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## About us

The Post Amerikan is an independent community newspaper providing information and analysis that is screened out of or down played by establishment news sources. We are a non-profit, worker-run collective that exists as an alternative to the corporate media.

We put out six issues a year. Staff members take turns as "coordinator." All writing, typing, editing, graphics photography, pasteup, and distribution are done on a volunteer basis. You are invited to volunteer your talents.

Most of our material and inspiration for material comes from the community. The Post Amerikan welcomes stories, graphics, photos, letters, and news tips from our readers. If you'd like to join us, call 828-7232 and leave a message on our answering machine. We will get back to you as soon as we can. Don't worry if it takes a while--we don't meet every week.

An alternative newspaper depends very directly on a community of concerned people for existence. We believe it is very important to keep a newspaper like this around. If you think so too, then please support us by telling your friends about the paper, donating money to the printing of the paper, and telling our advertisers you saw their ad in the Post Amerikan.

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Ken Moody, 1984

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This issue is brought to you thanks to Angela and Scott (Coordinators), Laurie, Shadd, Patrick, Vince, Pete, Sue, Susie, Bumper, and probably others whom we forgot to mention.

## Moving?

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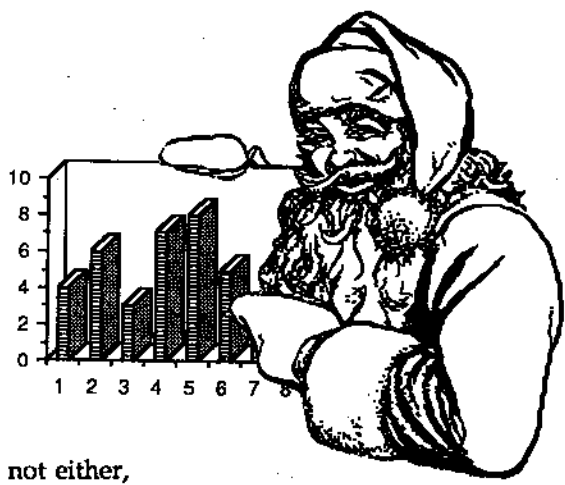
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- Mid Central Community Action..829-0691
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# Christmas cheer



Once again the Christmas season is upon us. It is time for us to show "good will towards our fellow man." Christmas, the time of the year when giving is in style and everyone is imbued with the spirit of generosity. It is the season to declare "PEACE ON EARTH!" ...Yea right, and I suppose you're going to put cookies out for some obese man you expect to break into your home and not rob you blind on Christmas Eve.

Does anyone still believe these rumors that Christmas is a time of sharing? Are we naive enough to think that in the course of about a month and a half we can change from our yearly rat-race style of existence and become caring individuals with sympathy for those who are less fortunate? I hope we are at least big enough to own up to the fact that Christmas is not a religious holiday for a large portion of our society--do I dare say the majority.

Christmas always leaves a bad taste in my mouth. I want to believe in all the things that people say out of routine every time this season rolls around, but I can't help seeing all the obvious contradictions. So if Christmas isn't about giving and loving your fellow person, then what is it about?

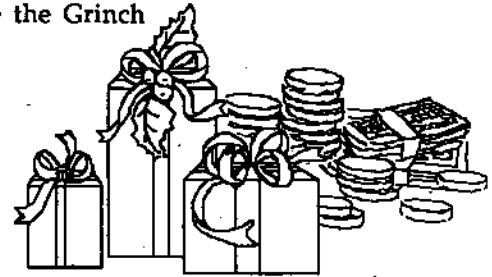
Money. Are you surprised? No, I'm not either, unfortunately. For those of you who don't believe me, let me ask you a few questions. Do you really want to go out in sub-zero weather and fight your way through department store after department store, avoiding bell-ringing Salvation Army personnel around every corner, to get Aunt Bertha that scarf of the exact shade of red that her face turns after she's soused out of her mind on Christmas eggnog? Do you really want to spend at least \$35.00 on a tree you'll have for a few weeks, whose needles you'll continue to step on in your bare feet until March? Do you really want to "leave a little something" for your paperboy who constantly delivers your morning paper to your dog's incisors, or the garbage man who *always* has a kind word, or the postal carrier who always delivers your Christmas cards late. What about the hours spent writing Christmas cards. After the first two, do you really bother to read them, or do you just see who they are from so that you know who to send cards to the following year? Me, too.

Now don't get me wrong. I do participate in the traditions of Christmas every year--cutting at register lines, trying to find the cheapest gift I can

get without looking cheap, and telling the bell ringers I gave already. I go out and buy scarves and gloves and ties for my relatives who are wealthier than I am and watch as my petty investments appreciate into sweaters, novels, and leather portfolios. I enjoy this as much as any other good little capitalist, but I see it for what it is.

I'm not saying Christmas should be abolished (Heavens No! How could I economically afford to?). I just think that we should not continue to hide the true meaning of Christmas under the guise of religion or peace on earth. Instead, give your financial advisor a call and skip Midnight Mass with a clear conscience.

Vinnie the Grinch



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**MERRY XCESS**

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# U.S. drug disinformation campaign targets Cuba

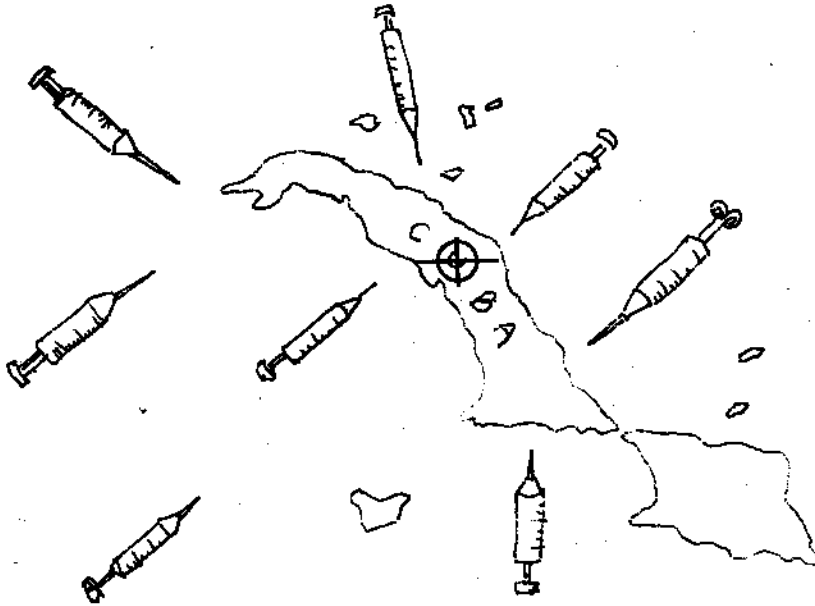
Recent White House attempts to frame Fidel Castro and the Cuban government as kingpin cocaine traffickers should be viewed with deep suspicion in the light of an ongoing 30-year program of disinformation and covert warfare designed to destroy the Cuban Revolution. In the wake of the spectacular July trial and execution of General Arnaldo Ochoa and three other high-ranking Cuban military officers for cocaine smuggling and black market profiteering, the U.S. has tried to revive previously discredited charges of Castro's involvement in the international drug trade--charges which have run all the way from a preposterous claim of a meeting between Che Guevara and Salvador Allende as far back as 1961 to plan the undermining of the U.S. system by importing drugs; to recent allegations of a conspiracy between Castro, Nicaragua, and the Medellin Cartel.

The White House has ignored Castro's repeated offers to cooperate with the U.S. in drug interdiction, and seems to have conveniently forgotten Cuba's close cooperation with the Carter administration in the late 1970s--when the Cubans seized numerous ships and aircraft carrying contraband drugs. Instead the Bush administration has planted stories in the mass media claiming that Castro scapegoated Ochoa and the others in order to head off a mythical Soviet-backed coup d'etat (to force glasnost on the Cubans) and to hide his own role as Latin American drug kingpin. According to the New York Times, General Ochoa "may have been leading a group of dissidents and planning some type of action against the Cuban government."

The most recent administration rejection of a Castro offer to cooperate with the U.S. in stopping the drug flow and a false Reuters story released by U.S. Customs officials on July 9 ("Two Cuban MiG jet fighters kept a U.S. Customs aircraft at bay while a small plane dropped a load of cocaine") provide further evidence that the so-called "Cuban Connection" is basically a hoax.

As an August article in the New York Times by Juan Mendez of America's Watch points out, the Medellin Cartel works hand-in-hand, not with left-wingers, but rather with the chief U.S. allies in Colombia--the military and police authorities. Left-wing guerrilla cooperation with these drug cartels, so-called "narco-terrorism," is either minimal or non-existent. (See M. Rabine "The War on Drugs," Zeta magazine, Jan. '89; Collett "The Myth of Narco-Guerrillas," The Nation, Aug. 13, 1988; Morales "The War on Drugs: A New U.S. National Security Doctrine?," Third World Quarterly, July '89; and "The CIA and Drugs," Covert Action Information Bulletin, Summer, '89.)

