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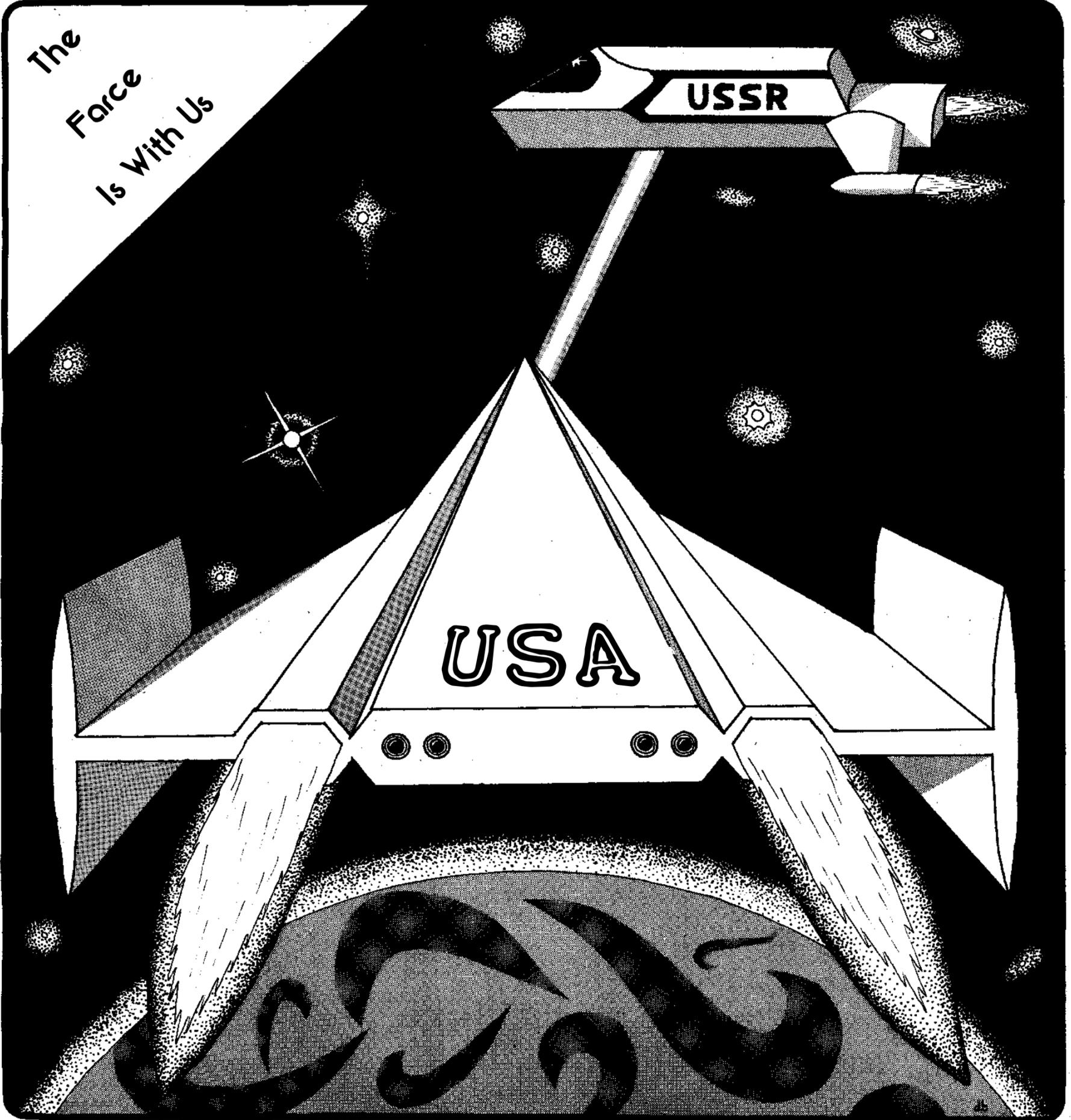
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# City liquor commission hassles bar owners

It is generally a healthy exercise to question just which "public" our public servants are here to "serve."

In Bloomington, one such body screams out for close scrutiny: the city Liquor Commission, an insipid gang of four with a dangerous appendage it calls its attorney.

Its stated mission is to protect the public from the public's own excesses, and I suppose that we, especially the dwindling downtown population, should be thankful that we have such an altruistic nanny.

But recent actions of this clan suggest that its true charge is to belittle, intimidate and slander, as well as to enrich the city's coffers through prohibitive license fees and outrageous fines.

If one would study the makeup of this kangaroo court, it may call to mind Earl Butz's infamous quip about the Pope's denouncement of birth control: "You no play da game, you no make-a da rules." The commission features two fossils who date back to the "killer rum" philosophy of the Prohibition age, and two younger ones who seem to follow it. One of those is Mayor Buchanan, an avowed teetotaler, and I would be hard-pressed to believe that either he or any of the others has ever been to a neighborhood saloon for any reason other than to spy on their pitiful serfs.

## Intolerable sidekick

The coup de grace, however, is their intolerable sidekick who goes by the name of H. Paxton Bowers, II. H. Paxton the second (his real name; I couldn't believe it either) is a wimpish WASP whose government salary is justified by the position of Assistant Corporation Counsel. Rest assured. This cat is not nearly as impressive as the title might suggest.

Now I just know he has never been in a local saloon, certainly not in my neighborhood, but he will tell you all the sordid details of pimps and pushers and other despicable elements that I seem to miss when I go to have a drink with fellow members of the lumpen proletariat.

## He gets no respect

Apparently the Town of Normal has elected Dick Godfrey its emperor, if the recent recent Liquor Control Commission happenings are any indication.

In an act of selfless diplomacy, Normal's mayor negotiated an agreement in December between the Corner Cafe and the White Horse Inn which was intended to end the dispute over who-parks-where on their communal lot. A fence would be built, financed equally by the two businesses.

The White Horse Inn did nothing about the fence, worried about the cost and the effectiveness of a barrier. A letter from Godfrey about the issue was ignored. This last was intolerable. Lord Godfrey snarled at the White Horse Inn's "deliberate ignoring" of the Liquor Control Commission (of which he is head) and declared that White Horse's actions were "a mark of disrespect" to him. Horrors!

A few recent cases (although there are several) point up the commission's particular brand of fascism, spiced with a dash of outright slander here and there for good measure.

In the first case, these righteous souls pulled the license of Jim's Checkered Flag Lounge for allegedly allowing gambling at its pool tables last year. One should suppose the sin of two fellas placing a wager on a game of skill is a far more heinous example of "gambling" than an office full of executives and secretaries putting money into a World Series pool or some other debauch, the outcome of which no one has the slightest control over.

If we accept that reasoning, however dubious, it is hard to overlook the fact that the state's attorney quickly recognized the folly of placing responsibility on the bartender and dropped the trumped up criminal charges against him. But that wisdom was lost on the commission; it convicted the tavern and sentenced it to loss of income for two days.

## One fell swoop

After the commission yanked the license of Casey Jones Lounge, Bowers and Buchanan managed to indict every one of its em-

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Tell Mr. Reagan

where he can put his missile...



ployees in one fell swoop. Revoking the license was routine, because Jones had pleaded guilty to a felony. But when Jim Rice bought the business and applied for a new license, Bowers (with the commission's blessing) demanded that Rice furnish the names of all Jones's employees so they could be checked with the state Department of Criminal Investigation.

The purpose was to hold the license hostage, by suggesting to Rice who he could and could not hire. Bowers justified it by saying he knew that the employees were involved in dope selling, and Buchanan got into the act with his suggestion that some of them had been involved in past "illegal activities."

Why do you suppose these Serpico's didn't supply their "evidence" to the state's attorney?

Bob Bacon, owner of Bacon's Ace High Lounge, got himself caught in a similar dope bust as Jones, and his conviction also called for an automatic license revocation.

But although Bacon was found guilty Nov. 13, he heard nothing from the city until a month and a half later. When he did, it was not to inform him of a commission hearing, but a solicitation to come in and pay for a new license so that he could continue to operate after the new year began.

So Bacon did, plunking down some \$600 on Dec. 30. Bowers then set a hearing for Jan. 6, which I'm sure was pure coincidence (and you thought he waited for the check to clear).

## As expected

As expected, they revoked Bacon's license after he had one week's use of it. They also neglected to mention that Bacon was entitled to get his money back, but I'm sure there was just an oversight. The city continued to earn interest off his license fee, until a friend checked and found out that Bacon could recoup it only by making a special application to the commission.

Having sufficiently screwed Bacon to the their amusement, they turned their attention elsewhere. Ann Grimm arranged to buy the business, but when she went before the commission, they pulled the incredible move of placing a "moratorium" on any license at that location for at least four months. So the building sits vacant, and in the meantime the lease payments must be made while the city has summarily denied the right to earn an income to pay them.

Enter our man, H. Paxton the second. He justified the unique brand of martial law by saying that the moratorium would "clear the place out." Well, he was referring to my neighborhood and at first I was at a loss to figure what needed clearing out.

Then it came to me (I guess I'm a bit slow at times). Bacon's was the only place in town where young blacks (and some whites) could go for a drink, camaraderie, and music to listen to.

Of course, clear out the niggers . . . why didn't you say so? ●

--Holden Bernice

Smitten to the core by all this disrespect--and never stopping to ask himself if it might not be deserved--Dickie managed to have the Liquor Control Commission do his dirty work for him. It failed to renew White Horse's liquor license, although no one could find a justification in the town liquor code for such an action.

With its license set to expire on April 1, the White Horse Inn hurriedly assured Godfrey that it would get to work with the Corner Cafe on the fence. So the Liquor Control Commission arranged a special meeting to see about renewing the license.

"A liquor license is a privilege, not a right," the Lord Mayor said, apparently satisfied that his word was still law.

The job of mayor is also a privilege, Dickie. ●

--Scaramouche

# Jeff Sanders threatened

While accompanying other officers serving a search warrant at a Bloomington apartment in September 1982, Bloomington police detective Jeff Sanders needlessly pulled his gun, held it to the temple of the unresisting tenant, and threatened to blow the man's brains out, according to Dave Holly, who was the victim of Sanders' unnerving attentions. Holly told the Post Amerikan that Jeff Sanders also threatened to "blow away" his German shepherd.

After thoroughly searching Holly's apartment for stolen goods, Sanders and the other officers found nothing. Without apologizing, the officers left Holly's possessions in total disarray.

In an interview with the Post Amerikan, Dave Holly and his next door neighbor Lee Burke recounted details of Jeff Sanders' conduct which show a family resemblance to his brother: Bloomington patrolman Tom Sanders.

Patrolman Tom Sanders has been the subject of about 8-10 articles about police brutality in the last two issues of the Post Amerikan.<sup>1</sup>

A disproportionate number of patrolman Tom Sanders' targets are black, according to the Post Amerikan articles.<sup>2</sup>

Dave Holly, the recipient of Detective Jeff Sanders' overly aggressive behavior, is also black.

Here's what happened that September afternoon, according to Dave Holly and his neighbor Lee Burke:

Holly says he saw several men in his backyard on South Madison Street in Bloomington.

When the men identified themselves as police detectives, they still wouldn't say what they wanted. But they made Holly spread his hands out against a car, and they frisked him.

Holly said he was wearing, on the outside of his pants, a large navy survival knife in a sheath. It's the kind that has a belt of its own, plus an additional strap that goes around his leg.

"It was obvious I was wearing a knife," Holly said. "The officer (not Sanders) asked me to remove it. There was absolutely no hostility at this point."

But Holly did not want to take the knife out of its sheath. He wanted to take the whole sheath off. Holly said taking the knife out by itself could give the cops an excuse to claim that he made a threatening move.

"I'll take the knife off," Holly said, starting to unbuckle the sheath's belt.

"Just drop the knife," Detective Sanders ordered, according to Holly.

**'Mom, Mom!'**

"I said I'll take it off," Holly replied, continuing to unbuckle the belt.

"Just drop it," Sanders ordered again, according to Holly.

At this point, Holly said, Sanders pulled his gun, held it to Holly's temple, and threatened "I'll blow your brains out."

About this time, Lee Burke said, her 11-year-old daughter came running from the back bedroom, saying "Mom, mom! The police have a gun to Dave's head."

Running to the window, Burke saw a bunch of cops all within a few feet of Dave, who was facing the car, both hands spread out on it. "One cop had a gun to Dave's head," Burke said.

"There was no reason for him to draw his firearm," Holly told the Post. "Even the other cops seemed surprised."

"At no time could anyone have mistaken anything I did for an aggressive act," Holly added.

By the time Sanders had pulled his gun, Holly said, the sheath was already undone and was sliding down Holly's leg.

After about 4 to 5 seconds, Sanders put his gun away.

After the confrontation over undoing the knife, Holly noticed that his German shepherd was poking his head through the partially opened back door. Since his pet is a trained attack dog, Holly said he was worried that something might happen if the animal got out. He asked the cops if he could go secure his dog so he wouldn't get loose.

**'I'll blow him away'**

"I'll just blow him away if he comes out," Detective Sanders replied, according to Holly.

The search for the allegedly stolen goods proved fruitless. "They tore the place up and offered no apologies about leaving the place a shambles," Holly told the Post Amerikan. "They just took boxes and dumped stuff all out."

"We could hear them search through

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# man at gunpoint

the apartment wall," Lee Burke said. "They made a lot of noise. They took everything out of the cupboards and slung stuff all over."

Within a couple of days, Burke recalls, Detective Sanders intruded into her life again. He knocked on her door because Dave Holly wasn't home next door.

"Sanders was asking me where Dave was," Burke told the Post Amerikan. "I didn't know where he was."

"Sanders was very rude to me, very threatening," said Burke. "He acted like I was hiding something. He threatened me with an obstructing charge if I knew anything I wasn't telling."

Sanders also stooped to sleazy innuendo, according to Burke. In front of Burke's husband, Sanders reportedly said, "We know you and Dave are very good friends."

"He definitely emphasized the very," Burke said. "He was trying to imply something."

## Complaints

Both Dave Holly and Lee Burke phoned in complaints about the cops' behavior to Police Chief Donald Story.

