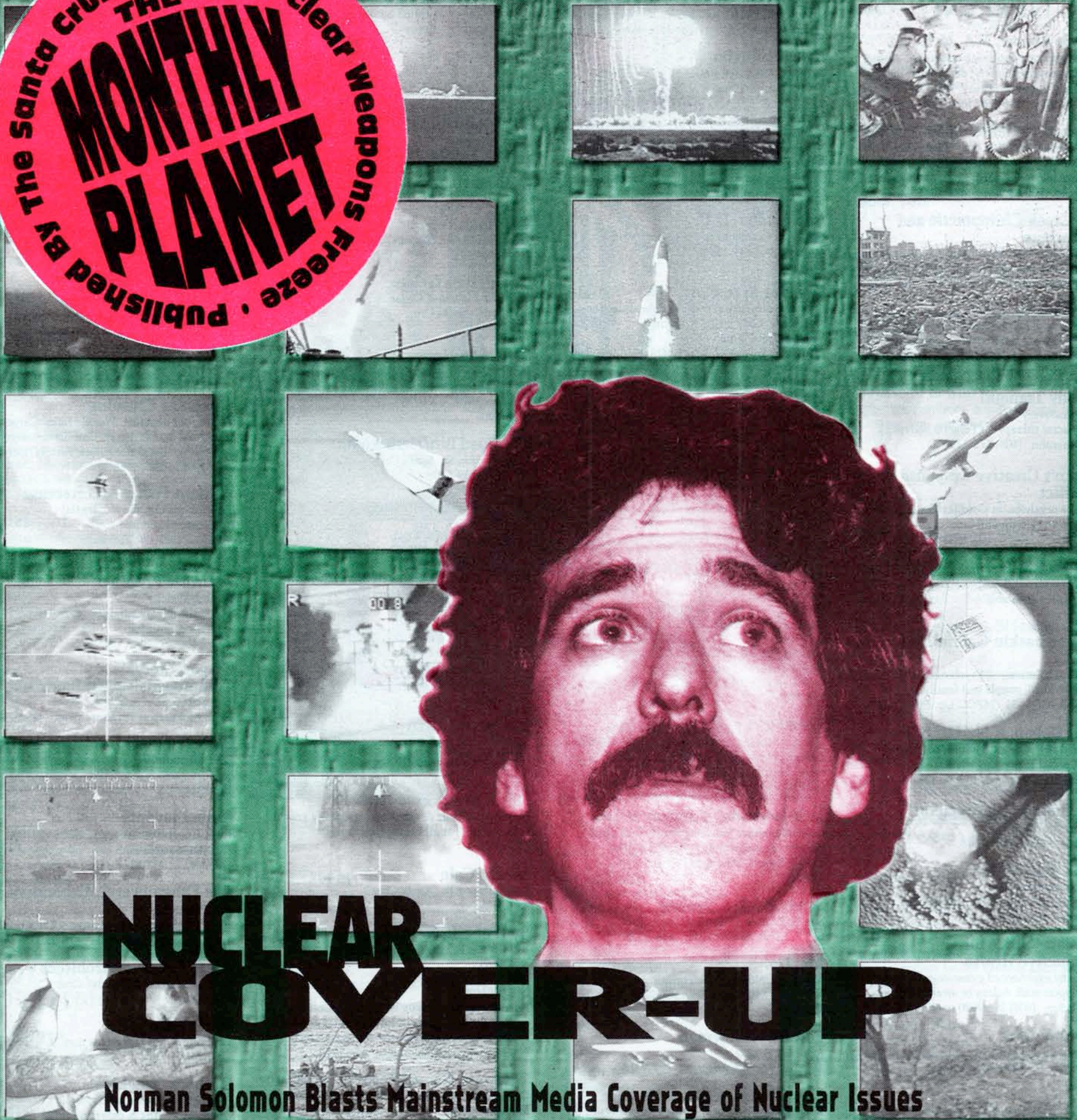


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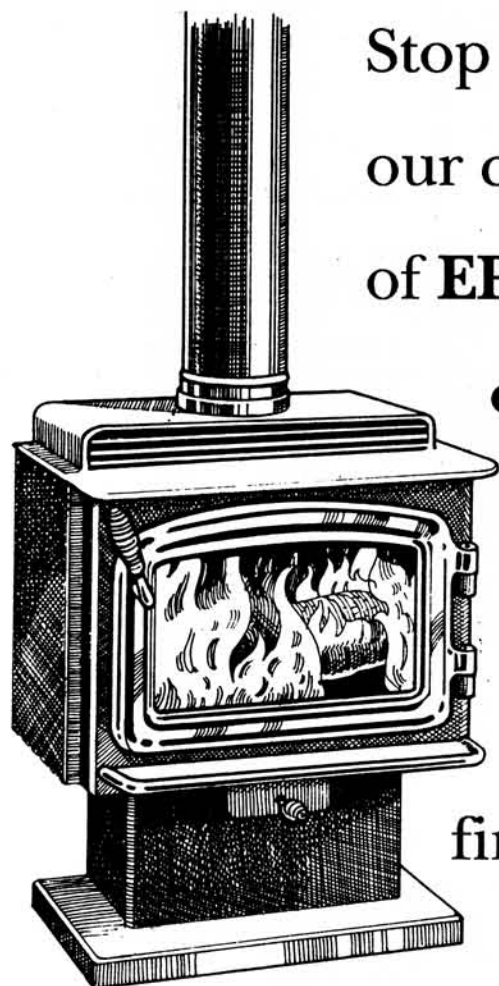
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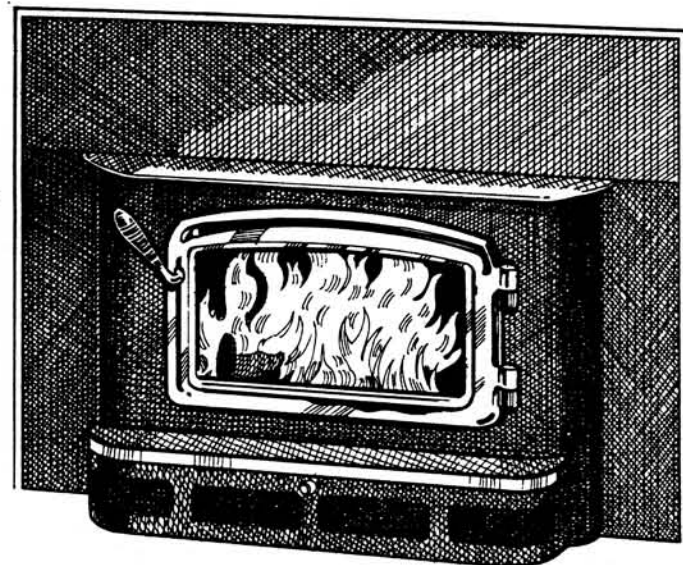


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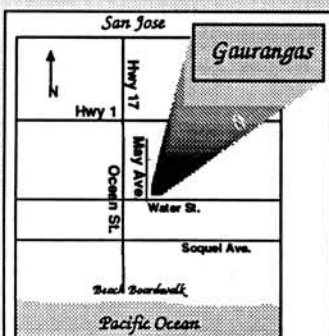
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More on Women & Urinals

I saw all the hoopla a while back about the letter written to you by Sandra Wong [discussing how women should use urinals] and figured if all those people thought it was a great thing then spending 29 cents for my piqued curiosity was well worth it. I sent, it came, disaster followed.

All the praise was a bunch of crap. It didn't work, and pardon the pun, I was pissed off! I filled out Ms. Wong's survey sheet she had enclosed telling her I was irate, it didn't work, that she was a quack and on and on. She sent me back a pleasant letter explaining what I did and didn't do and then I realized that I read the directions but didn't read them and that I wasn't doing it properly.

With egg on my face I sent her an apology letter because after her detailed explanation I am one happy camper, literally; it is un-freaking-believable! Just as advertised it is possible to use a tree, urinal or just hang one with the guys. This is one more step toward knocking down the walls between the sexes and another step for womankind. For you people (step forward ladies) who didn't bother with this because you didn't think it was for you or that it wouldn't benefit your daily lifestyle, think back to the last time you went to a movie theater rest room

that was beyond disgusting, or maybe the time when you went camping with a bunch of people and there was nowhere to hide when you had to strike a pose, or that long road trip when you had to stop on the side of the highway out in Bumf*ck. As Bo said, "Just Do It." If you responded as I did and disaster struck, ask for instructions, because she was very helpful. So go back a few months, dig out your old copies of the *Planet* and find the address; it will be a stamp and envelope well spent.

*Elizabeth Gonzalez
Cupertino*

Women & Urinals (Again)

I just wanted to write to tell you how much I appreciate you printing and then reprinting my letter in your October issue. The response was somewhat overwhelming, but very welcome! I received about 200 letters from eager women all over the country wishing to know the method of relieving themselves in a standing position and was more than happy to accommodate them.

I'm sure there were/are a number of skeptics out there who thought it was a big joke and didn't respond for that reason or the ones who just didn't get

around to it and all I can say to that is, "oh well." I did receive a few nasty letters from women who attempted this with less than positive results and was cussed out by others, but, for those who did leave a return address, I told them what they did wrong and those nasty letters turned into Thank You cards.

By and large, the response has been more than favorable, you may say enthusiastically bubbling over the brim, by some who viewed this as conquering one of the last obstacles between the sexes.

Again, I would like to thank you people at the *Planet* and of course all of you who responded to my letter, and yes, the offer is still open for all you procrastinators!

*Sandra Wong
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Act in the Political Realm

After a sustained effort to resist troubling you and your readers, I offer these thoughts:

Anguished cries for responsibility and integrity, for less abuse, for justice and community — and where will these things be learned and assimilated?

Atomized as our social structures have led us to be, the one realm we must put ourselves into for the recovery of what is necessary to rediscover moral humanness is the political realm.

What is missing today is the tangible piece — the arena for politics; for politics is the physical meeting ground of two relationships (the one one has with one's self, and the other one has with other selves) with the purpose of governing.

It was on this high ground our Founding Fathers participated and grew to a stature we today can not approximate. It was on this ground they founded not only this country but a political mythos which attracted and inspired peoples from all over the world and to this day carries a sense of wonder and purpose.

There can be no fulfillment of that promise without direct participation in the political realm. And there can be no political realm for the most of us without a defined ground on which citizens can meet.

*Tom Kilburn
Aptos*

Time for Nuclear Build-down

I endorse your publication and its goals. I want to add a few observations:

1. Your scope is limited to third-and fourth-generation weapons.
2. A historical analysis of weapon technology shows new generations surpassing the destructive capabilities of previous weapons.

Star Wars (SDI) is a front for MK-ELECTRA, the hidden side of MK-ULTRA. Note "The Power" by James Mills and his description of 'psychronic warfare.' A recent article in the *San Francisco Chronicle* (2/8/92) illustrates my point ("US Star Wars Want Soviet Secrets").

A nuclear build-down is now in the interest of both superpowers due to the so-called "fifth-generation" weapons based upon ELF wave modulation. In a larger frame, whoever controls this technology controls the old nuclear blackmail fraud that the Cold War supposedly ended. Please investigate these ideas further in your paper.

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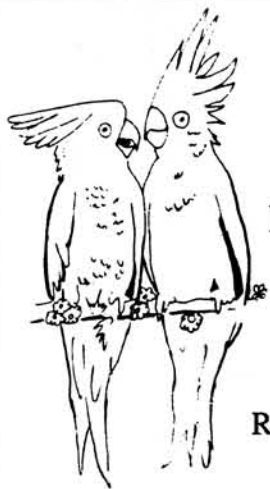
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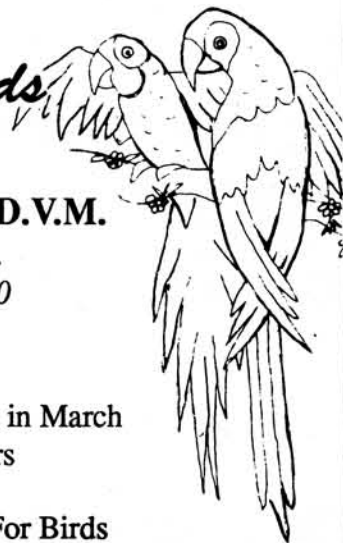
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FREEZE FOCUS

By Barry van Driel

Large Test Site Action Set for Spring

This issue of *The Monthly Planet* marks our seventh anniversary. For seven years, we have offered our readers a vital alternative to the mainstream press. As we enter our eighth year of reporting, we will maintain our commitment to provide critical perspectives at a time when media self-censorship is threatening the foundations of a free press. The relative ease with which the mainstream media were muzzled and restricted during the Persian Gulf War demonstrates why an alternative press is so essential.

The Monthly Planet refuses to be compromised or censored by the interests of the status quo. For seven years, the *Planet* has investigated and analyzed many facets of peace and justice in our society and abroad, and we will continue to focus on a broad spectrum of peace and justice issues. Our eighth year will certainly prove to be a highly challenging one, as we work to provide critical accounts of major social developments that loom on the horizon.

We would like to thank all of our readers, advertisers, business members and volunteers for making this possible. Without your support we would not exist. These are difficult times for non-profit organizations and their publications. Although our budget is low, we will continue to provide people with a free alternative newspaper because we believe that education is a right, not a privilege.

As a publication of the Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze, *The Monthly Planet* will continue to focus on the threats associated with nuclear arms and military spending, yet we are acutely aware that these issues do not stand alone. President Eisenhower warned about the dangers of allowing the military-industrial complex to become the dominant institution in our society. We didn't heed his warning, but rather spent trillions of dollars on a massive military buildup. Diverting these funds away from human needs has led to widespread despair, powerlessness and poverty in our country, and helped earn us the dubious distinction of having the highest murder, rape and imprisonment rates in the world.

The Monthly Planet will examine developments in the areas of military spending,



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nuclear arms, reproductive rights, racism, US intervention, elections and political campaigns, among others. These promise to be critical accounts that you will not find in the mainstream media. One new development will be this "Freeze Focus" column which will briefly present issues and provide updates on developments in the Freeze office. This month I will focus on an important action that will take place at the Nevada Test Site this spring.

This is an especially pivotal year for nuclear testing and thus also for actions to end nuclear testing.

Nuclear Testing & the Hundredth Monkey Project

In 1963 the United States signed the Partial Test Ban Treaty. It was stated explicitly in this treaty that

those who signed the treaty would proclaim "as their principal aim the speediest possible achievement of the cessation of all nuclear weapons tests explosions in all atmospheres for all time." As yet, these words ring hollow. This is especial-

ly disturbing since the American public has overwhelmingly supported a comprehensive nuclear test ban for years. Polls at this moment show that 75 percent of United States citizens adhere to this view. Our political leaders, however, have been quite unresponsive to public pressure to stop nuclear testing as a significant step towards nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Nevertheless, there are presently two bills in Congress (HR3636 and S2604) that call for an end to nuclear testing, and support for them is gradually growing.

This year, peace activists again will stage a major protest at the Nevada Test Site in order to supplement legislative actions. This is an especially pivotal year for nuclear testing and thus also for actions to end nuclear testing. Russia has again announced a unilateral one-year moratorium on nuclear testing, creating additional pressure on the US government to follow suit. Obviously, if the US does not follow the Russian example, the Russians may well resume nuclear testing next year.

Given the potential for a major step toward the nuclear weapon-free world

that Mikhail Gorbachev envisioned by the year 2000, some observers expected President Bush to announce a testing moratorium during his State of the Union Address this year. Of course, he took no such action. As congressional pressure for a test ban is applied through new legislation, it is essential that the American public speak out loudly to propel this issue into the spotlight and end nuclear testing. The Nevada Test Site action this year provides an opportunity to do just that.

Santa Cruz Participation in the Test Site Action

The Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze will participate in this year's test site event, which is organized by the Hundredth Monkey Project in conjunction with the Western Shoshone nation. The event will take place from April 10th to April 19th, when thousands will gather to protest nuclear testing and attempt to shut down the test site. Among the many protesters this year will be such luminaries as Daniel Ellsberg, Michelle Shocked, John Robbins, Casey Kasem and Ron Kovic. A five-day walk through the desert, led by Western Shoshone Elders, will precede the actual action at the test site.

