

## WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

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**Reminder to WILPF U.S. members: Your ballot must be postmarked by 12 October to be counted in the national section voting on bylaws changes.**

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**Introducing co-editor Celeste McCollough Howard:** *Portland WILPF member since moving to Hillsboro in 2003 to welcome my first granddaughter at her birth. Grew up in Houston TX, thriving on music, debate, & journalism. Declining to follow my father into law practice, I studied history, music, and sciences at Rice and Oberlin. Returned to Oberlin 1956-70 as first female member of psychology faculty, published first report describing what came to be known as 'the McCollough Effect,' then spent a midlife 'retirement' 1970-86 raising two children. Conducted research in visual perception (color control in flight simulators; visual environment of pilots wearing night vision goggles) for the USAF research laboratory in Mesa AZ 1986-2003. Member of Hillsboro UU church, War Resisters League, 350.org, & other social justice, peace, and environmental groups. Both my married children live with their families in this area.*

**Kaye Exo** sustained strokes September 20<sup>th</sup> and returns home before October 7<sup>th</sup> from rehabilitation. Patricia Cornman is coordinating an online care calendar for help with transportation to appointments, care, and meals ([cornmanp@gmail.com](mailto:cornmanp@gmail.com)).

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## OCCUPY PORTLAND, NOT AFGHANISTAN

*by Carol Urner, Portland WILPF Convener*

The weekend of **October 6 and 7** will be emotion-filled days for me. This Saturday marks the first anniversary of the Portland Occupy movement which finally grabbed headlines for peace-builders. During a few short weeks, Occupy received sympathetic press in both local and national media. WILPF members joined that first exuberant march, helping give voice to the 99%.

**Saturday, October 6, WILPF will again be marching, tabling and speaking at the rally.** Join us and bring your family and friends! There will be music in Shemanski park from **noon until 5 pm** for those who do not or cannot march. For those who walk, there will be two stops for rallies along the way and dozens of proposed chants, such as *Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine – Occupation is a Crime* and *Money for Healthcare and Human Need, Not for Warfare and Corporate Greed!*

**Sunday** we will remember the launching of the war on Afghanistan, and with it the so-called 'War on Terror.' This event at PCC Cascade Campus (N. Albina at Killingsworth) begins at noon with a panel discussion in Moriarty Arts Auditorium. WILPF will table and provide one of the ten workshops that follow during the teach-in on major concerns about economic justice and civil liberties.

Five organizations will offer workshops from **1:30 to 3 pm**:

1. PCC Peace & Conflict: *The Imposition of Order Through Violence: The US in the Muslim world*
2. FSP/Pacific Green Party: *Alternatives to Capitalism and War*
3. KBOO: *Peak Oil and Empire*
4. War Resisters League: *War Tax Resistance 101*
5. Occupy Portland/People's Budget Project *Where's the Money?*

WILPF is one of the organizations offering a workshop from **3:30 to 5 pm**:

1. **WILPF: End Wars and Occupations—No Nukes! No Drones!**
2. Radical Women: *To Defend Afghan Women, End the War*
3. KBOO: *The Surveillance Security State*
4. Cascadia (Occupy Group): *Cascadia Bioregion/Free Cascadia*
5. American Friends Service Committee: *Non-Violent Conflict Resolution*

**The WILPF workshop begins the Portland celebration of Keep Space for Peace week**, October 6 – 13. WILPF's workshop will be held in Moriarty Arts Auditorium, which holds 250 people. Whether the group is large or small, we will look together at the militarism and violence that now pervade US culture. In many ways, it seems that *Weapons and War R US*. Weapons are the major US export. In 2011 the US made 78 percent of the world's weapons sales; next highest was Russia, at 4 percent. Our war profiteers are militarizing societies around the globe. We will consider how we in Oregon can best continue building a demilitarized society with human security and human rights for all. *For more information on Keep Space for Peace week and its origins, see page 2 in the September issue of this newsletter.*

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**Next Portland WILPF Meeting Saturday 27 October 2012 at First Unitarian**

Brown bag lunch at 12 noon. Meeting 1-2:30. Enter through alleyway from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## HALPER TELLS WHY A ONE-STATE SOLUTION MAY BE NECESSARY

by Celeste Howard

On Saturday evening 22 September, Jeff Halper of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD) gave his audience in First Unitarian's Eliot Chapel a vivid sense of what "new realities on the ground" really means in the (nominally Palestinian) West Bank today. ICAHD's map showing the present distribution of Israeli settlement blocs in the West Bank, combined with pictures of the Hafrada (Separation) Wall snaking through Palestinian villages, strongly supported his view that a one state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict may well be the "only solution that the United States and Israel have left us."

