



## Victory for Free Speech TV

There is a new TV channel available here in Ashland. "Democracy Now" Is offered through AFN. We are still pounding the drums for this new offering. When it comes to news and information, we need more voices! Free Speech TV is the place where informed people go to get all the news, not just what the networks want us to see. "Democracy Now" and the Free Speech network are now being seen on Channel 81 on AFN, thanks to residents and the members of the Ashland Fiber Network Programming Committee, chaired by Wes Brain.

"We have a consolidated media that is very homogenized. In fact, the news that comes to us is missing is a lot of information that is not reported to us. Democracy Now! gives us news that is seen around the world that sometimes is not reported here in this country. It is important for our democracy. For people to be able to vote and participate in democracy, they need to be informed."

"Democracy Now," the main program on Free Speech TV, is hosted by Amy Goodman. Many people say Amy Goodman is the best progressive journalist in this country. She is with the Pacifica Network, WBAI in New York. It is a radio program but they put a camera on Amy and Free Speech TV carries her live at 5 a.m. Pacific Time. Goodman's show is also rebroadcast twice daily for those who do not rise early. Free Speech TV is only available in Ashland through AFN or by Dish Network satellite service. It literally took the five years of operation to get the program on the air.

When the committee first got together we had a blank blackboard where we would put what channels we wanted on AFN. One of the first programs that went on the board was Free Speech TV. It wasn't easy to get. It is

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## Progressive Coalition in July 4 Parade

Each year, an ad hoc Progressive Coalition marches in the Fourth-of-July Parade.

One of the themes for this year's parade entry is "Billionaires for Bush," a satirical street theater approach to protest the current administration. Borrowing freely from ideas at [www.billionairesforbush.com](http://www.billionairesforbush.com), participants are encouraged to dress in pin-stripe suits or outrageously formal attire, carry fat cigars and champagne glasses, and tout signs with slogans such as "Corporations are People, Too," and "Hooray for Halliburton,"

Contact organizers at [pam@nv.net](mailto:pam@nv.net). We will congregate on July 4 at 10:00 AM on Alida Street near Triangle Park.

Peace House will be walking with the Progressive Coalition, also meeting at Alida Street at 10:00 AM. We plan to dress in black and walk silently to express our mourning. Together we will make a statement to oppose violence as war, rape, genocide and human rights abuses continue all over the world. In acknowledging our grief and loss we hope to participate in creating a world without war. Can you imagine a non-violent, peaceful future? What does it look like?

Peace House will also need volunteers to have a 4th of July booth to sell merchandise and distribute peace information. Make this a part of your 4th to work for peace.

The Stop the Wall Campaign will also participate in the parade on their U.S. roadshow to educate people about Palestine.

Visit [www.stopthewall.org](http://www.stopthewall.org) for contact info.

## Rogue Chapter of the League of Pissed Off Voters

DIY Local Brainstorm and Planning Session  
When: July 9th at 6:30pm

Where: Ashland Library, Gresham Rm

Who is it for: People (mainly under 35) who want to organize to register, turnout, organize, and educate voters in November and potentially build a local progressive voter bloc over the long term.

Purpose: Bring together all local progressive forces to strategize how we're going to organize young voters in our community over the next 150 days.

Goals/Outcomes:

1. Build relationships with a broad spectrum of progressives in our area

## The Peace Garden Grows!



The Walker Peace Garden at Willow Wind

The Walker Fund Peace Garden is a new Peace House program educating children about their relationship to food and community through an innovative garden-to-kitchen experience. In collaboration with the Ecology Center of the Siskiyou and the Willow Wind Community Learning Center, two Peace Gardeners will host workshops for Rogue Valley youth and maintain bountiful gardens at Southern Oregon University and Willow Wind. The workshops will address hunger in Jackson County and include local children in the gratifying process of cultivating the earth, harvesting food and supporting people who are at nutritional risk.

The gardens will provide organic vegetables to the Tuesday community meal program (Uncle Foods Diner) serving homeless and low-income people in Ashland.

Peace gardeners Shelley Elkovich and Leisa Glass are tackling the weeds and tilling the soil, and volunteers helped install deer fencing to protect the new raised beds. The garden hosted its first group of children in June, when a summer camp for 5-7 year olds participated in planting and learned about soil cultivation.

This program has been made possible by a generous grant from the Reed and Carolee Walker Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, whose mission is to serve Jackson County youth and alleviate hunger in our community. The Ashland Community Food Store awarded a grant for food and supplies, and the program has received donations and discounts from Spirit Gardens, Ashland Hardware and Phoenix Organic.

**Shelley Elkovich**

ple traditionally marginalized and oppressed. This means getting young people, queers, feminists, people of color, low-income Oregonians and all the disaffected anarchists to the polls.

6. Set next steps - future meetings, pieces of work, report back

### THE MEETING

This might be the most important meeting you ever attend. Everyone is getting screwed right now, and we see the current political moment as a unique opportunity to bring together people who never talk to each other -across all the boundaries that divide us- into a new political force to be reckoned with at

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## Letters to Peace House

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It is unfortunate that the school's financial situation did not afford this purchase at this time. Thank you for your continued support of education; it is greatly appreciated. Dozens of students will benefit from reading the books you bought over the next several years.

