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MMI PETITION DRIVE MOBILIZES



Right now the Michigan Marijuana Initiative is two weeks into an 8 week drive to collect 265,000 signatures from registered voters in Michigan who want to see the question of legalization of weed on the ballot in November. We're all pushing hard towards a July 1st deadline so the 400 people still in jail for the sacred herb can be liberated *this* year! Our next chance won't come until the next state-wide election in 1974, so get out and circulate those petitions *now!*

All you have to do to become part of the Initiative drive is come over to the Michigan Marijuana Initiative Office at 304 S. Thayer or call 668-7206. In Ann Arbor you can pick up and sign petitions at a number of far-out places. Pizza Bobs and Campus Corners have been the vanguard of the local drive, handing in record amounts of petitions so far, closely followed by Discount Records. We want to put petitions in every store, restaurant, or gathering place in Ann Arbor, so come over and pick up your quota.

In the past two weeks area offices have been set up all over the state, with overwhelming support from Detroit to the U.P. The Plum Pit has volunteered an office in Birmingham, Micky Shor has donated money, Record House in Ferndale is an office, Wayne State has come through, Radio City has petitions, and so does the Fifth Estate. We have offices in every city from Saginaw (The House) to Flint (Touch Boutique) to Hell, Michigan. In cities where there is not an office, there are contact people who are working out of their homes 24 hours a day to distribute petitions in their area. So far, we have distributed 10,000 petitions to every corner of the state of Michigan.

DONATE THE PRICE OF A LID

This whole operation takes hours and hours of work from thousands of people. We have to staff the Ann Arbor office seven days a week to keep up with the demand for petitions and information requests that are coming from every conceivable area. We need people to commit themselves to specific jobs—right now we are in need of people to take phone shifts. They are from 10-4 and 4-9 every day, so come down or call and sign up for a shift. We know lots of people are looking for a way to help get the Initiative get over the

MOTHERS SUPPORT MARIJUANA INITIATIVE sitting from left to right are Drew Sparks, Betty Rosenfeld, Ann Weir, Elsie Sinclair, with Sunny and Celia Sinclair, Sue Schoen with Jeffrey Schoen, Kris Sutherland, and Leni Sinclair.

top, so this is a perfect opportunity to help and stay high at the same time. Our Birmingham office also needs lots of help, so if you live in that area, check out what you can do at the Birmingham Plum Pit.

The subject that always seems to come up when we're talking about the Initiative is money—we need it! There are so many things that we want to do in order to get this drive going right, but we are limited by our financial situation. We're putting out a call for donations from all dope smokers and dealers. If everyone who smokes deep in Michigan donated the price of a lid, we'd be in killer shape! We'd like to put a can for donations in every place that is distributing petitions but don't wait for us, come over and demand to contribute!

To help finance ourselves we are offering for sale a startling array of sought-after items to Initiative supporters. People have been going crazy over the small gold and silver marijuana leaf pins which are selling for the low price of one dollar. Amorphia has donated Acapulco Gold cannabis papers (you all need papers—buy from us and all the money will go directly to the Initiative) which are 50¢. There are bumper stickers and mailing stickers and soon we'll be selling MMI posters, buttons and T-shirts! Right now the main place to get a hold of



these things is the MMI office on 304 S. Thayer. Soon they'll be available at all offices.

MARIJUANA MOBILIZES MOTHERS

We've been getting a lot of support for the petition drive from many sources. On Saturday, May 13 (the day before Mother's Day), a news conference was held at Trinity Methodist Church in Detroit. The participants were mothers from all over the state (including Elsie Sinclair, mother of John Sinclair, who came together to voice support for the drive. In other statements they urged people to sign and circulate the petition so that next November people can vote against the irrational marijuana laws which "send hundreds of our sons and daughters needlessly to jail. Our children should not be harassed and subject to prison life for smoking a harmless herb. Families have been torn apart by these unfair and unnecessary laws; mothers have been the victims of untold anguish as their children are taken away from them by the state." Elsie admitted, "I've smoked marijuana a few times and it didn't affect me much."

On May 18, another news conference was held at the State Capitol. Senators Coleman Young and Jack Faxon, Representative Jackie Vaughn, and Zolton Ferency, State HRP founder, all were on hand to come out publicly for this people's drive. They expressed their dissatisfaction with the legislature for not taking action on

this issue. Senator Young said that "it is obvious that the legislature isn't going to move on this issue at this time," and Senator Faxon added that "this is an effort to bypass the legislature. We have an opportunity now to bring it before the people for a vote so they can decide the future of our present marijuana laws, which are *still* too harsh." Representative Vaughn spoke about two bills which he has introduced, one which would allow people to smoke marijuana in the home, and another which would repeal *all* drug laws. Zolton Ferency explained why he is backing the effort fully: "I favor the decriminalization of all victimless crimes. Prosecutions of this type are a tremendous waste of police resources that need to be redirected."

Sunday, the Flint office of the Marijuana Initiative kicked off its drive with a "MARIJUANA MOBILIZER" rock and roll, frisbee-in and toke down!! We'll be having rock and roll events all over the state in the next month to promote the Initiative. Our next event is Wayne State where the dangerous Up and RPP Chairman John Sinclair will help kick off the local drive.

One last thing that we want to stress, in case people don't realize what will happen if we are successful, is that when we get the required number of signatures and are certified to be on the ballot, and when we re-educate the voters of Michigan so the amendment is passed next November, we will have FREE, LEGAL BACKYARD MARIJUANA NEXT JANUARY FIRST!!! So if you have any spare time or money, this is indeed a worthy cause!!! HELP FREE MARIJUANA!! CIRCULATE THE PETITION AND STAY HIGH!!!

—Walden Simper, Jan Ridgell and Linda Ross, MMI co-ordinators

USE THE TOOLS ON HAND—KNOW THE PETITION PROCEDURE

1. You must be a registered voter to sign or circulate the petition.
2. Sign the petition exactly as you did when you registered to vote.
3. People signing the *same* petition must all be registered in the *same*
4. No abbreviations or ditto marks should be used.

MMI AREA OFFICES

People who want to get into the petition drive and who don't live in Ann Arbor should get in contact with the area office closest to them.

BATTLE CREEK—Mike Garfield, 89 Broadway Blvd. (616) 963-3718

DETROIT—Birmingham Plum Pit, 1405 South Woodward, 642-0325

Wayne State, 5120 Old 2nd, Monteiss Student Union 577-4385

Record House, north of 9 mi. on Woodward 398-3881

Fifth Estate, 4403 2nd at Canfield, 871-6800

FLINT—Touch Boutique, 804 Detroit St. 767-1223

KALAMAZOO—Patroit, 417 Douglass (616) 382-3822

SAGINAW—The House, 303 Linton, 752-5908

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

QUESTION: Last week city council passed a law making possession and sales of marijuana a \$5 fine. What do you think about this step, helping to totally free marijuana everywhere?

Georgia Sternberg, student: I think it should be legalized. This is pretty good, but you shouldn't have to pay anything.



Chris Moody, University employee: It's bomb, but it still has to be legalized, you know that. There's a lot of people gettin high.



Gary Sarter, I think marijuana should be legalized, cause everybody's smokin it now, even the parents, and they used to tell their children not to smoke it. It's a lot better for you than damn cigarettes, and a lot of people like marijuana better than cigarettes.



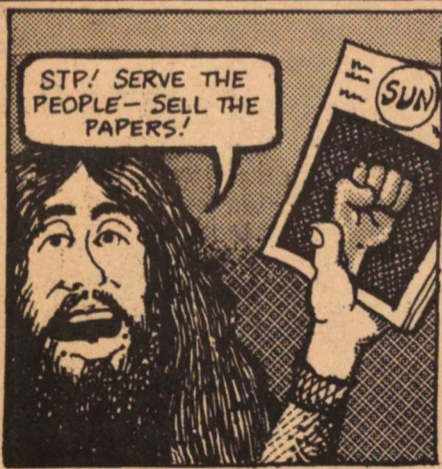
Helen Davis, retired college professor: I'm not really prepared to answer that because I haven't read enough about it, but I'm inclined to think there are better ways of handling it than through arrest.



Steve Elliott, worker: It's a good good step cause it's less dangerous but it should be legalized. It doesn't really make that much difference cause everybody always smoked marijuana anyway. It doesn't matter about the laws cause nobody paid attention to them anyway.



This weeks Voice of the People is by Mike Fitzpatrick.



COVER—Those marijuana seeds we planted are starting to sprout as they are all over town. LET IT GROW! And to keep it growing without interference, sign the MMI petitions and get other people to sign them. . . it's the quickest way to FREE WEED! Photo by Leni Sinclair

PAPER * NATION RADIO!

FLASH!

The TRIBAL NETWORK needs your help to make it work. The network will include a complete listing of events, meetings, and services in the community. We need people to operate phones and to work on the files. So, if you would like to help your brothers and sisters, call Linda at 662-0310 or leave a message at the Community Center project office.

FLASH!

Some bogus rip-off elements are still on the loose in our community. A brother just had 2 red cases containing J.B.L. horns ripped-off. The cases have ALICE COOPER stenciled on the sides and should be easily recognizable. Also a number of microphones were ripped-off including 6 Shure SM5 8 mikes. If you should see any of this equipment, please call Hiawatha at 761-1709. Musicians need this equipment so they can kick out the jams this spring for all of us. There is a reward, too. Please help.

FLASH!

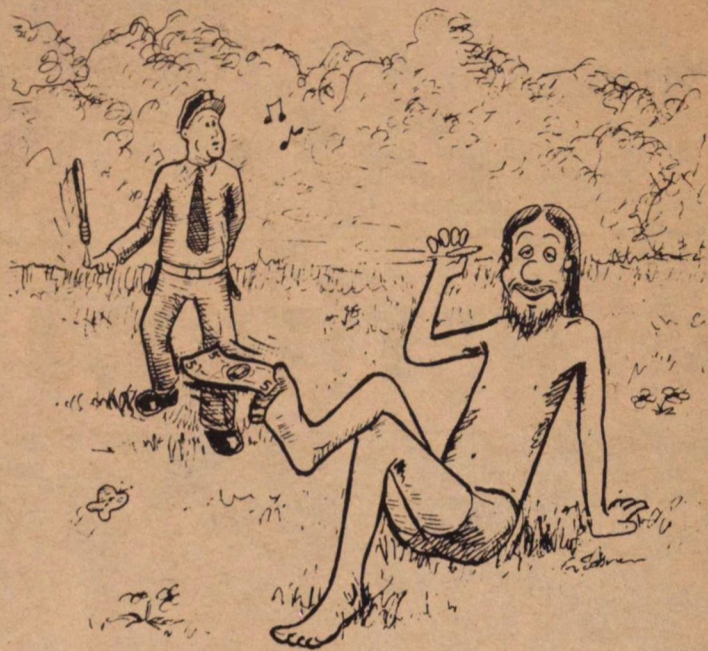
WEED FREEKS! This is your chance to talk to other weed smokers from all over the state. Sign up for a phone shift at the Michigan Marijuana Initiative office at 304 S. Thayer St. or call 668-7206. Detroiters can help free weed by working at the Initiative office at the Birmingham Plum Pit on Woodward. Want to take us all higher! Take a step, do a shift to help free weed!

FLASH!

If you can dig dirty hands, manure, straw, worms, growing and flowing life, and need a spot to grow food on, we have a 20' by 120' garden plot fully mulched and growing some organic goodies already. We need people to help with future planting and harvesting. We can also use grass clippings, saw dust and a more organic plan to undermine A&P. The earth belongs to the people and the people should use it. Come to 1520 Hill St. and leave a message for Terry Ray.

FLASH!

Summer's here and it's time for dancin'! Where? The Ann Arbor Summer Free Concert series is due to start the second week in June. Due to the remodeling of Diana Oughton Memorial Park we will be using the site next to Huron High this summer. We need brothers and sisters to help rake and clean the whole area and lend a hand fixing the stage. We'll be going out to the site Sunday at 2:00 to work on cleaning up. Want to help kick out the summer? Come to Huron High this Sunday at 2:00. FREE MUSIC!!!



FLASH!

The Psychedelic Rangers are organizing for the summer. We will be working with the Summer Parks Program to keep the park a high place to be. Sisters and brothers who are Rangers will be doing security (in the parking lots, around the stage and with the people) helping with bogus drug control, first aid and bucket drives. Psychedelic Rangers meetings are happening on Sundays at 11:00 am at the People's Ballroom in the Community Center. Serve the People!

