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Junkie nation threatens violence for oil fix



Control over oil supplies and prices, now and in the future, is clearly the reason the U.S. has committed 430,000 troops to the Middle East, a build-up approaching that at the peak of the Vietnam War. This control is important because oil is the lifeblood of the world's transportation network and is a major industrial fuel for both developed and developing countries.

The Persian Gulf area is so critical because it contains over half of the world's known oil reserves and completely dominates the oil export market. The ability to control global oil policy is one of the last remaining pillars of post-war U.S. economic hegemony and it should come as no surprise that the government is willing to project massive military force to retain this power.

The U.S. is, as advertised, the world's oil pig. Since the world consumes about 22 billion barrels of oil per year, the U.S. accounts for almost 30 percent of global consumption with only 5 percent of the world's population. Even compared to economic powers such as Japan and Germany we use far more oil per capita. Though the U.S. is the second largest oil producer in the world (behind the U.S.S.R.), it still imports one-half of its oil needs, about 3 billion barrels annually or 12 barrels for every woman, man, and child in the country.

The U.S. was blessed with large oil reserves, but our collective appetite overwhelms them. According to the latest government estimates, the U.S. has 28 billion barrels (a barrel equals 42 gallons) of proven oil reserves and a projected total reserves of another 100 billion barrels. The U.S. consumes over 6 billion barrels of oil per year, with 4 billion barrels used for transportation. Since it is not economically viable to transform the entire oil barrel into gasoline and diesel fuel, calculations show that if

the U.S. were to stop importing oil today, proven domestic oil reserves would not even provide enough gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel to operate all the cars, trucks, and planes now in the fleet over the rest of their useful lives. If projections of total reserves proves to be correct, the U.S. would run out of oil within 20 years absent oil imports.

There are, of course, major economic consequences of our dependence on imported oil. With oil prices that have ranged between \$15 and \$35 per barrel during the 1980s, the U.S. has spent \$40 billion to \$80 billion annually for imported oil. Just in the five months since Iraq invaded Kuwait, the U.S. has spent an additional \$20 billion over and above what oil cost before the conflict.

This is a direct transfer of wealth outside the country. Capital exports of this magnitude have necessitated higher interest rates to attract outside capital and this in turn has dampened economic activity and increased the federal budget deficit. The U.S. is in the unenviable position of borrowing money from foreigners to buy oil from foreigners. The U.S. has gone from the world's biggest creditor to the world's largest debtor nation, all within a decade.

Imported oil has played a critical role in this historic transformation. How did

by Jeff Alson

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OIL ADDICTS

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the U.S. become so addicted to oil?

This is a complicated topic which can only be briefly addressed here. For decades, governments have consistently adopted policies which have promoted oil consumption and discouraged oil conservation. Foremost among these has been a "cheap energy" policy as the federal government has provided corporate tax subsidies for oil exploration and drilling while maintaining only minimum excise taxes on oil consumption.

Gasoline pricing is an instructive example. State and federal gasoline taxes in the U.S. total about 30 cents per gallon, the lowest in the world, while such taxes in most other industrialized countries range from \$1 to \$3 per gallon.

This leads to some interesting comparisons. U.S. consumers typically pay \$3 per gallon for soft drinks (which, after all, are just water, sugar, and carbonation) and \$6 per gallon for orange juice, but only \$1 or so for a gallon of gasoline that took Mother Nature millions of years to produce.

A person can drive 10 miles to work or shop for a total gasoline cost equal to that of a cup of coffee, or 100 miles to go to a baseball game or movie and pay more for the ticket than for the gasoline that it took to get there. It is not surprising, given how cheap gasoline is, that few people really care how much they use.

Suburbanization in the 1950s and '60s also contributed significantly to oil dependence. Government encouraged this urban exodus by subsidizing single-family dwellings through mortgage and income tax policies, building extensive road networks, and refusing to establish rational land-use policies. Rather than choosing to live near work, friends, and downtown shopping areas, people went as far as they had to "to get away from it all."

As both symptom and cause of suburban sprawl, old transit systems in large Eastern and Midwestern cities were allowed to deteriorate and "newer cities" in the South and West never even gave transit a chance. So, except in a few select cities, most commuters now have no choice but to drive to work. And the passenger railroad network that once served rural America so well has almost completely vanished. Of course, large corporations lobbied for many of these policies, and in some cases brutally intervened such as when a consortium of auto, oil, and rubber companies conspired to buy out and dismantle streetcars in Los Angeles and other cities in the 1940s in order to create an absolute reliance on motor vehicles.

The disappointing reality is that,

whether concerned or not, most people use much more oil than they should. The economy is now structured in such a way that individuals have little real choice in how much oil they use.

Although there is still an element of personal responsibility (people should buy the most efficient vehicle they can and drive as few miles as possible) a viable solution to society's oil addiction can only occur within the context of long-term public policy changes.

FACT

U.S. Portion of World Population—5%
U.S. Portion of World Oil Consumption—30%

Of course, the best solution to this addiction is to simply use less oil. Since 63% of the oil used in the U.S. is for transportation, this means major changes in how we get around.

New cars should be required to be much more energy efficient—cars that get 50 miles per gallon (mpg) are feasible and would only be a little less useful in terms of acceleration, driveability, and cargo capacity than those that get 25 mpg.

Gasoline should be heavily taxed to discourage excessive driving and encourage the purchase of efficient cars. The revenues of a \$1 or \$2 per gallon tax could be rebated both to low- and moderate-income citizens through income tax credits and used to build and operate better transit systems.

Transit in congested and polluted

FACT

Largest Oil Producer in the World—U.S.S.R.
2nd Largest Oil Producer in the World—U.S.

downtown areas could be absolutely free to encourage use. Such policies question the almost spiritual relationship that many Americans have with their cars, however, and few politicians are willing to tell voters that they want to make driving more expensive or "less fun."

Fortunately, there is a more politically palatable way to reduce gasoline consumption—the use of non-petroleum automotive fuels. Cars could still be large and powerful, but at least they

FACT

Annual Oil Consumption in U.S.—6.3 Billion Barrels
Annual Imported Oil Consumption in U.S.—3 Billion Barrels

wouldn't be wasting a resource that must be imported. There are a number of such fuels: methanol (wood alcohol), ethanol (grain alcohol), natural gas, electricity, and hydrogen. With the exception of electricity, all of these are excellent fuels for the internal combustion engines used today; electric vehicles would use a large battery pack to replace the engine.

These fuels can be made from a wide variety of feedstocks available in the U.S., such as biomass, natural gas, and coal, and could directly displace imported oil. Producing these fuels domestically might increase the cost of driving (to the equivalent of \$1.50 or \$2 per gallon of gasoline) but gasoline should and will cost this much anyway and there

FACT

Price Per Gallon of Gasoline in U.S.—\$1.33
Price Per Gallon of Gasoline in Japan—\$3.01
Price Per Gallon of Gasoline in Britain—\$3.56
Price Per Gallon of Gasoline in Sweden—\$4.85

will be other economic benefits such as jobs, a lower trade deficit, and protection from the oil price shocks that can wreak havoc on the economy.

The use of nonpetroleum fuels also offers great potential to reduce the automotive contribution to both urban smog and global warming. And the government would have less reason to go to war over oil.

Each of these nonpetroleum fuels has advantages and disadvantages relative to each other and to gasoline. As liquid fuels, methanol and ethanol would require the smallest changes in vehicle design and fuel distribution and would provide the best overall vehicle performance and utility. Thus, they are the leading candidates for private passenger

FACT

Oil Already Pumped from U.S. Fields—125 Billion Barrels
Projected Oil Reserves in the U.S.—128 Billion Barrels

cars. All major automotive manufacturers are now developing "flexible-fueled" vehicles that, with just one fuel tank, can operate on methanol, ethanol, gasoline, or any combination of the three. Such vehicles could be made available to the general

public within three years.

Natural gas must be stored on-board the vehicle either under very high pressures or at very low temperatures in order to provide sufficient energy, which adds complexity and cost to the vehicle. Nevertheless, natural gas vehicles will likely be used this decade in central fleet applications where limited vehicle range and more complex refueling are not concerns.

Electricity and hydrogen, the best fuels from an environmental standpoint, are both still in their infancy and at least 10 to 20 years away from commercialization.

The primary barrier to implementation of nonpetroleum fuels is not technological nor economic, but political. Automakers, fuel producers, service stations, and consumers would all have to cooperate for a successful transition to new fuels, and the only way to make that happen is for the federal government to establish specific requirements.

But with our extensive transportation system designed around oil, the oil companies will strenuously object to any attempt to break their monopoly. This was evident in the recent Clean Air Act debate in which the oil lobby targeted and defeated an administration proposal to introduce new transportation fuels.

American troops are in the Middle East to protect U.S. control of world oil policy. American citizens should object to this justification on its face and to the petroleum addiction underlying it. Breaking this oil addiction will require vision and leadership at the federal level to overcome the political influence of the oil lobby.

Poised on the brink of war, the government has no one but itself to blame for its predicament. The issue now is how to ensure that that this scenario won't repeat itself over and over again in the future.

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Peru "Drug War" Illogical

by Charles R. LeDuff

From the moment the U.S. adopted a military metaphor for a profoundly social problem, it was perhaps inevitable that the U.S. "war on drugs" would be fought against the wrong enemy, with tactics that fundamentally conflict with peacetime national interests and policies. A recent agreement with the Peruvian armed forces marks the opening of a new front in that war—and constitutes a blunder reminiscent of our first steps into Vietnam and Central America.

