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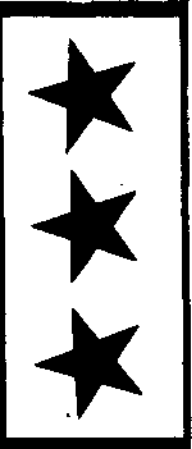


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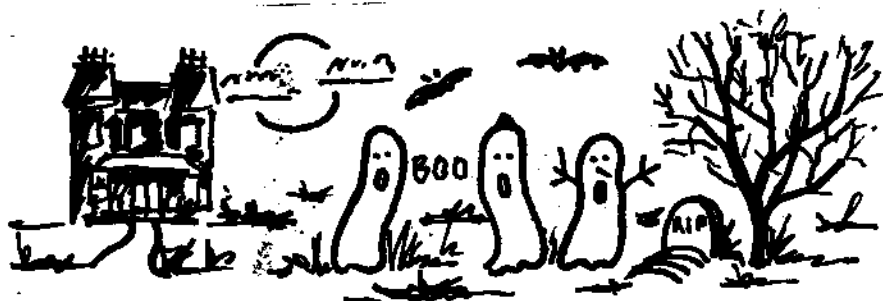
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We put out six issues a year. Staff members take turns as "coordinator." All writing, typing, editing, graphics, photography, pasteup, and distribution are done on a volunteer basis. You are invited to volunteer your talents.

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Monika (coordinator), John, Lee, Tracy, Linda, Shadd, Reverend Brown, Ralph, Gina, Kelly, Sherrin, and of course, all of you reading this issue right now.

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An autobiographical lament

If we all leave, who will carry on the struggle?

I often wonder how black South Africans can accomplish even the smallest steps toward freedom, when most of their leaders are killed or driven from the country. Yet I am so repulsed by the realities of being female in a male-dominated/"dominator" society that sometimes I want to leave.

I see it everywhere, the mammoth track of the superman, his mark on everything I read and hear and see:

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come; let earth receive her King," makes me want to shout, "Joy to the world, the Lady is come; let earth receive his Queen!"

I read about a man who "babysat" his own children while his wife marched on Washington for women's rights. Beyond the fact that a man will never have to march on Washington for men's rights, is the question--why is it "babysitting" when a father is being a father? And if a mother were at home with her children while her husband made a political statement, would she be mentioned?

Stand by your man

My friend was referred to, in the newspaper article lauding her husband's agricultural profession, as "his wife". Even their children were named, but her own identity was clearly obliterated.

The original title of an anthology said, "Jazz and the Men Who Made It Great", but the picture showed Billie Holiday in the front row.

Anyone who is a stranger to the Christian religion might find the worship service full of references to "blood"--the blood of Jesus, blood sacrifices of the Old Testament, Power in the Blood; but the blood cycle of the young women in the church will never be mentioned, let alone celebrated, not even by their mothers in private, definitely not in public, while their inherited shame and confusion and ignorance will cost them dearly. Lactation and menopause and the euphoric thrill of giving birth and other such womanly experiences will be likewise hidden and suppressed, lest they venture too close to witchcraft, the worship of the goddess, the celebration of life, or anything else not central to the life of supermen.

The dedication plaques at the local hospital read: Mr. Abram Brokaw and Mrs. Abram Brokaw. How about Mrs. Eunice Ellsworth and Mr. Eunice Ellsworth, instead?

It is infinitely discouraging to read about "Herstory" the place where women of past centuries spoke and wrote about progress for women and then were forgotten because no one (read no man--all publishers were male) kept their works in print. Small wonder; great threat. So we have to "reinvent the wheel."

They say that one of the characteristics of childhood is the capacity to hope. Women have historically been treated like children, by law and by custom; perhaps that is why we still have hope. And it is said that among women who are called "Third World Women; by those who have bought the notion of belonging to the "first world", among the women whose struggle is for survival as well as for dignity, there seems to be greater contrast to the isolation of the "average" woman in more privileged societies?

We have to learn from each other.

My friend the librarian at my alma mater ("mother of my soul") asked me if I am a feminist. I answered "Yes, I didn't know it for a long time, but now I'm proud to be a feminist." she said that feminism is not for her, except the she is concerned about pay inequality. Aren't we all? After I pointed out that some men in her life may have told her not to be a feminist, she spewed forth a litany of concerns that she carries with her--because she is a woman.

My friend the conservationist is worried that we women will take too much time for our movement and waste precious moments that would be better spent on saving the planet. She doesn't realize how small our voice is, even in progressive circles, or how differently we would structure policy--perhaps more farsighted, thinking of future generations and not just ourselves, perhaps in terms of biodegradable products, not everlasting and poisonous ones.

At college I learned that the more I know, the more I find out how much I don't know. I do know that I don't like the status quo and that I need the strength of my sisters to help me stay in the struggle.

My professor invariably referred to the male students as "this gentleman" and to the females as "this question. . .". When I pointed out this distinction, he said, "Interesting question!"

Clarence Thomas Hall?

I am now a "Bachelor", in spite of not being recognized as a scholar, but became discouraged trying to become a "Master". Even if I earned a "Doctorate", could I get tenure? Statistics say it's doubtful. If I did, they would promote and name a building after the man in my department who sexually harassed me the most. I've seen it happen. No thanks. It's hard enough being a bachelor.

To keep my head above water, I try to forget how strong the male bastions are, how deep the trenches are dug, how high the pedestal on which I stand as a "protected" object.

The research institutions are still recruiting "Caucasian males aged 23-30" for medical studies, while the prime killer of young women receives a tenth of the funds allocated to the disease that kills some older men. Hey you guys! Don't you have wives, mothers daughters, lovers and friends whose derivative status an longevity may be of concern to you?

Habitually, I exempt from my rage all of the men who are woven into my life: My son Bradley who may yet retain some of my values, my dad (Wayne) who taught me carpentry and social responsibility, my brother Willie who raised his daughter like a son, my professor Paul and my friend Danny, who helped me cross the chasm, Lewis my would-be benefactor, and others who are necessarily a product of the system in their attachment to male privilege, as I myself am a relic of socialization patterns that taught me subservience, above all.

And I applaud: Winnie Mandela, heart-mother of many, many suffering children. . . Maggie Kuhn, champion of the aged and of the long-ignored children. . . Gloria Steinem (not Stein, as my local newspaper blurped) and Robin Morgan who kept alive a vital forum for anger and action. . . Mary Wallstonecraft and Sojourner Truth who aggressively defended the integrity of woman. . . Sherry and Maria and all of my friends whose children, like mine, were torn away from us by a "welfare"-fearing judge and a vengeful father. . . Sandy who reminds me that a woman is a whole person. . . Cindy, my friend of 25 years, who speaks my thought before I do. . . Mother Teresa, one of many real saints, who is denied retirement and rest by a man, the Pope. . . Nadia Boulanger, teacher and idol of nearly all great contemporary composers. . . the list is endless and gives me great hope and courage--courage I must pass on to my daughter Angela, who fortunately hasn't yet hit the wall.

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Correction to Shakes and Straights

I'd like to add something to my article from the August/September issue about the Shakespeare Festival 1992. I read it over and over knowing I was missing something. It sounded pretty negative. Then I figured it out -- of course too late to fix it before printing of the last issue. So here it is:

There was one actress whose talent really stood out at this Shakespeare Fest: Keytha Graves. I regret that I forgot to mention Ms. Graves having been critical of the other two actresses. She did not upstage her fellow actors, but performed intelligently and meticulously, quite a refreshing change. I enjoyed her acting very much and considered her such a credit to the acting company.

She has probably gone to Idaho and won't ever read this, but I thought I owed her talent justice. I simply apologize for the oversight.

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Community News



Indigenous People's Day at ISU

About 60 people gathered on the quad at Illinois State University October 1 for a candlelight vigil to observe Indigenous People's Day. The vigil, a counter to Columbus Day, was organized by the Progressive Student Union and Amnesty International ISU.

Brian Harris of AI opened the vigil by detailing some of the many human rights abuses perpetuated against indigenous people. While Harris restricted himself to violations which have occurred since the founding of AI, he stated that "for each person named, there stretches a chain of women, men and children back through time.

ISU's Feminist Alliance was represented by Kate Eisenhour. Eisenhour spoke of the sexual abuses suffered by indigenous women at the hands of European oppressors. She also decried the continuing silencing of the stories and history of both indigenous and non-indigenous women.

"ISU is constantly claiming [it has] diversity, and it's not true," said Andrew Velasquez, Students' Rights and Advocacy Director of ISU's Student Body Board of Directors. He tied ISU's lack of diversity to the stereotypes and misconceptions which persist in modern society, and placed the blame on the manipulation of indigenous people by Europeans through religion, culture and disease.

Lilly León of the Association of Latin American Students was more succinct. "I cannot in good conscience celebrate this man. If Columbus represents civilization, then let any children of mine be savages."