FLASH!

The Women's Community School will be starting the 2nd week in June. We need women who want to teach almost anything. If you are into passing on your skills and knowledge call the Women's Advocate's Office at 763-4186 and let us know who you are, what you want to teach and leave your phone number.

FLASH!

The Rainbow People's Party need bicycles (new, used or in repairable shape) so we can take care of business around town. We are in the process of fixing up, painting up, moving, relandscaping and reorganizing both the inside and outside of our houses. We can use any spare paint, rugs, tapestries, posters office furniture, desks, file cabinets, bulletin boards, dining room chairs, and road fill dirt (to fill the holes in our drive way.) If you can offer any of these things (or things you can think of we could use) drop them by 1520 Hill St. or call Kathy at 761-1709. We're going through those changes.

FLASH!

MUSIC SWITCHBOARD is in its organizing stages and is looking for positive energy to design a communications center, i.e. files and time. Hopefully its function will be to keep the communications going between all people and bands who are into playing the music. Meetings are at 7:00 pm Wednesdays, 721 S. Forest Alice.

FLASH!

The radio stations have not been supporting the Michigan Marijuana Initiative because they are fearful that their listeners don't want them to. Call them up and tell them how you feel about the Initiative. The phone numbers are in the Tune-in.

FLASH!

Dig this! Election Day workers and Michigan Marijuana Initiative petition circulators need to work at the polls on June 12. So, truck on down to the Initiative Office at 304 S. Thayer, pick up a few petitions, take them over to the polls and vote Human at the School Board Election this June 12th. Dig Yourself!

FLASH!

The Free University is now organizing for the summer and spring. Those interested in working on any area should call Bob Redmond at 761-6653 days and evenings or 763-6834 mornings and nights. Please leave message if not in.

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Pass this paper on to your brothers and sisters and when it's too tattered to read—RECYCLE THIS PAPER!

I.T. Telephones

ANN ARBOR

- Ann Arbor SUN, Rainbow People's Party, Up Rock and Roll Co. 761-1709
- Ann Arbor Women's
 - Abortion Service..... 663-2363
- ARM..... 761-7849
- Canterbury House..... 665-0606
- Conspiracy Coffee House..... 761-7849
- Draft Counseling..... 769-4414
- Drug Help..... 761-Help
- Ecology Center..... 761-3168
- Free People's Clinic..... 761-8952
- Gay Liberation Front..... 763-4186
- Human Rights Party (HRP)..... 761-6650
- Legal Aid..... 665-6146
- Michigan Marijuana Initiative.... 668-7206
- Moon Bail Bonds..... 439-2530
- Model Cities Legal Services..... 663-4195
- Network-POLIS..... 769-6540
- Newsreel..... 769-7353
- Ozone House..... 769-6540
- People's Community Center..... 663-6746
- People's Food Co-op Store..... 761-8173
- Radical Lesbians..... 763-4186
- Record Offices (U of M)..... 764-0106
- Ride Switchboard..... 769-6540
- Summit Street Medical and Dental Clinic..... 769-4445
- Tenant's Union..... 763-3102

- Women's Community School.... 665-0362
- Women's Crisis Center..... 761-WISE
- WCBN..... 761-3500
- WNRZ..... 663-0569
- WPAG..... 662-5517
- Youth Liberation Front..... 769-1442

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- Black Students Union Assoc..... 484-1578
- LSD (Legal Self Defense)..... 485-3222
- S.O.S..... 485-3222
- Tenant's Union..... 487-1470
- Ypsilanti Food Co-op..... 484-0758
- Ypsi War Tax Resistance..... 483-3474

DETROIT

- Big Rapids Trucking Co..... 831-1574
- Center House..... 399-9090
- Creem..... 831-0816
- Fifth Estate..... 831-6800
- Record House..... 398-3881
- WABX..... 961-8888
- WDET..... 577-4147
- WRIF..... 354-Wrif

WINDSOR

- CJOM..... (519) 252-7313

THE SUN IS MOVING!

For the last few months we have been talking about the SUN moving to the community center on Washington St. and a lot of people have not understood why we want to move and how we are going to go about it.

In understanding why we want to move to the community center it is first important to understand why the SUN should not continue to be produced from the Rainbow House—the responsibility for the SUN has been on the Rainbow People's Party for the editing, production, and publishing. The reason for this responsibility being that we saw (see) the need for a community newspaper that Ann Arbor didn't have, and to fulfill the need at that point meant that we had to put our energy into this task—energy that wasn't coming from the community.

Because of the work we were engaged in to free brother John Sinclair from the confines of the penitentiary, work that took 100% of our time and energy, we had to utilize the SUN to its fullest extent which greatly limited the coverage of community news, programs and ideas. We did not have the energy to do both as separated things, and definitely didn't have the time to make an organized attempt to obtain the energy from elsewhere. This same principle holds true for all the work that the RPP is engaged in—due to limited amounts of energy and space everything that we do from 1520 Hill Street has to be directly related to other community work. This is very limiting on what the paper is able to print, and at the same time the paper doesn't have a chance to be in contact with all that is happening—a lot of important things have been bypassed in the past due to this.

In order to overcome these limitations it is necessary for the isolation that being produced from the Rainbow House basement supports to be removed and replaced with a production location in a center of community activity that will afford everyone the opportunity to utilize the paper. Of course, the community center is the ideal location because of the already large number of community services that have been consolidated in that building—the ballroom, the Free People's Clinic, the Community Center Project, Drug Help, Ozone House, Matrix Library, the creative arts workshop, Tribal Network, and the Tribal Council meetings are held there. This is all good because it begins to unify the community by building close working relationships which in turn is conducive to creating a unified community ideology. The best way for the SUN to help build this unified community struggle with a unified ideology is to be part of that unification—just as the best way for the Rainbow People's Party (or any person or organization) to be able to help build this same community ideology is to be part of that community struggle by concrete participation, and work by an ideology reflective of those conditions in our community that force us to



The new Ann Arbor SUN editorial board; starting at the left rear you see Mike Brady, Ann Hoover, Linda Ross, John Collins, and in the front; Kathy Kelley and Mike Minnich. Walden Simper was out of town and couldn't be in this photo.

struggle. But the physical capacity of the building is limited thus limiting the number of organizations and persons that can be there. However, with the SUN being a part of that physical form the number of people that can get that information about the different areas of need and struggle and that sense of unified ideology becomes a whole lot more (15,000 SUNs per issue). I guess we all know all this already but I just wanted to get it down on paper to make sure that we all understand it together, you know what I mean? We can't make significant changes working as separate entities, as isolated struggles, because when we bring it right back down to the basic things that are being struggled against and for we see they are the same in all areas of our lives.

Again, the RPP has had the responsibility for the SUN, and we want to share that responsibility with other people—the community should be and feel responsible for the paper. To begin preparing the paper for this shared responsibility we have transferred the responsibility of editing the paper

from the Central Committee of the Rainbow People's Party to the Editorial Committee of the paper itself. This new committee is made up of party members and community members that have been committing their time and energy to the paper

and have shown a responsibility in seeing that the paper gets out on the streets. And we want to get more people to have this same sense of responsibility for the paper. At least every six months we are going to rotate two members of the Editorial Committee by selecting two members of the SUN staff that have demonstrated their commitment and responsibility to the paper. The reason for this type of self-selection from the staff is to insure that the people that are doing this task have the training, commitment, and responsibility necessary to do the job correctly. Another thing that we are going to begin doing is to have community meetings the Wednesday after the issue comes out at 1:00 pm (at the SUN, 1520 Hill Street) to discuss and criticize the paper as to what it presented, how it was presented, etc. At this time

people should bring forth articles, news and ideas that they want to see in the SUN, or changes that they want to see the SUN go through.

One of the main problems the SUN is still plagued with is the economic situation of the paper—we are just barely reaching some of the cost of the paper with the RPP having to pay the rest. A new production room in the community center will cost money, around \$500 to take care of buying all the materials that are needed to build the layout and light tables, storage space, etc. Next week, May 30, June 1, and June 3 we are having benefits at Mr. Flood's Party, the Odyssey, and the Blind Pig respectively from which all the cover charge will go to the SUN for its move to the community center (see back cover for info!). Everyone should come check out the music that will be happening even if you don't indulge in alcoholic beverages, and if you can think of any other ways that the SUN can get money (we still owe the printer in Chicago \$1200) let us know at the meetings on Wednesday. As you can see in this issue we don't have as many ads, which is our main source of income (the other is through our limited subscriptions) which again limits the number of pages in the paper. But we be working on that front on all levels, all the time, because there is a whole lot more that is going on that needs to be in the paper, and the things that are already in the paper have to be able to be explained and discussed a whole lot more in a deeper context.

Another economic change in the SUN is that next issue we finally are going to go back to selling the paper, this time for 10¢! All the money that the street seller gets they keep, for each paper sold from a store the SUN will get a nickel and the store will get a nickel. So if you want to sell the SUN and cop some bread for the summer drought then see Craig Blazier at 1520 Hill Street or call 761-1709. In Detroit and the rest of the state, Big Rapids Trucking Company was delivering the papers to all the stores, but now because of the SUN's support of McGovern they refuse to distribute the paper. We're sorry that the SUN hasn't been getting to all the people that used to get it and the people who haven't had the chance to get it. We want to set up a distribution network for the SUN in Detroit—people to come to Ann Arbor and get mass quantities of the paper and take them back to the stores in Detroit and to sell on the streets if they want. The easiest way to sell the SUN on the street though is to do it here in Ann Arbor.

Well, there is a whole lot more that we have to discuss about the SUN but again there isn't enough room so I got to stop for now so if you have things that you want to talk about come to the SUN community meeting Wednesday, 1:00 pm at the SUN, 1520 Hill Street.

**ORGANIZE AND CONSOLIDATE!
UNIFY AND EDUCATE!**

—John Collins, for the Ann Arbor SUN

\$5 WEED LAW JUNE 5 !!

If all police agencies live up to the HRP-sponsored weed law passed May 15, Ann Arbor soon will be as close to legal dope as possible under the present state constitution.

No longer will dope-smoking Ann Arborites be picked off the streets and slammed in jail. No longer will they have to pay outrageous amounts of money to bonding companies or to attorneys to stay out of some hell-hole made of steel. No longer will they even be arrested.

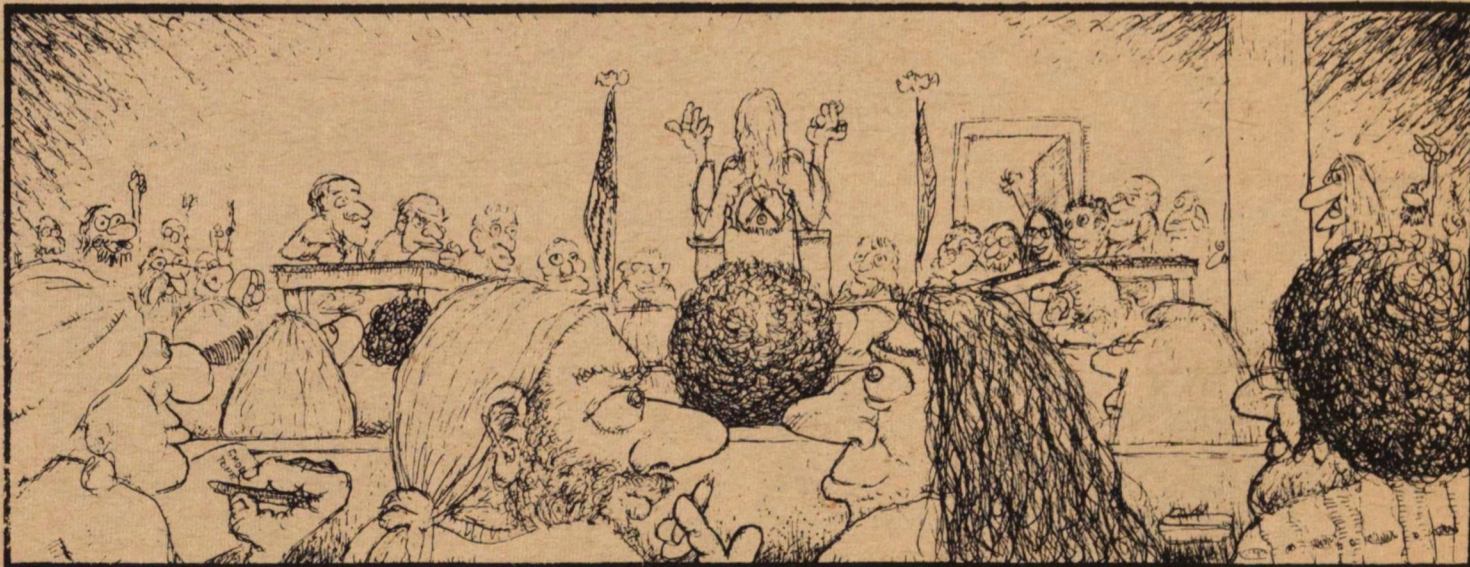
Instead they will be issued a summons (similar to those handed out for traffic violations) and asked to appear in court on a certain date for trial. If convicted, they can only be fined \$5.00.