Car and van pools will leave from the Santa Cruz county building at 8 a.m. on both Friday, April 10th and Saturday, April 11th for the first in a series of week-long activities: a major concert and speakers. Another car/van pool will leave on Saturday, April 18th at 8 a.m. for the actual demonstration, which will take place on April 19th (Easter Sunday and also Earth Day). People should call the Freeze at 458-9975 if they want to be part of any of these car/van pools.

There will also be a Bike Trek to the test site starting in Concord on March 28th. If there is enough interest in Santa Cruz, a separate contingent will leave from here and meet the San Francisco cyclists en route. Call the Freeze at 458-9975 or Peace Spokes at (510) 420-1799 for more information.

Finally, there is a Hundredth Monkey meeting planned for Wednesday, March 11th, 7:30 p.m. at 1101 Bay Street in Santa Cruz to discuss this year's action. I hope to see you there. ■

Barry van Driel is executive director of the Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze.



CENSORED

By Igal Dahari

Bringing Nightmares to Life

General Electric's television network, better known as NBC, probably won't be showing INFACT's "Deadly Deception," even if the short documentary does win the Oscar it's been nominated for. That's because the film unmercifully brings GE's legacy to light: radioactive contamination, toxic dumps, and environmental degradation. But that type of legacy has dogged GE through most of its life.

A close look at GE's history reveals a record stained with deceptive practices and questionable conduct. From defrauding consumers by intentionally shortening the lifetime of light bulbs to secretly conducting business with Nazi Germany and hiring Ronald Reagan to travel the country preaching the right-wing agenda, GE seems to be a company forever in search of the next scheme.

Some of GE's schemes are closely related to the work it continues to do as a nuclear arms contractor. But though GE has inflicted great damage through this work, public knowledge of the issue may not be very extensive. Corporations had learned long ago that to better control public debate, they must learn to control the nation's mass media. Hence, shortly after GE's purchase of NBC, the network began to back off of stories that depicted its new parent in an unfavorable way (see "The GE Boycott: A Story NBC Wouldn't Buy," Todd Putnam, *Extra!*, Jan./Feb. 1991).

For those wishing to view INFACT's remarkable documentary, you don't have to wait for a network to broadcast it (apparently PBS has outright refused to do so). Simply call 1-800-688-8797, or request a video copy from INFACT Campaign Headquarters, 256 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113. Please include a cheap \$18.

Kids Are Consumers Too

In the wake of the deregulation frenzy of the mid-1980s, toy manufacturers began producing over three-quarters of children's television programs. At the same time as shows starring the likes of He-Man and G.I. Joe were multiplying, the Reagan appointees at the FCC allowed the ceiling on advertising time to rise.

According to authors Nancy Carlsson-Page and Diane Levin, the toy manufacturers and television networks



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found the arrangement to be very lucrative ("Saturday Morning Pushers," *Utne Reader*, Jan./Feb. 1992). Income from TV-linked toys doubled between 1980 and 1988 (to \$14 billion), and sales from licensed products such as Care Bear underwear and Transformer pajamas skyrocketed.

Many of the toy-pushing shows have been cancelled due to bad ratings. A new menace, however, has risen to take their place: Shows starring or narrated by characters associated with junk food. A recent article by Joanne Lipman, who writes on advertising for the *Wall Street Journal*, describes how advertisers are eager to expand the roles of characters kids already recognize from all commercials they are regularly bombarded with ("Snack Makers Cook Up Stars for Kiddie TV," 1/8/92).

Some of those characters have already made the transition. Ronald McDonald narrated a Christmas special for CBS that was sponsored by the McDonald's fast food empire. And Chester Cheetah, a cartoon character used in marketing Frito-Lay's Cheetos, will make a debut of his own in "Yo, It's the Chester Cheetah Show," to be aired on Fox Children's Network. Not to be

outdone, Kraft General Foods is considering entering the foray with Cheesaurus Rex, a cheddar-colored dinosaur who pushes macaroni and cheese dinners.

Not surprisingly, consumer groups like Boston's Action for Children's Television are petitioning the FCC to curb this latest trend of mixing children's programs with the advertising that accompanies them. But if their success with the Reagan/Bush FCC over the toy issue is any indicator, they won't get much of a hearing.

How do the television networks respond to the criticism that they are blurring the distinction between commercials and programs for their younger audiences? One guileful executive interviewed by Lipman stated that the "challenge [for television] is to maintain that distinction, but to explore a character that children may have first seen in another vehicle [italics added]."

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Helen Boehm, the guileful executive quoted by Lipman, is a vice president at Fox Children's Network, which is owned by Rupert Murdoch's giant News Corporation. She used to head the Better

Business Bureau's Children's Advertising Review Unit.

Our Schools Aren't safe

As if kids weren't captive enough at home, corporations have moved in to take advantage of the profits to be reaped from having kids watch television at school. Whittle Communications is pioneering this idea of force-feeding youngsters an inane "news" show spiked with commercials. The show, which stars other young people, is broadcast via satellite to the over 9,000 participating schools almost every day they are in session.

Whittle Communications is run by Chris Whittle and owned mostly by Time Warner and Associated Newspapers Holdings, a British media conglomerate that includes a string of conservative tabloids in Britain. Channel One, the jewel in Whittle's crown, is already reaping rewards of over \$100 million a year for its owners, and is continuing to expand. Rumors are that its next stop is Russia.

But Whittle Communications isn't content with just invading public schools with satellite broadcasts. As John Friedman wrote in a recent issue of *The Nation*, Whittle would like to build his own nationwide chain of high-tech private schools ("Big Business Goes to School," 2/17/92). Friedman writes that up to \$3 billion may be needed to put the first 200 such schools into operation.

To achieve his goals of penetrating the normally insular public school system and further corporate America's goals for shaping education, Chris Whittle gets help from some friends in high places. Friedman's article details the cozy relationship Whittle has with Lamar Alexander. Alexander is Bush's education czar and the former governor of Tennessee, Whittle's home state. Will some of that \$3 billion dollars Whittle needs come from the Department of Education? ■

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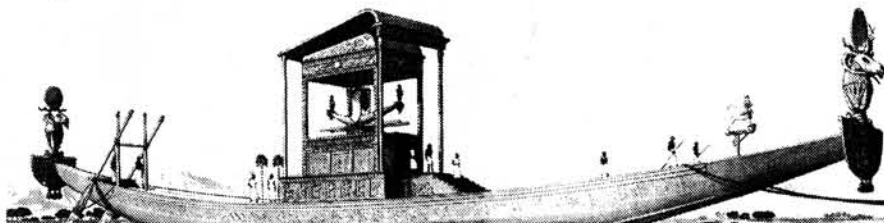
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Shelly D'Amour

US and Israel Clash on Loan Guarantees

In what has become the litmus test of the Bush administration's resolve for peace in the Middle East, the United States and Israel have squared off over the issue of loan guarantees. The outcome may well determine whether the United States can successfully implement its agenda in the region while maintaining positive relations with both Israeli and Arab participants. In any case, recent communications between Washington and Tel Aviv indicate a new tone has been set in US-Israeli relations.

At issue is Israel's request to the United States to guarantee \$10 billion in loans over a five-year period. Under this program, Israel would borrow up to \$10 billion in commercial loans from US banks and other lenders in the international market, and the United States would guarantee their repayment, should Israel default. Although theoretically none of the loan guarantee money would actually be expended, the US would be obliged to escrow several hundred million dollars to cover potential defaults.

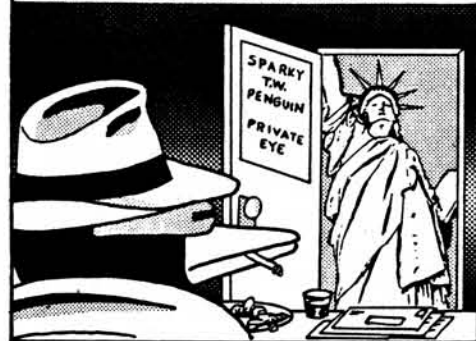
The loan guarantee request is extremely controversial because Israel wants to use the commercial loans it obtains to assist in settling Soviet and Ethiopian Jewish immigrants in the Occupied Territories. The Bush administration has put itself on record as stating that Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories represent a serious obstacle to peace, and jeopardizes a successful outcome to the current round of Middle East peace negotiations.

In 1990 Israel received \$400 million in loan guarantees to assist with the settlement of Soviet immigrants in exchange for a promise not to use the funds in the Occupied Territories. However, critics of the aid program contend that the existence of the loan guarantee, while not technically applied to the Occupied Territories, freed up resources that Israel would otherwise have had to use for other purposes, and allowed Israel to carry out its aims of building settlements in the Occupied Territories. It appears at this time that the United States is unwilling to consider a similar arrangement in this round of funding.

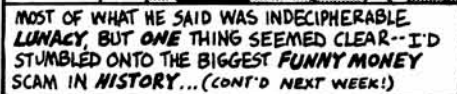
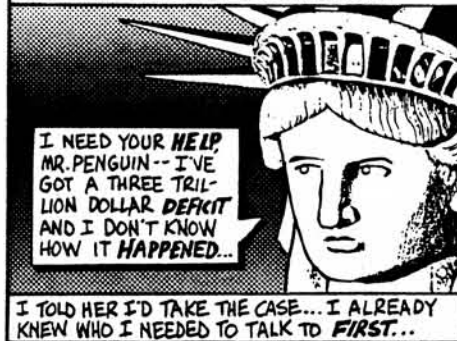
The aid request has been on hold since September 1991. At that time, the administration asked Congress to delay consideration of the 1992 Foreign Aid bill, to which the loan guarantee request

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is attached, pending outcome of the Middle East peace negotiations. In the meantime, Congress has been funding foreign aid programs at last year's amounts through a budgetary maneuver called a continuing resolution, or CR. The CR was set to expire in early February. However, with no clear peace accord in sight, it is probable that Congress will extend the CR through the rest of this fiscal year. There are no loan fund guarantee monies contained in the CR, and unless Israel is able to comply with US demands of no new settlements in the Occupied Territories, it risks probable loss of any loan guarantee until at least next October.

The loan guarantees are separate from the regular pot of foreign aid monies reserved for Israel. Assistance to Israel accounts for 26 percent of all US foreign aid annually — about \$3 billion in military and economic support funds. An estimated additional billion dollars flows through the defense appropriations bill and other channels. These monies have so far been expended without restrictive language; and so it could be argued that the United States is

undermining its own policy by providing financial incentives for the Israelis to ignore it. Regular foreign aid appropriations to Israel are currently being expended through the CR.

Specifically, the Bush proposal calls on the Israeli government to freeze Jewish settlements in the Occupied Territories once the loan guarantee money is approved. The disputed lands, which include the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem, were captured by Israel during the 1967 Middle East War. Since that time, approximately 100,000 Israelis have taken up residence in the territories among the 1.7 million Palestinians who live there. The government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has taken the position that Israel has the right to settle its inhabitants in the territories, and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of the current loan guarantee dispute. The reality is, however, that without the loan guarantee, Israel will find it difficult, if not impossible, to continue expanding in the Occupied Territories, at least at the current rate.

Israel needs the loan guarantees to

assist in resettlement of about 340,000 Jewish emigrants from the former Soviet Union. The United States has stated a willingness to fund the loan guarantee in full if its conditions are met. Secretary of State James Baker has stated that the US would permit completion of the 6,000 housing units that the administration says are currently under construction. The Israeli government disputes this figure, stating that actually 13,000 units are under construction. According to various media reports, about 2,000 housing units were begun since January 1st of this year, and another 1,000 are slated for construction in the near future. Shamir has stated that he would risk loss of the loan guarantee rather than stop construction "even for a day."

Congress, for its part, seems willing to back the administration. Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), chair of the Senate Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee, which oversees loan guarantee legislation, has put forth a three-point proposal:

First, that any loan guarantee legislation must be attached to the fiscal year 1992 Foreign Aid appropriations bill. This is to derail attempts at "free standing" bills which might seek to grant the loan guarantees without restrictive language. If approved, the loan guarantee would be disbursed in \$2 billion increments over a five-year period. That is, the US would guarantee up to \$2 billion per year for five years, should Israel default on its loans.

Second, for every dollar spent on completing current housing settlements, including roads and infrastructure, the loan guarantee will be reduced by one dollar. For example, if current housing projects were thought to cost \$500 million in a given year, the loan guarantee would be reduced to \$1.5 billion. Any attempt at beginning new construction would result in immediate cancellation of the loan guarantee.

Third, loan guarantees will be tied to reforms in the Israeli economic system which are intended to strengthen Israel's economy.

One problem with the dollar-for-dollar reduction formula is that there is no reliable information available on exactly how much Israel spends on settlement construction. Israeli government authorities say \$82 million while other sources put the figure closer to \$1 billion. Whatever figure the US State Depart-

ment settles on, it will be fairly arbitrary.

The administration had hoped to reach an agreement before the fourth round of Middle East peace negotiations began on February 24th, but that did not happen.

Israeli settlement into the Occupied Territories remains one of the most contentious issues threatening a successful conclusion to the Middle East peace talks. Recent polls taken in Israel indicate that a majority of Israelis believe that the settlement policy represents a serious obstacle to peace, and should be abandoned. The upcoming June elections in Israel will indicate whether that popular sentiment has worked its way into political resolve. In the meantime, the present government is being pressed to affirm UN Resolution 242 — the "land for peace" formula, and end encroachment into the Occupied Territories.

Military Budget

The House Democratic leadership issued its official response to the Bush military spending plan for fiscal year 1993 by unveiling a proposal that in substance differed very little from the president's.

The much-publicized "deeper cuts" in military spending proposed by the Democrats amount to twice what the administration has proposed (which wasn't very much to begin with). The White House has offered a \$7.5 billion reduction in Department of Defense spending for the fiscal year that begins October 1st. The Democrats are proposing \$15 billion in cuts, far less than what was hoped for.

The plan was announced in a press conference convened by House Armed Services chair Les Aspin (D-WI) and has the backing of House Budget Committee chair Leon Panetta (D-CA) and House Speaker Thomas Foley (D-WA). Mr. Aspin presented his ideas as a series of

cafeteria-style options, listing four potential alternatives to the Bush plan. All four options are predicated on what is termed a "base force" of military hardware, missiles and troop levels considered to be necessary to carry out US objectives through the end of this decade. The various options build upon the base force to project US response or involvement to various kinds of conflicts throughout the 1990s. While the Bush plan and the Democratic alternatives may differ in numbers and dollar amounts, they otherwise agree on the basic premise and direction for the military of the '90s: to retain the capacity to carry out two or more regional conflicts simultaneously, one of which may be equivalent in magnitude to the Persian Gulf War.

To anyone who hoped or expected the Democrats to refocus the direction of the US military in the post-Cold War era toward more positive goals, the so-called Aspin "alternatives" come as a frightening indication of just what US military preparers might be planning by the turn of the century. A February 23rd *New York Times* article outlined the Aspin alternatives as follows:

- Option A: projects an annual budget of \$231 billion and troop levels of 1.25 million. It provides for Persian Gulf War fighting capacity and a major relief effort along the lines of recent US post-war support for the Kurds. It also provides for purchases of additional transport ships. Savings of \$208 billion are projected through 1997. This is the Democrats' "minimalist" military budget, and also among the least likely of the four options to gain widespread support in the Congress.

