Border Immersion Trips Raise Awareness about Immigration Justice

People who traveled on the New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice tour to El Paso/Juarez in April will tell about experiences meeting with the Border Patrol, immigrants and deportees at the Wall and their interviews with people who serve them, including a doctor, a lawyer, small library staff, volunteers at Annunciation House and others. (See page 5 for Lily Hansen’s personal reflections about her immersion experience.)

We want to take more people on tours to witness the border, become involved and inform others about the horrendous conditions on our Southern Border. Come and help work at the local, state and national levels to change this intolerable situation- the most important civil rights issue in American today. If you wish, bring clothes or money to send to children attempting to cross the border into the U.S. We need to work together to help protect the children arriving in the U.S. and to respond to their basic needs. Border immersion experiences help us to understand the root causes that compel children to flee their homes and come to the U.S.

Please join us Thursday, Aug. 21, 6-8pm at the Peace and Justice Center to learn more and lend a hand to help us in reaching out to these children. Refreshments will be served, contact Joanne Calkins 268-1733 or Mary Beth Howe (816) 516-1246 for info.
**Regularly Scheduled Events held at the Peace Center unless otherwise noted**

**MONDAYS**
350NM.org 1st & 3rd Monday, 5-7pm, 255-1222.
Veterans for Peace 2nd Monday, 5:30-8pm, 271-9274.

**TUESDAYS**
Friends of Sabeel ABQ 2nd Tuesday, odd months, 5:30-7pm, 228-9151
ABQ Hours New Member Orientation, 3rd Tuesday, 6-8pm, www.abqhours.org

**WEDNESDAYS**
Grassroots New Mexico Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 3:55 pm on KUNM 89.9FM.
Stop the War Machine 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 6pm, 858-0882
People for Peace 1st Wednesday, 7-9 pm, The Commons (parlor), 2300 West Alameda, Santa Fe, (505) 983-3906.
Peace Center’s Coordinating Council 2nd Wednesday, 5:30pm. Potluck and meeting. All are invited.
Amnesty International Local Group 101 4th Wednesday, 6:45-8 pm, 795-2881.

**THURSDAYS**
Peace Cafè Weekly, Noon-3pm, Free coffee, snacks, Wi-Fi, chess, jam session. Everyone welcome!
Women in Black Weekly, 12:30-1pm, silent vigil on Lomas between 3rd and 4th streets. All invited, wear black. 341-9307.
Gay Men’s Spirituality Weekly, 7:15-9pm, Frontier, 266-0884

**FRIDAYS**
Agua Es Vida Action Team 2nd Fri., 1:30-4:30pm, 242-5511.
Peace Center’s Admin. Committee 4th Friday, 1:30pm-3pm.

**SATURDAYS**
Food Distribution Weekly, 8:30am in Parking Lot.
Quote Unquote Media Center Board Meeting 4th Saturday, 10am-12:30pm, www.quote-unquote.org, 417-9178.
St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass, Weekly, 5-7pm at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 2801 Lomas NE. 345-3677, 977-4661.
Tulane St. Peace Rally Weekly, Noon-1:30pm at Central & Tulane, 898-4544.
Humanist Society of NM 2nd Saturday, 10am-noon, 344-6102
CNM Move to Amend 3rd Saturday, 11am-1pm, 450-1268
Dialogue Group 3rd Saturday, 1:30-3:30pm, 243-6174.
Economic Reform Advocacy Group 3rd Sat., 10:30am-2:30pm, 1st Unitarian Church, Carlisle @ Comanche. 323-0364.
Gray Panthers 4th Saturday, 1-2:30pm at Highland Senior Center, 131 Monroe NE. Contact: 266-8823.
Peña Cultural / Coffee House Monthly, 7-10pm, Bandido Hideout, 2128 Central SE, 385-3670.

**SUNDAYS**
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Weekly, 11am-noon.
Potluck on fifth Sunday, 11am-2:30pm, 440-6688.
Light Mission Pentecostal Church Weekly 5-7pm 203-4721
(UN)Occupy ABQ Weekly, 1pm at Yale Park, unoccupy-abq@gmail.com, www.unoccupyabq.org.

