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Decisions are made collectively by staff members at one of our regular meetings. All workers have an equal voice. The Post-Amerikan has no editor or hierarchical structure, so quit calling up here and asking who's in charge.

Anybody who reads this paper can tell the type of stuff we print. All worthwhile material is welcome. We try to choose articles that are timely, relevant, informative, and

ABOUT US

not available in other local media. We will not print anything racist, sexist, or ageist.

Most of our material and inspiration for material comes from the community. We encourage you, the reader, to become more than a reader.

We welcome all stories and tips for stories, which you can mail to our office (the address is at the end of this rap).

If you'd like to work on the Post and/or come to meetings, call us. The number is 828-7232. You can also reach folks at 828-6885, or

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You can make bread hawking the Post--15¢ a copy, except for the first 50 copies on which you make only 10¢ a copy. Call us at 828-7232.

Mail, which we more than welcome, should be sent to: The Post-Amerikan, P.O. Box 3452, Bloomington IL 61701 (Be sure you tell us if you don't want your letter printed! Otherwise, it's likely to end up in our letters column.)



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The Back Porch, 402 1/2 N. Main
The Book Worm, 310 1/2 N. Main
South West Corner--Front & Main
Mr Quick, Clinton at Washington
Downtown Postal Substation,
Center & Monroe
Bl. Post Office, E. Empire (at exit)
Devary's Market, 1402 W. Market
Harris' Market, 802 N. Morris
Hickory Pit, 920 W. Washington
Biasi's Drug Store, 217 N. Main
Discount Den, 207 N. Main
U-I Grocery, 918 W. Market
Kroger's 1110 E. Oakland
Bus Depot, 523 N. East
The Wash House, 609 N. Clinton
Small Changes Bookstore, 409A N. Main
Lay Z J Saloon, 1401 W. Market
Pantagraph Building (in front)
IWU, 1300 block of North East Street
Common Ground, 516 N. Main
North East Corner--Main & Washington
K-Mart, at parking lot exit

Bi-Rite, 203 E. Locust
Man-Ding-Go's, 312 S. Lee
Mel-O-Cream Doughnuts, 901 N. Main
Record Rack, 402 1/2 N. Main
Mr. Donut, 1310 E. Empire
J & B Silkscreening, 622 N. Main



Hendren's Grocery Store, 301 W. Willow
Alamo II Bookstore (in front)
The Galery (in front)
South East Corner,
University & College
New Age Bookstore, 101 Broadway Mall
Co-op Tapes & Records, 311 S. Main
Bowling and Billiards Center,
Baker's Dozen Donuts, 602 Kingsley
Cage, ISU Student Union
Midstate Truck Plaza, Route 51 North
Upper Cut, 1203 1/2 S. Main

NORMAL

University Liquors, 706 W. Beaufort
Pat's Billiards, 1203 S. Main
Redbird IGA, 301 S. Main
Mother Murphy's 111 1/2 North St.
Ram, 101 Broadway Mall
NCHS, 303 Kingsley
Eisner's, E. College (near sign)
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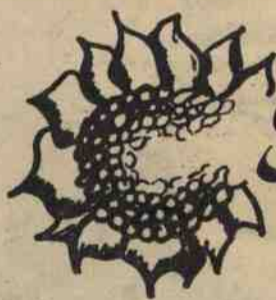
Galesburg: Under The Sun, 437 E.
Main St.
Peoria: That Other Place, 901 NE
Adams
Springfield: Spoon River Book Co-op,
407 E. Adams
Pontiac: Semmens Drug Store, 123
Madison St.
Urbana: Horizon Bookstore, 517 S.
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JUST YOUR BASIC VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT

That's right, Bloomington-Normal will soon have a vegetarian/health food restaurant. A small group of interested people are working together to plan, raise money, open and operate a friendly place to eat and work. We have several goals, 1. serve cheap, healthy vegetarian food, 2. serve good tasting food, 3. provide ourselves with a pleasant place to work and nice people to work with.

We are still in the planning stages with our immediate energy going for fund raising, policy planning and finding a location.

To get money we are selling T-shirts for \$5.00 (\$4.00 for printing and \$1.00 for the donation). They can be found at Small Changes Bookstore, 409A N. Main St. in downtown Bloomington.

On January 30, there will also be a benefit concert at the Lay-Z-J Saloon, 1401 W. Market, Bloomington. Coming from Galesburg, Mark Hufnagle and Michael Ireland will perform mellow piano, guitar and dulcimer music. The local foot-stompin' Up Your Tempo will provide a lively and fun evening. The \$2.00 donation that night will go to the restaurant. Tickets may be obtained at Small Changes Bookstore or at the door.

Some interesting policy decisions at this point are our name--Just Your Basic Vegetarian Restaurant--and our menu selections. We will be open for lunch and have soups, salads, and sandwiches. In the evening we will serve special dishes from brown rice and vegetables to

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soy bean stroganoff. Coffee will be available; however herbal teas will be refilled free. We will serve no processed white sugar or flour, and food will be organic except when impossible or prohibitively expensive.

At this point several locations are under consideration with the outcome hinging on the city and county



Jane, Chris, Tom, Susan, Jack, and Julie--Just Your Basic Vegetarian Restaurant Collective

inspectors and our budget. We don't have a definite opening date, but hope that we can begin by fall.

Soon our area will have Just Your Basic Vegetarian Restaurant. Here folks can eat what is healthy, experiment with new vegetarian delights, get a quick sandwich for lunch or relax with some exotic herbal tea and conversation. We have enthusiasm and high expectations. We hope you are looking forward with pleasure to our opening.

Just Your Basic Vegetarian
Restaurant Collective



HELP...

If you are interested in volunteering your help in any area you feel skilled, we will take your name and phone number. Some time later on when we're more organized we'll call you. We can be reached at 828-6935. Ask for Tom, Jack, or Chris.

Ripoff of the month

For the "ripoff of the month" I'd like to nominate Domino Liquid Brown Sugar. It was "on special" at 89¢ for one pint. Its essential ingredients are sugar, a minute amount of molasses, and water. Almost any other syrup in the store is sold at a better price and probably tastes better.

This "liquid sugar" is actually a sugar syrup which can be duplicated relatively easily at less than 1/4 of its "special" price. All that one has to do is to dissolve sugar in water and bring it to a boil until the water is clear.

For every 2 cups of sugar, you should add 3/4 cup of water, one teaspoon of vanilla, and one tablespoon of malasses. Dissolve the sugar in the water until it comes

to a boil and until the liquid is clear--then the other ingredients should be added.

The resultant syrup can be mixed with corn syrup (Topmost is cheapest and just as good as others) and/or sorghum to improve its taste. You can use 1/2 sugar syrup and the rest other syrup, with less than 1/10 sorghum required to improve taste. If the added syrups don't have vanilla, it should be added at 1/2 teaspoon to a cup. Molasses should also be added at 1 oz. per pint of other syrup. A pound of sugar will make about 1 pint of syrup, cheaper and better tasting than the expensive store version. Mixture with other syrups (while hot) will yield a much better syrup, at a very economical cost.



Up Your
Tempo
and
Hufnagle &
Ireland
in a

Benefit Concert
for Just Your Basic
Vegetarian Restaurant



DANCIN' TOO!
Jan. 30 8:00 pm
at the Lay-Z-J
Saloon
1401 W. Market
Bloomington
\$2.00 donation



Santa Claus busted

Kris Kringle was busted on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Eastland Shopping Center for passing out leaflets denouncing the overcommercialization of Christmas (see leaflet). Kris was, in reality, mild-mannered librarian Tom Pouliot. He and some friends came up with the Santa scheme after noticing the rush of Christmas shoppers at the mall and deciding something had to be done.

Santa was charged with criminal trespass to land, on a complaint signed

by Eastland manager Carl G. Ham (no pun, really!). Pouliot pled innocent at his arraignment on January 6, and asked for a jury trial. If he is found guilty, Pouliot could be charged up to \$500 or be forced to spend up to 30 days in jail.

Fast Bust

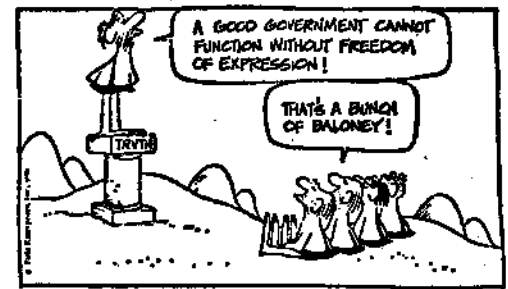
Pouliot was in Eastland handing out leaflets for approximately 20 minutes. His first brush with the opposition

came when he handed a leaflet to an Eastland maintenance man, cleverly disguised as an elderly shopper in overalls, with a shopping cart to boot. He told Santa that he wasn't supposed to be doing that. Pouliot thanked him, said he just wanted to pass on the true spirit of Christmas (Ho Ho Ho), and went on leafleting.

Shortly thereafter, a woman appeared on the scene, claiming to be the mall manager's daughter. She told Pouliot that he had better leave, but did not mention anything about having him arrested if he didn't.

So, Santa didn't leave, but continued passing out leaflets. Not long after the management's warning, Bloomington City Police officer Joe Rusk showed up, looking like he'd rather be doing anything, anywhere, but arresting Santa Claus.

He reminded Pouliot that he'd been asked to leave, to which Pouliot



Ho Ho Ho-ed and explained that he just wanted to pass on the true meaning of Christmas.

After Rusk reminded him for the third time, Pouliot asked, "Am I under arrest?" Yes, Rusk said, he was.

Rusk led Pouliot, Ho Ho Ho-ing and leafleting all the way, peacefully out of the mall. Once they were in the police car, though, Rusk confided to

BELOW: Bloomington cop Joe Rusk leads Santa Claus away from Eastland Mall after arresting him for criminal trespass. Police were called by Eastland management, who do not recognize any rights of free speech on their property.



History of free speech fight at Eastland Mall

The issue of freedom of speech at shopping malls is important to citizens who want to communicate their ideas by picketing, leafleting, or talking to the public. The shopping mall is about the only place nowadays where you can reach a good sample of the community.

The arrest of Santa Claus marks the third bust at Eastland Shopping Center for passing out some kind of leaflet or pamphlet. The arrests are part of Eastland's policy of keeping controversy out of the 15-year-old enclosed mall, the major center of retail commerce in a 9-county central Illinois area.

1969 Seven members of the ISU Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) were arrested for passing out leaflets in the mall. Known as the Bloomington 7, they were convicted of criminal trespass.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) agreed to handle an appeal, challenging the trespass conviction on the grounds that the Bloomington 7's rights of free speech had been violated.

1972 The Bloomington 7 case was headed for the U.S. Supreme Court. But in 1972, the Court decided a case almost exactly identical, and decided it in favor of the owners of the enclosed malls.

1973 Another leafleting confrontation developed at Eastland. Armed with a new Supreme Court decision, supporters of the United Farm Workers Union picketed and leafleted outside the entrance to the A&P grocery (now closed), asking shoppers to boycott lettuce. Because they were outside rather than inside, and because they were acting in

support of a union struggle involving A&P, the Supreme Court said UFW supporters were not risking a trespass arrest.

Eastland management tried—and failed—to have the UFW supporters arrested, but the State's Attorney knew of the Supreme Court ruling, and refused to sign complaints.

1974 For several years, Eastland sponsored a community booth inside the mall. Civic-minded groups could sign up for a day and present literature and posters explaining the group's goals and



functions. When the American Civil Liberties Union used the booth once in spring, 1974, Eastland officials were very upset when they learned that one of the ACLU goals being publicized was the impeachment of Richard Nixon. The community booth was soon abolished.

1975 On July 4, 1975, in the spirit of Independence Day, members of Community for Social Action and others handed out unsigned copies of the Declaration of Independence to shoppers at Eastland Mall. Reading the subversive justifications for revolutions on the crudely mimeo-

graphed sheets, a lot of shoppers did not realize they were reading what was supposed to be a respectable patriotic document.

When members of the group were asked to leave, most did. But Tobe Easton, a 53-year-old ISU secretary, stayed—she said she just couldn't believe that Eastland management would actually arrest her for passing out the Declaration of Independence on the 4th of July. She believes it now. The Illinois Supreme Court has now turned down her appeal of her criminal trespass conviction.

1975 A few months after Ms. Easton's arrest, 18 members of the Local National Organization of Women (NOW) chapter protested the mall's annual Little Miss Eastland contest. Knowing they'd be arrested if they carried placards or distributed leaflets, the women printed their protest messages on T-shirts which they all wore to the contest. Eastland management did not ask the women to remove the T-shirts, as some had expected.

1975 Another Supreme Court ruling came down firmly on the side of the mall owners' rights to restrict freedom of expression on what the Court is still considering purely private property. Even picketing outside, in support of a union dispute directly concerning one of the stores, may now result in arrests. So the UFW support action of 1973 would probably end in arrest if attempted now.

1977 Newly-appointed mall manager Carl Ham continues the anti-free-speech policies of his predecessors, by having Santa Claus arrested for passing out leaflets condemning the commercialization of Christmas.

M.S.

at Eastland Mall

Pouliot that he agreed with what the leaflet said.

For the 20 minutes it took Pouliot to commit his "crime", it took him an hour to get out of jail.

He was searched and fingerprinted, and because of a broad smile on his face, his arm was checked for needle marks.

Then Pouliot was released on \$1000 bond, posted by the Friends of Santa Underground.

One of Eastland Manager Ham's (tee hee! I can't help it!) main complaints to the straight press was that 53 merchants in the mall had a contract which provided for a Santa Claus for



children to discuss their Christmas wishes with. "The children don't understand having two Santas," Ham said.

What he failed to mention is that Bergner's, one of the largest stores in the mall, had its own Santa Claus. He also neglected to explain that the Santa hired by the 53 other merchants was set up in a money-making, have-your-picture-taken-with-Santa booth. Bah! Humbug!

The story was the lead item in news broadcasts on WRBA and WJBC/WBNQ for three hours in a row. But the Daily Pantagraph barely managed to squeeze in a two-inch arrest report under the headline "Busted" on the second-to-last page of its morning edition.

National News

When the Associated Press got hold of the story, however, it got up to 10 column inches in some papers. The story made the Chicago Tribune and the New York Times, among other papers.

It was also broadcast on Chicago's WLS-radio. Some folks recognize news when they see it.

--Amanda Ziller



ABOVE: After apprehending the suspect, Officer Rusk puts his prisoner in the squad car.



Most of the shoppers--especially the kids--reacted favorably to Santa's leafleting. A few folks read the leaflet and said Santa's advice was too late--they were already broke.

BELOW: Santa was busted for handing out this letter to shoppers in Eastland Shopping Center.

**Don't shop!
Go home
and celebrate Christmas!**



Dear friends:

I'm sorry I have to stand here and hand out this letter to you, but it's really urgent. You see, I'm quite upset. For the last hundred years, I've seen all of you trapped into a Christmas celebration that I never intended. I thought it would die out naturally, but like some monstrous nightmare, it just kept growing.

Traffic jams, crowded stores, overworked clerks, ugly moods, and empty pockets: this was never my idea of Christmas. You seem so worried and frantic, buying gifts for people you hardly know, overloading the mail carrier, and seeing your children turn greedy and possessive.