Special thanks to the individual contributors: Kenneth Bosnsi, Bob Morse, Dieter and Ginger Rilling, Judy Uherbelau, Mary Lewis and Daniel Mason, William McWhorter, Grace Hamilton, Linda Richards, Mary Ann Jones and Kay Turk. I will continue to inform students of the many educational presentations offered by your organization.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Barton,  
Social Studies Teacher  
Phoenix High School

**"The last of the human freedoms . . . is the ability to choose one's own way. This last inner freedom cannot be lost, it is a spiritual freedom that makes life meaningful and purposeful." Victor Frankl**

## Peace House's Annual Pledge Drive Was A Success!

We owe a big round of thanks to all the volunteers that made calls May 26th and 27th to supporters. Thanks to Jan Accord, Suzi Aufderheide, Ellen Craine, Susan Jefferies, Barb Dickinson, Keith Quick, Shelley Elkovich, Amber, Jon Dowd and Mary Lou Lucas; and to our terrific board, Rich Rohde, Shri Estes, Tina Freimuth and Kevin Preister.

Many thanks to the folks at Patricia Sprague Realty for donating their office and phones for Peace House volunteers, staff and board to run our annual phone bank pledge drive. Without your kind support, our fundraiser wouldn't have been such a success.

## From the Staff of Peace House

### The Criminalization of Dissent

We have entered a time of historic repression in our country. The abuses of the PATRIOT Act are well known and documented, despite the government and mainstream media's attempts to keep it under wraps. Our own friend Pete Seda has had his name linked to terrorism in the media, despite the fact that he has always been a consistent voice for peace, and no criminal charges have ever been filed. His story is, unfortunately, not unique.

What the PATRIOT Act has brought to Muslim-American community members, has long occurred in communities of color throughout our country. Racial profiling by law enforcement officials is a common and well known problem in our cities and towns. Additionally, the FBI's COINTELPRO program first targeted American Indian Movement members and Black Panther Party members, then moved to student anti-war activists. The continuum of repression has now reached a dangerous pinnacle that threatens us all.

Lesser known abuses of power occur on a daily basis throughout this country. Quietly, law enforcement officials have created and implemented plans to further criminalize dissent, threatening to undermine the noble foundation of civil disobedience and protest that is the core and origin of any vibrant democracy.

Using fear as a motivator and excuse, the media's consistent portrayal of protest as unpatriotic, or somehow indirectly supporting terrorists, adds to the criminalization of dissent by demonizing those who would dare exercise their rights to free speech and assembly and speak out against injustice.

Of course this is not news to you. Maybe you have heard stories of the thousands of militarized police that greeted FTAA protesters with intimidation, harassment and reckless violence in Miami last fall. Maybe you have heard stories of how the governor of Georgia declared a "state of emergency" one week before G8 protesters were set to arrive, effectively eliminating 1st Amendment rights and allowing law enforcement to detain and disrupt any event or individual anywhere in the state.

And perhaps you have even witnessed yourself the heavy-handed police tactics at anti-war demonstrations in San Francisco, or of our own local law enforcement at student peace rallies and timber sale protests. All of this leads the ordinary person to question their ability to participate in the movements against injustice. The days of nonviolent civil disobedience and protest are in danger of rapidly disappearing.

With major protests at the DNC and RNC set to occur later this summer on the east coast and the likelihood of ongoing protest on our public lands forests here in Oregon, it is imperative that we do whatever we can to stop the criminalization of dissent. We must



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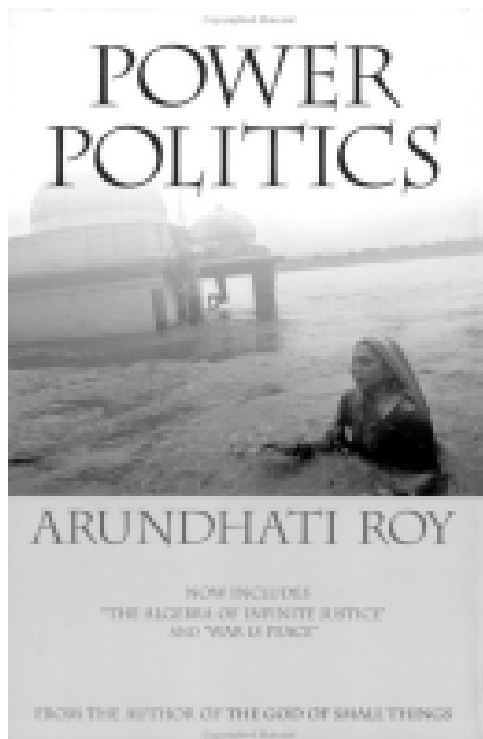
At times, our movement allows the criminalization of dissent to proceed unchecked. Our fears of being labeled "violent" or "extreme" or "anti-American" in the media can cause us to forget the imperative of standing firmly behind our civil liberties. Our lip service to solidarity means nothing if we fail to act decisively.

In this time of historic repression, we at Peace House want you to know that we are committed to every individual's rights to non-violent civil disobedience and protest and we stand firmly behind our precious civil liberties. We cannot allow Bush or Ashcroft to take any more ground.

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**Peace House Staff**

# Book Review



**Power Politics** by Arundhati Roy  
South End Press

Howard Zinn says, “Arundhati Roy combines her brilliant style as a novelist with her powerful commitment to social justice in producing these eloquent, penetrating essays.” She challenges the idea that only “experts” can speak out on such urgent matters as the globalization of the world economy, the privatization of India’s power supply by U.S.-based energy companies, and the construction of monumental dams that will dislocate hundreds of thousands of people. Roy takes us to the frontlines of struggles for social justice and a humane, democratic future.”

Although she’s speaking of India, her words apply to our upcoming election: “We will be forced to ask ourselves some very uncomfortable questions about our values and traditions, our vision of the future, our responsibilities as citizens, the legitimacy of our democratic institutions, the role of the state, the police, the army, the judiciary, and the intellectual community.” To that I would add our elected leaders and our corporate leaders.