Several other speakers from the crowd followed, then the people formed a circle and lit candles. Members of PS and AI read poems by Native

Americans, and the vigil closed with a moment of silence.

Other anti-Columbus Day activities undertaken by the PSU included the sponsoring of a week of educational programs last March and the presenting of a petition to ISU administrators asking them to declare October 12 "Indigenous Peoples' Day" at ISU. At press time, there had been no response to the petition.

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Become a part of Medicine Body

Art that relates to medicine, healing, disease, and cultural rituals that define these common experiences is featured in an exhibition titled "Medicine Body" which opened September 29 at University Galleries of Illinois State University in Normal.

The exhibition features the work of artists from across the nation and takes the viewer on a visual journey from the "death chambers" in states that use capital punishment, to people suspended in water and air, through the healing experience of yoga and into an installation that invites the viewer to participate in its creation.

Debra Risberg, curator of the exhibition, believes that it is an auspicious time to promote art that expresses how we relate to and understand our physical being and how it is defined and reflected in our cultural attitudes and rituals. "The way we understand and treat our own bodies is reflected in the way we control and respond to the environment as a whole. This exhibition is meant to engage the viewer in an observation of one's own personal experience

with medicine, death, aging, healing and ritual and to promote a dialogue about the cultural conditions that have influenced our experiences," says Risberg.

Artists featured in "Medicine Body" are: Sue Anderson and Barbara Hammer - California; Bill Burns - Montreal; Lucinda Devlin, Robert Flynt, John Orentlicher and Joe Ziolkowski - New York; Christina Howe - Washington; Gary Higgin - Arizona; Anita Jung, Carl Padberg and Kathy Pilat - Illinois; Belinda Razka - Pennsylvania; and Jeffrey Silverthorne - Indiana.

Looking for qualified recycling proposals

McLean County is soliciting proposals from qualified applicants for the purpose of diverting recyclable materials from landfills and increasing the quantity of materials recycled in the County. A Request For Proposals, including guidelines for grant solicitation and an application form are available upon request.

Program eligibility is open to rural incorporated municipalities located outside of Bloomington/Normal in McLean County. Funding assistance may be requested for the establishment of new recycling programs which divert recyclable materials such as glass, metals, plastics and paper. All projects must be consistent with the County's Integrated Solid-Waste Management Plan.

Up to \$13,124 is available for distribution under Grant Round #2. Grant awards are based on a per capita basis from the 1990 census. Only recycling and recycling education related expenditures are eligible for funding support. Eligible expenditures include: recycling collection containers, recycling equipment, storage containers, site improvements, printing, postage, education materials, professional design services, operating expenses, personnel expenses, and recycled products. The application deadline for grant proposals is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 1992.

For more information contact McLean County's Solid Waste Coordinator at (309) 888-5110.

Absurd Tales in Illinois

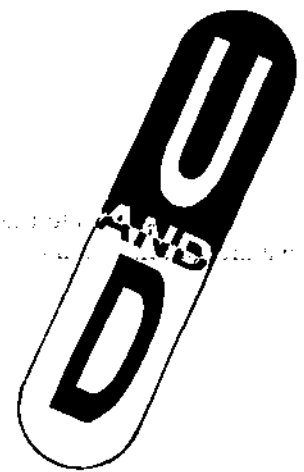
Fractured Tales from the Heartland will be the first in-depth museum presentation of two Illinois artists who infuse their work with an eerie mixture of the mundane and the absurd. A native of Rockford, Illinois who now lives in Chicago, David Hodges' tiny oils on panel are keyhole visions of awkward rituals (camping, parental sermonizing, medical exams) that cling persistently to the banks of memory. He encases these somewhat sinister "miniatures" in disproportionately large frames, often displayed in proximity to real objects such as tables or a painted drinking glass. Mark Forth, a native and current resident of Bloomington, paints "Fictitious Nocturnes" in which mysterious domestic scenes set in the dark interiors of midwestern buildings are transformed by candlelight or moonlight into "shadowy theatres of the unconscious." Although each artist has pursued a highly individualized painting style, both reference art ranging from Caravaggio to 1930-40s magic realists.

A total of 40 paintings will be exhibited by the two artists, featuring work from 1987 to 1992. Accompanying *Fractured Tales* will be a color catalogue with an essay by curator Barry Blinderman and writings by David Hodges.

Following the exhibition at University Galleries *Fractured Tales*... will be on view at the Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, Kansas, from November 19, 1992 through February 21, 1993.

This exhibition is funded in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a State agency.

Uppers 'n' Downers



UPPERS--to Martin Jackson, Thomas Lane, the McLean County AIDS Task Force, and the hundreds of volunteers who contributed to the successful showing of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in September.

UPPERS--to Elaine Graybill and the *Pantagraph* for their two-part series on the continuing legacy in Bloomington/Normal of social activism of the 70's. The series included sections on Lighthouse, Community for Social Action, Rape Crisis Center, the New School, PATH, and Project Oz. However...

DOWNERS--but a small one, to Ms. Graybill for misstating the Post Amerikan's origin. The Post was not founded as "a creative alternative to drug use." Indeed!

UPPERS--to Sinead O'Connor for her improvised, if somewhat clumsy, attack on the Catholic Church. O'Connor tore up a picture of the pope on Saturday Night Live, pronouncing him "the real enemy."

DOWNERS--to 1. The various Catholic officials who attacked O'Connor for daring to express an opinion. The Church, which attacks women's rights, civil rights, abortion, homosexuality, and so on, apparently can dish it out but not take it.

2. All the people who tried to rob O'Connor of her power by saying, "she's too young to know what she's doing." As if youth somehow invalidates one's opinions or actions.

3. SNL's host the following week, Joe Peschi. Peschi announced on his show that his response to O'Connor would have been to "slap her around." The audience howled at this like some Yuppie Roman Circus.



NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in Bloomington/Normal

Sorrow and joy were present in equal measure when the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt appeared at Illinois State University in Normal September 9 and 10. The showing was sponsored by the McLean County AIDS Task Force (MCATF) and the Illinois Postsecondary HIV Prevention Education Project and Consortium in conjunction with a two-day AIDS education seminar entitled "Loving, Learning, and Living."

About 300 panels were displayed at ISU. The display preceded by one month the exhibition of the full 14,000 panel Quilt in Washington D.C. on October 9-12. The ISU showing was believed to be the first visit by the Quilt to Central Illinois. Over 5,000 people viewed the display.

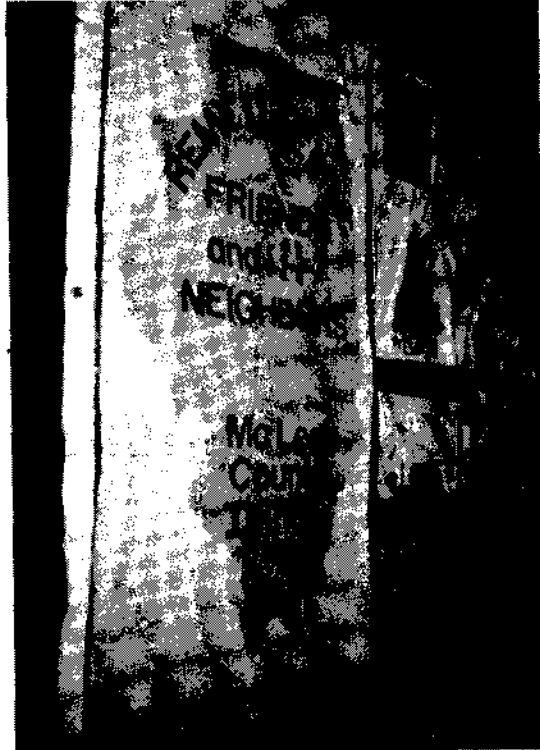
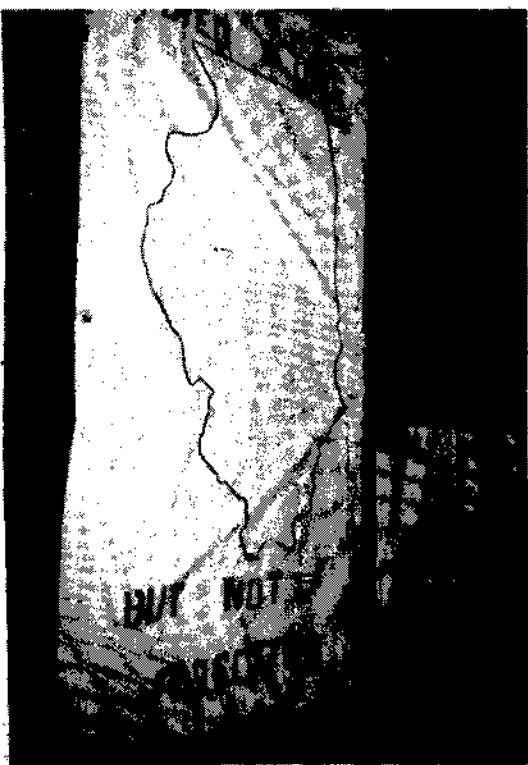
At the opening ceremony, several speakers touched on the significance of the Quilt's presence in this conservative community. "You may think the day has not come when you know someone who has died of AIDS," said Steering Committee Co-chairperson Thomas Lane. "That day is now past." Lane added that while the panels show mourning for each person's death, "they also serve to celebrate that person's life."