The ordinance covers both possession and sale of marijuana.

It will go into effect Monday, June 5, ten days after its legal publication in the Ann Arbor News.

However, people should realize it isn't enough to walk around with a \$5 bill in a pocket. At least, not quite yet.

The state police have made a point of stating they will bust people who transport weed into Ann Arbor. And the Washtenaw County sheriff's deputies, according to Undersheriff Harold Owings, are still going to arrest people under the state law (one year for possession and four years for sale).



Also it is not clear how the city police will act.

But the city council has the authority to order Police Chief Walter Krasny's department to use only the new city law. Krasny has cooperated in a similar situation in the past, he is expected to do so again.

No one will know until June 5 for sure whether city police will disobey orders as city employees and use the state law or whether

they will comply with the people's wishes and use the new law.

Thanks largely to the work of HRP council members Jerry DeGriek and Nancy Wechsler, the \$5 fine will become the lowest penalty for weed in the U.S.

"The new grass ordinance is a victory for the HRP and the people of Ann Arbor," Nancy explained. "Its victory lies in the fact that it is a first step in decriminalizing

marijuana and in repealing all victimless crime laws. All laws against homosexuality, gambling, loitering, vagrancy and drugs must be repealed.

"While celebrating this victory, let us not take our minds and energies away from pushing for even greater victories," she added. "For this ordinance does little to change the basic political and power relation.

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Sonia Files Suit To Place Name On Ballot

Sonia Yaco, 15 year old student and one of the three Human Rights Party candidates for Ann Arbor School Board, has filed suit in Federal District Court against the State of Michigan and the Ann Arbor School Board charging discrimination because of her age. After filing petitions with more than enough certified signatures, Sonia was informed that her name would not be placed on the ballot because she is not 18 years old. The other two Human Rights Party candidates, Curtis Holt and Gretchin Groth Wilson, names were placed on the ballot.

The suit, filed by attorney Gabe Kaimowitz on behalf of Sonia and the Human Rights Party, claims that the decision to not place Sonia's name on the ballot is in viola-

tion of the 14th Amendment, which guarantees basic citizen rights and equal protection under the law. It is a class action suit filed in behalf of all persons between the ages of 14 and 18.

The Human Rights Party calls for the age of Majority to be lowered to 14 years. This is based partly on the report of Governor Milliken's Commission on the Age of Majority, which last year found that 14 is approximately the age when most adult characteristics are reached (mental development, physical development, etc.), but went on to contradict its own findings by recommending that the Age of Majority be lowered from 21 to 18 (obviously as a political compromise between reality and the previous situation.)

Because of the Constitutional questions involved, Kaimowitz asked the Court to immediately convene a three judge panel to rule on the case. Since the School Board election is only three weeks away, he also asked for temporary and permanent injunctions to be issued to allow Sonia's name to appear on the ballot. If the three judge panel rules against Sonia, the case would be immediately appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Speaking at a press conference to announce the filing of the suit, Sonia stated that the main reason that she is running is to allow students to have decision making power within the institutions that "completely



Sonia Yaco, 15 year old Human Rights Party candidate for Ann Arbor School Board

Help Your Food Co-op Grow!



Cliff from the Ann Arbor People's Food Co-op, part of the Tribal Council Food Committee, loading up at Eastern Market.

For over a year now, the Food Co-op has been serving the community with far-out food at prices you can afford. By trucking into Detroit every Saturday and buying directly from the farmers and wholesalers at Eastern Market, we can buy 30 - 40 lbs. of fruit, vegetables and eggs for your \$4. We aim for a nutritional balance, and lots of times we get better fruits and vegetables, or things you can't even get at the store - pink grapefruit, fresh strawberries, eggplant, yams. And you can't beat our price - this is what it would have cost you to duplicate last week's order at:

- A&P - \$7.42
- Wrigley's - \$8.10
- Kroger's - \$9.22
- Ralph's Market - \$12.42 !

Food is energy and we all need it to live and grow and stay healthy. The farmers aren't getting rich - more and more of them are getting squeezed off their land every year, by the government. They sell us apples for about \$.15 a dozen but the store retail price is \$.59-.89. Some of the difference comes from war-related inflation and Nixon's "economic" policies, some from

supermarket waste, spoilage, rip-offs and useless plastic packaging. But the real culprit is profit - a few dozen multimillionaires getting richer at everyone else's expense. The monstrous corporations and head monopolies of the food industry rip-off more and more of the good green earth and the people whose labor goes into the production and distribution of the food that grows out of it.

We've taken the first step toward reversing this deadly process by organizing to take the distribution of the food we need out of the hands of local food profiteers. Our Food Co-op serves a weekly average of 300 households and our weekly expenses run under \$100. The more orders we have the lower the expenses per order. But our pick-up points at both Main and S. Forest are running close to capacity and the time has come to start work on expanding. This means getting together some capital, turning more people on to the co-op, getting more efficient, and most important, getting more brothers and sisters to work together on getting the food out to the community.

At the moment the money situation looks good. We wrote to Adele Davis, nutrition expert and author (Let's Eat Right to Stay Fit), and she was so turned on by what we are doing here in Ann Arbor that she said she'd do her best to come here late in the summer to give a benefit talk in Hill Auditorium. Not only that, but she may bring a media team from Time-Life to put us in their documentary on the "nutrition awakening". Once we get a few thousand dollars together, from this benefit or by any reasonable means necessary, we'll be in the market for a produce warehouse, cold storage, and a truck of our own. We'll be able to bid for food at the produce terminal in Detroit and by-pass the wholesalers who make a profit off of us now. We could even truck fruit from Florida ourselves, or have farmers deliver truckloads to us instead of to the Market. All these things would cut down on the cost of our food.

But the key point in distribution is work in the neighborhoods. Lots of us don't have cars, so we should have distribution points in every neighborhood, within walking distance. A church, a University building, or a house with a big basement would be fine for sign-up, bagging, and pick-up. If you've got a house to work out of for next year, call us now so we can start getting it together. The itemized Food Co-op has been successfully working on a direct participation, neighborhood basis for several months now and we can learn from them and hopefully work more closely together in the future.

As you can see, our strategy is to get more good food for less money through voluntary, cooperative work. But the ways we'll go about accomplishing this are open and depend on the energy that the community brings to the effort. If you'd like to rap about it, if you have ideas or questions or skills or free time, call Peggy Taube, or Jeanie Walsh at 761-1709 or call Janet at 761-4299. Weekly meetings are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm - 3rd floor of the S.A.B. (Student Activities Building) Everyone is welcome!

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controls student's lives 180 days of the year." According to Sonia, the main issues are the end of racism and sexism in the schools, community control of the schools with equal representation for students, teachers, and parents, and basic student rights. When asked if she thought she would win the suit, she replied "No. I don't think we will win because the courts aren't ready to grant students and young people their basic constitutional and human rights. They are just beginning to recognize the rights of blacks, women, and other minorities, but I don't think they are ready to recognize us as human beings."

The June 12th election is only two weeks away, and the other two HRP candidates, Curtis Holt and Gretchin Groth Wilson, along with Sonia need a lot of help if they are to win. They need people to distribute leaflets, canvass, and to work on election day at the polls. If you can help out, call the HRP office 761-6650, Tami Minnich 761-5318, Chuck Ream 769-6799, or come down to the office at 304 S. Thayer. There are campaign meetings every Sunday night at 7:30 at the office. Also, they desperately need contributions. If you can afford anything at all, send it to 304 S. Thayer.

One last thing to remember, this is a "non-partisan" election. There will be no party labels on the ballot. You must vote for the candidates by name, YACO, HOLT, WILSON. The Democrats and Republicans secretly endorse and financially support candidates while claiming that this election has nothing to do with politics. The Human Rights Party openly claims that this election is indeed political and totally exposes the Republican and Democratic ruses. Here again we can put Human representatives on a supposed community organization, but they will only win if they have the people's support. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR SONIA, YACO, GRETCHIN GROTH WILSON, AND CURTIS HOLT JUNE 12.

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Diag Demonstration Brings It All Back Home!

We in the Rainbow People's Party decided to relate to electoral politics and the Presidential race by supporting McGovern because he signed the 3-point pledge to end the war and phony CIA governments in Indochina. Rather than stand on the principle of not supporting existing politics in any way, we decided to stand on a more primary principle of taking drastic measures to try and help bring the end of the war sooner. We were really disappointed when McGovern's campaign people made it clear that he would not be campaigning in Michigan because of Wallace and the overwhelming phony issue of bussing. We felt really strongly that if a people's campaign had been organized that McGovern and the issue of the war could mobilize all kinds of people to be working together to make the war the single most important issue of the primary. Instead, McGovern backed out from Michigan, no substantial campaign was developed and Wallace won the primary with a landslide 51% of the vote.

In the meantime the war continues to escalate beyond our wildest imagination and a lot of people are flipping out trying to figure out what to do about it. Demonstrations planned over the years have ranged from violence and trashing to non-violent civil disobedience to totally symbolic pacifism. During these recent weeks people in Ann Arbor have planned and carried out a number of different marches, rallies and demonstrations, but none of them had been able to involve a wide range of supporters, and people were ready to try and do something that could.

At the Tribal Council steering committee meeting on May 9 we talked a lot about what kind of thing we could do. People from Youth Liberation brought up the fact that a lot of people had been coming up to them in school and suggesting that maybe what Nixon was doing was right because it could end the war. In other words, people still don't understand that we don't want to just end the war, that what we want to do is end the war and give Southeast Asia back to the people who live there to best decide how to repair their land and their homes and define their own lives. So we talked about having some kind of huge event that would clearly be in solidarity with the Indochinese people, with workshops and lots of music and talking. We agreed on a meeting time within the next two days to deal specifically with formulating ideas about such an anti-war event.

Another idea that was very strong in people's minds was the bomb crater that Interfaith Council for Peace had dug over on Jewett Street in cooperation with Clonlara School. A lot of people were able to relate to that digging as a clear statement against the war and during the course of conversations it was suggested that a good way to dig a bomb crater would be to have a concert and pass out shovels for people to dig it together. At the Tribal Council Defense Committee meeting the following day the ideas began to mesh when it was reminded to us that the following Friday May 19th was Malcolm X and Ho Chi Minh's birth-

days. The idea arose that we should have the killer concert and workshops in solidarity with the Indochinese people on Malcolm and Ho's birthdays and dig bomb craters (more than one). There were a lot of spots suggested for the craters to be dug: in front of City Hall, in front of the ROTC (North Hall) building, on President Fleming's front yard, in various other people's front yards, indeed it was suggested to dig them ALL OVER TOWN! The idea was always to bring back the focus to the Vietnamese and other Indochinese people and the terror and destruction they are going through right this very moment. The harbor and the Russians (which is important too, because is there or is there not a great business conspiracy between Russia and the United States, as poet Charles Olson asked many years ago?), but the mining of the harbor and the weird relationship with Russia has become the focus of U.S. media attention and is trying to help people here forget about the conditions caused by bombs.

We wanted to show our solidarity and express our heavy hearts concerning all those people. The Diag was finally decided



The crater on the Diag explodes as people dig in. . .

on as the best spot because of the obvious connection with the University. People felt very strongly that we had to focus on the University since it is so directly responsible for so much of the development of the war. We had to choose a spot that would be a strong enough and clear enough statement that would not let people forget about the people over there and what they are going through. We also wanted to do something that was non-violent and that would be able to involve the widest possible range of anti-war people here in Ann Arbor.

Negotiations with the "officials" included the President of the University Robin Fleming and Mayor Harris. Our original idea was to involve as many groups as possible, including the entire City Council and whoever in the University would relate. We felt that in view of the other demonstrations that had been going on here in Ann Arbor and all over the country that something like digging bomb craters would be a very small contribution to the anti-war movement, and very small indeed compared to the real bomb craters and other horrors the University is involved in.