Unfortunately the "Columbianization" of inner cities in the U.S. is not a myth, but rather a troubling reality and burning political issue which must be addressed by the left. President Bush's nationally televised speech on September 5 on the War on Drugs makes it clear that the administration plans to make this issue a centerpiece of reactionary, bipartisan politics. The coke epidemic of the late 1980s has done more to fuel racism and to destroy Black, Latino, and youth community consciousness and political organization than perhaps any other domestic counter-insurgency tool that could have been devised by the CIA and the National Security State. Not only does this multi-billion dollar



industry provide strategic fund for a worldwide network of Contras, death squads, and right-wing dictatorships, but its social and political effects are poisoning everyday efforts to build a broad-based radical movement in the United States.

As Jesse Jackson and others have pointed out, every misguided, desperate crack addict is a loss to the Movement--a potential political activist who may never have the opportunity to become politically involved. This is the real reason that the White House is happy to promote the myth of left-wing narco-terrorism and the "Cuban-Nicaraguan Connection" while hiding the fact that the CIA and its "secret teams" have been directly involved with major right-wing heroin and cocaine syndicates for the last 40 years--from the Corsican Mafia and right-wing Laotian tribesmen to the Afghan Contras and the Guatemalan military high command. From the standpoint of the National Security State, the North American-European crack epidemic is a phenomenon to be prolonged for as long as possible--since it divides and weakens opposition forces while providing a demoniac replacement for the traditional "Evil Empire" of the Soviet Union.

While police and military-affiliated drug lords in Colombia and Central America bolster counter-insurgency campaigns through assassinations and kidnappings of left-wing grassroots leaders; violence, robbery, and gang warfare have reached epidemic proportions in many North American urban areas, stimulating racist attacks and reactionary calls for police-state repression. While a crack dealer shoots down and kills former Black Panther party leader Huey Newton in the streets of Oakland, "gangbanging" and Miami Vice stereotypes have replaced Malcolm X and Che Guevara as role models for an unfortunate proportion of youth.

National polls indicate that the cocaine epidemic has now begun to destabilize the United States itself, with fearful citizens ranking drugs as the country's number one problem. If the public won't support sending U.S. combat troops into Latin America to fight the FMLN, the Sandinistas, or the Colombian guerrillas, then perhaps they'll support armed counter-insurgency disguised as a War on Drugs. If, as a 1986 Gallup poll suggests, most North Americans would support a normalization of relations with socialist Cuba, perhaps this dangerous tendency can be reversed by painting the Castroites as crack wholesalers. If sending the Green Berets into Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Mexico is too unpopular, then the White House will be glad to send in an army of

militarized DEA thugs instead.

In the absence of a propaganda and action offensive by the left, government call for increased funds for police and military intervention have an undeniable attraction to many people who should know better. Instead of demanding the controlled legalization of drugs and recognizing the crack epidemic as a deep-rooted socio-economic and medical problem, we are asked to support sending combat troops to Colombia and Peru and to sanction widespread spraying of deadly herbicides in the war zones of Guatemala.

Instead of qualitatively improving the economic opportunities for disadvantaged youth or pumping the huge funds needed into drug rehab programs, what the bipartisan hard-liners suggest is the imposition of police measures in the ghetto and the society at large. If present trends continue, we can expect White House denunciations of ghetto violence and left-wing "narco-terrorism" to increase, not decrease--especially as the myth of the "communist menace" loses its rationale in the Gorbachev era.

Even though evidence uncovered by the Christie Institute and investigative reporters demonstrates conclusively that the Godfather of heroin and crack is really former CIA Director George Bush and his death squad/death drug peddling allies across the globe, we on the left have been losing the propaganda battle of the War on Drugs. Public receptivity (and relative silence by the left) to Bush's recent disinformation campaign surrounding the drug scandal in Cuba are a depressing indication of just how far we have to go if we are to point our finger at the real socio-economic causes of the crack epidemic and clean up the biggest "Crack House" in the hemisphere, the White House.

After visiting Cuba firsthand, it's obvious that there's no significant cocaine or crack problem on the island--in fact, other than alcohol abuse, there are no drug problems at all. The main problems are economic stagnation and political centralization, direct results of the White House's 30-year war against the Cuban revolution. After even a brief look at the situation, it's clear that the economic consequences of a normalization of relations with the U.S. would go a long way toward solving the country's major problems. If the travel blockade were lifted, the Cuban tourist industry would boom. If the Cubans could freely trade with the U.S., there would be no "hard currency" crisis. If U.S. peace activists and ordinary citizens could freely travel to the island, there would be a significant upsurge in solidarity and cross-cultural

communication. With close cooperation between the U.S. and Cuba, the fundamental right-wing roots of the Medellin Cartel and international cocaine trafficking would become evident. These are the real reasons why the Bush team wants us to believe that Castro and the Latin American left are at the root of our problems. The achievements of the Cuban revolution are impressive and undeniable: in education, in health care, in combating racism, in providing employment and eliminating poverty, and most of all in creating an anti-imperialist consciousness and commitment on the part of the majority of the island's 10 million people. It's hard to imagine a more exciting or uplifting place to visit. As part of a rousing send-off for an international delegation, several thousand young Cubans have massed on 23rd Calle this afternoon, dancing to a live Afro-reggae band and turning the Vedado neighborhood into an impromptu carnival. Fascinated by the multi-ethnic composition of the crowd and the exuberant energy of the dancers near me, I am forcefully reminded of all the good things about the Cuban revolution: its internationalism, its emphasis upon the revolutionary potential of youth, and its vibrant Afro-Cuban culture.

As my Cuban companera reminds me, many of the young men and women in the crowd have recently returned from volunteer duty in Angola, fighting against the South African Army and the

UNITA mercenaries of Jonas Savimbi. After 13 years of bloody war, many Cubans believe that Angola's enemies have finally been defeated. Without the Cuban volunteers, the Angolans would probably have been defeated by the U.S.-backed counter-revolution—a fact widely acknowledged in the Third World, if not in America.

After months of traveling through the war-battered cities and villages of Central America, it's a relief to see so many beautiful, smiling faces. It's reassuring to look out across the crowd and see how well-dressed and healthy everyone looks. Standing in the shade of tropical foliage that borders the Cuban Pavilion, I try to make myself heard above the amplified sound system, asking several women dancing beside me what they think about the trial and execution of General Ochoa and the others. Behind me a huge banner proclaims, "Peace, Friendship, and Anti-Imperialist Solidarity."

"It's terrible. I can hardly believe it," a Black woman in jeans tells me, shaking her head. "Ochoa was a war hero in Angola and a long-time associate of Fidel."

"As I watched the testimony of the accused officers on television," the other woman added, "I didn't know what to think...How could this have happened?"

Everyone I talk to on the streets is careful not to blame Fidel, who after 30 years in power remains very popular. But it's obvious that my questions stimulate an uneasy guardedness, a defensiveness arising out of the average Cuban's desire to protect the image of the revolution. People are willing to criticize lower level Communist Party bureaucrats for corruption and inefficiency, but not the top leadership.

One very articulate Cuban I spoke with off the record felt sorry for Ochoa and the others—defending their actions by pointing out that perhaps they were only trying to earn badly needed hard currency in order to be able to continue financing Cuba's anti-imperialist activities in Africa and Central America. He reminded me that the Soviet Union can no longer afford to provide such large sums of money for its allies in the Third World. Since drug trafficking is obviously used as an important fundraising tool by the CIA and its allies, perhaps Ochoa and the others believed that they were justified in using "any means necessary" to raise needed funds. Most people I talked with however blamed Ochoa and the other accused officials for corruption,

condemning them forcefully for trying to enrich themselves personally and for staining the reputation of the Revolution.

The majority of Cubans on the street seemed genuinely shocked when I described to them the terrible social and political effects of the crack epidemic in the United States. No one was able to answer my question in a satisfactory manner of why the Cuban press still appeared to support General Noriega of Panama in an uncritical fashion, when it is clear that Noriega was involved in money-laundering and cocaine smuggling, that he worked hand-in-hand with the right-wing Medellin Cartel, and that he had a long prior record of cooperation with the Reagan administration and the DEA. One person speculated that perhaps Noriega had played the role of a "double agent," working with the DEA and the Bush/North network in order to be able to expose them afterwards—otherwise why would the U.S. be trying so hard to get rid of him now?

Given the desperate conditions that prevail in much of the world, robbing banks, collecting war taxes, and kidnapping right-wing businessmen for ransom may be seen as justifiable and necessary—after all, a revolutionary struggle cannot be carried out without significant sums of money. But I would hope that comrades on the left would continue to make one thing clear: trafficking in cocaine and heroin and other death drugs is not justifiable. Instead of falling silent in the face of right-wing propaganda surrounding the War on Drugs, we should be defending Cuba and the freedom fighters of the world and turning the spotlight on the real source of the drug problem: the Bush White House and its reactionary allies across the globe.

--Jon Reed

## Archbishop closes metropolitan cathedral of El Salvador

A squad of heavily-armed air force personnel dressed in civilian clothes fired upon a large crowd of people gathered at a church-sponsored peace vigil in front of the Metropolitan Cathedral in San Salvador on 16 October. In a terrifying scene that could have been lifted out of the recent Hollywood movie, *Romero*, several thousand demonstrators were forced to scramble for safety through the open doors of the Cathedral.