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Friday-Thursday, Aug. 1-7, 6pm only

_Gore Vidal: The United States of Amnesia_, focusing on his last years and exploring his influence on American culture. At Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave. NE. Info: www.guildcinema.com, see also _Noticias_.

Saturday, Aug. 2, 11am

Please join ANSWER at Central Ave. and First Street (across from the bus station) to demand: “Stop the Massacre in Gaza!” This demonstration is coordinated with the National March on D.C. For info: 268-2488 or abganswer@gmail.com.

Saturday, Aug. 2, 2pm

_Pax Christi_ will be holding the annual **Sack Cloth & Ashes Event** to commemorate the Hiroshima bombing at Ashley Pond in Los Alamos. If interested, contact Bud: bud@siochainworld.org, and see also _Back Page_.

Saturday, Aug. 2, 2:30pm

**Ice Cream for Democracy.** Ice cream social for activists opposing big money and outside influence on elections, at 1519 Anderson Place SE. RSVP: 268-5073

Saturday, Aug. 2, 6pm


Sunday, Aug. 3, 11am


Monday, Aug. 4, 4-6pm

**My Vagina, My Business**, a monthly rally (every first Monday) to mark the heinous Supreme Court decision directly attacking and discriminating against women. Bring signs to picket Hobby Lobby, 4315 Wyoming Blvd. NE. See also _Noticias_.

Tuesday, Aug. 5, 7-9pm

JVPABQ & FOSA present a Teach-In: “Connecting the Dots: _Israel and the Militarization of U.S. Police and APD._” Featuring Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb; Yotan Feldman (via Skype), director of _The Lab_; Mike Gomez, father of son killed by APD; and attorney Alan Wagman. At The P&J, suggested donation $5-10. Info: 550-9553 or lhrudolph@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

The **Peace Center will be closed** for Hiroshima Day.

Sunday, Aug. 10, 11am

AUUF welcomes Sarah Stark, discussing _Out There_, her novel about a native soldier’s return to Santa Fe following 2 tours in Iraq. At the Peace Center; info: 440-6688, www.abquuf.org

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 7-9:30pm

_Friends of Sabeel ABQ_ (FOSA) meeting at Greenbrier Apt. Coop (W. of Tramway and S. of Indian School @ 1212 Nakomis)- purple SABEEL signs will guide you to your destination. Everyone is welcome, call Rita at 468-7480 or 828-0546 with questions.

Thursday, Aug. 7, 2:30-3:30pm

Check presentation for the Issa Sakaki Merrill Scholarship and Student Support Fund, providing annual grants to undergraduate students at UNM majoring in political science with a minor in peace studies. Coincides with the weekly Peace Café. See _Noticias_ for more info.

Saturday, Aug. 16, 1:30-3:30pm

**Dialogue: Freedom and Culture - the Way?** How can we move to a truly shared culture, beyond privilege and racism? Bring a story, share your ideas- we respect each person’s perspective. Info: Judith, 243-6174.

Sunday, Aug. 17, 11am


Thursday, Aug. 21, 6-8 PM

_Stories from the Border Immersion Trip_. People who traveled on the **New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice** tour to El Paso/Juarez in April tell about their experiences. Info: Joanne Calkins, 268-1733 or Mary Beth Howe, (816) 516-1246, see also _Cover_.

Sunday, Aug. 24, 11am


Sunday, Aug. 24, Noon

Join **Project PeacePal** for a meal at Bistronomy B2B, 3118 Central Ave SE, for “Giving Back Sunday.” B2B will donate 20% of all sales for the day to PeacePal!

Sunday, Aug. 31, 11am

AUUF welcomes Sam Gardipe, discussing Native American spirituality at the Peace Center, followed by a potluck. Info: 440-6688, www.abquuf.org

Save the Date:


Saturday, Sept. 27 - **Peace Center Yard Sale!** We will accept donations in good, working condition Weds. Sept. 24 thru Friday, Sept. 26, between 9am and 5pm. Call 268-9557 with questions.
Noticias

Gore Vidal Documentary at the Guild

No twentieth-century figure has had a more profound effect on the worlds of literature, film, politics, historical debate, and the culture wars than Gore Vidal. Anchored by intimate one-on-one interviews with the man himself, the new documentary by Nicholas Wrathall (Hoop Dreams) is a fascinating and wholly entertaining portrait of the last lion of the age of American liberalism.

