



TERROR FRIED BRAINS

"Every ten years or so, the United States needs to pick up some small crappy little country and throw it against the wall, just to show the world we mean business." - Michael Ledden, holder of the 'Freedom Chair' at the American Enterprise Institute.

Last week a poll revealed that a third of Americans believe that weapons of mass destruction have been found in Iraq, while 22 per cent reckon Iraq actually used them! Even before the war, half of those polled said the Iraq regime was responsible for September 11th. But no one's found any weapons of mass destruction let alone used them (well apart from the Americans and British) and no Iraqis were on the planes that hit the twin towers. So how could people be so misinformed?

"Most people get little whiffs and fragments of news, not in any organized way," says Thomas Mann of Brookings Institution "And there have been a lot of conflicting reports on the weapons." But for conflicting reports read lies - a constant drip feed of false rumours (like alleged weapons factories and mobile labs) which if later proved wrong don't seem to register so highly on the media Richter scale. This sort of media sensationalism is what author Noam Chomsky (see SchNEWS 386) describes as 'manufacturing consent' - getting us so damn scared of the enemy out there that we will swallow anything and ignore what's really happening on our doorstep. In President Bush's case it was the mid term congressional campaign, which his campaign manager, Karl Rove, very clearly explained could not be won by focusing on social and economic issues. Slashing public medical assistance, education and social security, while giving huge tax cuts for the rich, sharp increases in military spending and increasing state power is not a vote winner. As Rove pointed out, if they can make national security the main issue then people will forget all this and instead rally round the troops.

In Britain Prime Sinister Blair said we were only 45 minutes from an Iraqi attack; a few days before the biggest anti-war demonstration in British history tanks were stationed outside Heathrow airport, and only this week the head of MI5 said it was only a matter of time before those terrorists got themselves a 'dirty bomb' and used it on the West (SchNEWS would like to point out that this is totally different to a nice 'clean bomb' which is what Britain and America dropped on the Iraqi people).

Poached Rights

Switch on the news and you hear about more terrorists being arrested. But who are they? In December, five Turks and a Briton were charged under the Terrorism Act 2000 for supporting the Turkish Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front, or DHKP-C. They were nicked because DHKP-C has been banned by the UK government and the six arrestees were supposedly "facilitating the retention or control of terrorist property." Guns? Bombs? Er, no, the people arrested were simply in possession of magazines, videos and posters that supported the DHKP-C. At a pre-trial hearing, the judge ordered all the defendants to surrender their passports and banned them from selling or distributing copies of 'Vatan' and 'Ekmek ve Adalet' both radical Turkish-based magazines that has the bare faced cheek to criticise that bastion of human rights, Turkey.

One of those nicked was Rory O'Driscoll, who had recently visited Turkish hunger strikers protesting about prison conditions. His house was raided and he was held for two weeks at Paddington Green police station where every hour someone would open up the hatch to his cell and ask if he was 'alright' (a friendly way to deny a prisoner of sleep, don't you reckon?). If found guilty of the 'crime' of possessing magazines and supporting Turkish hunger strikers, Rory could face up to 10 years in prison.

In February at 5.20am, Ali Serir and his pregnant wife's house were raided by armed terrorist police - part of an anti-terrorist operation mounted across the UK. Seven were arrested in the raids and the media had a field day. Ali and his wife had their front door smashed in, before being

CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For reading the paper!

An American anti-war prisoner serving time for protesting at a military base was put into solitary confinement for eight days after he got sent and distributed anti-war articles from such radical publications as the New York Times, Readers' Digest, Newsweek, and The Guardian! Better not send him this weeks SchNEWS then. www.naplesnews.com/03/06/florida/d939395a.htm

handcuffed at gunpoint and driven to Govan Police Station. Their house was searched for two days while Karen was held for 36 hours and Ali for four months under the Immigration Act because they didn't believe his marriage was valid. He was very nearly deported back to Algeria before finally being released a fortnight ago, without being charged with any terrorism offences.

Leading barrister Mike Mansfield says that by using the atrocities in the US as an excuse, Neo-Labour has effectively declared war on Britons' civil liberties "Anti terror legislation introduced by the Government has done more to attack people in Britain than defend them from terrorists."

These anti-terror laws came in very handy for stifling protest when the war started.

As B-52 planes left Fairford to drop 'clean' bombs on the grateful Iraqi people the police imposed an anti-terrorist cordon over the whole of Gloucestershire and Wiltshire giving them the power to stop and search anyone without any excuse. People had terrorist objects like toothbrushes confiscated and sandwiches were searched for weapons!