## Vietnam Archival Volunteer Needed

Peace House has received several donations of archival material relating to U.S. militarism, the Vietnam War and the peace movement from 1960 and onward. We are in need of an experienced archival volunteer who can donate their time and effort to assist Peace House in preserving this material for future generations of peace activists. This work will include deciding what materials will be needed to accomplish this project and then proceeding to organize, label and display the materials. Peace House will purchase the necessary materials for this project.

“Trade Not Aid” is the rallying cry of the headmen of the new Global Village headquartered in the shining offices of the World Trade Organization. Our British colonizers stepped onto our shores a few centuries ago disguised as traders. ... This time around the colonizer doesn’t even need a token white presence in the colonies. ... They can have their colonies and an easy conscience. ‘Creating a good investment climate’ is the new euphemism for third world repression.”

She said advocates of globalization, from Kofi Annan to individual nation leaders, claim that “if we have the right institutions of governance in place—effective courts, good laws, honest politicians, participatory democracy, a transparent administration that respects human rights and gives people a say in decisions that affect their lives—then the globalization process will work for the poor, as well. They call this ‘globalization with a human face.’”

“The point is, if all this were in place, almost anything would succeed: socialism, capitalism, a dictatorship, you name it. Everything works in Paradise... But in an imperfect world, is it globalization that’s going to bring us all this bounty? “She points out India’s rural economy supports seven hundred million people who are producing more food grain, milk, sugar than the country uses while living at bare subsistence incomes. Yet in 2001 the Indian government made an agreement with the WTO to drop its quantitative import restrictions on 1,400 commodities when there was already a glut of many of these products on the market. India is free to export but countries like the USA claim their products don’t meet the first world’s “environmental standards.”

Roy’s book is a plea for citizens of every country to look at the big picture in their country and the world and do the most effective things one can do. Seek out neighbors and build community to create humane changes needed. “I think it’s vital to de-professionalize the public debate on matters that vitally affect the lives of ordinary people. It’s time to snatch our futures back from the “experts.” She cites encouraging actions by individuals and small community groups. “One cannot help but marvel at the fantastic range and depth and wisdom of the hundreds of people’s resistance movements all over the country. They’re being beaten down, but they simply refuse to lie down and die.”

“What we need to search for and find, to hone and perfect into a magnificent, shining thing, is a new kind of politics. Not the politics of governance, but the politics of resistance. The politics of opposition. The politics of forcing accountability. The politics of slowing things down. The politics of joining hands across the world and preventing certain destruction. In the present circumstances, I’d say that the only thing worth globalizing is dissent. It’s India’s best export.”

**Marguerite Craig**

*From the DUDE President:*

## Why Does Peace House Support Us DUDEs?

DUDE (Disabled United in Distressing Environments) is an aggressive advocacy group for the disabled, and primarily by the disabled, that has been active since November 2003. Being against discrimination of any kind, we also welcome TABs (Temporarily Able-Bodied).

Our biggest event so far has been a disability sit-in rally last April in the Medford Disability Service Office. The success of this event is directly attributed to the fact that we formed a coalition of three disability groups and six groups fighting for social justice. One active member of this coalition was Peace House, whose co-director, Linda Richards, trained us in nonviolent protesting.

The event attracted 120 people, being the largest of its kind in Rogue Valley history. The training was so effective that the three police officers, assigned to check what trouble we the riff-raff were causing, ended up being bored stiff.

The success of this event is continuing as we speak. We have submitted a list of demands, which is now under serious consideration by high-level officials of the Department of Human Services. The DHS director and his deputy will be in the area in the next few weeks, and will meet us, the disabled, for detailed discussions. For the first time we have some say in our own fate, and we are no longer just passive recipients of orders from above. Without the coalition none of that would have ever happened.

Why is the Peace House, involved mostly in anti-war activities, even interested in us the disabled? Simply because we are front-line war casualties. When our country wastes its resources on destroying other countries, then compounds the problem by “rebuilding” their nations, we sadly become the first to pay the price. Our main usefulness is being a warning, a red flag to those coming next.

It is critically important to maintain and enhance the coalition that was formed. In our case we are now trying to draw in caregivers and SEIU activists, as well as church and religious groups. We also hope that we will be able to repay some coalition members in kind when called for.

Thank you, Peace House, and all other coalition members!

DUDE, Voice of the Voiceless, Power of the Powerless!

We are a pro-active support group providing a voice to the disabled, and raising public awareness of the plight of the disabled. If you share our goals, or have a talent or a skill for these goals, please contact us at (541) 488-5639 or at [mailto:dude@cybernetisp.net](mailto:mailto:dude@cybernetisp.net).

**Nathan Jacobi**

DUDE President

**YOU:** A passionate, interesting person seeking an outlet for your  
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b) hope for communities uniting to create a world free of hate and anger  
c) commitment to creating social change through art and action

**US:** A fresh nonprofit with an uncanny ability to inspire even the most jaded hearts.

**SEEKING:** Someone(s) interested in working in a consensus run, brightly decorated office with three of the coolest people you’ll ever meet. Peace House has a myriad of volunteer opportunities and places for you to put your ideas into action. We would love to see you engaged in something creative and empowering. Peace House has much to offer and much we need. Currently we would love to see....

