



# Prairie Fire

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## CALENDAR

Sunday, November 7

- 10:00 a.m.--MOBILIZATION FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS  
by Martin Drapkin
- 10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes  
Child care available

Friday, November 12

- 7:30 p.m.--TRADITIONAL SOUTH AMERICAN MUSIC  
by Sotavento (see story)

Saturday, November 13

- 7:30 p.m.--Playreading at Nettleton's, 645  
Sheldon St. 238-6053. We will  
read Wm Inge's, DARK AT THE TOP  
OF THE STAIRS.

Sunday, November 14

- 10:00 a.m.--MEN'S LIBERATION by Michael  
Biernbaum & Patrick duCharme of  
the Madison Men's Center
- 10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes  
Child care available

Sunday, November 21

- 10:00 a.m.--COMING APART; DIVORCES AND OTHER  
PAINFUL SEPARATIONS by Dorothy  
Weatherby
- 10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes  
Child care available

Sunday, November 28

- 10:00 a.m.--WORLD HUNGER: IMPOSSIBLE TO END  
USING OUR PRESENT METHODS  
by Dave Zakem
- 10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes  
Child care available

## R.E. CORNER

The "Heroines and Heroes" class members are trying their hands at making little books to emulate Beatrix Potter's skills and familiarity with animals. They are even giving animals personalities just as she did! And the week after next they will develop secret codes of their own, as she did during her childhood so that no-one else could read what she wrote.

The "UU and You" class is continuing to explore every aspect of Prairie, learning first how our group functions before going on to the larger organization.

The following quote from the address given to the freshman class by Stanford President Donald Kennedy seems so appropriate that I want to share it: "This is not a world in which many things are certain. We often need to exist for a time in the presence of awkward, unresolved difficulties...but there is comfort in sharing a challenge. . . .I wish for you a strong, but not incapacitating, skepticism about certified truth. . . .The impermanence of the written word, the instability of conventional wisdom, is an important part of the intellectual dynamic in which I hope you will choose to live. . . .Confidence in your own capacity to analyze, interpret, project, experiment, and reason includes the suspicion that others may have it wrong."

Pat Cautley

## EVENING OF ANDEAN MUSIC AT PRAIRIE

Sotavento plays exciting and vibrant selections of Andean and South American music. The group has played for many benefits in Madison.

The program committee has gone to great efforts to bring Sotavento to Prairie. Come if you can: donations \$1.50; children, free.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 14

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Les Lyons, Doleta Chapru and the Bullens met Monday evening to discuss several concerns centering on the Salvadoran refugees. Those present felt that the most practical way to help the refugees is to designate donations given to UUSC for this purpose. Donations given through Prairie Social Action Committee will be doubled by the Veatch Foundation.

## BENEFIT POETRY READING FOR MADISON PEACE ACTIVIST HELEN WOODSON

George Vukelich, Agatha Church, Lea Zeldin, Dennis Trudell, Andrea Musher, Robert Stephenson, and Dan Esser will participate in a Benefit Poetry Reading for Madison peace activist, Helen Woodson. Readers will read their own poetry, poetry of others, and poetry written by Helen Woodson.

On September 2, Helen Woodson poured her blood on flags, walls, and the seal of the president in Cross Hall of the White House in a nonviolent act of civil disobedience. Woodson's act of conscience and following of her religious principles came after 2 years of prayer and thought. The act was an outcry of a religious political activist against the horror of nuclear weapons; a defiance of the law which makes such weapons legal, and an expression of hope for our human future.

The Reading will take place at the University Catholic Center, 723 State St., Friday, November 5, 7:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the University Catholic Center Nuclear Disarmament Group.

Following is the statement Helen Woodson handed out during her action.

You have just witnessed a non-violent protest against nuclear weapons. While you may be shocked and angered that someone would enter the President's house and deliberately pour blood there, we would ask you to reflect for a moment on the meaning of a house. The person who did this action is, like many of you, a parent raising young children. Like you, she knows that the proper purpose of a house is to provide a place for the nurturing of life, the sharing in love of all the joys and sorrows that life entails.

Our government's "defense" policies will, if not stopped by the people, inevitably lead to the destruction of all life. When the Bomb falls, the blood of our children, of all children, will spatter the walls of homes exactly as did the blood in the White House today.

We can no longer accept the moral separation that exists between our lives at work and our lives at home. We cannot allow our-

BUILDING CLEANUP	
Nov. 7	Erin Bosch & ??? ???
" 14	Bob Nelson & Chuck Vetzner
KITCHEN CLEANUP	
Nov. 7	Fran Johnson & Jean Quay
" 14	Joyce Crim & Diane Chambliss

## A DECISION

Just thought we'd let you know that we've decided to go our separate ways. It's an amicable parting, and we both view it as an important developmental experience. We both need to grow, but can't together.

Jennifer will be living with Mom. Marty can be reached at 238-6493.

We ask for your continued love, concern, and support for the three of us in this difficult time.

Marty & Susie Drapkin

## BRING CANNED GOODS FOR FOOD PANTRY

Boxes will be in the entry during November for your donations of canned foods to go to folks in need. Special appeal before Thanksgiving Day!

selves or our President to plot murder by day in antiseptic offices and return home in the evening as if nothing had happened. Our work must, and in fact does, follow us home, and if that work is bloody, the blood falls also upon the walls of our homes.

None of us wants any family to die in nuclear war--not our own families, not Russian families, not the President's family. Yet, if we silently accept our government's policy, we have given our consent to mass murder. The silence must be broken. The act you witnessed today was an outcry against the horror of nuclear weapons and an expression of hope for a human future without bloodshed, a future of reconciliation and peace.

I set before you life or death,  
Blessing or curse.

Therefore choose life

So that you and your children  
might live.

Deuteronomy 30:19

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