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War on Earth

Privatizing the Planet

I often wonder what the world would look like if we were truly working for the benefit of the whole. Stories have been passed down of earlier cultures where, perhaps out of necessity, people worked more as a collective to ensure that all individuals were cared for. Modern culture has encouraged the identity of the individual, making a person's beauty, success or failure paramount to their character. It seems intuitive that if we pursue individual successes, we are destined to fail as a society.

In his 1968 classic, "Tragedy of the Commons," Garrett Hardin described why the integrity of common resources was doomed to failure because the individual is destined to degrade something that is held in the trust of all. Hardin writes, "The individual benefits as an individual from his ability to deny the truth even though society as a whole, of which he is a part, suffers."

The solution to this tragedy, as many neoliberal economists suggest, is to privatize all goods and services so that an individual takes the necessary care and concern with the health and vitality of that resource. This is based on the idea that the individual will take better care of something that they own, rather than if they share it in common with millions of others.

Hardin points to the degradation of National Parks as the burgeoning human population erodes the very values that the Parks were created to protect. He suggests privatizing Yosemite and other Parks as a solution to this degradation.

Privatization has become a mantra for those advocating global free trade and the invisible hand of neoliberal economics. Privatization in South Africa has left many people without clean water because they cannot afford it. The privatization of electricity in southern Mexico is leaving people the only choice they have – to go without. Privatization is undermining public health care in British Columbia, and so on.

In the U.S., there are people and institutions advocating for the privatization of public lands. The CATO Institute, a quasi-academic think-tank that acts as a mouthpiece for the corporatism and

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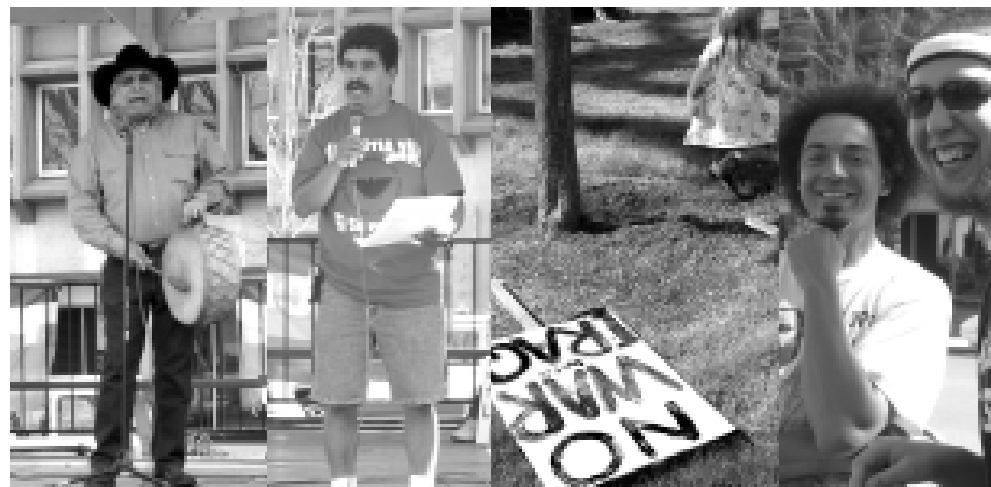
Boise Cascade private land within the Timbered Rock fire area in the Elk Creek watershed.

End All Occupations

March 20 over 200 people came together in Alba park in Medford to say *Yes to Peace*.

Dave Chief, Lakota spiritual advisor began the rally with a prayer. Speakers covered topics such as the Palestinian occupation, depleted uranium pollution, political regime change at home and how to construct a non-violent world.

"What everyone needs," said Bronson, age 8, "is a home, backyard, food, water ...not warfare." "Here in Oregon, budget cuts will be risking the lives of Oregonians," said members of Disabled United in Distressing Environments. Triphonics played hip hop with their strong message of love and peace. Free tofu pups were served by Southern Oregon Animal Rights Society as part of Meat Out Day. Tablers for various groups connected people with long term campaigns for peace and justice.



Dave Chief, Dagoberto Moralez, Del Sol and Kos of Triphonics were among those featured on the Yes to Peace Stage. Photos by Rico Herrera

Help! Join the April 20 Human Rights Protest and Non-Violent Sit-In

Support the people whose very lives are in jeopardy as the Oregon Legislature enacts the INHUMANE Measure 30 cuts! Gather for Rally at 9:00 am at Alba Park. At 9:30 am, we will march to Disability Service Office (28 West 6th Street, Suite D Medford) for a NON-VIOLENT SIT-IN. For more information call Disabled United in Distressing Environments (DUDE) 488-5639

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From the Staff of Peace House

As the anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq has come and gone and the brutal occupation drags on, bringing news of more violence every day, it is imperative that we strengthen our resolve to fight the imperialist drive of the Bush administration. On March 20, people throughout the world once again hit the streets to demand an end to war and occupation.

The staff at Peace House is busy organizing events and programs to address war, militarism, and injustice in our community and throughout the world, such as the peace rally in Medford - see page 1. In this time of widespread war and ecological destruction, we are seeking to build connections in our community to find the strength to address these mounting threats to peace and justice.

Presenting information, alternatives and advocacy to young people pressured by military recruiters is becoming one of the most vital components of our peace work. An example of the success of collective energy is Uncle Food's Diner, the community meal at the Ashland Methodist Church that unites and feeds an average of 80 people each Tuesday.

On March 11, we hosted an event with Media Collective called *Iraq: One Year Later*. Dana Visalli traveled to Iraq with the Christian Peacemaking Team (CPT) and brought with him slides and stories from the streets of Baghdad. CPT is working in partnership with Iraqi community leaders and human rights organizations to publicize the stories of Iraqi detainees and their families. In addition, CPT workers meet with US officials in the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) to ask for changes in these detention policies. CPT also accompanies families of detainees in search of information about, and justice for, their loved ones. (See article on page 4).

We collaborated with the Wilderness Charter School and Bonnie Broderson to commemorate the life of Rachel Corrie. Rachel was killed one year ago by an Israeli

military bulldozer while non-violently protesting the destruction of Palestinian homes in the Gaza Strip. Over 50 people came together to honor Rachel and to seek solutions to the U.S.-supported Israeli occupation of Palestine. Nearly \$100 was raised

to support the work of the International Solidarity Movement (ISM). (The poem on page 5 was read aloud by Mori Garloff at this event.)

We assisted the Abdill-Ellis Center in organizing a gay rights rally in Medford. With the issue of gay marriage prominently featured in the news, over 100 people gathered in downtown Medford to demand equal rights for all and to end discrimination and intolerance in our community. Jackson County has yet to change its position of the issue of gay marriage. But stay tuned.