- crews of bicyclists distributing Clear Actions across the Rogue Valley and beyond
- teams of people who care about dialogue and education attending events to table on behalf of Peace House
- savvy phone callers that could spend a few hours a month making vital outreach calls
- supporters that could assist us in recruiting and organizing volunteers for our amazing programs like Uncle Foods Diner, Peace Gardens, Southern Oregon Friends of Cuba, Resist the Draft and Counter Military Recruitment
- experienced fundraisers that can make calls for our fall raffle and art auction
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# War on Earth

## Endangered Forests, Endangered Freedoms

The summer before a major presidential election has developed into a season to challenge extreme federal policies. One can find workers in Michigan struggling with economic policies that moved their jobs overseas, parents in Texas coping with the death of their children in Afghanistan, and Greenpeace USA protesting ancient forest destruction on public lands here in southwest Oregon.

Greenpeace USA set up the nation's first Forest Rescue Station in early June in the Kelsey-Whisky timber sale on Medford BLM near the Wild and Scenic Rogue River. The group has initiated a national campaign under the banner, "Endangered Forests, Endangered Freedoms," marrying two threats that may at first appear separate. Yet this administration is unleashing unprecedented pressures on our civil liberties, environmental laws, reproductive rights, and freedoms of speech and assembly.

Greenpeace has a 30-year history of peaceful direct action opposing nuclear proliferation, destructive ocean fishing, global warming, persistent organic pollutants and forest destruction. Greenpeace maintains strict non-violence codes and generates creative communication techniques that demand attention to imperative environmental issues.

In February 2002, Greenpeace volunteers carried out a peaceful protest against a cargo ship transporting illegal mahogany from the Brazilian Amazon. Rather than arrest the ship captain for transporting illegal mahogany, the Bush administration brought charges against Greenpeace.

The office of US Attorney General John Ashcroft argued that their actions broke an 1872 law designed to stop prostitutes tempting sailors off ships. In May 2004, the judge threw out the prosecutors' case before the trial was finished for lack of evidence. The Bush administration attempted to use this law, last enforced in 1890, to stifle free

speech and the practice of non-violent civil disobedience intended to highlight an illegal and immoral action.

A rich history of civil disobedience is a part of the foundation of our nation. Luckily, groups like Greenpeace exist to remind us that we can take a physical stand against what we know deep in our hearts to be wrong. They also remind us that different struggles are actually quite interrelated. From the Miami civil liberties trial, Greenpeace staff set their sights on the Pacific Northwest to continue their job, undeterred by Ashcroft's attempts to scandalize their actions against logging in the Amazon.

The Greenpeace USA campaign is committed to ending the commercial logging of old-growth and mature forest on public lands. The Klamath-Siskiyou is rare in its botany and geology, and is threatened by the same misguided administration that attacks the Tongass in Alaska and the Jefferson and Washington National Forests in Virginia.

Two weeks after Greenpeace set up their Forest Rescue Station at Kelsey-Whisky, they placed a three-ton shipping container on a Medford BLM logging road to block ancient forest logging at the Soukow timber sale, west of Glendale. The Greenpeace supporters who locked themselves to the container were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and interfering with an agricultural operation. As this goes to print, the Medford BLM has given Greenpeace 48 hours to deconstruct and vacate their Forest Rescue Station at Kelsey-Whisky. Whatever Greenpeace does next, I am confident they will continue to call attention to the injustices done to the environment by our government and in our name.

Visit [www.greenpeaceusa.org](http://www.greenpeaceusa.org) to read more about Greenpeace activities in southwest Oregon and around the country.

**Lesley Adams**

[lesley@kswild.org](mailto:lesley@kswild.org)

## Many Thanks to MRG

The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (MRG) is Oregon's multi-issue social change foundation. Since 1976, MRG Foundation has distributed more than \$7 million in grants to grassroots organizations throughout Oregon. In this most recent funding cycle, MRG Foundation's grantmaking committee has awarded \$125,000 to 18 groups in Oregon.

Peace House was selected and has received a general support grant of \$6,000. This grant is one of many the Foundation has distributed to support Peace House. A generous grant from the Peace Action Fund enabled Peace House to start our Counter Military Recruitment program.

The Foundation's mission is to help build the progressive movement in Oregon by funding projects that are addressing the root causes of social, environmental and econom-

ic injustice. Funded issues have included projects related to workers rights, poverty, globalization, racism, sexism, homophobia and environmental destruction. MRG Foundation funds Oregon-based organizations that organize people to work for progressive social change.

Hundreds of Oregonians use the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (MRG Foundation) as their vehicle for making this investment. MRG Foundation unites individual visions of what is possible with the organizations that make those concepts a reality. Donating to MRG is an opportunity to provide seed money to emerging groups and issues. For more information about the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation, call (503) 234-2338 or 1-800-489-6743 or visit them online [www.mrgfoundation.org](http://www.mrgfoundation.org)

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## Report from San Francisco Anti-war March

Thousands attended, and it was one of the most passionate and compassionate marches we've ever been to. We marched in answer to the occupation and brutality imposed on the Palestinian people but also for an end to the tragedy in Iraq, Haiti and wherever in the world human rights and sovereignty are being violated.

Speakers came from many cities across the country and from other nations to voice their outrage at the inhumanity and arrogance of the leaders who, in our name, are maiming and killing the innocent. Among the speakers were people from the Israeli and Palestinian peace movements. Also, Jewish and Palestinian Americans joined arms to march for peace. "Enough! End the Occupation!" they chanted. One of the most moving events of the day was the vigil of Jewish and Palestinian "Women in Black" who stood silently as their sisters do in those far-away lands where blood is spilled each day. Theirs is a silent protest, but it evokes a deafening cry for peace and justice. It was a grand day that inspired and blessed us all.

**Cynthia Zavatska**



Rally photos by Cynthia Zavatska



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Contact Linda Richards (541) 482-9625 about leaving a bequest to Peace House.

