant overlap between the membership of Word of God and Washtenaw (Operation) Rescue, which employs illegal and often violent techniques to achieve its political goal of denying women their right to choose to have an abortion.

Tom Monaghan has numerous connections with Word of God: Monaghan is on the board of directors of Word of God-controlled University of Steubenville in Ohio; Domino's Farms was used as the campaign headquarters for John R. Burch, a Word of God member and Republican nominee for Ann Arbor City Council in 1985; and Word of God co-founder Ralph Martin claimed that Monaghan gave his TV ministry a \$100,000 matching grant in 1986 (Bellant, NCR, 11/18/88).

Domino's employs many Word of God members and the corporation's headquarters staff is dominated by members of Word of God. For example, Peter Thomasen, a Word of God member and head of Washtenaw Rescue (arrested at the Ann Arbor Planned Parenthood clinic on April 15), is an employee of Monaghan's real estate company TSM (Thomas S. Monaghan) Properties, Inc.

In June, 1987 Monaghan founded Legatus, a Catholic businessmen's club with the stated purpose of: "promoting and supporting moral ethics in business in conformity with the teachings of the Roman Catholic church so that the lives of all can be enhanced." Legatus consists of bishops, CEOs of corporations with over \$4 million in sales yearly, and CEOs of financial corporations which have

over \$80 million in assets. Legatus has integrated Word of God members into its leadership and activities. For example, the Michigan chaplain to Legatus is Bishop Kenneth Povish, adviser to Word of God's magazine, New Covenant.

Past meetings of Legatus have featured presentations by Phyllis Schlafly, Ralph Martin, University of Steubenville President Father Michael Scanlan, and former John Birch Society activist and founder of the Heritage Foundation, Paul Weyrich. Legatus, in an attempt to increase its international influence, has formed branches in Honduras and the Philippines.

4. Domino's out of Central America.

Thomas Monaghan is associated with several right-wing/religious organizations that promote a right-wing agenda in Central America. Among these groups are Word of God, Legatus, and the Knights of Malta (a 900-year old chivalric order which considers itself a sovereign nation).

Monaghan in 1987 opened the first of four Domino's pizza franchises in Honduras, the profits from which flow to the activities of Word of God's international affiliate, Sword of the Spirit, in Honduras. In addition, Monaghan has opened a factory in Honduras which produces pants under the label "Honduran Mission" that sell for \$195 a pair in the United States. The Knights of Malta (of which Monaghan told Bellant he is "honored" to be a member) have funnelled millions of dollars in supplies to the contras. This activity has been facilitated by the Knights' diplomatic privileges and their Central American members.

The Word of God's international affiliate, Sword of the Spirit, has several Central American branches. The Nicaraguan branch is headed by Cardinal Obando y Bravo, and works to oppose the Sandinista government. Father Enrique Sylvestre, the Spanish priest whose work Monaghan supports in Honduras, is the leader of a Sword of the Spirit branch in Honduras. Sylvestre came to Ann Arbor to study English with the Word of God, according to Tom Monaghan in his autobiography "Pizza Tiger." Also, the Central America coordinator for Domino's Pizza is Francisco Zuniga, a Nicaraguan who left his country just after the triumph of the Sandinistas. Zuniga is a Word of God member and a Sword of the Spirit coordinator.

Regarding his work in Honduras, Monaghan recently stated that he is "more interested in people's souls than their wealth or health.... I don't want to waste what little money I have just bringing up people's standards of living so they get into a position where they can raise hell and sin all the more." (Detroit Free Press, June 4, 1989)

5. Save Tiger Stadium

In March, 1989, Monaghan (owner of the Detroit Tigers) endorsed a proposal to move the Tigers to a new \$117 million stadium, much to the dismay of Tigers fans. Tiger Stadium is the second oldest major league baseball stadium in the U.S., built in 1912. A basic Tiger Stadium renovation, according to estimates, would cost \$57 million.

Monaghan, who has said that he cannot afford the cost of the new stadium alone, would like the stadium to be financed by the state, the city, and private donors. Detroit Mayor Coleman Young and Michigan Governor James Blanchard, however, have yet to pledge their support for the project. An April 2, article in The Ann Arbor News predicted that: "Selling taxpayers on state financing for a stadium unpopular with fans could be difficult during a time when the state budget is tight, a possible recession looms and school finance reform remains unresolved.... (Monaghan) could... force the state and city into action by threatening to move the Tigers out of Detroit, possibly to another state."

6. Stop anti-union practices

Monaghan stated in an interview with Bellant (NCR, 11/18/88) that "unions are the cause of the federal deficit." Monaghan added that "he did not want to say much about unions, for fear of being 'targeted' by them"—that the fear of being "targeted" by unions prevents other businessmen from criticizing them. According to former employees, Monaghan has told workers that no unions will be

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

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

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

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

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

Phone Counselor Recruitment: U-M Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center (SAPAC) Women volunteer phone counselors needed 10 to 15 hours a month. Training in Sept. Women of color encouraged to apply. 763-5865

14th Michigan Womyn's Music Festival Aug. 9 - 13, near Hart, Michigan. For information send self-addressed stamped envelope to WWTMC, P.O. Box 22, Walhalla, MI., 49458. 763-4186 or (616) 757-4766

Five-week Study in England: Rotary Foundation Five practicing business or professional people (between ages 25 & 35) will be selected to go to England in April, 1990, all expenses paid by the Rotary Foundation. Be an unofficial ambassador of goodwill. For application: A2, Donald Booth, 769-6200 or 662-4578; Chelsea, Fred VanReesma, 475-9378; Milan, Raymond Klein, 439-7472; Saline, Robert Macomber, 994-4000; Ypsilanti, Charles Soule, 485-1068. Rotarians and their families are ineligible.

