

Tales from the White Dog Cafe

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What's Worth Fighting For?

While rafting down the Colorado River for two weeks in September, our group of travelers developed a sense of interdependence as we pulled each other from the water and up rocky trails, and worked together to set-up camp each night, loading and unloading rafts, and preparing meals. We shared whatever we had - a helping hand, a song, or a pair of dry socks.

One evening we camped at a sharp bend in the river where the towering cliffs of the Grand Canyon encircled us on all sides. During the night, I awoke to see that the bright moonlight had turned the campsite and landscape to a whitish-gray color, as though everything were covered in ash. It was only a few weeks after the 9/11 disaster, and I imagined Ground Zero. In awe, I ran my fingers through the soft, ashen sand, and gazing up at the night sky from inside the canyon, I felt as though I were looking through the hole where the twin towers had been. Around me in the gray light, I could make out the sleeping figures of my fellow travelers and thought of those working at Ground Zero - rescue teams tolling through the night, volunteer chefs feeding workers, volunteer veterinarians tending rescue dogs, neighbors helping neighbors, and from around the country, people sending contributions to help the families of those so tragically killed. Like our group, citizens were pulling together for the common good, and as I looked up at the moon, I thought how community life - living together on planet earth - was about sharing and cooperation - and, when needed, sacrificing for the good of all.

Surely, we are living in a defining moment in history when Americans are eager to unite around a common purpose. With the attention and support of the whole nation, our political leaders have the opportunity to lead us into a new era of cooperation and goodwill. President Bush declared that 9/11 was an attack on our way of life, which we must fight to protect. But what exactly is the American way of life? What is precious and must be safeguarded with our very lives? And what, in this pivotal time, should we reflect on as a nation and seek to improve?

For me, the American way is first about the freedom and equality of our democracy. Our constitution grants us one vote for every citizen, by which we elect representatives to serve in the best interests of all citizens. In the aftermath of 9/11, there was no spirit of sharing and sacrifice in the President's economic stimulus package passed by the House, when representatives who owe their jobs to billionaires approved tax breaks for the very wealthy, bailouts and sweetheart deals for corporations, and even retroactive corporate tax breaks involving over \$100 billion in refunds. By comparison, little concern was shown for average citizens left unemployed, nor to

Highlights in this Issue:

- ☆ Film on Global Warming and how you can sign up for wind generated electricity (*White Dog Cafe's electricity is 100% wind generated.*)
- ☆ *New Diet for a Small Planet* with Frances Moore Lappé and her daughter
- ☆ Report Back from Durban & Black Reparations
- ☆ Carelift International Goes to Uzbekistan
- ☆ Report from DC - Congressman Chaka Fattah
- ☆ Judge James Gray Indicts the War on Drugs

Announcing the formation of the White Dog Cafe Foundation

We've founded a non-profit 501(c)(3) to expand the community work of the Cafe through our own projects and to support other groups working on issues we care about.

Our projects will focus on building more just and sustainable local economies. The first project is the Philadelphia Fair Food Project, which supports the distribution and promotion of local family farm products, particularly humanely raised meat. We make modest contributions to non-profits addressing economic and social justice, and environmental sustainability. Topics of particular interest include fair trade, renewable energy, independent media, drug policy reform, peace and non-violence, and youth empowerment. We contribute 10% of the Cafe profits to the foundation and welcome contributions from customers, other businesses and foundations. Contributions are tax-deductible.

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the continuing loss of jobs to overseas factories. The passage of Fast Track will only increase the undemocratic process for making global trade agreements which favor transnational corporations seeking cheap labor abroad, and which override community efforts to protect their local economies, environment and health. Campaign finance reform to restore democracy and bring economic justice is worth fighting for.

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Storytelling

Real Stories by Real People



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

Mon., Feb. 11: Fear of Intimacy - Get Over It . Argie J. Allen is a family therapist at the Penn Council for Relationships, University City office, and co-program director of the Council's Anger Management Course. She will share stories of individuals, couples and families with whom she has worked and will lead a discussion on the role of different personality traits, especially vulnerability, as they affect intimate relationships. Operating since 1927, the Penn Council for Relationships (formerly the Marriage Council of Philadelphia) is a counselling, educational and research center with 10 offices in greater Philadelphia.