Three of the snipers were subsequently disarmed and captured by the crowd, who discovered air force military identification papers on the men. A short time later, the assailants were turned over to the national police by Edgar Palacios, a Baptist minister and director of the CPOSN, the National Dialogue for Peace.

The National Dialogue is a broad-based coalition of church and grass roots groups calling for a negotiated end to the country's 10-year civil war. Moments after releasing the air force gunmen, Palacios and a number of people accompanying him, including this reporter, were fired upon by another sniper unit.



Government and military leaders have consistently denounced the Catholic Church for allowing peace activists and "subversives" to use the Cathedral as a site for rallies and vigils. According to critics of the closing, this action directly contradicts the philosophy of former Archbishop Oscar Romero, assassinated in 1980 under the orders of Arena Party founder Major Roberto D'Aubuisson. Before his death, Romero promised that the Cathedral would always remain open to provide sanctuary for persons fleeing persecution.

The closing of the Cathedral is particularly ironic in light of large-scale commemorative activities planned for next March to mark the tenth anniversary of Romero's assassination. Romero's tomb is located inside the Cathedral and has become a shrine and important symbol for millions of Salvadorans.

Rivera Damas has also been criticized for undertaking expensive remodeling work on the Cathedral—remodeling work which was postponed under Archbishop Romero, who said that it would be immoral to spend money on a church building as long as the majority of Salvadorans were living in abject poverty. Church and community leaders are urging people to write Archbishop Rivera Damas and ask him to reconsider the closing of the Cathedral. Spokespersons for the Archbishop deny that the closing is in any way political.

--Jim Shapiro and Jon Reed



Since the late 1970's, the Metropolitan Cathedral has served as a sanctuary for people fleeing government repression. Most recently a group of wounded FMLN combatants had taken sanctuary in the church, demanding that the government allow them to leave the country to receive needed medical treatment.

Several days after the sniper attack on the Peace Vigil, Salvadoran Archbishop Rivera Damas shocked the church and peace community by announcing the closing of the Cathedral for several years "for repairs" in a move widely regarded as a capitulation to military and ruling Arena Party pressure.

# Energy assistance for McLean and Livingston

county residents

Mid Central COMMUNITY ACTION, INC., has been designated by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to administer the 1990 Residential Energy Assistance Partnership Program (REAPP) for McLean and Livingston Counties.

The primary purpose of REAPP is to assist low-income persons to better afford the rising cost of energy through direct financial assistance, energy counseling, outreach and education. The program allows the State of Illinois to reach not only the increasingly vulnerable low-income population, but also serves as an important entry point to a variety of other needed social services for the low-income population.

Beginning on November 1, 1989, any person may make an appointment to apply at the county COMMUNITY ACTION office by phoning (309) 829-0691 or (815) 844-3201.

Persons whose energy service is disconnected may make an appointment to stop in at the local office to apply. Please note that the State requires a person applying for emergency services (shut-off/disconnected or the delivered fuel vendor has refused to deliver and the tank contains ten percent (10%) or less) to pay not less than twelve percent (12%) of the household's gross income for ninety (90) days preceding the date of application to their utility vendors before emergency assistance can be paid.

A household may qualify if the total household gross income for the past thirty (30) days does not exceed the level listed in the following table:

**HOUSEHOLD SIZE**

1	\$614
2	\$823
3	\$1,033
4	\$1,243
5	\$1,452
6	\$1,662

**HOUSEHOLDS MUST FURNISH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE:**

1. Proof of social security numbers of all household members.
2. Proof of gross income for all members of the household during the previous 30 days from day before date of application.
3. Public Aid Recipients: copy of most recent Medical Eligibility Card.
4. Copy of most recent utility bill for heat and electricity. In addition, shut-offs require a shut-off notice within the past two weeks. Delivered-fuel users must furnish a statement on letterhead from their vendor stating that the vendor will not deliver fuel unless cash on delivery.
5. Renters: copy of current lease agreement or a rent receipt.

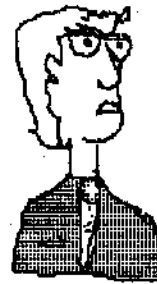
For further information or to make an appointment, McLean County residents may contact COMMUNITY ACTION at (309) 829-0691 and Livingston County residents at (815) 844-3201.

# Community

# News

## J. CREW

I worry that the Reagans' making two million dollars by kissing Japanese butt may very well permanently tarnish the Reagan legacy. Their tireless pursuit of money is going to make it difficult to convince the public to donate enough money to establish Reagan's Presidential Library.



Maybe he should settle for a bookmobile.



## Increase in reported cases of whooping cough

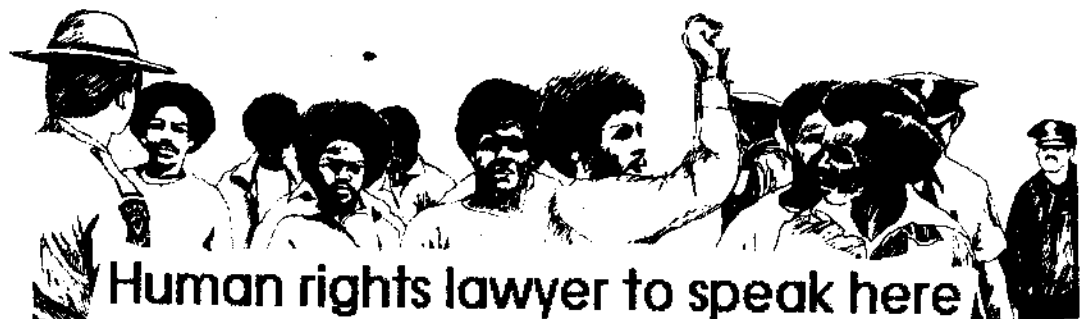
During the past several weeks, the McLean County Health Department's Communicable Disease Section has experienced an increase in the number of reported cases of Pertussis (Whooping Cough).

Through September 30th of this year, the Health Department had received 13 reported cases of Pertussis compared with 1 case for the corresponding nine-month period of 1988. During the past four weeks, the Department has received reports of 7 additional cases. The sharp climb in the local incidence of Pertussis follows a state-wide trend of increased cases of over 60%

Pertussis is an acute bacterial disease involving the respiratory tract. Symptoms include an irritating cough which may or may not be followed by a "whooping" sound, choking, excessive mucous production, and vomiting.

Pertussis is transmitted person to person through direct contact with respiratory discharges. The incubation period is commonly 7 days. Pertussis is predominantly a childhood disease occurring in infants and children under 5 years of age; however, adults are susceptible.

Marked declines in levels of Pertussis within communities is directly attributable to high immunization levels. With an increased number of cases of Pertussis present in the community, the McLean County Health Department urges parents to review immunization records for the purpose of determining the immunity status of their children. Active immunization is the only reliable means to prevent Pertussis.



## Human rights lawyer to speak here

The 14th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Program sponsored by the Bloomington and Normal Human Relations Commissions will be held on Saturday, January 20th, 1990 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. at Jummer's Chateau in Bloomington.

The speaker for this year's program is Arnette Hubbard. A leading black human rights lawyer, Hubbard was the first woman president of the National Bar Association.

The purpose of this program is to further the goals and ideals of Dr. King while acknowledging those Bloomington and Normal residents who have made outstanding

contributions in the area of human relations and human rights. Both Bloomington and Normal Human Relations Commissions are accepting nominations for the "Human Relations Award." The Awards will be presented at the annual Dr. King Awards Program.

Tickets for the program (including a luncheon) are \$12. To obtain tickets or nomination forms, contact the Bloomington or Normal Human Relations Department at the following telephone numbers:

Bloomington Human Relations Commission Phone# 823-4218

Normal Human Relations Commission Phone# 454-9519



## AIDS Task Force library open

The McLean County AIDS Task Force has made their library materials available to the public with the help of the Cancer Support Network. The library is located in the CSN at 802 E. Jefferson St. and is open Monday through Friday, 9-5:00 p.m.

Information can be found on women and AIDS, children and AIDS, current treatment issues, public aid availability for people living with AIDS, substance abuse and AIDS, death and dying, plus much more.

For more information, call 827-4005 and ask for the MCATF.

## B/N Alcoholics Anonymous forms new committee

A new committee called Cooperation with the Professional Community was formed. Members of CPC provide information about Alcoholics Anonymous to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. Examples are: physicians, nurses, educators, lawyers, judges, social workers, union leaders, industrial managers, as well as those working in the field of alcoholism.

Speakers, panel discussions, and literature displays are ways to provide information to the professional community.

The Public Information committee has been very active in the Bloomington/Normal area. The purpose of P. I. is to carry the AA message to the general public and to the still suffering alcoholic through the press, radio, and TV.

More information and help are available from BNAA Intergroup, 501 N. Main Street, Suite 7, Bloomington, IL 61701. Phone 24 hours a day at 309-828-7092.



# Community News

## AIDS Task Force meetings

The McLean County AIDS Task Force's next meeting is Thursday, December 7 at 6 p.m. in the Bloomington Public Library's Boardroom. Meetings are open to the public and new members are welcome.

Persons interested in becoming Task Force members may attend the meeting or mail their name, address, and ten dollar membership dues to P. O. Box 304, Bloomington, IL, 61702-0304.