1 Tuesday

Northside Summer Youth Program: A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 11 am to 4 pm, Northside Community Center, 815 Taylor, through Aug. 11. Swimming, field trips, etc. 994-2722

Closets are for Clothes: Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. Call-in talk show. Come and volunteer! 763-3500.

Soviet-American Peace Walk: Peace Insight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, cable channel 9. Annie Blackman, a local member of Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, describes her trip to the Soviet Union. 769-7422

Vaudeville Show: A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 7:30 pm, Cobblestone Farm



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August showers bring May flowers?

(2781 Packard Rd). The Rosier Players company, a repertory show, brings travelling tent show & band. 994-2928

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

Bill Heid: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$2. 662-8310

2 Wednesday

Vaudeville Show: A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 7:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

Meeting: Latin America Solidarity Committee (LASC) 8 pm, ask for rm. at info. desk, Mich. Union. 665-8438

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

3 Thursday

Vaudeville Show: A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 7:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

"Pantomime": Performance Network 8 pm, 408 W. Washington. Derek Walcott's funny and insightful two-man play exploring the angles of the master-servant relationship, \$6/\$5 parties of 10 or more. 663-0681

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

4 Friday

Soviet-American Peace Walk: Peace Insight 6:05 pm (see 1 Tue)

Vaudeville Show: A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 7:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

"Pantomime": Performance Network 8 pm (see 3 Thur)

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

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

Paul Vornhagen Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, \$5 (see 1 Tue)

5 Saturday

Vaudeville Show: A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 7:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

"Pantomime": Performance Network 8 pm (see 3 Thur)

Paul Vornhagen Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

6 Sunday

"A Celebration of Life, Peace & Our Future": The Coalition for Arms Control -2nd Congressional District 5:30 pm, Gallup Park, 3175 Geddes Ave. Potluck, family-centered events & worship service. 663-1870

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

"Pantomime": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 3 Thur)

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

Andy Dahlke Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

7 Monday

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

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

8 Tuesday

Closets are for Clothes: Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm (see 1 Tue)

Alternative Defense: Peace Insight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, cable channel 9. Ann Edgerton, National Board Member of WAND, explains the concept of real security. 769-7422

Meeting: Amnesty International Group 61 7:30 pm, Michigan Union (check at desk for room). Activities to protect human rights. 761-3639

Meeting: LaGROC 7:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

Bill Heid: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

9 Wednesday

Meeting: Ann Arbor Space Society 7:30 pm, 369 Skydale. The A2 Chapter of The National Space Society provides information about the possibilities and promise of space. 769-5223

Meeting: LASC 8 pm (see 2 Wed)

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

10 Thursday

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

"Ann Arbor Summer Mimeworks": Performance Network 8 pm, 408 W. Washington. "... a hybrid of dance, theater, athletics, poetry, and blatant eroticism ..." - Dance Magazine. \$6/\$5 parties of 10 or more. 663-0681

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

11 Friday

Alternative Defense: Peace Insight 6:05 pm (see 8 Tue)

Metaphysical Rap Session: School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Topics determined by participants. 482-9600

"Ann Arbor Summer Mimeworks": Performance Network 8 pm (see 10 Thur)

Meeting: Black Gay Brothers United: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 4 Fri)

Sheila Landis: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, \$5 (see 1 Tue)

12 Saturday

Mini-adventure trip down the Huron River: Leslie Science Center & A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 9 am to 3 pm. Canoe from Barton Pond to Gallup Park and learn about river ecology & fish biology, \$10. 662-7802

"Ann Arbor Summer Mimeworks": Performance Network 8 pm (see 10 Thur)

Sheila Landis: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, \$5 (see 1 Tue)

13 Sunday

Metaphysical Car Wash: School of Metaphysics 1 pm, First of America, 1923 Packard at Brockman. Fundraising event. 482-9600

Cat Behavior & Care Clinic: Humane Society of Huron Valley 4 to 6 pm, A2 Dog Training Club, 1575 E. North Territorial. Grooming, nail trimming and health care. 662-5545

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

"Ann Arbor Summer Mimeworks": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 10 Thur)

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 6 Sun)

Meeting: Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND) 7:30 pm, St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway. Video excerpts will be shown from Audre Lourde's April presentation in Ann Arbor. 761-1718

Andy Dahlke Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

14 Monday

Class in Applied Metaphysics: School of Metaphysics 7:30 to 10:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Gain mental understanding and spiritual awareness. \$8/wk. 482-9600

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: 8:45 pm (see 7 Mon)

Cary Kocher & Friends: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

15 Tuesday

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

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm (see 1 Tue)

Seymour Melman: "Demilitarizing Society - Part 2": Peace Insight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Talk for Gray Panthers. 769-7422

Class in Applied Metaphysics: School of Metaphysics 7:30 to 10:30 pm (see 14 Mon)

Meeting: LaGROC 7:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

Bill Heid: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

16 Wednesday

Class in Applied Metaphysics: School of Metaphysics 7:30 to 10:30 pm (see 14 Mon)

Meeting: LASC 8 pm (see 2 Wed)

