

THIS MONTH

JULY 79

The US System of [In]Justice is the issue taken up in this month's Calendar. The recent verdict of manslaughter in the Dan White murder case has brought the glaring inequities of the judicial system to light once again. As renewed executions hang over the heads of the hundreds of mostly Black death row prisoners, as the Supreme Court deliberates the destruction of affirmative action programs in the Weber case, as our youth are shot down in the streets by police operating under the traditional protection of "justifiable homicide," the nature of the justice system—"America's Fastest Railroad"—becomes clearer and the struggles against it intensify. See the other side of July's Calendar for more.

National Independence in the US is celebrated July 4. However independence for peoples under the domination of US economic imperialism is still being fought for. This month the national liberation struggles of Native Americans (see July 4), Puerto Ricans (see July 7 & 15), and Nicaraguans (see July 13 & 15) are featured. July 26 marks the 26th anniversary of the beginning of armed resistance which led to the overthrow of the US backed Batista dictatorship in Cuba. Many events focusing on the Cuban construction of socialism under the continuing economic blockade by the US are scheduled this month (see July 3,9,10,17,23,26, 27).

SUN 1 Kip Harvey sings, in a first anniversary celebration for A Safe Place shelter for battered women. Tracy Gardner will speak on battered women, stereotypes in the Women's Movement, 8 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3109 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Pre-registration at La Peña, for their children's program which will be offered free throughout the whole month of June, apply in the restaurant, or call Marian or Malena at 849-2568, La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

1921: Shanghai, China: founding of the Communist Party of China. 28 years later, the CCP led by Mao Tse-tung, defeated the forces of imperialism and began to build socialism in China.

MON 2 Anda Jalel, a group of flamenco singers, dancers and guitarists presenting a colorful and festive program of authentic Spanish dances, 8 pm, \$2.50, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Disabled Women and Sexuality. After a long history of being forgotten, ignored, and invisible, disabled women are fighting for their rights, including the right to be seen and accepted as sexual beings. Sponsored by the Berkeley Women's Center, 7:30 pm, at Center for Independent Living. Donations requested. ☺

Going Straight, this program outlines a successful release program for criminal offenders at the San Francisco County level, 9 pm, KQED-TV, Channel 32.

TUE 3 El Brigadista. This film is a moving story about 15-year-old Mario, sent to a small village in the Zapata Swamps with the literacy campaign. 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Meet the Antonio Maceo Brigade, an organization of young Cubans who left Cuba before the age of 18 because of parental decision, and who oppose the economic blockade of Cuba. They will visit Cuba this summer in the first opportunity to see their families in almost 20 years. The Cuban film Brigadista will be shown, 6 pm, free, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

"Institutional Obstacles to Creativity in the Media," sponsored by Tabloid: A Review of Mass Culture and Everyday Life, a group of media workers, meeting with media critics, will discuss the politics of creativity in mass media, 2:30 pm, free, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

1835: Patterson, NJ. Children at textile mill strike for 11-hour day and 6 day week.

WED 4 Whose Independence Day? AIM for Freedom presents a continuing declaration of independence and Native American Resistance, 2 pm to midnight, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

1776: US formally declares its independence from Britain and fights for five years before England recognizes it.

1930: National Unemployed Council formed with slogan, "Don't Starve, Fight!"

1976: Philadelphia: 40,000 stage counter-bicentennial demonstration demanding among other things independence for Puerto Rico.

THU 5 An Evening of Multi-Cultural Poets, a poetry reading with three poets: Hilton Obenzinger, Luisa Teish, and Aurora Levin Morales. All three are politically active Bay Area poets, 7 pm, \$2, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

The Green Wall, a spellbinding extension of Cruse and Thoreau, in which a young family escaping the pressures of life in Lima tries to hack an existence out of the lush, overgrown Peruvian jungle, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

1934: San Francisco: Bloody Thursday: dockworkers (IWW) on strike demanding union recognition are attacked by police; 2000 GIs ordered to SF as 127,000 workers from all local unions stage one of America's greatest strikes two weeks later.

