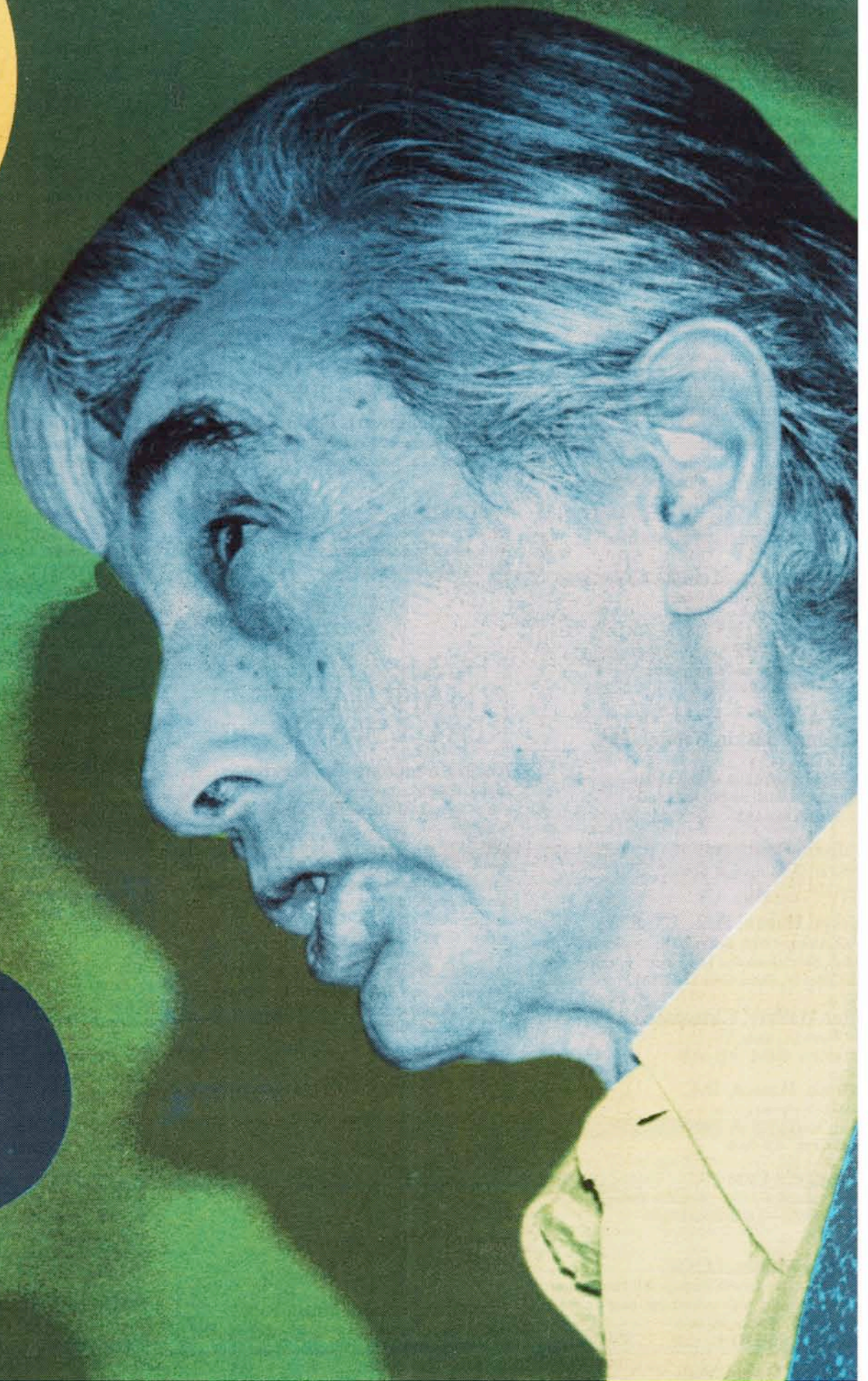


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### Don't Pay War Taxes

War-tax resister Betsy Corner was quoted in your last issue: "I believe in taxation. But I'd like to see my tax money go to positive things." Sorry, Betsy, tax money isn't yours anymore! If you believe in taxation, then Congress has the exclusive right to determine the allocation of all revenues, whether to help the homeless or bomb cities, that's their right, not yours; *you* get to vote for politicians and you can talk all you want — but, whether you can afford it or not, better pay up! That's what "taxation" means.

The only way to resist tyranny — and the endless wars it causes — is to resist government by denying them the money — *your* money — on which it feeds. We can never control government unless we control our own money. While all taxation is questionable, the income tax is especially odious. It was sold to the American people as an "Emergency War Tax" to finance World Wars I & II, to be abolished immediately thereafter. It has grown steadily ever since; the USG just can't get enough, it seems. Let's abolish it now.

Think of what you could do with your own money! (Imagine how our economy would grow.) Decide for yourself what social causes you want to support. Whatever it is you care about, you'll find many dedicated, if impoverished, organizations that are more effective and honest than any government program will ever be.

You cannot expect a gigantic police power, with its claws on everything you own or earn, to be honest or good! Wake up; stop participating in the Tax Con! If lambs object to slaughter, then they must cease making installment payments of their own blood to the wolves.

Avar Laland  
Felton

### Still Time to Save Elfland

In August 1987, my husband and I came to Santa Cruz from Santa Barbara to celebrate the Harmonic Convergence in Elfland. We were brought by friends who live in Los Angeles, and who had been telling us about this enigmatic place for some time. Our experience of that day and of the people and culture of Santa Cruz was so positive, we decided

to make this our home, and we moved here in October 1988. As I think back, I realize that Elfland has come to symbolize for me the essence of an attitude that exists here, one of the things that make this community unique: people here care about our natural surroundings, and take steps to preserve the wildlife that still exists so close to our homes. The fact that Elfland was on the UCSC campus only added to its charm. I thought that the university must somehow acknowledge its value and allow it to remain. I was so wrong. The university has, in fact, moved forward with development of this site in spite of long-term opposition to its plans. Using tactics of propaganda, political influence and denial of the facts, it manipulated its agenda against the wishes of the students and the community. Though it may seem that the controversy over the construction plans for Colleges 9 and 10 ended when the trees fell, the issues surrounding university growth have not changed, and the commitment of newly aware students and community members to hold the university accountable for its actions has only been strengthened by its disregard for our concerns. Spokespersons for the university have

made public statements that twist facts, exaggerate statistics or simply contradict the truth...

It is unfortunate, especially in an environmentally aware community such as Santa Cruz, that the value of a place such as Elfland needs to be asserted and defended so vigorously against the forces of progress. For those who have never ventured there, it is difficult to explain what makes it more than just a patch of forest, but it is the attitude of the visitors to Elfland that have made it a sacred place. For this reverence to carry on, with no official sanction, through wave after wave of students, for some 20 years, there must be something here worth noticing. The existence of Elfland's subtle power can be illustrated by the following true story. In October of this year, I placed a stone at the entrance, with an inscription blessing the spirit of all who played there. After the logging, I was told that it was gone, and may have been given to the Student Union Association President Brant Smith along with other items taken from the circle that was logged. He suggested that I contact project manager Sarah Kane, who also knew nothing about it. She did say that we would be allowed to enter the

site by Saturday, December 21, and on that afternoon, at about 3:30, my husband and I walked into Elfland and stopped at the place the stone had been. It was gone, as surely as the circle of trees we know as the Den of Judgment was gone. We walked through the rest of Elfland for nearly an hour, finding it mostly undisturbed, and still an enchanting place. As we left, in near darkness, we peered into the streambed, thinking someone might have tossed the stone there. We couldn't imagine why anyone would want to carry the 40-50 pound stone out of Elfland. Finding nothing, I followed an impulse and walked back to the spot. There in the shadows lay the stone, exactly where it should have been. The elves remain. The magic is alive.

Elfland has been changed, true, though not irreparably. The Den of Judgment is gone, but some say that the circles were originally created by the logging of ancient trees to rebuild San Francisco after the Quake of 1906, so if we left the forest to its cycles, we would see an even larger circle of young trees for our children's children to play among. The university has a unique opportunity, even now, to set a precedent for construction practices that take into account the growing public concern for the health of the planet and its inhabitants. The Timber Harvest Plan for College 10 has not yet been filed, and we may still be able to challenge the unfairness of the process that led up to the recent unfortunate events. At the very least, the process must be changed to allow public input to be heard. We must keep UCSC on the course charted by Chancellor McHenry years ago, to give nature a valued place among the colleges, so that our capacity to appreciate earth's sacred places will not disappear under the concrete. We must teach our future architects, engineers and farmers the way toward an enlightened future.

To make your comments heard, write to Chancellor Karl Pister, Office of the Chancellor, UC Santa Cruz, CA 95064 and Provost John Isbister, UCSC Merrill College, Santa Cruz, CA 95064. To lend support or get more information call 429-1530 or 427-9560 or write to: The Coalition to Move Colleges 9 & 10, Kresge College Box 643, Santa Cruz, CA 95064.

Mardeen Gordon  
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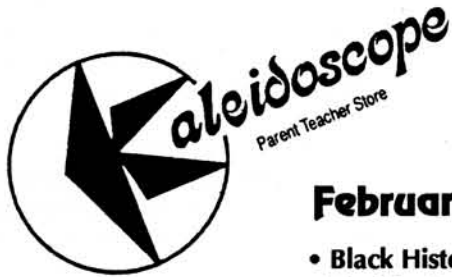
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members will receive an alternative classified advertisement section, dedicated to the creation of economic alternatives and providing a network for people who share green values. This section of the Green Collective has already been in publication for a year and a half in Santa Cruz and was started as a project of the Santa Cruz Greens by Kirk Garber and Aaron Lieben.

The Green Collective welcomes everybody to participate in this exciting network. There are no requirements. If you are unsure of what skills you can offer, don't despair. The volunteer staff of the Green Collective is more than happy to meet with you to help you come up with ideas. Just remember, your time is valuable.

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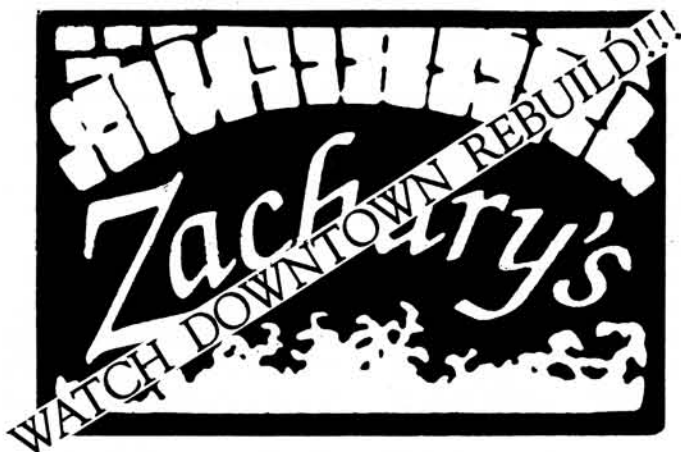


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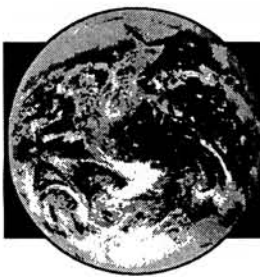


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By Igal Dahari

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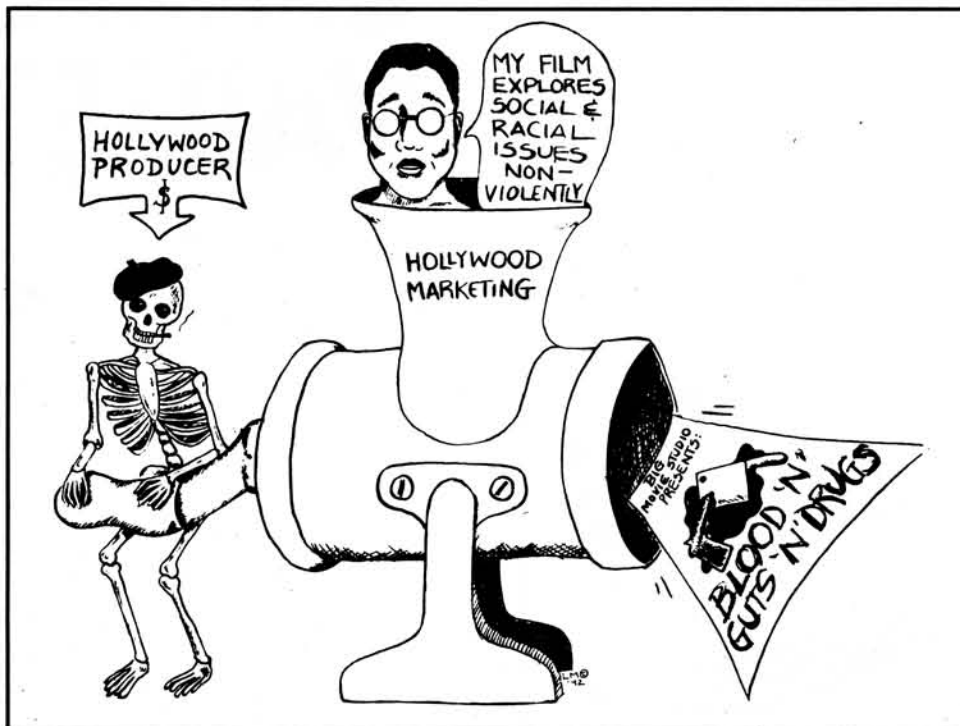
Black artists seem to get more flak for stepping outside of "acceptable" boundaries than their white counterparts, and the rap group Public Enemy is no stranger to that kind of attack. This uncompromising crew recently released a video of their song entitled "By the Time I Get to Arizona."

The video condemns the state of Arizona for voting down a paid Martin Luther King holiday, and some violence is portrayed. Establishment media jumped all over the band's back, accusing it of encouraging everything from terrorism to race riots. Considering the type of violence that has appeared in much of heavy metal rock during the past ten years, the charge of there being a race-based double standard applied to performers does not seem so far-fetched.

*USA Today* did its part by featuring a front-page photo of an unsmiling Chuck D, Public Enemy's lead vocalist and creator of the video, underlined by the quote "Violence is always an option" ("Video Uproar," January 10-12, 1992). A weak article inside the paper does nothing to put the quote in context, while making it difficult to tell if it was said by Chuck D or the group's manager, Lyor Cohen ("Violent Anti-Arizona Video Stirs Outcry," Ann Koonce).

Taking some heat on a related issue are the makers of a film on inner-city black teenagers. Keeping in mind the blood-soaked films that are regularly rolled out of Hollywood, charges against *Juice* of being too violent seem ridiculous. But that point is lost on much of the media. Paramount Pictures, distributors of *Juice*, were criticized for advertising with a poster that showed a man holding a gun, and for a film trailer that depicted a murder and a chase scene with police. Now this is hard stuff!

The *Wall Street Journal's* Thomas King focused on the issues surrounding the



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film's marketing, and wonders why Paramount hasn't "learned from others' miscues to save itself, at the least, a round of embarrassing publicity?" ("Black Youth Film's Ads Spark Concern," 1/13/92.) He could have wondered why the media haven't learned to focus on the issues raised by films like *Juice*, which deal with the pressures faced by black youths in an urban ghetto.