Halper described the manner in which Israel has fragmented Palestinian territory--moving Israeli settlements in and Palestinians out, building major highways exclusively for Israeli use, allowing Palestinians only civil control in most areas while Israel retains "security" control everywhere through military policing of checkpoints and administrative rules—as a "matrix of control" that is serving as a model for the pacification of inconveniently restive people in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other parts of the world. The role of the military is downplayed by enmeshing Palestinians in administrative red tape, giving the occupation an appearance of 'normality.' This matrix of control is now so massive that it precludes any conceivable two-state solution that might be achieved through negotiation.

Halper pointed out that the Separation Wall is not a security wall. It is more than twice as high as the Berlin Wall and five times longer. As means of separating Palestinians from Israelis, it is moving beyond 'apartheid' toward a kind of 'warehousing'—a term usually applied to large-scale imprisonment in the U.S. No viable Palestinian state can exist under these conditions, deprived of its most arable land and the water necessary for agriculture, deprived of income from tourism by the absorption of East Jerusalem into settlement blocs, cut off from international markets by Israeli monopolization of security control.

At the Algiers Declaration of a Palestinian State in 1988, Halper reminded us, Arafat accepted the split of Palestinian territory that gave 78% to Israel and 22% to Palestine. This division was accepted by Palestinians, by up to 70% of Israel's Jews, and by the Arab League, but "no Israeli government has ever accepted it." Settlement-building became its strategy.

Regarding the role of the U.S., Halper stressed that the letter written to Sharon by President Bush in 2004 (<http://jcpa.org/brief/brief3-21.htm>) has come to be adopted as US government policy. Although President Obama spoke of a territorial division "along 1967 borders" in his State Department address on 20 May 2011, Bush's letter had stated that final borders would have to be based on "new realities on the ground including already existing major Israeli population centers." Obama's reference to "agreed swaps" (in talking to AIPAC two days later) has been interpreted by Congress as meaning "an exchange of land intended to accommodate major Israeli population centers...and Israel's security needs." [This quote is from George Mitchell, US former Middle East envoy. See <http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Foreign-Policy/2011/0522/Obama-to-AIPAC-I-won-t-back-down-on-Israel-Palestine-border-issue>]

What is to be done? ICAHD has been taking an active role in the drama since 1977. Now it *calls on international civil society to participate*. Any lasting solution must have several elements, Halper said. It must acknowledge that there are two peoples involved and provide for the economic viability of both peoples. It must include a just resolution of the rights of Palestinians whose homes and lands have been expropriated or destroyed since 1948. It must address the security concerns not only of Israelis but also of all people in the former Palestine and the surrounding region.

Halper sees three possible political structures that could avoid the slide into 'warehousing': A regional confederation worked out among all affected states; two states, if both can be made viable politically and economically; or a single state that is "either bi-national or democratic." <http://icahdusa.org/about/jeff-halper/>

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*For a visual update on life in Palestine, go see Skip Schiel's multimedia presentation on October 4<sup>th</sup> at Multnomah Friends Meeting House, 7 pm. Skip will show photographs taken during his recent trip to Israel and Palestine.*

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## HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN PORTLAND

The cover story in The Christian Monitor weekly magazine dated September 10<sup>th</sup> points out that human trafficking—modern day slavery—is a global issue that often gets overshadowed in the US by outrage over domestic sex trafficking. (<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Global-Issues/2012/0909/Human-trafficking-a-misunderstood-global-scourge>) "The UN has estimated human trafficking to be a \$32 billion global industry; in 2008 it estimated that 2.5 million people from 127 countries were trafficked – 79 percent for sex, the rest for other forms of labor, from farm work to sweatshops. Many are children."

The US anti-trafficking law, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, established a State Department Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. To grasp the scope of this issue, see its June 2012 paper "What Is Trafficking in Persons?" <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/194942.pdf>. For information about human trafficking in Oregon, see <http://www.oregonoath.org/OHTTF.html>, website for the Oregon Human Trafficking Task Force.