## Another Chance to Say YES! To Peace House

Friends, On May 26th and 27th, volunteers, staff and board made calls from Patricia Sprague Realty to our Peace House supporters. We explained that we were seeking support for existing programs like Uncle Foods Diner which has served nutritious meals to homeless and low-income people for over 12 years and new programs like the Walker Peace Garden program that will educate children about their relationship to food and community through an innovative garden-to-kitchen experience. We spoke about our commitment to grassroots organizing, consensus decision making, addressing the root causes of violence and oppression and our dedication to keeping Peace House a community-led nonprofit.

We also sought your input, asking what suggestions you had for making Peace House an improved organization. Those of you we conversed with were tremendously affirmative, expressing that through your donations and 99% positive feedback. Thanks to all who made a contribution to continue our work! We raised nearly \$3,000 and checks have been steadily coming in.

However, many of you were not home! So we're giving you a second chance to keep Peace House active and successful. Our 2004 annual budget is \$107,000. Most of our programs are provided for through specific donations and grants. In order to organize these programs and offer aid to community members and groups, we need financial support to pay for the less glamorous things; like rent, phone bills, accountant fees and staff time. In order to publish and mail Clear Actions alone we need \$10,000.

In order to assure that our impressive goals and programs for 2004 are realized, we must raise \$50,000 in direct contributions. To date, we've collected almost \$13,000, leaving \$37,131 remaining. To make this happen, Peace House board and staff have developed a detailed fundraising strategy and calendar for 2004. Among our plans are bringing back by popular demand the Annual Peace House Spaghetti Dinner, a benefit Phil Ochs tribute concert and silent auction, a major donor campaign, publicizing our endowment fund, a fall raffle, and a school-year-kickoff freestyle competition and dance. More are in the works. We're scoping the possibility of bringing Norman Solomon and Daniel Ellsberg on September 24th and hosting a slideshow on Tibet. If you're interested in serving on the fundraising committee, we welcome your involvement.

For the most part, the pledge drive was a success; however we did not succeed in getting sufficient monthly or quarterly pledges from Peace House supporters. If each one of you that receives this newsletter pledged \$23.81 we would raise the \$37,131 needed to meet our budget for the year. If you are able to make a tax deductible contribution, please do so soon. The second phase of our fundraising drive is sending out a written appeal at the beginning of July. You'll get a letter from the staff and board talking about our programs, budget and needs with a return envelope enclosed. When you get it, you'll know what to do; say YES to Peace House and send a

check to sustain our role as a southern Oregon resource.

As staff, we've received such constructive, vitalizing and enthusiastic praise from our community regarding our new direction and commitment to sustainable, anti-oppression, deep rooted activism. Your guidance, feedback, volunteer hours, collaboration and smiles have kept us afloat, energized and loving our work. Thank you to each and every one of you! In Solidarity,

**Grady, Linda & Stu - PH Staff**

## Library Project Update

As of mid-June, 20 books have been introduced into circulation at the Ashland Public Library as a part of the Radical Bookshelf Project by Peace House. Soon, a list of the books in the project will be available at the reference desk upstairs. Another 20 are being considered by the collection committee. In addition to these books, Z Magazine will be added to the magazine collection downstairs and five David Rovic's cd's will be added to the music library. Independent book publishers have been contacted and AK Press, Soft Skull Press, Common Courage Press and others have sent books to build our project. We would love a volunteer that would be interested in donating a few hours of time to contact local booksellers and connect with other book publishers. Any book donations are also welcome. Please drop them off at Peace House. Thanks so much to all the folks who've helped seed this project. Hopefully, now that some of these books are in circulation, it will encourage more people to participate in this endeavor. Please remember to thank the librarians as you pass by the reference desk.

Now on the shelves in the Ashland Public Library

*Fences and Windows, Healing Israel/Palestine, Communion: the Female Search for Love, Killing Time, Tinderbox, Death Game, Citizen Muckraking, Bleeding the Patient, Strangely Like War, Fat Cats and Running Dogs, Steal this Book, Profits Pending, Portraits of Empire, Oil, Power, and Empire, Race for Justice, Death Blossom, Killing Hope, Making Peace, A Job to Die For, War Against Oblivion*

## JOIN PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS

Citizens for Peace and Justice is coordinating demonstrations against the policies of the Bush Administration the **first Saturday of each month from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM** in Medford on the corner of Riverside Drive and Barnett. We gather in the parking lot next to the Burger King. We are encouraging all who are outraged at what is happening both domestically and internationally to come and be heard.

Bring a poster/sign or banner that articulates your particular concern. The goal is to maintain a presence that speaks out against the occupation of Iraq, about environmental policies, labor issues, women's choice issues, etc. Another goal is to educate those who still may not be paying attention to the sorry state of affairs in our country. To help achieve these goals, we will be asking progressive groups all over the Rogue Valley to join in. We will do this every month until the November elections. Tell a friend - bring your family.

For more information call Christine Haynie 773-168. Visit Medfordcpj.org.



## Raffle Items Needed

Peace House is seeking raffle items. Are you an independent business owner that could donate a gift or gift certificate? Are you an artist, a dance instructor, a masseuse, a Spanish teacher, a bike mechanic, an expert gumbo cook? Please think about donating a prize, gift certificate or service to help fund the work of Peace House.

The raffle will be held on September 30th, following our annual Peace House dinner. Stay tuned for a list of terrific prizes donated by our amazing supporters!