"I got the royal runaround," Lee Burke said. "Story was very rude to me."

"I said I wanted someone to come to the house and explain to my daughter what happened," Burke told the Post.

"I have an 11- and a 9-year-old. How am I supposed to tell my daughters to do what a policeman says when she doesn't understand what happened in the back yard? When they do this to Dave, who was nothing but the best of friends to me and my daughters?"

"Chief Story was not at all happy to listen to me," Burke said. "It was like I was bothering him with my complaint."

Dave Holly said he asked the police chief who he should talk to about filing a complaint against Detective Sanders. According to Holly, Story replied, "I've heard something about that already, and I'll see that something is said."

Story acted as if the phone call were the end of the complaint process. Holly says he was never informed of the procedure for filing a complaint with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

## 'Internal matter'

Interviewed by the Post Amerikan, Chief Story said he vaguely remembered getting the complaints about the incident.

Story thought that Lee Burke's complaint concerned the language used by one of the officers. Story said he remembered talking with the senior detective who supervised the raid, who in turn spoke with the detective who used the offending language. Story refused to identify the detective.

When asked, Story said that some written record is generally made of phone complaints such as these. But Story refused to verify that such reports existed for this incident.

Story said that Holly's complaint about Sanders' conduct was turned over to the chief of the detective division. Story didn't know what became of the complaint, but he refused to authorize the detective supervisor to talk with the Post Amerikan.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is an internal matter," Chief story said.

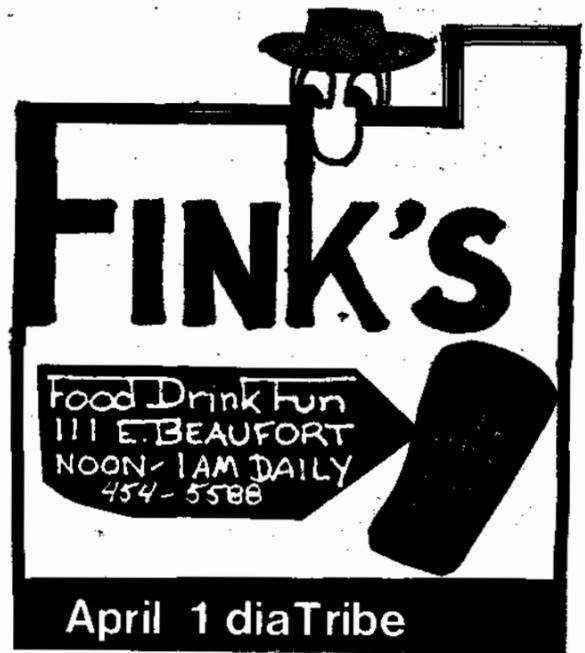
--Mark Silverstein

## Notes:

<sup>1</sup>The articles describe the 5-year trail of bruised bodies and broken bones left behind from Tom Sanders' generous use of weapons like saps, flashlights, fists, and even a shot-gun. They describe several court cases which ended when a judge ruled that Sanders used excessive force or made an illegal arrest. They also describe the \$9.5 million lawsuit the City of Bloomington faces for Sanders' 1980 shooting of an innocent man, now suffering permanent brain damage.

<sup>2</sup>The Post Amerikan stories suggest that a disproportionate number of patrolman Sanders' targets are black. A judge ruled that Sanders used excessive force in 1980 when he dragged a black woman to the squad car by holding the chain between her handcuffs. The same year, another judge

ruled that Sanders had illegally arrested a black man, whose testimony had included allegations that Sanders had used racial slurs. Charges that Sanders used racial insults surfaced again in 1982, when the Attorney General briefly investigated allegations that Sanders used excessive force and racial slurs in arresting Alan Mann for drinking a beer on the sidewalk in front of his home.



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# A Big Brother the US pretends isn't there

The National Security Agency (NSA) is the largest, most potentially intrusive intelligence agency in Amerika. With an annual budget of more than \$2 billion, more than 60,000 employees, acres of computers, numerous listening posts around the world, and a fleet of spy satellites circling overhead, the NSA turns out more than 40 tons of classified documents daily.

Yet the NSA operates in virtual secrecy. Its employees are still prohibited from telling anyone where they work. When President Truman created the agency in 1952, Congress was not informed, and the 7-page memorandum that the president signed to consolidate the NSA out of various Defense Department offices is still classified.

In *The Puzzle Palace*, the only book ever published about the government's biggest intelligence agency (it easily surpasses the CIA), investigative reporter James Bamford gives us our first good look at the Big Brother that George Orwell warned about more than 30 years ago.

Bamford writes that the NSA is free under law "to target, record, transcribe, and disseminate" all telecommunications of U.S. citizens abroad and "every telephone call or message entering, leaving, or transitting the country so long as it is done by microwave interception."

## Electronic spying

In the early 1970s, with the White House and Congress looking the other way, the National Security Agency routinely eavesdropped on the telecommunications of antiwar dissidents in the U.S. The agency's officials now claim that it has halted such activities, but the NSA's awesome capability for electronic spying on U.S. citizens could very easily be called back into play.

*The Puzzle Palace* is a comprehensive and detailed report on the NSA. Bamford profiles current and past directors and top officials; he describes the operations of intercept stations and the selection of targets for eavesdropping; he reports on the defections and other security problems that have damaged the agency's operations. In fact, the book sometimes gets mired down in its encyclopedic listing of procedures and offices.

**THE PUZZLE PALACE**  
A Report on America's Most Secret Agency  
By James Bamford  
Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 465 pp.

What finally emerges, though, is the picture of a truly omnivorous intelligence-gathering agency thriving in the electronic age. Warns author Bamford: "Like an ever-widening sinkhole, NSA's surveillance technology will continue to expand, quietly pulling in more and more communications and gradually eliminating more and more privacy."

Intelligence officials have been dreading the publication of this book. The Justice Department, at the insistence of the NSA, made the unprecedented move of asking Bamford to return documents that dealt with a 1975-1976 investigation of widespread illegal monitoring of domestic communications. Bamford refused to return those papers, which the Justice Department itself had released to him



under the Freedom of Information Act.

## Questionable surveillance

The investigation uncovered 23 different categories of questionable electronic surveillance activities conducted by the NSA, the CIA, and the FBI. These included the surveillance without a warrant of American citizens and the monitoring of commercial cable and telex traffic. In one memorable case, the government dropped criminal charges in Detroit against a group of Weathermen rather than risk exposure of the NSA's involvement.

As Bamford's book progressed toward publication, the government reclassified many of the documents that the author had studied. So Bamford may face prosecution under the Espionage Act for having "come into possession of classified documents," even though everything he read was unclassified at the time he received it.

Some intelligence officials even advocated trying to block publication of this book. Since *The Puzzle Palace* probably contains little that Soviet intelligence doesn't already know, it seems that what the NSA feared most was that the book would expose the agency to the American public.

## Ineffective laws

As Bamford makes clear, the NSA and its predecessors often operated outside the

Constitution and the law. New laws and presidential orders now supposedly prohibit such abuses, but Bamford believes that some of these are ineffective. For example, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, set up in 1978 to review proposed eavesdropping targets within the U.S., meets in secret sessions, keeps no record of its proceedings, and issues no written decisions. According to Bamford, the court has approved all the surveillance it has received. And, of course, it's not necessary to obtain a court order before monitoring Americans once they leave the U.S.

Furthermore, the law has not kept up with communications technology and the technology of electronic surveillance. There's little on the books to control the monitoring of the "worldwide blanket of microwave signals and rivers of satellite transmissions that give us our telephone calls and our remote banking, telegrams, and soon, our mail."

By revealing the scope and opening up the operations of the NSA, James Bamford has performed an important public service. I can imagine George Orwell saying, "I told you so."

--Ferdydurke

# Miscellaneous outrages you may have missed

## Cop slays tot in self-defense

Compiled by Scaramouche

The Stanton, California cop who shot and killed a five-year-old boy who'd pointed a "very realistic-looking" toy gun at him has a few questions to answer, judging from the Associated Press report.

Anthony Sperl said he went to the Ridge home after a neighbor reported not seeing Ms. Ridge for two weeks. Sperl knocked, identified himself, then kicked the door open. The interior was dark, lit only by a tv set. Sperl said he saw a gun pointed at him and a figure he couldn't make out. So he fired, and killed Patrick Ridge, age five. The gun was a toy.

Question 1: Where was your warrant, Officer?

Question 2: Why didn't you call first? Patrick could have told you his mother was at work.

Question 3: Do you always shoot at unidentified targets?

Question 4: Do you always shoot into darkened rooms, not knowing who else may be in your line of fire?

Question 5: If you had time to unsnap your holster, draw your gun, aim and fire, why didn't you have time to duck back out of the doorway?

Question 6: Does your excessive use of force have anything to do with the Ridge's being black, while you are white?

Question 7: Doesn't it strike you as at all insane that Patrick's mother may be charged with child endangerment?

## Get 'em early

The Pontiac school board has given approval to a plan whereby parents may have their children fingerprinted as an aid to identification of missing kids.

This is a purely voluntary scheme, but there is a problem with it as outlined in the Pantagraph:

Parents would sign a blank fingerprint card and send it to the school, where the Pontiac police would fingerprint the children. The cards would then be sent to the parents. Now what is to prevent the cards passing through a convenient police Xerox machine on their way to the parents?

This isn't meant as an accusation of the Pontiac Police Department, of whom I know nothing. If I were a parent, though, I would personally collect those cards while the ink was still wet.

## Soviets not controlling the freeze

I'm certainly not one of the FBI's leading supporters (perish the thought), but I have to applaud that august body of snoops for its March 25 report which contradicts President Reagan's constant assertions that the Soviets are running the nuclear freeze movement.

"We do not believe the Soviets have achieved a dominant role in the U.S. peace and nuclear freeze movements, or that they directly control or manipulate the movement," said the report.

This, of course, runs counter to Reagan's charges that all of us in the nuke freeze movement are the naive patsies of Russky spies sent to dupe us into lowering our guard. Since it comes from the heirs of J. Edgar Hoover, I couldn't be more pleased.

My, how times change. Thanks, guys.

## Orwell told us so

Gearing up for 1984, Attorney General William French Smith has instructed the FBI to feel free to investigate groups which have broken no laws.

The groups in question are those which publicly advocate political violence. They may be infiltrated, monitored, or otherwise investigated when there is "An apparent intent to engage in crime, particularly crimes of violence."

The new rules also allow the FBI to in-

filtrate or use informers on suspected groups during the "preliminary" stages of an investigation and to continue to monitor "dormant" groups that had previously shown a "propensity" for criminal activity

How the FBI defines "apparent intent" is anyone's guess. But let's remember the words of George Santayana: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to relive it."



## The word is rape, Bob

In his March 9 story on Jesse Sumner's parole hearing, Bob Halliday of the Daily Pantagraph said that the convicted mass murderer had had "sexual relations" with his victims before killing them with a tire iron.

Well, you know, Bob, "sexual relations" sounds like a pretty nice time. I can see Gidget coming home after prom night: cheeks flushed, eyes starry, blades of grass trapped delicately in her cutely ruffled hair. Smoothing her wrinkled dress, she sighs in a faraway voice, "Mom, I just had sexual relations with Tommy."

Well, that just ain't the way it was, Bob.

## Justice in Amerika

The Supreme Court has ruled that police officers and other government officials who lie on the witness stand possess "absolute immunity" from civil lawsuits brought by innocent people wrongly convicted by such testimony.

"The ruling does not preclude, however, the possibility that police officers and other officials could be criminally prosecuted for perjury," said the Associated Press.

Well, thank you very much, boys. Some cop lies in court to keep his own record clean and Joe Citizen spends time in jail; gets assaulted by his cellmate; loses his job, family, house, friends, car, and self-respect; and is a psychological wreck the rest of his life. In return, there is the "possibility" that the government will subject the cop to the same thing. This we call justice.

The ruling is intended to prevent convicted criminals from bringing revenge suits against the cops who nailed them. OK, that makes sense. Then why can't there be a provision for suing a perjurer after he has been convicted of lying under oath? The suit would not be a nuisance brought by a rightly-convicted person, and the defendant wouldn't be holding a public job anymore. Why not get something more substantial than satisfaction in return for what the jerk has put you through? That would be justice.



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Film, Julia, ISU Union Circus Room, 6 & 8:15, \$1.

Weds., March 30  
Free labor history film at Laborers 362 (to be announced) 7:30.  
  
Film, Hawaii: Picture Islands, Bloomington Public Library, noon.  
  
GPA meeting, "Creative Uses of the Imagination," 112 Fairchild Hall, ISU, 8 p.m.

Thurs., March 31  
Film, Deathtrap, ISU Capen Theater, 7 & 10, \$1.75.

Friday, April 1  
Film, My Favorite Year, ISU Capen Theater, 7 & 10, \$1.75.  
  
April Fools' Day!

Sat., April 2  
Film, My Favorite Year, ISU Capen Theater, 7 & 10, \$1.75.

Sunday, April 3  
Film, My Favorite Year, ISU Capen Theater, 4 & 7 p.m., \$1.75.

Monday, April 4  
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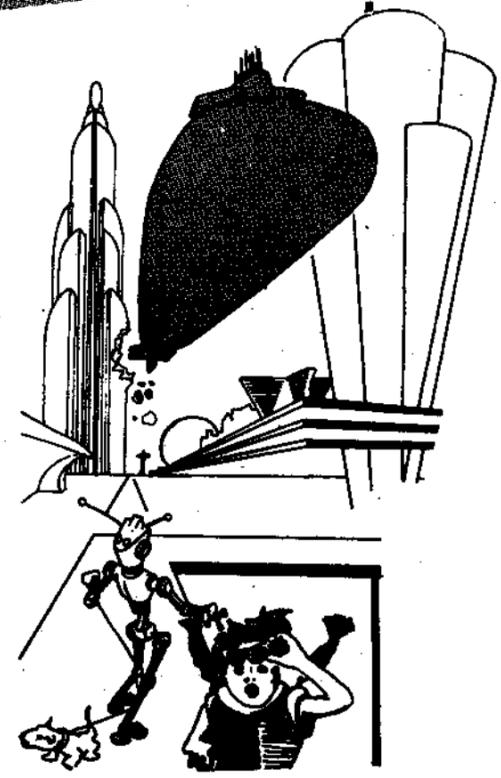
Tues., April 5  
Film, Mephisto, ISU Union Circus Room, 6 & 8:30, \$1.

