



Tales from the White Dog Cafe

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“Free People” vs. Corporatism

Entrepreneurial opportunity brought me to Philadelphia in the fall of 1970, when my partner and I started a retail store on the outskirts of the Penn campus. It was during the Vietnam War, and heeding Eisenhower’s prophetic warning to beware the military-industrial-complex, we distrusted all business. So ours would be no ordinary store – it would be non-profit! To us, that simply meant making just enough to earn a living, while serving the needs of our community. Expressing our independence from the traditional business model, we cut out a sign in the shape of a dove, symbol of peace, and lettered it “Free People’s Store.” As “free people” it was our responsibility to challenge government and corporate power.

Though I soon came to understand the importance of profit to a healthy company, and the answer to “how much is enough?” has changed through different stages of life, I continue to believe that the purpose of business is to serve the common good. During these past thirty years, the words “free people” have not lost their meaning for me, but as I hung a “Stop the War” banner across the front of the Cafe to protest the invasion of Iraq, I wondered - are “free people” losing the battle?

Just as in Vietnam, and throughout our history of clandestine political interventions around the world, the US government continues to use violence and military force to secure access to natural resources, cheap labor and new markets for US corporations. Despite all the good our country has stood for, worldwide distrust and hatred of the US are growing. While told by President Bush that we’re hated because of our freedom, it has been symbols of US military and economic domination that have been attacked, taking innocent lives. Not only are US citizens facing the prospect of perpetual war abroad, and a growing police state to fight “terrorism” at home, threats to our freedom are pervasive in everyday life.

Increasingly, large corporations control the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the news (Continued on page 7)

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Farmers’ Sunday Supper with Local Wine & Spirits

Sunday, October 3, 6pm



Enjoy a dinner harvested from local family farms and urban gardens, served with specially paired local wines and locally

distributed spirits. Each course of organic produce and humanely raised meat will be introduced by a farmer who supplies the White Dog. Farms include Branch Creek Farm, Green Meadow Farm, and Greystone Farm.

Eric and Lee Miller from Chaddsford Winery will discuss their award-winning, locally grown wines from the Brandywine Valley. Sam and Mariah Calagione from Dogfish Head will tell us about their locally distilled spirits. And John Doyle from Jubilee Chocolates will be on hand to talk about his locally handcrafted chocolates that will be served after dinner.

\$60 includes four course dinner, local wines and spirits, tax & tip. Menu will include vegetarian options. Call 215-386-9224 for reservations.





Storytelling

Real Stories by Real People



Optional à la carte dinner at 6pm. Storytelling at 7:30pm.

Mon, Sept 13 - **"Jews Speaking Out for Justice in Palestine"** - Jewish activists will tell their stories of courageously challenging the Israeli military occupation of the Palestinian Territories despite criticism from their communities and families. Storytellers include **Cy and Lois Swartz, Deb Shoval** (see box below), **Mark Miller, Susan** and **Ben Landau, Rachael Kamel, and Elliott batTzedek**. (See our summer Newsletter or visit whitedog.com for full event description. Also see the Jerusalem Candle of Hope for sale at the Black Cat on page 6.)

Mon, Nov 1 - **Philadelphia Stories: "Keeping Up with the Jones"** with **Solomon Jones**, Philadelphia native and author of *Keeping Up with the Jones*. Jones has overcome homelessness and addiction to become an award-winning columnist and bestselling author. In addition to his three urban mystery novels, he writes about the universal truths of marriage, family and daily life in an honest and humorous voice. He will share his life story and his writings with us tonight.

Mon, Nov 8 - **"Veterans' Stories"** with **Mike Stine**, Vietnam Veteran and chaplain educator at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in DC, where the majority of wounded soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan are being treated. Stine will be joined by Iraq war veterans and families to share their stories and experiences.

Mon, November 15 - **"Warrior Mothers: Stories to Awaken the Flames of the Heart,"** with **Thais Mazur & Marsha Green**. In *Warrior Mothers*, journalist, mother, artist & activist Thais Mazur interviews known & unknown activists who compare and contrast their maternal instincts to their road to activism. She weaves together 25 women's stories, ranging from bringing a farmer's market to the inner city to uncovering the truth about depleted uranium. Joining her will be featured warrior mother Marsha Green, founder and president of the Ocean Mammal Institute, whose ground-breaking studies link human compassion with scientific field research to benefit whales, dolphins and their environment.

