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U.S. Newspapers Silent on Cheney Investigation

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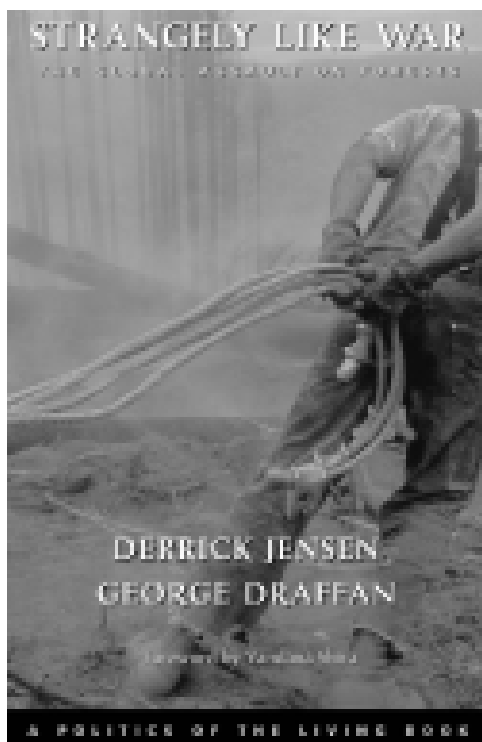
If you're only watching the American media, there's a story you haven't heard a thing about, but not because it's inconsequential to Americans: International news sources have reported that Vice President Dick Cheney could come under criminal investigation for his role in a massive bribery scandal while he was head of Halliburton.

The story has been discussed in French, British, and Australian papers for at least three weeks. On Jan. 10, the Dallas Morning News became the first major U.S. newspaper to cover the story — with a front page article, no less. Yet the other 11 of America's 12 highest-circulation daily papers haven't covered Cheney's inclusion in the investigation at all.

Please write a brief letter to the editor of one of these newspapers, and let them know that they're failing the American public by ignoring this news:

The New York Times:
letters@nytimes.com
USA Today:
editor@usatoday.com

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War on Earth *Fighting a Battle at Home*

Our community was honored in early January to welcome author Derrick Jensen to Ashland to discuss his new book, "Strangely Like War: The Global Assault on Forests." Jensen may have confused some of the audience who came to hear about the subject of his book - forests - instead, Jensen spoke for two hours about the systems of oppression that allow the exploitation of forests. He pointed out that these same systems allow the exploitation of all life, be it people, animals or the biological systems that sustain the planet. Jensen challenged us all to look at our struggles for forest protection as the same struggle to liberate society from these systems of oppression.

The Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center (KS Wild) was grateful to have Jensen speak at a benefit for our organization. His new book, co-authored with corporate researcher George Draffen, is a simple reader detailing the global assault on forests. This issue is the core of KS Wild's mission, to protect and restore the outstanding biological diversity of the Klamath-Siskiyou Mountains of southwest Oregon and northwest California. While we focus on protecting the forests of our home, we recognize the interconnections between the movements for social and ecological justice.

President George W. Bush has helped to highlight the connections between these struggles. The current administration's blatant disregard for peace and social justice, through attacks on women's reproductive rights, immigration law, environmental protection and international diplomacy, brings our struggles together. The President declared war on people in the same breath that he declared war on the earth.

While the Bush administration was preparing the invasion of Iraq, Bush himself visited Medford in August 2002 to announce his "Healthy Forest Initiative." This initiative is designed to greatly reduce public involvement in decisions effecting public land while simultaneously opening U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) forests to increased logging by campaign sponsors in the timber industry. One and a half years after his visit to Medford, KS Wild is seeing the effects



Smokey Burn View - Photo Courtesy of Lomakatsi Restoration Project

that these policy changes are having on the public lands that we monitor. In the wake of Bush's visit, southern Oregon is facing the largest logging proposal in modern history.

Most people remember the Biscuit fire of 2002. The Forest Service is now proposing to salvage log more than 500 million board feet of timber from the Biscuit fire-affected forests surrounding the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. Not only would this massive logging project seriously disturb an area that is in its natural process of fire recovery and regeneration, but this project would also be the first challenge of the Roadless Rule in the state of Oregon. Many people remember being one of the million citizens who wrote comments in support of the Roadless Rule protections in 2000. Perhaps fewer people remember the Bush administration suspending this rule shortly after taking office. The Biscuit timber sale would permanently degrade more than 50,000 acres of roadless forests that would otherwise be considered eligible for Wilderness designation as additions to the Kalmiopsis Wilderness.

Although this colossal proposal can be daunting, it gives us an opportunity to challenge the Bush administration's ludicrous agenda right here in our backyard. Environmental groups and individuals all

over the country are pulling together to stop this logging proposal in the Siskiyou. There is a good chance that we can greatly influence the outcome of this extreme logging proposal, but it will require a broad and diverse coalition of people determined to save this ecological treasure. The first step is to fall in love with these forests, which is not hard to do.

A group of folks from the Rogue and Illinois Valleys have come together to call themselves the Friends of the Rogue-Kalmiopsis. This group is sponsoring weekly hikes to the Biscuit fire area. Hikes leave every Saturday at 9 am from Evo's Javahouse in Ashland, and meet up at the Selma Market at 10:15 am in the Illinois Valley. Please join one or more of these hikes to learn about this area. Then tell your friends about it. As this administration attempts to undermine our hope and security, we have a chance to achieve tangible results while the trees remain standing.

Lesley Adams

Lesley Adams is the Outreach Coordinator for the Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center (KS Wild). For more information on the Biscuit or KS Wild activities, contact KS Wild at 541-488-5789, lesley@kswild.org, or check out www.kswild.org.

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Peace House is Hard at Work

In January, Peace House collaborated with **Jackson County Pacific Green Party, SOU Media Collective and Ecology Center Of The Siskiyous (ECOS)** to bring **Paul Cienfuegos** to SOU, who emboldened people to reclaim their own media from corporate rule. At this workshop he encouraged us to complain (we did) whenever the Daily Tidings refuses to print articles about our own community, like the lack of coverage of the Mt. Ashland Anti-Expansion banner.

Peace House continues to stand with the **Women in Black** on the Ashland Plaza every Friday from noon to 12:30, and it has become a sacred space where for a half an hour we hold the image of peace. **Darnell Design** has donated original WIB T-shirts available for a \$10 donation at Peace House during our new office hours, Tuesday through Friday 10 am to 3pm.