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

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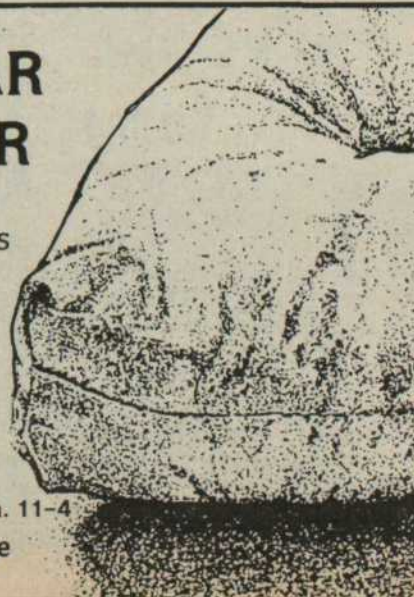
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Senior Golf Tournament: A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 8 am, Leslie Park Golf Course, 2120 Traver Rd. Must be 55 years or older, \$20. 668-9011

Class in Applied Metaphysics: School of Metaphysics 7:30 to 10:30 pm (see 14 Mon)

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

18 Friday

Senior Golf Tournament: A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 8 am (see 17 Thur)

Seymour Melman: "Demilitarizing Society": Peace Insight 6:05 pm (see 15 Tue)

Class in Applied Metaphysics: School of Metaphysics 7:30 to 10:30 pm (see 14 Mon)

"Dreams: The Journey Within": School of Metaphysics 7:30 to 9:30 pm, 719 W. Mich. Ave., Ypsi. 482-9600

Gay Men's Coffee House: "Brothers" 8 pm (see 4 Fri)

Meeting: Black Gay Brothers United 8 pm (see 4 Fri)

Ron Brooks/Eddie Russ/George Davidson: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, \$5 (see 1 Tue)

19 Saturday

Ron Brooks/Eddie Russ/George Davidson: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, \$5 (see 1 Tue)

20 Sunday

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

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 6 Sun)

Andy Dahlke Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 6 Sun)

21 Monday

Meeting: Parents-FLAG/A2 7:30 pm, First United Methodist Church, State at Huron. 763-4186

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm (see 7 Mon)

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

22 Tuesday

Closets are for Clothes: Lesbian/Gay Radio Collec. 6 pm (see 1 Tue)

"The War On Nicaragua": Peace Insight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Report from the 5th Sister City Delegation to Juigalpa, Nicaragua. 769-7422

Meeting: LaGROC 7:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

Bill Heid: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

23 Wednesday

Meeting: LASC 8 pm (see 2 Wed)

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

24 Thursday

"Godspell": Performance Network 8 pm, 408 W. Washington. Southeastern Michigan's premiere Equity Actors Co-operative & Actors Alliance Theater. \$6/\$5 parties of 10 or more. 663-0681

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

25 Friday

"The War On Nicaragua": Peace Insight 6:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9 (see 22 Tue)

"Godspell": Performance Network 8 pm (see 24 Thur)

Meeting: Black Gay Brothers United 8 pm (see 4 Fri)

Bill Heid: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, \$5 (see 1 Tue)

26 Saturday

"Revelling On The Park": A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 6:30 pm, Gallup Park Canoe Livery, 3000 Fuller. Jazz piano concert. 662-9319

"Godspell": Performance Network 8 pm (see 24 Thur)

Bill Heid: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, \$5 (see 1 Tue)

27 Sunday

"Tri-Kids" Triathlon: TT Sports Management & A2 Dept. of Parks & Rec. 8 am, Fuller Pool, 1519 Fuller Rd. Running, biking, and swimming. Reg. at all Parks & Recreation facilities and at City Hall fifth floor. 662-4226

Dog Training & Care Clinic: Humane Society of Huron Valley 4 to 6 pm, A2 Dog Training Club, 1575 E. North Territorial. Feeding tips, housebreaking advice and grooming pointers. 662-5585

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

"Godspell": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 24 Thur)

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 6 Sun)

Andy Dahlke Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

28 Monday

Class in Applied Metaphysics: School of Metaphysics 7:30 to 10:30 pm, 719 W. Mich. Ave., Ypsi. Discover the meaning of the language of your mind. \$8/wk. 482-9600

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: 8:45 pm (see 7 Mon)

Cary Kocher & Friends: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

29 Tuesday

Closets are for Clothes: Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm (see 1 Tue)

All Mazrul: "The Intifadah in Palestine & The Student Movement in China": Peace Insight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Talk for the Pales. Aid Soc. 769-7422.

Class in Applied Metaphysics: School of Metaphysics 7:30 to 10:30 pm (see 28 Mon)

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Meeting: LaGROC 7:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

The Community Resource Directory is a great place for community organizations to publicize their activities. AGENDA's circulation is 20,000. The deadline for September Directory listings is Aug. 15. Call 996-8018 for more information.

Gay Rights Advanced in Recent Rulings and Legislation

Approximately 60 members of our community attended the local Pride Week March and Rally held on June 30. Nearly 3,000 lesbians, gay men, bisexual people, and their parents and friends gathered in Lansing on June 25 for the March and Rally at the State Capitol Building to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City, a catalyzing event for our present liberation movement. Several Ann Arborites were able to travel to New York City for the commemorative March and Rally there.

A recent decision of the New York State Court of Appeals recognizing the committed partnership of two gay men as grounds for the surviving partner's right to remain living in their apartment is a precedent-setting and cheering occurrence, particularly at a time when our civil and human rights are endangered by other judicial decisions, most notably those handed down by the Supreme Court.

Rep. David Hollister, D-Lansing, has introduced a bill banning the testing of Michigan applicants for health insurance for the HIV antibody. He stated that insurance companies requiring such testing are practicing discrimination and placing a greater burden on taxpayers.