To his credit, King did bother to elicit the opinion of the film's producers, who express frustration at the fact that the advertising for their film is the focus of so much criticism, while other violent films that star white characters are not always so closely scrutinized. More importantly, producer George Jackson laments the fact that the issues raised by *Juice* are receiving so little focus.

## POLLS APART

The *Columbia Journalism Review*

recently took a poll of 100 journalists, using questions that Times Mirror and The Gallup Organization asked of the public. The questions were about the media, and the results, when the *Review* compared them, were instructive.

When asked if they thought whether "news organizations are pretty independent, or are they often influenced by powerful people and organizations," 62 percent of the public thought the press was "often influenced by powerful people and organizations." Only 37 percent of the journalists thought so. Furthermore, only 28 percent of the public thought the press "deal fairly with all sides" of an issue, while 77 percent of the journalists thought so. And only 35 percent of the public believed news organizations "report stories they should be covering," as opposed to 66 percent of the journalists.

## WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S MONEY

Recently completed was the most comprehensive study ever done on the relationship between a magazine's income from tobacco ads and its willingness to report on the health hazards of smoking ("Magazines Resist Biting the Hand That Holds a Cigarette, Study Says," Joanne Lipman, *Wall Street Journal*, 1/30/92). The study, reported on by a recent issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, looked at 99 magazines over a 25-year period.

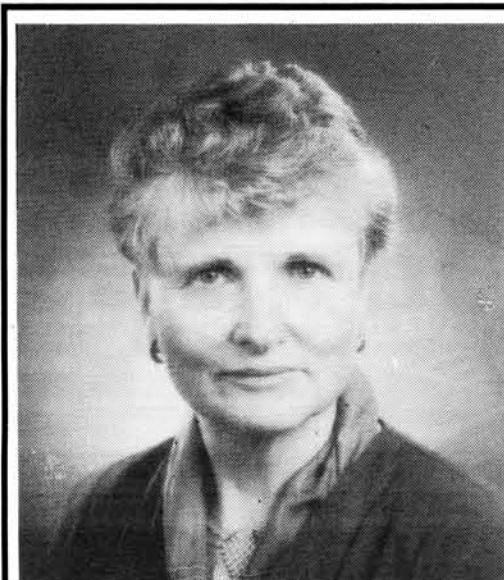
Not surprisingly, it found that magazines became less likely to print anything negative about smoking as their revenues from tobacco advertising increased. Mainstream women's magazines were the most guilty of this correlation, but news magazine were not found immune, either.

## ALL WET

Dean S. Leshner is a wealthy resident of Contra Costa county. He also happens to be publisher of the *Contra Costa Times*. And he also happens to be 29th on the East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) top 100 residential consumers of water. Leshner's house turned out to be sucking up 5,000 gallons a day (the average is 325).

That's not such an honor in the midst of one of California's worst droughts, but the *Contra Costa Times* did its best to soften the blow. When a lawsuit filed by the *Oakland Tribune* forced EBMUD to release its "top water hogs" list to the public, most local media told the story as is. Leshner's *Times*, however, published a defensive article full of indignations at invasion of privacy and speculations about inaccurate measurements and leaky pipes. (See "Darts and Laurels," Gloria Cooper, *Columbia Journalism Review*, January/February 1992.) ■

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## Relationships

Valentine's Day turns our thoughts to the relationships in our life. A common human longing is to have special people in one's life, especially one special person. We enter into these special relationships with so much hope, and yet so many of these special relationships simply do not last. A fact that many ignore is the importance of having a special, loving, fulfilling relationship with one's self. Without such a relationship, we look for that fulfillment from the other people in our life. Without self-fulfillment and love, it is virtually impossible to have these needs met by others. With these qualities and effort put into knowing and accepting and

communicating with the other, it is almost assured that our relationships with others will be rewarding and fulfilling.

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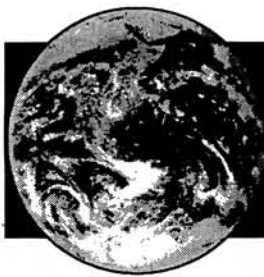
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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Shelly D'Amour

## Nuclear Arms, the Budget, and the New World Order

Arms control proposals rained fast and furious through much of December and January. In a seeming game of "can you top this?" US President George Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin offered competitive initiatives aimed at reducing the superpowers' nuclear arsenals.

In his January 28th State of the Union address, President Bush proposed a sweeping arms control package which, if enacted, would render the recently concluded START agreement obsolete. In July, Bush and then-Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to a 30-percent reduction in nuclear warheads, to be achieved over a seven-year period. However, recent statements by both Mr. Bush and Mr. Yeltsin indicate that the arms reduction goals of the START agreement might be accomplished in as little as three years, with even more drastic cuts to follow.

In his annual address to Congress, the president indicated that he would consider reducing the American strategic arsenal to as low as 4,500 warheads, eliminating a third of the current stockpile of Trident II missile warheads, and even destroying the US arsenal of MX missiles if the newly formed Commonwealth of Independent States would agree to eliminate all of its land-based multiple warhead missiles. Although elements of the proposal are very attractive to the new republics — particularly US concessions on Trident II — the United States would clearly benefit the most. This is because the bulk of the Commonwealth's strategic nuclear arsenal is MIRV'd (multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicles, or warheads).

It is generally believed that most, if not all, of the former Soviet Union's ICBMs are spread among the republics of Kazakhstan, Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine. If adopted, Mr. Bush's proposal would essentially remove all land-based missiles which are currently deployed in the republics of Kazakhstan and the Ukraine — a goal which the administration has been anxious to achieve.

Although Mr. Bush's offer includes dismantling of US MIRV'd systems, it does not eliminate them. The Trident II submarine, with its eight-warhead D-5 missile, would remain essentially unaffected, although somewhat numerically diminished. There are currently 12 Trident II submarines deployed with a total of 2,304 warheads on board. Six additional subs are planned for completion by the year 2000.

The Trident submarine program is the "perfect" nuclear system from a

strategic planner's point of view. It carries, and can deliver, a huge nuclear payload. And it is virtually undetectable. The former Soviet republics have nothing to match it with. Although the Commonwealth does maintain air and sea divisions of its nuclear forces, the strength of its nuclear program resides in its land-based ICBMs. No previous US disarmament proposal has ever even considered reductions in the Trident II force.

States, and called on the US to take similar action. Yeltsin did not indicate who the former Soviet republic's missiles are now aimed at.

Yeltsin listed additional disarmament actions that the Commonwealth is currently engaged in: 130 intercontinental missile silos are being dismantled; six submarines are being stripped of nuclear launchers; and 1,250 strategic warheads have been removed from standby alert,

needs of its armed forces.

At presstime, the two leaders are engaged in a summit meeting. Additional arms proposals and counterproposals are expected to be offered.

### The New World Order

Part of President Bush's arms proposal appears to come from recommendations presented to him in a recent study entitled "The Role of Nuclear Weapons in the New World Order," conducted by former Air Force officials on behalf of the head of the Strategic Air Command, General Lee Butler. The study suggests that the US could easily reduce its arsenal to its 1962 level of 5,000 warheads. However, the report takes on a chilling tone in laying out what its authors believe to be the future role of the US in the "new world order."

The study indicates that the United States should reconfigure its nuclear arsenal in order to "deter aggression, especially but not solely by other nuclear states." The report calls for the United States to target its weapons at "every reasonable adversary...(leaving) ambiguous whether it would employ nuclear weapons in retaliation to gross acts on the part of an aggressor."

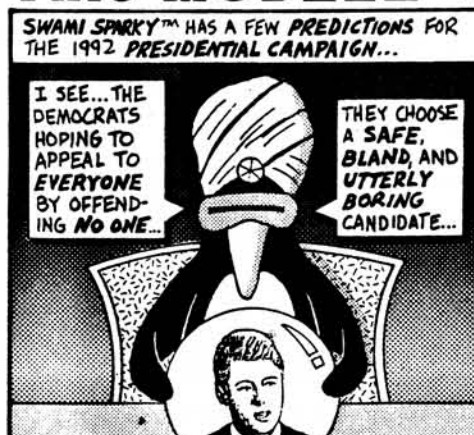
Jack Mendelsohn, deputy director of the Arms Control Association, an independent research group, states that US policy since 1978 has been not to use nuclear weapons against any non-nuclear state that is a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Although the concept of using nuclear weapons against non-nuclear nations is not exactly new — it was most recently considered during the Persian Gulf War — the wording in the Air Force study suggests a more deliberate shift in US strategic policy.

In a classified briefing obtained by *The Washington Post*, the report's author, former Air Force Secretary Thomas Reed, told General Butler that the United States "must keep nuclear weapons to protect its fundamental interests... (including) a healthy and growing US economy... If the United States moves from superpower to being an equal, others may decide to become equals as well."

Additionally, Reed suggests that the US posture its nuclear forces as a "deterrent" to potential chemical or nuclear development in other countries. Mendelsohn argues that such policies will probably in fact do just the opposite, damaging the United States' international image and its ability to gain allies among Third World countries.

The use of US military resources,

### THIS MODERN WORLD by TOM TOMORROW



Almost immediately after the White House announcement, Russian President Boris Yeltsin issued a counterproposal aimed at reducing the number of warheads to as low as 2,000 on each side, and called on the United States to share its Star Wars technology with the newly independent Commonwealth as part of a "jointly operated global defense system." Yeltsin further stated that the current pace of (formerly) Soviet disarmament would fulfill the goals of the START agreement within three years, not the seven envisioned in the treaty. In a dramatic statement, Yeltsin announced that the Commonwealth's nuclear might was no longer pointed at the United

according to national press sources. He also indicated that they would halt production of the new Blackjack and Bear heavy bombers, as well as air- and sea-launched cruise missiles.

It is generally acknowledged that the economic crisis facing the newly formed states is helping to spur the pace of Soviet disarmament. According to a *Los Angeles Times* report, Yeltsin stated that military spending has declined by 20 percent in the last two years, and is projected to take an additional 10-percent cut this year, plus a 50-percent cut in arms and equipment purchases. *The New York Times* reported that Russia is diverting its weapons money to meet the basic

including its nuclear arsenals, as an instrument of US economic policy has long been documented by private researchers. However, rarely has such policy been articulated so boldly and so publicly in a document as official as the Reed report. The administration has not responded officially to the more controversial statements of the study; however, early indications are that the White House has received the report favorably on the whole. The Pentagon is currently preparing an edited version for public distribution.

### 1993 Budget

In his State of the Union address, President Bush officially declared the end of the Cold War while at the same time proposing minimal reductions in military spending. Vowing "this deep and no deeper," Bush expressed support for a maximum \$50-billion cut in military expenditures over the next five years. The "cut" comes mainly in the form of savings from deferred or cancelled production of warheads and military hardware.

The president hopes to be able to reduce military spending by as much as 45 percent by funding only the research and development stages of a new weapons project, and shelving the production aspect until the weapon is "needed." The proposal has touched off much controversy among weapons contractors who say it isn't feasible, if even possible, to separate the various stages of weapons development. Additionally, they state, separating design from manufacturing is a much more costly endeavor in the long run, since the bugs are worked through more quickly when the two processes are linked. Also, those who designed the technology of a weapons system in the laboratory may not be around years later when the Pentagon decides to develop it.

Even when the design and production elements of a program are closely linked, costs escalate tremendously. The B-2 Stealth bomber is a prime example. When the program was first unveiled in Congress, the projected

costs were \$530 million per plane, which even at that time made it the most expensive weapons system in history. Now, just over two years later, estimated costs are running anywhere from \$1 billion to \$2 billion per plane — due to a combination of design flaws, production delays, and reductions in the numbers of planes being planned.

In his address to the nation, the president made much of his "plan" to "slash" the B-2 bomber program from 75 to 20 planes. In fact, Congress voted last year to kill the B-2 program after the current batch of 15 commissioned planes are built. At most, Congress is willing to consider one or two additional planes, and only after certain rigorous conditions are met. Bush also announced "plans" to scrap the MX rail-garrison system. Someone should have informed the president that Congress terminated funding for that program two years ago.

The most interesting, and actually accurate, pronouncement was the proposal to eliminate the Seawolf submarine program after the first sub is completed. The Seawolf was to be the next generation of nuclear submarines once the Trident II program reaches completion. The announcement came as a shock both to the Navy and to General Dynamics, which had planned on producing 36 subs at its Groton, Connecticut facility.

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The \$285-billion military budget includes a proposed additional \$1 billion in funds for toxic cleanup at US bases and \$645 million in aid to republics of the former Soviet Union. However, the overall figure is much higher than most congressional Democrats, and even some Republicans, are willing to accept. Senate Democrats, including Majority Leader George Mitchell, are calling for cuts of \$100 billion and up over the next five to seven years. Senate Budget Committee chair Jim Sasser (D-TN) placed the post-Cold War budget in this perspective: "We spent \$1.475 trillion on defense in the five years prior to the collapse of the Soviet empire. In the five years after, the administration is proposing that we spend \$1.423 trillion. That's the peace dividend."

The president's domestic budget calls for the elimination of 246 federally funded programs — "some of them have noble titles, but none of them are indispensable" — and renews his long-standing request that Congress grant him line-item veto power. Additionally, Mr. Bush called for compassion and understanding for the unfortunate wealthy people, and asked Congress to accept his proposed capital gains tax cut.

The president has put together a hodgepodge of "quick fix" maneuvers designed to temporarily place more cash directly into the economy over the next 12 months. The most interesting, if somewhat slimy, maneuver is that Bush has ordered the tax schedules to be revamped so that working people will have less deducted out of their paychecks throughout the rest of this year. The difference will result in a temporary shortfall of about \$25 billion for the IRS — but not to worry. Taxpayers will have an opportunity to refund that extra pocket money back to the government the following April — about five months after the presidential election.

The president also unveiled his plan for addressing national health care needs. Similar to other Republican-supported programs, it would involve a system of tax credits of up to \$3,750 for low-income families, but probably much less, theoretically so that they could then go out and purchase their own health insurance. The administration adamantly rejects any government-sponsored national health care program.

The Democratic response to the president's address was predictably unimaginative. Tax the rich, not the middle class. Take more money from defense, not from domestic programs. It's a great idea, but they never do it. President Bush was correct in his recent assessment that the Democrats were to blame for the state of the economy — after all, they approved all his budgets.

However, there is growing congressional interest in revamping a 1990 bud-

get agreement which created "walls" between certain federal spending categories, and disallowed the transfer of savings from one category to another. The Budget Enforcement Act of 1990 separated federal discretionary spending into three broad categories: defense, domestic, and foreign aid. The bill established spending caps for each category and mandated that savings from any of the categories be invested back into the Treasury. This effectively eliminated the possibility of a "peace dividend," since savings realized in defense spending could not be transferred to needed social programs, but had to be utilized to reduce the federal deficit. The agreement was to last through 1995. However, with the collapse of the Soviet Union and a deepening recession in the United States, some in Congress are expressing support for changing the budget agreement earlier.

