

FREE SPEECH ARREST

Anti-war activist Peter Chabarek plans to plead not guilty for his Feb. 21 arrest before Sen. Gordon Smith's speech to the Rotary Club at the Eugene Hilton. Attorney Brian Michaels will argue that the arrest violated Chabarek's free speech rights.

Chabarek and other members of the Eugene Civil Resisters and Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC) protested outside the Hilton before Sen. Smith's speech, holding large photographs of Iraq War casualties and displaying coffins draped with American and Iraqi flags. Signs criticized Smith for his ongoing war support.

The activists were not permitted inside the event, but Chabarek handed out anti-war leaflets at the ballroom door. He continued to pass out the leaflets, which called Smith an "accomplice to mass murder," after the Hilton manager, the Rotary Club president and EPD Lt. Peter Kerns asked him to leave. Eugene police then arrested Chabarek and charged him with criminal trespass.

Attorney Brian Michaels will defend Chabarek at his municipal court trial. "I think the case will focus on what basis the Hilton and the Rotary Club chose to extricate him," Michaels said. "Why did they bother to kick him out if he wasn't interfering with any business?"

Chabarek said that he was passing out the leaflets in a part of the Hilton that was open to the public. "There may be very justifiable free speech grounds to win this case," he said.

The Civil Resisters also protested Sen. Ron Wyden's support for war funding during his Jan. 13 speech to the Eugene City Club. They subjected New York Sen. Hilary Clinton to the same criticism during her Jan. 27 fund-raising event in Portland. No one was arrested at those events.

Three days of anti-war activities are planned across the nation for March 18-20, the three-year anniversary of the start of the Iraq War. A coalition of Lane County progressive groups, including CALC and the Eugene-Springfield Solidarity Network, will hold a march rally, teach-in and evening celebration on March 18, with

the theme "Take Back Our America." Mayor Kitty Piercy, former Centro Latino Director Carmen Urbina and Rep. Paul Holvey will speak at that event.

The Civil Resisters also plan to stage a civil disobedience action on March 20.

— Kera Abraham



"Granny D"

STORM OF SPEAKERS

A 96-year-old political activist, a researcher who compiled a database of every suicide bombing between 1980 to 2004, a peacenik rabbi and an East Coast academic who studies the events surrounding Hurricane Katrina may not seem to have much in common.

But each will be speaking on their respective areas of expertise in a three-day span this coming week, bringing to light some of the nation's most talked-about political issues.

Rabbi Michael Lerner, the author of *The Politics of Meaning* and *Spirit Matters* and the editor of *Tikkun* magazine, will visit Eugene to discuss the right-wing pre-emption of religious ideals and what the religious left can do to reclaim America. The free talk, "The Left Hand of God: Taking Back our Country from the Religious Right," will take place at 7 pm on March 6 at Temple Beth Israel, 2550 Portland Street.

Social justice advocate, author and educator **Felice Yeskel** will present "What Katrina Revealed: Racism, Classism and

Economic Apartheid in America" at LCC, Wednesday, March 8 at 10 am in Building 17, Room 308. Later that day she'll be at the UO presenting her lecture "Natural and Unnatural Disasters: The Divide Katrina Revealed — Economic Apartheid in America" at 3:30 pm in the Fir Room of the EMU. "The ladder of opportunity has

been disassembled," Yeskel said. "The American dream has become the American pipe dream."

At the youthful age of 90, **Doris "Granny D" Haddock** completed a 14-month, 3,200-mile walk across America to bring attention to campaign finance reform. Six years later, her mission continues in Eugene, first with a press conference March 8 at 3:45 pm on

the Wayne Morse Plaza, weather permitting. A free community event will follow at 7:30 pm at Cozmic Pizza, where she'll speak on "How to Achieve Campaign Finance Reform and a Velvet Revolution."

Robert Pape rounds out the talented group of speakers with a discussion of his book *Dying to Kill: The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism*. Pape, a political science professor at the University of Chicago, has said, "Suicide-terrorist attacks are not driven by religion as much as they are by a clear strategic logic to compel modern democracies to withdraw military forces." His talk will take place at 7 pm on March 9 at Prince Lucien Campbell Hall.

— Tim O'Rourke



CHINUK WAWA LCC CLASS

Writing short, descriptive sentences about what a classmate looks like and how they act may seem like a humdrum task.

But this seemingly simple assignment is part of a plan to rescue a dying language that has played an integral part in Oregon's history.

This winter, LCC has changed its American Indian Language (AIL) curriculum to include not only an amended version of its Foundations of American Indian Languages class, but also the beginning of a series of sections focusing on the language spoken by Native tribes from Northern California, Oregon, north through Alaska and east to the Rockies.

The class is meant to expose students to a language not usually offered alongside the typical Spanish, French, German and Japanese curriculum while building the base of a community of speakers able to keep the language alive for the next generation.

"Hopefully, when [the students] meet each other in the real world they'll have some phrases, some language skills, so they can have a conversation," says Dr. Janne Underriner, who is organizing and team-teaching the course as LCC's first endowed chair in any subject. "I would love for this to whet their appetite and have them continue to study the language."

Also teaching the course are language teachers from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, where the movement to preserve the Chinuk Wawa language in the Willamette Valley took root.

Chinuk Wawa is a language with very few "first speakers" left. In the past, it served as a common language between tribes and as a modified trade language used by English speakers throughout

Oregon, the Western U.S. and Canada. "Like all Native languages, it's very much on the edge," says Underriner.

AIL 101, as the class is titled, will build on this term's knowledge base in the spring and summer terms. Underriner sees students from an array of backgrounds continuing their studies of the language, fine-tuning their oral and written skills and learning about the cultural practices of the people who spoke Chinuk Wawa as a first language.

But Underriner's chair position will

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