The radio blares ads, the TV leaps with ten thousand new toys, and the stores tempt you with their big advertising spreads. The happy and cheery ones are the store owners and bankers, as your hard-earned money overflows their cash drawers. But Christmas, as I remember it, is a celebration of peace and love, not consumption.

It's a time for silence and quiet, shared with people close to you, not snarling crowds and hectic traffic. Christmas is a time to give, most definitely--but gifts of truly important things, like yourself and your time.

Christmas is for children--but not for the making of TV-fed greed addicts. Christmas could mean a promise of a better world, if human beings can only learn to live generously and lovingly year-round. So please, still give gifts this Christmas. But give gifts that count. Gifts from your heart: soft words, hospitable tables, or things made with your own hands. Give more time to your children, and fewer things, and see how much happier they are. Give love, a gift that never wears out, but lives forever, and can grow beyond your life and your own expectations.

Let the things gather dust on the store shelf, instead of in your closets. And celebrate! Celebrate life, greenery, and love in a cold and dreary time of the year. Open your doors and your hearts, relax and be at peace, and you'll find greater gifts inside than any store could hold.

Sincerely yours,

K. Kringle
K. Kringle

P.S. Merry Christmas!

Angered by Doctor's Silence

Dear Post,

On March 17, 1976, I went to see Dr. Barry Slotky because I believed I had V.D. He gave me a painful pelvic exam, took a pap smear, and was very uncommunicative. I was told to call back later for the results. When I did, his nurse (or receptionist) told me--over the phone--that the results were negative and there was nothing wrong with me. I explained to her that I was still having severe stomach pains. She asked me to "hold on" while she spoke to Dr. Slotky. When she returned, she said a prescription would be called in for me.

I was never given a diagnosis or told what those pills were for. (I did take them and my stomach pains went away.) I have been in contact, by mail, with Douglas Bey, secretary-treasurer for the McLean County Medical Society. He will only tell me that the board has discussed my case and they came to the conclusion that "Dr. Slotky's care was correct." I have still not been given any reasons backing this statement nor have I ever been given a diagnosis or told what the pills were for. I have tried to reach Douglas Bey by telephone several times but he never seems to be in or able to call me back.

--name withheld

West Saharans win independence

Dear Post:

In 1976, we celebrated our country's declaration of independence. Now, in early 1978, another small country is also fighting for its independence. Like us, it felt that the abuses of its colonial domination warranted a massive struggle for national self-determination. Unlike us, immediately after its independence it fell prey to its greedy neighbors. Its name is the West Sahara--or the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic, as its main military and political force, Polisario, calls it. It is as if the United States had achieved independence in 1776 only to be invaded and occupied by Canada and Mexico, with England's approval.

Despite the desire of the overwhelming number of Western Saharans for independence, the Moroccan and Mauritanian governments continue to invade and occupy their tiny country. Now the government of France is supporting the invaders by bombing civilians and technically assisting the invasion. Many atrocities have been committed against the Saharan people, who only want to be left alone and who have taken refuge in neighboring Algeria. Those who support these people can support strong U. N. sanctions against these two countries, which could use the vote of the U. S. Remember the "spirit of 1776."

Sincerely yours,
Dave Burdette
301 E. Olive
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Common Ground

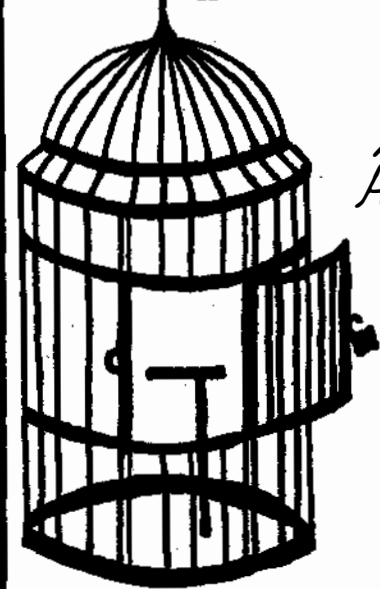
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Cabbage beef work of lone gunman

Dear Post,

I was not amused by your subscription ad in the last Post-Amerikan (page 32.) This ad made light of the Post's ability to turn normal, happy human beings into vegetables. It's simply not funny.

Last summer, I read just one issue before retiring, and woke to find my entire body transformed into a giant cabbage.

Now I'm miserable. I have nightmares of being chased by huge graters. I wilt in the heat. Sometimes people even mistake me for a head of iceberg lettuce, and they boycott me. Others nibble my rear leaves while I'm waiting for the bus --they think I don't notice, but actually I'm silent with humiliation. Then your newspaper, the one and only cause of my problem, makes fun of my dilemma, and that of people like me.

Post, this time you've gone too far.

Respectfully yours,
C. Slaw

Copy-reader's Note: A recent study by the American Assn. for Cabbage Disease Prevention indicates that nine out of every ten. Furthermore, only a

Democrat would consider the lone-cabbage theory. In future, we suggest you check your facts.

Cultivate truth in Post garden

Post,

As usual, your paper only told half the story on the back page last time. I was a perfectly well-adjusted vegetable until my so-called friend sent me a gift subscription to the Post last month. I read it, and now I'm a human being. What a drag. Why don't you tell both sides of the story once in a while?

Sue Keeny

Orange not green with envy

Dear Post,

Hey, you made a mistake on your back page last ish! It seemed like you didn't believe that reading the Post turns people into vegetables. But it does! I

subscribed for two years, and finally one day while I was playing frisbee in Franklin Park, I turned into a plump, juicy orange! No s--t! I've never been so happy in my life.

My life as a human was dreary and empty--go to work, go home, stare at the tube, go to bed, get up, go to work, and maybe play a little frisbee on Sundays. Now I got no boss, no landlord, and my job is super-easy and fun.

See, my friends are dope dealers, and they let me live in their refrigerator in exchange for a small service. They invite people over to test-smoke their dope. They sit around the kitchen table, and after they've given the customers one or two hits, my friends start rummaging around in the fridge, pretending to look for munchies. They casually set me out on the table, where I start up a conversation with the customers. The customers freak, of course, and they think, "Wow! This is dynamite dope! Here I am talking with an orange!" So they buy a wholebunch of marijuana from my friends, and everyone's happy.

My only worry is that one of my friends might get real stoned and put the squeeze on me some day. But that just adds a thrill of danger. Post-Amerikan, thanks for changing my life !

Gratefully,
S. Kist

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THAT OTHER PLACE
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The Poison Apple -or- Something's rotten in the City of Bloomington

The first thing that offended me as I walked into the Poison Apple Disco was the strict and sexist dress code. Men can't wear tank tops, but women can wear halters and hot pants. Frayed or patched jeans are prohibited, but "fashion" jeans are allowed, which means you've got to have the 30-plus bucks to spend on duds like that if you want to get in. A very questionable accomplishment...I wouldn't recommend it to anyone.

Once inside, my eyes were dazzled by the hypnotic light show, and my mind was dulled by the repetitiveness (sorry, fans) of the disco music. Combine this with the brain-killing effects of the most dangerous drug of all, alcohol, and it's understandable why so many of the Apple's patrons act like Barbie-and-Ken-doll zombies.

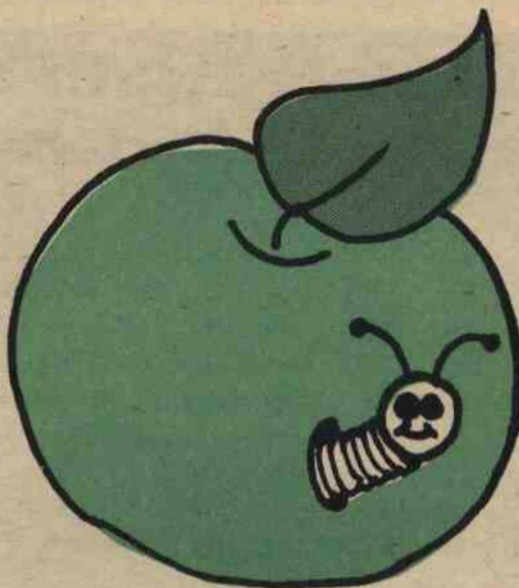
I went to the Poison Apple twice to prepare for this story. The first time I indulged in a few beers and got real indoctrination vibes. The second time I drank water and managed to remain sanely detached from the poison being spread. It still made me sick.

REINFORCEMENTS

The Poison Apple reinforces capitalist values strongly, sometimes subtly, and absolutely. The price of drinks is outrageous, and the charge is \$1 just to get in and listen to somebody play records. You aren't even paying live musicians with that cover charge... you're just paying for the posh atmosphere and the same music you hear hear on AM radio all day long.

The Apple's dress code also forbids T-shirts, unless, of course, they're Poison Apple T-shirts.

The slide show above the bar pushes capitalism/consumerism, too. It's laced with ads for different products and



local businesses. For people who think the Poison Apple is the height of "cool-ness, these ads may have a special impact in reinforcing the consumerist habit.

More subtly, the slide show also shows well--(i. e. Fox and Hounds) groomed, well-dressed people (usually shiny young

Here I am madly in love with you,
on the verge of killing myself for
your love and I don't even know your...

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

We hope this is a joke. The Poison Apple seems to have managed to commercialize the old matchbook cover trick. Is nothing sacred?

heterosexual couples) smiling away in wonderfully scenic settings (often the Poison Apple itself). Again, to people who have not been exposed to other than capitalist/consumerist values, these artificial images of people may seem like a reasonable ideal.

The slide show is full of sexism, too. There are a couple of pretty questionable slides of women. There is even a shot of men gawking at a wet T-shirt contestant. I had to see it to believe it. For that matter, there are slides of the hairy chest contest and the wet gym short contest, too. It's bad enough that the the Poison Apple degrades people into mere bodies (and the more "perfectly" formed the better); they don't need to remind us of it in pictures. The values they continually reinforce are values we can live without.

APPLE CORE: SEEDY

For the coolest of the cool, the Poison Apple has a private club, the Apple Core. What more motivation does a person need to get out there and earn that money? A spot to gather with the poisoned ideals... to hob nob with the elitest of the disco scene.

The Apple Core offers a special separate entrance to the building and a special separate coat check. They have a check-cashing service for members, and all members get advance notice when promotional items (like their new T-shirts) go on sale.

Membership to the Apple Core costs \$50 for women and \$100 for men. Women get 25 free drink tickets and men get 50 free drink tickets. The difference in number of tickets, according to a receptionist at the Apple, is because "men drink more." However, the difference in membership price may be to draw women in as bait.

Going to the Poison Apple may not be the original sin, but it's certainly a step in the direction of eating the whole thing. Don't be tempted!

--Amanda Ziller

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Pantagraph finally respects law... kinda

Yes, the little ones may Slime the curtains and whack the hell out of the woodwork with their Hot Wheels tracks, but it's still illegal for landlords to refuse to rent to families just because they have small children.

And rightly so.

In today's society, with its expensive and crowded day care centers, with its isolated nuclear families, with its unachievable ideal of Motherhood, with its welfare cutbacks, with inflation and unemployment and the rising financial burden of raising children, with the growing anxieties of bringing them up (punk rock! PCP! Moonies! Porno!), parents certainly have enough problems without looking for apartment ads in the newspaper only to find that almost all of them proclaim NO CHILDREN just because landlords flip out when they think they might have to scrape a little Gerber's off the ceiling.

Let's be realistic: landlords in our city could afford to hire a bunch of Harvard PhDs to mop up the strained peas and paint the woodwork once a year, with the rents they charge.

In March 1976, a Post reporter was trying to find an apartment for his young family and noticed that practically every ad in the Pantagraph said NO CHILDREN. That sounded like discrimination to him.

He went to State's Attorney Paul Welch, who heartily agreed that refusing to rent on the grounds of children was illegal. It says so right in the Illinois Revised Statutes. But, Welch said, there was no prohibition against advertising which discriminates

against young families, and so the Pantagraph couldn't be busted for giving a hand to lawbreaking landlords (Vol. IV #12).

Our reporter then called the Pantagraph classifieds department, where he was informed of the startling fact, "we aren't the law and we cannot police the law." The Pantagraph classified department's clear vision of duty impressed our reporter, but he still didn't have an apartment (Vol. V #1).



Youth Alternatives/cpf

In August 1976, the Pantagraph ran a story which sympathized with the plight of a family who was having trouble getting housing in Bloomington because they had small children. I wrote a letter to the editor pointing out that the Pantagraph itself was contributing to the problem by running NO CHILDREN ads, and that discrimination on this basis was illegal. I got a note back from Pantagraph editor Harold Liston telling me to print my opinions in my own newspaper (Vol. V #6).

Another Post reporter asked a Human

Relations Commission (HRC) staffperson if HRC could push the Pantagraph to abandon its NO CHILDREN rental ads. HRC is the agency that takes complaints about illegal discrimination. The staffperson told him that HRC couldn't afford to be "too aggressive." (Vol.6 #1)

But HRC, to their credit, did get aggressive last summer. Director Ray Hodges told a Post reporter that HRC got the Pantagraph to agree to stop running ads that say NO CHILDREN or ADULTS ONLY. And the HRC now occasionally takes out ads in the classified section explaining that such discrimination is illegal, which is quite important since it's a little-publicized law.

Just to check, a Post reporter pretended to be a landlord advertising an apartment, and called the Pantagraph. He tried to place an ad saying NO CHILDREN. The employee who took the call said, "you can't say that. You have to say 'suitable for adults.'"

When asked why, she said, "You can't discriminate."

So the Pantagraph is following the letter of HRC's suggestion.

But what's with this "suitable for adults" jazz? Does it mean, as my friend Cathy suggested, that the ceilings are more than five feet high?

To find out, our clever impersonation specialist called a couple of the "suitable for adults" rental ads in the paper.

It means--you guessed it--NO CHILDREN.

--Phoebe Caulfield

RIGHT-WINGERS AIR FAMILY LIES IN PUBLIC

Right-wingers held a "Family Day Rally" across town from the National Women's Conference in Houston last Nov. 19. Under the slogan "Pro-Family," the conservative forces of the right-to-life movement, the anti-ERA group, and anti-gay evangelical Christians united.

On one side of their speaker's platform was an enormous banner reading, "Lesbians: Read the Bible While You're Still Able." The banner on the other side said, "Women's Lib: Follow Jesus Christ and Your Husband and Your Pastor--REPENT."

One member of the Pro-Family group told

an Off Our Backs reporter to check out the "Jewish influence" (Gloria Steinem, Bella Abzug) in International Women's Year.

Texas State Rep. Clay Smothers was one of the speakers. He is black, and his speech was named, "What About Civil Rights?" Smothers, who introduced bills to rescind ratification of the ERA and prohibit homosexuality on state college campuses, remarked, "I have enough civil rights to choke a goat. . . I ask for victory over the perverts of this country. . . I want the right to segregate myself and my family from these misfits and perverts."

Phyllis Schlafly, sweetheart of the John Birch Society/Eagle Forum, informed the crowd that the ERA "will put the right to abortion into the constitution," and that "the only people who would benefit from ERA are the homosexuals." The Off Our Backs reporter asked 15 people at the rally what the ERA actually said.

