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Guests at the Casa Materna

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Room at the Inn

Phyllis Ponvert is a peace activist who has worked with Peace Brigades International in Guatemala, several Ann Arbor-Juigalpa sister city delegations and the Pledge of Resistance. Ponvert also runs Cat's Pajamas, a local small business that makes hand-painted cotton baby and children's clothing. In the middle of her fourth stay in Nicaragua, an eight-month stint as a volunteer in a Matagalpa maternity house, she is back in Ann Arbor for a brief visit. What follows is taken from an interview with AGENDA.

AGENDA: Tell us about the maternity house.

PONVERT: It's a private Nicaraguan project called the Mary Ann Jackman Casa Materna, which means "mother's house." The Casa opened in November 1991 as a place for women who have complicated pregnancies to stay for a short time before and after giving birth.

All of the women who come to the Casa are from the countryside and have been told by a midwife or health worker that they need to give birth in a hospital instead of at home.

Some of the possible risk factors these women face which complicate their pregnancies and delivery are needing a Caesarean section, having toxemia, diabetes, having already had many children, or being past prime child-bearing age. Also, women from rural areas without nearby clinics often die of untreated postpartum infections or hemorrhages.

So women travel from as far away as eight hours to the regional hospital in Matagalpa. Before the Casa opened, many women would

travel to the city only to find that the hospital would not admit them unless they were actually in labor. The hospital would tell them to go home but the women, often with her husband or her compañero, instead would knock on people's doors asking if they could stay.

Now, a couple arrives at the Casa, and we tell them about the house and what we do. They can stay with us a short time before they have their baby, and we take them to the hospital when they begin labor. Then they can come back to the Casa with the baby for a few days until they are strong enough to go home.

We don't ask them to pay anything, but we do ask that they contribute food to share with everyone. And it's a really nice response. These people are really poor. They have very little and yet they are more than willing and happy to contribute. They bring rice, beans, live chickens, cheese, whatever they can bring. And a lot of the times it's the food that they grow themselves, and can probably ill afford to spare, but they're very generous with that.

They're very pleased to know that a place like this exists, because it means that the families know that the women are safe, that they're being taken care of, that they're in good health, and being fed well. The minute they go into labor we drive them to the hospital, which is about ten minutes away, in our ambulance.

The house itself is wonderfully set up, with five large bedrooms, each with a bathroom and five beds, so we can have a capacity of 25 women at any one time. We usually

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ANALYSIS

JEFF ALSON

To Vote or Not to Vote: A Citizen's Guide to Electoral Choices

Supporting a political candidate will always involve some type of compromise. It is unrealistic to ever expect to totally admire and agree with a candidate. Consider how rare this is even with friends or family!

Elections cause much anguish among progressives. Whether local or national, primary or general, elections always raise disconcerting questions for progressives about whether and how to participate.

The Democratic presidential primary offers an array of choices. Do you support Brown because of his direct assault on the political system, Harkin because of his populist values, or Clinton because the party leaders and media claim he has the best chance to beat Bush? Or do you abstain and wait for the next third party effort?

Many progressives are overly influenced by two poles of thought on electoral politics. The cynic argues that the political system is totally corrupt, that it is designed to block good people from even running—let alone winning or governing—and that therefore any participation whatsoever is a sell-out. The realist counters that, regardless of the system's corruptness, politicians make decisions that have major impacts on people's daily lives and to effect change one should always support the "less evil" candidate with the best chance of winning.

Both the cynical and realistic views are partially valid, yet neither is a sufficient guide for progressive involvement in the electoral process. The following principles are more valuable tools to determine one's role in an electoral campaign.

Principle one: Supporting a political candidate always involves some type of compromise. It is unrealistic to ever expect to totally agree with a candidate. Consider how rare this is even with friends or family! The issue is not whether to compromise (you must) but how much you are willing to compromise. Sometimes supporting any candidate may involve too much compromise and it is appropriate to abstain.

Principle two: It is reasonable to have "litmus tests," i.e. issues about which you feel so strongly that you cannot support a candidate with whom you disagree. Having too many litmus tests conflicts with the first principle and precludes supporting anyone.

Narrowing the number of litmus test issues is difficult for those with strong opinions on a broad range of issues. On a policy level, issues such as choice or war are natural litmus tests for many people because of the underlying values that they entail. Your emotions can also help identify litmus test issues—if you are so repulsed every time you see or hear a candidate even when she or he doesn't mention the issue about which you disagree, then that issue clearly means a lot to you. Many people consider Clinton's support for the Persian Gulf war or Harkin's support for Israel as litmus test issues. Likewise, a clear commitment on specific affordable housing proposals would be necessary for many progressives to support a local candidate.

Principle three: Losing can sometimes be more valuable than winning. Objectives such as public education, voter mobilization, and coalition building can be more important in the long run than whether a particular person is elected. Barry Goldwater's Republican presidential campaign lost badly in 1964 but laid the foundation for the right-wing takeover of the Republican Party and the ultimate ascendance of Ronald Reagan.

Jesse Jackson's unsuccessful Democratic presidential campaigns in 1984 and 1988 also yielded important benefits. Ideas generally excluded from the mainstream media were articulated. Millions of newly-registered voters helped the Democrats regain control of the Senate in 1986 and defeat Robert Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court. Jackson's failure to build the nationwide grassroots Rainbow Coalition as an organizing force independent of his electoral campaigns does not negate these gains.

Principle four: There is a "hierarchy" of electoral choices including non-participation, voting, giving money, and volunteering time. In reality, voting is a pretty inconsequential act: simple, quick, and confidential. For people who can afford it, giving money is the next level of support. A donation is also simple and quick, but may

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Native American Law Day

U-M Law School and the Native American Law Students Association are presenting a symposium entitled "The Native American Environment: Relations to Land, Conceptions of Law and Present-Day Controversy" on Friday, March 20. Various controversial

development strategies, including the use of Native lands for landfills, hazardous waste storage and natural resource extraction, will be debated by a panel of noteworthy Native lawyers, professors and activists. The symposium is from noon to 5 pm in room 250, Hutchins Hall, with a reception afterward in the Lawyers Club Lounge.

Read-a-thon for Washtenaw Literacy

From March 18-22, Washtenaw Literacy, a group that provides free tutors and materials for those who seek to learn how to read, will sponsor a read-a-thon at Dawn Treader Book Shop, 514 E. Liberty.

Costumed volunteers will silently read in a display window, raising funds from people who pledge money per hour of reading. Pledges and readers are needed.

For more information contact Nisi Shawl (manager of Dawn Treader's 1202 S. University branch) at 665-2270. To pledge money toward the cause, stop in at either of the Dawn Treader Book Shops.

Ann Arbor Film Festival Turns 30

Film enthusiasts from far and wide will converge on the area as the Ann Arbor Film Festival holds its 30th annual independent and experimental film competition at the Michigan Theater from March 17-22. There will be prizes for outstanding films.

This year's festival will be preceded by "Thirty Years and Beyond: Celebrating the Independent Filmmaker," a conference for students and independent filmmakers, March 13-16. For more information call 995-5356.

13th Annual Holocaust Conference

From reading ads in the Michigan Daily, one might think that it never happened. U-M's Hillel Foundation, with help from Canterbury House and others, will present a week of activities to remember the Nazi terror. It begins on the Diag on March 5 at 12:30 pm with a 24-hour vigil naming people who died in the Holocaust.

Highlights include Aaron Kramer's Po-

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etry of the Holocaust, the area premier of "Korczak," a film about Janusz Korczak, who tried in vain to save 200 Jewish orphans in the Warsaw ghetto. Also, the Jewish Ensemble Theatre of Detroit will perform "Born Guilty," and Canterbury House will present "No Authority But From God," a video and discussion about Christian responses to Nazism. See CALENDAR, or call Hillel at 769-0500 for more information.

20th Ann Arbor Pow Wow

U-M's Native American Student Association and Office of Minority Affairs are sponsoring the 20th Anniversary Ann Arbor Pow Wow, which will be held March 21-22 at Crisler Arena. Artisans, dancers, drummers and singers from all over North America will continue the ancient traditional gathering of families and nations. The public is invited. See CALENDAR for details.

Honduran Pine Forests in the Bag

Stone Container, a Chicago-based paper bag and cardboard box producer, is finalizing a contract with the Honduran government to lease the country's virgin pine forests for 40 years. Stone plans to use the pine for pulpwood to make paper bags.

The contract would give Stone almost unrestricted rights to harvest up to 2.5 million acres of pine forest. Critics of the agreement, who include Honduran foresters, environmentalists, business people and Miskito Indian groups, complain that Stone could cut trees of any size anywhere in Honduras by any harvesting method it deems "economical." To the extent that Stone replants trees, critics fear that it will replace them with different species, as it has done in Costa Rica. It is feared that Central America's largest pine forest and its diverse life forms will be lost forever.

Elmo Brings Out the Stars

Local entertainers graced the stage of the second Elmo's Cabaret on Saturday evening, February 15 at the People Dancing studio. The purpose of the family-oriented, smoke-and-alcohol-free event was, in Elmo's words, "to bring together local performers and community members in a healthy and fun environment, to enjoy a night out and celebrate the wide-ranging talent we have right here in Ann Arbor." Elmo Morales, owner of Elmo's Supershirts and a teacher at Community High, donates part of the proceeds from each Cabaret to a favorite cause. The Feb. 15 event was for AGENDA!

The night's entertainment began with storyteller Rick Sperling, followed by singer Monique. Then mime Russ Prince revealed the secret of what takes men so long in the bathroom. The Cabaret also featured music by M.E. Jonson, "The Shatterproof People," "The Holy Cows," and "Dwight Peterson and Soul Stretch."

For details on the next Elmo's Cabaret, which were unavailable at press time, call 994-9898.