The McLean County AIDS Task Force is a not-for-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to stopping the spread of AIDS in McLean County. For more information, phone 827-4005 and ask for the MCATF.

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McLean County Health Department

# AIDS PROGRAM

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# Gay and lesbian news



(NEW YORK, NY., October 24, 1989) Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced today that months of intense congressional pressure, spearheaded by Congressman Gerry Studds' office at Lambda's urging, has resulted in the release of a Pentagon study which recommends that the military reconsider its anti-gay policy. This announcement is in light of the overwhelming current data finding no relationship between sexual orientation and military performance.

Lambda contacted Studds' office for help in obtaining release of the study, entitled "Nonconforming Sexual Orientation and Military Suitability." This was in response shortly after filing suit earlier this year on behalf of Joseph Steffan, a highly-commended midshipman discharged from the Naval Academy solely because of his sexual orientation.

In a sweeping analytical survey of historical, social, legal, and scientific data, the authors of the report concluded that the ever-increasing social tolerance of lesbians and gay men necessitates a reexamination of the military's exclusionary policy. Comparing the military's exclusion of gay and lesbians to the historical segregation of Blacks and women, the authors conclude that the military's anti-gay policy is outmoded and equally discriminatory.

For months the Pentagon stonewalled Studds' office and Lambda attorneys by denying the existence of the study, which was conducted by the Defense Personnel Security Research and Education Center, a Defense Department think tank. But in the course of Lambda's evidentiary discovery for the Steffan trial, the military released the cover page of the report, finally confirming its existence.

Sandy Lowe, Lambda staff attorney for Steffan, noted "Thanks to the efforts of Congressman Studds' office, it is now patently obvious that the military's policy of discrimination is the product of prejudice, pure and simple. As the report notes, it is the same kind of discrimination that blacks and women faced when they sought to serve. It is high time that the courts stop rubberstamping the military's claims that discrimination is justified, and declare the anti-gay policy unconstitutional."

The report urged an end to the ban on lesbian and gay service personnel, noting that "having a same-gender or an opposite-gender orientation is unrelated to job performance in the same way as is being left- or right-handed."

In the report, experts analyzed and rejected each of the military's claims in support of its exclusionary policy and recognized the concept of homophobia as being responsible for the military's resistance to change.

The unreasoned resistance to learning about or interacting with homosexuals has led to the formulation of the concept of homophobia. Some men experience uneasy feelings when in close proximity to other men who are identified as homosexuals. It is as if such nearness could pollute one's identity.

The report also makes critical comments on the broad significance of its own findings:

Our analysis directs us to regard people with nonconforming sexual orientation as a minority group. Our nation has a long history of successfully dealing with minority groups, especially ethnic minorities. In the recent past, we have also learned how to integrate racial and other minority groups, notably women, into nearly every aspect of political and social life. The suggestion that we perceive homosexual men and women as a minority group follows from our analysis of contemporary scientific social and legal observations. The social construction of homosexuals as minority group members is more in tune with current behavioral science theory than the earlier constructions: sin, crime, sickness.

According to Lowe, one of the most critical and potentially far-reaching findings of the report is the experts' unequivocal conclusion that there is no empirical evidence to support Pentagon assertions that gays and lesbians present a greater security risk than heterosexuals. Lowe explains, "The national security issue is the one issue traditionally put forth by the Defense and intelligence communities which has most frightened Congress, the courts, and society at large. The implication of the report's national security findings goes far beyond the military because it totally undermines the rationale for the denial of security clearance to gay men and lesbians that are required for employment in defense and other civilian industries."

Paula L. Ettelbrick, Legal Director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, added, "This report shows conclusively that there is no justification for the military regulations which categorically ban service by lesbians and gay men. All the empirical research and analytical data, even within the possession of the military, concludes that sexual orientation has nothing to do with fitness for military service. The fact that the Pentagon tried so hard to suppress its own report is clear evidence that the military recognizes their policy is untenable."

## Lawsuit ends hospital's discrimination

The Whitman-Walker Clinic, Inc. and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced a settlement of a lawsuit against Washington, D.C.'s Howard University Hospital ("Howard") for discrimination against AIDS patients. As a result of the settlement, Howard has agreed to adopt a hospital-wide policy permitting persons living with AIDS or HIV infection to be treated on all wards and in all rooms of the hospital.

Previously, patients living with AIDS and HIV disease were treated only in isolation, in private rooms, or in rooms with other patients with HIV disease.

The lawsuit was brought in federal district court in Washington, D.C. by the D.C.-based Whitman-Walker Clinic, the D.C. civil rights law firm of Bernabei & Katz, and New York-based Lambda Legal Defense, on behalf of a 31-year-old black woman with AIDS. In October, 1988, the woman, identified only as Jane Doe to protect her confidentiality, was denied appropriate treatment by Howard University Hospital because of the hospital's policy of isolating patients with HIV and denying them admission to the psychiatric ward.

As a result of the case, Howard has also agreed to follow federally-recommended "universal precautions." These procedures call for treating all patients as potentially infected with HIV, rather than singling out HIV patients and treating them differently. The federal government and all public health experts recommend this approach to prevent the transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus ("HIV") in the hospital setting.

"This is an important victory against AIDS-related discrimination and for decent health care for individuals with HIV," said lead attorney Lynne Bernabei. "Segregating and treating patients infected with HIV differently than other patients undermines effective infection control throughout the entire hospital population. It puts patients at risk of discrimination and inferior medical care, and creates a false sense of security for hospital personnel."

The case was filed against Howard in November 1988 under the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the D.C. Human Rights Act, both of which prohibit discrimination against the handicapped or those perceived to be handicapped. Ruth Eisenberg, Whitman-Walker Clinic's Legal Services Director, said, "With this policy change, Howard joins other area hospitals in adopting strong anti-discrimination guidelines, which assure that people with AIDS and HIV infection will be treated equally in all hospital facilities."

"Our reason for becoming involved in this case was to ensure that hospitals and other health-care institutions give patients with HIV-related medical conditions the quality health care they deserve, without discrimination," stated Lambda Staff Attorney Evan Wolfson. "This case says that people like Ms. Doe, a young black woman on Medicaid, are not discardable."

In settling the lawsuit, Jane Doe said, "I can say to all of you out there in the world like myself, stricken with AIDS...we all get tired, just don't

quit. This is not my victory, but one for us all. I hope that I have made a difference by coming forward. God bless you."

Founded in 1973, Lambda is the nation's oldest and largest legal advocacy organization dedicated to the rights of lesbians and gay men, and educating others about the gay and lesbian community. Since 1983, when it brought and won the first AIDS discrimination case in the nation, Lambda has also been a leader in the fight on behalf of people with AIDS and those affected by the HIV crisis. Whitman-Walker Clinic is the primary community-based provider of AIDS services in the Washington, D.C. area. It has offered free legal assistance to hundreds of individuals with AIDS since 1985.

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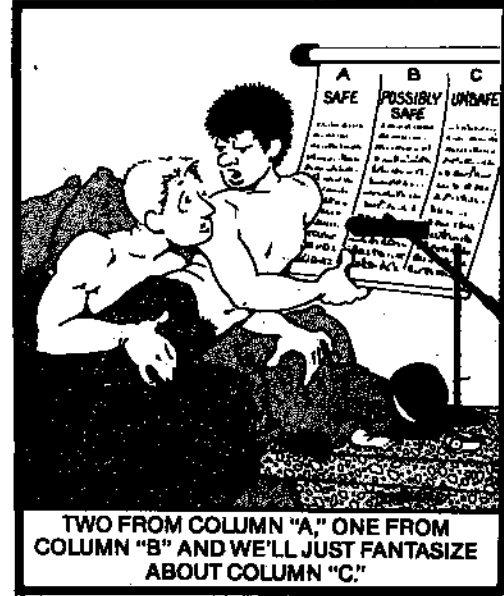
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# The 1988-89 Supreme Court term . . .

The past year was a disastrous one for civil liberties in the Supreme Court. Only the First Amendment escaped unscathed. The Court's record on civil rights was the worst in decades. The abortion decision virtually invited a new round of restrictive legislation that, if enacted, will substantially erode the right of American women to make reproductive choices. By upholding the use of the death penalty against juveniles and mentally retarded defendants, the Court placed the United States in the company of South Africa and only a handful of other nations in the world. And it further diluted Fourth Amendment guarantees by permitting random drug testing without any individualized suspicion of wrongdoing.

Each of these decisions is harmful. Together, they signal the emergence of an activist majority that sometimes has seemed downright hostile to civil rights and civil liberties since it began to take shape a year and a half ago with the appointment of Justice Anthony M. Kennedy. In the past year, Justice Kennedy provided the critical fifth vote in numerous key cases involving civil rights, abortion, the death penalty and drug testing.

Clearly, we have to come to the end of an era in which the Supreme Court was the principle guarantor of individual rights. By and large, the present Court did not directly confront and openly reject past decisions. Rather, it preferred to employ seemingly technical rules of litigation in ways that were often difficult for laypeople to understand, but that were, nonetheless, lethal in their effect on civil liberties.

