# Actions



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## Get on your Bike and Drive the System

It's another beautiful day in Southern Oregon and another great day to choose your bike as the best way to get around. In the Rogue Valley we see many municipalities that are actively supporting bicycling. Millions of people engage in bicycling because it is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of fitness.

The League of American Bicyclists, for the 47th consecutive year, has declared May as National Bike to Work Month. May 12~16th

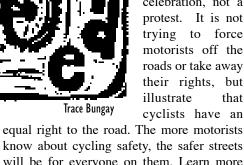
is National Bike to Work Week, and May 16th is National Bike to Work Day. Locally, Ashland the Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission will be promoting National Bike Month as part of primary their purpose of advocating the equal

opportunity to use non-automotive forms of transportation for all Ashland citizens.

The 14th Annual Ashland Community Bike Swap will take place on Saturday May 8th, beginning at noon in the parking lot between the Civic Center and The Grove, on E. Main Street (near Garfield Park). The Bike Swap offers the public easy and fun access to cycling with new and used bikes, parts and accessories. There will be bike safety, tire changing and stunt riding clinics, demonstrations, a family ride, a raffle (including bikes), food and refreshments. Bikes and related equipment being offered for sale should be dropped off between 7:30 - 11:00 AM. An all-volunteer crew puts on the Bike Swap. If you'd like to get involved or need further information please call 552-2263. The event is co-sponsored by The City of Ashland Parks & Recreation Department, Ashland Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission and Rogue Valley Transportation District. www.RVTD.org/bikeswap

Critical Mass happens in Ashland on the last Friday of every month, as it does worldwide. Good weather brings larger numbers of riders. May 28 is a perfect time to join in. Riders meet at Evo's Java House at 4:30 pm and ride at 5:00 pm. Critical Mass is a grassroots movement dedicated to improving our planet through active use of alternative transportation. When you participate in Critical Mass, you let others know that you cycle for many reasons: to bring attention to everyday transportation & parking problems, to

promote cycling and mass transit, to improve the environment, and for fun. Critical Mass is foremost a celebration, not a protest. It is not trying to force motorists off the roads or take away their rights, but illustrate cyclists have an



Bicycling is part of the solution to many of our nation's problems. Some 64% of adults and over 15% of kids are overweight today, resulting in 300,000 premature deaths and a cost to society of \$117 billion a year. Over 22% of all motor vehicle trips Americans take are less than one mile long, and 50% of the working population commutes five miles or less to work, an easily bike-able distance. If the average person biked to work or shopping once every two weeks instead of driving, we could prevent the pollution of close to one billion gallons of gasoline from entering the atmosphere every year.

about Critical Mass in the free movie, We Are

Traffic!, at Evo's after the Bike Swap, 7 pm,

presented by Wide Awake Film Forum.

Ride your bike and make a difference.

**Trace Bungay** 



Co-director of Peace House Grady Boyd and Counter-recruitment volunteer Shelley Elkovich at the March for Women's Lives April 25 in Washington, DC. See article page 6.

#### **Demolitions and "Unilateral Disengagement"** Decoding Israeli Intentions in the Gaza Strip

On March 22, American-made Apache Helicopter Gunships fired three missiles at Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the spiritual leader of the Islamic Resistance Movement in Palestine (HAMAS) as he left a Gaza City mosque. Yassin was killed along with 7 bystanders in a brazenly destructive example of Israel's official policy of extra-judicial executions (assassinations). The assassination quickly appeared at the top of news reports around the world, and for good reason. Israel's assassination policy is a clear violation of international law, the will of the international community, and international public opinion. However, the persistent media focus on such assassinations often ignores the more brutal reality of Israel's 37 year-long military occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East

The assassination of Sheikh Yassin comes in the context of mounting rhetoric by Ariel Sharon and other leading Israeli politicians regarding "unilateral disengagement" and Israeli "withdrawal" from the Gaza Strip. Sharon began talking about "unilateral disengagement" earlier this year and on February 2 he told the Israeli daily Ha'aretz that ". . . as part of the disengagement plan I ordered an evacuation- sorry, a relocation- of 17

settlements with their 7,500 residents from the Gaza Strip to Israeli territory." Recent actions by Israeli occupying forces in the Gaza Strip, however, suggest that far from preparing a withdrawal, the Israeli government is consolidating its hold on the illegal Gaza settlements.

#### Soldiers, Settlers, and Military Orders

There are 21 illegal Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip with a population of 7,000-9,000 Israeli-Jewish settlers<sup>11</sup>. Presumably, Sharon's proposal would keep the four northern settlements of Erez, Nissanit, Eli Sinai, and Dugit (which are adjacent to the Israeli border), while "relocating" the centrally positioned settlements of Netzarim and Kfar Darom, and the sprawling Gush Katif settlement block in the south. If the Israeli government does evacuate a portion of the illegal Gaza settlements it would set an interesting precedent and be quite a turnaround for Sharon who has long been a steadfast supporter of the settler movement.

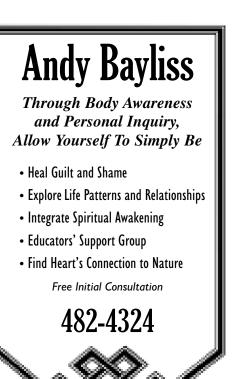
However, less than three weeks after Sharon's comments appeared in Ha'aretz, Israeli military authorities in Gaza issued land seizure documents and demolition orders to Palestinian families near the illegal Israeli settlements of Netzarim and Kfar

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The Ashland Zen Center's Annual Yard Sale is the weekend of May 22 & 23. We are asking for donations clothes, books, furniture etc., please call us. We can pick up your donations, and all donations are tax-deductible. To schedule a pick up or for more information call Leslie, 482-9010 or Eileen, 488-1874 before May 15.



Dear Peace House,

I am a World Topics teacher at Phoenix High who wants to teach my students about the situation in Israel/Palestine in a way they can truly understand. For years I have tried various materials and techniques to help them care about a complex issue so far from their experience. Recently I read a book, We Just Want to Live Here, that I want to use with the students. Because it is written by two real 18 year old girls, one Israeli and one Palestinian, in letters to one another about their lives and the war between their peoples. I believe it will touch the hearts and minds of my students in a way I have not been able to facilitate before.