MCATF Chairperson Gary Thiel praised the many volunteers and others who committed time and resources to the display. "One by one we are gaining momentum," he said.

"Individually and collectively, the opportunity to effect change exists. Take the first step; make a commitment. Help the increasing numbers in our community who have HIV and AIDS. Together we can and must end this disease.

"And then there will be no panels to add to the quilt."

Several People With AIDS also spoke, including Canton resident John Keets. Keets, who contracted HIV in 1989, created an annual march for AIDS research in his community. He was honored as the Noxzema Outstanding Teen in 1991.



With the opening ceremony completed, the panels were unfolded for display. Usually for a display this size, 32 volunteers unfold the panels. In Normal, as the names from the Quilt sections were read aloud, over 250 volunteers from two dozen different organizations did the opening. It was a moment of somber beauty as unfolding teams billowed the sections above their heads and gently guided the panels to the floor.

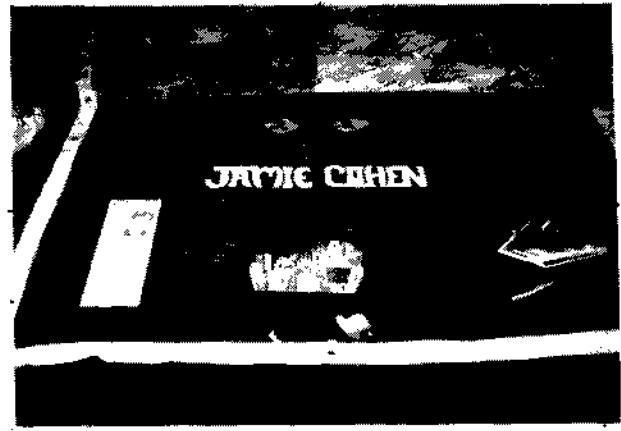
While most of those viewing the Quilt found it to be a sobering experience, many were heartened by the outpouring of caring demonstrated both by the panels themselves and by the large number of area residents who attended. "Many people who have spoken to me have said that they thought it was a wonderful program and they thought it was about time Bloomington/Normal got involved with some awareness-raising activities," said Lane

Lane added that the student organizations which assisted in the unfolding were unprepared for the "deeply moving experience." Over the two-day event, he heard of no negative or hostile reactions.

MCATF member Ann Leach, who facilitates their AIDS/HIV support group, echoed Lane's sentiments, saying she felt the presence of the Quilt would be beneficial for the support group and for the community at large.

"One thing that sticks out for me is, yes it's a somber occasion, but there is such celebration of life that comes through on the panels," she said.

Leach said that she has seen an increase in community support after just the first day. She noted that co-workers of one support group member who recently died showed up together to remember him. Other community members were "curious more than anything" on first arriving. They came away with a heightened awareness and understanding.



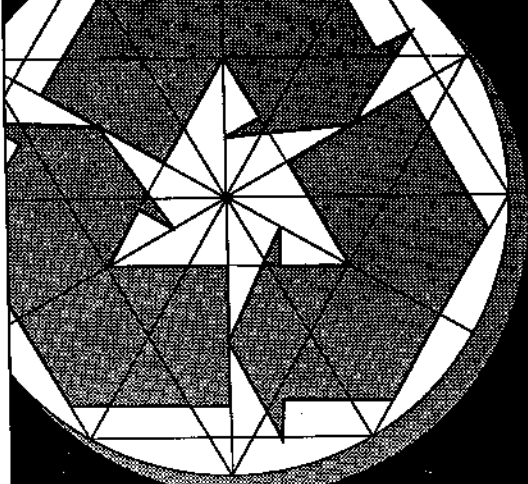
The support group worked on some of the eight panels which were added from McLean County. Two of the new panels were created in memory of founding members of the group.

Working on the panels "helped [surviving members] work through their own grief, but they also got them thinking of the impact that their lives have made on other people and how they will be remembered," said Leach.

The support group was glad the Quilt was here and pleased that McLean County was getting the opportunity to see it.

The appearance of the Quilt was also a fundraiser for the McLean County AIDS Task Force. MCATF officials estimate money raised at \$5,500 to date. That money will be applied to the creation of a buddy program for PWAs in McLean County.

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News from Lambda

Hospital ordered to hire HIV+ pharmacist or lose federal funding

(New York, NY, September 29, 1992) In the first federal HIV-related civil rights enforcement action, the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) ruled that a major medical center in New York discriminated against an HIV-positive pharmacist when it refused to hire him without restrictions on his duties. The decision ordered a cut-off of all federal financial assistance to the hospital until it ceases its discrimination, sending a strong message that health care workers with HIV who use universal precautions pose virtually no risk to patients.



The ruling

The decision by the three-member Departmental Appeals Board upheld a powerful ruling handed down in April by Administrative Law Judge Steven T. Kessel. Based on the evidence provided by public health experts, including doctors from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health, Judge Kessel ruled that Westchester County Medical Center's (WCMC) discriminatory policy of placing limits on the pharmacist's performance of duties, such as the preparation of IV products, violates the federal Rehabilitation Act. The HHS ruling ordered

that all federal financial assistance to WCMC, as much as \$107 million, be terminated following a 30-day period for congressional review, until the hospital rehires the pharmacist without restrictions or penalty.

What the experts say

Lambda staff attorney Evan Wolfson said, "Today's ruling follows the overwhelming expert evidence that health care providers present virtually no risk to patients when using universal precautions in institutions following basic infection control procedures. The key to protecting against HIV transmission is cleaning

up the workplace, not cleaning out workers." As a result of this case, Wolfson said, "The CDC and the federal public health experts are now on record under oath as saying that the risk of HIV transmission from health care provider to patient is so small as to be unmeasurable."

Kentucky Supreme Court voids state sodomy law

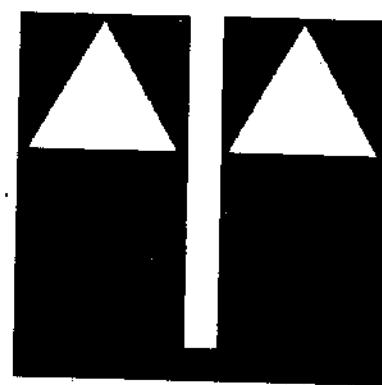
September 23-- In a highly significant decision, the Supreme Court of Kentucky struck down the state sodomy law on Thursday, September 23rd. The 65-page ruling stated that privacy rights and equal protection rights under the state constitution apply to gay men and lesbians in the same manner that they apply to heterosexual sexual behavior.

The 5-2 decision stated that people need not "sympathize, agree with, or even understand" lesbian and gay sexual orientation in order to recognize a right to equal treatment before the law.

The Kentucky challenge first arose in 1986 during a sting operation in Lexington where plainclothes police officers, assigned to a suspected gay cruising area, solicited sex from passersby. Jeffrey Wasson, then 23, was arrested after inviting an officer to his home and mentioning sexual activity.

Since the 1986 U.S. Supreme Court *Hardwick* decision (which ruled that gay men and lesbians essentially have no right to privacy under the federal constitution), sodomy laws have had to be attacked on a state-by-state basis. 23 states and the District of Columbia still criminalize oral or anal sex between consenting adults in private. Six of those states prohibit such private sexual activity only between people of the same sex.

Within the last two years, lower courts in Texas and Michigan have struck down sodomy laws under their state constitutions on similar reasoning to that of the Kentucky Supreme Court. Lambda noted that, given the increased attacks against gay men and lesbians in this election year, the Kentucky decision not only represents an enlightened trend of repealing sodomy laws, but also a welcome antidote to hateful anti-gay rhetoric.



Further related litigation

In parallel litigation, also brought by Lambda, the New York State of Human Rights held on December 12, 1990 that WCMC's policy violated the New York State Human Rights Law, which prohibits HIV discrimination. The state ordered full reinstatement without restrictions, and also

awarded the pharmacist \$30,000 for mental anguish and humiliation, one of the largest such awards in an AIDS-related case. WCMC has appealed that decision to a state intermediate court.

How it got started

The case first arose in 1986 when the pharmacist was hired by WCMC and came in for a routine physical. In an admitted violation of state confidentiality rules, a nurse from another section of the hospital informed the hiring physician that Mr. Doe had tested HIV-positive as a patient at the hospital more than a year before. WCMC then refused to give Mr. Doe his job, which he had been scheduled to begin December 15, 1986. Lambda filed state and federal challenges shortly afterwards.