Representative John Conyers (D-MI) has introduced a bill (HR3732) to break the "walls" of the budget agreement. The Conyers bill would allow transfer of savings from defense into domestic spending programs without authorizing new spending. The bill currently has 57 cosponsors.

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### El Salvador

It seems that peace has finally, unbelievably, been achieved after 12 years of civil war in El Salvador. In January, representatives of the Cristiani government and FMLN rebel forces concluded an agreement which, if successful, will provide for sweeping reforms in the military, political and economic sectors of the country.

However, it is a fragile peace. The bloody civil war left a death toll of over 75,000 Salvadorans. Many thousands more were displaced or fled into exile. The infrastructure of the country was severely crippled. Also, fears abound that elements of the far right will attempt to sabotage the agreement. It is within this context that Congress now considers its next steps with respect to foreign aid funding for El Salvador.

Military and economic support funding is currently being funneled to El Salvador under a six-month Continuing Resolution (CR), which expires March 31st. Congress enacted the CR last October when President Bush asked for postponement of the foreign aid bill pending the outcome of the Middle East peace talks. At the time, the president resisted attempts to attach restrictive language to the El Salvador appropriation and unfortunately, Congress was not willing to make an issue of it. Before the end of March, Congress will have to pass a foreign aid appropriations measure to cover the second half of the current fiscal year.

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months of the fiscal year. Another \$50 million would go toward a special demobilization and transition fund established by Congress in 1990.

The president is also asking for \$40 million in new military aid for fiscal 1993, beginning October 1st. In addition, the White House is seeking \$215 million in economic support funds. Congressional supporters of the peace process are rallying behind the Moakley-Murtha bill (HR3782), which would require the president to obtain the approval of four congressional commit-

tees before sending military aid to El Salvador. The bill currently has 90 cosponsors.

**ACTION:** Foreign Aid subcommittees will meet throughout February to hash out funding proposals for El Salvador. It is critical that your representative hear from you. Tell him/her to support the peace process by supporting the Moakley-Murtha provisions of HR3782.

Shelly D'Amour is the legislative editor of The Monthly Planet.

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# THE MEDIA CONSPIRACY

## AGAINST Oliver Stone

By Joseph A. Palermo

**A**ccording to *Entertainment Weekly*, within three weeks of *JFK*'s opening, five million people had seen the movie and it had earned a "solid" \$31 million. This means that *JFK* was "making more money per screen than Steven Spielberg's *Hook*." The film itself is amazingly crafted with 212 speaking parts, over 1,000 camera set-ups, and 15 different types of film stock. Director Oliver Stone recreated Dallas's Dealey Plaza down to the clothes and body language of the witnesses. And his use of Abraham Zapruder's 8mm film of the Kennedy assassination is among the most powerful cinematic presentations ever to appear in a feature film. But despite the film's accomplishments, *JFK* has earned the distinction of being almost universally despised by representatives of the mainstream media. Critics from the right, left, and center have spared no expense in trashing Stone and his movie in a way that often seems irrational, unwarranted, and even hysterical.

Some reviewers and political pundits have criticized the movie's "vagueness" and "inconclusiveness" in its portrayal of the conspiracy behind the Kennedy assassination. Nicholas Lemann attacks Stone in the pages of *GQ* magazine for failing to provide the names of the actual individuals who ordered the assassination, as well as the names of those who pulled the triggers. Other critics, including syndicated columnist Tom Wicker, have attacked Stone for the opposite reason: they complain he has bludgeoned his audience with a single monolithic vision of the "truth." Wicker, echoing an article co-written by former Warren Commission member Gerald Ford and commission counsel David Belin, argues it is an "American right" not to believe Stone's version of the assassination.

Anthony Lewis of *The New York Times* faults Stone for failing to offer a "plausible" explanation of the assassination. Lewis, like a number of Stone's other critics from across the political spectrum, avoids the fact that there is no explanation of what took place on November 22, 1963 that is more implausible than the Warren Commission's "single bullet theory." The government's position on the Kennedy assassination rests on what many observers have called a "magic bullet" that defies the laws of both physics and common sense.

The mainstream media seem to want the American people to accept the "we'll-never-know-the-truth" theorem for the killing of John Fitzgerald Kennedy — as if the assassination were an unexplainable act of God, "tragic" yet inherently mysterious. But if the CIA, Secret Service, and FBI really wanted to get to the bottom of the Kennedy murder, would there have been such an inexcusably botched investigation?

Some critics have chosen to attack former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, the character played by Kevin Costner in *JFK*. They have called him a corrupt, headline-hunting politician, without offering a shred of evidence. Garrison's book, *On the Trail of the Assassins*, is an autobiographical account wherein the district attorney, after routinely looking into Lee Harvey Oswald's contacts in New Orleans in the summer of

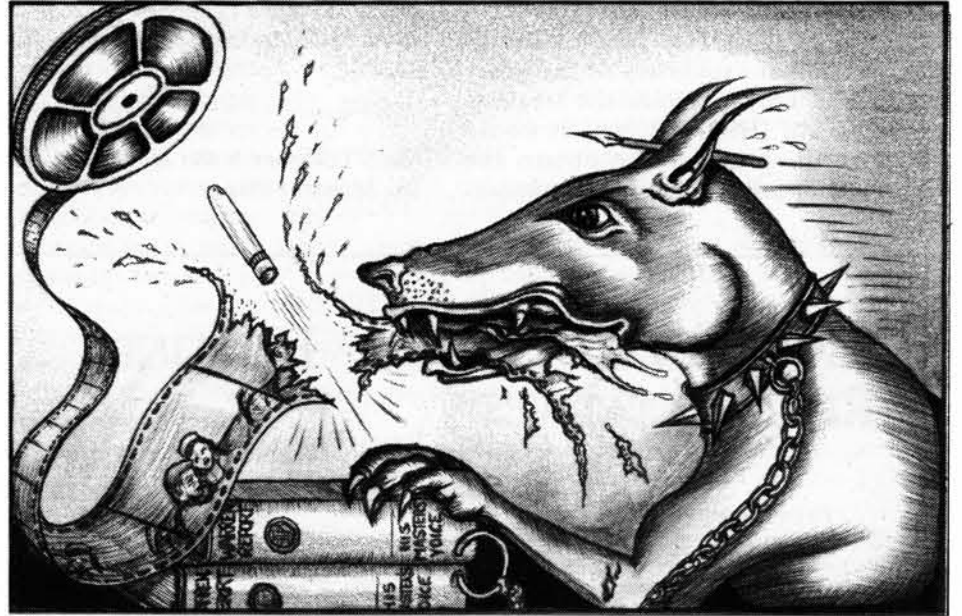
1963, begins to uncover evidence which contradicts the official US government line on the assassination — that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy.

After Garrison attempted to prosecute one of the alleged conspirators in the Kennedy killing, the federal government indicted him on trumped-up corruption charges. The feds even submitted audio tapes as evidence against the New Orleans DA that were later proven to be spliced and doctored. Garrison represented himself in court and was acquitted by a jury despite the concocted government "evidence." This federal frame-up is what critics claim has "discredited" Garrison.

Researching any historical event sometimes requires revision to bring the past into line with current knowledge. For example, we now know the FBI harassed Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., with illegal wiretaps, forged letters, and hostile informants. Some new evidence has surfaced in recent years suggesting that individuals who were FBI and CIA "contacts" might have been involved in Dr. King's assassination. Historians once thought the FBI was nothing more than a benevolent crime-fighting institution. We know today that it also functions as a political police (take for instance the FBI's recent illegal break-ins into the offices of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador).

Similarly, at the time of the Kennedy assassination the American public was kept in the dark about the CIA. The CIA's covert capabilities, such as engineering coups d'état in Guatemala, Iran, and South Vietnam, were well hidden from public view, as was the CIA's hiring of the Mafia to attempt to assassinate Fidel Castro in the early 1960s. It was not until the mid-1970s, as a result of the Church and Pike Committee hearings, when the American people learned of the CIA's manipulation of foreign elections, its involvement in military coups, assassinations, experiments with LSD and shellfish toxins, and a plethora of other nefarious "dirty tricks." These new revelations about the CIA led to a serious revision of the historical record.

The publication of the top-secret "Pentagon Papers" in 1971, which were leaked by defense analyst Daniel Ellsberg, brought to light new and shocking revelations about US intervention in Vietnam. These documents revealed that the Gulf of Tonkin incident of August 1964 was a cruel hoax, and that the government lied to the American people for decades about the true nature of US involvement in Southeast Asia. This forced historians to revise their understanding of the origins of the



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Vietnam War.

The set of official crimes labeled "Watergate" in the early 1970s produced more scurrilous revelations about the "secret government." In the 1980s the Iran-Contra scandal showed the American people that a relatively small cabal of military and intelligence officers, working both as private contractors and representatives of the United States, can engage in criminal racketeering with the blessings of the national security state. The celebration of the Reagan era that historians had been planning was postponed after "the Enterprise" of Oliver North was flushed into the light, not by investigative journalists, but by its own sloppiness, graft, and corruption. It will be a difficult task for anyone attempting to write about the Iran-Contra scandal, since thousands of the most crucial documents were turned into confetti.

Oliver Stone simply created a dramatic revision of an historical event in light of what the public knows about the "secret government" today.

Even the most cursory look at the manner in which the FBI, CIA, Pentagon, Secret Service, and the Dallas Police Department handled the "investigation" of what was arguably the most important murder case of the 20th century, points to a very suspicious set of circumstances. For example, the military pathologist who conducted the autopsy of President Kennedy had never before encountered a body where the cause of death was gunshot wounds. A bullet removed from Kennedy's body during the autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital was signed for by the FBI but subsequently vanished. When Dr. Cyril Wecht, an eminent pathologist and the coroner of Pittsburgh, Penn-

sylvania obtained a court order allowing him to examine President Kennedy's brain at the National Archives in 1972, he was told that the brain had "disappeared." Lee Harvey Oswald failed an FBI nitrate test, which showed that he never fired a rifle on the day of the assassination (and the test results were buried for ten months). Dallas police withheld ballistic evidence in the murder case of officer J.D. Tippit. The skull X-rays and the photographs of Kennedy's head that were given to the Warren Commission as part of the Kennedy autopsy records are completely incompatible with each other. Pathologists

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conducted the autopsy under the orders of generals and admirals at Bethesda and were ordered not to discuss it with anyone. Commander James Humes, the chief pathologist, admitted to burning all of his original notes following the autopsy.

Stone's movie has been attacked because it reaffirms the obvious: the Mafia couldn't have killed the president and covered it up, neither could a handful of Texas oil billionaires, nor could Fidel Castro. Whoever the conspirators were they had the power to change the president's motorcade route just prior to the assassination, lift the Secret Service protection, botch the autopsy, and conduct a massive cover-up. Garrison writes in *On the Trail of the Assassins*: "There is no evidence that [President Lyndon] Johnson, [FBI Director J. Edgar] Hoover, [Chief Justice Earl] Warren, or [former CIA Director Allen] Dulles had any prior knowledge of or involvement in the assassination, but I would not hesitate to classify all of these men as accessories after the fact." Even if a cover-up had not been carried out, the government's criminally cavalier treatment of the evidence in the Kennedy assassination is unacceptable.

Even left-wing columnist Alexander Cockburn jumped on the bandwagon with the mainstream press in attacking Stone and *JFK*. Cockburn, like Wicker, Lewis, and Leslie Gelb implies that people who show an interest in the truth surrounding the Kennedy assassination are "kooks" and "buffs." "'Get a life,' Captain Kirk once told some Trekkies," Cockburn writes referring to assassination researchers, "get some history too." Cockburn faults Stone for his premise that Kennedy was killed because he would not escalate the war in Vietnam and wished to achieve detente with the Soviet Union. He argues that Kennedy was as hawkish as the clique that replaced him and therefore there was no motive for the killing. Cockburn implicitly comes down on the side of the Warren Commission's "lone nut" theory. He believes that if one looks for a conspiracy behind the murder of a powerful political leader then, "Out the window goes any sensible analysis of institutions, economic trends and pressures, continuities and class interest and all the other elements constituting the open secrets and agendas of American capitalism."

Cockburn would have us believe that the stories now circulating about other conspiracies such as the "October Surprise" or BCCI (Bank of Credit and Commerce International) are the products of fertile imaginations. Cockburn has nothing to say about *JFK* as a film. Indeed, Stone would have serious trouble at the box-office if he made a movie about "economic trends and pressures." What Cockburn fails to comprehend is that even if his thesis is true — that there was no significant change in US foreign policy after November 22, 1963 — this does not excuse a group of rogue CIA operatives for the murder of a popular chief executive.

No Hollywood film in recent memory has generated such a systematic and scathing attack from the press. The pundits were sharpening their scalping knives long before the movie was even completed. As early as May, while Stone was still shooting, hit pieces targeted the Oscar-winning director in a triangulated fire of vituperation. Like the smear cam-

paign the corporate media did on Jim Garrison in the late 1960s, they went after Stone with a vengeance in the early 1990s.

Some commentators complained that Warner Brothers should have exercised more "control" over the \$40 million project, and that funding Stone's latest effort was "irresponsible." Oliver Stone is the most powerful left-wing filmmaker in the United States. Only Stone would have the will, the talent, the courage and the power in Hollywood to bring together an all-star cast (including Kevin Costner, Donald Sutherland, Jack Lemmon, Joe Pesci and Sissy Spacek), for a three-hour-and-fifteen-minute indictment of the national security state. With a former CIA director sitting in the office once inhabited by John F. Kennedy, this movie is clearly the most thought-provoking and subversive work to come out of Hollywood in years.

The mass media, through MTV-type hypnosis, try to put young people to sleep; Oliver Stone tries to wake them up. He dedicates *JFK* to the people of the

younger generation who deserve to know the truth. Stone's target audience is not the aging baby boomers who are too smug and complacent to challenge official mythology. He has targeted America's youth, and like Socrates, who was sentenced for corrupting young minds, Stone has met intense hostility from the established powers. By making Oliver Stone the issue instead of the Kennedy assassination, the media have attempted to blind the public from the important issues raised by *JFK*. Is it any wonder Stone has referred to his media critics as "the Doberman pinschers of the Establishment?"