Mon., Mar. 18: Carelift International Goes to Uzbekistan Founded in 1992 by **Linda & Jeffrey Gloss**, Carelift International, a medical relief organization, relieves the suffering of people in developing countries by addressing issues of health care delivery and patient care. It is currently providing emergency medical assistance to civilian and refugee populations in Uzbekistan. Successful business people, Jeff and Linda Gloss made a decision in 1985 to devote themselves to making a difference, directing their time and resources primarily to volunteer programs ever since. Following a trip to Russia with the Deborah Heart and Lung Hospital in 1990 to help establish the country's first pediatric care unit, the Glosses were moved to found Carelift International. They will share their story and discuss humanitarian concerns in the Afghanistan region.

Mon., April 22: Women in Islam: Diversity & Unity . In the aftermath of September 11th, there have been many negative stereotypes of Arabs and Muslims, particularly with respect to the role of women. Three Muslim women from different parts of the world who are currently living in the US will join us. They will offer a brief overview of women in Qur'an and Hadith (sayings of the prophet Muhammed) and of the historical changes in the interpretation of Islamic teachings and law in relation to women. They will focus on experiences of integrating cultural and Islamic teachings in their own lives and share how these experiences affect their current lives in America. Tahija Vikalo, a staff member of the American Friends Service Committee's Middle East Peace Program, is from Bosnia. She will be joined by Muslim women from other parts of the world.

"The act of telling a story creates community, and at the same time, elicits more stories." Sam Keen. Bring your own tales.

Storytelling or Dinner reservations required. (215) 386-9224.
Open seating at bar. Singles welcome at group tables.



Breakfast Talks

"The Next Diet for a Small Planet"

with **Frances Moore Lappé** and **Anna Lappé**

Thursday, February 28, 8am

In her 1971 best seller, *Diet for a Small Planet*, Frances Moore Lappé sparked a revolution in the way Americans think about food and hunger, teaching millions the social and personal significance of a new way of eating. In their newest book, *Hope's Edge-The New Diet for a Small Planet*, Frances and her daughter Anna feature recipes from leading visionary cookbooks and restaurateurs and highlight initiatives from around the world that demonstrate how food can promote community and support values that sustain the land.

An activist and visionary, Frances Lappé is the best-selling author of 12 books and co-founder of two national organizations, including the Center for Living Democracy. In addition to *Diet for a Small Planet*, which sold more than 3 million copies in six languages, she authored *The Quickening of America: Rebuilding a Nation, Remaking Our Lives*, which focuses on the success stories and practical tools of citizen problem solving.

"Celebrating 25 Years of Women's Way An Intergenerational Discussion of Women's Rights"

Wednesday, March 6, 8am

In 2002, Women's Way, the nation's oldest and largest women's funding federation, marks its 25th anniversary with "A Celebration of Change," a year-long agenda combining substantive and celebratory examinations of women's achievements and Women's Way's role in accelerating change and progress for women and girls in our region.

Join **Lynn Yeakel**, chair of Women's Way 25 and former Women's Way President, and **Melissa Weiler Gerber**, current Executive Director, in an interactive, intergenerational discussion about advancements and disappointments for women over the last 25 years, the future of the women's movement, and Women's Way's critical role. (For more info on "A Celebration of Change" events, call (215) 985-3322 or visit www.womensway.org/ww25)

Breakfast talks at 8am include full breakfast with coffee and orange juice followed by speaker and discussion until 9:30am. \$12 per person, includes tax & gratuity. (Students & seniors, \$10 with advance notice.) Reservations required. (215) 386-9224

White Dog Cafe Table Talks

Serving Food with Thought

Monday, February 4, 6pm "Report Back From Durban & The Reparations Issue"

with **Cherie Brown** and **Ewuare Osayande**.