Peace House attended the **League Of Women Voters of Ashland** lecture "How Oregon Got in This Revenue Mess, and Options for Getting Out" and reminded people to vote YES on measure 30!

Peace House helped with the **SOU Women's Resource Center and Planned Parenthood's** Roe v. Wade 31st Anniversary Event in solidarity with eight other Oregon towns and many cities across the nation. Ashland's event had a belly dancer, as well as eloquent women who remember the horror of illegal abortions and the suffering and deaths of pre-Roe America.

Peace House gratefully assisted a new group, the **Disabled United in Distressing Environments**. DUDE created a powerful protest on the steps of the Justice Building. Disabled people are fighting for more than Measure 30...they are fighting for their very lives. View the work of DUDE at www.rogueimc.com.

Peace House was glad to be included and assist with setup at the Ashland MLK commemoration, and honored to walk with the **Black Student Union** March and hear MLK's recorded voice deliver his 1963 "I Have A Dream" speech on the plaza.

The Peacewalker (thank you Jonnie Dale and Carl who made it happen) came to the **Havurah Shir Hadash** in Ashland after walking in 17 nations for peace and gave a moving presentation celebrating the beauty of nature and spirit. **Derek Walker Youngs** spoke of how he believed change is made. Over time, lots of different things seem to line up, so what each of us needs to do is to just show up for what we believe we need to do to create change.

We had fun redesigning and dusting off the Peace House office after we moved back in. Volunteer Melody Ashworth taught us how to move filing cabinets by rolling them on three dowels!

Peace House joyfully defended the right of free speech at the Medford DEQ hearing and watched in horror as science was manipulated to further corporate aims. Linda carried a sign her son wrote which read "Corporations shouldn't rule our nation."

Also in January, Peace House was awarded a Carpenter Grant to further develop our Peace Recruitment program and we are excited to continue outreach to youth.

The efforts of the January 4 Visioning meeting and potluck have been compiled by our wonderful office volunteer, Stuart O'Neill, and are soon to be up on our website, www.peacehouse.net.

Peace House has been meeting with **ECOS** to jointly plan an Activist Resistance Training, now planned for May.

Peace House was happy to visit the **Grants Pass Peace House** and renew our regional connections and brainstorm on the March 30 International Day of Action plans. The humor, resilience and love of **Judy Shepherd** at the Connect the Dots Who We Are series also in Grants Pass was very moving and motivational.

Peace House met with the **Southern Oregon Friends of Cuba** and will have meetings every third Wednesday of the month to plan educational and solidarity events to prepare for the July **Pastors for Peace** Caravan to Cuba.

We are tickled pink to be planning two upcoming CODEPINK events, inspired by the work of **Medea Benjamin** who spoke in November at the Britt Ballroom. On April 25th, an Ashland CODEPINK action will show support for the **Group for Reproductive Rights (GRR)** and southern Oregon community members participating in the March for Women's Lives in Washington D.C.; and on Mother's Day, May 9, we will demonstrate and act creatively to end all occupations. See Calendar for other upcoming peace events.

Peace House wants to be inclusive of all people who want to work for a better world, and we hope to continue forming new alliances while sustaining our programs of Counter-Military Recruitment, Uncle Foods Diner and non-violence training. We are seeing the vision of affinity groups working on specific projects become real and it is very exciting for us. Come join our brainstorm session to plan March 20 (International Day of Action) events, at Peace House on Wed. Feb 11 at 7 pm.

Open Forum

We get feedback from readers on various issues, including most recently, a boycott of Ski Ashland until expansion plans are withdrawn. We encourage response and have created a new address for it.

The Clear Actions newsletter is an open forum for Peace House supporters to write about issues important to our community and the world at-large. The opinions expressed are those of the individual author, not necessarily of Peace House as an organization. If you would like to respond to anything you read in Clear Actions, you may send a letter to the editor at letters@peacehouse.net.

Peace House believes that ecological destruction is one of the most important issues to address in our efforts to create a world of peace and justice. While the Mt. Ashland expansion issue is complex and divisive, we feel it is important that the voice of opposition has a venue to express their point of view.

Peace House is dedicated to the pursuit of peace and justice through non-violence. Boycotts have a long history in the tradition of non-violence. We advocate for non-violent solutions to complex issues. We believe the article calling for a boycott of Ski Ashland, printed in Jan/04 Clear Actions is in line with our mission as advocates for peace and justice through non-violence.

Peace House Volunteers

"Nothing can
bring you peace
but yourself."
- Ralph Waldo
Emerson

Peace House Newsletter Outreach

The Clear Actions newsletter is an important outreach tool for Peace House to inform community members about issues relating to our work for peace and justice. In the past year, our mailing list has grown tremendously, and now Clear Actions is sent out monthly to 1,577 people mostly in our Southern Oregon region. We are thrilled that our newsletter is bringing the important work of Peace House directly to more people than ever. Yet with this increase in distribution comes an increase in cost. We are committed to sending out Clear Actions to whoever requests it, and we are hoping to offset some of the costs by directing funds back into supporting the amazing programs of Peace House.

We are asking you, our generous supporters, to help out in any way you can. Please send your tax deductible donations to



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Marguerite Craig's NGO Sampler

The Physicians for Social Responsibility write that "the Bush Administration's wrong-headed approach to foreign policy is not only sidetracking efforts to prevent terrorism, but is now dangerously encouraging nuclear brinkmanship on the Korean peninsula." They remind us that since our government has already abandoned the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty the US has no moral authority to demand that other nations stop violating this treaty.

Worse, the Administration is now talking about a return to testing nuclear weapons, and last September the U. S. Senate voted to protect funds for research into so-called usable nuclear weapons. PSR is leading an increasing groundswell challenging the "Bush Doctrine" on nuclear weapons. They call it the SMART Security platform - Sensible, Multilateral American Response to Terrorism. For more information, contact PSR at psrnatl@psr.org.

Institute for Policy Studies "The central issues of the Iraq invasion were ones that the Institute has been studying for years: the United Nations, U. S. unilateralism, globalization, oil, Iraq and the Middle East. The issues that made us so well suited for anti-war work are the issues facing the nation and the candidates in this election cycle," writes John Cavanagh, Director of IPS.