U-M Labor Abuse Checked

The Graduate Employees Organization (GEO) recently won a grievance on behalf of sociology graduate student Bobby Clark, who had been improperly classified as a temporary employee. This misclassification resulted

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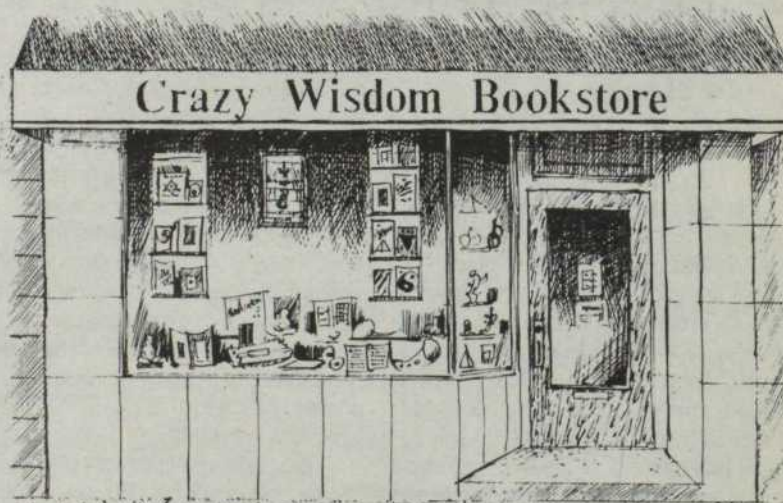
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in U-M paying Clark less and denying him the benefits and protections of the GEO's union contract. Clark will be retroactively compensated for the difference in pay. The grievance that GEO filed on behalf of Clark addresses a long-term GEO concern that the U-M administration deliberately misclassifies Teaching Assistants (TAs) in order to avoid the cost of providing TAs the benefits guaranteed by the union contract.

Free Patrice Now!

The Ann Arbor schools had AIDS activist Patrice Maurer arrested for passing out condoms and AIDS information at Pioneer High. She intends to fight the trespassing charge. Supporters are urged to attend the pre-trial hearing on Monday, March 9 at 9 am, before Judge Connors at the 15th District Court in City Hall.

Peruvian Prosecutor Defends Rape

Amnesty International recently denounced 14 governments whose military or police forces use rape as a weapon against female political opponents or suspected opponents. Among the accused are Britain, whose abuses take place in Northern Ireland, and India, where soldiers are accused of raping Muslim women in the embattled Kashmir state. Also named was Peru, whose masked security forces are enmeshed in a civil war which has taken over 20,000 lives. Amnesty reported that a Peruvian prosecutor told them that rape "was to be expected" in such a conflict.

Partial Attica Verdict

After over 20 years of pre-trial legal battles, a four month trial and weeks of jury deliberations (during which the judge took a vacation in Barbados), a jury found one former Attica Prison official liable for brutality in the aftermath of the 1971 prison uprising. The jury was deadlocked on the liability of several other defendants. The monetary amount to be awarded to the hundreds of plaintiffs is yet to be determined. There may be a new trial on the issue of the other defendants' liability.

Housing Activists Keep Sights on Downtown Club

On Sunday February 9, over 100 community members and nine local government officials met to discuss homelessness and the need for low-income housing in Ann Arbor. The Homeless Action Committee (HAC) initiated the meeting in City Council Chambers by an early January letter to City Councilmembers, Washtenaw County Commissioners and the Downtown Development Authority. The letter requested discussions on the future of the Downtown Club and other low-income housing options.

The Downtown Club, located at 110 N. Fourth Ave., is a mostly-vacant office building. It housed low-income adults until its conversion to office space in 1983. Its prior owners went bankrupt last fall and the building became the property of First of America Bank on Dec. 13. The county bought it in mid-January for office use, issuing \$2,000,000 in public bonds.

Mayor Brater responded to the HAC letter with an offer to meet during the time scheduled for the joint caucus of City Council. HAC invited the county commissioners and anticipated their attendance, especially since they had just purchased the Downtown Club for office space.

Only one commissioner—Christina Montague—attended. Seven council members and the mayor were present. Mayor Brater came with a pre-arranged meeting agenda that did not include any back-and-forth discussion. Her agenda called for a 20 minute presentation by the Housing Policy Board (a City Council housing advisory panel), followed by short talks by five advocacy or service-providing housing organizations. After that, there was time for "public participation"—as in the usual time for citizens to address City Council meetings. No time was allotted for councilmembers or com-

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PHILLIS ENGELBERT

missioners to address the issues or respond to concerns raised.

All who addressed the public officials expressed the need for more low-income housing. Bob Campbell of the Ann Arbor Area Housing Coalition suggested that the Ann Arbor Inn be converted and rehabilitated for residential and commercial use. Carol McCabe of the Ann Arbor Shelter Association said that the only solution to homelessness is the creation of permanent low-income housing. Representatives of Unity, the alliance of public housing tenants, accused city officials of promoting policies aimed at squeezing poor and Black people out of Ann Arbor and endorsed the proposal to convert the Downtown Club into low-income housing.

HAC members explained the economics that prevent low-income persons from finding affordable housing as such: for a single person working full time at \$5 an hour, "affordable" rent (defined by the U.S. government as 30% of income) is \$250 per month. This is nearly impossible to find in Ann Arbor, which explains why there are Shelter residents with full-time jobs.

During the "Public Participation" time on the agenda, a number of homeless people vented their frustration at being unable to find a place to live. Other residents expressed disgust at the meeting's format. County Commissioner Montague at one point addressed the crowd, and admitted that the county is not doing enough about homelessness. Montague said she attempted to revoke her vote to issue bonds to buy the Downtown Club, but could not do so.

The meeting ended with affordable housing advocates convinced that dialogue would not take place. County and city officials are

presenting the county's plan for the Downtown Club as a "done deal." HAC disputes this, arguing that the taxpayers will have the last word. It took HAC members nearly three years to undo another "done deal," a multi-million dollar parking structure on the lot behind Kline's store. Even The Ann Arbor News recently acknowledged that HAC is, if nothing else, "persistent."

The Downtown Club has been the focus of a concerted HAC campaign throughout last fall and this winter, involving picketing and three sit-ins. Nineteen protesters have been arrested in the building for trespassing.

HAC argues that conversion of existing structures for housing is cheaper than new construction. The Downtown Club and the Ann Arbor Inn are existing downtown buildings where such conversion is feasible. The county, however, bought the Downtown Club for offices because it is directly across the street from the County Courthouse. When a HAC member suggested to County Commission Chair Meri Lou Murray that the county investigate other available office space within two blocks, Murray said that two blocks is too far to walk. The county estimates that it would take just over half a million dollars to convert the Downtown Club to housing. The county cites this as an obstacle to conversion, yet is planning to spend \$2 million to use the building for office space. In these hard times, HAC argues, the priorities of local government must be more sympathetic to the needs of the people of the community.

Phillis Engelbert is a member of the Homeless Action Committee and an AGENDA staffer. The Homeless Action Committee meets every Thursday at 5:30 pm at Guild House, 802 Monroe.

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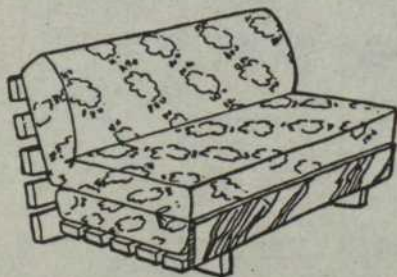
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Prison Health Care A Nightmare

I have been a political activist since the 1960s and a community physician for 20 years. I became interested in prison health care at the time of the Attica Rebellion in 1971 and was a prison doctor in 1972-73.

In 1982, I was arrested for allegedly treating a member of an underground revolutionary group wounded in a shoot-out with police, the first doctor so charged since Dr. Mudd was jailed for treating John Wilkes Booth. After release on bail, I failed to appear for trial. I was arrested in 1985 and ultimately convicted of a number of politically-motivated crimes. I have been incarcerated since then, mostly in high security units, including Marion Penitentiary, the notorious highest security federal prison.

I developed cancer in 1985 and again in 1990, and had to fight the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to get medical care. In 1990 I survived eight grueling months of chemotherapy, the first four months in a hospital lock ward and the second four shackled to a bed in an isolation room in an oncology unit. I was largely paralyzed from my neck down during that period.

I was supported by many activists and groups like Amnesty International and Physicians for Human Rights, and was featured on

a "60 Minutes" segment on prison health care. Now I am undergoing rehabilitation at the federal prison unit connected with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and am scheduled for release in July 1992.

I survived two bouts of lymphatic cancer because I am a doctor (both times I found the enlarged lymph nodes that prison doctors did not) and because I have outside supporters. Supporters kept me out of the basement of the Springfield prison hospital, where I would have died, an end that the BOP wanted.

My situation is interesting, but to speak only of that would be to shirk a responsibility that we political prisoners have to fellow prisoners. A substantial part of our society's poor and people of color will receive health care—or will be denied it—in prison. The prisoner/patient is a growing phenomenon. The U.S. has the highest incarceration rate of any industrialized nation. A high and growing percentage of prisoners are people of color, with the women's prison population growing faster than the men's. HIV and tuberculosis epidemics which are devastating inner cities are swamping already inadequate prison health care facilities. Long sentences from the "war on drugs" are "graying" the prison popula-

tion, so prison doctors see more heart disease, cancer and strokes to which older people are prone. Like other institutions that serve the poor, prison health care is collapsing, or, more accurately, has already collapsed. The disaster is measured in increasing unnecessary suffering and death.

A congressional committee investigating prison health care heard that 154 men died at Springfield in 1990. I was called to testify, but the BOP objected and the subpoena was withdrawn. This is part of my statement to the committee, describing my brief stay at Springfield in 1987:

I was kept in the "hole" at Springfield. I was allowed out of my cell five hours per week: two hours in a dog cage outside and three hours in a cage inside. My doctor was the Chief of Medicine, Dr. Nelson. He was one of the most hostile, least competent, and least compassionate doctors I've ever met. Our encounters were limited, but I witnessed his interactions with other prisoners as well.

Jonathan, for example, was a 23-year-old who lived on one side of me. He had an overactive thyroid due to Grave's disease. That condition can be treated with drugs, radioactive iodine, or surgery. In previously untreated young people, drugs are almost always tried first. Dr. Nelson never told Jon about the three options. Instead, he told him he had to take the radioactive iodine. He did not inform him of the side effects.

Terry's cell was on the other side of me. He was sent to Springfield from Marion Penitentiary because of recurring bouts of hepatitis. Dr. Nelson informed him that the liver abnormalities were due to winter weather and depression—a ludicrous explanation. The treatment was to return him to the notorious Marion control unit.

For part of my stay, Pablo was in the cell across from me. He was sent there to have a bullet removed from his buttocks. A nurse came to have him sign a release form. He couldn't read or speak English; the nurse knew no Spanish. Pablo asked me to translate. The release was for the removal of a lymph node, not a bullet. No one had told him that the doctor suspected he had cancer.