Our first indication of just how heavy a struggle was coming up was when President Fleming himself met with us at 8:30 a.m. to discuss our plans. By this time we had met with Mayor Harris and he had agreed to support the demonstration as long as we could agree on a site with the University and that we would not stress that it was Malcolm X and Ho Chi Minh's birthdays in the publicity since that was going a little further than he and his constituency would care to go as far as support. We agreed on that because we knew the Interfaith Council for Peace felt the same way, and we did want to work with them and we would make plans to talk to people a lot while we were there about why we were there and put out a wall poster about Malcolm X and Ho Chi Minh and the relationship between the struggle for self-determination for black people in this country and the struggle for self-determination of the Indochinese people in their countries (after all, it's the same enemy in both struggles). Mayor Harris offered to go with us to see Fleming after he heard we were going to try and help the situation.

What followed was a series of three meetings, the first one at 8:30 a.m. the 18th, the second one that afternoon at 4:00 and the next one around 10:30 a.m. the morning of the 19th and the thing itself.

The people who attended these meetings included President Fleming, Mayor Harris, professors and people from SACUA, people from the University Council, the University Secretary Richard Kennedy, the University Attorney Mr. Dane, and more. It was ridiculous. I was the main negotiator for the event. Some people felt it was a waste of my time to even talk with them about it and thought it was so simple a thing that we should just do it. Others felt it was really important to negotiate a site and were fearful of a police confrontation. During our talks the only thing they could come up with against the idea was the University's

liability in case anyone was hurt if we ran into any electrical wiring that would be running beneath the ground on the Diag. I asked to see their maps and was shown them. They refused to negotiate a site on the Diag and insisted that the best place was on a spot between Hill Auditorium and the Michigan League. On the maps it was very clearly the most dangerous spot as a high voltage cable ran through there. It was also very clear on the map that there were very safe and clear spots large enough on the Diag around North University and State St. (the ideal spot being so visible to almost anyone going through town) and around the Economics building near the center of the Diag. We did not want to dig bomb craters all over the place and ruin the Diag—we wanted a couple of gaping ugly holes to remind people and be a statement about the viciousness of the University. At one point Fleming said he could not allow bomb craters on the Diag because "we would be admitting our guilt!"

Throughout the negotiations I kept trying to tell them that people wanted to do a lot more than dig bomb craters on the Diag, and that it was clearly in their interest to agree to this demonstration. Finding a site for a permanent memorial was negotiable, but a couple of bomb craters until the war is over, again, is a very small thing in comparison to the reality of the situation.

We reached a stalemate with them refusing to allow bomb craters to be dug on the Diag, but agreeing to the site between Hill Auditorium and the League. They did not threaten prosecution but only said they would be moved to try and prevent such a thing. I told them that people were determined to do it and it was going to be enough of a job to just keep people on the Diag at the sites we picked from the map.

It turned out that there was not one problem with digging on the Diag in terms of running into anything, but just as pre-

dicted the site they chose was clearly dangerous and a high voltage wire encased in pipe was run into at the site they chose, and it had to be abandoned.

Reporting on the day itself would be another whole article, and I don't have space enough here. It began at noon with a kick off from the Up, and continued all day long and into the night and then the morning with bands and speakers that included Nancy Wechsler, Kenny Cockrel, John Sinclair, the Stash, Marcus, Icarus, and more and Newsreel films and even Monterey Pop was about to be shown around 2:30 a.m. when the projector broke down in some way connected with the generator we had to use because the University would not give us access to their electricity. That night people stayed in sleeping bags and a few tents and talked into the morning. By the next day bands all over had heard about what was going on and by noon things were going again with Bad Luck and Trouble Blues Band and Sunday Funnies and more and speakers and on into the night again. An incredible two day thing all outside in beautiful weather. It turned out that four bomb craters were dug, one near the economics building, one at the site they chose, and two around North University and State Streets.

At 5:00 a.m. Monday morning the University began filling in the bomb craters with bulldozers. At one point we heard of students sitting in the craters to try and prevent that and we started getting phone calls about it later in the morning. There is a lot of rumors that the University may prosecute the people who did the digging. University officials photographed everyone who picked up a shovel.

Suggestions have been made to do it all over again and continue to over and over if necessary until the University agrees to leave them there until the war is over. And we still have to figure out just how to end the war. The Vietnamese say we have to make every politician in the country face the war and make a clear stand one way or the other. And we have to do that whenever possible, especially in November. We can all hold McGovern responsible for his pledge to end it finally (with no puppet government) and vote for him. And we can make people here in Ann Arbor face their involvement, and show their true natures.

There will be meetings called to make plans for the future, call the SUN for more information about when specific meetings are. There is still a chance of people being prosecuted, especially if we decide to do the whole thing over again.* Already Rick Kunnes has been arrested and charged with littering for pouring simulated blood all over the place at the Regents meeting in the Administration building the morning of the 19th. In the meantime the war goes on. If we all work together we can help force an end to it faster. PEOPLE, LET'S STOP THE WAR!

—Genie Plamondon, RPP

* Suggestions were made that if they arrest anyone we should all go and stay in jail until they let us out on no or personal bond.



After the work was done. . .



Mike O'Brien On WNRZ



DJ Mike O'Brien urging you not to "follow leaders, watch your parking meters." Mike, formerly at WNRZ and most recently working at WCBN-FM has been re-hired by NRZ to do the all-night show. WNRZ is under new management, and they've hired Mike in order to relate more closely to the Ann Arbor freer community. In this age of the tightly formatted, impersonal and restrictive approach to radio WNRZ's new efforts (word is that Mike's show is just the beginning of possible changes at the station) will be a welcome relief and may finally provide Ann Arbor with the kind of community-oriented radio we need to have in order to unite and grow. . . . Mike will be kicking out the information and the jams starting May 29, six nights a week, from midnight to six. Stay tuned to the SUN for further developments in the battle for people's radio, and tune-in to WNRZ at midnight to check out Mike's show. Call him up, too, and let him know how you dig it; the number is 663-0569. . . . The last word in the column was that radio stations were being very uncooperative about putting information about the Marijuana Initiative on the air. Since then negotiations have been completed with WABX, and the big X has agreed to run public affairs announcements about the initiative, giving out office phone numbers and announcing various initiative events. CJOM in Windsor and WNRZ in Ann Arbor are also helping to get word of the effort to free marijuana to their listeners. . . . Last minute flash that we need to put here is that any bands out there that want to play at the parks program this summer or want to do gigs for the marijuana initiative should leave a message for John Sinclair at 761-2780. **ROCK AND ROLL FOREVER!!!**

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A Column by
JOHN SINCLAIR

We talk about *community* a lot in this newspaper, and we mean some very specific things by that word—which is to say, we don't take it lightly at all, or frivolously, or anything like that. We take *community* to mean more than merely some abstract idea or slogan, that is, we take it to be something *real* and *concrete*, something which exists or is capable of existing in the very same place we live our lives, and we are committed to building not only the sense but also the *reality* of common/unity wherever our people live.

We would take *community* to mean not just a mass of people who live in the same geography, but an *organized* mass of people and a *collection of institutions* which are created by the people in a given locality to serve their needs and eventually to deliver their whole lives, a collection of institutions which are *rooted in the needs of the people* and which ultimately must be controlled by the people in order to realize their fullest potential. *Self-determination*, in other words, which would mean that the people in a given community will determine for themselves what their needs are and how they will be delivered, and will determine for themselves how that delivery will be effected.

This will all sound pretty abstract until we get down to cases, but it's necessary I think to lay out some of this context so what I want to talk about this time will make as much sense as possible. I'm talking first about a *general principle*, that there *is* such a thing as community, that it is a real thing and not simply rhetoric, and that *struggle* is required to make the idea of community a reality. And another general principle, which is that this struggle will take two major forms: one is the internal struggle of the community to organize itself in order to gain political power commensurate to the needs of the people of the community, and the other is the struggle of the organized or developing community to gain control over its institutions, whether that means remolding and eventually taking over the institutions which already exist or creating totally new institutions which are never under the control of anyone else but the community itself.

This is real business, creating a community out of the ruins of western civilization, and we are organizationally committed as the Rainbow People's Party, on an organized, full-time basis, to bringing that community into being. We believe that our people must have full control over our entire lives, as a *community* and not merely as a mass of individuals, and we believe that that control can be achieved through the course of a protracted struggle, day after day, year after year, step by step by step, to organize people around their most basic needs and to move those people in a unified fashion to bring under their own control all the political, economic, and cultural institutions which affect their lives.

In practice this means a number of things: it means struggling internally, within our party, to make ourselves better equipped through superior organization to organize and mobilize our community as a whole; it means struggling together with other active elements of our community to create organizational and productive forms which will serve our people's needs and which are capable of attracting and involving increasingly greater numbers of people from the community as a whole (the Tribal Council, the People's Committees and the many people's service groups which already exist in our community here in Ann Arbor); it means uniting with many diverse elements of the larger community and struggling to change and eventually to take over completely the established institutions which presently control the organized life of the community (working with the Human Rights Party to elect people's representatives to the City Council, exerting organized pressure against the capitalist medical system and its institutions, working with college and public school students to bring the educational institutions in the community under community control, organizing and pushing for community control of the police department and the jail and prison

collective strength to bear against the established political institutions of the state and, most of all, it has to be discussed as an effective means of heightening our sense of commonality and our sense of community, as a means of moving large numbers of rainbow people from one step in the political process to another, higher stage of consciousness and unity.

People on the street, that is, people who are part of the community and who take an active part in the day-to-day life of the community, have no trouble relating to the Marijuana Initiative at all, because they can understand perfectly the effect the Initiative will have on their daily lives if it's passed. They know it isn't any kind of abstraction, it isn't frivolous in any way, there's nothing abstract about it at all, it will simply remove the police presence from our homes and give us the air we need to breathe and grow in while we push on to accomplish our collective goals of freedom and self-determination for all people.

People on the street likewise don't have any trouble getting behind the Initiative—the overwhelming response to the Initiative drive has been wholly positive as far as the masses of rainbow people in this state are concerned, and that's just as we had expected when we decided to begin the drive to get the decriminalization of marijuana on the ballot in November. Hundreds of petitions are going out every day, offices have opened all over the state and are staffed almost entirely by people off the street, grassroots people from the various communities around the state, and support is coming in from hip store-owners, straight people, state legislators, liberal medical people and other straight professionals who have a shred of humanity left in their systems.

People on the street don't have any trouble understanding the political implications of the MMI either—they've seen what people like ourselves can do if we organize ourselves and begin to move to effect some of the changes we are determined to make, and they can see that they are capable of bringing about definite, specific political results if they will simply organize themselves and move together to bring them about. They've seen what we mean by *people power* when they got me out of the penit-

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system). It means participating in the honkoid electoral process at certain times and under certain conditions, supporting otherwise unacceptable political candidates like George McGovern in order to remove from power more reactionary capitalists like Nixon. It means registering people to vote and mobilizing that vote not only to bring about certain specific changes but also to give people a concrete sense of their strength as an organized political force, as with the Michigan Marijuana Initiative.

The Marijuana Initiative is what I most

want to talk about this time, but it has to be discussed within the context of community control, it has to be discussed in terms of people taking the law into their own hands, by-passing the legislature to write their own laws based on their own immediate needs, and it has to be discussed in terms of involving thousands and thousands of people most of them for the first time, in a political action which will directly affect their own lives. It has to be discussed in terms of uniting and mobilizing masses of people around a common issue and bringing their





TRIBAL COUNCIL NEWS



MEETING NOTES

The last regular meeting of the Tribal Council Steering Committee was held on May 9th at the Community Center. The meeting that was scheduled for May 16th was cancelled for regular business and several people went from PAAW at the S.A.B. to discuss plans for last Friday's demonstration on the Diag. So instead of having a regular report about the meetings, we thought it would be good to discuss in more detail just what particular projects are being worked on at this time by the various committees of the Tribal Council.

First off, the food committee is working on the parks program and making plans for the food stand at the concerts this summer. For more information about that particular project see the article on this page.

The education committee holds its meetings every Thursday evening from 9:00 - 10:30 pm. The past couple of meetings people have been discussing three programs that we would like to see develop here in Ann Arbor. The first idea is to have some type of children's community center where people from the ages of 1-6yrs. could come together everyday to learn and play with each other. We want to avoid the concept of "day-care" as it now exists because we feel place to dump their kids everyday without really being concerned about what goes on after they split.