Commentary by those who knew him best—including filmmaker/nephew Burr Steers and the late Christopher Hitchens—blends with footage from Vidal’s legendary on-air career to remind us why he stands as one of the most brilliant and fearless critics of our time.

Gore Vidal’s professional life spans more than 50 years of American politics and letters. His return to America in 2005 marked the last great stage in his creative career. Featuring candid vérité footage of Vidal in his final years, the film explores his enduring global impact on art, politics, and everything in between. His overview of the current state of the Republic and the health of U.S. democracy is unique and incisive. This is Gore Vidal’s last word and testimony. Gore Vidal: The United States of Amnesia screens Friday–Thursday, Aug. 1 – 7, 6pm only, at Guild Cinema (3405 Central Ave. NE). For more info: www.guildcinema.com; view a trailer at www.gorevidaldocumentary.com/.

My Vagina, My Business!
Boycott Hobby Lobby!

Bring signs to picket Hobby Lobby (4315 Wyoming Blvd. NE) on Monday, Aug. 4, 4-6pm for a first Monday of the month rally to mark the heinous Supreme Court decision (Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby, Conestoga Wood v. Sebelius) that directly attacks and discriminates against women. This decision allows fundamentalist Christians and employers to make personal decisions about a woman’s health care.

Our intent is to keep a spotlight on the SCOTUS decision as it sets a dangerous precedent. We want people to keep this issue in mind for the state Congressional elections and the upcoming N.M. Governor’s race when we vote in November. We know that Congress can act to correct this wrong. Our own N.M. cities and towns have fended off a first wave of attacks by groups determined to limit a woman’s right to make her own health care decisions.

We want to educate the public and encourage a boycott of Hobby Lobby. We believe a woman has a fundamental right to make her own decisions about her health care. Our hope is to encourage each other to take action. These once a month (every first Monday) rallies are opportunities to gather individuals to network with like-minded allies and agencies that support women, through to the November elections. For more info, go to the “My Vagina, My Business (a first Monday of the month rally)” Facebook page.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness
Study Group Focuses on New Racial Caste System
By Judith Kidd

ABQ Friends Meeting initiated a study group on The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander and learned shocking details of mass incarceration in the name of the War on Drugs. Initiated in the 1980s, the U.S. legal system has incarcerated hundreds of thousands of low-income African Americans for minor drug offences, and a mass for-profit prison system is thriving. After release, jobs, housing and voting rights are often denied and persons are left with large debts.

Author Michelle Alexander is associate professor of law at Ohio State University and former director of the ACLU’s Racial Justice project. The New Jim Crow is a starting point for response to this “new racial caste system.” The study group met at the Friends Meeting House for six weeks. We now have plans to follow up and invite others to join us. Please contact Judith Kidd, 243-6172.
Peace Studies Scholarship to Receive Large Donation
C. S. Merrill to present check to Dr. Les Field

Issa Sakaki Merrill, the son of Japanese poet Nanao Sakaki and New Mexico poet C.S. Merrill, was born in Albuquerque, N.M. After living in China as a toddler, he was raised in Corrales, N.M., and attended UNM. He died in 2013 at the age of 32 from a rare disease. Throughout Issa’s life he worked for peace and social justice by writing letters, lobbying government officials, and attended non-violent rallies as a witness for peace. He majored in political science with an interest in peace studies at the UNM. However, his illness prevented him from finishing his university studies or starting a career. His friends and family have created the Issa Merrill Scholarship Fund to further the cause of peace that meant so much to Issa, and to help others on a similar life path to complete the journey he was unable to finish.