None of them had read it.

(thanx to jk of OFF OUR BACKS, January 1978)



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Swindling the innocent

Melvin R. Boss is a graduate student in marketing at Illinois State University. None of his business professors, none of the visiting business executives, ever told him about Don Stone Ford, local car dealer and rip-off artist.

In July 1976, Mel took part of the engine (the cylinder head) of his car (a Capri) to have some work (a valve job) done at Don Stone Ford.

Mel paid \$66 for the job. He was pleased because he (like many a car addict) was in a hurry to get his iron horse back on the streets and alleys.

Mel didn't know it, but he had just been swindled.

It is, of course, perfectly normal to get swindled by a car-repair place. Most people know little about cars; they have to take the word of the "experts." Some places--like K-Mart--actually pay their mechanics bonuses which include a percentage of cost of the parts they install--which means that a mechanic who sells you something you don't need gets paid more than s/he would get for simply fixing your car.

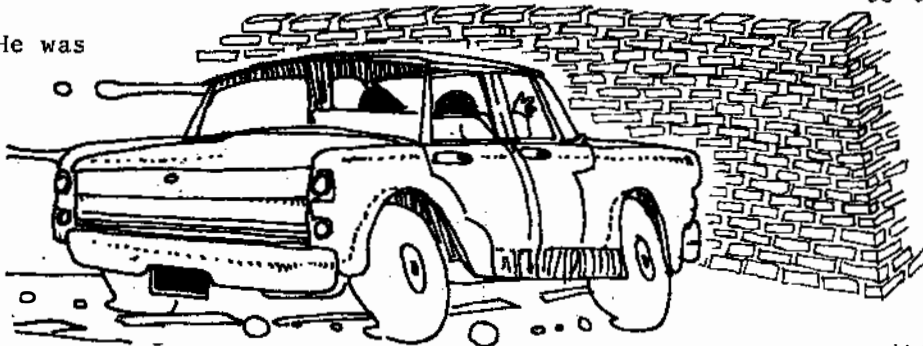
The new-car dealers have an even simpler racket. They increase the price of all parts: it's not unusual for a new-car dealer to charge you twice as much for common parts (spark plugs, oil filters, oil, etc.) than you would pay if you bought them yourself somewhere else.

Mel later discovered that Don Stone Ford had grossly over-charged him for the work on his engine, maybe by as much as \$30.

Discovering the Fraud

The cost of Don Stone's work was not the biggest rip-off, however.

All the next winter, Mel had trouble getting his car started. By the following May, it was clear that something was desperately wrong with



Mel's car. He had driven it only 7,000 miles since Don Stone's repair work.

This time, Mel took his cylinder head, (that strangely named part of his engine) to Downs Import Auto Service, which is run by Joe Bobst. (Bobst, who has a masters degree in physics and a PhD. in chemistry, has an amazing ability to explain what a valve job is in less than 10 minutes. Fortunately, I don't have to repeat his feat.)

"The driver can abuse a car unmercifully" and cause the damage that he found in Mel's car, Bobst told the Post. But Mel doesn't strike

Bobst as the high-speed, racing-maniac type. In that case, Bobst said, "you'd have to assume there was some other reason" for the damage.

"We felt that the work had been incorrectly done," Bobst said, referring to Don Stone Ford's job.

In short, Bobst said it appeared that two things were wrong with the work done on Mel's car. First, the valves had been "repaired" in a way that is not recommended for Capris. Second, the valve seats had not been machined to the proper width.

"The motor was sick," Bobst said in summary.

"It was work of a quality that we wouldn't do," he said, "because I don't like people coming back and bothering me every 5,000 miles.

"Probably by now, Mel has 7,000 miles on the work we did here at Downs and it hasn't come unstuck."

After Mel discovered Don Stone Ford's shoddy work, it cost \$148 to get his car running right again. And it took two months because of trouble getting new parts.

Searching for Justice

Mel was mad enough to try to get justice.

First, he went to see Don Stone's service manager, Harlan Shepherd. This is what happened:

"Shepherd would not look at my cylinder head, coldly informing me

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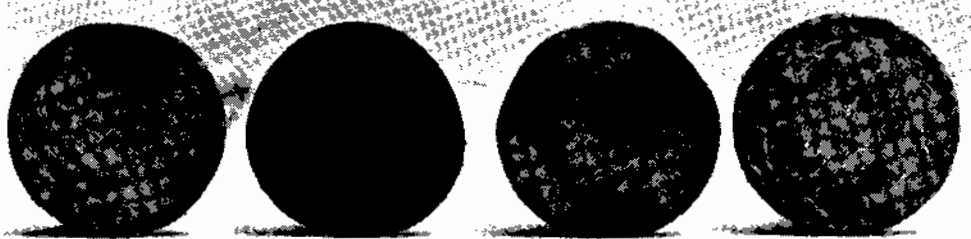
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Outa Control

These are the valves Don Stone "repaired" for Melvin Boss. Valves are supposed to be round. These a badly burned and worn after only 7,000 miles--a sure sign of shoddy work.



that their warranty policy covered valve jobs for (only) 90 days. When I told him (I intended) to take legal action, he responded, 'Go right ahead; I have lawyers too.'

"Now, it seems strange to me that the manager of a supposedly reputable service department should need to employ the services of a lawyer," Mel said.

On this one point, Mel is wrong. It's not strange that Don Stone has lawyers. All big-time mobsters and corporate bosses have lawyers to protect their ill-gotten gains. Don Stone doesn't stick up gas stations: he has major car stealerships in at least two cities.

While following up on his threat to get a lawyer, Mel also wrote some angry letters. He wrote to WJBC's Action Line and to the Better Business Bureau in Peoria. Neither answered.

He also wrote to the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Mich., and eventually a district representative called him. This Ford mouthpiece said that Don Stone's service manager was convinced he was right--something that Mel suspected. The mouthpiece also said that the service manager was a "very religious man"--something Mel hadn't suspected.

Lexington man beats phony charges

Last issue, the Post-Amerikan reported that six witnesses to a Nov. 20 incident in Lexington characterized as "phony" two charges of aggravated battery against Gary Deerwester. Lexington cop Greg Tulle and McLean County Deputy Joseph Hayden both said Deerwester struck them, and a half dozen witnesses said Deerwester didn't.

At a preliminary hearing on the felony charges Jan. 3, the judge threw the charges out. The witnesses interviewed by the Post were waiting to testify about Deerwester's innocence but never got the chance. The judge threw the charges out of court after hearing the cops' testimony.

Then the mouthpiece said that in any case the only solution was for Mel and the service manager to get together and settle their differences. The mouthpiece promised to arrange a meeting between Mel and the Don Stone robbers.

Mel never heard from the mouthpiece, or Don Stone Ford, again.

Mel is now suing Don Stone Ford for \$148 and court costs in small claims court.

Mel is also studying the social responsibility of corporations at ISU. He says that big shots come to class every week and tell the students how responsible they are.

Then why do Ford and General Motors insist that their dealers' service departments and used car departments are separate from the parent corporation? Isn't it to avoid responsibility for complaints like Mel's? (GM even tells owners of new cars to "bear in mind that ultimately your problem likely will be resolved in the dealership.")

Of course, you can sue. Like Mel. If you've got plenty of time. If you know about small claims court. If you're patient enough to deal with our slow, complicated legal system. If

Still "even if someone is as stubborn as I am," said Mel, "the most they'll get is what they should have gotten in the first place."

Even if Mel wins his case, Don Stone won't be fined, and there is no way Mel can get paid for all the inconvenience, the aggravation, and wasted time that Don Stone has caused him.

"Under our existing laws, it still pays for them to cheat people," Mel said. "They can blow it all away with tons and tons of advertising."

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Relationships: What's the use?

At the same time during my adolescence that I was trying ever so hard to figure out what masculinity was and whether I had it, I was also trying to figure out how to conduct relationships, especially sexual ones.

I didn't get much help with either problem. And most of the help I did get, being a man, was really more like lessons in how to be oppressive.

What I would have liked was to have someone give me some ideas about how to interact with people in ways based on something other than weird expected roles. Roles like male = strong, female = weak.

Since then, I've spent a lot of time talking with people about relationships and roles. Out of these talks have come (finally) a lot of ideas about what needs to be considered if we want to develop close, non-oppressive relationships.

One of the big things to consider is what happens when we divide our relationships into sexual (lovers) and non-sexual (friends). From my experience, it seems that the less rigidly we make this distinction, the more our relationships grow and become rewarding.

One of the drawbacks of a sharp division between sexual and non-sexual relationships is that we tend to not even consider the possibility of being sexual with our friends (whether they are same-sex or opposite).

Hand-in-hand with this division goes the idea that our sexual relationships are automatically more important than our relationships with "just" friends. We're supposed to put more time and energy into our sexual or romantic relationships. How many women remember canceling a date with a high school girlfriend when a "boy" called and asked for a date that night.

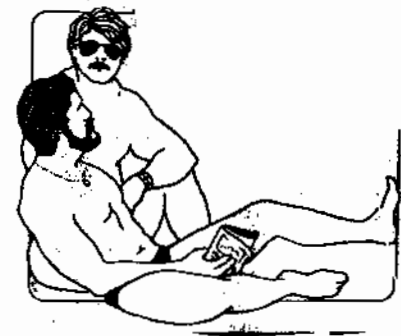
Another way we learn to give our sexual relationships a higher priority is by learning that it's OK to talk about them more than we need to talk about our relationships with friends. This is especially true for men, who often feel comfortable talking about their feelings about relationships only to their

Both men and women can play the game of "If you can't figure out what my needs are without me having to tell you, you don't love me." This is a crock. There have been so many hippy-dippy books written about this that by now we should all be a lot less likely to fall into the trap of believing that one other person can take care of all our needs. Especially if we expect them to figure it out all on their own!

It seems to me that it's far better to base an on-going sexual relationship on friendship, rather than physical appearances or need fulfillment.

I think that another reason that so many of us find ourselves in messed-up sexual relationships is that we often get into sexual relationships primarily because we feel we need to be in one. In my home town it was acceptable to get out of your parents' house by getting married.

It would be so much more satisfactory if people could find living situations, like collectives, that weren't just based on long-term commitments to one other person. It would also help if long-term commitments were based on common interests and goals and encouraged both people to enjoy friendships with others too, rather than being based on the need to be committed to a commitment.



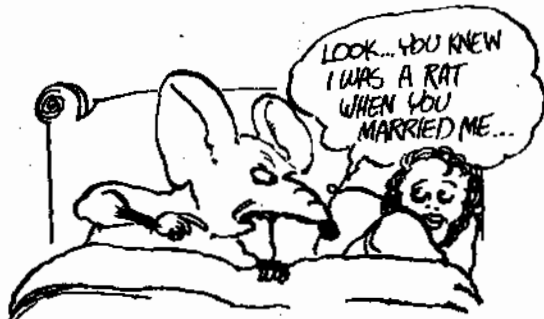
It would be so nice if people could be honest and secure enough to say, "I have this need, can you fill it now?" And get a straightforward response of yes, no, or not now but later.

We usually base our friendships on fairly stable and meaningful things like shared interests, goals, politics and philosophies. Why do we so often base our sexual relationships on something as flimsy as looks?

One line of reasoning seems to go: I think that person is good-looking, so having sex with them would be enjoyable, so I would like them. Now that's faulty reasoning if I ever saw it (although I can still be guilty of it). What have looks got to do with sex, or whether a person is easy to get along with, kind, or considerate?

It would be good, too, if we could all work on giving support to people who aren't in an ongoing sexual relationship. Being married or in a sexual relationship isn't what makes someone a whole, self-actualized person. I think being a whole person has lots more to do with learning how to take care of our own needs, in a variety of ways. Through friendships, through understanding our own feelings, through developing our own values, through learning to like spending time just with ourselves.

We intend to continue our discussion of relationships in future Posts.



sweethearts. It's hard for a lot of us, both men and women, to talk to our friends about our relationships with them. Somehow it makes whatever we're talking about seem "too serious."

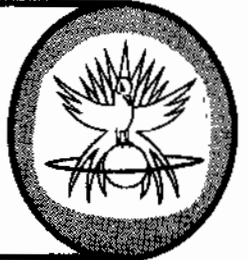
Another difference that a lot of the folks I know have noticed between their friendships and sexual relationships is that friendships are more flexible. They can survive changes better--times when the people aren't as close, moving apart, etc. A lot of marriages and sexual relationships end completely just because the people stop having sex together. Why?

For one thing, our on-going sexual relationships are often based on raw aching needs. Instead of two fairly secure people getting together because they like and respect each other, the script too often seems to be: I'll fill up your holes, you fill up my holes, and together we'll make a whole.

It's still pretty accepted in our culture that men don't have to figure out what their needs are, that their partner can do it for them--and then the partner can take care of them, too. And men who can't figure out their needs often have just as much trouble figuring out someone else's. So a man's sexual partner can end up not only taking care of the man's needs, but their own as well, as best they can.

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Ah, old movies. They have subplots that would serve as lone plots for modern movies. They have characters appearing for 60 seconds to pump gas who are as interesting as Hamlet, compared to Clint Eastwood. They have more wit in one snappy side crack than you hear in the entire two hours of a torpid made-for-TV flick.

And you can see one every week at Graham's New Princess Theater in Leroy--yes, a 30's, 40's, or 50's classic preceded by old newsreels, shorts, and cartoons, for just one dollar a shot.

Leroy's Princess Theater could have gone the way of so many other small town movie houses--it could've just been boarded up, or turned into a furniture store. Luckily, John Graham scraped the bubble gum off the screen and turned the theater into a nostalgia haven.

The theater started in 1916 and was used for live entertainment, so it has an orchestra pit and a stage. There's a place for the organ that accompanied silent movies.

The Grahams have tried to recapture the old appearance and atmosphere of the theater. They found some of the original ornate light fixtures in the attic of the place and put them up again. They had the heavy damask wall coverings steam-cleaned. And in the freshly painted lobby hang beautifully designed old movie posters. Thirty or forty years ago local businesses used to advertise in the Princess. Graham discovered a carton of the dusty old advertising slides that were flashed on the screen before the movies. The



The renovated lobby of Graham's New Princess Theater features old movie posters.

cartoons and lettering on the slides look kind of like underground comic art. One of the slides, an ad for an insurance company, shows a cartoon of a man in bed with his feet sticking out from the bottom of the blanket. It says, "Are You Fully Covered?" Graham showed the slides before Singin' in the Rain in December. He says he has some great old Popeye cartoons, too.

So, if you've been getting nervous as you notice fewer and fewer good old movies on late-night TV, rest assured that you can get your fill of old-time glamor and thrills just 15 miles down the road.

And so what if that friendship, that eccentricity, that elation, that passion you see is just impossible romantic embroidery on what people really experience? So

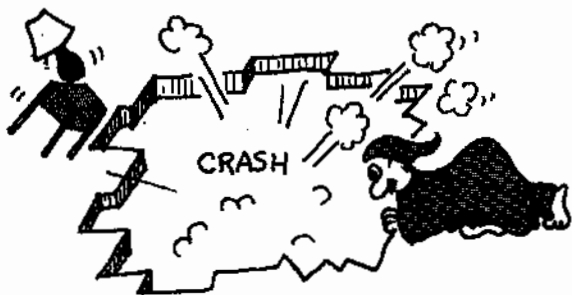
what if our real lives are more like Woody Allen and Diane Keaton bumbling about making a mess of their relationship? We get plenty of Real Life in real life.

