

THIS MONTH

1979 is International Year of the Child and will be commemorated in various ways throughout the year. January's Community Calendar celebrates the pain and joy of childbirth, and takes a look at the shocking incidence of infant mortality in the East Bay. Areas of East Oakland, North Oakland, and Emeryville have some of the highest rates of infant mortality (up to 26 per 1000 live births) in the country, according to recently disclosed studies. The issue is not only one of poor health care for minorities and women in particular, but of the poverty, unemployment, racism and sexism of our social system in general. For more about this rip-off of our most precious resource and what can be done about it, see the other side of this month's calendar. Also note the listings for January 8, 9, 12, 15, and 24 for events related to women, children, and health care.

January also commemorates the victory of the Cuban Revolution. On January 1, 1959, the US-backed dictator Batista admitted defeat and fled. After three years of guerrilla warfare in the Sierra, seven years of popular resistance in the cities which left 20,000 dead at the hands of Batista's police, and after centuries of Spanish, then US colonization and imperialist exploitation, the "First Free Territory of the Americas" was established. Many special events are planned this month to gain a better understanding of the continuing struggle for socialism going on 90 miles from the US. See listings for January 5, 12, 15, 16, and 27.

The Iranian and Nicaraguan people's just struggles for democracy and national independence, against bloody US-supported regimes, will be the focus of mass meetings to be held on January 10. The development of anti-imperialist solidarity between the working people's movements in the US, Iran, and Nicaragua is a crucial struggle—see January 10 listings.

**MON 1** New Years Eve Benefit Party. "Dancing Out the Bakke Blues," a celebration of the growing movement against racism, sponsored by the National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision, no-host bar, door prizes, at the Jazz Loft, 115 Main St (corner of Mission & Main), SF, 9 pm to 2 am, \$3.50 donation, call 621-0960 for more info.

**New Years Eve Benefit Party** for Abalone Alliance, Friends of the Earth, and the "No-Nukes Defense" of people arrested in the Diablo Canyon Anti-Nuclear Action, with dancing and live video broadcast of the Grateful Dead New Years Eve Concert from Winterland, at Temple Beautiful, 1839 Geary St, SF, 8 pm to 4 am, \$5 advance, \$5.50 door, call 346-0306 for more info.

**Eye Music**, Open Studio, potpourri of poems, skits, and songs by and for the deaf, with spoken translation, 10:30-11 pm, KQED-TV, Channel 9.

1975: *Armed Menominee Warriors occupy an unused 64-room Alexian Brothers monastery near their reservation in Gresham, Wisconsin, seeking the facilities for use as a hospital.*

1959: *Victory of the Cuban Revolution; ended US-aided Batista dictatorship.*

1863: *Emancipation Proclamation abolishes slavery in the US.*

**TUE 2** "A Minor Altercation," a film investigation of racial conflict in Boston's schools, and *Free People of Guinea-Bissau*, examination of reconstruction and education during guerrilla war, 8 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**Sazantes de Nuevo**, Open Studio, Los Dazantes de Alegria, young people's dance company performs regional Mexican folk dances, 10-10:30 pm, KQED-TV, Channel 9.

1920: *"Palmer Raids" carried out by federal police under the direction of Attorney General Palmer and J. Edgar Hoover, in which 10,000 workers active in trade-union and revolutionary movements were arrested; many of the large numbers of immigrants arrested were deported.*

1847: *"Battle of Mustard Stalks" in Santa Clara, California, where native Californians battled US troops in the last organized resistance to US occupation in California.*

**WED 3** Benefit and Rally for the Committee for a Competent Co-op Board, and the film, *National Land for the People*, soft rock and folk music by Deakin Street, 8 pm, \$1.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**Close-Up: Margaret Mead**, tribute to world-renowned anthropologist who died in November at the age of 76, 9 pm, KQED Channel 32.

**"Energy Exchange"** discussion program sponsored by Bay Area Energy Action, Inc. on "Creative Responsibility and Self-Reliance: What's Appropriate?," with Arcology c/circle, Planet-drum, and others discussing how we can foster a sense of community and mutual responsibility in the process of developing small-scale, self-reliant technologies, at Rm 3-D of Bldg 312, Fort Mason Center, SF, 7:30 pm, free, 771-8388 for info.

