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War is Not The Answer - Anti-war demonstrators take to the streets in San Francisco - Photo by Randy Bofinger

Students or Soldiers?

Behind the False Promises of the U.S. Military

Last month dozens of Southern Oregonians listened to an honest story about misleading military recruitment. Mario Hardy Africa traveled from Philadelphia to speak out against racism, sexism, and militarism in our schools. On October 8, Africa spoke at Vibes Main One, a youth-focused center in Medford.

The Triphonix, a local, conscious hip-hop group, opened the evening and got the audience moving. Africa was so inspired by what he heard from these political artists, he recited a lengthy and jaw-dropping analysis of US military and social policy through an improvised spoken word freestyle rhyme.

“Why do young people join the military?” Africa asked of the young crowd. They soon learned that while most young people join the military to get college money, most (57 percent) don’t get a dime. Africa shared stories of growing up in Cuba, immigrating on a boat with his family, and then living in Camden, New Jersey.

Africa explained how recruiters in poor areas convince people to join so that they may get out of a bad situation. “The recruiters capitalize on the ills of a particular neighborhood. They would come to us and tell us, look, you’re either going to end up dead or in jail.” This story and others illustrate a reality that many young people of color deal with on a daily basis. The counter-recruitment movement calls this the poverty draft, or economic discrimination tactics. Stories like his are documented through the GI Rights Hotline, which Africa helped to create. “We get 30,000 calls from active service members every year, trying to get out of the military.” Africa mentioned that if they had the infrastructure, the G.I. Rights Hotline could take about four times that many calls. They simply don’t have the funding.

False promises

Among the many lies military recruiters tell, they routinely make offers that they cannot fulfill, according to Africa. He explained that recruiters don’t have anything



Photo by Kerul Dyer.

Mario Africa speaking at the Wilderness Charter School in October

to do with where someone is stationed, or what their duties will include, meanwhile they write down specific promises and include them in their contract. Africa went further and warned young people to read the “fine print” of the military enlistment contract before signing, because under the contract these casual agreements are meaningless. “Basically what it says is: We can promise you anything we want and have to deliver nothing.”

Africa also explained that all members of the armed services are considered G.I.s, or Government Issue. He explained that under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or UCMJ, a soldier’s body is considered like any equipment that the US military owns. “Do you think they ask a machine gun if it wants to be sent off to war, or would rather spend the winter in Hawaii?” Pointed examples like these led to a story that Africa told of a friend in Hawaii taking his leave time at the beach. “He got this terrible sunburn. When he reported for duty they punished him under the UCMJ for damaging government property. When you join the military, you belong to the military.”

Africa’s goal with presenting information about the military is to educate people to think critically before they sign up. “I’ve never told anyone not to join. That’s not my job. My job is to fill in the blanks the recruiters leave out.”

Kerul Dyer

Rachel Corrie's Uncle Speaks Out Against Israeli Policy

When Our niece Rachel was killed in Rafah last March, I started doing more reading and thinking about the Middle East than ever before.

I learned that most American Jews (of which I am one) have a default position of non-critical support for the government of Israel. This is not surprising given Jewish history over the past 2,000 years. But this is unfortunate because any time a government get non-critical support, it becomes prone to abuse and irresponsible behavior.

But even worse than this is the penchant for labeling anyone who criticizes Israeli policy as being anti-Israel or even worse, anti-Semitic. This is faulty thinking and here’s why.

When Clinton was president, Republicans hated him and criticized his policies (the official policies of the United States Government!) endlessly. Now that Bush is President, Democrats think that he and his policies are a catastrophe. Yet both groups think of themselves as loyal, patriotic Americans.

All of us, Jews and non-Jews alike, should view the Israeli government in the same way.

Being critical of Israel, therefore, does not necessarily imply being anti-Jewish or even anti-Israeli. It does imply being against Israeli government policy. I am Jewish and I am against current Israeli policy. To American Jews that’s sacrilegious. But to Israelis, that’s no big deal. If you read the Israeli press, you’ll find that Israelis bicker and disagree with their government just like we do here at home. If not, they wouldn’t have so many different political parties.

There is a rabbi in the Bay area who founded an organization called Tikkun, the Hebrew word for healing. The rabbi’s name is Michael Lerner, and Rabbi Lerner knows what’s required to achieve peace in Israel/Palestine. Please visit his website, www.tikkun.org, and encourage others to do so also. If you truly love Israel, this will be the most important website you’ll ever see.