The second plan is to develop some type of community school as an alternative to public schools here in Ann Arbor. Also, to provide some type of continuing education we would like to establish some type of book club here in Ann Arbor where people would come together to study collectively different books and films etc. which would follow some course of study that people could agree upon beforehand. We'll have more discussion of that idea in future Suns as we clarify our plans. Anyone who is interested in any of these projects should attend the Thursday evening meetings at 2007 Washtenaw, here in

Ann Arbor.

The communications committee has been working on several projects in the last few weeks. One of those is the Tribal Network which will be an information switchboard. Right now files are being gathered of all information that the Network should have on hand for people when they call to find out what's going on in the community, meetings, cultural events etc. People who are interested in working on the N should contact Linda Latham at 662-0310 or leave a message for Mike Minnich at 761-1709. We need lots of people to devote their energy and provide us with information in order for this to be the high-energy information center that we want it to be!

In conjunction with the parks program, the Defense committee is once again organizing the Psychedelic Rangers to work in the park this summer at the free concerts. If you're interested in becoming a Ranger there are meetings every Sunday at 11:00 am. at the People's Ballroom. This year we plan to have people trained in first-aid, drug help, Ozone House training and some self-defense. Part of the time spent meeting will be spent on learning all those things and discussing the concept of being a Ranger and working in the park with the people. We'd like to see an equal number of brothers and sisters participate this year so if you're interested please come to the Sunday meetings or contact Craig Blazier or Genie Plamondon at 761-1709!

Tribal Council meetings are still being held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in the People's Ballroom. If you don't know exactly what the Tribal Council does here in the community then come to the meetings and check it out!

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Jeanie Walsh - for the Tribal Council Steering Committee

PEOPLE'S BALLROOM

"Brothers and sisters, ARE YOU READY TO TESTIFY? ARE YOU READY? I GIVE YOU A TESTIMONIAL." The Ann Arbor People's Ballroom is rapidly becoming a reality!

For those people who don't know about the ballroom, it's located at the rear of the People's Community Center at 502 E. Washington St. It's purpose is to fulfill the cultural needs of hundreds of Ann Arbor rainbow freaks, that the city refuses to admit exist, and the University realizes the need but refuses to put on regularly scheduled low priced gigs, even for the people who keep the University

in operation, the students! The ballroom will provide not only the high energy jams that we need to function, but also will provide people with a space for films, meetings, feasts, anything that requires a mass meeting of our people!

People have been working on the ballroom for the past two months, building the subfloor, painting, installing toilets, building the stage, on and on, but there is still plenty of work to be done. We're just now putting insulation on the ceiling and we still have to put down the hardwood floor, build platforms, paint, etc....that means



PARK PROGRAM JUNE 11

Unlike last year when we had to go outside of the community to find people to take responsibility for the food at the summer concerts, this year we are going to be able to provide that service from resources and people power within our own community! The Peoples Food Committee of the Tribal Council is taking on this responsibility as their first order of business. Right now the people who are working within the food committee are working in other food related areas within the community. There are people who work with the food co-op warehouse, the produce co-op, Crunchy Munchies, as well as some people who are into making wholesome ice cream and people who have studied a lot about food and cooking and are into providing good food for people to eat as an alternative to the skonker concession trucks that plague our people's gatherings. All money that is not used to buy supplies for the upcoming Sunday concert each week or to pay a small sum to those people who have major areas of responsibility and spend a good portion of each week working on this project, will be given back to the parks program so that we can continue to have free concerts every Sunday this summer. We'd also like to have a small munchies stand inside the people's ballroom so that we can help support free music in the fall and winter as well!

So far our plans call for a lot of good cold fresh fruit and juices and hopefully three kinds of sandwiches, cookies, cake and other baked munchies as well as nuts and hopefully honey ice cream. We'd like to stay away from rice and vegetables this summer because of all the hassles we

ran into last year with the Health Dept. and because too often some of that food was wasted each week needlessly. We also hope to be able to do some recycling of cans at the site and try to avoid all the paper litter that we had last summer. That of course will depend on all the people who come to the park to cooperate with us in the recycling effort.

We hope to be able to build our own food stand and have literature available to people about food and nutrition as well as other important information that people need to know.

At this point we need people to help us bring the final plans together and to get ready for our first concert on June 11th. If you're interested in working at the food committee stand this summer come to the meetings held every Friday afternoon at 2:30pm. at Mark's Coffehouse (or the church yard across the street) or if you can't make that then call Jeanie Walsh at 761-1709 and leave a message. We need any new ideas that people have about the food stand as well as donations to help us with the initial investment and to build the stand itself. If you want to help with that end of the project but don't have time each Sunday that would be great!

Good Food is High-Energy!
EAT TO STAY HIGH!

Jeanie Walsh - for the Tribal Council Food Committee



The concession stand at the Park last summer. Want to help kick out good high energy food this summer? Check out the Food Committee article on this page.

we need PEOPLE POWER to finish as soon as possible for all our music starved sisters and brothers.

We're going to have an organized worksheet, time schedule posted in the Community Center Project office for those people who want to donate some energy but don't know when or what to do! Come over and see for

yourself and you'll be compelled to join in the struggle against cultural chauvinism and Rock and Roll Imperialism!

**BUILD THE PEOPLE'S BALLROOM!
POWER TO THE STOMPERS!**
—written by Craig Blazier for the People's Ballroom Committee and Community Center Project Committee

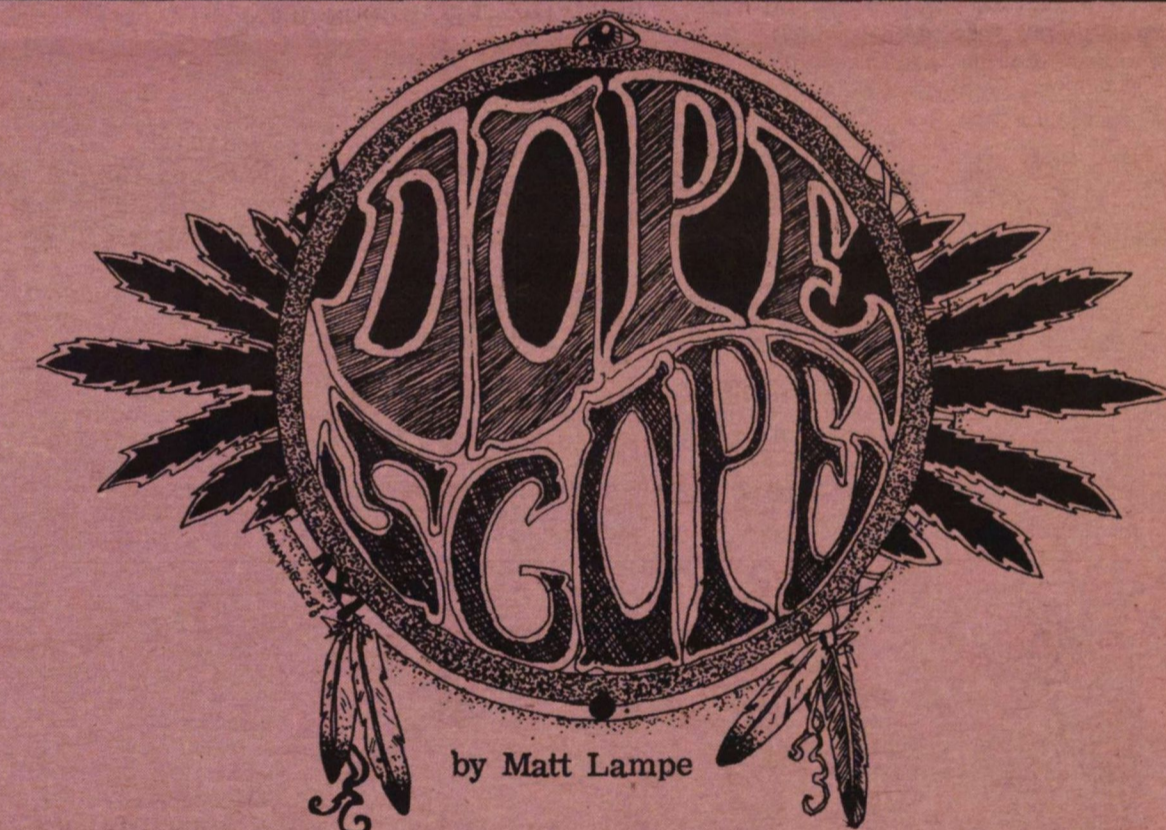
HELP BUILD THE TRIBAL NETWORK

The People's Communications Committee is now forming the new Tribal Network to be located in the Community Center at 502 E. Washington.

The Tribal Network will be:

- 1) Community Calendar
- 2) Ride Switchboard
- 3) Complete Information and Referral Service

People are needed to compile information and put it in files and to staff the phones. We plan to begin operation 16 hours a day from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. If you can help call Linda Latham at 662-0310 or John Collins at 761-1709, or come to the Network meeting on Saturday, May 13 at the Community Center.



Methqualone is one of the common drugs being absorbed by freaks on the street. Its most common names are Qualude, Sopor, and As. The drug is a prime example of a drug industry rip-off - it is produced by seven companies each with their own production costs and advertising costs to be competitive with the other.

Methqualone is a downer, a goof-ball tranquilizer. A lot of brothers and sisters are into it because it gives them a temporary happy feeling. It is prescribed as a sleeping pill because it is safer and a bit milder in action than barbiturates. While it is safer than reds, Qualude's still have to be respected as a dangerous drug. The overdose amount is not so high (about 25 - 300 mg. Qualudes for a 150 lb. person) that stoned out people don't forget how many they've had and reach that amount. Also Qualude is potentiated by alcohol, so drinking with Qualude drastically reduces the number needed to O.D.

Another danger of Methqualone is a problem of continual use. Even Rorer, the company that makes "Qualude" says that people should NEVER take their drug for more than 3 months - they are worried about something it does to the body in continuous use. And drug companies are very slow to give warnings about the danger of their drugs!

A Qualude overdose that is dangerous is characterized by someone who is passed out and cannot be kept awake without shaking or yelling or slapping. The person who is

passed out can have a fast pulse and normal breathing and still be in serious danger. A very critical sign is if the person, while passed out started to jerk and shake. If this happens and they cannot be awakened immediately, the person should be taken to the hospital. In Ann Arbor call Drug Help, 761-HELP for help, in Ypsilanti, call SOS, 485-3222.

The use of Qualude on the street points out an interesting thing about how people use and abuse drugs. Some people take only one or two Qualudes, lose some of their coordination, but get into things, rapping, writing, doing things, experiencing the surroundings besides just doing the Qualude. Others have gotten into the thing of obliterating themselves to everything other than their stoned out selves by doing 4, 6, 10 Qualudes and maybe drinking some too, so they can't experience anything else. To me at least, this substituting the drugs for all the other experiences that surround us is the death culture - use of a drug, a use that really is abusing the drug. It is this using dope, be it junk or reds or alcohol or Qualude to replace doing other things of building the life culture, communicating with people, helping things get together, just experiencing other things besides (or while) being stoned that is the death culture use of drugs.

**LIFE TO THE LIFE CULTURE
DEATH TO THE DEATH CULTURE
MATT LAMPE**

ON THE RUN!

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entary and forced the state legislature to change the old marijuana laws, when they forced the Michigan Supreme Court to declare the old laws unconstitutional and thus to free the remaining marijuana prisoners, when we got together here in Ann Arbor to elect our own representatives to City Council and thus enact new legislation making possession, use and sale of marijuana a \$5.00 fine.

They've seen that through organizing our community and moving together on specific issues that we've forced the city government not only to stop interfering with our community service programs but also to start funding them (\$4000.00 for the free concerts in the park this summer, \$10,000.00 for the Free People's Clinic, \$9000 for O-zone House and \$9000 for the Community

Center Project), which is an important first step toward making the city government responsive to our needs and not merely those of the ruling "ownership" class.

I don't recount these achievements of the people of the Ann Arbor rainbow community in order to say that we're superhip or something, but simply to say that we've been able to accomplish these things by organizing ourselves and working hard to bring them about, and that if we can do it here then people like ourselves all over the state can do the same thing if they want to avail themselves of the methods of work we've developed over the past few years of struggle. And we can tell already, from the response to the MMI, that people from other communities around the state do relate to these forms of struggle and are eager to try them for themselves, starting with the Marijuana Initiative and using it as a means



amount of rhetoric, talking, pissing and moaning or any other form of idealistic bullshit can do—it ends the laws against possession, use, growing, harvesting, transporting or preparing marijuana in any form (e.g., hashish, hash oil, etc.) Period. And it's very simple indeed—all people have to do is register to vote, sign the petition, and then vote in favor of the Initiative when it gets on the ballot in November. People who have a little higher level of communal consciousness can participate more fully by circulating petitions, setting up distribution centers or regional offices, selling the materials MMI has to raise money with, or whatever else is needed to advance the petition drive.