**"Thank God Its Over,"** a look at the Bay Area in 1978 by the Peoples Media Collective, on KPFA-FM 94, 6-45 pm.

**THU 4** "Black Tide," Nova program aftermath of most devastating oil spill in history, that of super-tanker Amoco Cadiz off Brittany last year, which discharged 68 million gallons into the ocean, 8-9 pm, KQED-TV, Channel 9.

1493: *Columbus returns to Europe, taking with him six Indian captives.*

**FRI 5** Problems of Families in Exile, discussion by Chilean psychoanalyst working with exiles, particularly children from the Southern Cone of Latin America, music by Rafael Manriquez and others, 8 pm, \$1, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

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**Health Care in Cuba**, forum with slides and presentation by health workers who have traveled to Cuba, sponsored by Venceremos Brigade, to be held at Zapata Street Academy, 3137 E. 14th St, Oak, 8-10 pm, \$1. 2.

1966: *First Tri-Continental Congress in Cuba, and creation of the Organization of Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa, and America Latina (Ospaal).*

**SAT 6** "Boxcar Bertha" and "Joe Hill," two films on labor struggles, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berk, *Boxcar* at 4:30 & 8:20 pm, and *Joe Hill* at 6:10 & 10 pm, \$2.75 students & members for both features, \$3.75 general.

**Peña Fiesta, Roots of Creation**, the best of Reggae music from Jamaica, 9-10 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**"Harlan County, USA"** (1976), Barbara Kopples' Academy Award-winning documentary chronicles efforts of 180 striking coal miners' families in Kentucky, 8-10 pm, KQED-TV Channel 9.

**"Free Tom Mooney"** an oral history of the Mooney-Billings case, one of the most notorious frame-ups in the history of California, on KPFA-FM 94, 3 pm.

**Concert of Anti-Sexist Men's Music**, with Blackberry, Charlie Murphy (Phila, PA), and Geoff Morgan (Nashville, Tenn) from the national organization Men Against Sexism and producers of the album "Walls to Roses" and with Gary Lapow of the Bay Area progressive dance band "City Spark" at Bethany United Church, 1268 Sanchez, SF, 7:30 pm, \$3 advance, \$3.50 door, children under 10 free, childcare provided, refreshments served, call 673-6023 x157 for more info.

1927: *US Marines invade Nicaragua for the second time to fight against the Sandinista Movement's national liberation forces.*

1946: *"Back Home Movement" in the Philippines begins as GIs in the Pacific Occupation Forces seize jeeps and tow the island, calling for mass demonstrations to demand an end to the US government plans to remain and occupy Asia.*

1937: *Abraham Lincoln Brigade forms to fight fascism in Spain.*

1970: *Miners in West Virginia stage a wildcat strike to protest the murder of reform leader Jack Yablonski.*

1975: *12,000 black workers strike at Vaal Reef's gold mine in South Africa.*

**SUN 7** Peña Concert with Art Landy on piano, playing jazz and folk, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**MON 8** Women's Political Images in Art, a slide presentation including paintings, posters, drawings and batiks, including Chicago Women's Graphics Collective, 8:30 pm, \$1.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**"Abusive Images of Women in the Media"** and their relation to rape and battery, slideshow, sponsored by Women Against Violence in Media and Pornography (WAVPM) at Berkeley Women's Health Center, 2955 Telegraph, Berk, 7:30 pm, call 552-2709.

**"Harlan County, USA"** (1976), Academy Award-winning film documentary of striking coal miners and their families in Kentucky, on KQED-TV Channel 9, 11:30 pm.

**"Images of Blacks on Film,"** with film *Birth of a Nation* (1915), presented in association with the Dept of Afro-American Studies, UC Berkeley, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berk, 7:30 pm, \$1.75 students & members, \$2.75 general.

