

Central America Notebook: El Salvador

by Jon Reed

Editor's note: The following article was sent to AGENDA in mid-March from San Salvador by a free-lance writer who travels extensively in Central America and must write under a false name or face harassment from the authorities for doing what most reporters are afraid to do—tell the truth. AGENDA has published Jon Reed's eyewitness accounts in the past and will continue to direct its editorial focus on the U.S. role in Central America in the future. With knowledge, we hope, people can begin to take responsibility and end the shameful role the U.S. now plays in the region.

"The so-called Salvadoran 'democratic process' could learn a lot from the capacity for self-criticism that the socialist nations are demonstrating. If Lech Walesa had been doing his organizing work in El Salvador, he would have already entered into the ranks of the disappeared—at the hands of 'heavily armed men dressed in civilian clothes'; or have been blown to pieces in a dynamite attack on his union headquarters. If Alexander Dubcek were a politician in our country, he would have been assassinated like Hector Oqueli. If Andrei Sakharov had worked here in favor of human rights, he would have met the same fate as Herbert Anaya. If Ota Sik or Václav Havel had been carrying out their intellectual work in El Salvador, they would have woken up one sinister morning, lying on the patio of a university campus with their heads destroyed by the bullets of an elite army battalion."

—From "Proceso," the weekly bulletin of the (Jesuit) University of Central America published in El Salvador (Feb. 14, 1990).

The music and lights go out as six powerful explosions—like a giant bass drum—rock the middle-class suburbs of northwestern San Salvador, the capital city. From their positions on the densely wooded slopes of the San Salvador Volcano, left-wing guerrillas of the Farabundo Martí Liberation Front (FMLN) are firing *catapultas* (homemade mortars) and anti-tank weapons at the San Antonio Abad electrical power station, scattering a platoon of First Brigade infantrymen assigned to guard this facility.

In the distance are sounds of other skirmishes taking place, in what has become a nightly ritual in El Salvador. After 10 years of increasingly successful rural guerrilla warfare, in which they have gained either partial or complete control over one-third of the country, the FMLN have now established a strong presence in El Salvador's urban areas as well.

"Right now our not-so-brave First Brigade soldiers are shitting in their fatigues," he explains. "Listen. You can tell from the sound of their M-16s that they've panicked. They're blindly firing off everything they can towards the volcano."

Since January of 1989 the FMLN and the above ground opposition in the country have mounted a strong political and diplomatic offensive as well, calling for a demilitarized truce and a negotiated end to the Civil War, which has left 75,000 dead (mostly killed by army and government Death Squads); several hundred thousand wounded; several million displaced internally or driven into exile; and a devastated economy with 50% unemployment or underemployment and 80% living in poverty.

Up until the present time, the governing elite and the military have refused to negotiate seriously; instead they have unleashed muderous repression against the trade unions, churches, and the popular movement while calling for the FMLN

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A Squatter's Story



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Tracee Cipolletti—mother of three, homeless person, and squatter—wonders if anyone is really listening. Since moving "extralegally" into the city-owned house at 116 W. William, she and her housemates have received heavy media attention, including several newspaper stories and radio interviews. But she's worried that the big issue is getting lost in the rush to tell her individual story.

"I like myself. If they want to write about me, fine," she says. "But there's a lot more to the story than Tracee Cipolletti and her three kids."

The official story, in brief: Cipolletti and fellow housemates Eugene and Yvette moved into the empty house April 5 after the Homeless Action Committee (HAC) asked them to be the first homeless families to take shelter there. The city has not attempted to evict them, but Mayor Jerry Jernigan and other officials have indicated in public statements that they will not accept long-term tenancy by homeless families in the house, which is slated to be moved or demolished to make way for the "Kline's Lot" parking structure.

Cipolletti is uncomfortable drawing the media spotlight because she feels the issue is political, not personal. "I'm not saying 'the house is mine, and you can't have it back,'" she says. "I'm saying 'Wake up Ann Arbor, there are parking structures on every other corner. The ones we already have aren't even full, and the government wants to build even more of them, while people are in the streets.'"

Cipolletti worries that once she finds permanent housing for herself and family, the story will disappear. But the number of home-

by Ken Garber

less families in Ann Arbor is growing, as low-income housing continues to disappear. When she leaves 116 W. William, others will take her place. "City Hall is going to find out. They're out there, they're intelligent, and they're not afraid. Mothers with three kids—they're just going to line up."

Political action, not charity, is the way to address the homeless problem, says Cipolletti. "Anyone can drop off some cookies, or a gallon of milk for someone who needs it. But it takes more than that. It takes a phone call to city hall that says, 'House people not cars.' Maybe if half the people in Ann Arbor did that something would change."

There will be no quick improvement in the lot of the homeless. "The number one reason for homelessness is the lack of housing that poor people can afford," said author Jonathan Kozol in Ann Arbor last month. But, added Kozol, a large part of the public persists in believing that homelessness is the fault of the homeless. For example, a controversial article in the March, 1990 issue of the neoliberal Washington Monthly asserts that almost all homeless people are either mentally ill, substance abusers or victims of an undefined "X-factor" that causes them to refuse to live conventional lives.

Tracee Cipolletti rejects such notions. "Some homeless people are for these reasons homeless, but it's such a small fraction it's ridiculous." She maintains that "the system is set up for failure."

Simple arithmetic bears her out. A wage of five dollars an hour (about \$600 a month after taxes) did not cover rent, utilities, food, and transportation costs for her family of five, even with \$175 in food stamps. Rent alone comes to a

minimum of \$500 a month. "The numbers never add up," says Cipolletti. "Your income never meets your outgoing. There's no room for a car accident, there's no room for shoes, at times there's no room for food on the table." Living this way—choosing between necessities—is a slippery slope, says Cipolletti, since a layoff, accident or medical emergency produces a "snowball effect" which leads to homelessness.

Cipolletti has been on and off public assistance, which she says penalizes those who work. "You make \$5 an hour, you get a little bit of food stamps, then four months after you get off welfare you lose your Medicaid. How much better can you feel about yourself if your kid gets sick and there's nothing you can do about it?"

If the slide into homelessness can be brutally quick, the reverse journey has almost a miraculous effect. The house at 116 W. William—spacious, uncluttered and immaculately clean, with baby pictures and family portraits hanging in the upstairs living room—could be home to any Ann Arbor family. Tracee Cipolletti knows it's not her permanent home, but she's grateful to the Homeless Action Committee for helping her find a way to get her family back together under one roof. The fact that she's there "extralegally" is not a moral burden; she believes such actions are justified by the current situation. Homeless people, like disenfranchised people everywhere, can't wait—they must take charge of their own destiny. "Black people had to do it in the 60s, and homeless people are going to have to do it in the 90s."

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Noriega Capture Unjust to Panamanians

My country recently killed as many as 1000 unarmed civilians in order to attain a social goal—the capture of an old man said to be a criminal. I suspect he was more a competitor for the narcodollar and a keeper of secrets. A list of previous employers would include a branch of the U.S. government's drug monopoly.

Today I will offer prayers for those 1000 souls, and for the old man said to be a criminal—and, too, for my government. A part of my prayer will be to ask God to tell Mr. Bush he has not acted on my behalf. Amen.

Blaine Crosby
MILAN, MI

More Discretion Please

I applaud the suggestion, implicit in the Danto and Baker letters printed in your March issue, that AGENDA exercise editorial discretion over the content of the Calendar section of the paper. The purpose of the Calendar should be to inform the community of progressive events. Therefore, uncritical inclusion of all Hillel activities is simply not

appropriate.

Hillel, as an umbrella organization, presents occasional progressive programs of interest to AGENDA's target audience. Certainly these items merit inclusion in the Calendar. However, Hillel should definitely not be accorded blanket coverage for its entire miscellany of events. The same criterion should be applied to activities sponsored by other organizations. In particular, I think you presently advertise too many films with no apparent progressive connection.

I am pleased that this issue has been raised, since I have for some time been disturbed by the lack of screening of material submitted to the Calendar. I look forward to a more focused and more useful Calendar in the future.

Steve Hayworth
YPSILANTI, MI

Yeah, AGENDA!

Thanks for your commitment to AGENDA. It's one of the few things that keeps me sane here in Washington, D.C. I look forward to every new issue, not only because the politics are so good, but also because it allows me to keep up with what's happening in Ann Arbor. I look forward to another year of AGENDA.

