

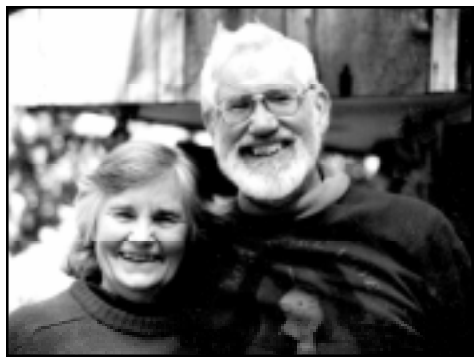
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Bob and Mary Ann Jones

In Memoriam

Bob Jones: Father, Brother, Activist, Friend

by Jim Bowne

If you can think of a positive human attribute, Bob probably had it. He leaves a beautiful legacy. Ever the teacher, he is still inspiring.

In whatever endeavor, Bob was even keeled and, whether in a mode of play or serious activism, he always listened from the others' perspective and was always present.

His life was one of absolute integrity. His base was spirituality. He grew in it, he thrived in it; it grew him and gave him the strength of word and deed.

This statement from Yogananda, I believe, sums it up: "When you go beyond the consciousness of this world, knowing that you are not the body or the mind, and yet aware as never before that you exist . . . that divine consciousness is what you are. You are That in which is rooted ev-

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Molly Ivins to Come to the Rogue Valley

PEACE HOUSE HOSTS TEXAN PUNDIT

Peace House is happy to announce that newspaper columnist Molly Ivins will speak at the Medford Armory on October 24. Tickets will be on sale at Peace House and elsewhere beginning October 1.

Ivins began her career in journalism as the Complaint Department of the Houston Chronicle. She rapidly worked her way up to the position of sewer editor, from whence she wrote a number of gripping articles about street closings. She next went to work for the Minneapolis Tribune, first as a

police reporter and later on a beat called Movements for Social Change. She covered militant blacks, angry Indians, radical students, uppity women and a motley assortment of other misfits and troublemakers.

In 1970, Ivins returned to Texas as co-editor of The Texas Observer, a sprightly, muck-raking publication devoted to the coverage of Texas political and social events. Her specialty was covering the Texas Legislature, which doubtlessly accounts for her

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Molly Ivins

Hispanics and the Patriot Act

by Judith Rosario Vega

It is a fact well known that the poor of this country are the ones most affected by the adoption of the Patriot Act. A good example of this is the recently promulgated Customer Identification Program (CIP) issued pursuant to Section 326 of the USA PATRIOT Act. Within the Latino community, this is seen as an attempt to legislate a broader anti-immigrant policy.

Banks and other financial institutions are required to establish the CIP. All prospective customers are required to provide an identification number to the bank, with non-U.S. citizens to provide one or more of the

following: a taxpayer identification number, passport number and country of issuance, alien identification card number, or number and country of issuance of any other government-issued document evidencing nationality or residence with a photograph or similar safeguard.

New changes in the law are discarding the use of "The Matrícula Consular" (which has been used for over 100 years) as evidence of nationality and intent, even though the Mexican government has sought to increase the security of the card by issuing a new form of "matrícula" that contains a hologram and an infrared information band to deter counterfeiting.

To give you an example of the trap-pings of the new law, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is one of the places that discontinued the use of the "matrícula" as evidence of nationality.

So what Hispanics do if they don't have a place to acquire the forms of identification required by the new law? Like we say in Puerto Rico, "palo si boga y palo si no boga"; it's a Catch 22. As a result, many Mexicans are left out without proper identification, creating a vicious cycle. Without ID they are denied many of the essential services they need to survive in this country, from public transportation to bank services, leaving many

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From the Director

On the Road / Off the Road

Greetings All Peace House Members,

It's been a busy summer, with Peace House finally getting reorganized and ready for a really big fall. Come on by to see raffle prizes and buy your tickets! And cups!

I was blessed to be able to travel this summer for Peace House, with minimum cost, to both Chicago and Colorado Springs. United for Peace had a wonderful conference in Chicago of activists from all over the country, including a few of



us from the west coast. It was *amazing* to see 500 people meet and join in modified consensus and get a lot done – a miracle of working together. Find their web site at www.peacehouse.net for further information and involvement. If someone would take the responsibility of keeping in touch with United for Peace with 'late-breaking news' for the state of Jefferson, it would be of great value.

War Resisters League had their 80th anniversary and conference in Colorado Springs – which is full of USA flags, as 5 military bases are there – wow. It was a fine gathering of committed WRL people and was good to be able to get Peace House reconnected.

In returning from my trip to out of the way places in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, I was struck by how many small communities like ours are very active these days. On the streets, Women in Black, notices of information, peace flags, all showing the caring and consistency of these peaceful people. It is a tremendously complicated time in the history of both the United States and of the Earth. Together, working in a committed, steadfast way for change, we can make a difference.

Many plans are already in place for the fall – see the Calendar section for info on the Lifetime Activist Honoring potluck dinner, featuring Corbin Harney; and the Molly Ivins and Medea Benjamin events. It will be good to join in again, together for peace.