Reservations highly recommended. 215-386-9224. Optional à la carte dinner 6pm; Storytelling 7:30. (Preferential seating given to those dining; remaining seats available to those with reservation for storytelling.) Singles welcome at group tables.

An Olive on the Seder Plate, directed by **Deb Shoval** (see Sept 13 Storytelling above), is a multi-media performance about how progressive Jews wrestle with the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza strip. There will be Philadelphia performances on Fri, Sept 17 & Sat., Sept 18. See www.libertycabbage.org for venue information & tickets,

Breakfast Talks

The Zapatistas at Ten with **John Ross**

Wednesday, September 29, 8 a.m.

Poet/activist/correspondent & globetrotting trouble-maker, John Ross will talk on ten years plus of Zapatista rebellion in Chiapas. Ross has accompanied the Zapatista army of national liberation since its earliest hour and has written three books on this Indian uprising, the most recent of which is *The War Against Oblivion*. He has recently been prowling Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador looking for Zapatista imprints in the Indian heart of the Americas.

The Health Care Crisis:

Choices & Challenges for Small Business Owners

with **Walter Tsou**, American Public Health Association, and **David Grande**, Phila Department of Public Health.

Tuesday, November 16, 8 a.m.

Amid rapidly escalating costs and a growing clamor for universal health care, small-business owners face increasing challenges in providing health care for their workers. Dr. Tsou will discuss the realities faced by small businesses and strategies for reform. Dr. Grande will discuss the Philadelphia Department of Public Health's efforts to create a plan for universal health care. Small business owners are invited to be part of this vital dialogue about the future of health care.

\$12 includes full breakfast with coffee & orange juice, tax & gratuity, speaker(s) and discussion from 8:30-10am. Reservations recommended. 215-386-9224

Weaving Together Art, Business & Social Activism: A Dinner Discussion

Tuesday, October 12, 8pm

Nina Smith, Executive Director of Rugmark, has been a fair trade advocate for over a decade in both the rug & crafts industry. She will discuss child labor issues in the rug and craft industries worldwide. Rugmark is an international nonprofit that works to end child labor through monitoring the rug industry and educating consumers.

The dinner follows a 6:30pm lecture at International House of Philadelphia (3701 Chestnut St - 215-387-5125) with **Stephanie Odegard**, founder of Odegard Carpets. Through her business, Odegard has connected contemporary design, traditional techniques & Tibetan artisans to the world market. She will showcase how socially responsible business can both be commercially profitable & raise the standard of living for those involved.

\$40 includes both the 3-course dinner discussion at 8pm and the preceding 6:30pm lecture at International House. (Students and Seniors - \$32 for both lecture and dinner discussion) Or attend the dinner discussion only for \$35. Tax & tip included for all prices. Reservations required. 215-386-9224.

White Dog Cafe Table Talks

Serving Food with Thought

Monday, September 20, 6pm “Scientific Integrity in Policymaking:

An Investigation into the Bush Administration’s Misuse of Science” with Dr. Lawrence Krauss,

Physics Department Chair at Case Western Reserve University, and Director of the Center for Education and Research in Cosmology and Astrophysics. A growing number of scientists and policy makers allege that across a range of issues — from climate change to reproductive health and nuclear weapons—the Bush administration has suppressed or distorted the scientific analysis of federal agencies to bring their results in line with administration policy. Dr. Krauss will discuss a report detailing the resulting policy decisions made that have serious consequences for our health, safety, and environment. (See whitedog.com for full write up)

Monday, September 27, 6pm “Creating Security in an Insecure World” with Jonathan Granoff,

president of the Global Security Institute, vice-president of Lawyers Alliance for World Security, & vice-president of the NGO Committee on Disarmament at the UN. Offering key insights gained from interactions with world leaders & heads of government, Granoff will discuss the adequacy of international efforts to deal with nuclear, biological & chemical weapons, & give his views on what it will take to make us secure. This presentation is offered within the context of the international event, ‘11 Days of Global Unity - Sept. 11-21,’ of which Granoff is an honorary co-chair (www.11days.org).