Sunday, April 10  
1940s Radio Hour, a musical of 40s tunes, 3 & 8 pm, Tickets at ISU Union Box Office, 436-5444.  
  
Film, Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, ISU Capen Cinema, 4 & 7 pm, \$1.75.  
  
"Religion and Our Constitutional Principles," Free lecture, Prof. Martin Marty, College Hills Mall, Center Court, 7 pm.  
  
Concert, "Art and Music for the Rape Crisis Center," Hayden Auditorium, Metcalf School, ISU, 2pm.  
  
Gardening workshop, Integrated Pest Management for the home and garden. 2 p.m. Bloomington Public Library. Free. Sponsored by Audubon Society.

Mon., April 11  
Anti-War poetry reading & music 7:30 pm, ISU Union, 2nd floor west lounge, sponsored by Peace and Justice Coalition.

Tues., April 12  
Panel on Draft Resistance, 7:30 pm, ISU Old Main Room. Panel discussion with a convicted nonregistrant from Iowa and local activists.  
  
Film, Five Easy Pieces, ISU Union Circus Room, 6 & 8, \$1.

Weds., April 13  
Film, The Refusal, about Franz Jangerstatter, a draft resister who was executed in Germany in WWII. 7:30 pm, ISU Circus Room.  
  
Film, Grand Canyon, noon, Bloomington Public Library.



Sat., April 16  
Films, Wizard of Oz and Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, 7 & 10, ISU Capen Theater, \$1.75.

Sun., April 17  
Films, Wizard of Oz and Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, ISU Capen Theater, 4 & 7, \$1.75.  
  
"Private Rights and Public Law," free lecture by Prof. George Cenastaplo, College Hills Mall, Center Court, 7 pm.

Mon., April 18  
Good day to send for your new spring wardrobe: Order a "My Sister the Punk Rocker" t-shirt.

Tues., April 19  
Film, Mon Oncle d'Amerique, ISU Circus Room, 6 and 8:15, \$1.

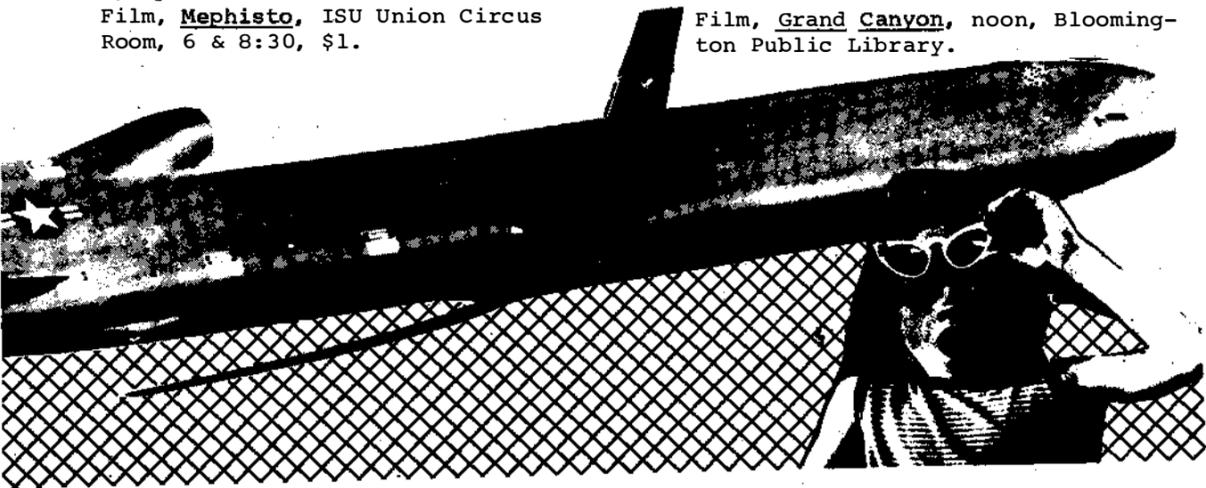
Weds., April 20  
Film, Miss Goodall and the Chimps, noon, Bloomington Public Library.  
  
GPA meeting, "Community Services for Gays," 112 Fairchild Hall, 8 pm.

Thurs., April 21  
Film, Blade Runner, ISU Capen Theater, 7 & 10 pm, \$1.75.  
  
Deadline for Post's May issue. Write articles! Buy ads!

Fri., April 22  
Film, Raiders of the Lost Ark, ISU Capen Cinema, 7 & 10, \$1.75.  
  
Small Changes coffeehouse, Newman Center, 7:30-10:00 pm.

Sat. April 23  
Film, Raiders of the Lost Ark, ISU Capen Cinema, 7 & 10, \$1.75.  
  
GPA party--for details, call 828-9085.

Sun., April 24  
Film, Raiders of the Lost Ark, ISU Capen Cinema, 4 & 7 pm, \$1.75.  
  
"The Founders' Commercial Republic," Free lecture, Prof. Ralph Lemer. College Hills Mall, Center Court, 7 pm.



Weds., April 6  
Film, Little Prince, noon, Bloomington Public Library.  
  
GPA meeting, "Gay Parenting," 112 Fairchild Hall, ISU, 8 pm.

Thurs., April 7  
Film, The Sound of Music, ISU Capen Theater, 6 & 10 p.m., \$1.75.  
  
Poetry reading, ISU Stevenson Hall, Room 401S, noon-1pm.

Friday, April 8  
Film, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, ISU Capen Cinema, 7 & 10, \$1.75.

Sat., April 9  
Film, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, ISU Capen Cinema, 7 & 10, \$1.75.

Weds., April 6  
McLean County Wheelers' Bicycling Club meeting, 7 pm, Community Room of Bloomington Federal S & L, 115 E. Washington St. For more information call Vitesse Bicycle Shop.

GPA meeting, "Parents of Gays," 112 Fairchild Hall, ISU, 8 pm.

Thurs. April 14  
Panel discussion on militarism. 7:30 pm. ISU's Circus Room.  
  
Film, Night Shift, ISU Capen Cinema, 7 & 10, \$1.75.

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Peace and Justice Coalition Rally on ISU Quad. Noon.  
  
Films, Wizard of Oz and Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, 7 & 10, ISU Capen Theater, \$1.75.

# Proposed rape legislation has problems

HB 606, the proposed criminal sexual assault and abuse bill introduced into the Illinois legislature earlier this month, is good legislation. It is gender free; it expands the definition of penetration to include objects and body parts other than the penis; it attempts to deal with power relationships and coercion; it makes the rape of one's spouse illegal; it allows for three different classifications of sexual assault, one a class X felony, one a class 1 felony, and one a class A misdemeanor; and it changes "by force and against her will" to "by force or threat of force" and allows that force to be shown not only against the victim but also against the victim's family or friends.

But the legislation does have its problems. Its major problems lie in two main areas: age and defense.

The first problem as far as age is concerned has to do with what is commonly referred to as statutory rape--that is, when a statute says that certain people are not capable of giving consent to sex because of their age. Under the current law, contributing to the sexual delinquency of a child is a class A misdemeanor, and Indecent Liberties with a Child is a class 1 felony. They say, basically, that no one under 17 can consent to sex.

The proposed law is better, but not perfect. The statutory provision is written in under Criminal Sexual Abuse and says that no person from 13-17 can consent to sex with a person more than four years older. Okay. So two 15 year olds can have a sexual relationship but a 15 and a 20 year old could not (legally).

But rape is a violent crime, not a sexual one, and the state should not have the authority to say who can and cannot have sex legally. The adults in this state may not like the fact that

young people are sexually active, but legislating against that activity does not stop them and only helps confuse the issues surrounding rape and sexual assault.

### Another problem

Another problem along the same lines is that according to the new bill a person 12 and under cannot ever consent to sex. If a child is 12 or under, that fact automatically makes the crime a class X felony. The problem, of course, is that 10, 11, and 12 year olds do engage in sexual activity and sexual experimentation. Since the new bill is gender-free and since the definitions of penetration include tongues and fingers, little girls and little boys who experiment with members of their own sex could both be charged with criminal sexual assault with aggravating circumstances. Seems a tad absurd to me.

The last problem with regards to age is that if the victim is over 60, that, too, is an aggravating circumstance in and of itself. This strikes me as being patently ageist. I don't think the trauma of a sexual assault is necessarily greater if a person is 60 than if s/he is 59. Or 39. Or 19. There seems to be a built-in fear or misunderstanding that everyone who is older (and 60 seems pretty young considering the possible raising of retirement to 68) is automatically weak, physically helpless, emotionally unstable, and sexually hung up. I doubt that that's true. And again, the law assumes that a 60-year-old would be more traumatized by a rape than would a younger person because of the sex, not the violence. Rape, or "criminal sexual assault," is violence and humiliation--not sex.

The other major problems have to do with defending oneself in court against the charge of criminal sexual assault. The new bill says that a defendant cannot use the excuse that he or she "believed the victim to be above or

below the age stated for the offense, even if such a mistaken belief was reasonable. (emphasis mine) So if you meet a person in a bar, it is reasonable to assume that the person is 21. But if the person has ripped off an older sibling's ID and is really only 16, you cannot use that in your defense if you took that person home and had sex and got nailed by the authorities (assuming you're 21 or over yourself). That seems unreasonable.

### Defense problem

The last problem with the new rape legislation is the limitation put on the defense. In the case of sexual assault, if this bill passes and the defendant uses consent as a defense, it is up to the defendant and the defense attorney to prove that the victim did indeed consent, rather than the victim and the state's attorney having to prove that the victim did not consent.

This seems to me to be unconstitutional; it sounds a whole lot like "guilty until proven innocent." And I know why the proponents of this bill like this rule--it means that the victim is not put on trial. I would like to see the victims of rape and sexual assault not put on trial by the court or by society; but if this kind of defense as a concept catches on, as it might, I am not sure I want to have to prove that I did not rob that bank, sell that dope, run that stoplight. And the civil libertarian in me would rather make the state prove a defendant is guilty in every case--even rape--than lose the principle of "innocent until proven guilty."

But as I said, HB 606 is a good bill. It will, if passed in not too altered a form, be a good law. But it is not ideal, not perfect. Its imperfections do not outweigh its good points, and it is so much superior to the existing statutes as to defy description. ●

--Marshall Law



## Measles on the rise in Illinois

In several areas of Illinois there has been an upturn in the number of suspected and diagnosed cases of measles. The March 6th edition of the Chicago Tribune reported that 50 Chicago public school children had the disease. Several areas in downstate Illinois are taking precautionary measures to minimize the possibility of local outbreaks.

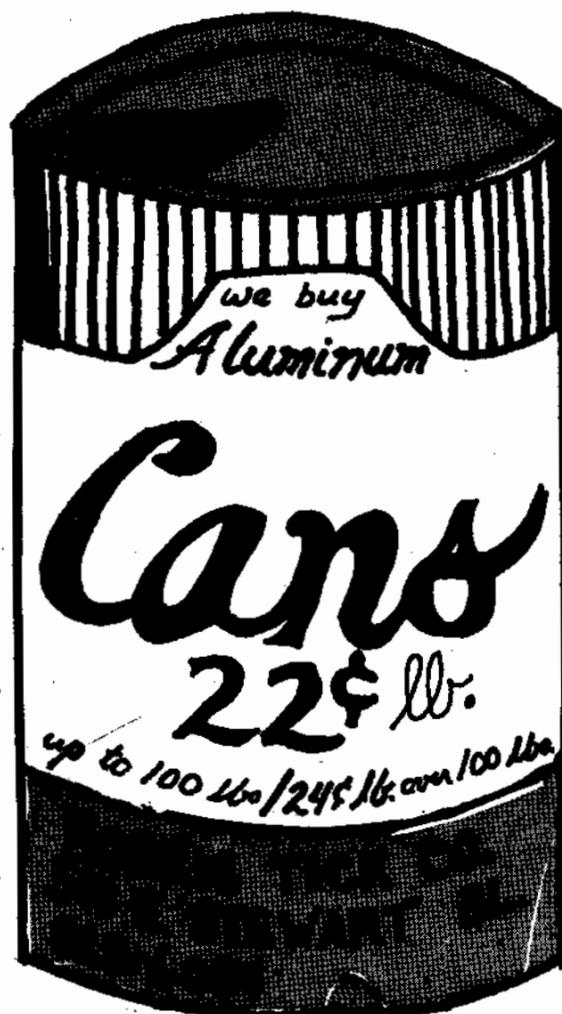
The McLean County Health Department is watching closely for any suspected cases. The Department's Annual Report indicates that only one case of measles was reported in the county for the period July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982. During the current year, the Communicable Disease Section has had one report of a suspected case of measles.

Young adults, under 30 years of age, are at greatest risk of contracting measles due in large measure to the fact that measles vaccine administered prior to 1968 lacked effectiveness. Approximately 90% of older adults were exposed to the disease during childhood and, therefore, have developed sufficient immunity, while youngsters immunized after 1968 are adequately protected as a result of the development of more effective vaccine.

A large share of the "at risk" population are college students. Officials at Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan are aware of the current concern.

As a precautionary measure, the McLean County Health Department is requesting that parents of preschool children double check immunization records in order to insure that their children are protected against the disease. A Health Department survey of daycare centers indicates that approximately 98% of that population are properly immunized. Further, the Department urges young adults between the ages of 19 and 30 to consider contacting their private physician and review their health records in order to determine whether or not they have been properly immunized. ISU and IWU students should contact their respective health services for assistance. ●

--McLean County Health Dept.



# Don't fall under spell of medical voodoo

Treating sickness in the western world has taken on some of the characteristics of voodoo. Voodooism is a belief system which allows a curse to have its desired effect.

In America we pride ourselves on not being superstitious, but if we examine our approach to health and sickness, we have to admit that we often fall under the spell of: "tell me what disease I have so that I'll know how to be and when I can expect to be better or worse."