Thus, the Court did not overrule "Roe v. Wade." Instead, its decision in "Webster v. Reproductive Health Services" undermined the reasoning of "Roe" and signalled the Court's willingness to uphold increasingly severe restrictions on the right to an abortion. Similarly, the Court, in a series of rulings, placed significant new obstacles in the path of those seeking redress for past acts of discrimination. As a result, it is now more difficult for civil rights plaintiffs to prove discrimination and easier for employers to defend their discriminatory practices ("Wards Cove Packing

## and the rains came down

Company v. Antonio"). Likewise, it is harder now to obtain meaningful relief once discrimination has been proven to exist ("City of Richmond v. Croson"), and easier for whites to challenge affirmative action plans in successive lawsuits that undermine any sense of stability in the law ("Martin v. Wilks").

### STATUTE WEAKENED

Indeed, one measure of this Court's apparent hostility to civil rights is the relief civil libertarians felt when it did not overrule, in "Patterson v. McLean Credit Union," a Reconstruction-era statute that grants minorities the right "to make and enforce contracts" on an equal basis with whites. However, the Court's mixed ruling in "Patterson" reinterpreted the statute as barring discrimination in hiring but not racial harassment on the job! Later, in "Jett v. Dallas Independent School District," the Court further whittled down the century-old statute by holding, for the first time, that it does not even protect against hiring discrimination where the prospective employer is a state or local government.

### DEATH PENALTY

Each of the above cases, except for "Croson," was decided by a 5-4 vote. By the same 5-4 vote, the Court ruled that the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment does not bar states from executing 16- and 17-year-olds or the mentally retarded ("Stanford v. Kentucky"; "Penry v. Lynaugh").



In reaching this conclusion, Justice Scalia declared it "irrelevant" that most of the civilized world condemns such executions as a violation of human rights.

Moreover, the Court departed from its traditional view that capital punishment should, at the very least, be accompanied by procedural safeguards that minimize the risk of executing people who have been wrongly convicted. In "Teague v. Lane," the Court held that "new" legal rules could not be announced in habeas corpus proceedings, with a few exceptions—which increases the risk that individuals may be wrongfully imprisoned or even executed merely because a potentially valid defense was not raised in time. In "Murry v. Giarratano," the Court held that indigent death row inmates are not entitled to appointed counsel in state habeas corpus proceedings, despite the fact that such proceedings often reveal critical legal errors that were not apparent at an earlier stage.

The Court's failure to appreciate the critical role of counsel in our adversary system was also apparent in its 5-4 decision upholding the validity of pretrial forfeiture statutes, which give prosecutors virtually unfettered discretion to deprive a defendant of the assets he needs to hire a lawyer ("United States v. Monsanto"). And, in the drug testing cases, the Court turned its back on the requirement of individualized suspicion, long a bedrock of Fourth Amendment law ("NTEU v. von Raab"; "Burnley v. RLEA").

### A FEW WINS, MANY LOSSES

Civil liberties victories in the First Amendment context provided the one bright spot in the Court's term. In "Texas v. Johnson," the Court reaffirmed the principle that flag-burning cannot be banned as a form of political protest merely because some people might find it offensive. In "Fort Wayne Books v. Indiana," the Court held that a RICO statute did not justify the seizure of a bookstore's entire inventory, based on the mere allegation that two books may be obscene. In "Florida Star v. B.J.F.," the Court held that confidentiality statutes can be enacted to protect a rape victim's identity without holding a newspaper liable for publishing truthful information that was lawfully obtained. In "Board of Estimate v. Morris," New York City's principle governing body was declared to be an unconstitutional violation of the one person, one vote principle. And in "Sable Communications v. FCC," the Court held that Congress could not enact an absolute ban on indecent speech and, thereby, restrict adults to hearing only what is fit for children.

Even in the First Amendment area, however, the record was spotty. In "Ward v. Rock Against Racism," the Court made it substantially easier for the government to regulate speech short of an outright ban. In "Thornburgh v. Abbott," the Court held that traditional First Amendment rules do not apply inside a prison. And in "Allegheny County v. ACLU," the Court held that government may display some religious symbols but not others, depending on their setting.

The few civil liberties victories of the past year do not begin to offset the losses we have suffered. Viewed in its entirety, the past term was undoubtedly the worst in recent memory for civil liberties.

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# Law and

# justice-- D.C. style

Ah, the bittersweet taste of irony.

Our beloved nation's capitol city, Washington, D.C. has one of the highest crime rates in the entire country.

If one takes a walk down the streets of downtown D.C. on any given night (which I am not recommending), she or he will discover a division of wealth rivalling only that of a Third World country.

Only miles from King George and his White palace, desperate, poverty-stricken people live in fear of fellow, desperate, poverty-stricken people. There's only one word for the feeling of D.C. streets past dark.

Fear.

### Why you can't get a pizza

I took a trip to those streets this November to attend the Pro-Choice rally at the Lincoln Memorial. Overnight, I stayed in the Crispus Attucks Community Center in the heart of the D.C. slums.

Strongly advised not to leave the center on foot at night, my friends and I decided to order out for pizza. After being refused delivery by the eighth pizza joint I called, the pizza guy at one place finally told me, "We used to deliver to that area, and one of our delivery boys was shot and killed. You got to be crazy to think we'd come to a neighborhood like that."

Fear.

### Free speech for free choice

The next morning at the Pro-Choice rally, I walked from lavish monument to the next and saw dozens of police, on horseback or motorcycle, holding the peace. It didn't appear that the city was lacking the funds or people-power necessary to protect the people.

All fired up with no place to go, after sitting through some rousing feminist speeches, a couple hundred Pro-Choice students like myself started a protest march for the Supreme Court building.

Our ultimate plan in order to get some publicity for the rights of women and to spread the idea that abortion is not the only issue in the pro-choice platform, was to hang a banner across the front of the building saying:

"This building condemned due to lack of respect for women."

### What cops are for

Our symbolic gesture was impeded by a line of between 20 and 30 police officers wielding billy clubs in full riot gear. A couple of white guys were filming us and taking snapshots for government files. To top it off, there was a bus marked U.S. Army parked alongside the building.

The police used their clubs to push and shove the comparatively mild (but apparently "dangerous") group of feminists and reproductive-rights activists back to the street and suppress our planned statement.

For the most part, the officers did not seem to enjoy or even fully understand what it was they were doing. They looked like robots as they shoved around odd-looking teen-agers (often half of their age), who waved signs in their faces and chanted things like "just like China" and "People united will never be defeated."

Students masked an even greater uneasiness as we displayed our middle fingers for the government cameras.

Fear.

### Protecting buildings, not people

Eventually, the police dispersed the "threatening" pro-choicers. About six additional squad cars, a Paddy wagon, and ten mounted officers arrived at the scene late, after most of the crowd had been sent away.

I stuck around the Supreme Court building myself - sort of fascinated with the old Hall of Justice - entertaining a passing thought about my pizza from the night before.

I asked one officer, "Why the (expletive) tear gas? How come you brought so many pigs? What the Hell are you afraid of? Who are you protecting? Who?"

It took him awhile, but the policeman did arrive at an answer. With a face free of sarcasm or insincerity, the man whom I labeled "pig" responded, "We were under the impression that flags would be burnt."

Fear.

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## Letters: Friend of the Post still with us

Dear P-A people:  
With four dollars of the enclosed trifle, please renew my subscription. As for the rest, put it where it will do the most good. Unless more mundane considerations supervene, I'd suggest that the staff have a drink--or a bean sprout--on me.  
Best regards to you all--but my love, in particular, to Ferdurdurke and the Balrog.  
Michael Armstrong  
(A quondam--and nostalgic--Bloomingtonian)



# Letters:

## Feminist Primer fan mail

Dear Post:

I'm sending this clipping in for the author of the Feminist Primer. I found this quiz, laughably stupid at best, and insulting because it invites you to test "your womanly wiles."

Anyhow, I've been a loyal Post reader since I found a copy lying around about three years ago, and haven't missed an issue since. Keep up the great writing. Pantagraph editorials really make me ill. I find their comics the only worthwhile thing in the whole paper.

Sorry to hear about the Electric Coffee. I've been meaning to go there but I guess I'm too late now. Not much else to write about, so, bye!

--Diane

Typist's note: I understand the Electric Coffee people are looking for a new space, so hopefully, all is not lost. Keep watching the Post for further E.C. news.

# End U.S. aid to death squad government

Last week six Jesuit priests and their two women assistants were murdered by the Salvadoran Army in a pre-dawn raid on the Catholic University in San Salvador. On the same day, the media was full of rumors about American military ships cruising toward El Salvador from Panama and California.

Guatemalan and Honduran troops were massed on the Salvadoran border, apparently waiting for the signal from guess who to invade. Troops in Panama were put on alert. Reports came in to CISPES (Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador) that National Guard units were being sent to Honduras. The prospect of direct American intervention became real enough that Paul Simon and other senators requested a briefing and assurances from the State Department. It was becoming clear that whatever the FMLN's success with the Salvadoran Army, the United States would not let it win.

Sound like a news story to you? If it was, you couldn't have known by reading the Pantagraph on the day after these events. Nothing. A story about jackfrost nipping at the nose of a cute ISU student who wished she lived in Dixie. Something about a congressional pay raise. A lot more than anyone wanted to hear about Judy Markowitz's leaky toilet. But not a word about the Fascist government to which we give ten million dollars a day in order that it can murder and torture its priests and peasants in security.