Recent peace work includes organizing, networking research and mobilizing activists in creative ways. Local city and county activists have generated 165 Cities for Peace declarations across the land, and these have generated dozens of fact sheets on domestic and military spending available over the internet. In 2004 IPS will bring representatives from cities across the country to Washington and to the political conventions to present a People's Platform, being developed now in Shape the Debate meetings. Presentations will also go to the White House, members of Congress, and to convention delegates. To take part, contact IPS at 202-234-9382, or www.ips.dc.org.

Wellstone Action was born out of the shared conviction of David and Mark Wellstone that they must carry on their parents' work to advance social progress and economic justice. After the tragic death of Sheila and Paul Wellstone close friends and steadfast supporters banded together to launch Wellstone Action. Jeff Blodgett, Paul's campaign manager for his three Senate races heads the staff and a 40-member Advisory Committee of the nation's leading progressive activists, thinkers and public officials, including Senator Tom Harkin, Heather Booth, Jim Hightower, Julian Bond, Donna Brazile, Frances Fox Piven and Al Franken. Brazile said, "I'm on this Board because I am committed to giving all of the time and emotional energy I can to grow the next generation of political activists."

Already 950 individuals have been trained in 9 sessions of Camp Wellstone, a traveling three-day workshop instructing grassroots activists, campaign workers and potential candidates in the successful Wellstone approach to American politics. They also brought together over 300 leaders in violence prevention to launch the Sheila Wellstone Institute on Violence Prevention who are developing solutions to the "enormous human and economic costs of the ongoing American tragedy of violence." And this year they plan to increase pressure on Congress to pass the Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act to ensure that mental illness is treated exactly the same as physical ailments.

In 2004 they plan to conduct at least 30 camps training 4,000 or more people in effective political action, focusing on key states where their work can make a significant difference in local, state, and national politics in 2004 and beyond. To learn more, to take part, to help support this work, contact Wellstone Action at www.wellstone.org or call Fawn Bernhardt, Development Director, 651-645-3939. Their office is at P. O. Box 14386, St. Paul, MN 55114.

Citizen Soldier is a Project of Alternatives to Militarism, Inc., a tax exempt public foundation. Studs Terkel, Pete Seeger, and Nat Hentoff are three of their 21-person National Advisory Board. Since the Vietnam war they have been defending conscientious objectors who based their refusal on political, moral, and/or religious grounds. In Iraq, American troops without adequate training or equipment are being killed every day by a determined opposition. In Iraq, a third of the combat troops are reservists who've been activated for 12-18 month tours. Citizen Soldier says that today, reservists must fill a major hole left when the active military was cut to 1.4 million from 2.1 million just ten years ago.

President George H. Bush wrote in his memoir, "A World Transformed" that in Iraq "there was no viable 'exit strategy' we could see." He said "we had been consciously trying to set a pattern for handling aggression in the post Cold War world. Going in and occupying Iraq, thus unilaterally exceeding the UN's mandate, would have destroyed the precedent of international response to aggression that we hoped to establish. Had we gone the invasion route, (we) could conceivably still be an occupying power in a bitterly hostile land."

Citizen Soldier says "the best way to support our troops is to bring them home now", a position they claim is steadily gaining support. To contact them, call 212/679-2250 or on the internet www.citizen-soldier.org.

Clean Water - A Global Crisis Looming

The first of Dennis Kucinich's 10 major principles on water is "All water should be considered to be forever in the public domain." It should be a basic human right. He said when the Clean Water Act was written in 1972 the goal was to make all waters safe for fishing and swimming. Yet data from the Environmental Protection Agency shows that the nation's water bodies are getting dirtier—nearly half are now unsafe." The Clean Water Act has helped to reduce pollution from sewage treatment plants and other direct dischargers, but it has been generally ineffective in controlling polluted runoff from farm fields, confined animal feeding operations, roads and parking lots, construction sites, oil and gas operations, mining sites, etc. A quarter of our industrial plants and water treatment plants are in serious violation of pollution standards" says Kucinich.

The Union of Concerned Scientists writes that they work daily with their partners in the environmental and arms control communities to bring sound science to important issues. Among top current issues they mention are: Work with state governments and corporate leaders to implement meaningful solutions to climate change, advances in important research and analysis on antibiotic resistance, genetically modified crops, invasive species, and nuclear power plant safety. Highlighting of priority steps the U. S. should take to prevent terrorists from acquiring nuclear weapons material.

International Rescue Committee, New York, writes that 8 out of 10 refugees they are helping are women and children driven from their homes, often into lives of fear, danger and despair. In Liberia they are providing lifesaving vaccinations. They mention training programs for women in Afghanistan to become school teachers and administrators. These women have been denied an education by the Taliban for many years. They work with families in Iraq whose homes are destroyed by continuing factional fighting. They are currently working in 25 war-torn countries, laying foundations for self-sufficiency and lasting change.

Despite the continuing violence in Iraq, IRC teams are expanding several primary health care projects that provide drugs, pre- and post-natal care, immunizations, and family care so needed. In Iraq and all the countries they serve they are using the knowledge gained from years of work with refugees to develop programs enabling local communities, weary from war, to become self-sufficient and build a lasting peace.

Smart Money Magazine recommends IRC for their sound fiscal management, and Forbes ranked IRC among its "gold star"

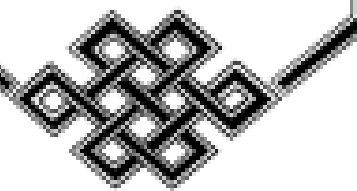
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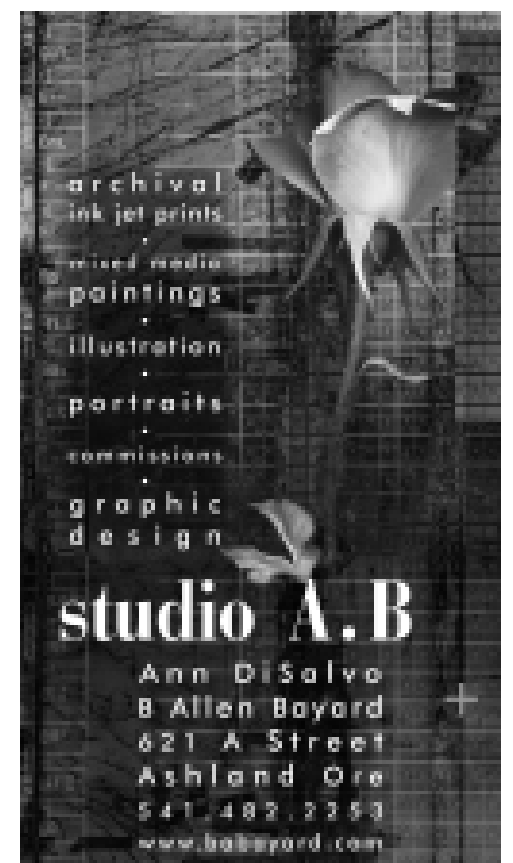
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Peace House Bulletin

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Women In Black

Women in Black meet in Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland and Cave Junction.