- Option B: projects an annual budget of \$246 billion and troop levels of 1.3 million, with projected savings of \$164 billion through 1997. Option B adds additional transport ships, and the ability to supply air power defense to

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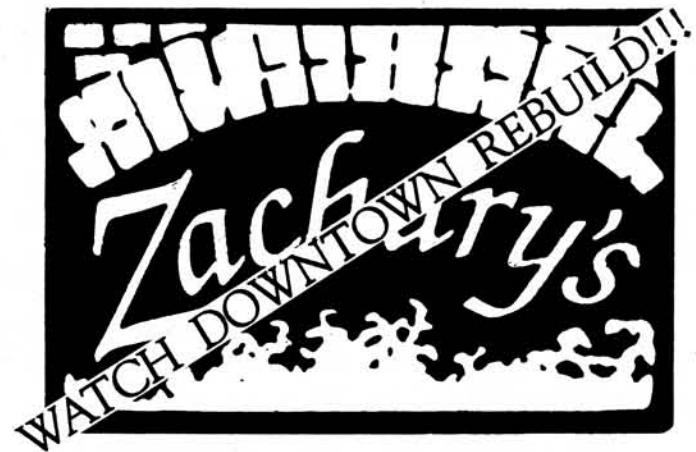
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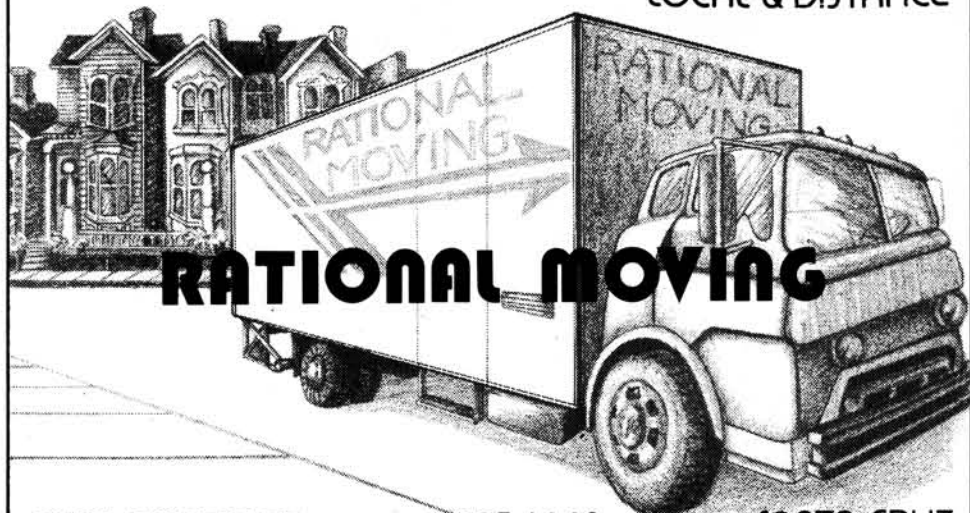
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• Option C: projects an annual budget of \$270 billion and troop levels of 1.4 million, with savings projected at \$91 billion through 1997. This alternative includes all the items listed in Option B, plus monies for even more transport ships, and throws in a "Panama-style invasion" to boot. Option C is the one favored by Mr. Aspin.

• Option D: projects an annual budget of \$295 billion and troop levels of 1.6 million, with projected savings of \$15 billion through 1997. It contains all of the items listed in Option C. But wait, there's more. You also get not one, but two Kurdistan-style relief efforts plus a larger armed forces and even more transport ships. Except for the 1.6 million troop level, Option D exceeds even the Bush plan in scope and spending.

• Bush Plan: projects an annual budget of \$291 billion and troop levels of 1.6 million, with savings projected at \$43 billion through 1997. It calls for retaining a dual-war fighting capacity and an armed force large enough to provide for rotation in the event of an extended deployment. Similar in scope to the basic Democratic plans, the Bush proposal also provides for a major relief effort à la Kurdistan, and additional transport ships.

All four Democratic proposals include funding for nuclear and conventional forces. Although the Pentagon and the House Armed Services Committee differ on the numbers and kinds of programs they want to see funded, they more or less agree on the general game plan.

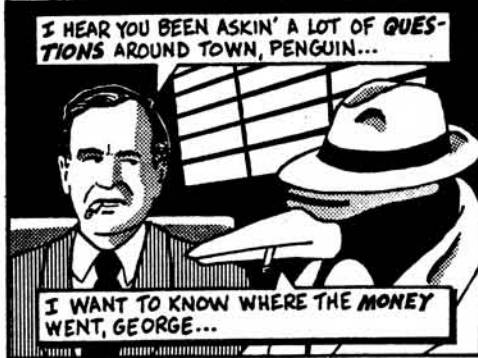
The House Democratic leadership issued its official response to the Bush military spending plan for fiscal year 1993 by unveiling a proposal that in substance differed very little from the president's.

If Aspin, Panetta, and Foley are able to forge a consensus for something along the lines of Option C in the House, they may still face a tough battle convincing their Senate Democratic counterparts. Senate Armed Services Committee chair Sam Nunn (D-GA) has made no official comment on Aspin's proposal, but indications are that he may find the suggested spending reductions too radical for his tastes. Nunn's approach has been to combine and streamline military resources in an effort to weed out duplication of efforts. At hearings of the Armed Services Committee held in late February, Nunn challenged the four branches of the military to develop program and spending approaches that were more complementary of their missions and less redundant in their use of resources.

There are some Democrats who think Congress could do better. House Armed Services Committee member Ron Dellums (D-CA) is calling for a \$50-billion cut next year, but his proposal enjoys limited support. Unless the more liberal members of the House are able to put forth a plan of their own quickly and organize support for it, then it is most likely that some version of the Aspin alternatives will survive as the official Democratic statement on military spending and priorities for the rest of this decade.

On a more hopeful note, efforts are underway to allow a percentage of next year's military savings to be shifted into domestic programs. Under the terms of the 1990 Budget Enforcement Act, Congress created budget "walls" between three major categories of discretionary

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spending: defense, domestic programs, and foreign aid. Savings from one category could not be transferred into another but were mandated by Congress to help reduce the deficit. This effectively eliminated the possibility of a peace dividend. However, much has changed since 1990, both internationally and on the US domestic scene, and Congress is inclined to revisit and possibly revamp its three-year agreement, which originally wasn't due to expire until 1993.

Representative John Conyers (D-MI) has introduced HR3732, which is intended to break down the budget walls in discretionary spending one year earlier than planned. A similar action is underway in the Senate, led by Senate Budget Committee chair Jim Sasser (D-TN) and Appropriations Committee chair Robert Byrd (D-WV). Reps. Aspin, Panetta, and Foley have all expressed support for moving a portion (as yet unspecified) of savings acquired from Pentagon reductions to address pressing domestic needs; in particular: housing, AIDS research, the Head Start preschool program, and retraining funds for unemployed defense workers.

Overall, the Democratically-sponsored "alternative" to the president's military plan is disturbing on several counts. First, it simply does not cut far enough. In the context of a US recession, rising unemployment rates and a crumbling infrastructure, the proposed level of reductions in military spending is inadequate.

Second, the end of the Cold War has opened up unprecedented opportunities for the United States to set a new tone and forge a new direction in global affairs. The Democrats have the numerical majority needed to craft and imple-

ment such a vision, but apparently lack either the ability or the willingness to do so. Instead, they have opted to retain the traditional role of the US as a dominant military power while merely shifting the focus from global superpower confrontation to smaller regional wars. All of the focus on budget reductions, on streamlining military resources, on opting for some kinds of weapons systems over others, really has to do with this essential point: that the United States is and intends to remain the world's pre-eminent military power.

On the eve of what is arguably the most critical US presidential election in this century, the Democratic proposal represents a sad state of affairs. And if President Bush appears to be literally handing the election to the Democrats, well, the Democrats don't seem to recognize their opportunity. Constituents of liberal-minded Democrats need to push their representatives to take bolder action on both defense and domestic budgets.

Action: Contact your representative and let him/her know your concerns about military spending in 1993. Your message should be: \$15 billion cut is not enough! Support the Dellums proposal for \$50 billion cut this year. Support the Conyers bill to break the budget walls and transfer military funds into needed social programs. If you live in California's 16th congressional district, Rep. Leon Panetta especially needs to hear from you. ■

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By Elena Aguilar

This year marks both the 33rd year of the Cuban revolution and the 33rd year of US government attempts to destroy Cuba's revolution. After decades of economic sanctions and a botched invasion, US efforts to overthrow the Castro regime are about to enter a new phase. In the last few years, Cuba has met most if not all of earlier US requirements for the normalization of US-Cuba relations. Cuba is no longer a credible Soviet outpost; it has withdrawn its troops from Africa, ended armed support for Latin American insurgencies, and improved its human rights situation. These were all conditions established by the Reagan administration as prerequisites for normalizing relations. Nevertheless, instead of moving towards a dialogue, the Bush administration has laid down new conditions: Cuba must have "free," internationally supervised elections and a market economy. Legislative has been introduced to Congress in the name of accomplishing these aims.

"The Cuban Democracy Act" (CDA)

introduced by Rep. Robert Torricelli (D-NJ) is perhaps the most far-reaching and threatening bill. Among other things, the CDA proposes to ban trade with Cuba by foreign subsidiaries of US companies; to confiscate any ship that docks at a US port within six months after docking in Cuba; to reduce US aid to any nation that imports Cuban sugar; to authorize the National Endowment for Democracy to fund Cuban "dissident" groups; and to authorize the president to pressure countries that trade with Cuba (Great Britain, Canada, France, Mexico, Japan, etc.) to halt their trade with the island nation.

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regime." Its advocates plan to make the economic situation so difficult in Cuba that the people will rise up and overthrow Castro. It is clear that the CDA would make life unbearable for the average Cuban, and that it would severely compromise Cuba's right to self-determination. Furthermore, it violates the sovereignty of nations that desire normal trade and diplomatic relations with Cuba.

The CDA is not the only bill that threatens Cuban sovereignty. The Mack amendment, introduced by Senator Connie Mack (R-FL) in July of 1989, would, according to its author, "squeeze Castro's resources and help bring him to his knees." This bill is designed to end all trade

by US companies with Cuba through third-country subsidiaries. Between 1980 and 1989 this trade was worth \$2.6 billion, 70 percent of which was food and medicine. This amendment has been incorporated into the CDA, but could also be passed as an attachment to other bills.

Rep. Frank Guarini (D-NJ) has also proposed a bill which will increase economic pressure on Cuba. In its draft form, this bill bars the president from extending most-favored-nation trading status to the former USSR in 1992, unless the new countries have terminated all military and economic aid to Cuba or indicated that they will do so within one year. Guarini has conceded that a full cutoff of such aid would "cause pain and suffering to the people inside Cuba."

There are two bills being considered, however, which would move the United States toward normalizing relations with Cuba. In January of 1991, Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY) introduced the Weiss Bill which would exempt from the US blockade sales of medicines and medical supplies to Cuba. The Berman Free Travel Bill, which will be introduced by Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA) at the end of February, would allow US citizens to travel to Cuba. Currently, it is illegal for US citizens to travel to Cuba without a government-approved reason to do so. The penalty for breaking this law is ten years in jail and a \$50,000 fine.

Following the Gulf War, former CIA agent John Stockwell and others speculated that Cuba would be the next country invaded by the US. Bills like those proposed by Robert Torricelli, Connie Mack, and Frank Guarini set the stage for an all-out economic war against Cuba. Those wishing to protest the Torricelli bill should write to: Robert G. Torricelli, Chair, Subcommittee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington D.C., 20515, tel. (202) 226-7812. ■

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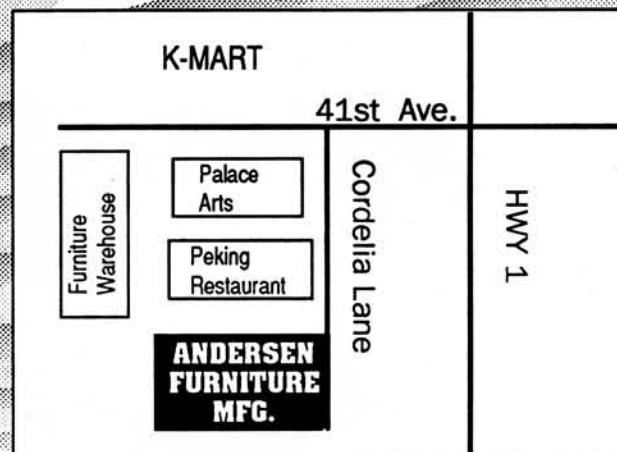
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On February 24th, Norman Solomon spoke in Santa Cruz on the news media's coverage of nuclear issues. The following condensed text of his speech was transcribed by Vianne Neblett, and edited by Catherine Banghart, Sara Nisenson, and John Govsky.



Ten years ago I came to the University of California at Santa Cruz campus and spoke about the threat of nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants, the local hazard and the global threat. At the time I was writing in publications like *Nuclear Times*, expressing my concern about what seemed to me to be a hazardously narrow focus of what was then the national Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign. Ten years later many locally based grassroots organizations that grew out of the Nuclear Freeze movement showed that my fears were unjustified. I can't think of a better example than the Santa Cruz Nuclear Weapons Freeze campaign which is making exactly the kind of connections month in and month out in *The Monthly Planet* newspaper that the news media were urging the anti-nuclear movement not to make a decade ago.

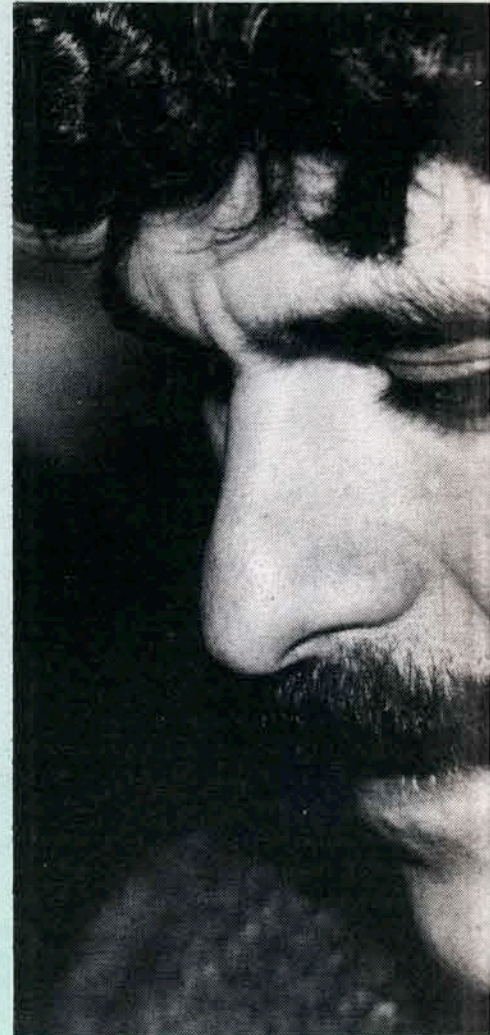
When we deal with the implications of nuclear weapons, nuclear power plants and assorted other corporately backed technologies, we're urged to segment the planet, not to look in holistic terms at what is going on.

One of the big dangers of any movement is when we start to take seriously what *Time* and *Newsweek* and the networks say about our movement. I'm afraid this happened in the early and mid-1980s, when the movement against nuclear weapons and nuclear power reached at least a temporary height, and we got a lot of prompting from the mass media to not get too radical; to be careful; to be respectable. We had a burst of pub-

licity in 1988 and 1989 about nuclear weapons production in the United States. Unfortunately we were often successfully encouraged to believe that the mass media of this country had finally come to terms with our legacy of radioactive pollution. What I'd like to do is briefly try to put what happened in late 1988 with the Department of Energy and nuclear weapons scandal in a historical context, then talk a little bit about what happened in the late '80s in the propaganda wars, and what's been happening since then.

In the case of nuclear weapons it's certainly the case that the entire technology was born in secrecy. It's been called the nuclear priesthood. We live, in that sense, in a theological society — a theo-political culture that exalts the nuclear priests. We are supposed to defer to them. They have an aura of holiness about them and we are urged in ways, direct or indirect, to defer to their greater wisdom. Presumably when people die in southern Utah because of fall-out, when the Marshall Islanders in the South Pacific die because of the legacies of nuclear testing, when Native American uranium miners die as a result of being sent into the radon ovens of uranium mines in the Southwest, presumably they don't know the "Big Picture." The "Big Picture" is supposed to be the important one, and it comes to us from "on high." That's the kind of theocracy that we're encouraged to make fun of when it happens in a place like Iran, but to defer to when it happens in the United States of America.