Lisa Wozniak
WASHINGTON, D.C.

NEWS BRIEFS

WANTED: Unpublished Letters to the NYT

Former local activist and candidate for Congress, Dean Baker, is working on a badly needed supplement to *The New York Times*. He is attempting to publish a collection of letters to the editor which *The Times* has rejected, because of its unwillingness to allow leftist views on their editorial page. Any proceeds from the book will go to Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR). Send your letters which *The Times* didn't see fit to print to: Dean Baker, RD #2 Box 22, Winfield, PA 17889.

Huron Chief Addresses Use of EMU Logo

During the course of the current year-long dispute over the use of the "Huron" Indian name and logo by Eastern Michigan University, administration spokeswoman Kathleen Tinney has stated that EMU was unable to locate any Huron Indians for comment. The Hurons, so named by others, traditionally called themselves Wendat, and more modernly by the French version of that name, Wyandotte.

AGENDA has tracked down the last organized remnants of the Wyandotte nation, which once ruled much of modern-day Ontario. Chief Leaford Bearskin, elected leader of the 3,500 strong Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma, was reached by phone at the tribal offices in Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

On the issue that has divided EMU, Chief Bearskin acknowledged that Indians are divided over the propriety of the use of Indian names and symbols for athletic teams. Speaking personally and not for the tribe, he said that he does not object to the practice in principle, but that he "would object to anything too undignified."

The chief described the tribe as "fairly poor." Many are small farmers in a time when small-time farming is a precarious venture. The tribe suffered a serious blow when a nearby B.F. Goodrich tire factory closed in 1985, throwing many Wyandottes out of work.

Over the years the Wyandottes have become assimilated to the point that nobody speaks the Wyandotte language anymore. Only ten Wyandottes are now in college. Bearskin expressed pride in this handful, in whom much of the tribe's hope for the future is invested.

Israeli Conscientious Objector to Speak

Hanoch Livneh, an Israeli reserve sergeant who has been jailed for his refusal to serve in the Gaza Strip, will speak at Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard, during the Sabbath evening services on Friday, May 25 at 8 pm.

Livneh, 38, is a member of Yesh Gvul, the protest movement of Israeli reserve officers who refuse to serve in the occupied territories (the West Bank and Gaza) or as guards at detention camps holding Palestinian detainees. Yesh Gvul literally means "there is a border." In Hebrew this term also means "there is a limit."

Livneh served in the Israel Defense Forces from 1970-73 reaching the rank of sergeant in the armored corps. After one month of duty in the Lebanon War, Livneh announced to his commanders that he refused to continue to take part in an "illegal and immoral war."

Soon after the Intifada began, over 620 reserve officers signed Yesh Gvul's letter protesting the continued occupation and announced that they would

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Political Prisoner Free After 19 Years in Jail

by Barbara Ransby

At a time when the United States government is applauding the cause of political freedom the world over, commending governments from those in Eastern Europe to Southern Africa, for the release of political prisoners and the ostensible move toward greater political freedom, it is important to acknowledge and expose the reality of political prisoners right here in the United States.

On March 22, 1990 Dhoruba Bin Wahad, formerly Richard Moore, was released from prison after serving more than 19 years, seven of those years in isolation, for a crime he did not commit. Bin Wahad's main crime was that he was a Black radical thinker and political activist in a country which actively suppressed the free expression of such beliefs and those who espoused them.

Bin Wahad was a leader of the Black Panther Party and one of the defendants in the famous "Panther 21" trial in 1971. That trial was the government's first attempt to silence him. Two years later the FBI was successful, after three mistrials, in winning the conviction and incarceration of Bin Wahad despite the fact that the evidence was wholly circumstantial. He was charged with shooting and wounding two police officers.

However, as Bin Wahad himself has observed, "the truth could not be suppressed forever." Several years ago Bin Wahad's lawyers, after a lengthy lawsuit, were able to obtain FBI documents which demonstrate that Bin Wahad had been the target of a special investigation and that evidence had been withheld in order to secure

his conviction. In March 1990 the courts were finally forced to admit that Bin Wahad was wrongly jailed, his conviction was overturned and he was released on March 22, 1990 in New York City to a courtroom overflowing with supporters.

Bin Wahad and his supporters argue persuasively that he and many others were the victims of

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the notorious COINTELPRO unit of the FBI. COINTELPRO, (counter intelligence project,) was set up by FBI head J. Edgar Hoover to counter, undermine, manipulate and suppress the growth of radical Black political organizations and leaders in the 1960s and early 70s. According to an FBI document, the unit's goal was to "prevent (such) groups and leaders from gaining respectability by discrediting them to the responsible negro community."

A recent book by Dr. Kenneth O'Reilly entitled "Racial Matters: The FBI's Secret File on Black America" further documents the extent to which the FBI went to silence voices of African American leaders it deemed "dangerous." Professor and author Angela Davis, another victim of FBI surveillance, was also illegally imprisoned for her leftist political affiliations in the early 70s. And Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was the subject of a massive and lengthy FBI surveillance and the victim of harassment and efforts to minimize his influence.

So, while we rightfully applaud the recent release of Brother Nelson Mandela in South Africa, let us not forget that our own government continues to hold dozens of political prisoners in federal prisons throughout the country, who deserve our understanding and support. Geronimo Pratt on the West coast, Ahmed Rahman here in Michigan, and members of the Puerto Rican Independentista movement are but a few examples of such individuals. We cannot talk about continuing the struggle for social justice if we do not remember and support those who have sacrificed their freedom and their lives in the movement for social justice.

On Tuesday, May 15th at 8 pm Bin Wahad will visit Ann Arbor and speak on the FBI campaign against the Black Panther Party, his own plight as a political prisoner, and the ongoing struggle of other political prisoners throughout the country. The talk will be held in the Rackham Amphitheatre of the Rackham Building on the University of Michigan campus. Call 936-1809 for more information.

not participate in repressing the intifada. Eighty percent of these reservists held ranks between corporal and captain.

In the United States, Friends of Yesh Gvul chapters provide moral and financial support to those who refuse to participate in Israel's war against the Palestinian people. Ann Arbor Friends of Yesh Gvul is a coalition comprised of Ann Arbor New Jewish Agenda, Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, and Solidarity. For more information call 662-5970.

Arts & Crafts Items Recyclable

The Ypsilanti Recycling Project is now a collector site for materials for Superior Township's arts and crafts programs. The items needed include baby food jars and lids; margarine, yogurt and other containers and lids; coffee cans and lids; cardboard tubes; shoe boxes; egg cartons; thread spools; coat hangers and other items that could be

used in arts and crafts programs this spring and summer.

The Ypsilanti Recycling Project drop-off center is located above Frog Island in Historic Depot Town, between Cross and Forest Street, just north of the Farmer's Market. They are open Saturdays: 9 am to 3 pm; and Wednesdays: 2 pm to dusk. The Recycling Center accepts newspaper, computer paper, office paper, corrugated cardboard, glass containers, steel and aluminum cans, motor oil, automobile batteries, egg cartons and plastic bottles. For more information call 485-7799.

Jazz Comedy "Coda" Makes Detroit Debut

"Coda," a play written by Detroit Bill Harris, to open at Detroit's Attic Theatre April 25th and to run through Sunday, May 20th, is a celebration of African American art, culture and survival. The play is set in Detroit in the 1950s, at the end of the Bebop era, and centers around the life of a Black

jazz musician who is returning home to rekindled relationships and redefine his own identity as a Black man and a musician. The play explores the relationships among musicians, and between artists and their families. One of the principal relationships examined in the play is one between the protagonist and his daughter.

The cast includes Von Washington, Booker Hinton, Judith Milner, and David Wayne Parker and is directed by Woody King Jr. Veteran jazz musician Thomas "Beans" Bowles serves as musical director for "Coda." Playwright Harris, currently a Curator of Living History at the Museum of African American History and instructor at the Center for Creative Studies, lived and worked for many years in New York City, before his own homecoming several years ago. He has authored, directed and produced numerous works. For more information call the Attic theatre at 1-875-8284.