Monday, October 4, 6pm “Celebrating South Africa’s 10 Years of Democracy” with Rev. Mpho Tutu,

youngest daughter of Desmond Tutu & board member of Reinvest South Africa (RISA) Charitable Trust, co-sponsor of this event. Rev. Tutu is currently serving as Clergy Resident at Historic Christ Church in Arlington, VA and has spent many years working with programs focused on empowering at-risk women & children both in the US & in South Africa. RISA seeks to alleviate poverty & unemployment in South Africa by supporting the growth & sustainability of the small business sector in low-income communities and among women. (This dinner is \$40 including a \$5 contribution to RISA.)

Monday, October 18, 6pm “The President of Good and Evil” with Peter Singer.

More than any president in recent memory, George W. Bush invokes the language of “good versus evil” and “right versus wrong.” Peter Singer, author and DeCamp Professor of Bioethics at the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, spotlights President Bush’s moral claims and asks if he has lived up to these values. Singer, who has never shied away from controversy, brings us his well documented arguments on almost every significant policy where the current Bush administration has taken a position - from stem-cell research to tax cuts to Iraq and the US drive for preeminence. Singer is also author of “Animal Liberation.”

Monday, October 25, 6pm “Patriots Stand Up!” with Russell Peterson.

As a former Republican Governor of Delaware, a DuPont executive, a presidential appointee in two Republican administrations, and President of the National Audubon Society, Russell Peterson has spent his 50-year career battling for environmentally secure policies among conservatives who would rather he’d stuck to party lines. In 1996, he parted from them permanently and became a Democrat. His book *Patriots, Stand Up!* is a call to action for Americans who have grown tired of seeing the word “patriotism” abused by those who place their imperial and financial interest ahead of the real wants and needs of the American people. Join us for a riveting discussion with Governor Peterson to gear you up for the election.

Monday, November 22, 6pm “Confessions of an Economic Hit Man” with John Perkins.

For years, John Perkins confesses, he was a loan shark at the highest political and economic levels, personally persuading governments to pawn their natural resources and citizens’ labor in the interests of corporate global empire. Once these countries were saddled with debt, the American government and international monetary aid agencies allied with it were able to control the countries’ economies. Written with an eye toward solutions and redemption, *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* is an insider’s expose of government and corporate policies that led to the impoverishment of millions of people across the planet. For the last ten years, Perkins has been countering those effects by working with indigenous peoples in the Amazon, and consulting through his non-profit Dream Change, Inc..

Table Talks at 6pm include a three course dinner, followed by a speaker and discussion from 7:30-9pm. \$35 per person includes tax & gratuity (except for Oct 4th, which is \$40 and includes a donation to RISA). Cash bar. Reservations with advance payment required by giving a credit card number over the phone or sending a check. Senior citizens (over 65) and full time students: \$25 with advance notification. Student stand-by: Call between 4 - 5:30pm the day of the event for \$15 dinner at 6pm or free discussion at 7:30. Single reservations are welcome where you’ll be seated at a group table. Vegetarian dishes always offered. New books written by speakers will be for sale at the Black Cat for author signing. Call (215) 386-9224 for reservations.



7th Annual Halloween Dinner & Cemetery Tour at Laurel Hill Cemetery

Thurs, Oct 28, 6 & 7:30pm
at 3822 Ridge Avenue

In 1836, architect Peter Notman designed one of Phila's first great public landscapes. The only cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places, Laurel Hill is the second oldest garden-style cemetery in America.

Following a buffet dinner at 6pm or 7:30pm, we will have a guided tour by flashlight of the many elaborate gravestones, obelisks & mausoleums that create an outdoor museum of America's Victorian heritage. Actors will reenact the lives of select people at their graves.

Bring a flashlight and BYOB. Costumes are encouraged - anyone dressed in a full costume receives a \$10 gift certificate to The Black Cat. Rain or Shine.