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Prisoners with AIDS Bill of Rights

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ACT UP/CHAIN (California HIV Activist and Inmate Network) is working to improve the health care and defend the basic human rights of HIV+ prisoners within the California prison system. ACT UP/CHAIN has further developed a prisoners with AIDS Bill of Rights.

In the upcoming year, the Prison Issues Working Group plans to expand its work on behalf of prisoners with HIV/AIDS. You can help. Call ACT UP/San Francisco at 415-563-0724

Following is the list of Bill of rights for Prisoners with AIDS. All Prisoners with AIDS must be guaranteed:

1. Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Treatment

HIV positive prisoners must receive comprehensive treatment in accordance with the "Guidelines for Treatment of HIV Infected Patients" established by the Office of Health Care Services (OCHS) of the CDoC. Prisoners in all institutions must have access to timely and appropriate medical treatment, nutrition and AIDS-trained staff. Failure to provide adequate medical care constitutes "deliberate indifference" to serious medical needs.

2. Access to Clinical Trials

Prisoners and parolees with HIV/AIDS must have full and voluntary access to Phase II and Phase III non-placebo clinical drug trials, including the use of investigational new drugs in conformity with community standards. Prisoners have historically been the subject of illegal, non-consensual research and experimentation. Participation in clinical drug trials must contain safeguards against this type of abuse. Prisoners must be fully educated about the trials, enabling them to make informed choices in regard to participation. Prisoner participation in these trials must be monitored by community advisory boards to insure that trials are equitable and provide appropriate treatment for AIDS-related illnesses.

3. Equal Access to Visitation and All Prison Programs

Current policy must be revised immediately to permit family living unit visits by spouses and all children for prisoners with HIV/AIDS. The CDoC must allow conjugal visits in conjunction with safer-sex counseling and materials including condoms, dental dams and latex gloves.

Prisoners with HIV/AIDS must have equal access to all other prison programs including

education, work, timely parole/release, legal assistance, library, and recreation. All prisoners with HIV/AIDS who meet eligibility criteria for these programs must be given the same consideration as other prisoners.

4. Voluntary and Anonymous Testing

Anonymous HIV antibody testing administered by an outside agency must be available to all prisoners. Pre- and post-test counseling, education and peer support must accompany anonymous testing. All HIV antibody testing of prisoners without their informed consent must stop. In adherence with prisoners' constitutional rights, confidentiality of HIV status must be kept strictly upheld.

5. No Forced Segregation of HIV Positive Prisoners

Cease all involuntary transferring of HIV positive prisoners to separate housing. HIV positive prisoners must be permitted to make an informed choice as to their housing using pertinent information provided to them through counseling. HIV cannot be spread through casual contact; segregation sends a false message to prisoners and staff regarding their own risks. Segregation also violates prisoners' confidentiality.

6. Compassionate Release

A policy of compassionate release or medical parole for all prisoners with AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses must be immediately implemented. All prisoners with AIDS must be periodically monitored and evaluated for eligibility for medical release due to deteriorating health. All prisoners granted compassionate release must be provided with comprehensive AIDS resources and appropriate medical care in their area. Without timely compassionate release a relatively short prison term can become a death sentence for a prisoner with a serious illness, constituting "cruel and unusual punishment."

7. AIDS Prevention and Peer Education

Prisoner-initiated peer education and counseling must be encouraged, supported and publicized in every institution. HIV/AIDS educational materials must be culturally appropriate, accurate, current, and multi-lingual. Materials must include information on HIV transmission through sexual contact and needle-sharing. A comprehensive HIV/AIDS treatment library must be established in each institution. Information and materials for the practice of safer sex (condoms, dental dams, latex gloves) and needle cleaning (bleach) must be provided. Recognizing that sex and drug use are a reality in prison, this is the only effective way to save lives and curb HIV transmission. AIDS education must be provided regularly to all prison staff to put an end to the abuse of HIV positive prisoners.

HIV+ prisoners at Vacaville continue medication strike

More than 100 HIV+ prisoners at the California Medical Facility prison (CMF) in Vacaville are entering their second week of a medication strike, and several prisoners are risking serious illness as a result of their participation.

The prisoners in T and U wings, in a potentially lethal recourse to brinkmanship, are refusing medication with the goal of pressuring the prison administration to remedy long-standing problems with medical care which are endangering prisoners' lives. Six prisoners with HIV disease have died in less than one week, a sharp and dramatically sudden increase in fatalities that the prisoners assert stems directly from months of deteriorating conditions. Meetings between prisoners in the strike and representatives of CMF Warden George Ingle held last Wednesday and Thursday failed to produce results acceptable to the prisoners, who have vowed to continue even if one or more of those refusing medication die as a result of the action.

ACT UP/San Francisco, in conjunction with other organizations addressing prison issues, will hold a press conference and picket at CMF on Thursday, October 1, 1992, beginning at 12:00 noon. Reports from prisoners inside CMF, as well as from recently paroled prisoners, will highlight the press conference.

ACT UP/SF, in cooperation with other California ACT UP chapters and organizations supporting prisoners, has been pressuring the California Department of Corrections (CDoC) for nearly two years to address the Department's failures in creating and implementing effective policy to deal with the AIDS crisis in state prisons. We fully support the courageous effort by CMF prisoners to defend their lives and human rights.

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News from Voice for Choice

some good reasons not to contribute to the united way

1. In what appears to be a giving into pressure from anti-choicers, the United Way of McLean County cut funding for Planned Parenthood's child sexual abuse prevention program. The total cut was \$20,000.
2. Over the past several months, United Way has offered a number of different reasons for its decision to cut Planned Parenthood funding. These reasons have not been consistent with each other and were never shared with Planned Parenthood prior to the decision by the United Way Allocations Committee.
3. During monitoring visits with Planned Parenthood, United Way did not notify Planned Parenthood of any concerns it had about the child sexual abuse prevention program.
4. United Way did not make known any of its alleged concerns about the Planned Parenthood child sexual abuse prevention program. Instead it chose to cut the funding without attempting to discuss and negotiate.
5. According to statements made to WJBC radio by United Way Director Karen Daudelin, United Way was attempting to force Planned Parenthood to change its program. Daudelin indicated that United Way did not actually ever intend to cut the funds permanently. There is a blatant inconsistency between this statement and the reality of United Way's actions. United Way had had a positive working relationship with Planned Parenthood for a number of years. It seems absurd that cutting funding would be its first approach to dealing with its concerns with the agency.

Additionally, United Way made no attempts to utilize the time between the initial denial of funding and the subsequent Planned Parenthood appeal to discuss or negotiate. The denial of Planned Parenthood's appeal by the United Way board seems to be further evidence that the intent of United Way was indeed to defund Planned Parenthood.

6. In the past, United Way has given funded agencies time to address problems and concerns about the program. There is at least one instance in which United Way granted a six-month provisional period to resolve concerns United Way had about a particular program. United Way continued to fund the agency in question throughout the probationary period. United Way did not offer this option to Planned Parenthood, and there is no evidence to suggest that this option was even considered by the United Way board.

7. United Way formed a task force to explore the relationship between United Way and Planned Parenthood. The task force included representatives from public health and insurance agencies. The task force surveyed employees of the largest United Way contributing agencies, asking if Planned Parenthood was an appropriate agency for United Way to fund. Over 90% of those responding felt that it was appropriate for United Way to fund Planned Parenthood. United Way has chosen not to make the results of this survey public.

8. United Way failed to respond to requests for information made by Voice for Choice. Voice for Choice wrote to United Way Director Karen Daudelin requesting information regarding their program evaluation criteria and decision-making process. We were sent a flier designed to appease disgruntled United Way supporters and volunteers. This flier did not provide any of the information we had requested. The United Way board also refused Voice for Choice's invitation to address our supporters through our newsletter. Perhaps United Way has no process. Perhaps decisions are made arbitrarily based on board members' religious

beliefs. Perhaps not. We have no way of knowing.

9. United Way board member Cliff Librach has used his commentary time on WJBC to refer to Planned Parenthood as a "thick-headed, thin-skinned agency." Librach failed to identify himself as a United Way board member. Librach's actions were not only unprofessional but reflected his own personal bias against Planned Parenthood.
10. Librach has also sent a letter to United Way supporters telling them that there are two good reasons to contribute to United Way. First, that it broke off its affiliation with the national United Way, and second, that it no longer funds Planned Parenthood. This is again unprofessional and biased. We can only assume that Librach is acting on behalf of and with the blessing of the United Way board, since the board has failed to denounce his actions publicly.
11. United Way has issued a new grant proposal for the child sexual abuse prevention program. Voice for Choice has reviewed the grant proposal. Not only does this proposal fail to spell out clearly the goals of the program, it is a duplication of services. Although it lost United Way funding, Planned Parenthood has continued its program and has continued to receive requests from school districts within McLean County.