Cherie Brown, Executive Director of the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI), Washington, DC, will share her observations as a participant at the recent World Conference Against Racism (WARC) in Durban, South Africa. Widely recognized for its anti-racism work, NCBI has been training grassroots leaders to eliminate prejudice and intergroup conflict in 50 communities around the world since 1984. Poet Ewuare Osayande serves as Executive Director of the Phila Black Radical Congress and is the founder of Talking Drum Communications. BRC supports The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA) which seeks a landmark reparations settlement for African Americans.

Monday, February 25, 6pm "The Middle East Beyond Violence"

with **Nubar Hovsepian**,

Associate Director of the Middle East Center at the University of Pennsylvania. Hovsepian has been writing and lecturing about Middle Eastern affairs for more than 25 years. As a journalist he covered the war in Lebanon and as a columnist, both in the US and the Arab world, he has been astutely aware of the changing tempos of grassroots politics in the Arab world. He served as a senior Political Affairs Officer in the United Nations for the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, which formulated the two-state solution - the international consensus for the desired solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. He will talk of the hope, the dream and the challenges in seeking peace.

Monday, March 11, 6pm "Flight or Fight - The Future of Metropolitan Philadelphia"

with **Jeremy Nowak** and **David Thornburgh**.

The Metropolitan Phila Policy Center was formed in 2000 as a collaborative effort of 10,000 Friends of PA, The PA Economy League, and The Reinvestment Fund. It aims to help residents of the five-county region better understand the forces that shape our daily lives, and strengthen our ability to work together for change. The Center's new report, *Flight or Fight: Metropolitan Phila and its Future*, is a frank assessment of this region's growth over the last 30 years and the impact on our communities. Nowak, President of The Reinvestment Fund, and Thornburgh, Executive Director of the PA Economy League, will summarize the report's bleak assessment of our region and offer a regional agenda for change.

Monday, March 25, 6pm "The View from Washington Since September 11th"

with **Congressman Chakah Fattah**.

A life-long Phila resident, Congressman Fattah is serving a fourth term in the US House of Representatives from the 2nd Congressional District, which includes the White Dog Cafe. With education initiatives at the forefront of his legislative agenda, Fattah successfully initiated the innovative GEAR UP program, which helps students from low-income schools be better prepared for college. His current legislative priorities are The Equal Protection School Finance Act and The American Cities Investment Act. He will share his thoughts on current Congressional activity, with particular insights into the economic-stimulus package and the Patriot Bill and their economic and civil-rights implications for Americans.

Monday, April 8, 6pm "A Judicial Indictment of the War on Drugs"

with **Judge James P. Gray**,

veteran judge for the Superior Court of Orange County, CA. His recent book, *Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed and What We Can Do About It*, communicates the devastation wrought by a war he has witnessed from the frontlines as a trial judge and federal prosecutor. The views and experiences of more than 40 judges and justices nationwide are cited in this documented indictment of the failure of our drug laws. Practices successfully employed in other countries are offered as alternatives to our present policy. Judge Gray has championed a number of causes throughout his 25-year career, many on behalf of youth. He continues to mobilize community leaders to combat our illegal drug problem.

Monday, April 15, 6pm "The Global Justice Movement and Our Responsibility"

with **Kevin Danaher**,

co-founder and Director of Public Education for Global Exchange, a human rights organization based in San Francisco dedicated to promoting environmental, political and social justice around the world. An acclaimed author and speaker on foreign policy and the global economy, Danaher offers a totally restructured economic model that is more democratic and that shifts the dominant values from maximizing profits to meeting all social needs and preserving the environment. His talk will include Global Exchange's new initiative, The Green/Fair Economy Program, which focuses on building networks among the alternative economic institutions that serve as the building blocks of the new economy.

Also see page 6 for "Who Mentored You? The Importance of Workplace Mentoring" on Monday, January 28.