The problem is that we have no money for new supplies and materials. I need at least 25 copies of the book (a class set). Would you be willing or able to donate the money to purchase these books? Perhaps this request falls within the objectives of your organization. I understand that education is a road to peace. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely, Mary K. Barton

Social Studies Teacher, Phoenix High School

Can we help? Of course we can! Our mission is to be a resource center for nonviolence, education and action. Here's our chance to act by educating students about global nonviolent perspectives.

Bloomsbury Books will give us a 20% discount towards a class set of We Just Want to Live Here. We need to raise \$300 and the staff has complete confidence in the Peace House community's ability to organize quickly and effectively! Please send your tax deductible donation to Peace House.

#### Correction

Correction: Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life (PuddleDancer Press, 2003) by Dr. Marshall Rosenberg is out of print, going into its second edition. It was mentioned in an article by H. Holley Humphrey in the April issue. We regret any inconvenience. Editor

# From the Staff of Peace House

#### Many Thanks!

Peace House extends gratitude to Caffe Cafe 103-c Highway 99 in Talent, for their help during the peace marches last year. Caffe Cafe now features all-organic Flying Goat Coffee with some of the best snacks in Southern Oregon. Open Mon-Fri 7-5, Sat 8-5. Stop in and enjoy this peaceful oasis.

Also Peace House appreciates the extra effort by the employees and owners of Bad Ass Coffee Co. 143 South Riverside Medford, Pilaf, 18 Calle Guanajuato, Ashland, Soundpeace, 199 E. Main, Ashland for braving the ticket sales of last October's Molly Ivins event! Darnell Designs for donating the wonderful original design Women In Black T-shirts as a fundraiser for us- on sale now at Peace House for only \$10! Check out Darnell Designs on line for their slogans and designs @ www.earthshirtz.com. Influence the world consciousness with your shirt!

A warm thank you to Illahe Tileworks for donating the profits of their original design 2004 Peace Ornaments for our Uncle Food's Diner community meal. They have recently expanded, opening a new gallery, Illahe Tileworks Design & Gallery at 500 A Street, Ashland

Pilaf also donated wonderful macaroons for the Rachel Corrie Commemoration March 17 at Mobius, who so generously donated the space for us that evening. We were touched by the Wilderness Charter School students who read aloud Rachel's emails and Mori who read a poem. Thank you to Trace for framing the photos of Rafah, and hugs to graceful Bonnie and Gene for creating an evening of motivational inspiration.

Hats off to long time volunteer photographer Helga Motley for helping our newsletter come alive!

Blessings to Sweetgrass for the donation of hemp fabric, and Trace Bungay who is donating her expert sewing skills to create curtains for Peace House. Check out Trace's sewn crafts at the Tuesday Grower's Market in Ashland.

And thanks of course to all our wonderful volunteers and supporters!



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### TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS

Perhaps best known for her book <u>Refuge: An Unnatural History of Earnily and Place</u>. 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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# Marguerite's NGO Roundup

I was privileged to be travel director for the **Institute of Noetic Sciences** for 11 years, taking groups all over the planet studying peoples and their cultures and beliefs. The latest issue of their journal poses the question: "How might a shift in consciousness transform present global conditions into a world grounded in freedom, wisdom, and love? At the Institute of Noetic Sciences we employ the rigor of science, balanced by personal and collective wisdom, to support such a shift. And we serve an emerging movement of globally conscious citizens dedicated to manifesting our highest capacities." To learn more, visit www.noetic.org or call 877-769-4667. The current special issue of their publication, Shift, focuses on "Consciousness and the Media." It's an attractive magazine-style quarterly sent to

Peace Development Fund This non-profit organization raises funds through donations to make grants to activists who are striving to create lasting peace and justice through systemic social change. A recent grant went to the SouthWest Organizing Project in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Some of their grant funds were used by their board in intensive long-range planning.

They received 200 applications for grants and are engaged in extensive research on 20 potential grantees at present. To submit a grant proposal, or to learn more about their work contact the Development Office at 413/256-8306, xt 107. P. O. Box 1280, 44 North Prospect St., Amherst, MA 01004 - 1280.

A letter from the non-profit environmental law organization Earthjustice says, "If we want the environment protected, we better do the protecting ourselves." They represent hundreds of clients in more than 275 active cases related to forests, public lands, water, air, and international issues. They were founded as the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund in 1971 and some of their current cases are with the Sierra Club, others with the National Resources Defense Council, and many other groups. In Oregon they have filed suit against the members of the State Board of Forestry to force them to comply with the Endangered Species Act in behalf of Pacific Rivers Council, Audubon Society of Portland, Coast Range Association, Native Fish Society, and Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations.

To receive a copy of their 2004 Docket and learn more about this group's fine-sounding work, contact them at 426 17th Street, 6th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612. Phone: 510/550-6700. They welcome donations. For more information, their homepage is www.earth-justice.org. For a look at the docket, you can go to http://www.earthjustice.org/about/docket.html.

### 49 Admirals and Generals Against Missile Defense Program

On September 11th, 2001, Condoleezza Rice was scheduled to give a speech on missile defense. According to the Washington Post, "the address was designed to promote missile defense as the cornerstone of a new national security strategy, and contained no mention of al Qaeda, Osama bin Laden or Islamic extremist groups." The address also indirectly criticized the Clinton Administration for focusing too much on terrorism and ignoring the threat posed by a missile attack from a rogue nation.

Sometime this summer, almost three years after the September 11th attacks demonstrated the relative insignificance of the threat posed by a rogue missile attack, George W. Bush is set to deploy Missile Defense. The system will never have been tested in its deployed configuration, and, according to a lead Pentagon weapons tester, it is uncertain whether it will work at all. Tests designed to evaluate the functionality of the system have been postponed until after deployment.

This is more than a case of election year posturing. After all, the political advantage of deploying a system that even the Pentagon acknowledges won't work is questionable. The administration's motivations are primarily ideological. Missile Defense plays a central role in the posture of strategic dominance envisioned in the "Bush Doctrine," and deployment, even if it is only on paper, would mark a significant victory in institutionalizing that doctrine.