It's really important, at this stage of the initiative campaign, for everyone to think hard about the implications of the MMI and then to do everything you can do to bring about its passage. There are countless ways you can participate in this campaign, and it ain't for but another five weeks or so anyway, so everybody should be doing at least one thing to get it on the ballot. The MMI is a people's movement, a case of people taking the initiative to get something done that really won't get done any other way (at least not for a long time), and the important thing to remember is that we can do it *this year* if we get off our asses between now and July 7th and *get the signatures!*

There's no way we can get around the July 7th deadline—all the signatures *have* to be in by then or else we'll blow it for at least two more years, which means that people will continue to be arrested and messed over for smoking weed all over this state, the police will continue to have the power to insert themselves into our homes and gatherings at will, and we'll continue to suffer as a people under the oppressiveness and paranoia generated by the marijuana laws. We need all the support we can get, from every element of our (state-wide) community, and each of us has to do everything we can do to make sure that the Initiative at least gets on the ballot in November. **SUPPORT THE MICHIGAN MARIJUANA INITIATIVE! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**

of unifying people for further struggle after the Initiative drive is over. People need concrete goals and specific courses of action which are available to anyone who wants to relate in any way, and the Marijuana Initiative is immediately useful on both counts.

The Marijuana Initiative really affects every head in the state of Michigan in the most concrete possible way—it removes the marijuana laws which oppress every one of us in one way or another, whether it's keeping us from getting arrested for holding some tokes, or saving us from the state legal system and its adjuncts, the jails and penitentiaries of Michigan, or simply removing the heavy burden of paranoia and fear which every head must feel as a result of the criminal penalties for possession and use, the paranoia and fear which keep so many of us from relating to each other in an open, loving, positive way because we're afraid we might be talking to a narcotics agent or some other form of snake.

And, the Initiative does the one thing that nothing else will do, at least not in the immediate future—it simply strikes the marijuana laws (except for the sales law, which is next on the list) from the books and removes a basic activity which is basic to our culture and our lives from the legal process altogether. It does the one thing that no

OZONE HOUSE

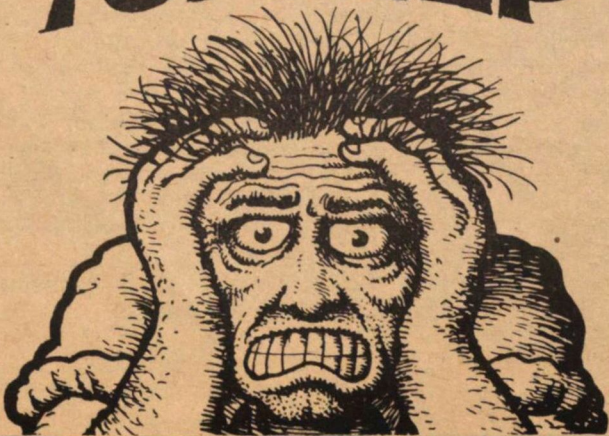
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769-6540**

DRUG HELP

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- Walk-in service
- Professionally staffed
- Drug information & education programs

**502 E. WASHINGTON
761-HELP**



City Council Wrap Up

ships here in Ann Arbor.

"In the future, we must get council to take strong stands on the war, to end discrimination due to sexual preference, to fight for labor and tenants rights and to provide better services for all people."

"BOMBS --- PERFECT CONSUMER PRODUCTS"

City council will have a chance soon to vote on a law that would make Ann Arbor corporations that produce war materials for Southeast Asia liable to criminal prosecution. If the law is approved, the warmongers could go to jail for 30 days.

An investigation into possible city action to halt the war was the subject of a public hearing before council on May 17.

"Standing by in silence every day cripples our souls," charged Richard Bergman, who grew up in Nazi Germany.

Because the war is a moral outrage, HRP member David Cahill argued, anyone who directly contributes to the war is violating the public "good" and should be declared a "public nuisance."

Cahill proposed a law that would read: "No person shall produce, manufacture, fabricate, offer for sale or sell any goods within the city ... to destroy or impair human or animal life or property in Southeast Asia."

Steve Nissen, another HRP member, suggested that Ann Arbor be declared a refuge for draft resisters where they would be protected from federal agents.

Other people were upset that the city's pension fund is invested in war bonds (\$2½ million) and in public utility bonds like AT&T (\$10 million). Mike Dover told the council it should sell the war bonds because they are not making money anyway and

"the government doesn't look too good, so we should sell before it collapses." Doug Wilder also suggested the city get rid of its other bonds. "Industry goes where the money is -- the Pentagon," he said. "Bombs are perfect consumer products. Use them once and they need a replacement."

OUT OF CLOSETS, INTO STREETS

In another public hearing, city council heard the Vietnam struggle compared to the gay liberation struggle.

"I think it is the same male chauvinism and machismo that caused the Vietnam War that causes the oppression of homosexuals," stated Richard Kurnis, a physician and psychiatrist.

Other people related how homosexuals are discriminated against.

Jeff Stewart said that when he was teaching he was asked not to tell his students he was a homosexual. Others told how sodomy laws are still used to put gays in prison.

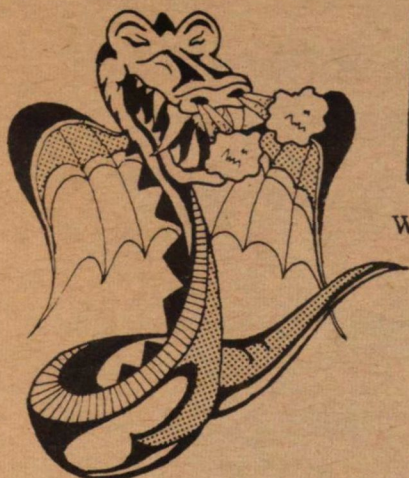
A homosexual's experience is profound suffering, said Jim Toy of Ann Arbor Gay Liberation. "There is no legal or economic recognition of our legitimate existence," he said. "You heterosexuals deny your bisexuality." Jim added: "Helping us to achieve our liberation will in some small way help you to achieve your own."

Republican Councilman McCormick seemed to think he was being personally threatened. "Does 'accost' mean a homo can grab me on the street?" he asked.

HRPer DeGriek retorted, "Men have been grabbing women on the streets for years and no one's been too concerned about that."

HRP members have already drawn up a resolution to knock down all penalties for homosexuality and to give civil rights to homosexuals.

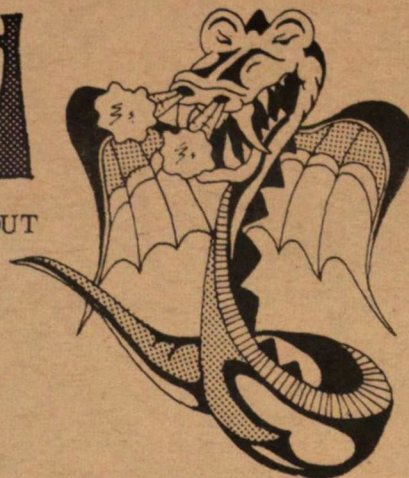
LINDA ROSS



DRAGON TEETH

WHEN THE PRISON DOORS ARE OPENED/THE REAL DRAGON WILL FLY OUT

-- Ho Chi Minh



Column by Pun Plamondon

Book Review—THE MASS PSYCHOLOGY OF FASCISM

There are tons of books on the set today that explain the ways that we are exploited, controlled, and oppressed politically and economically. But there seems to be not nearly enough available that explains the nature of our emotional oppression, manipulation and control.

Especially in Babylon, where every body, from Presidents to Prisoners, is hung-up, strung-out, and fucked-over emotionally. Especially in Babylon, where people are turned off from their work, from school, from politics. Especially in Babylon, where people are alienated from each other, where we suffer from emotional imbalances of racism, sexism and National Chauvinism. Especially in Babylon, land of wierd sex hang-ups, of roles and games that we play with ourselves and each other. Especially in Babylon, where every god damn body is confused, scared and so alone. Especially in Babylon, where this madness runs amuck. Especially in Babylon. *Especially* in Babylon, someone should say, "Dig it!" Dig it.

Wilhelm Reich said "Dig it!" He was so together with his "Digs" and his "Its" that his books were burned and he was thrown into prison. Germany? No, not Germany, but right here in the U.S. of A. Dig that!

Economics is the basis of every society. Politics reinforces and reflects the economic system. Culture reinforces and reflects both the economic and political system, and is subordinate to both.

But culture is *more* than a reflection of an economic and political system. Culture is also a reflection of our collective emotions, our collective feelings of love/hate, sorrow/joy, life/death, sexuality/morality, etc.; that collective feeling we get when we hear Janis just steamin'. Or when ya read a killer poem and ya get that feelin' in your chest like you're gonna explode. Or when you see a movie and the pigs get a righteous ass whuppin' at the hands of the people. Or after a super high energy hydrogen bomb fuck, and you and your partner just lay there and laugh and cry at the same time 'cause you're so happy (the shrinks would have something to say about that I bet). This is all part of culture too, our collective world outlook, our collective feelings and emotions, our subjective reality.

But what is important here is that we understand that our feelings and emotions, our world outlook, is being shaped now, and has been shaped from our earliest days. Our feelings about sex, our fathers, mothers, God/religion, the nation, family, all these things shape our emotions, and our emotions, to a large extent, govern how we act, or don't act.

Facism is the process by which the people oppress themselves. How does facism



come about? How do millions of people allow themselves to be put under the iron heel of a dictator? There are economic reasons for the development of facism, but here we want to deal with what goes on in peoples' heads that they would choose a straightjacket rather than go naked. The people, in the final analysis, do have the choice.

Reich shows that the repression of our basic sexual urges, our present family structure and religion, are the 3 primary subjective forces that shape our consciousness toward the acceptance of facism, indeed, the demand for facism.

"The authoritarian state gains an enormous interest in the authoritarian family: it becomes the factory in which the state's structure and ideology are molded . . . In the figure of the father the authoritarian state has its representative in every family, so that the family becomes its most important instrument of power." —Reich.

In most families the father serves as a dictator, his rule is absolute, unquestioned. As we grow up in this sort of atmosphere we become passive and unable to function unless we are given commands from a higher authority. In both the family and state this

authority is strict and protective at the same time.

"What this position of the father actually necessitates is the strictest sexual suppression of the women and the children . . . the sons, apart from subservient attitudes toward authority, develop a strong identification with the father, which forms the basis of the emotional identification with every kind of authority." (The young men want to be fathers/furher, Pun.)

In a patriarchy (father) society children are identified through the father, family lines are traced through the husband. The woman takes the man's name in marriages, etc. Because of this, restrictions are placed on natural sex urges of women and children. Women are not looked on as sexual animals but rather as child producing machinery. Because the family is traced through the man, the wife is hid away, mentally and physically, so that the husband can be positive that he is the father of *his* children.

"The moral inhibitions of the child's natural sexuality . . . makes the child afraid, shy, fearful of authority, obedient, 'good' and 'docile' in the authoritarian sense of the words. It has a crippling effect on man's (women's, P.P.) rebellious forces because every vital life impulse is now burdened with severe fear." —Reich.

In a matriarchy (mother) society, children are identified through the mother, family lines are traced through the mother. Women are not stunted in their sexual activity and growth because who your father was is not as important as who your mother is. This leads to a more natural and healthy sexual development, and our whole social, political and economic development is more in tune with nature.

"The suppression of one's primitive material needs (food, shelter, etc. Pun) compasses a different result than the suppression of one's sexual needs. The former incites to rebellion, whereas the latter . . . prevents rebellion against *both* forms of suppression."

Sexual repression results in a lowering of self-confidence, we begin to think of sexual suppression in terms of honor, purity, duty, bravery, and self-control. These emotions are further developed and exploited by the absolute control state, especially in times of war.

When our natural sex drives are twisted

and deformed our sexual energy seeks release and satisfaction in perverted ways, in individual sadism for one, but this can be heightened and manipulated into racism, National Chauvinism, imperialistic wars and a fascist state. Dig the Vietnam War and My Lai, dig massive police brutality, dig the brutality that prisoners inflict upon one another in prisons.

