

PRAIRIE CALENDAR

SAT 3 PM PRAIRIE THEATER PARTY. All participants will meet at the Badger  
 30 MAR Bus Depot at approximately 2:45 PM. Bus leaves at 3 PM; return  
 bus leaves Milwaukee at 10 PM. Round trip fare: \$ 3.65.

SUN 10 AM LOVE, FEAR, AND AGRESSION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PRIMATES,  
 31 MAR led by Orie Loucks.

WED mid- DEADLINE FOR 15 APRIL NEWSLETTER  
 2 APR night

THUR 8 PM BOARD MEETING, Portal Foster Center  
 4 APR

SAT 8 PM Beginning and Intermediate Folk Dancing at First Society  
 6 APR

SUN 10 AM INTERPRETING ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS FOR HUMAN PROBLEMS, with Dr. Stephen  
 7 APR Suomi, Dept. of Psychology and the Primate Laboratory.

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 SUN PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING, Tuesday, April 9  
 14 APR 10 AM EASTER: PASSEOVER: SPRING SHAKING: SECOND ANNUAL ALL-PRAIRIE  
 EASTER MORNING POT LUCK BRUNCH. What we eat, and what we do,  
 is up to you. Bring food to share and something to say, read,  
 sing, or make into music. Also, bring 1 uncolored hard-boiled  
 egg per person, your own dishes and silver. Coffee and juice  
 will be furnished; we will eat first.

SAT ? DASHIKI PARTY, with First Society. A U-U charity.  
 20 APR

SUN 10 AM To be announced.  
 21 APR

FRI-SAT ? Ric MASTON  
 26-27 APR

SUN 10 AM Dr. Gardner  
 28 APR

SUN Trip to the Kickapoo for fiddle heads with the Loucks' and Clarks.  
 28 APR

SAT PM PRAIRIE AUCTION AND PARTY, at the Clark's, 1134 Waban Hill.  
 4 MAY

SUN 10 AM Two programs on rat society  
 5 & 12 MAY

SUN ? MUSIC BY THE BURNING SUN.  
 12 MAY

SUN ? Walk in Galistel Woods. Orie Loucks will act as guide.  
 12 MAY

SUN ? Outing on the prairie  
 19 MAY

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 CHILDREN'S ACROBATIC CLASSES will be held at First Society during spring vacation by  
 Carol Buse, a qualified instructor. Carol was a performing acrobat through high  
 school, and has taught in Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Madison. Classes will be held  
 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, April 15-18. Students in 4th  
 grade and up are scheduled for 9-9:45 AM (Cost \$ 6), and those in 1st-3rd grade from  
 10-10:30 AM (Cost \$ 5). Classes will be limited to ten students, so early registration  
 is advised. Obtain applications from First Society or from Elaine Naughton, 5608  
 Crestwood Place (238-2863).

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\* NOTICE: There is a strong possibility \*  
\* that there will be NO NEWSLETTER for... \*  
\* the first of May, as your editor is \*  
\* entering St Mary's hospital on the \*  
\* 10th of April to undergo surgery... \*  
\* ... therefore: please get as much \*  
\* of your news for the first two weeks \*  
\* of May to me by April 3rd, as you can \*  
\* so that I can get it into the 15 April \*  
\* newsletter. Also, when it is possible \*  
\* try to get your items in before the \*  
\* deadline. We would operate much more \*  
\* efficiently if everyone didn't wait \*  
\* until the last minute or a day or two \*  
\* after the last minute before submitting \*  
\* the material they want printed. This \*  
\* is particularly true of the items in \*  
\* the Prairie Calendar, since the rest of \*  
\* the newsletter cannot be laid out until \*  
\* the calendar items are in. \*  
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\* NOTICE: Madison will host the \*  
\* CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT ANNUAL \*  
\* MEETING next November. This 3 \*  
\* day meeting will be held, prim- \*  
\* arily, at First Society. The \*  
\* Prairie Denominational Affairs \*  
\* Committee is meeting with First \*  
\* Society in gathering ideas for \*  
\* program and hospitality. Are \*  
\* you entertaining a special \*  
\* idea which Unitarians might \*  
\* benefit from exploring as a \*  
\* program theme? We'd like to \*  
\* hear about it. Some recent \*  
\* themes have been: The Amer- \*  
\* ican Dream, Urban Problems, \*  
\* and Individual Action vs. More \*  
\* Traditional Church Activities. \*  
\* Contact Betsy Roberts, Ruth \*  
\* Calden, or Beth Perry to dis- \*  
\* cuss your thoughts and opinions \*  
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THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECEIVED ON MARCH 14th

I'd like to thank you on behalf of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the 3,000 Farah strikers for the help you've offered during the Caravan campaign. This strike and the people involved are very important to Americans everywhere because the entire experience has proven once again that Americans refuse to be divided, men against women, Chicano against Anglo, rich against poor, blue collar against white collar. It's been a true step toward social justice and responsibility which is so necessary to the continued progress of our culture.