The reason for the administration's zeal should be clear. To proponents of strategic dominance, missile defense is less about defending the US against rogue missile attack and more about projecting US force. The fear is that even a small number of nuclear weapons in Iran, North Korea or China could effectively deter the deployment of the far superior US conventional forces. Missile defense is designed not to protect as much as to preserve US freedom to attack with impunity.

Other nations recognize the offensive nature of missile defense, which is why the CIA has predicted that its deployment would provoke a dangerous new wave of nuclear proliferation.

What is slowly becoming clear to the public and the media is the degree to which the administration's commitment to an ideologically driven foreign policy has led to policies that put our nation doubly at risk.

The fact is that missile defense is not only destabilizing, it saps vital funding from more urgent security priorities. It is slated to receive more than \$10 billion, more than any other weapons program in the Bush administration's FY05 budget.

Meanwhile, the administration has frozen or cut crucial nonproliferation efforts, including programs designed to dismantle and secure former Soviet nuclear weapons. Total funding for all nonproliferation programs is less than \$2 billion. In a similar vein, the Bush administration did not even bother to request funding for port security for 2 years following September 11th. This year they requested only \$125 million. On March 26th, 49 Generals and Admirals wrote a letter to President Bush, urging him to postpone the deployment of missile defense and to redirect the funds toward more immediate security priorities. Their letter concludes:

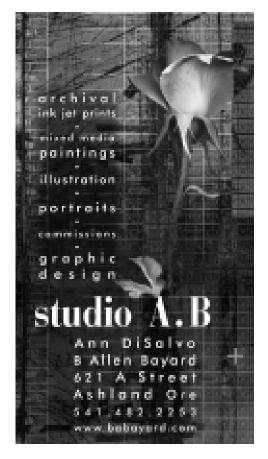
"As you have said, Mr. President, our highest priority is to prevent terrorists from acquiring and employing weapons of mass destruction. We agree. We therefore recommend, as the militarily responsible course of action, that you postpone operational deployment of the expensive and untested GMD system and transfer the associated funding to accelerated programs to secure the multitude of facilities containing nuclear weapons and materials and to protect our ports and borders against terrorists who may attempt to smuggle weapons of mass destruction into the United States."

#### **California Peace Action**

Read the full letter to President Bush at http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/2004/03/26\_generals\_admirals\_postponement.htm

Please contact your Representative and urge her/him to join these 49 Admirals and Generals.





# "One person with a belief is equal to a force of 99 who have only interests." John Stuart Mill

#### Spring into Well-ness; A Seminar of Self Mastery

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Robert Greygrass, a Lakotah multiracial man, has dedicated his life to teaching the Four Directions Seminar© model of wholeness. Greygrass employs performing arts skills and interactive training in his seminars to help others achieve mastery in the sacred duty of personal integration.

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Traditional Mexican food catered by Gustavo and Maria.

Windmills Inn & Suites of Ashland I-5 at Hi-way 66, downstairs in the conference center. Special room rates for the seminar call 800-547-4747, www.windmillinns.com

# US Nuclear Weapons Proliferation - Public Hearings / Written Comments

The Department of Energy, in February 2004, released a draft "Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement" (SWEIS) on Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab's planned operations for the coming ten years. The law requires DOE to seek public input before moving forward. Let's invite our friends and neighbors to write letters. This is a once in a decade chance to make our voices heard!

The Livermore facility (45 miles east of San Francisco) along with the Los Alamos Weapons Laboratory is operated by the University of California. Both labs work in competition with one another on new weapons development, their major purpose.

Overall, Livermore Lab's plans to increase the development of new and exotic nuclear weapons supports the Bush Administration's explicitly offensive nuclear weapons programs, which undermine global security, endanger community health and pollute our environment.

The SWEIS describes new, dangerous projects Livermore Lab would like to start in the next decade including more work with nuclear materials - more work on bombs and more contamination and waste in the surrounding communities.

A bomb production plant? The SWEIS proposes that Livermore Lab become the place to test new technologies for manufacturing plutonium pits for nuclear weapons. (A pit is the softball-sized piece of plutonium that sits inside a modern nuclear weapon).

In addition, the SWEIS reveals Livermore Lab's plan to play a key role in preparing for a return to underground nuclear testing. Livermore Lab's plans to develop diagnostics to "enhance" the nation's readiness to conduct full-scale underground nuclear tests. This is a dangerous step back to the days of unrestrained nuclear testing.

#### By Jeff Gould

#### on behalf of Livermore Conversion Project

For more info: http://www.trivalleycares.org/ Public hearings were held in Livermore, CA on April 27 and Washington D.C. on April 30. Written public comments are due by September 16, 2004 and should be sent to:

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# Contribute to the Local News

The Rogue IMC (www.rogueimc.org) is a local source of alternate news and events coverage where ordinary citizens become the reporters and producers. Free from corporate oversight, IMC is the vanguard of new media.

Independent Media (www.indymedia.org), was established by various independent and alternative media organizations and activists in 1999 for the purpose of providing grassroots coverage of the World Trade Organization (WTO) protests in Seattle. Since that time regional IMCs have sprung up in 166 locations. Large cities like New York and San Francisco, small towns like Danbury and Ithaca have IMCs and most importantly locations throughout the world such as Chiapas, Jakarta, Nigeria, Madrid and Palestine have instant, independent coverage of news and events. These websites are freely available to anyone with access to the Internet.

Revolutionary freedom for the press is made possible by the open nature of the IMC process. The phenomenon of the Internet's world-wide range without borders or political restrictions gives ready access to all to create media.

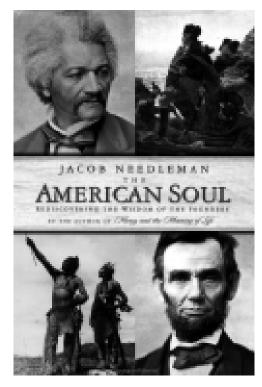
Adding a story or event to an IMC site (including Rogue IMC) is very easy. A person will not need to know anything about creating websites, only to have something important to "post" and willingness to follow a few simple steps.