1811: *Slave revolt outside New Orleans suppressed by US troops.*

1934: *Farmworkers in California's Imperial Valley strike to fight against growers' violence and kidnaping of organizers.*

1964: *US troops massacre Panamanian students protesting the continued occupation of the canal zone.*

**TUE 9** Women's Political Images in Art, a slide presentation of paintings, posters, drawings, batiks, cartoons and sculpture, presented by Rosalie Cassell at the Baechanal, 1369 Solano, Albany, 8 pm, \$1.50 donation, women only, over 21. 2.

**"Bullets are Beginning to Flower,"** a film from Mozambique, a convincing example of self-reliant, multi-racial nation-building in Southern Africa, and *Army*, a look at basic training and ROTC, higher education in service to the military-industrial complex, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**"Harlan County, USA"** KQED-TV movie of the week, see Jan 8.

**"The Price of a Union,"** West Coast premier of the first dramatic film from the People's Republic of the Congo, plus *Body & Mind*, 8:45 pm at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berk, \$2.75 students & members, \$3.75 general.

1946: *"Back Home Movement" spreads to include 18,000 GIs in Guam, 15,000 in Honolulu, and 5,000 in Calcutta marching against US government plans to continue the occupation of Asia.*

**WED 10** Benefit for the Committee of Solidarity with People of Nicaragua, slide show on the developments leading up to insurrection of Sept 1978, speakers on the current situation in Nicaragua and solidarity work in the exterior, 7:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**Concerned Americans for Human Rights in Iran**, public meeting at West Branch of Berkeley Public Library meeting room, 1125 University Ave, Berk, 7:30 pm.

**Gray Panthers Consciousness Raising Group**, topic is "The Common Disease of Aging," 1:30 pm at West Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave, Berk, also Gray Panthers general meeting 3-5 pm, West Berkeley Public Library, call 845-5208 for more info.

**"Fruit Punch,"** a program examining the question: How blind is justice when gayness becomes an issue before the law?, on KPFA-FM 94, 10:15 pm.

**"Harlan County, USA,"** KQED-TV movie of the week, see Jan 8.

**"Inti-Illimani,"** Open Studio program with top new Chilean singing group performing contemporary and folk songs, with text by Neruda, Parra, and Jarra, on KQEC-TV, Channel 32, 8:30 pm.

1776: *Tom Paine's pamphlet "Common Sense" published, stirring the movement for revolution and independence from the British empire.*

**THU 11** Traditional Latin American Dance & Music, Andean music complemented by dancers from Ballet Folklórico Latinoamericano of Oakland, 8 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**"Harlan County, USA,"** see Jan 8.

**"An Answer to a Cry for Help,"** an Open Studio program detailing services to help harried parents prevent harm to children, on KQEC-TV, channel 32, 8:30 pm.

**"Strike"** (1924), film classic by Sergei Eisenstein about the Russian Revolution, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berk, 5 pm, \$1.50.

1912: *20,000 textile workers in Lawrence, Mass. including many immigrants, women, and children, strike and picket for better wages and conditions.*

**FRI 12** The Baby Question: Having a First Child After 30? workshop and conference designed to present information for health-care providers, counselors, and consumers about the psycho-social and medical aspects of childbearing and parenthood, sponsored by Western Consortium for Continuing Education and Family Planning Program of SF Health Dept. to be held at Unitarian Center, Martin Luther King Room, Franklin at Geary, SF, 9 am to 5 pm, \$15 pre-reg advised, \$20 for nursing credit, for more info call 673-7266, childcare.

**Rally and March in Solidarity with the Patriotic Front**, the Southern Africa Anti-Mercenary Coalition, to demand that the US stop resupplying mercenaries to fight against the African peoples' just struggle for national liberation, assembling at Powell and Market Streets, SF, 3:30 pm, for info call 863-3717.

**Legal System in Cuba**, forum with slides, presentation on Cuban legal system by legal workers who have traveled to Cuba, sponsored by Venceremos Brigade, to be held at Zapata Street Academy, 3137 E. 14th St, Oak, 8-10 pm, \$1.

**Back in the Saddle**, bluesgrass, country western band playing original music as well as material from Hank Williams, 9 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**"Harlan County, USA,"** see Jan 8.