The murder of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was an inherently political act. It was also the normal style of business practiced abroad by the CIA for the last 45 years. The Kennedy assassination smells like another "black op" of the CIA, and Stone is correct in wanting to rub our faces in it. At a time when the KGB is releasing its files to the public after decades of totalitarian rule, the American people are still denied access

to the truth about the murder of a popular liberal president 28 years ago. Oliver Stone concludes his December 20 Op-Ed article in *The New York Times* with these words: "The real issue is trusting the people with their real history. The real issue is opening all the files of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, embargoed until 2029, today. The real issue is opening all CIA, FBI, and military intelligence files, held for all eternity, on Oswald, Ruby, Kennedy and Dallas 1963. All of them — without the crucial parts blacked out. Only then can we start to have real democracy. *JFK* strikes a blow for that open debate." With all the cinematic *schlock* coming out of Hollywood these days, it is disheartening that the American media find it necessary to attack a well-made movie simply because it seeks to ventilate issues that cut to the heart of our political culture. ■

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# Zinn Shatters the Columbus Myth

*Howard Zinn, Professor Emeritus at Boston University, is a revisionist, an educator, historian, playwright, author of over a dozen books including the popular People's History of the United States (which was nominated for the American Book Award in 1981) and two plays (Emma, a musical, 1974; Daughter of Venus, 1985). Throughout his career Zinn has been a champion of minorities and the poor. During the 1950s and '60s he was involved with the civil rights movement, working with SNCC (the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) for human rights and justice. He testified at the court trials of activists. More importantly, Zinn was active himself, fighting to expose the academic myth of objectivity which has so long maintained a stranglehold on American thought. In his books, Zinn rips the mask off history to reveal the human truths and human costs of the bloody lies of corporate America. He revisions US history from the viewpoint of Indians, blacks, Hispanics, immigrants, women, and unions. Zinn has constantly reminded us of the words of Albert Camus, who warned that, "In a world of victims and executioners, it is the job of thinking people to not be on the side of the executions." In the words of the French philosopher Diderot, writing of Voltaire, we can say of Howard Zinn that "Other historians relate facts to inform us of facts. You can relate them to excite in our hearts an intense hatred of lying, ignorance, hypocrisy, superstition, tyranny; and the anger remains even after the memory of the facts has disappeared."*



*Howard Zinn's talk on Christopher Columbus and the last 500 years was delivered in Santa Cruz on January 28th. The preceding introduction was written by T. Mike Walker, and the following text of Zinn's speech was transcribed by Vianne Neblett and edited by Catherine Banghart, Susan Welch and John Govsky.*

I'm going to talk tonight about history and probably also about today. Over dinner I asked the question, "What am I supposed to speak about?" and I think the answer was, "Oh, just the last 500 years." So this won't take too long. I think that there was some sort of understanding that I would talk about Columbus and the Columbus story. I thought that I would use the Columbus story as a way of also getting into other subjects and talking about other issues.

I must confess I did not know very much about Columbus until I began writing *A People's History of the United States*. And I'd been through what is called the training of a historian, gone all through whatever historians go through, the paces that historians go through. By the time I finished graduate school I think I had the same understanding of Columbus that I had when I finished elementary school. Because very often what you get in graduate school is only a more sophisticated version of what you get in elementary school. So I knew the Columbus story as it is still told to little kids in textbooks in elementary schools: Columbus sailed the ocean blue, and was a great man, a marvelous adventurer, a courageous man, a God-fearing man, a man who clutched the bible to him all the time whatever he was doing — which makes you suspicious immediately.

I knew I had to start the story with Columbus because

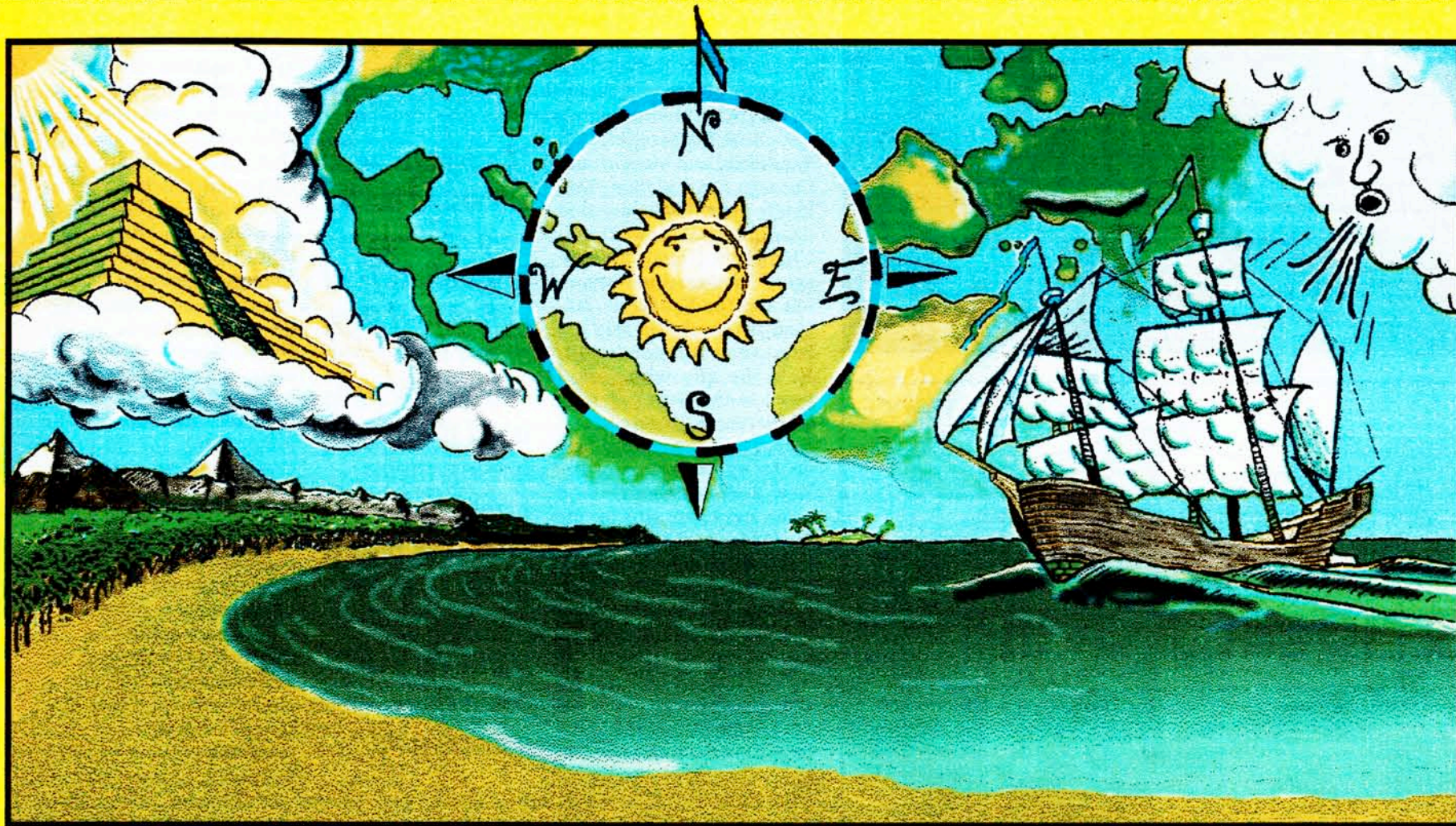
everybody starts histories with Columbus. People would be disappointed if I didn't. And as I began that inquiry into Columbus it occurred to me very quickly, well, from whose point of view is it going to be important here? The point of view of the Indians, yes — the people who Columbus encountered here. But the Indians didn't leave any records — in fact Columbus didn't leave any Indians. There are very few survivors of those Indian tribes that were here at the time of Columbus and no written records.

I got as close as I could to what I call primary sources in the world of historiography; I looked at Columbus's journal. There in Columbus's journal which had not been quoted very much, Columbus really tells the story. He says when he arrived in the Bahamas he was greeted immediately by these Indians who came out into the sea and they were the most generous, the most kind, the most warm-hearted, peaceful people that he had known. They didn't seem to know about weapons, didn't seem to know about war, and they brought gifts and didn't ask anything in return. He goes on describing the marvelous quality of these human beings he encountered and then he says in the same journal: "With 15 men we could subjugate them and make them do whatever we want."

That led me to Las Casas because I wanted to find other people who were around at the time. People who were here, people who could describe what was done at the time. I read Bartolome de Las Casas, the Spanish priest who spent 40 years in the same area, especially on Hispaniola, the island which is now Haiti and the Dominican Republic, on which Columbus and his brothers and his men did a lot of their work. Las Casas was a priest who became the leading defender of the Indians and the leading critic of what Columbus was doing.

What Las Casas saw was a cruelty that he had not





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known existed. And he saw the process by which Columbus tried to get gold. It seemed that that's what Columbus was interested in. If you read Columbus's journal, there are two words that keep reappearing again and again: God and gold. A very narrow alphabetical range. Columbus was interested in gold and saw little bits of it around, and decided that the Indians knew where it was, and sent them out to find it. If they didn't find enough, he punished them by having their arms hacked off until they bled to death — examples to the rest that they didn't bring them enough gold. He didn't come here just to spread Christianity, just to make a scientific expedition. He came over here for booty. He thought he was in Asia, and he knew that Asia was rich with all sorts of things that were wanted in Europe. His financiers back in Spain needed something, and when he couldn't find enough booty he decided he would send them back slaves. They rounded up the Indians, 1,200 of them, selected 500 of them and put them on board a ship sent back to Spain. Two hundred of them died on the way.

I read these things about Columbus and was startled because I hadn't been told, and indignant because in all my historical training I hadn't come across this before. I wrote about this and I found that of all the things in the 600-page book the thing that seemed to stand out for people who read it, the thing that I kept getting letters about and phone calls about and questions about, the thing that seemed to startle people the most, was the Columbus story. Because apparently everybody had had the same education about Columbus that I had had.

Now, there's no real dispute about the facts. This

is not one of those situations where there's an argument over what Columbus did. Not only the critics of Columbus like Las Casas and Montecino — another monk who in the year 1511 was so angered by what he saw that he delivered a blistering sermon to the Spaniards gathered in the church about what they were doing to the Indians — talked about these cruelties, but the supporters of Columbus, also. Because there was no denial about what was being done to the Indians — no denial about the fact that they were being decimated; that they were being wiped out in large numbers; that when they resisted the attempts to enslave them or the attempts to have them gather gold that they were hunted down; that the Spaniards went on search and destroy missions; that they had superior weapons that the Indians could not match. They had armor plate and they had guns and they had dogs and they had horses. They would hunt down the resisters and kill them, torture them, burn them, hang them.

Gallows were erected all over the island of Hispaniola. Crosses were also erected. Crosses and gallows — the traditional historic grouping. This was not denied by Columbus's supporters. But they defended it as necessary and right. There was a monk named Sepulveda who debated Las Casas on the issue in Spain, debated the justice of the war against the Indians. He said that it was all right to make war on the Indians, all right to do what Columbus was doing to the Indians because they were not Christians, they were barbarians. They weren't human beings. You could do whatever you wanted to do to them. The official historian of the Indians, a man named Olviedo, said: "Now Satan's expelled

from this island, and all his influence has vanished now that the majority of the Indians are dead." In fact, in a very short time the Indian population of Hispaniola was virtually wiped out by murder, by torture, and most of all by disease that the Spaniards brought with them. Diseases to which the Indians had no immunity, to which they were much more vulnerable because they were worked to death in the mines. Because they were deprived of food and because they were left in weakened condition and so sickness spread very rapidly among them.

There's no question about the facts. That's not what the argument is about. The argument is not about Columbus, really. It's not about "was he was a good guy or a bad guy?" It's not whether we should take down his statue or leave it up, whether we should celebrate Columbus Day or not celebrate Columbus Day. We're not writing a letter of recommendation for Columbus and it's too late to make that judgment. There are people who play these games about how shall we judge the people of the past? But that's not the point. The point is: what is it about that piece of history that says something about what's going on right now? What does that mean for today? How does that affect how we view the world today?

In 1892, it was the 400th year; it was the quadricentennial of Columbus. There were big celebrations at that time in Chicago, in New York. The fleet turned out and they dedicated Columbus Circle in New York and put up that big statue of Columbus. There were days of celebration and huge numbers of visitors came to New York to participate.

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was addressed by Chauncey Depew. If you read the book called *The History of Great American Fortunes* by Gustavus Myers, which is kind of classic history of what was called in the history books gently the "age of enterprise," the development of the industrial revolution, Gustavus Myers told about the building of American industry in a way that did not show Rockefeller, and Vanderbilt, and Morgan, and Carnegie, and Mellon, in a kindly light. You'll also find Chauncey Depew there. Chauncey Depew was an agent for Cornelius Vanderbilt and the Vanderbilt railroad interests. He was the front man for Vanderbilt. He's the guy who would travel to the New York state legislature with satchels of money and free railroad tickets for the members of the New York legislature. And come away with gifts for the railroads: come away with free land, come away with subsidies, come away with monopoly rights for Vanderbilt's railroads. Part of the welfare system that we've had in the United States for a long time.

It's interesting they only began to talk about the welfare system in the 20th century when the first few piddling laws to be passed to do things for the poor, to regulate the hours of railroad workers, and the New Deal to finally pass minimum wage laws, and child labor laws, and Social Security. And then suddenly we have a welfare state. But of course the welfare state began when the country began; it began before the country began. It began when the first settlers came here; there were those who were given these huge land grants and started off as a class society. When the country began and the Constitution set up a new government and the Hamilton economic program was adopted, Congress began the work that it has continued ever since and will continue after tonight in response to Bush's State of the Union address. And that is to continue to maintain the class structure in the United States, to continue to maintain the rich as rich as they are and the poor as poor as they are, and everybody in between given just enough to keep them from rebelling.

I wanted to give you just a little idea who Chauncey Depew was. After this career with Vanderbilt, he became a member of the United States Senate, which is only logical. On this occasion of the quadricentennial, after all these parades and military marches and so on, Depew said, "This celebration marks the wealth and the civilization of a great people..." Do you get a note of arrogance there? Do you find that every time that somebody gets up before an important audience like the members of Congress that they feel impelled to point out that ours is the greatest, the biggest, the richest, the strongest, the toughest, the number one? Apparently some Native Americans had expressed some indignation at that time about the celebration of Columbus, and Chauncey Depew said: "If

there is anything I detest it is that spirit of historical inquiry which doubts everything; that modern spirit which destroys all the illusions and all the heroes which have been the inspiration of patriotism through all the centuries." He knew that the celebration of Columbus was not just the celebration of the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. He knew that's not what it was about; he knew that this celebration of Columbus was needed. For what? The inspiration of patriotism. To bring everybody together who really weren't together. To make everybody one great family — when people in the United States could not possibly be one great family, because the people who financed the railroads, the industrialists, and the politicians, could not possibly be one happy family with the Irish and Chinese laborers who worked and died in the building of this railroad. But celebrations are a way to bring people together — or make them think they are together. As wars are a way of overcoming the reality of class division and race division in a society.

Depew knew what he was about. He knew that the problem was not Columbus, the problem was not the 15th and 16th century; the problem was today. If it were just a matter of should we celebrate Columbus Day and see him as a hero you would not have the controversy that has already developed. Even last year, 1991, before the year of the quincentennial, we already were seeing something really unprecedented in the history of Columbus celebrations: all over the country counter actions going on. Acts of civil disobedience in Florida against the deification of Columbus. And the appearance of new materials led by Native Americans all over the country. It has something to do with today. It has something to do with the issue of the equality of human beings. The issue of dehumanization that Columbus represented. The treatment of the Indians as non-humans, therefore making it legitimate to torture them and destroy them.