Dan Rather's posting last May at [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dan-rather/pornland-oregon-child-pro\\_b\\_580035.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dan-rather/pornland-oregon-child-pro_b_580035.html) reported that "according to police, [Portland] and its outlying communities has become a hub for the sexual exploitation of children. In a recent nationwide sting by Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, Portland ranked *second in the country* for the number of rescued child prostitutes." (emphasis added)

Stephanie Hanes, writing September 28<sup>th</sup> after Obama's speech on the 25<sup>th</sup> about human trafficking, saw this as a teachable moment. "[T]he president's speech, and the growing movement around sex trafficking, is a chance to talk about sexual exploitation – whether called trafficking or something else. (It's a good moment to think seriously about your own prejudices and perspectives on this, also). It's a chance to talk about exploitation overall, and about how easy it is for us to look away from those whose suffering is uncomfortable or inconvenient to us; whether that's the young prostitute you try to ignore as you drive through your city at night, or the impoverished worker a world away who is making your next iPhone. It's also a chance to talk about hype, about looking for facts underneath rhetoric." <http://www.csmonitor.com/The-Culture/Family/Modern-Parenthood/2012/0928/Obama-human-trafficking-and-teachable-moments-on-a-difficult-topic>

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**OREGON SENATORS CAN AFFECT OUTCOME OF BUDGET CONTROL ACT**

Leading with a quotation from Eisenhower’s 1953 “Cross of Iron” speech, Matt Southworth from Friends Committee on National Legislation told a large gathering at Multnomah Friends Meeting House, Sunday evening, 9 September, that “this is a moment of opportunity.” Oregonians can tell their senators that the Pentagon budget *must* undergo its fair share of cuts in Congress’s deficit reduction plan. Both Wyden and Merkley are well-positioned to support a 10-year plan to reduce the debt another \$1.2 trillion *and still protect domestic and international programs for low-income and vulnerable people.*

The Sustainable Defense Task Force (<http://www.comw.org/pda/1006SDTF.html>) has found nearly \$1 trillion in recommended cuts to Pentagon spending which would not jeopardize national security. These cuts, plus lost revenues restored by letting the Bush tax cuts expire, will enable Congress to avoid letting “sequestration” go into effect on 1 January 2013 (as required by the Budget Control Act passed in August 2011). Sequestration has the effect of making equal across-the-board cuts: fifty percent in ‘defense’ spending and fifty percent in ‘non-defense’ spending. ([http://fcnl.org/issues/budget/pentagon\\_spending\\_still\\_slated\\_to\\_rise/](http://fcnl.org/issues/budget/pentagon_spending_still_slated_to_rise/))

Matt, who is FCNL’s Legislative Associate on Foreign Policy, asked his listeners what ‘security’ means to us. Does more Pentagon spending make us feel more secure? “Convince your senators that people here want the Pentagon to pay its fair share. Losing jobs in the weapons industries will hurt, but it’s time. We have to take the bitter medicine.”

**COMMENT PERIOD on HANFORD DANGEROUS WASTE PERMIT CLOSES SOON**

After 150 to 200 people attending the Jantzen Beach hearing 16 May urged “NO new waste to Hanford,” the Washington State Department of Ecology (WSDOE) held a second public hearing Thursday 13 September at the more accessible Ambridge Center near the Convention Center. This meeting included a pre-hearing workshop by Gerry Pollet from Heart of America Northwest <http://www.hoanw.org/>; a presentation on the draft permit, *Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Permit for the Treatment, Storage, and Disposal of Dangerous Waste*, by Dieter Bohrmann from WSDOE <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/>, and a local perspective by Dan Serres from Columbia Riverkeeper <http://columbiariverkeeper.org/>.

The 586-square-mile Hanford Site is owned by the US Department of Energy (USDOE), which manages site supervision out of two offices in Richland WA. The permit is WSDOE’s tool for regulating dangerous waste at Hanford in order to protect, preserve and restore Washington’s environment. Although the draft permit specifies that no offsite waste can be brought to Hanford before certain conditions are met, the Q&A period brought out inconsistent interpretations of those conditions. Some of the existing waste at Hanford has already been polluting groundwater to a level greater than the maximum level allowable by law in the Columbia River.

