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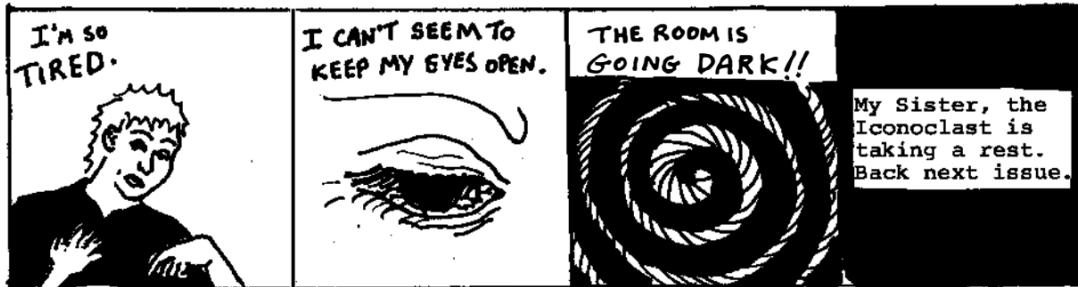
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Urine trouble on the job

Just imagine it. You fall out of bed one Monday morning, jump in the shower, slug down a cup of caffeine, and are on your merry way to work. When you get there, you notice your co-workers bitching and moaning about something but you can't quite make out what.

Then you find out. Your boss smilingly tells you that the company is taking to heart the President's Commission on Organized Crimes' March 1986 recommendation that all U.S. companies regularly test employees for drug usage on the job. And hands you a bottle.

We've all seen these bottles before but in the context of the hospital. Here they still want you to whiz on command, but the object isn't to get you well and your boss doesn't want to admire the color of your urine. Here the object is to get you fired. He/she wants to see if you've been smoking that illegal stuff on company time.

But the joint you smoked Saturday could mean a pink slip today.

The problem is that the tests just aren't that reliable and aren't always handled correctly. In 1984 the U.S. Army admitted that 1/2 of 60,000 urine samples it had tested were either mishandled in the lab, contaminated, or mislabeled. Northwestern University found out that EM EMIT (enzyme multiplied immunoassay test), the heavy-hitter test most companies use, gives a "false positive" 25 percent of the time.

Some of the tests can't even tell the difference between innocent old Advil and Nuprin and the evil cocaine. The tests may even be prejudiced racially. THC is the active ingredient in marijuana. The pigment melanin is chemically similar to THC and may be detected in some tests. Melanin is something blacks have in high concentration.

The dreaded poppy seed roll has been known to cause a positive reading on folks who've never touched a drug in their life. Really makes you confident in the system, doesn't it?

Most companies don't have the facilities to analyze on site. Instead, they rely on labs to do the analysis. Labs where mishandling, mislabeling, and contaminating of samples can and does happen either by accident or on purpose. Remember, these labs are getting big bucks to produce results. Their existence depends on being able to say to employers, "Yep, we can ferret out them evil dopers. Lookee here, there's one now." If all the results came back negative, how much business do you think they'd generate? Employers just wouldn't buy it.

Employers supposedly want to curtail drug abuse on the job. But these idiot tests can't tell if you smoked a joint 5 minutes ago, Friday night, three weeks ago, or were at a party and got a lungfull second hand.

What you do on your own time is none of your employer's damn business, but here he/she is poking a finger, no a nose, no a probe, no a specimen jar into your private affairs and into your privates. Or a needle into your arm, for those employers with a blood analysis fixation. Both of which are invasive, uncomfortable, inconsiderate, insulting invasions of body and bodily fluids.

It is an individual's choice who to share body and bodily fluids with, not an employer's right to take body fluids and use them to browbeat and blackmail. An employer can't bust into your home and search for dope (yet), so what the hell gives them the right to stick a needle in your arm or force you to piss on command?

Tommy Test Tube Sez:

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The pity is some people are losing their jobs or being denied employment by these urinary fetishists. Some employers use the tests to screen out "undesirable" applicants. Others use them to decide who to get rid of. Who's to say that an unscrupulous employer might not stoop to falsifying a test as justification for firing an employee engaged in union activity or who rejected sexual advances?

It boggles the mind how far employers may go in the name of keeping the sanctity of the workplace. Breathalyzers to see who had a beer with lunch. Public checks to see if you got laid for lunch. Giggle-meters to see if you are laughing on company time. Timers on the bathroom doors to make sure you stay on the job and off the head.

I don't know about you, but I'm pissed off. Anybody asking for a urine sample to test for drugs deserves a shower. A golden shower.

--Sylvania Blue Dot



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Say no to plastic

Coke pushes plastic cans

A floating plastic bottle in the ocean looks like a tasty morsel to many marine animals. Frequently, it is their last meal. An Alaskan brown bear died not long ago after eating 32 styrofoam and plastic cups. Everywhere we go these days, we are faced with plastic wastes, much of which will outlast our children's children.

How do we keep this material out of our environment? Unfortunately, the current situation makes recycling almost impossible. Plastic containers have not been standardized, and so they melt at different temperatures. Because of the lightness of plastic, it must be shredded, compacted, stored, and shipped in astronomical quantities in order to realize a net savings on the fuel used in shipping and processing.

Some plastic containers such as Coca Cola's new plastic can (being test marketed in Georgia) combine plastic with other materials, causing contamination problems for recyclers. The new plastic can has an aluminum top which would have to be cut off for recycling.

These cans are already showing up in cans sent to mills for recycling. Because they cannot be detected magnetically, they are difficult to separate from the aluminum and can seriously damage aluminum recycling equipment when melted with the aluminum.

Those concerned about the environment should say NO to plastic. Whenever possible, use glass and aluminum containers. Ask for a brown paper bag instead of the plastic bag offered in many stores these days. Use recyclable containers before we cover the earth with plastic.