Of course that phenomenon is not something confined to the 15th and 16th century. That's something which has been going on ever since. That was happening when McKinley sent the troops into the Philippines, not knowing where he had sent them — at first he didn't even know where the Philippines were. Atrocities were committed in that war in the Philippines — that war that followed the Spanish-American War about which you get very little in the history books because it's all about the sinking of the battleship *Maine* and the Roughriders going up San Juan Hill and the liberation of Cuba by the United States and so on. And then there's a little addendum about a little something going on in the Philippines which enables us to take the Philippines. Then a war of years of atrocities against the Filipinos — but McKinley says we have to do that in order to Chris-

tianize and civilize the Filipinos.

That dehumanization goes on; we saw that in Vietnam where it becomes possible to drop napalm and Agent Orange and kill in large numbers and indiscriminately. They're really not people; they're the Viet Cong. It becomes possible for the My Lai massacre to take place because these women and children huddled in the trenches whom you're going to mow down with rifle fire are not women and children, they're the enemy — they're communists. This two-year-old baby is a communist. If you can create that kind of characterization, if you can find the right word to remove these people from the human race, then you can do anything to them that you want. That's part of what the Columbus story represents.

It also represents the issue of progress and civilization — because there's the beginning. That act of Columbus arriving here and starting that process of the great waves of people coming into this hemisphere — that is considered to mark the beginning of these 500 years of what is called Western civilization, of progress. These are the great 500 years; these are modern times. Before this time things were bad, but these have been great years of achievement. Science and technology and industrial progress and so on. Of course there's truth to the notion of progress in these centuries. There's truth to technological progress, there's truth to amazing developments in science and medicine to the point where, yes, you can talk about the achievements of civilization. But if you only say that, then you haven't told the whole story, because the other side of the story is the human cost of that progress. The people who were killed in the course of what is called industrial progress. The working people who died in industry — not just in wars but in industry. In the year 1914, just one year, 35,000 people in the United States were killed on the job. Hundreds of thousands were injured on the job. Every year thousands and thousands were killed on the job. And there were all the others who lost legs, who lost arms; the railroad workers, and the miners or the people whose lives were cut short by 10 and 20 years or the girls who went to work at the textile mills of Lowell at the age of 11 and died by the time they were 25. That was the human cost of this wonderful progress.

I remember when I was studying history in high school and in college and how that period of the late 19th century, the period between the Civil War and World War I, was looked upon in such a glowing way. A way as to arouse pride in the students. This is the period when the United States became a great economic power. It was a story; it was a thrilling story of all the miles of railroad being laid and the transcontinental railroad being built. And the steel that's being turned out in huge numbers and the statistics just piled up. We were not told, and kids are still not being told in the schools, about what was happening to the people who worked in Rockefeller's oil refineries and mines and people who worked on the railroads. Nothing about the people who worked in the textile mills of Lawrence. Nothing about the struggles those people had to engage in in order to

defend their rights. We saw in the United States probably the greatest series of violent and intense labor struggles that had gone on in any country in that period between 1877 and 1914. But instead we got the story of the glorification of Western civilization initiated by that act of Columbus arriving here in 1492.

The other side of it is how the fruits of that civilization or the fruits of that technological development were so cruelly distributed between upper classes and the lower classes. Most of the people of the world did not see the benefits of what was called civilization. To this day most of the people in this world do not see the benefits of what is called civilization. It is easy for people — especially Americans who, if not rich themselves, are living in sight of these great riches — to forget how most people in the world live after 500 years of technological progress, industrial progress, and civilization.

The Columbus story should make us think again about profit and greed. Especially at a time where the profit motive is so exalted. You hear how it would be wonderful if everybody in the world could develop a system in which the profit motive determines everything. The profit motive played a large role in this building up of this great technological, industrial, economic power. It also led to the most terrifying crimes being done, because whatever was profitable was done without concern for what happened to human beings. One of the things that first attracted me to socialism was a very simple statement that maybe we should produce things for use and not for profit. Maybe we should produce things that people need, and produce them because people need them, and not because they're profitable to some corporation, and that made a lot of sense. It still makes a lot of sense. We can write a book, many books, about the results of the profit motive. How many people have died as a result of the profit motive? How many people have been exploited as a result of the profit motive? How much air and water has been polluted as a result of the profit motive? And how people have been morally corrupted by the profit motive. It was the profit motive that sent Columbus across and the profit motive that led him to enslave Indians and to kill them.

In 1988 Bush in his acceptance speech said that "This has been called the American century because in it we were the dominant force for good in the world. Now we are on the verge of a new century, and what country's name will it bear? I say it will be another American century!" What arrogance. Here's a world of countries, here's a world of peoples, here we are five or six percent of the world's population and the century is ours? As the riches are ours, as everything is ours? This five percent of the world? It seems to me that what Chauncey Depew feared was exactly what should come about: the reconsideration of this arrogance of national power.

The whole Columbus story is simply, if we examine it closely, a way of getting us to look not just at that period in history but at all periods of history. That's why the quincentennial is important amongst so many other things. It caused people not to just re-examine that Columbus

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story, but to ask the question "What have we been lied to about all these years?" When people begin to ask that question they learn an awful lot. The Vietnam War caused people to ask that question when they saw we were lied to about Vietnam. Every time people go through an experience which exposes what is going on they begin to ask not only about this particular experience. Maybe this is happening at another time; maybe there are other things that are being treated in the same way. There are teachers around the country who are beginning to teach the story about Columbus in a different way, who are beginning to teach history in a different way, who are re-examining and whose students are re-examining. That's a very good sign.

That's why there are these people who are worried. These people are worried about political correctness, worried about the changes in the curriculum, worried about how the curriculum is being changed here and there to read history in a different way — perhaps to tell more about women in history, or tell more about blacks in history, or tell more about Native Americans in history? They're defending the canon, what they call the canon — that list of books which they have decided is "the list of great books." That list of courses which they have decided is "the list of courses" that everybody should take. It's interesting that these people who are the defenders of the free market do not want a free market in ideas. They want to dispense the ideas that they want to dispense and they want to treat ideas the way they treat the marketplace. People around the country simply want to wheel pushcarts into that monopolized market and offer a few things that haven't been offered before and give people a sampling of some new ideas that they haven't had before. And the first sign of this sends the keepers of the canon into an absolute fury. They get hysterical: "Shakespeare's going to get obliterated from the curriculum."

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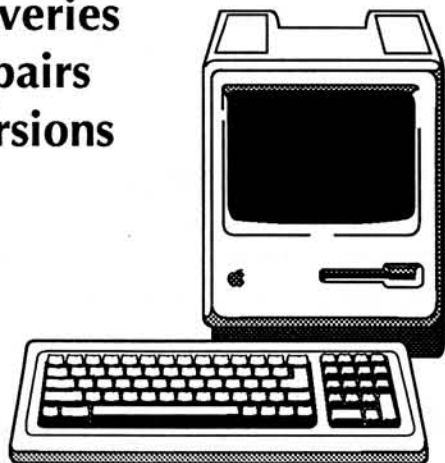
It's always that way — this hysteria is sort of the academic counterpart to J. Edgar Hoover: the communists are about to take over the United States if we don't stop them immediately. So the Marxists are taking over the curriculum. What is the evidence for this? I was happy actually when I saw that statement. I thought maybe it's true. I thought maybe we need some changes. But I think something very good is happening in this country — it has been happening in this country ever since the 1960s.

Walking in here tonight I felt the 1960s are not dead, despite what people say. There are lessons of the civil rights movement, lessons of the black struggle, lessons from the Vietnam War, the experiences of the women's movement, of the gay movement and so on. All of the things that have happened in these last decades can't be wiped out, even by Desert Storm. Even by this inundation of the country to create this atmosphere of unanimity — it's artificial, it's thin, it cannot last. The lessons that people learn from looking around them, from thinking, are things that will not be lost. So long as we continue to gather together and to learn new things and to spread new ideas and to talk to people and to enlarge the marketplace of ideas, so that people think and people read and people act in different ways, then there is a very good chance that we will not repeat the history of these last 500 years. As we enter the new century it will not be an American century or anybody's century, it will be a much more human century than we've ever had. ■

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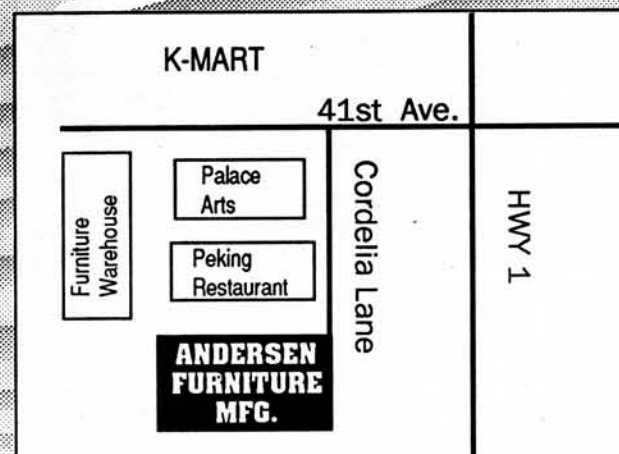
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## TOWARD WOMEN

BY ANGELA BACHFELD

President Bush has proudly announced the arrival of a new world order. He is proclaiming major changes in the social and political fabric of our world. But neither a reduction in tactical nuclear arms nor a war waged have made the street or the home safer for women. A thousand points of light do not light the bus station or the parking lot. When the government declares a crisis and prescribes violence as an acceptable way to solve conflict, in effect violence against women is sanctioned as well, and rises.

Battered women are prisoners of war here at home. Women's shelters are full and homicide rates due to domestic violence make the streets and the homes of this victorious nation among the most dangerous in the world. FBI statistics reveal the rapid increase of incidents of violence against women. Only a few years ago the statistics showed that every 18 seconds a woman is battered in this country. In 1991, it was one every 15 seconds. One in three women will be raped at some point during her life and rape is the fastest growing of all violent crimes in the US. More than a third of female murder victims are killed by their husbands or boyfriends. This is a clear indicator that the legal system fails to protect women from abusive relationships. Government priorities lie elsewhere and the media deem this enduring tragedy as hardly newsworthy.

The first eight hours of the Gulf War cost as much as is spent for the entire year on family planning, showing that while the impossible was possible in Iraq, it is not at home. Funding a war is possible; funding women's crisis centers adequately is not. In the state of California, many of the funds which were originally earmarked for women's crisis centers and for education programs in schools to prevent domestic violence, rape and sexual assault have been slashed. Governor Pete Wilson will instead increase spending on prisons. His solution to the problem, namely to prescribe longer prison terms for rapists, is hardly original. It does not adequately respond to the needs of women seeking help, to the over 3,000 crisis-line callers per year who reach out to Women's Crisis Support (a Santa Cruz organization which provides services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault).

Locally, organizations that provide services to survivors of domestic violence have been deeply affected by the cuts. Some have had to lay off employees temporarily or for good. Some centers have cut services to survivors of violent crimes while others have had to close down completely. These cuts have hit refugee and immigrant women, who face the language barrier and racism and have fewer resources, particularly hard.

Despite the fact that 25 percent of college women will be victims of rape or attempted rape, reappropriation of funding jeopardizes the very existence of women's self-defense classes in schools and universities, including UCSC. "We really need for our leaders to recognize that they cannot take away funds from prevention and education around the subject of violence against women," says Melissa Joe Kelly of the Santa Cruz Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women. "It costs more to deal with the result of violence."

By cutting funds from programs serving women and children while maintaining the bloated military budget, the United States government is responsible for increasing violence in the US and the world. Apparently the US government is content to sit

by and watch while one out of four girls and one out of eight boys will be sexually molested before age 18; while 20 percent of the nation's children live below the poverty line.

Issues of power and control are the underlying factors in battery. Laurie Hall, Education and Outreach Coordinator for Women's Crisis Support says: "Often men who batter have economic control over the women. They withhold food and money from women in order to maintain their control. There is a parallel between the individual man who batters a woman and a male-dominated political system that abuses women as a group." Power and control are at issue when the president's men withhold funding and information from women in need of support. The government is not alarmed that women's rights are violated through rape, sexual assault and battery. On the contrary, the government contributes to the violation of women's rights by providing inadequate legal protection and avenues for action to female survivors of violent crimes. For example, according to John Malkin, a member of the Coalition for a Police Review Commission, "Locally, women's complaints of a police officer's sexual misconduct have not been taken seriously by the police department. Currently, some of the women are being asked to undergo polygraph tests, while the officer is not. The discrimination continues as these women attempt to work within formal law enforcement institutions."

Waging an economic war, Governor Wilson cut Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) by 4.4 percent in 1991. In 1992 he is even more radical, threatening cuts of up to 25 percent; such a cut, in AFDC would put a family of three 55 percent below the federal poverty line. Wilson also decided that infants and children don't need all that basic food and can do with less, so the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) supplemental food program was cut as well. "What [these cuts] will mean is a lot more women and children in the streets, signs of malnutrition...it is going to affect one in four to five children in the school system," says Patty McKaren, an active member of the Welfare Parents Support Group. "Most people on AFDC are children and their mothers. The governor is attacking their character and totally denying the relationship between the loss of jobs and the economic state in California." When a woman is economically dependent it also makes it all the more difficult for her to leave a violent relationship. Women's options and choices are continually

attacked through this kind of legislation and appropriation of funds.

Women's reproductive rights are also under attack. Norplant, a contraceptive that was to give more freedom of choice to women, was used as a court-ruled mandatory birth-control method in the case of Darlene Johnson, thereby further extending government's control over women's lives. This is not an isolated case, but reflects a general pattern of government coercion of women.

In further legal action, *Rust vs. Sullivan*, the Supreme Court "gag rule" case, instituted federally sanctioned censorship and stated that no clinic receiving federal funds may mention abortion as a family planning option. This ruling denies women access



to contraceptive choice, information and services. In 1991 Congress passed a bill to repeal the gag rule but failed to overturn a subsequent Bush veto. The Supreme Court infringed on women's rights when it allowed extensive state regulation of abortion in July 1989, thus attacking women's rights to choice, privacy and self-determination. In Utah abortion has been banned and Janet Benshoof, national director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Reproductive Freedom Project, points out that an illegal abortion there constitutes a felony crime with a prison term of up to 10 years. With the addition of Clarence Thomas to the US Supreme Court this trend of infringement of women's rights is likely to continue.

It would be hard to believe that women comprise the majority of the population if you looked only at the female representation in the US government. Of the 100 senators only two are women: Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS). While California has a chance in 1992 to double the number of female US senators from two to four, it is hard to hide the fact that this would only reduce the male representation from 98 percent to 96 percent. In the House the picture looks about the same. As former Santa Cruz Mayor Mardi Wormhoudt calculated, given the current rate of increase of female congressmembers, it would only take another 342 years until women and men are equally represented.

Overall men's awareness of these issues needs to be more developed. Susan Schechter writes in her book *Women and*

*Male Violence* that "if community members were accountable to one another for the well-being of all, then male violence would no longer be a woman's individual burden but rather everyone's responsibility to stop."

In the '90s women will face even more institutional violence. But the epidemic of violence against women has also served as a catalyst to bring community groups together and to put pressure on the state and federal government.