FRI 6 Flamenco with Anzonini del Puerto, the legendary Andalusian Gypsy singer and dancer, 8:30 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Black Music in America. This film depicts the history of black people's contribution to American music, filming performances of Louis Armstrong, Nina Simone and Bessie Smith among others. Also showing is Roberta Flack and Thank You Ma'am. La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Squash, the San Francisco Mime Troupe's new comic extravaganza set in the nightmare world of a gas-starved, water-starved, and food scarce "typical suburban neighborhood" in Anaheim, California, with lively salsa, ranchero, funk and Broadway-like show tunes. Noon at the Civic Center, SF, free. ☺

1892: Battle of Homestead. Strikers at Carnegie Steel win 12-hour battle with 300 Pinkertons. Both sides heavily armed, the workers using cannons and burning oil against the Pinkerton boats.

1965: Berkeley students try to block Vietnam-bound troop train.

SAT 7 Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War, a national mobilization with a Bay Area demonstration at Pleasanton Women's Prison, where Puerto Rican POW Nydia Esther Cuevas is held. Call 285-9473 for more info.

Night of Solidarity with Chilean Resistance, sponsored by Comité Chile en Lucha, a forum with the film When the People Awake, 7:30 pm, St. Jonah Lutheran Church, 22nd and Capp, SF, childcare available. ☺

Nestle Boycott Update Training. A review of new films, update on history and recent events, and organizational training. Sponsored by the Northern California Infant Formula Action Coalition, 10 am to 2 pm, 2600 Bancroft, YWCA, Berk. ☺

Brazilian Fiesta with Corpo Santo, an Afro-Brazilian folkloric and fiesta group, performing lively and very danceable music, 9:30 pm, \$3.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Squash, Mission Dolores Park, 2 pm, see July 6 listing.

Women's Dance and Concert, with Chevere, a women's samba band, and Berkeley Women's Music Collective. A benefit sponsored by Lesbian Schoolworkers, 9 pm to 1 am, \$3.50 to \$7, call 652-3330 ext 392 for childcare and rides for disabled women, San Francisco Women's Bldg, 3623 18th St, SF, women only. ☺

African chicken dinner, sponsored by the Zimbabwe Material Aid Campaign, group singing and a political forum on the current situation in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, all to raise money for food, clothing and medicine for the people fighting in Zimbabwe, 6 pm, \$4, Mission Neighborhood Center, SF.

Asian Films, featuring To Be Me: Tony Quon and others, offered by the Asian Community Library, noon to 2 pm, Oakland Public Library, 124 14th St, Oak, free.

SUN 8 "The Politics of Psychiatric Drugs," medical cure or social control? A slideshow focusing on the mental "health" system as a tool of social control. Sponsored by the Bay Area Committee for Alternatives to Psychiatry, 7:30 pm, free, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Tom Schibner with his musical saw. An old warrior, a musician and a revolutionary active since the IWW and famous up and down the coast, 8 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Benefit Auction for the Union City Pre-Post Release Project, operating since 1976 in providing youths with meaningful work to reduce crime in the community. Food, entertainment, good quality items. Noon to 6 pm, Lake Elizabeth, Pesco Pedre Parkway, Fremont.

Squash, Mission Dolores Park, 2 pm, see July 6 listing.

MON 9 Benefit for the Coalition for the Medical Rights of Women with Mary Webb, Jennifer Lawson, Margaret Cesa reading their works and poems, \$2, 8 pm, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Lucia, the classic of Cuban cinema, a panoramic tapestry of three Cuban women in three periods of the Cuban Revolution, depicting their limitations and powers within a particularly probing cultural context, 8 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

TUE 10 East Bay Feminists Against Nukes, a meeting with new members welcome, 7:30 pm, free, 2134 Allston Way, Berk.