So, (hopefully) we see that repression of natural sexual instincts is key to developing the superior father family structure that the authoritarian state needs to survive. There is another institution that effects this anti-sexuality and the family and fascist state organization, Reich calls this third institution "mysticism," I call it religion.

"Every form of mysticism (religion) derives its most active energy and, in part, also its content from this compulsory repression of sexuality."

Religions basic bag is that men and women are naturally wicked and evil (original sin), that things on earth always have been awful and always will be, we shouldn't expect happiness here on earth but look for our just reward in heaven.

The whole family and sex douse is a primary part of religion. A young child might be heard to pray—"Please, Mother Mary Virgin Pure, I sinned, Billy and Sally and I played doctor, ask God the Father not to send me to Hell." God sees everything and knows everything, so don't touch yourself when you go to bed, in fact, don't even *think* about touching yourself or anybody else. And Jesus Christ, the Son of God the Father, who obeyed His Father all the way to the end, he never had a hard on in 33 years. You know what I mean? Again, purity, honor, self-control; "No, No, I can't I'm saving it for when I get married."

"What religion calls freedom from the outside world really means fantasized substitute gratification (religious ecstasy, Pun) for actual gratification." (physical)

Religion leads us to put all our faith in God, but it also leads us to put our faith in the Leader, or our faith in Daddy. What we need to do is put our faith in ourselves, our faith in each other.

As the weirdness of Babylon increases, as we reap more and more of the rotten fruit of sexual repression, i.e. sadism, war, perversion, confusion, dual personalities, etc., the pressure of the "moralists" increases, they tell us we must strengthen the family, find Christ, strengthen our morals, etc. But it is precisely the family, Christ and morals, that is to say, patriarchy, religion and sexual repression that has led us into the center of this madness.

It's not hard to understand what Nixon is working out of when he salutes Billy Graham as a fine American, or what Agnew means when he says, "The permissiveness of the '60's will not be tolerated in the 70's." In this time of Wage and Price Freezes, of preventive detention and no-knock, of wiretapping and conspiracy trials, in this time of Jesus Freaks and Pat Boon Christian Rallies, of Paul Harvey and Reverend MacIntyre we better check out the "Mass Psychology of Facism."

"Sexually awakened women would mean the complete collapse of the authoritarian ideology."

Power to the Sisters, long live Women's Liberation!

"The objective loosening of the reactionary shackles placed on sexuality cannot under any circumstances be retightened. This is our greatest strength"

Power to the Gay People, long live Gay Liberation!

Power to the People who identify the enemy and crush it!

—Pun Plamondon
March 12, 1972
U.S. Penitentiary
Leavenworth, Kan.



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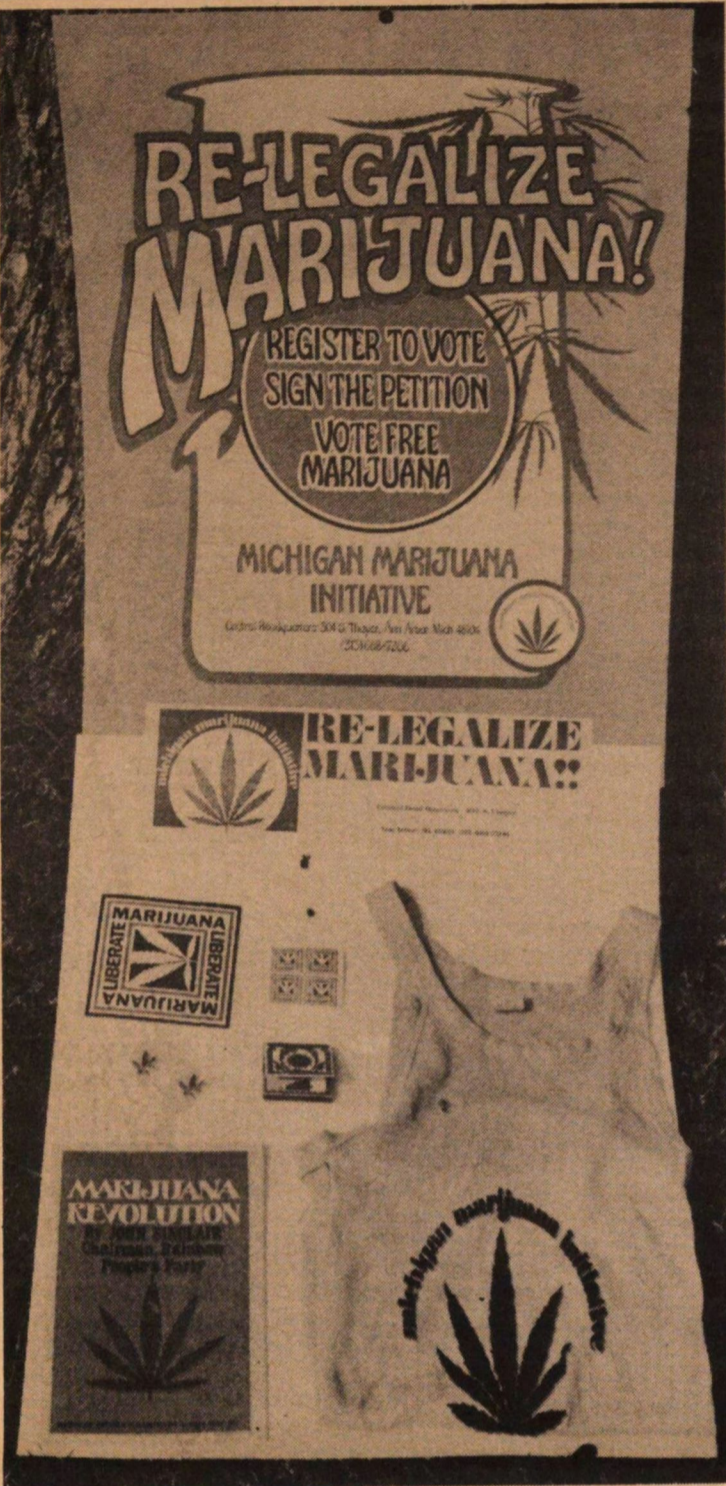
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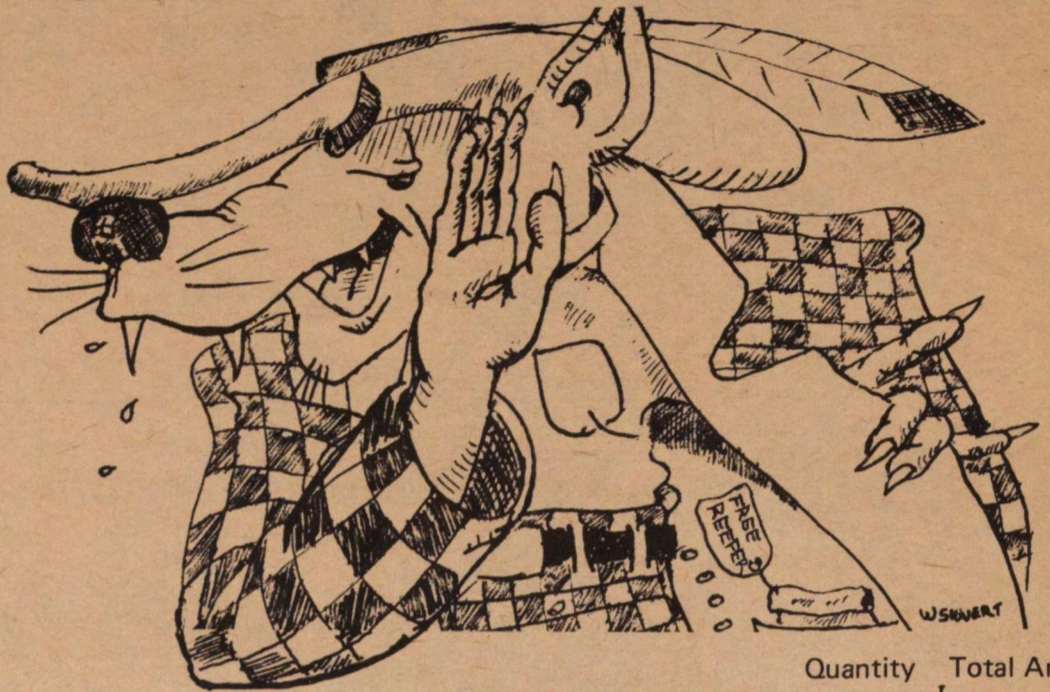


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—MICKEY SHORR
 (Anonymous)

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LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE!

1. Signers of the same petition **MUST** be registered voters of the **SAME CITY OR TOWNSHIP**.
2. Married women **MUST** use their given first names: Mary Smith, not Mrs. John Smith. (Sign **EXACTLY** as you did when you registered to vote.)
3. Signatures **MUST** be made in the presence of the circulator.
4. Ditto marks **MUST NOT** be used. Spell out the names of the street and city.
5. Circulator **MUST** be a **REGISTERED VOTER**.
6. Circulators **SHALL NOT** sign nor date the certificate prior to obtaining the last signature on the petition.
7. **PEOPLE SIGNING THE SAME PETITION MUST ALL BE REGISTERED IN THE SAME CITY OR TOWNSHIP!**

Call 668-7206 for information.

MAIL ALL COMPLETED PETITIONS TO: Michigan Marijuana Initiative
Box 523
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107

INITIATIVE PETITION AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

A proposal to add Article I, section 24 as follows

No person in the state of Michigan who is over 18 years of age shall be subject to arrest or criminal prosecution or be denied any right or privilege for any of the following actions: possession of marijuana; personal use of marijuana; cultivating, harvesting, drying, or processing of marijuana; in other ways preparing marijuana; or transporting marijuana for personal use. This provision shall not be construed to repeal existing legislation or limit the enactment of future legislation prohibiting persons under the influence of marijuana from operating machinery or vehicles.

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the ^{City} Township (strike one) of.....
in the County of....., State of Michigan, hereby respectively petition for said amendment to the Constitution.

WARNING

Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his own, signs when not a qualified and registered elector, or sets opposite his signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date such signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of this act.

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(Signature of Circulator)

(Street Number or Rural Route)

(City or Township)

(Date)

WARNING—Any circulator knowingly making a false statement in the above certificate or any person not a circulator who signs as such or any person who signs a name other than his own as circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.