Warning bells should have sounded in 1986, when President Reagan declared narcotics a threat to U.S. national security and dispatched troops to Bolivia. Or later, when our pursuit of foreign drug traffickers—in gratuitous violation of international law—began fueling anti-American sentiment and embarrassing U.S. allies in the region. We have been on notice since December 1989 when U.S. troops invaded Panama to capture a relatively minor player (whom the U.S. may not be willing or able to prosecute anyway).

The future course of this disaster was signaled in April, when the U.S. signed a \$35 million aid agreement with the Peruvian Defense Forces, providing for the establishment of a U.S. military base and the training and equipping of six Peruvian army battalions in the coca-growing Upper Huallaga River Valley region.

The agreement came near the end of the tenure of President Alan García, who during his five year term was unable to establish civilian control over Peru's brutal armed forces. All candidates to succeed him, including current President Alberto Fujimori, have disassociated themselves from the pact, saying that what Peru needs is increased economic aid to provide peasant coca farmers with alternative ways of making a living. Meanwhile, U.S. officials say the aid may come, but only after Peru has eradicated the coca, brought its staggering debt under control, and put its economy in full compliance with free market principles.

Peru's armed forces, regularly cited by the U.S. State Department and Amnesty International for their massive human rights abuses, are an inappropriate object of U.S. military aid. Under present Peruvian policy, suppressing narcotics production is not a military but police role. The armed forces are already overextended with the Maoist insurgency, Sendero Luminoso. That war has claimed over 20,000 lives since 1980, many of them innocent victims of army brutality. Sendero's tactics are as equally outrageous as the army's and most Peruvians are equally fearful of both, but Sendero has won the grudging loyalty of many peasant coca farmers by protecting their crops and their access to Colombian purchasers. Fears are mounting that U.S. military aid will accelerate this trend.

The Peruvian front is part of our "supply side" approach to narcotics traffic which is widely recognized as an exercise in futility. In fact, the U.S. government's war on drugs has not interfered with the accelerating drug trade. Cocaine imports were about 24 tons a year when Reagan appointed Bush head of the drug war in 1981, rising to 85 tons by 1984 and over 200 tons by 1988. All the while costing \$10 billion. With five percent of the world's population, the U.S. consumes about half the hard drugs on the world market.

Yet North American officials and their constituents are reluctant to attack the "demand side" here at home. Externalizing the threat spares politicians the prickly task of addressing the horrendous social and economic conditions that exist in U.S. inner cities. Few politicians are willing to advocate social introspection, fearful of its potential for troubling and unwanted insights.

The externalizing tendency parallels a widespread preference in this country for coercive rather than compassionate solutions, just as Bush's 1988 campaign platform called for more prisons and stiffer penalties for users.

As prisons are easier to fund than treatment centers on the demand side, the extradition of drug traffickers and the eradication of coca crops are more satisfying than crop substitution—and the Peruvian armed forces a more comfortable ally than their civilian government. It is no accident that only 3.6% of the 1990 Andean drug war budget is earmarked for crop substitution.

The military strategy also adds one more contradiction to the already incoherent U.S. policy towards Peru and other South American debtor nations, while putting them at further risk by demanding economic austerity and export centered growth under free market conditions. When a country's exports become too competitive with U.S. production, we raise trade barriers and invoke punitive sanctions. Coca is detrimental to our health so we demand its eradication. To make that a military task, in the face of our other economic demands is no way to stabilize a fragile democracy.

Peru imports much of its food and so has as much interest as we have in replacing coca with food crops. But as candidate Fujimori said in an April interview with The New York Times, "You have to give the peasants an alternative otherwise they will die of hunger or join the ranks of the guerillas." Instead he is under pressure to ratify a direct-aid agreement with the armed forces, and to eliminate the one export commodity that stands between Peru and total bankruptcy, as a condition for the aid that would make crop-substitution possible.

Meanwhile our militarized, supply side approach to the drug epidemic on our own streets is deflecting introspection of our own social and economic problems that generate drug abuse and pushing. This diverts attention from the difficult and expensive measures needed to end the epidemic.

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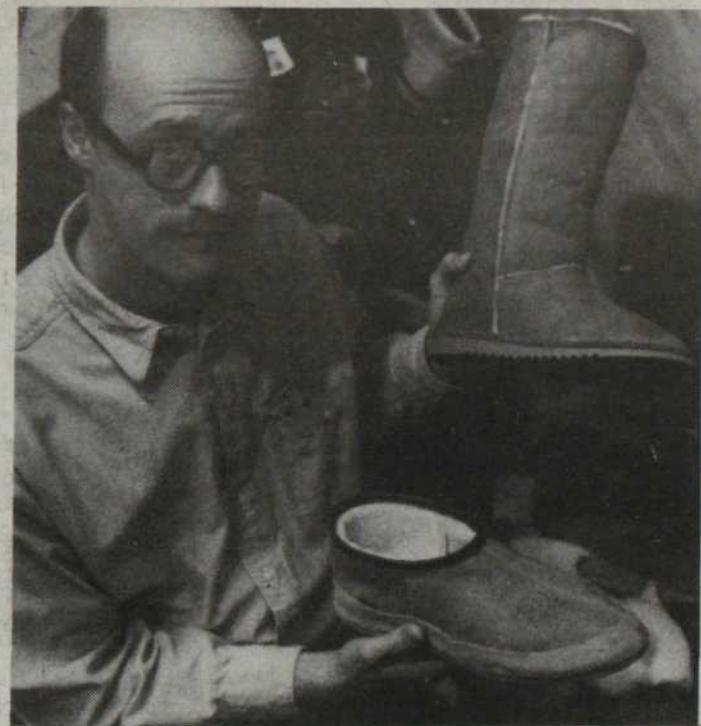
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"2001: A Space Odyssey" 22 Years Later

by John Carlos Cantú

Exactly what was Stanley Kubrick's intent when he decided to film Arthur C. Clarke's 1948 short story "The Sentinel," that puzzling and ironic short story about the uncovering of an ancient artifact buried eons ago by an extra-terrestrial civilization under the lunar surface at the Mare Crisium?

Clarke should have gotten some kind of a clue that Kubrick intended to be his own man when he shifted the locale of this alien offering from the Mare Crisium to the crater of Tycho and also physically changed its appearance from Clarke's description of a gigantic "many-faceted jewel" to the famous black monolith which appears and reappears in four significant junctures of the movie's story-line.

Indeed, in published reports after the film's 1968 premiere, Clarke doesn't seem to really understand Kubrick's purpose in appropriating his story—and perhaps this is understandable since his chief substantial contribution to the film lasts all of 10 minutes, buried in the second part of the narrative. For all his credited "collaboration" on the film's screenplay, and even the published novel based on the film's screenplay after its studio release, it's fairly obvious Clarke's contribution to the motion picture was ultimately more inspirational than matter-of-fact.

Make no mistake about it, "2001: A Space Odyssey" is Stanley Kubrick's masterwork and the purest distillation of philosophic vision he has ever set to film. In the span of a little less than three hours, Kubrick metaphorically sketches a philosophical anthropology that mingles the birth of rational thought with an implicit, yet thorough, condemnation of its tyranny over the other aspects of human existence.

Indeed, so pervasive is Kubrick's opposition of this manifestation of ratiocination, he hints strongly that the very social structures that have arisen to aid its domination of humans and their environment have all the none-too-subtle resonances of the military-industrial complex that has emerged out of 20th century corporate capitalism.

Kubrick's characters in this film—from the incomparable Leonard Rossiter portraying a Soviet scientist nervously attempting to pump information about the "problem at Tycho" from coy American politician/scientist William Sylvester, to the deadly cat and mouse game between Hal the computer and the equally ashen Kier Dullea—are but no more than pale signifiers of a semiotics gone rabidly amok after countless milleniums of terrestrial hand-to-hand combat.

Even today, 22 years after its roadshow release, the beauty of Pan Am's scheduled run

floating virtually effortlessly into Howard Johnson's space station to the strains of Strauss' "The Blue Danube" is cinemagraphically as efficient (and certainly more beautiful) than any other transportation available currently on this plane of existence. For between all the comforts of bed and board (after all, E.T. wasn't the first visitor from another planet to call home) and the need for "top secret security" protecting the unnamed U.S. government

est of all humankind's sharing in this extraordinary endowment. And this expatriot's condemnation of this native society—for this is what Kubrick has ultimately become since he relocated to Great Britain in the early '60s—is, if nothing else, a blatant indictment of American political policy, and even, if you will recall Poole's birthday greetings from his parents, our social practices.