All IMC sites have a button or link labeled "Publish". Once "Publish" is clicked a new page opens where you type your story, news or event and, at the click of a button, your submission becomes available to the world.

The primary focus of an IMC is local coverage, there is an editorial staff (open to anyone) which will steer submissions toward the local and away from commercial and hate. Photos and videos are desired, but not mandatory. You are encouraged to create and participate!

Jon Dowd

# Book Review



The American Soul - Rediscovering the Wisdom of the Founders, by Jacob Needleman

As we work for, long for peace, many are asking themselves and each other, "What does it mean to be an American?" Philosopher Jacob Needleman, in his new book "The American Soul - Rediscovering the Wisdom of the Founders," encourages deep questions.

Present visions of America include being the "world's policeman", the leader of the world, the savior of the less developed nations, responsible for teaching democracy as the best way to live collectively, etc., etc.

Needleman suggests more questions, "What of the American dream? Is it a vision or an illusion? Do we need to deepen this dream or awaken from it?" He feels we need to relate this question to the deepest inner questions humans can ask. "The question of America leads us directly into the question of the purpose and destiny of human life itself in this era." Needleman is a consultant in the fields of psychology, education, ethics,

philanthropy and business. You may have seen him on Bill Moyer's PBS television series, "A World of Ideas."

In his many books he tries to reflect the ideas at the heart of all the spiritual traditions. "I'm trying to find a bridge between their great common source and the problems of our everyday life in this culture", he states. His premise is that there is an inner as well as an outer democracy and that the issues and the qualities contained within it mirror those within each citizen.

Needleman feels Walt Whitman's "Democratic Vistas" is the "most powerful manifesto ever written about the inner meaning of American democracy" and he honors the contribution of the principles of the Iroquois Confederacy to our own Constitution, suggesting that "the idea of America has brought a special kind of hope to the world because it carries ideas rooted in an ancient, primordial wisdom." But he goes on to say that our contemporary culture lacks great ideas and seems not to be seeking them, thus weakening the human spirit. He calls it the "essence of materialism, a disease of the mind starved for ideas. America was once a great idea, and it is such ideas that move the world."

"We have to find a way to expose our children to great questions." He's encouraged by positive response from students, saying the young people are hungry for the information he presents and are raptly attentive.

Needleman is currently teaching a class on Ralph Waldo Emerson, who he considers to have been a modern-day prophet. "Emerson saw the American future as a culture founded on love, knowing what the world is really like. We are obliged to hear him and to attend to America, and to the future of the earth, as that which is possible, never as that which is inevitable."

He thinks that America is still synonymous with hope and urges us to focus our vision not on the outer America we perceive with the senses but rather the America we grasp with the mind and the heart.

**Marguerite Craig** 

# **Clactions**

#### Call For Submissions

Clear Actions is accepting article submissions from writers willing to serve on the newsletter committee. Help us get out the latest word on peace, justice, nonviolence and the environment. Email Linda at linda@peacehouse.net or Ann at hubcake@hotmail.com

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things, that matter."



# Comments by Paul Copeland at the March 20, 2004 One Year Anniversary Anti-War Rally, Medford

I want to talk about the law today. Take a minute and look to your left. Isn't it wonderful the person you see there is out here today standing up for free speech and peace and justice? Now look to your right. That person could be an undercover FBI agent monitoring your legal right to peaceably assemble. Sure it might be your spouse too, but you can't be too careful now can you? Because everyone is a suspect. That is the new principle of pre-emptive suspicion without probable cause and detention without charges from the Bush-Ashcroft Justice department. Why bother with valid intelligence looking for terrorists when everyone is a suspect? Just investigate everyone. What a breakthrough in antiterrorism!

Actually this is not a new idea. Authoritarian regimes have labeled opponents as "terrorist sympathizers" for years. Nelson Mandela was once branded a terrorist and Lori Berenson is still in jail in Peru as a terrorist for opposing the now exiled Alberto Fujimori.

Now the USA is adopting actual terrorist practices by holding over 600 kidnapped hostages in Guantanamo for two years without charges, totally disregarding international human rights standards. Among these detainees are mere shepherds, and students, and even children.

The evil forces in our government terrorizing the rest of the world are striking at home also. How are things on the home front for you? Are you feeling "secure" in your homeland? No? The truth is the Bush-Ashcroft homeland security program is a grave threat to democracy. And we are the targets. Forget about Saddam folks. We are living under the thumb of an authoritarian regime at home.

We all know the Patriot Act literally handed the power of a police state to the President. The Patriot Act and related provisions gives the government unchecked Orwellian powers for big-brother surveillance, searches, wiretaps, and secret databases targeting you and me, including the threat of indefinite detention without charges. The Patriot Act removes fundamental constitutional guarantees and undercuts the checks and balances of court protections.

There is an especially evil part of the Patriot Act affecting the treatment of immigrants. Tens of thousands of Islamic men have been forced to register or face arrest—as if terrorists are going to sign up with the government. This is utterly stupid as well as evil. Over a thousand of these people have been detained without charges for months or years. And hundreds have been deported in secret proceedings. Justice dispensed in secret is the greatest threat of all. All this is shades of the mass detentions of the Japanese in World War II.

We must ask who will have to register next? And we must not forget our Hispanic brothers and sisters who are being treated equally harshly by these new laws. Let us not forget Kari Rein in Williams who is being deported to Norway after living lawfully in this country for years.

And then there is Pete Seda in Ashland, swept up in the dragnet harassment of Islamic charities. The key point is that the Bush-Ashcroft Justice Department is misusing immigration laws and banking laws to destroy people whose only crime is devotion to Islam.

Make no mistake. John Ashcroft is engaged in a frontal attack on the Constitution. John Ashcroft is misusing the law to intimidate and coerce the population. And that my friends is the very definition of domestic terrorism in the Patriot Act itself. We must hold John Ashcroft to account as the real evil terrorist number one. Tell that to the FBI agent watching us today.