This fund, created in memory of Issa Sakaki Merrill, will provide annual grants to undergraduate students at the University of New Mexico majoring in political science with a minor in peace studies. To receive a grant a student will demonstrate a background and interest in conflict resolution and peacemaking. The Department of Political Science and the Peace Studies Program will administer the selection process. Funds will go for tuition and related expenses, as well as travel to places where they will learn practical methods to create appropriate non-violent solutions to political, economic, and social conflicts.

The presentation of this check on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2:30pm at the Peace Center is significant because it brings the amount up to $25,000. At that level it becomes a viable endowment fund. Any amount less than $25,000 would have eventually gone to some other purpose at UNM, but now it will be locked in for future students. For more info, call 898-8507.

Border Immersion Trip Eye-Opening Experience
By Lily Hansen

I have been crossing the border my entire life. However, none of my experiences compared to the immersion led by members of the New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice and hosted by the Cristo Rey congregation in El Paso. This particular visit to Mexico was unlike anything I’d ever experienced before. Immigration is a hot topic that can quickly become a very complex and involved conversation. It can be easy to forget that behind the politics and policies is an actual person, a family or individual directly affected by the issues surrounding immigration. Spending time at the border, hearing the personal stories surrounding border crossing and even speaking with immigration officers was an eye opening experience. To witness the resilience of individuals and families in the face of hardship and chaos was truly inspiring. Besides inspiring, frustrating is another word I would use to describe this weekend in El Paso. After witnessing what extraordinary things people have done with so little the natural response was to ask myself “what can I do?” At times, it felt as though there was nothing I could personally do to help. The truth is, by exposing myself to the border environment I was able to understand many of these issues surrounding the topic of immigration at a deeper level and I was able to connect personal stories and faces with these issues. Weeks after the trip I still found myself remembering the truly admirable people I met and their stories. In thinking about these things on a daily basis and sharing these thoughts with my family and friends I have been able to spread the experience and in doing so take a small step towards making a difference in my own community.
Pax Christi NM Action Alert:
Tell Members of Congress to Clean Up Nuke Waste at Los Alamos!

Please contact your Congressional Rep and two Senators to tell them that you want to see Los Alamos cleaned up from all the nuclear work that has taken place since 1943 and devastated the area! This project would create plenty of jobs (which politicians love to hear) for at least 20 years. Handwritten notes are the most effective but please also consider calling their offices – it’s better to write to the local offices rather than D.C. because of the delay of mail to Congress, but the D.C. phone numbers are the best ones to call.

Ask them to get the U.S. to live up to its obligations under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) which was entered into force on March 5, 1970 and requires us to get rid of ALL of our nuclear weapons. You might ask them, what's the holdup after 44 years?!! For those in other states with Republican Senators and/or Congress members, tell them that Richard Nixon was President when the NPT went into effect - if it was good enough for Nixon it should be good enough for them.

Article VI of the NPT: Each of the Parties to the Treaty undertakes to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.

New Mexico Members of Congress:

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120 South Federal Place
Suite 302
Santa Fe, NM 87501
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*Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham
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Albuquerque, NM 87102
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*Congressman Ben Ray Lujan
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Santa Fe, NM 87505
202-224-6190

*Congressman Steve Pearce
570 N. Telshor Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
202-225-2365

In Memoriam: Inky Kim

The Peace Center community was saddened to learn of the passing of Peace Center supporter Inky Kim, who died on Monday, July 21st at the age of 48. Inky was taken too soon from our lives due to gall bladder cancer. A memorial service was held at High Desert Center for Spiritual Living on July 24th and was well attended by Inky’s mother, brother and former partner who flew in from New York and many members of the High Desert community. Inky walked into the Peace Center a couple of years ago, asking how she could use her extensive fundraising experience for large East Coast nonprofits to help the Peace Center grow financially. She nudged us to value more the work we do on community organizing around social justice and to think creatively about how to sustain the center. She kindly organized a beautiful and successful silent auction at our 30th anniversary celebration held at the Bosque School in June 2013, and became ill soon after. We were blessed to know Inky however briefly, and we mourn with her family and friends, including Nell Burrus and Karla Artriño & family.
PAJOLA — Peace and Justice Organizations Linking Arms