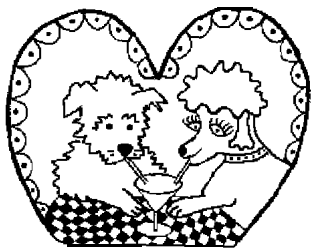
Table Talks at 6pm include a three course dinner, followed by a speaker and discussion from 7:30-9pm. \$30 per person, incl. tax & gratuity.

Cash bar. Reservations with advance payment required. Senior citizens (over 65) and full time students: \$25 with advance notification.

Student stand-by: call between 4 - 5:30pm before event for 6pm dinner for \$15, or discussion at 7:30 for free. Single reservations are

welcome where you'll be seated at a group table. Vegetarian dishes are always offered. Call (215) 386-9224 for Reservations.

"Lady and the Tramp"



Valentine's Day Dinner

Thursday, February 14, 5:30 - 11pm

Menu

Plump Oysters warmed in Champagne Potion
with angel hair pasta and onion pearls

Petite Smoked Salmon and Caviar Crostada
creamed caper spread, golden egg and chives

Crisp Baby Cake of Lump Crabmeat and Rockshrimp
avocado wasabi sauce, flying fish roe and pickled ginger

Garden of Eden Salad of Aphrodisiac Vegetables
dressed with white truffle sballot vinaigrette

Adam's Ribs Barbecued with Spicy Mongolian Glaze
seven vegetable slaw with sweet and sour dressing

Ménage à Trois of Three Erotic Fruits

red flame grapes, pear and apple with warm Brie baked en croûte

Savory Herb-flecked Ravioli filled with Rich Duck Confit
fresh and shelled beans in Marsala sage broth

Wild Mushrooms & Baby Artichokes with Garlic & Parsley
creamy asparagus risotto studded with flageolet and fontina

Herb Roasted Lamb Tenderloins with Rosemary Mint Jus
citrus kissed sweet potatoes and caramelized belgian endive

Parisian Filet of Beef au Poivre with Roquefort Butter
guafrette potato crisps and spinach fondue

Twice-Cooked Asian Duckling in Ginger-Chili Vinaigrette
stir-fried vegetables and crispy rice stick noodles

Red Snapper Filet Roasted under a Hazelnut Crust
buttery vanilla tarragon sauce and steamed asparagus spears

Sauteed Ocean Scallops on Lobster-Studded Potato Puree
vodka tomato horseradish sauce and steamed cucumber noodles

Mustard Grilled Salmon Filet on French Lentil Pilaf
rich Cabernet glaze and braised cabbage sprouts

White Chocolate-Tangerine Angel Food Bavarian
with poppy seed ice cream and raspberry drizzle

Warm Forbidden Fruit Bread Pudding
topped with cinnamon "red bots" ice cream

Champagne Strawberry Sorbet in an Almond Tuile
with chocolate dipped strawberries

"After The Act" Cappuccino Crème Brûlée
with cinnamon froth and chocolate straws

Milk Chocolate Cream Pie in a Chocolate Cookie Crust
with peanut caramel and chocolate curls

Orgasmic Organic Banana Cheesecake in a Coconut Crust
with warm rum caramel sauce

Don't Break My Heart Lemon Tart
with sweet roses sauce and cupid's arrow

\$50/person, plus tax and gratuity. Reservations (215) 386-9224

African-American Heritage Tour

Saturday, February 2, 10:30am

Philadelphia Doll Museum

2253 N. Broad St.

The Philadelphia Doll Museum, established in 1988 as an educational and cultural resource institution dedicated to preserving the art of doll making and collecting, will give us a guided tour of their collection of over 300 black dolls. The Museum provides a resource library of information and documentation which highlights the story of how black people have been perceived throughout world history. The collection includes African, European, and American Folk Art dolls, the renowned Roberta Bell Doll Collection, and American and internationally manufactured dolls.

Following the tour, we will return to the White Dog for lunch and a performance of

"Doin' Dunbar," with Oni Lasana.

This musical journey features the dialect poetry of **Paul Laurence Dunbar** (1872-1906), a forerunner to the Harlem Renaissance Era and inspiration to Maya Angelou, Langston Hughes, Frederick Douglass and many others.