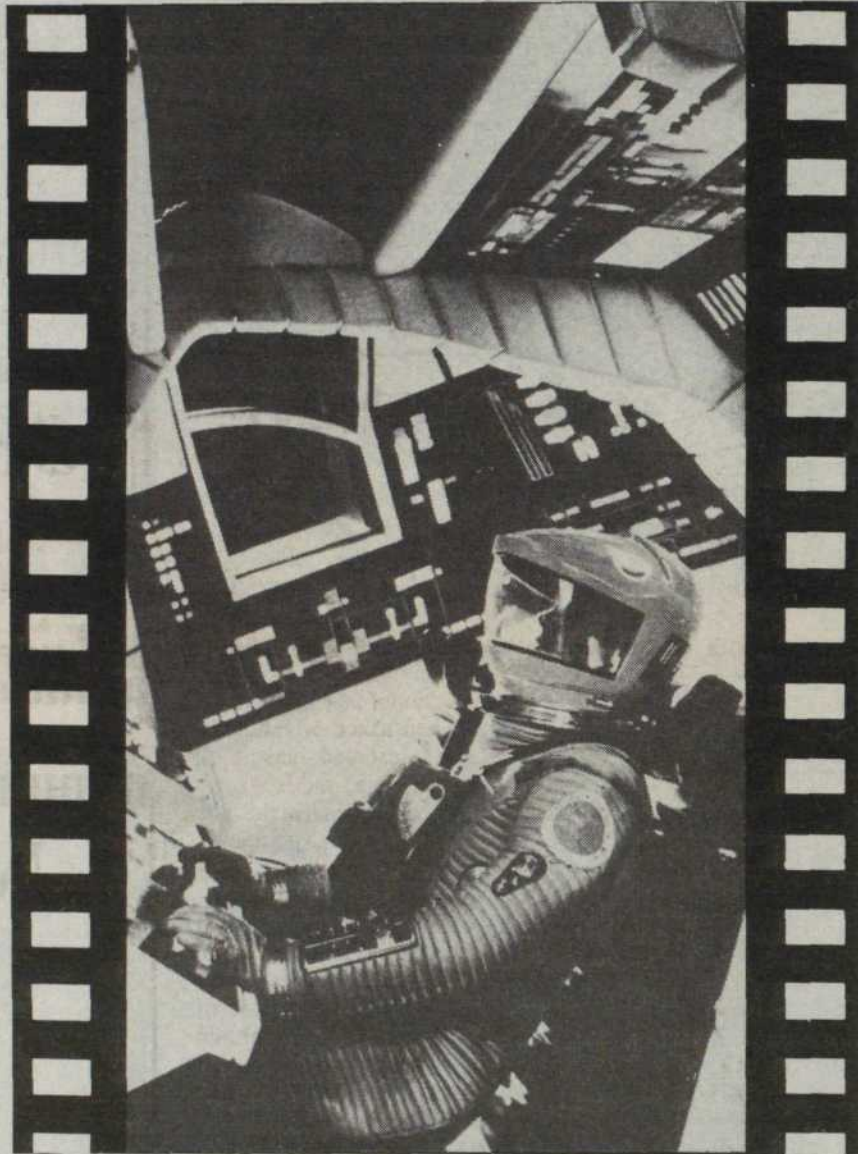
For equally, Kubrick's vision over these last couple of dozen years has remained startlingly intact—the literal collapse of militant socialism as a viable political ideology in the 1980s has occurred with a sufficient timeliness to insure capitalism's exploitation of yet another biosphere...indeed, as astronauts Bowman and Poole are keenly aware of through their understated, yet equally focused conversations concerning their "mission" in the spaceship Discovery's eerily empty chambers—ultimately, the exploitation of the universe.

Certainly much has been made critically of Kubrick's lack of dialogue in this motion picture—and perhaps rightly so. But it's not so much a matter of a lack of insight or imagination on his part as much as the fact that there is yet, even at this late date, not much of a vocabulary with which he can express himself. The lack of a social conscience—for that matter social consciousness—is obviously missing in this hostile environment. So it is not nearly so accidental that this alternative way of viewing one's social world has not really yet been developed in this vision of the year 2001.

And it's ultimately this fascinating pregnancy that pervades the moral integrity of the motion picture. A wonderful happening that is alluded to, but adamantly not intellectually developed. At its most alluring, a kinesthetic harbinger of an anthropological development that is still a possibility in humanity's future—admittedly, a turning away from the failed Marxist and Fascist experiments of the 20th century; yet ultimately a new era's prompting toward yet another possible, maybe even richer and more civilized tomorrow.

Can it therefore really be accidental that "Also Sprach Zarathustra" rings out triumphantly at three of the most critical stages of the motion picture?

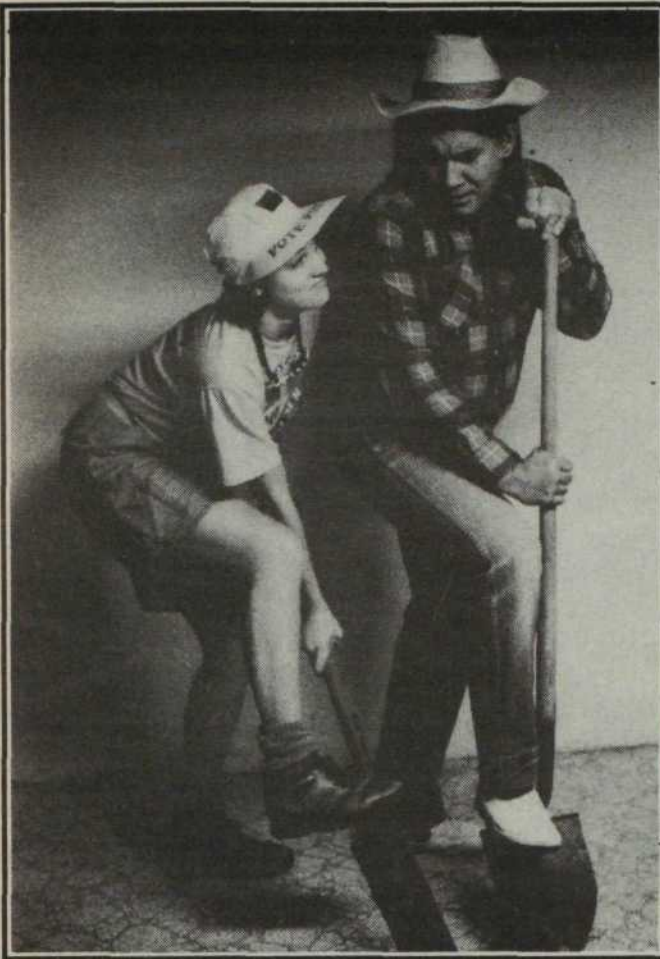
"2001: A Space Odyssey" will be shown at the U-M Modern Languages Building, Auditorium 3 at 9 pm Saturday, January 12.



agency's news blackout at the Tycho crater base, the chilling encounter between humans and their own artificial intelligence outside of the Jupiter belt-way is the abrupt conclusion of one of the most ruthless mass-murders in the annals of cinema history.

The root of evil of Kubrick's narrative, however, is no single person, institution, or for that matter—thing. Rather, it's a philosophical attitude buried deep in the heritage of humankind. Reputedly uncovered by Socrates some 2500 years ago, deified by the thinkers of the 16th and 17th century, and perfected by the technology of 20th century reason and the smug, comfortable "logic" which is implicit in this mode of comprehension (perhaps politically, after its advent during the industrial era we should call it possessive individualism) has combined and conspired with mercantilism to make avariciousness and self-interest the social and political benchmarks of the modern age.

In brief, then, the villains in Kubrick's narrative is all of us—we little mudballs of greed whose interest in controlling the strange object buried under Tycho outweighs the inter-



"Part of Debbie's coming-of-age process comes in recognizing that she can neither depend on the Nicaraguans for her own inspiration, nor control the directions they take in developing their own society."

"Brigadista" will play Thursday through Sunday, January 31 through February 10, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Thurs., Fri., and Sat. shows are at 8 pm. Sunday shows are at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$9 general and \$7 for students and seniors. Opening and closing night performances will benefit local peace and justice organizations. For information/reservations, call 663-0681.

"Brigadista" to Premiere in Ann Arbor

by Karla Vettani

"I often agree with the criticisms leveled against political theater," said Rick Sperling, director of "Brigadista," a new play about a North American activist in Nicaragua which will make its Midwest premiere this month at the Performance Network. "Much of the time it's either overly simplistic and generalized, a kind of 'political cheerleading,' or it's written in such a specialized 'in-group' kind of vocabulary that it's completely inaccessible to a mass audience."

"What I like about "Brigadista," said Sperling, "is that it is subtle and complex—it grapples with important issues and at the same time is very accessible. It uses accessible forms such as comedy and music, and creates for the audience real characters they can identify with who are neither villains nor saints...real characters with assumptions and contradictions and mixed motives that they aren't always aware of themselves."

One of the issues the play confronts is this North American activist's attitude towards the Nicaraguans. "It's a kind of hero-worship that romanticizes the Nicaraguan people and yet is patronizing toward them at the same time," said Tanya Shaffer, the playwright, who is currently living in Ann Arbor and working closely with Sperling on the production. "Part of her coming-of-age process comes in recognizing that she can neither depend on the Nicaraguans for her own inspiration, nor control the directions they take in developing their own society."

Slides and tapes from the recent pre-election campaign period in Nicaragua provide a backdrop to much of the action. The play also includes music by Carlos Mejía Godoy, Silvio Rodríguez, León Gieco, and other great musicians of the Latin American New Song movement, and the poetry of Latin American poets Ernesto Cardenal and Cintio Vitier.

"I like to think that theater can do something that lectures and essays can't," said Shaffer. "It works on another level. I've often thought that if people in the U.S. really knew what their tax dollars were supporting in Third World countries, they wouldn't allow it to continue. Maybe it's naive, but I think that when the lives we are affecting become real to us, not just statistics on a page, that it has a profound influence on our

behavior. Through the play the audience has a chance to meet these characters and get to know them—they develop an emotional attachment to them."

"It's a kind of fictionalized autobiography," Shaffer said, when asked whether the character of Debbie represented herself. "I hope I wasn't quite as naive as she is when I went down!" Most of what happens in the play is, however, drawn from her own experiences. "One of the things I did during my time in Nicaragua was to interview mothers of heroes and martyrs—women whose children were killed by the contras or by Somoza's National Guard. In the play you see a mother giving testimony while behind her appear slide after slide of mothers holding photographs of their children who were murdered or disappeared."