Lesbian Health Care Clinic is having an organizational meeting at 7 pm. Lesbian health providers needed, women encouraged to come with their ideas and experience to help the clinic meet the needs of the lesbian community, 7 pm, Berkeley Women's Health Collective, 2908 Ellsworth, Berk. Call 834-6194 for childcare. Women only.

"One Way or Another," a vivid film depiction of the suspicions and conflicts of people who have lived a marginal existence in the shantytowns around Havana and their hesitations to participate in the sum clearance and reconstruction, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Working in Feminist Projects, a presentation of a study of Berkeley Women's Health Collective workers done by Carolyn Lee Arnold, with a discussion of changes on feminism and politics, job skills, education and self-confidence, 7 to 9 pm, free, 2908 Ellsworth, Berk.

1973: Andrews and Lane, South Carolina: 700 textile workers, mostly black, win six-month strike at Onetta Mills. An important step in organizing the "unorganized South."

WED 11 Dessie Woods Support Coalition is having a benefit to raise funds for the international tour of Damesha Blackearth, Chairman of the National Committee. A slide show, "War Without Terms," speakers and cultural performances, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, Childcare provided, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

1905: Meeting of black leaders near Niagara, NY led by W. E. B. DuBois, opposes the appeasement policies of leaders such as Booker T. Washington, and urges all black people to fight for their democratic rights: no segregation in voting, education, courts and juries, the armed forces or health facilities.

THU 12 Central America: A Rising Tide, in Guatemala and El Salvador, people are organizing against dictatorship, a panel with the latest news from these two countries, plus a film and cultural presentation, sponsored by the Guatemala News and Information Bureau, \$2 donation, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

An Evening with Woody Guthrie, this show brings to life the greatest poet and songwriter the US has known, Lenny Anderson and Art Peterson sing many of his songs while Bruce Green tells the stories Woody told, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Poetalk, sponsored by Bay Area Poets Coalition, with Philip Havey and Fred Pollack, 7:30 pm, West Branch Public Library, 1125 University Ave, Berkeley, free.

1863: New York City: Draft Riot, 1000 people, mostly blacks, killed, as the Civil War escalates and blacks are blamed for the War.

1951: US enacts Public Law 78 permitting importation of Mexican farmworkers (braceros) to do "unwanted" farm labor. By 1960, over three million braceros had worked for US growers. Paid below minimum wage, living in substandard housing, superprofits are raked in from bracero labor.

1967: Newark, NJ: An armed rebellion by blacks begins here. In 1967, 58 other cities erupt.

FRI 13 "I Have A Dream," the life and forces that brought him to the leadership are explored by using actual news film footage, along with Weapons of Gordon Parks, this film explores the environment of Parks' background and presents his thoughts on being a Black, 7 pm, free, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

An Evening of Solidarity with the Nicaraguan People, featuring slides, music, up to date reports, poetry and speakers, a good opportunity to express our internationalism, 8:30 pm, \$2 donation, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

SAT 14 Unite Bookstore is having a grand opening celebration, featuring the Haight Ashbury Arts Workshop which will perform a satire on Diane Feinstein and redevelopment, there will be folk singing, poetry, door prizes, and refreshments, 1 to 4 pm, free. Unite is a new political bookstore offering many books and periodicals from various workers' and national movements, 3528 Foothill Blvd, Oak.

Pena Fiesta with IBEX, a very international group with members from Trinidad, Jamaica, Ethiopia and Cameroon. Reggae, Hi-Life, and Calypso, 9:30 pm, \$3.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Update on the Independence Movement, an educational forum on the developments in Puerto Rico, a speaker from the National Committee to free PR POW's, Dylcia Pagan, \$2.50, 7:30, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission, SF.

Asian Films, featuring China: The Enduring Heritage and others from China, noon to 2 pm, free, Asian Community Library, Oakland Public Library, 124 14th, Oak.