Environmentalists are also mounting a nationwide campaign to stop the plastic can. Write to the following:

John Beal, President
Coca Cola of California
1560 Mission Street
San Francisco, California 94103

Bryan Dyson, President
Coca Cola, USA
P.O. Drawer 1734
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

--A concerned environmentalist

Drinks taste better in glass

Seventy-six percent of all consumers tested in a summer survey said soft drinks tasted better in glass bottles than in cans. The nationwide survey of 15,100 consumers was conducted by Para-Test Marketing Inc.

Consumers in all regions overwhelmingly preferred the taste of soft drinks in glass. In the South Atlantic region the preference for glass was expressed by 80 percent of all those surveyed. In the East South Central and Middle Atlantic regions, 79 percent said soft drinks tasted better in glass. New England and the East North Central region followed closely with 78 percent. In the Pacific region, 66 percent judged glass superior.

All age groups expressed a strong preference for soft drinks in glass. In addition, families earning \$24,000 a year or less preferred glass packaging slightly more than those with incomes of \$25,000 or above.

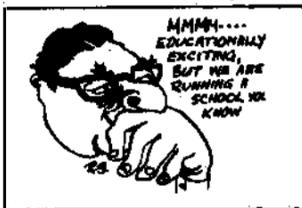
--Reprint from the 100% Recycled Paper, Vol. 7 # 2, March April 86, Champaign, IL.

Idaho legislators vote "yes" for ignorance

In February, the Idaho House of Representatives voted 54 to 26 in favor of legislation to bar public school teachers from advocating or condoning homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle. The bill must clear the Senate Education Committee and pass before the full Senate before it becomes Idaho law.

During long and heated floor debate, Rep. Lyman Gene Winchester (R-Kuna) called two other House members "queer lovers" because of their opposition to the bill. In an interview after the debate, he extended the term to all those who oppose the bill.

Rep. JoAn Wood (R-Rigby) called the legislation a tool for school boards



to use to handle problems with homosexuality, if necessary. An earlier version of the bill allowed school officials to revoke a teachers certificate for violating the prohibition.

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) leaders say the bill is probably unconstitutional and they would fight it if asked to. "It would be impossible for any teacher to conform to the law," said one ACLU lawyer. "The proposed law is vague and would force teachers to curtail discussions on important topics such as AIDS or on sexuality in general."

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Information from the Idaho Statesman
Reprinted from Off Our Backs

CLIP & SAVE

How To Recycle at Operation Recycle

- **CONTAINER GLASS** - Rinse containers and sort by color. Remove lids, but labels may be left on. NO windows, mirrors, lightbulbs, etc.
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Are dictators solely responsible?

In South Africa, according to The Washington Post, "the authorities' most direct method to silence the voice of revolt is simply to detain critics without trial or charge, as they have done with thousands." In that country, 23 million blacks suffer under the state's policy of apartheid.

Eight thousand persons were held for various lengths of time in Chile during 1984. In the same year, the Chilean government issued a list of 4,860 exiles for whom it would remain illegal to enter that country.

During Argentina's eight years of military dictatorship, 8,960 people "disappeared." It was later revealed that a network of 340 secret prisons had been operated by the military during those years.

The civil and human rights abuses perpetrated in these and other countries require the united effort of a large portion of the citizens. Nonetheless, the reports of news media and the statements of officials and editorialists are often worded as if the leader of the country alone was responsible. For example, Christian Century reported that Jeanne Kirkpatrick declared while criticizing President Carter's foreign policy, "...thus went the theory that gave us the Ayatollah Khomeini and the Ortega brothers." New Republic reported in July, 1985, that, "in Chile General Augusto Pinochet has since 1973 ruthlessly smashed the country's 186-year-old tradition of democracy," and, "among other things, Abrams has urged that the Reagan administration abstain or vote no on multilateral bank loans to Chile to protest Pinochet's human rights abuses."

Statements like these obscure the reality that General Pinochet can imprison or exile thousands only because thousands will carry-out his "request" that it be done. It is the same in every nation accused of civil and human rights violations. The handful of members of the ruling Argentine junta did not themselves cause almost 9,000 people to disappear. The cooperation of thousands was necessary to fulfill the wishes of the junta. Likewise, P. W. Botha is not single-handedly holding 23 million blacks in subjection.

The same principle applies to the dictatorship headed by Muammar Qaddafi and the terrorism it practices. Since events connected with Libya have been the major news-makers lately, there is a plethora of similarly misleading statements about Qaddafi in the newspapers. One can hardly read a report concerning Libya without finding at least one sentence like these from The Washington Post: "He cited appeasement of Hitler in the 1930s to describe the dangers of failure to unite against Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi;" "One official said that as Reagan's frustration grew, he more frequently expressed his 'revulsion' at Qaddafi's willingness to kill innocent civilians in his efforts to strike against the United States." The writing of George Will is another prime example. One of his columns in The Pantagraph read, "Qaddafi's terrorism has been a success, so far. It has been giving him what he seeks from it: pleasure and prominence. . . . He is the problem and he probably cannot be tamed or deterred. He must be removed." Would "removing" Qaddafi remove the beliefs his followers share with him? If they do not share his beliefs, why do they execute his orders?

Maybe these statements reflect a widespread conception that a leader is more responsible for a crime than the actual doer of the deed. The international attention and acclaim given to the trial and conviction of former Argentine junta members seems to indicate this. I am in total agreement with the punishment of these men, but is it an effective and lasting solution to the problem of crime on a government level? Was the principal cause of the situation the leadership of these men, or was it a combination of economic, social and human psychological conditions?

The enormous and terrifying problem of government initiated civil and human rights abuse will not be ultimately solved by the removal or punishment of a particular person or group. The solution will not be found until we identify those conditions which lead to the mass, unquestioning service of a person or group. We must learn what factors are present when a population is convinced that it is honorable to imprison, torture and kill its neighbors even though a minimal amount of thought about any "charges" or "evidence" against them would normally raise doubt as to the justice of such actions. It is the removal and prevention of those conditions which will be a more realistic solution. As one victim of the Argentinean nightmare told Life magazine, "'It's not the fault of a particular person... it was a social and political situation.'"