It's 1968 again, Days of Rage, but nobody knows it.

At the very least, the Pantagraph could have run one of those neat phone-in polls. You know, "How evil is American foreign policy? Very Evil or only Pretty Evil? Phone in your opinion, you citizens of Bloomington-Normalgrad."

Let me rehearse for you some facts that should be well understood by now.

- \*70,000 killed since 1980.
- \*7,000 disappeared.
- \*Archbishop Romero murdered
- \*Romero's murderers, the ARENA party, take power with no diminishment of U.S. aid.

## PSYCHOLOGY QUIZ

# Test your femme fatale potential

Can you make strong men weak at the knees with just a whisper and a glance? Test your womanly wiles... and find out!

by Katherine Morrow

### PART I

1. If you could fall back in time, you would most likely land in...

- a. The Victorian era, when serious courting counted and women wore lace and satin.
- b. The roaring 20s, when you Charlestoned the night away wearing flimsy flapper fringe.
- c. Colonial times, when after a long, hard day of housework, you could cuddle up by the hearth with your honey.

2. If your mate asked what present he could give that would send your heart soaring, would you say...

- a. Chocolates, champagne... and a diamond the size of Cincinnati.
- b. A 25" television, VCR... and a super-selection of tapes.
- c. Darling... your love is the best gift of all.

3. In the throes of wild passion, which animal do you think you most resemble?

- a. Lion. I like to rule the kingdom of love.
- b. Doe. I enjoy gentle, sensual sex.
- c. Fox. Cunning and adventurous, I simmer with sly sexual moves.

4. When designing your bedroom, you're most likely to choose:

- a. Pink satin sheets, cabbage-rose wallpaper and plush mauve velvet pillows.
- b. Crisp lace linens, pastel-painted walls and a down comforter.
- c. Starched white cotton sheets, whitewashed walls and your auntie's antique arghan.

5. How do you feel about flirting?

- a. Sobbing a swan song.
- b. Slinging a comment that drips with sarcasm.
- c. Screaming and shouting.



- a. Fantastic! If you've got it, flaunt it!
- b. Fine! It's a woman's strong suit and perfectly acceptable.
- c. Unfair! Frankly, that's what keeps women weak.

6. You carry all your personal essentials packed up in a:

- a. Knapsack on your back.
- b. Small patent leather purse.
- c. Large leather shoulder bag.

7. When a handsome man makes a pass at you, do you...

- a. Run to the line of scrimmage and try to tackle him.
- b. Tell him he's out of line and kick him away.
- c. Return his pass with some romantic body contact.

8. If you've been wronged, you're likely to react by...

- a. Sobbing a swan song.
- b. Slinging a comment that drips with sarcasm.
- c. Screaming and shouting.

### SCORING

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	7	5	3	7	7	3	5	7
B	5	3	7	5	5	7	3	3
C	3	7	5	3	3	5	7	5

### PART II

Give yourself 3 points for each of the following statements with which you agree.

- 1. I always enjoy the company of strong, independent men. Agree  Disagree
- 2. Too bad petticoats are out of fashion. Agree  Disagree
- 3. I much prefer romance novels over adventure stories. Agree  Disagree
- 4. It's a woman's prerogative to change her mind at any time. Agree  Disagree
- 5. Give me a nice, relaxing game of badminton over a sweaty tennis match any day! Agree  Disagree

Add scores from Parts I and II

### 56 Points or More

Like a swan that glides across a still lake, every ounce of your being is sleek, sensual and soft. In fact, your femininity factor scores so high, it practically cracks the charts! You adore diamonds, champagne, satin and silk. For pleasure, you choose to spend your time surrounded by scenic beauty or languishing by the seashore. No 'sweaty stuff' for you! But be careful. Although you've won success by flaunting your womanly wiles, like that Southern belle Scarlett O'Hara, you need to put a little punch in your mint julep. Although you're endearing, it's best to add some feisty independence to that womanly repertoire.

### 40 to 55 Points

You've achieved a healthy balance when it comes to highlighting your feminine assets. Flirtatious, but never cunning, you can turn on any man who possesses a lively libido. Strong yet soft, you have the ability to conquer the business world and still stay sweet and sexy between the sheets. Attracted to light, airy fabrics, your wardrobe is filled with frills and lace. Although you adore flowers, you're no shrinking violet. When a job needs muscle you roll up your sleeves and plunge right in. But once the deed is done, you're happy to melt in your man's arms.

### ANALYSIS

#### Up to 39 Points

A product of the feminist movement, you're a tough cookie who never crumbles no matter how difficult the dilemma. Fortright and upfront, you tell it like it is without gushing or guile. Some men may find your aggressive nature appealing, but others, frankly, are frightened by it. It may be to your advantage to soften your approach before making a landing. Begin by adding a few frills to your otherwise super-sensible wardrobe, dabbling on a bit of fragrance or wearing lipstick. Honestly, you can embrace your femininity without becoming a wimp.

- \*The offices of Comadres, the mothers of the disappeared, bombed.
- \*The offices of Fenastras, a labor union, bombed.
- \*Poor neighborhoods of San Salvador bombed.

The response of the Pentagon to this: "Due to the recent fighting in San Salvador, the Pentagon will speed the shipment of arms to the Cristiani regime."

The situation demands a powerful response from those embattled few Americans who still define themselves on the left. The coming weeks are certain to bring more human rights abuses on the part of ARENA. We must take part in the national movement to end all U.S. aid to ARENA's government through death squad.

Join CISPES. Contact Teddyboy at the Post for information.

Phone Paul Simon (202-224-2152), Dixon (202-224-2854) and Madigan (662-9371) and demand an end to American financing of fascism and death in El Salvador.

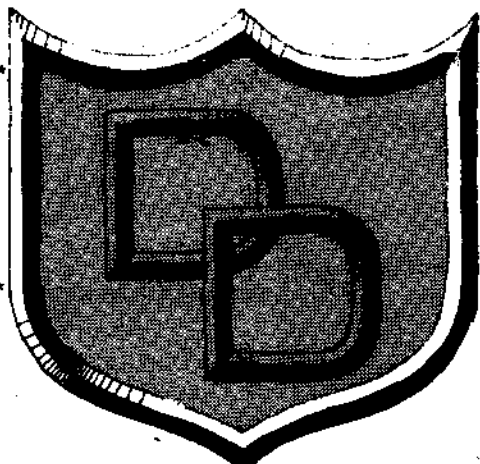
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(a) Change your business practices and save babies' lives; or

(b) Hire a Madison Avenue PR firm, and let the babies die.

Nestle chose the PR firm.

## MADISON AVE. IMAGE DOCTORS STEP IN TO HELP

Just last month, the Wall Street Journal reported that Nestle hired one of the country's most expensive PR firms to combat the boycott led by Action for Corporate Accountability (ACA).

Once again, Nestle shows more concern for its "image" than for the millions of babies who are dying from baby-bottle disease

The Wall Street Journal tells the story:

"Last month, Nestle hired Ogilvy & Mather's public relations unit to help it dispel any negative backlash from the boycott. The agency . . . drew up a battle plan ominously entitled 'Proactive Neutralization.' One of the more startling recommendations . . . amounts to infiltration of groups organizing and supporting the boycott . . ."

"The . . . game plan calls for a 'Nestle Positive Image Campaign' . . . to 'inoculate' Nestle . . . from any negative effects of the boycott."

Nestle is ready to spend virtually unlimited sums to fight the boycott--not by changing their practices and saving lives, but by presenting a public veneer of good citizenship.

The Ogilvy plan calls for Nestle to fund foster care for children with AIDS . . . and hope people will forget about the millions of babies who are dying in the Third World.

The plan calls for Nestle to set up a "National Homework Hotline" . . . and hope people will forget about the dying babies.

The plan calls for Nestle to organize a "racial awareness" program . . . and hope people will forget about the dying babies.

The plan even calls for Nestle to hire an ex-President--Reagan, Carter, Ford, even Nixon--to sing Nestle's praises . . . and hope people will forget about the dying babies.

## ACA CONTINUES BOYCOTT

ACA needs everyone's support now to make sure this PR whitewash fails.

Nestle's greed is killing babies. That's the message of the boycott. That's the message that must be heard. Their PR campaign will deny it, but the facts are clear: Nestle cares more about the lucrative infant-formula market than it does about infants' lives.

The truth has to be told about Nestle, American Home Products (AHP), and the rest of the formula industry. Nestle and AHP together sell more than half of the \$3 billion worth of formula sold in the Third World each year.

As the truth is told, the boycott grows.

Many national organizations will soon consider whether to endorse the boycott; we must provide these organizations with the facts about how Nestle pushes infant formula in poverty-stricken areas where it cannot be used safely. The ACA has recently engaged in ten days of boycott planning meetings with its European allies--boycott activities are already underway in 20 countries.

By hiring an expensive PR firm, Nestle has revealed that it's on the defensive and worried about the boycott. But Nestle must be shown that the boycott will not end until they start saving babies by ending their aggressive marketing of infant formula in Third World countries. They must be shown that the boycott will not end until they honor the letter and spirit of the agreement they signed in 1984 to end the original 7-year boycott.

