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DRUG WARS

Fighting The Wrong Enemy

Acting Up Against Junkie Pneumonia

In the late 1970s while the epidemic known as "disco fever" swept through the U.S., an epidemic known as "junkie pneumonia" raged among injection drug users in New York City.

By Pattrice Maurer

Unlike disco fever, junkie pneumonia was not the subject of intense media scrutiny or public outcry. No movies were made. Few people were aware that large numbers of injections drug users were inexplicably dying of pneumonia.

Those few who did notice these deaths did not feel compelled to investigate the public health puzzle they posed. Junkies die all the time. Nor did anyone bring this less danceable epidemic to the attention of the fevered populace. Bringing the epidemic to the attention of the public would not have made much difference. Undoubtedly, some people would have voiced the opinion that people who shoot drugs deserve to die, while most would have shrugged and kept dancing.

Investigating the epidemic as the potential health menace it was, however, could have had a profound impact on hundreds of thousands of lives. Had anyone bothered to investigate the deaths of these drug users, they would have found that they had an immune system disorder we now call AIDS.

Here's how I imagine things would have been different if such an investigation had occurred back in

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War on the Poor

An Interview with Ahmad Abdur-Rahman

Ahmad Abdur-Rahman will have completed his 21st year in the Michigan prison system this month. In 1971, as a 19-year-old member of the Detroit chapter of the Black Panther Party (BPP) who was then known as Ron Irwin, Rahman participated in raids on dope houses. After a series of arrests decimated the Detroit BPP leadership, some people were sent to Detroit to take over the leadership. They turned out to be police agents, who sent Rahman and several others to raid an alleged dope house near Wayne State University. The house was actually a student commune, and while Ahmad was on the third floor looking for drugs, on the first floor a young man named Frank Abramson moved to quiet his barking dogs and was shot to death by a nervous BPP member who was guarding him. All of the participating Panthers were arrested shortly thereafter, and all but Rahman pleaded guilty to reduced charges. The man who shot Abramson got out of prison in 1983.

Rahman, however, fought the charges and was convicted under the felony murder rule of first degree murder, which carries a mandatory life sentence with no chance for parole. Since that time, the Michigan Supreme Court changed the felony murder rule so that a person like Rahman who neither kills anybody nor intends to kill anybody can not be found guilty of first degree murder. However, the ruling was not retroactive, so Rahman remains in the Lakeland Men's Facility at Coldwater, one of the world's longest-held political prisoners.

Several years into his incarceration, Rahman converted to Islam. Rising to prominence, he has served as the imam (Muslim religious leader) at Jackson and several other Michigan prisons. He is now the imam of Coldwater's Muslim inmates. As such, he has been in the forefront of efforts to turn people away from the life of drug addiction and crime.

What follows is taken from an interview of Ahmad Abdur-Rahman by Agenda staffer Eric Jackson.

AGENDA: After the Detroit riot in 1967, the place was flooded with heroin. What was the Panther perspective about the heroin epidemic at that time? What facts led you to believe that it was an instrument to control the Black community?

Rahman: It was our knowledge of history first of all. We knew how alcohol had been used to pacify the Indians, to exploit them and take their land, and as an instrument of genocide against them. We knew about the Opium Wars, and how the British had actually imposed opium upon the Chinese and had used opium

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Alternative Health Care

An Active Approach

By Renée Rutz and Lisa Gottlieb-Clark

This is the first of a series of articles exploring the meaning and history of the alternative health care movement, the role it plays in our culture today, and how to become an informed consumer of the vast array of care available.

There is an implicit, unspoken pact between the average patient and the mainstream doctor in today's medicine. The doctor will fix injuries, illness and disease using scientific approaches, and the patient will give up the role of active participant in his or her own health and well being.

This certainly has value in a medical emergency. If a person loses an arm in an industrial accident, a surgeon who specializes in sewing tiny nerve endings together is exactly what is needed. But most people need the kind of care that is more long term, and deals with preventative care and their overall health. This kind of care requires a more active patient involvement because it involves making choices that affect their daily style of living.

The term "alternative health care" generally refers to therapeutic approaches that use methods which are overlooked or dismissed by the established medical community in this country (see "Options," page 6 for some examples). These systems of medicine are designed to aid lifestyle changes, balance the mind and body, encourage self-responsibility for health, and improve overall health and vitality.

There is a spectrum, or continuum of care available, and could be referred to as inclusive medical care. On the one end are emergency medical procedures: heart attacks, broken bones, lacerations or other serious injuries. On the other end is preventative care and maintenance. Generally, mainstream medicine is more appropriate for life-threatening or emergency situations, while alternative care focuses more on preventative measures.

The differences between modern mainstream medicine and the re-emerging traditional health care create a challenging environment for anyone interested in pursuing better health. There are some medical doctors who want to deny the very existence of any system of care that hasn't been scientifically proven to be effective. There are also alternative health care providers who reject any possibility of adequate care coming from medical science. Both of these positions are extreme, and prevent the opportunity for the improvement of medical care in our culture. They also leave the patients/

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What To Do With A Window?

Dawn Treader Book Store manager Nisi Shawl was thinking of ways to use the window space of the store's new Liberty Street location and ended up raising $1,900 for Washtenaw Literacy. "The thing about Washtenaw Literacy," said Shawl, "is they've been going for a while and they have plenty of tutors, but what they need is more outreach." And since outreach takes money, Shawl invented the window Read-A-Thon. Volunteers gathered pledges from their relatives and friends, and then performed a reading-in-costume (participants included a bumble bee, a flasher, and even Soujourner Truth) in the window of the store. The event was so successful, said Shawl, that she plans to do it again next year.

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Not For "Feminists" Only

On Friday, April 10 at 7:30 pm author Paula Kamen will discuss her book "Feminist Fatale: Voices From the 'Twenty-something' Generation Explore the Future of the 'Women's Movement'" at Common Language Bookstore (214 S. Fourth Ave). Kamen's book addresses the question of whether young people are turned off by feminism. A "written documentary of her generations perceptions of and visions for the women's movement," the book is a result of 236 interviews Kamen collected from college campuses around the country. For more information call 663-0036.

Elections in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti

On Monday, April 6 half of the city councils in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti will be elected. These will be the first elections using the new ward boundaries that were drawn in light of the 1990 census. The Ann Arbor race may be a referendum on the year-old Democratic majority's performance, while Ypsi voters will decide among candidates who support or oppose the city's contract with the Ypsilanti Recycling Project. Polls will be open from 7 am until 8 pm.

21st Annual Hash Bash

Once again, U-M and marijuana legalization advocates are embroiled in legal skirmishes over the right to gather, speak and demonstrate on the Diag. The university is denying a permit for the rally, while Hash Bash organizers are seeking an injunction against interference with the festivities. It is expected that once again Ann Arbor police will stay away, while university, county and state police will be on hand to arrest those found partaking of the ganga weed. Regardless of what the courts decide, and whether it rains or shines, legal-hemp supporters will gather on the U-M Diag at noon on Saturday, April 4. Afterwards, from 4 to 10 pm, there will be a fundraiser for the National Organization to Repeal Marijuana Laws (NORML) at Dominick's restaurant, 812 Monroe St.

Carless of the World, Unite!

Non-motorists now have their own information exchange. Send a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Non-Motorist Information Exchange—April Issue, 532 Third St. #3, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Recycle Week 1992

The Ecology Center of Ann Arbor doesn't think that a single annual Earth Day is enough, so they have announced Recycle Week 1992. It starts with an April 22 "Bluegrass for a Green Cause" benefit at the Ark. On the 25th, the Recycling and Educaton Center at 2050 S. Industrial will reopen with a craft workshop. The 10th annual Waste Awareness Awards will be presented on the 28th at a dinner at Zingerman's Next Door. Frank Allison and the Odd Sox will play at the Dance for the Earth at the Blind Pig on the 29th. The festivities will conclude with a birthday party for curbside recycling at 2050 S. Industrial. See CALENDAR or call Claire Pferdner at 761-3186 for details.

Support the WISE Program by Buying at Yogurt & Sandwich

The Women's Initiative for Self-Employment (WISE) Program, an umbrella of the Community Development Corporation, was developed to offer unemployed and underemployed women the necessary tools for self-employment. The program is a response to low-income women who are systematically denied training and educational opportunities and access to regular sources of capital. The progam enables many women to realize their dreams of self-sufficiency, independence, skill-based employment and the freedom to manage their own lives. There will be a fundraiser on Sunday, April 5th at Yogurt and Sandwich (2603 Plymouth Rd. in the Traver Village Plaza). Ten percent of all proceeds will go to the WISE Program.

Guantanamo Railroad to be Documented

Jenny Smith, who was once a missionary in Haiti and who worked as a Creole-English interpreter for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) during hearings for Haitians who were arrested at sea and taken to Guantanamo Bay, will speak at a Haitian dinner on Sunday, April 12 at 12:15 p.m. at Ann Arbor's First United Methodist Church, on State Street between Washington and Huron. While the Bush administration kept the press away from the Haitian refugees and thus suppressed news coverage of their situations, Smith will tell some of their stories, plus the sordid tale of INS procedures designed to avoid truth and justice. The event is sponsored by the church and the Haiti Solidarity Group. Besides fine Caribbean food, there will be Haitian musicians, Caribbean

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poetry and a display of Haitian arts and crafts. Proceeds will be split between the church's Haiti Fund and the Haiti Solidarity Group. Due to limited space, it is necessary to make reservations in advance by calling 662-4536. See CALENDAR for details.