12. Planned Parenthood staff members attended a meeting of the United Way task force charged with developing the child sexual abuse prevention program grant application. The staffers found out that task force members, including school district representatives, did not know why United Way had pulled Planned Parenthood's funding. These task force members had been pleased with the Planned Parenthood program. United Way Director Karen Daudelin had claimed that one reason for withdrawing funding was that the school district was not pleased with the program.

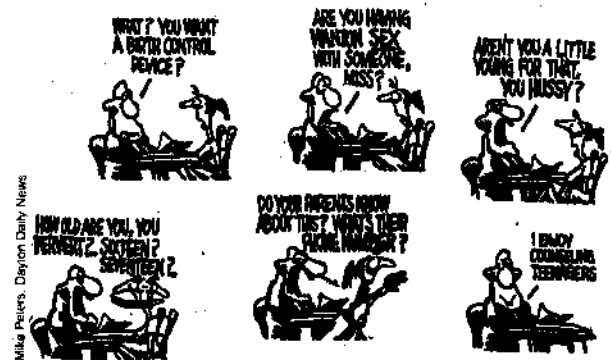
13. Your dollars will go farther if you contribute directly to the agencies you support. United Way has been telling people that they can still give to United Way and designate their dollars for Planned Parenthood. United Way states that Planned Parenthood will receive these funds. What United Way is not stating is that it will take 12% off the top to cover its own administrative expenses. It seems to us like that is a lot of money for putting a check in an envelope and sending it to Planned Parenthood. You it will only cost 29 cents.



14. Reproductive rights are under attack at the national, state, and now local levels. United Way is merely the most recent organization to cave in to right wing religious groups. United Way had not expressed any concern about the quality of the child sexual abuse prevention program until members of the local Christian Action Council began contacting United Way to complain. In fact, it was for this reason that the aforementioned survey of contributing agencies was conducted. Those complaining are the same radicals who picket outside Planned Parenthood on Thursday evenings.

15. Planned Parenthood needs your financial support now more than ever.

If all of these reasons are not enough, United Way also decided to defund Western Action Community Center. WACC had been providing a part-time day care program for children. United Way wanted it to expand its program without any additional funds. Not an easy task for an organization serving low income families.



Rape Crisis Center of McLean County

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Animal magnetism

World Farm Animals Day

October 2nd marked the tenth annual observance of World Farm Animals' Day. The purpose of World Farm Animals' Day is to enhance public awareness of animal abuse and other destructive impacts of today's animal agriculture on human health, world hunger, natural resources, and environmental quality. The date of the event—October 2—is the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, the world's foremost protector of farm animals. Observances ranging from educational exhibits and vigils to major rallies and memorial services took place across America.

The intensive raising of animals for food, also known as "factory farming," has been largely responsible for the wholesale displacement of family farms and farm workers.

Animals in factory farms are crowded, deprived, medicated, mutilated, and manhandled, rather than being accorded the consideration and humane treatment that they deserve.

The meat and other products of intensive animal agriculture are adulterated with antibiotics, pesticides, hormones, harmful bacteria, cholesterol, and saturated fat that are largely responsible for the suffering and death of millions of people from heart failure, stroke, cancer, and other chronic diseases.

Intensive animal agriculture is responsible for massive waste of foodstuffs, topsoil, groundwater, and other precious agricultural resources, as well as for wholesale destruction of lakes, streams, forests, grasslands, and other wildlife habitats.

Farm animal reform movement

Still want to consume turkey flesh at November's Thanksgiving celebration? If you are interested in receiving recipes for a meatless Thanksgiving menu send a SASE to the Post Amerikan.

MEAT STINKS

You can shake it, bake it, broil it, or boil it, but it's **still** the decomposing corpse of an abused animal.

Cruelty free Christmas

Yes, it is only October and I am going to ask you to think about Christmas. I must confess that I am one of those annoying people who has been accumulating my Christmas gifts for people all year and therefore have almost completed my Christmas shopping.

What I am asking you to do while you participate in this disgusting display of conspicuous consumption is to remember the animals. Let's try to make this a season of peace for non-human animals as well as human animals.

Following are some tips, from Ingrid Newkirk's book, Save the Animals: 101 Easy Things You Can Do, on how you can keep cruelty off of your Christmas shopping list:

Steer clear of fur, leather, wool, down, silk, and animal skins when you are gift shopping.

Do not buy cosmetics or perfumes from companies who test on animals. Some companies that test are Guerlain, Calvin Klein and Lancome. Some perfumes not tested on animals: Christian Dior's "Dior," Elizabeth Taylor's "Passion," and Benetton's "Colours."

Resist the temptation to give an animal as a gift. Only do so if you are absolutely certain that the recipient has met and wants this particular companion animal; has the time and physical and financial ability to care for the animal properly; and understands and can accept the enormous responsibility and lifelong commitment to the animal. Then, get the animal from the pound or the Humane Society, not the pet shop or a breeder.



Statement of the Democratic candidates

"I have always loved and respected animals and abhorred any cruelty toward them. Please be assured that a Clinton Administration would be extremely sensitive to these issues and concerns."

Bill Clinton

"While I believe some animal testing is essential to biomedical advances, I also believe very strongly that one important way to measure the true maturity and compassion of a society is by observing how that society treats all living things, including animals. As you may know, the LD50 test, which requires the death of 50 percent of the animals involved, is increasingly under fire as is the Draize eye irritation test performed on laboratory rabbits. I believe both these tests should be eliminated. I have in the past supported measures to ensure the welfare of the animal population, and you may be assured that I will continue to work for the humane treatment of animals in the future."

Albert Gore, Jr.

A spokesperson from the issues department at the Carol Moseley Braun Headquarters in Chicago stated that Braun is opposed to tests on animals which are obviously unnecessary. He also stated that Braun's overall belief in the importance of humanitarian values to legislation would apply to the issue of animal rights as well.

Excerpts from the 1992 Republican Party platform

"We believe in the humane treatment of animals, but we oppose attempts by animal rights extremists to impose excessive restrictions on animal husbandry practices."

"We oppose . . . bureaucratic harassment of farm, ranch, and timber families under statutes regarding endangered species and wetlands."

"We will . . . allow access [by oil producers], under environmental safeguards, to the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge . . ."

"Our public lands should not be arbitrarily locked up and put off limits . . ."

"We applaud our President for personally confronting the international bureaucrats at the Rio Conference."

from Compassion Campaign '92
FARM Animal Reform Movement

Rich Williamson's issues department said that Williamson had not spoken formally on the issue of animal rights and that they were uncertain as to what his stand was concerning this issue.



Federal grand jury targets Alex Pacheco and Ingrid Newkirk

Three grand juries—in Washington state, Oregon, and Michigan—are investigating raids by the Animal Liberation Front on laboratories in those states. Alex Pacheco and Ingrid Newkirk, as well as other People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) staff members, have been photographed, fingerprinted and subpoenaed to appear before a federal grand jury in Michigan.

This is not the first time that PETA or PETA members have been harassed. In the 12 years since PETA was formed it has achieved many victories in halting the abuse of animals.

Because of its success it has also been the target of an increasing number of attacks.

• In 1989, Pacheco and another PETA staff member were wrongfully charged with attacking federal agents at a sit-in at the National Institute of Health. They were acquitted of all charges.

• The Washingtonian magazine accused PETA of lying about animal suffering in laboratories. PETA sued the magazine and it subsequently retracted the allegations.

• Physicians can now receive academic credit for attending the American Medical Association-sponsored seminars on how to fight animal rights.

• Allegations were made that PETA funds were being used for illegal activities. This allegation led to an IRS audit which PETA passed "with flying colors".

• Death threats have been made and shots fired at PETA activists. Dead animals and bloody animal parts, including a decapitated skinned cat, have been delivered through the mail to PETA's office and to the homes of the staff.

• The FBI has seized boxes of animal rights literature, video tapes and computer disks from their chief volunteer's home.

• PETA's animal sanctuary has been subject to sudden and unwarranted investigations. PETA has passed every inspection.

Jeanne Roush, the executive director of PETA, says that "Clearly, PETA is embattled. Billions of dollars are at stake for those who abuse animals in experiments, for food and for clothing, and these vested interests have obviously placed enormous pressure on our government to 'do something about the animal rights movement.'" Roush likens this backlash to the attacks experienced by other social change movements, such as the civil rights movement and the peace movement in Central America.

The time that PETA must spend fighting these allegations is time not spent fighting for the animals. Please don't let government and big business jeopardize the animal rights movement. PETA needs your moral and financial support today. You may send contributions to aid with their defense to:

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
Box 42516
Washington, D.C. 20015

--Sherrin Fitzer





Dear Ms. Hippie

Dear Ms. Hippie,

I run a very active Devil-type cult here in town, and so study the "Holy Bible" often. Lately, I've noticed that as I read—you know, really getting into the "Zen" of the very act of the reading, as well as the mystical chuckles the scriptures contain—I get a boner.