Blessings,
Justine

Wish List

- Shredder (it just walked in the door!)
- Tablers – TABLERS – tablers – afternoon or evgs
- in-house volunteers
- 'old-time' PH member to go thru photos
- active support for Uncle Foods Diner and for Beesons
- new PH donations cans!
- Board members – this is a grand way to have a say in peace activities in the Valley

Peace House Library

Many thanks to Grace, Jordan, and to others who have worked to update and reorganize the Peace House Library. It is now in very good shape; and books, videos, and cds/tapes are available for checking out. Current additions include David Barsamian's Alternative Radio and Peggy Law's Making Contact tapes and cds from many of their programs that we don't receive in the Valley. Also Daniel Sheehan, Reese Erlich, and Bill Moyers. Feel free to come by and browse. We've also made handouts and information more available by having them on the porch outside our door.

Peace House Cups

Many of you have already seen and have bought the new Peace House cups – We sold a whole case in 3 weeks! Double-walled stainless steel, with a folding clip handle, we've added the Peace House logo and web site. Not only a fundraiser for Peace House (\$12 ea), these cups are a good step for the environment. Cups are available at Peace House, when we table, and at Evo's for \$12.

Raffle

Peace House is pleased to announce the opening of our fall Raffle. We have been blessed



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with many varied and wonderful prizes, including a valuable collector Japanese doll, B&B gift certificates, artwork 'to die for', basketry, and many more. Tickets are \$5. each. Drawings will be on November 18th. You need not be present to win (it is not tax deductible as prizes are involved). Buy for friends, family, co-workers and self! Tickets are available at Peace House, when we table, and at events.

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Three Things You Can Do This Month

by Peter Buckley

Most everyone who reads this newsletter has already made it a habit, I would guess, of contributing to worthy candidates and causes, and to making contact with local, state and federal office holders on issues of importance. Many of us have organized and participated in demonstrations and campaigns of various sorts, and it is pretty common to reach a point where you feel like you're hitting the wall. I'd like to suggest a few things to do this month to shake yourself up a bit, to take action in a slightly different way, and to see about getting some joy out of it all in the process.

So! For the end of summer and the turning of the seasons, I'd like to urge you to do three specific things towards progress for all:



1 Give Yourself A Diet of Inspiration: if you are an avid follower of the news on the internet or the radio or through the daily papers, you know how draining it can be to digest all of it day after day after day. Change your diet a bit this month. Make sure you make it a habit to seek out inspiration, not spin, at least once a week. To start off, visit the great activist Granny D's web site at www.grannyd.com. There is enough on this site alone to keep you going for a long time. Granny D wants to change the world, just like you do. And she is determined to have a good deal of fun while doing so.

2 Say Thanks For A Vote or Two Well Done: most phone calls to public officials are made to either implore or complain. Try some positive reinforcement this month. If there is an office holder who has done something right in your town, county, state or on behalf of your state, give them a call and say thanks. You'll probably talk to a very surprised and delighted staff person, and that's very enjoyable.

3 Ask A Right Winger Why They Hate America: this is actually a lot of fun if done correctly. The next time someone emails you or starts holding forth on how a militaristic, fear based foreign policy is the right path for our country to be on, ask them why they hate America. They'll be stunned, I promise. They are so used to using a false patriotism to try to browbeat opposition that it will take awhile before their brain can adjust to this thought at all. If they are willing to actually ask you what you mean by that, you can quite calmly let them know that any policy that is based on half truths and lies, particularly an attack on another country, is extremely detrimental to our democracy. Only someone who hates America would want to see our government mislead our citizens about matters as important as these. Go ahead, question their patriotism and take some pride in yours.

Inspiration, gratitude and a bit of fun—those are your three tasks for the month. We have a long struggle ahead of us in the next year or so, and it is up to us to be in great shape and great spirits for the work ahead (as well as for the incredible celebration we will have in November of 2004 if we do our work well).

The Western Shoshone Nation Requests Your Immediate Assistance!!

Dear Friends and Supporters:

The final hours appear to be upon the Western Shoshone. Western Shoshone land rights are being crushed; beautiful, Shoshone horses are dying senselessly; and the engines to gauge, pillage and assault Newe Sogobia, Shoshone homelands, is revving up. Congress comes back to session on Tuesday,

Sept. 2, 2003 and Western Shoshone lands, site to the nation's largest gold production, nuclear dump and nuclear test site will be hot on the agenda. With no hearing date scheduled for the Western Shoshone Distribution Bill (HR 884/ SB 618) we know we have to be ready. Senator Reid has made clear the priority with which he is pushing this bill. In the House, the



A Hopi Elder Speaks

"You have been telling the people that this is the Eleventh Hour, now you must go back and tell the people that this is the Hour. And there are things to be considered..."

Where are you living?
What are you doing?
What are your relationships?
Are you in right relation?
Where is your water?
Know your garden.
It is time to speak your Truth.
Create your community.
Be good to each other.
And do not look outside yourself for the leader."