In collaboration with Legal Aid, Disabled United in Distressing Environments and Oregon Action, we're forming a pro-active coalition to address the crisis disabled people will face with the Oregon Health Plan disability cuts this Spring.

We are collaborating with OSPIRG and ECOS at Southern Oregon University to host a weekend of training and workshops for people who want to take action on behalf of the earth and all living beings. *Act for the Earth: a bioregional ecology conference and skills training* will take place on April 30 - May 2 at SOU.

In these dark times, it is easy to disengage and feel powerless. But when you come together with your community and take action, you can move mountains. Just ask the people of Spain. As a wise old desert sage once said, "Action is the antidote to despair."

We would also like to give our heartfelt thanks to Grace Hamilton for all her time and energy spent planting flowers, working on our video library and entertaining us with stories of the Peace Corps in Africa.

We invite you to get engaged. Stop by the Peace House and find out what we are up to.

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Letters:

Dear Editor:

We are a newly formed group in Shady Cove, coming together with a major concern: that of Verified Voting. We believe that it is an issue that is currently above all others.

Computerized voting machines are not verifiable, nor secure. After closely examining the DRE (Direct Recording Electronic Systems), experts across the country have expressed concerns regarding accuracy, integrity, and availability of election results. The machines take away the checks and balances we have in a democratic society.

S.1980 and S.2045, two bills being proposed in Senate, would require these computerized voting machines provide a voter verified authenticity and other safeguards to avoid tampering. Until these bills

are out of committee to be voted by the Senate, your help is needed.

We request you contact your representatives, tell them to support one of these bills so the very essence of our democracy will be protected. The price of the safeguards and paper trail have been said by some to be too high. If we, as a nation, are willing to pay for freedom and democracy with lives, then we should surely be willing to pay for safeguards and a paper trail to ensure that our voting process is also protected.

(1) Write to the Committee on Rules requesting a hearing on this bill; Chairman, Trent Lott, and to Ranking Member Chris Dodd, 305 Russell Building, U.S. Senate, Washington DC 20510; (2) Contact your senators to support S.2045 or S.1980; Senator Smith is a member of this committee and should be urged into action (3) Contact Secretary of State, Bill Bradbury and

confirm that our voting by mail is certifiable.

We are also calling Rep. Bob Ney of Ohio to urge him to quit holding up on HR2239. His toll free number is 1-800-839-5276. You will be asked for your name and address when you call.

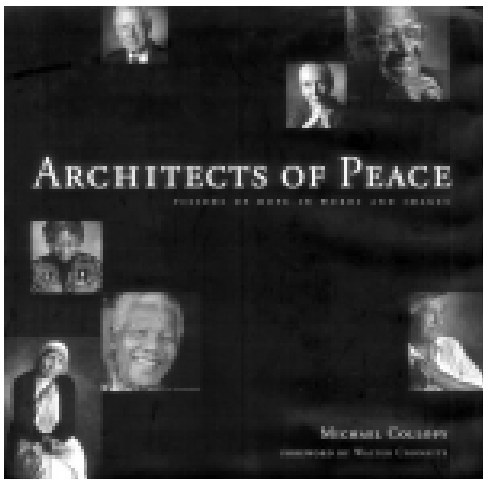
For friends and family outside of Oregon, urge them to write their senators and election officials to demand a verified voting system with a paper trail and must be auditable. (Why not go to mail-in-elections such as ours?) This issue must be corrected by November 2004.

And whatever you do, VOTE.

Good websites to refer to for this issue are: www.verifiedvoting.org, www.black-boxvoting.co/index.php, www.commondreams.org, and www.theleft-coaster.com/archives/000946.html.

Sande Krueger

Book Review



Architects of Peace: Visions of Hope in Words and Images

Michael Collopy

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When I walked into the Ashland Food Cooperative the other day, *Architects of Peace* jumped off the book rack and into my shopping cart. Big. Beautiful. Expensive. Feeling stupidly extravagant, I bought it anyway and I haven't had a single moment of regret. I give you these words now, not as a review but as an out-and-out sales pitch. Every home needs a copy to sit on the coffee table day in and day out, ready to pick up and browse—for pleasure in the artistry, for curiosity about the strange mix of “architects,” for the provocation of a very wide range of ideas, for the inspiration of beautiful faces and words.

Author Michael Collopy is a photographer who has made an extraordinary career shooting commissioned portraits of celebrated people, from Mother Teresa to Frank Sinatra. In this book he shows you the faces, up close and very personal, of 75 people who are, in one way or another, movers and shakers. Their equally personal words, many written especially for this book, accompany the portraits. Collopy also provides thumbnail bios for all of his subjects. Taken altogether, his book paints a fascinating picture of our collective social conscience.

Although Collopy's interest in peace is palpable, his logic is anything but obvious. How did Henry Kissinger get into this book? Margaret Thatcher? Colin Powell? Most peculiar, but the longer I browse, the happier I am to find them. Clearly they fall within what one reviewer defined as a group of “figure[s] often working at the very nucleus of bitter conflicts,” and we need to understand how they think.

We also need to understand what others mean by that elusive word “peace.” When asked for their thoughts about peace, the architects' answers ventured all over the topical map.

A small sample - Ted Turner wrote on corporate America; Bianca Jagger on the death penalty, Sarah and James Brady on gun control; Jody Williams on land mines; Jean-Michel Cousteau, Paul Hawken and Robert Redford on ecology and the environment.

You will find plenty of forthright opinion.

Sr. Helen Prejean: “...there's just no room for these Lone Rangers who go and try to save the world by themselves.” There are useful lessons. Jehan Sadat points out significant differences between American and Middle Eastern concepts of family. Mohammed Yunus of Bangladesh describes how his Grameen Banks have succeeded in turning penniless peasants into self-reliant entrepreneurs. General Lee Butler details a chilling inside history of nuclear military strategy.

You may find takes on the world you haven't thought of. Hafsat Abiola of Niger speaks of the right to contribute: “Peace comes from being able to contribute the best that we have...[and] securing the space for others to contribute the best that they have...”

You will hear from major religious leaders like the Dalai Lama and the Pope, and you will meet all ages. Sixteen-year-old Craig Kieburger, who at age 12 started Free the Children, says, “I realize, now, that each of us has the power to be Superman and to help rid the world of its worst evils - poverty, loneliness, and exploitation.” And you will hear from many professions. Musician Carlos Santana concludes, “There's only one truth on this planet: that we are all one.” Walter Cronkite says in his introduction, “There is going to be a social and political and economic evolution that will explode with such suddenness as to have the character of revolution. The evolutionary forces are already at work today, and they have humanity's dreams on their side.” A few minutes a day with *Architects of Peace* will keep you in touch with those dreams.