A recent transplant from the Bay Area, Shaffer is best known for her one-woman show "Miss America's Daughters," which toured nationally for two years to critical acclaim. Shaffer developed "Brigadista" through a playwriting lab sponsored by California theater group El Teatro de la Esperanza. The play was given a staged reading in San Francisco, and had a successful workshop production in Berkeley. Nevertheless, Shaffer still considers the script in process.

"I'm continuing to develop it with the new cast," said Shaffer. "The play ends directly after the elections, but the ending has a forward-looking quality. As events unfold...I'm looking at the script and asking myself what I can do to make it best serve the current situation. The story deals with a particular place and time, but the themes it deals with on both the political and personal levels are far larger than this particular election in this particular country."

"Brigadista" is produced by the Mosaic Theatre Project and Common Ground Theater Ensemble, and is co-sponsored by Latin American Solidarity Committee. Mosaic is a new theater ensemble devoted to the creation of original works founded by Rick Sperling whom Christopher Potter of The Ann Arbor News called "Ann Arbor's actor/writer/director wunderkind." After the Ann Arbor production, the show will tour the Midwest region on weekends through mid-March.

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Two of three city-owned houses at the corner of S. Ashley and W. William, in November 1989 and April 1990, were squatted by the Homeless Action Committee "to stop \$10 million in city tax money from being spent to build the 'Klines' parking structure rather than housing for the homeless."

On November 5, 1990 City Council voted to demolish "Day One" at 337 S. Ashley, and by January 31 (if weather permits) to move the other two houses to make way for the parking structure. According to Council member Nelson Meade (D-Third Ward), the intention is to turn the houses over to a non-profit corporation that will provide low-income housing.

Says squatter, Helen Cywinski "I can't afford to pay rent. I'm working a part-time job. I feel that we've gained something, that they allowed it to be a low-income house, but I don't think we need the parking structure. The housing is just a drop in the bucket."

REFORM OR REVOLT PART IV: TRY HARDER

Yes, The Left Is That Bad

by Eric Jackson

As part of an ongoing debate sparked by Mark Weisbrot's article in July's Agenda, Alan Wald asked the rhetorical question "Is the left that bad?" This fall has seen some growth of left activity. Yet there are glaring weaknesses and structural impediments to our progress toward power. Some recent examples come immediately to mind:

- At a time when our political system was widely discredited as structurally corrupt and most elected officials of both major parties were backing moves toward a war that will be opposed by tens of millions of Americans, the left was not a significant factor in the November elections.

- When the Sandinista government of Nicaragua was voted out of office, many Central America solidarity activists were shocked, some of them left political activism entirely, while others turned to reading Marxist classics and scaled back their work among the general public.

- Summertime is when many college town activists naturally turn their attention to studying to deepen their political understanding. Most of the summer study groups sponsored by leftist groups around Ann Arbor concentrated on review of foreign revolutions. None, to my knowledge, delved into the rich history and past victories and defeats of the U.S. left.

- An important local progressive organization, ACT-UP Ann Arbor, is under attack by an obnoxious sect (the Revolutionary Workers League) that infiltrated them and insisted that ACT-UP meetings revolve around the RWL's theories. When ACT-UP tired of the game and threw the RWL out, the RWL pretended to be ACT-UP, sowing much confusion and setting back the struggle against AIDS.

Through these examples run common threads. We have a lot of people on the left who do not think seriously about coming to power in this society. We have a left which all too often effectively takes its marginalization as a given.

We have leftists who mostly think about coming to power within the left. Their behavior violates generally-held norms of common decency and constitutes an obstacle to the mobilization of public support that is needed for the left to come to power. Often such behavior is defended by

reference to a twisted analysis of the Bolshevik experience. A cursory study of the history of the U.S. left will destroy the "front group/vanguard" modus operandi promoted by the RWL and others.

We have leftists who reject the electoral struggle, or who impose such limitations on its use which effectively keeps the left out of serious contention in that arena. Those who argue for a persistent, realistic left electoral effort are often derided as "reformists" by such rejectionists. It even went so far that last spring in the Latin American Solidarity Committee, people argued that it would be wrong to picket elected officials who have supported foreign interventions, because that would foster the illusion that elections mean something.

We have leftists who idealize foreign examples with such naivete that when their models are shown to have faults they are thrown into confusion. So it was with the Sandinista defeat.

The left can come to power in the United States in our lifetimes. To do so it must set that goal for itself, establish itself as an independent force in its own right and relentlessly struggle in every arena open to it. As Malcolm X said, "by any means necessary." That includes getting militant when push comes to shove. That also includes an electoral strategy to win office for the left, working within the major party system when necessary.

That means addressing the immediate needs of millions of people. That means fighting for space in which to further our struggles, like by defending freedom of expression on campus, or by reforming labor laws to make organizing more possible, or by changing the current campaign finance laws to roll back the advantage of the forces of organized greed.

People can call this "reformism," and claim that it is opposed to the fundamental revolutionary change of social and economic relations that we need to build a just, humane and prosperous society. Such an argument is nonsense. We have too much nonsense on the left. It's really that bad.

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CALENDAR

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

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

All events are open to the public. If listed without fees they are free. Locations are in Ann Arbor unless otherwise noted.

2 Wednesday

Weekly Vigil: Coalition for a Just Peace in the Gulf 12:30 pm, Federal Building. Silent vigil to support non-military solutions to the Persian Gulf crisis. 663-1870

"Womyn's Rites & Rhythms" 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. Tune in to womyn's issues. 763-3501

Beans and Rice: Guild House 6 pm, 802 Monroe. Profits to Central America direct aid groups, \$3/\$1 kids. 662-5189

"Gay Activism": Huron Valley Community Church 7:30 pm. Discussion. For location 434-1452

Nine-Ball Tournament: U-M Arts & Programming 7:30 pm, Billiards and Games Room, 2nd floor, Mich Union, \$6. 763-5786

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

3 Thursday

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee (HAC) Meet to discuss actions to end homelessness. For time & location 936-3076

4 Friday

Coffeebreak for Lesbian and Bisexual Wimmin: U-M Lesbian/Gay Male Programs Office & Common Language Bookstore 4 pm, 214 S. Fourth Ave. Come socialize and network. 763-4186

"Military Solutions Are Problems": Peace InSight 6:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. The Nov. 17 vigil and march for a peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis by the Coalition of University and Community Groups for a Just Peace in the Gulf at Ann Arbor Farmers Market. 769-7422

Campaign Meeting: Huron Valley Greens 7 pm, 731 Gott. 663-0003

Gay Men's Coffee House: Brothers 9 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 763-4186

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. Feel free to bring your own music and acoustic instruments. Smoke- and alcohol- free. Children welcome, \$2. 665-7911



"Wolf Night" from Daniel Stewart and Stephen Crall's "More Paintings of People and Animals" show at InterMedia Gallery, McKenny Union, EMU, Ypsilanti from Jan. 7-18. There is a reception for the artists on Jan. 11 from 5 to 8 pm.

5 Saturday

Chill Open: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 10 am, Leslie Park Golf Course, 2120 Traver. Six holes of golf, prizes and piping hot chili afterward, \$8. 994-1163

Benefit Concert: The Shelter Association of Ann Arbor & Prospect Place Family Shelter 8 pm, The Ark, 637 S. Main. With new age vaudevillian O.J. Anderson, songstress Judy Dow Alexander, saxophonist Vincent York and performances by Young People's Theater members, \$15 (\$17.50 for both 5 Sat adult and 6 Sun children's concerts). 995-9066

Janet Tenaj Quartet: Polo Club 8 pm, 610 Hilton Blvd (by Briarwood). Jazz, rhythm & blues vocals. 761-7800

6 Sunday

Benefit Concert: The Shelter Association of Ann Arbor & Prospect Place Family Shelter 2 pm, The Ark, 637 S. Main. With The Song Sisters, Mustard's Retreat and a participatory paint-a-thon with the Ann Arbor Art Association, \$5 (\$17.50 for both 5 Sat. adult and 6 Sun. children's concerts). 995-9066

Meeting: Huron Valley Greens 6 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Business/Details Committee and Working Group reports. 663-0003

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA 7:30 pm, First Congregational Church, 118 N. Adams, downstairs. Lighted parking, non-smoking area available. 484-0456

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon 7:30 pm, First Congregational

Church, 118 N. Adams, upstairs. Lighted parking, non-smoking area available. 484-0456

7 Monday

"More Paintings of People and Animals": InterMedia Gallery thru 18 Mon., 8 am to 5 pm, McKenny Union, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Works by Daniel Stewart and Stephen Crall. 487-1268

Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban: Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice noon, Federal Building. If the U.S. and Britain vote yes, 118 nations will be bound to end all nuclear explosions. 663-1870

"Middle East Perspectives" 6:30 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. News and commentary on popular struggles for social change throughout the Middle East. 763-3501

Shamanic Journeying: Creation Spirituality 7:30 pm, ICC Education Center, 1522 Hill. Postures from tribal traditions around the world. 677-3675

8 Tuesday

Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban noon (see 7 Mon)

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

Meeting: Committee to Defend Abortion and Reproductive Rights 6:30 pm, East Quad, Tyler rm. 24

The Hon. James B. Akins: Peace InSight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. The keynote speech for the Nov. 18 "U-M Teach-In

on the Crisis in the Persian Gulf." Akins has been Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and U.S. Consul in Damascus, Kuwait, and Baghdad. 769-7422

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

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

9 Wednesday

Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban noon (see 7 Mon)

Weekly Vigil: Coalition for a Just Peace in the Gulf 12:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

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

Beans and Rice: Guild House 6 pm (see 2 Wed)

Meeting: The Huron Regional Alliance 7 pm, Mich. Union, rm. 3410. Discussion on the Comprehensive Plan. 663-0003