\$25 includes lunch, tax & gratuity, entertainment, and admission to the Doll Museum. Meet at the Doll Museum for tour. Visit <http://www.whitedog.com/02022002> for driving directions or ask about carpooling. Reservations required. (215) 386-9224

(Oni Lasana will also be performing in "The Other Side of Gone Wit' de Wind" March 8, 9, 15 & 16 at the Shubin Theater. (407Bainbridge St. - call (215) 592-0119 for play information.)

Chocolate Lovers Workshop

benefiting

Philadelphia Fair Food Project

Saturday, January 26th, 10am

at Assouline & Ting, 505 Vine Street

Just in time for Valentine's Day! **Robert Bennett**, former pastry chef at Le Bec Fin and owner of the new **Miel Patisserie** in Cherry Hill, will demonstrate various chocolate confections such as truffles, mousse & meringues, as well as decorating and candy-making techniques, including chocolate bowls, fans, ribbons and bows.

\$50/person includes 2 1/2 hr demo. Space is limited. Reservations required. Free parking behind Assouline & Ting.

For more information about the events, or to make reservation, contact Fair Food at (215) 386-9224 ext. 122.

Earth Day Eco Tour

"Making a Business of Mutual Symbiosis"

Saturday, May 4, 10:30am

Phoenix Foods, 49th & Jefferson Streets

Join us for a tour of Phoenix Foods, an integrated sustainable fish and hydroponic (a.k.a. aquaponic) farm located in the West Phila Empowerment Zone, with a year-round, daily harvest of pesticide-free Tilapia and Sweet Basil at market prices.

Phoenix Foods' farm is a recirculating system where fish waste is biologically transformed into nitrogen, a plant nutrient. Floating basil plants take up nitrogen from the water before it recirculates back to the fish tanks.

In addition to using the natural byproduct of one crop to support another, Phoenix Foods' system also "load shares" energy - selling excess power created by their clean burning co-generator back on to the energy grid for consumer consumption during peak usage hours.

After the tour, Phoenix Foods founders Lance Haver and Dwayne Carson will join us for a picnic lunch and discussion on symbiotics in business and their experiences with putting their philosophies to work

\$15 includes tour, discussion, picnic lunch & tax. Tour meets at Phoenix Foods. Ask about carpooling or for driving directions, visit <http://www.whitedog.com/05042002.html>. Reservations required. (215) 386-9224.

(Also see page 7 for our Film Series on the Environment.)

13th Annual

Mural Arts Tour & Lunch

Saturday, April 27, 9:30am

We will board a motorized trolley for a guided tour through Philly neighborhoods to view murals first-hand.

9:30 Meet at the White Dog for coffee & scones.

10:00 2-hr. tour by trolley of outstanding wall murals

12:00 Return for Lunch at the White Dog Cafe and discussion with **Jane Golden**, Artistic Director of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, on the importance of murals to both community pride and development.

\$40 includes muffins & coffee, lunch, tax & tip, tour and contribution to the Mural Arts Program. For more information on the Mural Arts Program, call them at (215) 685-0750. Reservations required. (215) 386-9224

Take a Senior to Brunch & Eat Half Price

If you have an elderly relative or friend who doesn't have the opportunity to get out much any more, invite him or her for brunch at the White Dog Cafe on Saturdays and we'll take half off the check for the two of you. If you would like to find a new senior friend to bring, please call us and we'll arrange to link you with a senior who would love to join you.

To receive the discount, you must make advance reservations & mention "Senior Brunch." Limited number of seats. Black-out dates apply. (215) 386-9224

Ester M. Klein Art Gallery Tour

"Nurturing a Creative Spirit in the Homeless and Mentally Ill"

3600 Market St.

Saturday, January 26, 10:30am

Tour the Esther M. Klein Art Gallery's latest exhibition featuring the art of **Coalition Ingenu**. The Coalition, a small nonprofit, uses art to positively effect the lives of Philadelphians with histories of homelessness and mental illness. Coalition Ingenu works with mental health centers and support systems, homeless shelters, and rehabilitation programs to promote and encourage creativity as a means to psychological and emotional well-being; and to create a complete system for the recognition of outstanding expressions of creative energy by self-taught artists marginalized by extraordinary circumstances.