## CONSEQUENCES--MEDICAL & ECONOMIC--OF NESTLE'S FORMULA PUSHING

Dr. Michael C. Latham of Cornell University, addressing the Board of the National Council of Churches, states that Nestle's persuasion of Third World mothers to bottle feed rather than breast feed has led to emaciation, dehydration, and fatal illness in their babies. "Inappropriate bottle feeding," he says, "is a major cause of malnutrition, of diarrhea, and of other diseases in infants in poor communities."

## SAVE THE PLANET



The formula is also expensive. Its use contributes to Third World poverty, tying up scarce foreign exchange in formula purchase. Furthermore, it removes a natural method of birth-spacing, thus indirectly contributing to population problems in countries that already have population problems. In Latham's terms Nestle's methods of persuading mothers in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to use their formula--methods which include mass media, free samples, Nestle-employed nurses, and "pay-offs" to doctors--are "unethical and immoral."

For further information on ACA's boycott or to offer your help to the campaign against Nestle's marketing of formula in Third World countries, contact: Infant Formula Action Coalition (INFACT), 1701 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414 (612) 331-3437

--Compiled from information provided by Janice Mantell, Executor Director, ACA

## The Assault on Abortion Rights: Where It's Coming From

"Sex education classes in our public schools are promoting incest."

--Rev. Jimmy Swaggart

"I think contraception is disgusting--people using each other for pleasure."

--Joseph Scheidler  
Director, Pro-life Action League

"I listen the the feminists and all these radical gals--most of them are failures. They've blown it. Some of them have been married, but they married some Casper Milquetoast who asked permission to go to the bathroom. These women just need a man in the house. That's all they need. Most of these feminists need a man to tell them what time of the day it is and to lead them home. And the blew it and they're mad at all men. Feminists hate men. They're sexist. They hate men--that's their problem."

--Rev. Jerry Falwell

"I don't think Christians should use birth control. You consummate your marriage as often as you like and if you have babies, you have babies."

--Randall Terry, one of the men behind the current campaign to blockade health clinics and publicly harass and humiliate women

"The argument that making contraceptives available to young people would prevent teen pregnancies is ridiculous. That's like offering a cookbook as a cure to people who are trying to lose weight."

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\*\*\* UC Berkeley professor of psychology Russell L. DeValois is trying to learn about the "electrophysiology of color vision." To meet his goal, he (and his students) conducts irresponsible research on cats and monkeys, working without anesthesia, working in a nonsterile environment, mutilating animals, refusing veterinarians' treatment of the animals, illegally acquiring animals for research, and saying of his work, "I think research is a magnificent use of animals." What's more, our taxes are used to support DeValois's work; so far, he has received one and a half million dollars from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation—all to research color blindness. **IN DEFENSE OF ANIMALS (IDA)** is attempting to end DeValois's research. You are urged to contact UC Berkeley; write to Chancellor Ira Michael Heyman, 200 California Hall, UCB, Berkeley, CA 94720 and demand that DeValois no longer be allowed to experiment on animals. Also, contact his funding agency and protest the use of funds for this insane, indecent, and useless research: Dr. James B. Wyngaarden, Director, National Institutes Of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892. Contact IDA for information/fact sheets or to make contributions to the campaign against useless animal research everywhere: In Defense of Animals, 21 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera, CA 94925 (415) 924-4454. IDA also has a 24-hour Animal-Abuse Hotline: (415) 924-5486.

\*\*\* The State Department has presented the Antarctic Minerals Treaty to the Senate for consideration. While GREENPEACE and other environmental groups fear mineral exploration will destroy the world's last pristine continent, the Bush Administration strongly favors the minerals agreement. Let your senators know that you care about the fate of ANTARCTICA and support protecting Antarctica as a World Park. Write to them at the U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510

\*\*\* SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL (310 Edgeware Rd., London W2 1DY, England) appeals to President Masire Gaborone, Botswana, not to force the Basarwa & Bakglagadi peoples out of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, created to protect its indigenous people. Write letters.

\*\*\* A catalogue of information resources for the coming decade, the "THE GUIDEBOOK FOR THE 90'S" (Knowledge Systems, Inc., 7777 W. Morris St., Indianapolis, IN 46231), covers Making Sense of the Times, Learning to Cooperate and Understanding Our Interconnections.

\*\*\* The New 1989-90 guide, "The Most Energy-Efficient Appliances," helps consumers reduce their ENERGY USE. Also available: "Saving Energy and Money with Home Appliances." Copies are \$3.00 each from the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Suite 535, 1001 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

\*\*\* A 12-hour New Year's Eve "EARTH CONCERT" is to be broadcast globally in many languages via satellite to promote awareness of threats to our environment (Light on the Bay, Box 27385, San Francisco, CA 94127).

\*\*\* TRANSNATIONAL NETWORK FOR APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES (Box 567, Rangeley, Maine 04970) offers a bimonthly newsletter-directory of organizations & information sources around the world dealing with technology, development & peace.

\*\*\* CITIZENS' GLOBAL ACTION (Box 19742, Portland, OR 97219) calls for a world agenda to replace war with systems of law & global security, protect Earth's environment, ensure a sustainable world economy, and enhance realization of our humanity.

\*\*\* The WORLD CITIZEN'S REGISTRY (2671 South Court, Palo Alto, CA 94306) invites all world citizens to register.

\*\*\* VISION 2000 (765 Ashbury St. San Francisco, CA 94117) invites individuals to share their visions of the future.

\*\*\* TRANSFORMATION 2000 (Box 1122, Del Mar, CA 92014) is building a network to turn conflict & scarcity to cooperation & abundance.

\*\*\* "GUIDE TO CAREERS & GRADUATE EDUCATION IN PEACE STUDIES" (Five College Program in Peace & World Security Studies, c/o Hampshire College, Amherst, MA 01002), includes internships & fellowships in conflict resolution & a list of organizations across the U.S.

\*\*\* Don't say you didn't know ahead of time: On April 22, 1990, there will be an enormous global celebration of the 20th anniversary of Earth Day. At least 100 million people around the world will be involved in tree plantings, teach-ins, concerts, and other gatherings. The U.S. Congress is expected to adjourn so its members can participate in their home districts. The largest environmental organizations in the U.S. have all committed themselves to a variety of educational activities before, during, and following Earth Day. Make your plans.

\*\*\* The 13TH ANNUAL WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL, to be held April 3-8, 1990, in Missoula, Montana, is accepting film entries completed or released in 1989. The festival will feature screenings of the best films, as well as workshops and a trade show. Entries must be received by March 10. Contact International Wildlife Film Festival, Rankin Hall, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812 (406) 243-2477.

\*\*\* The new documentary about the SAVANNAH RIVER PLANT, "Building Bombs," has received favorable reviews throughout the South. This powerful film, documenting the environmental hazards of nuclear weapons plants, is available for screenings to churches, activist groups and classrooms. Contact Edward McNally, Publicity Coordinator, Box 5202, Station E, Atlanta, GA 30307 (404) 627-2467.

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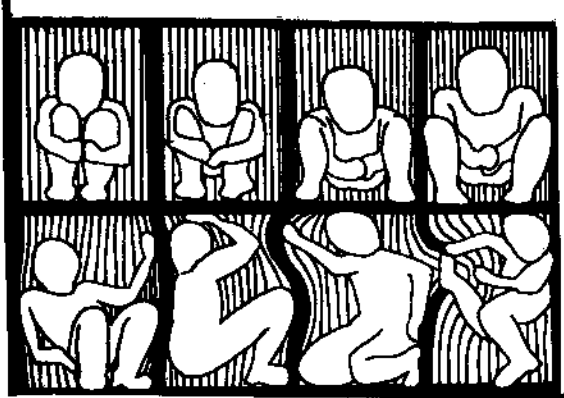
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## New reference books published

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The second publication is the Refugee and Immigrant Resource Directory, 1990-1991. RIRD includes detailed information on nearly 1,000 local, regional and national organizations, associations, agencies, academic programs, research centers, museums and other groups in the United States that offer services to or provide information/policy analysis about refugees and immigrants.

Both of these books are currently available from:  
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# Fascist art critic at the Helm



Dennis Speight, 1983



Michael, 1983



Sen. Jesse Helms, 1987

Vote for Jesse Helms--he knows what art is; art is at least something helping him to keep his name in the news. His proud constituents in North Carolina can revel in the knowledge that their candidate knows Art.

Senator Helms (R-NC) introduced an amendment calling for the banning of federal funding for "obscene and indecent art" and for any work that "denigrates, debases or reviles a person, group or class of citizens on the basis of race, creed, sex, handicap, age or national origin." The Helms amendment was adopted by the handful of senators present on a voice vote--thus avoiding any repercussions a recorded vote might have produced. (New Art Examiner, 11/89.)

After a stink about Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs in popular press, noting that a recent show in Philadelphia was funded by the good ole U.S. of A., Jesse Helms rose to the occasion, in the spotlight, as a proponent of dumb art--art without a voice. Art that merits a pithy phrase such as, "I like it, it's pretty."

A shit can be beautiful to someone who's constipated.

Art is what you like and what you don't care for. It's as sublime as it is repulsive. Art parallels life. It is not a style, it is part of existence. Artists share a heightened awareness, admittedly on different levels, but more.