\$48 includes tour, dinner at Laurel Hill, tour of cemetery, tax & gratuity. Reservations with advance payment required by calling (215) 386-9224. Please specify either 6 or 7:30pm.

Mural Arts 20th Anniversary Party

Sunday, October 17, 5pm Reception/6pm Dinner

Join **Jane Golden**, Director of the Mural Arts Program, (MAP) and a host of artists, community leaders, policy makers and activists to celebrate their 20th Anniversary with a special cocktail reception and dinner.

At 5pm, the kick off cocktail reception begins upstairs in Judy's house with hors d'oeuvres, beer & wine and special guest **Dr. Howard Zehr**. Considered the founder of the contemporary restorative justice movement, Dr. Zehr has written, taught and lectured internationally on victim-offender mediation. He is also an accomplished documentary and journalistic photographer. His book, *Changing Lenses: A New Focus for Crime and Justice*, is widely regarded as a standard in the field. He will display some of his photographs for us this evening only.

We will walk downstairs to the White Dog at 6pm for dinner and a panel discussion on the **Mural Arts Program- the Past 20 years and the Next 20 Years**. Panelists will include: **Dave DiGuglielmo**, Superintendent, SCI Graterford where MAP is working with victims and offenders to create a joint effort Healing Walls mural; **Victoria Green**, Victim Advocate, Every Murder Is Real; **Peaches Ramos**, Community Leader, 9th and Indiana; **Cesar Viveros-Herrera**, Muralist, Healing Walls; **Parris Stancell**, Muralist, Healing Walls and **Jane Golden**.

\$40 includes 6pm 3-course dinner, discussion, tax & gratuity.

\$75 includes dinner and 5pm reception. Proceeds benefit the Mural Arts Program. Call 215-386-9224 for reservations.

Philadelphia Neighborhood Recovery Tour with John Kromer

Saturday, November 20, 9:30am

9:30 Breakfast of coffee and muffins at the Cafe.

10:00 Trolley tour of neighborhood recovery sites which are part of a project begun by the Foundation for Architecture and which demonstrate how

government/community collaboration can produce valued neighborhood assets in the form of housing, retail services and community facilities. We will also visit some current or proposed development sites targeted by the city's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative.

12:00 Lunch at White Dog & discussion with John Kromer, Fels Institute of Government at UPenn, & former director of Phila's Office of Housing & Community Development.

\$35 - includes coffee and muffins, tour by trolley, lunch, tax and tip. Call 215-386-9224 to make a reservation.

Art in Jail Tour to Graterford

Saturday, November 6, 10am

Meet **Jane Golden**, Director of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, at Graterford for a tour of her latest project - bringing art to the prisons. For the past two years, Jane has been working with prisoners in the State Correctional Institute at Graterford to create uplifting, inspiring and meaningful murals with artist-prisoners. Along with Jane and muralist Cesar Viveros-Herrera, we will tour Graterford to view their work and to talk with some of the artists/inmates on how participating in the program has changed them.

After our visit, we will caravan to nearby Central Perkiomen Valley Park for a White Dog lunch & discussion.

\$45 includes Tour, Discussion & White Dog Lunch at the Old Mill House, Tax, Donation to Mural Arts and the Art Supply Fund for Graterford. Meet at Graterford - www.whitedog.com.

15th Annual Mural Arts Tour & Lunch

Saturday, October 9, 9:30am

Meet at the White Dog for coffee & muffins before we board a motorized trolley at 10am for a 2-hr. guided tour of some of the over 2,300 wall murals through-out Philadelphia, the "Wall Mural Capitol" of the nation.

Following the tour, we will have lunch at the White Dog and hear from **Jane Golden**, Artistic Director of the Phila Mural Arts Program, on the importance of murals to community pride & development.

\$40 includes muffins & coffee, lunch, tax & tip, trolley, tour guide, and contribution to the Mural Arts Program.

Reservations required. (215) 386-9224.

For info on the Mural Arts Program, call (215) 685-0750.

Sunday Night Film Series

(Projected on a large screen with sound system.)

Oct 10 - "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism" (77 mins.)