The Coalition Ingenu is the first in the Klein Gallery's new "Art & Community Series" showcasing the artwork of small, independent community centers and grass roots organizations that use art to positively effect communities throughout the Philadelphia area. These organizations are neighborhood specific and each one offers a very unique and unfiltered glimpse into the life of our city.

Following the tour, we will walk back to the White Dog for lunch and a discussion with **Robert Bullock**, Director of Coalition Ingenu.

\$21 includes gallery admission & tour, lunch & discussion, tax & tip. Reservations required. (215) 386-9224

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Sixteenth Annual Dinner in Memory of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr .

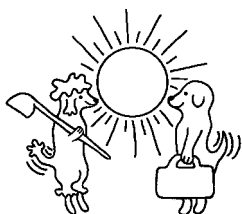
Monday, January 21, 6pm

with **K. Rose Samuels-Evans** ,

Associate Minister at the Metropolitan Baptist Church,
and orator who will recite the works of Dr. King.

Southern-Style Dinner , Gospel Music ,
and a **Discussion** of Dr. King's work in today's society.

\$25, includes dinner and discussion, entertainment, tax and gratuity. Reservations required. (215) 386-9224



New Visions for Business

*A tri-annual forum on
making work more meaningful*

Monday, January 28, 6pm

"Who Mentored You?"

The Importance of Workplace Mentoring"

*In honor of National Mentoring Month
with **Mary Strasser** ,*

Vice President for Community Impact at United Way,
first exec. director of One-to-One, & former director
of Philadelphia's Promise: The Alliance for Youth
along with students in the

White Dog Cafe's Mentoring Program,
celebrating our 10th anniversary

All aspects of the dinner, including food prep,
hosting, and serving, will be done by our mentees
along with the White Dog staff. Founded in 1992, our
mentoring program with students from the Hotel,
Restaurant & Tourism Academy at West Philadelphia
High School provides workplace experience, community
service participation, field trips to purveyors, family
farms, restaurants, and cultural activities. Hear
from the mentees and staff and learn about how
your workplace can set up a mentoring program.

\$30 includes three course dinner, speaker & discussion.
Reservations required. (215) 386-9224
(See table talk reservation policy on pg 3.)

White Dog Community Service Days

Monday, January 21, 9am-4pm

6th annual Martin Luther King Day of Service

"A day on, not a day off"

at **West Phila Habitat for Humanity**
4948 West Stiles Street

(northwest of the intersection of Lancaster & Girard)

Undertake a variety of construction jobs with supervi-
sion from the Habitat crew. Wear comfortable clothing
appropriate for the weather, including gloves, hats &
sturdy shoes. Youth ages 16 & over welcome.

Saturday, March 16, 10am - 2pm

Working Wardrobe Clothes Drive

1211 Chestnut Street, Suite 205

Working Wardrobe provides interview-appropriate
clothes at no cost to disadvantaged women who are
actively seeking employment. Our group will assist in
collecting & sorting clothing. Volunteers are encouraged
to bring: women's interview clothing (all sizes accepted,
14+ preferred -spring only, please,) cleaned, pressed
and on hangers; jewelry; accessories & shopping bags.

(The Black Cat accepts Working Wardrobe
donations daily from 11am - 9pm.)

Saturday, April 13, 10am - 2pm

Build Puppets for Earth Day

with **Spiral Q Puppet Theater**

3114 Spring Garden St, 2nd Floor

Spiral Q Puppet Theater seeks to mobilize communi-
ties, one puppet parade at a time. We will work with
Spiral Q Puppeteers to build puppets for upcoming Earth
Day festivities (Saturday, April 20). Be sure to wear
clothing you don't mind getting paint on. You are encour-
aged to bring extra art supplies (egg crates, paper towel
rolls, extra paint, etc.) and a creative spirit. All ages wel-
come, under 16 with adult supervision.