Now I read lots of everything, but this only happens when I read that Good Book. (Don't get this wrong; it happens other times too when I want it to... usually.)

It's not really a distraction to my rigorous studies, though I am dimly aware, as the hours pour by, of that dull buzz in my lower Chakras, that quietly insistent throb, that ever-so-slightly-heightened sensitivity... and as a Doktor, I know several conventional and folk remedies to relieve the swelling. So, dear Dear Ms. Hippie, I'm not after a solution to a really big problem so much as any possible explanations you and your researchers might have access to.

Goshen, is my subconscious telling me that the B-I-B-L-E is mental jacking off? Am I secretly getting hot from the juicier apocalyptic parts? "Good Lord"! would my dear God actually stoop to speaking to his children through these means? None of these? All? Ms. Hippie, your input?

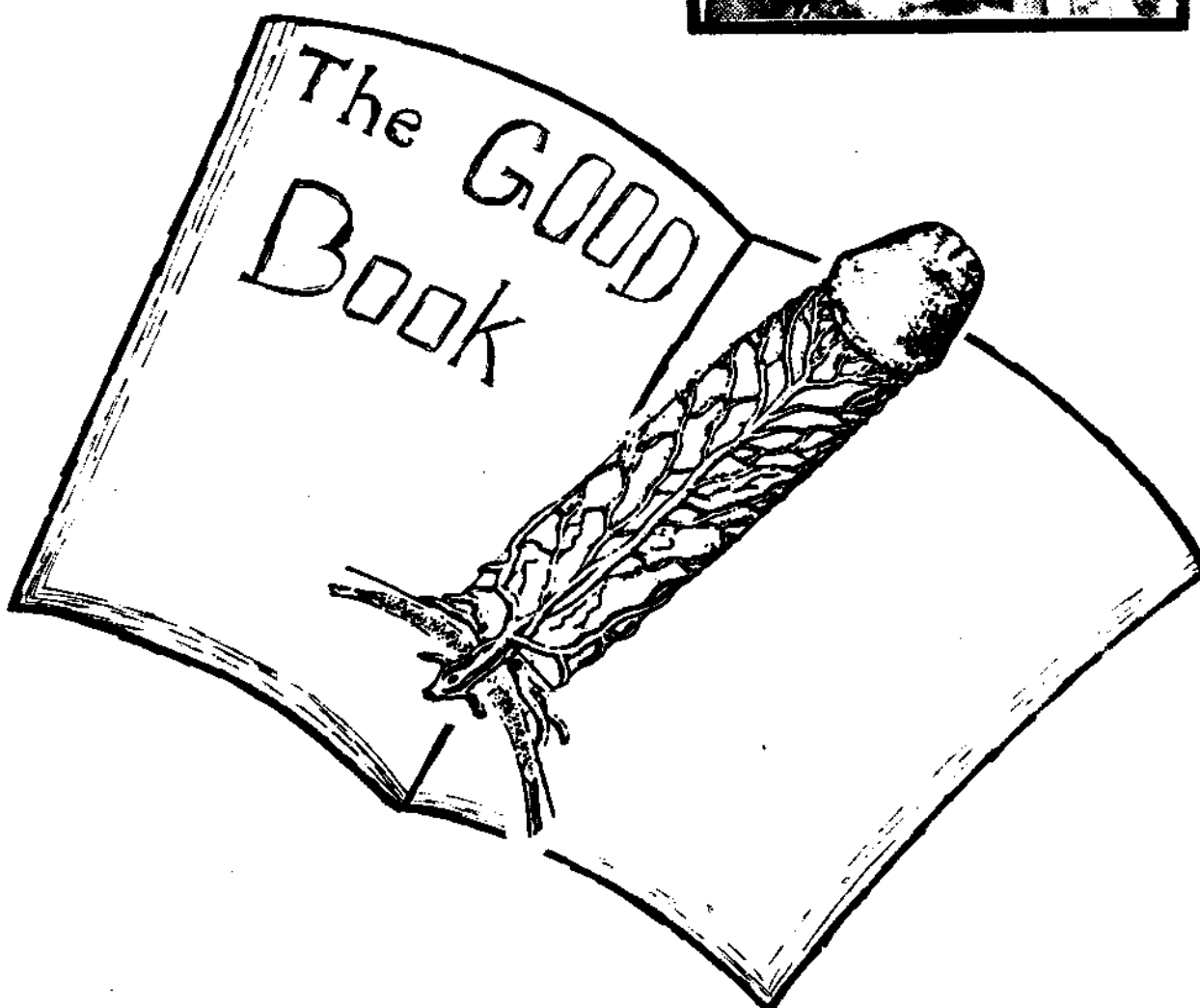
Signed,
Is this religious ecstasy?

Dear Is this religious ecstasy,

I have often said that there is nothing so stimulating as a good book, but you seem to be going to great lengths to demonstrate my point. (Or perhaps not such a great length. After all, I haven't seen it: who am I to assume?)

Since your problem stems from the Bible, I suggest we turn there for the solution.

Matthew 5:29-- "And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee." Hm. Could we perhaps adapt this to your particular situation?



Dear Ms. Hippie,

I was in the supermarket the other day when I saw this guy wearing a shirt that said "I'm Ms. Hippie. Forget that other bitch."

Ms. Hippie, is there something we should know? This guy looked nothing like your picture. Is he some kind of imposter? Should I notify the authorities?

Confused and Concerned

Dear C'n' C,


Thank you so much for your concern, but I too have seen this man and... well, let's just say that the situation has been resolved to Ms. Hippie's satisfaction.

But no, he was not an imposter. Rather, he was one of the chosen few who had achieved the realization that Ms. Hippie is not merely a person. Ms. Hippie is a state of being. Ms. Hippie is everyone and each of us is Ms. Hippie.

So put aside your confusion, dear reader, and reach into yourself. Find the Ms. Hippie in you. Join us. Soon, you too will forget that other bitch.

Readers: Do problems of life in the post-70's have you in a quandary? Send your questions to "Dear Ms. Hippie," care of the Post Amerikan, P.O. Box 3452, Bloomington, IL 61702.

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Roadkill reports on N.C. chicken factory fire

Just over a year ago, Hamlet, N.C., appeared on the map in a tragic way. National news services covered the story as 25 bodies were pulled from a smoldering chicken processing plant on September 3, 1991. Although twelve months have now passed, and the healing process has begun, questions remain as to who is responsible for the deaths of 25 people and the injuries of 56 more. It has rocked this small town's world.

What happened?

To review the event of September 3: workers at the Imperial Foods chicken processing plant were replacing a hydraulic hose used in the frying room when the hose burst, sending flammable liquid into a gas burner, thereby starting the fire and releasing toxic smoke throughout the building. Already, a bad situation turned worse when workers inside the plant found themselves trapped by locked or blocked fire doors, and other inadequacies in the building's escape routes. Twenty-four Imperial Foods employees died, most of them in the cooler where they had fled to avoid the smoke. Also dead is one vending machine repairman who happened to stop along his route at the wrong time.

Who is to blame?

Controversy surrounding the fire has centered mainly on the locked fire exits and the awful conditions under which these people were forced to work. The people of Hamlet are still asking who is to blame. Is it Ronald Reagan, who reformed OSHA regulations which then allowed less stringent inspection? Or perhaps it is the State of North Carolina who left safety inspector positions unfilled, although money was available. Most likely, it is the management of Imperial Foods who locked the fire exits for reasons ranging from theft deterrence to prevention of drug dealing. There are still questions, however, as to whether the Hamlet Fire Department approved locking the doors as one person has alleged.

Since the closing of the plant following the fire, Imperial Foods has been ordered by its bank to cease all operations in North Carolina and Georgia. The company has issued a statement to the effect that they are unable to meet any "short- or long-term obligations." By this statement, most assume that compensation for damages will not be paid by the company, although more than 17 lawsuits have been filed to that end. Dozens of children lost parents. One hundred twenty-five were left jobless and relief, supplied mainly by United Way, has been exhausted.

Is there hope?

Hamlet is a small town with little industry and possibly their best hope is to attract another plant to the town. This really solves little, however, when one looks at the statistics. Nationwide, more than 22 out of one hundred poultry workers become seriously ill every year from work-related causes. This is second only to shipbuilding and surpasses the illness rate for auto workers, dairy workers, and construction (U.S. Department of Labor). In the South, one out of ten people are considered working poor; the region also has one of the highest numbers of minimum wage workers in the United States (Organize the South Coalition). In the past year, North Carolina has attracted more businesses than any other state. They also have one of the highest worker fatality rates.

So what types of businesses locate in North Carolina? Mainly those in search of non-union, rural-oriented workforces. The region is very poor and workers often have no choice but to take jobs at places similar to Imperial. In Hamlet, the highest wage was \$5.40 per hour; most were paid less. Like in other chicken processing plants, workers were allowed only one restroom break per day. Complaints and filing for injury compensation were grounds for dismissal.