The HoANW website provides a Citizen’s Guide for commenting on the Hanford permit. The preferred way of submitting comments is by email to [Hanford@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Hanford@ecy.wa.gov). The public comment period ends **Monday 22 October**.

**OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

*by Diane Cadonau, HPD volunteer*

Judge Waller, in her Women’s Equality Day presentation last month, said deaths due to domestic violence could often have been avoided had someone only intervened. As a DV Response Team advocate with the Hillsboro Police Department, I understand what she meant. I have spoken with victims of domestic violence in cases where the level of violence was yelling, name-calling, shoving. I have also worked with them as they were being pieced back together in our local emergency room. The important point to understand is that *the level of domestic violence increases as it continues to happen.* The verbal spats become broken bones. Incident One will leave the survivor with bruising on the arm. Incident Ten will leave her dead.

We may suspect that abuse is happening but not know how to intervene. The victim is intimately tied to her abuser through love, children, financial dependence. She may believe she is to blame—as he has so often told her, punctuating that statement with his fist. She may be unaware of available community resources and cannot conceive how life would be better for her and her children without him. And so she stays with him.

We cannot force someone to leave an abusive relationship, but we can educate ourselves and share with the victim what we have come to know about DV issues. Most importantly, the victim needs to know that we will help her when she is ready to take the frightening steps to break free of the relationship and begin anew. The Oregon DV website [www.dvrc-or.org/domestic/violence/resources/C61](http://www.dvrc-or.org/domestic/violence/resources/C61) has informative statistics on its home page, with ‘Resources’ giving clues about what to look for in both same-sex and opposite-sex partnerships. ‘Services’ tells where to turn for help, and recent Oregon legislation is under ‘News.’ [www.oregon.gov/dhs/abuse/domestic/pages/index.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/abuse/domestic/pages/index.aspx), the Department of Human Services site, has a more interactive approach to getting informed or taking immediate action when needed.



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*"The good we secure for ourselves  
is precarious and uncertain...  
until it is secured for all of us and  
incorporated into our common life."*

Jane Addams, 1892

### 2012 October

#### Calendar/VIGILS

- \* **Wednesdays, 6:30 pm** SW 5th & Hall, Beaverton. **Washington County Peace Vigil**
- \* **Fridays, noon** Terry Shrunk Plaza. **WILPF Women in Black: Peace in the Middle East.**
- \* **Fridays, 5 pm** Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Yamhill and Broadway. **Portland Peaceful Response Coalition.**
- \* **Fridays, 4 pm** SW First and Madison on Hawthorne Bridge. **Weekly Anti-War Protest** [lonvet2008@comcast.net](mailto:lonvet2008@comcast.net)
- \* **Saturdays, noon to 1 pm** McLoughlin and Oak Grove Blvd., Milwaukie, Oregon. **Oak Grove Peace Vigil**

#### **Thursday 4 Oct, 7-8:30 pm: Israel, the Occupied Territories, and Nonviolent Resistance**

Multimedia presentation by Skip Schiel <http://teeksaphoto.org/>, sharing stories of suffering and resilience, despair and hope, collected on his recent trip to Israel and Palestine. Multnomah Friends Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark St.

#### **Saturday/Sunday 6/7 Oct, 12 noon to 5 pm: Occupy Portland, Not Afghanistan**

Economic injustices of US policy, in relation to the wars & occupations. <http://www.pjw.info/oct0612announce.html>

Saturday: Rally and March protesting the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of US invasion of Afghanistan and marking the first year of Occupy Portland. Shemanski Park (South Park blocks at Salmon)

Sunday: Teach-In with workshops at Portland Community College, Cascade Campus (N Albina & Killingsworth)

#### **Saturday/Saturday 6-13 Oct: International Keep Space for Peace week**

International days of protest to stop the militarization of space. <http://www.space4peace.org/actions/ksfpw12.htm>

This year, focus is on the use of satellites and their ground stations to enable unmanned space vehicles ("drones") to direct weapons at targets (including individuals) that war makers wish to destroy.