Without your help, and the help of others, like yourselves, our victory couldn't have been possible.

(signed)

Alissa Eve Prero  
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to Aid Farah Strikers  
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THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE has made two more "Prairie Recognition" awards. A check for \$60 and a letter of appreciation went to the BLUE BUS, located at 222 N. Bassett Street, in which nurses, doctors, and medical students treat venereal disease, free of charge and free from the social stigma often associated with such disease. The Blue Bus has been treating approximately 25 Madison citizens per night for over 4 years, and operates only with the financial help of groups such as ours. Our gift will be used to help buy a centrifuge they have needed for a long time.

The second award goes to JACK OSTERBAS in appreciation for his tremendous personal energy in instigating and maintaining PROJECT FRESH START. For the past few years Jack has trained and guided teenage boys, many of whom are school drop-outs and have arrest records. Jack finds homes that need remodeling, then trains the boys to do the work. In acquiring skills such as carpentry and brick-laying, the boys gain the experience needed to find jobs or the motivation to reenter school. Jack has not only greatly helped the boys involved, and the people who acquire the houses, but the entire Madison community. The Social Action Committee sends to Jack its sincere thanks and a check for \$25.

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NOTICE: The McElreath's are looking for a house to rent by June 1st in the area affectionately known as the "Prairie Ghetto." If you hear of one (unfurnished), let them know about it, or let it know about them.

EDITORIAL:

YOUR AUTOMOBILE: SERVANT OR MASTER

Do you own a VW Beetle, or another of the small cars costing under \$3000 and getting 25 or more miles per gallon on the highway? If so, then you're in luck. That next trip to Milwaukee (177 miles, round trip) will only cost you \$21.24, or \$17.59 more than the round trip bus fare. Of course, for the extra money, you are buying the dubious convenience of seeking and finding a close, safe, and advantageous parking spot once you arrive, so it's well worth the extra cost, at the rate of 12 cents a mile.

If, on the other hand, you own a luxury car with all the modern conveniences, such as automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, and a few electrical gadgets, maybe you ought to think twice before taking off. The operating cost of a car priced at \$5-6000 and getting 10-13 m.p.g. on the highway is \$.20 per mile, and that little junket to Milwaukee is going to cost you \$35.40, or the price of 9½ round trip bus tickets. However, since all of us don't drive to Milwaukee, you might like to know that if you drive to Ella's on Sunday, the tab is \$.50-80. If you drive to Chicago, it's between \$36 and \$60 (ouch! Did you ever think of flying; it's cheaper); and if you should ever decide to drive to New York, the cost is \$360 without the tolls or extras. You would have to carry two other passengers to break even, which would allow for stopover at a cheap motel--provided no one stopped to eat along the way.

How many miles do you put on your car in a week? If it's approximately 200 miles, you're not doing a great deal of driving, but it's costing you \$25-\$40 per week. At the risk of really turning your hair white, I might mention that you can also figure the cost of your automobile on a daily average rather than on a mileage basis. Using this computation, you will find that it costs you \$4-6 every time you park your car in the office parking lot for its daily eight hour rest period.

In case you'd like to verify these figures, they are predicated on driving a distance of 100,000 miles over a ten year period (if you don't drive that distance over that length of time before trade-in, adjust the figures upwards accordingly), and include initial cost, interest, fuel, insurance, maintenance, parking, and state and federal taxes. You might also check the Federal Highway Administration pamphlet entitled, "Cost of Operating an Automobile." Or, better yet, if you've got the courage (my figures and the government's are on the conservative side), keep a record of every penny you spend on your automobile from purchase to demise. I did, and discovered that the 1962 VW for which I paid only \$1200 in cash and operated under economic savings (as an overseas civilian employee of the government) which you could not possibly approximate, had cost me \$9360 at the end of nine years, or \$20 for each and every week I had owned it.

Does this make you wonder whether the love affair we carry on with our automobiles is really love . . . or a form of indentured servitude? And . . . who is the master of whom?

. . . . Pat Watkins

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THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE has given a new school bell to the children at Portal Foster Center, to replace the one that was so dramatically "swiped" a few weeks ago by a mob of misguided marauders. The bell is used for fire drills, etc. and has often been heard by Prairie members on Sunday mornings, summoning the holy to prayers.

\*\* FLASH!! Please note, as word reached us too late to squeeze all the information on the Calendar, that there will be a PROGRAM COMMITTEE meeting early in April, on Tuesday, the 9th, at 7:30, at the Parrishes' house, 302 Glenway. Any questions, call Chairman Terri Laurence, 233-7385.

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