

on Latin American politics, human rights and culture, and runs all day Thursday and Friday with both local and national speakers in English and Spanish. Music performances and art exhibits are also included. The complete program is available online at <http://babel.uoregon.edu/LAS/news.htm>

On Sunday, Nov. 9, the **Eugene Forum for Peace Education** will sponsor a discussion about Sept. 11, 2001, the peak of petroleum, and permaculture solutions. The event, originally planned at EWEB, will be held instead from 2 to 5 pm in the EMU Fir Room at the UO.

Jerry Russell of www.911-strike.com will discuss some of the evidence that 9/11 was an "inside job," with U.S. government foreknowledge and even complicity. Mark Robinowitz of www.oilempire.us will discuss the political context and its relationship to the imminent peak of world oil extraction. Sustainability activist Jan Spencer will conclude, with practical suggestions how individuals and neighborhoods can work toward community food security through permaculture.

From 7 to 9 pm Tuesday, Nov. 11, the 911 Film Series will sponsor more films at UO's Willamette 100. This episode will include footage not previously shown in Eugene, including film excerpts about Pearl Harbor, the assassination of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., and outtakes from the film *Aftermath: Unanswered Questions from 911*. The film *The Great Deception* will also be shown. Both events are free to the public.

FREEDOM RIDERS RETURN

Forty-three Oregonians, including Guadalupe Quinn, Mary Martinez-Wenzel, Jorge Salic and John Cuff of Eugene, participated in the Immigrant Workers' Freedom Ride Sept. 23; 18 buses from 10 major cities crossed the U.S., visiting over 100 communities in 41 states.

The Freedom Riders converged in Washington, D.C., to lobby for immigration policy reform, focusing on legalization, worker protections, family reunification, and civil liberties for hard-working, tax-paying immigrants. Moving north, they held a massive rally in New York. The Eugene Freedom Riders will share experiences from the road and discuss local, state, and national initiatives for advancing the

immigrant rights movement in "On the Road for Immigrant Rights: A Report from the Freedom Riders" to be held at Adams/Hillside Elementary Schools (950 W. 22 Ave.), 7 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Martinez-Wenzl, coordinator of the Network for Immigrant Justice, explains that immigrant farm workers and volunteers/activists work together in the fight for farm workers' rights. She says, "Organizers of the Immigrant Worker Freedom Rides sought to include immigrant workers primarily, but the inclusion of immigrant rights advocates and allies was essential to demonstrate just how broad-based the movement for immigrant rights is."

In a September 24 journal entry during the Freedom Ride, Martinez-Wenzl writes, "After

breakfast we went to a rally at the Whitman College campus. Students spoke eloquently of the need for students to organize in solidarity with workers. One speaker, a recent Santa Cruz graduate originally from Cambodia, spoke of love and hope. I was nearly moved to tears. Not only are we building a movement and mobilizing people for immigrant justice, but ... we are also living the vision of the change that we want to see."

Martinez-Wenzl says, "Whether people acknowledge it or not, immigrant issues impact us all. Immigrants pick the food that we find on our tables, care for our elderly relatives, and perform myriad other important jobs that are often taken for granted. Immigrants contribute to our community culturally and contribute millions of dollars to our economy in taxes and Social

Security. Yet current immigration policy renders it nearly impossible for immigrants to live and work in the U.S. legally."

For more information on immigrant workers' rights, or on the Nov. 12 presentation, contact Mary Martinez-Wenzl with Community Alliance of Lane County, Network for Immigrant Justice at 485-1755.—BW

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's short news item on the Lane County Cannabis Initiative, erroneous information was provided to *EW*. Co-directors of the initiative Eileen Erdelt and Chris Wise say marijuana eradication on federal lands *will* continue if the initiative passes. For more information, visit <http://sensiblelanecounty.tk>



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