

chanting "Money for health and education, not for war and occupation."

The call urges a shift in strategy in Iraq, from a military model to a conflict resolution model. It requests the withdrawal of all foreign troops and foreign fighters from Iraq, negotiations to reincorporate disenfranchised Iraqis, full representation of women in the peacemaking process, and a commitment to women's equality in the post-war Iraq. The full text is available at www.womensaynotowar.org.

Khamas is a journalist, translator and human rights activist who lives in Baghdad with her husband and two daughters.

She is a member of the Women's Will organization, which focuses on defining and defending women's rights outside of political party interests and opposing incarceration of women as hostages. Khamas regularly publishes articles on women's conditions in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion, and has documented human rights violations committed by U.S. and Iraqi forces. She is also involved in mobilizing emergency relief (medicines, food and clothing) for victims of the war, especially women and children living in refugee camps.

Khamas is being hosted by Eugene CODEPINK, a small band of women from a variety of peace groups who believe the time is right for a new attitude to Eugene's traditional peace activist approach. Eugene CODEPINK founders Karla Cohen (Justice

Not War Coalition), Pam Garrison (Justice Not War, Women in Black, WAND) and Aria Seligmann (WAND, Nonviolent Peaceforce) marched together in the Sept. 24 Peace Parade in Washington, D.C.

VELURE COVERAGE

Last week *The Register-Guard* used two front page articles and an editorial to take county Circuit Court Judge Lyle Velure to task for trying to hand off his judgeship to his friend Rohn Roberts. Velure told Roberts he would not seek re-election and would withdraw just before the deadline, leaving Roberts, who filed at the last minute, as the only candidate on the ballot for the judgeship. Velure and Roberts backed off after criticism in the *R-G* and Velure said he wouldn't resign now.

But a similar thing happened the same week in Portland with very different play in *The Oregonian* and a different outcome. *The Oregonian* reported that Portland Sen. Frank Shields withdrew two days before filing deadline, leaving his close friend Rod Monroe to file for his vacant seat shortly before the deadline. But Jesse Cornett, who works in the Secretary of State's Office, noticed Shields wasn't running and also filed for the vacant seat before the deadline. *The Oregonian* did one inside story with no edito-



Happening people BY PAUL NEEVEL

KEITH SHELDON

After graduation from college in her home state of Virginia, Keith Sheldon joined the Peace Corps and spent three years in Burkina-Faso, the fourth poorest nation on Earth. "It changed my life," she says. "My relationship with money is so different." Sheldon also met her husband, Kevin Young, in the Peace Corps. When they returned in 1987, they toured the West Coast and decided to settle in Eugene. She found part-time work dealing with young felony offenders in the county's Youth

Services Department, while he established and tended their organic Healing Ground Farm at the top of Fall Creek Reservoir. Nineteen years later, Sheldon still works part-time (by choice) with Youth Services, as a probation officer with an all-girl case load. "I sit with the family and do an assessment," she explains. "Can they take care of appropriate consequences? Eighty percent of charges never go to court. We divert, divert, divert." She points out that time spent in prison is the best predictor of who will go bad. "It's \$160 per day not well spent," she says. "It just shapes more criminal behavior."



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