The last time I wrote to the US Department of Energy for a complete official roster of the so-called "Announced United States Nuclear Tests," I found on the list the Trinity test in Alamogordo, New Mexico in the early summer of 1945 which was kept secret at the time. Then the second and third listings of "Announced United States Nuclear Tests" were Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I think that tells us a lot about the psychology of the US government's attitude towards the development and "testing" of nuclear weapons. Because in a real sense what happened in Japan on August 6th and 9th in 1945 — the dropping of those two bombs — were in fact tests. That's clear if you look at the historical documentation. It's clear that in fact those cities were chosen for test reasons. And it's chilling because, for one thing, World War II began with a public ethic that one did not drop bombs on civilian populations. In 1939 it would have been pretty much unthinkable that the US government would do such a thing. But after the firebombings of Dresden and Tokyo the US government had acclimated its own citizens to the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; to accept the very atrocities, the anti-ethical activities that



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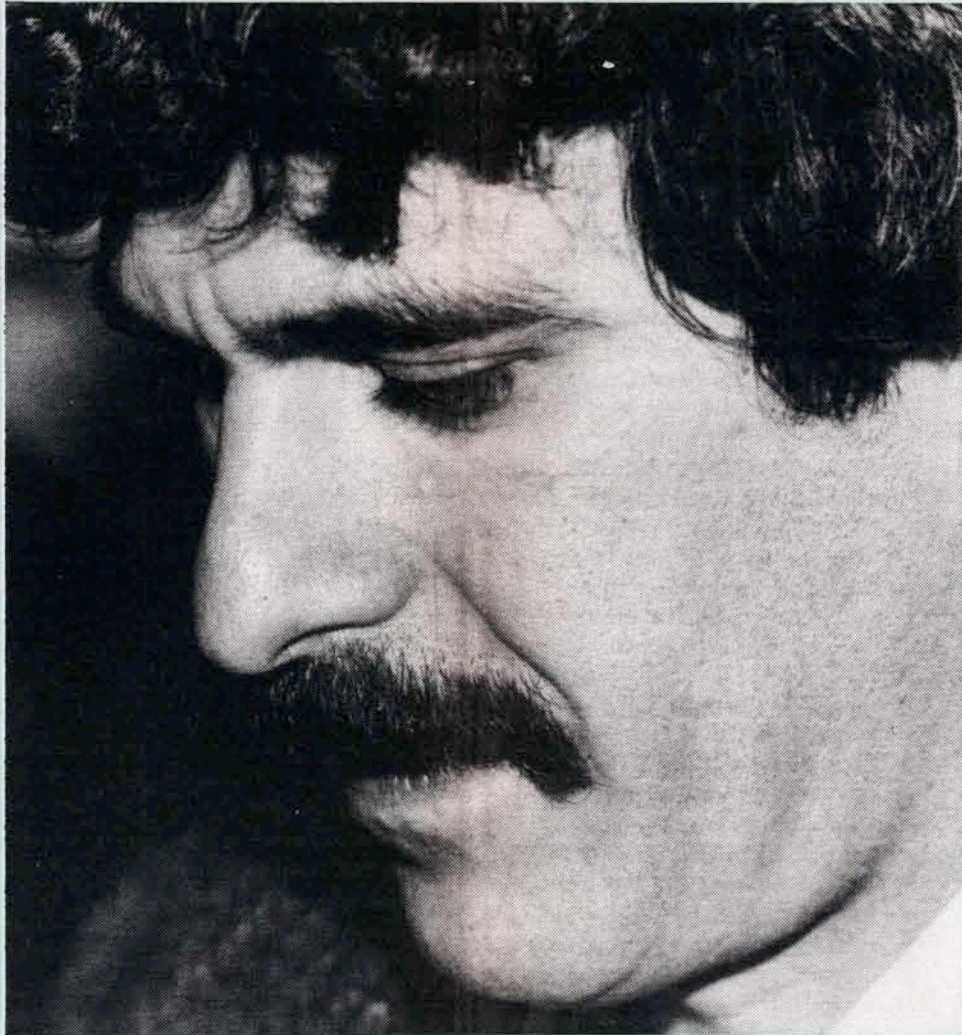
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One was to lie to the American people, and another was to wait until the wind was blowing in the "right direction." In this case it meant the wind would be blowing away from Las Vegas, away from Los Angeles and towards communities in southern Utah, central Nevada, and northern Arizona; communities that housed people in small- and medium-sized towns, rural people who had sheep herds and other livestock.

were to be condemned at Nuremberg.

We know that one of the charges against the doctors and government officials of the Third Reich brought to trial at Nuremberg was of experimentation on human beings without their voluntary and informed consent. What happened in the concentration camps in effect happened in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and has happened ever since in the United States and elsewhere as a result of the production, testing and deployment of nuclear weapons. Hiroshima and Nagasaki were selected as targets for the atomic bombs for reasons including the facts that those cities were large enough to show the gradations of effect half a mile, a mile, two miles, five miles and that they hadn't been subjected to major previous so-called conventional bombardment. These cities were laboratories that were selected by the planners for the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan. And we often hear in public discussion from government officials that somehow these were not real uses of nuclear weapons. You'll hear that nuclear weapons have never been used in war. It's kind of gone again down the memory hole: forget about it, it's not convenient.

In the late 1940s there were some major decisions to be made about nuclear weapons and it's no coincidence that this happened concurrently with the establishment putting the fix in, so to speak, for the national security nuclear state. In the summer of 1946 there were the first peacetime explosions in history, and one of the main purposes of the tests was to put the American people to sleep about nuclear weapons; to say "Don't worry, you can relax, nuclear weapons will make you secure, they can be aimed in a certain direction." It was an important illusion. And to make matters more convincing, about 42,000 US troops were deployed within a few miles of those atomic explosions. Later many US Navy personnel were deployed to scrape the radiation off of the ships. Some of the ships, however, were so radioactive that they had to be sunk. And of course this has been a pattern ever since. In the last few years we've heard a lot about the "cleanup" of Department of Energy (DOE) nuclear weapons facilities and these words are presented to us to substitute for reality. We're encouraged to confuse the myth and the real world.

In 1951 the United States expanded the nuclear test program by setting up the Nevada Test Site. It's clear from declassified documents that the government knew that the radiation would be dangerous. There were warnings provided privately by some scientists that people would be at risk, but the US government had some solutions.

Diseases began to appear that had never been seen before in those small communities. It's worth recalling that these were primarily Mormon communities. These people didn't smoke cigarettes and they didn't drink alcohol. They didn't have leukemia among their children or among the adult population to speak of, yet in places like Fredonia, Arizona, St. George, Utah, and Railroad Valley, Nevada, children began to be diagnosed with leukemia in the mid-1950s. In the book that I co-authored with Harvey Wasserman titled *Killing Our Own*, we quoted a letter written by a senator from the state of Nevada to the parents of a child who had died of leukemia. The senator said, "You must not believe the Communist scare stories about radioactivity." It was decades later in the late 1970s when Congress finally held some kind of hearings. And as one parent from Nevada who had lost a child testified, "I feel like we — we were treated as guinea pigs, only worse."

So the US government continued to set off atomic bombs in the South Pacific and around the Nevada Test Site. In 1958, when there was a temporary moratorium in the works, the US nuclear testers were eager to set off a bunch of atomic bombs quickly in a row. They were up against their deadline and the weather conditions weren't right, that is, they weren't pointing the radiation with the wind patterns towards those who had been bureaucratically deemed expendable — again echoes from the dock at Nuremberg. But the tests continued and the mushroom clouds rose over Nevada and the fallout blew for hundreds of miles around. It blew, among other places, to Los Angeles. You could say that after 15, 20, 25 years, there's not much that can be done about the initial exposure, which is true. Then you could say so there's no point in going into it, which is not true because early screening even today would be helpful for those people who were born in 1959 in Los Angeles. But then, as now, the US government is not interested in candor, it's not interested in public health. It's interested in furthering its own agenda.

After many hundreds of nuclear tests by the United States and the Soviet Union, which began testing in the late 1940s, there was the Limited Test Ban Treaty. Often John Kennedy is cited for what is really a moving speech at the American University where he discusses the threats to the health of the world from nuclear testing. The speech was very significant because it did reflect a desire of the Kennedy administration to end at least above ground or, as it is sometimes called, atmospheric nuclear testing. But the speech also provides some windows into the limits of that historical period and for every presidency in the nuclear age. Because unfortunately when a president says that "We don't want to go to war" the real translation is "We are planning to go to war." It's like Bertolt Brecht said, "When the government speaks loudest about the need for peace, get ready for the war." In many ways what Kennedy was saying was that it was necessary for the United States to sustain — to continue a situation of dominance. One of the reasons that I think the Limited Test Ban Treaty could be continued to be sold to the military people was that the US would continue to test under



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ground. In fact that's what happened and the arms race continued right on.

While it was a public health victory to ban above-ground nuclear tests with the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, at the same time it was not in any way a disarmament measure. Today, in 1992, the ground still shakes in southern Nevada every time the bombs explode and the arms race lurches forward. The Limited Test Ban Treaty put our consciousness about nuclear weapons underground as well. Meanwhile the nuclear weapons assembly line that had been established in the years after World War II was functioning in high gear and two of the most important institutions for continuing the nuclear arms race were administered by the University of California. That great humanitarian institution of higher learning was committed in the 1950s, as it is in the 1990s, to give its seal of approval and its supposed respectability to an industry that is continually finding better ways to incinerate the planet. It was also a very important move to get companies like General Electric, Westinghouse, Monsanto, and DuPont involved in post-war weapons production and then sanitize it with the Livermore and Los Alamos laboratories being administered by the University of California. In this way it can seem very erudite to figure out what J. Robert Oppenheimer called the "sweet problem" of designing nuclear weapons. Of course that problem never ends because there's always a way to tinker with the design to make a warhead smaller and more compact, giving it more bang for the weight.

In the 1950s they called Hanford, Washington a boomtown. People moved in, housing was built, jobs were plentiful. People went to work and didn't talk to the kids at home in the evenings and weekends about what they did. They were making bombs which were supposed to be normalized and the mass media, as is their usual role, put cosmetics on the corpse, happy-faced stickers on weapons of mass destruction. And so, as industries will do, the nuclear industry kept functioning and needed more PR.

One of the PR tricks had been what Eisenhower had called the "peaceful atom": nuclear power plants. The electrical utilities were not invited in, they were kicked into the nuclear parade through all kinds of bribes and inducements. There was the insurance cap that limited their liability with the government picking up the tab. There were all kinds of subsidies great and small. And there was a tremendous PR machine — the old Atomic Energy Commission, chaired by Dixie Lee Ray in the '60s. She would go in front of the cameras and say, "I would eat plutonium. I'm not worried, you know, these isotopes don't

worry me." And of course that's proof positive that patriarchy is culturally caused rather than biologically. So nuclear plants began to be built.

Nuclear issues add an interesting little wrinkle now, in the Democratic presidential campaign. In the primaries for instance, in one of the debates, the national media seemed astonished that the issue of nuclear power was even being brought up. Jerry Brown made some very good points. He challenged this kind of acceptance — this tacit support for nuclear power — from many Democrats and kind of throw-back retrograde support for nuclear power coming from Paul Tsongas. The news media were very surprised. Why do people care about nuclear power? Isn't that passé? If you grew up in the '60s you heard a lot about it and in the '50s, from the outset, it was a rationale. The US government and its PR flacks could always say, "Well, if we're going to have nuclear power it's going to be a peaceful atom." It was a way to kind of tell ourselves that nuclear technology, that fission, wasn't such a bad deal after all. Those myths are still with us. Sometimes I think it's simply a matter of industry officials playing dumb.

One of the most logical or illogical inconsistencies of the entire nuclear PR game has to do with the question of nuclear waste. There's all this agonizing and abstract discussion about nuclear waste. If your bathtub were overflowing and you came in the front door and there was water in your living room having run down the steps from the bathroom, you probably would decide that one of the first things you should do is turn off the water. But that's too logical for the nuclear priesthood. Here we have nuclear waste being produced at dozens of nuclear weapons facilities; high-level radioactive plutonium, cesium, strontium, nuclear

power plants each producing hundreds of pounds of plutonium every year; many, many pounds of high-level nuclear waste every month, and somehow they can't figure out what to do. They can't figure out that if you don't know what to do with the deadly garbage, that you stop producing it. You know, that would be a logical step. Somehow the waste is out there and the production is here and never the twain shall meet and it's that separation which has been one of the serious flaws in the entire media coverage of nuclear reactors.

In late 1988 and 1989, when anti-nuclear publicity was rampant, you can barely find any stories about the Nevada Test Site. Other facilities are talked about a lot, but the most sacred spot was the test site. It's kind of an axiom of mass media coverage that the more important something is — the more important something is in human terms — the less coverage it should get. So the Nevada