As Noam Chomsky put it "The bewildered herd is a problem. We've got to prevent their rage and trampling. We've got to distract them. They should be watching the Superbowl or sitcoms or violent movies. Every once in a while you call on them to chant meaningless slogans like "Support our troops." You've got to keep them pretty scared, because unless they're properly scared and frightened of all kinds of devils that are going to destroy them from outside or inside or somewhere, they may start to think, which is very dangerous, because they're not competent to think. Therefore it's important to distract them and marginalize them."

Recommended reading: John Pilger - *The New Rulers of the World* (Verso 2002). Noam Chomsky & Edward S. Herman - *Manufacturing Consent. The Political Economy of the Mass Media* (Pantheon Books).

For an indepth analysis of world events see www.zmag.org

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JULY

SUBHEAD3 INJUSTICE - Celebrity Screening. A special screening of the award winning film which follows the story of the struggles for justice of the families of people that have died in police custody in the UK. 8pm, Prince Charles Cinema, Leicester Square, London. www.injusticefilm.co.uk Bookings: 020 7494 3654 **3-6 Winchester Hat Fair**, Hampshire. Festival of street theatre, performers from all over Europe. Free. 01962 849841 www.hatfair.co.uk

4th July - Independence from America Day

Gate Crashers Ball, at Menwith Hill Spy Base, North Yorkshire. 12-4 pm Speakers including comedian Mark Thomas. 01943 466405 www.caab.org.uk. Transport from Brighton - tickets £10 from Community Base, Queens Road or Cowley Club, London Road. Transport from Manchester 0161 2738283. Transport from Lancaster 01524 383102. Tickets from London 020 7700 2393.

Peacemaker's Ball, Lakenheath, Suffolk, home to 30 US Illegal Nuclear Weapons. Put on a party mask and wear your best tuxedo or ball gown. Bring food, a bottle of bubbly, party poppers, etc. me@theatreofwar.org

Gatecrashers Stroll. Fairford Airbase, Gloucestershire. Meet up at the main car park at the top of the main street in Fairford town for a stroll to Main Entrance. 3pm onwards. 07932 628269 www.fairfordpeacematch.com