A complimentary White Dog lunch will be provided for
volunteers on all three days. Call (215) 386-9224 to register.

Music in Our Piano Parlor

Friday: 8pm - midnight

Singer/Pianist

Matthew Kenworthy

Saturday: 8pm - midnight

Singer/Pianist Max Apsley

Sunday Brunch:

11:30am - 2:30 pm

Singer/Pianist Max Apsley

Dinner ☆ Late Supper ☆ Cocktails

The Piano Parlor is available for private parties.



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In protecting our way of life, I think next of the American judicial system admired around the world, yet since 9/11 the Bill of Rights has been under attack by the very people who have sworn to protect it. Citizens can now be subjected to secret FBI surveillance of phones and emails, and interrogated without probable cause. FBI infiltration of groups is condoned under the same policies used to repress civil rights and anti-war groups in the 60's. As though human rights are due only to US citizens, aliens, even those who are long time US residents, are denied the right of due process and are being arrested without charges, detained indefinitely, and could be tried in secret military tribunals empowered to impose the death penalty with no right of appeal. Those who question these tactics are called unpatriotic and the First Amendment right to dissent, a cherished tradition in the American way of life, is considered dangerous to our national interest. The Bill of Rights is worth fighting for.

On the other hand, the American way of life is also about consuming - consuming more than our share. While Americans make up less than 5% of the world's population, we use up 25% of the earth's natural resources, and we are the leading producer of global warming gasses such as carbon dioxide, which threaten earth's very existence, as scientists now agree. While these times call for a re-evaluation of our wasteful lifestyles, and a willingness to sacrifice for the common good, the President urges citizens to increase shopping and traveling, and go back to business as usual. What Americans have become known for is not sharing, but taking. As other countries work together to cut emissions for the sake of future generations, the US rejected the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, (as the Bush administration has other efforts for international cooperation such as the International Land Mines Agreement, the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, the Biological Weapons Convention, the Treaty on Trade in Small Arms, the International Criminal Court, and the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.) At a time when sustainable energy sources are well within our grasp, the Bush administration's Energy Policy continues dependence on oil, coal and nuclear power. That is perhaps the greatest threat to our long-term security, both environmentally and militarily. A sustainable energy policy to save our planet is worth fighting for.

For many citizens, flying the flag is symbolic of pulling together - finding comfort in unity during difficult times. If we are to live successfully together on planet earth, our flag must also represent our country's leadership in pulling together as global citizens. Terrorism can only be increased by American policies that are seen by the rest of the world as arrogant, selfish, and based on military and economic global domination. That is a recipe for making enemies, not friends.

I once saw a video of a civil rights demonstration in the early 60's when a white officer was grabbing an American flag from the hands of a young black boy. The boy was hanging onto that flag for dear life. I feel like that now - as though what I love about my country - democracy, equality, justice, community, free speech - is being wrestled from my hands.

To fly our flag proudly, the American way must stand for universal human rights, international cooperation, and protecting and sharing nature's gifts equitably among all people. That is the only way to bring lasting peace and security, and that's worth fighting for.

Judy Wicks

Sunday Night Film Series on Environmental Issues

(films are projected on a large screen with sound system)

Sun, Feb 24 - **Natural Connections**

Natural Connections explores the ideas behind biodiversity, and takes a close-up look at salmon, rainforests, and marine ecosystems as examples. Through clear-cut, intelligent narration and interviews with Harvard's Edward O. Wilson, known as the "father of biodiversity"; Dr. Robert Paine, who coined the phrase "keystone species"; and forester Dr. Jerry Franklin, this film will leave you with a profound understanding of why we, as a species, need to "live simply so others may simply live." Discussion will follow.

(Also see page 5 for our annual Eco Tour which will visit an eco-friendly business based on using waste efficiently.)

Sun, Mar 24 - **Risky Business: Biotechnology and Agriculture** followed by **Not for Sale**

Filmed in laboratories and fields, *Risky Business* presents scientists, industry proponents, environmental and consumer activists from the U.S., Europe, and developing countries who discuss the risks and benefits of biotechnology and its growing international impacts.