--Phoebe Caulfield

Waterbed myth # 1

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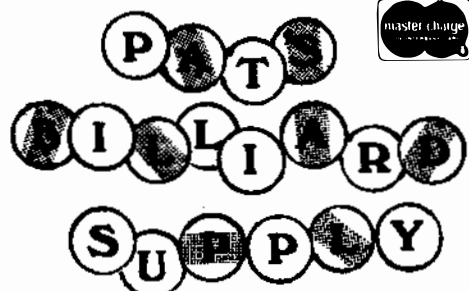
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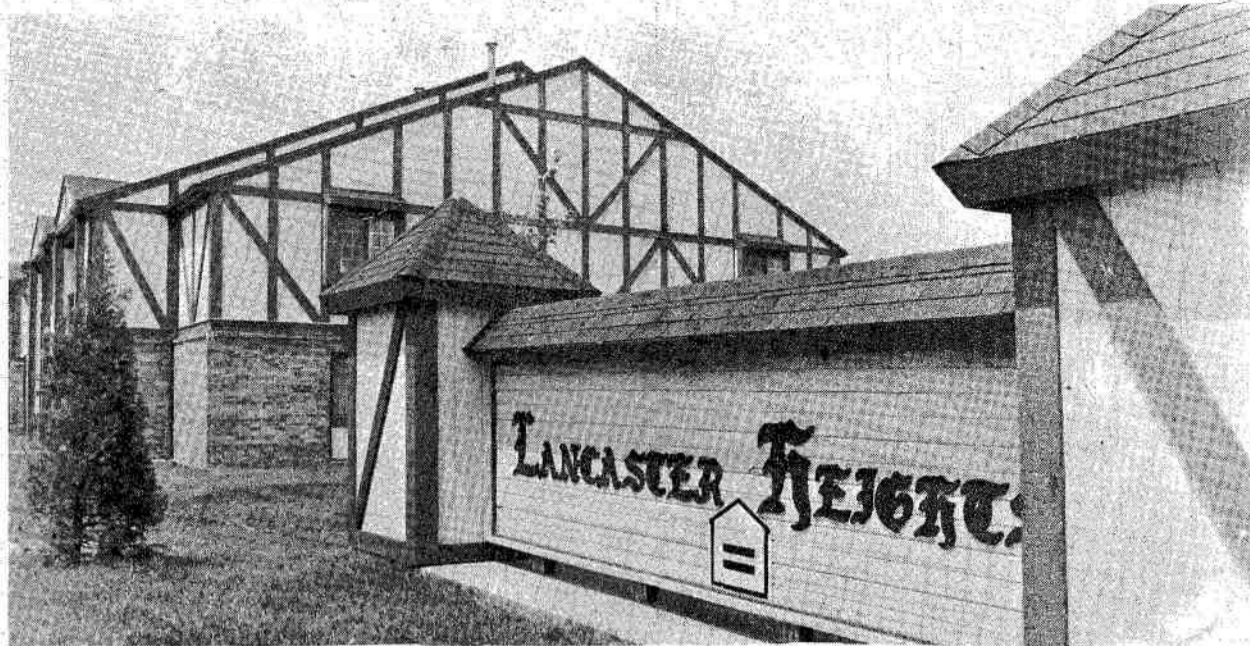
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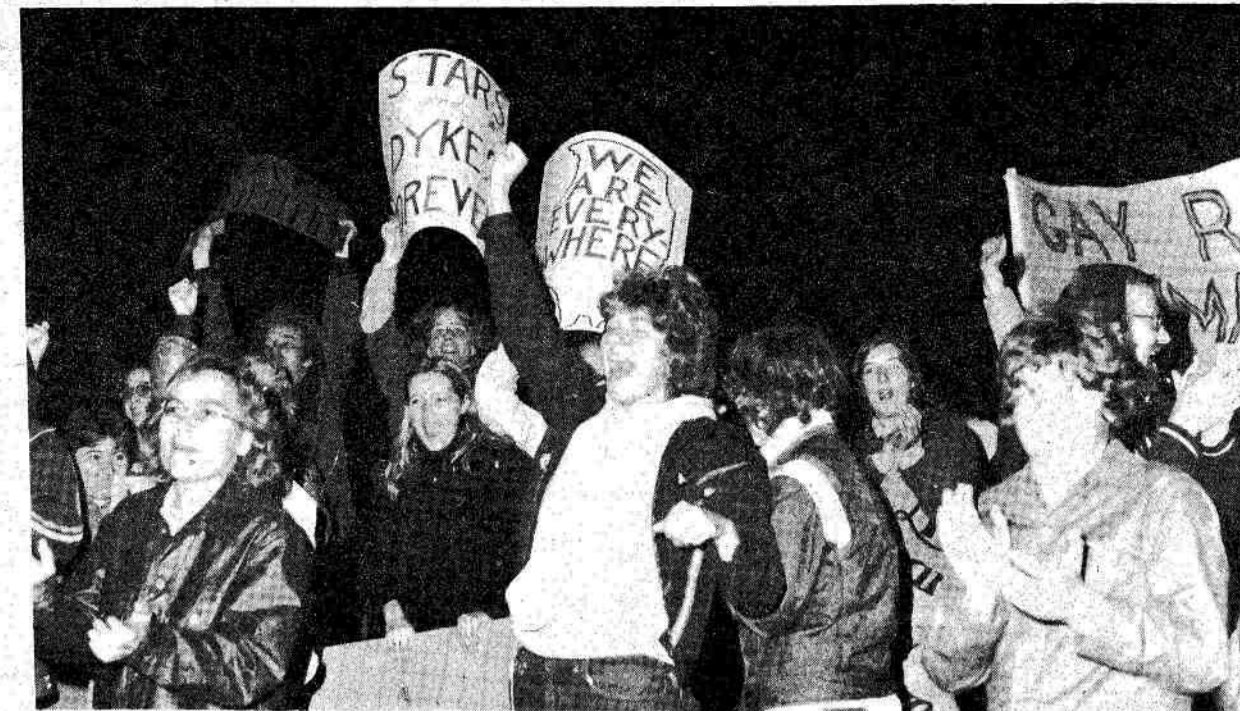
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Dressed as MEG agents, 14 people staged some guerrilla theater at a meeting of the MEG board of directors in Feb. 1977. The protesters wore suits, ties, ski masks and motorcycle helmets—an exact imitation of the costume MEG agent Ford Conley has worn to court to protect his "cover" from Post-American photographers. The protesters invaded the MEG meeting to draw attention to the ridiculous superspy mentality which obsesses the undercover MEG agents as they stalk youthful pot-smokers and their friends.



A Post-American investigative story in May explored the financing of Lancaster Heights, one of Normal's publicly-subsidized—but privately-owned—housing projects. The government paid \$337,272 in subsidies in 1974 to the owners of Lancaster Heights, to provide decent housing for poor people. Only a quarter of the money was passed on to the poor people it was intended to benefit—the rest stayed in the pockets of the housing complex's already rich developers.



In December's Post we reported on a lively protest against Anita Bryant's campaign against gay people. On October 29 about fifty people from Springfield, Peoria, Champaign, Bloomington, and Normal gathered outside Pekin's Frontier Music Hall, where Bryant appeared in "sacred concert." Demonstrators walked in a circle, holding signs and a 15-foot banner that announced "Gay rights are human rights," singing, cheering, jeering, and clapping.

Past Year In Post Photos



As his office decor clearly shows, Ron Dozier is proud to occupy the powerful office of McLean County State's Attorney. Dozier's actions and policies made news in the Post-American several times in 1977, including his questionable "closing" of the Rofstad murder case, his adoption of new policies to discourage people from filing misdemeanor complaints, and his indefensible public attack on the character of a defendant the Department of Correction chose to assign to a work release program.

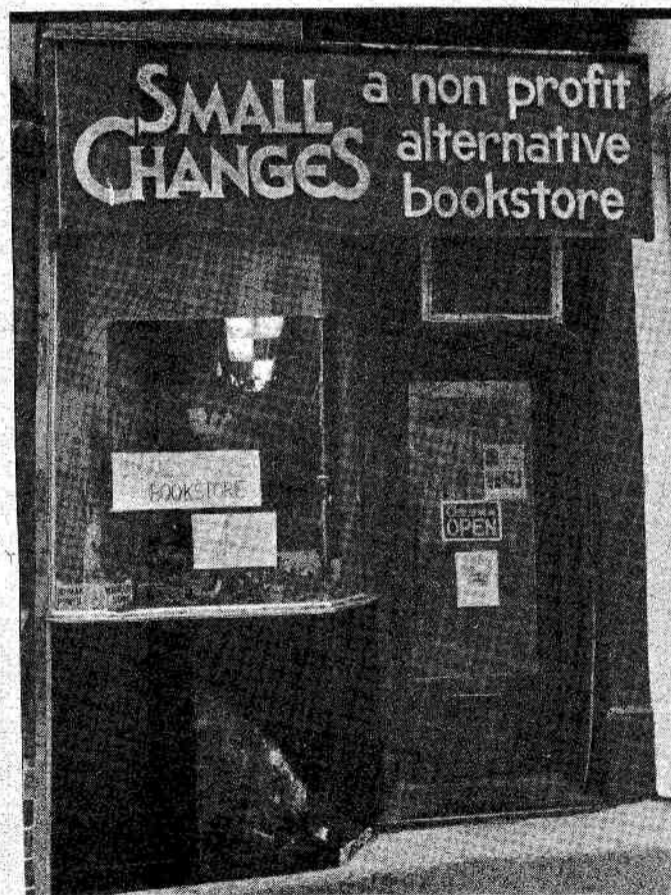


When City Council-person Larry Nelson (at right) tried to pass off his tax law violation as "a mere technicality," Pantagraph reporter Mark Spencer found out he was lying—the case was prepared by the Dept. of Revenue as a felony forgery, but State's Attorney Ron Dozier chose to prosecute it as only a misdemeanor.

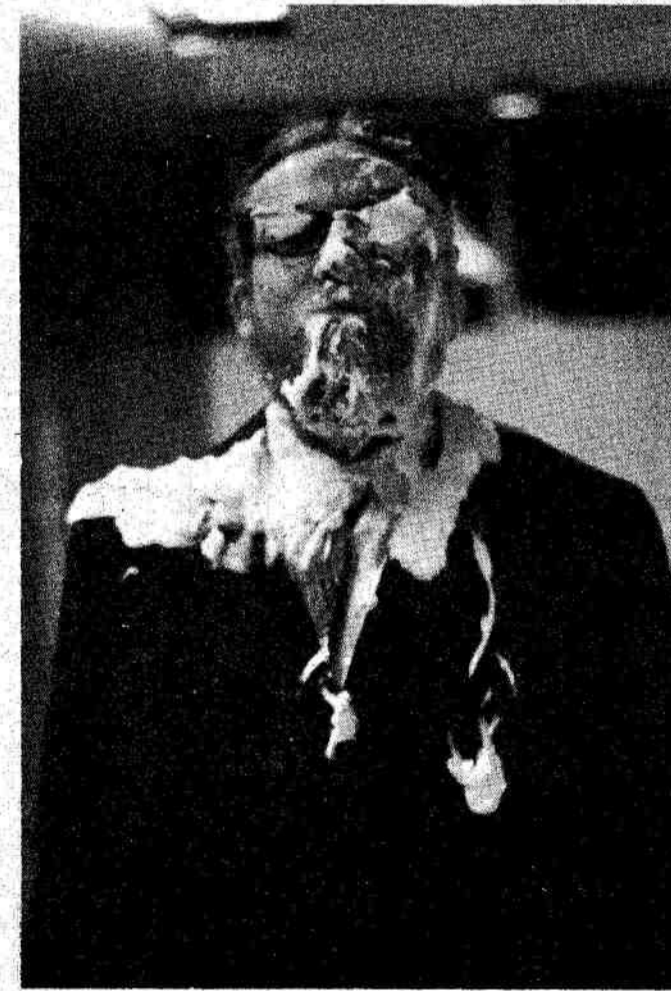
When the Pantagraph wouldn't print the story, Spencer quit the paper. When the Post-American got the story, Nelson resigned from the city council.



This man was part of a protest against Don Stone Ford's Farrah Fawcett look-alike contest, covered in the May Post. Not satisfied with just carrying a sign and handing out leaflets like the other forty demonstrators, he chose to make his points about television's influence in a more dramatic way. When his volume was turned on, he also urged people to "Buy, Buy!" and "Kill, Kill!"



This picture of Small Changes appeared on the Community News page of November's Post. We solicit short articles from social service agencies and progressive groups to help keep folks up on what's going on in the community. The picture celebrates Small Changes finally getting a sign after being open for ten months.



The Post continued a proud tradition of attacks on the Illinois Power Company in this year's Feb.-March issue. Pictured here is Tim Barwald, who was tastefully pied after imitating a Power Company rep, delivering a powerful company rap that ended "Remember—we're only asking for higher rates from you because you rate high with us." These shenanigans took place on January 19th at an open Illinois Commerce Commission hearing on Illinois Power's requested rate hike.



As part of a six-page section about traditional and radical therapy printed in September, we ran a local atrocity article about the treatment of a Brokaw patient by Bloomington psychiatrist Harston. This photo shows the patient locked to his bed in Brokaw's psych ward, as punishment for not waking up exactly at 9 a.m. These lockable leather straps are supposed to be used only when a patient is out of control, but in this case were used as "therapy."



We interviewed Harry Rhodes 88, of Bloomington, for our April fifth anniversary issue, which featured a 16-page special section called "Visions of the Past and Future." Rhodes' picture and comments were on a two-page spread about a militant streetcar workers' strike 60 years ago in Bloomington. On July 5, 1917, he was part of a rally where Mother (Mary) Jones spoke, promoting a workers' solidarity that resulted in a successful strike.

LeGuin's THE DISPOSSESSED:

If you asked me to name my favorite movie, I would have to name 3 or 4. If you asked me to name my favorite food, I would have to name 3 or 4. If you asked me to name my favorite season, I would have to name 3 or 4.

If you asked me to name my favorite book, I would say The Dispossessed.

Probably since the beginning of the arts people have argued furiously about the question of art versus politics, medium vs. message, form vs. function. Ursula K. LeGuin's The Dispossessed is a beautiful, powerful, moving integration of what she has to say--her message and how she says it.

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the future. The main character, Shevek, lives on a moon, Anarres. Anarres was settled seven generations before Shevek's birth by the "dispossessed," a group of thousands of revolutionaries who accepted their native planet's offer of permanent exile on its moon.

The settlers set up a society on the moon that has no laws, no money, no taboos, and no racism or sexism. This society depends on the co-operation of free individuals to survive and grow--and it does, in spite of a harsh environment.

However, during the 150 years between the settlement and Shevek's birth, traces of authoritarianism have begun to creep back into his society. Some of the people have managed to establish positions of power over others. Pressures from the society are beginning to cramp individual freedom.