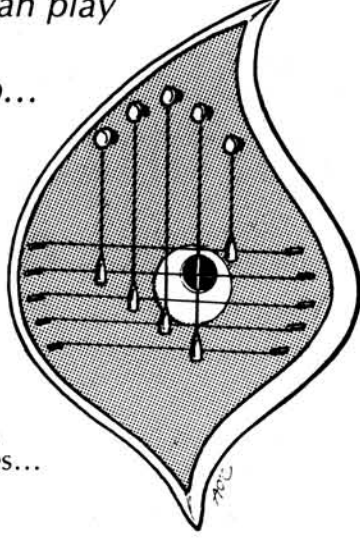
Melissa Joe Kelly is optimistic. "We are at a turning point in the '90s," she says. "It is important not to despair, not to give up. Changes are on their way. In Santa Cruz County there is the first Latina domestic violence program and the Watsonville Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women is a good example of lots of grassroots organizations coming together. And globally women are coming together and are petitioning the United Nations to consider violence against women a human rights violation."

According to Bettina Aptheker, Women's Studies Professor at UCSC, violence, and especially violence against women, will not stop until "women are collectively empowered as autonomous, independent, self-defined human beings who shall have at least as much to say as men about everything in the arrangement of human affairs." ■

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# CAPITAL PUNISHMENT:

## A LESSER EVIL OR UNJUSTIFIABLE CRUELTY?

.....By Barry van Driel

**O**n February 24th the Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze and Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility will present the first debate in a series on important social issues. This debate will focus on the death penalty. Participants will include Santa Cruz District Attorney Art Danner, Pat Clark of Death Penalty Focus in San Francisco, and moderator Eric Schoeck of KUSP-FM radio. This article highlights some of the issues that will be discussed.

### *A story supporters of the death penalty like to tell:*

Jesse Bishop made his living as an executioner for drug runners. In 20 years time he killed at least 17 people. Bishop used a combination of sawed-off shotguns and 45-caliber and 9-mm automatic pistols in his work. As payment for his killings, he received money, drugs and other favors. He once collected \$10,000 for a murder. In an interview he admitted that he didn't feel any remorse about the people he had killed. He believed that they deserved it. In an interview with the San Francisco Chronicle he described very calmly and coolly the way he went about killing people. He described lying in wait in the back seat of a car until one of his victims showed up, and then without any hesitation or emotion he would "blow his victim's head off."

### *A story opponents of the death penalty like to tell:*

"At 8:30 p.m. the first jolt of 1,900 volts of electricity shot through John Evans' body. It lasted 30 seconds. Sparks and flames erupted from the electrode tied to his leg. John's body slammed against the straps holding him in the chair, and his fists clenched...John's body straightened out and quivered. An overpowering stench of burnt flesh and clothing began pervading the witness room. The two doctors went into the chamber to pronounce him dead...But he was alive. John's chest rose evenly as he continued breathing. A gush of saliva oozed from his face and out from the black hood onto his white prison clothes...At 8:34 the second jolt of 1,900 volts of current was sent into John's body. The stench of burning flesh was nauseating. More smoke came from his head and leg. John's hands gripped the arms of the chair. Again, the doctors examined John. Again, they reported that he was still alive...Once again another charge of electricity was sent through John's body. Once again, his head and leg boiled. There was more smoke and sparks. The jolt lasted 30 seconds. At 8:44 the doctors pronounced him dead. His body was charred and smoldering. The execution of John Evans took 14 minutes."

— from "Burning at the Wire" by Russell F. Canan

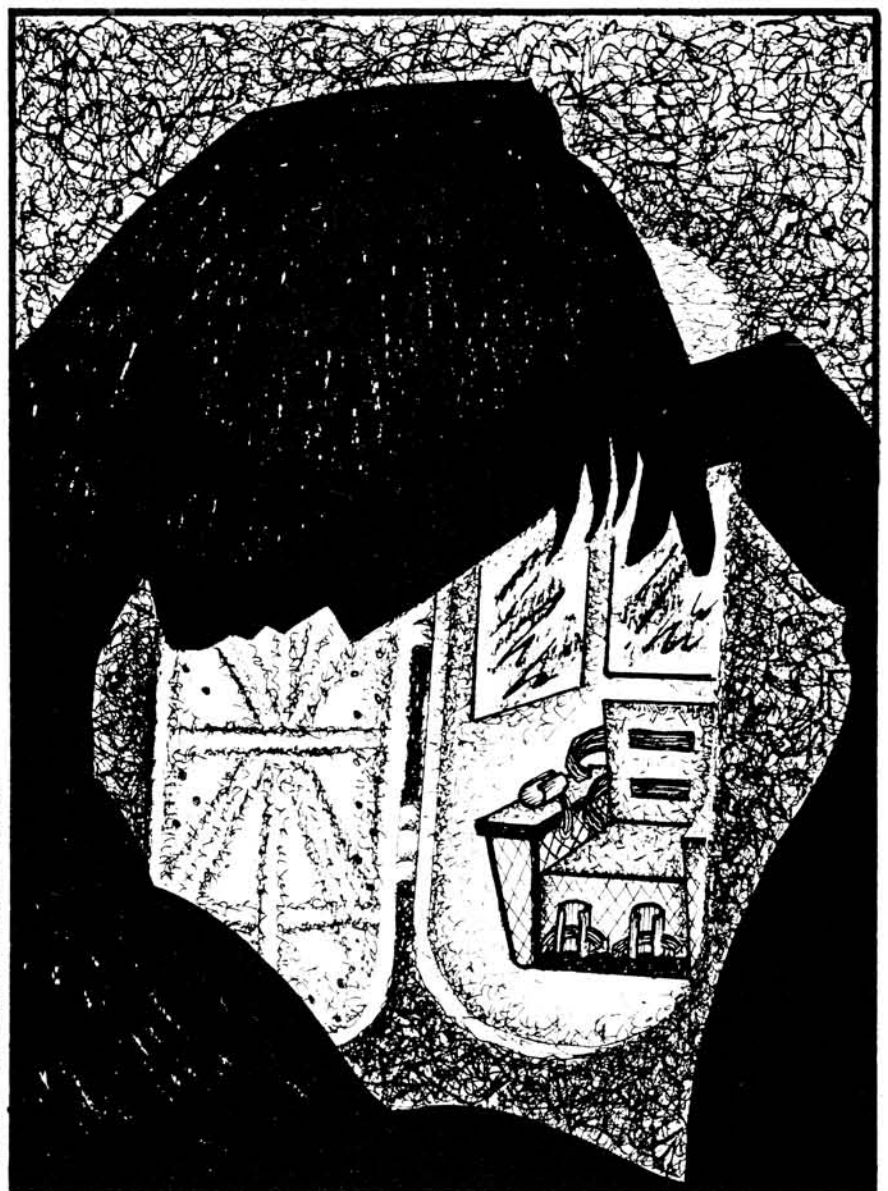
Once a month a bizarre ritual takes place at San Quentin. A team of state prison officers marches to the gas chamber and secures straps on two steel chairs. They close the chamber's large oval door and then press a lever that drops cyanide pellets into an acid solution

located underneath the chairs. Consequently, a cloud of deadly gas fills the room.

This ritual will almost certainly become reality later this spring, or early this summer, when Robert Alton Harris is led to the death chamber at San Quentin. In 1991 he came very close to being executed, but at the last minute his appeal was recognized. More conservative laws and a more conservative Supreme Court have virtually removed any possibilities for another stay of execution. Harris will become the first person in more than 25 years to be executed in California. He will not be the last. Over 300 men and women in California wait on death row for their execution to take place. The execution of Robert Alton Harris is sure to revive the general debate in California about whether we should have a death penalty at all.

The issue of the death penalty has been at the center of heated debates many times in California's past. In 1972, after the US Supreme Court and the California Supreme Court put an end to capital punishment, Ronald Reagan, then governor, launched a major campaign to discredit the California Supreme Court for its stance. This attack, joined first by staunch conservatives, and later by a wider spectrum of individuals, led to the reinstatement of capital punishment, first by the California state legislature in 1973 and later by the US Supreme Court in 1976. California Supreme Court Justice Rose Bird's opposition to capital punishment led to a dramatic, frenzied and eventually successful attempt to remove her as chief justice from the California Supreme Court in 1986. The focus has shifted in California in recent years. Now, it is not so much a question of whether a politician supports the death penalty — but rather, how much. Dianne Feinstein, Pete Wilson and John Vandekamp focused their 1990 gubernatorial campaigns on the theme of who is best prepared to turn the California gas chambers into an assembly line.

Nevertheless, the issue of capital punishment remains a highly controversial one. During the 1980s the United States was the only remaining Western nation with a death penalty statute. While nations around the world (such as Greece, France and East Germany) started eliminating capital punishment, declaring such punishment cruel, unjustified and unfitting civilized societies, the United States went in the opposite direction. Some 3,000 men, women and juveniles await execution in this country today. In the US, where there was no federal death penalty until a few



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years ago, executions have become commonplace and have been touted more and more as a solution to violent crime, espionage, treason, and especially drugs. This is clearly evident in the 1991 version of the Omnibus Crime Bill (HR 3371) that was recently vetoed by President Bush because it was "not tough enough on crime." The bill contained provisions to expand capital punishment to a large selection of federal crimes. Representative Leon Panetta, a supporter of capital punishment, voted for the bill.

An interesting side note is that Amnesty International now includes the United States in its annual reports on countries that violate human rights. This organization notes that Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which the United States signed, contains provisions that no part of the article "shall be invoked to delay or to prevent the abolition of capital punishment." Amnesty also notes that the death penalty violates the Eighth Amendment of the US Constitution, which bans cruel and unusual punishment.

Law enforcement officials, on the other hand, point to the many heinous crimes in our country and the 23,000 murders which last year made the United States the undisputed murder capital of the world. They claim that, to finally get a handle on crime, it is necessary to send a clear message that you will be killed by the state if you commit serious violent crimes.

In 1956, only 25 percent of Americans approved of the death penalty. Studies since then have shown a rapid increase in support. Almost all current studies indicate that about 80 percent of Americans and Californians support the death penalty. However, this support is not as firm as it may seem. A majority of people are unaware that "life in prison without the possibility of parole" means just that. When people are made aware of this, the overwhelming support for capital punishment fades. ■

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Many arguments used by proponents and opponents to argue either in favor of or against the death penalty have already been touched upon here. Some or all of the following arguments will probably be raised during the debate scheduled on Monday, February 24:

### Arguments for Capital Punishment

- Retribution — an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth; some criminals deserve to die.
- The public wants it. If some 80 percent of Americans and Californians want the death penalty, then we should have one.
- Being put to death is better than spending a lifetime in prison.
- Taxpayers' money shouldn't be spent to keep heinous criminals alive.
- Once a criminal, always a criminal; you might as well eliminate them.
- Deterrence — executions will make other criminals think twice.
- Killers might escape from prison, or be released, and kill again.
- If a criminal can't be sentenced to death, there is nothing to prevent this person from killing guards or other prisoners.
- Families of victims have the right to see killers get their "just desserts."
- A strong symbolic message needs to be sent that committing violent crimes is not OK.

### Arguments against Capital Punishment

- There is a strong race and class bias in the way capital punishment is used.
- Capital punishment degrades and debases society. It is cruel and inhumane.
- Contrary to popular opinion, executions do not deter. They only "brutalize" society, making future killings more possible.
- Other options are available that are equally effective, such as life without parole.
- There is a tendency in the world toward more humane punishment. The US is the only remaining nation in the Western world with a death penalty.
- The death penalty is applied in an arbitrary and capricious way.
- The state has no moral right to kill.
- Innocent persons have been executed in the past, and could be in the future.
- It costs more to execute criminals than to keep them in prison for life.
- Execution doesn't help victims; it doesn't bring them back to life.
- Death penalty juries are biased because only those favoring the death penalty can be on such juries.
- Very few murderers actually recommit murder.

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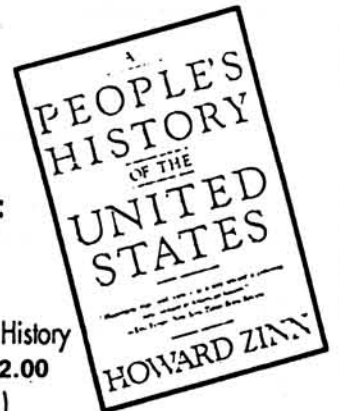
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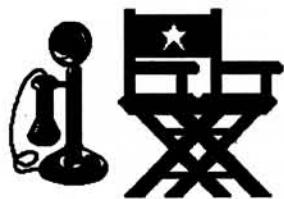


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Box 2960, Santa Cruz 95063

**Campus Association for Responsible Development (CARD)** 423-2019  
A-Frame, UCSC, Santa Cruz 95064 Juliet Peck

**Cannabis Conversations** 685-1241  
P.O. Box 8137, Santa Cruz 95061 Theodora Kerry

**Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO** 475-1335  
2920 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz 95062

**Central Coast Quincentennial Indigenous Council**  
464-9588 Box 8172, Santa Cruz 95061

**Child Care Switchboard & Studio** 476-8585  
809-H Bay St., Capitola 95010

**Children for Peace** 358-2956  
106 Olca Ct., Los Gatos 95030 Tom Franklin

**Children's Creative Response to Conflict**  
426-3381 Box 624, Santa Cruz 95061

**Christic Action Team** 426-3254  
509 Broadway, Santa Cruz 95060 Grant Wilson

**Coalition for Meaningful Pay (COMP)** 662-3633  
c/o 10094 Soquel Dr., Aptos 95003 Penny Schantz

**Coalition for a Police Review Commission**  
427-1774 615 Mission St., Santa Cruz 95060

**Coalition for Nicaragua** 458-0303  
P.O. Box 366, Santa Cruz 95061

**Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women** 429-3546  
809 Center St. Room 10, Santa Cruz 95060

**Committee for Impeachment**  
P.O. Box 7772, Santa Cruz 95061

**Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES)** 458-3555  
Box 366, Santa Cruz 95061

**Common Cause** 425-7474  
125-3 Felix St., Santa Cruz 95060 Sylvia Knapton

**Communist Party of Santa Cruz** 728-8824  
Box 1501, Freedom 95019 Jim Brough

**Community Action Board** 662-3616  
323-B Spreckles Dr., Aptos 95003

**Community Resources for the Disabled**  
429-9969  
340 Soquel Ave., Ste. 115, Santa Cruz 95062

**Conflict Resolution Program** 427-3234  
Box 7224, Santa Cruz 95061 Sandy Sweitzer

**Cultural Council of S.C. Co.** 688-5399  
6500 Soquel Dr., Aptos 95003

**Davenport Resource Service Center** 425-8115  
100 Church St., Davenport 95017 Amy Weiss

**Democratic Central Committee** 423-6445  
Box 7763, Santa Cruz 95061

**Democratic Management Services** 425-7478  
1509 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz 95060

**Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)**  
479-0641 664 37th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062