This film provides an in-depth look at Fox News and the dangers of ever-enlarging corporations taking control of the public's right to know. The film explores Rupert Murdoch's burgeoning kingdom and the impact on society when a broad swath of media is controlled by one person. This documentary includes interviews with former Fox employees who talk about how they were forced to push a "right-wing" point of view or risk their jobs.

Discussion led by **Pete Tridish** and **Jay Sand**. Tridish is technical director for Prometheus Radio Project, the organization that was the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit to stop the FCC from allowing massive consolidation of media ownership. Jay Sand will join us from the Philadelphia Independent Media Center, a collective of independent media democracy activists, linked globally to create a non-corporate media movement.

Nov 14 - "Fat of the Land" (55 mins)

The daring documentary about five ingenious women who drive a van across the United States, fueling up with vegetable oil pumped in from deep-fat fryers from fast-food joints. An utterly inspiring lesson in do-it-yourself alternatives to fossil-fuel addiction from five women of Courage, Chemistry and Eco-activism.

Nicole Cousino, one of the 5 women featured in the film, and other biodiesel enthusiasts will lead us in discussion following the film. Nicole is an artist, activist and biodiesel home brewer.

Dec 5 - "The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream" (74 mins)

World Oil Peak and the inevitable decline of fossil fuels are upon us now, some scientists and policy makers argue in this documentary. The consequences of inaction in the face of this global crisis are enormous. What does Oil Peak mean for North America? Are today's suburbs destined to become the slums of tomorrow? And what can be done NOW, individually and collectively, to avoid The End of Suburbia?

Lisa Leighton is the Outreach Coordinator of the Citizen's For Pennsylvania's Future (Penn Future) and Coordinator for the Cleaner Air Campaign which provides people with the information on how to buy cleaner energy.

Reservations for optional dinner (5:30pm) or Free film showing (6:30pm) are highly recommended as seating is limited. (Preferential seating given to those dining; remaining seats available to those with reservation for film only.)

Discussion will follow film. Full Dinner, Dessert and Bar & Grill menus (lighter fare under \$10), as well as beverage service will be available before & after the films only. 215-386-9224

Native American Thanksgiving Dinner with Lenape Nation

Sunday, November 21, 6pm



Enjoy a dinner celebrating the many important and delicious foods in our diet that were originally cultivated by the Native Americans.

After dinner, a program hosted by the Lenape Nation's **Chief Chuck Gentle Moon** and **Jim Beer** will include the history of the Lenape people in Pennsylvania, and their hopes for the future, with a slide show of sacred sites & traditional drumming & singing by **Fred Werkheiser**.

\$40 plus tax & gratuity. Includes 3-course meal, program & a donation to Lenape Nation to help with the purchase of former homelands of Lenape ancestors. Reservations 215-386-9224.

Film Screening of "Unprecedented: The 2000 Presidential Election"

Monday, October 11, 7pm

Back by popular demand, this 8-time winner for "best documentary" details the riveting story about the battle for the Presidency in Florida & the undermining of American democracy. (See website for full write-up.) This is a joint event with **Americans for Democratic Action**, America's oldest independent liberal lobbying organization.

Reservations for optional à la carte dinner (6pm) or Free film showing (7pm) are highly recommended; seating is limited. (Preferential seating given to those dining; remaining seats available to those with reservation for film only.) Full Dinner, Dessert and Bar & Grill menu (lighter fare under \$10), as well as beverage service will be available before & after the films only. Call 215-386-9224 for reservations.

Performance Night in Tails: Poetic MCs

Sunday, September 26, 8pm

The sun is equated in many cultures to father; provider and protector. Men aim to be, boys dream to become. A journey of spoken word, music and consciousness created by Rising Sons: **Kenyon, Just James, Lamont Napalm "Da Bomb" Dixon, Epic, E.B. Barnard, I. be**, and a special treat that will leave you filled and enlightened. Hosted and produced by: **Illuminess** and **Lady K**.