Mask Making Part I: Creation Spirituality 7:30 pm. Led by Mark Jesionowski. For location: 677-3675

Nine-Ball Tournament: U-M Arts and Programming 7:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

"Coming Out": Huron Valley Community Church 7:30 pm. Discussion. For location 434-1452

Meeting: LASC 8 pm (see 2 Wed)

BOP (harvey): Prism Productions 9 pm, Nectarine Ballroom, 510 E. Liberty. Enjoyable worldbeat dance music, \$5 advance. 99-MUSIC

10 Thursday

Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban noon (see 7 Mon)

Meeting: Lesbian and Gay Men's Rights Organizing Committee (LaGROC) 7:15 pm, 3100 Mich. Union. 761-2962

Meeting: ACT-UP Ann Arbor 7:30 pm, Mich. Union, MUG. 662-6282

Journey Women: Women and Spirituality Group 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

"A Lot of Talk; A Lot of Dance": People Dancing 8 pm, Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Local choreographer Whitley Setrakian and dancers will perform "storydance" premieres and repertory work, \$10/\$8 studs. & srs. 663-0681

BOP (harvey): Prism Productions 8 pm, State Theater, 404 S. Burdick, Kalamazoo, \$6 advance. 99-MUSIC

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee (HAC) Meet to discuss actions to end homelessness. For time & location 936-3076

11 Friday

"A Show of Hands": U-M Arts and Programming thru 31 Thur, all day, Mich. Union, Art Lounge. U-M Asian Student Coalition painting and photography exhibit. 764-6498

"Nicaragua Today": Guild House noon, 802 Monroe. With David Austin. Lunch \$1. 662-5189

Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban noon (see 7 Mon)

Opening Reception: InterMedia Gallery 5 to 8 pm, McKenny Union, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For "More Paintings of People and Animals" by Daniel Stewart and Stephen Crall. 487-1268

The Hon. James B. Akins: Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 8 Tue)

Campaign Meeting: Huron Valley Greens 7 pm, 1006 Lincoln. 663-0003

"A Lot of Talk, A Lot of Dance": People Dancing 8 pm (see 10 Thur)

12 Saturday

"Gala: A Celebration of the Earth": Creation Spirituality 9 am to 4 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Singing, meditation, potluck lunch, plus speakers on the Goddess tradition and the future of the earth, \$12. 665-7291

Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban noon (see 7 Mon)

Rally and March: Coalition for a Just Peace in the Gulf For time and location 663-1870

Tea Tasting: Brookville Gardens & Ypsilanti Farmers Market 1 pm, Freighthouse, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. Class on tea blending techniques. Finger sandwiches and sweets provided, \$10. Register 455-8602

Skate Instruction: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 1:15 pm, Buhr Park outdoor rink, 2752 Packard. Five weeks (1 per wk.) for beginning and intermediate skaters, \$29/\$32 non-residents. 971-3228

"Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X: Dream or Nightmare?" Wesley Found. 7 pm, First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, 120 S. State. With Dr. James Cone on the spiritual roots—Southern Baptist and Black Islam—of these two leaders. 769-4833

"A Lot of Talk, A Lot of Dance": People Dancing 8 pm (see 10 Thur)

Skanking Voodoo Dolls: Polo Club 8 pm, 610 Hilton Blvd (by Briarwood). Reggae classics with a Miles Davis groove. 761-7800

Back To School Bash: Jewish Law Students Union 9 pm to 1 am, Lawyer's Club Lounge, Law Quad. Start the semester right with some good food, music and fun, \$2. 769-0500

13 Sunday

Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban noon (see 7 Mon)

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Puppy and Dog Training and Care Clinic: Humane Society of Huron Valley 2 to 4:30 pm, Ann Arbor Dog Training Club, 1575 E. N. Territorial. Breed characteristics, care, and more, \$2 don./under 12 free. 662-5545

Civil Disobedience Training: Pledge of Resistance 6 to 10 pm, A2 Friends Meetinghouse, 1420 Hill. In anticipation of the Jan. 15 U.N. guideline for Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, local activists are gearing up for direct action should the U.S. resort to military action in the Persian Gulf. Practical advice on reacting in situations of arrest. Accessible. 761-8283

"A Lot of Talk; A Lot of Dance": People Dancing 6:30 pm (see 10 Thur)

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

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

14 Monday

Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban noon (see 7 Mon)

"Middle East Perspectives" 6:30 pm (see 7 Mon)

"Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in the Promised Land": Progressive Zionist Caucus 7:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Film followed by discussion examining the attitudes, images and stereotypes that Arabs and Jews have of one another, the complex roots of their aversions and the complex interactions between them. 769-0500

Optimal Motion: Therapy Center of Ann Arbor 7:30 pm, The Parkway Center, 2345 S. Huron Pkwy. For people with loss of mobility due to age, an accident, or surgery. 1st time free. Six-week series, \$75. Pre-reg. 761-1514

Shamanic Journeying: Creation Spirituality 7:30 pm (see 7 Mon)

Writers Series: Guild House 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. Readings. 662-5189

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm, Canterbury House, 218 N. Division. 763-4186

15 Tuesday

Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban noon (see 7 Mon)

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm (see 8 Tue)

Meeting: Committee to Defend Abortion and Reproductive Rights 6:30 pm (see 8 Tue)

"Arab Points of View": Peace In-Sight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Perspectives on the Gulf crisis by Osama Siblani, publisher of Arab-American News and Paul Vincent from the Iraqi-Chaldean Foundation at the Nov. 18 "U-M Teach-In on the Crisis in the Persian Gulf." 769-7422

16 Wednesday

Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban noon (see 7 Mon)

Weekly Vigil: Coalition for a Just Peace in the Gulf 12:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

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

Beans and Rice: Guild House 6 pm (see 2 Wed)

Mass Meeting: Jewish Feminist Group 7:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Discuss issues of women's place in ritual, Jewish law, and in Israel. 769-0500.

"Feminine Images of God": Huron Valley Community Church 7:30 pm. For location 434-1452

Nine-Ball Tournament: U-M Arts & Programming 7:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

3 Mustaphas 3: Prism Productions 8 pm, The Ark, 637 S. Main. "The Marx brothers of the Balkan beat," \$10.75. 99-MUSIC

Meeting: LASC 8 pm (see 2 Wed)

17 Thursday

Optimal Motion: Therapy Center of A2 noon (see 14 Mon)

Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban noon (see 7 Mon)

Happy Hour: Hillel Social Committee 5 to 7 pm, Dominick's, 800 Monroe. Meet lots of students. David 662-3472

Meeting: LAGROC 7:15 pm (see 10 Thur)

"The Dancing Turtle Prayer Circle": Guild House 7:30 pm, 802 Monroe. Video and casual discussion. 662-5189

Meeting: ACT-UP Ann Arbor 7:30 pm (see 10 Thur)

"The Zoo-Zoo Chronicles": Performance Network 8 pm, Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. Elise Bryant and Common Ground Ensemble's new play exploring five women's individual pursuits of identity and experiences of oppression in the late 1960s, \$10/\$8 studs. & srs. 663-0681

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee (HAC) Meet to discuss actions to end homelessness. For time & location 936-3076

18 Friday

"Gender Differences: A Common Healing Ground": Guild House noon, 802 Monroe. With Michael Andes. Lunch available for \$1. 662-5189

Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban noon (see 7 Mon)

"Not Garbage Anymore": Dept. of Parks & Rec. 3:30 pm, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver. Workshop for 4-5 year olds on recycling, composting and conservation, \$3. Pre-reg. 662-7802

Coffeebreak for Lesbians and Bisexual Wimmin: Common Language Bookstore 4 pm (see 4 Fri)

"Arab Points of View": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 15 Tue)

Campaign Meeting: Huron Valley Greens 7 pm, 1411 Henry. 663-0003

"The Zoo-Zoo Chronicles": Performance Network 8 pm (see 17 Thur)

Gay Men's Coffee House: "Brothers" 9 pm (see 4 Fri)

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

Cherries Midnight Cabaret: Performance Network midnight, 408 W. Washington. Traditional song and dance, high camp and original works, \$9/\$7 stud. & srs. 663-0681

19 Saturday

National March on the White House: Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Middle East Bring U.S. troops home now. For details: 965-0074

Lawrence Kushner: Hillel 7:30 pm, Irwin Green Auditorium, 1429 Hill. Kushner, a contemporary Jewish mystic has inspired a generation of modern-day seekers of Jewish spirituality, \$7/\$5 stud. 769-0500

The Hot Club: Polo Club 8 pm, 610 Hilton Blvd (by Briarwood). Contemporary jazz. 761-7800

"The Zoo-Zoo Chronicles": Performance Network 8 pm (see 17 Thur)

Cherries Midnight Cabaret: Performance Network midnight (see 18 Fri)

20 Sunday

Trip to the West Bloomfield Holocaust Memorial Center: Students Fighting Anti-Semitism 11:30 am, meet at Hillel, 1429 Hill. Reserve 662-8571

Granite Line Writers Poetry Reading: Freight House Cafe 2 pm, Cross at River, Ypsilanti. Josie Kearns and Joe Matuzak of Flint will read from new work. Eight open mike slots available, \$3. 663-0546

"Critters for Kids II": Dept. of Parks & Rec. 2 pm, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver. Workshop for grades 1 through 4 on local reptiles and amphibians. Observation, discussion and touching of live specimens, \$3.50. Pre-register 662-7802

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

"The Only Obstacle": Hillel Orthodox Minyan 5 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Rabbi Jacobovitz will explore issues of success and failure, aspiration and achievement in the modern world. Deli dinner. 769-0500

Big Circle Meeting: Huron Valley Greens 6 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 663-0003

"The Zoo-Zoo Chronicles": Performance Network 6:30 pm; a discussion will follow tonight's performance (see 17 Thur)

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

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

21 Monday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Symposium: U-M 9 am to 9 pm, Rackham Aud. Starts with a Sioux Indian ceremony, followed by panel discussions on multi-cultural issues and identity, a noon Unity March, and a closing speech by Molefi Asante at 7:30 pm. 764-1817

"The Wave": Students Fighting Anti-Semitism 1:30 to 4 pm. Film showing how hard it is to be an individual in an authoritarian society. Discussion led by Dave Wallace, an expert on right-wing hate groups. For location 769-0500

"Middle East Perspectives" 6:30 pm (see 7 Mon)

Shamanic Journeying: Creation Spirituality 7:30 pm (see 7 Mon)

Writers Series: Guild House 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm (see 14 Mon)

22 Tuesday

Roe v. Wade Anniversary: Committee to Defend Abortion and Reproductive Rights noon, U-M Diag. Counter-demonstration to Students for Life rally.