**Democratic Women's Club** 479-0641  
Box 1901, Capitola 95010 Rachel Haskell

**Earth First!** 425-8094  
Box 344, Santa Cruz 95061

**Earth Save** 423-4069  
706 Frederick St., Santa Cruz 95062

**Ecology Action of Santa Cruz** 427-1357  
Box 1188, Santa Cruz 95061

**Educators for Social Responsibility (UCSC)**  
426-1597  
441 High St., Santa Cruz 95060 Mary Tsalis

**Environmental Council** 426-2286  
Box 1769, Santa Cruz 95061 Mary Tsalis

**Epilepsy Support Group of Santa Cruz**  
425-0725 125 Torrey Pine Ter., Santa Cruz 95060

**Familia Center** 423-5747  
302 Raymond St., Santa Cruz 95060 Lucy Trujillo

**Family Service Association** 423-9444  
104 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz 95060

**Filipino Community of Watsonville** 722-6522  
2448 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville 95076 Frank Irao

**First Strike Prevention Project** 427-0322  
Box 7061, Santa Cruz 95061 Peter Lumsdaine

**Food & Nutrition Services** 688-8840  
236 Santa Cruz Ave., Aptos 95003

**Freedom Song Network** 338-7283  
Box 559, Felton 95018 Mark Levy

**Friends Committee on National Legislation**  
423-2605  
118 Miles St., Santa Cruz 95060 Herb Foster

**Friends of Porter-Session** 475-6104  
3407 Gross Rd., Santa Cruz 95062 Vickie Powell-Murray

**Friends Peace & Social Order Committee**  
427-2399 217 Marnell Ave., Santa Cruz 95062  
Ned Van Valkenburgh

**Gabriella/Philippines Women's Support Group**  
476-5371 1555 Merrill St. #15, Santa Cruz 95060

**Gay and Lesbian Vegetarians** 336-3255  
Box 7971, Santa Cruz 95061

**Gray Panthers** 475-2435  
Box 1015, Santa Cruz 95061 Zena Druckman

**Green Party of Santa Cruz** 425-3193  
Box 3074, Santa Cruz 95063-3074

**Harbinger Communications** 429-8727  
250 Homestead Trail, Santa Cruz 95060 Bill Leland

**Homeless United For Friendship & Freedom**  
427-1205  
614 Hannover St., Santa Cruz 95062 Robert Norse

**Housing Law Center** 458-1086  
1522 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz 95060

**Human Care Alliance** 423-0554  
1110 Emeline Ave., Santa Cruz 95060

**I/You Venture** 462-0161  
104 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz 95060

**Janus Alcoholism Services** 462-1060  
718 Carmel St., Santa Cruz 95062

**Japanese American Citizen League**  
724-4028 Box 163, Watsonville 95077

**KCAH-TV 25 UHF—Community TV** 754-1540  
P.O. Box 1541, Salinas 93902

**Kolaynu/Santa Cruz New Jewish Agenda**  
425-4782  
219 Peyton St., Santa Cruz 95060 Sally Schwartz

**KSCO-AM 1080 Talk Radio** 475-1080  
2300 Portola Dr., Santa Cruz 95062 Rosemary Chalmers

**KUSP-FM** 476-2800  
203-8th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062

**KZSC-FM** 459-2811 (business); 459-4036 (request)  
UCSC, Santa Cruz 95064

**Lavender Reader** Box 7293, Santa Cruz 95061

**League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)**  
Box 301, Watsonville 95077

**Legal Aid Society of Santa Cruz Co.** 688-6535  
21 Carr St., Watsonville 95076

**Lesbian & Gay Action Alliance** 423-7287  
Box 7293, Santa Cruz 95061 Jo Kenny

**Lesbian News**  
Box 2968, Santa Cruz 95063

**Liga Internacional De Mujeres Por La Paz E Libertad**  
728-8824 P.O. Box 1991, Watsonville, CA 95077  
Maria

**Media Watch** 423-6355  
1803-7 Mission St., Santa Cruz 95060 Ann Simonton

**Men's Alternatives to Violence** 425-5248  
Box 2126, Santa Cruz 95061

**Mental Health Captives Liberation Front**  
426-3201  
117 Ocean St., Santa Cruz 95060 John Telfair

**Migrant Media Education Project** 724-2997  
101 E. Beach St., Watsonville 95076

**Monseñor Oscar A. Romero Central American Refugee Committee**  
426-4467 509 Broadway, Santa Cruz 95060

**The Monthly Planet** 429-8755  
Box 8463, Santa Cruz 95061 John Govsky

**NAACP** 426-1957  
Box 1433, Santa Cruz 95061 Francille Hill

**National Organization for Women (NOW)**  
Santa Cruz Co. Chapter 335-7704  
Box 1119, Felton 95018

**Native American Support Group**  
Box 1996, Aptos 95001 John Walsh

**Natural Resources & Employment Program**  
662-3616  
323-FSpreckles Dr., Aptos 95003

**New Society Publishers** 458-1191  
Box 582, Santa Cruz 95061

**Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Santa Cruz Co.**  
458-9975  
Box 8463, Santa Cruz 95061 Terry Teitelbaum

**One Song International Choir** 427-0558  
108 Anita St., Santa Cruz

**Operation Homeless of Santa Cruz** 475-9229  
2-2021 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz 95062  
Arlyn Teixeira

**Pajaro Valley Democratic Club** 724-6522  
1208 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville 95076

**Peace Day Project** 475-0207  
P.O. Box 1729, Santa Cruz 95061-1729 Bonita Mugnani

**Peace Child - Santa Cruz** 479-7708  
180 7th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062 Anandi Paganini

**Peace Education Project** 338-7283  
Box 559, Felton 95018 Helen Oppenheimer

**Peace & Freedom Party—California**  
688-8692 Box 2325, Aptos 95001 Maureen Smith

**Peace & Freedom Party of Santa Cruz County**  
423-3062 P.O. Box 7376, Santa Cruz 95061 Susanne

**Peacemakers** 479-9770  
515 Broadway, Santa Cruz 95060 Jack Klinger

**People for Animal Liberation** 426-3197  
Box 2960, Santa Cruz 95063

**People Power** 462-5968  
3300 Portola Dr. #19, Santa Cruz 95062

**People's Democratic Club** 479-0641  
664 37th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062 Gordon Haskell

**Persian Gulf Peace Committee** 427-2024  
379 Lee St., Santa Cruz 95060

**Physicians for Social Responsibility** 422-9066  
505 E. Romie Lane, Salinas 93901 Don King

**Planned Parenthood, Santa Cruz** 426-5550  
212 Laurel St., Santa Cruz 95060

**Planned Parenthood, Watsonville** 724-7525  
90 Mariposa Ave., Watsonville 95076

**Progressive Business Network** 475-7787  
3016 Buckingham Ln., Santa Cruz 95062

**Psychiatric Inmates Rights Collective** 438-8424  
Box 299, Santa Cruz 95061 Jane Kysor

**Queer Nation** 457-2521  
P.O. Box 855, Santa Cruz 95061

**Rainbow Coalition** 761-0861  
41 Jefferson St., Watsonville 95076

**Rainforest Futures** 426-9251  
518 Meder St., Santa Cruz 95060

**Reproductive Rights Network**  
425-8711, 425-1551  
212 Laurel St., Santa Cruz 95060 Carol Fuller

**Republican Central Committee** 429-8030  
107 Dakota St., Santa Cruz 95060

**Resource Center for Nonviolence** 423-1626  
515 Broadway, Santa Cruz 95060

**St. Francis Catholic Kitchen** 425-9225  
205 Mora St., Santa Cruz 95060

**Salud Para La Gente** 728-0222  
10 Alexander St., Watsonville 95076

**San Lorenzo Valley Women's Club** 338-6578  
Box 574, Ben Lomond 95005 Nancy Macy

**Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain** 464-8633  
P.O. Box 1653, Soquel 95073 Meagan Cassidy

**Santa Cruz Action Network (SCAN)** 458-9425  
108 Locust St., Santa Cruz 95060 Alexander Gaguine

**Santa Cruz AIDS Project (SCAP)** 427-3900  
Box 5142, Santa Cruz 95061

**Santa Cruz Anti-Apartheid Committee**  
429-9623 1095 Smith Grade, Santa Cruz 95060  
Rev. Benet Luchion

**Santa Cruz Community Credit Union** 425-7708  
512 Front St., Santa Cruz 95060

**Santa Cruz Community Housing Corporation**  
423-1318 105 Locust St., Santa Cruz 95060

**Santa Cruz County Cycling Club** 423-0829  
414-1/2 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz 95062

**Santa Cruz County Immigration Project** 724-5667  
406 Main St., Suite 217, Watsonville 95076

**Santa Cruz County Medical Marijuana Initiative**  
328-8819 328 Ocean #5, SC 95060

**Santa Cruz County Women's Commission**  
425-2003 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz 95060 Rita Flores

**Santa Cruz Greens** 335-3216  
330 Orchard Rd., Felton 95018

**Santa Cruz Epilepsy Society** 423-3610  
Jim Dorety

**Santa Cruz Indian Council** 427-1757  
Box 1443, Soquel 95073

**Santa Cruz SPCA** 475-6454  
22007th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062

**Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility**  
458-2719  
Cowell Box 672, UCSC, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

**Santa Cruz Westside Community Health Center**  
425-5028 1700 Mission St., Santa Cruz 95060

**Save Our Shores (SOS)** 425-1769  
Box 1560, Santa Cruz 95061 Dan Haifley

**Save Soquel** 476-1871  
4453 Fairway Dr., Soquel 95073 Judy Parsons

**Save the Gray Whale Ranch Parklands**  
425-1146 Box 604, Santa Cruz 95061

**School of Spiritual Impeccability** 338-7139  
14197 Hwy. 9, Boulder Creek 95018 Kythera Ann

**School Volunteer Program** 476-7140  
809 Bay Ave., suite H, Capitola 95010 Jean Pfotenhauer

**Senior Citizens Legal Services, Santa Cruz**  
426-8824 343 Church St., Santa Cruz 95060

**Senior Citizens Legal Services, Watsonville**  
728-4711 127 E. Beach St., Watsonville 95076

**Senior Community Service Employment**  
429-9747 104 Magnolia St., Santa Cruz 95062

**Senior Outreach Services** 462-0161  
104 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz 95060

**Seniors Council** 688-0400  
234 Santa Cruz Ave., Aptos 95003

**The Shelter Project** 685-1325  
323 Spreckles Dr. #8, Aptos 95003

**Sierra Club** 426-4453  
Box 604, Santa Cruz 95061

**Somos Hermanas** 722-5614  
Box 467, Santa Cruz 95061

**Stop Police Abuse Now** 475-2012  
Nick Whitehead

**Suicide Prevention of Santa Cruz Co.**  
458-5300/688-1818 Box 734, Capitola 95010

**Sunray Meditation Society** 726-2444  
309 Cedar St., Suite 41, Santa Cruz 95060

**UCSC Women's Center** 429-2072  
UCSC, Santa Cruz 95064

**Uhuru Solidarity Committee** 462-1353  
Box 2002, Santa Cruz 95063

**Union of North American Women for Peace & Justice in Central America (UNA)** 426-3452  
Box 467, Santa Cruz 95061 Martha Duenas

**Unitarian/Universalist Fellowship Social Action Committee** 684-0506  
6401 Freedom Blvd., Aptos 95003 Beth Coats

**United Farmworkers of America** 724-1308  
406 Main St., Watsonville 95076

**Vegetarian Information Center** 685-2303  
P.O. Box 1460, Santa Cruz 95061

**Veterans for Peace Chapter 11** 335-2122  
129 Marnell St., Santa Cruz 95062

**VFW Post 5888, Bill Motto** 429-8345  
Box 664, Santa Cruz 95061 Steve Brooks

**Volunteer Center of S.C. Co.** 423-0554  
1110 Emeline Ave., Santa Cruz 95060

**Voter Revolt/Yes on 103** 427-3848  
185 Walnut St., Santa Cruz 95060

**War Tax Resistance Fund** 427-2399  
515 Broadway, Santa Cruz 95060 Ned Van Valkenburgh

**Welfare Parents Support Group** 458-9070  
509 Broadway, Santa Cruz 95060

**Western Worker's Labor Heritage Festival**  
426-4940  
Box 7184, Santa Cruz 95061 David Winters

**Women Against Rape** 426-7273  
Box 711, Santa Cruz 95061

**Women for International Peace & Arbitration**  
106 Comstock Lane, Santa Cruz 95060

**Women's Crisis Support & Shelter Services**  
425-5525 1025 Center St., Santa Cruz 95060

**Women's Health Center** 427-3500  
250 Locust St., Santa Cruz 95060

**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)** 426-5433  
Box 61, Santa Cruz 95063

**YWCA, Santa Cruz** 426-3062  
303 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz 95060

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# WHERE TO RECYCLE IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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**CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION ACT:** You may redeem beverage containers marked "CA Redemption Value" at state-certified centers located near most supermarkets. There are about 20 such centers in Santa Cruz County (redemption in the "Mode" column on the chart below). Centers operate at least 30 hours per week and must pay you at least 2 1/2 cents each for all qualified containers, whether made of aluminum, glass, plastic or bismetal.