\$15. Advance ticket purchase required. (\$10 goes to the artists, \$5 credited toward food or drink purchase that night.) Dinner, Dessert, and Bar & Grill Menus (lighter fare under \$10) as well as beverage service will be available before, during & after the performance. Limited seating. 215-386-9224



Our Annual
**New Year's Eve
Dinner & Party**



An Elegant Dinner with **Strolling Violin Duet**
Davis & Diane Barnett, 8:30pm - 12am

Sing-Along Piano

in the Piano Parlor 9pm - 2am

Dancing to Oldies, midnight to 2am

A la Carte early seating (6pm - 7:45pm).

\$60 per person plus tax and gratuity

for late seating (after 8:30pm).

Reservations required. (215) 386-9224



**New Year's Day
Pajama Party Brunch**

*Don't get dressed.
Just come on over!*



January 1, 2005, 10:30am - 2:30pm

Mummer's favorites on banjo
with Greg Wright 11am - 2:30pm.

Sing-along piano in the Piano Parlor noon - 3pm.

À la carte Brunch menu. Children welcome.

Dress: Pajamas suggested.

Reservations Recommended. (215) 386-9224

**Holiday Shopping at the Black Cat:
Give a Gift that Gives Twice!**

This holiday season, give unique gifts that support artisans and communities like our new "Jerusalem Candle of Hope," a beeswax hurricane lamp from Israel, embedded with olive leaves and the flowers of both Israeli and Palestinian lands. Proceeds from the sale go to joint Israeli/Palestinian artisans and groups working toward peace.



Art Exhibits in the White Dog Bar

Where Does the White Dog Food Come From?

September 3 - October 4

See for yourself where our food comes from while you're enjoying a meal! This display of photos from at least 13 local farms showcases the people, places, plants and animals that make your meals at the White Dog delicious & environmentally sustainable. Come for the Dance of the Ripe Tomatoes (Fri, Sept 17-visit whitedog.com for details) or the Farmers' Sunday Supper (front page) & match the producers to their pictures!

What's in Your Cup?: October 4 - November 5

Coffee is the world's second most traded commodity after oil, with economic and environmental implications extending across the globe. Deforestation, water pollution, hunger and poor health are the norm in coffee communities everywhere. These stunning photographs by **GreenTreks Network** (www.greentreks.org) introduce you to some of the people whose quality of life is affected by the type of coffee you choose. Proceeds from picture sales will go directly to coffee-growing communities in Nicaragua where the photos were taken.

Art for LAVA: November 5 - December 3

Works by Philadelphia artists will be on display and on sale for that meaningful holiday gift. Sales will benefit LAVA (the Lancaster Avenue Autonomous Space), a new public gathering space in West Phila with room for a library, darkroom, printing press, gallery, performance space, computer lab & office space where people working for a better world can share ideas & resources. Artwork on display will be for sale to benefit LAVA.

Community Service Days

Fairmount Park Service Day

Sunday, October 3, 10am - 2pm

Learn about Fairmount Park's social & ecological history while assisting with its restoration. **Jason Mifflin**, Natural Lands Restoration and Environmental Education Program in Fairmount Park, will lead us in discussion and action. Activities include planting native species, removing invasive plants, restoring trails, & general cleanup.

Edible Landscape

Sunday, October 10, 10am-2pm

(rain date Sun, Oct 24, 10am - 2pm)

Celebrate the completion of the revitalized Edible Landscape demonstration garden at the Horticultural Center. A culmination of work started in the spring by volunteers from the White Dog and Phila County Master Gardeners, led by **Doris Stahl**, coordinator of Horticulture programs for Penn State Cooperative Extension. On this service day we will plant crops for next Spring, put the finishing touches on the garden and enjoy lunch provided by the Cafe with garnishings from the garden.

Get Out The Vote! with America Comes Together

Tuesday, November 2, 9:30am-2pm or 3:30-8pm

Volunteer on this most important of election days with ACT, making sure people get to the polls. Join other White Dog patrons to remind people at their homes and on the street to VOTE! You could even bring your vehicle to personally transport people to the voting booths.

ACT is a national organization working on a massive voter registration campaign in selected swing states, including PA. Please sign up for this Service Day by Oct 19th. For other ways you can help get out the vote before Nov 2, call ACT directly at 215-922-0112.

A complimentary White Dog lunch will be provided for volunteers. To sign up to volunteer, call 215-386-9224.