Carlos was in that cell after Pablo. He was a Connecticut state prisoner who had been held at Marion for years. He went on a hunger strike to protest his long years in 23-hour-a-day lockdown. Pursuant to BOP policy, he was sent to Springfield for forced feeding. Forced feeding has been widely condemned by human rights groups. The World Health Organization has called on physicians to refuse to participate in it. Forced feeding at Springfield is particularly brutal. After a pro forma psychological evaluation to establish that a hunger striker is, by definition, suicidal, the prisoner is strapped down. A large rubber feeding tube is forced down his or her gullet, and a liquid meal is administered. The tube is then removed and reinserted for every feeding, subjecting the patient to incredible pain and the risk of aspiration pneumonia.

There was another prisoner in my unit who was restrained. I don't know what brought him to Springfield. He spent a fair percentage of his time verbally harassing the staff. He sounded confused to me. The guards got permission to restrain him, even though he was never physically violent. He was strapped spread-eagle to the bed and left there to urinate and defecate on himself. I believe regulations state that such restraints can only be used for 24 hours. He was in restraints from Friday until Monday—72 hours of total immobility, covered with his own waste.

VERBATIM FREI BETTO

A Christian Defense of Revolutionary Cuba

Frei Betto, a Brazilian Catholic priest, was imprisoned and tortured by the military regime that ruled Brazil from 1964 through the early 1980s. A series of conversations between Betto and Fidel Castro has been published under the title "Fidel and Religion." What follows is Betto's speech to a Jan. 25, 1992 Peace for Cuba rally that took place at New York's Javits Convention Center.

Brothers and sisters, I am very happy to partake with you this celebration of faith and justice, and of hope for the freedom of the people of Latin America. I would like to say that above my hopes for the Cuban Revolution, above my admiration for Fidel Castro, is my admiration for life. Life is God's greatest gift.

I come from a country in which the majority of the people have been condemned to death by social conditions. The majority of people in Brazil do not have a secure life. This also happens in Bolivia and Honduras, in Colombia and Peru, in all of the countries of Latin America. With the exception of one: Cuba. It is the only country in Latin America in which life is socially guaranteed. This is enough for us as human beings, and as Christians, to defend the Cuban Revolution.

There are people who say that in Cuba human rights are not respected. You know, to talk of human rights in Latin America is a luxury. Because in Brazil and Peru, in Honduras and Guatemala, the people don't even have the rights that animals have, the right to eat, the rights that dogs and cows and chickens have. I would love it if the laws which protect animals applied to the Latin American people.

I have never seen a hungry cow in the streets of Brazil. There are millions of hungry children in the streets of Brazil. Eight million of these children are abandoned. Seven thousand of these children have been

murdered in the past few years. The only Latin American country where there are no children living in the streets, where there are no unemployed, and, although there are a lot of difficulties, everybody has a full life, is Cuba.

Some people say that Cuba must be liberated. For what future? Some say that socialism is in crisis. But capitalism has failed for the last 200 years. In Africa, Asia and Latin America, the majority of the countries are capitalist. And capitalism has failed there. Latin America is a lot poorer now that it was 20 years ago. Of almost 500 million inhabitants, 350 million are hungry. We have an external and internal debt of more than \$400 million.

And so I ask: Cuba should free itself of what? Should it free itself to be served at McDonald's? Should the liberation of Cuba be at the hands of the International Monetary Fund?

You know what's in the future for Eastern Europe? It's the present of Latin America. Now, thanks to the embrace of the International Monetary Fund, the people of Eastern Europe understand inflation, high prices, unemployment and hunger. We don't want this future for Cuba. This is not freedom.

Freedom, according to the Bible, is to share the wealth and to assure that everybody has an equal right to life. It is a shame and an embarrassment to all of us who live in supposedly Christian countries, that in Latin America this freedom only exists in Cuba.

That is why as long as there is a U.S. blockade against Cuba, we have to give our unconditional support to revolutionary Cuba. As a Christian and a freedom fighter, and above all as a Latin American, I am convinced that for us, socialism is not nostalgia for the past, it's the dream for our future.

(recorded and transcribed by Eric Jackson)

Far-Right City Council Candidate Masks Views:

Will Ann Arbor's Fifth Ward Voters be Fooled by Jeff Muir?

The far right is looking to sneak one of its own onto the City Council on April 6, when Ann Arbor voters will go to the polls for city elections. Michigan Review (MR) editor Jeff Muir is challenging fifth ward incumbent Democrat, Thais Peterson. Muir, who was recruited by local Republicans to be their standard bearer, takes the most extreme stands on such matters as race relations, date rape and AIDS research that have ever been heard in city politics.

David Duke isn't the only extreme right candidate trying to distance himself from his past in this spring's elections. Muir, who has left an extensive paper trail and a record in office as a member of the Michigan Student Assembly, served notice in a campaign ad that he is no exception to this trend: "I'm not running on my record as a conservative student activist" (MR, Jan. 8, 1992).

No wonder. Muir's stands are likely to offend many potential constituents. For example, during last fall's furor over a Michigan Daily ad that claimed that the Nazi Holocaust never took place, Muir wrote: "I support the Michigan Daily's decision to run the 'Holocaust Controversy' ad" (MR, Nov. 6, 1991).

Muir is habitually soft on holocausts. Take the AIDS epidemic. In the summer of 1990 he wrote and distributed a "Students for a Traditional Lifestyle" leaflet which asked: "Why does ACT-UP think that citizens of the United States, the overwhelming majority of whom live a traditional, Judeo-Christian, heterosexual lifestyle, should pay (via taxes) for more research into a disease which can only be transmitted through voluntary behaviors and chosen irresponsibility?" Muir denounced U-M president Duderstadt for condemning the massacre of protesters at Tiananmen Square and the murders of Jesuit educators in El Salvador (MR, March 20, 1991).

The Conservative Coalition, of which Muir is a leader, called last fall for a little holocaust of their own, covering the U-M central campus with posters bearing the slogan "Exterminate the Radicals."

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thinly-veiled positions that leave no doubt about his racial agenda. His Review articles attack the university's ethnic diversity, courses on racism and minority scholarships. In one column, he described Central American children as "dirty-faced rugrats from somewhere south of Texas" (MR, Dec. 1990). Muir's encoded position on race relations is well summed up in a take off on a Beatles tune that appeared in the MR's "Best of The Serpent's Tooth," compiled under Muir's editorship:

"Hey Dude/ You're so diverse/ You'd take a good school/ And make it worse/ Remember, when you judge by the color of the skin/ And let them in/ You lower standards" (MR, Oct. 9, 1991).

Muir's columns also leave little doubt about where he thinks that women belong in society. He often criticizes those who oppose sexual harassment. His MR column of October 23, 1991, decorated with a photograph of himself with two women wearing bunny ears, one holding a steno pad and sitting on his lap and the other one pouring coffee, defended Clarence Thomas, not on the facts at issue but on the concept involved: "The most astonishing bit of definitional criteria employed by the Hill camp held that if a female subordinate has been subjected to 'unwanted advances' by a male superior, then she was indeed the victim of harassment." Another column took a campus group to task for its "most sexist ad" contest (MR, April 16, 1991). Muir criticizes laws prohibiting sex with persons who are too intoxicated to give consent: "If I were you, male or female, I'd be scared. Not of being raped on a date, but of being screwed by the laws" (MR, March 6, 1991).

Muir has apparently written off most of the fifth ward's few student votes. He criticized a cap on tuition increases (MR, Sept. 5, 1991). Elsewhere, he wrote that: "Most students are temporary residents of Ann Arbor, and as such, are in a position to abuse their voting privileges" (MR, Nov. 1990).

Half of the Ann Arbor City Council will be elected on Monday, April 6. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm.

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That brings me to one last example from 2-1 East, Pedro. He was in his late 30s and dying from inoperable lung cancer. As he grew weaker, he could no longer come out for his occasional hour of recreation. His hacking cough and labored respirations echoed down the tier at night. He lay in his bunk, staring at the ceiling, a blank wall, or a barred window. When one of the rest of us went to recreation or a shower, we'd kick his door and yell "Hi!" It was his only human contact.

When my cancer recurred in 1990, I avoided being shipped back to Springfield. Dr. Nelson would have been my primary physician. The consulting "cancer specialist" at Springfield has never even qualified to take the specialty boards and is not a member of either of the two medical societies for cancer specialists. Springfield has close to 700 patients but has no doctor on the premises after 4 pm on weekdays or on

weekends. The lab and x-ray facilities don't function after 4 pm or on weekends. Yet the BOP considers this a full-service hospital.

It's frightening. What's more frightening is that many state systems and county jails have worse medical facilities. In 1990, some one million people were in prisons and two million passed through county jails. Black men in certain sections of New York City have a death rate comparable to that in Bangladesh, but Black men in prison die at an even higher rate. At what point do we call the policy of stuffing people of color into prisons and neglecting their health genocide?

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BOOK REVIEW
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“Plausible Denial”
A Book That Could Change the Country

“Plausible Denial: Was the CIA Involved with the Assassination of Kennedy?” by Mark Lane, Thunder’s Mouth Press, New York 1991.

Almost simultaneous with the release of Oliver Stone’s film “JFK,” was the publication of Mark Lane’s book, “Plausible Denial.” While Lane’s book is likely to have less impact on the general populace than the movie, it is a better work.

Like “JFK,” “Plausible Denial” is ostensibly an account of a trial, that of E. Howard Hunt. Hunt, the famous Watergate burglar and CIA operative, claimed that he was libeled by the ultraconservative Liberty Lobby, which published a piece by ex-CIA man Victor Marchetti claiming that Hunt was in Dallas at the time of the Kennedy assassination. Hunt sued Liberty Lobby and won.

Liberty Lobby appealed, won a new trial, and in one of the most unusual political marriages of the century, hired radical lawyer Mark Lane to defend its case. Lane turned the dispute into a trial on the CIA’s complicity in the assassination. Legal tools of discovery and the jury system were brought to bear. For the first time a jury heard the JFK assassination case, without media hysterics, through formal evidence in court. Anyone reading this book would find it difficult to avoid the conclusion that the CIA was involved, although how and why are still open to debate.

Most explosive was the testimony of Marita Lorenz. Lorenz is an ex-CIA spook who was recruited by the agency after she had established an intimate relationship with Fidel Castro. Among her assignments was an assassination attempt against Castro, an assignment that she was unable to carry out, both because of her own reticence and because of some technical glitches. Most riveting was her testimony of how she drove E. Howard Hunt to Dallas two days before the assassination, with a great deal of money in tow. While she did not know the purpose of her assignment, and repeatedly claimed so, it is difficult for a reader to avoid the conclusion that she was driving the paymaster, E. Howard Hunt, to the scene of the assassination. While Hunt was working for the CIA at the time, it remains to be determined whether this mission was an official assignment, whether he was running a Contra-like renegade operation, or whether he was just cooperating with Mafiosi or Cubans.