SPONSOR	LOCATION	MODE	MATERIALS	HOURS	PHONE
<b>APTO</b> Recycle America & County of Santa Cruz	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
\$	20/20 Recycle Centers	drop-off	news	anytime	476-1201
\$	Cabrillo Host Lions Club & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	drop-off	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
\$	Deluxe Foods, 783 Rio Del Mar Blvd Safeway, 16 Rancho Del Mar	redemption	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard oil, metals, auto batteries, mattresses	7:30-3:30 every day	336-3950 335-9166
\$	County Transfer Station Recycling Center of Santa Cruz	drop-off	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard oil, metals, auto batteries, mattresses	9:30-3:30 every day	338-6578
\$	Valley Women's Club w/ Ben Lomond Library & SLV Girl Scouts	drop-off	qualified beverage containers	11-5 every day	338-6578
\$	SLV Redemption/ Recycling Center	drop-off	tin cans, glass containers, news	11-5 every day	338-6578
\$	Johnnie's Super 13224 Hwy 9	drop-off	tin cans, glass containers, news	11-5 every day	338-6578
\$	Ericks Recycling 13155 Railroad Ave	buyback	metals	11-5 Mon-Sat	338-4890
\$	Capitola Disposal Co	curbside collection	glass containers, cans, news, #1 & 2 plastics	weekly schedule on garbage day	476-9288
\$	Envipco California	collection	glass containers, cardboard	by arrangement	476-9288
\$	Nob Hill Food 809 Bay Avenue	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
\$	SLV Redemption/ Recycling Center	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 every day	338-6578
\$	Vista Foods 6123 Hwy 9	drop-off	tin cans, glass containers, news	11-5 every day	335-9166
\$	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
\$	2710 Chanticleer Ave (north of Hwy 1 near Skyview Drive-In)	drop-off	news, aluminum cans, glass, PET plastic, cardboard, brown paper bags, office paper, glossy paper	Office Hours: 8-4, Mon-Fri Drop-off 6AM-10PM, Daily	479-1055
\$	980 17th Ave (next to Fire Dept)	drop-off	glass containers, aluminum cans, cardboard, #1 & 2 plastics	9-5 every day	475-6915
\$	Deluxe Foods 2-1515 East Cliff Dr	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues-Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
\$	Opal Cliffs Food 4125 Portola Drive	in-store redemption	qualified beverage containers	9-2, every day	476-1651
\$	Armstrong Enterprises	collection	qualified beverage containers	by arrangement	479-8956
\$	Municipal Landfill Recycling Program	drop-off	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, oil, metals, PET plastic, mattresses, auto batteries, magazines & coated glossy paper, office paper	7:30-3:30 every day	429-3657
\$	all residences, single units through fourplexes	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, oil, PET plastic	weekly schedule on garbage day	429-3666 429-3490
\$	1111 River St Across from Tannery	collection & drop-off	glass containers, cardboard by arrangement	by arrangement	429-3490
\$	210 Encinal St	collection & drop-off	office paper, glass, aluminum, #1 & 2 plastics	by arrangement 8-5 weekdays 8-12 Sat	459-9619
\$	Monterey Bay Recycling	collection	office paper	by arrangement	426-0112
\$	Hedrick Distributors Bay Side Oil	collection & drop-off	waste fuel, oil, auto batteries, antifreeze by arrangement	8-5, Mon-Fri 8-12, Sat	427-3773
\$	Cardboard Seekers Sam Paris	collection	glass containers, aluminum cans, cardboard, office paper	by arrangement	426-1748

SPONSOR	LOCATION	MODE	MATERIALS	HOURS	PHONE
\$	Safeway 2111 Mission & 117 Morrissey Blvd	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
\$	residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 438-2324
\$	Kings Village Road near Skating Center	drop-off	news	anytime	427-1934
\$	Nob Hill Food 222 Mt Hermon Rd	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
\$	Zanotto's Deluxe Market in front of store	redemption	qualified beverage containers	8am-9pm everyday	438-4324
\$	Urbanized residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news, cardboard, oil	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 425-2721
\$	Safeway 2650 41st Ave	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
\$	23800 Summit Rd 2.5 mi east of Hwy 17	drop-off	qualified beverage containers	anytime	353-1123
\$	County Landfill Recycling Center, 2 1/2 mi northwest on Buena Vista Drive	drop-off	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, batteries, metals, mattresses, oil, plastic drink bottles	7:30-3:30 every day	688-7250 476-1201
\$	Household hazardous materials collected by appointment at this location — see box below	directions for these materials at gatehouse	wood waste, asphalt paving, unreinforced concrete, brick & tile	weekly schedule on garbage day	728-6094
\$	All City single family residences	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, paper bags, #1 & 2 plastics, metals, oil, oil filters, transmission fluid, antifreeze	weekly schedule on garbage day	728-6094
\$	businesses	collection	beverage containers, by arrangement	728-6073	
\$	Crestview Shopping Center, 1424 Freedom Blvd	buyback redemption	aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5, Tues-Sat closed 1-1:30	1-800-228-2525
\$	Trailer at Fairway Foods parking lot, 906 Eastlake Ave	buyback redemption	aluminum, all qualified beverage containers	10-5, Tues-Sat closed 1-1:30	722-1096
\$	710 B Walker St	redemption buyback drop-off	aluminum, glass containers, non-ferrous metals, cardboard, news, plastic drink bottles	9-5, Mon-Sat	722-3597
\$	213 Dias Lane near Casserly & Webb	buyback collection	most metals, baled cardboard	8-5, Mon-Fri 8-4, Sat	728-1551
\$	39 Walker St	buyback	aluminum, non-ferrous metals	9-5:15, Mon-Fri 9-4, Sat	722-1096
\$	56 Porter Drive in Pajaro	buyback	most metals	8-5, Mon-Fri 1-800-447-7117	
\$	Nob Hill Food 1912 North Main St	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
\$	Albertsons, 1986 Freedom Blvd	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048
\$	South County only	collection	news, office paper	by arrangement	728-5915
\$	Industrial Stak-Rite	collection	cardboard, office paper	by arrangement	724-3905
\$	C&M Salvage	collection	aluminum cans, glass containers, metals, auto batteries, cardboard, office paper	by arrangement	761-2390
\$	Security Shred & Bale 357 Locust St	Collection for fee drop-off	confidential papers & files, office paper	by arrangement	722-4101
\$	Various Sponsors	drop-off	plastic produce & grocery bags	Variable	
\$	LMC Recycling 1800 Monterey Hwy San Jose	buyback	cans, glass containers, cardboard, news, all non-foam plastics	8-4:15 Mon-Fri 8-1:30 Sat	294-8443

**SERVICES AVAILABLE COUNTY-WIDE**

Lucky, Safeway, Thrifty, Albertson's Stores

# Peace & Justice CALENDAR



SHELLEY ROTNER

Winona LaDuke, who will speak in Santa Cruz on Feb. 17 (see calendar listing), is a leading activist on Native American issues. She is president of the Indigenous Women's Network.

Calendar items must be typed or legibly written and sent (along with any photos) to *The Monthly Planet*, 320-G Cedar St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060, or faxed to 429-8889. We do not take calendar items over the phone. We must receive your listing no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, February 25th for inclusion in the March issue (publication date: Thursday, March 5th).

## Saturday, February 8

**How to Analyze and Wage Social Change Movements.** Strategy and empowerment workshop led by Bill Moyer, director and founder of the Social Movement Empowerment Project in San Francisco. First Christian Church of San Jose, 80 South 5th St., between Santa Clara and Fernando Streets, downtown San Jose. Registration 8:30 AM, workshop 9 AM-9 PM. Bring your lunch, vegetarian lasagne dinner is included in workshop fee. \$15-50, sliding scale. Info: 971-4277.

## "Media, Middle East and Occupation."

Lecture, slide presentation and discussion by George Azar, author of *Palestine — a Photographic Journey*. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 3-5 p.m., free. Sponsor: Peace & Freedom Party. Info: 688-4268.

**"In Celebration of the Muse"** poetry reading by Santa Cruz women writers to benefit the Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320 Cedar St. #2, 7:30 p.m. Santa Cruz. \$7-10. Info: 459-8803.

**Anarchist Coffeehouse.** No alcohol. 1994 Ocean St. Extension, 7 p.m. Info: 429-9441. **Michael Parenti to speak on "US Foreign Policy and its Impact at Home."** First Congregational Church, Embarcadero and Louis Roads, Palo Alto, 7:30 p.m., \$5-\$15, sliding scale. Sponsor: Peninsula Peace Center, (415) 326-8837.

## Monday, February 10

**Starhawk, peace activist, witch and author of *The Spiral Dance, Truth or Dare, and Dreaming in the Dark*** will speak at Kresge Town Hall, UCSC, Santa Cruz. 7:30 p.m. Students \$5, general admission \$7-10. Sponsors: Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility. Info: John Taber at 458-2719.

## Tuesday, February 11

**Revolution in Alushta: firsthand accounts of life in the former Soviet Union** by Natalia Leontieva and Nina Karpacheva from Alushta, Ukraine, Santa Cruz' sister city. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Donation requested. Info: 425-4833.

**The Resistance 500 Committee and the Central Coast Quincentennial Indigenous Council** will hold a joint meeting (and potluck) at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, 6:30 p.m. Info: Jane Looney, 423-1626.

## Friday, February 14

**Operation Pink Envelope music event featuring Tracy Parker, Del Rey and Mary McCaslin.** Operation Pink Envelope is a month-long campaign designed to raise funds for programs that benefit women offered by the Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Pacific Cultural Center, 1307 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz, 8 p.m., \$10. Info: 462-5022 or 427-3900.

**"All Life Is Equal, All Life Is Sacred, part 2"** reception for show of paintings by ecofeminist artist and animal liberation activist Michelle Waters. Gallery Abattoir, 1121 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, 7-10 p.m. (The show is up Feb. 14-29.) Info: 426-3197 or 458-2865.

## Sunday, February 16

**Home composting workshop.** One of Ecology Action's free monthly workshops on how to reduce your garbage and produce valuable soil conditioner. Antonelli Brothers Begonia Garden, 2545 Capitola Rd., Capitola, 2-4 p.m. Info: 427-1357 or 425-3902.

## Monday, February 17

**Winona LaDuke, president of the Indigenous Women's Network,** will speak at the Veteran's Hall, 842 Front St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Students \$5, general admission \$7-10. Sponsors: Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility. Info: 458-9975.

## Tuesday, February 18

**Peace Coalition of Monterey County meeting.** St. James Parish Hall, Franklin & High Sts., Monterey, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Info: 372-6001.

## Thursday, February 20-Sunday, February 23

**Indigenous California Women: Visioning the Next 500 Years.** Conference planned by and for land-based and urban California-indigenous Indian women to celebrate 500 years of survival, discuss common concerns,



Starhawk, peace activist and witch, will speak on February 10 (see calendar listing).

and plan for the future. (Papers and presentation proposals due by 5 p.m., Friday, January 10.) Several sessions will also be open to the general public. University of California, Santa Cruz. Sponsor: The Women's Center, UCSC. Info: 459-2072.

## Saturday, February 22

**John Michael Talbot in concert** to benefit the work of the Nevada Desert Experience. St. Mary's Cathedral, Gough and Geary, San Francisco, 7:30 p.m. Donation \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Info: Nevada Desert Experience, 1500 34th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601.

## Monday, February 24

**Live debate on capital punishment.** In 1992, for the first time in over two decades, a person will die in the California gas chamber. There are over 300 people currently on California's Death Row. Debate mediated by KUSP's radio host Eric Schoeck. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5888, 846 Front Street, Santa Cruz. 7:30 p.m. Students \$5, general public, \$7-10, sliding scale. Sponsors: Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility, Bill Motto Post. Info: 458-9975.

## Wednesday, March 4-Sunday, April 19

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## ONGOING EVENTS

### MONDAYS:

**San Lorenzo Valley Peace Coalition meeting.** Every other Monday (call first to confirm) at United Methodist Church, Boulder and Mountain Sts., Boulder Creek, 7 p.m. Info: 475-3114.

**The Community Group meeting.** 3rd Monday of the month. A support network for the Resource Center for Nonviolence, an information exchange, for fun and fellowship. RCNV, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. 8-9:30 p.m. Info: 423-1626.

**Current Events Discussion Group.** Free. YWCA, 303 Walnut St., Santa Cruz. Time to be announced. Info: 426-3062.

### TUESDAYS:

**Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain meeting and video.** Last Tuesday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7 p.m. Info: 464-8633.

**"The Open Door,"** a drop-in support group for battered women. 7-8:30 p.m., Free. YWCA, 303 Walnut St., Santa Cruz. Sponsor: Women's Crisis Support. Call 425-5525 for information or to request childcare.

**HIV Positive Drop-in Support Group.** Meets every Tuesday night at 7-9 p.m. at the Santa Cruz AIDS Project (SCAP) office, 911-A Center St., Santa Cruz. All HIV+ individuals are welcome. No fee. Facilitators: Terry Cavanagh and Alan Lamb. Info: 427-3900.

**Support Group for Women with HIV/AIDS.** Meets one Tuesday evening each month. No fee. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Info: 427-3900.

**Support Group for Family and Friends of People with HIV/AIDS.** Alternate Tuesdays 5:30-7 p.m. No fee. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Call for info and registration: 427-3900. Must call first to register.

**12-Step Group for People with HIV.** Meets every Tuesday night from 6-7 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church Fireside Room, 420 Melrose, Santa Cruz. All HIV+ individuals involved with or interested in any 12-step program are welcome. No fee. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. Info: 427-3900.

### WEDNESDAYS:

**Women's International League for Peace & Freedom general meeting.** 1st Wednesday of the month. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Poplar and Melrose, Santa Cruz. Call to confirm time. Info: 475-7451.

**Christic Action Team meeting.** The group works cooperatively on upcoming public information events and education outreach materials. Public input and participation is welcome. 7:30 p.m., 509 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Info: 426-3254 or 426-2292.

**People for Animal Liberation meeting.** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Rec Room, 200 Button St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Info: 429-5698.

**City of Santa Cruz Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women.** 1st Wednesday of the month. City Council Chambers, 809 Center St. Info: 429-3546.

### THURSDAYS:

**National Organization for Women general meeting.** 1st Thursday of the month. Temple Beth El, 3055 Porter Gulch Rd., Aptos. 7 p.m. Open to the public. Info: 335-7704.

**Green Party Meeting.** 3rd Thursday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 6-9 p.m. Info: 425-3193.

**AIDS/ARC Support Group.** Meets Thursdays 2-4 p.m. Facilitator: Alan Dampsey. Sponsor: Santa Cruz AIDS Project. No fee. Call for info and registration: 427-3900. Must call first to register.

**Treatment Update Group ("Project Inform" Update).** 1st Thursday of the month. Open to seronegative and seropositive individuals. Meets at the Santa Cruz AIDS Project office, 911-A Center St., Santa Cruz, 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 427-3900.

**NOW's Reproductive Rights Task Force meeting.** 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Call 426-6448 or 458-2959 for location.

**"The Open Door,"** a drop-in support group for battered women. 7-9 p.m., Free. YWCA, 303 Walnut St., Santa Cruz. Sponsor: Battered Women's Task Force. Call 335-3371 for information or to request childcare.

**Support Group for Children and siblings of people with HIV/AIDS.** Alternate Thursdays, 5:30-7 p.m. No fee. Call Santa Cruz AIDS Project to register: 427-3900.

### SATURDAYS:

**Peace & Freedom Party of Santa Cruz County meeting.** 1st Saturday of the month. Business meeting and political discussion. Public input welcome. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 2-4 p.m. Info: 423-3062.

**Bystander CPR.** One Saturday a month (call for details). Shortened version of the regular Basic Life Support Course. Taught by Santa Cruz Firepersons. Co-sponsored by Health Development Foundation of Community Hospital. Free. 303 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info: 426-3062.

### SUNDAYS:

**Santa Cruz Students for Social Responsibility meetings** — Sundays at Cowell Conference Room, Cowell College, UCSC, 7 p.m. Info: 458-2719.

**Green Party Meeting.** 1st Sunday of the month. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 4-7 p.m. Info: 425-3193.

**Consider the Alternatives** radio program from SANE/FREEZE on KAZU (90.3 FM), 4 p.m. An international affairs program airs 4-5:15 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

**Vigil for Lasting Peace.** First Sunday of each month, 12-2 p.m., Window-on-the-Bay Park, Camino El Estero and Del Monte Ave., Monterey. Sponsors: Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, Monterey Branch; and the Peace Coalition of Monterey County. Info: 372-6001.

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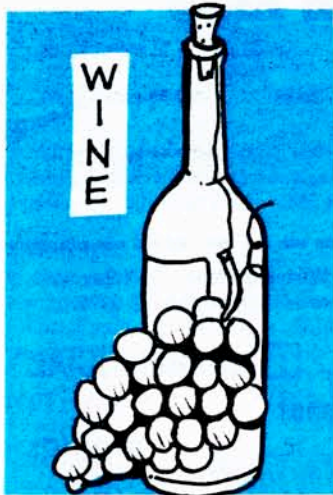
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