Architects for Peace can be ordered from local booksellers. It is available on the web starting \$16.95, used.

Nancy Golden

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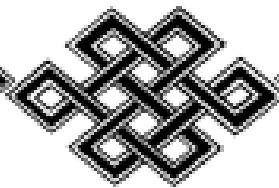
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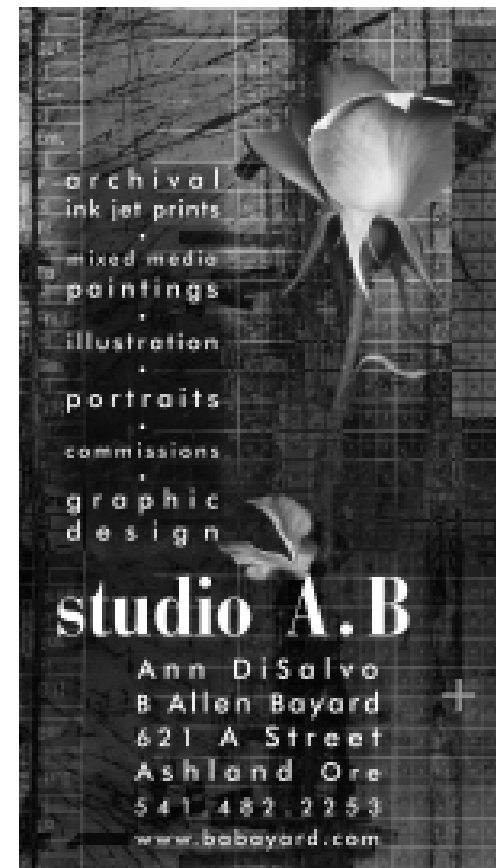
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Iraq Witness Dana Visalli Spoke in Ashland

Dana Visalli ended his eye-witness reports on Iraq with a direct, personal challenge: "What is the next step for each one of us?"

Hosted by the Media Collective, co-sponsored by Peace House, Visalli spoke in Ashland on March 11, on his way home from a two-week trip witnessing in Baghdad with a Christian Peacemaker Team. He first witnessed in Iraq with Voices in The Wilderness in February of 2003, a month before the U.S. invaded. Since VITW now considers it too dangerous to take people to Iraq, he had to find another sponsor for his second trip.

Visalli's challenge comes directly from a priest he met in Iraq who asked him to carry a message to Americans: "Tell them to get out of their comfort zones. Take risks. Stop misplacing energy. Become a responsible member of the human race."

Why this request? The Iraqi people have suffered a "big break in human rights." They ask, "Where is our liberty? Where is our freedom?" Ninety percent are glad Saddam is gone, but they are appalled by what has happened in the last year and they do not accept a governing council made up of so many exiles.

"There is a lot of grief and sorrow being shown in postwar Iraq," says Visalli. Civilian war deaths are thought to number around 10,000, with another 10,000 military personnel killed, and now, American troops are raiding homes and villages and detaining prisoners incommunicado, without charges or trials, often for days but sometimes for months.

A city in decay

On his first trip, Visalli saw no preparations for war being made in Baghdad. It was a "laid back" city. One year later, he found "a modern city in decay." The air is so choked with exhaust fumes that it hurts your lungs. Electric service is sporadic, about six hours a day. There is still no phone service or organized garbage pickup. Old, broken sewer pipes leak raw sewage into the streets. Schools are falling apart.

Visalli says he did not see a single building being rebuilt, but reports that the U.S. is building "four enormous military bases" and has surrounded the buildings it occupies with concrete abutments and razor wire. The U.S. uses depleted uranium in Iraq.

Smiling children, worried clerics

Visalli was greeted everywhere with warmth, hospitality, and friendliness. "These

are hugging people." His favorite slides are obviously his beautiful portraits of children with infectious smiles. The smiles, he says, were spontaneous, constant, amazing.

Iraqis are proud of being the oldest urban civilization in the world, going back 5,000 years. Before 1975 their superb education system (free K through PhD) produced the highest literacy rate and highest number of doctorates per capita in the world. Their free health care system was second to none in the Middle East.

After so many years of continuous destruction by war and sanctions, "Iraq today is infinitely poorer today than in 1975, and we are implicated," says Visalli. Worried Shiite clerics want us to leave, but not before elections. Cleric Masawi makes it clear that oil is America's real motive, that the occupation is illegal, and the U.S. needs to find a graceful way out.

You can reach Dana Visalli at dana@methow.com.

He recommends these resources:

Situation on the ground in Iraq from a humanitarian perspective

Christian Peacemaker Teams, www.cpt.org, CPT, PO Box 6508, Chicago IL 60680

Voices in the Wilderness, www.vitw.org, VITW, 4160 W Carmen Ave, Chicago IL 60640

Fellowship of Reconciliation, www.forusa.org, FOR, PO Box 271, Nyack NY 10960

Iraq Occupation Watch, www.occupation-watch.org

Witness for Peace: www.witnessfor-peace.org, WFP, 707 Eighth St, Washington DC 20003

Current news

News on Iraq: <http://electroniciraq.net>

News from around the world:

www.antiwar.com/latest/php

Books on "the underside of U.S. history"

Howard Zinn, *A Peoples History of the United States: 1492 to the Present*

Joel Andrews, *Addicted to War: Why the U.S. Can't Kick Militarism*

Frank Dorrell, (video) *What I've Learned About U.S. Foreign Policy*

William Blum, *Rogue State: A Guide to the World's Only Superpower*

Noam Chomsky, *Hegemony or Survival; Understanding Power; Rogue States*

Nancy Golden

Some New Books of Note

THE PRE-EMPTIVE EMPIRE: A Guide to Bush's Kingdom by Saul Landau.

This new book is described as a serious but refreshingly funny account of the alarming state of current American politics. "Landau delves into the erosion of civil liberties and the proliferation of empire under the guise of pre-empting the scourge of terrorism. Above all he makes a convincing case for the necessity of activism, with a ringing call for citizens to participate in making their own history."

In a forward George McGovern says, "Saul Landau has always approached every subject of interest with two questions: What is the problem? What is the solution?" Landau uses this approach in this new book also.

One noteworthy quote from Idaho Senator William Borah in 1919 discussing American participation in the League of Nations rings true in today's movement toward imperialism: "What shall it profit us as a nation if we shall go forth to the domination of the earth ... and lose that fine sense of confidence in the people, the soul of democracy?" Landau's caution: "The President and his cohorts choose empire over republic with each daily decision, which brings the US and the world closer to catastrophe."