-- Madame Bovary

Yum, yum

Diamond Star b.s. swallowed by Pantagraph

In one of the first of many, many nauseating Anglo-Japanese self-congratulatory shitfests, groundbreaking ceremonies and country club folly happened, and the Pantagraph lapped it up and served it like there was no n in Shinto last month.

"A white-robed Shinto priest" from LA (my friend says you can find anything you want there, and I guess she's right) led a few rounds of purification stuff out at the plant site, and then everyone who was anyone went out to the country club and politely sampled sake. Except for socially graceful Bloomington Mayor Jesse Smart, who, the Pantagraph reported, "grimaced" and "quietly poured his into a nearby empty drinking glass."

This is amazing detail for a reporter who wasn't even allowed into the "well-guarded private reception," and stunning for a reporter who within three paragraphs says that the reception "was not open to the media" and that guests included "U.S. correspondents from Japanese newspapers."

-- Phoebe Caulfield

Drooping tomatoes busted in Normal

The April 23 Pantagraph reported that Normal's city council upheld its ban on vegetable gardens in front and corner side yards on Normal's east side.

Anonymous complaints about two families' gardens created the problem. The zoning ordinances for the neighborhood (Spear Drive and Brookwood Drive) assume that side and front gardens are unsightly. (Flowers are okay, of course, even though some of them have Latin names, unlike the streets.)

In his remarks on the issue, Mayor Paul Harmon admitted that he sees little difference between the unsightliness of a vegetable garden and the ugliness of a recreational vehicle in a driveway or the repulsiveness of a satellite dish (both of which also must be kept out of sight in the district, we assume). Must make for some interesting dinners.

-- Phoebe Caulfield

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Plowshares: Rebelling against an unjust law

It's one of the best-kept secrets in the United States. Across the country are individuals--some part of organized communities and some not--who are deeply motivated by the profound fear that the United States nuclear policy will lead to nuclear war. These activists confront their government and its weapons builders directly, and they are willing to accept long jail sentences in exchange for the opportunity to take a stand for their beliefs. And, according to some scholars, their actions are legal.

Helen Woodson is one of these people. In 1984, Helen, Father Carl Kabat, Paul Kabat, and Larry Cloud Morgan climbed onto a Minuteman missile silo near Kansas City and battered its concrete lid with a compressor-powered jackhammer. They then posted a lengthy indictment of United States nuclear arms policy and waited to be arrested.

Helen has earned two masters degrees from the University of Wisconsin and raised a child of her own and 10 adopted and foster children, nine of whom are retarded. She has been arrested for civil disobedience nine times. At the silo trial, the judge declared her a "threat to the community," denied bail, and eventually sentenced her to 18 years in jail. When it finally dawned on him that she would not accept parole, he reduced

the sentence to 12 years.

Helen is now serving her 12-year sentence in Alderson Women's Prison in West Virginia.

Crushing weapons of war

Alderson has at one time or another been the jail for seven other women



like Helen. They have all attempted to physically destroy the equipment of nuclear war, often pouring their blood and pasting pictures of their children on planes, silos, computers, and blueprints. They are part of a group known simply as Plowshares, after the Biblical admonition "they shall beat

their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks."

There have been 14 major Plowshares actions involving about 60 activists, all directed at nuclear weapons, most resulting in harsh prison sentences. The sole support and home of these activists is a network known as the Life Communities. The Atlantic Life

Community--a few hundred people scattered in cities and towns from New Hampshire to Florida--meets twice a year to discuss the progress and future of its "witness." Few people outside the communities know about it.

"Press coverage of Plowshares is small because the media is a corporate entity, too," says Phillip Berrigan, who with his brother Daniel, destroyed two Mark 12-A warheads at a General Electric nuclear warhead manufacturing plant in Pennsylvania. "The press suppresses news about Plowshares, sometimes voluntarily and sometimes under pressure from the government. When my wife was arrested at the Department of Energy, the film crew was right there and had the whole thing in the can. Someone called from DOE and said they wanted the story suppressed, and it never appeared. The newsmen were furious."

Duty to rebel

The Plowshares trials, however, are the focus of very serious attention by the legal community.

Richard Falk is professor of international law and practice at Princeton University. Ramsey Clark is a former United States Attorney General. Both men have devoted a large part of their time to studying the implications of international conventions, such as the Geneva Convention and the Nuremberg Principles, on the conduct of war and soldiers.

Their expertise has led them to two

conclusions: nuclear weapons as they are deployed by the U.S. government are in violation of international and domestic law, and the people of the United States are obligated to try to destroy them.

The "rules" of war, established by the St. Petersburg, Hague, and Geneva Conventions, are simple: the civilian population can never be regarded as a military objective; weapons that cause "widespread, long-term, and severe damage to the natural environment" or "violate the neutral jurisdiction of non-participating states" are prohibited.

"The Nuremberg statutes say that it is the duty of people under orders to rebel against an unjust order," says Phillip Berrigan. "That is a principle that we have incorporated into U.S. law. The Allies executed people after World War II because they did not commit civil disobedience."

War crime

Lawyers have tried to use these arguments in court a dozen times; they were successful for the first time in 1985. Last April, an Illinois jury acquitted several demonstrators of charges of civil disobedience (blockading the entrance of the Great Lakes Naval Training Center) after

being instructed by Judge Alphonse F. Witt that "the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is a war crime. . . ."

The jury acquitted the activists because they were convinced the blockade was necessary to avoid a greater public injury--namely, nuclear war.

