



Folk-singer Mark Levy joins with *Citizen Action for Lasting Security* to celebrate the opening of their new office. Levy will sing at 9 pm following a showing of *Atomic Cafe* at 7:30 pm, at Harris Hall, 8th & Oak, in Eugene. A Grand Opening of the new CALS office precedes this event from 4-7 pm at the new location, 59 W. 13th, on August 3.



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### Book Review

## Sister Age

By M.F.K. (Mary Frances Kennedy) Fisher, Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., New York, and Random House of Canada, Ltd., Toronto, 1983, 243 pgs., \$12.95. (Book courtesy of Marketplace Books, Fifth Street Market, Eugene, OR.)

*Sister Age* is a collection of fifteen well-written, easy-reading short stories, many of them previously published in various magazines or periodicals including *The New Yorker*, *Ellery Queen*, *Prose* and *Westways*.

Easy reading these tales may be; the understanding may be less apparent, even though the central theme is revealed in the title. *Sister Age* is a fact of life often ignored in this society even though she is an implacable part of our lives as much as rain, wind and ocean tides.

So, stroll, if you will, into the twilight years, led by the gentle hand of M.F.K. Fisher. Read her foreword and afterward carefully before you savor the subtleties contained in the delectable, literary gems encased between. Read, reflect and enjoy!

—Kenneth N. Harris

## Friends of the Spring Trust Are Still Sweating...

A few months ago, as many of you know, free use of Cougar Hot Springs was almost lost to the public. Only the efforts of the Friends of the Spring Trust have managed to save the springs from being either capped up or else cooped up in cement tubs by the side of the road. The Trust, a cooperative in conjunction with the Forest Service, has come up with a plan under which the Trust will manage the area around the spring, the camping area along Boone Creek, a portion of Rider Creek and the Reservoir frontage. Included are plans for providing a full-time resident caretaker at the spring, protection and improvements of the land and trails, acquisition of insurance for personal and property damage, and better control of van-

dalism and general misuse of the spring. The permit is probationary and valid for one year, to be renewed by agreement of both parties contingent on the permit requirements being carried out.

Much help on many levels is needed. Volunteers are necessary to assist the caretaker in monitoring the area and educating users as well as in organizing fund-raising activities, constructing decks and other improvements, preparing educational materials, and for mailings and other tasks. The Trust has a major need for funds to pay for insurance costs, for the caretaker's residence, and for signs, brochures, and other communications. One good way to contribute is to become a member of the Trust, which costs \$10 per person or \$15 per family per

year. Donations of materials are welcome and necessary for constructing the residence, the decking and trail improvements, and for the new toilets and kiosk.

It is up to us to keep Cougar Hot Springs open for all to use. We have one year in which to prove we can meet the Forest Service's criteria or we will lose the spring to private maintenance. Please do whatever you can to help.

To become a member or to get additional information, contact: Friends of the Spring Trust, P.O. Box 11681, Eugene, OR 97440, (503) 683-3533.

The next meeting of the Trust is Monday, July 25, at 7:30 at 2519 Harris. All are invited and welcome to attend.

—Amy Lustig  
Friends of the Spring Trust

## Journey for Peace to Wah Chang/Albany

by Pamela Seaworthy

Most of us know Teledyne Wah Chang from its grand stench which seeps in through closed car windows as we pass through Albany on I-5. The plant is a famous polluter. But we may not all be as aware of the activities that go on within the plant. Wah Chang produces zirconium, which is an essential material in the nuclear industry, both for reactors and bombs. To call attention to this defense connection as well as to the toxic dumping of radioactive and other wastes, Eugene Direct Action, a local anti-nuclear group, is joining the environmentalist group Forelows on Board in a protest journey to Albany by foot, bicycle and raft on July 29 and 30.

Teledyne Wah Chang/Albany is the world's largest producer of zirconium and the only plant in the western world capable of producing the finished metal from raw zircon ore. Most of this zirconium is used in the nuclear industry as a housing for the plutonium or uranium used in nuclear fuel rods and in nuclear bombs. It is the only metal which can withstand the stress of the radioactive material and at the same time allow the nuclear reactions to pass freely through

it. However this process is not without its dangers.

Under certain conditions Zirconium can be highly explosive (because of this it is used in certain incendiary bombs). This property posed a serious threat of explosion in the Three Mile Island accident where the zirconium was also responsible for the formation of the dangerous hydrogen bubble due to its chemical reaction with the steam. These accidents are a kind of inevitability in the type of nuclear reactors in use in the U.S.

In nuclear warheads, including the ones to be used in the Cruise and Pershing missiles, zirconium is similarly essential as cladding for the plutonium.

Wah Chang's parent corporation Teledyne is among the top 50 defense contractors and one of the most profitable companies in the Fortune 500. It is directly involved in the production of cruise missiles, producing about half of their engines. Among its other defense commitments are the Navstar satellite which can accurately guide sea-launched missiles, parts for the B-1 bomber and Trident submarine, and ABM (Anti-Ballistic Missiles) research. Additionally, Teledyne Inc. draws the greatest

part of its income from stock which it holds in other corporations, including a controlling interest in Litton Industries, a major defense contractor.

The production of zirconium has as a byproduct radioactive sand containing radium 226, a known carcinogen. For years Wah Chang Albany dumped this waste in sludge pools near its plant, and recently it received a license to keep it there permanently. Forelows on Board, an environmental group, is protesting this license in court and in a *Walk on Wah Chang*, a twelve-mile hike from Corvallis to Albany on Saturday, July 30.

Eugene Direct Action is addressing the defense involvements of Wah Chang Albany and Teledyne Inc. with a simultaneous *Journey for Peace* composed of walkers, boaters and bicyclists. The bicyclists will leave Eugene on Friday, July 29; on Saturday all the groups will travel from Corvallis to Albany. Those who cannot go are invited to pledge money for miles travelled; proceeds will benefit nuclear resistance groups in the region.

A parade through Albany Saturday afternoon and a rally will allow people who have not travelled from Corvallis to join at that point. The rally will be followed by a picnic, music, party and overnight camping if desired. The event is free and open to everyone. For details see the calendar listings or call Journey for Peace, 343-8548.

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