The book ends with his admonition to his students that is applicable to all of us in these perilous times: "You can spend your time working toward buying the Maserati and on your deathbed regret that you never got it. Or, you can become an actor in your world, in your time and join other participants whose efforts have brought about some victories for justice and equality."

The book was a gift to me from the Institute for Policy Studies. When I finish it I'll add it to the Peace House Library.

TO INHERIT THE EARTH: The Landless Movement and the Struggle for a New Brazil by Angus Wright and Wendy Wolford.

The MST is one of the world's most successful programs of organizations of landless people working together to achieve agrarian reform. Food First Books is publishing this book as part of the Land Research Action Network (www.landaction.org), a program funded by several major foundations.

The book relates to peace locally and globally, or "glocally" as one worker coined a word expressing their local actions that can serve as a model for peasant groups around the globe. It is a story of more than one million people in Brazil who have trans-

formed their lives by organizing peaceful protests that have forced the Brazilian government to redistribute twenty million acres of agricultural land to 350,000 families, and to assist them further in creating new livelihoods.

Studs Terkel says: "This is a thoughtfully done book with a great story to tell." And Tom Hayden says: "I am thankful for a book that finally tells of the MST: a hopeful yet realistic study of people creating a better world." To order contact Food First in Oakland at 510-654-4400 or www.foodfirst.org.

HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD: Social Entrepreneurs and the Power of New Ideas by David Bornstein.

This is the story of the world's leading social entrepreneurs, from Florence Nightingale to those at work today redefining health, the environment, how young people grow up, and many other areas of human need.

In addition to describing Nightingale's creation of modern nursing, public health, and even building code changes, the author interviews many current trend-setters. Many of these outstanding individuals are funded by Ashoka Foundation. By imagining and trying new ideas they make it easier for people to join in creative, cooperative actions that are quickly copied and empowering - contagious ideas.

In the book are many examples of how social entrepreneurs advance systemic change, how they shift behavior patterns and perceptions. The book is an inspiring resource for any of us wanting to take part in positive change toward cooperative actions to build a world inhabited by people who care for and about each other and the earth. Bornstein says "anyone who has ever dreamt of solving a problem or making a positive change in his or her environment will find encouraging and instructive stories here."

Bornstein concludes by saying, "The capacity to cause change grows in an individual over time as small-scale efforts lead gradually to larger ones. But the process needs a beginning - a story, an example, an early taste of success-something along the way that helps a person form the belief that it is possible to make the world a better place. Those who act on that belief spread it to others. They are highly contagious. Their stories must be told."

If you can't get it locally, the book is published by Oxford University Press, Inc. in New York. www.oup.com.

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Wilderness Charter School students read Rachel Corrie's last emails on March 16

For Rachel Corrie

Whatever words might have been adequate have become a high fluting cry like the keening whit-tu-tu of the unseen bird outside my window. All day I have been trying to break free from the bulldozer's blade, piled earth, steel treads fracturing skull and chest, that moment of resistance and protest, stilled frame reverberating beyond the moment, like the kid in Tiananmen Square before the tank.

Her bright orange jacket and megaphone.
Her kind and tired eyes.
All day I have been pierced by the high note of helplessness, the ragged beat of despair.
Shrouded body with its blur of blood.
The quiet hands of mourners bearing her, flag-sheathed, across the town.

And why was she there?

Ask the ones whose truths she saw and sought to speak. Ask the child sitting atop slanting slabs of concrete - debris of his demolished home.

Ask the husband of the pregnant woman trapped beneath crushing rubble, the neighbor's bulldozed house bringing their own walls down, who cradled her toddler as she died.

Ask the families - hundreds huddled in wind-ripped tents homes wrecked without warning to make way for the separation wall.

Ask the ones who aren't American and don't make the morning news.

Whatever words we have are useless against this cruel weight. The bird's cry keens from every crack in the edifice of history. Before she died, Rachel Corrie wrote of the privilege granted her, an outsider, denied to those under occupation. "I have a home. I am allowed to go see the ocean."

In memory of Rachel Corrie, 23 years old, member of the International Solidarity Movement, killed by an Israeli bulldozer while trying to prevent demolition of a Palestinian family's house.

By Lisa Suhair Majaj

(Palestinian-American writer & poet)

Marshall Rosenberg In Ashland April 23-25: Touching Minds, Opening Hearts

Nonviolent Communication Is Making a Difference

Marshall Rosenberg, has dedicated the last 35 years of his life to finding a way to help people heal incredible pain and reach out in loving ways to each other. He has witnessed this time and time again, even between families where there have been murders between them, and disheartened and enraged groups such as Croatians and Serbians, Israelis and Palestinians, Catholics and Protestants. Recently his work has taken him to Africa to work with people from Senegal, Congo, Rwanda, Burundi and Kenya. They want to know how this work might help meet the needs of people who are trying to survive in the midst of abject poverty and warfare. It is easy to say that he touches peoples' lives in a profound way.

On a personal level, a few years ago, Marshall's training helped my former husband to express his feelings and create a safe space for his children to talk with him. My then 35-year-old daughter was encouraged by her father to revisit a lot of their historical pain, while he listened and offered her empathy. Afterwards she said to me with joy and tears in her eyes, "I have my daddy back!" While it is a moment I dearly treasure, it turned out to be just the beginning of ever-progressing skills and many beautiful reconnections.

The Center for Nonviolent Communication is a global organization whose vision is a world where all people are getting their

needs met and resolving conflicts peacefully. In this vision, people are using Nonviolent Communications to create and sustain grassroots networks of worldwide life-serving systems in economics, education, justice, healthcare and peacekeeping. One of these volunteer-run networks is the three year old Oregon Network for Compassionate Communication. For more information you may visit www.orncc.net or www.cnvc.net

H. Holley Humphrey lives near Grants Pass, Oregon, and is an educator, speaker, and Certified Trainer for the CNC. She has been offering NVC workshops for 20 years in various parts of the world. Her new book of NVC games for teachers, will be out this spring. Phone: (541) 862-2043, 862-2086, Web: www.empathymagic.com, email: hkh4kids@earthlink.net, 233 Rogue River Hwy. #173, Grants Pass, OR 97527.

Dr. Marshall Rosenberg, founder of The Center for Nonviolent Communication, author of "Nonviolent Communication, A Language of Life" and peace facilitator in over 30 countries, will be offering a workshop in Ashland on April 23-25. For more info visit: www.orncc.net. On April 23 from 1-4 PM at the SOU Stevenson Union Rogue River Room: "Social Change Through Nonviolent Communication." Marshall will be speaking specifically to activists.