#### **Wednesday 10 Oct, 8:30 pm: Five Broken Cameras, Palestine, Israel France 2011**

Film sponsored by Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights. NW Film Center's Human Rights on Film series, Whitsell Auditorium, Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Avenue. <http://www.nwfilm.org/screenings/43/439/>

#### **Thursday 11 Oct, 7 pm: Raising Resistance, Germany, Switzerland 2011**

Screening introduced by PSU biologist Lisa Weasel. Struggle of Latin American farmers against genetically modified soy. NW Film Center's Human Rights on Film series. <http://www.nwfilm.org/screenings/43/439/#2598>

#### **Friday 12 Oct, 7:30 pm: Breaking the Israeli Naval Blockade by Sailing with Gaza's Exports**

Golonel Ann Wright will report on Gaza's Ark, an international effort to focus attention on Gaza and end the illegal blockade. Eliot Chapel, First Unitarian Church, SW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Salmon. Donations to benefit Gaza's Ark.

#### **Saturday 13 Oct, 6 pm: Zimbabwe Artists Project 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & FUNdraiser**

Complimentary Zimbabwean food and drinks, silent auction, raffle, ZAP marketplace (arts & crafts), live African music and special dance performance. Olympic Mills Commerce Center, 107 SE Washington St. (first floor). tickets (\$25 advance) and information at <http://www.zimbabwearchartistsproject.org/>

#### **Monday/Tuesday 15/16 Oct: OREP Community Conversations on the Oregon CLEAN Energy Economy Act**

Oregonians for Renewable Energy Policy backs this bill scheduled for the 2013 session. Learn more Monday, 7-9 pm, Hood River Library, 502 State Street, Hood River; Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles. [http://www.oregonrenewables.com/Publications/OREGON\\_CLEAN\\_3.0.pdf](http://www.oregonrenewables.com/Publications/OREGON_CLEAN_3.0.pdf)

#### **Wednesday 17 Oct, 7:30 pm: 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Salem Peace Lecture**

Presenting the Honorable Bob Edgar, president and CEO of Common Cause, on "Seeking Solutions: Loss of Integrity and the Role of Money in Politics." Willamette University, Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center, 900 State Street in Salem. Free & open to the public. <http://www.willamettelive.com/event/23rd-annual-salem-peace-lecture/>

#### **Tuesday 23 Oct, 7 pm: Words of Witness, Egypt/US 2012**

Young female journalist bears witness to Egypt in turmoil. Screening introduced by David Wolman; sponsored by PSU Middle East Studies Center & World Affairs Council of Oregon. <http://www.nwfilm.org/screenings/43/439/#2599>

#### **Wednesday 24 Oct, 7 pm: Bidder 70, US 2012**

Tim DeChristopher's civil disobedience. Human Rights on Film series <http://www.nwfilm.org/screenings/43/439/#2600>

#### **Thursday 25 Oct, 6 pm: Election 2012—The Silenced Majority Tour**

Amy Goodman and Denis Moynihan in person, to support KBOO Community Radio with "stories of uprisings, occupations, resistance, and hope." The Bob White Theatre, 6423 SE Foster Road.

#### **Friday 26 Oct, 7 pm: Heist: Who Stole the American Dream?**

Heist reveals how the collapse of the U.S. economy is the result of conscious choices made over 35 years by a small group. Showing at First Unitarian Church, SW 12<sup>th</sup> Ave & Main St., sponsored by the Alliance for Democracy. Post-film discussion with Barbara Dudley. More info: David Delk 503.232.5495, [davidafd@ymail.com](mailto:davidafd@ymail.com).

#### **Saturday 27 Oct, 10 am – 1 pm: A Workshop on Economic Fairness**

Sponsored by Oregon Center for Christian Voices, Tabor Space, 5441 SE Belmont. Panel speakers: Juan Carlos Ordonez, Oregon Center for Public Policy; Kevin Finney, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon; Jody Wiser, Tax Fairness Oregon; Wynne Wakkila, Fight Against Sex Trafficking.

#### **Wednesday 31 Oct, 7 pm: The World Before Her, Canada/Germany/US 2012**

Sponsored by Mercy Corps. Choice & contradictions facing young women in India today, as seen through contestants preparing for a Miss India pageant. Human Rights on Film series, <http://www.nwfilm.org/screenings/43/439/#2602>

#### **Thursday 1 Nov, 7 pm: Escape Fire: The Fight to Rescue American Healthcare, US 2012**

98-minute film in the NW Film Center's Human Rights on Film series, <http://www.nwfilm.org/screenings/43/439/#2603>