**"The Good Soldier Schweik,"** a film comedy about WWI from the play by Bertolt Brecht, sponsored by NICH, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission, SF, 8 pm, \$2.

**"Why Punish the Children?,"** a Turnabout program produced by KQED-TV about the problems of mothers and children for women in prisons, with interviews with three residents of the California Institution for Women, and a visit to a correctional facility where children live with their incarcerated mothers, on KQED-TV channel 9, 9:30 pm. Shown also on Jan 13 at 5 pm, Jan 14 at 11:30 am, Jan 15 at 2 pm and Jan 17 at 9 pm on Channel 32.

1917: *Mass march in Washington, DC demands women's suffrage.*

**SAT 13** Sexteto Diablo, the best salsa band in the entire area, 9:30 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**"Three Tales from Japan,"** comedy for ages 5-50, Peña Children's Program, authentic folk-tales in a style combining traditional Japanese drama with vaudeville, by performers sponsored by the drama section of Oakland Parks & Rec, who have been touring the Oakland Public Schools, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk, 1 pm, children \$1, adults \$1.50. 2.

**"Caution: Living may be hazardous to your health!"** Science Story program about carcinogens and health planning, with Peabody Award-winning journalist Laurie Garrett, on KPFA-FM 94, 3 pm.

1942: *The first communist daily in the English language, The Daily Worker, begins publishing.*

**SUN 14** Open House, introducing the Trade Union Educational League (TUEL), a mass organization of workers actively fighting in the interest of the working class on the job, on strike, or in organizing the unorganized, featuring presentations on principles of unity, entertainment and refreshments, 3105 School Street, Oakland, donations, call 532-1447 for time. 2.

**Orientation for Volunteers for a Safe Place**, shelter and services for battered women and their children, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 959 12th St, Oak, 1-3 pm, call 444-7233 for more info.

**"Shoot the Piano Player"** film by Francois Truffaut, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**"The Mother"** by Bertolt Brecht, performed by the San Francisco Mime Troupe, on KPFA-FM 94, 3 pm.

**Nominations Convention for BCA** (Berkeley Citizens Action), come and support your favorite grassroots candidates for mayor, city council, school board, etc. in the upcoming April Berkeley city elections, sponsored by BCA, at Columbus School, 7th St & Allston Way, Berk, 11:30 am to 5 pm, free, childcare provided, call 549-0816 for info.

**"Gimme a Break,"** one of six-part highly acclaimed series on controversies in American civil liberties, discusses the issue of affirmative action in hirings and admissions, with Adi Gevins, Peabody Award-winning reporter, and Kathy McAnally, on KPFA-FM 94, 10 am.

1975: *Portugal signs an agreement with the Angolan national liberation movements, granting transition to independence after 14 years of armed struggle.*

**MON 15** Healthcare in Cuba, by the California-Cuba Health Brigade, a slideshow from a recent three-week intensive study/tour, 8 pm, \$1, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**"Abusive Images of Women in the Media,"** slideshow, 7:30 pm, 228 Hugo, SF, see listing for Jan 8.

**"Images of Blacks on Film: Two Rare Early Musicals"** film presentation by Dept of Afro-American Studies, UC Berkeley, with *Hearts in Dixie* (1929), 7:30 pm, and *The Golden Dawn* (1930), 9 pm, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berk, \$2.75 students & members, \$3.75 general.

1929: *Birthdate of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**TUE 16** "At 8 or 9 in the Morning," Felix Green's documentary on educational changes in the People's Republic of China, and *Childcare*, a composite of several small community-run childcare groups in NYC, and *History of a Battle*, about Cuba's Bay of Pigs battle and the Literacy Campaign, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**"El Brigadista"** (The Teacher), a Cuban feature film about a young boy who is part of Cuba's 1961 Literacy Campaign, sponsored by Venceremos Brigade, will be shown at Roxie Theater, 3117 16th St, SF, 7 pm and 9:15 pm, \$2.50. 2.