Once a person has been diagnosed as having a particular condition or disease he or she falls under the spell of society's beliefs about that disease. If the condition has been named cancer, the person seeks to know the cure rate for that type of cancer. If the name given the condition is herpes, the individual falls under that spell: "we can control the symptoms but it can not be cured." Whatever connotations are associated with the disease, the person falls under that curse.

You can approach the Naturopath with this same blind faith and be subject to the same spell or curse. For example, if the Naturopath using iridology (reading the designs in the iris for determining health) says to you, "oh, I see you have kidney problems and lymphatic problems," watch out! If you let the Naturopath define the problem, it is no different from the potential harm of voodooism. The key is to define your own health. Don't let others tell you your health or health problems!

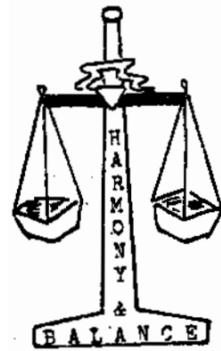
If you live in harmony with nature, then you do not turn responsibility for your health over to any doctor, whether the traditional M.D., or the Naturopath or the witch doctor. If you find that suggestions given by professional health people assist in reestablishing your body's harmony, then use those suggestions. If what is suggested creates more disharmony, especially if fear of some incurable condition is suggested, then it is better to dismiss what is heard. Dismissing what is heard does not mean giving up on finding the cure.

It is just that nothing prevents harmony and health more than believing your sickness is incurable.

Nature itself cures and the natural approach to health problems--regardless of the name associated with the disease--is to allow nature to do the curing. For example, releasing muscle tension through osteopathy, body alignments, massage, adjustments or foot reflexology allows the body to heal itself. Another method is cleansing the body through fasting, juice or broth diets, or colonic irrigation or enemas.



Many people just learning about Naturopathy will try to find out how the Naturopath cures herpes, or arthritis, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, etc. It is important to know that the specific name of the disease is irrelevant to the Naturopath. The fact is that that disease does not appear out of the blue. You have had signs of disharmony within your system long before the condition got so bad that you sought out the doctor.



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People who "catch" contagious diseases already have the unhealthy conditions which made them susceptible to the disease. Foreign viruses and bacteria need a breeding ground before they can take root in a person. The toxic body--especially made so by overeating or eating sugar, salt, lots of processed foods, or drinking milk, coffee or chemical-filled drinks--offers the ideal breeding ground for the bacteria, virus or germs.

You could say that if you do not listen to the diagnosis then you are refusing to recognize reality. The Naturopathic approach to health says that what you experience as your own level of health or disease is the measure of your health or disease. No one should tell you, "Oh, you're healthy." If you do not feel healthy, then no matter what is said, no matter what a multitude of tests fail to discover, you still are lacking health.

Likewise, no one should plant a "curse" or spell on you. Seek harmony and balance within through natural means. Cleansing is key. If you accept the prognosis that the condition is incurable, or that scientists have yet to find the right drug, or that the government simply is not spending enough money on research for the condition, then you have fallen under the spell of "science." Under such false notions you do not give cleansing a chance to work because you are looking for more exotic solutions. The "curse" has had its effect. In some schools of thought this is called the self-fulfilling prophecy. In some societies it is called voodooism.

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## What to ask the doctor

If you wind up using the services of the local medical establishment, here are a few items you might consider putting on your list of questions to ask:

- how you contracted your ailment and why you have it;
- how you can prevent it in the future;
- what treatments are recommended and why;
- what other treatments are possible, and their pros and cons;
- how risky and painful the treatment will be;
- how much it will cost;
- how much time the treatment may entail (including hospital time);
- whether the treatment is part of a medical experiment and what uses of the information might be;
- all the known side effects of the treatment;
- the results of all tests.

These are basic rights we have when dealing with medical people. The list is adapted from one supplied by Santa Cruz Women's Health Center.

--S.F.

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# U. S. troops in Africa increased by 70%

Since the beginning of the Reagan administration, there has been a 72.3% increase in the number of U.S. military "advisors" in Africa. During this period of massive growth in U.S. military forces around the world, the rate of increase in Africa is the highest.

There were 112 military "advisors" and attaches in Africa when Reagan took office, but this total has now increased to 193. There are also 180 U.S. Marines in Africa guarding embassies and other facilities.

Deployment of military "advisors" and attaches usually means a deep interest on the part of the U.S. government. It may be an attempt to reinforce a regime which is friendly to U.S. investors, to counter Soviet support for local liberation movements, or to increase sales of U.S. military equipment. Or all of the above.

The increase in Pentagon interest in Africa during the Reagan administration has focused on two areas: Morocco on Africa's west coast, and the Horn of Africa's east coast. These two areas account for an overwhelming part of the new military personnel deployed in Africa by Reagan.

## Supporting Morocco's war

The increase in military personnel in Morocco reflects Reagan's support for this country's war against the Sahara Arab Democratic Republic in the Western Sahara. In return for U.S. help, Morocco has offered bases for the U.S. Rapid Intervention Force.

Military ties between the U.S. and Morocco became much stronger in the last two years. Then-Secretary of State Alexander Haig visited Morocco in February 1982, and the two countries set up a joint military commission in recognition of "the growth in the U.S.-Moroccan military relationship."

On May 27, 1982, the U.S. and Morocco further formalized their cooperation by completing a secret agreement giving the Rapid Intervention Force immediate access to the international airport near Casablanca. The agreement also included plans for the U.S. to upgrade the Moroccan military airfield at Sidi Sliman, 60 miles northeast of Rabat, the capital. This will allow large U.S. troop and cargo transports and B-52 bombers to land there.

In return, Morocco will receive counter-insurgency aircraft, cluster bombs, and M-60 tanks from the U.S. In addition, under a plan devised by the Northrop Corp., the U.S. has installed electronic sensors along a 400 mile, rock-and-sand wall that surrounds part of the Sahara still occupied by Morocco. U.S. Special Forces are among the "advisors" now training Moroccans in counterinsurgency operations, and U.S. Marines have conducted joint amphibious maneuvers with Moroccan forces.

## Surrounding Ethiopia

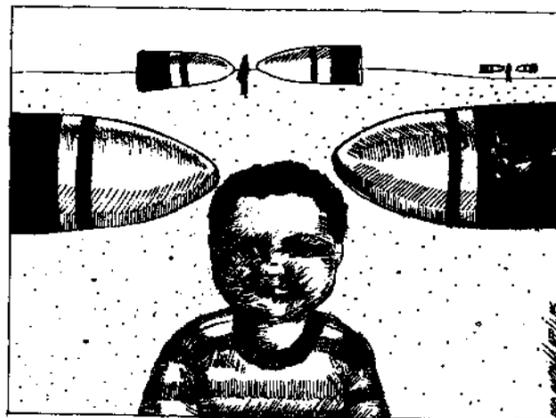
On the Horn of Africa, the increase in U.S. military personnel has two purposes. The first is to surround Ethiopia, which expelled a sizeable force of 1,700 U.S. troops following the overthrow of dictator Haile Selassie in 1974. During the Carter administration, U.S. military "advisors" were introduced for the first time into Kenya, Sudan, and Somalia, the three nations surrounding Ethiopia. The Reagan administration has continued this policy by greatly increasing the number of Pentagon personnel in those three countries during the last two years.

The second purpose of this increase is to bolster the repressive governments of these three countries.

Kenya's unstable economy and increasing repression led to an attempted coup on August 1, 1982. The whole Kenyan Air Force attempted to overthrow President Daniel arap Moi. The take-over failed when U.S. military "advisors" assisted the mobilization of the Kenyan Army in support of the president, resulting in 1000 deaths, continued repression, and further economic decline.

Tribal movements aimed at toppling the regimes in Somalia and Sudan have gained the support of neighboring countries. But U.S. "advisors," including Special Forces, have been active in supporting the existing governments.

Chris Robinson  
Recon editor



## 'Stop Shock' demonstrators arrested

On March 15, nineteen people were arrested for blocking the entrance to the administration building of Berkeley's Herrick Hospital in a protest against the resumption of electroshock treatment at the hospital. An additional 150 demonstrators formed a picket line and acted as legal observers of the civil disobedience.

Electroshock in Berkeley (CA) had been banned by Measure T, a ballot initiative passed by Berkeley voters last November. But several psychiatric associations subsequently filed suit against the ordinance, and in January a Superior Court judge issued an injunction permitting the continued use of electroshock until the legality of the ordinance can be determined at a future hearing. Media coverage of the March 15 demonstration alerted many Berkeley voters who were not aware that electroshock had been resumed.

The 10 women and 9 men who were arrested at the demonstration were held in jail about 7 hours and then released on their own recognizance. Several women were strip-searched while in jail. The blockaders were arraigned the following day in Berkeley Municipal Court before Judge Julie Conger.

Judge Conger permitted the demonstrators to make brief statements of their reasons for getting arrested. One said her mother had died of a cerebral hemorrhage following shock treatment, another said that a close relative had committed suicide following shock, and one said that somebody he grew up with was currently receiving shock at Herrick. One said that she had been permanently injured herself by electroshock. Several said they thought the

shock doctors were the real criminals.

After the arraignment, Trudy Rogers, who described herself as a former mental patient, explained that "electroshock is not a treatment. It is barbaric, like rape. There are people in Herrick who don't have a voice. We are their voice."

According to the Department of Mental Health, two-thirds of all people receiving shock in California are women, and two-thirds are over age 45. The rate being charged for each shock treatment is about \$110. (There are between 6 and 25 shock treatments in a series.)

Although most psychiatric inmates in

California have the right to refuse shock treatment, a nurse who formerly worked at Herrick Hospital (and was one of those arrested at the March 15 action) stated that inmates are not informed of the likelihood of permanent brain damage and memory loss. According to the hospital, a small percentage of those receiving shock have not consented to it because a judge has ruled that they were incapable of giving consent.

For more information about electroshock, the Measure T campaign, and the international anti-psychiatry campaign, send \$1 to Madness Network News, 2054 University Ave., room 405, Berkeley CA 94704, with a request for the spring issue.

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# Nuclear Freeze won't go away

You run and run, but make little progress. Just like a tossed-and-turned nightmare from which you couldn't awaken, Congress' endorsement of a nuclear freeze was frozen in its tracks last week. In the last drip of the icicle, the hold-up wasn't the principle or the goal or even the mechanics of a bilateral move to end that arms race. The coldness of parliamentary procedure and the chill of a killing amendment put the weapons resolution in the deep freeze.

New Reagan-backed tactics are expected this week, as Republicans continue to attempt to head off the move. Despite the threat of crippling amendments and a disagreeable GOP-controlled Senate in

the wings, the measure is sure to eventually be adopted.

Why? Because Americans--no, because human beings--are tired of living with the fear of death within 30 minutes. Personal death. Death of the species; death of the planet.

One of the freeze's sponsors, Wisconsin Congressman Clement J. Zablocki, remarked that "the freeze responds to the overwhelming support and demand on the part of the people that something must be done about the nuclear buildup."

Nine states and countless local referenda have passed nuclear freeze statements. Recently, the Iowa and the

Washington state legislatures urged Congress and the White House to support a freeze. Even a military leader came out in favor of the proposal.

Appearing on a nationally televised news show last weekend, Navy Admiral (ret.) Noel Gayler explained that "U.S. security has nothing to do with nuclear weapons systems, which are unusable as military weapons. We are in great peril--as are the Russians," he continued. "And there are constructive ways to get out of the jam."

Hopefully more people were also affected by another recent tv program, *Special Bulletin*, which dramatized one outcome of too many atomic weapons on a small and fragile world. The show began with a disclaimer: "This program is a realistic depiction of fictional events. None of what you are about to see is really happening."

But what few people can see is happening: the danger of the Last World War.



# Evacuation plans for Zion nuke won't work

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A serious accident at one of the nation's 74 nuclear reactors would force thousands of people to flee their homes, places of work, and schools. Like the plans for war-time civil defense, the plans to evacuate communities near reactors won't work.

If the plan for the Zion, Illinois, area is any example, a mass exodus would be chaotic.

The federally mandated scheme calls for about 300,000 people to be relocated if a major accident occurs at Commonwealth Edison's twin nuclear reactors along Lake Michigan. The 300,000 people live within 10 miles of the Zion plant, on both sides of the Wisconsin-Illinois border.

The success of the Zion evacuation plan depends on the availability of buses and bus drivers. All school children inside the 10-mile zone are supposed to be moved out within 2 hours and 45 minutes of the evacuation order, while persons without cars and those in institutions are expected to be relocated within 3 hours and 20 minutes.

To find out whether people would heed the instructions, I talked to area parents and bus drivers for the Waukegan, Illinois, school district, of which Zion is a part. The district's portion of the evacuation zone includes some 12,000 grade and high school students.

I asked parents whether they would follow the plan's instructions and drive off without their children. "Absolutely not," said Sunny Feen of Zion. "I would go to school and get them." According to Feen, there aren't enough buses in the district to move students out in one trip. "I can't imagine anyone coming back for a second bus load. I wouldn't take a chance on my children being left behind," she added.

School bus driver Bob Webb predicted, on the basis of his military experience, that drivers wouldn't be able to return for second loads, even if they tried. "I've been in disaster situations before," he said. "You can go one way, but you don't come back too well."

Chuck Hartman, a special education bus driver, said buses would bog down in

traffic jams: "The roads are so clogged now at certain times that you can't get out of the city."

Margaret Dumas drives the district's only bus that can accommodate wheelchairs. She makes several trips a day to the same school because the bus holds only 4 wheelchairs and there are 14 wheelchair students in the district.

"There's no way we could get all these children out of town in one trip," said Dumas. "Actually, I probably won't even know when an accident occurs. My 2-way radio isn't working--for the second week in a row."

According to Sharon Rodriguez, the evacuation training for the drivers was extremely vague: they weren't told whom to pick up, what routes to take, or even where they should go in the event of a nuclear accident. Rodriguez said she was taught to read a pocket dosimeter for radiation exposure, "but the trainer took it back. In all honesty, I don't know what I was supposed to be looking for anyway," she added. "I couldn't read it now if I had to."