Roe v. Wade Anniversary: Committee to Defend Abortion and Reproductive Rights 6 pm, meet at Mich. Union steps. Counter-demonstration to Washtenaw County Right-to-Life rally.

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm (see 8 Tue)

"Who Will Fight Our War? The Draft and How it Works": Peace InSight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Mary Roth from the Ann Arbor Draft, GI, and Vets' Counseling Center, Richard Cleaver from American Friends Service Comm., and Ann Marie and Don Coleman from Guild House Campus Ministry give crucial information. Part of Nov. 18 "U-M Teach-In on the Crisis in the Persian Gulf." 769-7422

Meeting: Freedom Campaign 7:30 pm, 601 Congress, Apt. B, Ypsilanti. Plan political prisoner activities. 487-7017

"Exclusivity vs. Inclusivity: The Future of Low-Income Housing in Ann Arbor": Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice & Homeless Action Committee 7:30 pm, First

Baptist Church, 502 E. Huron. Workshop including a talk by Larry Fox on the implications of A2's current master plan and a response by Rev. Robert Wallace. 663-1870

23 Wednesday

Weekly Vigil: Coalition for a Just Peace in the Gulf 12:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

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

Beans and Rice: Guild House 6 pm (see 2 Wed)

Figure Skating Exhibition: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 7:30 pm, Veteran's Arena, 1150 Jackson Rd. Preview the A2 Figure Skating Club's Precision Skating Teams, Arborettes and Hockettes before the competitive season starts. 761-7240

"Feminine Images of God": Huron Valley Community Church 7:30 pm. For location 434-1452

Nine-Ball Tournament: U-M Arts & Programming 7:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

24 Thursday

Meeting: LAGROC 7:15 pm (see 10 Thur)

Meeting: ACT-UP Ann Arbor 7:30 pm (see 10 Thur)

"The Zoo-Zoo Chronicles": Performance Network 8 pm (see 17 Thur)

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee (HAC) For time & location 936-3076

25 Friday

"Video Theatre Projects in the Cass Corridor": Guild House noon, 802 Monroe. With Buzz Alexander. Lunch available for \$1. 662-5189

"Who Will Fight Our War? The Draft and How it Works": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 22 Tue)

On-Call Team Training: The Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House 7 to 10 pm, U-M. The On-Call Team provides immediate assistance to survivors of domestic violence after an arrest has been made. People of color and formerly battered women encouraged to apply. For interview and location: 995-5444

Campaign Meeting: Huron Valley Greens 7 pm, 2227 Yorktown. 663-0003

"A View on Local Black-Jewish Relations": Grads and Young Professionals 7:30 pm, Lawyers' Club Lounge, Law Quad. Veggie Shabbat potluck with Jesse Gordon of the Washtenaw County Black-Jewish Coalition. Reserve 769-0500

"The Zoo-Zoo Chronicles": Performance Network 8 pm (see 17 Thur)

Cherries Midnight Cabaret: Performance Network midnight (see 18 Fri)

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26 Saturday

On-Call Team Training: The Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House 9 am to 6 pm (see 25 Fri)

Paul Vornhagen Quintet: Polo Club 8 pm, 610 Hilton Blvd (by Briarwood). Straight-ahead jazz. 761-7800

"The Zoo-Zoo Chronicles": Performance Network 8 pm (see 17 Thur)

Cherries Midnight Cabaret: Performance Network midnight (see 18 Fri)

27 Sunday

On-Call Team Training: The Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House 9 am to 6 pm (see 25 Fri)

Lev Raphael: Common Language Bookstore 4 pm, 214 S. Fourth Ave. The author of "Dancing on Tish B'Av" asks how one reconciles being gay with being Jewish. 663-0036

"The Zoo-Zoo Chronicles": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 17 Thur)

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

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

28 Monday

"Middle East Perspectives" 6:30 pm (see 7 Mon)

Meeting: Huron Regional Alliance 7 pm, 2005 Shadford. If your group is sponsoring an action in February, this is an excellent opportunity to come get support from other groups within the Alliance. 663-0003

"To Be a Woman Soldier: Jewish Feminist Group 7:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Drafted at 18, women serve two years in the Israeli army. This film follows the lives of two women during their army ser-vice. Discussion with Hagit Levi on the film and her own experience in the Israeli Defense Forces. 769-0500

Shamanic Journeying: Creation Spirituality 7:30 pm (see 7 Mon)

"The Last Supper at Uncle Tom's Cabin": Michigan Theater 8 pm, 603 E. Liberty. Daring and controversial dance work by Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Co. on racial and sexual roles, art and political activism. \$18.50/\$16.50 mem./\$12.50 studs. 668-8397

Writers Series: Guild House 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm (see 14 Mon)

29 Tuesday

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective 6 pm (see 8 Tue)

Meeting: Committee to Defend Abortion and Reproductive Rights 6:30 pm (see 8 Tue)

"Over 400 March in Ann Arbor": Peace InSight 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. The Dec. 8 "No War in the Gulf" march and rally. 769-7422

Peter Matthiessen: Hill Street Forum 7:30 pm, Rackham Aud. Matthiessen is one of the outstanding naturalists of his generation, a noted author, and an advocate on behalf of Native American civil liberties. \$5. 763-TKTS

30 Wednesday

Weekly Vigil: Coalition for a Just Peace in the Gulf 12:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

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

Beans and Rice: Guild House 6 pm (see 2 Wed)

Open Forum: Huron Valley Community Church 7:30 pm. For location 434-1452

"Marriage and Intermarriage": Hillel Orthodox Minyan 7:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Rabbi Jacobovitz will discuss this issue from a traditional orthodox Torah perspective. 769-0500

"Israel's Culture & Politics as Reflected in Its Popular Music": Union of Students for Israel 7:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Avi Hadari of the Tel Aviv University Theater Department, will use audio and video tapes to discuss Israeli pop music and culture. 769-0500

Nine-Ball Tournament: U-M Arts & Programming 7:30 pm (see 2 Wed)

31 Thursday

Meeting: ACT-UP Ann Arbor 7:30 pm (see 10 Thur)

Meeting: LAGROC 7:15 pm (see 10 Thur)

Workshop on AIDS and Religious Issues: Guild House 7:30 pm, Mich. League, Henderson Room. 662-5189

The Hillel Coffeehouse: Hillel Social Committee 7:30 pm, Caffe Fino (in the Galleria on S. University). Open mike available. Call in advance if you have a talent to share. 769-0500

"Brigidista": Mosaic Theater Project & Common Ground Theater Ensemble 8 pm, Performance Network, 408 W. Washington. "Brigidista" is about a North American's odyssey to Nicaragua. The play uses comedy, music to get across its political content. Opening and closing night performances to benefit local peace and justice groups, \$9 /\$7 studs and srs. 663-0681.

Indigo Girls: Prism Productions 8 pm, Hill Auditorium. Deep-voiced melancholy, yet hopeful songs. \$17.50. 99-MUSIC

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee (HAC) Meet to discuss actions to end homelessness. For time & location 936-3076

FEBRUARY



"Brigidista" will be performed by Mosaic Theatre Project & Common Ground Theater Ensemble at Performance Network (see Jan. 31).