Other than lax enforcement of safety regulations, the main problem is that only six percent of the state's labor force is unionized. Workers have no bargaining power and nowhere to turn for assistance -- a lawyer is beyond the means of many people.

To this end, several groups have sprung up and joined the Black Workers for Justice (the main source for this article) in creating the Organize the South Coalition. This syndicate is designed to create an atmosphere conducive to unionization and to campaign actively for pro-labor laws. They have testified before the State Legislature and the U.S. Congress. The Rev. Jesse Jackson has been involved in informal hearings and has lent some publicity to the movement.

Steps to hope

The goals of Organize the South are to build support for the surviving families of the Hamlet fire and to bring about criminal prosecution of the plant owners. (The N.C. Secretary of Labor has already moved for the indictment of Imperial owner, Emmet Roe.) On a larger scale, Organize the South hopes to prod southern workers to challenge and change the conditions under which they are forced to work. Aside from safety violations, it is not uncommon for restaurant and other industries to work people for twelve or more hours at a time, often without a break.



But organizing is difficult. The anti-labor environment discourages an effective worker's movement. People will only organize and take risks when they see the movement has a good chance of succeeding. It begins with a widespread feeling of injustice and anger with the system. Hamlet has been described as an isolated incident; an "industrial accident." But already there have been other "Hamlet-type" tragedies. On January 9, 1992, a Mount Pleasant, Texas processing plant caught fire. Fortunately, no one was killed but 21 were injured. So long as "accidents" like these are allowed to happen, caused by inattentive companies and managers who cut costs in all the wrong ways, Organize the South and Black Workers for Justice will have work to do.

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Favorite Television Shows (sample size is approximately 1,200)

Gay men:	Rank
Designing Women	1
Golden Girls	2
L.A. Law	3
Murphy Brown	4
Star Trek: Next Generation	5
The Simpsons	6
Roseanne	7
In Living Color	8
Thirtysomething	9
60 Minutes	10

Lesbian women:	Rank
L.A. Law	1
Murphy Brown	2
Designing Women	3
Roseanne	4
Star Trek: Next Generation	5
Golden Girls	6
Thirtysomething	7
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60 Minutes	10*
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 Average cost to taxpayers of one inmate's high-security imprisonment for 40 years in Texas: \$750,000
 Average cost of an execution trial and appeal in Texas: \$2.3 million
 Rank of Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, and Texas, in number of executions of juvenile offenders: 1, 2, 3, 4
 Percentage of teen parents who are victims of sexual abuse: 66

Percentage of female homicide victims killed by a husband or boyfriend: 23
 Percentage of male homicide victims killed by a wife or girlfriend: 3
 Number of reported rapes in the United States (1990): 102,555
 Number of rape arrests: 39,160
 Total number of women in the United States who have been diagnosed with AIDS: 26,141
 Number of men: 204,038

Estimated number of women who will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year: 180,000
 Percentage drop in legal services to the poor since 1986: 26
 Percentage of law-school graduates who enter public-interest law: 2
 Average annual child-support payments in 1978: \$3,305
 Payment now: \$2,995

Total number of workers employed by U.S. firms profiled in the new book *Companies with a Conscience*: 4,191
 Total employed by Du Pont: 132,600

Percentage of Americans who think Republics have a majority in Congress: 35
 Percentage of U.S. Households that did not purchase a book in 1991: 60
 Estimated amount of weight gained by Americans last year, in pounds: 1,100,000,000
 Amount the Slim-Fast Foods Company contributed to the Bush-Quayle campaign: \$100,000

Percentage of Americans who believe they "will be called in front of God on Judgment Day to answer for their sins": 83

Source: *Mother Jones*

News from Amnesty International

"The Indians often tell me that the difference between a colonist and an Indian is that the colonist wants to leave money for his children and the Indians want to leave forests for their children."
 -Martin von Hildebard

This month, Amnesty International (AI) commemorated 500 years of human rights abuses against indigenous peoples of the Americas on October 12, Indigenous Peoples Day. The suffering of these people continues even today in places like Guatemala where the military, in the 1970's and 1980's, routinely slit the throats of indigenous children, bashed their heads against walls and disemboweled them. These people need more than just our sympathy, they need our help. Letters were written for Indigenous Peoples Day on October 11, and a candlelight vigil was held in conjunction with a few other groups on October 12, in addition to the following:

- October 18: Human rights video 7:00 Walker Hall
- October 25: Letter writing 7:00 Walker Hall
- November 1: Tie dye party (you bring the T-shirt, we'll bring the dye!) 7:00 Walker Hall

We also hope to have a camping trip/letter-writing retreat sometime toward the end of October, if weather permits! All of our meetings are held on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in the Walker Hall conference room unless otherwise noted. Thanks for your support!

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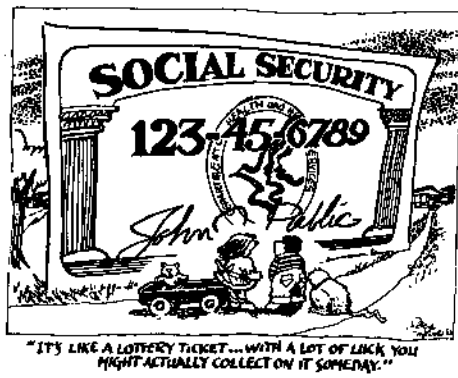
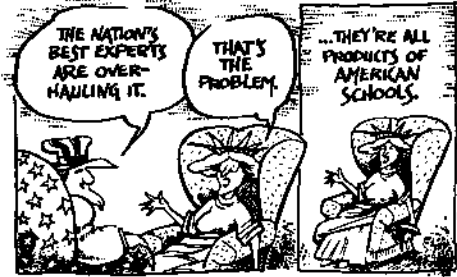
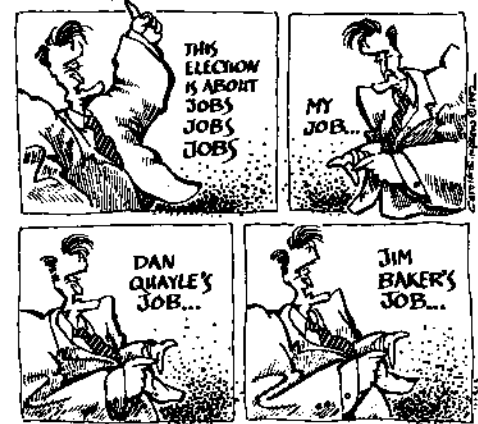
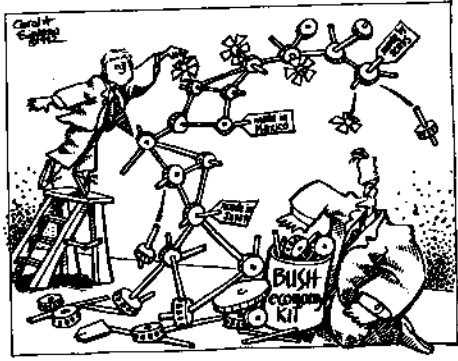
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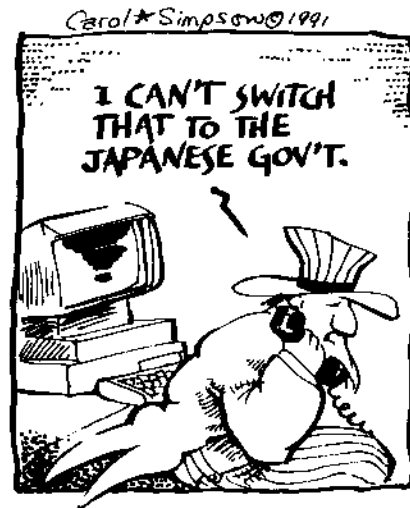
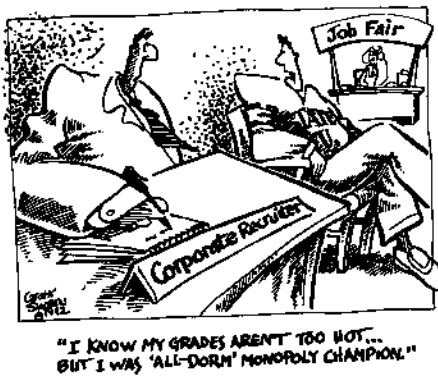
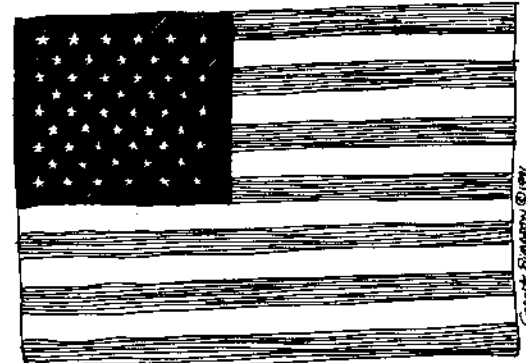
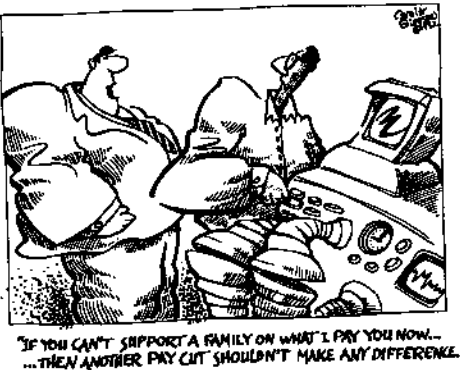
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Have a chuckle on us



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?