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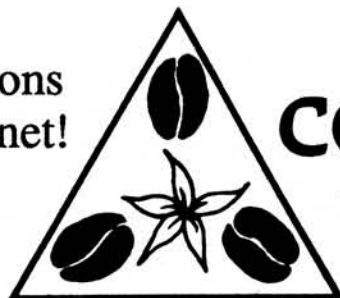
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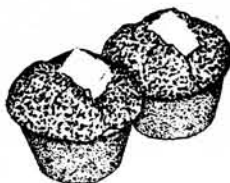
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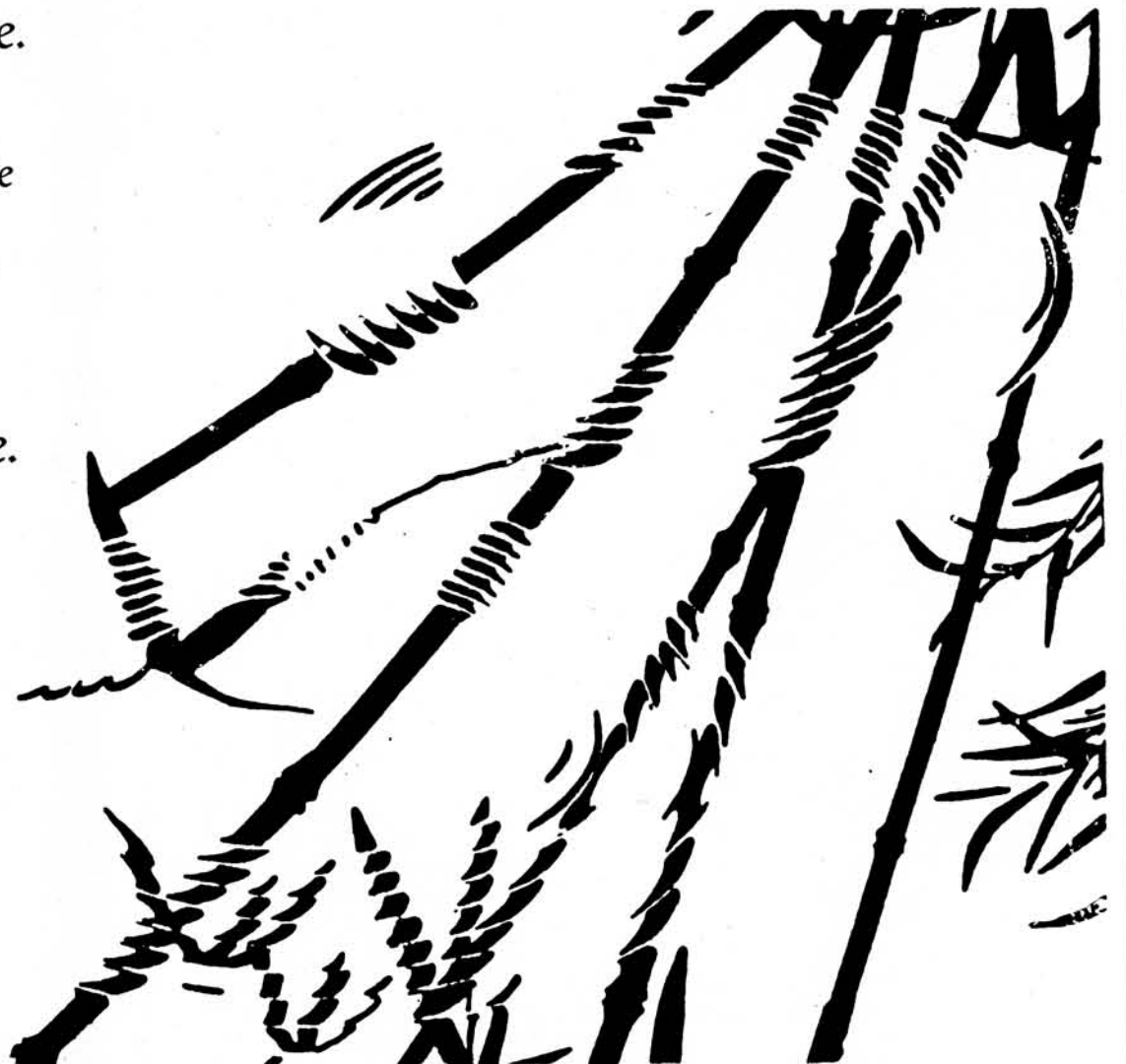
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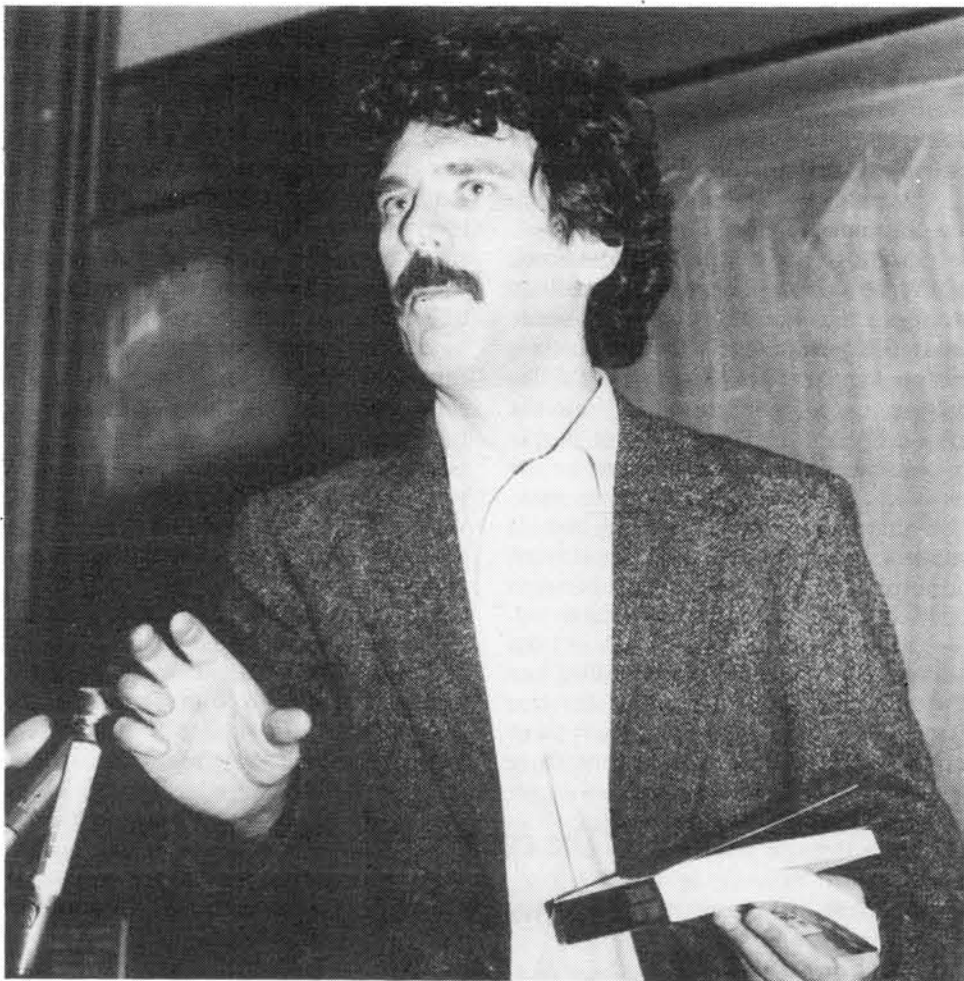
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Test Site got almost no coverage at all. It's a DOE facility. It's an environmental catastrophe. There's plenty of documentation to that effect, but the Nevada Test Site wasn't talked about because if you shut down the test site you have to shut down the nuclear weapons escalation game. And it's a game that is of course very lucrative. It's a game that the nuclear weapons labs and the contractors and the people in the Pentagon love to play. So the Nevada Test Site is virtually unknown to most people in the United States.

A related phenomenon would be the fact that the United States refuses to pledge not to be the first to use nuclear weapons, even today in 1992. These have been called public secrets and this says a lot about how the pseudo-democracy in the United States works. No, it's not secret, just hardly anybody knows about it. So it's a public secret. It's part of the functioning of the propaganda system. Most years a dozen or more nuclear bombs explode under the desert floor in Nevada and most of them are larger than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It goes on and on and the designers have a field day. They can continue to tinker and find nuclear bomb designs that will be part of still more accurate nuclear weapons. Why is accuracy so important and speed so important? Because the faster the delivery of nuclear weapons, the faster and more accurate the attack, the more tempted officials may be to use them in a first strike.

People in the Pentagon have always

treasured the option of first strike, that is, the initiation of nuclear war. What a great example of the entire militarists' psychology. We don't make weapons because there are targets that are appropriate; we make weapons and then figure out how to concoct some targets that are then reported to have something to do with this notion of "national security."

Orwell could never come up with a better phrase than "national security," and that's where we are in 1992. We are told that a nuclear weapons assembly line that is causing cancer and leukemia, causing genetic injury, is there for our national security. The nuclear weapons assembly line dumps scores of deadly, long-lived isotopes into waterways, the air, the soil, and our food, and we're told that those isotopes are part of our national security.

It's a major challenge for us to regain the use of language, to talk about security, to discuss the true costs of nuclear weapons, and not only the budgetary costs. We must also insist that the human costs of nuclear technology be discussed. That's where the entire presidential campaign has nothing to say. From Buchanan to Harkin, they don't have much to say about the real issues of nuclear weapons. I know that Tom Harkin has more of an interest in nuclear disarmament than the Bushes and the Buchanans, but I've been listening to all the debates thus far and I don't hear any of the "major" mass media-anointed candidates addressing this issue at all. So it falls back again and again on us to raise these issues and not necessarily in a



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polite way, in order to build and rebuild a movement; to build on what's been done in the past years so that these issues are real in human terms when they're publicly discussed and when policy decisions get made.

I want to say a little bit about some of the verbal mechanisms and publicity strategies that have been used to diffuse what has been a crisis for the nuclear weapons makers in this country. I'd like to give just a few examples of how the very deep and angry concern of people in this country has been blocked by the news media. I want to be sure to mention that there were at least 300,000 US soldiers exposed to nuclear bomb tests, atmospheric tests at short range between 1945 and 1962. These soldiers have suffered increased incidences of leukemia and cancer. Our book titled *Killing Our Own* documents the situation, and our book was published in 1982 when there was a great deal less evidence than there is today, a decade later. In a sense what we're getting in the fifth decade after the Manhattan Project is a whole first echo of the atomic age coming back.

The book *Killing Our Own* and other books such as *Deadly Deceit* document the ways that the cover-ups have been implemented through the national security pseudo-science establishment. When the evidence became too incontrovertible — when the health of the atomic veterans, from the people living downwind of the Nevada Test Site and in the Marshall Islands, from the people living near many of the atomic reactors and waste dumps and nuclear facilities became too obviously damaged to ignore — then the fallback positions were taken. This new awareness had to be given some novocaine. It's kind of like anaesthesia without surgery. That's the response that we get from the media managers and the military planners when there is public awareness. We're told that there's a crisis in our country because the people don't trust the government anymore and that we need to be concerned because people are too skeptical — they don't trust what they hear from Congress, they don't trust what they hear from the executive branch of the US government. But rather than there being not enough trust, there is still too much trust. As people have found who grew up downwind of mushroom clouds believing what they were told, their trust was not only misplaced but very deadly.

The Soviet Union stopped all nuclear testing for a year and a half in the mid-1980s and beseeched the United States to join in for a permanent ban on nuclear test explosions. The US, to this day, has refused to engage in anything like a moratorium on nuclear tests.

People with other perspectives were excluded from mass media coverage

even when it was one of the top stories of the year in 1988. There was a front-page article in *The New York Times* by Fox Butterfield, who mentioned a 1970 study that found alarming plutonium levels in the Denver area due to emissions from the Rocky Flats plant. The article jumped over a decade and a half of history — history that was inconvenient. This news article said, "Although the study attracted some attention at the time, only in the last two or three years has public concern about Rocky Flats become widespread in this area as a result of a number of problems." There were tens of thousands of people who went out and protested at the Rocky Flats plant in the late 1970s and early '80s. But that didn't count. People sat on the railroad tracks to block the shipping of material into the Rocky Flats plant. Again, that didn't count as far as *The New York Times* was concerned. The *Times* headlined that front-page article,

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"Dispute on Waste Poses Threat to Weapons Plant." Two days later Butterfield reported more on this nuclear threat. He wrote in *The New York Times* that Idaho's refusal to accept more of Rocky Flats' nuclear waste "has posed a serious threat to the continued operations of Rocky Flats."

So we're supposed to get the idea, either consciously or otherwise, that first and foremost the plant was threatened. That's where the threat is, it's to the nuclear weapons industry. It's to the profit takers from making more nuclear weapons. That's where the threat is aimed. As for the people who live downstream and downwind from the nuclear facilities — their health and well-being, the threat to their existence — that's secondary.

Now of course any officially orchestrated scandal is incomplete without very high-profile redemption. So the mass media, while beginning to report on the

sins of the nuclear bomb makers, seemed very eager to bring tidings of repentance. So in late 1988, *Time* magazine revealed that the DOE "finally seemed bent on reform" and "has taken commendable steps to infuse a safety-conscious attitude in the weapons facilities." It's really easy to turn over a new nuclear leaf. The US government has done it hundreds of times. The idea though that safe nuclear weapons production could be an oxymoron was just too much off the beaten path for the mass media to even entertain. Instead the kind of official self-flagellations were taken at face value. *The Washington Post* front page printed a contrite quote from an undersecretary of the DOE saying, "We have a moral obligation to rectify past sins." *The New York Times* asserted that, "The Energy Department has provided a candid account of its failings." I think it's pretty evident that the strategy for the DOE was to say "yeah we made a mess of



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The entire new generation of nuclear weapons production facilities is going to be financed largely with the rationale that the weapons plants have to be cleaned up. What better Orwellian way to do it than to say that for environmental reasons we have to budget a whole lot more money to make nuclear weapons. It makes about as much sense as the rest of the news media that we get.

The *New York Times* has habitually tried, on this issue of nuclear weapons production, to be dramatic yet reassuring. A front-page headline in December 1988 declared "Wide Threat Seen in Contamination at Nuclear Units." Yet a sub-headline incredulously stated that "No effect on humans has yet been found." So of course what the *Times* was doing was regurgitating the very same gibberish that had been fed to them by their official sources. The account was very illogical and contradicted by health studies.

One of my favorite editorials to appear in daily newspapers in this country on the subject of nuclear weapons was printed by *The New York Times* in the period when George Bush was about to move into the White House. The editorial was titled "The Bomb on Mr. Bush's Desk." *The New York Times*, in its wisdom, in its official editorial, urged the incoming President George Bush to "escape catastrophe by moving fast and setting priorities." The "catastrophe" that the *Times* was intent on avoiding was the prospect that the US government's ability to manufacture more nuclear weapons might be impeded by a shortage of tritium. As a matter of fact the *Times* referred to "the operation of the bomb complex" as being a matter of tremendous importance and concluded, "Mr. Bush has only a limited time to avert its collapse." But, as we might have predicted at the time, George Bush in fact knew to quickly avert the collapse and therefore avert what the *Times* referred to as the catastrophe of disarmament.

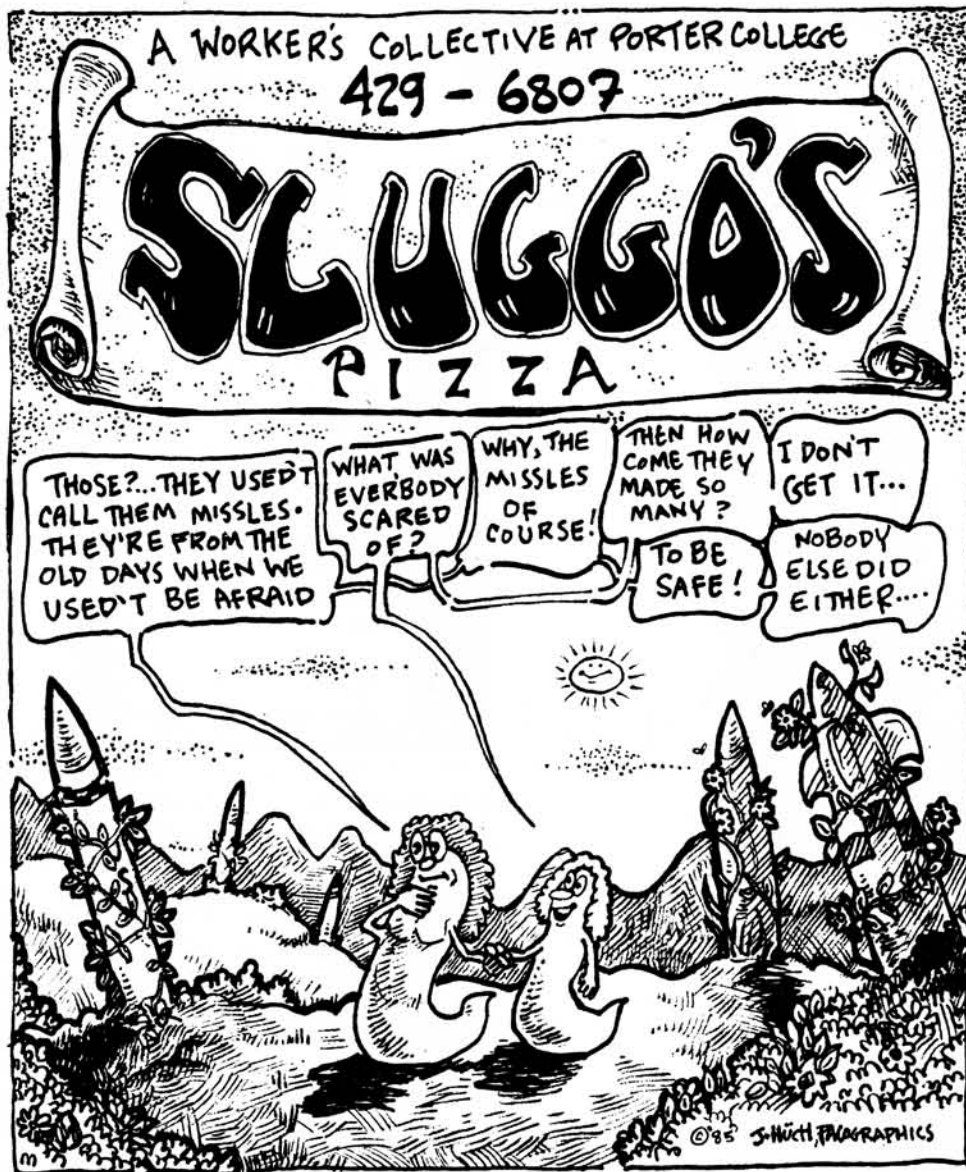
I was very interested in the term "bomb complex" by the *Times* editorial. They were hell-bent on safeguarding what they called the operation of the "bomb complex" but I don't think they were talking about the psychological mechanisms. They were talking about the literal assembly line. There was a follow-up on the top of page one by a *Times* reporter, Michael R. Gordon, under the headline, "How a Vital Nuclear Material Came to Be in Short Supply." They were banging on the drums, they were getting it together to produce more tritium as soon as possible. And it was interesting to look at all 43 paragraphs of that article. You had exactly one half of one paragraph devoted to any kind of contrary view. I want to read to you how they handled it in the *Times*: "Not everyone is convinced that the shortage of tritium is a national emergency. Some critics of the administration say that the United States could afford dismantling some nuclear weapons to salvage the tritium it needs, but the administration rejects this idea." End of quote. That's all we get to hear about that idea. When Bush got into office, the new DOE Secretary James

Watkins was really like the new cleric for the nuclear priesthood. He arrived admitting to sins and promising absolution through pouring more money into the nuclear weapons assembly line. He got tremendous amounts of great press stating that finally he was going to set things straight. Then years later in 1991 the news quietly came out, on the back page with two or three paragraphs, that come hell or high water Watkins was committed to restarting weapons material production facilities at the Savannah River plant, whether or not the environmental regulations were met. So it's the same old hustle over and over again.