In Medford, on the first Wednesday of the month at noon on Vogel Plaza for a half an hour of silence.

In Ashland, every Friday at noon on the Ashland Plaza, standing silently on Main St.

In Grants Pass, every first and third Monday at 11am to 11:30 at the Post office and after, meeting to noon at the Community Room behind The Creative Alternative (229A G St, under the Art Museum)

In Cave Junction, every monday at noon for a half an hour at the County building.

WIB T-shirts

Women in Black T-shirts are available at Peace House with an original design by Darnell Designs for a \$10 donation.

Keep Higher Air Quality Standards!

If you call this number, your call will count as a vote against proposed lower air quality standards. You can leave comments as a message after hours. The number is: (503) 229-5177 David Collier's office at the DEQ Thanks to David Ward

Peace Recruitment

Because of a generous show of support from the Carpenter Foundation, new energy has revitalized the Peace Recruitment Program. General Interest meetings will be held the third Monday of every month at Peace House (543 S. Mountain) at 7:00 pm. Please contact Grady if you have questions, 482-9625. Thank you again to Jane Carpenter and the Board of Trustees.

Bookshelf Project

Ashland Public Library has graciously granted Peace House bookshelf space to build a collection of political, current events and movement-oriented books under the heading 'Peace, Justice and Radical Politics.'

Contact Grady at Peace House (Not the Ashland Library!) about this project. 482-9625 or info@peacehouse.net.

We'd appreciate your donations of funds or new or like-new books, and suggestions for books to purchase.

Seeking A Photographer

Wanted: A volunteer photographer to record Peace House-sponsored events. Film or digital. Call Peace House 482-9625.

Veterans for Peace Activism

Some contacts and information sources:

Veterans Against Iraq War:

www.vaiw.org

Veterans For Peace:

(314) 725-6005

www.veteransforpeace.org

Vietnam Veterans Against the War:

(773) 327-5756

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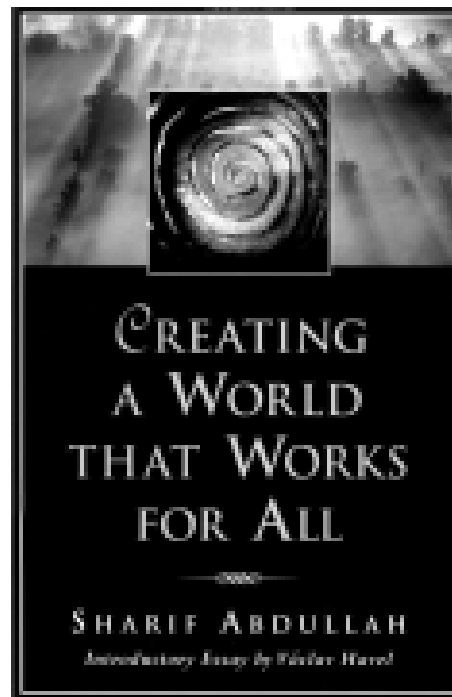
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Book Review



Sharif Abdullah

Creating a World That Works for All

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Who could resist an idea like *Creating A World That Works For All*? It's the primary requisite for universal peace, desired by many, but at the same time, considered by most to be impossible. Sharif Abdullah offers hope. He believes we can achieve such a world and he has devoted his life to teaching us how. Using inventive word-labels, colorful metaphors, and a generous sprinkling of personal anecdotes, he debunks the myths that anchor our war-loving world and offers clear ways to move beyond them.

Identifying key concepts

Abdullah suggests three criteria for judging when a world works for all.

- Enoughness. Even though resources are not shared equally, everyone has enough.
- Exchangeability. Everyone would be okay trading places with anyone else.
- Common benefit. The system is designed and intended to benefit all.

"The Mess" is his term for the morass of problems we face in our current dysfunctional world.

- Exclusivity is responsible for The Mess—each of us (person, group, nation) battles for the share we want because we're convinced that there is not enough of anything to go around. Always, "I" is separate from "you" or the "Other." It is this separation that allows us to condone oppression and pursue the activities of war.
- Inclusivity is the answer. If we treat each other and our planet with genuine respect and compassion, there is enough for all. Our language and our listening are key: "The most essential thing in life is to establish an unafraid, heartfelt communication with others."

People are either Keepers, Breakers, or Menders.

- Keepers are indigenous peoples who live in harmony within their local (not global) ecologies. They think in terms of "we" rather than "I." There are few left.
- Breakers are most of us today. Breakers hold that society is based on the nature of human nature, which is defined by exclusivity. Therefore, The Mess is inevitable and immutable; nothing can be done about it.
- Menders have a different view of human nature and live accordingly—in harmony with the Golden Rule and in harmony with their planet. They are healers who believe that an "inclusive society is not only possible but is achievable *right now*, with the resources presently available to us."

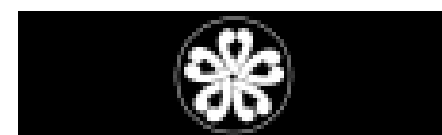
Transforming our culture

A world that works for all, says Abdullah, "is *not* achievable without restructuring our priorities, our attitudes, and our culture. We cannot tinker with this; the change must be fundamental—an evolutionary shift toward spiritual compassion, and corresponding shifts in our actions. In short, a transformation of head, heart, and hand."