Adds Ellen Williams, a bus driver steward: "We've never been told 'number one' about the plan." Williams said evacuation planners mistakenly assume bus drivers would risk more exposure to radiation than others.

The Zion evacuation plan has been tested once, on July 29, 1981, but area bus drivers didn't participate. Instead, emergency planners in Illinois and Wisconsin mobilized hypothetical statistics. They pretended a steam release had occurred at 11:07 am in reactor one, and they ordered the mock evacuation of all persons within a 6-mile radius of the plant. Somehow, the reactor's primary coolant system was miraculously repaired by 2:15 that afternoon.

The role-playing was all the officials needed to get high marks and a stamp of approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

But Sharon Rodriguez isn't as impressed or optimistic. "We won't be going anywhere," she shrugged.

--Catherine Quigg, research director for Pollution and Environment

Problems Inc., a public-interest group in Palatine, Illinois. Abridged and reprinted from *The Progressive*, February 1983.

Regardless of lame schemes to derail the nuclear freeze, it will move ahead. The issue will no more disappear than nuclear weapons themselves will conveniently go away without a thoughtful plan. The peace-making process continues forward on many fronts. This week alone, hundreds of people demonstrated at Vandenberg Air Force base in California, demanding an end to first-strike missiles. In Japan, some 7,000 protestors objected to the U.S.S. Enterprise arriving in Sasebo harbor equipped with a "small" atomic arsenal. From Seattle, Wash., to Bangor, Maine, peace activists confronted a heavily guarded, slow-moving freight train carrying nuclear warheads for the Trident submarine base. And in Congress, the freeze debate struggles against attention on the budget battle and the EPA.

We urge readers to commemorate the newest anniversary of another atomic accident--Three Mile Island, March 28--by telephoning their Representative in Washington to request support for the nuclear freeze. The Capitol Hill number is (202) 224-3121.

It's time for everyone to wake up. ●

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# Three-Mile Island cleanup continues

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General Public Utilities (GPU) was always optimistic. When its Three Mile Island (TMI) nuclear plant suffered a devastating accident on March 28, 1979, GPU predicted that the crippled Unit 2 would be "cleaned up" in 4 years and its undamaged companion Unit 1 would be operating again in 6 months.

But on the 4th anniversary of that accident, neither of those predictions has come true. GPU now forecasts that the cleanup will continue until 1988. The company hopes to start up Unit 1 as early as July, but the unit's history of equipment problems and regulatory delays makes such predictions uncertain.

Looking back, the 4 years since the TMI accident seem like a succession of false starts and unachieved goals. A number of private and public bodies have committed themselves to paying for part of the cleanup of Unit 2, but so far only GPU's ratepayers have picked up any significant share of the tab.

## Four years later

Unit 1 has twice come within a few months of restart, only to run into last-minute delays that take months or years to resolve.

The only thing that showed definite progress in 1982 was the cleanup. A 7-foot deep pool of highly radioactive water in the basement of the reactor building was decontaminated and is now stored, still mildly radioactive, in 2 massive tanks. With the water removed, workers began to experiment with high-pressure hoses and caustic chemicals to decontaminate exposed surfaces and equipment inside the reactor building.

None of the methods has been as effective as GPU had hoped, and the utility now plans to put off decontaminating much of the building while it turns its attention to getting the damaged nuclear fuel out of the reactor.

Last summer workers inserted a tiny tv camera into the reactor to inspect the top of the fuel rods and, as expected, they found a bed of rubble where the fuel had overheated and disintegrated during the accident. GPU hopes now to lift the lid off the reactor this summer but actual removal of the fuel is not scheduled to begin for another year or two.

While the cleanup was inching forward, attempts to secure funding for it languished. For the 3rd straight year Congress debated bills that would force other electric companies to pay for part of the cleanup, and for the 3rd straight year none of the bills ever reached a floor vote.

The Edison Electric Institute, the trade association of most of the nation's electric utilities, pledged to coax \$192 million in voluntary contributions from its members, but most of its members flatly refused.

Currently the largest single source of cleanup funding is the GPU ratepayers, who are kicking in \$35 million a year. With smaller amounts coming from insurance, the state, and the Dept. of Energy, GPU has gotten commitments for slightly more than half the estimated \$600-700 million need to complete the cleanup by 1988.

Meanwhile, next door at Unit 1, GPU was trying to repair 2 corroded steam generators. The steam generators are a collection of 31,000 tubes, each about the diameter of a large drinking straw,

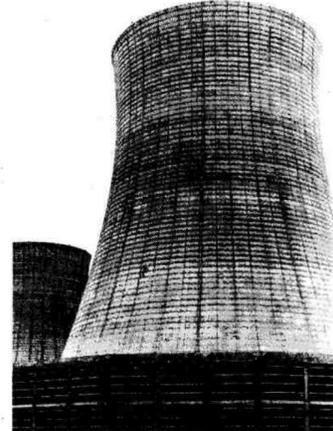
providing steam to turn Unit 1's turbines and produce electricity. As Unit 1 was cranked up for restart in 1981, the tubes began to spring leaks, and soon hairline cracks were found in a third of them. The leaks meant at least a year and a half of delay in the restart, while GPU invested \$25 million in a program to try and repair them. Recently the company sealed off the cracked parts of the tubes with precisely placed explosive charges, and plans to test the repaired tubes this spring.

Even if repairs permit restart this summer, there are questions about whether they will hold for more than a few years. Stress from heat, cold and pressure on the tubes could undo the seals, and there is no guarantee that corrosion would not set in again. If the repairs fail, the utility faces the option of either plugging thousands of tubes and reducing its power output or replacing both steam generators--at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars and another year or 2 of delay.

Utilities considering new nuclear plants, and people living near existing ones are getting a clear message from TMI: if there is a serious nuclear accident in their area, they will be stuck for years afterward with a dangerous mess that nobody wants to pay for. ●

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General Public Utilities now forecasts that the cleanup at Unit 1 will continue until 1988.



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# New Right news griefs



## Sidney comes out

Tony Randall, who plays the homosexual character Sidney Shorr in the RCA/Hertz/NBC series "Love Sidney," recently lashed out at me. Randall has stated all along that the character in the series was a homosexual, despite denials by RCA/Hertz/NBC. In a syndicated column, Randall stated: "Of course, Sidney Shorr is still gay. He's as queer as a three-dollar bill."

This admission follows comments from the program's creative people that they would gradually work Sidney's homosexuality into the program. The only reason for the identification of the leading character by RCA/Hertz/NBC is to promote the acceptance of homosexuality as a lifestyle.

--The Rev. Don Wildmon, in *Conservative Digest*, Feb. 1983

## Taxes and gays

"The American taxpayer" funds most of the homosexual movement, charges the Rev. Enrique T. Rueda of the Free Congress Research and Educational Foundation. Tax dollars help "further acceptance of the various principles of the homosexual ideology." Most money goes to seemingly legitimate educational and charitable organizations which are, in fact, homosexual front groups. Homosexuality is now "a multi-billion-dollar business," with powerful lobbies in government, Rueda said.

--*Conservative Digest*, Feb. 1983



## Jerry predicts

The Moral Majority's Reverend Jerry Falwell predicts the "moral and spiritual" revival now going on in America will stop the killing of unborn children by 1990.

--*Conservative Digest*, Feb. 1983

## Socialist Democrats?

House Speaker Tip O'Neill denied Rep. Larry McDonald (D-GA) a seat on the House Veterans Affairs Committee. During the last session of Congress, McDonald balked at O'Neill's orders to vote the liberal line and voted against Tip in his successful reelection bid for speaker.

Another Georgia Democrat, Rep. Doug Barnard of Augusta, voted for O'Neill. Even so, because Barnard consistently followed his constituents' wishes and voted conservative in 1982, O'Neill barred him from the traditional "Georgia seat" on the House Appropriations Committee.

"The basic problem," said McDonald, "is that the national Democratic leadership has been taken over by radical liberals who at the national level aren't really Democrats. Instead, they are socialists who seek to use the machinery of the Party to serve their own narrow aims."

--*Conservative Digest*, Feb. 1983

## Anne Frank banned

WISE, VA--*Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* is "offensive" and too graphic to be on the required reading list of seventh-graders here, say their parents.

Wise Middle School Principal Jack Turner believes that anti-Semitism might be behind the removal. Although Turner talked with numerous parents opposed to the book, he told reporters that he could "only speculate as to why they found it offensive."

The famous diary, which recounts the experience of a Jewish girl hiding in an attic in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, has been translated into more than 30 languages and is generally considered a classic of Holocaust literature.

--*Gay Community News*, 8 Jan. 1983

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## When the phone rings, hang up--or buy it

Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.: ring, ring. Monday afternoon, 2:15 p.m.: ring, ring, ring. Tuesday evening, 6:00 p.m.: ring, ring, ring, ring. Ah yes, the telephone. The new fangled way of communication. Or should I say commercialization?

"Hello, Mr. or Ms. . . . ? Do you want to buy . . . ? Have you thought about sagging gutters? How about the death of a loved one?" How about ingrown toenails?

I can't take another "how about/do you want to buy" phone call. I was able to adapt to junk mail. I just threw it away or sent those neat self-addressed

envelopes stuffed with junk from my house back to the company that sent it to me. Kind of like spring house-cleaning, you know.

But now I have had it with phone solicitation. One photo request. Two cemetery calls. One house siding. One how to invest your money and make megabucks on the returns. Insulate your windows. Insulate your house. Insulate your basement. . . . The list goes on and on.

What is one to do?

Well, I have a couple of ideas. Now keeping in mind that the person making the call is working for some company, probably making a commission on each phone sale, go ahead and buy it! Sound real excited. Buy two if you like. Tell them it sounds like the greatest thing since pay toilets.

I always like to give my address as the Miller Park Zoo, the city mortuary, or city sanitation disposal, or an empty lot, or local shopping mall that's showing the film *E.T.* for the fiftieth week.

I feel real insulted that these companies have no more respect than to invade my privacy at home to call and proposition me. I have considered just telling them off: saying how rude I think it is to call and disturb me at home. If I was interested, I would call them and ask for their service. But no, they call, sweet voice and all, and say "Hi, nice evening," like they know me or something. Well, enough is enough.

Another thought is to say, "Yes, I was just thinking of you and your company (or service). Can you hold?" And then put the receiver in the back of your couch and sit on it. Make obscene noises in the phone. Turn up your stereo. Fart. Make animal noises. Give the phone to a two-year-old. Play a guitar solo or a drum solo. Your imagination can run wild.

O.K., I guess I am cruel. This is pretty drastic just for a phone call. But do you want to buy 20 lessons on how to dissolve pig fat in your drain at 9 a.m. Saturday morning? ●

--Michael

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# How time flies

Eleven years ago this month, the very first issue of the Post-Amerikan hit the streets. Following here are three articles from that first newspaper. Then-and-now differences are clear: eleven years ago, our language was harsher, our writing style rougher, our ideas more militantly innocent (imagine calling a demonstration against Sec. of Defense Mel Laird "confront[ing] the enemy directly"!)). But the seeds of spunk, absurdity, and outrage that grew into today's paper are there in the first issue too.

Volume One, Number One, the Post-Amerikan Amerikan, April 3, 1972:

## What are we doing here?

The straight citizens of Bloomington-Normal have a lot of civic pride. If you find straight Bloomington-Normal to be at all a bummer, you probably think of yourself as a transient here. But damn it all, this is our community, too (a good number of us are registered voters, Right on!) and we ought to get together a little community pride, too.

The same rich soil makes Bloomington-Normal the heart of the grasslands. And if this is the center of mid-America, so it can be the center of Woodstock Nation. Come on, people, let's get it together! Get it on!

## Laird eats it

The March 2nd anti-Laird demonstration finally brought the War home to Bloomington-Normal. Last year's march and teach-in at ISU was a step in the right direction, but this time we confronted the enemy directly.

About 250 concerned citizens marched through the streets in sub-freezing weather, from the ISU and Wesleyan



This Post cover appeared quite a few years after our first issue, but--what the hey--it's seasonal and likely to offend the same folks. It offended the first time it appeared. So we thought we'd reprint it.

..... campuses to Bloomington's Scottish Rites Temple. Massing on the steps, they directly confronted the gathering of

Amerikans (people gathered to dine and hear Laird, Sec. of Defense, speak) with the most together demonstration yet staged in Bloomington-Normal and probably the first impolite reception a visiting "dignitary" has received here. Right on!

## Rock vs. computer

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Now dig this. There ain't no DJ spinning the discs you're listening to. And not a single human soul is talking to you. WBNQ is a machine--a bunch of tape players, switching devices, and wires. That's right, baby, WBNQ is a fucking computer!

It allows the station to be operated at a marginal profit while serving an almost non-existent audience and providing full-time employment for no one. Absurd?

Not really, in an age of technology gone mad. Right here in Bloomington-Normal we have the perfect example of a machine, which should serve human desires, instead of standing in the way of the fulfillment of their desires. Man versus the machine. Sorry baby, the machine's winning. Rock does not compute!



# The Way has 'queer' hysteria

The Way International is concerned about homosexuality. They have devoted a 13-page special issue (Feb./Mar. 1983) of their newsmagazine Heart to the topic, and have been distributing the publication around town and on the ISU campus.

At the top of page one, the editor assures us that the "stories presented here are true stories, intended not to offend or judge but to provide answers and help for people who want to understand."

Compare this statement with the cover graphic of a limp-wristed Uncle Sam, complete with lipstick, nail polish, and an earring--alongside the title of the issue's lead story, "The Queering of America?" Nothing offensive or judgmental there.

Many of the smaller "stories" in the issue are accounts of the "I once was queer but now am saved" variety. In one, a woman named Janet claims that until she took the Way's "Power for Abundant Living" class she never wore women's clothes. (The folks at Vogue must be in a perfect snit.)

### Disco magic

Here's one of Janet's non-offensive, non-judgmental observations about gay life: "If you men go to the disco scene or listen to that music in your own house, the next thing you know you'll be out in a gay bar sucking. The music takes you there." (I wonder if Donna Summers knows about this. She didn't mention it in her latest appearance on "The 700 Club.")