1 Friday

Noon Forum on AIDS and Religious Issues: Guild House noon, 802 Monroe. With Bill Johnson. Lunch available for \$1. 662-5189

Coffeebreak for Lesbian & Bisexual Wimin: U-M Lesbian/Gay Male Programs Office & Common Language 4 pm, 214 S. Fourth Ave. Come socialize and network. 763-4186

On-Call Team Training: The Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House 6 to 10 pm (see Jan. 25 Fri)

"Over 400 March in Ann Arbor": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see Jan. 29 Tue)

AIDS Benefit: Wellness Networks - Huron Valley 8 pm. For location and fee 662-5189

"Brigidista": Mosaic Theater Project & Common Ground Theater Ensemble 8 pm (see Jan. 31 Thur)

Gay Men's Coffee House: "Brothers" 9 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 763-4186

2 Saturday

On-Call Team Training: The Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House 9 am to 6 pm (see Jan. 25 Fri)

Potpourri: Brookville Gardens & Ypsilanti Farmers Market 1 pm, Freighthouse, Depot Town, Ypsilanti. Class on blending your own mixture, \$10. Register 455-8602

Workshops on AIDS and Religious Issues: Guild House 1 to 4:30 pm, Memorial Christian Church, Hill at Tappan. 662-5189

Groundhog Day Banquet and Dance Party: Huron Valley Greens 6 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw. Greens campaign benefit, \$15 for the works/\$5 for dance only. 665-6251

Brad Felt Quartet: Polo Club 8 pm, 610 Hilton Blvd (by Briarwood). Warm, swinging jazz. 761-7800

"Brigidista": Mosaic Theater Project & Common Ground Theater Ensemble 8 pm (see Jan. 31 Thur)

3 Sunday

On-Call Team Training: The Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House 9 am to 6 pm (see Jan. 25 Fri)

"Brigidista": Mosaic Theater Project & Common Ground Theater Ensemble 6:30 pm (see Jan. 31 Thur)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA 7:30 pm, First Congregational Church, 118 N. Adams, downstairs. Lighted parking, non-smoking area available. 484-0456

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon 7:30 pm, First Congregational Church, 118 N. Adams, upstairs. Lighted parking, non-smoking area available. 484-0456

4 Monday

"Middle East Perspectives" 6:30 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. News and commentary on popular struggles for social change throughout the Middle East. 763-3501

Shamanic Journeying: Creation Spirituality 7:30 pm, ICC Education Center, 1522 Hill. Postures from tribal traditions around the world. 677-3675

Writers Series: Guild House 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation 8:45 pm, Canterbury House, 218 N. Division. 763-4186

5 Tuesday

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

6 Wednesday

"Womyn's Rites & Rhythms" 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. Tune in to womyn's issues. 763-3501

Beans and Rice: Guild House 6 pm, 802 Monroe. Profits go to Central America direct aid groups, \$3/\$1 kids. 662-5189

Mask Making Part II: Creation Spirituality 7:30 pm. For location 677-3675

"It's Not Foreign": Hillel Orthodox Minyan 7:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Rabbi Jacobovitz will discuss myths and realities of Orthodox living in the modern world. 769-0500

Nine-Ball Tournament: U-M Arts & Programming 7:30 pm, Billiards and Games Room, 2nd Floor, Mich. Union, \$6. 763-5786

7 Thursday

Meeting: Lesbian and Gay Men's Rights Organizing Committee (LaGROC) 7:15 pm, 3100 Mich. Union. 761-2962

"Brigidista": Mosaic Theater Project & Common Ground Theater Ensemble 8 pm (see Jan. 31 Thur)

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee (HAC) Meet to discuss actions to end homelessness. For time & location 936-3076

8 Friday

Noon Forum: Guild House noon, 802 Monroe. Lunch available for \$1. 662-5189

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)": Michigan Theater 8 pm, 603 E. Liberty. The three-member Reduced Shakespeare Company executes 37 plays in less than two hours, \$18.50/\$16.50 mem./\$12.50 studs. 668-8397

"Brigidista": Mosaic Theater Project & Common Ground Theater Ensemble 8 pm (see Jan. 31 Thur)

9 Saturday

"Brigidista": Mosaic Theater Project & Common Ground Theater Ensemble 8 pm (see Jan. 31 Thur)

Skanking Voodoo Dolls: Polo Club 8 pm, 610 Hilton Blvd. 761-7800

10 Sunday

Community Involvement Meeting and Brunch: Wildflower Community Bakery 11 am, 208 N. Fourth Ave. Please join us! 994-0601

"Brigidista": Mosaic Theater Project & Common Ground Theater Ensemble 6:30 pm (see Jan. 31 Thur)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA 7:30 pm (see 3 Sun)

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11 Monday

"Middle East Perspectives" 6:30 pm
(see 4 Mon)

Shamanic Journeying: Creation Spirituality
7:30 pm (see 4 Mon)

Writers Series: Guild House
8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay
Liberation 8:45 pm (see 4 Mon)

12 Tuesday

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay
Radio Collective 6 pm (see 5 Tue)

The Windham Hill Winter Solstice Concert:
Prism Productions 7:30 pm, Power Center.
With Liz Story, Nightnoise, Philip Aberg,
\$16.50/\$12.50 stud. 99-MUSIC

13 Wednesday

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

Beans and Rice: Guild House 6 pm
(see 6 Wed)

Nine-Ball Tournament: U-M Arts & Pro-
gramming 7:30 pm (see Jan. 2 Wed)

14 Thursday

Valentine's Dinner: AGENDA 6:30 pm, First
Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. An
evening of fine food made by Pilar Celaya and
dance music with DJ Alejandro Celaya, \$8/\$4
child. Reserve with your vegan or non-vegan
preference by 7 Thur. 996-8018

Meeting: LAGROC 7:15 pm (see 7 Thur)

Gala Meditation and Discussion Group:
Creation Spirituality 7:30 pm, ICC Education
Center, 1522 Hill. Discussion, led by
John Morris, of the views of Carl Jung on
dreams. 665-7291

Journey Women: Women and Spirituality
Group 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe.
662-5189

"Psycho Beach Party": Performance
Network 8 pm, Performance Network, 408 W.
Washington. A play about a young girl with
multiple personality's quest to be the best
surfer in Malibu. From the writer of "Lesbians
of Sodom," \$9/\$7 studs. & srs. 663-0681

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee
(HAC) Meet to discuss actions to end
homelessness. For time & location 936-3076

15 Friday

March Issue Deadline for CALENDAR and
COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY
Listings: AGENDA by 5 pm, 202 E. Washing-
ton, #512, 48104. Please make sure to include
a contact phone number in case there are
questions. 996-8018

"Graduate Employees Organization Bar-
gaining Table Discussions": Guild House
noon, 802 Monroe. With Ingrid Koch. Lunch
available for \$1. 662-5189

Coffeebreak for Lesbians and Bisexual
Wimmin: Common Language Bookstore
4 pm (see 1 Fri)

"Psycho Beach Party": Performance
Network 8 pm (see 14 Thur)

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**Three Greens Bid
for Council Seats**

The Huron Valley Greens are a local chapter of
the global Green movement. A primary goal of the
Greens is to build a strong grassroots movement for
social change, rooted in ecological principals. The
Green program emphasizes ecology, disarmament,
women's rights, civil rights, economic democracy,
and direct democracy. Greens support the full array
of nonviolent means to establishing a just and sus-
tainable society, including demonstrations, citizen's
initiatives, alternative institutions and running can-
didates for local office.

The Greens work in coalition with other groups
in the spirit of piecing together the "patchwork ma-
jority" of progressive movements. Most recently, we
have been actively involved in the Recycling Coa-
lition, the Huron Regional Alliance, and with other
peace groups opposing a war in the Persian Gulf.
We are circulating a petition asking the Ann Arbor
City Council to pass a resolution against the mas-
sive deployment of U.S. troops in the Gulf; (Boulder,
CO passed a similar resolution in November). On
Nov. 23, in conjunction with the Homeless Action
Committee, we also initiated a petition for a morator-
ium on parking structures in downtown Ann Arbor.

Although the Greens do not yet have ballot ac-
cess in Michigan (Alaska just became the first state
with Greens on the ballot), the Greens in Ann Arbor
will be running three candidates in the City Council
elections April 1, 1991. Valerie Ackerman will run in
the second ward as an Independent/Green, Dalynn
Park will run in the third ward as an Independent/
Green, and Lisa Danto will run in the fifth ward as a
Democrat/Green (if she wins in the primary). All
three candidates are longtime activists with a com-
mitment to Green values. In sharp contrast to poli-
tics as usual, Green candidates make a commitment
to adhere to the evolving Green program (the local,
state and national platforms).

To benefit the campaign, there will be a Ground-
hog Day Banquet and Dance Party (Feb. 2) at the
Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw at
6 pm. Cost is \$15 for dinner and dance. Dance only
is \$5. Call Ed at 665-6251 to purchase a ticket. Call
663-0003 to volunteer your time.

Campaign meetings will be held every Friday
night at 7 pm until the April 1 election. January meet-
ings are: 1/4/91 at 731 Gott, 1/11/91 at 1006 1/2
Lincoln, 1/18/91 at 1411 Henry, and 1/25/91 at 2227
Yorktown.

Regular meetings of the Huron Valley Greens
are held the first and third Sunday of each month,
6:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Working groups
meet separately.

Huron Valley Greens, 1411 Henry, Ann Arbor, MI
48104; 663-0003.

Gay Men's Coffee House: "Brothers" 9 pm
(see 1 Fri)

16 Saturday

Marietta Baylis and the Murphys: Polo Club 8
pm, 610 Hilton Blvd (near Briarwood). Jazz with
"A2's finest vocalist." 761-7800

"Psycho Beach Party": Performance Network
8 pm (see 14 Thur)

17 Sunday

Meeting: Parents-FLAG of A2 2 pm, King of
Kings Lutheran Church, 2685 Packard. 763-4186

"Psycho Beach Party": Performance Network
6:30 pm (see 14 Thur)

Iso and the Bobs: Michigan Theater 7 pm,
603 E. Liberty. Described as "Manhattan Transfer
on helium." Iso is a dance troupe and the Bobs
are a vocal quartet, \$18.50/\$16.50 mem./\$12.50
studs. 668-8397

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA
7:30 pm (see 3 Sun)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon
7:30 pm (see 3 Sun)

Benefit Bash: WCBN 88.3 FM 8 pm, Mich. Union
Ballroom. Great bands. A pledge entitles you to
free entry. 763-3500

18 Monday

"Middle East Perspectives" 6:30 pm
(see 4 Mon)

Shamanic Journeying: Creation Spirituality
7:30 pm (see 4 Mon)

Writers Series: Guild House 8:30 pm,
802 Monroe. 662-5189

WAND: Yes to a Nuclear Test Ban

"Events in Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia
increase the urgency and importance of a Com-
prehensive Test Ban (CTB)... One only has to
consider the effect on stability and security in the
Middle East today if Iraq had nuclear Weapons.
Time is short if we are to prevent a nuclear catas-
trophe in this century. A CTB is the first essential
step to prevent that catastrophe."