**WED 17** Benefit for AIM (American Indian Movement), constantly blending culture, spirit and awareness to make advances against hundreds of years of repression and genocide, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

1961: *Patrice Lumumba, leader of the struggle against Belgian colonialism in the Congo, assassinated.*

**THU 18** The Plutonium Players, anti-nuclear theater presents Rockefeller and King Tut in *The Rocky Hieroglyphs Show*, players will join in discussion of energy issues after play, at the Network Coffeehouse, 1036 Bush, SF, free, call 989-6097.

**Education Workshop for Teachers**, approaches to literacy with discussions on film, scripting, radio drama, with Herb Kohl, 3:30-6 pm, films made by children followed by discussion, 7:30, \$1, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**"Potemkin"** (1925), film classic of mutiny aboard a Russian ship during the Bolshevik revolution, by Sergei Eisenstein, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berk, 5 pm, \$1.50.

1973: *Henry Galindo, an immigrant undocumented worker in Texas, wins court trial establishing that undocumented workers are eligible for workers' compensation if injured on the job.*

**FRI 19** Waterfront Writers and Artists, an exciting group of dock workers active in the arts presenting their unique view through poetry, stories and slideshow, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**The New Right**, a forum at the East Bay Socialist School with Sasha Gregory-Lewis, Alan Wolfe and others, 6:25 Shattuck, Oak, 8 pm, \$1 donation, childcare. 2.

1920: *The first multi-racial strike in Hawaii begins with 6000 Japanese and 2700 Filipino sugar plantation workers walking off the growers' spot \$12 million to break the strike after six months.*

**SAT 20** The San Francisco Talko Dojo, drumming not only as a discipline of mind and body in the spirit of complete respect and unity among the drummers, 9 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

1973: *100,000 demonstrate in Washington, DC at Nixon's second inauguration, demanding that Vietnam Peace Agreement be signed.*

1973: *Amílcar Cabral, leader of struggle against Portuguese colonialism in Guinea-Bissau, assassinated.*

**SUN 21** Benefit for Gerónimo Pratt, music of *Marlene* (Afro-Asian Music Collective), filmed interview with Gerónimo and speakers, sponsored by Gerónimo Pratt Defense Committee, 8-10:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk, childcare.

**MON 22** "Images of Blacks on Film," a presentation in association with Dept of Afro-American Studies, UC Berkeley, with *Imitation of Life* (1934), 7:30 pm, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berk, \$1.75 students & members, \$2.75 general.

**Open Poetry Reading**, people wishing to read their own poetry should arrive by 8 pm, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

1932: *500 tenants in the Bronx, NY win a battle with police to prevent evictions, a common struggle during the Great Depression.*

**TUE 23** "A Child is Waiting," film drama about the plight of a mentally retarded boy abandoned by his parents in an institution, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

1946: *100 Black veterans march on the Birmingham, Alabama State Courthouse demanding the right to vote.*

**WED 24** "With Babies and Bandwagons," the story of the Women's Emergency Brigade of the UAW's Flint sit-down strike of 1937, and *Union Molds*, about three organizers in the '30s, sponsored by News & Letters Committee, 7:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**Gray Panthers Consciousness Raising Group**, topic is "Use of Personal Space," at 5:30 pm, West Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave, Berk, also Gray Panthers general meeting 7-9 pm, West Berkeley Library, call 845-5208 for more info.

1920: *The US Labor Dept rules that membership in the Communist Party is grounds for deportation.*

1848: *Sutter's Mill, California. Gold discovery begins the Gold Rush and leads to the slaughter of entire Indian peoples by gold seekers.*

**THU 25** Latin American Update, presentation of current events in Latin America, 8:30 pm, \$1, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**"Ten Days that Shook the World"** (1927), film classic of the Russian Revolution by Sergei Eisenstein, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berk, 5 pm, \$1.50.

**FRI 26** "Let 100 Flowers Bloom," a forum at the East Bay Socialist School with Ernie Brill reading his own and others' revolutionary poetry and fiction, 6:025 Shattuck, Oak, 8 pm, \$1 donation, 652-1756, childcare. 2.

**Evening Program with the United League of Mississippi**, with speakers Skip Robinson, President, and Lewis Meyers, attorney, sponsored by Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition (ABDC), at St Benedict's Church, 2245 82nd Ave, Oak, 7:30 pm, donations, childcare provided, call 648-4280 for more info.