Paul Newman-Salad King Helps A2 Center for Independent Living

The Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (AACIL) recently received a check for $10,000 from Paul Newman-Salad King. The donors, who manufacture and sell "Newman's Own" products, give all after-tax profits to educational and charitable causes. For the past decade and a half, the recipient has provided services that have helped over 15,000 people with disabilities live independent and dignified lives. The AACIL's services include helping people move out of nursing homes into their own homes, counseling, home visits and advice for adaptive equipment and home modifications.

More Restrictive Michigan Prison Regulations

The Michigan Department of Corrections (DOC) has enacted new administrative regulations which, among other things, reduce prisoners' right to receive visitors and obtain books. Under the rules, visits are restricted to those on warden-approved visitor lists, which could be as narrow as "immediate family members only." This could effectively end ACT-UP Ann Arbor's visits to AIDS-afflicted Jackson Prison inmates. Wardens also have greater leeway to choose which bookstores can send books to prisoners. This change could make abuses like last year's characterization of a dictionary sent by Ann Arbor's Borders Books to Agenda contributor Ahmad Abdur-Rahman at Coldwater Prison as "contraband" systematic throughout the Michigan prison system. There will be public hearings and an opportunity to submit written opinions about the regulations. For more information on the changes and how to register your comments, contact Susan Fair at Freedom Link, 741-0028.

New Magazine Targets Child Abuse

"Body Memories: Radical Perspectives on Childhood Sexual Abuse" is a forum for radical political views about childhood sexual abuse. Dedicated to the proposition that ending child abuse is deeply connected to a total transformation of society, the magazine criticizes what it calls "the survivor industry," groups and individuals who profit from abuse. For example, its first issue reports on a conference on ritual child abuse which was mainly a forum for Christian fundamentalists, cops and medical/psychiatric professionals who advocate drug therapy for abuse survivors. "Body Memories" also defends those who are imprisoned for defending themselves or their children against abuse. Contact "Body Memories" at P.O. Box 14941, Berkeley, CA 94701.

Local Men the First Convicted for Drug Analogue

Carl Hofstatter and Michael Griffor face 10-15 years in prison after their conviction for intending to manufacture analogue drug compounds in an apartment on Ann Arbor's Kingsley St. This was the first conviction under the new federal analogue drug law. The government did not have to prove that the drugs were specifically prohibited by law—only that they were "substantially similar" in either chemical structure or physiological effect to specifically prohibited substances, and that they were intended for human use.

The crime was intending to manufacture four chemicals, including cathinone and methylcathinone, two substances that can be legally and inexpensively bought from chemical supply houses without a permit or prescription. These substances can be made using equipment normally found in a kitchen.

Critics in the legal community fear that the case is a precedent by which vague and undefined concepts like "substantially similar" will be used to empower the government to jail people for violating unwritten laws.

HAC Update

The Homeless Action Committee reports that the campaign for the re-conversion of the building at 110 N. Fourth to its original purpose of low-income housing is now entering its seventh month. As a continuing part of this campaign, HAC will have a demonstration on April 15. Watch for details!

The Washtenaw County Commissioners' recent purchase of the Downtown Club for office use prompted HAC to focus on that governmental body's dismal record on housing. HAC members are now regular attendees at County Commissioner meetings and viedotape the meetings for replay on Community Access Television.

The Commissioners meet at 5 pm every other Wednesday (April 1, 15, 29) in the County Building at 101 E. Huron. HAC invites anyone interested to attend these meetings and speak out in favor of low-income housing!

The recent attention on the County does not mean that HAC is not still reminding City Councilmembers of their responsibility to insure that housing is available to low-income Ann Arborites. The Council meets every other Monday at 7:30 pm at City Hall, 100 N. Fifth Ave. (April 13, 27). Join us there!

HAC would like to thank the following local businesses for their generous food donations: Dominicks, Subway (Packard & State), and Geppetto's. HAC meets Thursdays at 5:30 pm at Guild House, 802 Monroe. A free meal preceeds the meeting at 5 pm.

Nice Beaches and...

As of April 1992, Hawaii is the only state offering a state-wide, school-based after-school child care program. The state-funded program offers low-cost and free child care.

Thanks AGENDA Sustainers!

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Junkie Pneumonia

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the 1970s: (1) researchers would have discovered the HIV virus and its routes of transmission many years before they did; (2) this earlier discovery would have saved many lives now lost; (3) no one would have wasted energy on inane and homophobic concepts such as GRID (Gay-Related Immuno-Deficiency—the first name given to the syndrome now called AIDS); (4) otherwise rational researchers would not have investigated "the gay lifestyle" as a potential causal factor; (5) the media would not have been able to label AIDS as "the gay disease," and (6) increased anti-gay violence would not have resulted.

Here's how I imagine all of this would have benefited people who shoot drugs: not at all.

More than a decade into the AIDS crisis the injection drug using population first devastated by that crisis remains critically underserved by AIDS prevention programs. The reasons for this are precisely the reasons that junkie pneumonia was ignored in the first place: racism, disregard for the lives of people who shoot drugs, and an ill-disguised war on the poor masquerading as a war on drugs.

Injection drug users are the second largest group of people with AIDS. The majority of women with AIDS and nearly half of all people of color with AIDS are injection drug users or sexual partners of injection drug users. The majority of children with AIDS (over 90% of whom are children of color) are born to injection drug users or their partners. While rates of HIV transmission are declining among gay men, those rates are rising among people who shoot drugs. It is estimated that 50% of the 10-12 new AIDS cases expected weekly in Michigan will be related to injection drug use. This is a public health emergency which, like most such emergencies, primarily affects women and people of color.

Among people who shoot drugs, HIV is transmitted primarily through the sharing of injection equipment. Research has shown that needle exchange programs (which provide sterile needles in exchange for used needles) are the most effective way to reduce needle sharing. The common belief that such programs "condone" drug use and lead to its increase is not supported by any evidence. In fact, some needle exchange programs have reported a decrease in frequency of injection among their clients. Also, as the National Commission on AIDS notes, "outreach programs which operate needle exchanges and distribute bleach not only help to control the spread of HIV, but also refer many individuals to treatment programs."

Nationally, Bush's "War on Drugs" mentality has kept the federal government from adopting the recommendations of its own National Commission on AIDS, which supports the removal of legal barriers to the purchase of sterile injection equipment. Locally, this mentality, combined with the typical institutional disregard for the lives of people who shoot drugs, has led the Washtenaw County Health Department to drag its feet on bleach distribution and refuse to even consider needle exchange. Michigan's drug paraphernalia law can be construed to prohibit distribution of sterile injection equipment to people who shoot drugs.

As is the case in many cities across the U.S., AIDS activists in Ann Arbor have stepped in to provide this critical public health service. Since December, AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) has run a limited street-based AIDS prevention program which includes needle exchange. This spring, ACT UP plans to expand its Ann Arbor program and to establish a similar program in Ypsilanti.

But needles are not enough. Injection drug users need AIDS prevention education materials (including both safer sex and safer drug use information) which address the reality of their lives. Medical workers and others who provide AIDS-related services must increase their attention to the particular needs of injection drug users with AIDS. Researchers must include injection drug users in their studies of experimental AIDS treatments. Since addiction to injection drugs is not a healthy way to live, drug rehabilitation and other health care must be made available on demand. Community-based, non-judgmental drug use prevention programs must be instituted everywhere. Most importantly, we must all work to address the poverty, racism and sexism which lead people to use drugs in self-destructive ways.

This is an emergency. Our lives are your lives. Their lives are our lives. ACT UP.

Pattrice Maurer is a member of ACT UP Ann Arbor, which meets at 7:30 pm on Thursday nights at the Baker-Mandela Center in Room 3 of U-M's East Engineering Building.

EDITORIAL

Putting The Drug Issue At The Top Of The Agenda

This issue of Agenda is largely dedicated to drug issues. It is fitting that we use the April issue for this purpose, for early April is the time when U-M and several police departments lock horns with marijuana legalization advocates at the annual Hash Bash on the Diag.

Marijuana prohibition, which has proven no more effective than the alcohol prohibition that was tried earlier in this century, might be the easiest of the drug issues to address. While pot smoking may be an unhealthy vice, enforcement of pot laws can lead to imprisonment or death. Hemp prohibition appears to do far more harm than hemp use.

Our state legislature is full of politicians—some of them drug users—who advocate severe punishment for drug offenses. Our prisons are bursting at the seams with overcrowding caused by draconian drug laws. Lakeland Prison in Coldwater, Michigan also holds Ahmad Abdur-Rahman, an Agenda contributor who has served 21 years of a life sentence for his role in the Black Panther Party's early 1970s guerrilla war on drugs (see Interview, page 1).

Meanwhile, intravenous drug users—and their lovers and children—are suffering a heavy death toll from the AIDS epidemic (see "Junkie Pneumonia," page 1). Alternating between apathy and hysteria, and paralyzed by their own anti-drug slogans, our elected officials have failed to adopt the most basic common-sense measures to slow the plague's progress. That challenge is being taken up by AIDS activists.

If actually addressing the health challenges posed by drugs is an officially despised and underfunded venture, the "War on Drugs" is big business. U.S. military officers are busy coordinating warfare in Peru, Colombia and Bolivia, allegedly against drug traffickers, but actually against leftist insurgents and hungry peasants. In Panama, Bush's soldiers killed several thousand people and buried their bodies in unmarked mass graves, all to bust one man, Manuel Antonio Noriega. Today, despite the aforementioned U.S. military intervention, the cocaine business is as big as ever in Panama. Meanwhile, a bloated U.S. military claims to continue fighting the "War on Drugs."

Our losses in the "War on Drugs" are counted not only in dollars and cents. The right of a person accused of a crime to get bail, the right not to be punished for violating vague laws that do not define the prohibited conduct, the right not to be subjected to cruel and unusual punishment, and the right to be free of unwarranted searches have all been repealed as legislatures and courts have upheld preventive detention, catch-all analogue drug laws, mandatory long sentences, and drug tests for employment.