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"Eat the Poor"

A Modern Proposal for Preventing the Poor and Homeless in New York and Other Cities of The United States from Being a Burden and a Nuisance to the State and, Particularly, to Commuters, and for Making Them Beneficial to the Public

by Donald Unger

In the present hour, it is difficult if not impossible to travel the thoroughfares and transit ways of any great city in this land and not be assaulted, both visually and sometimes physically, by the surfeit of the poor and the homeless who populate to overflowing every available public space.

We know, of course, that their presence has nothing to do with current or recent government policy, that they would not consent to be housed or fed if we attempted to help them, that all of them are in their current state by conscious choice and that most are the victims not of Reaganomics but of the liberal social policies that released them from mental institutions and that prevent us from incarcerating them anew.

We are agreed, I am sure, that a solution is called for, if for no other reason than the constant annoyance that these people now give to their more ambitious countrymen who, while attempting to maintain their stable and prosperous states are constantly put upon on the streets, in the subways, and in the public areas of the transportation facilities that they daily must pass through.

But what kind of solution? We know that the government has no funds for frivolous projects. We are building invisible planes for unforeseeable wars. We are building new missiles, lest the ones we have now come to seem overly dowdy and outdated. We have a reputation for strength and efficiency to main-

tain internationally.

And yet, on the same international markets, we find both a disturbing deficit, an imbalance in our trade, and—remarkably enough—a paucity of food. Would that we could solve these problems in addition to the problem of rudeness and intrusiveness on the part of poor people on the streets. This would be a feat. We can. And it is the Private Sector, of course, that shows the way.

I am assured by a very knowing Thatcherite Briton of my acquaintance in New York that poor people—properly preserved, irradiated, and seasoned—are a most delicious, nourishing, and wholesome food, whether stewed, roasted, baked, or boiled, and I am sure that the same holds true if they are microwaved or barbecued.

Imagine the savings! Families can become self-sufficient, simply selling off surplus children and relatives. In addition to the obvious domestic market, which could on the one hand provide much needed nourishment to the poor themselves and on the other hand build a booming business in select breeding for those of more refined tastes, internationally we could both better meet our obligations to the developing nations, who are also desperately in need of food, and also decrease our balance of payments deficit. If the Germans and the Japanese want their pound of flesh from us, let them have it.

Some will probably object to this scheme, find it distasteful, not to their liking. This is understand-

able. But what are the alternatives? Are we to provide jobs for these people instead? Should affordable housing be built? Are education and medical care to be provided *without regard for people's ability to pay*? What kind of society would these people have us build? No. The ideas above are beyond consideration and unless and until they gain greater public acceptance, I submit that the solution I offer here is the only course open to us.

I would point out as well, to those troubled by the seeming inequity of this plan, that the idea is not new and that it did not in fact originate with the upper or middle classes. It is the poor themselves who have been agitating and causing a nuisance. In the very subways they are making unbearable, there has been graffiti for years exhorting people to: "Eat the Rich." If we do not take action now, there is no telling who will end up eating whom.

Finally, if the people do not rise up and implement this solution, we are in danger from the government itself, which is losing its will to keep this problem under control. Federal Judge Leonard Sand has ruled that begging is speech, protected by the First Amendment, and that it may not be infringed. No one disagrees with him, of course, in principle. But not while we're eating; that would just be rude.

CONFRONTING Homophobia

by Maxeen Weinstein

I have a few stories to share about the way homophobia impedes social change and the possibilities of a liberated society. I hope they make you as disgusted and angry as I am. Moreover, I hope we unite in our anger and foster a sex-positive culture which embraces diversity, including the homoerotic.

I happened upon a demonstration in New York last year against tuition hikes at public colleges. I was thrilled by the enthusiasm of hundreds of people protesting Governor Cuomo's actions. People were fed up with budgetary measures that make institutions, like prisons, a growth industry, while making education increasingly elitist. The rally was quite spirited, and I joined the crowd of mostly students.

Little did I know an incident was about to occur that would sour my day. I saw a sign that read: "Cuomo is a homo." That was it. My body temperature increased with rage, and I stared in horror at the four people who stood with this sign, standing proudly as they cheered on the speakers. At first I panicked and tried to deny that this was happening. I could not remain silent for long. I confronted them and pointed out that sexual orientation had nothing to do with tuition. Now the cat was out of the bag.

They were perplexed. They clearly had not anticipated my response to their sign. They stood there silent. I told them that I am gay and was offended by their sign. One woman said, "oh no!" and backed away from me. They acted hysterically; as though I was a living ghoul. I told them that lots of lesbian and gay students were hurt by the economic situation we were protesting and it would harm their cause to continue acting so divisively. Someone challenged that. "Yeah, well, how come nobody else has complained about the sign?"

Mr. Macho had me there. They were making it clear that I was the only fag in a crowd of hundreds who would speak out. I told them that most people are too intimidated to speak out. They were seeking to humiliate and isolate me, confident that I would

find no support from the crowd. I raised my voice to counter their homophobia. I hoped that of the dozens of people who could see what was happening, someone would support my position. People just quietly stared; they were spectators to the sport of faggot-bashing. I left the demonstration to find solace in the men cruising in Central Park.

A year has passed. Reports of violent attacks against lesbians and gay men have increased. The stitches on the face of a friend (the result of one such attack) have saddened me and strengthened my resolve to be who I am. As a radical faerie seeking to celebrate life, I decided to attend the recent Ann Arbor Hash Bash.

The macho male tone of some of the speakers sickened me. I was determined, nevertheless, to enjoy the rally as a community celebration. Then three men showed up wearing "Just say no to drugs" shirts and breathing through gas masks. Definitely a poor fashion statement. The crowd around me agreed and people laughed.

Then some peace-loving pot smokers began calling the three men "losers." They were speaking with the tone of voice of the men on stage. I became apprehensive but I was not prepared for what followed—a group of men began repeatedly screaming "faggots go away." I began to stand up for myself, but felt no solidarity from the crowd. I went away, leaving the masked moralists and the homophobes at the Hash Bash. Incidentally, I later returned with other faeries and our outrageousness was quite well received by most of the folks at the Hash Bash.

The freedom seekers at these two events are destined to fail by engaging in homophobic name calling. Their battle of good vs. evil draws its power from the silence of complicity expressed by spectators who do not take a stand for lesbians and gay men. We will not achieve our desires by oppressing others or through an unwillingness to confront oppression.

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If you're saying goodbye
to the UofM or just
going home for the summer...

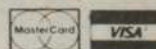


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Panama's Post-Invasion Blues

by Eric Jackson

The U.S. invasion, which came in the wake of over two years of economic sanctions, left about one-third of Panamanians unemployed and thousands homeless. Promises to alleviate the situation remain unfulfilled and for many Panamanians the painful reality of foreign occupation has begun to overshadow the bad memories of the deposed Noriega regime. Whereas the invasion itself saw relatively little resistance from a divided Panamanian public, discontent with the U.S.-backed regime is now growing.

Those left homeless by the invasion have found little reprieve from their situation. Less than one-quarter of those whose homes were destroyed in the burning of Panama City's slum neighborhood of El Chorrillo have been housed behind the razor wire of the U.S. Armed Forces Southern Command's (Southcom's) refugee camp. This camp, located in an airplane hangar at Albrook Air Force Base, squeezes families into 8-by-10 foot canvas-walled cubicles.

While the rubble of El Chorrillo has been completely bulldozed, even those who can produce deeds to the land upon which their ruined homes stood are not allowed to return. El Chorrillo refugees have been told by government officials that they will be given \$6,500 per family. "The Tropic Times," Southcom's official newspaper, also reports this figure but puts the number of displaced families who stand to receive such a benefit at 1800, well under half of those left homeless.

Such a sum is entirely inadequate to build a house in Panama City. And given the capital's current shortage of rental units, apartments are simply not available at any price for the refugees. To protest their plight, the refugees from El Chorrillo have twice blocked the Bridge of the Americas, which spans the Pacific entrance to the canal.

Some refugees have set up shanties, some of which have been attacked by U.S. troops and Panamanian police under U.S. command. In January, a large shanty town east of Panama city near the country's international airport at Tocumen was razed. In March, soldiers and police razed another such squatter community near Arraiján, west of the capital.