The jury agreed with the defense, acquitted Liberty Lobby, and in effect found that the CIA was involved with Kennedy’s assassination. Some attack the verdict because the crucial evidence was provided by Marita Lorenz, who—fearing for her life—testified in a deposition taken at a secret location. Yet the government has neither claimed perjury nor come forward with evidence to attack the jury’s decision.

(At press time, “Plausible Denial” was number six on The New York Times bestseller list.)

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FORMAT—Date, event, sponsor, time, and place; one or two sentence description, fee, phone number. (Please include a contact name and phone number—not for publication).

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 Sunday

"Comedy and the Artist's Eye": U-M Museum of Art Works on Paper Gallery, 525 S. State (thru 15 March, Tue-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun 1-5 pm). 764-0395

"Discovering the Mind of Enlightenment": Inter-Cooperative Council Ed. Center 10 am, 1522 Hill. Khento Sonam Rinpoche, Buddhist meditation master, describes techniques for inner discovery. 665-3522

Cary Kocher/Peter Klaver: Bird of Paradise 11 am-2 pm, 207 S. Ashley. Brunch, no cover. 662-8310

"Special Ministry to Gay Men, Bisexuals, & Lesbians": Huron Valley Community Church 2 pm services, 3 pm social hour, Glacier Way United Methodist Church, 1001 Green Rd. 741-1174

Sunday Tour: U-M Museum of Art 2 pm, lobby, 525 S. State. Hour-long tour of "The Pear: French Graphic Arts in the Golden Age of Caricature," (in the West Gallery thru 22 March, Tue-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun 1-5 pm). 764-0395

Meeting: Dawntreaders 3 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

Meeting: Haiti Solidarity Group 3 pm, Canterbury House, 218 N. Division. Address the plight of Haitian refugees and the restoration of democracy in Haiti. 662-5668

Potluck and Community Meeting: Depot Town Sourdough Bakery 4 pm potluck followed by 5 pm meeting, 310 N. River, Ypsilanti. Participate in a democratically-managed community business. Bring a dish to pass, the Bakery will provide sourdough pizza. 487-8110

Swim Practice: A2QUA (Ann Arbor Queer Aquatics) 5 pm, CCRB, 401 Washtenaw Place. Call for guest pass. 665-8063

Meeting: Huron Valley Greens 6:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 973-9709

"Swing": Performance Network 4:30 pm, 408 W. Washington. A drama of distrust, desire and delusion, \$9/\$7 studs & srs. 663-0681

Services for Lesbians, Gay Men & Bisexuals: Tree of Life Metropolitan Community Church 7 pm, call for location. 665-6163

Meeting: Ypsilanti Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA 7:30 pm, downstairs, First Congregational Church, 218 N. Adams, Ypsilanti. 484-0456

The Chenilles: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. A2's one and only, \$15. 761-1451

2 Monday

Women's Book Group: Guild House noon, 802 Monroe. Call for the week's readings. 662-5189

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group: Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living 7-9 pm, 2568 Packard. 971-0277 or 971-0310 (TDD)

"Bitter Cane" & "Haiti Dreams of Democracy": LASC Latin American Film Series 7 pm, Rackham Amphitheater (4th floor). "Bitter Cane" is a history of Haiti, starting with the 1804 revolution. "Haiti Dreams..." focuses on popular music of resistance in the post-Duvalier period. 665-8438

Psychedelic Furs: Prism Productions 7:30 pm, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. Reserved seats: \$18.50, \$12.50. 763-TKTS

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

Social for Lesbians, Bisexual People & Gay Men: Canterbury House 8:45 pm, 218 N. Division. 665-0606

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. Big band jazz, \$3. 662-8310

3 Tuesday

ArtBreak: U-M Museum of Art 12:10 pm, 525 S. State. 20-minute tour of "Comedy and the Artist's Eye." 764-0395

Blind and Visually Impaired Support Group: Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living 5:30-7 pm, 2568 Packard Road. 971-0277 or 971-0310 (TDD)

"Closets are for Clothes": WCBN-FM 6 pm, 88.3 FM. News, announcements, interviews & commentary for the Lesbian, Gay & Bi communities. 763-3500

Meeting: EMU Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Student Association 7 pm, Tower Rm, 2nd floor, McKenny Union, EMU, Ypsilanti. 487-0650

Support Group: Adult Daughters of Alcoholics & Other Trauma 7:30 pm, 3200 Mich. Union, 530 S. State. 665-3706

Support/Discussion Group: Identity 8 pm, Tower Rm, 2nd floor, McKenny Union, EMU, Ypsilanti. For Lesbians, Gay Men, and Bisexual people and people who are uncertain of their sexual orientation. Mark, 487-3541

Cary Kocher/Paul Keller Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

4 Wednesday

ArtVideo: U-M Museum of Art noon, AV room, 525 S. State. "The Mystery of Henry Moore." 747-0521

Beans and Rice Dinner with a Writer: Guild House 6 pm, 802 Monroe. Food and conversation, \$3/\$1 kids. 662-5189

Massage Class: Common Language Bookstore 6 pm, 214 S. Fourth Ave. David Rosenberg, member American Massage Therapy Association conducts course. Wear loose comfortable clothing, \$5 per class. 662-6282

Vienna Choir Boys: University Musical Society 7 pm, Hill Auditorium. Includes a one-act comic opera, Johann Strauss' "Tales from the Vienna Woods," \$10 to \$20. 764-2538.

Meeting: Lesbian, Bisexuals, & Gay Men's Adult Children of Alcoholics 7 pm, St. Andrew's Episcopal, 306 N. Division. 996-1532

Meeting: Student Organization United for Peace 7:15 pm, 402 Pray-Harold Bldg., EMU, Ypsilanti. 482-3310

The Cramps: Prism Productions 7:30 pm, State Theater, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$15.50 in advance. 763-TKTS

Michael Hedges: Office of Major Events 8 pm, Power Center. Windham Hill guitarist, singer, and songwriter who Hillian Magazine calls an "Acoustic guitar monster...utterly gripping." \$16.50. 763-TKTS

Open Stage: The Ark 8 pm, 637 1/2 S. Main. You and your instruments are invited to sign up at 7:30 pm for a short set on the Ark stage, \$2.75/\$1.75 mems, students & srs. 761-1451

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee 8 pm, Mich. Union. Ask for room # at information desk. 665-8438

Meeting for U-M Lesbians, Bisexuals, & Gay Men: East Quad/RC Social Group 9 pm, 701 E. University. 764-1673

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

5 Thursday

ArtTalk: U-M Museum of Art noon to 1 pm, 525 S. State. "The Crisis of Fin-de-Siecle." 764-0395

A Memorial of Names: 13th Annual Conference on the Holocaust 12:30 pm, Diag. 24-hours of reading names of those who perished in the Holocaust begins. 769-0500

Meeting: U-M Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Students Association 5 pm, 721 S. State, third floor. 998-6136

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 5:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Help expose myths about homelessness and confront businesses and politicians who contribute to existing poverty and homelessness. 996-1788

Meeting: Gays & Lesbians Older & Wiser (GLOW) & Turner Clinic Learning Programs 7 pm, Turner Geriatric Services, 1010 Wall. 763-6631

Gay Jewish Social Hour: Hillel 7 pm, Caffe Fino, 1214 S. University. 769-0500

Meeting: Amnesty International U-M 7 pm, B-137 Mod. Lang. Bldg. 764-6668

Mahlathini & the Mahotella Queens: The Ark 7 pm & 9:30 pm, 637 1/2 S. Main. South African pop, \$15. 761-1451

Meeting: Palestine Solidarity Committee 7:30 pm, Mich. Union. 764-4901

Meeting: ACT-UP/Ann Arbor 7:30 pm, Mich. Union. 665-1797

"Who Will Deliver Us from the Greeks and the Romans: Past and Present in the

Prints of Daumier": U-M Museum of Art 8 pm, Angell Hall Aud. C. Lecture by Professor Joel Isaacson, U-M History of Art Dept., followed by reception at Museum of Art (525 S. State). 747-0264

"I Ain't Yo' Uncle": U-M Office of Major Events 8 pm, Power Center. The San Francisco Mime Troupe's African American re-write of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," \$16.50. 763-TKTS

Dance Faculty Concert: EMU 8 pm, Quirk Theater, EMU, Ypsilanti. Annual concert highlights six alumni from EMU's dance program, \$7/\$5 students. 487-1211

"Swing": Performance Network 8 pm (see 1 Sun)

Ween: Prism Productions 9:30 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First, \$5 in advance. 763-TKTS

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 4 Wed)

6 Friday

"Brazil and Ecuador—The Land, the People and the Economy": Guild House Friday Forum noon, 802 Monroe. Conversation and slides with Shirley Lewis, frequent traveller to Brazil. Optional lunch \$1. 662-5189

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George Mallory/Gene Jones Quartet: Bird of Paradise 5:30-9 pm, 207 S. Ashley. 662-8310

Lesbian & Bisexual Womyn's Potluck: Common Language Bookstore & Lesbian Programs Office 6-8 pm, 214 S. Fourth Ave. Bring a dish (no cooking facilities). 663-0036

Women's Minyan: Hillel 6:15 pm, 1422 Hill. Celebrate the traditional women's festival of Rosh Hodesh with a creative feminist service. 769-0500

Pre-Concert Presentation: University Musical Society 7 pm, Rackham East Lecture Rm. U-M Professor of Music Dr. Glenn Watkins presents "The Genius of Claudio Monteverdi—Prima e Seconda Pratica," in advance of Consort of Musica (see listing this date). 764-2538

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Consort of Musicks: University Musical Society 8 pm, Rackham Aud. This premier English ensemble of six singers and luteist Anthony Rooley specializes in English and Italian vocal music of around 1600. They present "The Genius of Claudio Monteverdi," \$14 to \$26. 764-2538

"Shared Treasures": U-M Communications Dept. 8 pm, Angell Hall Aud. D. Premiere screening of 16mm documentary film about the controversial issue of replacing Tiger Stadium. 741-7052

Dance Faculty Concert: EMU 8 pm (see 5 Thu)

"Swing": Performance Network 8 pm (see 1 Sun)

The RFD Boys & The Eddie Adcock Band: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Gourmet bluegrass, \$10/\$9 mems, studs & srs. 761-1451