## Help us! We're stuck in the Stone Age!

If you've ever visited the Peace House office, you know we operate with a less-than-modern tech set-up. We rely on the assistance of computers, printers and copy machines in our work to educate and organize. Though we strive to use the least amount of paper (re-used or post-consumer recycled of course!) we often need these tools. Our copy machine has been broken for a few months and we can't afford to fix it. If anyone could find a spare few hundred dollars to help us purchase one, WE WILL APPRECIATE YOU FOREVER. Since most of us don't have that kind of cash just laying around, we understand if you can only afford a smaller donation. We will gladly accept FUNCTIONING donated office equipment. That means we don't want to bike to work one morning only to trip over printers from the 80's. We need quality equipment. Please call the office to ask specific questions if you think you may be able to support us. Any donation is tax deductible and comes with a cute thank you card from Grady.

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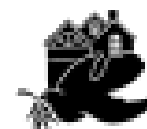
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# Pastors For Peace

## 2003 Cuba Trip Photo Gallery



All photos by Brad Jones

***Pastors for Peace now enroute to Cuba!***

For updates and info, check [www.ifconews.org](http://www.ifconews.org)

### Common Ground Film Festival

A series of films sponsored by Search for Common Ground, an international nonprofit that works to change the way the world deals with conflict. These films show the commonalities among people while not ignoring the differences that divide them. A facilitated discussion will follow each film.

All films show in the Art Building, Meese Auditorium, SOU, on Tuesday evenings, 7-9 pm.

Sign up for one credit—see Comm 199 in the Summer 2004 catalog or on the web at [www.sou.edu/summer](http://www.sou.edu/summer).

Open to the community—\$5 per film, or save \$10 for the whole series for \$30. Call 552-6331 or visit [www.sou.edu/takeaclass](http://www.sou.edu/takeaclass).

#### An Unlikely Friendship

July 6

A surprising relationship that developed between an outspoken black female civil rights activist and a local Ku Klux Klan leader in the early 1970s.

Facilitator: Jeff Golden, Program Host, Jefferson Public Radio

#### Prelude to Kosovo: War and Peace in Bosnia and Croatia

July 13

Addresses the ideology of “ethnic cleansing” and the massacres resulting from a nationalist quest for political, cultural, and religious domination.

Facilitator: Magdalena Staniek, Coordinator of International Studies, SOU

#### War and Peace—part I

July 20

An epic journey of peace activism in the shadow of threats of nuclear war between India and Pakistan

Facilitator: Prakash Chenjeri, Instructor of Philosophy/Honors, SOU

#### Arab & Jew: Return to the Promised Land

July 27

This film moves dramatically away from the political arena and shifts to the psychological mindset of both Arabs and Jews.

Facilitator: Rabbi David Zaslow

#### Gacaca, Living Together Again in Rwanda?

August 3

Highlights the central issues facing Rwandans in their attempt to find truth and justice after civil war, and to pardon the unpardonable. Facilitator: William Hughes, Associate Professor of Political Science, SOU

#### Unexpected Openings: Northern Ireland's Prisoners

August 10

Former prisoners of opposing forces return to society after 15 to 20 years in prison and play a major role in the establishment of the ceasefire. Facilitator: Echo Fields, Associate Professor of Sociology, SOU

For a full description of each film, visit [www.sou.edu/summer/commonground](http://www.sou.edu/summer/commonground)

# Peace Community Calendar

## Citizens for Peace and Justice Protest

**Saturday, July 3** noon to 1 pm See article p. 5

## July 4th Say No to War

Walk with people in black as part of a larger Progressive Coalition and mourn in opposition to war for profit and the perpetuation of all violence.

Groups or individuals who wish to march with the Progressive Coalition as “Billionaires” (see article page 1). We will congregate on the day of the event beginning at 10:00 AM on Alida Street near Triangle Park. Or, work on the 4th at our table registering voters and distributing information for peace. Call Peace House 482-9625 for more information.

## Hiroshima/Nagasaki Vigil Planning Meeting

**July 5 7-8:30 pm** at Peace House 543 South Mountain Street. Help create this year’s vigil (Aug 6-9th), an opportunity for nuclear pollution education, street theater and letter writing! Connect with the national BE SAFE campaign demanding cleanup, not more nuclear production. To volunteer to vigil for a two hour time slot please call Peace House 482-9625.

## Dig Your Hands in the Dirt

**July 8th, 5-8:00pm** at Willow Wind, 1431 E. Main St., Ashland Volunteer at the Peace Garden Bring your own snacks, water, gloves. Call Peace House for more info

## Rogue Chapter of the League of Pissed Off Voters

**July 9th, 6:30 - 8:00:** Strategy Meet n’ Greet

Ashland Public Library, Gresham Room

Calling all young people and progressives! Join us for an aerobic workout, political style. Come meet the LPOV crew and learn about our plans to organize, register, turnout, and educate progressive voters for November. Call 488-9177 for more info.

## Wide Awake Film Forum and KS Wild presents:

Wide Awake and KS Wild collaborate to bring you free films in Ashland every week!

All films are on Saturdays at 7:00 pm .For more information about Wide Awake presentations, contact wide\_away@riseup.net.