Shevek is one of the first to see these trends. He decides, after long and painful soul-searching, to visit the native planet, Urras. He plans to study in his field (physics), to check out what the planet is like, and to try to "tear down walls." His plan meets with hostility from many of the other Anarresti, but he makes the journey anyway.

While telling a fascinating story about a well-developed character whose joys and pains are real to us, LeGuin explores and illuminates political questions that most politicians have never even asked.

POWER

One of these questions is, "Who should have power over others?" The way things are now in the U.S., everybody is caught in a network of power relationships. Some have the force of custom and socialization supporting them; some have the force of law. Most have both. There are certain powers that men have over women, parents have over children, bosses over workers. Voters must choose among people--mostly white, financially secure, and male--to make decisions for all of us.

LeGuin's vision of the way things could be is very different. In the

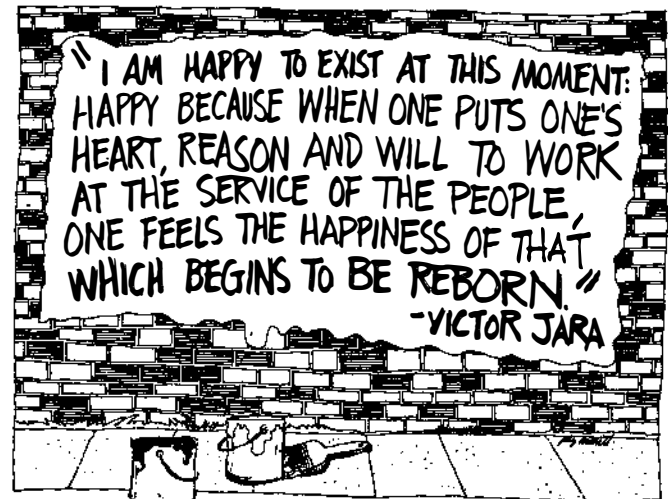
magazine Seven Days she was asked, "How about the way you deal with your kids? How do your politics come in there?"

She responded:

I believe that nobody should have any authority over anybody else except what can personally be developed and maintained. There are situations in which somebody has to be in control, but it has to be somebody who deserves to be there--and when the occasion is over, the authority is gone. There are times parents have to say, "No, you can't put your head in the fireplace." And they have to back that up with complete firmness and authority.

But when the occasion is over, you can't keep throwing your weight around. You can't always button yourself into a uniform, because there will come a day when you want to take it off and you can't undo the buttons.

The Dispossessed is subtitled "An Ambiguous Utopia." LeGuin does not show us a perfect society. Instead, she talks about how scarce natural resources and the demands of a dedication to cooperation might affect individual freedom in a society truly committed to being as free as possible.



And LeGuin seems to be saying that the personality most valuable and most flexible in a society committed to freedom is the idealist. In examining the function of idealism and how society responds to it, it again is important that LeGuin is working with

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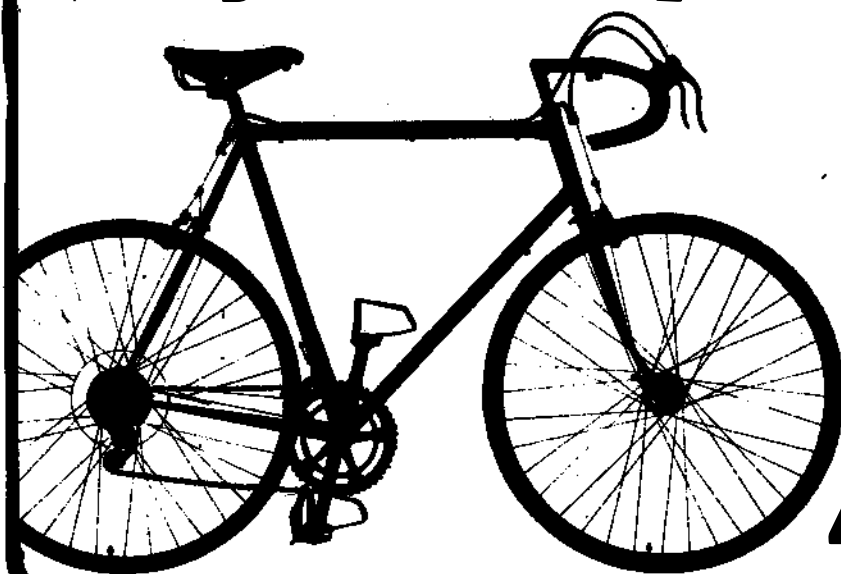
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HUMOR

The Dispossessed is a very serious book, as are all of the LeGuin books I've read. There are several places in the book, though, where I think LeGuin must be poking a little bit of fun at how unthinkingly a lot of us accept the ideas we hold.



For example, one character is absolutely outraged when she visits a clinic where Shevek is sick in bed:

This is a shockingly understaffed clinic...some of these aides and doctors are working eight hours a day! Of course, there are people in the medical arts who actually want that: the self-sacrifice impulse. Unfortunately it doesn't lead to maximum efficiency.

Or, when Shevek first visits the rich farmlands of the native planet, Urras:

He had been taught as a child that Urras was a festering mass of inequity, iniquity, and waste. But all the people he met, and all the people he saw, in the smallest country village, were well dressed, well fed, and contrary to his expectations, industrious...It puzzled him. He had assumed that if you removed a human being's natural incentive to work--his initiative, his spontaneous creative energy--and replaced it with external motivation and coercion, he would become a lazy

and careless worker...The lure and compulsion of profit was evidently a much more effective replacement of the natural initiative than he had been led to believe.

CRITICISMS

There are, of course, a few things about The Dispossessed that I wish were different. As in the quotation above, LeGuin uses male pronouns to refer to people in general. And her vision of the direction of sexual and "family" relationships in a freer society is, I think, too limited. Most people in Shevek's society, it seems, have chosen a monogamous, nuclear family situation, although, to LeGuin's credit, marriage doesn't exist and it is totally accepted that many "partnerships" are homosexual.

LeGuin has been criticized in many feminist reviews for her overwhelming choice of men as main characters. I have read six of her seven novels, and in only one is there a female main character--and only for half the book.

So I definitely agree that LeGuin could be even more exciting and inspiring for more than half her readers if she would use more women main characters.

However, The Dispossessed requires a male main character, I think. This is so because it is central to the idea of the book that someone from Anarres visit the extremely sexist native planet, Urras, and be welcomed there by the powerful: a female would not be plausibly welcome.

EXAMPLE

The Dispossessed is itself, I think, an example of many of the ideals it is about.

The book has authority of the only good kind--that which is personally developed and maintained, in this case through clarity, subtlety, honesty, and excellent writing.



And it is obviously a work done because of the "natural initiative" and not for profit. For me, The Dispossessed is the most beautiful novel about possibilities that has so far come out of a society bent on destroying possibilities. It is a gift from the future to the present.

--Alice Wonder

SCIENCE FICTION: Studies in Alternatives

For this month's Post I've written a review of the The Dispossessed, the novel by Ursula K. LeGuin which got me hooked on reading progressive science fiction and fantasy. Every month, I hope to come up with a review of a science fiction work that's impressed me. And so I'd like to give a little rap about what I see in science fiction.

I came upon science fiction through the back door. The first science fiction I remember reading, Women of Wonder, is a collection of short stories I picked up because all the stories are by women. I don't think Women of Wonder is a particularly outstanding collection, but a couple of the stories really fascinated me in the same way that Aldous Huxley's Island did. They present an alternate or future reality where people either have learned to interact in ways that are not oppressive, or they are suffering the horrors of a life even more un-free and violent than our present reality.

This is what I mean by "progressive" science fiction and fantasy: works that are political in that they criticize sexism, racism, etc., by either showing us societies where these don't exist, or by showing us various possible disastrous results of their continuance.

Besides dealing with racism and sexism, the science fiction I'll be reviewing examines technology, who makes decisions about it, and how they use it; why we have a class system and what life might be like without it; what we could be doing with our minds that we don't do now; how we could live together in ways other than the traditional family; and the effects of institutionalized violence, like war.

The ways different SF works approach their messages are as various as the subjects they cover. Some of the books I've read concern another inhabited planet, some the future or the

past, some a present-day earthly world that isn't "real." Some belong to the hammer-on-the-head school of getting messages across, some are subtle. Some of the novels and short stories are as beautiful as good poetry, some are as snotty as a POST-AMERICAN rant and rave.

All the works I'll be reviewing have influenced the way I think. Most of it, probably, will be either overtly feminist or by women writers or both.

A lot of people respond to critics of capitalism, sex roles, etc., by saying, "What would you put in its place?" One of the strengths of good SF is that it not only criticizes intelligently, it also provides alternatives. And that, I think, is why I am so often moved very emotionally by progressive science fiction and fantasy: it holds out hope.

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Rape and lost justice

Pagadian City, Mindanao, S. Philippines--In palatial splendor and grand hotels, the World Law Conference met last month in Manila. Before them President Ferdinand Marcos promised bold reforms in his 5-year-old martial law regime.

But in troubled Mindanao, the courts and justice are subject to the whims of military rule, which means intimidation for the poor and helpless. With soldiers everywhere, the people, especially women, suffer.

It is a warm night 1977, July 30, a soft breeze playing off the ocean. As the music dims young people wander home in the moonlight, full of laughter from a night's dancing.

One young girl, 15, is walking home with a friend. A jeepload of soldiers, including her uncle, follows and stops the girls.

"Victoria, your father is sick, Your mother has sent me to bring you home," says the Uncle.

Victoria hesitates, cautious about the jeep full of men.

"Come now, your mother will meet you at the bridge."

Since she does not live at home, but is a servant in another part of town, Victoria lacks daily contact with her family. She believes her uncle's urgent pleas.

The men belong to the CHDF (Civilian Home Defense Force), an irregular army of the poor, paid a monthly bonus by the government. Their commander, Pete Tria Jr., highly feared by the guerillas, is also in the jeep.

At the bridge, Victoria's mother is nowhere in sight. Sensing the danger, she tries to flee. Pete Tria leads her out of the jeep.

Pete Tria rapes the 15-year-old at gunpoint. Then, her uncle promises to take her home. Badly shaken, Victoria agrees, only to be raped again by her uncle, Benito Retiza.

Desperately, Victoria goes to her barrio captain (village leader) the next morning. He takes her to town, where a complaint is filed. Joined by a local church leader, Cortes, they proceed to the near-by city, where a priest helps them find a lawyer.

Together they visit the provincial commander. Pete Tria is summoned and identified by Victoria as the rapist. Publicly admitting his guilt, he comments, "If I had known you were Retiza's relative, I wouldn't have done it."

Victoria returns to the Diocesan Social Action Center for safety.

The provincial commander then visits the Bishop. Explaining that Pete Tria is one of his top men, and a "charismatic" leader in the church, the military man pressure the Bishop to drop the charges. The Bishop replies that it is beyond his power.

Preliminary affidavits are filed, Victoria supported by the barrio captain, church worker and her nervous girlfriend, Conchita.

The local police make themselves very present at Victoria's parents' home, offering bribes and threats to withdraw the charges.

The barrio captain, realizing the touchy political situation, changes his story.

Pete Tria hires the governor's son as his lawyer.

After extensions and delays, the preliminary investigation finally begins, with the accused totally denying the rape, supported by local officials.

To take pressure off himself, Pete Tria claims a church conspiracy. Cortes, the local church leader, has a relative hiding in the mountains. Pete Tria claims a false charge has been brought against him to hinder his search for the criminal.

Accusing the church, he claims in his affidavit that "to further demonstrate the non-existing evidence of my detractors and drumbeat their imaginations, the Social Action, in cahoots with anti-government church leaders, held several rallies both inside the Catholic Church of Pagadian City and outside."

Pete Tria, a married man, claims that rape is not his style. "...while I do not profess to be a saint and would admit having sexual relations with other women, like many priests, I do not resort to rape but rather use my manly persuasive ability to gain the love and confidence of any women for this matter."



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Investigations and affidavits are taken in a public room, with questions and statements for all to hear.

One soldier swears that Victoria was tricked into the jeep.

A few men enter the room.

Suddenly nervous, the soldier asks permission to take his affidavit home that night to "check it over"

The officials give him all 5 copies, which disappear. The next day, his story has changed.

Conchita, constantly assaulting Victoria with fears, submits a counter-affidavit, claiming her previous testimony was false.

In this public setting, Victoria is badgered by lawyers and investigators.

Before all, the young woman is forced to repeat the details of the rape, although her emotional turmoil is obvious.

This is followed by personal questions:

"Have you had sex before this?"

"Did the man ejaculate?"

She is warned by the investigator not to falsely accuse, for "you know this man will get the rope for this. If you are being false, his 'kalage' (ghost, soul) will come to get you."

Three months after the rape, a warrant for Pete Tria's arrest is finally issued.

But last night, Victoria disappeared. Searches have been unsuccessful.

Throughout the Philippines, such stories are too common. The unique thing of Victoria's case is that she had the courage to press charges.

Soldiers are stationed throughout the islands, especially in the South. But their reputation with the local populace has not been for valor, but instead for rape and drunken brawls.

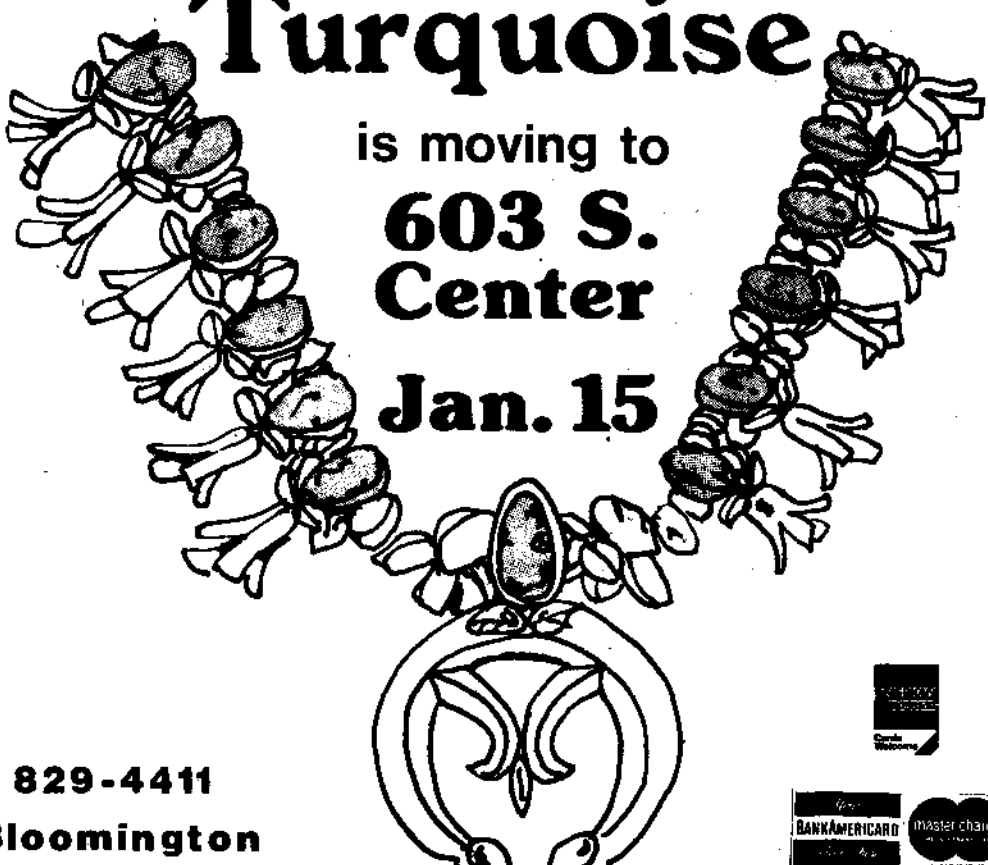
The situation becomes extreme. In Zamboanga, mothers will not allow their young daughters to go to school, as they have to pass a military installation enroute. The danger is too great.