Contact Citizens for Peace and Justice in Medford to help support their current anti-Patriot Act campaign: www.medfordcpj.org

## Peace House Pledge Drive



Be listening for your phone to ring Wednesday May 26th and Thursday 27th!

Peace House will be calling Peace House supporters to begin an annual 2004 pledge drive.

We are seeking sustainable community funding to continue Peace House's work.

Please answer the call so we can continue to collaborate in creating a peaceful world through our innovative consensus office, and non-violent peace education and organizing!

# Info-Mission Raises Awareness of Depleted Uranium Weapons

In January 2004, Info-Mission launched a campaign to educate on the topic of Depleted Uranium. After frustrated efforts to collect medical supplies for pediatric hospitals in Iraq, we decided that through an educational tour an informed public would be more willing to assist with this necessary humanitarian endeavor. Info-Mission attended the October 2003 conference on uranium weaponry. At this time we met with scientists and legal experts in addition to gathering multi media materials.

A free mobile presentation was developed and is offered to any organization seeking to learn more about DU and how to abolish its use. The presentation is one hour and consists of a 20-piece photo exhibit, a 12-minute video by the Japanese organization, *No DU Hiroshima Project*, and a 30 minute overview of the what, when and where of international law and action plans. A variety of printed materials are provided for further research.

Recently, Info-Mission was invited to meet with Peace House representatives at Congressman Walden's Medford office to discuss HR 1483, a bill written by Congressman McDermott of Washington State requesting that a study be conducted on the hazards of depleted uranium among troops. Our goal is to recruit congressional co-sponsors for the bill by direct lobbying.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Gulf War Veterans from 1991 are living (and dying)

proof that exposure to Depleted Uranium is NOT harmless, either to them (Gulf War Syndrome) or to their offspring (unusually high number of birth abnormalities among Gulf War veterans). It is no coincidence that a list of typical Gulf War Syndrome maladies published in 1994 mirrors the list of maladies suffered by victims of secondary radiation exposure in Hiroshima published in 1961. Today, thousands of Iraqi citizens, and especially children, are suffering from leukemia, lymphomas, and central nervous system damage that are typically associated with chronic internal radiation exposure. Birth defects have become so common in southern Iraq that many women fear to get pregnant.

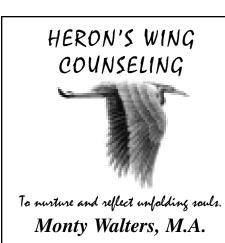
The US government and the military claim that Depleted Uranium is relatively harmless. They have turned deaf ears and blind eyes to the evidence that surrounds them. Only a massive, world-wide, grass-roots movement objecting to the use of Uranium and Depleted Uranium in weapons of any form will be able to turn the tide and save our environment from further destruction and save hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians in whatever country becomes the next target for this terrible weapon.

For further information on the Depleted Uranium campaign or to schedule and expert speaker on this topic, please contact our office at 541-218-7307 or visit our website at www.info-mission.org

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#### March for Women's Lives on April 25

From trannies to grannies, everyone was there. We were fortunate to be part of history when we attended the March for Women's Lives in Washington DC on April 25. 1,150,000 people marched to defend women's access to safe, legal abortion. Issues particularly important to youth, women of color, queer, and global communities were a major focus. It felt like OUR movement: strong, collaborative, and bold. We saw the faces of feminism and they were beautiful. We saw frail-looking older women leaning on the arms of younger sisters, radical cheerleaders and over 400 medical students for choice in lab coats. We saw women with new babies, women in wheelchairs, a man with a sign that said "Transman for Abortion Rights". We saw women strong and defiant in the face of the "antis" with their grotesque signs and religious fervor. We saw a 10 year old girl face-to-face with an anti, pumping her fist in the air and chanting, "My Body, My Choice." We also witnessed humor in young people dancing shouting "No Antis in our Panties". Representatives from 57 countries marched to protest the Global Gag Rule. One speaker called on women in this country to be "humble and brave" enough to

#### An Invitation from the Siskiyou Field Institute

Join the Siskiyou Field Institute (SFI) for its seventh season of natural history field courses and workshops and learn about the ecology of the unique and beautiful Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion from researchers, professors and practitioners eager to share their knowledge and love for this area. Discover plants that grow nowhere else in the world, snorkel with fish that thrive in wild rivers and backpack and raft among one of the most geologically complex mountain systems in the world.

SFI programs are geared toward a wide audience, from nature fun for youth to technical science courses for experienced naturalists. This year's catalog features two main sessions: Western Siskiyou Programs based in Cave Junction June 3-6 and the Eastern Siskiyou Programs based in Ashland June 14-18 and 25-27. Other courses run throughout the year in different parts of the bioregion.

Join natural history gurus Wendell Wood and Avis Keedy for a Wildflower and Plant Identification Workshop at Sandy Bar Ranch on the Klamath River May 6-9. The Western Siskiyou programs include a two-day class discovering Fantastic Ferns with Dr. David Wagner of OSU June 5-6. Participants can also examine the Biscuit fire nearly two years after the burn and learn the intricacies of Fire Ecology with Dennis Odion on June 4-5. The summer finishes up with a fun

weekend retreat focusing on the Natural and Cultural History of the Oregon Coast August 20-22. This course will offer opportunities to explore estuarine, dune, and beach habitats looking for shore and sea birds with various instructors. Participants will stay at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology with presentations by the Bandon National Wildlife Refuge Staff and members of the Coquille Tribe, finishing with a Pelagic Birding trip led by Dr. Stewart Janes of SOU.

The SFI banquet will be held on **Saturday**, **June 5** in the Illinois Valley. A social hour and delicious vegetarian meal will be followed by a keynote presentation from Kathleen Dean Moore titled *What It Means to Love a Place*. Moore is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Oregon State University and is best known for her prizewinning books about our spiritual and cultural connections to wet and wild places.

Please join the Siskiyou Field Institute this summer to learn the fascinating natural history of the beautiful Klamath-Siskiyou. If you want to receive our catalog, please contact us at institute@siskiyou.org or (541) 592-4459. It can also be viewed and a registration form downloaded online at www.siskiyou.org/sfi. Early registration is suggested, and some courses offer college credit through Southern Oregon University.