Lastly, engage your friends in this debate. The Israeli occupation of Palestine is destroying both Israel and Palestine, and it’s time that we Americans stepped up to the plate, because it’s our tax dollars that’s allowing this tragedy to continue.

Eugene Brodenson

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From The Director: Connecting

It's the ending day of the Bioneers conference in Marin as I write – quiet time at my son and his family's home. This month's column was prompted by a friend of Peace House, who spoke as many have spoken in the last year – "I feel so alone".

What makes us all feel so alone? In reviewing possibilities, as I traveled on the plane, busses, etc., it seems there are many factors that go into the equation. Television is not only a lone occupation, but the subjects also tend to make us all feel out of the 'loop.' Automobiles, generally, are driven alone. Computers are not a group project; e-mails can't give hugs. Politics and the world situation, yuck/ditto. In South Dakota, the women no longer gather to make their quilts; instead, they take pieces and make them in their homes. In other words, we no longer have community; therefore, we feel alone because we are alone.

The media keeps us almost totally in the dark regarding the good things happening around the world.

What can we do to change any or all of the above? Of course, turning off our television helps, but reading is not a group sport. We can make those other changes to the above by getting together with friends and like-minded folks in some of the old ways. Not just to be entertained, but to talk with each other, to communicate by sharing food, sharing a letter-writing evening, getting families together, not for organized sports,

but picnics and potlucks. Potlucks! It's amazing how these are coming back!

We can feel less alone by working together for the future of the country and for the earth. Let's take back our power. Since it's a 'market-driven' economy, use it by letting tv stations know your unhappiness, tell grocery stores your feelings regarding gmo'd products. As the next wars will no doubt be for water, stop using so much! For it's true that we feel better by working on the problems instead of avoiding them.

In the coming months, Peace House will be endeavoring to 'connect the dots' by tying the planets situations of global warming and other issues with the political world and with social justice issues. It was good to see that Bioneers has already done this weaving. Those of us who were at the Bioneers conference, and there were many, will meet and write for Clear Actions in the next issue. Wilderness Charter school will show this year's conference videos, and we will all try to translate what we heard into action for the State of Jefferson. For we must translate for each other and take action soon.

Justine Cooper

Help the Hungry

Tuesdays

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 and help with food prep from 3 to 5pm, or with serving and cleanup from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Come to help and eat a good dinner, too! It's fun and fulfilling.

Uncle Food's Diner has been serving at Trinity Church, but due to their remodeling, the location has changed for approximately two months. 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.

Thursdays

In Talent, Beeson's Open House serves from 5:30 to 7pm on Thursdays at the Talent United Methodist Church, 206 W. Wagner. They too welcome volunteer help. Call Ginger Rilling to sign up, 535-8531

Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving Day from 12 to 4pm at the Ashland Armory, 1420 E. Main, Caring Friends serves their annual feast, welcoming the hungry, homeless and helpful volunteers. Come celebrate the attitude of gratitude. Call Cori Couch, 245-6980 for more info.



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The next time Bush tries to hide blatant nationalism under the cloak of patriotism, keep in mind the words of a 'slightly' more intelligent & thoughtful person: Einstein: "Nationalism is an infantile disease. It is the measles of mankind."

California Fires Burn as 'Healthy Forests' Sits on Senate Floor

Bush's Healthy Forest legislation sits on the Senate floor amidst the backdrop of wildfires in southern California that have claimed the lives and homes of dozens of people in San Diego, San Bernadino and Los Angeles counties. Rather than address the fundamental issues of adequate funding for authentic fuels reduction near towns and communities, proponents of Bush's forest policy are inaccurately portraying the California fires as a frantic indication of the need for such legislation. However, a close look at this forest policy shows that communities will continue to be at risk from wildfire while timber companies reap the benefits of back-country public lands logging. As the entire nation looks to southern California with sympathy and support, an October 28 New York Times editorial points out that, "Regrettably, some in Congress have wasted no time in using these devastating blazes to promote a deeply flawed fire bill, patterned after President Bush's Healthy Forests initiative, that awaits action in the Senate after being passed by the House. The bill is hopelessly vague. It would not require that money be spent where it was most needed, which is (as California's fires show anew) at the suburbanized edge of forests. Its mandate is so broad that it would invite commercial logging in remote areas of the national forests, where fires pose little threat to people or property but where the timber industry is most eager to ply its trade. The bill would also weaken environmental protections, reducing the opportunity for public appeals and judicial review." According to the California Wild Heritage campaign, which works to preserve California's unprotected wilderness and wild rivers, all but one of the fires currently