To Professor Falk, the activities of the Plowshares activists and others like them "represent the last Constitutional avenue open to the American people to preserve our Democratic form of government with its historical commitment to the rule of law. . . . If properly publicized, each acquittal or hung jury will encourage other private citizens to engage in similar nonviolent civil disobedience activities."

--Greenpeace Examiner, March, 1986

To get in touch with Plowshares and show your support or learn more about the communities, write:

Helen Woodson (03231-045)
Alderson Women's Prison, Box A
Alderson, West Virginia 24910

Jonah House
1933 Park Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

USA
1611 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20009

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1300 W. Belmont, Suite 3-E
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--from the Greenpeace Examiner

Greenpeace: Just folks protecting the earth

When people become Greenpeace supporters, they become direct participants in what the late United Nations Secretary-General U Thant called "World War III: The battle to save the Earth from environmental ruin."

Founded in British Columbia in 1971 to oppose atomic bomb testing at Amchitka Island in Alaska, Greenpeace is now firmly established in fifteen nations. Millions of individuals support our work which allows us to place ourselves between whales and harpoons; halt the dumping of nuclear wastes and toxic chemicals; confront the seal slaughter; and free entangled dolphins from drift nets.

We are ecologists, actively working to protect a fragile world. Ecology teaches us that humanity is not the center of life on the planet; that all forms of life enable our "existence" and that we must learn to respect them as we respect ourselves. The tremendous beauty of ecological thought is that it shows us an understanding of, and an appreciation for, life itself--an understanding and appreciation that is imperative to the continuance of life.

Life can be saved by non-violent confrontations and by what the Quakers call "bearing witness." A person bearing witness must accept responsibility for being aware of an injustice. That person may then choose to do something or stand by, but may not turn away in ignorance. The Greenpeace ethic is not only to bear witness to atrocities against life: it is to take direct action to prevent them. Direct, non-violent action. We obstruct a wrong without offering personal violence to its perpetrators. Our greatest strength is life itself, and the commitment to direct our own lives to protect others.

Why direct action?

Our best known tactic is direct, non-violent action: Highspeed, inflatable craft interfering with whaling operations voyages into the ice floes of seal slaughter; maneuvering barriers beneath suspended barrels of radioactive wastes, preventing release into the ocean; plugging the discharge pipes of illegal polluters; scaling smokestacks of air polluters; occupy-

ing the testing grounds of nuclear weapons explosions.

The main purpose of such tactics is to stop the destruction to the environment immediately, even if for a short time, to show that it can be done and that there are people willing to do so; and to draw public attention to the critical environmental issues, so that the full weight of public opinion can be brought to bear on decision makers.

Ten years ago, few people were aware that modern whaling had virtually eliminated many species of great whales. Greenpeace direct actions played an important role by alerting millions of people to their plight. Today, the odds in favor of the whales have dramatically improved, although many hazards remain.

Although Greenpeace direct action is the most easily recognized, it is but one of the many tactics upon which we depend. While Greenpeace activists operate in public view, investigators document the financiers behind an illegal whaling operation, or which governments are planning the exploitation of Antarctica, or which entities are responsible for the pollution of waterways.

Draft resister sentenced to sit

David Wayte, a 24-year-old Whittier man, was ordered to spend six months



at his grandmother's home for failing to register for the draft.

Meticulously prepared and researched briefs are presented in courts and to governments, where we actively press for modification of their positions on ecological matters. We participate in United Nations conferences and townhall meetings; produce documentary films; and lecture in schools, so that future generations will understand their environmental legacy to successive generations.

Who does the work?

Over the years, many volunteers have participated as campaign members, office helpers, professional advisors and in many other ways.

Greenpeace also has a small staff of employees who keep the organization running on a day-to-day basis.

While we often work with community groups and other environmental organizations, we have no formal affiliations with any group. We have been granted Type II consultative status at the United Nations; are a member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature; and have obtained observer status at the IWC and the London Dumping

"This is the most difficult sentence I have had to impose in more than 25 years in the judicial system," stated U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter Jr.

He explained that he had decided on probation and house arrest to prevent Wayte from doing community service, inasmuch as he was already a volunteer at a school for the developmentally disabled plus at a soup kitchen and shelter for the homeless.

Said the judge: "I'm punishing you by not allowing you to perform such service."

--The Realist (Venice, CA), Jan-Feb 1986, No. 100.

Convention.

We believe the greatest benefit for our supporters is the knowledge that they are contributing to an organization which has a proven record of success in defending the environment.

Nuclear tragedy: An animal rights issue

The tragedy of Chernobyl goes far beyond the endlessly (un)reported human toll. Certainly, speculation of the human suffering potential is well founded, with millions of local residents, as well as their downwind neighbors, exposed to the hideous and insidious effects of humanity's most heinous self-deception: safe nuclear energy.

But, while every single news source tirelessly enumerates the probable economic, political and human outcome of the accident, little is said about the countless billions of other innocent lives which have been put in jeopardy. Once again, humanity's inhumanity extends into the animal world.

Agricultural news has reported how many head of livestock must be destroyed, but these millions of suffering creatures are treated as mere commodity, not as horribly injured victims of radiation. They are spoken of in terms of currency, hard cash, and not as agonized, sentient beings, who feel as much pain from the burning fallout as any human victim. (There is a current joke about "crispy critters" which underscores the insensitivity of modern children to non-human species.)

But how about the billions of other mammals, birds, fish and others who are living and dying under the radioactive shadow over Europe? Rachel Carson spoke of Silent Spring, but what of a Screaming Spring, a Suffering Spring?

The area affected is so environmentally rich, with vast forest lands, meadows, mountains and fresh

water lying beneath the fallout. Within each ecosystem is the home of a diversity of animal life, which is now destined to live in ignorant torment, to sicken and die.

Throughout nuclear history, animals have been the victims of experimentation. During the post-Hiroshima testing, hundreds of goats, pigs, calves died (or lived) through the effects of irradiation:



massive oozing burns, ceaseless diarrhea and vomiting, leukemia, cancer. In them, humanity saw its destiny in the new Nuclear Age.