Poetry Reading: 13th Annual Conference on the Holocaust 9 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill St. Aaron Kramer reads his poetry based on his experiences during the Holocaust. 769-0500

The Detroit All Star Jazz Reunion Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. With Jack Brokensha, Matt Michaels, Dan Jordan, and Jerry McKenzie, \$5. 662-8310

Dance Jam: People Dancing 10 pm, People Dancing Studio, 111 Third St. Varied recorded dance music. Smoke- and alcohol-free. Children welcome, \$2. 996-2405

7 Saturday

Masterclass with Consort of Musicks: University Musical Society 11 am-1 pm, Church of Latter Day Saints, W. Jefferson & Fourth St. The session also includes members of the Academy of Early Music. 763-3100

Nature Through a Looking Glass: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 1-3 pm, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. Learn how to identify birds, trees, rocks, insects, etc. For ages 8-12 years old, class size limited to 15. \$4. 662-7802

Support Group for People with Disabilities Who Have Alcohol Abuse Issues: Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living 1-3 pm, 2568 Packard. 971-0277 or 971-0310 (TDD)

Holly Near: The Ark 7 pm & 9:30 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Singer-songwriter extraordinaire, \$13.75. 761-1451

Meeting: Sober Sisters, An AA Group for Lesbians & Bisexual Women 7 pm, Common Language Bookstore, 214 S. Fourth Ave. 663-0036

Arturo Sandoval: Office of Major Events 8 pm, Power Center. Cuban jazz and classical trumpet and flugelhorn artist who Dizzy Gillespie calls "one of the greatest trumpet players in the world," \$16.50/\$12.50 students. 763-TKTS

Dance Faculty Concert: EMU 8 pm (see 5 Thu)

"Swing": Performance Network 8 pm (see 1 Sun)

"Korczak": Hill St. Cinema 8 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill St. Film recounts life in the Warsaw Ghetto, \$5. 769-0500

Drum Circle: Guild House 8 pm, 802 Monroe. For adults interested in playing hand percussion and learning rhythms. 662-5189



Holly Near (see 7 Sat)

The Detroit All Star Jazz Reunion Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 6 Fri)

8 Sunday

EOP Facilitator's In-Service: Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office 11 am, 3100 Mich. Union. 763-4186

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"Swing": Performance Network 6:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

Services for Lesbians, Gay Men & Bisexuals 7 pm (see 1 Sun)

The Irish Rovers: Office of Major Events 7 pm, Power Center. Jigs, reels, jokes, and gags add up to the same old blarney—guaranteed fun, \$17.50. 763-TKTS

"Born Guilty": Jewish Ensemble Theatre of Detroit 7:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill St. Staged reading that explores the burden of guilt left by the horrors of the Holocaust, \$5. 769-0500

Meeting: Ypsilanti Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA 7:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

Bill Morrissey with Johnny Cunningham: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, \$10.75/\$9.75 mems, students, srs. 761-1451

9 Monday

"No Authority But From God": Conference on the Holocaust 12 pm, Room C, 3rd Floor, Mich. League. Video and discussion on theological issues confronting Church leaders in the 1930s and 40s. 769-0500

"Ganga Zumba": LASC Latin American Film Series 7 pm, Rackham Amphitheater (4th floor). In 1604, slaves in Brazil revolt to form their own state. 665-8438

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group 7 pm (see 2 Mon)

An Evening With Survivors: Conference on the Holocaust 7:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Listen to and talk with survivors of the Holocaust. 769-0500

"Voices from a Promised Land—Conversations with Israeli and Palestinian Peace Activists": Common Language Bookstore 7:30 pm, 214 S. Fourth Ave. Penny Rosenwasser will present her slide show and read from her book, "Olives and Orange Branches: A Quest for Peace in the Promised Land." 663-0036

Nate Ketchum & Angelique Williams: Guild House Writers Series 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

Social for Lesbians, Bisexual People, & Gay Men: Canterbury House 8:45 pm (see 2 Mon)

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 2 Mon)

10 Tuesday

"Voices from a Promised Land—Conversations with Israeli and Palestinian Peace Activists" noon, Rackham W. Conference Rm. (see 9 Mon)

ArtBreak: U-M Museum of Art 12:10 pm (see 3 Tue)

Blind and Visually Impaired Support Group 5:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

"Closets are for Clothes": WCBN-88.3 FM 6 pm (see 3 Tue)

Meeting: EMU Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Student Association 7 pm (see 3 Tue)

Poland in the 1990s: Conference on the Holocaust 7 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Discussion and slide presentation. 769-0500

Candidates Forum on the Environment: Ecology Center 7:30-9 pm, A2 Public Library, Multi-Purpose Rm. All 10 candidates for A2 City Council have been invited, with a question and answer period. 761-3186

Support Group: Adult Daughters of Alcoholics & Other Trauma 7:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

Meeting: Religious Coalition on Latin America 7:30 pm, First Baptist Church, Washington near State. Planning for the Underground Railway Theater's April 5 performance of "Christopher Columbus Follies: An Eco-Cabaret." 663-1870

Meeting: Washtenaw Citizens for Animal Rights 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 665-2480

Bulgarian State Female Vocal Choir: Office of Major Events 8 pm, Power Center. Unusual joining of folk melodies with sophisticated harmonies and compelling rhythms, \$18.50. 763-TKTS

"Triumph of the Spirit": Conference on the Holocaust 8 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Video showing of 1989 film about a boxing champion who fights for his life in the Auschwitz death camp. 769-0500

Support/Discussion Group: Identity 8 pm (see 3 Tue)

Judy Small: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Small has been a voice of the women's peace movement—and other political causes—for many years, \$9.75/\$8.75 mems, students, srs. 761-1451

Cary Kocher/Paul Keller Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

11 Wednesday

ArtVideo: U-M Museum of Art noon, "The World Began at Ile-Ife: Meaning and Function in Yoruba Art." (see 4 Wed)

Massage Class: Common Language Bookstore 6 pm (see 4 Wed)

Michael Bernstein Memorial Lecture: Conference on the Holocaust 7 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Robert Clary will tell the story of his survival and why he came to share it with the world. 769-0500

Meeting: Lesbian, Bisexual, & Gay Men Adult Children of Alcoholics 7 pm (see 4 Wed)

Meeting: Student Organization United for Peace 7:15 pm (see 4 Wed)

Ivo Pogorelich: University Musical Society 8 pm, Hill Aud. An artist in the grand tradition of Liszt and Gould, this Yugoslav pianist will perform pieces by Chopin, Ravel and Rachmaninoff, \$10-\$35. 764-2538

Arcady: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, \$10.75/\$9.75 mems, students, srs. 761-1451

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee 8 pm (see 4 Wed)

Meeting for U-M Lesbians, Bisexuals, & Gay Men 9 pm (see 4 Wed)

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 4 Wed)

12 Thursday

ArtTalk: U-M Museum of Art noon, "Cezanne and Seurat." (see 5 Thu)

Meeting: U-M Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Students Association 5 pm (see 5 Thu)

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 5:30 pm (see 5 Thu)

"Was Esther a Moral Person?": Jewish Feminist Group Study Session 7 pm, Hillel. Take a fresh look at the Purim story focusing on Queen Esther. 747-6575

Cerebral Palsy Support Group: Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living 7-9 pm, 2568 Packard Road. 971-0277 or 971-0310 (TDD)

Meeting: Amnesty International U-M 7 pm (see 5 Thu)

Lesbian, Bisexual & Gay Youth Support Group: Ozone House 7:30 pm, 608 N. Main. Confidential support group for Lesbian,

Gay, or Bisexual teens 20 or younger and for teens that are questioning their sexual orientation. Paul 662-2222

Meeting: Ann Arbor-Juigalpa Sister City 7:30 pm, First Baptist Church, Washington near State. 663-0655

Meeting: Journey Women 7:30 pm, 802 Monroe. Women's spirituality group. 662-5189

"An Agenda for Children—1992": Women's Int'l League for Peace & Freedom 7:30 pm, A2 Public Library, Conf. Rm. A. 663-6248

Meeting: ACT-UP/Ann Arbor 7:30 pm (see 5 Thu)

Meeting: Palestine Solidarity Committee 7:30 pm (see 5 Thu)

"Funny Art & Funny Art History": U-M Museum of Art 8 pm, Angell Hall Aud. C. Lecture by Robert Rosenblum, art historian and NYU Art History Professor, followed by reception at Museum of Art. 747-0264

"Korczak": Hill St. Cinema 8 pm (see 7 Sat)

Drew Westen: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Singing stand-up comic, \$8.75/\$7.75 mems, students, srs. 761-1451

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 4 Wed)

13 Friday

Borders Book Days: Jewish Cultural Society Mention JCS and Borders will donate a percentage of the price of your purchase to JCS. Runs through 15 Sun. 665-5761

30 Years and Beyond—Celebrating the Independent Filmmaker: Ann Arbor Film Festival Conference for students and filmmakers includes workshops, exhibitions, panel discussions and screenings of new works. Workshops in animation, optical printing, developing, funding and distribution. Runs through 16 Mon, \$75. 995-5356

"The Road to Lansing—A Religious Community Response to the State Budget Cuts": Friday Forum Guild House noon, 802 Monroe. With Rev. Joe Summers. Optional lunch \$1. 662-5189

Meeting: Disarmament Working Group of Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice noon, First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw. 663-1870

Lesbian, Bisexual & Gay Happy Hour Group 5 pm (see 6 Fri)

George Mallory/Gene Jones Quartet: Bird of Paradise 5:30 to 9 pm (see 6 Fri)

"Women's Health Issues of the 90s": Common Language Bookstore 7:30 pm, 214 S. Fourth Ave. Talk by Norma Swenson, co-author of "Our Bodies, Ourselves." 663-0036

"Covering the War on Drugs, the War on AIDS, & the War on Poverty: Dispatches from Forgotten Fronts": 1992 Spring Loud Lecture 7:30 pm, First United Methodist Church, 120 S. State. ABC News correspondent Beth Nissen will speak on social issues of our day. 668-6881

Meetings: Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA & Alanon 7:30 pm (see 7 Fri)

"Nguisani Matinu: Dancing to the Same Drum": KUUMBA 8 pm, Mendelssohn Theater, Mich. League. Connects the African-American and Congolese lifestyle through the medium of song and dance. Features vocals from African-American U-M students and drummers from the Congo, \$12/\$7 students. 747-0822

The RFD Boys: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Bluegrass at its best, \$8.75/\$7.75 mems, studs & srs. 761-1451

Eric Brandon w/Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

AUTHOR READINGS AT COMMON LANGUAGE BOOKSTORE 214 S. FOURTH AVE ANN ARBOR 663-0036

Monday March 9th 7:30pm
Penny Rosenwasser author of Voices From A Promised Land: Palestinian & Israeli Peace Activists Speak Their Hearts will present her slide show and read from her book.