(Continued from front page) we hear, and even the government making and enforcing the laws we live under. While US corporations are making billions in Iraq, at home the Bush administration, dominated by former CEOs and lobbyists, and a Congress largely beholden to corporate campaign contributors, make policy decisions favoring big business over communities and nature. Our national forests and public wild lands are being turned over to industry exploiters and our rights to clean air and water relinquished to corporate polluters. Little concern is shown for the importance of broad entrepreneurial opportunity to a free society, as monopolistic companies strangle the market and drain capital from local communities. Family farms are lost to corporate agri-business. Local retailers, providing unique character to Main Streets, are forced out by chain stores. Wal-Mart, the world's largest company, lauded by Vice President Cheney for its "fair-dealing and integrity," pays workers so little they often rely on taxpayer funded health care, food stamps and subsidized housing, while five Walton family members have been among the world's top ten billionaires. Once the land of opportunity, the US is now the most unegalitarian country in the industrialized world, with an increasing gap between rich and the poor.

I recently read an excellent article by Thom Hartmann (posted at www.whitedog.com/articles.html) that sounds the alarm of a rise in American fascism. He points to the classic definition, claimed by Mussolini: "Fascism should more appropriately be called corporatism because it is a merger of state and corporate power." Hartman refers to a 1944 article in which Franklin D. Roosevelt's vice president, Henry Wallace, warns that fascism's greatest threat to the United States will come after the war and will manifest within the United States itself. Wallace said, "Monopolists who fear competition and who distrust democracy because it stands for equal opportunity would like to secure their position against small and energetic enterprise [companies]. In an effort to eliminate the possibility of any rival growing up, some monopolists would sacrifice democracy itself."

Where are the "free people" challenging the corporatism that threatens our democracy today? Though many Americans are led by fear or complacency to accept corporate rule, there are many signs of hope. Free people are challenging corporate "rights" over those of local communities and mobilizing to protect our natural resources and public commons. Free people are organizing support for locally owned independent businesses and farms, rallying to oppose sweatshops and factory farms, and calling for fair trade and living wages. Free People are challenging the exorbitant prices of pharmaceutical companies and rebelling against drug prohibition laws that send patients to jail for self-medicating with low cost, safe and effective marijuana. Free people are

reporting and reading news from alternative media that challenges government propaganda. Free people around the globe organized the largest anti-war demonstration in world history against the illegal invasion of Iraq. Free people are registering voters and raising money from ordinary citizens to defeat George Bush, and remove an administration that is selling our democracy for a profit. "Free people" are not just the imagination of 60's idealists, but the safeguard of all we hold dear as a country. Free people, the time to act is now!

- Judy Wickes

Post-script: After my departure from the Free People's Store, the name was changed to Urban Outfitters, and built into a publicly traded international retail chain.



News from the White Dog Cafe Foundation

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Fair Food Holiday Gift Baskets

Celebrate sustainable farming with Fair Food this holiday season. Fair Food, in collaboration with the SHARE Food Program, is offering gift baskets filled with delicious treats such as pancake mix, maple syrup, fruit preserves, coffee, tea, and chocolates, all locally produced or fairly traded. Available in two sizes, baskets can be ordered beginning October 15 at the Fair Food Farmstand in the Reading Terminal Market, at The Black Cat, or by calling 215-386-5211 ext. 126. (Prices will range from \$30 - \$50.)

Gelato for Holiday Entertaining Workshop at Capogiro Gelateria

Monday, December 6, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

What could be more unique and elegant than making homemade gelato for your guests? Using seasonal ingredients including quince, sweet potatoes, hickory nuts, black walnuts and buttermilk from regional family farms, this hands-on workshop will focus on gelato that can be made at home in an ice cream maker. The workshop will be led by **Stephani Reitano**, co-owner of Capogiro Gelato in Philadelphia, a family-run gelato producer fashioned in the tradition of Italian artisan know-how.

\$30 includes hand-on workshop & samples during class.