AGENDA does not deny that there are drug problems in our society. However, unlike the sensationalistic corporate news media and most politicians, we dedicate ourselves to intelligent discussion of the issue. Most of all, we call for an end to the brutal war on the poor—both in the U.S. and abroad—which the Bush administration misrepresents as the "War on Drugs."

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War on the Poor

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as best they could as a weapon to weaken the Chinese and then when the emperor tried to stop it, they waged a war to force the Chinese to continue taking opium and destroying themselves. So we knew the history of the use of drugs in destroying a people.

We saw heroin traffic as an instrument of genocide against our people back then. We saw how it had a political effect. It began to drive the people to the right. Before the heroin epidemic began, people were talking about wanting community control of the police—they wanted less police in the community and they wanted less prisons and they wanted a decrease in the oppression of the criminal justice system in the Black community. When heroin began to take hold, crime went up in the Black community. Drug addicts robbed people, broke into people's homes and stole their cars. They made people reverse themselves and say "No, we want more police. We need more prisons." And some even said "We need the death penalty." So this had the effect of driving people to the right on issues of criminal justice. So we saw it as a tremendous tool in the hands of the right wing in America to drive people to the right, when at the time (during the Vietnam War) there was a general trend toward the left. So that was our perspective on it as a physical weapon of genocide against Black people and as a political weapon, because it was used to drive people to the right politically.

Just from the perspective in Detroit, Dick Gregory used to have a joke about how any child in the Black community knew where the dope house was, yet the police didn't seem to be able to find it. Just that in itself caused suspicions, but many members of the Black Panther Party were former street people themselves and had been off into various aspects of the underworld in the city—who had become politicized and turned away from that kind of lifestyle and began to struggle to change the city for the better. Having been involved in the underworld, they knew about the connections between the dope houses and the police. This was well known.

It was obvious, just as in prisons today you have numerous inmates who were dealing drugs who could tell you that they were paying off police. That was the only way they could have continued to do it. So we heard about this from people who had been involved in the traffic and we knew about it from the general knowledge in the Black community. Places where they were selling dope could not exist without somebody turning a blind eye.

AGENDA: Back then most of the white radicals, in particular the Yippies, had a very different perspective on drugs, that went sort of like "This is a victimless crime, or to the the extent that heroin addiction is a bad thing, a medical problem," and people were into getting rid of the drug laws. The Black movement was militantly against drugs, against legalization in general. It was a great division between the progressive elements of the Black community and of the progressive elements of the white community at that time. Do you have any comment on those differences of perspective?

Rahman: I remember the movement to legalize drugs, but in the Black Panther Party there was never any movement to legalize any drugs, other than that there was a feeling that marijuana was in a class by itself and should not be classified with heroin or cocaine or any other dangerous, hazardous drugs. There was a concession, and there was somewhat of an acquiescence to that part of the movement—which we considered to be our allies in the white radical community—who were trying to legalize marijuana. The Black Panther Party did not struggle against that point of view but the BPP never, at any point, considered the legalization of heroin or the legalization of cocaine to be in any kind of way a positive thing.

AGENDA: Twenty five years after that controversy the prisons are jammed with people, particularly over cocaine. What do you think about the effects of the Drug War? What criticism or praise do you have, and what would you do differently in this war against drugs, as you see it in the prison today?

Rahman: Well, first of all I haven't seen any war being waged by the government against drugs. I've seen a war waged on some poor Black people who have no jobs and have to stand on corners and sell drugs as virtually their only way of getting any kind of income.

There's a war being waged on them, but the thing about it is that as soon as those who get arrested for selling drugs in that area, that creates a vacuum and other people step right up. The only way you can really stop that is by killing the demand.

What happened in the Black Panther Party is that we were trying to do something that I could only compare with Devil's Night last year in Detroit. Our goal was to galvanize the entire community to step up and police itself. We believed that the government had been charged by the Constitution to protect the people and to secure the rights of liberty and happiness, and to provide for the common defense. And because the government was not doing that about the drug trade it became incumbent upon the community itself to deal with these problems. We wanted to be able to get the community involved in dealing with its own problems, very much in the way that on Devil's Night, the people came out en masse. Twenty five or thirty thousand people were in the streets that night to stop all of those fires in the city. It was our contention that every night, where heroin was being sold in the community, where a young girl is being turned onto heroin and into prostitution, where robberies, burglaries and killings are taking place because of the drug traffic, every night is Devil's Night.

We wanted a general educational program that would begin to deal with the heroin problem at its source, dealing with demand. We didn't have any control over supply, but we believed that through promoting a different kind of consciousness in the Black community, one that was not so materialistic, so much grasping for pleasure, that we could begin to nip the Black community's demand for heroin in the bud.

We believed that the selling of heroin in the Black community was nothing more than an attempt by Black capitalists to emulate the Rockefellers and the other multi-billionaires in America. Whereas these billionaires make their money from exploiting Third World people or taking jobs from Ypsilanti and shipping them down to Mexico, where they're paying people $11 a day, and they're making this money ruthlessly—they don't care whose lives they destroy, what city they destroy, whether it's Flint, Detroit or Ypsilanti—we saw these drug dealers as emulating these businessmen. They also want to get rich without caring about whose lives they're destroying. We thought that by changing their consciousness, so that they did not embrace the ruthless business ethics, the ruthless capitalist philosophy of the American upper class, that they would then not want to sell heroin. If we could get the youth to understand that this part of the American philosophy, this so-called free enterprise ideology, was destructive to our community, and replace it with a more cooperative ideology among the youth, the youth would not want to grow up to be drug dealers.

We were also teaching young people that the ultimate goal in life is not material goods, wealth and pleasure, that there are other goals in life. At the time I was an atheist, and now I would have a different philosophy that would be more spiritual. Back then we were saying that we should have cooperative goals, not goals that were so competitive, that we should not be seeking status symbols—Cadillac cars and whatnot—but we should be uplifting our entire community toward a national goal, of our community raising its level of education, raising its level of political consciousness and generally toward our own self-development.

AGENDA: Now that you're a prominent member of the Muslim community in the Michigan prison system, what is your involvement in the struggle against the drug culture? How do you see the strengths and weaknesses and the successes and failures of that aspect of the work that you do?

Rahman: Well, in virtually all of the Muslim brotherhoods in the Michigan prisons you're going to have men who were formerly drug addicts. So we have our own drug rehabilitation program.

It is our belief that the bliss that a person is seeking in narcotics, and this upliftment that he is seeking, is already inside of himself, and that he's reaching outside for something that's within him. The self-esteem that he gets when he smokes cocaine or snorts heroin, that self-esteem is already within himself. And by teaching knowledge of self, of the spiritual aspect of the human self, we can give a person an axis of balance within himself from which to interact with the world. And once we put a person in touch with this spiritual part of himself, then he does not need, does not desire, to seek bliss in these outward things when he realizes that within himself is an infinite source of self-esteem, power, sense of strength and well-being.

Now that's a struggle, because in Islam you have a system of teaching that, a way of going about that, which requires some discipline. And that discipline is the key. Take for example the month of Ramadan. You fast, and don't eat or drink anything between dawn and sunset. Now if a person is able to discipline himself so he doesn't eat or drink or smoke or do anything like that between those hours for 30 days, then he has the self-discipline and the willpower to refrain from unlawful things during the rest of the year. For a person to have the willpower to do that, that's the first step. Our goal in prison is to bring men into this, to give them this example from our own lives, that "you can change just as we changed," and to send people back into the community as positive members of the community.

For an uplifting correspondence, write to Ahmad Abdur-Rahman as follows: Ahmad Abdur-Rahman, #[illegible]539, 141 First St., [illegible]water, MI 49036. To advance the cause of justice, call or write to Governor Engler and demand that he commute Ahmad's life sentence.

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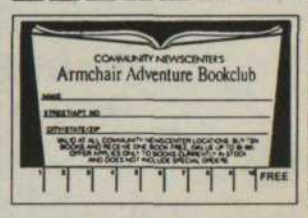

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consumers caught between them, wondering which avenue will satisfy their needs.

Although some of the alternatives, such as acupuncture and massage have recently been recognized by the American Medical Association as having some value, most of the alternative health care approaches originate from a very different philosophical base than that of mainstream medicine.

Modern Western medicine was greatly influenced by the scientific theories of René Descartes, a mathematician who lived in mid-17th century France. He saw the world around him as a closed system, with everything compartmentalized and perfectly functional, like a finely-tuned machine. He saw human beings in a similar way. The body was one system, the mind another—separate from each other in function and process. This world view helped medicine become more systematic in its approach to the physical body, but created severe limitations to seeing anything but the most obvious forms of injury, illness and disease. This Cartesian approach continues to influence the progress and development of medical science and our attitudes of healing and wellness in our country today.

The alternative care approaches available today generally originated from ancient Eastern and Indian philosophies. These cultural traditions view the world as a complete, interrelated system, encompassing all living things. The body, mind and vital life force all influence each other, and are seen as connected, and in turn, as part of the vital life force of the planet. Instead of separating life into individual independently-functioning parts, the older traditions see every different part of life fitting into a larger picture. The cycles of life and death, the changing of the seasons, and the movement of our planet through the universe at large are all seen as related and interdependent.

This approach to health and healing encourages a more subtle understanding of illness and imbalance in the body and supports a more integrated attitude towards the process of being well. It gives us power to trust our intuition, instincts and common sense when faced with dealing with minor aches and pains in daily living. For example, if you hit your arm on a chair it is automatic for someone to rub or massage the area. When a baby cries, touching or holding it is instinctual. Everyone sees these activities as common sense. We don't need scientific research to prove them effective.