We are, in 1992 more than ever, in a situation where the news media function to put a cloak of murky mystification over events large and small. The corporate control of the media itself is consolidating. There are corporations larger in size and fewer in number that are making a killing off of the media industry. Sometimes they are owned by corporations that are directly involved in contracting to the Pentagon and the nuclear departments of the federal government. One prime example of course is NBC, which is owned by General Electric (GE). When the Gulf War happened in early 1991 Tom Brokaw never told the people watching *NBC Nightly News* that the people signing his paycheck were making a killing, literally and figuratively, off of the Gulf War. GE had sold huge quantities of weapons systems and components to the Pentagon that were then used during the Gulf War.

This process of mystification is one that we have to challenge. We have to strip away the falsehoods, the deceit, and the dangerous ways in which words and images are manipulated to shield us from the realities of control. It's one of the great paradoxes that the more these corporate forces manipulate and control the mass media, the less those mass media tell us who really controls them and, to a large degree, controls public perception. We, to put it mildly, have a big task ahead of us. I often think of a statement attributed to the Italian anti-fascist Antonio Gramsci who spoke about what he called the need for "pessimism of the mind and optimism of the will." Sometimes when we talk about these very pressing and real issues we may hear from family, or friends, or acquaintances, or co-workers that we're being cynical. I beg to differ. The real cynicism is to say "I don't want to know." The real cynicism is to say "This doesn't concern me." The real cynicism is to say "Well, gee, the people in power wouldn't do that to us." Which is what people said when they got up at dawn and watched the mushroom cloud and the fallout blow through their communities.

The cynicism that we're fighting is the cynicism of obedience and of trust in institutions and of individuals with authority, and if we're going to challenge cynicism we need to challenge the nuclearized state. We need to challenge the militarized state. We need to challenge the mechanisms of propaganda and social control that in ways large and small are raining down on us just as surely as the fallout fell on the people of the Marshall Islands, southern Utah, and northern Arizona. Thanks very much. ■



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Velvet receives an AFDC grant of \$663 per month. Out of that monthly grant, she must pay nearly half of it, or \$325, on her share of the rent for the small Santa Cruz apartment that she and her boys share with her sister. Velvet is among the 89 percent of California AFDC recipients that do not receive subsidized housing. (The waiting period to receive subsidized housing in Santa Cruz County is now 5–7 years.) Velvet must also find a way to stretch her grant to pay for half of the utility bill and now half of the phone bill. There are clothes and school supplies, extra food, paper products, and household supplies that her food stamps will not cover. Her previously employed sister has had to go on disability.

“I’d like to see Governor Wilson live on \$663 a month.” —AFDC recipient Velvet Williams

Velvet cringes with disgust when discussing Governor Wilson’s statement last year that cuts to AFDC would only stop mothers from buying “a six-pack of beer.” She is insulted that the governor thinks she would buy beer when she has to struggle to feed her children and keep a roof over their heads. “I’d like to see Governor Wilson live on \$663 a month,” she says.

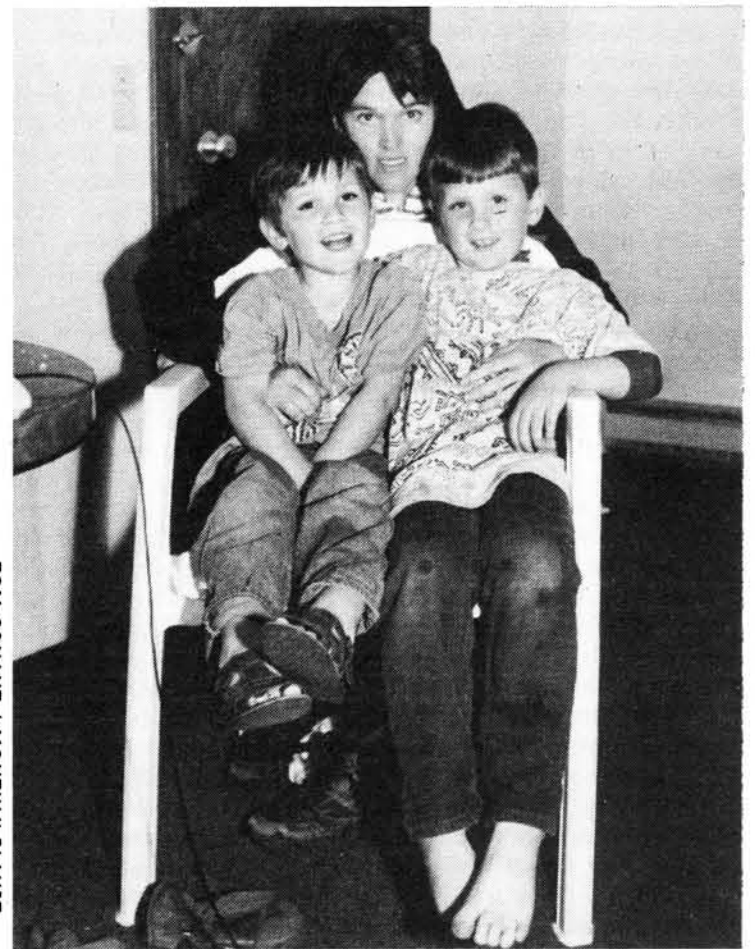
Through the GAIN program, Velvet is now completing a non-paid internship with the county that she hopes will give her the skills for a career in office management. The GAIN Program is a two-year maximum program. Velvet says that many of the jobs she’s looked into require as much as three years of experience. She hopes that her nine months experience with GAIN will be enough for employers to look at her resume and maybe “give her a break,” but in light of the recession, she is not overly optimistic about that possibility. She has little hope about being able to afford the car insurance payments and vehicle registration fees that would enable her to get her car running and make her more marketable when she goes out interviewing. However, Velvet is determined that her life will improve. “I made the choice to go back to school after my youngest turned one-and-a-half, and

I’m not going to give up. I’m going to fight these cuts to AFDC so I can keep going ahead with my goals, despite the system offering minimal support.”

Velvet’s experiences are not atypical, and they shine considerable light on the political smoke screen masking the inhumane, so called “solutions” that Governor Wilson is proposing to solve the budget deficit. Though Wilson would permanently freeze state cost-of-living adjustments to over 1 million aged, blind and disabled recipients of Social Security income and In-Home Supportive Services, increase monthly deductible payments and decrease services covered by the Medi-Cal program,

and eliminate counties’ responsibility to provide general assistance grants to disabled, unemployed, and extremely poor people, he is using the proposed 25-percent cut in AFDC and assaults on immigrants as his selling pieces, trying to draw on the public’s frustration and vulnerability caused by the recession. AFDC is responsible for only 6 percent of the state’s total budget. What Wilson uses to justify his claims of “autopilot spending” are the increased numbers in the AFDC caseload, but this increase is evidence of recession-induced layoffs pushing more families, and increasingly middle class families, into poverty. Even Wilson’s own administration admits that by enacting a 25-percent cut in AFDC, there would still have to be considerable cuts in the state budget to fully balance it. The cost of AFDC isn’t the cause of the state’s budget problem and cutting benefits isn’t a solution.

The real threat to California’s fiscal solvency is the lack of budget and social fairness, mirroring that which exists at the federal level. The bloated and now outdated military budget has



Velvet Williams and her two sons may see their AFDC benefits cut by up to 25 percent if Pete Wilson’s budget is approved.

drained the federal government’s ability to aid states in sufficiently funding social programs. Reaganomics and trade agreements have given corporations tax breaks and incentives to move to other countries, leaving hundreds of thousands without jobs. Job training programs, such as GAIN, are consistently underfunded and end up sanctioning (taking away part of an AFDC grant) participants more often than they enable participants to secure jobs that will allow them to get off of welfare. Women *still* earn less than men do in the work place, and when they are left as single parents, they must struggle to obtain expensive and scarce child care. They are also maligned for their parenthood, while the absent father, who usually does not pay child support, is not.

The California Tax Reform Association has identified \$5 billion that could be saved in the state’s budget by eliminating tax

loopholes to large corporations and the extremely wealthy. These include breaks to companies which invest overseas, loopholes in corporate changes of ownership, interest deductions for borrowing on yachts, and business meal and entertainment deductions. Last year's 4.4-percent cut in AFDC saved the state less than \$300 million, while over \$700 million was given in business meal subsidies. The average family on AFDC in California (a single mother with two children) receives \$1.58 per meal from Food Stamps. In comparison, businesses can write off meals costing \$50 and more, with no upper limit, while poor children and families go hungry and many times shelterless.

A local coalition of individuals and groups, including the Alliance for Children, Save Our Schools, and members of the Human Care Alliance, have come together as the Campaign for Budget Fairness, to advocate closing tax loopholes and redirecting the state's budget priorities to meeting human needs. The Campaign, buoyed by its success in obtaining a resolution and administrative support from the County Board of Supervisors in January against Wilson's "Taxpayer Protection Act," is in the process of planning an alternative state budget blueprint and a statewide networking rally in Sacramento.

If you are interested in joining the local effort to oppose Governor Wilson's budget proposals and further cuts to state social programs, there are many ways to get involved. 1) Call the Community Action Board's AFDC Hotline, at 662-3697, to receive current updates and

meeting dates. 2) Share information with your co-workers and friends, so they know the facts about AFDC and don't vote for Wilson's Act. 3) Volunteer with the Welfare Parents Support Group's voter registration and petition drive. Call the office at 458-9070. 4) Write, call, or visit Assemblymember Sam Farr and Senator Henry Mello and encourage them to continue to be vocal in their opposition to cuts. 5) Write letters to the editors of the local newspapers. 6) Attend Campaign for Budget Fairness meetings.

Budget fairness — not further cuts to already strained social programs — is the solution to California's budget mess. ■

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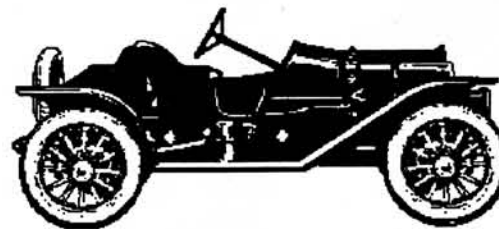
AFDC FACTS

- 69 percent of AFDC recipients are children.
- 73 percent of recipients have 1-2 children.
- More than half of recipients are no longer on aid after two years.
- The current AFDC level for a family of three is 71 percent of the federal poverty line.
- GAIN, a job search and training program, is mandatory for AFDC recipients with children over 3 years of age.
- Only 3-4 percent of AFDC payments are erroneously paid to families.
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By early January 1991, with war against Iraq imminent, those focusing on anti-nuclear direct action in the United States had thrown their energies into a growing war resistance movement. This movement of conscience in action eventually resulted in over 6,000 anti-war arrests nationwide, during more than 225 actions in at least 27 states. The widely underreported citizen opposition to the war contributed to a reduction in the annual total of anti-nuclear arrests, according to statistics compiled by *the Nuclear Resister* newsletter. There were more than 2,550 distinctly anti-nuclear arrests reported in the United States for the year, while anti-war arrests since January 1st totaled over 5,500.

The numbers alone, however, give an incomplete picture of both anti-war and anti-nuclear direct action in 1991. Through participants' statements or the site targeted for resistance, many of the anti-war actions made a conscious connection to the nuclear threat posed by US and Israeli nuclear weapons deployed in the region. This factor complicates comparing the anti-nuclear tally with previous years' totals, while confirming that civil disobedience remains a vital tool for peace, justice and environmental activists.

1991 began with just such a dual-focused act of nonviolent resistance at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, New York. In the pre-dawn hours of January 1st, four Catholic activists used hand tools to damage the runway and disable a nuclear-armed B-52 bomber poised for take-off. For six weeks, the bomber was grounded, while others in the same squadron flew long-distance missions over Iraq.

They called themselves the ANZUS Peace Force Plowshares, after their native countries (Australia, New Zealand and the United States) and to affirm their roots in the biblical mandate to "beat swords into plowshares."

The four remained in jail for the duration of the war on federal felony charges of conspiracy and destruction of government property. In March, they were released on their own recognizance. Convicted on both counts in May, each is now serving a one-year prison sentence.

For the fifth consecutive year, the largest number of anti-nuclear arrests was reported at the Nuclear Test Site, the area of Nevada where all US and British nuclear weapons tests are conducted. At least 2,105 arrests were made during six major protests at the test site. Most of those arrested simply walked across a cattle guard at the main gate and into the custody of waiting authorities, or crossed through the barbed-wire fence nearby and were apprehended somewhere in the desert as they hiked towards the government town of Mercury. State trespass charges were

eventually dismissed, in keeping with local policy for dealing with the large numbers arrested each year.

In April, two organizers for the American Peace Test (APT) were charged in federal court with unauthorized use of public lands near the test site. Working with an elder of the Western Shoshone nation (which claims treaty rights to control of the entire region encompassing the test site), they had removed a section of fence opposite the main gate and opened the land up for a peace encampment. The Shoshone elder was not cited.

"We believe that this land is rightfully titled to the Western Shoshone, under the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley," said defendant Larry Levy before the start of his trial in October. "Our presence on the land was an expression of our First Amendment right to freedom of speech, to protest the United States government's violation of Shoshone land rights and its continued testing of nuclear weapons."

Their trial, which marked the first such prosecution of peace camp organizers, was continued to a later date after the prosecution presented its case. It has not yet been resumed.

In addition to the test site protests, anti-nuclear arrests were reported at more than 30 other sites on at least 50 different occasions.

While only a few arrests were reported on the issue of nuclear waste, the stage is set for civil resistance at proposed dump sites across the United States. Twice during the month of October, Idaho activists enforced the intent of state regulations but were instead arrested for blocking nuclear waste shipments bound for the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. In New Mexico, the Department of Energy tried to sidestep federal and state environmental rules, and ordered

the first shipments of high-level waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) near Carlsbad. A statewide network of citizens prepared to blockade shipping routes was alerted, but not activated after the state of New Mexico challenged the federal government in court.

In Connecticut, North Carolina, California, Maine and elsewhere, radwaste activists are preparing to nonviolently resist the siting of "low-level" dumps, just as New York residents have done so far. The inequity of federal legislation, which would transfer title and liability for the waste to the states hosting such dumps, combined with an increasingly resistant public, is putting pressure on Congress to scrap the whole system and develop a solution that makes the generators of the waste more responsible for its disposal.



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Two Massachusetts war tax refusers were arrested for contempt of court in early December, when they refused to vacate their home. Since 1977, Betsy Corner and Randy Kehler have re-directed thousands of federal tax dollars to organizations helping the poor and victims of war. They contend that it would be a violation of international law and their own conscience to pay for nuclear weapons and foreign intervention. The federal government seized their home in 1989, then bought it at auction when no cash bids were received. The government then sued the couple for unlawfully residing on government property, and served its eviction notice in November.