H. Holley Humphrey

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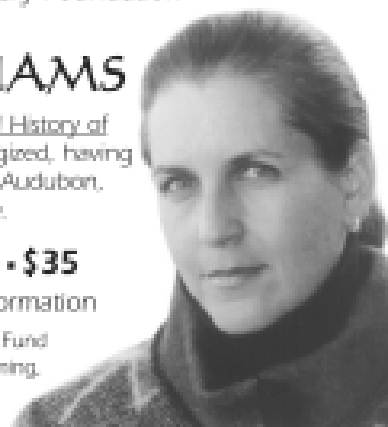
TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS

Perhaps best known for her book *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*, Terry's work has been widely anthologized, having also appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Nation*, *Outside*, *Audubon*, *Orion*, *The Iowa Review*, and *The New England Review*.

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ACPC FILM FESTIVAL

Films of Social and Historical Significance
APRIL 30th: "1984"

MAY 28th: DOCTOR STRANGELOVE

Come see & discuss these provocative films. All start at 7PM at the Ruch Library (off hwy 238 just past Ruch)

Admission is free & refreshments will be served. A discussion will follow each film led by Professor Gerry Cavanaugh, who has published many articles on contemporary economic, political and social issues.

Sponsored by Applegate Citizens for Political Change.

The Annual ROP Rural Caucus and Strategy Session

Every year the Rural Organizing Project (ROP) brings together human dignity activists from across rural and small town Oregon for a day to connect with others, reflect upon our work, strategize for the upcoming year and re-invigorate ourselves for a year of organizing.

This year the ROP will be having their Caucus in scenic Oregon City on Saturday, May 15th from 8:30am- 5pm. Join us this year as we focus on the upcoming elections. We'll be tackling questions like: How do we respond to wedge issues like marriage, taxes, civil liberties and immigrant rights? Learn specific skills for building your base, getting your message out to voters, recruiting volunteers and staying organized through the campaign season. Find out how you can participate in a 2004 electoral campaign for justice. Connect to and strategize with other rural and small town Oregonians who share your passion for justice in 2004 and beyond! Pre-registration required. To register, or for more information, contact cara@rop.org or download a registration form at www.rop.org.

Cara Shufelt, Rural Organizing Project, P.O. Box 1350, Scappoose, OR 97056, (503)543-8417 cara@rop.org

The Adult Education Committee and the Scholar in Residence Program Presents: David Pine

May 7 at 7:30 PM and May 8 at 10:30 AM. David Pine, West Coast Regional Director of Americans for Peace Now works to enhance Israel's security through peace, and partners with Shalom Achshav-Peace Now in Israel.

Mr. Pine will speak about "Israel, Prospects for Peace and Security for the Jewish State." Mr. Pine will focus on the current situation in Israel, including the viability of the numerous peace/disengagement initiatives proposed by the Israel government and others, and the building of the Israeli "Separation Barrier," U. S. engagement on the issues, and the impact of the situation on Israeli society and the region. Mr. Pine has a double Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and Jewish Communal Service from Hebrew Union College. Mr. Pine will speak at Temple Emek Shalom at 1800 East Main Street. Everyone is welcome

For more information on Americans for Peace Now - apnwest@netzero.net

Ruch and Applegate Libraries Offer Programs

Learn About Digital Cameras

On Saturday April 3 at the Ruch Library, Bill Porter will explain everything you need to know about starting in digital photography: how to buy a digital camera and the fundamentals of using it. Many experts predict almost all photography will be digital before the end of the decade. Digital prints are now accepted by many publications and for many legal documents such as passports and immigration papers.

New Jackson County Library Opens

On Sunday April 4 Jackson County will celebrate the opening of its new library with a gala grand opening, replete with bands, refreshments, book signings, puppet shows, and storytelling. In the morning the library invites volunteers to form part of the human chain that passes books from the old library to the new. Call Lorrie Kovell, volunteer coordinator, at 774-6423.

Singing Voices of the Applegate

The ever popular group of local singers will once again present a program of harmony, tempo, melody, serenade and audience participation on April 4 at 3 pm at the Ruch Library.

Dori Appel, Playwright and Storyteller

Dori comes to Ruch Library on April 16 at 7 pm to perform in Friends of Ruch Library's series. Look for more information in April.

Flora: From Goddess to Genus

This is the next Chatauqua program At the Applegate Library on Sunday April 18 at 3 pm.. Diana Coogle will be the visiting scholar.

Jefferson Nature Center and Jackson County Library Foundation present "Nature, Place, and Creating Culture"

A lecture/reading series examining the heart of how we create meaning in our world.

April 8 - Eric Alan

Writer, photographer, and broadcaster, former editor of "The Jefferson Monthly." His photography has been exhibited in gallery shows in Oregon and California. He is the author of *Wild Grace: Nature as a Spiritual Path*.

April 8 - Pepper Trail

Forensic ornithologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and an adjunct professor at SOU. In addition to numerous scientific publications, his work has appeared in High Country News, National Geographic, and The Jefferson Monthly, where his poem "After the Fire" will appear in July. With Jeanette Doob, Ashland Public Library

April 22 - Peter Berg

Founder and Director of Planet Drum Foundation, Peter Berg is a noted ecologist, author, and speaker. He is acknowledged as originator of the use of the terms bioregion and reinhabitation to describe land areas in terms of their interdependent plant, animal, and human life. He is the author of *Dispatches from Ecuador, Discovering Your Life-Place: A First Bioregional Workbook*, and many other publications.

April 22 - Diana Coogle

Oregon Book Award finalist, essayist and playwright, the author of *Living With All My Senses: 25 Years of Life on the Mountain and Fire From the Dragon's Tongue, Essays About Living with Nature in the Siskiyou Mountains*. She is a commentator for Jefferson Public Radio and a columnist for The Jefferson Monthly. With Marcy Greene, Medford Public Library

Original music at each event by author and singer-songwriter Monte Killingsworth, Oregon Book Award finalist, his fourth novel for young readers, *Sojourner*, will be published this fall. His new CD is entitled Chapbook. All programs begin at 7 p.m. and are free except as noted. Complimentary light refreshments. This project is funded in part by the Oregon Arts Commission Arts Builds Community grants and the National Endowment for the Arts. Info: 541-773-1039

May 22 - Terry Tempest Williams

See ad page 5

U.S./Cuba Friendshipment Caravan

Join Us for the 15th Friendshipment Caravan to Cuba! June 20th- Caravan routes begin in Canada. July 4th-8th - Orientation in Texas and border crossing July 9th-18th - Program in Cuba and return to US border. July 19th - Reverse challenge crossing 9th.