"Then he clasped his hands together, smiled, and said, "This could be a good time! There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift that there are those who will be afraid. They will try to hold on to the shore. They will feel they are being torn apart and will suffer greatly.

"Know the river has its destination. The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the middle of the river, keep our eyes open, and our heads above the water.

"And I say, see who is in there with you and celebrate. At this time in history, we are to take nothing personally. Least of all, ourselves. For the moment that we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt.

"The time of the lone wolf is over. Gather yourselves! Banish the word struggle from your attitude and your vocabulary. All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration.

"We are the ones we've been waiting for."

Oraibi, Arizona
Hopi Nation

bill is geared for quick markup before the Committee on Resources. (As soon as next week.) In the Senate, the bill is on the way to the floor after being railroaded through the Committee on Indian Affairs. Both bills represent a "forced payoff" to Western Shoshone for their homelands.

A delegation of Western Shoshone and WSDP will be in Washington, D.C. this week, September 2nd, to talk to members

of Congress about concerns for their lands and their opposition to the forced payment for lands that have never been sold. They plan to tell their story in a press conference as well. We/they need YOUR help!" [For complete text of the Western Shoshone Defense Project Action Alert please go to: <http://www.wsdp.org/alerts.htm#alert090203>]

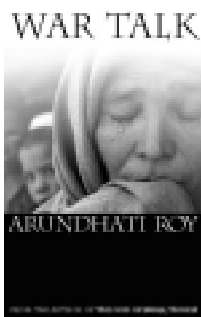
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Fall Reading

“Persistent, Reasonable, Closely Argued, Nonviolent Dissent”

by Nancy Golden

What are we up against, those of us who try to advocate for peace and justice, who wonder where to find truth, and where in the world people on “the other side” are coming from? We need to know, because as Arundhati Roy says, “persistent, reasonable, closely argued, nonviolent dissent” is absolutely necessary. Here are two pint-sized books and one funny one to help you.



War Talk
Arundhati Roy
©2003, South End Press
154 pages

The first is Roy’s latest collection of essays. Writing of events in her native India, Roy shows us ourselves indirectly, through fresh-eyed reporting from the other side of the world.

The first essay, *Ahimsa* (non-violence), sets the tone: “In the twenty-first century the connection between religious fundamentalism, nuclear nationalism, and the pauperization of whole populations because of corporate globalization is becoming impossible to ignore.” And, “The world over, nonviolent resistance movements are being crushed and broken. If we do not respect and honor them, but default, we privilege those who turn to violent means.”

In *Democracy: Who Is She When She Is At Home?* Roy traces the alarming rise of fascism in Gujarat, with its appalling massacre of Muslims. But fascism, she says, is “also about the slow, steady infiltration of all the instruments of state power. It’s about the slow erosion of civil liberties, about unspectacular day-to-day injustices.” And she connects the international dots straight back to our own mantra, “Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists.”

In *Come September*, she notes the history of other September 11 anniversaries—1990 (the first Bush announcement of war in Iraq), 1973 (the CIA-led overthrow of Allende in Chile), and 1922 (British establishment of the Palestine Protectorate). She tracks each event from then to now, with special emphasis on the problem of nuclear nationalism.

In *Confronting Empire* she defines the word in terms of corporate globalization. She paints a frightening picture, but ends on an ultra-practical note of hope: “Our strategy should be not only to confront Empire, but to lay siege to it. To deprive it of oxygen. To shame it. To mock it. With our art, our music, our literature, our stubbornness, our joy, our brilliance, our sheer relentlessness ... The corporate revolution will collapse if we refuse to buy what they are selling—their ideas, their version of history, their wars, their weapons, their notion of inevitability. Remember this: We be many and they be few. They need us more than we need them.”

ATTENTION ALL!

By some wierd fluke, many of our Peace House emails have been getting deleted - Please, please try again; we’re assured it’s fixed now - go to www.peacehouse.net and click on add to email - Thanks! It will be good to get connected again

—staff

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Fixed Ideas:

America Since 9.11

Joan Didion

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56 pages

In this small 56-page pamphlet, Didion describes how a set of fixed ideas has taken over our public dialogue. She quotes what political scientist Steven Weber saw in New York during the first week after 9/11: “On September 12, the shelves were emptied of books on Islam, on American foreign policy, on Iraq, on Afghanistan. There was a substantive discussion about what it is about the nature of the American presence in the world that created a situation in which movements like al-Qaeda can thrive and prosper” Within one short month, however, came a complete about-face. Discussion switched to the direct opposite position: what was wrong with the Islamic world that it failed to appreciate the wonders of Western domination.

The fix was in and the discussion has been stuck there ever since. The idea came from the Reagan-era theory that “the collapse of the Soviet Union ... opened the door to the inevitability of American preeminence, a mantle of beneficent power that all nations except rogue nations—whatever they might say on the subject—were yearning for us to assume.” In short, the now famous credo of the New American Century. Whatever is good for the U.S. is good for the rest of the world, and militaristic unilateralism is necessary, complete with nuclear weapons (ours only, of course). Didion hears plenty of skepticism when she talks with ordinary folks on book tours throughout the hinterland, but the “fixed idea” dominates the thinking of the powers that be in New York and Washington so completely that the moguls of media, industry and government can see through no other eyes.