burning in southern California were caused by people along roads, noting that in comparison, roadless areas experience fewer fires. The southern California fires demonstrate that the federal government must spend its fire management dollars near communities and not in the back-country. As is the case with these fires, most of the areas burned annually in California are dominated by brush and grass, and yet many in Congress and in the White House focus instead on promoting the removal of large trees far from communities. This may benefit the timber industry and other special interests, but it leaves our communities vulnerable.

Court Halts Medford BLM Timber Sale
KS Wild won a temporary legal victory halting logging on a Medford BLM old growth timber sale. Attorney David Stewart is representing KS Wild in its claim regarding the King Wolf timber sale on the Glendale Resource Area of the Medford BLM. The BLM sold almost twice the amount of old growth timber that was analyzed in the BLM's Environmental Assessment. Judge Aiken recently granted a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) halting the logging of this timber sale until she could hear the merits of the case. Two KS Wild staff travelled to the logging site five days after the TRO was issued and found that a timber company was illegally yarding and hauling the trees. The federal judge reordered the halt to logging on October 23. For an entire article, check out the Medford Mail Tribune site: <http://www.mailtribune.com/archive/2003/1024/local/stories/01local.htm>

**Klamath-Siskiyou News
Issue 37, October 30**

Free Fall Film Series

All showings begin at 7pm Sponsored by KS Wild and the Siskiyou Project

Thursday, October 30

Net Loss **Rescheduled**

Headwaters Building, 84 4th St, Ashland

All over the world, fish are at the heart of people's diet and culture. In the Pacific Northwest, there is no fish like the legendary salmon. Now there is a new way to produce fish - where salmon are raised in giant underwater cages. At first these salmon farms seem like a good idea - more fish for people to eat and less pressure on wild fish. Net Loss looks at how these farms have become a new threat to the survival of wild salmon.

Friday, November 14

Store Wars

Unitarian Fellowship, 87 4th St, Ashland

In the U.S., Wal-Mart opens a new mega-store every two business days. Store Wars looks at the impact on a small town when

Wal-Mart plans to build a mega-store there. Ashland, Virginia is the setting for the year-long battle which roughly reflects a larger cultural clash between small-town citizens verses corporate behemoth.

Friday, December 12

Shamans Apprentice & Disenchanted Forest

Unitarian Fellowship, 87 4th St, Ashland

Beautifully filmed, Disenchanted Forest is set deep in the Bornean rainforest where hundreds of orangutans are rescued and released into a protected rainforest. Shaman's Apprentice masterfully interweaves the luminous rainforest world of phenomena and mythical, dream-like folktales with western science and the grim realities of rampant habitat destruction and extinction. For more information, contact lesley@kswild.org or 488-5789.

Greenpeace

The Justice Department's Unprecedented Attack

October 28, MV Esperanza arrived in Miami Florida. However, rather than pulling into port, as Greenpeace ships do throughout the world, she will remain at anchor. The Port of Miami has refused entry because John Ashcroft's Justice Department is prosecuting Greenpeace for a protest action last year. The prosecution is unprecedented. Never before in U.S. history has an entire organization been prosecuted for a peaceful protest of its supporters. For years Greenpeace has worked to end environmental destruction and human rights abuses in Brazil's Amazon rainforest. Destruction of these habitats threatens clean air and water, animal and plant species, and the people and cultures who depend on forests for their way of life. Large criminal enterprises, using bribery, extortion, slavery, and murder, continue to ravage the Amazon and export their contraband. Last year, two Greenpeace activists climbed aboard a ship carrying Amazon mahogany wood. They held a banner that said "President Bush: Stop Illegal Logging." Amazingly, instead of halting the shipment, the government is prosecuting Greenpeace in federal court in Miami. It has charged Greenpeace under an obscure 19th century law never intended for this purpose. A trial is now set for December. Leading legal experts, quoted in the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, and publications around the world, agree that this prosecution is disturbing and poses a threat to free speech. From the Boston Tea Party to the civil rights movement, public protest actions have helped bring positive change in the U.S.. Greenpeace actions worldwide have played a critical role in stopping

atmospheric nuclear testing, protecting Antarctica from exploitation, and banning radioactive waste dumping at sea. If this prosecution succeeds, non-violent protest may become yet another casualty of John Ashcroft's attack on civil liberties. Please help to ensure that freedom of speech isn't taken away from all of us. — Take action: Contact President Bush and John Ashcroft and tell them to prosecute illegal loggers, not Greenpeace: http://www.greenpeaceusa.org/bin/view.fpl/10048/action_id/195.html