**** 4-6 Guilfest Festival**, Guildford. £65, day tickets around £30, camping around £25 (per tent) www.guildford-live.co.uk **** 4-6 Introduction to Renewable Energy**. Overview of the technology of renewable energy and outline the basic principles of solar electricity, small-scale wind power and micro hydro-power. The Centre of Continuing Education, Aberystwyth, Wales. £35/25 01974 821564 www.greendragonenergy.co.uk **** 4-6 Beyond the Border** storytelling festival St Donats Castle, near Cardiff <http://beyondtheborder.com> **** 4-6 Priddy Folk Festival**, Somerset. Family festival of folk music, dance, crafts, workshops. £38. 01749 675562, www.priddy.in.uk.com **** 4-11 Photo exhibition: Pictures from Evian and other demonstrations** by Paul Mattsson and Guy Smallman - Aquarium Gallery, 10 Woburn Walk, London. 11am-6pm. **** 4-13 Frome Festival**, Somerset. 150 wide ranging events, lots of music, comic, classical, film, etc. 01373 453889 www.fromefestival.co.uk **5 Alternatives to war - security and sustainability**, with speakers including Vandana Shiva 10am-5.30pm City of London School for Girls, St.Giles Terrace, Barbican, London. £25/£15 01237 441293 www.resurgence.org **** 5 Animal Aid's School Speakers Workshop**. How to effectively prepare talks and present them for maximum impact and how to deal with awkward questions and hostile students. 10am-5pm, Friend's House, 40 Bull Street, Birmingham. 01732 364546 ext 21 mark@animalaid.co.uk **5 War on Terror Study Day School** 10am-2pm at Centre for Continuing Education, Sussex University Enrollment forms at www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/news/terror **** 5 St. Paul's Carnival, Bristol**. The second largest Caribbean Carnival in the UK with kids' camp, mass parade, sounds, stages etc. Kuumba project, 22 Hepburn Road, St Paul's, Bristol. 0117 942 1870. **5 Falmouth Green Fair**, Cornwall. Environmental stalls and entertainment, free to all non-motorists. 01326 375158 www.fgc.org.uk **** 6 Film: Jenin Jenin**. About the war crimes that took place at the Jenin refugee camp in Palestine, April 2002. 1:30-3pm, 'The Porter'. George St., Bath. **** 5-7 Sustainable Futures Convention** Forest of Dean, £5/day. 01594 844841 cliff@tauruscrafts.co.uk **6-7 Brighton Sunny Day** A range of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies will be on show at The Level from noon onwards. **** 7 Introduction to Community Composting** Newcastle, Venue tbc 0114 258 0483 www.othas.org.uk/ccn **** 7-13 Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod** Festival of music and dance featuring 6,500 competitors from around the world. Llangollen, Wales. 01978-862001 www.international-eisteddfod.co.uk **** 8-10 Voov-Experience** Putlitz, Germany. Open air trance festival. 25 Euros. www.voov-experience.de **** 10-13 Fuse - the Event in a Tent**, Lichfield, Staffs. Family community music festival, art activities. Free. 01543 262223 www.lichfieldarts.org.uk **** 10-13 Jazz by the Stour** Charity event in village of Bures, Suffolk. £25 weekend. jazzbythestour.org.uk **** 11 Protect the Refugee Child Conference** South Aston Community Association Centre, 2 Tower Rd., Aston, Birmingham, 9am-3pm 0121 244 7365 newhope@tiscali.co.uk **** 11-13 Willow Festival** Rock and pop acts on the Embankment of the River Nene in Peterborough. Also a food village, alternative market stalls, all day bars, extreme rides, children's funfair, giant bouncy castles, quad bikes and riverside picnic. Free 01733 346529 www.willowfestival.org.uk **** 12 Bristol Anti-War Conference - 'War, Resistance & The Struggle For Human Rights'**. Conference will focus on the Middle East, Latin America, & grass roots Bristol politics. Free, 10 am-5:30pm, Bristol University Graduate School, 35 Berkeley Sq. **** 13 Brighton Peace Festival**, Hove Lawns 01273 241625 peacemessenger@harmonyculture.com **** 14 Making Links: Community food projects and networking**. The Food Poverty Network's national conference Friends' Meeting House, Euston, London. 020 7837 1228 courtney@sustainweb.org **** 14 GAIA Global Day of Action** The Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives are calling for action to demand