Many issues arise in the complex process of healing. These issues include a person's relationship with the practitioner. Does the practitioner listen well? Is she or he trustworthy? Are pertinent questions asked? Does the practitioner take lifestyle and diet into account? Are mental and emotional states explored, even if the complaint seems to show only physical symptoms? Mainstream and alternative medical care providers handle these issues differently, and this will often affect the outcome of treatment.

Ultimately, the goals are different. In mainstream medicine the idea is for the doctor to suppress the patient's symptoms, to fix and repair. In alternative care the practitioner uses methods that lead to patient self-awareness, and teach about physical, mental and emotional states. This process is important because it empowers the individual to design the care she or he needs and to take action. Sometimes these health care choices will include mainstream medical approaches along with alternatives. They aren't mutually exclusive, and to look at them this way is limiting.

Renée Rutz and Lisa Gottlieb-Clark are local alternative health care providers. Next month's article will focus on some of the various bodywork therapies available in Ann Arbor.

Alternative Health Care Options

Acupuncture—A 2,500 year old Chinese medical practice claiming that disease is caused by a blockage or weakness in the body's vital force or *chi*. The Chinese have dissected the human energy field into distinct lines or meridians. Acunpuncture induces a new state of energy equilibrium in the body through stimulation of acupuncture points along a meridian with needles or finger pressure.

Bodywork—For the purpose of this article the term bodywork refers generally to a wide variety of therapies that manipulate the soft tissues of the body through the use of touch. Massage Therapy, Polarity, Rolfing, Hellerwork, Shiatsu, Alexander Method and Feldenkreis are some of these methods. (Many of these disciplines will be covered in next month's article.)

Chiropractic—A system of healing in which disease is considered to be the result of a neural malfunction caused by small displacements or subluxations of the vertebrae. Treatment involves manipulation or adjustments of the spinal column and other bones. Because the area around the joints tends to be densely laced with blood vessels and nerves, adjustments not only help the mechanical function of the joints but it also yields positive benefits to the organs and body areas that are served by the same vessels and nerves.

Osteopathy—Osteopaths practice manipulative techniques like chiropractors but have medical school training and can prescribe medications.

Homeopathy—A system of medicine which is based on the idea that like is cured by like. This law of similars states that a remedy or medicine made from natural substances can cure a disease if it produces symptoms similar to those of the disease in a healthy person. A homeopathic physician studies all the symptoms and then searches for a remedy that has produced all the same symptoms in a healthy person under scientifically controlled conditions. The remedies available have all been categorized in a book called the Materia Medica. Minute quantities of the remedy are given in order to allow the immune system to react and build a defense to the symptoms. (Homeopathy will be the focus of our third article.)

Herbalism—The practice of growing and collecting herbs and plants that are used to prevent and cure disease and illness. Herbs have been used by many native cultures around the world and are often used in our modern medicines today.

Midwifery—Midwives assist women with prenatal care and delivery of babies. Unlike obstetricians, midwives remain with the client throughout labor and delivery. They also can help in the process of homebirthing. Emphasis is placed on education and nutritional counseling to avoid problems in pregnancy and delivery. (Midwifery will be the focus of our fourth and final article.)

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MUSIC

From right to left: "Big Dave" Steele, Todd Perkins, David Farzalo, Dave Salvator, Dave Morris, and Todd Nero

Big Dave and the Ultrasonics— *Looking Good and Feeling Right*

By P.J. Ryder, Jr.

Have you ever done something just because, "it felt right?" You know, tried a new sport, took a drive to someplace new, attended a conference or rally—just because it felt right. Big Dave and the Ultrasonics are the hottest thing on the local blues market because of a series of events that just felt right.

Drummer Todd Nero was already living in Ann Arbor when he convinced his bandmates from Erie, Pennsylvania that Ann Arbor might be ripe for a hot blues band. You know, it just felt right. Big Dave Steele (vocals, guitar & writer), Dave Farzalo (guitar), and Dave Salvator (sax and keyboards) joined Nero in Ann Arbor where they quickly became denizens of The Blind Pig's Sunday Blues Jam. (The Blues Jams are a very happening thing! Every Sunday at The Blind Pig—208 S. First.) There they found one of Ann Arbor's finest young harmonica players in Dave Morris. Morris had been working with blues scene stalwart, bassist Todd Perkins, who was quickly brought into the fold. Big Dave and the Ultrasonics were born and feeling right.

One month later, in December of 1990, the band did its first benefit concert: a showcase debut at The Performance Network's Raise the Roof party. Since then the Ultrasonics have done as many if not more benefits than any band in town. The Performance Network, Homeless Action Committee, WCBN-FM, The People's Food Co-op, Depot Town Association, and even presidential candidate Jerry Brown owe Big Dave and crew a tip of the hat and a big thank you.

At the same time the band has held forth at some of the area's best blues clubs including The Soup Kitchen, Moby Dick's, The Blind Pig and Rick's. And they have managed to keep their foot in the door back in the Erie, Pennsylvania area as well. Buffalo and Rochester, New York are a short jump from Erie, so N.Y. keep your blues ears open. Big Dave and the Ultrasonics are on their way!

"Shake It While You Got It—Live!" is both an attitude and the name of the band's first cassette release. Recorded live at the aforementioned Sightless Sow on Sept. 14, 1991, this tape gives you a real good taste of what these guys are all about. Jumping hot versions of Muddy Water's "I Don't Know Why" and Elmore James' "The Sky is Crying" fit seamlessly with Dave Steele originals "Shake It While You Got It" and "Sugar For Salt." The love that this band has for this music and the respect that they have for each other is reflected in their play. Bouncing effortlessly from one soloist to the next, guitar, sax, harmonica, and guitar ride the wave of rhythm provided by the rock solid bass and drums.

Personal favorite: Tampa Red's "Love Her With a Feeling." Searing, grinding, heartfelt blues at its best! A weeping harmonica solo that breaks out into a wailing cry of true soul! This is the blues and they are feeling right!

What does the future hold for Big Dave and the Ultrasonics? More gigs, more travel, and more benefits are all on the band's agenda. Their cassette has received favorable reviews from the British magazine "Blues and Rhythm" and San Diego's "Strictly Nothing But the Blues." Are you listening out there record company people? Whether or not some sharp blues record executive signs these guys up, the band will continue to do what they do so well: Rock the house because it just feels right! Check 'em out!!

Big Dave and crew will be playing Rick's on Thursday, April 16 and Spring Thaw '92 on Regent's (People's) Plaza on Saturday April 18.

FILM

"Coverup" Exposed

Ann Arbor Film Cooperative presents "Coverup: Behind the Iran Contra Affair," a 1988 film directed by Barbara Trent (Sat., April 4, 8 pm, Aud. 4, MLB).

By Steve Gutterman

While previewing "Coverup," I was struck with the fantasy of somehow getting this film slipped into a major network's primetime broadcast. What would happen if millions of unsuspecting Americans, who thought they were just sitting down to get comfortable with "Wheel of Fortune" or "MacNeil-Lehrer" as usual, suddenly found themselves instead listening to a description of Oliver North's emergency plan for stopping American political dissent by suspending the Constitution of the United States? Or to evidence of the CIA's history of involvement in drug running in Southeast Asia and Central America? Or to former White House policy assistant under Ronald Reagan and member of his 1980 presidential campaign staff, Barbara Honegger, describe in crystal-clear terms that "Reagan cut a deal with Iran before the 1980 election to send arms to Iran in exchange for Iran's agreeing to delay the release of our 52 hostages"?

What would the viewing and voting public think if television news were to replace its current style of election coverage and the obsessional preponderance of political somnambulism-inducing poll results that calculate and recalculate for us which conservative Republican or Democrat we are going to elect president this fall? What if they instead presented some politically useful insights into U.S. government operations along the lines that this film does? Voters in the '92 election might be interested to know, for instance, that Reagan's running mate, George Bush, was identified as present at a 1980 Paris meeting to arrange the arms for hostages deal. Of course imagining that the major media would be willing to provide critical and in-depth political coverage is just a fantasy in the extreme. All of the major networks, including PBS, have refused to air "Coverup."

For sheer entertainment value, "Coverup" resembles an exciting drama of international intrigue, full of dangerous deals, high-powered criminal characters, secret armies and vast sums of money. But this fast-paced exposé of the hostage deal and of the CIA's "shadow government," involving more connections and more

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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 Wednesday

Exhibition: U-M Art History Society thru 17 Fri, Mich. Union Art Lounge. 764-7544

Exhibition Benefit: Workbench 410 N. 4th Ave., Kerrytown. This exhibit of works by internationally acclaimed printmaker and painter Emil Weddige, runs through 7 Tue. Proceeds from the sale of prints, posters and original works will benefit the University Musical Society. 747-1175

April Fool's Day Tacky Art Sale: NCC Arts & Programs 10 am-5 pm, North Campus Commons. Noon reception. 936-2443

"Realist Prints—Then and Now": U-M Museum of Art thru 26 July, West Gallery, 525 S. State. Prints explore the nature of illusion and abstraction. 764-0395

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

ArtVideo: U-M Museum of Art noon, AV Room, 525 S. State, "Monsieur Rene Magritte." 747-0251

Prayers for our Public Life: Interfaith Forum 12:15-12:45 pm, Little Park, N. Main & Ann. Interfaith vigil during holy season calling for economic, political and social justice. 663-1870

Massage Class: Common Language Bookstore 6-8 pm, 214 S. Fourth Ave., $5 per class. 662-6282

Wally Pleasant: Wherehouse Records 7 pm, 1140 S. University. In-store musical performance. 663-5800