Since the arrest of the couple, teams of supporters have continued to occupy

and reside in the home, preventing the government from converting it to a war-funding asset. In the words of Betsy Corner, "The issue is not our house. The larger issue is we refuse to pay for killing."

The afternoon of his arrest, Kehler was asked by the judge if he intended to reoccupy the home or encourage others to do so. "It is my intention to oppose the use of my tax dollars for killing and preparations for war." He was sent to jail for six months. Corner made the promise to the court so she could remain free to care for the couple's 12-year-old daughter. (Kehler is a Vietnam-era draft resister who served 22 months in prison and later helped found the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign.)

In February 1992, the government successfully auctioned the house, moot-

ing the contempt citation and leading to Kehler's release from jail. Supporters of the war tax resisters continue to occupy the home, and the federal government has left eviction proceedings to the responsibility of the new owner.

In Arizona, the federal trial of five environmental activists charged in 1989 with plotting nuclear sabotage ended in a plea agreement. During prosecution testimony it became clear that paid undercover agents and informants had provided the defendants with technical know-how, equipment, transportation, money and opportunities to practice the alleged scheme. With the massive SWAT-team arrest of some of the unarmed defendants and sensational charges, the government tried to tar the radical environmental group Earth First! with the nuclear sabotage brush. In the end, each defendant pled guilty to one non-nuclear felony charge, and four were sentenced to jail terms ranging from 30 days to six years.

Among the nuclear resisters freed from prison in 1991 was Fr. Carl Kabat.

Fr. Kabat was released April 12th, after serving almost six and one-half years of a 17-year sentence for his part in the "Silo Pruning Hooks" direct disarmament action of November 1984. Kabat and three others had used a pneumatic jackhammer to disable a nuclear missile silo in a Missouri field. For Kabat and one of the others, Helen Woodson, the action resulted in the longest sentences for nonviolent civil disobedience ever given. Because she refuses to accept probation or parole, Woodson continues to serve her sentence.

As the Soviet Union began to crumble in the fall of 1991, President Bush announced limited cuts in US nuclear forces. Unaffected by this cosmetic policy shift was the least visible but most threatening of all US strategic forces, the submarine-launched nuclear missiles. Also missing from the announcement was a commitment to halt nuclear weapons testing: the essential step to stop the development of new weapons and reduce nuclear proliferation. In the face of continued nuclear testing, the further deployment of the Trident nuclear submarine, nuclear waste and the paroxysms of a dying nuclear power industry, the vision of a nuclear-free future continues to motivate a movement of conscience.

While acts of nuclear resistance may only sometimes lead others to similar demonstrations, they clearly inspire people to take the next step in their own work for social change. And without doubt, the images of resistance — audacious occupations, disabled bombers and the quietly persistent prayers for peace in prohibited places — continue to embody the widespread opposition to nuclear arms and nuclear power on a planet that clearly possesses the sane alternatives to both. ■

Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa are the co-editors of the Nuclear Resister newsletter, P.O. Box 43383, Tucson, AZ 85733.

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1990	3,000	41	85
1989	5,530	75	150
1988	4,470	65	160
1987	5,300	70	180
1986	3,200	75	165
1985	3,300	120	170
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The Shelter Project 685-1325
323 Spreckles Dr. #B, Aptos 95003

Sierra Club 426-4453
Box 604, 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 459-2072
UCSC, Santa Cruz 95064 Beatriz Lopez-Flores

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 Action Team 429-8345
Steve Brooks

Veterans for Peace Chapter 11 335-2122
Harry Meserve

VFW Post 5888, Bill Motto 335-2122
Box 664, Santa Cruz 95061 Harry Meserve

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) 475-7451
245-24th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062 Alice Davis
For Watsonville's WILPF chapter, see Liga Int'l De Mujeres

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

To update this information, or to add your organization, call The Monthly Planet at 429-8755.

WHERE TO RECYCLE IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

UPDATED SEMI-ANNUALLY

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" columns 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 bimetal.

EXPLANATION OF OTHER MODES: Drop-off centers accept materials on a donation basis only. For example, you might deliver recyclables to a charitable group, or drop off materials at a landfill recycling center prior to dumping your refuse. Buyback centers offer cash for some materials. They generally buy glass, aluminum, cans, paper, cardboard, and/or metals. Some buyback centers operated by nonprofit groups encourage donation of materials. CALL AHEAD FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

SPONSOR	LOCATION	MODE	MATERIALS	HOURS	PHONE
APOTOS 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
\$ Cabrillo Host Lions Club & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	Trout Gulch Road & Aptos St	drop-off	news	anytime	476-1201
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Deluxe Foods, 783 Rio Del Mar Blvd Safeway, 16 Rancho Del Mar	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048 Hayward
BEN LOMOND County of Santa Cruz & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	County Transfer Station Recycling Center Newell Creek Road	drop-off	aluminum, glass, news, cardboard, oil, metals, auto batteries, mattresses	7:30-3:30 every day	336-3950 335-9166
\$ Household hazardous materials collected by appointment at this location — see box below					
\$ Valley Women's Club w/ Ben Lomond Library & SLV Girl Scouts	County Transfer Station Below hill	redemption	qualified beverage containers	9:30-3:30 every day	338-6578
BOULDER CREEK Valley Women's Club, w/SLV Kiwanis Club	SLV Redemption/ Recycling Center Johnnie's Super 13224 Hwy 9	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 every day	338-6578
\$ Erics Recycling	13155 Railroad Ave	buyback	metals	11-5 Mon-Sat	338-4890
CAPITOLA Capitola Disposal Co	residential area	curbside collection	glass containers, cans, news, #1 & 2 plastics	weekly schedule on garbage day	476-9288
\$ Envipco California	Nob Hill Food 809 Bay Avenue	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	476-9288
FELTON Valley Women's Club w/ SLV Lions Club	SLV Redemption/ Recycling Center Vista Foods 6123 Hwy 9	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5 every day	338-6578 335-9166
LIVE OAK AREA 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
California Grey Bears	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
Live Oak Community Recycling Center	980 17th Ave (next to Fire Dept)	drop-off	aluminum cans, cardboard, #1 & 2 plastics	9-5 every day	475-6915
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	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	Opal Cliffs Food 4125 Pontola Drive	in-store redemption	qualified beverage containers	9-2, every day	476-1651
\$ Armstrong Enterprises		collection	qualified beverage containers	by arrangement	479-8956
SANTA CRUZ City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	Municipal Landfill Recycling Center, on Dimeo Lane, 3 mi northwest on Hwy 1	drop-off	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, oil, metals, PET plastic, mattresses, auto batteries, glossy paper, office paper	7:30-3:30 every day	429-3657
City of Santa Cruz Recycling Program	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
Al Paris Recycling	1111 River St Across from Tannery	collection & drop-off	glass containers, cardboard, aluminum, #1 & 2 plastics	by arrangement	429-3490 459-9619
Monterey Bay Recycling		collection	office paper	by arrangement	426-0112
Hedrick Distributors BaySide Oil	210 Encinal St	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
SANTA CRUZ (cont'd) \$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	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
SCOTT'S VALLEY Recycle America & City of Scotts Valley	residential area	curbside collection	cans, glass containers, plastic drink bottles, news	weekly schedule on garbage day	423-2022 438-2324
Scotts Valley Host Lions Club	Kings Village Road near Skating Center	drop-off	news	anytime	427-1934
\$ Envipco California	Nob Hill Food 222 Mt Hermon Rd	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
\$ Zano's Deluxe Market	14 Victor Square in front of store	redemption	qualified beverage containers	8am-9pm everyday	438-4324
SOQUEL 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	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
SUMMIT AREA CT English Elementary Home & School Club	23800 Summit Rd 2.5 mi east of Hwy 17	drop-off	qualified beverage containers	anytime	353-1123
WATSONVILLE AREA County of Santa Cruz & Waste Management of Santa Cruz	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					
City of Watsonville	All City single family residences	curbside collection	wood waste, asphalt paving, unreinforced concrete, brick & tile	directions for these materials at gatehouse	728-6094
Reynolds Aluminum Recycling	businesses	collection	cans, glass containers, news, cardboard, paper bags, #1 & 2 plastics, metals, oil, oil filters, transmission fluid, antifreeze	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	
\$ D&D Recycling	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
\$ Watsonville Metals Co	213 Dias Lane near Casserly & Webb	buyback collection	most metals, baled cardboard	8-5, Mon-Fri 8-4, Sat	728-1551
\$ Bulach Machinery & Salvage	39 Walker St	buyback	aluminum, non-ferrous metals	9-5:15, Mon-Fri 9-4, Sat	722-1096
\$ State Steel Company	56 Porter Drive in Pajaro	buyback	most metals	8-5, Mon-Fri 1-800-447-7117	724-7111
\$ Envipco California	Nob Hill Food 1912 North Main St	automated redemption	qualified beverage containers	anytime	none
\$ 20/20 Recycle Centers	Albertsons, 1986 Freedom Blvd	redemption	qualified beverage containers	11-5, Tues - Fri 8:30-5 Sat closed 1:30-2	1-415-487-2048
Rick's News	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
SERVICES AVAILABLE COUNTY-WIDE Various Sponsors	Lucky, Safeway, Thrifty, Albertson's Stores	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

Peace & Justice CALENDAR

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, March 24th for inclusion in the April issue (publication date: Thursday, April 2nd).

WEDNESDAY-MARCH 4 & SUNDAY-APRIL 19

Lenten Desert Experience Gathering of those wishing to seek healing and express prayerful protest at the Nevada Test Site. Various events. Info: Nevada Desert Experience, Box 4487, Las Vegas, NV 89127. Phone: (702) 646-4814.

SUNDAY-MARCH 8

Channels to Peace, featuring John LaVelle, co-founder of Spirit (Center for Support and Protection of Indian Religions and Indigenous Tradition). One of the 1992 Lenten Series Services sponsored by Peacemakers of Santa Cruz County. Light of Life Lutheran Church, 360 Kings Village Rd., Scotts Valley, 7 p.m. Freewill donation accepted. Childcare available if arranged one week in advance. Info: 479-9770.

MONDAY-MARCH 9

Hobee's Happy Hour for Happy Pets. Get together with fellow animal-lovers for an evening of wine and refreshments. All proceeds benefit the Santa Cruz SPCA Cat Building Fund. Hobee's Restaurant, The Galleria, Santa Cruz, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$10 at the door. Info: 475-6454 ext. 26.

WEDNESDAY-MARCH 11

Meeting to Prepare for the Spring Action at the Nevada Test Site. 1101 Bay St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Info: 458-2719.

SATURDAY-MARCH 14

A March for Peace and Justice for Ireland and All Nations to bring awareness to the need for a peaceful solution to the conflict in Ireland and all global conflicts. Courthouse steps, County Government

Center, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, noon. March to Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., for a 1:30 p.m. "Gathering of the Gaels" celebration including music by Claw Foot Foot Hammer. Free. Sponsor: the Irish Political and Cultural Association of Santa Cruz County. Info: 479-3751 or 458-5236.

SATURDAY-MARCH 14 & SUNDAY-MARCH 15

"Shop-in" to support businesses that support passage of pending anti-discrimination legislation in Santa Cruz. Information will be available at the Lesbian & Gay Community Center and at tables in various locations in the downtown area throughout the weekend. Sponsor: the

Santa Cruz Anti-Discrimination Coalition. Info: 457-2521.

SUNDAY-MARCH 15

Channels to Peace, featuring Rev. Benjamin Weir, faculty member, San Francisco Theological Seminary; missionary and former hostage in Lebanon. One of the 1992 Lenten Series Services sponsored by Peacemakers of Santa Cruz County. Garfield Park Christian Church, 111 Errett Circle, Santa Cruz, 7 p.m. Freewill donation accepted. Childcare available if arranged one week in advance. Info: 479-9770.

FRIDAY-MARCH 20

Ritual to Celebrate the Equilibrium of Light and Dark at the Equinox. Held by the Coven of the Sacred Spring and Cerridwen Sidhe-Wolf. Write to P.O. Box 1411, Capitola, CA 95010 with your name, address, and phone number for more information.

TUESDAY-MARCH 24

Memorial service on the anniversary of

the assassination of Monseñor Romero. Holy Cross Catholic Church, 126 High St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Freewill donation accepted. Childcare available if arranged one week in advance. Sponsors: the Monseñor Oscar A. Romero Central American Refugee Committee (MOARC) and Peacemakers of Santa Cruz County. Info: 479-9770.

THURSDAY-MARCH 26

"Collision Course in the Pacific: Kwajalein, SDI and the New World Order," showing of a recent video documentary on the central role of Vandenberg Air Force Base in SDI deployment plans and continuation of US apartheid in the Marshall Islands, followed by discussion. At the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Info: 427-0322

SATURDAY-MARCH 28

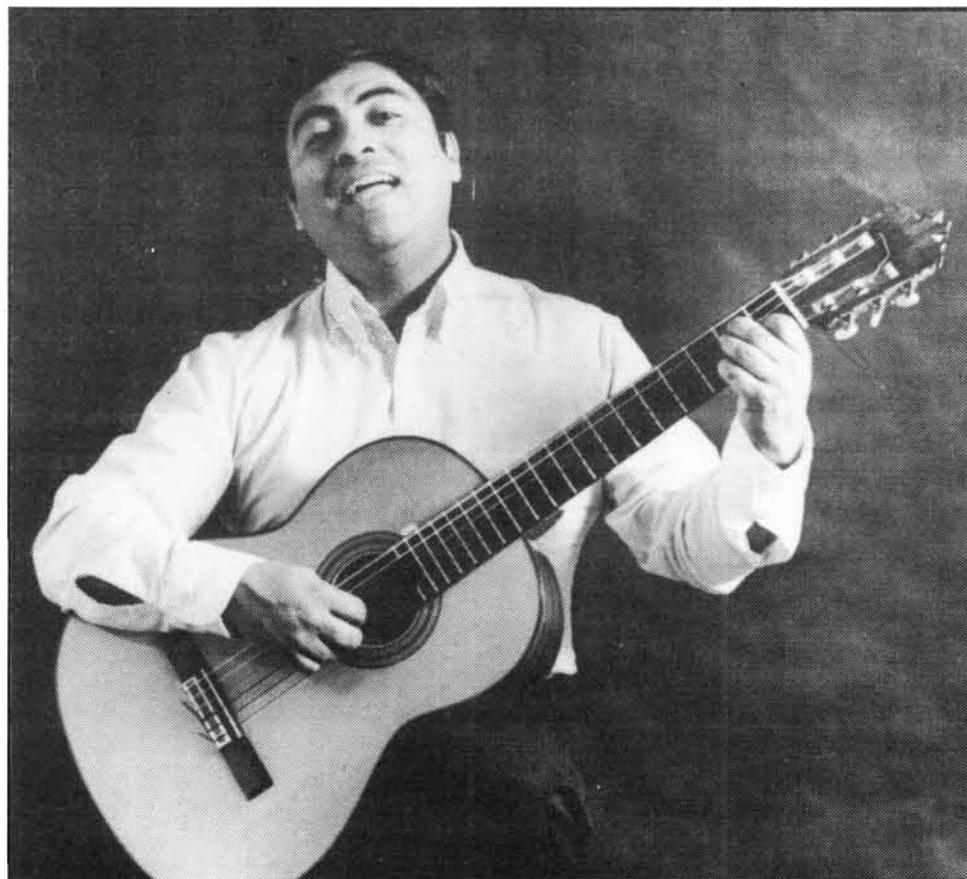
Concerts for Kids to Benefit Planned Parenthood. Two performances, both at Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320 Center St. in Santa Cruz. 11 a.m. show features Jim Marshall and Jack Bowers with Cecilia. 1 p.m. show features Jose-Luis Orozco. Children \$3, adults \$5. Info: 425-1551.