On the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, the U.S. House of Representatives passed HR 1048, the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. This action marks a milestone in a seven-year campaign by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) to elicit a positive federal response to violence against lesbians and gay men. The Act requires federal collection of statistics on crimes motivated by prejudice based on "race, religion, homosexuality, heterosexuality, or ethnicity." A companion bill, S 419, is awaiting floor action in the Senate. Senator Jesse Helms has planned to attach an anti-lesbian/gay amendment to the bill during floor debate.

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

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

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

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

WAND to Show Audre Lourde Video

Washtenaw County Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND) will present video excerpts from the April presentation at U-M by Audre Lourde, poet, activist and Professor of English at Hunter College in New York City at our August 13 meeting. Lourde has written numerous books, and her third book, "From a Land Where Other People Live," was nominated for the 1974 National Book Award. Her activism includes the founding of Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press and starting a coalition called Sisterhood in Support of Sisters in South Africa.

MEETINGS are held the second Sunday night of the month at St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor. Call our **Information Hotline** at 761-1716 for a message announcing important lobbying information, meeting times, and

upcoming events. Our **Speaker's Bureau** provides trained speakers who will address groups, classes, and public forums and rallies on a variety of issues. Contact Tobi Hanna-Davies at 662-7869. All are welcome. Childcare is available.

WAND's GOALS are to educate ourselves and the public about the dangers of continued nuclear arms build-up, to influence our congressional representatives by informed lobbying, and to empower people, especially women, personally and politically.

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Stratford Festival Review

by Rachel Urist

The following four plays, reviewed below, are being staged in Stratford, Ontario as part of the 1989 Stratford Festival, May 6 to October 29, 1989.

- The Merchant of Venice:** Festival Theatre, May 8 to Oct. 28
- Kiss Me Kate:** Festival Theatre, May 6 to Oct. 29
- Love's Labor's Lost:** Third Stage, June 14 to Sept. 3
- Titus Andronicus & A Comedy of Errors:** Festival Theatre, May 12 to Oct. 27

Since Olivier's landmark portrayal of Shylock as victim, it has become fashionable to present "The Merchant of Venice" as an argument against anti-semitism. The play's anti-semitic sentiment is a reflection of Shakespeare's times, and most of the productions that try to counteract the play's intrinsic prejudice use expurgated texts. How surprising it was to find that this season's production of "Merchant" cuts almost nothing. Shylock is both victim and beast—as are his enemies, however gentlemanly they appear. The single deletion in the text, occurring during Shylock's final humiliation, is Antonio's demand that Shylock convert to Christianity. Whether this omission was made to spare Jewish or Christian sensibilities is hard to say.



'A Comedy of Errors'... turned out to be the highlight...

As Shylock, Brian Bedford infuses the role with the range and imagination that are his hallmark. High tragedy gives way to impish mischief in the blink of an eye. The wise and lovely Portia is fetchingly played by Seanna McKenna with a sardonic, slightly nasal humor reminiscent of Maggie Smith who was, in fact, Stratford's star while McKenna was climbing the ranks. As Antonio, Nicholas Pennell gets considerable mileage from the distinctly homosexual and melancholy longing the character directs toward his younger kinsman, Bassanio. This unrequited love is an extreme interpretation, but it is justifiable. The rest of the cast is capable, as is Michael Langham's direction.

"Kiss Me Kate" was meant to revive the excitement aroused by last year's "My Fair Lady." It doesn't. It's lively and colorful, and there are a

couple of tap dance numbers that bring the house down, but it has none of "My Fair Lady's" magic. By and large, the show is tedious owing to a non-charismatic cast and mostly unmemorable music. Cole Porter is said to have concerned himself with fitting songs to particular contexts, and that's in evidence here. The songs often have nothing whatever to do with the scenes they inhabit, and it's only in the scenes lifted from "Taming of the Shrew" that the show moves apace. Better to have staged Shakespeare's original than to bother with this bit of legitimized plagiarism. Donald Saddler directed.

The less said about "Love's Labour's Lost" the better. Sometimes Stratford can make lucid the most opaque of Shakespeare's passages. This production dulls everything. The sight of bright, young actors in lavish costumes going through their paces put me in mind of trained seals. There was much talent in the company, but director Bernard Hopkins managed to hide it.

After squirming through the first act, I ran to the Festival Stage in the hope that the house manager would seat me for the second play of the double bill. He did. "A Comedy of Errors," subtitled a "divertissement," turned out to be the highlight of the weekend. Richard Monnette's direction is inspired. With cinematic fluidity, scenes move imperceptibly from one to the next against a background of an acapella chorus and never-ending visual delights. The range of comedy runs from vaudeville to commedia dell'arte. There isn't a dull moment in the hour which is all it takes to deliver this cleverly abridged rendition.

SPORTS

UPDATE: Leftfielders

On July 16, the AGENDA/Blossom Leftfielders (1-7-1) played their best game of the season against the undefeated 1st place team. The LF's pounded out an 8-2 lead after two innings but fell behind 9-8 at the end of four. In the 5th, the Leftfielders scored 4 runs to make it 12-9, but "The Fleet" came back with 6 runs. Final score: 15-12. Two games are on tap for August, both at Vet's Park, diamond #3. On Aug. 6, the game is at 9:45 pm and on Aug. 13, the game starts at 7:15 pm. Cheerleaders welcome.

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tant held my hand and told me to breathe deeply. I hyperventilated and passed out. Someone waved smelling salts under my nose. It felt as if my entire uterus was being sucked out through the hose of the aspirator. Those surreal minutes seemed like hours.

My recovery was uneventful. I was walking within an hour, and felt more or less normal within a couple of days. After reading accounts of the physical damage caused by poorly done abortions, the compelling importance of safe, legal, accessible alternatives to pregnancy became clear. For instance, Fund for the Feminist Majority statistics show that illegal abortion is the number one killer of women between the ages of 15 and 39 in Latin America today.