1925: Nicolo Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, radical labor leaders, are framed by the US government and sentenced to death in the electric chair, despite mass protests around the world.

SUN 15 Nicaragua: Patria Libre o Morir, a documentary of the fall 1978 uprising by the FSLN and the spontaneous support of thousands of Nicaraguan citizens, 7:30 and 9 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Intimacy Workshop, intimacy need not be limited to the context of sexual relationships, this kind of looseness and warmth can occur any time, led by Katherine Pyle at Berkeley Women's Center, 7 pm, donations, 2955 Telegraph Ave, Berk.

Squash, a new play by the San Francisco Mime Troupe, 2 pm, free, Mission Dolores Park, SF.

1877: The first National Railroad Strike as workers fight wage cuts and speedup. Federal troops sent in to stop it, in the earliest use of the Army on a large scale to break a strike.

MON 16 "Seasons of Women," a dramatic reading for women voices of cross-cultural experiences: poems, myths and rituals, from many cultures, a benefit for the Berkeley Community YWCA, 8 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Squash, see July 15 listing.

TUE 17 "The Last Resort," a film showing by the East Bay Anti-Nuclear Group about the 1977 occupation at Seabrook, New Hampshire where over 1400 people were arrested, discussion to follow in strategies for the anti-nuke movement, 8 pm, donation requested, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

"Memories of Underdevelopment," the film diary of a middle-class intellectual caught in the midst of the rapidly changing social reality of revolutionary Cuba, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

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WED 18 N.O.W. Organizational Meeting, the local East Bay Chapter of National Organization of Women invites you to attend an open meeting, issues of primary concern include preservation of abortion rights, equal rights amendment, preservation of affirmative action, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Gray Panthers General Meeting, sponsored by the members of the Berkeley Gray Panthers, 7 to 9 pm, free, West Berkeley Library, 1125 University, Berk.

"When The People Awake," a prize-winning documentary examining Chile's "peaceful transition from capitalism to socialism" and its impending tragedy, 8 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

1968: Nationwide boycott of all California grapes called by the United Farmworkers Union.

THU 19 Latin American Update, a special program sponsored by La Peña that spotlights the most important current events taking place in America, 8 pm, \$1 donation, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Back in the Saddle, a string, vocal and reed arrangement, delivers music in the form of hard driving blue grass, country swing, dixie-style blues, 9 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Breaking up is hard to do, this workshop will deal with breaking apart as lovers, partners and friends, learn how to break up and still communicate, call for the Women's center for more info at 548-4343, 7:30 pm, donations. ☺

Squash, see July 6 listing.

1848: Seneca Falls, NY: First Women's Rights Convention called by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott.

FRI 20 Peru Hoy, a short play, songs and dances of the Peruvian people, slides and varied information about the present situation in Peru, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Body and Soul, a film examining Black American's contribution to sports in America with interviews of Harry Edwards, Tommie Smith and others and the aspect of soul, singer Ray Charles explains that because of the isolation and misery and humiliation suffered as an American black man, he developed many of his own music and dance forms; also shown, The Legend of John Henry, 7:30 pm, free, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

SAT 21 "There's Something Moving" an exciting evening of jazz-fusion and spiritual based blues, four of the most talented musicians around: Mary Watkins, Linda Tillery, Jerene Jackson, and Jan Martinelli, 9 pm, \$3.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Squash, Precita Park, 2 pm, see July 6 listing.

Beverly Grant in Concert, in a rare west coast appearance, former leader of the Human Condition, this dynamic singer, songwriter and guitarist makes her audiences think hard about imperialism, sexism and racism but feel good about ourselves and our power to change things, 8 pm, \$2 to \$2.50 sliding scale, San Francisco Women's Bldg, 3623 18th St, SF.

Asian Films, showing Children of Korea, The Japanese and Vietnam Today, noon to 2 pm, free, Asian Community Library, Oakland Public Library, 124 14th, Oak.