Wonder why George W. doesn't want you to know the truth about Cuba? Find out this summer. Just ninety miles from our shore, the world watches as the Cuban people persevere despite the food and medicine denied to them in your name. Cuban doctors continue to provide free, quality health care to their own people and to the poor of other nations. The U.S. government says you can't go to Cuba and see things for yourself. We say you should.

Take back your rights. While intensifying threats against Cuba, the Bush administration has also tried to shut down travel to and from the island, including educational and cultural exchanges. Now is the time to stand up and challenge these immoral and unjust policies. Stand Up Against Business as Usual!

We live in a climate of unprecedented military aggression. During this election year, politicians seeking votes in Florida will make backroom deals with local power brokers in Miami to destabilize Cuba and reinstate themselves and their corrupt business interests.

Make your voice heard. Stand in solidarity. There has never been a more important time to challenge U.S. foreign policy. Join us for the 15th U.S./Cuba Friendshipment Caravan to challenge the U.S. governments immoral blockade against Cuba. Be a host or a caravanista. sponsor a vehicle or donate aid. Discover what George W. doesn't want you to see. For more information please contact cucaravan@igc.org or call 212-926-5757.

"Let us not love in word: but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:18

IFCO/Pastors for Peace, 402 W 145th St, New York, NY 10031, 212-926-5757; fax: 212-926-5842; web: <http://www.ifco-news.org>. Local contact Peace House 482-9625

Action Alert

In Spring 2004, the Judiciary Committee (U.S. House of Representatives) will investigate FBI misconduct. We're counting on you - Peltier supporters worldwide - to demand that this investigation include a full examination of the misconduct exhibited on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation during the 1970s, as well as the conduct of the case against Leonard Peltier.

Time is getting short. We need every recipient of this message to sign the online petition:

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/balpsg01/petition.html>

Let Congress know we won't go away.

<http://www.peltiersupport.org/>
peltiersupport@riseup.net

FREE LEONARD PELTIER!

Rachel Corrie Appeal

The US Congress is currently considering a bill calling on the US government to conduct a "full, fair and expeditious investigation into the death of Rachel Corrie" who was killed by an Israeli military bulldozer while trying to prevent the demolition of a Palestinian home in Rafah.

To date the government has only called upon the Israelis to conduct an investigation, in spite of the Israeli military's record of using such "investigations" to white-wash similar incidents. While it is believed that pro-Israeli lobbyists are exerting extreme behind-the-scenes pressure on congressional representatives to vote against the bill, the following representatives are on record as supporting the bill:

Rep Baird, Brian - 3/25/2003 [WA-3]
Rep Abercrombie, Neil - 3/31/2003 [HI-1]
Rep Blumenauer, Earl - 4/3/2003 [OR-3]
Rep Capps, Lois - 3/25/2003 [CA-23]
Rep Dicks, Norman D. - 3/25/2003 [WA-6]
Rep Dingell, John D. - 4/3/2003 [MI-15]
Rep Dunn, Jennifer - 4/3/2003 [WA-8]
Rep Eshoo, Anna G. - 3/25/2003 [CA-14]
Rep Honda, Michael M. - 3/25/2003 [CA-15]
Rep Inslee, Jay - 3/25/2003 [WA-1]
Rep Larsen, Rick - 3/25/2003 [WA-2]
Rep Lee, Barbara - 4/3/2003 [CA-9]
Rep Lewis, John - 3/25/2003 [GA-5]
Rep McDermott, Jim - 3/25/2003 [WA-7]
Rep Rahall, Nick J., II - 3/31/2003 [WV-3]
Rep Smith, Adam - 3/25/2003 [WA-9]
Rep Wu, David - 3/25/2003 [OR-1]

If you wish to help pass this resolution you may do so by phoning, faxing or emailing your representative expressing your support for the bill

To find out the phone or fax numbers of your representative go to <http://www.congress.org> or call the congressional switchboard at 202-224-3121 or 800-839-5276.

To email your representative go to http://www.cflweb.org/congress_merge_.php. Phone calls are considered the most effective way of lobbying. Emails are considered to be the least effective way.

Palestinian Solidarity Site:

<http://palsolidarity.org/activists/rachel-corrie/rachelaappealamerica.php>

Peace Community Calendar

Ashland Independent Film Festival Includes a Human Rights Film

April 1-5, Varsity Theater. The Ashland premiere of *A Great Wonder*, a documentary made by Kim Shelton, will show during the Ashland Independent Film Festival. For information visit www.ashlandfilm.org

Learn from the Burn: Biscuit Wildfire Hikes

Every Saturday 9am. Fun for the whole family! We will carpool from Evo's Java-house (next to the Ashland Public Library) leaving at 9am and returning around 6 pm. Bring water, warm clothes, rain gear, hiking boots and camera or binocs. Sponsored by Friends of the Rogue-Kalmiopsis. Contact: 482-2640 forkmail04@yahoo.com

Wide Awake Film Forum

* SATURDAY NIGHTS * April 3rd. Saturday's at 7pm at Evo's Java House. *After Stonewall*, a 90-minute film, chronicles the gay and lesbian experience since the Stonewall riots. From the emergence of the 70's Gay Liberation Movement and Womyn's music festivals to the onslaught of AIDS, the vibrant Gay Games movement and Ellen DeGeneres' highly publicized coming out performance, AFTER STONEWALL presents a story as compelling, rewarding and provocative as the individual lesbians and gays who defined the era. Discussion about local issues to follow.

The Fourth World War

Saturday April 10. 7 PM. Meese Auditorium, SOU Campus. FREE.

Wide Awake Film Forum and Media Collective present the Southern Oregon premier of *The Fourth World War* a Big Noise Film. It is a story of people around the world who resist being annihilated in this war. Contact: Media Collective (541) 552-8764.

Twelfth Annual Spring Powwow

Saturday April 10: Noon-11 pm

Sunday April 11: Noon- 6pm At SOU McNeil Pavilion Gym. For more info call the Native American Student Union, (NASU): 552-6463

Sexual Abuse Community Awareness Training

Tuesday, April 13th, 7 PM at the Smullin Center.

Rouge Valley Medical Center 2825 East Barnett Road, Medford. The purpose of this training is to instruct the public about grooming tactics of adult and juvenile sexual offenders so we, the adults, can successfully take on the responsibility of protecting children from sexual abuse. For more information call 608-4903.

Dr. Elizabeth Reis ~ Hermaphroditic Impostors: Intersexuality in American History

Friday, April 16th at noon in the Rogue River Room at Southern Oregon University Explores cases of intersexuality from the colonial period to the mid-twentieth century in America. Examination of the origins of this classification scheme illuminates the historical development of and current commitment to a binary sex and gender system in the U.S.