And now, once more, death comes marked with the atom, but on a far-reaching scale and with the apologia "accident" attached. (Please accept our apologies, Mother Nature.) It doesn't matter that the Soviets are to blame;

Amerika could have as easily created such a catastrophe at any of its 98 presently operating reactors. Illinois alone, according to a current Newsweek map, has eight reactors on line, more than any other state, with four more under construction and two on order.

Humanity's eternal quest for more and more kilowatts of energy has denuded forests, strip-raped countless acres of coal-bearing land, showered gallons of acid rain over a helpless earth. Where did the hopeful days of solar, wind and other alternative energy answers go? You and I are rampant energy consumers, with our VCRs, word processors, microwave ovens, blowdryers. How much of that energy do we get from our local nuclear store?

This level of energy greed exacts a tremendous toll, and the simple creatures of all species bear the greatest burden. Energy, to them, is found in sun, muscle and mind, not an electrical outlet behind the refrigerator.

Some of you may be wondering how I could get so upset about a bunch of dumb animals, when millions of men, women, and children may be sick, injured, dead behind Iron Curtain secrecy. My only defense is an abiding love for Nature and her children: furred, feathered, and finned. Homo sapiens has its own highly vocal PR. But too few are the supporters of those who have no voice. Let others speak for the general population; my voice is dedicated to the animals.

RAF

New labels drive women crazy

Sigmund Freud theorized in 1924 that masochism was a feminine characteristic. Likewise he believed his female patients conjured up stories of lustful fathers out of Oedipal love--not because of their real experiences with incest. His theories have been accepted by some psychoanalysts without revision; others, however, have rejected his notions as sexist, and taken every available opportunity to rally for women's equality in psychiatry--both as patients and practitioners.

The feminist psychiatric community has gone through periods of excitement and periods of relative calm. But things are now at a crisis point--and feminist psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers are rallying, theorizing, and organizing to protect women's psyches from clinical abuse.

The fury has been caused by proposed revisions of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, Third Edition. This catalogue of disorders is used for insurance reimbursement and as a shorthand for categorizing mental illnesses.

There are three proposed diagnostic categories of concern to feminists. They go by the names of Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder, Masochistic Personality Disorder, and Paraphilic Rapism.

Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (more commonly known as premenstrual syndrome) would be diagnosed if a woman experienced four of the following in the week before her period: persistent irritability and anger, insomnia, extreme tension, depression, marked fatigue, change in appetite, difficulty concentrating and noticeable change in amount of sexual



activity. These symptoms must cause "marked distress" or "interfere with social or occupational functioning" to be classified as mental illness.

The real question, says a response prepared by the National Coalition for Women's Mental Health, "is whether these experiences warrant a separate psychiatric diagnosis. Unlike gynecologists, who recognize the physical complaints occurring premenstrually, psychiatrists have arbitrarily chosen to ignore these." The coalition argues that the classification overlooks the fact that some women's discomfort may be a response to physical symptoms like pain or bloating.

According to Dr. Judith Antrobus, a New York City feminist therapist, the concept of Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder "fits in with some of the oldest cultural myths, taboos, and stereotypes that center on menstruation. If you name a special disorder after menstruation, you reinforce the notion that women are defective because of something innate to their physiology. It stigmatizes women and only women."

The National Coalition's report calls for increased research funding for menstrual-related complaints and concludes that "policy makers should not require a stigmatizing diagnosis in order to legitimize funding for women's health needs."

Masochistic Personality Disorder is another area of hot debate. The revision defines it as "feelings of martyrdom and self-defeating behavior." It is indicated by such things as: remaining in an abusive relationship despite opportunities to alter the situation, believing that one is sacrificing one's own interests for others, rejecting help so as not to be burdensome, complaining about being unappreciated, feeling undeserving of success, feeling pessimistic about the future, focusing on one's own worst features, sabotaging intended goals and repeatedly turning down opportunities for pleasure.

This proposed disorder has been challenged because it fails to take social, cultural and political variables into account and because its formulators do not acknowledge its potential to be disproportionately used against women. What is called masochistic in women, noted Dr. Paula Caplan, author of a book on masochism, "would be defined quite healthily as sacrificial or courageous, or facing realities or hard work in men."

"The victim of violence, rather than its perpetrator, is likely to be perceived as suffering from psychopathology," says the National Coalition report. "Such a skewed vision of reality would not serve the interests of society, but would act to further disempower victims and place new tools in the hands of victimizers."

The category of Paraphilic Rapism has come in for just as much criticism. This disorder associates rape with intense sexual desires or fantasies involving coercion.

With this new diagnosis, argues the Women's Health Policy Project of the Feminist Institute, "defense attorneys will argue that their clients suffer from rapism instead of being responsible for committing a rape against an unwilling person. This permits more insanity pleas to avoid prison."

Clare Holzman, counseling coordinator of New York Women Against Rape, agrees. "I don't think there is any evidence that this in fact is a psychiatric disease or disorder or that it is possible to distinguish a rapist who has this condition from one who does not. I am not saying rapists are not suffering from psychiatric conditions, but there is no evidence that rapists as a group have a distinct disorder that causes them to commit rape."