Rob Sweeney, SFI Science Coordinator

support women whose lives are at stake in the global south. It was energizing, amazing, spectacular and unforgettable.

We were reminded that this country is one Supreme Court Justice away from overturning Roe v Wade. Some predict that in the next President's term there could be three Supreme Court vacancies. Strategically voting against Bush seems simple and essential - this is one area where we can win. Our advice, suck it up and VOTE!

#### Shelley Elkovich & Grady Boyd

#### Biscuit Fire Bake-off

Concerned citizens are regularly meeting to discuss and explore creative ways to help save the Biscuit fire-affected forests of the Siskiyou Wild Rivers area. The Bush administration is planning the largest timber sale in modern history - picture one thousand miles of loaded log trucks bumper to bumper - in this ecological gem of North America. There are serious concerns about the impacts of logging on old-growth forests, roadless areas, wild salmon, soil, tourism, the local economy and more. The Final Environmental Impact Statement is expected at the end of April, with the intention to log this summer. We have a short time to save a large area. Please spread the word!

Ongoing organization is underway for activities like Saturday hikes, weekend campouts, the Biscuit Bake-Off in the Illinois Valley on Memorial Day weekend, petitions and postcards to elected officials asking them to not support a congressional rider that would likely curb public participation. Join us - help with ongoing projects and bring new ideas to the table. We are gifted to live in such a beautiful and wild place. We now have a chance to tell this administration that they cannot use these forests for political purposes. Info: forkmail04@yahoo.com

#### Peace Garden Project: Gardeners Needed!

Peace House, in collaboration with two SOU clubs, OSPIRG and ECOS, wants to create a peace garden project that will grow some of the produce needed by our community meals. Last month Peace House submitted a proposal to the Walker Fund, a granting foundation that gives money to Jackson County organizations working to end poverty with a special emphasis on children, gardening and hunger. Hunger among Jackson County children is one-quarter higher than the state average. Both the Earth Tribe Community Garden and Willow Wind CLC has offered us free garden space for the project, however we will not know if the grant is awarded until after planting season is over! Peace House is looking for someone who can help get a small group of volunteers together before planting season is over and prepare beds, and plant seeds for fall. Please call Peace House 482-9625 if you can help coordinate this worthwhile effort or if you can help us get our garden growing!

### The Hamazons Present: "Mama Knows Best"

In celebration of Mother's Day, The Hamazons will present "Mama Knows Best," an evening of comedy and improvisation, on Sat., May 8, at 8 p.m. in The DanceSpace, 280 E. Hersey. #10, Ashland.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Peace House.

General admission tickets are \$13 and available at: Heart & Hands, 255 E Main Street, Ashland; AlleyCuts by Hilda, 24 Crater Lake Ave. #5, Medford; and The Book Stop, 212 SW Sixth St., Grants Pass.

#### Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

If you are interested in establishing a Rogue Valley Chapter of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom please call Grace Hamilton at 201-7641. WILPF is an 85 year old organization which was first established in 1919 after World War I and stemmed from the International Congress of Women which met at the Hague in 1915.

#### Fund for Cuba Bus

**CUBA NEEDS A SCHOOL BUS!** 

This June and July will see the 15th Pastors for Peace Humanitarian Aid Caravan to Cuba. Since 1992, over 2,000 tons of material aid have been extended in solidarity to our Cuban brothers and sisters. This aid has included medicines, medical and school supplies, computers, bicycles, sports equipment, ambulances and buses. A move is underway to send a school bus donated by Oregon for use in Cuba. We have the opportunity to secure a serviceable bus for about \$3,000, which would include fuel for the trip, although one would usually cost \$5,000 to \$6,000. Pastors for Peace supporters in Corvallis have raised \$1,000, and those in Portland are now close to \$1,000. We in Southern Oregon are eager to furnish the remaining \$1,000. We need your help to make possible this donation of a bus from Oregon. Please join us in making a taxdeductible contribution for the bus. Please send your check made out to Peace House to Box 524, Ashland OR 97520, indicating it is for the bus or for Pastors for Peace. If possible, please mail it by May 15.

IMPORTANT: do not write the word "CUBA" anywhere on the check!

For more information about the bus or about joining the caravan, call Brad or Mary Ann Jones, 482-8915, or Grady at Peace House, 482-9625, or visit www.ifconews.org

Information about Cuban political prisoners held in the US: www.freethefive.org.

Don't miss Cuba film night at the Wide Awake Forum June 5. Brad will share his experiences last fall driving the bus on the Pastors for Peace caravan!

Also: Salsa bands Los Salseros and Mambo Rico Thursday June 24, time and place TBA

Dancing send-off for Pastors For Peace US-Cuba Friendshipment Caravan

For info or to volunteer, call 482-8915.

# Peace Community Calendar

#### Fat The Biscuit

Every other Thursday, 6pm in the Student Union at SOU, from May 6 - 20 Concerned citizens are regularly meeting to discuss and explore creative ways to help save the Biscuit fire-affected forests of the Siskiyou Wild Rivers area.(See page 6)

#### **Hamazons Peace House Fundraiser**

Saturday, May 8, 7 pm at the Dance Space. (See page 6 for more info)

#### The Bike Swap

Saturday, May 8, will take place in the parking lot between the Civic Center and The Grove, on E. Main Street near Garfield Park. Bikes and related equipment being offered for sale should be dropped off between 7:30 – 11:00 AM. The Swap begins at noon. call 552-2263 (See article on page 1)

#### 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

#### Kelsey-Whisky Old Growth Hikes!

Sundays throughout the month of May. Meet up at Evo's Java House at 9 am, Return around 5:30 pm. Visit this unique endangered forest located in the 46,464 acre Zane Grey Roadless Area. Contact: 488-4996

#### Wide Awake Film Forum

Saturday's at 7:00 pm at Evo's Java House

Always free! For more info, email us at wide\_awake@riseup.net

May 8: We Are Traffic!

A Movie about Critical Mass, chronicles the history and development of the "Critical Mass" bicycle movement, one of the most spirited and dynamic social/political movements of the apathetic 90's.