Janet also says, "If there's anything I want you to see, it is how ugly, how disgusting the lesbian spirit, the homosexual spirit is." There's a little heart at the end of Janet's story. There's a little heart at the end of all the stories in this magazine.

Another "story" is called "Homosexual Rights: Fact or Fiction?" written by Bryce Shirley, Assistant General Counsel for The Way International. This objective survey of the legal aspects of the topic takes a neutral position, of course: "The recognition of homosexual groups will inevitably lead to a decline in moral values and an increase in criminal activities of all kinds due to the devilish nature of homosexuality."



- A Clear and Present Danger -

Just the kind of cold logic you expect from a lawyer.

The main "story," called "The Queering of America?" (note the question mark--a sure sign of a balanced approach), was written by David Charles Craley, editor of The Way Magazine and Heart.

### An ex-queer

David Charles is an ex-queer. He's written an entire book about his conversion from gay to The Way. It's called

The Hope of Glory (In Search of the Light)--\$4.95, shipping and handling within continental U.S., add \$2.00.

In his article, David Charles takes the historical approach: "Like a cancerous leaven, the philosophies of Plato and Socrates permeated the minds of Western civilizations for centuries. Indeed, the case might be made that Plato and Socrates, homosexuals possessed with and influenced by devil spirits, were 'set up' by the Devil to facilitate the decline and fall of the greatest civilization known up until that time--and the deception of entire civilizations for hundreds of years to follow."

Kinda hard to argue with analysis like that. I'm glad that someone like David Charles Craley finally came along and exposed the centuries of deception perpetrated by those fairies Plato and Socrates.

Another "story" that cries out for attention of some kind is a lengthy discussion of the word "gay." It begins with reference to the Tylenol poisonings of last fall; this discussion of "product tampering" leads to the "closely related felony" of "label tampering" and thence to the word "gay," which is a prime example of "label tampering." As you can see, the quality of the reasoning is matched only by the scrupulous effort not to offend or judge.

After reading this astonishing publication, I can't wait to see The Way's examination of the Jewish question. I wonder what their "final solution" will be. I'm sure it won't be offensive.

--Ferdydurke

## The Way and the Gay:

I don't pretend to understand what goes on in the hearts and minds of people who run organizations like The Way International. But on the subject of homosexuality, it appears that fear and loathing have seized control of The Way (see adjoining article).

The Way is afraid that gay people are taking over the country: "Yes, in the 1980s we are seeing the queering of America." Or they pretend to be.

I suspect the competition for converts and contributions is cutthroat these days among cults--and that's what The Way International is (see Post-Amerikan, v. 11, #9). Cults seem to be increasing in this country at a rate of speed usually associated with the more unpleasant amoebic disorders, and there must be a limit to the number of dupes who are willing to give their stereotypes to Jesus.

What these groups have in common is their need to recruit. When The Way proclaims "that homosexuals proselytize and induce others to participate in their unlawful activities," it's a classic case of projecting one's own motives onto others.

To put it another way: The Way is jealous. They want to take over the country, and evidently they're not doing so hot.

The truth is that only the religious and the military recruit. Gay people don't have to.

To give you some idea of why this is so, let's compare The Way International, on a number of key points, with what I'll call the Gay Way (male version):

### A. DAILY ACTIVITIES:

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# Tennessee Williams: A gifted gay playwright

Tennessee Williams died February 25 at age 71, apparently by choking on a bottlecap. In a way, it was fitting that this gifted gay playwright died alone in a New York hotel room.

Williams' plays focused on human suffering and anguish, as seen through the experiences of society's victims and misfits. Beneath the distorted lights and affectations of his human moths and unicorns, there is always the needy soul of someone who is "different."

Williams' characters are twisted and crippled by the sexual tensions and rigid demands of so-called normal family life. The playwright understood how damaging and cruel an intolerant social system can be to the sensitive and the nonconforming.

Laura Wingfield, of The Glass Menagerie, is unable to find a husband or even to face the world to seek work because of a physical handicap. She is tortured by the refusal of her domineering mother to face their common sexual and economic failure.

Williams seemed to have a special understanding for the victimization of women. His female characters are born victims who nevertheless manage to struggle along with a certain pride and a lot of self-deception. Blanche DuBois (A Streetcar Named Desire) wages a futile battle against a ruthless world that cares nothing for the gentle traits it has duped her into cultivating.

Williams' insights into the tragedy of female economic dependence and emotional alienation must have grown out of his own experience with these problems.

Born in Mississippi, Williams was the child of a marriage between a typical Southern belle (like Amanda Wingfield) and an unfeeling businessman (similar

to Big Daddy of Cat on a Hot Tin Roof). He grew up in a crossfire of sexual and economic tension.

As a gay man, Williams came out late in life and never fully accepted the "sad" fact of his "difference" (his words). He sought solace in drugs and alcohol, attempting to drown out the guilt and loneliness that an unaccepting society had taught him was his due.

Despite Williams' problems with self-acceptance, his plays were way ahead of their time in sexual frankness. It's remarkable that plays like A Streetcar Named Desire and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof were produced in the repressive 40s and 50s (1947 and 1955, respectively).

That Williams is generally not given the honor he deserves is almost certainly related to his decidedly "feminine" perspective. Though he did receive many literary awards, Williams was denied a Nobel Prize--a slight he himself attributed to his known homosexuality. (W.H. Auden probably suffered the same discrimination for the same reason.)

Williams gave American society much better than he got. Rising above the burden of shame and guilt (which led him into hypochondria and self-destructive behavior), he created plays that let us see the beauty, suffering, and waste in the lives of the economically dependent and sexually oppressed. Being both tender and truthful, Williams touched us with the penetrating vision of "the faded and frightened and difficult and odd and lonely." ●

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--Ferdydurke

## Gay rights scoreboard

New York City 9, Gay People 0. For the ninth time since 1971, the General Welfare Committee of the New York City Council defeated a gay rights bill, 6-3, following a raucous 15-hour hearing attended by an estimated 250 gay men and lesbians. About 60% of the more than 200 people who testified before the committee were supporters of the bill, including Mayor Edward Koch. Opponents to the ordinance were primarily from the religious right--Chassidic Jews, fundamentalist Protestants and a few Catholics.

Lesbian/Gay Folks 1, New York State 7. For the first time, the New York state assembly will vote on a civil rights bill

for gays. A comprehensive gay rights bill was discharged from committee by a vote of 10-1. The bill, introduced every year since 1976, would amend already existing legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. The bill will probably be voted on by the full assembly in early May. Should the assembly approve the bill--and the vote is expected to be close--it would then go to the New York state senate, which is regarded as much more conservative than the assembly.

Gaymen and Lesbians 1, State of California 3. The Labor and Employment Committee of the California state assembly voted 7-5 in favor of ABL, the California gay employment bill. This was the fourth time in six years that ABL has been introduced; it has never reached the full assembly floor. Although opposing testimony came primarily from fundamentalist ministers, Catholic Bishop Francis Quinn and Rabbi Lester Frazin, both of Sacramento, testified in favor of the bill, along with representatives of the AFL-CIO. The bill must be approved by the assembly's Ways and Means Committee before it can be considered by the full assembly. If the bill were to survive a floor vote in the assembly it would then go through two senate committees and a senate floor vote before being forwarded to Republican Gov. George Deukmejian for action. ●

Play Ball!

--Ferdydurke

Sources: Gay Community News, 5 March, 19 March, 1983; The Advocate, 31 March 1983.

## A comparison of sorts

2. The Gay Way--buying exotic clothes, wearing make-up, cruising, eating quiche, having sex in public places, doing your nails, taking drugs.

### B. SOCIAL EVENTS:

1. The Way Int'l--tedious classes and rallies, endless fundraisers.
2. The Gay Way--tea dances, disco parties, drag balls, demonstrations, orgies, Sunday brunch.

### C. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

1. The Way Int'l--donating your possessions to the group; sending your money to the grand pooh-bah in Knoxville, Ohio.
2. The Gay Way--spending your money on exotic clothes, mascara, nail polish, poppers, lubricants, quiche pans, Perrier, and bandanas in five different colors.

Well, that gives you enough to see why there is simply no contest. If The Way International insists on being dull and tiresome, there's no call for them to blame their failure on gay people.

What intrigues me is the possibility that homosexuality is as alluring and captivating as The Way makes it out to be. "A clear and present danger." How exciting! Maybe gay people really will take over the country.

Let's see now: we're 10% of the population. If we all make one seduction a week, that's 20% by next week, 40% by mid-April, 80% the week after that . . . . Why, by the time you get your next Post-Amerikan, the USA will be gay.

I hope there's enough nail polish to go around. ●

--Ferdydurke



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--Ferdydurke

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# Levi's--It's in the jeans

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The newest advertising gimmick thought up by the Levi Strauss Company seems to be intended to tell the public that famous people wore Levi's jeans, so you should, too.

The most aired commercial shows four men on horseback crossing a river at full speed. The camera focuses on the back pocket of one of the riders. The voice-over tells us, "In the last known photograph of the Dalton gang, they were wearing Levi's jeans."

The real last known photograph of the Dalton gang is reprinted here. Only one of the dead men seems to be wearing jeans, and since the photo was taken from the front it is doubtful that anyone could prove--or would want to--what brand of jeans they were.

But the fact that Levi's lied about the "last known photograph" is probably not as important as what the ad is trying to say. Killers, bank robbers, train robbers, lawmen turned outlaws wore Levi's. That's a recommendation?

And why stop at the Daltons? They are not, after all, terribly well-known killers. They were cousins of the Younger brothers, which gave them a little fame at the time, but they became really well-known only after they were killed in Death Alley in Coffeyville, Kansas.

I think Levi would do better to focus on better known killers. Dillinger is nice. All broken and bloody in back of the Biograph Theater in Chicago, his dried blood caking on his Levi's jeans. That might attract a consumer who is into gangsters.

Sirhan Sirhan could be shown blowing off Bobby Kennedy's head--in slow motion, of course--and they both could be wearing Levi's.

Levi could pick a famous murderer from every area in the country and come up with a line of regional jeans. Wouldn't you want a pair of pants just like the ones Jesse Sumner wore when he raped and murdered those women? Sure you would.

It is not that I am overly sensitive about either murder or blue jeans. I like movies and books which depict graphic violence and I only wear Levi's jeans (and have for many years). But when I am urged to buy jeans because someone who did real-live graphic violence wore them, I must protest.

After all, the Dalton's were second-rate outlaws, and I don't think Levi wants us to believe that they make second-rate jeans. But maybe all the good-guy cowboys are already doing Marlboro ads. ●

--Deborah Wiatt



The end of the Daltons. Photo shows corpses of (left to right) Bill Powers, Bob Dalton, Grat Dalton and Dick Broadwell.

## Shock batons for South Africa

The Reagan administration calls its policy toward South Africa "constructive engagement." Part of the "engagement" is a Commerce Department license for the export of shock batons.

The license, issued last April, permitted the sale of 2,500 batons to a private South African holding company. Designed for police use, each baton is 13" long and carries 6,000 volts.

By granting the export license, the Commerce Dept. is "contravening the human rights of the law," says Rep. Howard Wolpe (D-MI). According to the Foreign Assistance Act, licenses shouldn't be issued for the export of crime control devices to a country whose government "engages in a consistent pattern of gross violation of internationally recognized human rights."

Bohan Denysyk, deputy assistant secretary for export administration at the Commerce Dept., says the department did not intend to grant the license. He calls the incident "a clerical oversight."

Although Denysyk contends that the license was granted "inadvertantly," he says it is legal because South Africa is not listed by the State Department as a gross violator of human rights. "The designation has not been made," says Denysyk, "therefore, on that particular provision, the Foreign Assistance Act does not apply."



Congressional reaction to the shock baton sale is strongly negative. A resolution introduced by Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY) states: "The House of Representatives condemns the Department of Commerce for its clear contravention of the letter and the spirit of the law, and expresses its horror that a license was approved for the export of shock batons to South Africa." The resolution has 77 cosponsors.

But the shock baton license is not an exception. It's the latest in a series of moves by the Reagan administration to ease the exporting of strategic and military goods to South Africa.

"These changes have been an integral part of the administration's new approach of 'constructive engagement' toward the Pretoria regime," says Re. Wolpe.

--The Progressive, Feb. 1983



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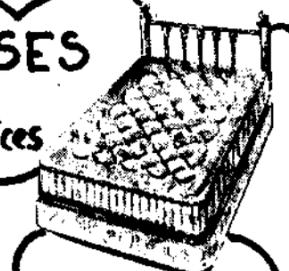
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# Art and music for Rape Crisis Center

The Rape Crisis Center of McLean County announces a benefit concert and the availability of an intaglio relief print.

The concert will be held on Sunday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m. in Hayden Auditorium, Metcalf School, on the ISU campus. Performing will be Julian Dawson, David Nott, Arthur Lewis, Joan Schuetz, Aris Chavez, Larry Campbell, Dwight Drexler, and Paul Borg. The program will include works by Mozart, Brahms (in celebration of the 150th anniversary of his birth), and Ned Rorem.

Those who attend will be asked to make a tax-deductible contribution to Rape Crisis Center of \$5.00 (or less, if they cannot afford \$5.00). Tickets will be sold at the door, or they may be purchased in advance at the following locations: Blue Dahlia Book Shop, Normal; Body N Sole Sports, Normal; Creative Ceramics, Bloomington; and Common Ground, Bloomington.

A drawing will be held at the end of the concert in which a number of copies of the print will be given away.

The Rape Crisis Center is making available a limited-edition intaglio relief print by distinguished artist Nicholas Africano. Mr. Africano, a native of Kankakee, now lives in Normal. He is represented in New York by the prestigious Holly Solomon Gallery, and his work has been shown in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, London, Paris, Amsterdam, Milan, Venice, Hanover, and numerous other cities. His larger works (paintings) usually sell for \$15,000 to \$18,000.