In spite of the emotional and physical pain associated with my abortion, I never regretted having had it. As soon as it was over, I knew that I had made the most logical, responsible decision that I was capable of at that time. My only regret is the years of silence that prevented me from connecting with other women who have ended pregnancies. One of every two women in the U.S. will have an abortion in her lifetime. An incredible amount of political will could be generated by such a large number of women. Our inability to identify each other disempowers us. We are silenced by irrational shame, as I was for so many years.

The Supreme Court decided on July 3 to uphold laws which assume that life begins at conception. Further, states may require costly tests (which haven't yet been developed) to determine viability of 20-week-old fetuses. Finally, states may prohibit the use of public funds and facilities for the performance of abortions. One can't help but recognize the far-reaching impact of this ruling,

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allowed at his companies. (Bellant, NCR, 11/18/88)

Eight construction trade unions in Granite City, Illinois have initiated a boycott—in response to Domino's use of non-union labor in building local outlets. In Michigan, UAW workers have urged a similar action based on the purchase of large fleets of foreign-made trucks for pizza deliveries.

7. Stop unfair and discriminatory employee practices

Since 1986 Monaghan has been submitting his employees to drug testing. Domino's written policy on this matter states that "Domino's Pizza, Inc. reserves the right at all times to have employees or job applicants, while on the premises and properties described herein, submit to an examination for the purposes of determining if such employees or applicants are using any of the prohibited substances of this policy."

Attire worn by all employees at Domino's Headquarters is dictated by Monaghan's dress policy. "Women may not wear slacks, short skirts or tight clothing, and men must wear 'conservative business suits.'" Domino's drivers have a separate uniform. Monaghan is also currently involved in a civil liberties suit filed by a Domino's employee and the ACLU over Domino's hair-length policy. The policy states that male employees must have their hair cut above the collar.

Boycott actions

On July 18 the Coalition kicked off the boycott with a picket at Domino's World Headquarters. On July 26, journalist Russ Bellant addressed an Ann Arbor audience with a talk entitled: Tom Monaghan and Religious Totalitarianism—A CIA Connection. The Coalition to Boycott Domino's Pizza is currently planning actions for the coming months. To get involved or for more information write: Coalition to Boycott Domino's Pizza, c/o LASC, 4120 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, or call 665-8438.

Phillis Engelbert is a member of The Coalition to Boycott Domino's Pizza.

and the implications for poor women first, and all women eventually. Michigan eliminated medicare funded abortions last November. What will go next—abortions currently covered by insurance benefits of state employees?

It is now more important than ever to speak out about the importance of safe, legal abortion. A July 24 Media General/Associated Press survey showed that 59% of the people in this country approve of the 1973 Supreme Court decision establishing the constitutional right to abortion, 36% are opposed and 5% are unsure. The survey also showed that U.S. citizens favor abortion in their states by a 2-to-1 margin. It is our responsibility to destigmatize abortion, either by publicly or privately speaking out ourselves, or by supporting other women who choose to acknowledge their experiences. We need to be able to speak out about how abortion has affected our lives, and to explain how we would have suffered if we had not been able to make such a fundamental reproductive choice.

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AIDS

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condom allows semen to be absorbed through anal membranes. Transmission during vaginal intercourse with a man not wearing a condom could allow entry through the cervix and probably the vaginal walls.

While it poses a lower risk, there may be risk of transmission through oral sex. According to Patton and Kelly, some studies indicate that routine activities like flossing and brushing teeth or eating crisp foods like chips or toast may make microscopic cuts in gums and tongue where the virus can enter. Nicewander said that other studies indicate that only obvious cuts or open sores in the mouth may allow transmission.

Blood transfusions received between 1978 and March 1985 may also be a risk factor. Transfusions after March 1985 are at low risk because all donated blood has been tested for HIV antibodies since that time. People who engage in high-risk behavior are asked not to donate blood, organs or tissue, or semen for artificial insemination.

HIV-infected women may not know they are infected and decide to give birth. A baby born to an infected woman has a 50/50 chance of being born with HIV. An infant's HIV status cannot be determined until 10 or 11 months after birth when its immune system kicks in. A woman can transmit HIV to her baby in utero, during birth, or by breastfeeding.

According to Nicewander, Washtenaw County has had 46 people diagnosed with AIDS since 1985 when the first case was reported. It is estimated by the CDC that for every one case of AIDS there are five to ten people with ARC and 50 to 100 HIV-infected people. "Given local populations," Nicewander says, "we would more realistically guesstimate that about 2500 people in this county may have been HIV-infected."

The Facts and You

Given the facts, there are some important things to consider and to do to manage the risks associated with spreading AIDS. HIV can be spread by people who do not know they are infected. You can become infected by having had contact with an HIV carrier only once, maybe many years ago.

Even though you may not be engaging in high risk behavior now, it is possible to carry and transmit the virus or to receive the virus unless you follow safe sex practices. If you are sexually active you are at risk. Consider being tested if you think you may have been exposed to HIV.

The usual HIV antibody test screens a small amount of blood using an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) to detect the presence of antibodies (proteins in the blood that work to eliminate foreign proteins). A positive result is tested again because the ELISA test tends to produce false positives. If the second result is positive, it is analyzed a third time using the more precise and

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more expensive Western Blot procedure. A confirmed positive test means you have been infected with the virus and that antibodies to

the virus are in your blood. This means you can transmit the virus to others. A positive test does not mean that you have AIDS.