—Admiral Eugene Carroll, Deputy Director
of the Center for Defense Information

A wide variety of national religious bodies and
other groups are urging the U.S. to vote yes on a
nuclear test ban treaty at the United Nations Com-
prehensive Test Ban Treaty Conference being
held January 7-18. If the U.S. and Britain vote
"yes" 118 nations altogether will be bound to end
all nuclear explosions.

The Test Ban Treaty would: end all test explo-
sions of nuclear weapons; prevent the creation of
new, more dangerous nuclear weapons; curb the
spread of nuclear weapons to other countries;
stop radiation contamination in the U.S., U.S.S.R.,

China and the South Pacific; and rule out costly
new weapons at a time of huge deficits and tough
budget choices. The U.S. however is expected to
veto the treaty.

In Ann Arbor, 12 congregations and peace
groups are holding a Daily Vigil for a U.S. Yes to
a Nuclear Test Ban at 12 noon each day of the
U.N. Treaty Conference, Mon., Jan. 7 through Fri.
Jan. 18, 1991. It will be held at the Federal Building
on the corner of Liberty and Fifth Ave. and will last
until 1 pm most days.

A giant puppet of planet earth plus a large
banner and signs will call attention to the fateful
decision being made this month and our govern-
ment's role in it.

For more information contact Tobi Hanna-
Davies 663-1870 or 662-7869 or Sarah Cooleybeck
662-1334 or 662-2475.

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

New Purple Circuit Directory Out

By January 15, one-page proposals for papers
and presentations to be offered at the First Na-
tional Graduate Student Conference on Lesbian
and Gay Studies are due. The conference will
bring together graduate students from across the
country and from across the disciplines working in
lesbian and gay studies. The conference will focus
on the diversity of the lesbian and gay men's com-
munity—histories, assumptions and conceptual
frameworks that have shaped lesbian and gay
male self-representation and the ways in which the
discourses of sexuality and other "minority dis-
courses" overlap—as well as the relation between
feminism and lesbian and gay studies. Students
are invited to submit proposals (papers should be
approximately 10 pages long) to Cheryl Kader or
Thomas Piontek, Dept. of English and Comp. Lit.,
P.O. Box 413, Univ. of Wisc-Milwaukee, Milwau-
kee WI 53201.

Artists Confronting AIDS (ACA) has published
the second edition of "The Purple Circuit Directory,"
which lists lesbian and gay theaters, groups, and
supportive organizations in the U.S., Canada, and
England. The Directory is designed to help play-
wrights, audiences, producers and theaters to find
each other. Moreover, it is a fundraising project for
ACA. Obtain copies by sending a contribution of
any amount to ACA, 684 1/2 Echo Park Avenue,
Los Angeles CA 90026. Include a self-addressed
25¢-stamped legal-sized envelope.

We hope to help end the U.S. Dept. of Defense

policy that bars lesbian and gay men from joining
ROTC units on college and university campuses in
the U.S., including being commissioned as officers
in the U.S. Armed Forces. Call 763-4186 with your
suggestions or to offer help.

Please note the Jan. 31-Feb. 2 workshops,
forum and AIDS Benefit Concert. Workshops will
stress the connection between AIDS and religious
concerns. For information call 662-5189.

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

Community Services include: a Hotline for cri-
sis intervention, peer counseling, referral. Educa-
tion: workshops and conferences on lesbian and
gay male concerns, with an emphasis on how peo-
ple in the "helping professions" and "teaching profes-
sions" can work positively with lesbian and gay
male clients, patients, & students. Speakers Bu-
reau: 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

(see GAY LIB, next page)

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay
Liberation 8:45 pm (see 4 Mon)

19 Tuesday

"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio
Collective 6 pm (see 5 Tue)

20 Wednesday

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

Beans and Rice: Guild House 6 pm
(see 6 Wed)

Nine-Ball Tournament: U-M Arts & Program-
ming 7:30 pm (see Jan. 2 Wed)

21 Thursday

"The Dancing Turtle Prayer Circle": Guild
House 7:30 pm, 802 Monroe. Video and casual
discussion. 662-5189

"Psycho Beach Party": Performance Network
8 pm (see 14 Thur)

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee (HAC)
Meet to discuss actions to end homelessness.
For time & location 936-3076

22 Friday

"Psycho Beach Party": Performance Network
8 pm (see 14 Thur)

23 Saturday

Henry Gibson/Rayse Biggs Quartet: Polo Club
8 pm, 610 Hilton Blvd (near Briarwood). With
Heritage competition-winning keyboardist and
jazz trumpeter from Was (Not Was). 761-7800

"Psycho Beach Party": Performance Network
8 pm (see 14 Thur)

24 Sunday

"Psycho Beach Party": Performance Network
6:30 pm (see 14 Thur)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA
7:30 pm (see 3 Sun)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon
7:30 pm (see 3 Sun)

25 Monday

"Middle East Perspectives" 6:30 pm
(see 4 Mon)

Shamanic Journeying: Creation Spirituality
7:30 pm (see 4 Mon)

Writers Series: Guild House 8:30 pm,
802 Monroe. 662-5189

27 Wednesday

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

Beans and Rice: Guild House 6 pm (see 6 Wed)

Nine-Ball Tournament: U-M Arts & Program-
ming 7:30 pm (see Jan. 2 Tue)

28 Thursday

"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead":
Performance Network 8 pm, Performance
Network, 408 W. Washington. The story of
Hamlet's fellow students is a dark comedy behind
the scenes, \$9/\$7 studs. & srs. 663-0681

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee (HAC)
For time and location 936-3076

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Working on a Vision for the Future

The Huron Regional Alliance is now developing a Comprehensive Plan for Ann Arbor and the surrounding communities. Consistent with our group's overall goal, this plan will entail a vision for the future that encompasses a broad range of important issues including housing, education, transportation, environmental quality, government services, and alternative community-based and decentralized economic structures.

We are off to an enthusiastic start with the Comprehensive Plan but it will only succeed if the Alliance continues to get input and energy from grassroots groups in the area. There will be a special meeting devoted to the Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 7 pm in Room 3410 of the Michigan Union.

The Alliance is dedicated to improving the climate for grassroots social change by emphasizing the interconnectedness of social movements and facilitating cooperation among groups. We believe there is far too much duplication, fragmentation, and isolation on the part of activist groups in the area.

We urge groups to give the Alliance a try—one member attending our monthly meeting is a small investment that could yield greater

support for your group's actions and effectiveness.

The Huron Regional Alliance was born at the Earth Day Regional Town Meeting on April 7 in Ann Arbor when 26 environmental, peace, democracy, and social justice groups convened a long-overdue dialogue. We are proud of the diversity of some of our more active groups: Huron Valley Greens, Homeless Action Committee, Augusta Environmental Strategy Committee, Gray Panthers, Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, Earth First!, Rainbow Organizing Committee, Habitat for Humanity, and the Rainforest Action Movement.

To emphasize the regional nature of the Alliance, meetings are rotated; so far we have met in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Dexter and Augusta Township.

The next general meeting of the Huron Regional Alliance is Monday, Jan. 28 at 7 pm at 2005 Shadford in Ann Arbor. If your group is sponsoring an action in February, this is an excellent opportunity to get support from other groups within the Alliance. For more info., contact us below or see future listings in AGENDA.

Huron Regional Alliance, 1411 Henry, Ann Arbor, MI 48104; 663-0003.

GAY LIBERATION

(from previous page)

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 subcom-

mittees (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; 763-4186.

Local Volunteer Opportunities

Help reduce hunger in our community

You can become active with local direct service agencies dealing with poverty, homelessness and hunger. Most of these agencies are always in need of help or donations and would appreciate any support you can offer. Just get in touch and schedule a time to help out.

Ann Arbor Hunger Coalition needs volunteers to help prepare meals four nights a week. Write Joan Scott 676 Ironwood, A2 48103.

Bryant Community Center distributes surplus food. Call 994-2722.

Brown AME Church can use canned goods for hunger meals, food bags and needs volunteers to deliver grocery bags. Call 482-7050.

Catholic Social Services can use volunteers and canned goods for its emergency food program. Volunteers are also

needed to interview clients and provide referral information. Call 662-4534

Food Gatherers collect food from food businesses that may be out of date but still edible. Volunteers are needed for pick-up and delivery of food. Call 761-2796.

Friends in Deed needs volunteers for making referrals, and providing housekeeping services for the disabled. Also donations of furniture and working appliances are needed. Call 484-4357.

Huron Harvest Food Bank needs volunteers to transport food from Detroit for use for local food providers. Call 971-6520.

Northside Community Center can use volunteers and canned goods for emergency food distribution. Call 994-2985

Ozone House can use volunteers and canned goods for on-site programs. Call 662-2222.

Peace Neighborhood Center can use monetary donations for the six weekly meals for the needy they prepare. Call 662-3564.

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*Thursday, February 14, 6:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw*

(Please RSVP by February 7)

A minimum donation of \$8 per adult (\$4 per child) will be requested. The proceeds of the event will benefit AGENDA & Pilar Celaya (a Salvadoran refugee living in Sanctuary at the Friends House in Ann Arbor).

Please RSVP by Thursday, February 7 by calling AGENDA at 996-8018. If you reach our answering machine, please be sure to leave your name, phone number, and the number of people in your party. Also please designate the number of vegetarians.