governments and industries end the toxic practice of burning waste. www.no-burn.org **** 14 "Public Consultation" on the Baku-Ceyhan Pipeline**. Midday at the Department for International Development, 1 Palace Street London. alexp@foe.co.uk **** 14 North Korea: Is there a threat?** Hosted by Jeremy Corbyn MP, 7-9pm, Committee Room 9, House of Commons, London. carol@carol50.freeserve.co.uk **** 14 Naked Vegetarian March** in Toulouse to bring the message of vegetarianism and non-violence to the people. Watch out for the veggie sausages. www.vegetariensus.free.fr/english **** 15 Why didn't we stop the war?** The anti-war movement and thoughts for next time. Brighthelm Centre, North Rd, Brighton, 7pm. www.safp.org.uk **** 16-20 Somerset Buddhfield Gathering** www.buddhfield.com/budffest.html **17-20 Larmer Tree Festival** Larmer Tree Gardens, nr. Tollard Royal, on the Wilts./Dorset border. £68 "the most unique festival setting with a free campsite right next door, overlooking the Cranborne Chase the friendliest, safest, child-friendly atmosphere" www.larmertree.co.uk **** 18 Play For Peace** Local bands playing a benefit gig for the victims of the Iraqi war. 7.30pm Wykham Hall, Banbury School, Banbury, Oxfordshire £6/£5 campervan_fan@yahoo.co.uk **** 18-19 Wakestock** Europe's biggest wakeboard music festival. £35 weekend, £15 camping. Pwllheli, Gwynedd, Wales. www.wakestock.co.uk **18-20 Wickerman Festival**, Dundrennan, Galloway. "Welcoming families and featuring a main stage, northern soul tent, dance tent, acoustic stage, chill out area, free campsite, children's area, trade stalls, alternative area, bars, a talent stage and food stalls." £30 in advance only 01738 449430, www.thewickermanfestival.co.uk **** 18-20 The Festival at the Edge**, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, Storytelling festival. www.festivalattheedge.org **** 18-25 Holistic Food Course** at Sunseed Desert Technology, Spain. Learn all about food - from growing, cooking, preserving and eating back to composting food waste. £180/£120 including all food and accommodation. www.sunseed.org.uk **** 18-27 Feis Bharraigh** Festival of Gaelic song, dance and drama. Isle of Barra Western Isles. 01851 810336 www.isleofbarra.com/feis2003.html **19 Respect Festival**, The Dome, North Greenwich. 020 7983 6554 www.london.gov.uk/respect **** 19-20 Ashton Court Festival**, Bristol Cost: around £3 per day, children under 14 free. 0117 9042275 www.ashtoncourtfestival.com **** 19- 20 Truck Festival**, Hill Farm, Steventon, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire "There is no cut throat capitalism here, no huge entry fees, and huge advertising boards (well maybe one, a small one, just in case). It's a nice day out in the country side with a few bevvies and a plethora of bands." www.truckrecords.com **** 20 Ambient Green Picnic**, Shalford Park, Guildford. 4 music stages powered by ecologically sound energy sources, kids stuff, stalls, workshops. Free. www.surreywap.co.uk/Ambientgreen/AMBIENTHOME.htm **** 20 Dartford Festival**, Central Park, Dartford. The Theme is 'Magic, Myths and Legends' and will combine a diverse range of world music alongside family entertainment in the main arena. Free. 01322 343961 www.dartfordfestival.co.uk **** 24-27 Healing Field Gathering** Crystals, massage and tofu welding near Shepton Mallet, Somerset www.healingfield.btinternet.co.uk **** 25 Monmouth Festival** Folk, jazz, classical, blues, rock, comedy and street theatre. Agincourt Square, Monmouthshire, Wales. www.monmouthfestival.co.uk **** 25-27 WOMAD, Reading**. £85 01225 743481 www.womad.org **** 26 Pride Parade**. 12 noon Victoria Embankment then onto Hyde Park, London. £20 available from 08701 200722. www.londonmardigras.com **** 26 Godskitchen Global Gathering** "A new dawn for global dance music", if you like to wake up with no money after being overcharged for beer and burgers then maybe this is the new dawn for you... Long Marston Airfield, Warwickshire. £45. 08714 255555 www.godskitchen.com **** 26-27 The Bowl**. Sounds of the suburbs presents a free festival promoting unsigned bands from south London. Crystal Palace Bowl, London. 020-7733-5025 www.thebowl.org.uk **** 28 Unity demonstrations against the Nazis** in Burnley and Tipton. www.anl.org.uk/campaigns.htm **** 30-3 Aug Big Green Gathering** on new site near Cheddar, Mendip Hills. £80. 01458 834629 www.big-green-gathering.com **** 31-3 Aug Cambridge Folk Festival** £62 www.cam-folkfest.co.uk **** 31-3 Aug SpyeFest**. Pan Celtic Festival. £36. 01343-821974 www.speyfest.com

Argentina Autonomista Tour!

Over the last year an incredible wave of social protest and action has engulfed Argentina. In the midst of a severe economic crisis there have been massive street protests, over 200 factory under workers control, more than three hundred cooperatives organized by the unemployed. Two women from the Piquetera (Unemployed Worker Movement) along with a full length puppet show are in the UK to tell people about these inspiring grassroots organisations. www.autonomista.org

July: 1 Glasgow Alexander Thompson Hotel, 320 Argyle St., 7:30pm 07941 038377; **2 Edinburgh** Slide show at Forest café, Westport, 2pm and Millenium Centre, 7, Muirhouse, Medway, 7.30pm 0131 557 6242; **3 Edinburgh** CWU, 15 Brunswick Street 7.30pm; **5 Lancaster**. The Gregson Centre, Moor Lane, 8.30pm 07810 168082; **7 Bradford** lin12 Club, 21-23 Albion St. 7pm 01274 734160; **8 Leeds** Woodhouse Community Centre, 7pm; **10 Liverpool** Merseyside Trade Union Centre, hard Hardman street Hardman Street, 7.30pm, 0151-220-6630; **11 Cardiff** venue tbc, garethgordon@yahoo.com; **12 Bristol** Kebele, 14 Robertson Rd, time tbc, 0117 9399469. **13-19 Ireland** tbc contact klasbatalema@yahoo.ie