About KS Wild presentations, contact Lesley at 488-5789 or lesley@kswild.org

### **July 3 Unprecedented: the 2000 Presidential Election**

A documentary about the battle for the Presidency in Florida and the undermining of democracy in America. What emerges is a disturbing picture of an election marred by suspicious irregularities, electoral injustices, and sinister voter purges in a state governed by the winning candidate’s brother. George W. Bush stole the presidency of the United States... and got away with it. A Wide Awake presentation at Evo’s Java House, 376 E. Main Street

### **July 10 Greenpeace: 30 years of Action in Defense of the Earth**

Join us for a night of action videos from Greenpeace, on the high seas and on the land, defending the earth from destruction! Evo’s Java House, 376 E. Main Street

### **July 17 Reclaiming Water**

Thousands of people arrived in Kyoto, Japan, March 2003 for the Third World Water Forum. An enormous trade show, the WWF is also an opportunity for transnational corporations and governments to present far-reaching strategies for managing and financing water. This year, grassroots activists also attended, determined to present alternatives. Reclaiming Water is their story. Well known participants include authors Vandana Shiva and Maude Barlow. The documentary interweaves personal stories, strategy sessions, and analysis with striking footage of Japan.

### **Also: July 17 On the Brink**

This film stars four endangered species, both in a costume drama and the creatures themselves via spectacular natural history footage, from New South Wales, Australia. The movie switches between the drama, where the four creatures seek to understand why they are in danger of extinction, and the natural history of the creatures, which is narrated by Sir David Attenborough. In the drama, Olivia Newton-John (as the voice for Koala) leads Spotted-tail Quoll (Jack Thompson’s voice), Yellow-bellied Glider and Masked Owl to visit first an aboriginal elder, then some young musicians, a logging protest, the forestry officials and parliament house in their quest for understanding and justice. A KS Wild presentation at Headwaters Building, 84 Fourth Street

### **Aug 7 Hiroshima/Nagasaki Night**

Nuclear topics including *The Invisible War*, *Hidden Wars of Desert Storm* and others. A Wide Awake presentation at Evo’s Java House, 376 E. Main St.

### **Aug 14 Treesit: The Art of Resistance**

Feature length grassroots documentary. From the struggle to save Headwaters Forest, the assassination attempt of Judi Bari, the pepper spray torture of young activists, to the establishment of permanent “tree-villages” hundreds of feet up and culminating in the WTO protests in the streets of Seattle, this film is historical, exhilarating, informative, and intense!

A KS Wild presentation at Unitarian Fellowship, 87 Fourth Street.

## KS WILD SUMMER HIKE SCHEDULE.

For more information, contact Lesley at 488-5789 or lesley@kswild.org. Meet at Evo’s Javahouse at 9am unless otherwise noted.

**Saturday, July 17** – Zane Grey – Join Lesley Adams for an easy hike along the Lower Rogue River and into the 46,000-acre Zane Grey roadless area. Visit Rainie Falls to see salmon jumping upriver and hike to the cabin of famed adventure author Zane Grey. This hike is part of statewide Wilderness Week - promoting the protection of roadless areas throughout Oregon. Bring boots, lunch and water. Meet at Evo’s and Sunshine Foods in Grants Pass at 10am.

**Sunday, July 18** - Klamath National Forest - Join KS Wild and EPIC for a hike in the California portion of the Klamath-Siskiyou. Bring boots, lunch and water.

**Saturday, July 24** – Siskiyou Crest – Join KS Wild for a gorgeous hike high up in proposed additions of the Red Buttes Wilderness on the Siskiyou Crest. Bring boots, lunch and water. Meet at Evo’s or Ruch Natural Food Store (181 Upper Applegate Road) at 10am.

**Saturday, August 7** - Biscuit - Join Lesley Adams for a hike through the Biscuit burn area. Visit a fire landscape in vibrant recovery and roadside salvage logging. Bring boots, lunch and water. Meet at Evo’s at 8:30am.

Saturday, August 14 – Ashland Watershed - Join Jay Lininger for a 12-mile hike to look at and discuss the Ashland Forest Resiliency Project proposed under the new Healthy Forest Restoration Act. Bring boots, lunch and water. Strenuous, some off-trail hiking. **Sunday, August 15** – Ashland Watershed - Join Jay Lininger for a 4-mile hike to look at and discuss the Ashland Forest Resiliency Project proposed under the new Healthy Forest Restoration Act. Bring boots, lunch and water. Moderate, all on trail.

## Resist the Draft

**Thursday, July 15** 7pm to 8:30 pm at Peace House. Join us if you are concerned about the draft, need support to resist and want to help create outreach to young people. For more information, call Peace House 482-9625 or Wendy Harris at 552-0113.

### **July 16, 6 pm Just One Step**

Film about the 1986 nine month cross country walk for Global Nuclear Disarmament.

Cable Channel 31 - Jackson County. Cable Channel 15 - Josephine County

## Counter-Military Recruitment Meetings

**Monday, July 26** 7 pm at Peace House 543 South Mountain St. Get connected to work against the aggressive military recruitment of low income youth and help create alternatives!

## Free, Confidential HIV testing and counseling

Every Wednesday, 5pm to 6pm at the Abdill-Ellis Lambda Community Center in the Old Armory on Oak St. in Ashland. Call the Center 541-488-6990 for more info.

## Southern Oregon Friends of Cuba

**Wednesday, July 21/ August 18.** Every third Wednesday; 7:00 pm at Peace House.

SOFA is preparing for the Pastors for Peace caravan to Cuba in July. We want to educate Ashland about US Trade policy and engage the community in solidarity events.