Contact the authorities in Miami and tell them that they should allow the Esperanza to dock in Miami: http://www.greenpeaceusa.org/bin/view.fpl/10048/action_id/196.html. For more information and to stay updated as events unfold, visit: <http://www.greenpeaceusa.org/trial>

John Passacantando

Executive Director Greenpeace USA

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Divided We Fall

Since September eleventh, the phrase most commonly seen on bumper stickers is, “United We Stand.” It is how Americans are saying that we stand united against terrorism and in support of our troops. This is well and good, but the original saying was “United We Stand, Divided We Fall,” which reminds us that it is our combined strength that enables us to stand strong and that without this strength we will surely fail. This saying is no

less true in times of peace than in times of war. Our societies are founded on the notion that as we unite to help and support one another, our safety, security, and ability to provide for our families is increased many times over as compared with each of us fending for ourselves alone in the wilderness. Beginning around the time of the tax revolt referendums of the 1980’s, it has become popular to look upon taxes as an evil burden

that right thinking people would do well to eliminate. Politicians campaign on the virtues of tax cuts. People claim, “these are hard times” and we cannot afford the taxes we have, let alone any new ones. We have been encouraged to look out for number one, and we have come to admire the “rugged individualist” who goes his or her own way without regard for anyone else. Perhaps, before it is too late, we can reexamine these

attitudes that threaten to divide us, and the unfortunate decline towards which they lead us. The idea that these are hard times for Americans must sound pretty bizarre to Ethiopian farmers whose crops have failed and whose cattle have all died along with their malnourished children. The closest that Americans ever came to real hard times was

See **Divided**, page 8

Poetry of Peace

Sukkat Shalom

By Kathy Dodd Miner 2003

Mother to mother,
let us take it as a vow:
I will not raise my child
to murder yours. Not in the name
of nationalism, not in the name of money,
not in the name of a god,
not in the name of anyone or anything at all
will we allow them to be trained
in the ways of killing. Those sons and these daughters
who catch their essence from us
and spin it daily
Into a new existence
beyond our imaginings —
let us stand arm in arm
in the unity of our womanhood
and shout in one voice, We do not give them life
that they might take it away
from one another. That these beings
who grew beneath our hearts
and forevermore live within them, these babes
whose soft secrets we know and
whose names we chose
from the music of the universe – let us cry from all the rooftops
that we do not suckle them
for the warmongers,
do not feed and clothe them
that they might put on uniforms
and be taught to forget
each other’s humanity.
That I will not be the cause of your weeping
nor you of mine. We can do this,
we are mothers, we can make it happen
for once and for all: by the power of love let us stop
the making of war. Here is a length of rope,
there is a bit of canvas: let us pitch a tent of peace
where all of our families
may dwell.

Silence Makes a Sound;
An Image of Women in Black
By Pam Roessler

Standing quietly, I spread my toes out on the cool green grass. Clothed in black,
I connect with the richness of the black earth beneath me. On the earth’s surface,
humans are walking, driving or biking past. Old and young faces stare at our group,
ten or so women, one or two men. We gather every noon on the plaza. The mid-day
traffic seems to peak. The sky is an innocent blue. I remember my t’ai chi stance:
softness in the face, knees relaxed, hands resting at my side, inner focus on the
breath. I smile inside as compassion fills me like light. Suddenly the mirror-like
windows of a passing bus reflect back OUR faces. We look like silent ghosts or
invisible ancestors, made visible for a millisecond. The sound of our silence is great.
A young man across the street nods and touches his heart. This is why I am here.