SUN 22 Progressive Politics in Cities, a workshop sponsored by the East Bay Socialist School featuring Florence McDonald, Chester Hartman, Michael Rotkin among others, speaking on such topics as working with bureaucrats, grassroots organizations and city politics, 1 to 4 pm, \$3 donation, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

"Black Artifacts in America," a new slide show of poetry and music of the Black woman in America, presented by Luisa Teish, Jan Faulkner, Linda Powell, and Renee Geba, a benefit for a Black Woman's Conference being organized for the fall at Laney College by the Berkeley Women's Center, 8 pm, \$2.50 donation, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Berkeley Women's Center Picnic/Reunion, come play softball and feast in the sun with us, also a reunion for the Black Lesbian Support Group, bring food to share, women and children invited, 11 to 5 pm, at Codrines Park, Cedar and Euclid, Berk. ☺

Squash, see July 15 listing, at Precita Park, SF.

MON 23 Beverly Grant and Ruthie Gorton, from opposite ends of the country, New York and Los Angeles, these two very talented women come together to offer a very singular type of music, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Occupational Health and Safety in Cuba, members of an occupational health and safety group recently returned from Cuba will make a presentation about occupational health and safety there, slides, music and a question and answer period, donation requested, 7:30 pm, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Squash, see July 15 listing, at Precita Park, SF.

TUE 24 The Last Supper, a new film based on a real historical incident, is a provocative, engrossing moral tale dealing with universal themes: transference of guilt, avoidance of responsibility, the human desire for freedom, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

1967: Detroit, Michigan: 101st Airborne Division ordered to smash a Black urban rebellion, 27 murdered during 4 days of fighting.

WED 25 Gary Lapow, Lenny Anderson and Ruthie Gorton, three very original and very pertinent singers and song writers, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

An Evening of Latina Poetry and Art, featuring six Bay Area Latina poets and artists displaying some of their creative talents, come and enjoy an evening of culture, 8 to 10 pm, \$1.50 donation, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

1898: US imperialists invade Puerto Rico, beginning American colonization of the island nation that continues today.

THU 26 Cuba's 26th Anniversary of the Moncada attack, a celebration beginning with the slide presentation for children "The History of the Cuban Revolution" using Cuban Children's Art, a presentation about Cuba today, and a text with Rene del Mar, a very fine Change band, \$2.50 donation, 7:30, co-sponsored by the Venceremos Brigade, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

US-Cuban Relations, Pat Fagan, professor at San Jose State and long-time Cuba watcher will analyze and evaluate the history of relations and the current situation, along with a member of the Venceremos Brigade, 7:30 pm, donation requested, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. ☺

1953: Cuba: Fidel Castro leads assault on Moncada Barracks. This marks the emergence of the 26th of July Movement and signals the beginning of armed struggle.

FRI 27 Asian Artists, the Community Asian Art and Media Project (CAAMP) invites you to an organizational meeting in its efforts to consolidate artistic talents in the community, 7 pm, at Asian Manpower Services, 477 15th St, Oak, call 548-5519 for more info. ☺

La Nueva Trova, a tribute to the assault on the Moncada Barracks, New Cuban songs with slides and poetry, 9 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

An Evening of Poetry and Prose, sponsored by the Women Writers Union, with Susan Dambroff, Hope Hayes, Sukey Durham, Sarah Marsh, 7:30 pm, \$1.40 donation, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. Childcare available. ☺

Campaign for Economic Democracy, presents a dance benefit to send a progressive community band to summer music camp, dance to East Bay Mud at Ashkenaz, 9 pm, \$2.50, 1317 San Pablo Ave, Berk. ☺

Squash, see July 6 listing, at Oakland City Hall Plaza.

SAT 28 Sexteto Diablo del Ritmo, the band that made Pittsburgh, Calif, famous, come early and get ready for a great night, 9:30 pm, \$3.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Squash, at 2 pm, Live Oak Park, Berk, see July 6 listing.