Friday, March 13th 3:00pm
Norma Swenson co- author of the New Our Bodies, Ourselves will present "Women's Health Issues for the 90's."



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14 Saturday

Support Group for People with Disabilities Who Have Alcohol Abuse Issues 1-3 pm (see 7 Sat)

Social Group: Lesbians Over 30 6 pm, Common Language Bookstore, 214 S. 4th Ave. 663-0036

Retrospective Screening: Ann Arbor Film Festival 7 pm, 9 pm & midnight, Michigan Theater. Panorama of films from the past 29 years of the festival. 668-8397

Meeting: Sober Sisters 7 pm (see 7 Sat)

Peace and Justice Cabaret: Guild House 7:30-10 pm, Unitarian Church, 1917 Washtenaw. Hear Jay Stielstra, Sally Horvath, Elise Bryant and others in this benefit for Guild House, \$12/\$6 students & children. 662-5189

Pat Donohue: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, \$10.75/\$9.75 mems, studs & srs. 761-1451

"Ngusani Matinu: Dancing to the Same Drum": KUUMBA 8 pm (see 13 Fri)

Drum Circle: Guild House 8 pm (see 7 Sat)

Eric Brandon with Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 13 Fri)

15 Sunday

Cary Kocher/Peter Klaver: Bird of Paradise 11 am (see 1 Sun)

Stinchfield Woods Outing: Sierra Club 1 pm, City Hall parking lot, 100 N. Fifth Ave. Hike or ski with Ken Langton. 996-2373

Sunday Tour: U-M Museum of Art 2 pm (see 1 Sun)

"Special Ministry to Gay Men, Bisexuals, & Lesbians" 2 pm (see 1 Sun)

Paul Finkbeiner/Mark Hynes Quintet: Bird of Paradise 2:30-5 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

Meeting: Haiti Solidarity Group 3 pm (see 1 Sun)

Meeting: Dawntreaders 3 pm (see 1 Sun)

After the Parade Party: Irish Northern Aid Committee 3:30-8:30 pm, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Music by Charlie Taylor & Len Wallace, Irish beer & food. \$3, children free. Benefit for families of IRA prisoners. 885-5618.

International Concert: Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra 4 pm, Michigan Theater. Features German, Spanish and Russian compositions, \$12, \$15, \$18/ discounts for students, seniors & children. 668-8397

Swim Practice: A²QUA (Ann Arbor Queer Aquatics) 5 pm (see 1 Sun)

"Ngusani Matinu: Dancing to the Same Drum": KUUMBA 6 pm (see 13 Fri)

Huron Valley Greens Big Circle Meeting 6:30 pm, Washtenaw County Rec. Bldg. 973-9709

Services for Lesbians, Gay Men & Bisexuals 7 pm (see 8 Sun)

Sunday Homegrown Women's Music Series: The Ark 7:30 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Featuring guitarist Hideko Mills and performance poet Wasantha Young, \$6-10 donation. 761-1451

Scott Henderson, Gary Willis & Tribal Tech: Prism Productions 7:30 pm, Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Henderson was recently voted "Best Guitarist" in Guitar Player magazine, \$10/\$12.50 cabaret. 763-TKTS

Meeting: Ypsilanti Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA 7:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

Faculty Artists Concert: University Musical Society 8 pm, Rackham Aud. Faculty members of the U-M School of Music

present chamber music of the Edison Collection, Chopin and Mozart. 764-2538

"Korczak": Hill St. Cinema 8 pm (see 7 Sat)

16 Monday

Women's Book Group: Guild House noon (see 2 Mon)

"The Last Supper": LASC Latin American Film Series 7 pm, Rackham Amphitheater (4th floor). Sardonic tour-de-force that combines blasphemous ironies with ominous undercurrents of imminent political reckoning. 665-8438

"The Changing Roles of Israeli Women": Jewish Feminist Group Study Session 7 pm, Hillel. Hear about the Israeli women's movement from an insider's perspective. 747-6575

Meeting: Washtenaw Area Self-Help for the Hard of Hearing 7 pm, Audiology Dept., Taubman Center, U-M Hospital. Geri Markel will speak on "Assertiveness." 665-9518

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group 7-9 pm (see 2 Mon)

Edwin Ion Simpson, "A Rite of Passage Reading": Guild House Writers Series 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

Social for Lesbians, Bisexual People, & Gay Men: Canterbury House 8:45 pm (see 2 Mon)

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 2 Mon)

17 Tuesday

Michigan's Presidential Primary: Vote!

ArtBreak: U-M Museum of Art 12:10 pm, 525 S. State. 20-minute tour of "The Pear." 764-0395

Blind and Visually Impaired Support Group 5:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

"Closets are for Clothes": WCBN 88.3 FM 6 pm (see 3 Tue)

Meeting: EMU Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Student Association 7 pm (see 3 Tue)

General Meeting: Sierra Club 7:30 pm, U-M Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Frank Porta, Director of the Ann Arbor Dept. of Utilities, will discuss "Recent Developments in City Water Treatment." 662-7727

Support Group: Adult Daughters of Alcoholics & Other Trauma 7:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

Robert Jones & Mike Stevens: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Blues, \$9.75/\$8.75 mems, studs & srs. 761-1451

Support/Discussion Group: Identity 8 pm (see 3 Tue)

Recital of 19th & 20th Century Vocal Music 8:30 pm, Rackham Assembly Hall. Four graduate students from the U-M School of Music present selections that address political and human rights issues. 662-9775

Competition Screening: Ann Arbor Film Festival 30 8:30 pm, Michigan Theater. North America's oldest 16 mm film festival featuring new works in narrative, experimental, animation, documentary, and cinema verité, \$5. Festival runs through 22 Sun, series pass for all shows \$35. 668-8397

Cary Kocher/Paul Keller Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

18 Wednesday

ArtVideo: U-M Museum of Art noon, "The Art of Dogon," the dramatic art of Mali's Dogon people. (see 4 Wed)

Screening of Judges' Films: Ann Arbor Film Festival 3 pm, Michigan Theater (see 17 Tue)



Tom Paxton (see 21 Sat)

Massage Class: Common Language Bookstore 6 pm (see 4 Wed)

Beans and Rice Dinner with a Writer: Guild House 6 pm (see 4 Wed)

Competition Screening: Ann Arbor Film Festival 30 7 & 9:30 pm, Michigan Theater, \$5/\$8 for 2 shows (see 17 Tue)

Meeting: Lesbian, Bisexual, & Gay Men Adult Children of Alcoholics 7 pm (see 4 Wed)

Meeting: Student Organization United for Peace 7:15 pm (see 4 Wed)

Open Stage: The Ark 8 pm (see 4 Wed)

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee 8 pm (see 4 Wed)

Meeting: U-M Lesbians, Bisexuals, & Gay Men 9 pm (see 4 Wed)

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 4 Wed)

19 Thursday

ArtTalk: U-M Museum of Art noon, "Picasso." (see 5 Thu)

Screening of Judges' Films: Ann Arbor Film Festival 3 pm, Michigan Theater. (see 17 Tue)

Meeting: U-M Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Students Association 5 pm (see 5 Thu)

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 5:30 pm (see 5 Thu)

Competition Screening: Ann Arbor Film Festival 30 7 & 9:30 pm, Michigan Theater, \$5/\$8 for 2 shows. (see 17 Tue)

Meeting: Amnesty International U-M 7 pm (see 5 Thu)

Meeting: ACT-UP/Ann Arbor 7:30 pm (see 5 Thu)

"Muslim, Christian, Jewish Relationships: Heritage of the Past, Prospects for the Future": Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice 7:30 pm, Wesley Lounge, First Methodist Church, State & Huron. Talk by Yvonne Haddad, U-M Rockefeller Scholar. 663-1870

Meeting: Palestine Solidarity Committee 7:30 pm (see 5 Thu)

Second Opinion: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, \$8.75/\$7.75 mems, students, srs. 761-1451

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 4 Wed)

20 Friday

Borders Book Days: AGENDA Mention AGENDA and Borders will donate a percentage of the price of your purchase to us! Runs through 22 Sun. 996-8018

Native American Law Day: U-M Law School noon-5 pm, 250 Hutchins Hall, U-M Law School. Topic: "Land, Law, and Controversy." Reception to follow. 764-7097

"Natural Resources, Politics and the Nicaraguan Atlantic Coast": Friday Forum Guild House noon, 802 Monroe. With U-M Professor of Biology, John Vandermeer. Optional lunch \$1. 662-5189

Screening of Judges' Films: Ann Arbor Film Festival 3 pm, Michigan Theater. (see 17 Tue)

Lesbian, Bisexual & Gay Happy Hour Group 5 pm (see 6 Fri)

George Mallory/Gene Jones Quartet: Bird of Paradise 5:30 pm (see 6 Fri)

Competition Screening: Ann Arbor Film Festival 30 7 & 9:30 pm, Michigan Theater, \$5/\$8 for 2 shows. (see 17 Tue)

Meetings: Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA & Alanon 7:30 pm (see 6 Fri)

Boys of the Lough: The Ark 7:30 & 9:30 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, \$15. 761-1451

Patty Richards with The Jeff Kessler Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

Dance Jam: People Dancing 10 pm. Tonight's Dance Jam is a benefit for People Dancing Studio, \$4-\$5. (see 6 Fri)

21 Saturday

Borders Book Days: AGENDA Mention "AGENDA" and Borders will donate a percentage of the price of your purchase to us! Runs through 22 Sun. 996-8018

Story Quilts by Faith Ringgold: U-M Museum of Art thru 17 May, Tue-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun 1-5 pm, West Gallery, 525 S. State. Technicolor quilts by Harlem-born artist explores person, social and political events. 764-0395

20th Annual Ann Arbor Pow Wow: Native American Students Association 1 pm, Crisler Arena. This yearly event is recognized as one of the top Native American celebrations in North America. Doors open at 11 am; Adults \$7/day, child \$3/day; 2-Day Pass \$10 & \$5; Family \$20/day; Students & seniors \$4. 763-9044

Competition Screening: Ann Arbor Film Festival 30 1, 7 & 9:30 pm, Michigan Theater, \$5/\$8 for 2 shows/\$11 for 3 shows (see 17 Tue)