Moreover, "Blaming others for The Mess" is a luxury we can no longer afford. It steals our energy and our already limited time." Likewise, preaching to the choir is not enough. Rather, we must learn to listen, learn to communicate, learn to discover and honor the common ground we share with others. Then, we must "get our hands dirty, and our hearts exposed, by engaging directly with the Heartland." His very useful book can start us on this road.

Sharif Abdullah directs the Commonway Institute in Portland, Oregon, and is available for workshops. I heard of the book on JPR's Jefferson Exchange and found it in the Jackson County Library System.

Nancy Golden



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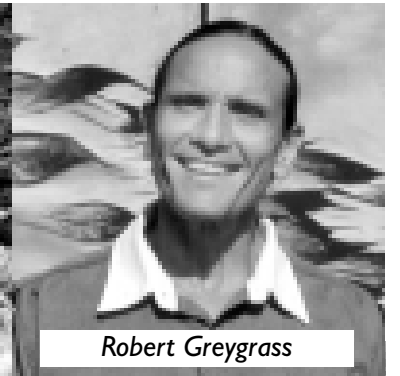


Aggie Pilgrim at the Elder Honoring

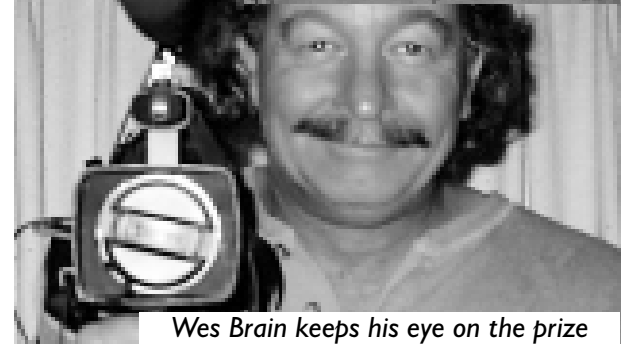
Molly Ivins in Medford with Justine Cooper



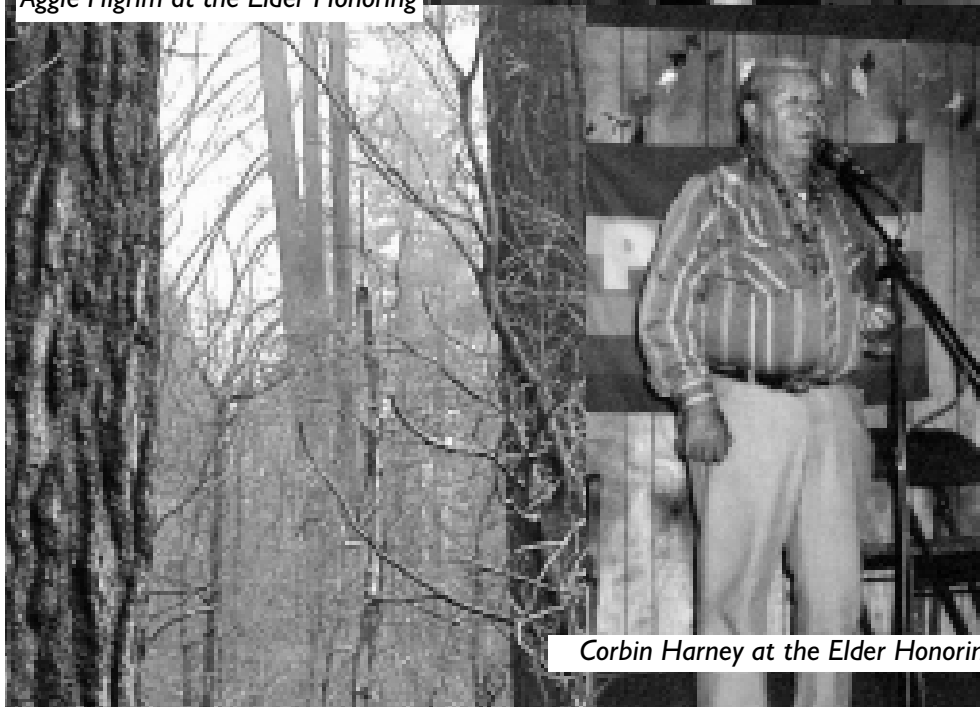
(above) This is the Middle Fork, where springs emerge on Mt. Ashland, as part of a precious old growth alpine forest. A hike here explains why this breathtaking beauty should be protected for the seventh generation, and not destroyed by a ski run.



Robert Greygrass



Wes Brain keeps his eye on the prize



Corbin Harney at the Elder Honoring



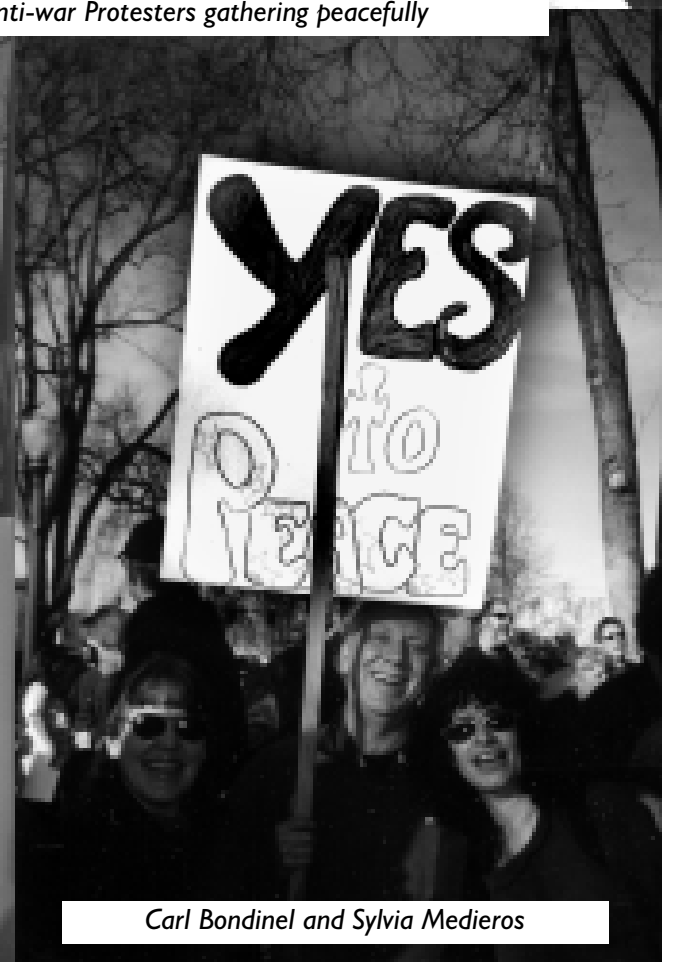
Anti-war Protesters gathering peacefully