Space is limited. Call for reservations. 215-386-5211

The **White Dog Cafe Foundation** is a non-profit organization with a mission to create, strengthen and connect locally owned businesses & farms committed to working in harmony with natural systems, providing meaningful living wage jobs, and supporting healthy community life. The Foundation is funded by 20% of White Dog Cafe profits, contributions from customers, foundation grants and income from our Fair Food Farmstand and events

White Dog Cafe Calendar Fall/Winter 2004

September

Fri, Sept 3 - Oct 3
 Wed, Sept 8, 8am
 Fri, Sept 10, 6³⁰pm
 Sat, Sept 11, 11am
 Sat, Sept 11, 11am
 Mon, Sept 13, 7⁰⁰pm
 Sun, Sept 19, 3pm
 Mon, Sept 20, 6pm
 Sun, Sept 26, 8pm
 Mon, Sept 27, 6pm
 Wed, Sept 29, 8am

Photo Exhibit: "Where does White Dog Food Come From?"
 Breakfast to Honor Innovators in White Anti-Racism Work
 Dance of the Ripe Tomatoes
 Tomato Canning Workshop
 Community Service: Voter Outreach Door-by-Door
 Storytelling: "Jews Speaking Out for Justice in Palestine"
 Local Foods Dinner at Buck Run Farm
 Table Talk: "Scientific Integrity in Policymaking"
 Performance Night: Poetic MCs
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October

Sun, Oct 3, 10am
 Sun, Oct 3, 6pm
 Mon, Oct 4 - Nov. 4
 Mon, Oct 4, 6pm
 Sat, Oct 9, 9³⁰am
 Sun, Oct 10, 10am
 Sun, Oct 10, 6³⁰pm
 Mon, Oct 11, 7pm
 Tues, Oct 12, 8pm
 Sun, Oct 17, 5pm
 Mon, Oct 18, 6pm
 Mon, Oct 25, 6pm
 Thurs, Oct 28, 6/7⁰⁰pm

Community Service Day at Fairmount Park
 Farmers' Sunday Supper with Local Wine & Spirits
 Photo Exhibit: "What's In Your Cup?" by Greentreks Network
 Table Talk: "South Africa's 10 Years of Democracy"
 Mural Arts Tour by Trolley
 Community Service Day: "Edible Landscape"
 Sunday Film: "Outfoxed"
 Film: "Unprecedented: The 2000 Presidential Election"
 Dinner Talk: "Weaving Together Art, Business & Activism"
 Mural Arts 20th Anniversary Party
 Table Talk: "The President of Good and Evil"
 Table Talk: "Patriots Stand Up!"
 Halloween Dinner and Cemetery Tour at Laurel Hill

November

Mon, Nov 1, 7³⁰pm
 Tues, Nov 2, 9³⁰am/3³⁰pm
 Fri, Nov 5 - Dec. 2
 Sat, Nov 6, 10am
 Mon, Nov 8, 7³⁰pm
 Sun, Nov 14, 6³⁰pm
 Mon, Nov 15, 7³⁰pm
 Tues, Nov 16, 8am
 Sat, Nov 20, 9³⁰am
 Sun, Nov 21, 6pm
 Mon, Nov 22, 6pm

Storytelling: "Keeping Up With the Jones"
 Community Service Day: "Get Out the Vote"
 Art Exhibit benefitting LAVA Community Space
 Art in Jail Tour to Graterford
 Storytelling: "Veterans' Stories"
 Sunday Film: "Fat of the Land"
 Storytelling: "Warrior Mothers"
 Breakfast Talk: "The Health Care Crisis & Small Business"
 Philadelphia Neighborhood Recovery Tour
 Native American Thanksgiving Dinner
 Table Talk: "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man"

December

Sun, Dec 5, 6³⁰pm
 Mon, Dec 6, 6³⁰pm
 Fri, Dec 31, 6pm/8³⁰pm

Sunday Film: "The End of Suburbia"
 Gelato Workshop with the Fair Food Project
 New Year's Eve Dinner and Party

January

Sat, Jan 1, 10³⁰am

New Year's Day Fajama Party Brunch

Optional 6pm à la carte dinner precedes Monday evening Storytellings.
 Optional 5:30pm à la carte dinner precedes Sunday evening Film Showings.
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