The print is entitled "Petrouchka," and it depicts Petrouchka, the puppet with a human heart (from the Stravinsky ballet "Petrouchka"), in a posture expressive of his anguish, with a sketchy image of a ballerina dominating the background. The print measures 15" by 22", with an image size of 7 3/4" by 11 3/4", and is printed in hand-mixed gray ink on white paper. A copy is on display outside the Center for Visual Arts 122 on the ISU campus.

A copy of the print will be given to those who contribute \$150 or more to the Rape Crisis Center. Up to 30 copies will be available for early donors, and they will be held in number-order.

A member of the Rape Crisis Center staff will contact them and arrange delivery of the print. In addition, several copies of the print will be given away in a drawing at the end of the concert on April 10. Questions concerning the print should be addressed to either William Morgan, at 452-1204, or Mark Siderits, at 438-8602.

The Rape Crisis Center of McLean County (RCC) is an organization of female and male volunteers; it is registered with the State of Illinois as a not-for-profit corporation, and has been serving the community since 1974. RCC may be reached at any time through PATH: 827-4005 or 1-800-322-5015.

Principal activities of RCC include: providing trained peer counselors who offer psychological, medical, and legal assistance, referrals, and alternatives to the victims of rape and sexual assault; providing counseling for others affected by rape and sexual assault; education of the public concerning the problems surrounding rape and sexual assault; and providing in-service training for hospital personnel, law enforcement personnel, and other social service agency staff about the problems surrounding rape and sexual assault.

It is the philosophy of RCC that if someone feels raped, she or he has been raped. This philosophy is the result of over 9 years of experience in counseling the victims of rape and sexual assault.

Donations for the concert and print will be used to support the following activities: the development and printing of educational and training materials; extension of the services of RCC to more of the many victims of rape and sexual assault in the community by means of educational activities; establishment of a pager system for male volunteers. All of these activities are designed to meet community needs which are not now being served.

--The Board of the Rape Crisis Center of McLean County

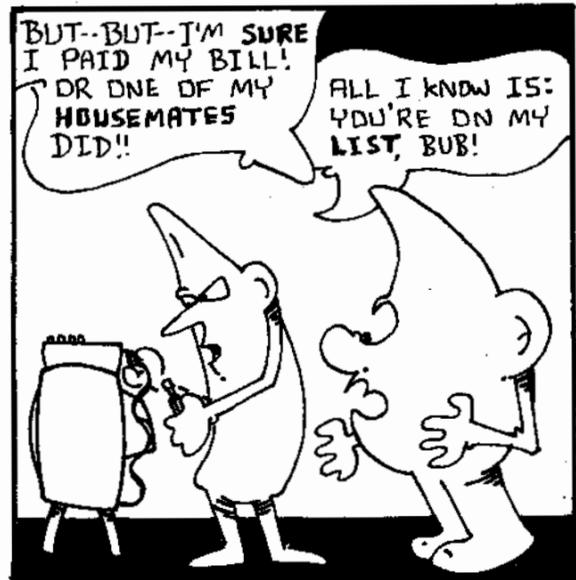
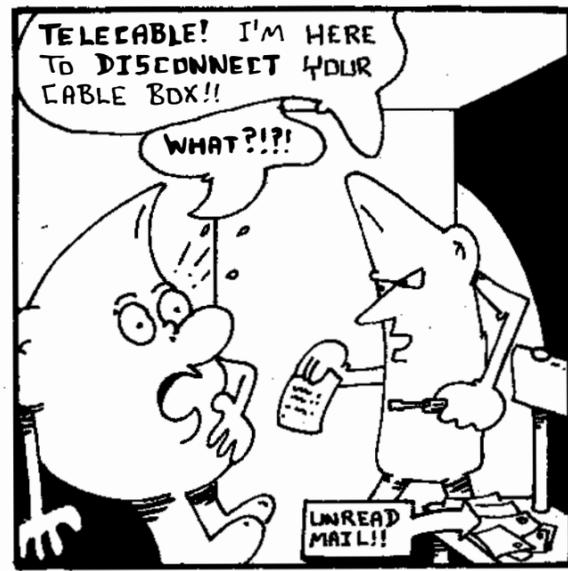
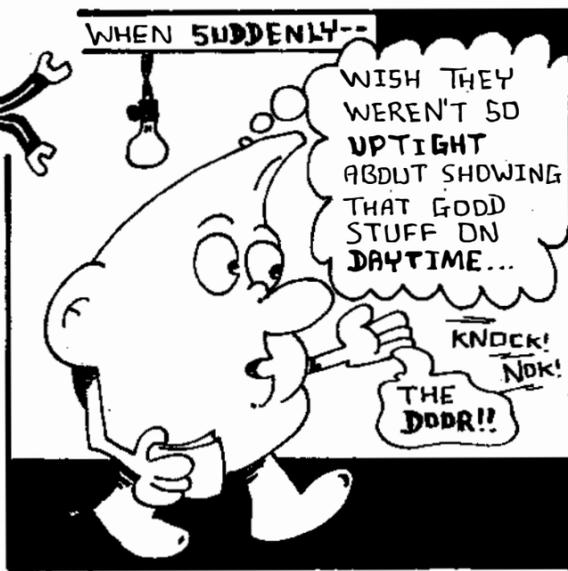


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*Nicholas Africano*

Those wishing to receive a copy of the print should send their check, along with address and phone number, to:

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## Rainbow family gathering

The 1983 Rainbow Family healing gathering will be held July 1-7 at a site yet to be chosen, in the Michigan upper peninsula-northern Wisconsin area.

This gathering is free and open to all, to come share in the spirit of peace, love, and truth. Our natural freedom to gather is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, protected by our unity. Come with your vision and wisdom and gather with us.

We are a tribe of volunteers who seek to cooperate in a free and forgiving way. "It's all done with people," so bring your favorite talents and be ready to share.

This gathering is held in a remote wilderness area so bring what you need: food, outdoor clothing, and shelter.

One of our greatest joys is working and loving together to fulfill our dreams and needs. To feed ourselves we need large quantities of food and volunteers to build our kitchens. Bring 100-pound bags of rice, corn, and beans and other non-perishables, plus fresh food and vegetables in bulk. Shovels, saws, and all handtools will be important, too.

Green energy is needed now for "howdy, folks" printing and postage and pre-gathering expenses. All contributions will be used in a cooperative manner. To receive a "howdy, folks" or to contact the scouting crew write:

Rainbow Family Tribal Council  
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Okemos, Michigan 48864

## Weatherization Program continues

Mid Central Economic Opportunity Corporation (MCEOC) has been designated the administrative unit for McLean and Livingston Counties for the 1983 Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program.

The initial grant of \$362,123 for McLean and Livingston Counties is somewhat less than last year's funding for the two counties, but it is hoped that additional funds will become available later in the year.

Income guidelines for the Weatherization Program are as follows:

Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$5,850.00
2	\$7,775.00
3	\$9,700.00
4	\$11,625.00
5	\$13,550.00
6	\$15,475.00

The weatherization program can help an income-eligible applicant to accomplish many of the following goals: 1) Stop general heat loss by weatherstripping, caulking, etc.; 2) Insulate attics and/or sidewalls; 3) Insulate floors and/or perimeter; 4) Install storm windows and/or doors; 5) Install set-back thermostat.

Applications for weatherization grants can be made at MCEOC's central office, 1100 W. Market St. in Bloomington, or at the Livingston County office at 515 N. Ladd in Pontiac.

Small Changes' next coffeehouse will be held Friday, April 22nd at the Newman Center, 501 S. Main, Normal, from 7:30-10:00 p.m.

Our featured attractions: a new women's music group making their public debut--and all of you. Open mike of course for anyone who wants to play or sing or read.

Old friends and new friends come get together for a celebration of Small Changes.

## Easter party at Sunnyside

Sunnyside Center will host an Easter party Friday, April 1, from 1 to 3 pm for children ages 2 to 12. Admission is free.

Activities will include an egg hunt, relays and games, an egg-decorating contest, and a visit from the Easter Bunny with plenty of candy for everyone.

Transportation will be provided at the Woodhill, Evergreen and Holton Homes housing sites. Parents must accompany children 5 and under.

For more information, please call Sunnyside Center at 827-5428.

## Childbirth group meets

There will be a first local chapter meeting of the National Association of Parents and Professionals for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth (NAPSAC) on April 9, Saturday, at 2 p.m. at 502 East Sycamore in Normal. NAPSAC seeks to promote good nutrition, natural childbirth, breastfeeding, skillful assistance of the natural birth process, and safe and family-centered birth (at home, maternity center, or hospital). For more information, call 452-0310.

## Vocational Center holds open house

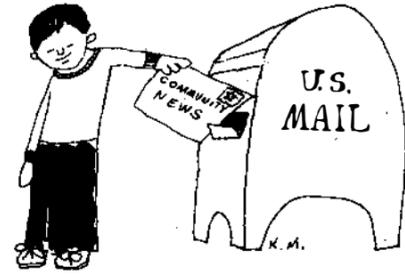
The Bloomington Area Vocational Center will hold an open house on Sunday, April 10, from 1 to 3 pm. Students from 17 area schools, along with AVC instructors and staff, will be on hand to explain and show a typical day in the shops, laboratories and classrooms. You will have the chance to see vocational education in action.

The Bloomington AVC is at the east end of Bloomington High School off Empire Street. For further information call Dan Swanson, 827-6124.

## Local Backgammon tourney slated

The Illinois Valley and the Central Illinois Backgammon Clubs in conjunction with Bloomington radio station WBNQ-FM present the Twin Cities Backgammon Tournament Saturday, April 16, at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge. There will be 3 tournaments: an open division, an intermediate division and a novice division. Prize money will be based on the number of entries.

Entry forms can be obtained by writing to WBNQ Backgammon, 235 Greenwood Ave., Bloomington IL 61701 or by calling the radio station. Information and entry forms are also available by calling or writing John Heggen, Box 65, Varna IL 61375--phone 309-463-2335.



## Community gardening plans

Have you ever wanted to grow your own vegetables, but didn't have a plot or money for seeds and supplies? Have you wished you could visit with neighbors and get to know more people in Bloomington-Normal? Now you can do both in one place by joining the Community Gardening Program.

Mid Central Economic Opportunity Corporation (MCEOC), in conjunction with the Bloomington Housing Authority and volunteers from the community have obtained permission from the Bloomington-Normal Sanitation Department to use two acres of land located at the far west end of Illinois and Olive Streets.

There will be garden space available at no charge to low income individuals who would like their own plots. An area will also be available for those interested in group gardening.

Local Garden Centers have offered to donate seeds and plants for the gardens. MCEOC has received funds through their Community Services Block Grant to purchase equipment which can be used by the gardeners.

If you are interested in having a garden, you will need to sign up for a plot. Garden plots will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to sign up or have any questions, please contact Donna Nickels or Nancy Bauch at 829-3360 or Melissa McGrath at 829-0691.

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## Neighborhood what?

Dear Edifice:

What's all this I hear about the neighborhood wash program in your community? That's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard!

Why do people need the neighbors to do their wash for them? Why can't they do it at home themselves?

It's bad enough that some people go to laundromats and publicize their laundry in the dirty air! I wouldn't let the whole neighborhood see my undies and other unintentionals!

This neighborhood wash thing is just another evasion of piracy, and should be stopped.

Sincerely,  
Emily Litella  
(Somewhere in New Jersey)

Post note: That's "watch," Emily, not "wash." It's the "Neighborhood Watch" program.

Emily replies: Oh. Never mind.

## Nazis are a threat

Hey Post-Amerikan,

It has recently come to my attention that the Nazi Party is trying extremely hard to make headway in our democracy. In the past I always thought that the "American" Nazi Party was a small group of fanatics. Recent events in my own life have made me question this, however.

I truly believe that the democratic system of government is the best ever devised. I also believe that these maniacs are a threat to our way of life. At the moment these thoughts are all I can share with the Post readers all over Illinois. It would also be a good idea for Post-Amerikan readers who believe as I do to boycott Coors beer. Adolf Coors, I have been told when I was a resident of California, is one of the largest financial supporters of the Nazi Party.

Yours truly,  
Richard Scott Mote



## Prisoner moves, still wants letters

Dear Post-Amerikan:

I'm writing you to tell you how much I love reading your paper. I was getting it down in Menard Penitentiary, but I got moved to Vienna, so I stopped getting your paper. I wish you could help me out; I had asked you to print my letter so I can get people to write me, but since I got moved out of Menard I never got any letters any more. The people stopped writing, and I'm very lonely.

My name is Aldo Robles, but all my friends call me Frenchy. I love fashions. I also did fashion shows when I was out and I hope to get back in to the fashions when I get out. I'm taking up Emergency Medical Technician, and I hope to finish it by March 28, 1983. I'm a short timer. I should be out by the end of summer.

I know there are people who read your paper who must have a kind heart and would write to someone who is lonely. I want to write to anyone. I love writing, and talking about anything, so please put my letter in your paper, and can you please send me your paper again so I can read it because your paper is real good and everyone should read it.

Thank you,  
Aldo (Frenchy) Robles  
#22695  
P.O. Box 100 1-C  
Vienna, Illinois 62995

## Likes Ferdy's comments

Dear Post-Amerikan,

You know, when it comes to lesbian and gay stuff, I really like what Ferdydurke has to say and how he says it. I really enjoyed and agreed with his comments on the film "Tootsie." Gay men have been doing drag for centuries and along comes this movie about a straight actor who puts on a dress and we're supposed to be impressed because he gets "insights" into what it's like to be treated like a second-class citizen. Puh-lease.

I also get a little burned up when somebody who sounds like they aren't gay tries to tell lesbians and gay men how to write about gay stuff. Like the guy who didn't like the review of "Death-trap." And he had the nerve to write "Ferdydurke resorted to snottiness in its lowest form (a la Dan Craft)." And if his letter isn't snotty, I don't know what is. I just want to say "Oh, stop!" In my opinion when Ferdydurke has been snotty, it's been in very high form.

--Jack Davis

## Wants help with family history

Dear Editor:

I am researching my family history which involves the Turnipseed family. My great-grandfather, Jackson Turnipseed, went to school in McLean County. It is my understanding that he had three brothers: Isaac Turnipseed, believed to be born about 1842; Christopher Turnipseed, believed to be born about 1844; and David Turnipseed, believed to be born about 1848. Their parents were John and Mary Turnipseed. I believe that Isaac, Christopher, and David remained in McLean County.