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-Harrold Bldg., EMU, Ypsilanti. 482-3310

Rory Block: The Ark 8 pm, 637 1/2 S. Main. Acoustic blues artist, $10.75/$9.75 mems, studs & 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

Love Battery: Prism Productions 9:30 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First, $5. 763-TKTS

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

2 Thursday

ArtTalk: U-M Museum of Art noon to 1 pm, 525 S. State, "Fauvism and Expressionism." 764-0395

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

Meeting: Amnesty International U-M 7 pm, Green Lounge, East Quad. 764-6668

Spike Lee: Viewpoint Lectures 7:30 pm, Hill Aud. Filmmaker Lee speaks about his works, fee. 763-TKTS

Meeting: ACTUP/Ann Arbor 7:30 pm, Baker Mandela Center, 3 E. Eng. Bldg. 665-1797

Jan Krist: The Ark 8 pm, 637 1/2 S. Main. One of the best vocal talents in the Detroit area, $8.75/$7.75. 761-1451

Live Call In Show—"Communities In Ruin-Budget Cuts, Corporate Layoffs": Peace InSight 9:05 pm, Cable channel 9. With Chuck Kieffer of the S.O.S. Crisis Center. 769-7422

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

3 Friday

"Issues for Feminists in Sri Lanka": Guild House Friday Forum noon, 802 Monroe. With Sapali Kottegade. Optional lunch $1. 662-5189

Frank Allison and Friends: PJ's Used Records & CDs 3 pm, PJ's, 619 Packard. This master of storytelling songs plays for the third in a series of acoustic in-store performances. 663-3441

Lesbian, Bisexual & Gay Happy Hour Group 5 pm, Dominick's, 812 Monroe. 763-4186

George Mallory/Gene Jones Quartet: Bird of Paradise 5:30-7:30 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

"Discovering Columbus": Peace InSight 6:05 pm, Cable Channel 9. Skit for children about the arrival of Columbus in the Americas followed by a panel discussion about the real history of Columbus. 769-7422

Opening Reception for "Vases With Bases and Things in Other Places": 16 Hands 7-9 pm, 216 S. Main. Exhibit of Michigan artist Frederick Birkhill's lampworked glass runs through 8 May. 761-1110

Grads & Young Professionals Veggie Shabbat Potluck: Jewish Law Studs Union 7:30 pm, Lawyers' Club, U-M Law Quad. 769-0500

Meetings: Lesbians, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA & Alanon 7:30 pm, St. Andrew's Episcopal, 306 N. Division. Alanon, 996-1532

Teresa Trull & Barbara Higbie Reunion Tour: The Ark 7:30 & 10 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Hear Higbie's Celtic harp, violin, synthesizer & piano, and Trull's blues, gospel and R&B-inspired vocals, $9.75. 761-1451

"The Trip": A2 Film Cooperative 7:30 pm, MLB Aud. 4. Peter Fonda goes on an acid trip, $3. 769-7787

"Beyond the Valley of the Dolls": A2 Film Co-op 9:20 pm, MLB Aud. 4, $3. 769-7787

Eddie Russ Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, $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

4 Saturday

"Not Losing Her Memory: Stories in Photography, Words and Collage": U-M Museum of Art West Gallery, 525 S. State (thru 7 June). Exhibit of works by U-M School of Art faculty member Joanne Leonard. 764-0395

Adult PhotoCollage Workshop: U-M Museum of Art 10:30 am, 525 S. State. Explore composition concepts and photocollage techniques, $5. 764-0395 for reservations

Canoe Liveries Open with "Ice Out Paddle": Dept. of Parks & Rec. time TBA, Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Rd. Includes hot chili and drinks, $6. 662-9319 to pre-register

Support Group for People with Disabilities Who Have Alcohol Abuse Issues: A2 Center for Independent Living 1-3 pm, 2568 Packard. 971-0277 or 971-0310 (TDD)

Symposium: U-M Museum of Art 2 pm, Aud. B, Angell Hall. Speakers focus on women's lives to mark opening of Joanne Leonard's exhibit. Reception follows at 4 pm at the Museum of Art. 764-0395

Potluck for Lesbian Mothers, Gay Fathers, their Children, & Significant Others 6 pm. Bring a dish to pass. Call for location. 663-7226

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

Robert Earl Keen, Jr.: The Ark 7:30 & 10 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Hot new brand of Texan country and folk music, $9.75. 761-1451

"Coverup: Behind the Iran-Contra Affair": A2 Film Cooperative 8 pm, MLB Aud. 4. (see preview, page 7), $3. 769-7787

Karen Finley: Prism Productions 8 pm, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. Controversial performance artist's first time in Michigan! $18.50 reserved /$10 discount seats. 763-TKTS

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

"The Powerful and the Provocative": Hill St. Cinema 8:30 pm & 10:30 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill St. Film by Jean-Luc Godard's, $5. 769-0500

Eddie Russ Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 3 Fri)

"God's Country": A2 Film Cooperative 10 pm, MLB Aud. 4. Louis Malle looks at rural America, $3. 769-7787

5 Sunday

Hike: Sierra Club 8 am, City Hall Parking Lot, 100 N. Fifth Ave., 14 mile hike of the Island Lake Trail. 482-9686

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

Slide Lecture: 16 Hands 1 pm, 216 S. Main. "Vases With Bases and Things in Other Places," on exhibit through 8 May, $5. 761-1110

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

"Discovering Columbus": Peace InSight 2:05 pm (see 3 Fri)

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

Meeting: Haiti Solidarity Group 3 pm, Canterbury House, 218 N. Division. 662-5668

Lampworking Demonstration: 16 Hands 3 pm (see 3 Fri)

U-M Community Eucharist: Canterbury House 5 pm, St. Andrews Church, 306 N. Division. An informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist for the U-M student community followed by supper at Canterbury House. 665-0606

"The Christopher Columbus Follies: An Eco-Cabaret": Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice 5 pm, Tappan School Auditorium, 2551 E. Stadium near Washtenaw. Performance by the Underground Railway Theater, $6. Tickets at Borders, Schoolkids, PJ's. 663-1870

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

Huron Valley Greens Action Planning Meeting 6 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 973-9709

James Keelaghan: The Ark 7 & 9:30 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, $10.75. 761-1451

Services for Lesbians, Gay Men & Bisexuals: Tree of Life Metropolitan Community Church 7:30 pm, First Congregational Church, 218 N. Adams, Ypsilanti. 665-6163

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

"Real Women Have Curves": Office of Major Events 7:30 pm, Mendelssohn Theatre. El Teatro de la Esperanza presents a story of real women toiling in an East Los Angeles sewing factory to fill an order for 100 prom dresses, $16.50/$12.50 students and children. 763-TKTS

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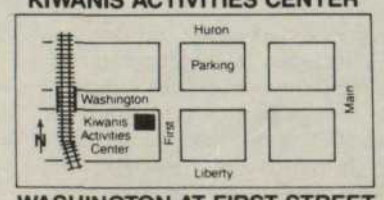

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6 Monday

"They All Knew Each Other: Agnes Inglis and the Labadie Collection": U-M Special Collections Library 7th Floor, Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library. Exhibit of correspondence, photographs, memoirs and selections from the Inglis years, runs thru 30 May. 936-3813

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

Live Call In Show—"Communities In Ruin-Budget Cuts, Corporate Layoffs": Peace InSight 5:05 pm (see 2 Thu)

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group: A2 Center for Independent Living 7-9 pm, 2568 Packard. 971-0277 or 971-0310 (TDD)

"Beyond the Walls": Hillel 7:30 pm, 1429 Hill St. 1984 Israeli film looks at relations between Arabs and Jews in an Israeli prison. 769-0500

Writers Series: Guild House 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. Readers to be announced. 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, $3. 662-8310

7 Tuesday

ArtBreak:U-M Museum of Art 12:10 pm, 525 S. State. 20-minute tour of "Realist Prints." 764-2067

Blind and Visually Impaired Support Group: A2 Center for Independent Living 5:30-7 pm, 2568 Packard, 971-0277 or 971-0310 (TDD).

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

"Jewish, Female and Pro-Choice: Why?": Jewish Feminist Study Session 7 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill St. 747-6575

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

"Inside Haiti": Peace InSight 7:05 pm, Cable chanl. 9. John Kozyn of the Washington Office on Haiti analyzes U.S. policy toward Haiti. 769-7422

Mike Stern/Bob Berg Band: The Ark 7:30 & 9:30 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, $13.50. 761-1451

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

Chris Whitley & Toad the Wet Sprocket 8 pm, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets $12.50 in advance. 763-TKTS

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

Social Group for Bisexual Womyn 9:30 pm. Call for location. 763-4186

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

8 Wednesday

ArtVideo: U-M Museum of Art noon, "Mobile: By Alexander Calder" (see 1 Wed)

Spike Lee visits the U-M campus (see 2 Thursday)

Prayers for our Public Life: Interfaith Forum 12:15-12:45 pm (see 1 Wed)

Massage Class: Common Language Bookstore 6-8 pm (see 1 Wed)

Beans and Rice Dinner with Writers: Guild House 6 pm, 802 Monroe, $3/$1 kids. 662-5189

Meeting: Lesbian, Bisexual, & Gay Men Adult Children of Alcoholics 7 pm (see 1 Wed)

Meeting: Student Organization United for Peace 7:15 pm (see 1 Wed)

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, studs, srs. 761-1451

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

Meeting for U-M Lesbians, Bisexuals, & Gay Men: EQ/RC Social Group 9 pm (see 1 Wed)

Luka Bloom with The Verlaines: Prism Productions 9:30 pm, Blind Pig, $7.50. 763-TKTS

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

9 Thursday

ArtTalk: U-M Museum of Art noon, "Abstraction." (see 2 Thu)

Meeting: U-M Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Studs Association 5 pm (see 2 Thu)

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 5:30 pm (see 2 Thu)

Cerebral Palsy Support Group: A2 Center for Independent Living 7-9 pm, 2568 Packard. 971-0277 or 971-0310 (TDD)

Homeopathic Materia Medica: Castle Remedies 7-9 pm, 2345 S. Huron Pkwy. 4-week class focuses on remedies for anger, abuse and indignation and more. 668-0016 to register.