Both Southcom and the Endara government have emphatically rejected the notion of compen-

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sation for the loss of personal belongings, injuries or deaths of family members caused by the invasion. A Panamanian anti-invasion lawyers group, "Abogados Asociados," has vowed to litigate on behalf of those left homeless in the U.S. courts, pursuant to a provision of the 1977 canal treaties which requires the U.S. military to pay compensation to Panamanians who suffer property damage as the result of American military activities.

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raided include Obarrio, Viejo Veranillo, Brooklincito and Hollywood. The biggest of these raids, conducted on the night of March 9 in the Pacific-side town of Curundu, resulted in 736 arrests. There have also been raids on the Atlantic side in the country's second largest city, Colón.

Unemployment and attacks on labor also persist in the aftermath of the invasion. Some 4,000 public employees were summarily fired after the invasion. Seniority, severance pay, paid maternity

leave, the right of women workers to return to their jobs up to a year after giving birth, and other provisions of Panama's labor code have been effectively abolished.

Meanwhile, Panamanian labor unions, many of which had gone on strike against the Noriega regime, have been under attack by the Endara government and its U.S. backers. The president of FENASEP (the public employees' union), Héctor Aleman, was arrested and detained for a few days by invading U.S. troops, along with several dozen other labor leaders. The government has moved to impose a new union executive committee upon SUNTRACS, the Panamanian construction workers union.

The labor movement has responded with protest marches and picket lines. The biggest of these was a labor-sponsored march of over 700 in Colón to protest political firings and other attacks

on labor and to demand disclosure of the locations where the bodies of civilians and soldiers killed in and around Colón during the invasion have been buried. (Though there is one well-known mass grave at Mount Hope near Colón, it is thought to contain no more than one-quarter of those who were killed in Colón province.)

A small armed resistance movement has also arisen in opposition to the occupation army. There are occasional sniper attacks on U.S. soldiers in and around Panama City and a member of the Panamanian police force was killed in a jungle shootout near the Colombian border. In addition, an armed resistance group calling itself the December 20th Movement, or M-20, has taken credit for both a hand grenade attack on a Panama City bar which caters to American soldiers and an Atlantic side helicopter crash that claimed the lives of eleven U.S. troops. Southern Command "spin control" operatives have attempted to portray the grenade attack as the work of drug dealers and the helicopter crash as an accident (critical observers point to the good weather, clear terrain and wide distribution of wreckage to question this version).

M-20 leaflets have warned Panamanians against fraternizing with U.S. soldiers and threatened bodily harm to those found wearing pro-invasion t-shirts and destruction of cars bearing pro-invasion bumper stickers. Activists have been arrested in Colón and in David (the country's third largest city, capital of Chiriquí province) for distributing M-20 leaflets.

It has now become evident to Panamanians who had expected a quick economic recovery, that this is not the case. It can be anticipated that, as time passes, economic discontent will translate to more widespread resistance.



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to lay down their arms and essentially surrender. Because of this intransigence, many people now believe that only an FMLN victory or near victory, coupled with a cutoff of U.S. aid, will force the ruling right-wing Arena Party and military high command to the bargaining table. In the meantime, war, not peace, is the order of the day.

More *catapultas* explode, followed by a thick barrage of M-16 rifle fire—with its distinctive "pop, pop, pop..." sound. My compañero, a long-time resident of San Salvador, provides me with a blow-by-blow commentary on tonight's fireworks.

"Right now our not-so-brave First Brigade soldiers are shitting in their fatigues," he explains. "Listen. You can tell from the sound of their M-16s that they've panicked. They're blindly firing off everything they can towards the volcano." More mortars detonate.

For the next half hour, we stand outside in order to get a better view of the firefight in the distance. As we discuss the grim statistics released by the country's non-governmental Commission on Human Rights (COHES) of military and police terror over the past 30 days—133 assassinations, 13 kidnappings, and 59 captures and tortures—the First Brigade infantrymen launch *Bengalas*, powerful night flares, high up into the sky, illuminating the entire mountainside. One *Bengala* flare drops short, like a falling star, into the underbrush on the lower slopes, igniting a bright fire.

A U.S.-supplied Huey helicopter approaches from the south, flying very high in the nearly cloudless night sky. The Huey cruises in a wide arc above the volcano, firing its *Bengalas* and looking for traces of the now silent FMLN comandos.

"It certainly took the Air Force a while to get here," my friend remarks, looking at his watch. "And the pilot's flying too high to be able to see anything. Since *la ofensiva* (the rebel offensive of Nov. 1989) the Air Force are afraid of the FMLN's SAMs (surface-to-air missiles)."

Whether the guerrillas bought these anti-aircraft missiles on the international black market, or whether they were donated by the Sandinistas or the Cubans, the SAMs are a new and formidable



weapon in the hands of the rebel militias. With enough SAMs and enough practice, many people believe the FMLN will be able to organize new liberated territories and successfully defend these zones from air attacks.

The helicopter begins firing its 50mm machine guns. Using tracer bullets to mark the intended target, the copter fires one rocket, then another—which explodes a moment later in a spectacular burst on the mountainside.

"The *compas* are already halfway around the volcano, making their retreat. The helicopter gunner is just wasting his rockets."

Massacre at Corral de Piedra

Six days earlier in Chalatenango the Air Force gunners were more successful, carrying out their specialty—daylight attacks on unarmed civilians. In the small repopulated village of Corral de

Piedra, five helicopters and two A-37 fighter bombers rocketed and machine-gunned 500 Salvadoran refugees who had recently returned to Chalatenango after eight years of exile in the Honduran refugee camp of Mesa Grande.

In a direct hit on one of the houses in the hamlet, a U.S.-made rocket killed four children and one adult: José Dolores Serrano, age 11; Isabel López, age 10; Anabel Beatriz López, age two; and Blanca Lidia Guardada, age two and one-half. Blanca Lidia's shrapnel-pierced and partially dismembered corpse was found in the arms of her 28-year-old father, José Anibal Guardado, who was also killed. Seventeen other villagers were also seriously wounded, 11 of whom were children and babies. As near hysterical villagers tried to rescue some of the wounded during a lull in the attack, they were stopped at gunpoint by

Salvadoran troops, who told them to stay away because the victims "were dead guerrillas." The troops meanwhile were looting and destroying every house in sight.

As Red Cross and civilian vehicles tried to evacuate the wounded, a C-47 "Dakota" airplane attacked the area, firing its machine guns indiscriminately. Shortly thereafter the unarmed but enraged villagers managed to drive the Salvadoran infantrymen out of the hamlet, screaming at them that they were assassins and robbers of the poor. In the midst of the screams and cries of the wounded, some of the government soldiers began crying. After examining the bloody carnage, a number of infantrymen from the First Military Detachment in Chalatenango told village residents that they were going to desert from the army.

After initially trying to blame the FMLN guerrillas for the massacre (contradicting hundreds of eyewitnesses including church observers), the military high command and President Cristiani were forced to admit that this so-called "tragic mistake" had been perpetrated by the Air Force. Opposition spokespersons and church officials in the capital were quick to point out the similarities between the slaughter of Corral de Piedra and the systematic Air Force attacks on heavily populated urban *barrios* during the November offensive, when over 1000 non-combatants were killed and several thousand were wounded.

Despite daily bombings of re-populated zones in the rural one-third of the country controlled by the FMLN, thousands of highly politicized Salvadorans have recently returned from Honduran refugee camps to their former homes in Chalatenango, Cabañas, Morazán, and Usulután. The military high command is enraged by this repopulation movement, believing that every returning refugee is an actual or potential fighter for the FMLN. In Corral de Piedra, for example, villagers reported after the massacre that soldiers told them that they had to move away from the FMLN controlled zones if they wanted to avoid future

Guatemala—State Terror, Resistance on the Rise

by Jon Reed

"Human rights abuses have essentially been viewed as a public relations problem under President Cerezo."

—Americas Watch Report on Guatemala, March 11, 1990

GUATEMALA CITY - According to a news release by the U.S. State Department, there were over 2,000 political crimes perpetrated by death squads and right-wing paramilitary groups in Guatemala in 1989 alone. An examination of human rights statistics and reports in the Guatemalan press reveal that there have been over 7,000 unsolved assassinations, kidnappings, and disappearances since the pseudo-civilian administration of Vinicio Cerezo came to power four years ago. Only three other U.S. allies in the hemisphere have an ongoing human rights record as bad as Guatemala: Colombia, Peru, and El Salvador.