I was wondering if any of your readers could help me with information on any of those mentioned. I have had good results with using newspapers for inquiries in previous family history research on other parts of my genealogy. I do answer all letters received. I should say that a genealogy book is being prepared about the Turnipseed family.

Thank you,

Margretta (Turnipseed) Colwell  
R.R. 2  
Willow Hill, IL 62480

## FOR offers Peace Sabbath, Peace Sunday resources

Dear Post:

We urge you to join 10,000 churches and synagogues in the U.S. that will be participating in the 5th annual Peace Sabbath/Peace Sunday, May 27-30, 1983.

The focus for the weekend is on both the idolatry of trusting in weapons and on the human sacrifices involved in the arms race.

Resource packets for this event are available for \$5 each; 10 or more, \$4.50 each, from the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Box 271, Nyack NY 10960.

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# Reagan's reign of error

Covering the period October 1982 to January 1983.

**Reagan:** "The income tax came into being in 1914, and since then the Democrats have cut that tax only once. This cut that we made is the 14th time that Republicans have cut the income tax since 1914." (Statement, Oct. 6, 1982)

**Truth:** According to Joseph Pechman's book Federal Tax Policy, Democratic congresses have cut the income tax 5 times just since World War II--in 1946, 1948, 1962, 1964, and 1965.

**Reagan:** "The big spenders . . . even drove prayer out of the classrooms." (Televised commercial, Oct. 31, 1982)

**Truth:** School prayer was abolished in 1962 by the Supreme Court's ruling in Engel v. Vitale. The Court does spend money on its own operations, but it uses funds appropriated by Congress.

**Reagan:** "I want to be fair. Unemployment is 9.8%. When we took office it was 7.4%. O.K., I'll take the blame for 2.4% of the unemployment," if the Democrats take the blame for the rest. (Statement, Oct. 6, 1982)

**Truth:** The following figures show the percentage of increase of decrease in unemployment for every president since 1952: Republicans--Eisenhower, +3.7; Nixon, +2; Ford, +3.1; Reagan, +2.4. Democrats--Kennedy, -0.9; Johnson, -2.3; Carter, -0.1.

**Reagan:** "My military spending program will come to less than 2% of the GNP." (Press conference, Nov. 11, 1982)

**Truth:** According to Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger's "posture statement" submitted to Congress in early 1982, defense spending was 5.9% of the GNP. In the 1983 budget it is more than 6%; at the end of the president's 5-year \$1.8 trillion defense buildup, it will reach 7%.

**Reagan:** Guatemalan President Gen. Efraim Rios Montt has gotten "a bum rap" and is "totally dedicated to democracy." (Statement to reporters, Dec. 4, 1982)

**Truth:** According to Amnesty International, the Rios Montt regime has "massacred more than 2600 Indians and peasants" and has practiced "widespread killing, including extrajudicial execution of large numbers of rural non-combatants, including entire families as well as persons suspected of sympathy with violent or nonviolent opposition."

**Reagan:** "In the Great Depression, nothing like that (the riot in Miami in late December 1982) ever took place . . . when the situation was much worse." (Press conference, Jan. 5, 1983)

**Truth:** During the Great Depression, farmers sabotaged milk deliveries, and many whose mortgages had been foreclosed stood guard on their homes armed with shotguns to prevent sheriffs from evicting them. Strikers in Detroit fought police and company-hired goons. Army troops were required to quell the "Bonus Army March" in Washington, DC, in 1932. ●

--Thank to Mark Green; reprinted from the Nation, 5 March 1983.



JHmar, Columbus Dispatch

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You can advertise your business or sell items or services with Post Classyfrieds. Mail \$3.00 check or money order for each commercial ad.

The deadline for ads to appear in the next issue is April 21. The Post staff reserves the right to edit or refuse any ad.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE. \$\$\$ still available for McLean and Livingston County residents needing help with heating bills through Mid Central Economic Opportunity Corporation. Payments range from \$95 to \$360 and are based on the previous 90 day income. Persons need not pay own heat bills to be eligible. To make an appointment or seek additional information regarding Energy Assistance, Emergency Assistance, Crisis Intervention, Housing, Community Gardening, or Weatherization, call MCEOC at 829-0691.

GARDENERS: Learn about ecological control of garden pests--come to a workshop on Integrated Pest Management sponsored by the John Wesley Powell Audobon Society. Sunday April 10, 2:00 pm, Bloomington Public Library. Free.

WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE. 60th Anniversary National Conference, July 14-17, Lafayette College, Easton, PA; write WRL, 339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012 for details.

DON'T BUY RED COACH LETTUCE! Also, the United Food and Commercial Workers asks patrons of McDonald's not to order Chicken McNuggets until Tyson Foods, whose 6000 employees make these concoctions in five different states, agrees to bargain fairly with the union. --Industrial Worker

BOYCOTT R. J. REYNOLDS. The boycott of products made by R.J. Reynolds, which has been on since 1955, applies only to those products made in the U.S. The Canadian employees of the company are organized. This side of the border most of the hands are employed in the company town of Winston-Salem, where nobody does anything much without company approval. --Industrial Worker

GATHERING OF ANARCHISTS. May Day weekend. Sat., April 30: all-day meeting; Sun., May Day: Rally, march, social. Most events to be held at the Autonomy Center, 3951 N. Ashland, Chicago, IL 60613. For more information, write same.

RAINBOW FAMILY BENEFIT. April 3, 1983, Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Union Ballroom. Slide show, music, dancing, other kinds of celebration. This benefit is to raise money to send this year's "Howdy Folks" letter (all 10,000 of them). Rainbow Family Tribal Council, P.O. Box 230, Okemos, MI 48864.

NATIONAL VEGETARIAN CONFERENCE. May 27th through May 30th (Memorial Day weekend), at the Vegetarian Hotel in Woodridge, New York. \$45 individual registration, \$55 family registration. Write Vegetarian Association of America, P.O. Box 68, Maplewood, NJ 07040, or phone (201) 731-4902.

WORLD FEMINIST MEDIA CONFERENCE. April 16-17, National Press Club, Washington, D.C. \$60 registration fee. Write the Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press, 3306 Ross Place, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008, or phone (202) 966-7783.

1983 INDEX/DIRECTORY OF WOMEN'S MEDIA. Contains information on women's periodicals, presses, bookstores, music groups, radio and TV programs, film groups, theater/art/graphics groups. To order a copy, send \$8.00 to Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press, 3306 Ross Place, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.

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"It was a mistake. It shows lack of politeness to kill people when the Pope asks us not to do it."

--Unnamed Guatemalan official, quoted in the Boston Globe

"We laughed, talked, told jokes, and he acted like a man without a care in the world."

--Rev. Billy Graham, reporting on an overnight visit at the White House with Ronald Reagan

"I know of no sexual attacks on young girls by straight men."

--Former member of the New York State Board of Regents, speaking in opposition to the New York City gay rights bill

"Yes, we indoctrinate them in the forces. Otherwise they wouldn't fight. That's why we cut their hair the same, make them wear the same uniform, make the same salute, and march together. That's how you get people to fight."

--Surgeon Commander Morgan O'Connell of the British Task Force to the Falkland Islands

"I think we're going to have to start a civil defense program. I think--see, they violated and we kept to the premise that McNamara, in the original getting together and what resulted in our doing away with our antiballistic missile system at a time when we were ahead of them in technology on that."

--President Reagan, quoted in Robert Scheer's book, With Enough Shovels

"It offends me when they use the word drag. I'm not in drag. I'm playing a character."

--Dustin Hoffman, Life, Sept. 1982

"The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights said it suspects that job discrimination against blacks, Hispanics, and women persists despite Federal laws prohibiting it."

--News item in The Wall Street Journal

"The drastic increase of herpes coincides exactly with the growth in popularity of the game show 'Family Feud.' By kissing every woman on his program--thousands each year--Richard Dawson is singlehandedly responsible for spreading a disease that was a medical rarity a mere ten years ago."

--Tim Dlugos, quoted in Christopher Street

"No snow means no skiers, and no skiers means no ski injuries, and no ski injuries means fewer paying patients."

--American Medical News, explaining why employees of Memorial Hospital in Conway, New Hampshire, had their pay cut by 10 percent

"The Vietnam war, so often condemned by its opponents as hideously immoral, may well have been the most moral or at least the most selfless war in all of American history."

--History Professor Ernest May of Harvard University

# Reagan ignores Post, readers asked to help

Ronald Reagan's budget for 1984 is out, and, as you may have noticed, the Post-Amerikan has been passed over again. For some reason, the Reagan administration refuses to subsidize our journalistic enterprise.

So, once again, we are forced to turn to our loyal, generous readers.

You remember the less income/more expenses rap we gave you last year--and the year before that, etc. Well, it's the same old song, only worse.

The "worse" is that our printer of the last 3 years has changed management, sold their press, and can't print our paper any more. Since we already had the most inexpensive printer we could find, this change means a definite increase in costs.

Soooo: here we are again, hat in hand and a contribution pitch on our lips.

If you can donate some money, it would help us to keep putting out the paper. Big donations help most, of course, but little donations help a lot, too. We need to increase our income by about \$100 per issue.

Direct donations are what we need most. But there are other ways to contribute to the cause:

1. Take out a subscription (or renew the one you've got);
2. Give a gift subscription to someone;
3. Buy a t-shirt or several;
4. Liberate some supplies and pass them along to us: stamps, scissors, rulers, liquid paper, typewriter ribbons (film type), post cards, string, large manila envelopes, paper towels, paper cups, paper paper, coffee filters, self-adhesive address labels, etc.;
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6. Sponsor a garage sale for the Post.

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# Shooting out of both sides of their guns

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The National Broadcasting Company is being blamed by the Rev. Don Wildmon of Conservative Digest for the execution of a 77-year-old man and a 72-year-old woman in Alabama last November 29. Both people were killed by four gunshot wounds to the head. They were killed by their grandson.

It seems the three had been watching NBC's "Executioner's Song," the TV movie based on the life of Gary Gilmore. There was apparently a scene in the show in which someone killed someone else by firing four times into their head.

The 20-year-old grandson had no criminal record. Both the young man's family and law enforcement officials believe the double execution of the grandparents was triggered by the movie. Conservative Digest views this as yet another reason why television should be censored and programs with violence be kept from the air. "RCA/Hertz/NBC knew, before the film was aired, that it was probable the film would encourage such actions," says Wildmon.

Gimme a break.

Stories like this always make me mad. If you're talking about a little kid who wants to play out a scene from a "Bonanza" episode, okay. I'll listen. But a grown man who plays out the same scene needs help. Serious help. I cannot believe that a relatively healthy individual will, on the strength of an evening's entertainment, mimic the violent actions on the screen. I've seen "Friday the 13th" several times and have not yet had the urge to take an axe to my friends.

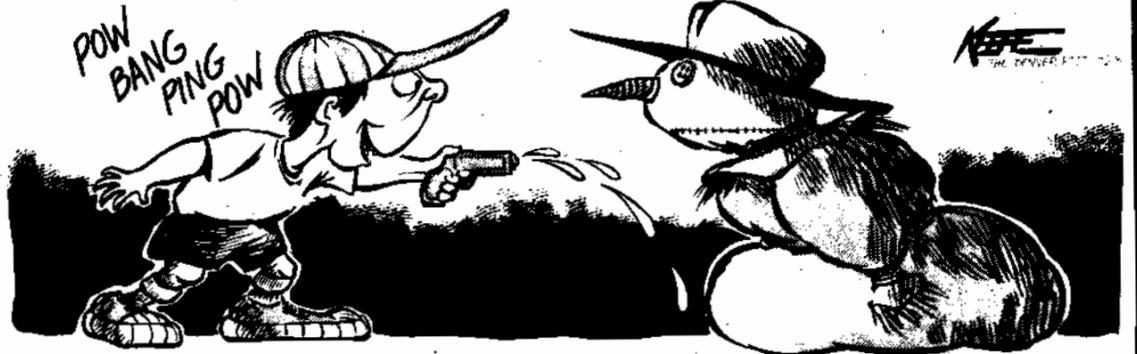
Perhaps it is not the television programs which should be screened, but the people who watch them. Maybe people who have this warped idea that no home is complete without a set of Reader's

Digest condensed books, an electric hotdogger, and a handgun or two should be prohibited by law from watching anything stronger than "Little House--A New Beginning."

The media watchdogs who keep careful record of every disturbed person who goes out and commits random acts of meaningless violence after watching TV never comment on the fact that if arms were not readily available to these people, there would be no crime committed. I doubt the grandson in this case would have had much luck shooting his grandparents with a grapefruit spoon.

shell, my friends," Pratt continues, "you, the law abiding gun owner, are the cause of violent crime in our society! What utter rubbish."

And yet the fact remains, that two innocent gun owners in Alabama are dead from gunshot wounds--not from a stranger, not from a criminal, not from a mafia hit, but from their own loving grandson. Seems the CD editors do not read their own magazine for content discrepancy. But it is probably more likely that they see no discrepancy. Guns don't kill people. People kill people. People with guns don't kill



In the same issue of CD was an article reprinted from The Gun Owners, December 1982, a newsletter of the Gun Owners of America, Inc. In it, Lawrence Pratt was blasting (figuratively) Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden for their gun control stance and their support of California's pro-gun control Proposition 15. Pratt writes, "Hayden said the passage of the anti-gun Proposition 15 would lay the responsibility for the massive violence in our cities at the door where it partly belongs, and that is (Gun Owners of America chairman) Senator H.L. Richardson and the gun lobby."

"That's the Fonda mentality in a nut-

people. People who watch television kill people.

It is even doubtful that they can make the leap to: People with guns who watch television kill people. For that would be saying something nasty about guns which are, after all, only innocent bystanders in crime.

I am sorry the two old people are dead. I am sorrier that the young man--and countless others like him--exist in a country where people with emotional problems have no access to inexpensive, quality treatment but do have access to inexpensive, quality handguns. ●

## looks like a sleepy, serene community.



## look again.

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