Timber sale monitoring at the Biscuit burn



Venita Varga and friends



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"In the final analysis it doesn't really matter what the political system is ... We don't need perfect political systems; we need perfect participation."
- César Chávez

Inspirational Words

January 23, 2004

Hau Kola, Hello my friends, my relatives:

You can never imagine the heartfelt comfort it brings to know you're not forgotten in prison. This is my 28th year, and I've seen others come and go and return again. I can't help but feel a great sorrow for many of these young men who keep coming back for one reason or another; most of which are alcohol related offenses. So much has changed since I came here and yet, in many ways, it's still the same.

The government, under the pretext of security and progress, liberated us from our land, resources, culture, dignity and future. They violated every treaty they ever made with us. I use the word "liberated" loosely and sarcastically, in the same vein that I view their use of the words "collateral damage" when they kill innocent men, women, and children.

They describe people defending their homeland as terrorists, savages and hostiles, and accuse us of being aggressors. We have never fought a battle or war that was not on our own land; we never fired the first shot ever. My words reach out to the non-Indian: Look now before it's far too late - see what is being done to others in your name and see what destruction you sanction when you say nothing. Your own treaty, the one between yourselves and the government, is being violated daily; this treaty is commonly known as the Constitution.

With us, they started a little at a time, encroaching on our rights until we had none at all. It will be the same for the Constitution; this is not conjecture, but fact. We are not embattled with the color of man, but with the weakness of man, a mindset that lusts for power and wealth at the expense of life.

Men of all colors, cultures and religions must stand together to oppose the genocidal policies that face us all as the corporate world seeks to enslave all, and pit one nation against another.



If you avoid breaking laws and do what you're told and ignore the poor, the oppressed and the downtrodden - you probably won't be bothered. If you try to right what is wrong, however, you will surely meet great opposition and run the risk of imprisonment or death.

I am a Sun Dancer. I took a vow for my people. I chose to seek the Creator's will and to follow it to the best of my ability. I WILL NOT STAND DOWN FROM THAT VOW. I will continue to speak, write and organize until Grandfather himself quiets my life. If I can do this in prison, I have no doubt you can do much better from where you stand.

I encourage you to do your best, be kind to one another, seek harmony and balance with all natural life, enjoy what freedom you have left, and most of all, never, never give up.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse,
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Clear Actions

Call For Submissions

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Peace House Seeks Interns!

Peace House is a multi-issue regional resource for organizing, education, action and creating a sustainable future. We are seeking interns to work with an established nonprofit for possible college credit. We are a locally based, community supported organization operated by a small staff and volunteers. An internship with Peace House is a terrific way to learn about local and global peace, justice and environmental issues and engage with your community. Learn about conflict resolution, the consensus process and nonviolent communication, as well as technical skills necessary to grassroots organizing and activism. Working with Peace House provides the opportunity to work with a variety of regional activist groups on issues affecting the environment and global community.

Call Peace House for more information: 482-9625.

Third Annual Siskiyou Environmental Film Festival

From February 24th-29th the Siskiyou Project presents the third annual Siskiyou Environmental Film Festival (SEFF), where you will enter a world of ideas, hope and people taking action and creating solutions.

SEFF will offer nearly 30 animated and documentary films showing people such as *Return of Navajo Boy*, the story of the Cly family's efforts to reclaim their past and heal the damage done by the effects of uranium mining; *Esmeraldas: Petroleum and Poverty*, which features footage of the Afro-Ecuadorian community of Propicio Uno where an explosion at the Texaco oil refinery caused many deaths, massive pollution and serious health problems for the locals.

There is nowhere else in Oregon you can go to see these films which generally are not aired on PBS or the other major networks. Most corporate sponsored media will not cover these issues in depth, if at all.

Weekday evenings, the films will be shown in the Havurah Sanctuary at 185 Mountain Ave. and on the weekend in the Meese Auditorium on SOU campus. Tickets are available in Ashland at the Northwest Nature Shop and on line at www.siskiyou.org.

For a complete film program, for more information or to volunteer, contact the Siskiyou Project at 541-592-4459 or barry@siskiyou.org.

Peace Community Calendar

Active Resistance!

Peace House is organizing a weekend of trainings with ECOS, workshops, and community dialogue in May to create alliances and teach skills. The Active Resistance! weekend focus will include forest issues, ecology, Satyagraha (non-violence training), local campaign planning, direct action skills and strategies, anti-oppression, gender and indigenous issues. 482-9625 for information.

Wide Awake Film Forum

Friday's at 7pm at Evo's Java House. In collaboration with **Rape Crisis.**
February 6th: Tough Guise is the first program to look systematically at the relationship between the images of popular culture and the social construction of masculine identities in the U.S. in the late 20th century.
February 13th: Vagina Monologues The Vagina Monologues is a one-woman show featuring Ms. Ensler sitting alone on a stage talking about vaginas. Sexuality, passion, violence, rape and survival are some of the themes.

Angela Davis

Friday Feb 6th, 8 pm, Britt Ballroom.
 Sponsored by the Women's Resource Center; Co-Sponsored by the Black Student Union, in honor of Black History Month. Tickets \$3 Students and \$5 Non-students at SOU Raider Aid. Contact the SOU Women's Resource Center for details: 552-6216 or <http://www.sou.edu/wrc/>



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International Day of Solidarity w/ Leonard Peltier March/Rally for Justice Saturday, Feb 7.