Despite these appalling statistics, the Reagan and Bush administrations, with the acquiescence of congressional liberals, have directly or indirectly pumped over \$200 million a year into the Guatemalan economy. U.S. military counter-insurgency operations, involving hundreds of troops and National Guard personnel, are on the increase—especially in the war zones of Chimaltenango, Quiché, and the Petén. Meanwhile, the horrendous reputation of the Guatemalan police and army have forced the Bush administration to conceal this intervention

behind the facade of social welfare, public works, and the war on drugs.

In early March, as the United Nations was discussing what to do about human rights violations in Guatemala, the Bush administration recalled Guatemalan Ambassador Thomas Strook back to Washington for a week, supposedly to express U.S. displeasure with the ongoing bloodbath. But things had "returned to normal" by March 13. President Cerezo promised to respect human rights and to step up the war on drugs, while the White House agreed to keep supplying the money and military support that make the carnage possible. Within 48 hours more mutilated bodies had appeared on the streets and roadsides.

As Guatemalan exile leader Frank LaRue and others have pointed out, the obvious reason for this increased repression has been the rise in activity of the above-ground popular movement and the armed insurgency. And as the National Security State economy of Guatemala deteriorates further, more and more citizens will be protesting, going on strike, refusing to participate in the mandatory civil patrols, or joining up as collaborators and fighters for the URNG. In response to this upsurge in activity, the economic and military elite of the country are reverting back to the early 1980s doctrine of "total war." After allowing the Christian Democratic Cerezo administration to experiment for several years with a slightly less bloody form of low-intensity warfare, increased violence and political repression

are to be expected in the early 1990s.

Since the powerful Salvadoran FMLN guerrilla offensive of last November, the U.S. invasion of Panama in December, and the February 25 Nicaraguan elections, more and more opposition activists in Guatemala seem to agree that only a regional resistance campaign, coupled with internal changes in the U.S., will bring about a negotiated, socially just solution to the generalized crisis of the region. Thousands of highly politicized Salvadorans have taken temporary refuge in Guatemala over the last few months, and their interactions with the above ground and clandestine resistance here seem to have had a beneficial effect on the overall morale of the movement. If the Salvadorans can eventually defeat their death-squad democracy, so can the Guatemalans.

Unfortunately the Bush administration can be expected to try to crush any future left-wing revolution in the hemisphere, as the recent Nicaraguan experience shows. As an activist in the countryside recently explained to me, Guatemala and the countries of Latin America will eventually gain their liberation—but more as a bloc, rather than individually—and in the meantime it's going to be a long, bloody struggle. For the moment, things are worse than ever in Guatemala and Central America, but the signs of grassroots rebellion and resistance appear to be growing.

PHOTOS

This page: Young FMLN combatants in the province of Usulután, December 1989 (Tomas Long/Media Workshop). Next page top: Army patrol on a break in San Salvador, November 1989 (Tomas Long/Media Workshop). Next page bottom: "Frustration!" (Dagoberto Aguirre/El Taller/Media Workshop).



military attacks. The villagers refused, telling the soldiers in no uncertain terms that Chalatenango was their home, and that nothing could make them leave.

With the impoverished and largely landless rural population suffering from regular air and ground attacks, accompanied by blockages of food supplies and medicines, it's no wonder that a flood of new *campesino* recruits are steadily joining up with the FMLN. In the cities a deteriorating economy and the draconian state repression are similarly driving more and more civilians into the ranks of the guerrillas. As one urban commando pointed out recently to a foreign reporter, "in some respects it's safer to incorporate and fight with the FMLN militias than it is to carry on the struggle in the popular movement, where the threat of being kidnapped or killed by government security forces is a daily reality."

Terror as a Way of Life

As I accompany Bishop Gumbleton of Detroit and a U.S. church delegation through the still bloodstained rooms and courtyard of the Jesuit residences at the University of Central America (UCA), scene of the November 16, 1989 massacre of six Jesuit priests and two women, I can't stop thinking about how North Americans don't seem that upset over the daily terror being carried out by the U.S. puppet regimes in El Salvador and Guatemala (to name only two of the many "death squad democracies" currently enjoying U.S. largess).

As Bishop Gumbleton points out, standing in front of the bloodspattered outer wall of the faculty dormitory, (our Jesuit guide, John Cortina, explains to us that some of the dark stains on the wall are actually brain matter of the Jesuits who were shot here with exploding bullets): "There's no difference between the Jesuit massacre, Corral de Piedra, and the everyday terror in El Salvador. Without a cutoff of U.S. aid, this terror will continue indefinitely."

Bishop Gumbleton, Father Jim Barnett, and the other clergy have just returned from a harrowing two day journey to Chalatenango, where they twice defied Salvadoran military troops who tried to block them from visiting the survivors of Corral de Piedra. Incidents of military repression like this, directed against the churches, have become commonplace. It's no wonder that religious workers and churchgoers have become so politicized and radicalized. Preaching from the altar, a few yards away from the walled-in tombs of the six Jesuits, in a memorial mass for the martyrs of Corral de Piedra, Bishop Gumbleton sums up the situation eloquently:

"A survivor of the recent massacre in Chalatenango asked me if God had abandoned the people. And what could I tell him? It is my country that pays for the rockets and bombs that struck that small village. We North Americans must ask for forgiveness over and over again from the Salvadoran people. And we must struggle to stop all military aid to the Salvadoran armed forces. The blood of these martyrs truly is the seed of our hope. To honor their memories we must give up our power and our riches and join in their struggle for peace and social justice. We must join them and walk in trust with Jesus against the powers that be."

Liberation theology is the most potent and widespread form of revolutionary ideology that exists in Latin America today. Needless to say, if Bishop Gumbleton had been preaching sermons like this in El Salvador last November, he probably would be reposing today in tomb number seven in the walls of the UCA student chapel.

Seeds of Hope

For the second time today (Feb. 24), at my second memorial service, I found myself crying. A beautiful young woman from the IMU (Women's Institute) was delivering a funeral eulogy for 43-year-old Norma Guirola de Herrera—a poet, political activist, paramedic, and one of the most

well-known leaders of the women's liberation movement in El Salvador. On the second day of the November FMLN offensive, Norma was captured while performing medical duties for the wounded in the city of San Marcos. Accused of being a collaborator of the FMLN, Norma was taken to the El Zapote military base in San Marcos where she was tortured and executed at point blank range, with gunshots to the face. Like many others, Norma's body was tossed into a mass grave by the soldiers.

Shortly after Norma's execution, her 23-year-old activist niece, Tania Guirola, was also killed by the army. Standing alongside Norma and Tania's flower-draped gravestone in the cemetery, surrounded by a crowd of relatives and *compañeros*, a thin young woman raised her fist and shouted out that Norma and Tania are present in the struggles of the people—*hasta la victoria* (until victory). A relative of the family had explained to me earlier that Norma's and Tania's memorial service could not be held until today—three months after their assassinations—because it was considered to be too dangerous.

All over El Salvador the opposition community are mourning their martyred comrades. At least 500 FMLN combatants—men, women, and children—were killed in the fighting, while even more non-combatants were killed in the aerial attacks or were summarily executed by the army. What seem like statistics from far away are experienced here as real tragedies—beautiful men, women, and children whose premature deaths will not be forgotten.

Postscript

It's the day after the Nicaraguan elections. I'm standing, rather stunned, in the front office of Co-Madres, the Mothers of the Disappeared and Assassinated. A grey-haired grandmother, barely five feet tall, points out to me the spot where my North American *compañera*, Brenda Hubbard, was wounded and nearly killed by shrapnel from a bomb planted by the Salvadoran military last October 31. In a room filled with animated children and their mothers, I admit to the Co-Madres grandmother that I am feeling depressed about the defeat of the Sandinistas in the Nicaraguan elections. "Many Nicaraguans voted with their stomachs, not their politics," she says, "*pero aqui, nadie se rinde* (but here, no one is surrendering)." The struggle continues.