**Peña International**, a true pena, an informal evening of music initiated by cultural workers of La Peña, 8:30 pm, \$1 includes a glass of wine, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**Leap Forward**, dance theater by Consuelo Faust and Linda McCormick, Everybody's Creative Art Center, 351 21st St, Oak, \$3, call 451-1230.

**SAT 27** "Journeys Made and Yet to Come," a pictorial history of the Chinese in America, sponsored by Asian Community Library and Chinese Historical Society of America, filmstrip and film presentation on history of Chinese Americans, plus exhibit of photographs at the Library, Jan 22 to Feb 28, 125 14th Street, Oak, program 1:30-3:30, free, call Judy Yung, 451-5620. 2.

**Cajun Festival with the Louisiana Players**, the best Cajun music west of the Mississippi, 9:30 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**Culture in Cuba**, presentations and demonstrations on Cuban culture, music and dance, folklorico, cancion protesta, dance music, sponsored by Venceremos Brigade, to be held at Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission, SF, 8 pm, \$2.50.

**Leap Forward**, see Jan 26 listing.

1973: *Vietnam Peace Treaty signed, largely as result of struggle of Vietnamese workers and peasants, and international condemnation of US aggression, culminating in final withdrawal of US forces.*

**SUN 28** Benefit Dinner and Dance, fundraiser for Committee to Abolish Prison Slavery book, dinner for \$2 from 6-10 pm, *Tanito* will play dance music 8-12 pm, plus CAPS presentation, Stary Plough Irish Pub, 3101 Shattuck, Berk, call 548-3379 for more info. 2.

**An Evening with Woody Guthrie**, his songs for you and your children, Lenny Anderson singing, Bruce Greene reading his stories, Ed Robbin, and Art Peterson for the kids, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**MON 29** "A Well Spent Life?" film portrait of the great Mance Lipscomb, *The Blues Accordin'* to Lightnin' Hopkins, and *The Son's Gonna Sings*, three films about the blues and ebullient cotton, Les Blank will be present, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**Panama Breakfast/Benefit for United League of Mississippi and Berkeley Citizens Action**, a breakfast with two members of the 60,000-strong grassroots United League of Mississippi, a dynamic civil rights organization, sponsored by BCA and ABDC (Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition), 10 am, for location call 549-0816, \$2.50 adults, \$1.25 children under 11.

**Open House** for winter term sponsored by East Bay Socialist School, 6025 Shattuck, Oak, 2-5 pm, 652-1756, free. 2.

**"Images of Blacks on Film,"** a film presentation in association with the Dept of Afro-American Studies, UC Berkeley, with *Cabin in the Sky* (1943), 7:30 pm, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berk, \$1.75 students & members, \$2.75 general.

1936: *First use of "sit-down strike" tactics by thousands of rubber workers on strike in Akron, Ohio.*

**TUE 30** Daily Life in China's Communes, examining in detail social, cultural and political aspects of life. *The New School*, film from Cuba showing growth in school construction as well as the building of a new spirit, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

**"Song of the Canary,"** a new film about workers' struggles against industrial hazards & disease in America, with the filmmakers in person, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berk, 7:30 & 9:30 pm, \$1.75 students & members, \$2.75 general.

**WED 31** Benefit for the Chile Newsletter, *Border Street*, prize winning film from Poland about the Nazi occupation and people's natural response to fight repression culminating in the 1943 Warsaw uprising, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2.

1971: *Vietnam Veterans begin "Winter Soldier" investigations to expose US war crimes.*

ETCETERA

**Important Hearings on Children's Health** will be held in January: the State Dept of Health is considering requiring the pharmaceutical industry to label medications which may be hazardous to pregnant women or their babies, and testimony is encouraged from people with personal experiences, technical or scientific information, or strong feelings on the issue. Hearings will be held at the end of January in Sacramento, and interested persons should write or call the Office of Regulations, Dept of Health Services, 714 P St, Sacramento 95814, (916) 322-4990 to be notified of hearings, or call Arlyce or Katy at Bananas childcare referral service, 548-4344.