350.orgNM 255-1222
Amnesty International Local Group 101 795-2881
A.N.S.W.E.R. - NM 268-2488
Abq. Friends House (Quakers) 843-6450
Abq, Hours Exchange 610-0823
Abq. Mennonite Church 254-1824
Abq. N.O.W. NOW.ABQNM@gmail.com
Abq. Raging Grannies 228-6075
Abq. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 440-3331
Abq. War Tax Alternative Fund 247-2788
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Alternative Radio www.alternative-radio.org
Animal Compassion in Action 286-0973
Bookworks 344-8139
Camino Real Productions 247-1909
Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping (CARD) 319-1117
Caring Economy Campaign, ABQ 573-6526
Casa Clara Community 266-3331
Center for Global Awareness—info@global-awareness.org
Central NM Move to Amend 450-1268
Citizen Action 262-1862
Citizen Climate Lobby 604-8247
Civilian Medical Resources Network (505)750-2221
Coalition to Stop 30 Billion to Israel 898-4544
Colombia Solidarity Committee of NM 281-8422
Comienzos 414-9386
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Community Family—comfam5@yahoo.com
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center 994-2335
Erdas Gardens & Learning Center, 610-1538
First Unitarian Church, Social Justice Council 884-1801
Friends of Sabeel Albuquerque 828-0546
Gay Men’s Spirituality 266-0884
Gray Panthers of Greater Alb. 266-8823
Guild Cinema 255-1848
Health Action New Mexico 867-1095
Humanist Society of New Mexico 344-6102
Jewish Voice for Peace—ABQ hrudolph@gmail.com
Leisa Richards Family Law Office 242-2835
Light Mission Pentecostal Church 203-4721
Money Power in Politics 715-9220
Nahi-Zaaz/Nihi-Zaaz 505-427-4828
NM Advocates for Change, 458-5308
NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice 247-4271
NM Repeal/Murder Victims Fam. Advocacy Project 505-670-0771
NM Loretto Community 892-9633
OFFCenter Community Arts Project 247-1172
Partners in Health 805-403-7034
People for Peace 983-3906
PFLAG (Parents, Fam, Friends of Lesbians & Gays) 873-7373
Project Peacemakers 255-2042
Quote Unquote Media Center 417-9178
Rains Inc., rains@nmrails.org
Rain Cloud Local Collaborative aka First Nations 262-6561
Soka Gakkai International 843-6031
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 881-9626
St. Mary Magdalene Community 977-4661
Stop the War Machine 268-9557
Students Organizing Action for Peace (SOAP) 256-0668
Southwest Hypnotherapists 877-2766
SW Organizing Project (SWOP) 247-8832
SW Earth Festival Association (SWEFA) 507-1020
Trinity House Catholic Worker 842-5697
Turquoise Trail Performing Arts 369-6886
United Nations Assn. - Albuquerque Chapter 881-4536
UNM LGBTQ Resource Center 277-5428
UNM Peace Studies 256-0668
UNM Students for Justice in Palestine (603) 204-9684
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Would you be interested in volunteering with us? What talents and/or skills could you offer ACP&J?

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Sackcloth & Ashes Peace Vigil
to Commemorate Hiroshima & Nagasaki Bombings

Please join Pax Christi New Mexico for our Sack Cloth and Ashes Demonstration on Saturday, Aug. 2nd, 2pm at Ashley Pond in Los Alamos. We will provide the Sackcloth & Ashes.

The reason for this comes from chapter 3 in the Book of Jonah, wherein God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell them that their city will be overthrown. All of the people, including the king, repent by wearing sackcloth while sitting in ashes. Seeing their repentance, God changes his mind. After the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, Dorothy Day, the cofounder of the Catholic Worker Movement, said that we should “put on sackcloth and ashes, weep and repent.” This is why we have taken to using the Sackcloth and Ashes as a Symbol of Repentance for the use and possession of nuclear weapons.

If you can't join us this year, we hope you will plan to join us in 2015 for the 70th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Also, please read the Noticias article inside and write to your elected officials in your home state. For more info call Bud, 264-2838 or Ellie, 474-8557.