The note of hope in this tiny book comes in the introduction by Frank Rich: “Wars rarely go according to script. The next stage of this one may determine just how many of our anesthetizing fixed ideas will stay intact and just how cruelly others will be ripped loose from their moorings.”



Thieves in High Places: They’ve Stolen Our Country and It’s Time to Take It Back

Jim Hightower

©2003 Viking

Molly Ivins says, “If Will Rogers and Mother Jones had a baby, Jim Hightower would be that rambunctious child—mad as hell, with a sense of humor.” I haven’t read his latest yet, but excerpts are floating all over the web and it sounds like a hoot. The title refers to the outrageous skullduggery and outright theft engaged in by “King George the W,” usually in the form of revised standards for regulating or deregulating something important like energy. Particularly apt for Rogue Valley residents these days is the piece on how Wal-Mart operates. It’s pricing policies may be predatory, but gosh, says Hightower, “I hear you saying, at least Wal-Mart is a job creator for our communities. Sorry. No. By crushing local businesses, this giant eliminates three decent jobs for every two poorly-paid, part-time, high-turnover Wal-Mart jobettes that it creates.” There’s a whole lot more and you can hear it all when Hightower speaks in Ashland on October 10.

Special note: Molly Ivins’ latest is coming soon to a bookstore near you, and during her booktour, Ivins herself will come to Medford (see front page). *Bushwhacked: Life in George W. Bush’s America* comes out in late September, and Molly’s book tour will bring her to Medford on October 24. This is not to miss!



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Good News Column

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by Kayla Starr

This is where we share news about what people are doing to change things that aren't working. Your submissions are invited. Send to kayla@mind.net.

On the Corporate Food Front:

School districts in New York and Los Angeles have responded to pressure by parents for healthier food by banning the sale of sugary beverages and snacks in school vending machines.

The European Union voted to require all Genetically Modified foods so labeled. Most European markets won't buy GM foods. The Italian government tore out 400 hectares of corn found to be GM this August.



Victory at McDonald's By William Greider, *The Nation* August 5, 2003: "Since McDonald's is a global icon of cultural imperialism and the target for numerous other social complaints, it's a little awkward to celebrate the world's largest fast-food corporation for a progressive political breakthrough. Nevertheless, McDonald's has taken on what American politics lacks the nerve to confront: the dangerous practices of agribusiness in producing chicken, beef and pork—that is, the food McDonald's sells to families. The company formally acknowledged in late June that the heavy use of growth-stimulating antibiotics by the meat industry threatens human health. It advised its poultry suppliers to phase out the practice or face the prospect of losing the business of America's largest buyer of meat products. The warning is less firm for hogs and cattle, but those suppliers

know they are on notice too. A coalition of thirteen organizations put aside cultural and political differences to educate the McDonald's management. Some, like the Sierra Club, delivered the message by direct action, picketing Golden Arches outlets with signs like Get Food Off Drugs..... The victory at McDonald's demonstrates that people are not powerless against corporate behemoths, even the market leaders, if they find the right points of leverage. In an era when politics is paralyzed, unable or unwilling to advance government regulation of food and agriculture, some Americans have figured out how to achieve the next best thing—consumer power that changes industry behavior, not by one purchase at a time but on a grand scale by targeting large brands in the middleman position. We'll see a lot more of this consumer jujitsu, because it works."

On Corporate "Personhood":

From the *SF Chronicle*, The court has spoken — Corporations not human. Victor Narro, Kimi Lee Tuesday, July 29, 2003: "Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a strong statement on whether a corporation is a "person" entitled to the same protections as individuals under the Bill of Rights. In dismissing the appeal of Kasky vs. Nike, the court allowed an individual to proceed with a lawsuit against Nike for making false statements in public to generate profits. Under California law, anyone can sue a company engaged in false advertising and unfair business practices. In 1998, Marc Kasky, a concerned consumer, exercised his right under this state law and filed a lawsuit in California Superior Court against Nike. He alleged that Nike, in order to increase sales, violated the law by making false statements about the working conditions in factories that make its products. Rather than refute Kasky's charges that Nike workers labor in sweatshops, Nike argued that it has the same free-speech rights as individuals and that its advertising is protected political speech. The case made its way to the California Supreme Court last year. Without deciding whether Nike's statements were false, the court rejected, 4-3, Nike's argument that its statements were protected speech. California Justice Joyce Kennard wrote, 'When a corporation, to maintain and increase its sales and profits, makes public statements defending labor practices and working conditions at factories where its products are made, those public statements are commercial speech that may be regulated to prevent consumer deception.'