Meeting: Amnesty International U-M 7 pm (see 2 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. Paul 662-2222

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

Meeting: ACTUP/Ann Arbor 7:30 pm (see 2 Thu)

Dave Crossland: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. $8.75/$7.75 mems, studs, srs. 761-1451

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

Bash 'N'Pop: Prism Productions 9:30 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First, $7.50 in advance. 763-TKTS

10 Friday

Friday Forum: Guild House noon, 802 Monroe. Speaker TBA. Optional lunch $1. 662-5189

Lesbian, Bisexual & Gay Happy Hour Group 5 pm (see 3 Fri)

George Mallory/Gene Jones Quartet: Bird of Paradise 5:30 pm (see 3 Fri)

"Inside Haiti": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 7 Tue)

Reading by Paula Kamen: Common Language Bookstore 7:30 pm, 214 S. Fourth Ave. Kamen reads from her work. 663-0036

Meetings: Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA & Alanon 7:30 pm (see 3 Fri)

"Debbie Does Dallas": A2 Film Co-op 7:30 & 9:30 pm, Angell Hall, Aud. A, $3. 769-7787

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

Harvey Thomson & Friends: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, $5. 662-8310

"Music for Animals" Benefit: Washtenaw Citizens for Animal Rights 10 pm, The Heidelberg, 215 N. Main. With Pete Moss and the Fungis, The Holy Cows, and The Blues Bastards, $5/$4 from Schookids and PJ's. 930-9789

11 Saturday

Huron River Clean Up: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 9 am-noon, Gallup Park Livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. Your canoe or ours, refreshments. 662-9319

"Sylvia Plimack Mangold: Works on Paper": U-M Museum of Art West Gallery, 525 S. State (thru 7 June). 764-0395

Tax Day Bake Sale: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom 11 am-4 pm, Federal Building, 200 E. Liberty. 482-2393

"Our Bodies, Our Lives" Workshop: A2 Center for Independent Living Task Force for Women with Disabilities 11 am-3 pm, Catherine McAuley Health Systems, Education Bldg., Exhibition Rm. Discussions on how female bodies work, safe sex, family planning, etc., $5 (scholarships available). 971-0277 or 971-0310 (TDD)

Children's Environmental Video Extravaganza: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 1-4 pm, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. 662-7802

Support Group for People with Disabilities Who Have Alcohol Abuse Issues: A2 Center for Independent Living 1-3 pm (see 4 Sat)

"Realism: Then and Now": U-M Museum of Art 2-4 pm, Aud. B, Angell Hall. 764-0395

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

AA Meeting for Lesbians & Bisexual Womyn: Sober Sisters 7 pm (see 4 Sat)

Take Back the Night: Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape 7:30 pm, City Hall, 100 N. Fifth Ave. Rally and march for women against sexual assault and violence. All are welcome at rally and march is for women only. 763-0816

"Poetry in Motion": A2 Film Cooperative 7:30 pm, Angell Hall, Aud. A. Contemporary poetry extravaganza, $3. 769-7787

Gordon Bok, Ed Trickett & Ann Mayo Muir: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Diverse musical tastes reflected through Bok's bass, Muir's contralto, and Trickett's tenor, $10.75. 761-1451

Drum Circle: Guild House 8 pm (see 4 Sat)

"What Happened to Kerouac": A2 Film Co-op 9:15 pm, Angell Hall, Aud. A. Documentary on Kerouac's last days, $3. 769-7787

Harvey Thomson & Friends: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 10 Fri)

12 Sunday

Hike: Sierra Club 8 am, City Hall Parking Lot, 100 N,. Fifth Ave. 17 mile hike of the Potowatomi Trail. 483-0058

Elmo's Wellness Walk 10:30 am, Community High parking lot (across from Kerrytown). 5 mile walk through some of Ann Arbor's most beautiful areas at a casual to brisk pace. 994-9898

Cary Kocher/Peter Klaver: Bird of Paradise 11 am (see 5 Sun)

Community Involvement Meeting: Wildflour Community Bakery 11:30 am potluck brunch, noon meeting, 208 N. 4th Ave. Agenda items include possible purchase of a new delivery van and remodeling the front of the bakery (inside). 994-0601

Caribbean Meal and Haitian Culture Presentation: Haiti Solidarity Group 12:15 pm, First United Methodist Church, 120 S. State. 662-5668

Sunday Tour: U-M Museum of Art 2 pm, lobby, 525 S. State. Tour: "Story Quilts." 764-0395

Ministry to Gay Men, Bisexuals, & Lesbians: Huron Valley Community Church 2 pm (see 5 Sun)

"Inside Haiti": Peace InSight 2:05 pm (see 7 Tue)

Meeting: Haiti Solidarity Group 3 pm (see 5 Sun)

U-M Community Eucharist: Canterbury House 5 pm (see 5 Sun)

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

"After Willow Run: New Directions and Challenges for U.S. Labor": Solidarity 7 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Speaker: Camille Colatosti, staff writer for "Labor Notes." 662-1041

Services for Lesbians, Gay Men & Bisexuals: Tree of Life Metropolitan Community Church 7 pm (see 5 Sun)

Forum—"The Women's Budget": Women's International League for Peace and Freedom 7:30 pm, Unitarian Church, 1917 Washtenaw. 482-2393

They Might Be Giants: Prism Productions 7:30 pm, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. Reserved seats $17.50/$12.50. 763-TKTS

Meeting: Ypsilanti Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA 7:30 pm (see 5 Sun)

Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Traditional and contemporary songs, $9.75/$8.75 mems, studs & srs. 761-1451

13 Monday

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group 7-9 pm (see 6 Mon)

Richard Tillinghast and Tom Lynch: Guild House Writers Series 8:30 pm (see 6 Mon)

Social for Lesbians, Bisexual People, & Gay Men: Canterbury House 8:45 pm (see 6 Mon)

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 6 Mon)

14 Tuesday

ArtBreak: U-M Museum of Art 12:10 pm (see 7 Tue)

Blind and Visually Impaired Support Group 5:30 pm (see 7 Tue)

"Closets are for Clothes": WCBN 88.3 FM 6 pm (see 7 Tue)

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Reform Havurah Freedom Seder: Hillel 6 pm, 1429 Hill St. 764-4682

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

"Sing Out Against the Budget Cuts": Peace InSight 7:05 pm, Cable channel 9. Music by choirs and folk singers from several A2 churches. 769-7422

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

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

Dawn Upshaw w/ Richard Goode: University Musical Society 8 pm, Rackham Aud., $14 to $26. 764-2538.

The Flirtations: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Grounded in gay politics, this group sings rock 'n' roll, doo-wop, salsa, gospel and madrigals, $13.25. 761-1451

EMU Support/Discussion Group: Identity 8 pm (see 7 Tue)

Helios Creed: Prism Productions 9:30 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Heavy rock, $5. 763-TKTS

Social Group for Bisexual Womyn 9:30 pm (see 7 Tue)

Cary Kocher/Paul Keller Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 7 Tue)

15 Wednesday

ArtVideo: U-M Museum of Art noon, "Winslow Homer: The Nature of the Artist." (see 1 Wed)

Prayers for our Public Life: Interfaith Forum 12:15-12:45 pm (see 1 Wed)

Third Annual Feminist Seder: Jewish Feminist Group 6 pm, Hillel, 1429 Hill St. Jewish women's gathering for rituals, stories and songs. Bring a vegetarian dish to pass. Reserve 769-0500

"Earth Summit: Defining Success (or Failure)": League of Women Voters 7-9 pm, A2 Women's City Club, 1830 Washtenaw. Speaker: Dr. Thomas Princen, who will represent U-M and the Great Lakes United Coalition at the June UN Conf. on Environment & Development. 665-5808

Southgoing Zak: Wherehouse Records 7 pm (see 1 Wed)

"Maskulinity": M&M Productions 7 pm, Aud. A, Angell Hall. Film focuses on the ambiguity of masculinity and challenges society's stereotypes. Followed by discussion. Julie, 994-9047

Meeting: Lesbian, Bisexual, & Gay Men Adult Children of Alcoholics 7 pm (see 1 Wed)

Meeting: Student Organization United for Peace 7:15 pm (see 1 Wed)

"Oshun: Daughter of the Mountain": Girlfrenzy 7:30 pm, ICC Education Center, 1522 Hill. Nisi Shawl leads discussion and ritual of this African goddess of love, beauty and sensuality. 665-3522

The Flirtations: The Ark 8 pm (see 14 Tue)

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

Meeting for U-M Lesbians, Bisexuals, & Gay Men: EQ/RC Social Group 9 pm (see 1 Wed)

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

16 Thursday

ArtTalk: U-M Museum of Art noon, "Sculpture in the 20th Century." (see 2 Thu)

Meeting: U-M Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Studs Association 5 pm (see 2 Thu)

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 5:30 pm (see 2 Thu)

Meeting: Amnesty International U-M 7 pm (see 2 Thu)

Meeting: ACTUP/Ann Arbor 7:30 pm (see 2 Thu)