With the military supreme, courts are subservient to the martial law regime, leaving justice a difficult and tenuous process. Lawyers, available to the highest bidder, will rarely take rape cases, land disputes between the poor and rich, or cases against the military, the risk being too great for them.

In Manila, big changes are promised by Marcos' martial law regime. But in a case of personal assault and rape, a 15-year-old woman stands helpless before the machinations of courts and the military.

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U.S. sells dangerous technology abroad

Manila, Philippines--Occupations, legal battles and escalating costs have slapped an unwritten moratorium on further U.S. nuclear power plant construction, and many planned facilities have been cancelled, shelved or temporarily halted. Some, like the one at Clinton, Illinois, are still being constructed.

Westinghouse, for instance, had only four plants ordered in 1975, none in 1976, and of 60 plants on order, two-thirds have been delayed and another half-dozen cancelled.

However, companies like Westinghouse and General Electric have risked large sums on nuclear power, building up a

The expensive effort was then bolstered by a \$256.6 million syndicated loan by 27 U.S. banks, led by Citibank, Manufacturer's Hanover Trust and American Express at 1 3/4% interest, with a 4-year grace period. Citibank and Hanover had written the nuke's original cost curve studies, and Citibank's Manila office indicated the generous offer was made to improve relations with the government.

But even with international financial support, the plant faces a difficult fuel supply process and a threatening insurgency.

persons attempted to dynamite the main building. The local residents were not consulted about the plant site.

Like oil, uranium resources are concentrated in a very few countries, which, like OPEC, have formed their own cartel and have raised prices enormously in recent years. Whether the Philippines benefits from exchanging oil import dependency for uranium import dependency remains to be seen.

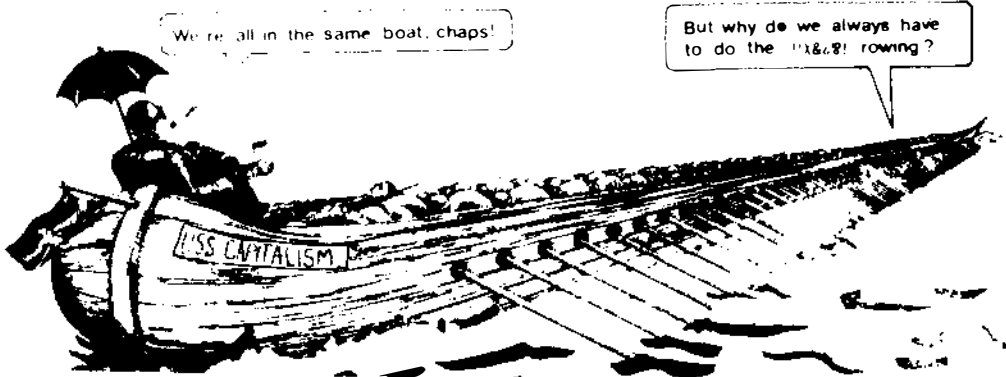
Recently, the small island of San Juan successfully opposed a new smelter plant because of ecological danger. The self-censored national media gave the smelter controversy great publicity but has been unusually quiet on the nuclear construction.

Ultimately, the government hopes to reduce its dependence on foreign oil, claiming it will save \$60 million in imported oil in the first year and \$100 million thereafter.

Presently, one megawatt costs \$63,300 in fuel oil. If the plant is working at full capacity (after the first year) and nuclear fuel remains available at stable prices, a nuclear megawatt will only cost \$19,400, saving \$43,900. However, nuclear plants are notorious for sporadic operation and running at partial capacity, potentially halving the savings. Even these savings are nowhere near the \$1.1 billion construction cost, which will have to be paid by the consumer or added to the Filipino government's already large debt.

Meanwhile, besides paying for the expensive power source, fuel has to be acquired, dangerous waste disposed of, the plant protected from typhoons, tidal waves, earthquakes, terrorists and increasingly militant insurgency--monumental tasks for a developing country.

American companies, faced with protests and construction slow-downs in the West, have found ready partners for their risky and unproven technologies abroad.



staff of physicists and trained technicians. No longer salable in America, the companies have taken the risky technology abroad, especially to the energy-hungry third world, which ironically, uses very little electricity.

The martial-law regime of the Philippines took the bait in February 1976, signing a contract with Westinghouse for a \$1.1 billion, 620-megawatt "heavy water" reactor.

But the plant, still scheduled for 1982 completion, is running into difficulty financially and politically, and doubts have been raised about whether the expensive facility will generate enough power to pay for itself.

Although negotiations began in 1973 with Westinghouse, GE, Siemens, Framatome, and the Canadian Government, informed sources claim political influence won the contract for Westinghouse.

The Philippines has traditionally been ruled by wealthy oligarchs--large landowners and wealthy merchants. However, with President Ferdinand Marcos' martial law rule, many of these old families were replaced by a half-dozen "new oligarchs," wealthy through personal connections with the president.

Herminio Disini--his wife a close cousin to Imelda Marcos, the president's powerful wife--was considered crucial to Westinghouse's contract victory. Disini, who heads the Herdis Group conglomerate of some 40 companies, purchased Asia Industries--Westinghouse's Philippine representative--in 1975 from Jesus Vergara.

Disini and Vergara received a "few million" for their assistance in winning the contract. Vergara calls the money a "commission." Other sources in the government claim Westinghouse's new contract was a political choice.

The National Power Company, the plant's ultimate operator, had originally bargained for two plants for \$1 billion. Escalating costs forced them to settle for one 620-megawatt plant for \$1.1 billion.

The NPC was forced to float a \$367.2 million bond issue, and for the first time in history, the U.S. Import-Export Bank guaranteed foreign-issued bonds, plus a loan of \$277.2 million. The size of the debt and the novelty of the bank's move caused the Journal of Commerce to note: "It is understood that considerable pressure has been applied within the U.S. Government in order to obtain Eximbank financing."

The recent rise of anti-nuclear sentiment in Australia makes the availability of Australian nuclear fuel supplies highly uncertain. Even if Australian uranium ore becomes available, the "yellow cake" will still have to be safely shipped to the U.S. for processing and then returned to Manila for use.

Morong, the small town 50 miles north of Manila where the plant is being built, is infamous as a territory for the New People's Army, a Maoist insurgency. This has forced the government to go elsewhere for workers, importing over 1,000 from other areas after rigorous security clearances. Only 80 local people are employed at the site and a detachment of the Philippine Constabulary is permanently stationed there.

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ALTERNATIVE NEWS

Navajo girls assaulted

(Off Our Backs) The parents of 11 Navajo girls have filed lawsuits seeking more than \$5 million in damages against three male employees of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The suit claims that the girls, between 11 and 13 years old, were sexually assaulted by these men at the Teec Nox Pos Boarding School.

Native American children are often placed in boarding schools by the BIA and their agents on the grounds that the home environment is unfit or unsafe.

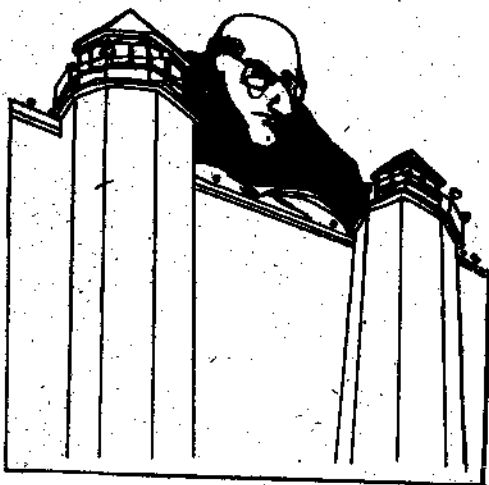
Behavior drastically modified

(Off Our Backs/Madness Network News) The Mendota Mental Hospital Institute in Wisconsin is being sued for \$5 million by the mother of Susan, a 17-year-old woman who hung herself while undergoing a behavior modification program there. Records from the Institute's Training Adolescents for Community Living (TACL) Unit show that she was locked in her room for periods up to a week and was rarely granted visits or communication with her mother.

She was committed to the hospital because of an earlier attempt to hang herself, which had resulted in brain damage. According to the staff, she wanted to commit suicide because she was fat and her fatness made her feel inferior to and hated by other people.

The TACL Unit used a token-economy system of behavior modification. Patients were rewarded with play money for behavior deemed appropriate by the staff and punished for behavior the staff found inappropriate.

Family visits and phone calls were on Sue's list of "rewards." This meant that unless Sue behaved in what were considered appropriate ways, she was not allowed either visits or calls.



The day before she hung herself, she was put into solitary confinement for "stealing," because she had asked someone for a quarter and in return had given that person a nickel.

The staff, supposedly qualified judges of appropriate and inappropriate behavior, knew that Sue threatened suicide but they thought the threats were "coercive, rather than sincere expressions of suicidal intent."



Judge worries about rapist's health

(Off Our Backs/Women Report) "With your state of health, high blood pressure, you ought not to indulge in conduct of this kind, because you might overtax your own power and and die in very unfortunate circumstances."

Such were the words of heartfelt concern issued by a British judge to a 68-year-old man who pleaded guilty to rape. That the old rapist might die in unfortunate circumstances was the only sentiment that struck a responsive chord in our hearts.



Women reclaim the night

(Off Our Backs/People's News Service) On Nov. 12, women marched through the streets of cities throughout England to "Reclaim the Night"--to protest the dangers of rape and attack that deny women free access to the streets. Singing, chanting, bearing torches and banners, and jeering, 500 women marched through Soho, London, center of the porn trade and sexual exploitation. Some of the male bystanders spat at the demonstrators, or tried to grab individuals out of the procession. However, this possibility had been taken into account in the planning stages of the march, and these men were sprayed with red dye. The marches were exhilarating events with women singing songs about their struggles and plastering stickers on sexist advertisements and establishments.

Bee kills to cause famine

Honeybees are being systematically killed off by modern pesticides. As a result, we are heading toward almost certain food shortages in the United States.

This warning comes from Harvey Caine, a researcher at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Caine says that "one-third of the average American diet depends directly or indirectly on honeybee-pollinated crops." However, he adds, honeybees are being poisoned on such a massive scale that the total number of bees is declining by at least two percent each year.

Unless pesticide use is drastically controlled, Caine says, "bee losses at the present rate will undoubtedly cause large-scale pollination shortages within the next 10 to 15 years."

--(ZNS)

Pot may be poisoned

(Berkeley Barb/ZNS) An analysis of marijuana seized in the U.S. near the Mexican border has found that 13 per cent of those samples tested have been contaminated by a deadly chemical herbicide.

Lee Dolgoff of the White House Office of Drug Abuse Policy says that 45 samples of recently-seized dope have been analyzed and that six of the 45 contained distinct residues of "Paraquat."

"Paraquat" is a potent weed-killing chemical that is being sprayed--with U.S. assistance--on drug fields south of the border. Studies are currently under way to determine if paraquat persists in the smoke when pot is burned, and if smoking contaminated weed is dangerous.

The poison comes home

(Berkeley Barb/ZNS) Some 3200 acres of government forest land in northern California have been sprayed with the powerful herbicide Agent Orange, despite a supposed voluntary moratorium on the use of the herbicide in California by federal agencies.

Dr. Lorry Larson of the Hoopa Tribal Clinic reports that forest land along the Klamath and Trinity rivers were sprayed for 10 days starting on Sept. 20. The program was carried out by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on lands under its jurisdiction.

Shortly after the spraying, Larson reports that at least 10 people became ill with headaches and nausea, apparently after inhaling the windblown herbicide.

Earlier this year, Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus wrote to a California assembly member, assuring him that all federal bureaus had suspended use of the spray. Agent Orange, or 2,4,5-T, was widely used by the U.S. in Vietnam as a crop defoliant.

SERVICE BRIEFS

24 U.S. nuke explosions

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has admitted that the radioactive explosion which hospitalized a worker at the Millstone nuclear plant in Connecticut recently is similar to explosions that have damaged or closed other atomic plants on at least 23 previous occasions.

A 30-year-old Millstone worker was hospitalized after he was contaminated by radioactive gasses when a hydrogen explosion occurred inside a smokestack.

A commission spokesperson reports the explosions have occurred when hydrogen gas is accidentally ignited inside the smokestack. One other worker is said to have been injured in an earlier explosion. The commission said it has not commented on previous accidents because no one has inquired about them.

--(ZNS)

Doper dog on the leash

Marijuana smokers in Laredo, Texas, can toot on their pipes a little easier now.

That's because "Smokeys" the marijuana-sniffing dog who escaped last week, has been captured and is back on the job.

After Smokey went AWOL, customs officials in Laredo feared the worst for the town's pot-users. Smokey was reportedly trained to attack anyone toting weed around and police officials recalled that a few years back, when another pot-sniffing canine got loose, it bit a local resident in the leg who was carrying some illegal grass in his pocket.



Smokey reportedly was captured, however, by a resident of Mexico, after he found the pot-sniffing dog wandering around the marketplace, taking in sights--and smells--of Mexico.

--(ZNS)

Florida nixes "Gay Apparel"

The Florida Citrus Commission--the group which employs anti-gay crusader Anita Bryant to promote its juices--is in hot water again.

The citrus commission is one of the major sponsors of the annual Florida Citrus Open--a sports tournament. Christmas cards mailed out by citrus officials this year were supposed to contain the lyrics to the song "Deck the Halls".

The card that was sent out included 14 lines from the famous carol, but

it deleted two lines--one of them reading, "Don we now our gay apparel."

The tournament directors and the commission both insist that the deletion was completely accidental, and had nothing to do with the fact that the word "gay" was mentioned in the missing lines.

Commission Executive Director Edward Taylor says that this is the first--and will probably be the last--time the commission sends cards.

--(ZNS)

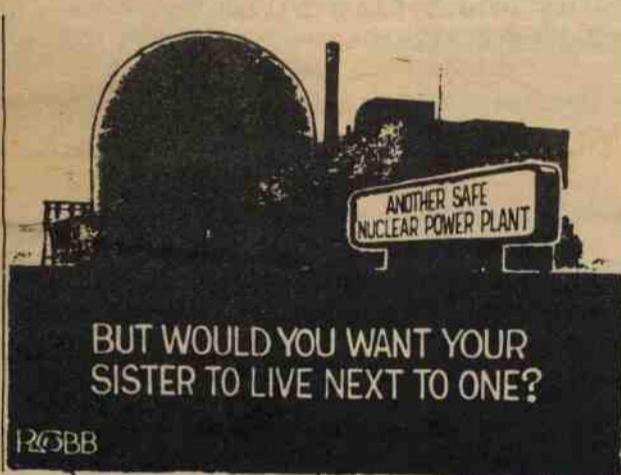
\$2000 for a dead battery

If you've ever been overcharged by an auto mechanic, you'll love this story. It all started when Zina Zhaden left her car for repairs, thinking it had a dead battery, and returned to face a repair bill of \$1952.52.