Asian Films, featuring films of dances from China, Korea, Japan, India, and Indonesia, noon to 2 pm, free, Asian Community Library, Oakland Public Library, 124 14th, Oak.

1914: Beginning of World War I, competition for profits among the major capitalist powers broke into open war as England, Germany, the US, and France fought to "redive the world among themselves."

1932: Wash, DC: Bonus March: The Bonus Expeditionary Force, comprised of 20,000 WWI veterans, march on the Capitol demanding the bonus promised them by Congress. Troops commanded by Gen Douglas MacArthur, Col Dwight Eisenhower, and Maj George Patton attacked their camp with bayonets, tear gas and tanks, killing two people.

SUN 29 Palestine Cultural Day Festival, experience Palestinian culture through dance, food, music, arts, and more, 10 am to 9 pm, at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park, SF, \$1, under 12 free.

"State of Siege," a film benefit for the October 30 Committee, call 849-2568 for more info, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

Squash, 15 2 pm, Live Oak Park, Berk, see July 6 listing.

1970: Delano, California: United Farmworkers Organizing Committee and grape growers sign contracts ending successful 5-year grape strike.

MON 30 Nuestra Cosa, a film benefit for Commonarts, a highly acclaimed film with music, dance and salsa from New York starring the Fania All-Stars, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

"Visualization: a tool for relaxation, self-healing and creative problem solving, by Laura Pilnick, feminist therapist, donation requested, 7:30 pm, Berkeley Women's Center, 2955 Telegraph Ave, Berk. ☺

TUE 31 Spear of the Nation, a timely and hard hitting documentary report on the black liberation struggles now being waged throughout Southern Africa, along with South Africa: The White Laager, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. ☺

ETCETERA

The Community Asian Art and Media Project is looking for a staff supervisor and four artists experienced in silkscreening, layout, photography, writing skills, typing and lettering, submit resumes by June 27 to CAAMP c/o Estelle, 1322 Webster St, Suite 402, Oakland, Ca 94612.

Everywoman's Clinic is offering classes in Self-Help for Women, a four week group teaching self-examination and sharing health skills, every Wed starting July 5, 7:30 pm, donations, 2600 Park Ave, #208, Concord. —

La Peña Children's Program, from July to August classes in music theory, recorder, clown theatre, salsa, Brazilian Marching Band, Mondays to Fridays, 10 am to 1 pm, free, sponsored by Common Arts, call 843-4010 for more info.

Developmental Issues of Adult Life, a Conference from July 7 to 8 sponsored by the Institute for Labor and Mental Health with workshops focusing on: living and dealing with inflation, forming relationship and understanding what makes them so difficult to sustain, problems of parenting, sexuality, and more, \$20 to \$40 sliding scale, call 653-6166 or 655-6513 for more info.

Berkeley Women's Health Collective is sponsoring two support groups, one is on the first Tuesday of each month for older women to get together in experiencing the middle years, also support groups for women who want to share experiences of important changes in their lives, every Thursday at 7:30 pm, call 843-6194 for more info.

Willard Park Pioneers Fun Club, a children's summer program that offers arts and crafts, trips, sports and games, music and drama, and more for \$15.75 per week, Mondays to Thursdays 9:30 to 2:30 pm, call Julie Geiger at 848-5600.

Having problems with rising rents and falling plaster? California Housing Action and Information Network (CHAIN) can help in solving your housing problems with an emphasis on organizing, call 653-4613 or come to the office at 6529 Telegraph, Oak.

The Coalition for the Medical Rights of Women, has moved to the Women's Building, 3543 18th St, SF, their new phone is 621-8030.