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

1 Tuesday

Art Exhibit: Arts & Programming through May 10, Art Lounge, Mich. Union. Sculpture and drawing display by Eric Blome. 764-6498

Puppy and Kitten Food Drive: Humane Society of Huron Valley & Others thru May 13, all area Krogers, Huron Pet Supply (A2 & Ypsi), Milan Foodtown, Dexter Walco, and Saline Busch's Value Land & HSHV shelter, 3100 Cherry Hill Rd. Donate puppy or kitten food to the shelter as part of Be Kind to Animals Week. 662-5545

Artful Domain: The Damon/Burdick Gallery through May 3, 11 am to 5 pm, 700 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Works of three glass artists with unusual approaches to the medium. 646-2030

Glass, Painting and Sculpture Exhibit: Sixteen Hands through May 3, 11 am to 6 pm, 119 W. Washington. Exhibit of functional, handcrafted glass objects; mixed media paintings by Semour Remen; and ceramic sculpture by Stephanie Samuels. 761-1110

Orientation: Women's Crisis Center 11 am, 218 N. Adams, Ypsilanti. WCC needs volunteers interested in peer counseling, fundraising, the legal project and more. 485-2310

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

"Nicaragua: Children & Their Places"—A Poem of Faces and Places: Peace InSight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Stirring slide show and music of Juigalpa, A2's Sister City, by Bruce Graves. 769-7422

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

Paul Keller-Cary Kocher Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$2. 662-8310

2 Wednesday

Economic & Racial Justice Study Series: Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice noon, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division. The first of five meetings with U-M economists and social workers to discern ways the

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Zvuki Mu: Russia's Talking Heads? See for yourself this month at the Michigan Theater. (see 16 Wed)

new ICPJ Economic & Racial Justice Task Force can be most effective. 663-1870

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

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

Town Meeting: Peace Dividend Town Meeting Committee 7:30 pm, First United Methodist Church, Social Hall, State at Huron. Discussion of proposals relating to the U.S. conversion to a peacetime economy featuring Thomas Weisskopf, U-M Prof. of Economics. 663-6248

Native American-Style Shield Making: Creation Spirituality 7:30 pm, First Unitarian-Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw at Berkshire. Bring yarn, beads, feathers, etc. Some materials will be provided. 971-5924

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

The Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$2. 662-8310

National Town Meeting: National Commission for Economic Conversion and Disarmament 9:30 pm, WUOM 91.7-FM. Broadcast from the National Press Club tying together local town meetings across the country. 663-6248

3 Thursday

The Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

4 Friday

Orientation: Women's Crisis Center 3 pm (see 1 Tue)

The Olivia Street Stompers: South U Merchant's Association 5:30 pm to 8 pm, corner of Church St. and South

Univ. The Stompers, composed of retired U-M faculty and alumni, is a Dixieland Jazz band. Free refreshments. 662-9270

"Nicaragua: Children & Their Friends": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 1 Tue)

Student Productions: Pioneer High School Theatre Guild 8 pm, Pioneer High Little Theatre, 601 W. Stadium. Student actors, writers and directors present their works. Four plays: "Bruhah Hah," "Overtones," "A Bouquet of Followers," and "Somewhere East of Nod," \$3. 994-2120

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

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

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

Betty Joplin: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. Featuring pianist Eddie Russ, \$5. 662-8310

Dance Jam: People Dancing 10 pm, People Dancing Studio, 111 Third St. An alternative to the bar scene for people who love to dance. Highly varied recorded dance music. Occasional live percussion. Feel free to bring own music. Smoke- and alcohol- free. Children welcome, \$2. 996-2405

5 Saturday

"Energetic Birthing: The Holistic Approach": Patty Brennan 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Ann Arbor "Y", 350 S. 5th Ave. Workshops for pregnant women and professionals who support them, \$20-\$50. 668-0016

Spring Rummage Sale: Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Kiwanis Activities Center, W. Washington at First St. An "off spring" of the mammoth February sale. Used appliances, furniture, clothing, etc. 665-6153

Annual Canoe Symposium and Display: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 10 am to 4 pm, Gallup Park Canoe Livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. Features many models of canoes and equipment. 662-9319

Spring Peace Pipe Ceremony: Eagle Speaks Native American Arts 10 am, Eagle Speaks, 207 S. 4th Ave. Mark the arrival of spring and the Indian New Year with a ceremony and exhibit of paintings by Sioux artist Louie Thunderhawk.

Mid-Great Lakes Regional Meeting: Huron Valley Greens 11 am to 3 pm, Friends Meeting House, Kalamazoo. Topic: Green Movement/Green Party cooperation and Green organizing in Mich. 663-0003

"Poetry as a Common Voice": LINES 3 pm, Holley Rm., Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Poets Robert Creeley and

Victor Hernandez Cruz discuss multicultural poetics. 833-1858

Farrell & Farrell with Sweet Crystal: Father For Forever Productions 7:30 pm (doors open at 6 pm), Pease Auditorium, EMU, Ypsilanti. Benefit concert for Habitat for Humanity, an organization that builds low-cost housing, \$3 and a canned food item. 485-7631

Student Productions: Pioneer High School Theatre Guild 8 pm. Four plays: "They're Tearing Down Tim Riley's Bar," "Group Therapy," "Los Arboles Mueren de Pie (The Homecoming)," and "The Mirror People." (see 4 Fri)

Betty Joplin: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 4 Fri)

6 Sunday

Bike-a-thon: Ecology Center 8 am, 417 Detroit St. Four different routes starting and ending at Ecology Center. Help raise funds for local environmental education programs. Rider celebration, 1 pm to 3 pm. Sponsor sheets available at the Ecology Center. \$15 suggested min. from sponsors. 761-3186

"LINES 10th Anniversary Reading": LINES 3 pm, Lecture Hall, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Poets Robert Creeley and Victor Hernandez Cruz read from their works, \$3. 833-1858

Benefit: Safe House 4 pm to 9 pm, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley. Featuring Lady Be Good and Class Action, \$10/\$15/\$20. 662-8310

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

Meeting: Huron Valley Greens 6:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. The Greens work on integrating the issues of ecologically sound living, grassroots democracy, social equality, justice and peace. Business/Details Committee and Working Group reports. 6 pm potluck; bring a dish to pass. 663-0003

Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA Meeting 7:30 pm, First Cong. Church, 118 N. Adams, Ypsilanti. 484-0456

Women's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First, \$3. 996-8555

Sam Clark & Harvey Reed Jam Session: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. 662-8310

7 Monday

Tour Processing Facility: Recycle Ann Arbor 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm, 2950 Ellsworth Rd. See what happens to your recyclables. Call for reservations. 971-9676

Orientation: Women's Crisis Center 6 pm (see 1 Tue)

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm,

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Big Band Night: Bird of Paradise
9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. With the Bird
of Paradise Orchestra, \$3. 662-8310

8 Tuesday

8th Annual Waste Awareness Awards Presentation: Ecology Center
noon, Leslie Science Center, 1831
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Waste Conscious Business or Institution,
Most Waste Conscious Individual,
and Most Wasteful Consumer Product.
Bring a bag lunch; drinks will be
provided. 761-3186

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

**"Mother's Day Festival of Peace
1989": Peace InSight** 7:05 pm, A2
Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9.
Last year's festival at West Park,
featuring theater, children's activities
and live music. 769-7422

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

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

**Meeting: Washtenaw Citizens for
Animal Rights** 7:30 pm, 802 Monroe
St. Discuss upcoming events, including
the John Robbins lecture and the D.C.
March for the Animals. 665-2480

**Paul Keller-Cary Kocher Quartet:
Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

9 Wednesday

**Economic & Racial Justice Study
Series: Interfaith Council for Peace
& Justice** noon (see 2 Wed)

"Womyn's Rites and Rhythms"
6 pm (see 2 Wed)

"Living in the Balance": John Morris
7:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist
Church, 1917 Washtenaw. Recorded
songs of the humpback whale and
music from "Koyaanisqatsi," with
Native American and other readings.
665-7291

**Meeting: Latin American Solidarity
Committee (LASC)** 8 pm (see 2 Wed)

**Benefit Concert with Frank Allison
and the Odd Sox: Ecology Center**
9 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Dance for
the environment. Proceeds benefit the
Center's environmental education and
advocacy programs, \$5. 761-3186

**The Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of
Paradise** 9:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