A superior court jury in Los Angeles last week awarded Zhaden more than \$95,000 because of the incident.

The jury found that not only had Zhadan failed to authorize the nearly \$2000 worth of repairs, but that the garage had impounded her car since the dispute arose. The 30-year-old car owner was awarded \$5620 for the car's value, plus an additional \$90,000 in punitive damages for fraud.

--ZNS



No respect, no job

(FPS)--Lily Koper has lost her job as journalism advisor at Fort Scott, Kansas, High School because of a student newspaper editorial critical of greasy tacos in the school cafeteria.

Ms. Kober is fighting her reassignment to other teaching duties at the school. She says the issue is one of free speech and her integrity as a teacher.

The offending editorial was written by Mark Brillhart, editor of the Tiger Times. School officials cited it as an example of Kober's teaching disrespect for authority.



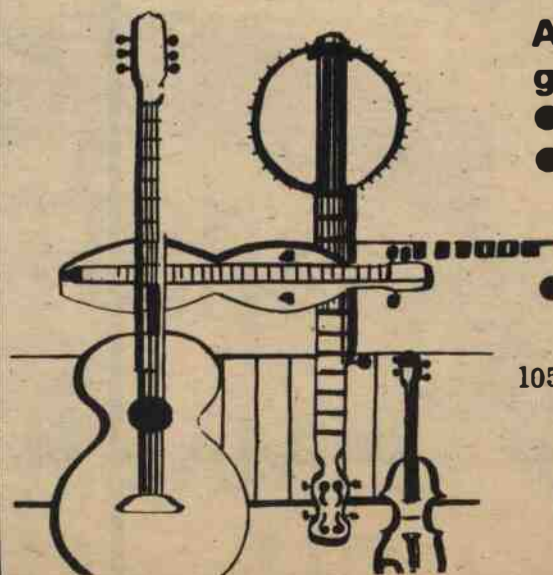
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The Clinton Ill. nuclear power plant has been under construction for two years and is expected by Illinois Power Company to come on line by 1982. Originally two 950 megawatt nuclear reactors were planned. Now there is considerable uncertainty as to whether the second one will be built, and if it is built, whether it will be a nuclear or a coal plant.

If a nuclear reactor is completed, its wastes, which will comprise about 15,000 pounds annually, will most likely be shipped through McLean County in trucks headed for the high-level nuclear waste dump at Morris, 80 miles upwind of Chicago.

These high-level wastes are used-up fuel rods consisting of such cancer-causing materials as strontium-90, iodine-131, cesium-137, tritium, and plutonium-239. One pound of plutonium-239, if dispersed evenly throughout the population of the U.S., could theoretically induce two lung cancers per person. The Clinton plant will create around 550 pounds of plutonium-239 per year if it is completed.

The Prairie Alliance for Safe Energy Alternatives (PAFSEA) is a local group concerned about the hazards of

transporting radioactive materials through McLean County. PAFSEA has organized a series of public events intended to help inform central Illinois about this unnecessary hazard.

Following each monthly event, there will be refreshments, a discussion of the issues, and an appeal for signatures on petitions going to the McLean County Board and the two city councils. The petitions urge the government bodies to impose strict safety measures on all transport of radioactive fuels and wastes within their jurisdictions.

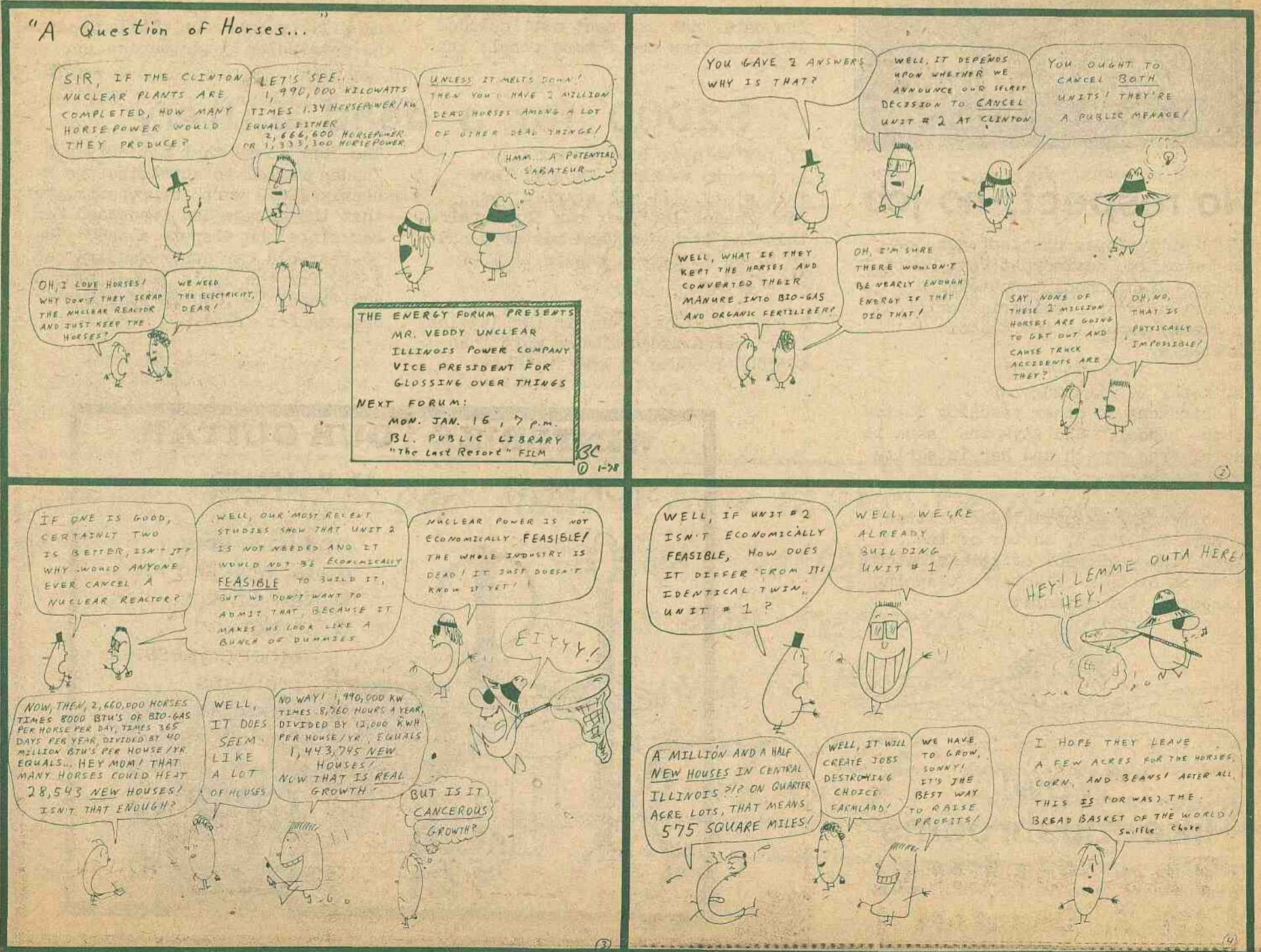
It seems the only way to keep these hazardous materials out of the county is to mothball the Clinton reactor and spend the remaining billion dollars or so on energy conservation, changing the rate schedule to encourage big users to conserve energy, and setting up time-of-day pricing to reduce the peak demand. PAFSEA is pushing this strategy, but we are also making back-up plans in case the reactor is finished as now planned. It is apparently illegal for McLean County to ban the transport of wastes within its borders, for this would constitute "unduly restricting interstate commerce." In my opinion

nuclear wastes are so hazardous that they should be duly restricted, but that battle may be too large for PAFSEA to handle without more public support.

If the Clinton nuclear plant is completed and the wastes begin to come through McLean County, they will most likely come up Route 51 in semi-trailers. The exact route either is secret or has not been thought about much by Illinois Power. In any case, there is no interstate highway near Clinton, so for at least part of the journey, the wastes will have to travel two-lane roads--not exactly the safest thing to do with what many have called "the most hazardous substance known."

PAFSEA is urging that the McLean County Board and the city councils pass ordinances requiring the following kind of safeguards:

- The county must receive advance notification of any radioactive shipments through the county.
- These shipments must be met at the county border for a police escort before and after each truck.
- Trucks carrying such materials must not exceed a speed of 45 mph.



Energy Front

--Trucks carrying such materials may not exit from the interstate highways while in the county, except to refuel at one designated refueling stop at which the trucks must not remain more than 20 minutes.

--The route taken by the trucks must be announced publicly and be unanimously adopted by the McLean County Board, the Bloomington City Council, and the Normal City Council.

--Drivers of these trucks must be accompanied by an assistant, and both must be of the highest qualifications in driving skills, vision, and handling of emergency situations involving radioactive materials.

McLean County Board Chairperson James Pemberton is already on record in favor of restricting waste transport in the county. To support the passage of nuclear waste safeguards by the County Board and the two city councils, PAFSEA is conducting a petition drive together with a series of public events related to local energy issues. The schedule of events planned so far follows. Each event takes place on a MONDAY EVENING at 7:00 p.m. in the COMMUNITY ROOM of the new BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Jan 16--"The Last Resort," a 60-minute color film on the occupation by 2000 demonstrators of the Seabrook, NH, site of a planned nuclear power plant in May of 1977. Background on the nuclear power issue.

Feb. 13--"Energy: A Matter of Choices," a short color film on the energy choices facing the U.S. today. James Pemberton, McLean County Board Chairperson, will speak on "What we are doing about the transport of nuclear wastes through McLean county."

March 13--"Energy Sources For the Future," a short color film on developing energy technologies. Al Thomas, Director of McLean County Civil Defense, will speak on "Nuclear Disaster Evacuation Routes and Transport of Radioactive Materials."

April 10--"Bate's Car: Sweet As a Nut," a short color film on running your car on methane made from garbage. An official from the Illinois Division of Energy in Springfield will speak on "The Nuclear Waste Storage Bill and Other Energy Related Legislation in Illinois."

May 15-- Illinois Attorney General William Scott will speak on "Sheffield and Morris Nuclear Waste Storage Sites: What to Do?"

NEWS BRIEFS

A truck carrying 40,000 pounds of radioactive material spilled one quarter of its load over 5,000 square feet of southeastern Colorado about 1 a.m. on September 27, 1977. This was the 250th accident since 1971 that involved a truck carrying radioactive materials. Weather and visibility were ideal. The road was flat and straight with no intersections or obstacles. The driver was not tired, and no other vehicles were in sight. The driver, Donald Atwood, explained: "All of a sudden there was a whole herd of horses crossing" the highway. "One minute they weren't there and the next minute they were."

The radioactive materials remained on the road, blowing in the wind, for three days while local officials argued over whose responsibility it was to clean it up. Officials of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission appeared on the scene as if by magic, one week after the accident.

The 251st accident occurred November 9, 1977, when a truck carrying low-level radioactive wastes from the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant collided with a two-ton truck in Rocky Mount, NC. No horses were reported.

Illinois Power Company has released a statement defending its plans to transport radioactive nuclear wastes by truck through central Illinois. "Insofar as wild horses are no longer a threat to truck traffic in the midwest," the report began, "we see no possible harm coming to Illinois residents deriving from the vehicular trans-shipment of residual decay end-products of electricity production at the Clinton Recreational Lake Complex."

Illinois House Bill 764 needs your support. This bill would put a five-year moratorium on new construction of nuclear power plants in Illinois while an eleven-member commission looks into environmental, health and safety aspects of nuclear power that are not yet resolved. No more than three of the commission members may have derived previous income from the nuclear industry or the nuclear arm of the U.S. government. The bill is called the Illinois Nuclear Power Evaluation Bill. Hearings begin Tuesday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m. at the State of Illinois Building, 169 N. LaSalle St., Room 1818, Chicago. Ask your representative to support HB 764!



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Making sense of national politics:

Conspiracy is

The Yankee and Cowboy War by Carl Oglesby

Power Shift: The Rise of the Southern Rim and Its Challenge to the Eastern Establishment by Kirkpatrick Sale

Why did Watergate happen?

Who killed John Kennedy?

Those questions may have the same answer: the white men who rule America are divided and they've been struggling with each other for the last 20 years.

Consider the spectacle of FBI agents shadowing CIA agents to discover the secret bases for raids against Cuba. When they found three of those bases (on Mafia land) in Louisiana and Florida in 1963, FBI agents actually raided them and closed them down.

Kennedy gave the orders for those FBI raids because after the Cuban missile crisis he had made a deal with the Russians to stop the raids against Cuba. Right-wingers in the CIA operations branch (backed by the Mafia and hard-core anti-communists from Miami to Los Angeles) had refused to stop the attacks on Cuba.

The men running the CIA, the government, and the American ruling class were--and are--seriously divided.

Both writers, Kirkpatrick Sale and Carl Oglesby, identify the two sides in this power struggle as Yankees and Cowboys. Briefly, the Yankees are the old Establishment, the Northeast bankers and industrialists who are identified

with the Rockefellers and the Kennedys.

The Cowboys are the new rich of the Southwest, into oil and missiles, like the Hunt family and Howard Hughes. They are allied with the Mafia and represented politically by Lyndon Johnson, John Connally, and Richard Nixon.



The differences between the Cowboys and the Yankees run deep. The Cowboys are willing to play political "hardball": secret police, burglaries, murders. They will go to any length to keep the "frontier" open in Asia; they find wars profitable.

The Yankees are "gentlemanly": a little bribery, a little spying. They'd rather make deals with the Russians than fight. They prefer the republic to a military-police state run by Cowboys.

Oglesby argues that when Kennedy abandoned the Bay of Pigs invasion, cut the defense budget, talked up civil rights, decided to withdraw the advisers from Vietnam, and

planned to end the oil depletion allowance, the CIA right-wingers, with the help of Dallas police and the Mafia, killed the President.

Cowboy Lyndon Johnson immediately began planning to crank up the Vietnam war. The Cowboy arms builders were pleased, to say the least.

In 1968, Oglesby theorizes, the Yankee bankers forced LBJ out. Why? Because they were upset about the damage the war was doing to the economy, to political stability (riots and protests), and to U.S. relations with Western Europe.

Then came Nixon, who set up political police all over the place and did his damndest to turn the whole federal government into a Cowboy tool. This the Yankees could not allow.

So, the Yankee faction at the CIA (headed by Richard Helms) set up Nixon with the Watergate burglary.

Oglesby suspects that Watergate burglar and ex-CIA honcho James McCord had infiltrated Nixon's dirty tricks crew and then deliberately tipped off the Watergate guards. One of McCord's old buddies was head of the D.C. police squad that was working overtime, sitting in a parking lot a couple of blocks away, waiting to pick up the burglars.

Oglesby's evidence for his theories is considerable. It could have happened that way. Certainly, Oglesby's explanation is better than anything Walter Cronkite ever gave us.