Support Group for People with Disabilities Who Have Alcohol Abuse Issues 1 pm (see 7 Sat)

Family Concert with Mustard's Retreat 4 pm, Abbot School, 2670 Sequoia Pkwy. This popular songwriting duo performs for the Abbot School PTO, \$5/\$15 for a family ticket. 665-5172

Sharon, Lois & Bram in Concert: Office of Major Events 4 pm, Hill Aud. These superstars of children's music play folk and family tunes, \$12.50. 763-TKTS

20th Annual Ann Arbor Pow Wow: Native American Students Association 6 pm (see 1 pm listing)

Meeting: Sober Sisters 7 pm (see 7 Sat)

Tom Paxton: The Ark 7:30 & 10 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. With opening act, Native American singer/songwriter Bill Miller, \$10.75. 761-1451

Melody on Ice: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 7:30-9:30 pm, Veterans Indoor Ice Arena, 2150 Jackson Rd. The Ann Arbor Skating Club's 50th Annual ice show featuring skaters of all ages, fee TBA. 761-7240

Beaux Arts Trio: University Musical Society 8 pm, Rackham Aud. This trio of piano, violin and cello performs Mozart, Ned Rorem's "Spring Music" and Schubert, \$18-\$29. 764-2538

Winter Top of the Park Party: Ann Arbor Summer Festival 8 pm-midnight, Washtenaw Community College Student Center Bldg., 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Festivities include announcement of the 1992 Festival main-stage line-up and the unveiling of the 1992 season poster, dance music by "The Perfect Choice," refreshments and cash bar, \$25/\$50 patron tickets. 747-2278

Drum Circle: Guild House 8 pm (see 1 Sat)

Patty Richards with The Jeff Kessler Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 20 Fri)

22 Sunday

Borders Book Days: AGENDA Mention AGENDA and Borders will donate a percentage of the price of your purchase to us! Last Day! 996-8018

Purim Party: Jewish Cultural Society 10:30 am-noon, Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. Food, game booths and Purimspiel. 665-5761

Cary Kocher/Peter Klaver: Bird of Paradise 11 am (see 1 Sun)

Tom Paxton Children's Show: The Ark noon, 637-1/2 S. Main, \$5. 761-1451

20th Annual Ann Arbor Pow Wow: Native American Students Association 1 pm (see 21 Sat)

Melody on Ice: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 2-4 pm (see 21 Sat)

Sunday Tour: U-M Museum of Art 2 pm (see 1 Sun)

"Special Ministry to Gay Men, Bisexuals, & Lesbians" 2 pm (see 1 Sun)



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Women's Poetry Reading: Common Language Bookstore 3 pm, 214 S. Fourth Ave. Featured readers and open mic. 663-0036

Meeting: Haiti Solidarity Group 3 pm (see 1 Sun)

Winners' Shows: Ann Arbor Film Festival 30 5, 7 & 9 pm, Michigan Theater, \$5/\$8 for 2 shows/\$11 for 3 shows (see 17 Tue)

12th Anniversary Commemoration of the Assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero: Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice 5-7 pm, St. Thomas Catholic Church Parish Hall. Salvadoran meal catered by Pilar Celaya, testimony from Salvadoran refugees in sanctuary in Ann Arbor, and an ecumenical worship celebration of prayer and song. 663-1870

Swim Practice: Ann Arbor Queer Aquatics (A2QUA) 5 pm (see 1 Sun)

"The Crisis in Haiti and the U.S. Government's Response": Solidarity 7 pm, 802 Monroe. Speaker and discussion. 741-4428

Services for Lesbians, Gay Men & Bisexuals 7 pm (see 8 Sun)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA 7:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

Greg Brown: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, \$10.75/\$9.75 mems, students, srs. 761-1451

23 Monday

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group 7 pm (see 2 Mon)

"Stories from Cuscatlan" & "10 Years, 10 Days": LASC Latin American Film Series 7 pm, Rackham Amphitheater (4th floor). "Stories" is an intimate film about El Salvador. "10 Years" is a report on the 1990 Nicaraguan elections. 665-8438

"Israeli Elections & Israel's Role in American Politics": Hillel 7:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Talk by Dr. Peter Medding. 769-0500

Kelli Kaufman, Emily Wismer, John Parker: Guild House Writers Series 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

Social for Lesbians, Bisexual People, & Gay Men: Canterbury House 8:45 pm (see 2 Mon)

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 2 Mon)

24 Tuesday

ArtBreak: U-M Museum of Art 12:10 pm, 525 S. State. 20-minute tour of "Story Quilts by Faith Ringgold." 764-0395

Blind and Visually Impaired Support Group 5:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

"Closets are for Clothes": WCBN 88.3-FM 6 pm (see 3 Tue)

"Leaving the Nest: The Story of Ruth": Jewish Feminist Group Study Session 7 pm, Hillel. Learn about the Bible's closest mother-daughter pair: Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth. 747-6575

Meeting: EMU Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Student Association 7 pm (see 3 Tue)

Support Group: Adult Daughters of Alcoholics & Other Trauma 7:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

Rare Air: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, \$9.75/\$8.75 mems, students, srs. 761-1451

Support/Discussion Group: Identity 8 pm (see 3 Tue)

Cary Kocher/Paul Keller Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

L7: Prism Productions 9:30 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. "Best all-girl band since the Runaways" says Alternative Press, tickets \$7.50 in advance. 763-TKTS

25 Wednesday

ArtVideo: U-M Museum of Art noon, "Daimyo," explores medieval Japan's life and cultural activities. (see 4 Wed)

Muscular Dystrophy Support Group: A2 Center for Independent Living 1-3 pm, 2568 Packard. 971-0277 or 971-0310 (TDD)

Message Class: Common Language Bookstore 6 pm (see 4 Wed)

Meeting: Lesbian, Bisexual, & Gay Men Adult Children of Alcoholics 7 pm (see 4 Wed)

Meeting: Student Organization United for Peace 7:15 pm (see 4 Wed)

Open Stage: The Ark 8 pm (see 4 Wed)

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee 8 pm (see 4 Wed)

Meeting for U-M Lesbians, Bisexuals, & Gay Men 9 pm (see 4 Wed)

Matthew Sweet: Prism Productions 9:30 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First, \$5 in advance. 763-TKTS

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 4 Wed)

26 Thursday

ArtTalk: U-M Museum of Art noon, "Dada and Surrealism." (see 5 Thu)

Meeting: U-M Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Students Association 5 pm (see 5 Thu)

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 5:30 pm (see 5 Thu)

Send-Off Party: Michigan FENASTRAS Support Group 7 pm, UAW Local 157, 29841 Van Born, Romulus. Beer & hot dogs with UAW members who will drive 2 truckloads of supplies to unions in El Salvador. 291-2750

Cerebral Palsy Support Group 7 pm (see 12 Thu)

Meeting: Amnesty International U-M 7 pm (see 5 Thu)

Meeting: Palestine Solidarity Committee 7:30 pm (see 5 Thu)

Meeting: ACT-UP/Ann Arbor 7:30 pm (see 5 Thu)

Meeting: Lesbian, Bisexual & Gay Youth Support Group: Ozone House 7:30 pm (see 12 Thu)

Bill Staines: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, \$9/\$8 mems, students, srs. 761-1451

Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 4 Wed)

27 Friday

"The Prison System—Are We Getting Our Money's Worth?": Friday Forum Guild House noon, 802 Monroe. With Susan Fair of Freedom Link. Optional lunch \$1. 662-5189

Lesbian, Bisexual & Gay Happy Hour Group 5 pm (see 6 Fri)

George Mallory/Gene Jones Quartet: Bird of Paradise 5:30 pm (see 6 Fri)

Meetings: Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA & Alanon 7:30 pm (see 6 Fri)

Music Night: Canterbury House 8 pm, 218 N. Division. An evening of conversation, and refreshment, with folk and blues performed by local musicians. Featuring Matt Price & Matt Martin, and others. 665-0606

Chamber Concert—The Lafayette String Quartet: U-M Museum of Art 8 pm, 525 S. State. Canadian quartet performs Samuel Barber, Shostakovich and Beethoven, \$10/\$5 students. 747-0521

Woman & Nancy Blake: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, \$10.75/\$9.75 mems, students, srs. 761-1451

Oneg Shabbat with Lev Raphael: Jewish Lesbian-Bisexual-Gay Collective 9:15 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Raphael, a Michigan-based fiction writer and author of "Dancing on Tisha B'Av," will read from his works and discuss his experiences as a Gay Jewish child of Holocaust survivors. 769-0500

Paul Vornhagen Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

28 Saturday

"Realist Prints—Then and Now": U-M Museum of Art thru 26 July, Tue-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun 1-5 pm, West Gallery, 525 S. State. Prints explore the nature of illusion and abstraction. 764-0395

Family Program: U-M Museum of Art 10:30 am, 525 S. State. Gospel singer Rose Smith performs music in the African-American tradition. 747-2064

Build a Stream: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 1-3 pm, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. Collect and identify rocks, algae, insects, and crayfish to help build stream, for ages 5-8 years old, class size limited to 15, \$4. 662-7802

Friends Spring Event: U-M Museum of Art 5 pm, Hale Aud., U-M Business School. Annual fundraiser, \$50 friends & members/\$60 non-members/\$75 donors. 747-2064

Support Group for People with Disabilities Who Have Alcohol Abuse Issues 7 pm (see 7 Sat)

Meeting: Sober Sisters 7 pm (see 7 Sat)

"Burroughs": Hill St. Cinema 7 pm, Hillel. Documentary of "Naked Lunch" author. 769-0500

Pre-Concert Presentation: University Musical Society 7 pm, Rackham Amphitheatre. Judith Laiken Elkin, Project Director, U-M speaks on "Jews and Their Encounter with the New World," in advance of The Waverly Consort (see listing this date). 764-2538

Mr. B's Blues Series: The Ark 7:30 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. With Snooky Prior and Steve Freund, \$12.50. 761-1451

"Fash 'N' Fun": American Business Women's Association 7:30 pm to 11 pm, Best Western Hotel, 3600 Plymouth Rd. Fashion show plus singer Koko McKesson and comedian O.J. Anderson. Hors d'oeuvres from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Proceeds benefit ABWA scholarship fund, \$25. 930-1935

The Waverly Consort: University Musical Society 8 pm, Rackham Aud. "The Year 1492: Spanish Music in the Age of Columbus" is the focus of this premier American early music ensemble of 6 singers and 4 instrumentalists, \$10-\$20. 764-2538

Drum Circle: Guild House 8 pm (see 7 Sat)

Paul Vornhagen Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 27 Fri)

29 Sunday

Spring Break Day Camp: Dept. of Parks & Rec. Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard. Children will learn about the mid-19th century through pioneer living activities. 9:30-11:30 am for ages 5-8 (\$35 resident/\$42 non-res.), 1-4 pm for ages 7-11 (\$45 res./\$52 non-res.) Register in person at 5th floor City Hall. 994-2780

Cary Kocher/Peter Klaver: Bird of Paradise 11 am (see 1 Sun)

Canoe Trip: Sierra Club 1 pm, Lower Huron Metro Park. Canoes needed! 941-2232

"Special Ministry to Gay Men, Bisexuals, & Lesbians" 2 pm (see 1 Sun)

Meeting: Haiti Solidarity Group 3 pm (see 1 Sun)

Swim Practice: Ann Arbor Queer Aquatics (A2QUA) 5 pm (see 1 Sun)

ELECTION

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require a willingness to make one's support a matter of public record. For many of us, becoming a volunteer is the greatest sign of commitment as it takes considerably more time and typically involves a clear public endorsement.