The Federal Trade Commission is considering regulating children's TV advertising and hearings will be held on this subject on Jan 15-26 in San Francisco. For more information call Janet Ewome at Consumers Union, 431-6747.

**Women's Health Care**, including abortion, prenatal classes, and GYN is provided on a sliding-fee scale basis by EveryWoman's Clinic, 2600 Park Ave, Suite 208, Concord, 825-7900, the only community health center in Contra Costa County. 2.

**Oakland Feminist Women's Health Center** offers a Pregnancy Screening & Counseling Clinic, Abortion Clinic, Self-Help Clinic, and Physical Fitness, Self-Defense, and Rape Awareness Clinic, at low cost. The Self-Help Clinic starts Jan 4, 7-9 pm, 2930

## NEW FORMAT

The East Bay Community Calendar is changing its format this month to allow the growth of the publication toward an increased circulation and a stronger base of financial self-support. With this 35th monthly edition of the Calendar, we can see the progress in both the appearance and effect in the community that has been made over the last three years. The changes will make room for "sponsorships" or ads, while maintaining the space devoted to the feature stories on significant community issues.

The Calendar will continue to apply a revolutionary outlook in the selection of political and cultural events and issues. We want to publicize the struggles for basic democratic rights and against racism, sexism, and other divisions among people in our communities. Our goal is to advance the movement for radical social change, for the independent political power of working people over their lives.

## SPONSORS

Starting in February, "sponsorships" or ads will be available on this page, on both sides of the Calendar's feature story. Due to the limited amount of this prime advertising space, we are encouraging community organizations, workplaces, social or cultural groups, and service projects to make use of the opportunity to publicize your efforts and services. Your message will reach a wide-ranging audience who are particularly interested in community affairs, and will not be lost in the back pages of an overcrowded newsprint publication. Community-oriented businesses are welcome to advertise also. Organizations and businesses which distribute the Calendar may especially want to help sponsor us with an ad. A Calendar worker may be calling on you this month for your sponsorship. Check out the "Ad Rates" and "Distribution."

## AD RATES

- Basic rate is \$10 per column inch (1"x2 1/2") per month. 10% discount on ads continuing for three months or more.
- Discount rates available to community groups; please inquire.
- Ads should be submitted in "camera ready" layout form by the 21st of the preceding month.
- Help or advice with layout and design, reductions, enlargements, copy for ads is available through Inkworks.
- To place an ad, call Inkworks/Community Calendar at 652-7111 Mon-Fri, 9 am to 5 pm, or mail ad copy and payment to Community Calendar, 4220 Telegraph, Oakland, CA 94609.

## Infant Mortality...

The medical reasons for infant deaths are clear. Prenatal care is critical, especially in the first 3 months of pregnancy when potential complications, such as sickle cell anemia and high blood pressure, can be detected. Over 90% of women in the Oakland Hills-Piedmont area receive pre-natal care in the first three months. In contrast, over 60% of the women delivering babies at East Oakland's Highland Hospital received no prenatal care in this period. Without any prenatal care at all, babies in California stand an 80 per 1000 chance of death.

In poor and working class communities, prenatal and health care in general is typically scarce or non-existent. Most doctors locate in wealthier areas, community health clinics suffer low budgets and cut-backs and private hospitals prefer patients with money. Public hospitals, like Highland, often have no prenatal care, are understaffed, and insensitive to the needs of the community.

Nutrition, both for the mother and growing baby, is another important factor in infant mortality rates. A healthy diet, especially protein and a balance of vitamins, becomes a problem for many women who may lack nutritional information or enough money for the right food. Tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and many over-the-counter or prescription substances can have ill effects on both the mother and baby.

Working conditions, job-related hazards, and environmental pollution may present health risks to developing babies. Pregnancy leaves are often inadequate, if they are given at all. Working women, especially single mothers, must face these work-related risks in order to survive economically.

## Socio-Economic Factors

According to Joe Selby of San Antonio Clinic, "The main problem is poverty." Without money, a pregnant woman cannot get the nutrition necessary to keep her and her fetus well. She may not be able to get to a clinic or doctor for lack of transportation or lack of childcare for other children. East Oakland has the highest unemployment rate in Northern California and twice the poverty level of any other area of Oakland.