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Feb. 9 -- APPALOOSA -- country rock, \$1 cover
Feb. 12 -- KRISTIN LEMS -- 50¢ cover

the name of the game

This is not to say that David Rockefeller sat down with a bunch of Yankee banker friends and planned to overthrow Nixon. On the contrary, the Yankees reacted slowly to the threat of Nixon's political police state.

Even after the 1972 election, the Yankees did not necessarily want to force Nixon out of office. But they did want him to lay off, to straighten out the economy, to stop building his police state. Nixon refused. Watergate unfolded.



Sale's book provides the economic and cultural background for the power struggle that Oglesby outlines. (Sale's book is not as exciting reading as Oglesby's, largely because he documents everything to the point of absolute certainty. No one can argue with his points; some readers may grow weary, however.) Sale shows how the Southern Rim from southern California to North Carolina prospered after World War II, mainly because of government military spending.

The Southern Rim, of course, is the economic base that gives the Cowboys the power to challenge the Yankees. But the Rim also has a peculiar culture which clearly influences Cowboy politics. Sale calls the Cowboy spirit the Three R's--rightism, racism and repression. Sound like Richard Nixon? Or Billy Graham, the John Birch Society, Gordon Liddy, Richard Kleindienst. . .

The Yankee-Cowboy theory makes a lot of sense. Killing presidents may seem extreme, but history does show that ambitious men kill for great power. The Roman nobles, who were strikingly American, by the way, destroyed their republic and nearly ruined their empire while slaughtering each other for the right to be top dog.

Something like Watergate (or the Dreyfus affair in France or the purge trials in Russia) doesn't happen when the rulers are united. They cover for each other when they work together. They also all play by the same rules.

Watergate was a sign that our rulers are not playing their power game like gentlemen anymore.

So what?

We lefties are not especially loved by either the Yankees or the Cowboys. Yet I still prefer David Rockefeller's stately manipulation of high finance to Richard Nixon's police smashing through the door at 3 a.m.

Repression is also a matter of degree and the degree matters.

The Yankee-Cowboy theory also illuminates two myths that I've been hearing a lot in the popular

media. The first is a chant: Liberalism has been tried and it has failed.

As I understand it, 1960's liberalism aimed to make a better, more equal life for all the people. It promised to seek real self-government (something that neither Yankee or Cowboy wants). It's obviously a long-term process.

Yet the government programs which were supposed to get this process going were begun and supervised by a Cowboy president who didn't believe in liberalism for one minute. He just wanted the masses to love him and the historians to say nice things about him.

The 1960's was not the decade of welfarism. It was the decade that the federal government spent three, four, maybe ten times as much money and energy on guns, on roads, on tax breaks for the rich than it did on everything that directly benefits the poorer (and weaker) people.

The Yankee-Cowboy theory shows what our rulers really concentrate on.

The other myth is an incantation: Conspiracy theories can't be true because they are conspiracy theories.

Oglesby has an enlightening story about this. At a seminar with a bunch of businessmen and government officials, he suggested that the government is intrinsically conspiratorial. The others were aghast.

"But only," Oglesby continues, "ask how much conspiring these men of the world do in the conduct of their own affairs. . . Now they are. . . full of stories, this one telling how he got his competitor's price list, that one how he found out whom to bribe, the other one how he gathered secret intelligence on his own top staff. Routinely, these businessmen all operated in some respects covertly, they all made sure to acquire and hold the power to do so, they saw nothing irregular in it. . ." (p.26)

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The point of Oglesby's story is that we are ruled by conspiracy. Virtually every business decision and most government decisions right down into the local police department are developed secretly. So far from being able to dismiss conspiracy theories because they are conspiracy theories, we must recognize that we are surrounded by secrecy, by conspiracies.

That's probably the most important lesson in the Yankee-Cowboy theory:

The white men who are the Yankees and the Cowboys who are our rulers require secrecy for the games they play with our lives.

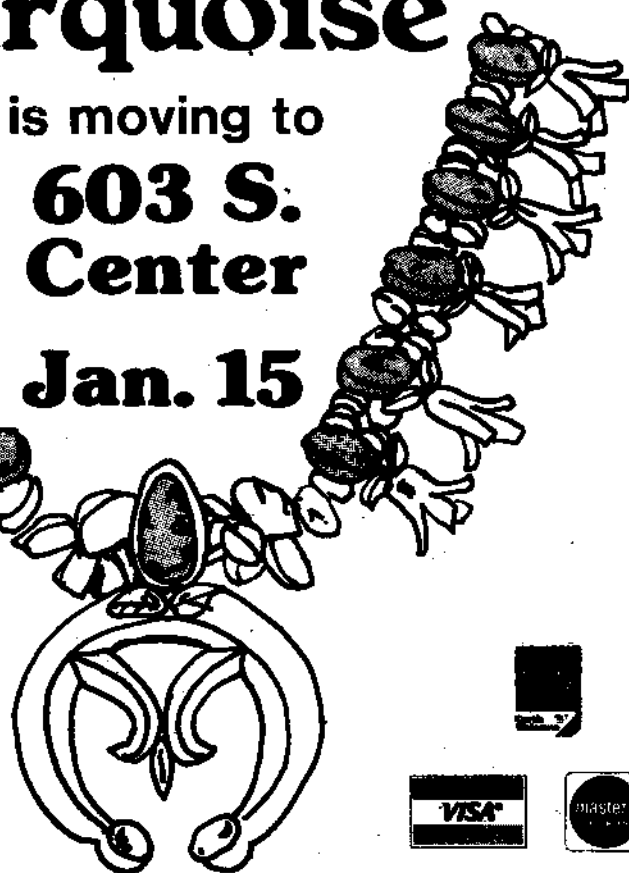
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John Middleton sentenced; struggle continues

--by the John Middleton Defense Committee

On January 6, John Middleton was sentenced by Judge Campbell to 1 to 7 years in prison-- and Campbell carefully explained that his aim was to give the state maximum "flexibility" in controlling Middleton. An appeal of the conviction is being filed.

The sentencing followed a little charade played out on January 3 and January 6. Both defense counsel and the counsel for the prosecution came to court on January 3 expecting that on that day Judge Campbell would rule on the post-trial motions of the defense and proceed immediately to

sentencing. Judge Campbell lectured them at some length that, after all, he might rule in favor of the defense.



EITHER: two experienced attorneys were as confused as any layperson; OR: that had been the plan until the John Middleton Defense Committee brought public attention to the case. Clearly Judge Campbell was most anxious to establish a good public image.

The prison system is designed (as even its defenders are more and more admitting) to destroy and neither to "rehabilitate" nor to "deter." Judge Campbell knows that. If John Middleton is to survive his imprisonment, continued support from outside is of crucial importance. The Defense Committee is arranging for such support.

BUT THE JOHN MIDDLETON DEFENSE COMMITTEE IS NOT JUST FOR JOHN MIDDLETON. IT IS FOR ALL WORKERS AND STUDENTS IN THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL AREA. WE ARE JUST BEGINNING OUR WORK-- AND WHILE WE PLAN TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE FOR JOHN MIDDLETON HIMSELF, THAT IS BUT A PART OF OUR TOTAL GOAL NOW.



We are here to stay; to search out and stop police harassment; to collect information on the activity of Detective James Roberts and force his dismissal from the Normal Police Department.

We will hold our next meeting on January 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Founders Suite of the ISU Union. All interested organizations and individuals are urged to attend. At that meeting we will make plans for the months to come, and, in particular, for our first public forum, to be held early in February, on Police and Battered Wives.

The Principles of the Defense Committee are: (1) Justice for John Middleton; (2) Fight Racism and Sexism; (3) Stop Police Harassment. Persons desiring more information should talk to Committee members at the booth we will maintain in the ISU Union every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the first two weeks of the semester, call 452-6180, or write the Defense Committee at P.O. Box 45, Normal, Illinois.

REMINDER: We are still collecting information on James Roberts. Anyone having information, please contact us. We also desire information concerning other police activity in the Bloomington-Normal area.

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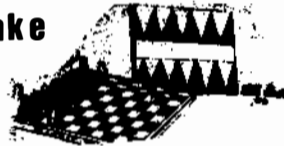
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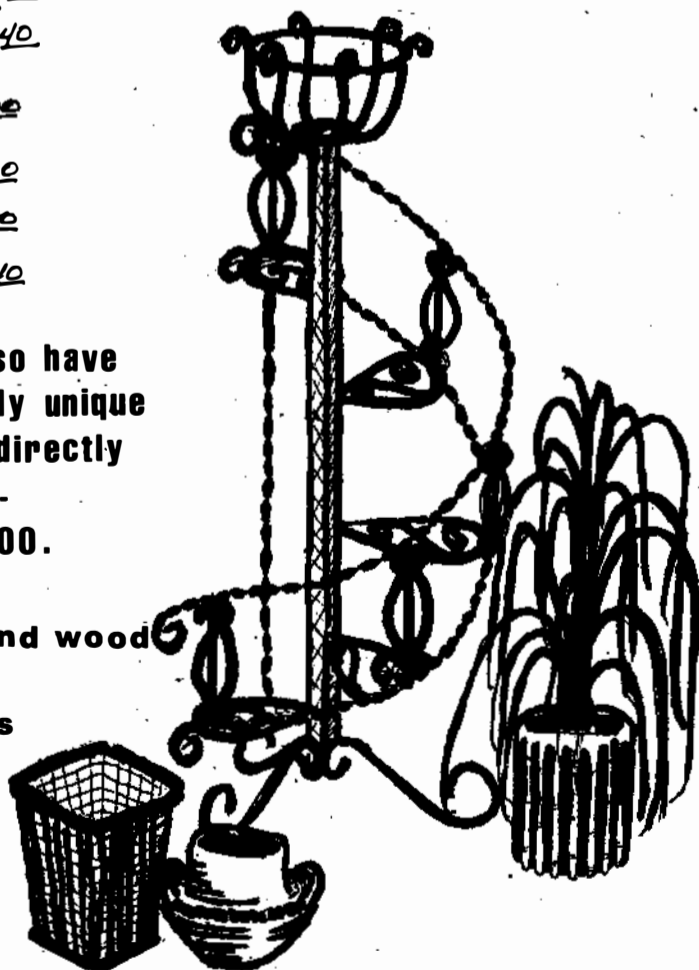


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Working at Planned Parenthood for two years, I've run into a lot of common myths about birth control. I'd like to publicly blast some of these myths.

"On the assumption that the menstrual cycle lasts 28 days, it would appear that the best time for conception is the 14th day of the cycle. Theoretically one may assume that

only during these 5 vital days a woman gets pregnant--the two days before ovulation, the day it occurs, and the two days afterward."

1) "A woman never gets pregnant the first time she has intercourse." NOT TRUE! A person not wanting to get pregnant should always use some form of birth control when having intercourse with someone of the opposite sex.

2) "I'm having my period so I can't get pregnant." Also not true. Usually the egg is not present during the menstrual flow. However, it's very hard to discover exactly when a woman is ovulating.

3) "The rhythm method of birth control is safe." Another myth. The rhythm method of birth control is based on the premise that restricting intercourse to a certain time of the menstrual cycle is a safeguard against conception. The premise is founded on four considerations: A) A woman can only become pregnant around the time of ovulation--when the egg (ovum) is released by the ovary. B) Ovulation usually occurs about 14 days before the next menstrual cycle. C) The egg lives only about twenty-four hours after its release from the ovary. D) Sperm live only about forty-eight hours after discharge into the vagina during intercourse.



The theory is good BUT in practice it's almost impossible to figure out your personal rhythm for several reasons. Women's menstrual cycles are not always regular, therefore we cannot be sure when ovulation occurs during our cycle. Also, sometimes those irregular cycles cause the woman to be more frustrated, which can upset hormonal balance and make the cycle even more irregular and unsafe.

The time when a woman ovulates during her cycle can vary by ten days at least from month to month--another reason it's really hard to figure out rhythm.

A basic riddle to ask yourself if you're planning to use the rhythm method is: "What are people who use the rhythm method called? Answer: Parents."

There are lots of other popular myths about the more tried and true birth control methods. For info, call Planned Parenthood and make an appointment to talk to someone. The Planned Parenthood Clinic is at 201 E. Grove, Bloomington, and the phone number is 827-8025.

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Another story explained how new ISU policies were deliberately aimed at interfering with the success of Student Stores, a new non-profit, cooperatively run textbook service.

Two articles raised serious questions about the competence of Dr. Richard Rudnicki, a Bloomington gynecologist. People's Food Co-op celebrated its first birthday. The Bloomington-Normal Council of Weed People, a group dedicated to lowering pot prices, announced a \$350 expenditure for bail--the money coming from the previously announced \$1 tax on lids sold locally. "The Male Dilemma" questioned traditional sex roles, and "Sports Infiltrated" was chosen as the title of a short-lived, but very unusual countercultural sports page.

Reading between the lines



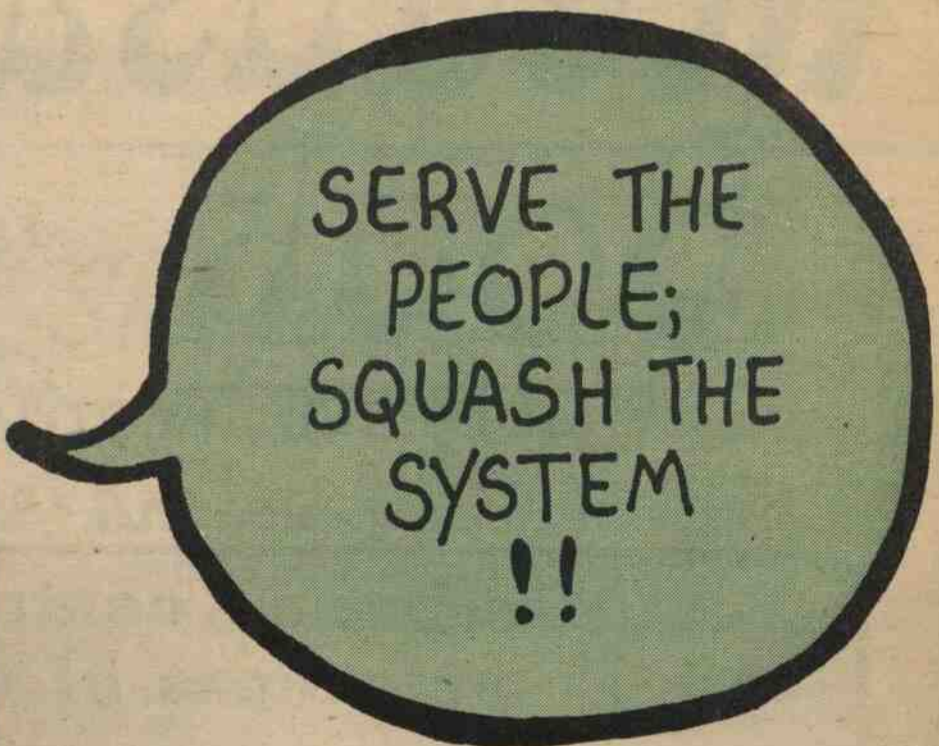
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Nabisco, is a 12-biscuit box of shredded wheat.

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