“Women: The Longest Revolution”

Center for Visual Arts, Ashland Campus

Saturday April 17th, 7:30. Original performance documentary benefiting the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance, serving women and children affected by domestic and sexual violence. What has changed for women in the past 35+ years? What have we accomplished and what have we yet to do? This theatre performance explores the history of women in the Rogue Valley and the events of the nation in regard to Women's Rights Movements. Call the WRC for reservations, 552-6216. Tickets by donation, \$5-15.

Spring Film Series by KS Wild

April 16 – Unitarian Fellowship, 87 4th street

The Monarch-Butterfly Beyond Borders chronicles the journey of monarchs as they fly thousands of miles to a site they have never seen on a yearly basis. This beautiful documentary looks at this amazing creature in its various habits. 47 min. Buffalo War archives Native Americans, ranchers, and environmental activists as they clash over the killing of America's last wild buffalo herd along the border of Yellowstone National Park. 57 min.

Counter Recruitment Meeting

April 19th (Every Third Monday) at 7:00pm at Peace House

April 20: See page I Human Rights Protest!

Southern Oregon Friends of Cuba Meeting

April 21st. Meets every 3rd Wednesday; 7:00 pm at Peace House.

SOFC is preparing for the Pastors for Peace caravan to Cuba in July. We want to educate Ashland about US Trade policy, host a film forum, get funds for a bus to carry aid across the border and engage the community in solidarity events.

Be Aware Fair: Shedding Light on the Issues of Women in Society

The annual gathering is scheduled from 12-5 p.m. April 21 on the RCC Riverside Campus, Medford. The fair provides an opportunity to explore issues facing women and girls, with a strong emphasis on abuse and healing. Workshops, which will also address empowerment and self-care, will be appropriate for college and high school students as well as teachers, community agency members, and the general public. A special performance from Planned Parenthood's Teen Theater group performing *Ophelia Rising*. Registration is required, but the event is free to all who wish to attend. Deadline for registration is April 16. To register or for more information contact Alexa Priddy at apriddy@roguecc.edu or call 245-7538.

Take Back the Night

Wednesday, April 21st. Take Back the Night is an inspiring evening focused on empowering survivors of sexual and domestic violence. We celebrate and honor women and men who are committed to ending violence against women in our community. Join us for an exciting evening of art, poetry, theatre, music, food, and ceremony. Face painting and arts and crafts for kids, a perfect event for the whole family. Meet at RCC at 5:30 to March to Alba Park. Events will take place 6-9 PM at Alba Park in Medford. For more information call 779-2393 ex.270

Earth Day at SOU

April 22, SOU Courtyard. 10 am to 3 pm. Come see a hybrid car, theater by Sticks and Stones, speakers, tabling for the earth, and music!

Marshall Rosenberg April 23-24 See page 5

Earth Day 2004 at North Mountain Park: Be a Piece of the Solution

Saturday, April 24, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at North Mountain Park in Ashland

Celebrate Earth Day at North Mountain Park and learn about actions that you can take to create an earth-friendly lifestyle. From green building materials and locally grown food, to natural cleaning products and renewable energy, dozens of exhibits will demonstrate ways that you can “Be a Piece of the Solution.” Lively entertainment, hands-on activities for kids, and delicious organic food will make this Earth Day festival fun for all ages. Details: North Mountain Park Nature Center 488-6606.

!! Stop the Expansion !! Stop the Litterbugs !!

April 25. Join the Watershed Watchdogs and Mount Ashland Neighbors to pick up litter on the Ski Access Road. For more information contact Trace (541) 488-7884.

March for Women's Lives

April 25, Washington D.C.

Millions will gather in Washington D.C. for the March for Women's Lives. The Group for Reproductive Rights and Peace House will be traveling from Ashland to D.C. Women's Resource Center 552-6216.

Act For the Earth:

A Bioregional Ecology Conference and Skills Training

April 30 - May 2. SOU Stevenson Union. Peace House, ECOS and OSPIRG are hosting a weekend of trainings, workshops and community dialogue. Keynote speaker: Fernando Suarez del Solar Friday at 7:00 pm. Britt Ballroom, SOU. Fernando lost his son Jesus when he stepped on a US cluster bomb while fighting in Iraq. Contact Peace House 482-9625 for more information.

Oxygen Collective Presents Fire and Forests Roadshow

May 1st. Last Stop! Act for the Earth Conference. Ashland, Oregon.

This April, the Oxygen Collective will be travelling the West Coast aboard our forty-foot biodiesel tour bus for a three week Fire and Forests Roadshow. We will be stopping at ten universities along the way to educate and raise awareness around the Bush administration's plan to cut the largest timber sale in modern history: the Biscuit salvage logging proposal in the wild Siskiyou of southwest Oregon. This administration is using southwest Oregon as their playground for a radical industry-sponsored policy for public lands forest management. The Fire and Forests Roadshow will highlight the Biscuit timber grab and offer a multitude of ways for citizens to defend our last wild places in the US. For more information, visit: www.o2collective.org

Clear Actions Mailing Party

May 5th at 10:00 am. Lots of fun!! Volunteers are always needed.

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neoliberalism of its corporate and conservative funders, offers in a 1999 analysis paper a blueprint for auctioning off all public lands over 20 to 40 years. They claim that private rather than public ownership would enhance both environmental quality and economic efficiency.

Private land stewardship in the Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion is often at odds with environmental quality. Fruit Growers Supply (FGS), a subsidiary of Sunkist Growers Inc., owns a 240-acre parcel in the middle of the publically-owned 20,000-acre Condrey Mountain Roadless Area. FGS has been ruthlessly liquidating the forest on their privately held lands, and has intentions to clearcut this 240-acre parcel this summer.

Condrey Mountain is adjacent to the Red Buttes Wilderness and the Kangaroo Roadless Area and contains 12 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail, three botanical areas, extensive subalpine meadows and diverse conifer forests for which the Klamath-Siskiyou region is famous. Citizens have been advocating for public acquisition of the land for years. But with the US Forest Service's release of an Environmental Assessment (EA) late last month, the logging plans of FGS are that much closer to reality.

The EA would approve FGS's use of a helicopter landing pad on public land, enabling the liquidation of this private land within prime roadless habitat and an Old-Growth Reserve. FGS knows this small parcel is unique and has expressed a willingness to sell, but do not seem willing to wait for a better federal funding climate necessary for public acquisition. Besides, it's swimming upstream to advocate for private land to become public.