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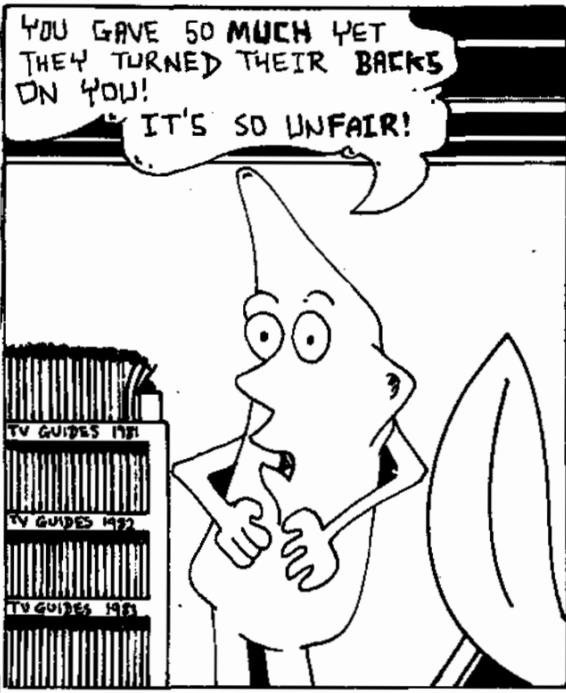
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Reagan-land off balance

It's nuclear disaster time -- a power plant blows up in the Soviet Union, spewing radioactive gases around the earth and endangering millions. In Northern Europe, health authorities recommend that people not conceive children at this time.

And in the technologically advanced USA, three space launches in a row explode at lift-off, first the shuttle Challenger and then two satellite rockets.

Meanwhile, President Reagan pushes ahead in his efforts to launch Star Wars, which probably will depend on nuclear weapons for its anti-missile laser system -- if any of it can ever be launched off the ground.

But all of this is possible, because the U.S. is one tough cookie, having just trounced the terrorist Qaddafi and blasting Libya and its three million people. Qaddafi was taught one tough lesson, sacrificing his baby daughter to show the world how mean and lean Reagan's Uncle Sam is.

Down in the jungles of Central America, terrorists of another kind, those drug-runners Ronnie likes to call "Freedom Fighters," are continuing with their little war of rape and selected murder. Congress

decides whether or not they can say no to another hundred million for these warriors, or whether they had better say yes, to avoid being labeled as commie sympathizers. The poor folks of Harlingen, Texas, can't be left alone to defend the whole USA from this insipid Red Menace, creeping nearer and nearer to our border, so we better finance a nasty, mean little war to keep things off balance.

Off balance; that's a good word for what's coming down now, and the whole secret to Reagan reality. Off balance.

In the foreign sphere, we have to keep the world off balance, never quite sure about this superpower and its megabombs. Europeans are scared they'll be dragged into another war, this time with their homeland as the battlefield. Poor and small nations are never quite sure when they can afford to defend their own sovereignty, as an aircraft carrier may soon be off shore or a secret army at their borders. Off balance; there is no coherence to Reagan's foreign policy but that word -- keep the whole world off balance, because that way the U.S. maintains its power and its control, with everyone else watching every step in trepidation.

Off balance is the name of the game

on the home front too. More and more Americans sink into poverty and hopelessness, but no one seems to really notice. The farmer fails while the man in the White House praises the family farmer. The factory closes while we talk about the dignity and importance of jobs. Food stamps are cut and children go hungry while we preach restoring old-fashioned values. Off balance.

And how can everything stay off balance? There are two keys: disinformation and I don't care.

Disinformation is the new reality of White House doublespeak. Terrorists become freedom fighters become terrorists overnight. Lies become Presidential statements, and repeated often enough, become fact to enough people that truth doesn't matter anymore.

And disinformation works because enough people are making it so they don't care about anybody else. If I'm a yuppie on my way up, I had just as well believe all the lies and forget the dirty little wars, because all those things justify my greed and my rise. If I'm making it it's real easy to blame those that aren't for their own condition.

The farmer who is failing probably isn't such a good farmer; the single mother just wants babies to collect more welfare; the factory worker at the locked-out gate priced himself out of the market. I don't care -- I'm making it, and if the lies make me feel good again, if the dirty little wars take care of my dirty business and make me feel secure without a drop of my blood, why should I worry?

So our new hero is Rambo, who's tough and mean and lean. None of us wants to go into the military and be Rambo, as there aren't many shopping malls in Central America, but we like the idea that our image to the world is this frightening, under-dog fighter, while we live like top dogs.

Who cares if homeless, refugee camp Palestinians are so angry and feeling so hopeless they'll blow up airplanes to gain their revenge for their murdered mothers and fathers? We'll call them terrorists, pin a racist label on them and blow them away. Who cares if all our food will be in a few corporate pesticide-dripping hands soon? I'm well fed.

Who cares if soon no one in this country will actually make anything anymore, but poor sweatshop slaves overseas will do that work? My job is secure; why should I bother? Who cares if the man in the White House is a hopeless, meandering fool? We can deliver a good line, and that makes me feel good, whether that line is true or not.

Who cares -- we're all off balance anyway.

-- MGM

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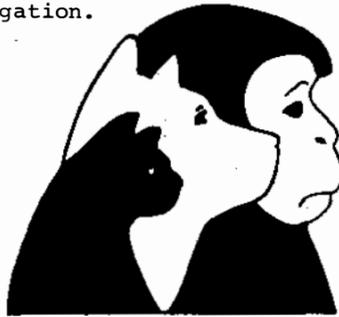
Protect your pals from rabies

On April 17th McLean County Health Department Animal Control officials confirmed that a specimen from a bat, found in the County, tested positively for rabies. Rabies is caused by a virus which is present in the saliva of infected animals. The disease is present in wildlife--especially skunks, foxes, raccoons and bats. Aside from the obvious direct threat to humans posed by wildlife, an even greater threat is presented when wild animals come in contact with domestic animals. In the recent incident, the rabid bat had been in contact with a cat.

Rabies in dogs has been controlled through routine vaccination. However, the potential presence of the disease in cats presents a more serious problem since State law does not require rabies vaccination. In addition to a general lack of rabies vaccination among cats, other factors enter into the potential for rabies in cats: 1) cat scratches are more common than dog bites, 2) wild animals tend to wander toward residential areas in search of food-- cats roam more freely than dogs, 3) cats are more numerous than dogs in rural areas and 4) cats are natural hunters, thus increasing exposure to rabies whenever seeking prey.