Wage Peace
By Mary Oliver

Wage Peace with your breath.
Breathe in firemen and rubble, breathe out whole buildings and flocks of red
winged blackbirds.
Breathe in terrorists and breathe out sleeping children and freshly mown fields.
Breathe in confusion and breathe out maple trees.
Breathe in the fallen and breathe out lifelong friendships intact.
Wage peace with your listening: hearing sirens, pray loud.
Remember your tools: flower seeds, clothes pins, clean rivers.
Make soup.
Play music, learn the word for thank you in three languages.
Learn to knit, and make a hat.
Think of the chaos as dancing raspberries, imagine grief as the outbreath of
beauty or the gesture of
fish.
Swim for the other side.
Wage peace.
Never has the world seemed so fresh and precious.
Have a cup of tea and rejoice.
Act as if armistice has already arrived.
Don’t wait another minute.



Less Griping, More Action!

There are many ways we can help break the oil/war connection. Conservation of electricity is one of them. One simple way to use less oil (3.6% of our electricity comes from oil fired, and 15% from natural gas fired, power plants) is to install a clothesline. These can be installed by most anyone, and can be a peaceful way to spend about five minutes per load of wash. Turns out that clothes dryers are the third biggest energy hogs in a typical US household. Dryers use 8.6% of our electricity. This is actually an enormous amount of power, and represents a lot of oil.

Here are some other ideas to replace griping with action:

Build or buy a solar water heater. Though this is more expensive than a clothesline, it will save even more oil. Water heating is responsible for 18.7 percent of our electricity use.

Plant fast growing trees on the east and west side of your home. Trees in these locations give you summer shading, yet don't block winter sunshine on your house.

Pay the tiny extra fee on your power bill to help subsidize alternative energy. For only five or six bucks a month, you can say that all

your electricity comes totally from wind power. Ask the power company about the "Blue Sky" program.

If you really want to make a big difference in our nation's oil consumption, and you live in or near town, buy an electric car next time you're car shopping. The D.O.E. says that most city dwellers can utilize small electric vehicles for 80% of their driving needs, which they define as trips of less than 25 miles. Don't sell all your gas-guzzlers; save one of them for long trips. Remember, these long trips likely amount to only 20% of your driving. These small electric vehicles use, on average, only one penny of electric power per mile driven, and are charged up in the privacy of your own garage overnight. They also have almost no moving parts. Check it out; be a trendsetter!

If you want many more ideas on this subject, especially if you are planning to build a house, drop me a line at jumpoff@echoweb.net, and I'll send you a spiffy email on the subject. Make the letter's subject "AA alternate power ideas" so it doesn't get lost in all my spam.

Malcolm Drake

Demonstration Against Occupation of Iraq - S.F. October 25



Photos by Randy Bofinger

Clear Actions

Call For Submissions

Clear Actions is accepting article submissions from writers willing to serve on the newsletter committee. Help us get the latest word on peace and justice out to the State of Jefferson.

Email Justine, info@peacehouse.net and Ann, hubcake@hotmail.com.

Leadership Intensive

Jean Houston, PhD has a summer leadership intensive in Social Artistry in Ashland June 17-27, 2004

It is a 10-day training designed for those who are determined to give everything they are and know to making a difference in the world, one person at a time.

For information contact her website, JeanHouston.org or email Bridget Reynolds at BridgettheBrit@aol.com.

Letters

To the Lovely Folks at Peace House:

Great thanks to you all for inviting Heartsong Chai to the Molly Ivins Celebration! We had an enjoyable and successful night.

What a great opportunity you gifted us! The chance to serve and talk chai with 2000 Rogue Valley progressives was just the boost we needed to launch into the winter season. With local businesses struggling under the weight of complacency and import, your support is invaluable.

Thanks for all you do, and for the space you hold in this valley and in the world. I thank you all collectively, as Peace House. And individually as humans BEING.

With Great Love and solidarity,
Elizabeth Bretko
Chai Mama, Heartsong Chai

Helen Keller, an
outspoken socialist, from
her own troubled times:

"This is a time for a
loud voice, open speech,
and fearless thinking. I
rejoice that I live in
such a splendidly
disturbing time."

Pastors for Peace Caravan Breakfast

A Pot Luck breakfast from 9 to 11 on Saturday Nov. 15 at Peace House, 543 South Mountain, Ashland will feature a recent slide show on Chiapas, Mexico.

This gathering will welcome a Pastors for Peace Humanitarian Caravan bound for Chiapas, Honduras and Nicaragua. Come and meet the members and learn more about their journey.