"Nike then appealed the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. A corporation is an artificial being — invisible, intangible and existing only in contemplation of law. Being human must be a valid condition for protection under the First

Amendment. In effect, the court ruled that there is no constitutional basis for bestowing Bill of Rights protections upon corporations. In this case, Nike's executives would be free to say what they like as individuals with full constitutional protection. Different standards must apply, however, when they are carrying out the business of the company, acting as a tool for exercising the power of a multibillion-dollar corporation. Some say that Nike's side of the story in this debate about alleged sweatshop abuses is equally entitled to First Amendment protection as are statements made by Nike's critics. But this ignores the fact that multinational corporations and workers who make their products are on a vastly unequal playing field. This is clearly the case in today's global economy, where multinationals are at the top of the economic power structures, and they generate profits from workers who toil daily in their sweatshops.



"Everyone who cares about democracy and the growing global influence of corporations over governments and peoples should see this Supreme Court dismissal as the beginning of a new campaign to show corporations for what they really are — nonliving, nonbreathing legal fiction created by the state that should not enjoy the same free-speech rights as human beings. Corporations feel no pain, as sweatshop workers do."

Victor Narro is co-executive director of Sweatshop Watch (www.sweatshopwatch.org). Kimi Lee is executive director of the Garment Worker Center (www.garmentworkercenter.org).

On Military Madness:

From *TruthOut*, August 14: "An unlikely band of anti-war activists — military families and veterans — gathered to demand an end to the 'U.S. occupation of Iraq' and an immediate return of American troops to their home bases. They expressed outrage that President Bush would issue a 'macho' challenge to the Iraqis shooting at their endangered sons and daughters while he was safe, protected by the Secret Service. 'George Bush said "Bring them on." We say "Bring them home now,"' said Nancy Lessin, whose stepson, Joe, is a Marine who recently returned to the United States after serving in Iraq. Acknowledging that much of the military community views their movement with dismay, Lessin said the anti-war group 'Military Families Speak Out' has a membership of 600 families and 'is growing every day.' As more U.S. soldiers die and no weapons of mass destruction are found, the war is losing support among the loved ones of the military men and woman who are enduring the danger and hardships in Iraq, Lessin said."

This Just In:

The nine year INFANT-sponsored boycott of Kraft and other PhillipMorris/Atria brands has been lifted. Due to this international consumer pressure, the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control adopted a treaty that bans tobacco advertizing, promotion and sponsorship, and bans interference by tobacco companies in public health policy world-wide.

Just one glitch: gotta convince the U.S. government to ratify the treaty. Guess what the Bush gang's position is on this?

On Being a New Board Member

Hello. My name is Pamela Roessler. I joined the Board of Directors in June of this year. Little did I know back in January when I became a Peace House volunteer, that in six short months I would be on the Board. I was actively recruited for the Board by Justine, who convinced me that I had something valuable to offer. I have not been "in the movement" for very long, nor have I ever been a Board member. I guess it was time. Last winter, I felt compelled to "take action" and get involved at Peace House - the outrage I felt at the imminent U.S. attack on Iraq and the assault of media propaganda was overwhelming. Now my passion for peace has an outlet; plus, I get to hang around with inspiring people, the "movers and shakers." We could use some help! We need several more Board members who can commit to attending monthly meetings, actively helping with fundraising and other events as they occur. Would you please consider how you can participate?

– Letters –

Here is one of the letters to Peace House that we found inspiring:

(6 / 20 / 03)

Dear Peace House:

In partial compensation for the injustice of buying products made by exploited workers (China, Mexico, others), which is nearly unavoidable today. I have decided to contribute about 10% of the price of such items, since human rights is part of your mission, to your organization in addition to my usual donation of \$30.

What do you think of this idea?

The ultimate solution will be fair wages and working conditions for all workers, this is not only just but will also result in a more stable economy worldwide.

Thank you,
Bill McWhorter

Peace House was invited to the SOU Youth Academy on June 16 where Keith spoke on a forum, telling kids about the importance of volunteering, the skills you can learn and the character traits to be honed. On the 19th the kids volunteered their time with Keith and Felice to write these letters, mostly to the president. In their words:

Dear Mr. President,

Hi, I am a seventh grade girl and I live in Ashland Oregon. I am writing to tell you that we need more money that goes to education. Part of your platform was that no child gets left behind. What about the children in Oregon? Our school days are being cut which is not good. Most kids think ok great I get to be let out early but what about our future? Without education what would happen to our country?

Sincerely,
Isabella Pribyl

To who it may concern,

My name is Bay Gross and I will be attending 7th grade at Hedrick middle school Medford OR next fall. Next school year will be much different though. I have lost the chance to take certain classes such as drama, Intro to tech and Journalism...

Just stopping the production of one 20 million dollar tank you could easily put my school district back on track, we only need 12 million.

So give us the opportunity for a better future. Stop the killings and

promote the education, (if that's how you spell it, I don't know, must have been the dropped spelling course.

Sincerely,
Bay Gross age 12

Mr. President Bush

My name is Meaghan and I live in Portland, Oregon. Things are going sharply downhill in the school systems all over Oregon. My favorite teacher has been laid off. The average class size at my middle school has grown by ten students because so many teachers have been laid off.