10 Thursday

**JUNE issue deadline for News &
Feature Stories: AGENDA** by 5 pm,
202 E. Washington #512, 48104.
996-8018

**Volunteer Training: Domestic
Violence Project** 7 pm to 10 pm, for

location call 995-5444. Volunteers are
needed in all program areas, including
answering the crisis line, child care,
counseling, support groups, and public
speaking. This will be the first night of
training. Future dates will be set up.
Call for interview. 995-5444

**The Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of
Paradise** 9:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

11 Friday

Art Exhibit: Arts & Programming
through May 30, Mich. Union Art
Lounge. Abstract oil paintings of
Corinne Gignac. 764-6498

**"Mother's Day Festival of Peace
1989": Peace InSight** 6:05 pm
(see 8 Tue)

**Classical Indian Dance Recital: U-M
Dance Dept.** 8 pm, Studio A, 1310 N.
University Court. Navtej Johar will
perform the "ashtapadi," other
traditional dances and the experimen-
tal piece "FACE/less amid the orbit of
exotic images," \$6/\$4 students & srs.
769-7230

Meeting: Black Gay Men Together
8 pm (see 4 Fri)

"Beauty": Performance Network
9 pm, 408 W. Washington. Visual poet
Patrick Burton encompasses light,
sound and movement in this introspec-
tive piece, \$10/\$8 students and srs.
663-0681

Straight Ahead: Bird of Paradise
9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

12 Saturday

**11th Annual Dog Walkathon: The
Humane Society of Huron Valley**
9 am to 4 pm, 3100 Cherry Hill Rd. (off
Plymouth east of US-23). Take a walk
with or without your canine to raise
money for our Cruelty Investigation
and Animal Rescue Programs. Pick up
sponsor sheets at HSHV. 662-5545

**8th Annual Tree Seedling Give
Away: Ecology Center** 9:30 am, 2050
S. Industrial. The first 400 people
bringing recyclables to the Drop Off
Station will receive a free white pine
seedling. 761-3186

**General Meeting: Michigan Green
Party** 10 am to 6 pm, School of
Natural Resources, Dana Bldg., rm.
1040. Party members will revise and
expand the platform and determine
candidate strategy. 663-0003

**Canoe Auction: Dept. of Parks &
Rec.** noon, Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller
Rd. Public auction of used and damag-
ed canoes and equipment, tips on
canoe repair and more. 662-9319

**"The Green Cities Program": Huron
Valley Greens** 6 pm to 9 pm, Kuenzel
Room, Mich. Union. Peter Berg will
discuss Planet Drum's Green Cities
program as a model for integrating any
urban area into the natural bioregion
that supports it. 663-0003

**Classical Indian Dance Recital: U-M
Dance Dept.** 8 pm (see 11 Fri)

"Beauty": Performance Network
9 pm (see 11 Fri)



*Navtej Johar will perform Classical Indian Dances
this month in a recital sponsored by the U-M Dance Dept.
(see 11 Fri and 12 Sat)*

Straight Ahead: Bird of Paradise
9:30 pm (see 11 Fri)

13 Sunday

**Sixth Annual Mother's Day Festival
of Peace: Women's Action for
Nuclear Disarmament** 1 pm to 4 pm,
West Park. Scheduled entertainers:

Elise Bryant, Linda Jones & Sheila
Ritter, Footloose, Lunar Octet, Michael
Lee, Vision Theater, Ann Arbor Suzuki
Players. Children's activities: juggling
and balloon animal workshops, face
painting, Aesop Fable Puppet Theater,
New Games, origami, downs, arts and
crafts. (Cancelled if rain.) 761-1718

"Meeting: HAC 6 pm (see 6 Sun)

"Beauty": Performance Network
7 pm (see 11 Fri)

**Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian
AA Meeting** 7:30 pm (see 6 Sun)

Women's Music: Gay Liberation
8 pm (see 6 Sun)

**Sam Clark & Harvey Reed Jam
Session: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm
(see 6 Sun)

14 Monday

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

Big Band Night: Bird of Paradise
9:30 pm (see 7 Mon)

15 Tuesday

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

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

**"Daniel Ortega's Speech to U.S.
Citizens": Peace InSight** 7:05 pm, A2
Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9.
Just a few days after the Feb. 25 Nica-
raguan elections, President Ortega
addressed the people of North Ameri-
ca, offering important insights on the
meaning of the surprise outcome of the
elections and asking for us to continue
our solidarity work despite the change
of government. 769-7422

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

**Paul Keller-Cary Kocher Quartet:
Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

16 Wednesday

**Economic & Racial Justice Study
Series: Interfaith Council for Peace
& Justice** noon (see 2 Wed)

"Womyn's Rites and Rhythms" 6 pm
(see 2 Wed)

Phil Rogers: Creation Spirituality
7:30 pm, First Unitarian-Universalist
Church, 1917 Washtenaw at Berkshire.
Rogers will give background informa-
tion and lead us in a Shamanic
spiritual journey to find our power
animals. 971-5924

Zvuki Mu: Michigan Theater 8 pm,
603 E. Liberty. Zvuki Mu has been
called Russia's Talking Heads, \$14.50/
\$12.50 for members. 668-8397

**Meeting: Latin American Solidarity
Committee (LASC)** 8 pm (see 2 Wed)

**The Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of
Paradise** 9:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

17 Thursday

Meeting: Bread For The World 7:30
pm, Memorial Christian Church, 730
Tappan. Discussion of domestic and
international hunger issues, with a
special emphasis at this meeting on

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third world debt, along with legislative updates. 487-9058

"Astride of a Grave": Performance Network 8 pm, 408 W. Washington. Four one-act plays representative of Samuel Beckett's later work, \$9/\$7 (students & seniors). 663-0681

The Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

18 Friday

"Daniel Ortega's Speech to U.S. Citizens": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 15 Tue)

John Robbins: Washtenaw Citizens for Animal Rights 7 pm, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw. Lecture/discussion by author of "Diet for a New America," on how our food choices affect our lives, the animals we eat, and the earth, \$5 advance/\$6 at door. 665-2480

"Moving Towards the Sixth Sun: Healing the Earth": Kalpulli Koakalko Institute of Indigenous Natural Medicine 7:30 pm, Pendleton Rm., Mich. Union. Introductory lecture and Azteka dance for those interested in Azteka history, medicine, philosophy, song and dance, \$5 don. 973-0356

"Astride of a Grave": Performance Network 8 pm (see 17 Thur)

Meeting: Black Gay Men Together 8 pm (see 4 Fri)

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

John Shea Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

Dance Jam: People Dancing 10 pm (see 4 Fri)

19 Saturday

Tree Clinic: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 9 am to 1 pm, Burns Park Shelter, 1320 Baldwin. Forestry Division staff will answer questions about disease, insect diagnosis and planting recommendations. Bring samples. 994-2769

Canoe Instruction Clinic: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 10 am to noon, Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Rd. Pre-registration encouraged, \$7.50. 662-9319

"Astride of a Grave": Performance Network 8 pm (see 17 Thur)

John Shea Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 18 Fri)

20 Sunday

Fundraiser: WEMU-FM Public Radio 11:30 am to 2:30 pm, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley. Buffet, fashion show, and live music, \$20. 487-2229

Living History Day: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 12 pm to 4 pm, Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard, \$1.50/\$.75 youth & seniors. 994-2928

Poetry and Prose Reading: Granite Line Writers 2 pm, Freighthouse Cafe, Cross at River St., Ypsilanti. Brian Wallace, Sandra Vallie, Erin Smith and Karen Malofy. Eight open-mike readers, \$3. 663-0546

"Critters for Kids": Dept. of Parks & Rec. 2 pm, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. Naturalist Dorothy Blanchard teaches children about local reptiles and amphibians. Class size is limited to 20, \$1.50. 662-7802

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

"Puppy and Dog Training and Care Clinic: Humane Society of Huron Valley 4 pm, Ann Arbor Dog Training Club, 1575 E. N. Territorial Rd. Demos on health, grooming and obedience, \$2/children under 12 free. 662-5545

Meeting: HAC 6 pm (see 6 Sun)

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

"Astride of a Grave": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 17 Thur)

Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA Meeting 7:30 pm (see 6 Sun)

Women's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 6 Sun)

Clark & Reed Jam Session: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 6 Sun)

21 Monday

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

Big Band Night: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 7 Mon)

22 Tuesday

"Hug a Tree" Workshop: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 10 am, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. Workshop for 3 & 4 yr. olds to learn about nature. Class size limited to 20, \$2. 662-7802