May 15: Gaza Strip

Gaza Strip was filmed during the first four months of 2001, a period that covers the election of Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon and extends to the first major armed incursion into "Area A" by the Israeli military.

May 22: Palestinian film with Jacob Pace from the Santa Cruz Peace Resource Center (See more on page 8)

June 5: "Clandestinos" plus a short video about the Cuban Five.

Brad Jones will also share some of his adventures driving the bus last fall on the Pastors for Peace Caravan.

#### Swami Beyondananda

Saturday, May 8, 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Center, 4th and C Streets, Ashland. St. Clair Productions presents comedian Swami Beyondananda (aka Steve Bhaerman) His new book *Swami for Precedent: A 7-Step Plan to Heal the Body Politic and Cure Electile Dysfunction* will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$17/advance, \$20/ door and \$10/kids 5-17 or SOU Students with ID. Tickets are available at Soundpeace, the Music Coop in the A Street Marketplace, on line atwww.stclairevents.com or by calling 541-535-3562.

#### Hike the Wild Rogue

Saturday, May 15th

The Medford BLM is preparing to clearcut the public forests of the Zane Grey Roadless Area in the Kelsey-Whiskey Timber Sale. This area is adjacent to the Wild and Scenic Rogue River. Please join KS Wild and Friends of Living Oregon Waters (F.L.O.W.) for a hike into this rare and threatened forest. We will visit old-growth forests scheduled to be clearcut by the Medford BLM. Bring water, lunch, good hiking shoes and versatile clothing. For more information on Kelsey-Whisky, visit: http://www.kswild.org/KSNews/ActionAlerts/kelsey2

Carpools will be leaving from Ashland at 9am. Meet at Evo's Java House (367 E. Main St). For information on carpooling from Ashland contact Lesley Adams with KS Wild at 541-488-5789. Carpools from Grants Pass will leave from Sunshine Natural Food Store (128 SW H St.) at 10am. For more information contact Joe with F.L.O.W. and BACK TO THE WALL-Grants Pass Chapter at 541-251-3569.

#### **A Community Volunteer Training**

Offered by Rape Crisis and Dunn House of Community Works

May 15 & 16, 9am - 5 pm both days. Come learn more about dynamics of sexual assault and domestic violence, anti-oppression, active listening and suicide intervention: victim-centered programs that function on an empowerment model. We are

currently accepting new volunteers. Breakfast and lunch provided. In observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month the training will be free. For more information please call Ati at 779-2393 ext 216

#### **Southern Oregon Friends of Cuba Meeting**

May 15 Make sure you send in a check for the Ashland bus for the 14th Annual Pastors for Peace Caravan!

May 19, Meetings every third 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.

#### **An Evening With Native American Activist**

Janet Robideaux of Indian Peoples Action-Montana

May 15, 2004, Friday 7 to 9 pm Wesley Hall at United Methodist Church, 175 North Main St. Ashland. (See announcement on page 8)

#### The Traditional Four Circles Healing Process

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May 14-16, Ashland, OR and May 28-30 Eugene, OR

You will learn how to use the Traditional Four Circles of Healing Process so that you can achieve whole-person healing and recovery. This training (and the included workbook) will instantly simplify and improve your healing process. Whether you are new to healing/recovery or an Old-timer at this, you'll find valuable techniques to deepen your own healing process, improve the quality of your life and relationships, and become more effective in making changes in your life. Contact Siwash Native Resources at (541) 482-0812 or email: clatsop1@hotmail.com for flyer or registration info. Fee: sliding scale \$69-129 (scholarships available). Limited to only 15 attendees.

#### Spring Film Series by KS Wild

May 21, Friday 7 pm FREE

Unitarian Fellowship, 87 4th Street

The Blood of the Earth documents the 5,000 U'Wa Indians in the Northeast of Columbia who have threatened to commit a general suicide if the oil company Oxy starts the mineral exploitation of their rich grounds.

The Next Industrial Revolution Brings together ecology and human design to be as safe and renewable as natural processes by communicating the work and vision of architect William McDonough and chemist Dr. Michael Braungart. For more information contact KS Wild @ 541-488-5789 or lesley@kswild.org

#### Ashland Zen Center 6th Annual Yard Sale

May 21& 22 (See announcement page 2)

#### Spring into Wellness, Seminar of Self Mastery

May 21 & 22 Robert Greygrass performs Ghost-lands of an Urban NDN Friday 8 pm (See information page 3)

#### **Terry Tempest Williams**

May 22, Medford Central Library. See page 2 for details

#### **Democracy Now!**

Thursday May 27, 7pm Free

"Independent Media In A Time Of War" and "Crashing the Stock Market," Showing at the Rogue Valley Metaphysical Library 258 A Street #2, Ashland, Oregon

#### **ACPC Film Festival**

May 28th: Doctor Strangelove

June 25th: Inherit the Wind

Films of social & historical signifigance; Come see & discuss these provocative films. All start at 7PM at the Ruch Library 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

#### **Clear Actions Mailing Party**

June 2nd at 10:00 am at Peace House. Lots of fun! Volunteers are always needed.

#### Siskiyou Field Institute

May 6-9, Wildflower and Plant ID Workshop at Sandy Bar Ranch.

June 3 - 6, Cave Junction Program

June 14 - 18, June 25 - 27, Ashland Programs, plus many more.

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#### Gaza Strip from page 1

Darom, and on March 8 more Palestinian families were served with demolition orders in Al-Qarara village on the northern edge of the Gush Katif settlement block. The seizures and demolitions were justified on the basis of "military necessity" and the order for the Netzarim actions stated that "the seizure of land is carried out in light of the current security situation and for absolute military needs (security wall – Netzarim, Gaza) to establish security facilities."

These Israeli military orders exhibit a clear intention to construct walls and other "security facilities" on Palestinian land near the settlements of Netzarim and Kfar Darom. The walls and other structures will inevitably extend the borders of the illegal settlements and bring larger areas of Palestinian land under direct Israeli control. The Al-Qarara demolitions adjacent to the Gush Katif block also come in this context. According to the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR), a leading indigenous Human Rights organization based in Gaza, "these latest seizure orders. . . are part of a broader plan to expand direct Israeli territorial control in many areas of the Gaza Strip." In fact, PCHR notes that "there has been a clear increase in the use of land seizure orders in the Gaza Strip in 2004."