My brother's elementary school has only 200 kids, which makes a closer, friendlier community for the students. Then the state, due to budget cuts, decided to close it and merge the kids into a bigger school.

Children have their own opinions. We don't always agree with what our parents think or what is "fun." You may think we are excited about having days cut of the year, because of the longer summer break, but my friends and I are NOT. I don't want less of an education because I know what it means. I don't want to be someone with a boring low paying job living off welfare.

Please remember your policy when you were running for president, "no child left behind." That included the kids in Oregon. Writing this letter was not an assignment. A good education is one of my constitutional rights and I want it.

Meaghan
6th grade

Dear Mr President,

My name is MacKenzie Henderson. I go to Chiloquin Elementary School, and I wrote to you to ask help. You see, I'm concerned about a few things. Class size. It's very hard to learn if I have to wait to ask a question. Sometimes I never get to ask my question about the lesson, and I don't know what, or how we are doing. I used to go to Albany Elementary School, or Sunrise. At Sunrise when I started 5th grade, I found out we wouldn't have computer lab anymore. They had to let the teacher go. For this I ask for more money for school. I hope you at least acknowledge my letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,
MacKenzie Jewel Henderson.

Bob Jones

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everything in the universe."

Few love life as did Bob. He was involved in singing, songwriting, poetry, writing editorials, yoga, meditation, marriage(48 years), children, activism, people. He enjoyed all and we all had joy in his company. We will miss his sense of adventure, sensitivity, joy of life and his friendship. Hopefully the legacy he leaves will make each one of us a little better for having known him and the world a little more responsive to human rights and human decency. We cannot replace the lost treasure, we can remember his example as a true human being.

To those of us connected to Peace House, Bob was probably best known for his activism for Palestinian rights, an issue that has persisted for 55 years. Bob was involved in all human rights causes and was exposed to this one as a Fulbright scholar at American University in Beirut, Lebanon in 1964. While there he encountered the refugees driven from their homes in 1948 and 1956. He heard their stories--all similar. He toured hospitals with ward after ward of very

young children with horrendous wounds . . . almost all shot with live ammunition—not the so-called 'rubber bullets'; the result of throwing rocks at occupying Israeli soldiers.

Bob went as a supporter of Israel. He returned as a supporter of Israel—but not of those who would shoot little children for throwing rocks.

In researching the issue he found that we, U.S. taxpayers, paid for the army, the weapons, the settlements, the economy, and we blocked every United Nations resolution seeking to resolve the conflict. Naturally, Bob took up the cause. He became a scholar on the subject and attempted to shed light on it despite a U.S. media that mostly ignored Palestinian suffering. For this he was sometimes branded an anti-semitic; still he never wavered, never slandered, and was ever honest to the last detail.

His mission in this regard? I.F. Stone says it perfectly: "To write the truth as I see it; to defend the weak against the strong; to fight for justice; and to seek, as best I can, to bring healing perspectives to bear on the terrible hates and fears of mankind, in the hope of someday bringing about one world, in which men will enjoy the differences of the human garden instead of killing each other over them." This was Bob Jones.

Patriot Act

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open to discrimination and even crime.

In a society so dependent on documentation for everything, it's obscene to see the law hurting people who provide a vital source of labor, often in jobs or at wages that no one else would take. The

law is not giving them the respect they have earned for the sacrifices they are willing to make.

It is important for those who believe in the cause of peace and justice to speak out for those who are left without voice and literally without identity in this country.

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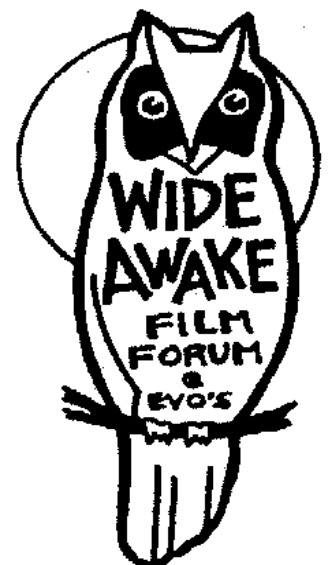


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Court: Counter Recruiters Allowed Equal Access

by Kerul Dyer,
Peace House Counter Recruitment Coordinator

In this crucial time of struggle, many peace activists around the US are focusing on military recruitment, and attempting to educate young people about alternatives to serving in the military. This national counter recruitment movement is growing every day, and local organizers are paving the way to create sustainable, local programs around these issues.

During July, the Peace House was represented in Philadelphia for a dynamic weekend conference hosted by the American Friends Service Committee. I went to the conference to learn, network and share my stories with around 250 other participants from all across the US. The conference stressed the importance of creating sustainable, reliable programs that will follow through on their efforts.

One big topic at the conference was around the "No Child Left Behind Act." Presenters shared stories about how to counter the military when they have access to all students personal information, often without the students or parents knowledge. Here in Southern Oregon we are approaching public high school administrators and counselors in Medford, Ashland, and Grants Pass with information about the Act, and "opt out" forms to include in their registration materials. For more information about the "No Child Left Behind Act," please visit www.rcnv.org/rcnv/archives/2003/optin.htm for comprehensive information, and what other communities are doing about it.