The focus of the caravan is twofold: the 10th anniversary of the Zapatista uprising in Chiapas, and opposition to the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas.

The proposed trade agreement has provoked enormous resistance throughout the Americas because of its disregard for labor, environmental, and human rights.

It is essential that concerned citizens and people of faith make their voices heard on this issue. Once in Chiapas, Mexico, the caravan will meet with indigenous communities, many of whom rose up in 1994 in protest of NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, because it outlawed the practice of traditional medicine and communally owned land.

Since 1995, the people of Chiapas have been subjected to a brutal militarization of their communities. More than 250 active military bases have displaced over 30,000 people.

In Honduras, the caravan will travel to indigenous and rural farming communities forced to compete with huge US based agro-companies.

Families that lose their livelihood are left to seek work in Free Trade Zone factories that offer non-unionized jobs for low pay with long hours and exploitative working conditions.

In Nicaragua, the caravan will meet with teachers and students struggling to maintain public school funding. IMF (International Monetary Fund) regulations are forcing Nicaragua to ignore its own constitution and deny access to poor students who cannot afford user fees for public schools.

Mary Ann Jones

Meet a New Board Member

As one of the newer peace house board members, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is **Maire Jordan** (call me Maire) and I'm a soon-to-retire librarian in Yreka, Ca. I've been there for almost 18 years and it's time to do something else. My passion is for peace, which led me here to the Peace House. After working for years with Siskiyou County's "Do Something for Peace" group and attending workshops and wonderful pot lucks and marches with you all here in Ashland, I've decided to devote myself to "The Cause."

A quick run-through of my past: born in Independence, Kansas; raised in Oklahoma and Wyoming; college in Utah and Nevada before quitting to join the Peace Corps (to get an education). After Peace Corps work in Venezuela, I chose to stay in South America to travel and teach English in Colombia, Peru, and Ecuador. After being a vagabond for seven years I settled down with a partner and had two beautiful daughters.

I raised my daughters, Jilayne and Nubez, in Mt. Shasta as a single mom and went back to college at Humboldt State, graduating in Communications in 1985. Since then I've worked in media and mostly libraries. I was the coordinator for the Mt. Shasta Resource Council, working to keep a huge ski area off the south face of the mountain. I've been on the board for our local Audubon Society chapter and have served on the board for AFSCME, Local 3899, for more years than I can remember. At this time I'm vice-president and devote time to the P.A.C. Committee and giving orientations to new employees for the county.

I keep myself sane by giving Reiki treatments at the Healing Arts Center, doing Gi Gong, meditating, reading and traveling back and forth to Ashland for "cultural" experiences and visiting friends. I'm looking for a place to live in Oregon that is an intentional community involved in "engaged" Buddhism or a similar communal arrangement practicing sustainable living. I hope to meet more of the dedicated folks affiliated with Peace House soon.

Peace House Seeks Interns!

Peace House is a multi-issue regional resource for organizing, education, action and creating a sustainable future. We are seeking interns to work with an established nonprofit for possible college credit. We are a locally based, community supported organization operated by a small staff and volunteers. An internship with Peace House is a terrific way to learn about local and global peace, justice and environmental issues and engage with your community. Learn about conflict resolution, the consensus process and nonviolent communication, as well as technical skills necessary to grassroots organizing and activism. Working with Peace House provides the opportunity to work with a variety of regional activist groups on issues affecting the environment and global community. Call Peace House for more information: 482-9625.



1 GIANT LEAP DVD

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1 GIANT LEAP BENEFIT SHOWING

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Proceeds from this benefit will help support one of our community, Michael Mews, and his challenge with a rare form of cancer. Please Come!

Global Peace, Music, Art and Culture Unite !

Shot on Location in 26 countries on 5 Continents in 6 months, 1 Giant Leap shows, through diverse fragments of music, spoken word and imagery how as a human community, that which divides us is far outweighed by the humanity that unites us.

When: Sunday, Nov. 16th, Doors open at 7:00pm, DVD begins at 7:30pm.

Cost: \$10 min. donation req. at the door.

Where: The Havurah, 185 N. Mountain (between E. Main and E. Hersey), Ashland.