This hierarchy of choices suggests that it isn't just a decision of whether or not to support a candidate, but if so, to what degree to support a candidate. You might even decide to support more than one candidate in different ways!

So how do these principles fit together? With respect to the Democratic presidential primary, if you don't see much difference between the candidates, then you can simply "sit it out." Someone will win the nomination anyway and you can reevaluate for the general election. If one presidential candidate seems a little better than the others, you should take an hour on March 17 and vote in the Michigan primary. There is also an upcoming Ann Ar-

bor election on April 6 where the Democrats will defend their City Council majority. If one candidate seems much better, don't just vote, but volunteer money or time as well. If defeating Bush is a top priority, you might vote for the

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Given the stranglehold that the powerful and wealthy have on the current political system, it is ridiculous to consider voting to be the "sacred responsibility" that is touted in high school civics classes. But participating in the electoral process is still one of the few ways that people can make their views known. As with other issues in life, think through all of your choices, take personal responsibility for your decisions, recognize that others whom you respect may choose differently, and view elections as one element of a long-term strategy to bring about meaningful social change.

Annual AIDS Healing Service: First Congregational United Church of Christ 7 pm, 218 N. Adams, YPSI. 482-6980

Services for Lesbians, Gay Men & Bisexuals 7 pm (see 8 Sun)

Sunday Homegrown Women's Music Series: The Ark 7:30 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Featuring Phoenix Rising, and Me, Her & Her, \$6-10 donation. 761-1451

Meeting: Ypsilanti Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA 7:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

includes three Strauss tone poems, \$20-\$50. 764-2538

John Hanley and Bill Kueser: Guild House Writers Series 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

Social for Lesbians, Bisexual People, & Gay Men: Canterbury House 8:45 pm (see 2 Mon)

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 2 Mon)

31 Tuesday

ArtBreak: U-M Museum of Art 12:10 pm (see 24 Tue)

Blind and Visually Impaired Support Group 5:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

"Closets are for Clothes": WCBN-FM 88.3 FM 6 pm (see 3 Tue)

Meeting: EMU Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Student Association 7 pm (see 3 Tue)

Sadao Watanabe: The Ark 7:30 & 9:30 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, \$15. 761-1451

Passover Workshop: Hillel 7:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill. Jewish Learning Center Mini-Course, \$10. 769-0500

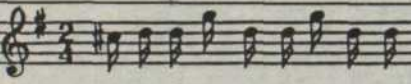
Support Group: Adult Daughters of Alcoholics & Other Trauma 7:30 pm (see 3 Tue)

Support/Discussion Group: Identity 8 pm (see 3 Tue)


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CASA

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have between six and ten women in the house, and since we opened about 70 women have come through the Casa.

The house had previously belonged to the Cuban consulate in Matagalpa. The Cuban government sold the house for about half of what they could have gotten if they had sold it to a private family. So in a sense it was a gift from the Cuban government. It was paid for by the Women's Institute in Madrid, Spain. The Tacoma, Washington Casa Group and the sister city of Gainesville, Florida also give money. And NMAP—Nicaragua Medical Aid Project—here in Ann Arbor has taken on the Casa as a beneficiary.

There is a paid staff of four Nicaraguans. Two North Americans, Kitty Madden from Adrian, Michigan and I, work as volunteers. There are also several nurses and mid-wives, and a doctor, all part-time.

We have just started a program of ongoing discussions about nutrition, breast feeding and family planning. Part of our work is to make sure that women leave with information about—and access to—birth control. It is not unusual for a woman to come to the Casa pregnant with her tenth or twelfth child.

The Casa is a safe haven for mothers and babies for a little while, but the health situation in Nicaragua is really bad. Often two women share a hospital bed, with no sheets and no medicine in the hospital pharmacy. They go home to deplorable living conditions.

Working here means refocusing my priorities and energy, giving less to politics and more to people and the hands-on, day-to-day work of the Casa. Being around women and babies is terrifically energizing and positive.

AGENDA: What struck you most about the current conditions in Nicaragua?

PONVERT: Before I went to Matagalpa I spent a month in Managua living with an interesting family. They are long-time Sandinista supporters. The woman's first husband was killed by Somoza's National Guard. She moved from the country to Managua when that happened. In the early '80s she heard that land was being given out by the Sandinistas, so she moved to the lot where she is now, and built her house out of cardboard. Over the last ten years the family has rebuilt the house with cement blocks.

They have a good sense of what the Sandinistas did and didn't do, and don't have a romantic view of it, but still believe in the gains that were made.

They are now suffering the effects of two years of UNO government. The man in the family makes \$60 a month, but prices of food, water and electricity are higher because subsidies have been eliminated. Sugar, rice and beans are up to 40¢ a pound, while electricity is \$7 a month and water is \$6. One daughter went to the hospital for free treatment, but her prescription had to be filled at a private pharmacy and the family couldn't pay for the medicine. Despite government claims of free education, there are monthly fees for the other daughter's schooling, which are collected by threats of withholding her grades.

Currently, there is an effort by the Chamorro-led UNO government to undermine much of what the revolution tried to do, by privatizing industry, health, and education, and to take back land that people were given by the Sandinistas. A lot of this is due to pressure by the U.S., which puts political conditions on its aid.

Unemployment is tremendous, about 57%. I see many more kids in the street, more people selling things. There's no padding, no room for anything. Life is really fragile there now, much more than when I went down there during the revolution. People were poor, people were struggling, but I never saw that people didn't have enough to eat, or that people couldn't get free health care. Now people are on the edge. The difference between surviving and not surviving is some little child selling bits of candy in the street. The family I lived with never spends money on ice cream, never has sweets, and still can't afford to buy medicine for their sick child.

And at the same time, the streets of Managua and Matagalpa are jammed with new cars, trucks, 4 x 4s—all being brought in by Nicaraguans because there's no tax on them.

AGENDA: Who is buying the cars?

PONVERT: Some are Nicaraguans who lived in the U.S. during the Revolution and have come back, and there always was a percentage of well-off Nicaraguans. Even under the Sandinistas, 60% of agriculture was privately owned. There are lots more private stores, filled with clothes and appliances. There are lots of private pharmacies but only a few can afford them.

To help the Casa Materna, send aid or contributions through Ann Arbor Nicaragua Medical Aid Project, 668-6220. A delegation will visit Matagalpa and Ann Arbor's sister city, Juigalpa, for two weeks in early April. For more information about the trip, call 663-0655.

FROM THE GRASSROOTS**Gay Writers Conference
Convenes**

The National Lesbian & Gay Writers Conference is scheduled to be held in Boston March 20-22. "Outwrite '92" will be the third annual gathering of lesbian and gay male writers, editors, publishers, literary agents, booksellers, and readers.

Michael Bronski, a gay male writer and critic, notes that "We look forward to two thousand or more people to join us for a full weekend of discussion, schmoozing, networking, and socializing." Included as plenary speakers are Dorothy Alison, poet and fiction writer (Trash and The Women Who Hate Me); Melvin Dixon, novelist and author (Vanishing Rooms); and Marianna Romo-Caroma, Chilean-born poet, essayist, and organizer.

The conference will also feature more than a total of 50 workshops, panels, roundtables, and discussions. More than 80 women and men will read from their work. More than 30 publishers, booksellers, magazines, and periodicals are expected to exhibit at the conference. The "Outwrite '92" hotel is easily accessible by subway, is wheelchair-accessible and is a union hotel. The conference is co-sponsored by Out/Look magazine and Gay Community News. Registration is \$50; for more information, call (617) 695-0511.

The Triangle Foundation, 19641 West Seven Mile Road, Detroit MI 48219-2721 is serving as the central coordinating organization for Michigan participation in the April 25, 1993 march on Washington D.C. The Foundation will be a clearing house and information resource, in addition to offering logistical support. The group is committed to the success of the march and also to guaranteeing an optimal participation by a huge Michigan delegation. For information and to offer help, call (313) 537-3323.

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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 Organization and Liaison:** information and assistance in organizing groups, setting goals, addressing conflict, linking with other groups and resources.

Gay Liberation Front 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, faculty and people from the larger communities. We have a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. We're a registered non-profit organization.

Gay Liberation Front, c/o 4117 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1349; 763-4186

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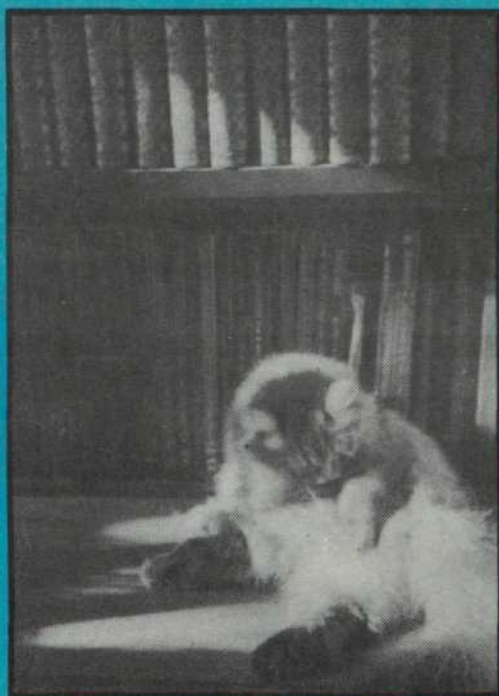
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