Helms seems to be more curious about what artists devote their lives to than how it affects the freedom we share in our country. He would have liked to see Mapplethorpe spend more time photographing flowers than homosexuals fisting, when in fact, Mapplethorpe's subjects are a paradox of life. The flower is the quintessential sex object--it exists for an exchange of pollen--soon after, it withers. The homosexual, however curious, is equatable.

Helms sent a copy of *Man in a Polyester Suit*--"Mr. 10 1/2" (a photograph of a black man in a polyester suit with his rather ample penis exposed--which was not included in the exhibition in question) to his colleagues on Capitol Hill, along with graphic descriptions of other Mapplethorpe photographs not included in the exhibit: a photo of a man's arm (up to the forearm) in another man's rectum, and a close-up of a man

## NEA Gives Gag Order

If any of you have been following the latest outrage at the hands of the National Endowment for the Arts (which, as you know, is currently caught in the wires of Bush puppet John Frohmyer), you have heard that the NEA threatened to retract it's \$10,000 funding of a group exhibition dealing with the impact of AIDS called *Against Our Vanishing*, which opened last week at Artists' Space, a non-profit gallery in New York. The incident was sparked by the impassioned catalogue essay written for the exhibition by artist/writer David Wojnarowicz. Wojnarowicz is critically aware of the enormity of the AIDS epidemic; he himself has been diagnosed HIV positive, and he has witnessed, witnesses and will continue to witness the disease's harvest of friends, strangers, lovers, and relatives every day. Wojnarowicz' essay necessarily includes indicting commentary of the political and societal forces that have effectively stood in the way of AIDS research, education, and treatment. For this, if not for simply being a fucking faggot, Frohmyer declared Wojnarowicz' essay too political and devoid of artistic merit, and therefore, unsuitable for NEA funding. The following passage is an excerpt from the essay entitled *Post Cards From America: X-Rays From Hell*.

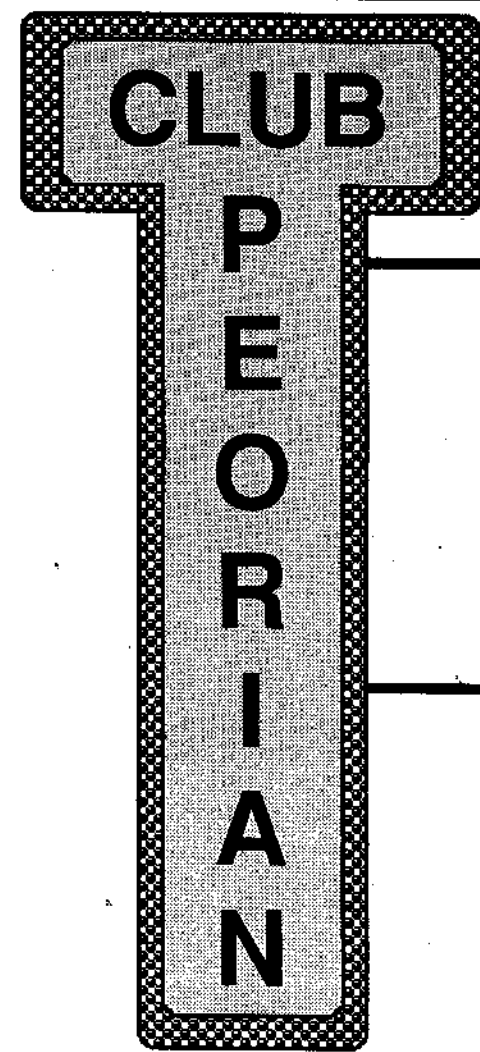
...To make the private into something public is an action that has terrific repercussions in the pre-invented world. The government has the job of maintaining the day to day illusion of the ONE TRIBE NATION. Each public disclosure of a private reality becomes something of a magnet that can attract others with a similar frame of reference; thus each public disclosure of a fragment of private reality serves as a dismantling tool against the illusion of ONE TRIBE NATION; it

lifts the curtains for a brief peek and reveals the possible existence of literally millions of tribes; the term GENERAL PUBLIC disintegrates. If GENERAL PUBLIC disintegrates, what happens next is the possibility of an X-RAY OF CIVILIZATION; an examination of its foundations. To turn our private grief at the loss of friends, family, lovers, and strangers into something public would serve as another powerful dismantling tool. It would dispell the notion that this virus has a sexual orientation or the notion that the government and medical community has done very much to ease the spread or advancement of this disease. One of the first steps in making the private grief public is the ritual of memorials. I have loved the way memorials take the absence of a human being and make them somehow physical with the use of sound. I have attended a number of memorials in the last five years and at the last one I attended I found myself suddenly experiencing something akin to rage. I realized halfway through the event that I had witnessed a good number of the same people participating in other previous memorials. What made me angry was realizing that the memorial had little reverberation outside the room it was held in. A t.v. commercial for handi-wipes unfortunately had a higher impact on the society at large. I got up and left because I didn't think I could control my urge to scream. There is a tendency for people affected by this epidemic to police each other or proscribe what the most important gestures for dealing with this experience of loss should be. I resent that and at the same time worry that friends will slowly become professional pall-bearers; waiting for each death of their lovers, friends

sticking his "pinkie" finger up his penis (Helm's italics). Helm's "show and tell" clearly indicates his own fascination with the genre--he should be careful not to bash the gays so much.

Vote for Jesse--he looks like Truman Capote.

--Patrick Mc Ryst



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and neighbors and polishing their funereal speeches; perfecting their rituals of death rather than a relatively simple ritual of life such as screaming in the streets. I feel this because of the urgency of the situation; because of seeing death coming in from the edges of abstraction where those with the luxury of time have cast it. I imagine what it would be like if friends had a demonstration each time a lover or a friend or a stranger died of this disease, their friends, lovers or neighbors would take their dead body and drive with it in a car a hundred miles an hour to Washington D.C. and blast through the gates of the white house and come to a screeching halt before the entrance and then dump their lifeless forms on the front steps. It would be comforting to see those friends, neighbors, lovers and strangers mark time and place and history in such a public way.

--David Wojnarowicz, from *Post Cards From America: X-Rays From Hell*

Typist's note: David Wojnarowicz' artwork will be exhibited in January at University Galleries, Illinois State University.



# Dear Ms. Hippie:

Dear Ms. Hippie:

Me and a bunch of the girls, we was sitting around talking, and Millie (not her real name) said that she read in the Pantagraph that someone said that sex is a wedding present from God.

Well, we never heard of such a thing. So we started thinking, and we have a few questions that we thought you could answer for us.

Most of us, we like sex and all, but we don't remember putting it on our gift lists. If we already had it, can we get a refund? Or at least make an exchange? Where do we return it? Could we have registered downtown so we could've gotten the "pattern" we liked? And what if we elope? Do we still get God's present? Since when are gag gifts appropriate for wedding presents? Were we supposed to write a thank-you note?

Please hurry. Your response will answer a lot of questions we have.

Signed,

A group of gals from Danvers

Dear G. G. D.,

Let's hope God doesn't shop at K-Mart. Even if he/she does thrift shop, let's hope he/she has good taste.

I don't think you can return your sex for a refund, but you may exchange it if you still have your receipt. If you want to return your sex, you'll have to do some soul searching through the yellow pages of life. Ms. Hippie can't do that for you.

You don't have to write a thank you note, but sometimes breakfast is nice.

Dear Ms. Hippie:

I have this friend, you see, who was just dumped by this guy he had just started seeing. It was clear by what my friend was telling me that things were going quite well. But apparently my friend was mistaken. This guy didn't call my friend for a whole week, and then when he finally did call, he made my friend feel like he was a piece of trash.



But when my friend started thinking and talking to other people (a lot of other people), he realized that he didn't need to be responsible for this guy's neurotic behavior. So being the reactionary that my friend can be, he wrote a long letter to this guy. It contains all of the elements that this type of letter should have: logic, humor, rational anger, well-supported arguments, guilt.

My friend asked me whether or not I thought he should mail the letter. My friend feels better after writing it and thinks that sending it maybe wouldn't be healthy. However, my friend doesn't want this jerk to think he can get away with screwing with people's heads like he did.

I just don't know what to tell my friend. What's your opinion on letter writing? Does Ms. Hippie have a policy? Should this kind of letter be purely therapeutic and destroyed after it is written? Or should it be mailed so that it serves more of a purpose?

Please don't use my name. I don't want my friend to know that I have written you.

Signed,

Waiting for the post/Post

Dear Waiting,

Letter writing is a good way of venting feelings that might otherwise get pushed aside. But you have to remember that the printed word will be around longer than the verbal one, and this lends itself quite favorably to a Xerox machine.

I think letter writing is a way to vent your "friend's" anger. However, so that your "friend" does not stay angry, it would be better for him to forgive the asshole. Even if he never tells the guy, just knowing he has forgiven him will be a burden lifted.

Ms. Hippie does have a policy—she is a fucking bitch. If someone hurts Ms. Hippie, she gets in their face, after which she forgives the asshole and has a great burden lifted. As for the letter—mail it to your post office. Your local civil employees will probably get more out of it than your "friend's" neurotic dude.



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