Prevention is the only logical means by which to control rabies. All cat owners should vaccinate kittens between three and twelve months of age against rabies. Older cats should be vaccinated on a regular basis by a veterinarian. Warn children to stay away from all stray or strange animals. Be particularly cautious whenever wild animals, especially bats, skunks and raccoons, wander onto residential areas. Under no circumstances should these animals be handled. Limit the potential exposure of pets to wild animals.

An unvaccinated cat suspected of exposure to rabies may be humanely destroyed under Illinois law. If a bite or scratch occurs, wash the wound with soap and water and contact a physician. The McLean County Health Department Animal Control Program will be notified for the purpose of beginning an animal bite investigation.



Medicaid for disabled widows

Disabled widows who got increased Social Security benefits under the 1983 Act, and, as a result, lost their SSI and Medicaid will be able to get their medical card back. They must file a written application with the Department of Public Aid immediately.

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Hematocrit, glucose, and blood pressure tests will be provided to people sixty years of age or older.

Senior Citizens Health Check is a program provided by the McLean County Health Department through partial support of the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging.

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For more information call the McLean County Health Department, 454-1161.

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Investigate your measles past

During the first four months of 1986, the McLean County Health Department's Communicable Disease Section has recorded two laboratory confirmed cases of measles in the County. This trend is being watched closely by the Health Department. During 1984 and 1985 no laboratory confirmed cases occurred within the County. The two cases confirmed to date have occurred among adults over the age of twenty.

Young adults, between 18 and 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.

Measles is a highly communicable viral disease. Symptoms are manifested through fever, runny eyes and nose, coughing and the appearance of a red blotchy rash by the third to seventh day.

As a precautionary measure, the McLean County Health Department is requesting that parents of preschool children double check immunization records in order to ensure that their children are protected against the disease. Further, the Department urges young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 to consider contacting their private physician and reviewing their health records in order to determine whether or not they have been properly immunized. Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan University students should contact their respective health services for assistance.

Robots invade homes

Is it frustrating enough that you can't make head nor tails of your phone bill? Is it disconcerting enough that people answer the phone before you even hear a ring on your end? Is it impersonal enough that you can't quietly leave the phone off the damn hook in the privacy of your own home?

Oh no. Now we have a telephone company that calls you up, gives you a recorded message, and then proceeds to put you on hold until a human is available to speak to you.

Several Post staffers have been plunged deeper than usual into everyday disorientation by a recorded message soliciting votes for a long-distance service. The recording ends by saying, "Please hold until a representative is able to talk with you."

One victim hung on through the dead air (no Muzak, anyway) in order to tell the salesperson that the mechanized call guaranteed that her household would not choose that particular long-distance service.

Unfortunately, no one around here has kept their wits about them enough to remember exactly which company has the robots.

I've put my answering machine on the case, though; when it receives one of these solicitations, it's going to give the caller a piece of its mind.

-- Phoebe Caulfield

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Women's potluck

It has come to the attention of this writer that most of you think these endless blurbs about the women's potluck are in fact some code aimed at a specific elite group of women, and that outsiders are not only unwelcome, but couldn't decipher the code anyway.

Well, that just couldn't be further from the truth. These announcements are aimed right at you, at those women we've never seen at at the potlucks. At those of you we used to see, who have been too busy to show lately.

Gosh, are you missing some fun. Not to mention some great food.

Don't miss it this time. Sunday, May 18, 3:00 p.m., 1311 W. Market. For info or further encouragement, call Terri at 829-9667.

Be there. Aloha.

WIN sanctions

The penalties for missing meetings of WIN (a work incentive program for parents on public aid) are being drastically changed as a result of a federal court case brought by Prairie State Legal Services against the Illinois Dept. of Public Aid. Families being sanctioned for such violations should immediately apply to IDPA for restoration of benefits.

For further information contact Prairie State Legal Services at the Bloomington office, 827-5021 or (800) 874-2536.

Comptroller confiscates cash

Have you or someone you know gotten a letter from the State Comptroller telling you that they are holding your income tax refund or circuit breaker grant? Many people in Illinois, including many senior citizens and disabled persons, have received letters saying their refunds are being sent to the Department of Public Aid to pay Public Aid back for assistance they should not have received; many of these people may not really owe money to the Department of Public Aid. If you would like to talk to a lawyer about what can be done if this happens to you, you can call Prairie State Legal Services at the Bloomington office, 827-5021 or (800) 874-2536.

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-- K. C.

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It was basically accurate, but it didn't clearly explain the goals of anarchists and perhaps even distorted their ideas. For example, you wrote that anarchists defined themselves according to the writings of Marx, Bakunin, and Kropotkin. The anarchist movement was the result of a rejection of Marx's ideas of dictatorship of the proletariat and state socialism by a large faction of the workers movement.

You also seemed to exaggerate the violent tendencies within the movement. This was a violent period in anarchist history, but there were always those who were opposed to excessive violence.

An international anarchist gathering in Chicago was attended by 250-350 people this May 1-4. We held several marches, demonstrations and workshops.

Anarchism is still alive and will be, as long as people struggle against political and economic masters. Chicago Anarchist United can be reached at Box 102, 1200 W. Fullerton, Chicago, IL 60614.

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And you thought Bloomington-Normal was an artless drag? A cultural void? A place where the most important contribution to Amerikan Kulture was the introduction of Steak 'n' Shake? Ha.

There may be more here than meets the eye, after all. Encouraged by the two universities in town and a slow-paced community relatively free from urban problems, an artistic population has been quietly putting down roots right here in our midst. And by gosh, those big city folks have finally noticed, as testified by an article about Bloomington-Normal artists published in the Chicago Tribune (May 8) insipidly titled "Prairie Panache."

Some of us have been watching our cultural growth in happy anticipation for quite a while now, and on Saturday, April 26, we had a chance to see the interaction between many of B-N's art/music/theatre community at the inspirationally titled "Mantra Mash."