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

Big Dave and the Ultrasonics: Rick's American Cafe 9:30 pm, 611 Church. 996-2747

17 Friday

Lesbian, Bisexual & Gay Happy Hour Group 5 pm (see 3 Fri)

George Mallory/Gene Jones Quartet: Bird of Paradise 5:30 pm (see 3 Fri)

"Sing Out Against the Budget Cuts": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 14 Tue)

Meetings: Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA & Alanon 7:30 pm (see 3 Fri)

Clive Gregson & Christine Collister FAREWELL TOUR: The Ark 7:30 & 10 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Premier artists on the British folk/pop scene, $12.50. 761-1451

"Project A": A2 Film Co-op 7:30 & 9:15 pm, Angell Hall, Aud. A. Wide-screen action and stunts, $3. 769-7787

Johnny O'Neal Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, $5. 662-8310

Dance Jam: People Dancing 10 pm (see 3 Fri)

18 Saturday

Support Group for People with Disabilities Who Have Alcohol Abuse Issues: A2 Center for Independent Living 1 pm (see 4 Sat)

Skate Ramp Opens: Dept. of Parks & Rec. Veterans Sports Complex, Maple & Jackson Rds. Half-pipe ramp is a one-of-a-kind public ramp in the Midwest. Fees & times vary. 761-7240

Passover Seder: Jewish Cultural Society 5 pm, Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Dr. Vegetarian potluck, $7/$5 seniors, studs or low-income. Call to reserve 971-5984

AA Meeting for Lesbians & Bisexual Womyn: Sober Sisters 7 pm (see 4 Sat)

Biza Sompa & the Bichinis Bia Congo Dance Company: The Ark 7 & 9:30 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Perform traditional Congolese dances, songs and chants, $8.75. 761-1451

"We All Live Downstream": Gaia 7:30 pm, ICC Education Center, 1522 Hill. Earth Day film plus "The Global Brain" video. 665-3522

"Project A": A2 Film Cooperative 7:30 & 9:15 pm (see17 Fri)

Drum Circle: Guild House 8 pm (see 4 Sat)

Johnny O'Neal Trio: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 17 Fri)

19 Sunday

Elmo's Wellness Walk 10:30 am (see 12 Sun)

Cary Kocher/Peter Klaver: Bird of Paradise 11 am (see 5 Sun)

Sunday Tour: U-M Museum of Art 2 pm (see 12 Sun)

Ministry to Gay Men, Bisexuals, & Lesbians: Huron Valley Comm. Church 2 pm (see 5 Sun)

"Sing Out Against the Budget Cuts": Peace InSight 2:05 pm (see 14 Tue)

Meeting: Haiti Solidarity Group 3 pm (see 5 Sun)

Meeting: Dawntreaders 3 pm (see 5 Sun)

U-M Community Eucharist: Canterbury House 5 pm (see 5 Sun)

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

Meeting: Huron Valley Greens 6 pm (see 5 Sun)

Services for Lesbians, Gay Men & Bisexuals: Tree of Life Metropolitan Community Church 7 pm (see 5 Sun)

Meeting: Ypsilanti Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA 7:30 pm (see 5 Sun)

Homegrown Women's Music Series: The Ark 7:30 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Features Stephanie Ozer, Tam Perkuhn & Edie Harrold, Older Girls, and Wings of the Heron, $6-$10 donation. 761-1451

20 Monday

Women's Book Group: Guild House noon (see 6 Mon)

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group 7 pm (see 6 Mon)

Steve Marsh and Sarah London: Guild House Writers Series 8:30 pm (see 6 Mon)

Social for Lesbians, Bisexual People, & Gay Men: Canterbury House 8:45 pm (see 6 Mon)

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 6 Mon)

21 Tuesday

ArtBreak: U-M Museum of Art 12:10 pm, 525 S. State. 20-minute tour of "Not Losing Her Memory." 764-0395

Blind and Visually Impaired Support Group 5:30 pm (see 7 Tue)

"Closets are for Clothes": WCBN 88.3 FM 6 pm (see 7 Tue)

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

"North/South Dialogue on Drug Issues": Peace InSight 7:05 pm, Cable channel 9. Speakers from Bolivia, Colombia and Peru describe the harm caused by the U.S. military response to the drug problem. 769-7422

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

General Meeting: Sierra Club 7:30 pm, U-M Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Speaker: Thomas Woiwode, Director of the Michigan Nature Conservancy. 662-7727

Miami City Ballet: University Musical Society 8 pm, Power Center, $16 to $28. 764-2538.

Lucie Blue Tremblay: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. W/opening act, local performer Karen Pernick, $10/$9 mems, studs, srs. 761-1451

EMU Support/Discussion Group: Identity 8 pm (see 7 Tue)

Cary Kocher/Paul Keller Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 7 Tue)

Social Group for Bisexual Womyn 9:30 pm (see 7 Tue)

22 Wednesday

Earth Day Ritual: Gaia 11 am to 1 pm, meet at fountain near Mich. League and proceed to the Diag. 665-3522

ArtVideo: U-M Museum of Art noon, "Mary Cassatt: Impressionist from Philadelphia" (see 1 Wed)

Prayers for our Public Life: Interfaith Forum 12:15-12:45 pm (see 1 Wed)

"Shadows and Outbursts": Matrix Gallery thru 10 May, 212 Miller. Exhibit of painted sculpture and sculpted paintings by Ann Arbor artist Mark Nielsen. 663-7775

Beans and Rice Dinner with Writers: Guild House 6 pm. (see 8 Wed)

Wriggly Worms: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 6:30-7:30 pm, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. Workshop for children in kindergarten through 3rd grade accompanied by an adult. Children will learn about composting and build a worm box to take home complete with pet worm! Class size limited to 15, $5 per child. 662-7802

Meeting: Lesbian, Bisexual, & Gay Men Adult Children of Alcoholics 7 pm (see 1 Wed)

Philips Pre-concert Presentation: University Musical Society 7 pm, Rackham East Lecture Room. Edward Villella will discuss "Classicism Under Duress." 764-2538

Meeting: Student Organization United for Peace 7:15 pm (see 1 Wed)

Miami City Ballet: University Musical Society 8 pm (see 21 Tue)

"Bluegrass for a Green Cause": Ecology Center & U-M Environmental Commission 8 pm, The Ark, 637-1/2 S. Main. Tracy Science Quartet, Jamie Russling and Tom Doyle perform at this Earth Day benefit for the Ecology Center, $5. 761-3186

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

Meeting for U-M Lesbians, Bisexuals, & Gay Men: East Quad/RC Social Group 9 pm (see 1 Wed)

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

23 Thursday

ArtTalk: U-M Museum of Art noon, "Abstract Expressionism" (see 2 Thu)

Meeting: U-M Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Studs Association 5 pm (see 2 Thu)

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 5:30 pm (see 2 Thu)

Philips Pre-concert Presentation: University Musical Society 7 pm, Rackham Amphitheater. Jim Leonard, Manager of SKR Classical will discuss "Sex and Death: The Tone Poems of Richard Strauss." 764-2538

Meeting: Amnesty International U-M 7 pm (see 2 Thu)

Cerebral Palsy Support Group: A2 Center for Independent Living 7-9 pm (see 9 Thu)

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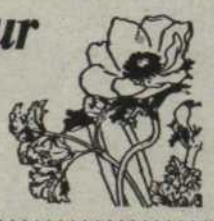

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"Who's Next? Demonization as a Justification for War": Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice 7:30 pm, Friends Meeting House, 1414 Hill. Analysis by Richard Cleaver. 663-1870

Meeting: ACTUP/Ann Arbor 7:30 pm (see 2 Thu)

Lesbian, Bisexual & Gay Youth Support Group: Ozone House 7:30 pm (see 9 Thu)

Utah Phillips: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, $10.75/$9.75 mems, studs, srs. 761-1451

Dresden Staatskapelle: University Musical Society 8 pm, Hill Aud. Two of Richard Strauss' tone poems & Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 will be performed by one of the oldest and most highly regarded orchestras in the world, $18 to $45. 764-2538

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

24 Friday

Lesbian, Bisexual & Gay Happy Hour Group 5 pm (see 3 Fri)

George Mallory/Gene Jones Quartet: Bird of Paradise 5:30 pm (see 3 Fri)

"North/South Dialogue on Drug Issues": Peace InSight 6:05 pm (see 21 Tue)

Reception for Mark Nielsen: Matrix Gallery 7-9 pm, 212 Miller. Nielsen's works are on exhibit through May 10. 663-7775

Meetings: Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA & Alanon 7:30 pm (see 3 Fri)

Chamber Concert: U-M Museum of Art 8 pm, 525 S. State. The Museum Chamber Ensemble performs "Night Themes and Serenades," $10/$5 studs. 764-0395

The Golden Ring: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Rotating collection of artists from Folk Legacy Records, $9.75/$8.75 mems, studs, srs. 761-1451

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

25 Saturday

Living Well Conference: A2 Center for Independent Living & U-M Model Spinal Cord Injury Care System 9 am, Domino's Pizza Headquarters, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr. Topics include medical advances and what they really mean, preventing and minimizing secondary complications of spinal cord injury and self-esteem, plus displays, $20. 763-0971

Family Program: U-M Museum of Art 10:30 am, 525 S. State. Part one of two-part film series, "Inner Space I: Films on Art and Artists at Work." 747-2064

Craft Workshop: Scrapbox and Ecology Center 1 pm, 2050 S. Industrial Hwy. Learn how to recycle various materials into art projects. Register by 24 Fri. 761-3186

Trip Inside a Bean Seed: Dept. of Parks & Rec. 1-3 pm, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd. Follow the journey of a bean seed from planting to bean plant and back to the soil, for children in 1st through 3rd grades, class size limited to 15, $5. 662-7802