Another example is Boise Cascade's private land in the Elk Creek watershed northeast of Medford. Boise heavily salvage logged their private land within the Timbered Rock fire perimeter immediately after the 2002 fire, even as it was still smoldering. Boise is currently logging green trees that survived the fire on their private land.

The Elk Creek watershed is a stronghold for anadromous fish runs, including federally endangered coho salmon. The public land in this watershed is entirely Old-Growth Reserves in what was designated a key watershed for the protection of salmon. However, the fire came through and offered an excuse to open up those reserves and loosen restrictions. Boise is now poised to bid on the public lands timber sale that is currently being planned within the fire perimeter and likely be auctioned in April.

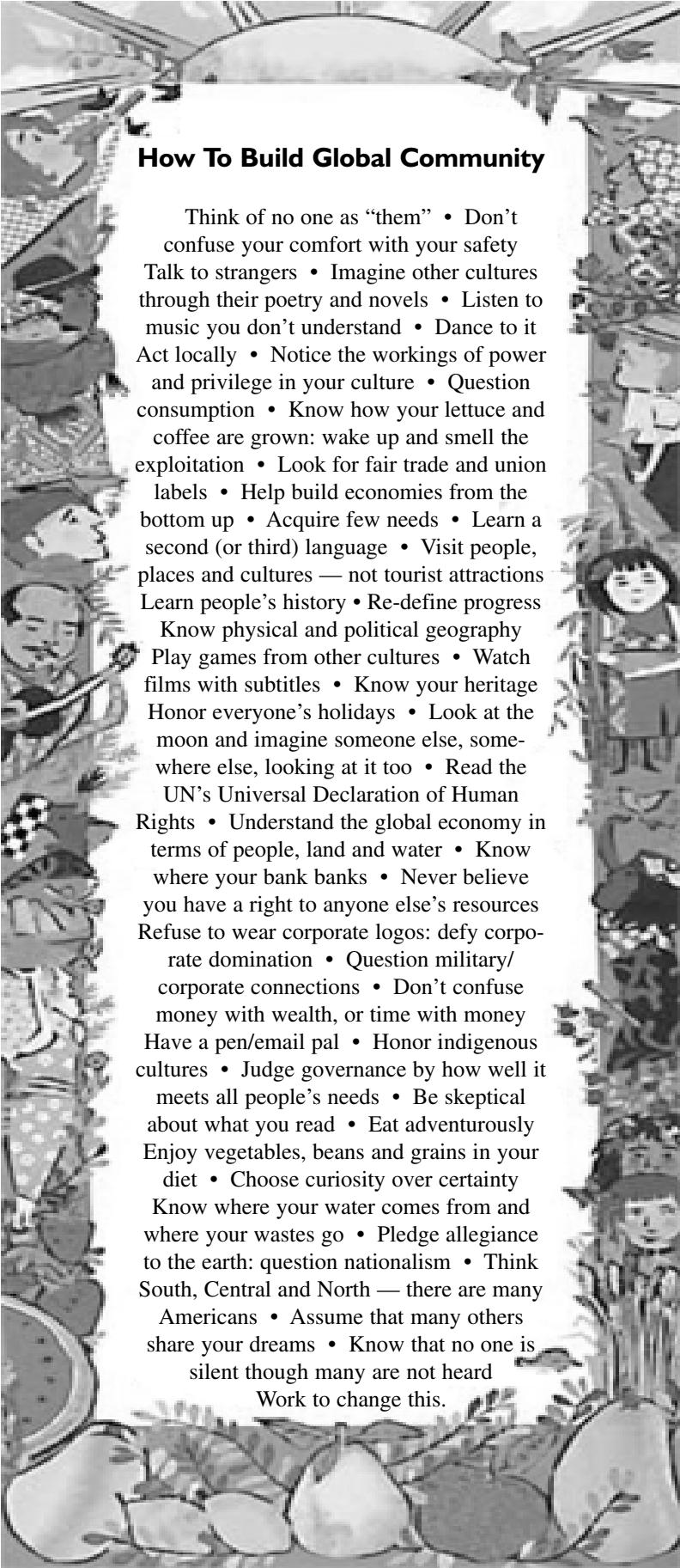
Although I am critical of federal management of public lands, I am more alarmed by the idea that companies like FGS and Boise could someday not just bid on public lands timber sales, but on public land itself. It appears that privatization allows those that can afford it to profit while the public loses on common resources: air, water, forests and the potential for a peaceful global society.

For more information on the threats to Condrey Mountain and Elk Creek, visit: www.kswild.org. To join KS Wild's e-News, email lesley@kswild.org.

Lesley Adams

How To Build Global Community

Think of no one as "them" • Don't confuse your comfort with your safety
Talk to strangers • Imagine other cultures through their poetry and novels • Listen to music you don't understand • Dance to it
Act locally • Notice the workings of power and privilege in your culture • Question consumption • Know how your lettuce and coffee are grown: wake up and smell the exploitation • Look for fair trade and union labels • Help build economies from the bottom up • Acquire few needs • Learn a second (or third) language • Visit people, places and cultures — not tourist attractions
Learn people's history • Re-define progress
Know physical and political geography
Play games from other cultures • Watch films with subtitles • Know your heritage
Honor everyone's holidays • Look at the moon and imagine someone else, somewhere else, looking at it too • Read the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights • Understand the global economy in terms of people, land and water • Know where your bank banks • Never believe you have a right to anyone else's resources
Refuse to wear corporate logos: defy corporate domination • Question military/corporate connections • Don't confuse money with wealth, or time with money
Have a pen/email pal • Honor indigenous cultures • Judge governance by how well it meets all people's needs • Be skeptical about what you read • Eat adventurously
Enjoy vegetables, beans and grains in your diet • Choose curiosity over certainty
Know where your water comes from and where your wastes go • Pledge allegiance to the earth: question nationalism • Think South, Central and North — there are many Americans • Assume that many others share your dreams • Know that no one is silent though many are not heard
Work to change this.



Old-growth Douglas fir on the steep slopes of the Condrey Mountain Roadless Area on the Siskiyou Crest.

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.

Wednesdays

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 Talent Methodist Church 535-9014.

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.

Mugs for Peace

Show your support for Peace House with a thermal mug bearing the Peace House logo. It is a very useful item in stainless steel with a colorful carabiner for a handle and a screw-top lid, making an easy way to tote hot coffee safely on a bicycle. One less car at the java stop. Holds 12 oz. of any hot beverage, or, in summer, any iced beverage! Only \$12, and you'll be making a donation to this worthy cause. Call Peace House to make your request, 482-9625, or drop by at Peace House at the corner of Mountain and Ashland Streets above the SOU campus between 10am and 3pm, Tuesday through Friday.

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