## MRG Foundation’s 3rd Annual Picnic

**July 31, 11:30am - 2:30pm.** There will be great food and music, games, and interesting people! There is no charge for this event. Armitage County Park, Site G, 90064 Coburg Road, Eugene, Oregon. Celtic Music by Tom’s Kitchen. Wheelchair Accessible. RSVP: Sheryl Sackman 503-289-1517 Email: sheryl@mrgefoundation.org

## Hiroshima/Nagasaki Vigil

**August 6th to the 9th** at the Ashland Plaza. Join with others around the world commemorating the loss of 200,000 civilians and the mutation of genetic material that moves forward into our future, This year we will be focusing on depleted uranium, nuclear pollution, and clean up, and demanding no new nuclear weapon creations on earth or in space! Come by and write a letter, sign petitions, make a peace crane and help create a nuclear free future. For more info, call Peace House, 482-9625

## The World Says No!!!! to the Bush Agenda

**Aug 29, 2004** Mass world-wide protest during the Republican Convention in NYC. More info: CounterConvention.org, RNCNotWelcome.org, Unitedforpeace.org.

## Looking Ahead

Clear Actions Mailing Party Wednesday, September 1. Volunteers always needed!

Potential Event Authors Norman Solomon, Daniel Ellsberg Friday, September 24

Peace House Annual Dinner Thursday, September 30. And a raffle too!

Phil Ochs Concert & Auction Sunday October 24 at Unitarian Universalist Church

**TV** from page 1

offered by the Dish Network. We learned that the only other way it is offered is by franchise agreements between access television stations and FSTV. The Ashland Fiber Network worked with RVTV to help us out to put Free Speech TV on the air.

I am glad to report this little win. It is small, but we hope not trivial. The consolidation of corporate media manifests to become the number one obstruction to our democracy. Give us back our airwaves. We want democracy, now!

**Wes Brain**

*Quotes excerpted from front page story in the Saturday 6/12/04 Ashland Daily Tidings.*

**Pissed off Voters** from page 1

the local level and beyond. We are trying to get progressive youth talking to each other about voting. We want to bring various issue-based and other communities together to open a dialogue about how to work together in this election cycle and beyond to build political power.

There is no commitment involved or implied in attending this meeting - it's a way to just help each other figure out who's doing what. There is no danger to organizations with 501(c)3 status if the members attend this meeting as individuals, not necessarily representing the organizations

This is a non-partisan initiative and a preliminary step just to meet face-to-face and get organizers talking to each other

Questions? Call Shelley 488-9177

**The Abdill-Ellis Center Update**

The Abdill-Ellis Center in Ashland, Oregon is currently Oregon's only lesbian, gay bisexual and transgender (LGBT) resource center, so when news came from the Board of Directors that they may close the Center the community came out in droves. The two issues at hand were about money and logistics. The result of these challenges was a redesigning and revitalizing of the organization.

The challenges were met with a force from the community, invoking new enthusiasm and commitment. Through a series of fundraising events and private donations, the needed funds were raised within a few months. Shortly thereafter, the new location at Ashland's Historic Armory was found and the Center moved on May 15.

In celebration of the continuation of the Abdill-Ellis center, a hugely successful week-long LGBT Pride event took place during June 4 - June 13, focusing on building community. At the center of 'Pride Week' was the Abdill-Ellis annual meeting, held to plan for the year ahead. With the largest turnout in over five years there was much discussion and emotion about the importance of our LGBT community center and the direction it should take. Six new board members were appointed to the nine member board, changing the face of the Center.

The need of youth support and education was overwhelmingly addressed by the community. With the cooperation of the QRC at SOU and other youth organizations in the Rogue Valley, the next year for the Center could be called the Year of the Young. The Center is planning a wide range of support and activities for queer and questioning youth, including a focus on safety and tolerance on high school and college campuses throughout the valley.

The finale of the week was the Pride picnic in the park. Nearly 200 picnickers adorned the lawn at the Lithia Park band shell. Speakers for marriage rights, AIDS support and youth programs all echoed the importance of community and of voting. Getting out the vote was emphasized, especially as the religious right is organizing the so-called defense of marriage act, which would write a ban on gay marriages into the Oregon Constitution.

This Pride event was the kickoff to a very exciting year at the Abdill-Ellis center. The membership has grown enormously and the center is developing strong relationships with other LGBT and friend organizations in the area. It is a great time for enthusiastic human rights campaigners to jump on board. There is a lot of work to do during this election year and there is tons of energy at the Abdill-Ellis center to support that effort.

If you would like to become a member or join a committee to work for community and equality within the LGBT community call the Abdill-Ellis Center at 541-488-6990 or visit their Web site at [www.abdellis.org](http://www.abdellis.org).

**Brandy MacDonald**

**Community Meal****Tuesday**

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 3 pm 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. For more information call Peace House 482-9625.

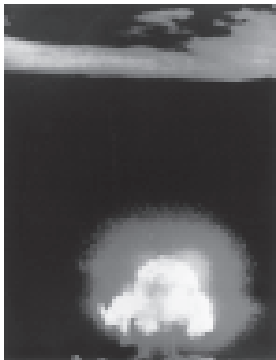
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- \*Atomic bombing of Hiroshima on August 6<sup>th</sup> and Nagasaki on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1945; and
- \*Signing of the international Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1968.



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## Clear Actions

**Call For Submissions**

Clear Actions is accepting article submissions from writers. Help us get out the latest word on peace, justice, nonviolence and the environment. Email Linda at [linda@peacehouse.net](mailto:linda@peacehouse.net) or Ann at [editor@peacehouse.net](mailto:editor@peacehouse.net)

**Women In Black**

In **Medford**, first and third Wednesdays of the month at noon on Vogel Plaza for a half hour of silence. In **Ashland**, Fridays at noon on the Ashland Plaza. In **Grants Pass**, first and third Mondays 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**, Mondays at noon for a half hour at the County building. In **Roseburg** every Friday at 12:30-1pm in front of the fire station on Garden Valley. For information call (541) 677-9118.

**WIB T-shirts**

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