"Approach to Subtle Energies: Doing Spiritual Community Development in Santa Cruz." David Howie will speak to the newly forming Santa Cruz chapter of the American Society of Dowsters. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, noon-3 p.m. Donation requested. Info: 662-9065.

SUNDAY-MARCH 29

Big Mountain Rug Show. A showing of rugs woven by Navajo women who are among the communities in northeastern Arizona resisting relocation from their homelands. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sponsors: Big Mountain Weavers in Resistance and Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain. Info: 427-3785.

Channels to Peace, featuring Shelley Douglass, chairperson of the Disarmament Task Force of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. One of the 1992 Lenten Series Services sponsored by Peacemakers of Santa Cruz County. St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 2500 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, 7 p.m. Freewill donation accepted. Childcare available if arranged one week in advance. Info: 479-9770.



Jose-Luis Drozco performs on March 28th to benefit Planned Parenthood.

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FORMER ADVISER TO DANIEL ORTEGA TO SPEAK IN SANTA CRUZ

Dr. Paul Oquist, former director of information systems and state affairs in the office of the presidency of the republic of Nicaragua, and who for 10 years served as a principal adviser to President Daniel Ortega, will speak at the Parish Hall of the Calvary Episcopal Church, 532 Center St., Santa Cruz, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 30th. His subject will be "Inside Phase II of the Nicaraguan Revolution."

Dr. Oquist is presently the director of the Institute for Nicaraguan Studies based in Managua, which he and former Nicaraguan Vice President Sergio Ramirez established in 1990. He is a respected member of the Latin American intellectual community and is well-known throughout Central and South America and Europe for his research and work related to economic development policies in underdeveloped countries of the world.

Donations for the event are requested on a sliding scale of \$3-7. This event is sponsored by the Coalition for Nicaragua.

Prior to his talk, a reception for Dr. Oquist will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the home of Bert and Lois Muhly, 717 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz. Donations of \$15 will cover the cost of the reception and admission to Dr. Oquist's talk.

Proceeds from the talk and reception will be used to further progress on establishing a Friendship City relationship between the cities of Jinotepe, Nicaragua, and Santa Cruz. For more information, call 426-2798.

KWAJELIN: "THE CUTTING EDGE OF STAR WARS"

On Thursday evening, March 26th, there will be an unusual opportunity to find out about the rapid expansion of the US military's new Space Command, the advancing preparations for SDI deployment by 1996, its role in the Pentagon's global strategy for the '90s, and its impact on the indigenous people of the Earth's largest coral atoll — which is under US military occupation.

Californians should be particularly interested in these developments because Vandenberg Air Force Base, located on the Central Coast, is crucial to US space warfare plans and to the maintenance of the Pentagon's apartheid-like control over Kwajalein Atoll, in the heart of the Pacific.

Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine, which has labelled last year's killing in the Persian Gulf as "the first space war" (due to the extensive use of satellites), reported in its February 17, 1992 issue that the US Air Force is accelerating development of its capabilities for "integrated strategic defense system activities about five years earlier than originally planned," specifically highlighting the role of Vandenberg and Kwajalein.

"Home on the Range," a recent documentary video about Kwajalein, distributed by the award-winning Video Project, will be shown at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, on Thursday March 26th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A discussion will follow. For more information, call: 427-0322.

MONDAY-MARCH 30

"Inside Phase II of the Nicaraguan Revolution," a talk by Dr. Paul Oquist, former adviser to President Daniel Ortega. Calvary Episcopal Church, 532 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Donation \$3-7. A reception between 5 and 7 p.m. will be held at 717 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz (\$15 donation covers both the talk and reception). Sponsor: Coalition for Nicaragua. Info: 426-2798.

TUESDAY-MARCH 31

Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain general meeting and video presentation. At the Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain office, 911-A Center St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Small donation. Info: 464-8633.

WEDNESDAY-APRIL 1

Guatemalan Indigenous Leader Speaks on "Five Hundred Years of Resistance." Francisco Cali, a Cakchiquel Indian from Guatemala, will speak on his life as a peasant leader, and on international organizing efforts on the part of indigenous peoples. Calvary Episcopal Church, 532 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7 p.m. Sponsor: the Santa Cruz Guatemalan Committee. Info: 425-5939.

FRIDAY-APRIL 3

Folk artist Sev Williams in concert. Sev's songs draw attention to today's environmental and social problems, and offer a sense of hope and inspiration for the future. The Gathering Place, 9341 Mill St., Ben Lomond, 8 p.m. Free, tips appreciated. Info: 688-7014.

SATURDAY-APRIL 4 & SUNDAY-APRIL 5

Witness at Trinity/Vigil in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Trinity, site of the first atomic bomb test, is where many will pilgrimage to pray for an end to nuclear testing and proliferation. Sponsored by a variety of religious and peace organizations. Info: Don Whitmore, P.O. Box 1105, Auburn, WA 98071-1105.

SUNDAY-APRIL 5

Informational Gathering on the Medical Marijuana Initiative. Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 3-5 p.m. Sponsor: Santa Cruz Citizens for Medical Marijuana. Info: 429-8819.

FRIDAY-APRIL 10 THRU SUNDAY-APRIL 19

Large Demonstration at the Nevada Test Site. Three days of music, speakers and events begin April 10 near Las Vegas, followed by a five-day walk to the test site, culminating in a peaceful action and rally on Easter Sunday/Earth Day, April 19. Musicians include Richie Havens, Merl Saunders, Michelle Shocked and Jesse Colin Young. Speakers include Dr. Helen Caldicott, Casey Kasem, Dennis Hayes, Vivienne Verdon-Roe, Wavy Gravy, Daniel Ellsberg, David Brower, and John Robbins. Info: (510) 658-6770. For information on Santa Cruz car pools to the site, call 458-2719.

Next month calendar
deadline is March 24th

The Monthly Planet

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Santa Cruz Downtown

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Bookshop Santa Cruz
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Cosmic Colors
Cymbaline Records
Erik's Deli
Food Pavilion
Gamil's Egyptian Cuisine
Gamil's Red Sea Food
Gateways
Hobee's
Imagine
India Joze
Jahva House
Logo's
Mobo Sushi
Nature's Bounty
Nuclear Weapons Freeze
Office
Pilot Outlet
Pipeline
Pontiac Grill
Retrospect Records
Santa Cruz Library
Santa Cruz Coffee Roasting
Co.
Tampico's
The Bagelry
The Catalyst
Ultramat
Well Within
Zachary's
Zoccoli's

Santa Cruz Westside

El Zarape
Food Bin/Herb Room
New Leaf Market
Pete's Family Restaurant
Ristorante Avanti
Saturn Cafe
Upper Crust Pizza
Z's Liquors
Zanzibar

UCSC Campus

Banana Joe's
Bay Tree Bookstore
Cafe 8
College 8 Mail Room
Communications Bldg.
Cowell Coffee Shop
Cowell Health Center
Cowell Mail Room
Crown Mail Room
Idler Cafe
Kresge Mail Room
Kresge Town Hall
McHenry Library
Merrill Mail Room
Oakes Cafe
Oakes Mail Room
Porter Mail Room
Sluggo's
Stevenson Mail Room
Tacorra's Pacifica
Whole Earth

Santa Cruz Eastside/ Soquel Ave

Branciforte Library
Cafe De Palma
Community Foods
Ernie's Liquors
Gamil's Cafe

Gauranga's
Heartwood Spa
Kiva Retreat House
Lenz Arts
Linda's Seabreeze Cafe
Marianne's Ice Cream
Pacific Sun
Polar Bear Ice Cream
Resource Center for
Nonviolence
Sash Mill Cafe
Santa Cruz County Bldg.
Seabright Brewery
Staff of Life
Stapleton's
Super Naturals
The Bagelry
The Book Loft
The Crepe Place
Way of Life

Twin Lakes & Capitola

Bay Video
C.D. City
Cafe Capitola
Capitola Book Cafe
Chinese Village
Coffee Vault
Dharma's
East Lake Liquor
Round Table Pizza
Spirit Liquors
Straw Hat Pizza
The Pizza Co.
Twin Lakes Farmer's Market
Wee Bee Natural

Capitola Village

Aries Arts
Cafe Lido
Cafe Violette
Capi's Coffee Express
Capitola Mercantile
Grady's Market
Mr. Toots
Waffle Cafe
Zelda's

Soquel

Aragona's
Cabrillo Liquors
Carpo's
Little Tampico's
Orient Espresso
Soquel Market
Soquel's
Sunrise Produce
Sunshine Cafe
The Bagelry

Aptos

Aptos Library
Aptos Natural Foods
Beacon Gas Station
Bookworks
Cabrillo College Administration
Bldg.
Cabrillo College Bookstore
Cabrillo College Library
Cole's BBQ
Deer Park Tavern
Eric's Deli
Michael's Pizza
Pacific Coffee Roasting Co.
Piggie Market
Rancho Del Mar Liquors
Seacliff Plaza Market

San Lorenzo Valley

B.L. Mini Market
Blind Pilot
Boulder Creek Brewery

Boulder Creek Liquors
Elegant Earth
Heavenly Cafe
Mountain Roasting
Pinnacle Grouse
Ray's Foods
Redwood Records & Video
Round Table Pizza
Sincerely Yours
Tampicos
The Gathering Place
The White Raven
True Nature Foods
Vista Foods

Scotts Valley

Coffee Connection
High Country Coffee
Leo's Liquors
Round Table Pizza
Sequoia Health Foods
The Book Bank
The Pizza Company
The Video Box
Togo's
Zanottos Deluxe

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Carmel Valley

Carmel Valley Library
Carmel Valley Natural Foods
Joseph's Oak Deli
Kasey's
Mid-Valley Laundromat

Carmel

Books, Inc.
Brentano's
Carmel Health Shop
Carmel Library
Carmel Safeway
Comucopia
Do Re Mi Records
Junipero St. Laundromat
Nature Company
Paradise Building
Pilgrims Way
Thunderbird Books

Monterey

Del Monte Health Foods
Grovemont Theater
Monte Vista Laundromat
Monterey Bay Bookstore/
Coffeehouse
Monterey Institute of
International Studies
Monterey Peninsula College
Monterey Public Library
Monterey Safeway
Skinny's

New Monterey

Bagel Bakery
Granary
Hoagie's Heroes
Kinko's
Old Capitol Books
Recycled Records
Tillie Gort's Cafe

Pacific Grove

Bookworks
Copiworks
Envirocare
Pacific Grove Library
Pacific Grove Plaza
Portifino Cafe

Seaside

Seaside Library

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 ▾ 7→9:30
THE DIVINE WOMAN
A retelling of the path of Goddess worship in Western history.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 ▾ 6:30→9:30
2ND ANNUAL SOUL FOOD DINNER
Inspirational talks by special women along with a Soul Food Dinner.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 ▾ 9:30→4:00
WOMEN DANCING
A daylong workshop. Learn about women in their cultures through dance and music.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 ▾ 7:30→9:30
POETRY & PROSE BY WOMEN
A very special edition of our monthly Poetry and Prose series.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 ▾ 7:30→10:00
THE NEW EXPANDED FAT LIP READERS THEATRE
Fighters of discrimination against fat people. Monologues, skits, music and choreography to provoke, amuse, and stimulate thoughts and emotions. Co-sponsored by the Body Image Task Force and Ample Annie.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

LOUDEN NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER
301 CENTER STREET ▾ SANTA CRUZ ▾ 429-3504

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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.

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, Monterey Branch, membership meeting. 1st Sunday of each month, 2:30-4:30 p.m., (following vigil). Call 372-6001 for location.

Poet & Patriot Irish Pub

March Events

Saturday, March 7

Benefit for U.F.W. Bill Motto Post 5888

Sunday, March 8, 6pm

Kevin Brennan and Friends
Traditional Irish Folk & More

Nostalgia Weekend:

Friday March 13,

6pm to 10pm &

Saturday March 14,

6pm to 10pm

Poet & Patriot kitchen reopens!!
Pub alumni serving all your old favorites.

Saturday March 14, 12 noon

March for peace & justice in Ireland and all nations—county building—organized by Irish Political and Cultural Association in the spirit of Hugh DeLacy.

1:30

GATHERING OF THE GAELS

Louden Nelson Center

Sunday, March 15, 2pm-7pm

10th ANNIVERSARY PARTY!!

Happy Hour—opening day prices—3pm to 5pm

Live Celtic Music

Munchies, Party Favors & Birthday Cake

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Tuesday, March 17

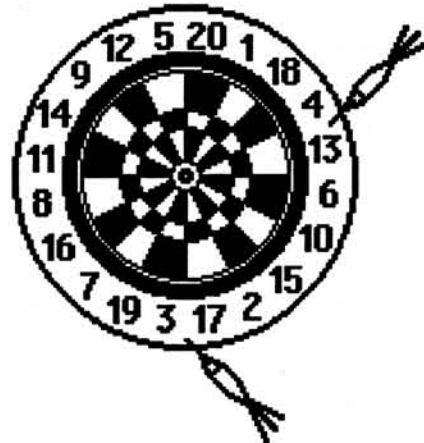
Nothing happening this day...except for the most incredible, unbelievable, traditional, sensational, infamous and famous celebration of ST. PATRICK'S DAY this side of the Emerald Isle!

11am til 1am

kitchen open noon til 8pm



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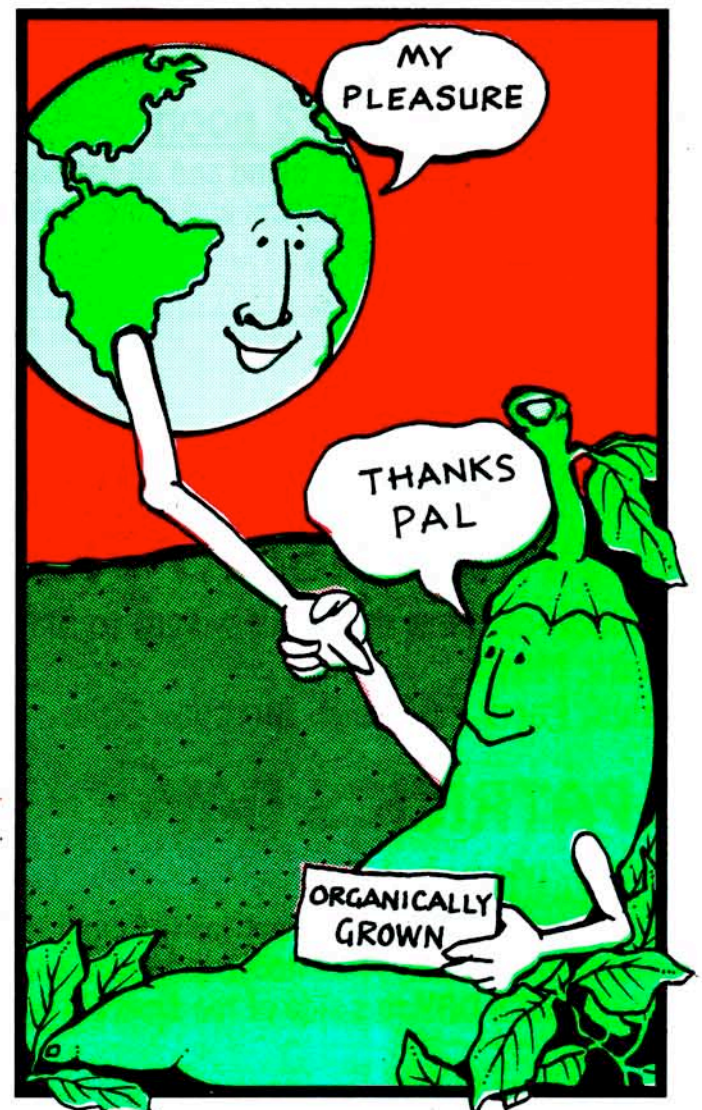
415 River Street
In the Farmers Exchange Building
425-5888

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HOURS: MONDAY - SATURDAY 9am - 8pm SUNDAY 10am - 6pm