#### Walls, fences, and bulldozers

Most of the illegal Israeli settlements in Gaza are already surrounded by some form of barrier- usually walls or electrified fences. Construction of each of these barriers has been accompanied by an ongoing campaign of house demolitions and the destruction of Palestinian agricultural land. In the last three years, Israeli forces have destroyed nearly 2,000 homes in the Rafah refugee camp alone. Similar destruction is also ongoing in Khan Yunis refugee camp and other areas near the Gush Katif settlements. Throughout the Gaza Strip, American-made Israeli military bulldozers have destroyed tens of thousands of dunums (1 dunum is equal to 1,000 square meters) of agricultural land and the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights estimates that nearly 20% of arable land in Gaza has been razed.

In addition, walls and fences are always accompanied by military facilities. The massive house demolitions and land-razing campaigns have left large swaths of territory uninhabited and easily controlled by Israeli snipers. The end result is that ever larger portions of Palestinian land have been placed under the territorial authority of Israeli occupying forces. The new military orders will act primarily to extend this authority around the settlements of Netzarim, Kfar Darom, and northern Gush Katif. Thus, far from preparing a withdrawal, the Israeli government seems intent on reinforcing and expanding its illegal presence in the Gaza Strip.

The project of house demolitions, land razing, and the construction of walls, fences, and military posts in Gaza mirrors events unfolding in the West Bank. In fact, Israel's construction of the enormous wall (usually referred to as the Apartheid Wall, the Annexation Wall, or Israel's own benign

appellation, the Security Barrier) threatens to de-facto annex over 50% of the West Bank to Israel. Far from a defensive project, the wall snakes across Palestinian land, extending Israeli territorial authority across ever larger portions of the West Bank. Both the wall in the West Bank and the barriers in Gaza must be seen in the context of a continuing Israeli policy aimed to exert ever-increasing methods of control and domination over the population of the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

### Israel, the United States, and "Unilateral Disengagement"

The Bush administration recently "punished" Israel for construction of the West Bank wall by withholding \$289.5 million in loan guarantees. However, this withholding comes out of an estimated \$5-6 billion dollars of US aid (both military and economic) to Israel, leaving billions of dollars for Ariel Sharon to dispose of as he wishes. In fact, Sharon's comments to the Israeli press suggest that the US is consulted regularly before large-scale Israeli actions. In the same Ha'aretz article quoted at the outset Sharon explains his government's special relationship with the US administration: "... the Americans rely on us in the region and what will develop here as part of the [US] president's vision. . . We and they share the same interest."

Sharon is even more explicit in the context of his "disengagement plan." His comments indicate that few projects are launched by Israeli occupying forces without US approval:

"Clearly this must be done with American agreement and support. We are not taking any steps that contravene their positions. Agreement is needed on both the evacuation and the matter of the fence [wall]. It is important that everything we do be part of the Bush vision and fits in the American concept."

It remains to be seen whether Sharon's "disengagement plan" is a serious proposal or simply a clever attempt to avoid international condemnation of the continuing US supported occupation and colonization of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem. However, recent Israeli actions suggest that the official rhetoric of "disengagement" simply masks the effects of deeper processes occurring on the ground. In reality, Israeli occupying forces, and their US patron, are making moves to strengthen the illegal occupation of the Palestinian Territories through the continuing project of colonizing Palestinian land and extending further methods of domination over the indigenous population.

#### Jacob Pace

Jacob Pace works with the Resource Center for Nonviolence in Santa Cruz, California. He recently returned from Palestine where he completed a six month internship with the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights in Gaza City. His photos and eyewitness reports are available at www.rcnv. org/gaza. Resources:

Stop the Apartheid Wall Campaign: www.stopthewall.org

The US Campaign to End the Occupation: www.endtheoccupation.org

The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights: www.pchrgaza.org

The Applied Research Institute, Jerusalem: www.arij.org

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Ha'aretz (english edition). 3 February 2004 (page 1).

ii The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights uses information from the Israeli Interior Ministry to place the number of Israeli settlers in Gaza at 6,900 in 2001 (www.pchrgaza.org). However, Sharon's statement that there are 7,500 settlers in just 17 settlements suggests that the total number of illegal Israeli settlers is now substantially higher.

<sup>iii</sup> Palestinian Centre for Human Rights. 25 February 2004; and 9 March 2004 (www.pchrgaza.org).

iv quoted in Ibid (25 February 2004 (www.pchrgaza.org)).

<sup>v</sup> Ibid.

#### **Wide Awake Film Forum Presents:**

"Security Barrier of Apartheid Wall?: A Report on the Wall in Palestine."

A special Wide Awake Film Forum with Jacob Pace. We will screen the new film, "*The Wall*," by Israeli filmmaker Benny Brunner.

Israel calls it a terror production barrier, Palestinians refer to it as a land grab. These are the labels attached to the controversial wall which is currently being built to separate Israel from the Territories. This highly critical point-of-view documentary attacks the Wall as a symptom of what ails Israel.

Following the film, Jacob will lead a discussion about the current situation in Israel and the Occupied Territories.

#### Women In Black

In **Medford**, first 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.

### 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.

#### "Social Change Goes Native"

An Evening With Native American Activist Janet Robideaux of Indian Peoples Action-Montana

May 15, Friday Wesley Hall at Ashland United Methodist Church 175 N Main St 7 -9 pm. Join the Native American Leadership Institute and welcome an outstanding activist for Native American Rights. Robideaux's life from boarding school relocation to the American Indian Movement to the creation of Indian People's Action is a story of 30 years of activism for Montana's Indigenous People. Learn how Indian People's Action is creating social change through community organizing and building a political voice through mobilizing the Native Vote. Sponsored by the Native American Leadership Institute as part of a nonpartisian effort to "Get Out The Native Vote in 2004". Co-sponsored by Church in the World Committee, Ashland, For more information. www.nalinet.net or call 541-482-1744

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