Tacoma, Washington. For more information contact: Tacoma-lpseg@ojibwe.us
 Tacoma Leonard Peltier Support Group, P.O. Box 5464, Tacoma, WA 98415-0464

Benefit To Free Kari Rein

Saturday, Feb 7 at the Provolt Grange
 Food and Music. 6pm. Mexican Dinner with Salad 7pm. \$7. Delicious chai, great beverages and wonderful baked goodies nominal extra charge. Music starts with Windsong & Kat followed by Alice DiMichele 9-midnight. Ashland's Own Stoney Point Bluegrass Band. Please come and join the fun. All proceeds will go directly to the cause. Questions call: Chi & Michelle 846-6676 or Heidi & Paul 846-1333

A Place of Rage

Monday Feb 9. (Call for showtime) WRC film. This exuberant celebration of African American women and their achievements features interviews with Angela Davis, June Jordan and Alice Walker. Within the context of the civil rights, Black power and feminist movements, the trio reassesses how women such as Rosa Parks and Fannie Lou Hamer revolutionized American society. A stirring chapter in African American history, highlighted by music from Prince, Janet Jackson, the Neville Brothers and the Staple Singers. Contact the SOU Women's Resource Center for details: 552-6216 or <http://www.sou.edu/wrc/>

Planning Meeting for International Day of Action Against War and Occupation

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7pm at Peace House. United for Peace and Justice and the World Social Forum have issued a call for coordinated actions against war and occupation. Join with millions across the world for this important day, March 20.

"Medicare Prescription Drug Act of 2003"

Friday, Feb. 13, 3pm. Rogue Valley Manor Auditorium, 1200 Mira Mar, Medford. Presented by Gerry Cavanaugh & Dr. "Bud" Goodrich. Info, Marshall Fox: 552-0430

Vagina Monologues

Friday Feb 13th at 8pm
Saturday 14th at 2pm & 8pm

SOU Britt Ballroom. Performances benefit local women's crisis organizations. Tickets will be available at Raider Aid in the Stevenson Union (552-6464) beginning January 20. \$8/students, youth & senior, \$10/general admission.

David Rovics @ Diversions

Friday, February 13th 7:30 pm. SOU Campus, Stevenson Union. Benefit for E.C.O.S. \$6 - \$10 Sliding Scale. Other artists to be announced.

More Trees, Less Bush

February 18, 7pm. Stevenson Union Room 330, SOU campus. Join KS Wild for a presentation on the upcoming threats to the native, old-growth forests of our region. The Bush administration has been unraveling environmental law and public process for three years. These actions will translate into reality this summer in the Klamath-Siskiyou. We will focus on the enormous Biscuit salvage project and the egregious activities of the Medford BLM. Co-Sponsored by ECOS and KS Wild. For more information, call KS Wild at 541-488-5789 or lesley@kswild.org

The Laramie Project Play

February 20th and 21st at 8:00pm, February 22nd at 2:00pm at RCC.

February 25, at 8:00pm Craterian Ginger Rogers Theatre.
 GPHS Performing Arts Center Grants Pass. A brilliant play about the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard. It's about a community becoming aware. It's about the courage to forgive. By Moises Kaufman and the members of the Tectonic Theater Project. Directed by Bobbi Kidder. For more information call 541-476-7434

An Evening of Puppets, Story-telling and Theater

February 21, 7pm at the Britt Ballroom, SOU. A Benefit for the Lomakatsi Restoration Project and Native American Student Union. Puppet performance, story-telling and theater with Robert Owens Greygrass, Frank Kanawha Lake and the Fire Scar Shadow Theater as part of the free Native American Ecological Education Symposium at the SOU Stevenson Union Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21. Donations are requested for the evening performance. For more info, call Lomakatsi at 541-488-0208.

Community Picnic to Call Attention to Endangered Species

February 23, 11:23am. NEST is hosting a community picnic in Lower Lithia Park for music, theatre and obituaries for endangered species. Come dressed as the species you'll miss most. For information: nest@planet-save.com

General JCPGP Meeting

Monday., Feb. 23, 7-8:30pm

Ashland Public Library, downstairs mtg room. Agenda will include a presentation about community currency; rest of agenda pending. The Jackson Co. Pacific Green Party has elected a new steering committee for this year. There is also a new contact phone number for JCPGP: 541-482-4324. Snail mail address will remain the same, Jackson County Pacific Green Party, P.O. Box 36, Talent, OR 97540.

3rd Annual Siskiyou Environmental Film Festival

February 24-29

Bringing award winning films from around the region and around the world. Films will be shown in the Havurah Sanctuary 185 N. Mountain St. Tuesday -Friday, February 24-27 and in the Meese Auditorium on SOU campus on Saturday & Sunday February 28 & 29. (see article previous page)

A Force More Powerful: Three-part Film Series

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Second Film: Feb. 24th, Denmark 1940-41, Poland 1980-81

Third Film: March 23rd Chile 1983-88, S. Africa 1984-86

Place: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Oakdale and 5th, Medford

Time: Film at 7pm - discussion following. **Citizens for Peace and Justice** meets every Tuesday 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Call 541-772-2780 for info.

Learn from the Burn: Biscuit Wildfire Hikes

Every Saturday 9am

Beginning January 24, we will carpool from Evo's Javahouse (next door to the Ashland Public Library) every Saturday morning, leaving at 9am and returning around 6pm. Bring water, warm clothes, rain gear, hiking boots and camera or binocs. For the February 21 hike bring snowshoes, too!! Sponsored by Friends of the Rogue-Kalmiopsis. Contact: 482-2640, and forkmail04@yahoo.com

Imagine Awards for Community Peacemaking Brunch

Sunday, March 7, Noon

Come honor the four recipients of the Imagine Awards and celebrate with Mediation Works. This year's honorees include: Ike Apodaca and John Statler, Honored Peacemakers; Kari Bassett, Young Peacemaker; and Marjorie Kellogg, Lifetime Achievement Award. Special guest speaker: Dr. Jean Houston. M.C.: JPR's Jeff Golden. With entertainment by Dave Marston, Jana Kolsbun and Reverend Ernestine Lee. Delicious food! Medford's Rogue Valley Country Club. Tickets: \$35. Call 770-2468 or go to www.mediation-works.org

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charities worthy of support for effective work and effective use of charity dollars.

The Center for Defense Information is a non-profit organization composed of former top officers from all branches of the military. They conduct in-depth research on the social, economic, environmental, political and military components of international security. They aim to educate the public and inform policymakers on issues of security policy, strategy, operations, weapon systems and defense budgeting and to produce creative solutions to issues in these areas. Their newsletter, "The Defense Monitor" is an outstanding source of information on Pentagon waste, and other critical issues. Sending a \$45 donation will bring a subscription. Their web page is www.cdi.org. Phone is 202/332-0600. The Nov/Dec. 2003 issue has some shocking charts on military spending, relative size and strength of U. S. and other armed forces, the ten largest U. S. military contractors (Lockheed Martin Corporation is #1) and the official internet sites for basic military information.