Another big topic at the conference was around the Ninth Circuit Court's decision that counter recruiters were allowed "equal access" to students. This ruling set a precedent that any unique status the military has within public schools is also available to counter recruiters. We are using the concept of "equal access" as the basis for sending packets of information to each principal and counseling offices in our region. These packets contain brochures for counselors to make available to students when they are considering military enlistment, as well as information on alternatives, both in English and Spanish. In addition to these resources, we are also offering presentations in the classrooms. These presentations include a veteran and another trained presenter entering a class with information about military enlistment that students don't receive when they read the military's recruitment literature.

Conference attendees in Philadelphia made plans for a more active national network as well, and several email listservs have now been created to do just that. United for Peace and Justice, Military Resisters League, and Not in Our Name now have counter recruitment programs, and coordinating list servs. We also decided to have a week of action in the beginning of October, to bring attention to the issue, and to work with families of military personnel who oppose misleading recruitment tactics. Many plans are now evolving across the US to do demonstrations on October 11. We plan to have some local events leading up to that date, and to work in solidarity with these national call to action dates.

Please contact me to get involved, to donate to the program, or to report stories about dishonest recruiters. We need more volunteers to get involved in our efforts, so that the program we create can be truly sustainable throughout the school year. Thanks for all of your work. kerul@o2collective.org

Editor's Note: Carl Bondinell reports that in an interview with AHS principal Jeff Schletch he learned that so far there have been "over 60" requests to remove names from the list of students to be sent to the military. ("opt out" clause of No Child Left Behind Act) This is good news since the military will be intensifying their recruitment program this year.

The Big Lie

by Carol Brouillet

I have come to the conclusion that "the definitive video" on 9-11 has yet, to be made- we still DON'T KNOW what really happened. We do know that the government/corporate press lied about what happened and are engaged in a massive cover-up. Some brilliant, outstanding research has been done by a number of people exploring different aspects of a large, complex "special operation" which has govern-

ment finger-prints all over it, but we have yet to put together all the pieces of the puzzle. The researchers have yet to meet in one place and put their heads together and compare notes/evidence/theories.

Ken Jenkins and I have been speaking publicly on 9-11 and are using film clips from a number of documentaries to give an overview of our own understanding of what happened, and what we can/should do with our understanding/information to expose the "Big Lie" and rein in those behind "Terrorism, War and the bid for Global Dominance, Control of Resources and

Truth About the Patriot Act

by Paul Copeland, Ashland
ACLU Southern Oregon Chapter Co-chair

What is the significance of Attorney General Ashcroft's latest whistle stop tour in defense of the USA PATRIOT Act? A careful review shows this latest spin campaign is consistent with an ongoing pattern of Justice Department misinformation. Over the past year FBI agents and Justice Department spokespersons have been repeating similar statements in newspaper articles, public forums and editorial pages around the country. Their main points boil down to implying that the PATRIOT Act only applies to terrorists, not citizens, and that the FBI can use these new powers only in terrorism investigations with the consent of a judge under "probable cause" standards of evidence. Oregon's former top FBI agent, Charles Matthews, was recorded saying these very things in a February forum put on by the Friends of the Ashland Library.



**Attorney General
John Ashcroft**

Incredibly, it turns out that all of these statements made by many senior FBI agents and Justice Department officials are factually and thoroughly incorrect. The truth is that the FBI can engage in searches and surveillance activities, and obtain medical, financial, library, school, and other kinds of personal records with a mere showing of "relevance" to a terrorism investigation. This is a much lower legal standard than probable cause. The persons to whom the records pertain do not even need to be themselves suspects in an investigation. Finally, a judge is required to issue a court order for release of such records without requiring that the FBI substantiate the basis for seeking the information. What this all means is that the PATRIOT Act allows the FBI to use broad new search and surveillance powers against American citizens who are not even suspected of involvement in terrorism related activities. By removing the checks and balances protections of judicial oversight the PATRIOT Act undermines the very foundations of liberty. We are left to simply trust the good intentions of the FBI.

Attorney General Ashcroft is also making unsubstantiated claims that the PATRIOT Act would definitively have prevented the 9/11 attacks. The PATRIOT Act and related Justice Department regulations have been used to justify dragnet detentions of thousands of immigrants in violation of international human rights standards. Thousands of people have been held for long periods without criminal charges and without access to attorneys or contact with families. There is actually ample evidence that law enforcement and intelligence agencies already had substantial powers that were not used effectively to thwart the 9/11 attacks. It may be true that changes to existing laws are needed to improve coordination between domestic law enforcement and intelligence agencies. But the PATRIOT Act goes way too far in the direction of degrading Constitutionally protected due process of justice for citizens and immigrants alike.

For more information on these points, read the ACLU report "Seeking Truth From Justice: PATRIOT Propaganda", available at this URL: <http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/publications>

"The state took away the rights of the people, and they thought nothing of it... What good fortune for the governments, that the people don't think."

— Adolph Hitler

the Institutionalization of a Police State."