For those of you who tuned in late, the Mantra Mash was a collaborative multi-media arts event organized by Mark Johnson, Larry Sylvester and Catherine Johnson. The Mantra Mash was actually the third installment of what Mark Johnson calls the "Annual Free-X Avant-garde Arts Festival," which he helped to create in 1984. (You may remember '84's festival as "Eccentric Rites" and '85's as "Solree Da Da.") According to Mark, the Free-X was conceived as a way to bring all the diverse disciplines of the arts together to increase their interaction as a whole.

Although he and others tried to foster the same idea by inviting artists, musicians and performance arts people to parties together, the groups always seemed to end up segregating themselves in separate rooms. But by creating the Free-X as a specifically annual intermedia event people attend in the properly cooperative spirit. Of course, you need not be any type of artist to attend. Audience participation is very important and always welcome.

The festival, composed of an entire evening of music, art and performance, has evolved from a very loose, impromptu, even circumstantial program to a carefully coordinated event which the organizers hope will become at least regionally recognized as an annual happening.

Mark is quick to point out that in spite of the increased organization, spontaneity is still a key word. The organizers are not willing to be cast in the role of critical judges when it comes time to select the acts for the evening. There are no auditions for the Free-X, no Gong Show rejections, and no money involved. Likewise, admission is free. And although "anything goes" in the performances, there is a fine line between avant-garde behavior and inappropriate behavior. They would be hard pressed to define that line, but racial jokes, for instance, are not recognized by Free-X to have any socially or artistically redeeming qualities. Fair enough. So far, participants have understood.

In the first two years while the festival was working to assert its identity, the organizers did a lot of coaxing to get folks to participate, but now Mark says people seek him out, inquiring about getting a place in the program. This year the festival got a lot of support from Catherine Johnson, a teacher of

sculpture at ISU, who encouraged her classes to participate. The Mantra Mash also attracted a Madison, Wis. based group "Qwa Digs Never Parish," who presented video/musical/performance pieces with anarchic, experimental "non-messages."

Other performances included a wonderful one act play by Beth Murphy titled "Fear in the Home," which featured a memorable comic, bizarre anti-motherhood sequence. A variety of music/reading/performance/dance hybrids was offered by other local artists including Mike Hogan, Mark Stairwalt, Rob Reed, Ed Ridgeway, Catherine Johnson, Dan Wyman, Don Patrick, Pop Smear, Diane Ferris, Grudge and many others. The evening's performances were accompanied by an exhibition of "artifacts" on loan from such local artists as Joanne Goetzinger, Karen Ward, Alan Hicks, Dennis French, Jim Huddleston, Gloria Schaub, Matt Rousey, Hugh, and Janusz Walentynowicz.

The Mantra Mash was lucky to have been hosted in the unique environment of the penthouse of the Eddy Building in downtown Bloomington, a longtime haven for artists and various creative nuts. Larry Sylvester, artist and creative nut, was our charming host. The future of the Free-X event looks promising, for Larry is currently pursuing a grant which would help produce the yearly extravaganza. Larry and a business partner are also considering purchasing the Eddy Building, which would make it a permanent haven for artists and creative nuts, as well as a home for the Free-X.

As Mark observes, many people feel this community is desolate, but really, it's just that the people are isolated. If the Free-X gets people from all areas of the arts together, in the same place, at the same time, we might make some valuable exchanges. Ideas, energy or telephone numbers--well, I'd be satisfied. "Nothin' from nothin' leaves nothin'. You gotta have somethin' if you wanna dance with me."

--LVD

ACLU says:

Meese panel urges more U.S. action on obscenity

Working papers of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography suggest that the federal government make prosecution of obscenity laws a priority, according to a review by the American Civil Liberties Union of documents it forced the Justice Department to release.

Barry Lynn, ACLU legislative counsel, said the papers, which the department called "early versions of what the commission is thinking of doing," were "pretty damn close to final."

Lynn said the conclusions that are worrying the ACLU are contained in staff drafts of a report due from the commission in June. The panel, under the direction of Attorney General Edwin Meese III, was asked by President Reagan to recommend actions to be taken on federal, state and local levels.

The Meese commission drafts, Lynn said, "reflect votes and comments made over the past few months at business meetings and through votes taken by mail and telephone." The department released the papers after the ACLU filed suit in court (News of the Week, Apr. 25).

"There's a general effort to get U.S. attorneys more active in the prosecution of federal obscenity laws," Lynn said of the papers. There "are virtually no prosecutions now," he added.

One recommendation in the papers, he said, is that federal obscenity laws be amended to eliminate the current requirement that the questioned material had traveled in interstate commerce.

Another recommendation would have the federal government establish a database, for the use of all law enforcement entities, of corporate records, profiles and case histories of companies that have ever been involved in obscenity cases. Lynn said, "It's a pretty Orwellian scheme of taking every bit of data about sexually oriented material and putting it into a giant Justice Department database."

The Commission documents also propose that the government get at alleged obscenity by considering it an unfair business practice for employers to hire individuals to participate in certain sexual performances, "to model in certain ways that would be prohibited activity."

Prohibited activity, according to a draft definition, Lynn said, would be "any sexual performances involving children, violence, sadomasochism, or depicting unlawful activities." Since many acts are considered unlawful under local codes, he said, the definition would be very sweeping. Presumably it could reach medical books and certain photography books.

Sixty-three pages, according to Lynn, deal with the recommendation that "citizen action groups" be formed to monitor newsstands and bookstores and report the presence of objectionable publications to the police and FBI. The groups also would be asked to monitor judicial proceedings and publicize sentences for pornography violations that they deem too lenient.

"We'd love to see some of the radical proposals changed," Lynn said. "If they're not changed, we'll fight them in legislatures on the grounds that they're not good recommendations for the concept of free expression."

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