

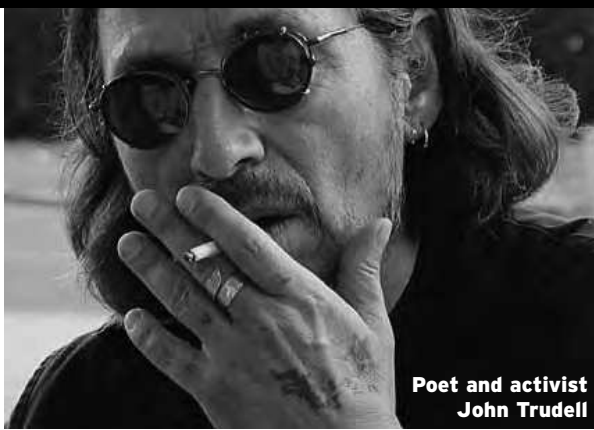
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speakers and performers.

A benefit for Beyond Patriarchy will be held at the Campbell Club at 1670 Alder St. on Saturday night. Musicians will include Brenna Sahatjian and Felina.

Beyond Patriarchy will take place from 3 to 9 pm Friday, May 9, and from 10 am to 6 pm Saturday, May 10, in the EMU Century and River Rooms. Email beyondpatriarchy@riseup.org for more details.

— Cali Bagby



Poet and activist
John Trudell

ety, inadequate veterans benefits and growing war resistance within the active duty military, according to Jack Dresser of Veterans for Peace.

VETERANS TELL OF WAR CRIMES

Lane County members of Veterans for Peace traveled to Maryland in March to join war veterans from around the country in a series of testimonials called "Winter Soldier: Iraq and Afghanistan." The event was a sequel to the Winter Soldier Investigation reported by John Kerry to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1971.

The local veterans will present a public report on their trip at 7 pm Monday, May 5, at PLC 180 on the UO campus. The presentation will include video footage and a discussion with the local Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) testifier. The public is invited.

In Maryland, 13 panels of young veterans and expert witnesses reported war crimes routinely committed which violated the "rules of engagement" to protect non-combatants, use of prohibited weapons such as depleted uranium, wanton and needless property destruction, racist dehumanization of Arabs, systematic desensitization of troops to the horror of killing, flagrant waste and war profiteering, sexual assault and harassment within the military, impacts upon the victim societies, costs to our soci-

ACTIVIST ALERT

• Two Oregon WAND members are organizing a house party for **Rob Handy** from 6 to 8 pm Thursday, May 1, at his campaign headquarters at 6th and Lawrence. RSVP to 484-9595.

• **Activist John Trudell** will be doing a spoken word performance at 7:30 pm Saturday, May 3, at LCC's Forum Building. The event is a benefit to fund gynecologic cancer education and outreach programs. Trudell is touring as part of the Give Love, Give Life concert tours that feature men taking a stand for women. "The women in our lives — grandmothers, mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, aunts, nieces and cousins — are what make us whole as human beings," he says. "It's time to do something good for the women."

• A public debate between the **two state AG candidates** on the May ballot, John Kroger and Greg Macpherson, both Democrats, is planned for 5 to 6 pm Tuesday, May 6, at the UO School of Law, room 175. The debate is cosponsored by the Law Offices of Lauren Regan and the Democratic Party of Lane County.

Happening people

BY PAUL NEEVEL

SERENA BECKER AND JERAMY VALLIANOS

By the time you read this, Serena Becker and Jeramy Vallianos will be in the Sonoran Desert, beginning a six-month hike of the Pacific Crest Trail. "We spent two days putting food in boxes for friends to mail," says Vallianos. "Every week or so we'll go into a town to pick up a package." While in town, they will locate an Internet cafe to update the blog on their website, walkforwild.org "It's our first try at blogging," says Becker. "We want to raise awareness of PCT areas that need protection." A South Eugene grad, Becker got involved in human rights activism as a student at Evergreen State College. "I traveled to Rafah, in Gaza, with the Olympia-Rafah sister-city program," she notes. "Rachel Corrie, from Olympia, was killed in Rafah in 2003." In Olympia, she also met Vallianos, her boyfriend of five years, who had hiked the Appalachian Trail in 2001. The pair hopes to attract donations for the purchase of private land along the PCT. "Our goal is to raise \$10,000," says Becker. "The money we raise will go to the Pacific Forest Trust to protect land in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument."



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