Not for Sale, a companion piece to *Risky Business* due out in January 2002, delves into the most recent Biotechnological advances including genetic patenting. Beyond food, genetic patenting claims ownership to life forms such as genes, seeds, and even human cell lines. This film illustrates "the connection between biodiversity and cultural diversity, between resistance to globalization and social & environmental justice."

Renske van Staveren from the Philadelphia Fair Food Project will join us for a discussion following the films. Renske will speak from her national efforts to raise awareness about the potential consequences of genetic engineering in our food supply, and the relationship between the industrialization of agriculture & economic globalization.

Sun, Apr 14 - **Global Warming: Turning up the Heat**

questions why nothing has been done about this life threatening issue despite overwhelming consensus among international scientists that human consumption of resources is warming the planet in potentially catastrophic ways. The program examines how human activity has contributed to unusual heat waves, floods and droughts around the world, and looks at some of the ingenious solutions that are now being developed to alleviate these problems.

Following the film, we will have a discussion with representatives from the Clean Air Council and Community Energy, the lead organization generating wind power in PA - including 100% of the White Dog's electricity. They will talk about newly available consumer options in clean energy.

Free film showings begin at 6:30pm, with dinner reservations starting at 5pm. The films are less than an hour & are followed by discussion. Dinner, Bar & Grill and Dessert menus, as well as beverage service are available before, during, and after the films. Limited seating. Please RSVP. (215) 386-9224

White Dog Cafe Calendar Winter/Spring 2001

January

- Mon, Jan 21, 9am MLK, Day of Service: W. Philly Habitat for Humanity
- Mon, Jan 21, 6pm Dinner in Memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Sat, Jan 26, 10am Chocolate Workshop benefitting Phila Fair Foods Project
- Sat, Jan 26, 10:30am Ester Klein Art Gallery Tour: "Coalition Ingenu"
- Mon, Jan 28, 6pm New Visions for Business: "...Workplace Mentoring"

February

- Sat, Feb 2, 10:30am African-American Heritage Tour: "Art as Cultural Record"
- Mon, Feb 4, 6pm Table Talk: "Report Back From Durban and The Reparations Issue"
- Mon, Feb 11, 7:30pm Storytelling: "Fear of Intimacy - Get Over It!"
- Thurs, Feb 14 Valentine's Day "Lady and the Tramp" Dinner
- Sun, Feb 24, 6:30pm Sunday Film Series: "Natural Connections"
- Mon, Feb 25, 6pm Table Talk: "The Middle East Beyond Violence"
- Thur, Feb 28, 8am Breakfast Talk: "The Next Diet for a Small Planet"

March

- Wed, Mar 6, 8am Breakfast Talk: "Celebrating 25 Years of Womens Way"
- Mon, Mar 11, 6pm Table Talk: "Flight or Fight - Future of Metro Phila"
- Sat, Mar 16, 10am Working Wardrobe Community Service Day
- Mon, Mar 18, 7:30pm Storytelling: "Carelift Intri'l Goes to Uzbekistan"
- Sun, Mar 24, 6:30pm Sunday Film Series: "Risky Business" & "Not For Sale"
- Mon, Mar 25, 6pm Table Talk: "View from Washington Since September 11th"

April

- Mon, Apr 8, 6pm Table Talk: "Judicial Indictment for the War on Drugs"
- Sat, Apr 13, 10am SpiralQ Puppet Build Community Service Day
- Sun, Apr 14, 6:30pm Sunday Film Series: "Global Warming..."
- Mon, Apr 15, 6pm Table Talk: "Global Justice Movement & Responsibility"
- Mon, Apr 22, 7:30pm Storytelling: Women and Islam: Diversity & Unity
- Sat, Apr 27, 9:30am Mural Arts Tour

May

- Sat, May 4, 10:30am Earth Day Eco Tour: "Making a Business of Symbiosis"
- Optional 6pm à la carte dinner precedes Monday evening storytellings.
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