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

"Sister City Election Delegation Report": Peace InSight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Nine Ann Arborites, official observers of the Nicaraguans, election, answers the questions on everyone's minds: Why did the U.S.-backed UNO coalition win? Why were the polls so wrong? What is the meaning of this turnaround for the people of Nicaragua? 769-7422

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

Paul Keller-Cary Kocher Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

23 Wednesday

Economic & Racial Justice Study Series: Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice noon (see 2 Wed)

"Womyn's Rites and Rhythms" 6 pm (see 2 Wed)

"Isaac Asimov: Outstanding American Humanist": Humanist Discussion Group 7:30 pm, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw. 665-7291

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) 8 pm (see 2 Wed)

The Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

24 Thursday

"Astride of a Grave": Performance Network 8 pm (see 17 Thur)

The Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

25 Friday

"Sister City Election Delegation Report": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 22 Tue)

The Israeli Occupation and Selective Military Refusal: Ann Arbor Friends of Yesh G'vul 8 pm, Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard. Sabbath service, talk and reception with Hanoch Livneh, an Israeli reserve sergeant who has been jailed for refusing to serve in the Gaza Strip. 662-5970

Meeting: Black Gay Men Together 8 pm (see 4 Fri)

"Astride of a Grave": Performance Network 8 pm (see 17 Thur)

Cynthia Dewberry: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. Featuring the Ron Brooks Trio, \$5. 662-8310

26 Saturday

Canoe Instruction: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 10 am to noon (see 19 Sat)

City Outdoor Pools Open for the Season: Dept. of Parks & Rec. Buhr Park Pool (2751 Packard Rd.), Fuller Pool (1519 Fuller Rd.), and Veterans Pool (2150 Jackson Rd.), \$1.50/\$1 (youth and seniors)/children three years and under free with paying adult. 994-2780

"Astride of a Grave": Performance Network 8 pm (see 17 Thur)

Cynthia Dewberry: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 25 Fri)

27 Sunday

Meeting: HAC 6 pm (see 6 Sun)

"Astride of a Grave": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 17 Thur)

Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA Meeting 7:30 pm (see 6 Sun)

Women's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 6 Sun)

Sam Clark & Harvey Reed Jam Session: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 6 Sun)

28 Monday

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

Big Band Night: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 7 Mon)

29 Tuesday

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

"The Nevada Nuclear Weapons Test Site": Peace InSight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Six local people from WAND, the Greens and SANE/Freeze joined the international protest in Nevada 3/28-4/2/90, against the U.S. insistence on continuing its huge underground nuclear explosions to test and develop new kinds of nuclear weapons. 769-7422

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

Paul Keller-Cary Kocher Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 1 Tue)

30 Wednesday

Economic & Racial Justice Study Series: Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice noon (see 2 Wed)

"Womyn's Rites and Rhythms" 6 pm (see 2 Wed)

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) 8 pm (see 2 Wed)

The Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

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WAND Celebrates Mother's Day Festival of Peace

WAND's 6th Annual Mother's Day Festival of Peace will be held on Sunday May 13 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the West Park Bandshell. WAND will be celebrating the original meaning of Mother's Day—to honor women working for peace. Performer Elise Bryant, mime Michael Lee, jazz/Latin band Lunar Octet, swing/folk/blues band Footloose, children's sing-along leaders Linda Jones and Sheila Ritter, Ann Arbor Suzuki Players, and WAND's own Vision Theater will entertain. For the children there will also be juggling workshops, face painting, Aesop Fable Puppet Theater, balloon animals workshops, new games, origami, arts and crafts, and clowns. Raffle tickets will be on sale for \$1 each or 6 for \$5—prizes include a handmade quilt by Ann LaCross, a print by Laura Strowe, Sunday breakfast for two at Amadeus, brunch for two at Washington St. Station, a poster and greeting cards by Joanne Leonard, the record "College Days" from Liberty Music, and gift certificates from The Bagel Factory, Collected Works, Falling Water Books, the Lamplighter, Metamorphosis, Seva, Stone Age, Inc., The Tortoise & Hare, and Cats' Pajamas (all cotton, handpainted baby and children's clothing). Admission is free. Pizza and cider will be for sale. All will be cancelled if it rains.

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

Meetings are held the second Sunday of the month (usually at 7:30 pm) at St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor (across from the Baits Drive entrance to U-M North Campus), except for May, when we hold our Mother's Day Festival of Peace instead. Call 761-1718 for a message about upcoming meetings and events, and important lobbying action. For information about Campus WAND, the student chapter at the U-M, or if you need a ride from campus, call Lissa Guenzel, 769-6570, or Sarah Cooley, 662-2475. For speakers who will address groups, classes, and public forums, contact Tobi Hanna-Davies at 662-7869.

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

HOMOPHOBIA (from page 4)

There is a virtual unanimity of discourse in the United States praising the heterosexual, nuclear family. AIDS hysteria is used to create an anti-sexual culture. It is time to stop being scared of difference and to embrace deviance. This means standing up and speaking out against homophobia in situations like the ones I mentioned. It means uniting with creative strategies to strip the power of homophobia. In the face of social oppression, we must defend the integrity of individuals. Only then will we have a chance to achieve freedom.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

LaGroc Wins! MSA Derecognizes Cornerstone Christian Fellowship

At the University of Michigan, the Michigan Student Assembly's Court of Common Pleas has mandated that the Assembly derecognize Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, a religious organization to which MSA had granted recognition as an official student group. The Lesbian & Gay Men's Rights Organizing Committee was the plaintiff in the case. The decision was based on CCF's discriminatory membership policy. It is likely that CCF will appeal the decision.

The U-M Task Force on Campus Safety and Security has issued a report recommending the expansion of several University programs. The Task Force stated that the Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office needs increased funding and greater publicity of its services. The Office provides education, advocacy for the human and civil rights of lesbians and gay men, counseling, and consultation services for campus and extra-University groups and agencies.

The Lesbian Herstory Archives is asking lesbians around the world to join them in a week of events May 2 to May 9 to raise funds for a building to house the archives. The purpose of the Archives is to gather and preserve any materials that are relevant to lesbian lives and activities and to make the material accessible to all lesbians. There are no fees for usage or inclusion. To contribute or to request information, write to LHEF, P.O. Box 1258, New York, NY 10116; (212) 874-7232.

The Michigan Organization for Human Rights announces the fifth annual Gay-Lesbian Pride March, to be held Sunday, June 24 in Lansing, beginning at 1 pm. The event is timed to coincide with National Pride Week in all 50 states. For information, call the MOHR offices in Lansing at (517) 887-2605, in Detroit at (313) 537-6647 or in Ann Arbor at 763-4186.

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

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

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

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

Ecology Center: Give an Hour of Your Time to the Earth

Much of the hoopla surrounding Earth Day 1990 has subsided. While you're catching your breath from the month-long whirlwind of activities and events, take some time to reflect on one of the important messages communicated during Earth Day celebrations—every day is Earth Day. It's not enough to be concerned with our environment once a year on Earth Day. Each of us, in our own way, must do our part to help the environment all year through. Now is the time to act on what we've learned over the past month—time to translate that concern for the environment into positive, meaningful action.

The Ecology Center has a great way for you to make a big difference in the quality of our environment, and it probably won't take you more than an hour of your time each month. How would you like to be responsible for the following: Increasing recycling participation in your neighborhood by 100%? Diverting two tons of valuable natural resources from the landfill each year?

Over 300 Ann Arborites are doing just that as block coordinators. Block coordinators encourage their neighbors to recycle by distrib-

uting educational brochures. Then, once a month, a few days before the monthly recycling collection day, they hang reminder tags on their neighbors' doors. It's that simple and it gets big results.

The Ecology Center would like to thank all of our past and current volunteer block coordinators for making curbside recycling in Ann Arbor so successful. We invite you to be a part of that success. Seeing more and more of your neighbors taking their recyclables to the curb will be your reward if you become a block coordinator. You'll get great satisfaction knowing that your actions have had a positive impact on your neighbors and the environment.

If you'd like to volunteer as a block coordinator, call Diane Reed at the Ecology Center, 761-3186, Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 5 pm. We especially need help on the east side of the city but welcome volunteers from all Ann Arbor neighborhoods.

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