Back Page Opinion

We're back . . .

*crackle*SCREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEECH!!
Testing . . . test . . . testes . . . yes, this is on now . . .

Hello, good friends.

It's so fine that we're back together again. Oh! When you think about how close the last issue of the Post Amerikan was to being the last issue of the Post Amerikan, you just . . . just sort of . . . choke. Sort of. Golly, that would have been the last great indignation, eh? Can't you just picture the Post's obituary?

"Post Amerikan Shrinks, Stinks, Sinks"
"Last Bastion of Civil Rights Fights It, Bites It"
"Where Have All The Lefties Gone?"

Etc., etc.

It would have been too much. Without the Post Amerikan, these dark days would have grown even bleaker as the near-powerless became the now-voiceless. Yes, extinction of that exotic ferret the Post Amerikan signals ROGUE TIME STREAM ALTERNATE HISTORY BEARDED SPOCK LOCKSTEP FASCIST NO WORLD ORDER UNAPPOSED BLACK MACHINES WITH GREEN LIGHTS MANDATING COPULSORY COSMETIC SURGERY ANALYZING SPUTUM SAMPLES OF ALL MAN, WOMAN, CHILD AND PET IN EARTH, MOON AND MARS. (Did you see how his EYES GLOWED?!)



Far too much, indeed.

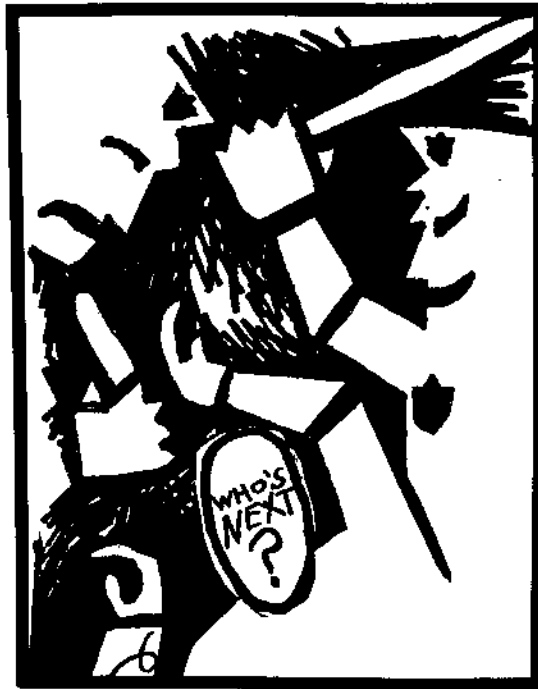
But No! YES! It did not happen! Glory, no!

After last issue's moving appeal, extremely complex mechanisms were activated. Sophisticated technologies were utilized to draw a corps of "specialists"--a highly trained, fanatically dedicated SHIT SQUAD--to assume Command Central at Post H.Q. Comprised of

gritty, steely-nerved womens, mens and others, this crack journalistic team has honed its dark art to a glittering razor's edge on the very front lines of the Cultural War. These cool customers wear their battle scars like badges, and they cannot--for their harsh discipline forbids it--CANNOT crack under pressure. (Oh, do not be deceived, friend . . . there is a Cultural War being waged, right now! And I say yes! That's what this is all about! It is so! Jihad! We will make it ours again!
JHIIIIIIIIHAAAAAAAAAAAD!!)

Yes, we are at war right now, on many different fronts and levels, some so subtle and fantastically longstanding that they actually form the "background static" of our very thoughts, and some as blatant and recent as a nightstick upside the head and a gutted "Food King."

Thing is, though, no matter what your politics, sex, race, religion, sexual orientation, nationality, creed or station in life, this war still directly impacts you. Sure, some of us are in more imminent and obvious danger than others, and your particular station may be too high (right now, anyway) to get a clear look, but sooner or later, in one form or another, those black boots will thunder up your back stairs some crystal night, and then . . . and then . . .



You will believe what you've known for a long time . . . but it will be too late!

For you see, this "Cultural War," this "War on Freedom," this "War on Drugs" is just the beginning of a far vaster master plan: that laughably cliché, comic book-simple, too-crazy-to-even-be-a-little-true-goal of merely controlling completely your body and your mind. (NOTE: Not a conspiracy theory! There is proof, if you've the eyes to see it and the guts to take it. It's not our fault you haven't caught on yet.)

Face it! All over this ball of mud right now, a very elite group of people control nearly all the mechanisms of civilization, as well as the means of destroying it utterly. Some we've elected, and some we've never even heard of, but theirs are the fingers on the buttons that make all this Amerika, all this "civilization," all this planet, GO . . . or STOP.

All one need do is take a real look at the state of the world to see what kind of job they've done. We're all in one big life raft as the millennium approaches, and someone is fiddling with the plug!

Worse still, even they know how rickety their little shack of Western Civ has become, and they'd like to "patch things up." But their solutions will prove to be something like curing the cancer by shooting the patient in the head.



Yes hard times are a-comin', and human history shows that when times get tough, STRONG MEN arise to TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS. ORDER WILL BE PRESERVED! OUR WAY OF LIFE MUST BE PRESERVED . . . AT ANY COST! SACRIFICES WILL BE REQUIRED . . . FOR THE COMMON GOOD . . . SO LISTEN CAREFULLY TO YOUR ORDERS, CITIZENS, AND OBEY THEM WITHOUT QUESTION, FOR WE NO LONGER HAVE TIME FOR QUESTIONS! WE NEED ACTIONS, NOT QUESTIONS! IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, THAT MEANS YOU'VE BEEN THINKING, AND WE NO LONGER HAVE TIME FOR THINKING! WE NEED ACTIONS, NOT THOUGHT! QUESTIONS DISTRACT CITIZENS FROM OBEYING THEIR ORDERS AND FULFILLING THEIR DUTIES AS CITIZENS. QUESTIONS DISTRACT CITIZENS FROM WHAT THEY MUST DO TO PRESERVE OUR WAY OF LIFE. QUESTIONS DISTRACT CITIZENS FROM THE FAITH IN US IT TAKES TO BELIEVE THAT WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING AND WILL PRESERVE OUR WAY OF LIFE IF YOU WILL ONLY OBEY WITHOUT QUESTIONS. YOUR QUESTIONS SUBVERT OUR NEW ORDER . . . THE ORDER WE'VE ESTABLISHED FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITIZENS. YOUR QUESTIONS SHOW YOU TO BE AN ENEMY OF THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE . . . AN ENEMY OF THE ORDER WE MUST PRESERVE . . . YOUR QUESTIONS PROVE THAT YOU ARE STILL Mired IN OLD HUMAN THOUGHT PATTERNS IN THIS, THE ERA OF THE NEW HUMAN, CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF US . . . A HUMAN OF ACTION, NOT OF HUMAN THOUGHT PATTERNS. TO QUESTION THE ACTIONS THAT WE, WHOM YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS HAVE PUT THEIR FAITH IN TO PRESERVE OUR WAY OF LIFE, MUST UNDERTAKE TO ENSURE STABILITY, TO DEMONSTRATE A DEVIATION FROM EXPECTED NORMS . . . AND WE MUST PRESERVE OUR ORDER . . . INDIVIDUALISM, IN THE FACE OF THE WAY OF LIFE WE MUST PRESERVE, IS AN UNACCEPTABLE HUMAN TRAIT THAT LED TO THE VERY NEED FOR US TO TAKE THE ACTION NECESSARY TO PRESERVE ORDER. IF YOU WILL JUST SUBVERT YOUR OWN SELFISH, INDIVIDUALISTIC PERSONALITY TRAITS, THAT WHICH MAKES "YOU" THE MOST "YOU" AND THE LEAST LIKE US . . . THAT WHICH MAKES YOU DIFFERENT . . . OTHER . . . UNKNOWABLE . . . UNPREDICTABLE . . . UNDEPENDABLE . . . AND QUIT ROCKING THE LIFE RAFT AND SHUT THE FUCK UP AND BUY WHAT WE SELL AND EAT WHAT WE GROW AND SMILE LIKE OUR COMMERCIALS AND STOP SCARING EVERY ONE WITH YOUR GODDAMNED QUESTIONS . . .

Then we can for CHRIST-SAKES get ON with our BUSINESS.

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