A negative antibody test means either you have not made antibodies yet or you are not infected with HIV. If you think you have been exposed, a negative test does not mean you are immune, or that you will not become infected if exposed again. There is usually a delay of two weeks to six months between infection and when you produce antibodies. During this time you can transmit the virus to sex partners, needle buddies, and unborn children. If you have been engaged in risky behavior, or are partners with someone who has, and you test negative, wait six months and get tested a second time to confirm that the first test wasn't during the period before antibodies appear.

Carolyn Forbes of Wellness Network, Inc. suggests that there are benefits to being tested for HIV infection. According to Forbes, if you test positive, you may improve your quality of life by using knowledge about the onset of AIDS. Co-factors in the development of AIDS include drug use, diet, and stress. Moving into a more healthful lifestyle can prevent the onset of AIDS. If you test HIV positive there are groups and support systems you can participate in. It may be possible to participate in research programs that could help you as well as society. If you have access to health care, you may be able to utilize immune system monitoring that will prevent the onset of opportunistic diseases that kill people once AIDS is developed.

Forbes suggests there are also drawbacks to early testing to consider. "It's important for people to do an inventory before getting tested. What if they do test positive? Will their emotional state suffer? Are they insured or can they afford doctor visits? Will they change their behavior?"

Free testing is available in Washtenaw County through the County Health Department at 555 Towner, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, 485-2181. Testing is also free of charge for U-M students through the University Health Service at 207 Fletcher, Ann Arbor 48109, 763-4384. There is a \$35 charge for non-students.

For further information: Wellness Networks Inc., Michigan (WNI) provides access to general AIDS information and referral to medical, social, and community AIDS resources. Brochures and educational materials are available on request. AIDS Hotline 1-800-872-AIDS. TDD line for hearing impaired: (313) 547-3655 on weekdays only. Prisoners can call WNI collect (313) 547-9040. Washtenaw County Department of Public Health: Counseling, HIV antibody tests, information, 485-2181. Huron Valley Friends provides a food bank, personal assistance and financial support. HVF 24-hour hotline 747-9068.

An AIDS Glossary

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nean descent, in whom it usually appears late in life and progresses slowly.

Latency: A period in which HIV is in the body, but in an inactive state.

Opportunistic Infection (OI): Any of a number of infections that are caused by microorganisms ordinarily found in the environment, but which only cause disease in persons with damaged immune systems. Common OIs in AIDS patients include pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, massive or overwhelming herpes infections, atypical mycobacteria, toxoplasmosis, or chronic and overwhelming candidiasis.

Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia (PCP): A pneumonia caused by the pneumocystis carinii parasite, which does not ordinarily cause disease in people with normal immune systems. It is a leading cause of death in persons with AIDS.

Seroprevalence: The extent to which an infectious agent such as HIV is present in a population.

Safer Sex and Drug Use Guidelines

Safer sex can include: massage, hugging, kissing, erotic talk, masturbation, using your own sex toys, role-playing, fantasy scenes, and other activities that do not involve the exchange of semen or blood.

Do not allow a partner's semen or blood (including menstrual blood and blood drawn from piercing, cutting and shaving) to enter your vagina, anus, mouth or breaks in your skin.

Use condoms for anal and vaginal intercourse, for oral sex with a man, and for covering dildos and other sex toys. Use only water-based lubricants as others weaken latex. Use latex barriers (dental dams, available at dental supply stores) between the genital area and mouth for sex with a woman. Be especially careful to avoid the exchange of menstrual blood. Using nonoxynol-9 or other spermicides with condoms and latex barriers may add extra protection.

For anal or vaginal penetration with fingers or hands use latex gloves or finger cots.

Information on safer sex from Gay Community News April 30-May 6, 1989. Subscriptions: \$33/yr., \$20/25 wks. or \$12/25 wks. low-income. Send a check or money order to: GCN Subscription, 62 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116

Your body's ability to fight all diseases, including AIDS may be benefited by general good health. That means getting good nutrition, lots of rest, exercise and not abusing alcohol, poppers and other drugs. (Remember, being drunk or high can affect your decisions about sex.)

If you use injected drugs follow the guidelines below:

Do not share works (needles, syringes, droppers, spoons, cottons or cookers).

Do not re-use needles; use fresh cottons each time.

If you must share or re-use your works, clean as follows: dip needle and works into 100% bleach, draw up and release three times, dip needle and works into water, draw up and release three times. (In an emergency, rubbing alcohol, vodka or wine can also be used.) As an alternative, boil works in water for at least 15 minutes. Use a fresh solution each time you clean your works.

HIV LAWS

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The majority of cases in Michigan are in Detroit and its surrounding areas.

Universal reporting of both confidential and anonymous HIV antibody tests is now required. In anonymous testing, an individual uses a pseudonym or number, but true identity is not revealed. With confidential testing, the individual's name is known and the test and its result become a permanent part of the person's medical record. The PHD has conducted both anonymous and confidential testing for HIV and has always kept a record of the results. Now, private physicians and HMOs will also need to send test results to the department. The name, address and telephone number of the patient will be sent as well, unless the patient requests otherwise. Although the prospect of reporting may sound frightening, this is the way the state can get an accurate picture of seroprevalence and the incidence of infection. It is suggested that everyone who decides to get tested do so anonymously.

The department will also commence partner notification for HIV, as it does with any other sexually transmitted disease (STD). Persons identified to the health department as partners will be notified that they might have been exposed to an infectious agent. The name of the HIV-infected person will remain anonymous. In the case of anonymous testing, partner notification is assumed.