Quoting this Newsletter: "Military spending now accounts for about half of all U. S. government discretionary spending (49.5%). The federal government spent approximately \$2.2 trillion in Fiscal Year 2003, including "discretionary" and "mandatory" spending. Military spending dwarfs spending in other areas of national security and foreign policy. The entire spending for the Department of State and other foreign affairs agencies

amounted to a mere \$8 billion in 2003, less than 2% of the military total. The Department of Defense estimated expenses for 2003 are \$432.1 billion dollars!

Nonviolent Peaceforce - A brave and dedicated band of volunteers departed in December, 2003, to Sri Lanka for their first peace-keeping mission. They have been doing research, planning and preparation for their journey to live in this land at war. They are committed to two years of peace keeping here, using a variety of methods of nonviolence to help the combatants move toward peace. They will monitor human rights abuses and other violence, strengthen civil society organizations, and protect and support Sri Lankans in finding peaceful solutions. The program in Sri Lanka is being directed by William Knox, a former attorney in Britain, who has been doing peace work in Sri Lanka for the past eight years. The first 15 members of the peacemaker team represent volunteers from 12 countries. They will be deployed in groups of three to five in different communities in Sri Lanka. "Their job will be to monitor human rights abuses, accompany individuals who have been threatened or fear for their lives, and provide a protective presence in the most vulnerable communities." According to their newsletter, "the goal is to de-escalate the violence and create a safer space so local people and organizations can develop peaceful and lasting conflict solutions."

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The investigation involves allegations that Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg Brown & Root and a French company together paid \$180 million in illegal commissions to government officials during the construction of a natural gas complex in Nigeria.

This comes after Halliburton's admission in May that, under Cheney's leadership, the oil-field services company "paid a Nigerian tax official \$2.4 million in bribes to get favorable tax treatment," according to the Associated Press. An investigation on the matter by the Securities and Exchange Commission continues. Halliburton has also come under fire for inflating gasoline prices in Iraq and receiving noncompetitive contracts to rebuild Iraqi oil facilities. Initiated by French law enforcement authorities, the case would be prosecuted under an international treaty making bribery of foreign public officials a criminal offense. The treaty has been signed by the United States, France, and over 30 other countries.

For more information about this investigation, read the international news articles assembled by the Center for American Progress in its daily Progress Report <http://tinyurl.com/35zht> This isn't about supporting or opposing Vice President Cheney. Whether or not Cheney is ever tried on criminal charges of misusing corporate assets, the American media should be keeping the public informed about significant legal investigations involving elected leaders. Journalistic principles demand the free press serve as a monitor of those in power.

Help the Hungry

Tuesdays

Each Tuesday, Uncle Food's Diner provides free meals for the hungry with food donated by Ashland Food Coop, S.O.U., and P.C. Market of Choice. Come as a volunteer (no need to call) and help with food prep at 2pm or with serving and cleanup from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Come to help and eat a good dinner too! It's fun and fulfilling to see Peace in Action. Anyone is welcome, in the spirit of a true community dinner.

Uncle Food's Diner is serving at United Methodist Church, in the Wesley Hall at 175 N. Main, on the corner of N. Main and Laurel. Call Sue Ward for more information 482-2653.

Fridays

Caring Friends serves every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30pm at Pioneer Hall on Winburn Way. Volunteers are encouraged to show up around 4:30 to help prep and serve.

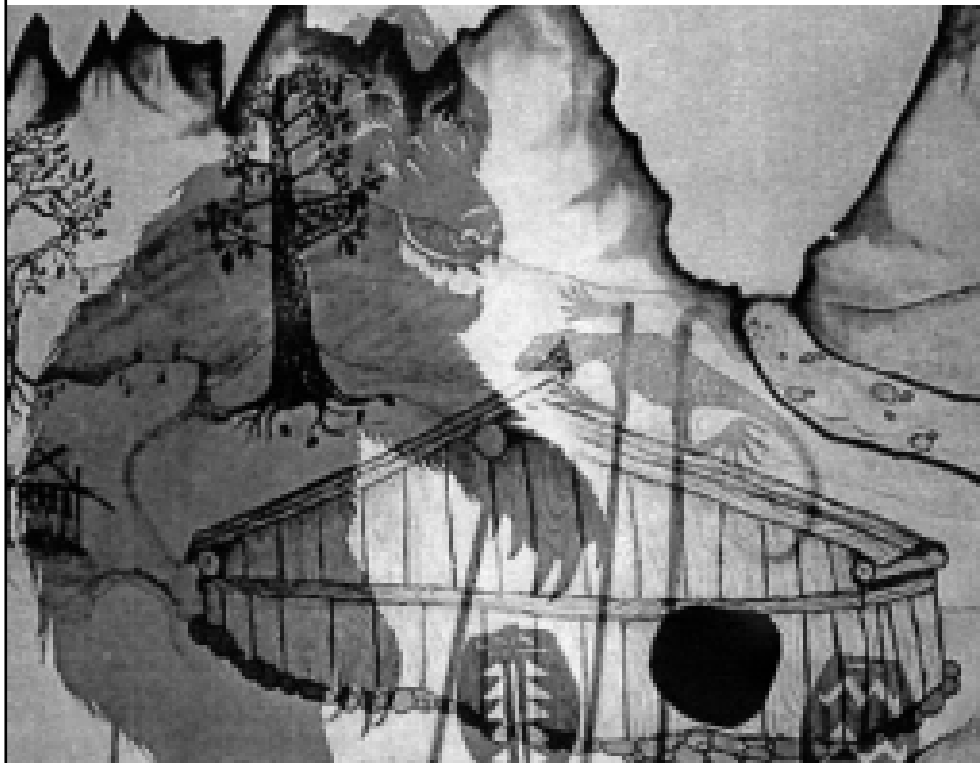
Note

Beeson's Open House in Talent is temporarily closed. Call Peace House for more information: 482-9625.

Native American Ecological Education Symposium

Friday and Saturday Feb. 20 and 21

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