Learn Your Rights as a Tenant, contact the Berkeley Tenants Union, 2022 Blake St, Berk, they have workshops every Tuesday at 7:30 pm, donations requested, call 843-6001 for childcare. ☺

The Data Center is a unique wealth of information on file about the political economy of the US and Latin America. It provides invaluable resources for use by labor, political, church and community groups, investigative journalists, researchers, and students. The Data Center staff collect, index, and retrieve information on labor, capital, the government, social service groups, and individuals. For example, there are over 50,000 news articles on Latin America on file, more than 300 periodicals, annual reports and other corporate information on more than 1500 US corporations, and over 3000 reference books. The staff offers to help find information, conduct workshops on using the Center, a self-serve copier, and more. Hours are 1-5 pm, Mon-Fri, at 464 19th St, Oakland, call 835-4692 for information.

The Zimbabwe Material Aid Campaign, is the Bay Area's response to an international appeal for material and political support for the ongoing struggle being waged by the people of Zimbabwe, in 1978 they raised \$50,000, 200 tons of medical supplies, and 32 tons of clothes, a dinner benefit will be held July 7, see listings.

7500 Calendars distributed throughout the East Bay at over 150 community locations can help publicize your group's activities. Listings in the Calendar are free. We are especially interested in listing political and cultural events which advance the struggles of all working people for democratic and human rights, for independent political power, and against the racism and sexism which keeps people divided, deadline: the 21st of each month.

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EAST BAY CALENDAR of POLITICAL & CULTURAL EVENTS

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The East Bay Community Calendar has changed its format to allow the growth of the publication toward an increased circulation and a stronger base of self-support. The format makes room for "sponsorships" or ads, while maintaining space devoted to feature articles on significant community issues. Ads are available on this page (see ad rates). Your message will reach a wide ranging audience who are particularly interested in community affairs, and won't be lost in the back pages of an overcrowded newsprint publication. We are encouraging community organizations, social or cultural groups, and service projects to make use of this prime space to publicize your efforts and services.


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- Discount rates available to community groups; please inquire.
- Ads should be submitted in "camera ready" layout form by the 21st of the preceding month.
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- 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.

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Dan White, however, is white, an ex-cop, ex-fireman, ex-city supervisor, and fast food concessionaire—the archetypical "All-American boy made good." A good deal of the defense's case rested on fostering an image of White as a traditional, law abiding, nice guy who cracked under pressure and acted totally out of character. No malice, no cause. To quote one of the defense psychiatrists, "It's inconceivable that Mr. White, who couldn't even tell off someone who stepped on his toe in a line, say, could plan something heinous."

But how consistent is this image with the hostility and aggressiveness conveyed by White's own campaign literature? For example, one of his pamphlets states, "You must realize there are thousands upon thousands of frustrated, angry people such as yourself waiting to unleash a fury that can and will eradicate the malignancies which blight our city."

"I am not going to be forced out of San Francisco by splinter groups of radicals, social deviates, incorrigibles. . . . By choosing to run for supervisor of District 8, I have committed myself to the confrontation which can no longer be avoided by those who care."

The "diminished capacity" defense rests on the contention that White was psychologically distraught and acted in the heat of passion at the time of the killings. White's emotion-wracked taped confession was used. Much was made of his supposed repentance and grief by the defense.

Yet, testimony to the contrary was never presented by the prosecution, although it was known to be available. In an interview with Warren Hinkle of the San Francisco Chronicle, James Denman, undersheriff at the time of White's booking, indicated that White was always super-cool, calm, apparently untroubled—and was well received by many of the other police officers. White's fear and hostility toward what he termed "radicals and social deviates" was shared by others on the police force. According to Denman, "There's a profound paranoia about gays in the police department—something you find in macho subcultures of men. The prosecution didn't want to deal with this."

In the aftermath of the verdict, it became apparent to many that the standards of the law are applied differently in different cases. It became clear that damage to property can draw more condemnation than can

bodily harm; there was much uproar over the damage done to City Hall while little consideration was given to the victims of police aggression. Property damage is called "violence" while human damage is "law and order." It became ever more obvious that minority communities of any type are not protected by law from police forays against them.