Racism is reflected in the fact that infant mortality rates are 50% higher for Third World women, regardless of income and education levels. It is manifested in the shortage of services in minority communities, the inferior care and overcrowded waiting rooms of public hospitals, and the cultural chauvinism of many doctors. At Highland Hospital, the all-white obstetricians who come from San Francisco one night a week to deliver babies are frequently termed "arrogant and inconsiderate" and unconcerned about the predominantly minority community. The

shortage of Third World doctors (witness the Bakke decision) and near absence of Third World people on medical boards of directors and boards of trustees both reflect and intensify racial disparities.

The lack of maternal and infant care is consistent with other expressions of sexism that women receive from the male-dominated medical system. Along with forced sterilization, obstacles to abortion, and experimentation with contraceptives and drugs, the denial of decent prenatal health care violates women's reproductive rights.

## Health Care is a Right

Infant deaths are a symptom of a health care system that operates on the profit motive. The "health industry" is the second largest industry in this country, and it is extremely profitable. This industry includes hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, health and life insurance companies. The primary goal is to maximize profits, not to provide preventative health care. Quality medical care is not a right, but the privilege of a few.

After persistent efforts by groups in the East Oakland community, and after the shocking disclosure of infant mortality rates were made known, the State finally responded by allocating \$2 million to 17 clinics in the area over a three-year period. However, this is still woefully inadequate. No overall plan has been developed, and no funds beyond this time period allotted. Over 60 organizations have joined in the Coalition to Fight Infant Mortality. To help in this effort or for more information, call 562-5261.

## Resources

- Alameda Health Consortium (a coalition of 13 health care centers): 653-6355
- Birthways (information on birthing, also Black Nursing Mothers Group): 653-7300
- Bananas (information and referrals on health and childcare): 548-4344
- Berkeley Women's Health Collective (pregnancy counseling, GYN, etc): 843-6194
- Clinica de la Raza (prenatal & postnatal care, etc): 261-4773
- East Oakland Community Health Alliance: 635-1283
- Everywoman's Clinic (Concord, pregnancy screening, pre-natal): 825-7900
- MIC Maternity & Infant Care Program (prenatal, delivery, post partum): 644-6450
- Oakland Community School & Peoples Medical Clinic (GYN clinic, pediatrics, etc): 562-5261 or 653-2534
- Oakland Feminist Women's Health Center (pregnancy screening, counseling, GYN, etc): 444-7664
- Public Schools (programs for pregnant minors): Berkeley 548-5060, Oakland 836-8228
- San Antonio Clinic (prenatal & post-natal care): 834-8216
- West Oakland Health Center: 835-9610
- WIC Program (Women in Community, extra money for nutrition): 835-9888 or 652-9329

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## Infant Mortality

For Oakland, particularly East Oakland, there's a certain macabre irony to the old saying, "The rich get richer and the poor get children." For in parts of Oakland, the scarcity of maternal and infant health care means a high incidence of premature births, of low birth-weight babies, of growth retardation, of learning disabilities, a high rate of teenage pregnancies, and most tragically, an extraordinarily high infant mortality rate. In parts of East Oakland, 26 of every 1000 babies die before their first birthday—a rate exceeded in only one other US urban area—central Harlem. In North Oakland and Emeryville the rate is 23 per 1000, and in West Oakland, 20 per 1000.

Infant mortality is a barometer of the overall health care climate. It is used to compare the quality of health care between communities and between countries. For instance, in the North Oakland Hills-Piedmont area, the infant mortality rate is 3.6 per 1000. Under Sweden's socialized medicine, the best overall health care in the world, infant mortality is 9 per 1000. The US average is 16.5 infant deaths per 1000. And the quality of health care is a barometer of the economic and social conditions.

"What we're really talking about in this country is social advantages, about educational and social factors which impinge upon our ability to get good health care, that make us sicker and poorer!" —Dr. Jo-sette Mondanaro, director of Oakland's new Perinatal Health Project, in an interview with the East Bay Voice. (continued)

