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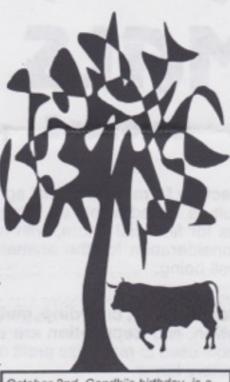
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## WORLD FARM ANIMAL DAY, OCT. 2ND

West Michigan for Animals and Vegetarian Awareness Society of Grand Valley State University will conduct the local informational picket to observe World Farm Animals Day on Wednesday. October 2nd in front of the Mac-Donalds, Burger King and Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants on 28th St. SW, west of Michael/DeHoop Streets. The annual visibility against the cruelty and waste from the meat industry will be concluded with a candlelight vigil at 7:30 PM. Activists are asked to bring their own sign or posterboard and candle or flashlight and be a visible presence in the public right-of-way in front of the targeted national fast-food chains.

This international day of protest is sponsored by Farm Animal Reform Movement (FARM) and is an annual event with WMFA.

For more information, please call 459-1982. In case of steady rain, the protest will be cancelled and persons can meet at the Institute for Global Education office at 1400-B Lake Drive SE.



October 2nd, Gandhi's birthday, is a international day of awareness of the problems with the meat industry and the health problems from eating meat Each year, nearly nine billion cows, pigs, sheep, and other feeling, innocent animals are caged, crowded, deprived, drugged, mutilated, and manhandled in US factory farms, auction yards, and slaughterhouses, until the butcher's knife ends their agony.

Veal calves are torn from their mothers at birth and chained by the neck in tiny wooden crates. They are denied natural food, bedding, sunlight, or room to turn around. They sufferfrom diarrhea and respiratory disorders, until they are slaughtered at 16 weeks.

Breeding sows are kept pregnant in tiny metal "gestation stalls." They give birth and nurse their piglets in "farrowing crates" where they are completely unable to move. The 12 week nursing period is cut to 3, so the sows can be impregnated again.

Laying hens are crammed 5-7 birds in a cage the size of a folded newspaper. For 18 months, they must stand on a sloping wiremesh floor that cuts their feet, as the wiremesh walls tear out their feathers. Their beaks are cut off to prevent stress-induced pecking. The males are smothered in garbage bags.

## TRADITIONAL CRUELTY CONTINUES AT SPARTA'S KLEIN RODEO

Labor Day weekend in Kent County saw traditional cruelty at the Klein Rodeo, which continues to violate Animal Control Regulations by not providing the required shelter, using injurious tack and equipment, creating dangerous surroundings, baiting of bulls for fighting tormenting horses and bulls with shock prods while in the chute and conducting events like calf roping, steering wrestling, and bucking events which could be injurious. Activists are urged to complain to the following main sponsors:

DEUR-SPEET (DODGE DEALERSHIP, FREMONT), 1-800-942-5504; CHRYSLER CORP., DODGE TRUCK DIV., 1-800-4-A-DODGE BRASS-MAR WELLS, 13427 FRUITRIDGE, KENT CITY 49330; K & M PARTY STORE, 887-1000; SWAN INN, 784-1245 BREEN HEATING & COOLING, 887-9363; PARTY WORLD, 784-2250; ROCKFORD MARINE & TRAILER, 866-8998 CHOICE ONE BANKING & INSURANCE, (Sparta St. Bank), 887-7366; STOUT GROUP LTD. REALTY, 866-3300/776-6499 GREAT DAY FOODS, 453-5978; O & M HARDWARE, 6 BALL CREEK, KENT CITY 49330; ROGERS HRDWR, 887-7381 RIC DYKSTRA, BUILDER, 13933 ALGAR, GRANT 49327; SPARTA ANIMAL CLINIC, 887-8247; SPARTY'S, 887-1811 INDEPENDENT BANK, 887-8277; KENT CITY BANK, 887-8816; SPARTA CLEANERS, 887-8476; SHERRY'S, 887-9777

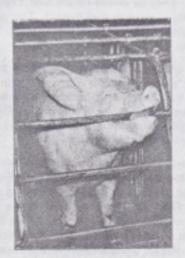
DATES/ INFO: 459-1982 WORLD FARM ANIMALS DAY OF PROTEST
WMFA MEETING/"BASIC TELEPHONE ACTIVISM"
BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS PROTEST AT ARENA
TRAVELING PRO RODEO PROTEST AT ARENA
WMFA MEETING/"PROTECTING BEARS ELECTION DAY"
ANTI-FUR VISIBILITY/"FUR IS THIS OFFENSIVE"CAMPAIGN

OCTOBER 2ND.
OCTOBER 6TH
OCTOBER 18/19
OCTOBER 3RD
NOVEMBER 3RD
FALLWINTER

A day to remember the billions of animals abused and killed in "factory farms" each year.

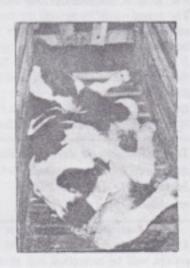
## WORLD FARM ANIMALS DAY

4:30 - 7:30 PM October 2 1200 BLK 28TH ST. SW



Factory farming is animal agriculture based solely on formulas for financial return, with no consideration for the animals' well-being.

Confinement, crowding, mutilation, and deprivation are all tools used to maximize profit on factory farms.



Factory farming is the system used to produce most of the world's supply of meat, eggs, and dairy products.

INFO PICKET AT
MAC'S / B.K. / KFC
across from Studio 28,
Wyoming (weather permitting)
Bring sign, posterboard and
candle or flashlight!



WEDNESDAY
NIGHT AT 4:30
HOLD SIGNS UNTIL
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL,
7:30 PM TO CLOSE
OUR OBSERVANCE.
Park at Wyoming City
Hall, Michael & DeHoop



For more information on factory farming or World Farm Animals Day, contact FARM at 1-800-632-8688

WEST MICHIGAN FOR ANIMALS, 459-1982 VEGETARIAN AWARENESS SOCIETY, GVSU c/o Student Life Center, 1 Campus Dr, Allendale 49401