- June 11, 1976: Jose Barlow Benavidez is murdered by police officer Michael Cogley in East Oakland. The killing is



ruled "accidental" and Cogley never prosecuted.

- March 17, 1979: Fifteen year old Melvin Black is shot six times by three Oakland police officers. It is called "justifiable homicide." His crime: carrying a B.B. gun. The officers who killed him have not been prosecuted.

It is fine that the jury has spoken. But this is not final. There are things to be done to prevent future injustice. What we do rests on what we have learned.

At City Hall

All night long, the night of the attack on City Hall reporters talked about broken windows but not of broken promises
newsmen reported the number of police cars set on fire but not the expectations of justice vanished in flames
Commentators condemned mob irresponsibility, in effects but not individual and collective irresponsibility, as cause.

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On a cold November morning, nine-teen hundred & seven-ty-eight, Dan White got up to go down town, he took his thirty-eight. He went to see the mayor to de-mon-strate his rage, he was on-ly go-ing to 'act it out,' it was just an emo-tional stage. Lit-tle Dan-ny threw a tan-trum, and now two good men are dead, and the jury they just 'slapped his wrist and sent him up-to dead.

Six months have passed and the verdict came like a blow to my jaw. Somehow Dan White was innocent in the "just" eyes of the law. But if he had no malice as required for murder one. Then why'd he pack those extra rounds, hell why'd he pack his gun.

And on this there is no question if he'd been Black instead of white, They would have sent him to the chair, hell, he'd be dead tonight, But the system would not take the life of that "every mother's son." Was it sympathy that blinded them to the bloody deeds he'd done?

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WHITE VERDICT: ADDING INSULT TO INJURY

On November 27, 1978, San Franciscans were shocked and appalled by the double murders of Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone by ex-supervisor Dan White. Many people erroneously assumed Dan White would be convicted of first degree murder in the course of justice. It was taken for granted that in committing two senseless murders, White had essentially forfeited his own life to a sentence of the death penalty or life in prison.

On May 21, 1979, however, salt was poured on fresh wounds when San Franciscans learned of White's voluntary manslaughter verdict, which holds a maximum sentence of seven years, eight months. San Franciscans cringed in appalled disbelief at the outcome of the trial. Tensions ran high in the city, especially in the gay community where a particular loss was felt with the death of Harvey Milk.

That same day, in response to the verdict, two to three thousand angry people, predominantly gay, demonstrated at City Hall, calling the verdict unjustly light. Frustration among some of the demonstrators erupted into rock-throwing, window-breaking, and police-car burning. Scores of TAC squads, policemen, and deputies from San Francisco and surrounding counties were called in. Police "crowd control" erupted into head-cracking. After the confrontation, 42 police were treated for cuts and bruises re-



ceived in battle; 120 demonstrators, presspeople, surprised tourists and passersby were treated and hospitalized for broken ribs, punctured lungs, and multiple skull wounds. One man underwent brain surgery after receiving a head wound.

On May 22, early in the morning, police invaded the Castro St. area, pursuing people on the street, dragging people out of bars and beating them.

WHAT PRICE "JUSTICE"?

It has been said that the judicial system does not concern itself with achieving justice but rather with conforming to the law. Much of the outrage felt both inside and outside the gay community comes from the recognition that any number of

people, had they committed the same crime, would have received a verdict of first degree murder and possibly faced the death penalty. In fact, many have received harsher sentences for lesser acts.

- Cassandra Peten, a young Black woman beaten repeatedly throughout her marriage, takes a gun with her when meeting her ex-husband at a bank because she is afraid of him. When he attempts to leave with nearly all the money from their joint tax return, she shoots and wounds him. She faces a six year sentence.
- Seventeen year old Filipino, Julius Domantay was tried for the robbery-shooting of a grocery store owner. Though a minor committing his first offense, Domantay was sentenced to life imprisonment.

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