MICHIGAN MARIJUANA INITIATIVE

PRISONS- Dungeons of the American Reich

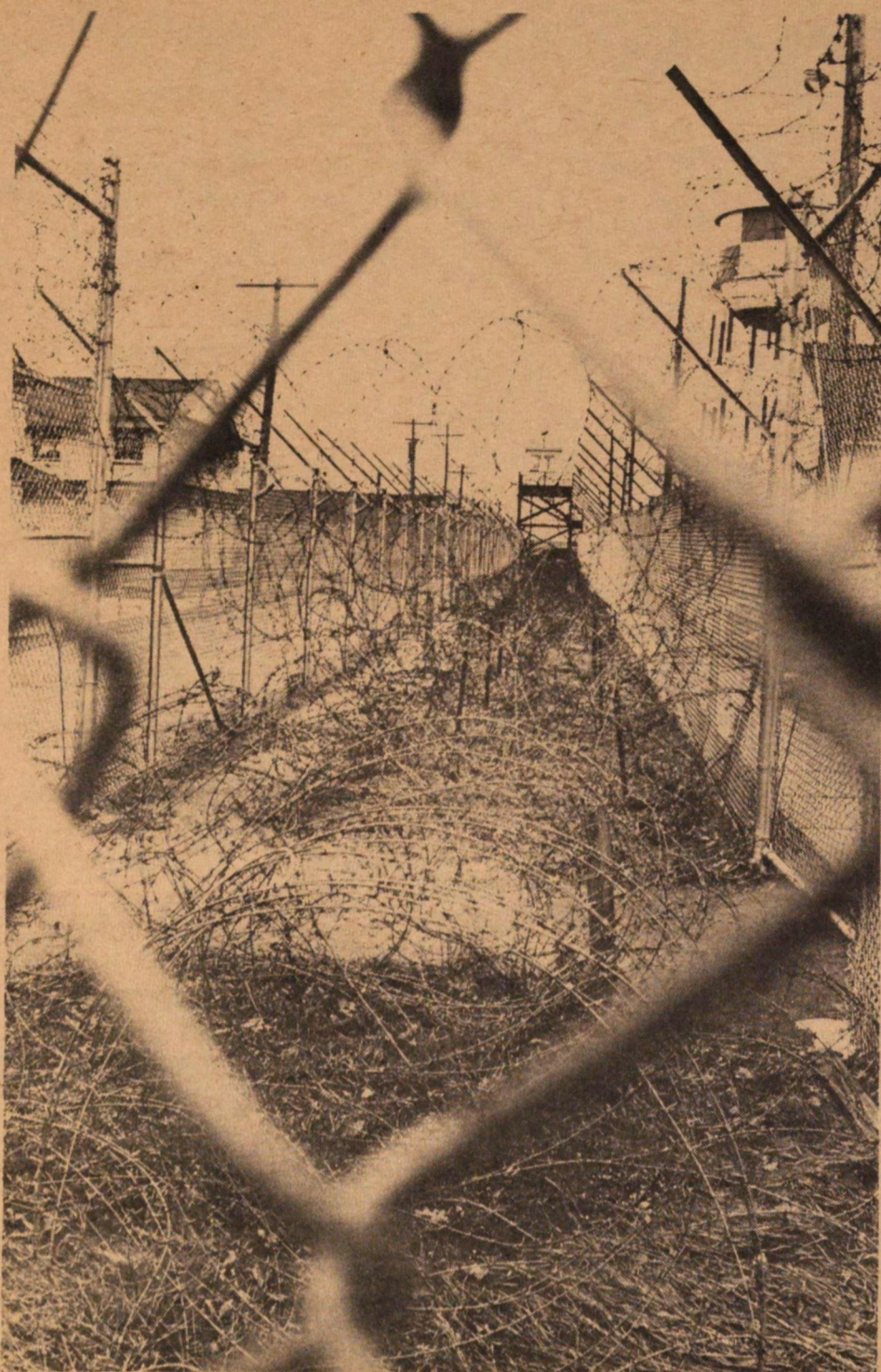


photo by David Fenton

For many thousands of years the system of dealing with "criminals" in society has been to lock these people in cages and hope that they will learn from the experience not to commit thier crime again. People have been consistantly beaten, killed, tortured, denied any type of medical care, given shit for food, locked in cages that have rats and cockroaches plugged toilets, flooding from plugged toilets the above list goes on and on and they can't possibly be written in this limited space. But you can rest assured that no human right is allowed our brothers and sisters locked in the dungeons of the Amerikan Reich.

And they are our brothers and sisters--they were locked up not because they are misfits or hardened criminals in our "perfect" society but because they tried to live up to this mythical television image of white society that never will be lived by anyone except in commericals about how clorettes give you sex appeal or some shit like that

They were locked up because they tried to give their families enough food to eat, or to to pay the outrageous medical expenses that they have because they couldn't get the in-

formation and food necessary to retain healthy bodies. Or they were locked up because they couldn't relate to the weird social restrictions that have developed over the centuries as has the system that perpetuates and enforces that weird social break down with their neighbors, their brothers and sisters, and forced into being isolated and withdrawn into a nuclear situation that supports an economic system not conducive to each persons needs being met. But they didn't commit no crimes against the people, the crimes are created by a system that separates, isolates, and forces people to fight and work against each other when working together could help eliminate the conditions that cause the frustration, anger and despair felt by everyone. These conditions are multiplied by forced micro-society of prison life, they are not eliminated at all which is needed for the person to change. So the prisons of course do not serve their function, or do they?

Today, the system of penitentiaries and and county jails in this country are of necessity for the vain attempt by the people in power, the monopoly capitalist/the imperialist, to save a crumbling system. The system is based on profit, based on one class of people using the resources of other classes of people to fill their greedy pockets, and they are losing! out now. So they take the conscripted slaves locked by the ball and chain of the penal system and force them to to work for less than 25 cents a day. In California the state's penitentiary system is the second largest industry and growing more

quickly than any of the other industries--even the ones that support the war in South East Asia! It's obvious to them that the war that has supported their system of control financially is lost and they now have to turn to other means of profit, and where do they have the most control?

The brothers and sisters locked in the centration camps of the Amerikan greed creeps need communication from the people in the prisons outside the walls, our society, to keep their sanity and know that people want to understand and work to change the conditions that keep people from coming together. The list of brothers at the end is small due again to limited space, as is this discussion of prisons. Next issue I'm going to talk about the penal systems role in the economic, political cultural control of our lives.

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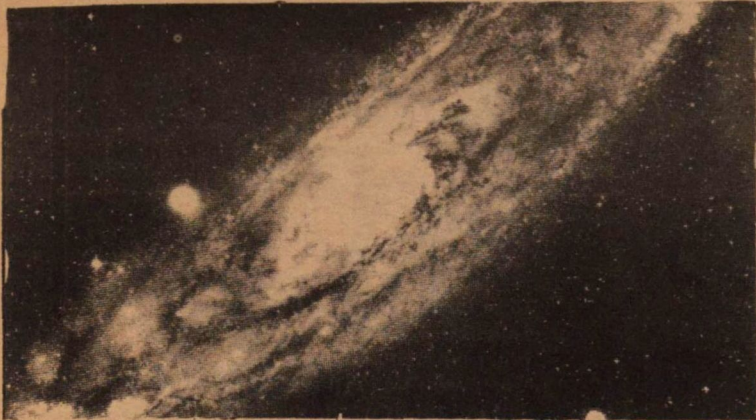
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ANN ARBOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY MAY 26

FILMS
"On the Waterfront" Architecture Aud., 7 & 9, 75¢ (Cinema Guild)
"Battleship Potemkin," 331 Thompson, 7 & 9, \$1.00 (Community Media Project)
Ann Arbor Dance Theater Co., Conspiracy, 8:30, \$1.00

MUSIC
Icarus, Blind Pig, 50¢
Jim Kweskin, Ark, 9 \$1.50

TV
"Vibrations" w/Tom Paxton, Louis Hollander, EY "Yip" Harburg, WTVS Channel 56, 9:30

EVENTS
Food Committee Meeting, Marks, 2:30

SATURDAY MAY 27

FILMS
Cinema Guild, Conspiracy—same as Friday

MUSIC
Blind Pig—same as Friday

TV
"Different Sons" anti-wat special, WTVS—Channel 56, 8:00
Special of the Week, "Black Goal, Red Power," WTVS-Channel 56, 9:00
"The Session," w/Fanny, all woman's rock and roll band, WTVS Channel 56, 10:30

EVENTS

Tribal Network Meeting, 1520 Hill St., 1:00; Tribal Council Sisters Dinner, 5:00, call 761-1709 for place.
HRP Dinner/Discussion on "City Council, HRP offices, 304 S. Thayer, 6:00

SUNDAY MAY 28

FILMS
Conspiracy—same as Saturday

MUSIC
Jeff Cole, Blind Pig, no cover
Ark—same as Saturday

TV
"The Session" w/Fanny, re-run of Saturday, 5:00

EVENTS
Psychedelic Rangers Meeting, 11:00
Community Center, 2:00
Park HRP School Board Campaign Meeting, HRP office, 304 S. Thayer, 7:30
Free People's Clinic Meeting, 7:00

MONDAY MAY 29

FILMS
Free Open Video Workshop, Conspiracy.

MUSIC
Afro-Cuban Rhythm, Blind Pig, 50¢

TV
"Yoga & You," WTVS-Channel 56, 2:30

"Self Defense for Women," WTVS Channel 56, 6:30
"Speaking Freely," w/Daniel Ellsberg, WTVS-Channel 56, 9:00

EVENTS
1 City Council, 7:30

TUESDAY MAY 30

MUSIC
Ann Arbor SUN benefit w/Hawg Tate, Bill Lynn, Floods, 75¢
Jim Jackson & the Detroit Blues Band, Conspiracy, 8:00, \$1.50

TV
"Self Defense For Women," WTVS Channel 56, re-run of Mon., 2:30

EVENTS
Tribal Council Steering Comm. meeting, Community Center, 7:30
Community Center Project, Community Center, 3:00

WEDNESDAY MAY 31

MUSIC
Lightnin Slim, Blind Pig, 50¢
Conspiracy—same as Tuesday
Hoot, Ark, 50¢

TV
"Yoga & You," WTVS-Channel 56, 6:30

EVENTS
Food Coop Meeting (Vegetable), 3rd floor SAB, 7:30
Drug Help Meeting, Community Center, 8:30
Defense Committee Meeting, 2nd floor SAB, 9:00

THURSDAY JUNE 1

FILMS
"Ten Days That Shook the World"
"St. Petersburg," Conspiracy, 7 & 9 \$1.00 (Community Media Project)

MUSIC
Ann Arbor SUN benefit w/Up, Odyssey, 50¢
Blind Pig—same as Wednesday

TV
"Vibrations," WTVS-Channel 56, 9:30

EVENTS
Creative Arts Workshop Meeting, Community Center, 5:30
Ozone House Meeting, Michigan Union, 7:00
Education Committee Meeting, 2007 Washtenaw, 9:00
HRP Mass Meeting, HRP office, 304 S. Thayer, 7:30

FRIDAY JUNE 2

FILMS
"Alexander Nevsky," Conspiracy, 7 & 9, \$1.00 (Community Media Project)
"Mr. Laveau's Hallowed," Architecture Aud. 7 & 9, 75¢

MUSIC
Blind Pig—same as Thurs.

EVENTS
Food Committee Meeting, Marks, 2:30

SATURDAY JUNE 3

FILMS
Cineam Guild—same as Friday
"Ballad of a Soldier," Conspiracy, 7 & 9, \$1.00 (Community Media Project)

MUSIC
Ann Arbor SUN benefit, Mac Kay & Friends, Blind Pig, 75¢

EVENTS
Communications Committee Meeting, 1520 Hill St., 2:00
Tribal Council Sisters Dinner, 5:00, call 761-1709 for place

SUNDAY JUNE 4

FILMS
"Chapayer," "Mother," Conspiracy 7 & 9, \$1.00, (Community Media Project)

MUSIC
Blind Pig—yet to be announced, no cover.

TV
"The Session" w/Mike Murphy and the One Eyed Jacks, WTVS-Channel 56, 5:00

EVENTS
Psychedelic Rangers, Meeting, 11:00
Community Center, 2:00
Park Free People's Clinic Meeting, 7:00
HRP School Board Campaign Meeting, HRP office 304 S. Thayer, 7:30

MONDAY JUNE 5

FILMS
Video Workshop Conspiracy

TV
"Self Defense For Women," WTVS Channel 56, 6:30

"Together: A Chuck Mangione Concert," WTVS-Channel 56, 7:00
"Rock Beat," WTVS-Channel 56, 8:30

EVENTS
City Council, 7:30

TUESDAY JUNE 6

MUSIC
Blind Pig—to be determined, 50¢

TV
"A Woman's Place," WTVS-Channel 56, 2:00
"Self-Defense For Women," re-run of Monday, WTVS-Channel 56, 2:30

EVENTS
Community Center Project, Community Center, 3:00
Tribal Council Steering Committee Community Center, 7:30

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7

FILMS
Theater X from Milwaukee, Conspiracy, 8:00, \$1.50

MUSIC
Blind Pig—to be determined, 50¢

TV
"Soul" about Frederick Douglas, WTVS-Channel 56, 9:00

EVENTS
Food Coop (Vegetable) Meeting, 3rd floor SAB, 7:30
Drug Help Meeting, Community Center, 2nd floor SAB, 9:00

THURSDAY JUNE 8

FILMS
Theater X—Free Workshop, Conspiracy

MUSIC
Blind Pig—to be determined, 50¢

TV
"Yoga & You," WTVS-Channel 56, 2:30
"A Woman's Place," WTVS-Channel 56, 6:30

EVENTS
Creative Arts Workshop Meeting, Community Center, 5:30
Ozone House Meeting, Michigan Union, 7:00
Education Committee Meeting, 2007 Washtenaw, 9:00
HRP Dinner/Discussion "School Board," HRP office, 304 S. Thayer, 6:00

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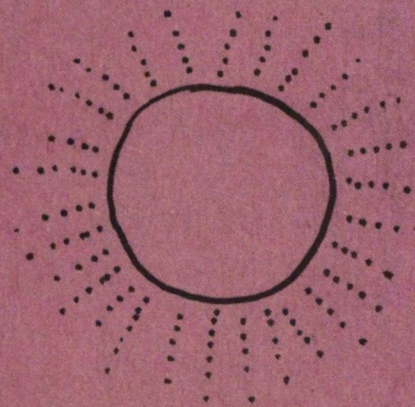
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