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Calendar

Ghostlands of an Urban Indian: Robert Owens-Greygrass

In a benefit performance for Headwaters
November 26th, 8:00pm at the Green Room

A lively and often hysterical one-man show in which Robert brings out the tensions of being multi-racial and multi-cultural. This is a performance piece of extraordinary power and intelligence. Through his unique sense of humor and deep, witty ironies, Robert delivers a fast-paced, honest look into scenes and stories from his own life, and the lives of others, where we can all learn something about patience and living in a spiritual way. This show returns to the Green Room, 280 E. Hersey St.

November 21, 22, 23, & 26.

The November 26th show is a benefit for Headwaters.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at Karen Alexandria and Cellular, Etc.

Medea Benjamin and Gypsy Soul ** See details page 8! **

November 17, 7:00pm at the SOU Ballroom

Tickets on sale now:
Home at Last Records
23 S. 2nd Street

Media Collective
SOU in Stevenson Union, rm 333

\$15 for adults, \$5 for students
Please contact Peace House if you can lend a hand: 482-9625

First Friday Art Walk

December 5
5:00-7:00 at Headwaters
Digital images of flowers in high detail by Mike Gantenbein

SOU OSPIRG End Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

November 17th

Events to raise community awareness. A quilt created from student drawn images of "home" will be on display in the Stevenson Union. Also planned is a Band Aid concert fundraiser, a "Feast or Famine" noon meal on the 19th, and a Sleep Out from 6pm to 6am November 20 to raise consciousness of homelessness in our community.

Contact OSPIRG @ 552- 8514 for more information or to help with events.

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during the Great Depression. The one thing that many older Americans credit as having helped the country weather the Great Depression is that we Americans looked out for one another and tried, with as much compassion as we could muster, to lend a helping hand to those who were hardest hit, even though we were all hurting. Our grandparents and parents sacrificed a great deal to give us the opportunities we have today. They were certainly rugged individuals, worthy of our respect, but not because they disregarded the needs of others. On the contrary, it was precisely their concern for others that makes them admirable and praiseworthy. It begs the question, how will our children and grandchildren look back at us? Will we burden them with huge deficits for our reckless fiscal policies, expecting them to pay for a mess that we lack the will and courage to fix?

The desire to rid ourselves of taxes that seem burdensome is certainly not confined to those in the lower income brackets. The richest of Americans have discovered that they can use their vast wealth to finance successful election campaigns of candidates who will reward them with huge tax cuts tailor-made to

benefit the wealthiest. Thus, as the rich get richer and everyone else gets poorer, Americans no longer possess the disposable income with which to buy the goods and services that keep the factories going. A stagnant and worsening economy is the obvious result. Henry Ford recognized this economic principle when he realized that in order for his company to succeed, he was going to have to pay his workers well enough so that they could afford to buy the automobiles that they were building.

It has been suggested that the Roman Empire fell because the Roman citizens discovered that they could vote for “Bread and Circuses” to the exclusion of all else and thus neglected the less pleasant duties of maintaining their empire and providing for essential services. History has a way of repeating itself, and so today we Americans can vote to decrease our taxes, which support essential, services and maintain our states and nation. We can remove the burden that we all share by claiming that it is too much to bear, despite the fact that we have the greatest wealth and one of the lowest tax burdens of any industrialized nation in the world. Perhaps we are now witnessing the start of the decline and fall of the American Empire as our concern for our immediate self interest causes us to look with disdain on the needs of our states and country, and our personal comfort seems more important than whether our social service workers, police, firefighters and teachers keep their jobs.

It will be a sad day for America if we choose not to unite and support our our police, our firefighters, our teachers and our children’s future, for if we do not unite, then we will surely fall.

Preston Moser



Molly Ivins in the Medford Armory - Photos by Jim Krois

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Medea Benjamin

Medea Benjamin has been an activist for peace and justice for over 20 years. In addition to the founding director of **Global Exchange**, she is the co-founder of **Code Pink: Women for Peace** and a leading activist in the formation of the coalition United for Peace and Justice. Medea has traveled several times to Iraq to establish the **Occupation Watch** International Center in Baghdad. She was the **Green Party** candidate for US Senate from California in 2000, and is author of eight books, including "Bridging the Global Gap, The Peace Corps and More," and the award-winning book "Don't Be Afraid, Gringo: A Honduran Woman Speaks from the Heart." **See her on November 17! Ticket info page 7.**

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