The one aspect of the new laws that will affect the greatest number of people is the marriage license stipulation. The AIDS Hotline operated by Wellness Network has received a flood of calls about it. All marriage license applicants must now obtain a certificate indicating that they have been "counseled by a physician or local health officer or designee on the transmission and prevention of venereal disease and HIV infection." Health care providers estimate that it will take at least 45 minutes to an hour to provide sufficient pre-test counseling. Given a shortage of personnel to administer such counseling, some officials predict that auditoriums of prospective brides and grooms will be counseled at the same time. Testing is not

mandatory. If the individuals do decide to get tested, both partners must be informed of the results.

In this instance, Michigan learned a lesson from its neighbor. In Illinois, where last year state legislators implemented mandatory testing for state residents obtaining a marriage license, great numbers of residents who lived near the border simply got married in Wisconsin to avoid the requirement. The mandatory testing law also proved to be highly cost ineffective. For each positive result, approximately \$750,000 to \$1 million were spent.

An initial pre-natal care examination must now include tests for HIV and hepatitis B, unless the woman does not give consent. A minor does not need to obtain parental consent in order to be tested. In an interesting twist, however, the physician who administers the test can inform the parents of the results without the consent of the minor for "medical reasons."

Perhaps the new law that will generate the most litigation concerns "health threat to others." The very definition of such an entity gives civil rights activists cause to worry. A "carrier" is someone "who harbors or who the department reasonably believes to harbor a specific infectious agent or a serious communicable disease or infection, whether or not there is present discernible disease." Such a carrier is considered a "health threat to others" if the individual has "demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to conduct himself or herself in such a manner as to not place others at risk or exposure to a serious communicable disease or infection."

It is now a felony for an infected person to engage in sexual penetration without informing the partner of seropositivity. The language of the law, which is based on the rape law, defines sexual penetration as "sexual intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, anal intercourse, or any other intrusion, however slight, of any part of a person's body or of any object into the genital or anal openings of another person's body, but emission of semen is not required."

According to the law, then, an infected person who is the receptive partner in anal or vaginal intercourse is not required to inform their partner of their seropositivity, even though such activity is an effective means to transmit the virus. A physician or nurse, on the other hand, who is infected and administering a pap smear will

be committing a felonious act if they do not inform their patient that they are HIV-positive.

If an individual is determined to be a health threat to others, by whatever criteria, the health department is required to release available test data. A warning will be issued to the individual requiring that s/he seek counseling, education or treatment. If the health department does not feel as though the individual has complied with the warning, it may petition the court. The court may force the individual to be tested and may hold the individual in an "appropriate facility" for up to six months. If an individual is determined by the court to be an "immediate threat," the person may be held up to 72 hours without any other process or review.

The laws also stipulate that people arrested for crimes during which HIV might be transmitted—IV drug use, prostitution and other "sex crimes"—must be informed and provided materials about HIV. If the individual is convicted, the HIV test is mandatory. The results are confidential but provided to the defendant, the court, the Department of Corrections and the victim.

All prisoners are now tested for HIV. If a prisoner refuses to be tested, they are assumed to be seropositive. If a prisoner is seropositive and engages in behaviors that transmit HIV—IV drug use, sexual behavior or "assaultive or predatory" behavior—they will be segregated. For no apparent reason, no seropositive prisoner can work in any capacity in the health care facilities of the prison. This policy applies only to prisoners and not to any other health care provider.

Any physician or health facility that administers an HIV test must receive informed, written consent from the patient as well as provide pre- and post-test counseling. Informed consent means the patient has received sufficient counseling to understand the purpose of the test, its limitations and the meaning of the results. The patient must also understand the right to confidentiality and the right to obtain an anonymous test. Informed consent is not required if a patient is tested for HIV after a health care worker has been exposed to the blood or other bodily fluids of the patient. In such a case, however, written consent is still necessary. Written consent differs from informed consent in that the patient is not counseled. Instead, s/he

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The Space Movement and the Overview Effect

by Tihamer Toth-Fejel

The environmental movement was in its infancy when the astronauts looked homeward on their way to the Moon, and snapped a photograph. As media guru Marshall McLuhan put it, "For the first time the natural world was completely enclosed in a man-made container. At the moment that the Earth went inside this new artifact, Ecology was born." McLuhan implied that the artificial boundaries of the photo of earth from space showed that the Earth was no longer an untamed wilderness that needed to be conquered and exploited, but a rare treasure to be carefully tended and guarded. Seeing the Earth as a whole for the first time reached people on an emotional level, making them realize that the world was connected, that for instance, use of DDT in New Jersey would affect penguins in Antarctica. It also made them realize, again at an emotional level, that national boundaries were invisible, and that different countries aren't painted different colors on a real globe.

In his book "The Overview Effect," Frank White describes how the experience of change in physical perspective, from Earth to low Earth orbit or the Moon, results in a new philosophical point of view, affecting our politics, religion, social relations, psychology and values. This view, even if only experienced vicariously, enables individuals and societies to see themselves from the vantage point of the universe. The Overview Effect is a philosophy in which the Earth is seen as a whole system and humanity one of many interdependent species which call the planet home. A regard for all life as sacred becomes a practical as well as moral position when we see the critical role that all life plays in maintaining the ecosystem.

White's concept of Universal Insight is a realization of how small Earth and the Solar System and the entire Milky Way are with respect to the universe. But despite this insignificance, there is unity within this universe, of which humanity is a part with an important role to play. This insight establishes our responsibilities and purpose. As Frank White put it, "The farther out human beings look, the further inward we see." Apollo 8 astronaut Rusty Schweickart concurs, "I viewed my mother quite differently when I was in the womb than I did after birth. Afterward, I was able to take more responsibility for her."