Books and videos reviewed include- The Truth and Lies About 9-11 "The Great Deception," "Mohamed Atta & the Venice Flying Circus," Painful Deceptions, Painful Questions," "September 11, 2001: Cover-Up or Complicity?," 911- The Road to Tyranny, Masters of Terror," Aftermath- Unanswered Questions from 9-11," "Wat Tyler's Revenge, The War on Freedom- How and Why America was Attacked," "September 11, 2001, The War on Freedom- The 9-11 Conspiracies," "War and

Globalization- The Truth Behind September 11th," "All Fall Down: The Politics of Terror and Mass Persuasion," "Alice in Wonderland and the World Trade Center Disaster- Why the official story of 9/11 is a monumental lie," "Pentagate" "The Party's Over- Oil, War and the Fate of Industrial Societies" "Drugs, Oil, and War: The United States in Afghanistan, Colombia, and Indochina."

For more information see www.deceptiondollar.com.

Peace House Calendar

September 15 Deadline— Student Essay Contest on Environment

If you're a student age 16 to 25, you may want to show off your writing and problem-solving skills in MTV's Free Ride competition: the grand prize in this essay contest is a climate-friendly hybrid car plus a \$50,000 college scholarship. MTV chose Natural Resources Defense Council to help judge the entries. One of two essay questions reads: "If you had exactly one year to improve the environment, what would you do . . . learn more on MTV.com Scroll down to Free Ride Contest to read contest rules. Deadline is Sept 15.

Sept 19, 6:30 pm—Potluck Dinner Honoring Lifetime Activist

Peace House is honored to host a potluck dinner honoring all Peace House and other Valley activists—the people who have over the years untiringly stood tall for peace, justice, and the environment. Corbin Harney, spiritual leader of the Western Shoshones, will be speaking. There will be entertainment and a chance to enter your favorite activist's name on our honoring canvas. Bring your activist, yourself and a vegetarian dish to the Bellevue Grange, 1050 Tolman Creek Road. For more information or to help out, please contact Justine, 482-9625.

September 21, 7 pm— Cohousing Planned for Ashland

Cohousing is a community in which homeowners work as a group to plan, build and maintain their neighborhood. Each family has a privately owned home and also shares common areas including a common house for group meals and other activities. Our group has land in Ashland and is now seeking additional members interested in planning a community with an emphasis on sustainability, affordable housing, and family friendly gardens and play areas. Call or come to a meeting to discuss the vision on Sunday, Sept. 21, 7-8:30 pm at Headwaters. Call Melanie Mindlin at 482-7909 for more information.

September 28—Peace Bus

Southern Oregon ANSWER and affiliated peace groups have chartered a bus to take marchers from Ashland to San Francisco for the big pro-peace/anti-war demonstration on September 28. The bus will leave at 4:00 AM sharp from the Albertson store parking lot and will return that same evening. Reserve your seat early: \$40.00; Call Mori: 482-8288

Oct. 9 - 12—Peace, Justice and Media Conference

University of Oregon Campus in Eugene. Speakers include: Jim Hightower, humorous political commentator and journalist, Janine Jackson of Fairness and Accuracy in Media, Andrea Buffa of Global Exchange and former director of Media Alliance and others. The nationally-acclaimed San Francisco Mime Troupe will perform a musical political satir. Three days of workshops will be offered including "A Crash Course on Media Literacy" and "How the Media Really Works and How to Work the Media." Visual art exhibits, peace poetry, political comedy, a film festival, a children's program, a free speech soap box and music will also be featured at the conference. Most of the conference is free. To get more information, to pre-register for workshops or to get tickets for evening events, go to www.justicenotwarcoalition.org or call Justice Not War Coalition at 541-343-8548.

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frequent fits of hysterical laughter in those years.

In 1976, Ivins joined The New York Times as a political reporter, first at City Hall and then at the statehouse in Albany. In 1977, she was named Rocky Mountain Bureau Chief, chiefly because there was no one else in the bureau. For three years, she covered nine mountain states by herself and was often tired.

In February 1982, she returned once more to Texas, which may indicate a masochistic streak, and has had plenty to write about ever since.

Ivin's freelance work has appeared in Esquire, Atlantic, The Nation, Harper's, TV Guide and numerous other publications. She also does occasional commentary for National Public Radio and the McNeil/Lehrer program. She served for three years on the board of the National News Council, is active in Amnesty International's Journalism Network and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. She writes about press issues for the American Civil Liberties Union and several journalism reviews. She has received a number of journalism awards and in 1976 was named Outstanding Alumna by Columbia University's School of Journalism.

She speaks both French and Spanish, loves to camp, canoe and run rivers and is a semi-famous storyteller and beer-drinker.

She is author of two best-selling books, Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She? and Nothin' But Good Times Ahead, both collections of essays on politics and journalism. She has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize three times and was the winner of the 1992 Headliners Award for best column in Texas.

However, Ivins counts as her two greatest honors that the Minneapolis police force named its mascot pig after her and that she was once banned from the campus of Texas A&M.



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