Support Group for People with Disabilities Who Have Alcohol Abuse Issues: A2 Center for Independent Living 1-3 pm (see 4 Sat)

AA Meeting for Lesbians & Bisexual Womyn: Sober Sisters 7 pm (see 4 Sat)

Season Finale and Farewell Tribute: Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra 8 pm, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. With tribute party for Carl St. Clair following, $15/$25 patron. 668-8397

Drum Circle: Guild House 8 pm (see 4 Sat)

The Golden Ring: The Ark 8 pm (see 24 Fri)

Paul Vornhagen Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 24 Fri)

26 Sunday

Celebration of Spring: Dept. of Parks & Rec. Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard. Day begins with annual bike expo ride (30, 42 and 60 mile routes start anytime between 8 am-noon). Other events include farmhouse tours, lumberjack festival, Arbor Day celebration, and Grand Opening of Cobblestone Farm Center at 1 pm, fees vary. 994-2780

Elmo's Wellness Walk 10:30 am (see 12 Sun)

Cary Kocher/Peter Klaver: Bird of Paradise 11 am (see 5 Sun)

Jim Fowler: Mutual of Omaha 1:30-2:30 pm children's program ($3), 3:30-5:30 pm adult program ($10), Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. Fowler, naturalist and host of "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom," will speak about wildlife, global conservation and environmental issues. Reception for Fowler from 5:30-7 pm at the Nectarine Ballroom, 510 E. Liberty, $30 (includes reserved seating at 3:30 program). 995-4015

Ministry to Gay Men, Bisexuals, & Lesbians: Huron Valley Community Church 2 pm (see 5 Sun)

Sunday Tour: U-M Museum of Art 2 pm, lobby, 525 S. State. Tour "Sylvia Plimack Mangold." 764-0395

"North/South Dialogue on Drug Issues": Peace InSight 2:05 pm (see 21 Tue)

Meeting: Haiti Solidarity Group 3 pm (see 5 Sun)

U-M Community Eucharist: Canterbury House 5 pm (see 5 Sun)

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

Services for Lesbians, Gay Men & Bisexuals: Tree of Life Metropolitan Community Church 7 pm (see 5 Sun)

Benefit for Homegrown Women's Music Series: The Ark 7:30 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Featuring Kathy More, Karen Pernick and comedian Kathy Geha, $6-10 donation. 761-1451

Meeting: Ypsilanti Lesbian, Gay Men, & Bisexuals' AA 7:30 pm (see 5 Sun)

27 Monday

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group 7 pm (see 6 Mon)

Open Mike: Guild House Writers Series 8:30 pm (see 6 Mon)

Social for Lesbians, Bisexual People, & Gay Men: Canterbury House 8:45 pm (see 6 Mon)

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 6 Mon)

28 Tuesday

10th Annual Waste Awareness Awards: Ecology Center 8 am, Zingerman's Next Door, 422 Detroit St. 761-3186

ArtBreak: U-M Museum of Art 12:10 pm (see 21 Tue)

Blind and Visually Impaired Support Group 5:30 pm (see 7 Tue)

"Closets are for Clothes": WCBN FM 88.3 FM 6 pm (see 7 Tue)

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

Ad Hoc Troubador: Wherehouse Records 7 pm (see 1 Wed)

"Middle East—Peace Prospects": Peace InSight 7:05 pm, Cable channel 9. Features Thomas Friedman, Pulitzer Prize winner and New York Times reporter. 769-7422

Chris Proctor: The Ark & Schoolkids Free Concert Series 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Guitarist performs blues, ragtime, folk! 761-1451

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

EMU Support/Discussion Group: Identity 8 pm (see 7 Tue)

Benefit Concert with Etch-A-Sketch: Ann Arbor Tenants Union 9 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Proceeds go to the Tenants Union's educational resources and services, $5. 936-3076

Cary Kocher/Paul Keller Quartet: Bird of Paradise 9:30 pm (see 7 Tue)

Social Group for Bisexual Womyn 9:30 pm (see 7 Tue)

29 Wednesday

ArtVideo: U-M Museum of Art noon, "Louise Nevelson in Process." (see 1 Wed)

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

Meeting: Lesbian, Bisexual, & Gay Men Adult Children of Alcoholics 7 pm (see 1 Wed)

Ad Hoc Troubador: Wherehouse Records 7 pm (see 1 Wed)

Meeting: Student Organization United for Peace 7:15 pm (see 1 Wed)

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

Flor de Caña: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main. Panamerican world music, $9.75/$8.75 mems, studs, srs. 761-1451

Meeting for U-M Lesbians, Bisexuals, & Gay Men: EQ/RC Social Group 9 pm (see 1 Wed)

Dance for the Earth: Ecology Center 9 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Frank Allison & the Odd Sox and Strange Bedfellows perform in benefit for Ecology Center's environmental education and advocacy programs, $5. 761-3186

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

30 Thursday

ArtTalk: U-M Museum of Art noon, "Pop Art." (see 2 Thu)

Meeting: U-M Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Studs Association 5 pm (see 2 Thu)

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 5:30 pm (see 2 Thu)

Meeting: Amnesty International U-M 7 pm (see 2 Thu)

Meeting: ACTUP/Ann Arbor 7:30 pm (see 2 Thu)

Marie-Lynne Hammond: The Ark 8 pm, 637-1/2 S. Main, $9.75/$8.75 mems, studs, srs. 761-1451

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

"Coverup"

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operations and operatives than you can easily keep track of for 72 minutes, isn't fiction. This film doesn't provide iron-clad evidence that is going to put anyone in prison or remove anyone from office. Much of that evidence, of course, has been shredded. But the first-hand and second-hand accounts presented here make a remarkably compelling case for re-opening investigations into the Iran-contra connection and the October surprise. (And unlike the real-life characters involved in the thick plot of JFK's assassination, almost everyone involved in these scandals, including, for a little while at least, Reagan, is still alive!)

One of "Coverup's" more subtle but most profoundly revealing moments is a scene from the Congressional Iran-contra hearings, in which the chairman of the hearings, Sen. Inouye of Hawaii, quite firmly puts a stop to Rep. Jack Brooks of Texas' line of questioning with Ollie North on the National Security Council's contingency plan to suspend the U.S. Constitution. The discomfort in the room created by Brooks' questions is palpable, and it powerfully signifies how the Lawrence Walsh investigation—which only went back to '84—and the Congressional hearings, never really intended to reveal to the public anything beyond a certain layer of truth. Any forays into the areas of drugs or CIA operations during the public hearings were, in fact, quickly stanched. Public knowledge of the rest of the events and players, including any Republican campaign committee, CIA or Reagan/Bush White House involvement, was and is to remain covered up in "executive session," for reasons, of course, of national security.

FROM THE GRASSROOTS

Gay Lib: Council Candidate Muir's Message Clear

Since the Arbor City Council Election will be held on Monday, April 6 we would like to offer some information relevant to voters in the Fifth Ward. On March 12, 1991 the Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office (LGMPO) at U-M received a computer message from Jeff Muir. Muir has for a number of years been associated with The Michigan Review, a publication that has often printed statements derogatory to lesbians and gay men. Muir is a candidate for City Council, running in the Fifth Ward on the Republican ticket.

His computer message to LGMPO read as follows: "To any 'responsible' person at LGMPO: I would like to know what public position LGMPO takes re: the Drake's Five boycott and demands [in reference to an incident at Drake Sandwich Shop and responses to it]. If your office supports this nonsense, I will not rest until your program is totally defunded..."

During the question-and-answer portion of a panel presentation on "Free Speech, Hate Speech, and PC" held during the Nov. 15-17, 1991 Conference on "The 'PC' Frame-Up: What's Behind the Attack?", a member of Gay Liberation Front referred to Muir's message as an example of language likely to have a chilling effect on free speech. In an article subsequently published in The Michigan Review (Nov. 20, 1991), Muir stated that his message had been labeled "hate speech." He then implied that the comments made by the Gay Liberation Front member were an example of "PC" or an attempt to impose it. This distortion of the GLF member's statement notwithstanding, Muir's computer message reads as it does. It seems clear that in his Michigan Review article Muir has attempted to belie this fact. As a candidate for City Council, Muir of all people ought to defend free speech, not attempt to chill it or attack persons who uphold it.

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

Community Services include: a **Hotline** for crisis intervention, peer counseling, referral. **Education**: workshops and conferences on lesbian and gay male concerns, with an emphasis on how people in the "helping professions" and "teaching professions" can work positively with lesbian and gay male clients, patients, & students. **Please call for more information about many more services!**

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

Wildflour Bakery Invites Community Involvement

Wildflour Community Bakery is unique because it is owned by the community and run collectively. This means that you, as an interested person reading about the Bakery, are an owner. This gives you the right to attend Community Involvement Meetings which are held quarterly and at which community members and bakers make decisions together about policies and directions for Wildflour Bakery.

The next Community Involvement Meeting will be on Sunday, April 12, beginning at 12:00 noon and preceeded at 11:30 am by a potluck brunch. Agenda items will include the possible purchase of a new delivery van, and remodeling the front of the bakery (inside). All interested community members are encouraged to attend both the meeting and the potluck.

Wildflour Community Bakery was begun in 1975 to provide healthful baked goods and education to the community. The work is done by six collective members and an always-evolving group of volunteers. Wildflour has become a successful business, offering over 20 kinds of whole grain bread made with organic, locally milled flour, as well as goodies of all kinds. There are dairyless and wheatless offerings of both bread and goodies. Its educational program, "Rolling in Dough," teaches Ann Arbor schoolchildren how to make healthy bread while explaining some basics about nutrition and food politics.

Wildflour Community Bakery, 208 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor MI 48104; 994-0601.

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