Applications to the Environment

Looking back at Earth from orbit has many direct applications to the environment. Since satellite images first became available, we have used them for innovative purposes from policing illegal strip mining activity to studying the habitat of the grizzly bear.

For example, the Mexican screwworm is responsible for the destruction of up to \$200 million worth of wildlife, cattle and poultry each year. Landsat multispectral scanners monitor soil temperatures, moisture, and vegetation conducive to favorable breeding conditions for the screwworm, so that sterile flies can be introduced in those areas

at the best times.

In 1987, satellite data exposed a pattern of dry weather that indicated future famine conditions in parts of Ethiopia. Due to the early warning provided by this data, relief groups had extra time to do organizing and shipping.

Long ago, people may have experienced environmental problems similar to the ones we face to-

and again. And you don't even see them. At the Mid-East you know there are hundreds of people killing each other over some imaginary line that you can't see. From where you see it, the whole thing is a whole, and it's so beautiful. And you wish you could take one from each side in hand and say, 'Look at it from this perspective. Look at that. What's important?'



day. Sometimes these groups did not survive to record them for posterity, nor did their environment. Pictures of the Yucatán Peninsula from Landsat and Seasat are helping archaeologists study how the Maya (early Indians of Mexico) interacted with their environment, and what changes they may have caused. Viewing Earth from space can reveal otherwise concealed information that could help us avoid repeating mistakes.

Applications to Peace

The 1975 Apollo-Soyez project proved that the U.S.S.R. and U.S. can cooperate successfully. It is this model that Carl Sagan points to when promoting a joint mission to Mars. This type of cooperation is vital to the future safety of our planet, despite the right-wing's alarmist fear of technology transfers that occur during such projects.

The most important effect space exploration has on world peace is documented in Beyond War's film, "No Frames No Boundaries." In the film Rusty Schweickart says, "Up there you go around every hour and a half, time after time.... You look down there and you can't imagine how many borders and boundaries you crossed again

Two U.S. politicians have flown in space, and shared Schweickart's experience. Florida Congressman Bill Nelson said, "If the superpower leaders could be given the opportunity to see the Earth from the perspective from which I saw it, perhaps a summit meeting in space, they might realize that we're all in this with a common denominator." Utah Senator Jake Garn said, "You certainly come to the recognition that there aren't any political boundaries out there. You don't see any asterisks or stars for state or national capitals or any political subdivisions. You see it as one world and you recognize how insignificant the planet Earth is."

The basic goal of the National Space Society (NSS) is to create a space-faring civilization that will build communities beyond Earth. Though its members often applaud the accomplishments of NASA and other governmental space programs, many are critical of some of the politically motivated policies and decisions those programs have made. With over 100 chapters all over the world, NSS tries to inform its members, the general public, and political leaders about the possibilities and promise of space. See CAL, 9 Wed. for Ann Arbor chapter meeting.

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signs a form, usually upon admittance to the hospital, granting the facility the right to test. Anyone who is tested must receive post-test counseling to understand the significance of the test results.

First responders—police, ambulance drivers,

emergency room attendants—who assist, aid or treat a patient who is subsequently found to be seropositive must be informed that they have potentially been exposed to an infectious agent. They are only informed that the agent is HIV upon request. There is no release of the name of the infected individual. Thus, for instance, an ambulance driver who never actually came into contact with an infected individual would be informed

that s/he may have been exposed an infectious disease.

Finally, on July 1, a law will go into effect that requires the testing of blood, organ, tissue, semen and breast milk used for donation purposes. Anything found to be infected will be discarded. The only exception to this law is if there is not time to test. In that case, both physician and patient must provide written consent.

Whitey on the Moon

by Gil Scott-Heron

A rat done bit my sister Nell
with whitey on the moon.
Her face and arms began to swell
and whitey's on the moon.
I can't pay no doctor bills
but whitey's on the moon.
Ten years from now I'll be paying still
while whitey's on the moon.
You know, the man just upped
the rent last night
cause whitey's on the moon.
No hot water, no toilet, no lights
but whitey's on the moon.
I wonder why he's upping me
cause whitey's on the moon?
Why I was already giving him
50 a week
and now whitey's on the moon.
Taxes taking my whole damn check,
the junkies make me a nervous wreck,
the price of food is going up,
and as if all that crap wasn't enough,
a rat done bit my sister Nell
with whitey on the moon.
Her face and arms began to swell
and whitey's on the moon.
With all that money I made last year
for whitey on the moon.
how come I ain't got no money here?
Hmm... whitey's on the moon.
You know, I just about had my fill
of whitey on the moon.
I think I'll send these doctor bills
air mail special, to whitey on the moon.

—Gil Scott-Heron, "Small Talk At 125th And Lenox," Flying Dutchman Records.

Goodbye Chaotic Divergence

AGENDA Associate Editor Phillis Engelbert and Editorial Assistant Jud Kempson will be leaving Ann Arbor this month. Their departure will break up AGENDA's strange ascending birthday phenomenon. Kempson's birthday is August 9, Editor Ted Sylvester's is August 10, Engelbert's is August 11 and Editor Laurie Wechter's birthday is August 12!

Pursell Says AIDS Spending Too High

According to a July 24 AP story in The Ann Arbor News, 2nd District Congressman Carl Pursell said some AIDS research money should be redirected to diseases that kill more people. "We have other major killers that are killing millions more Americans than AIDS," said Pursell. "Not that I want to minimize the AIDS problem, but I think we have to keep our tax dollars in perspective."

Pursell's remarks were made at the dedication of a \$3.5 million wing of Herrick Memorial Health Care Center in Tecumseh.

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