AUGUST

1-3 Big Chill Eastnor Castle, Herefordshire. £99. 020 7684 2020 www.bigchill.net ** **2 Escape into the Park 2003**. Dance music festival, Singleton Park, Swansea. £23.50. 01792 470000 www.escapegroup.com ** **2-3 Nottingham Riverside Festival** Free Roots and World Music stages, steam organs and fun fairs street performance and fireworks. 0115 915 3591 www.nottinghamevents.org/riverside/index.html ** **Merthyr Rising Festival** Free ** **3-9 One World Summer Festival**, Witley, Surrey. Holistic Health, Macrobiotics, Arts and Craftys, Music and Dance, Cookery, Sports and Natural Movement £165-£235 weekend, £35-£55 day, all food included. 01273 279439 www.macrobios.com ** **7-8 Sidmouth International Festival**, Devon www.sidmouthfestival.com ** **7-10 Cropredy folk festival** with Fairport Convention www.faircrop.co.uk/crop2003/index.htm ** **7-10 Bulldog Bash Festival**. Bikes, bands, and beer, washed down with engine oil. Shakespeare County Raceway, Stratford upon Avon. £35. www.bulldogbash.com ** **7-10 Maker Sunshine Festival**. Family friendly festie with three stages and entertainments. £35. 01752 823623 www.makerfestival.co.uk ** **7-16 Queer Pagan Camp** Open to all sexual persuasions and spirituals paths (but it helps if yer a queer pagan). Workshops and DIY entertainment. 01273 579699 / 07940 704492 ** **8-9 Unstone Grange Organic Gardens Open days**, Dronfield, Derbyshire. 10 am till 6pm "As gardening is the new rock 'n roll, here is the line-up for the best summer event in NE Derbyshire: Elvis Parsley, the Alan Parsnip Project and Plums 'n Roses." £2/Free 01246 412344 www.unstonegrange.co.uk ** **8-10 Hawkfest**. Hawkwind mini-festival, are they really still going? Northwest England. management @hawkwind.com ** **8-10 Gig in the Park** Halesworth Town Park, Suffolk. £3-£9 per day. www.giginthepark.co.uk ** **9 Brighton and Hove Pride**. The Parade starts at 11am from Madeira Drive, fun starts in Preston Park from 12 noon. Free. www.prideinbrightonandhove.com ** **9-10 Beached Festival**. Air Guitar Championships and Scarborough's Biggest Live Music Event. www.beached.net ** **9-10 Eden Festival** a music festival with environmental, cultural and humanitarian themes. 4 stages in Arrow Park, Wirral. £63 weekend, £30 day ticket. 0151 630 0090 www.edenfestival.org ** **11-17 Ladyfest**, Bristol. Multi-platform arts feminist festival to celebrate the wealth and diversity of women's talents in the arts, open and available to all genders. www.ladyfestbristol.org/home.htm ** **12 The Gory Twelfth** Start of the grouse shooting season, Hunt Sabs will be trying to disrupt this "sport". 07960 038230 www.nwhsa.org.uk ** **13-16 Shambala Festival** Location revealed with ticket, in the south west countryside. Clean camping, bands, DJs, cinema and kids events. £30 01179 441122 www.shambalafestival.org ** **16-17 Beautiful Days Festival**, Escot Park, Fairmile, Devon. "The first Levellers festival Beautiful Days has been created to offer not only the best in live music today but to recreate a community spirit that many events nowadays lack or choose to ignore." £55. www.beautifuldays.org ** **17 Carnaval del Pueblo** Latin American Carnival. Burgess Park, Southwark, London. Free. www.carnavaldelpueblo.co.uk ** **20-25 Tribe of Doris Intercultural Summer School**, Blackdown Hills, Somerset "We use the arts of music, dance, song and ceremony to bring people together, to raise awareness and to encourage respect and understanding of different cultures and musical origins." £150, kids £20 0845 458 0190 www.tribeofdoris.co.uk ** **20-26 WIT Festival**, West Wales "Women in Tunes annual music festival for women and girls of all ages and abilities...the UK's only Women music festival." www.womenintune.org.uk ** **20-3 Sept Ecotopia 2003** Europe camp for people involved in environmental and social issues. At a sustainable community in Ukraine. www.eyfa.org/ecotopia2003.htm ** **21-25 Towersey Village Festival** "community festival with folk/roots music, dance and song. International line-up of artistes. Large children's festival with activities. Indoor and open-air concerts, dances and displays." 01629 760345 www.mrscasey.co.uk/towersey ** **22 Womad - The Eden Session**. Cornwall. 01225 744494 www.womad.org/events ** **22-24 Canterbury Fayre**, Mount Ephraim Gardens, Hernhill, Kent. Currently confirmed includes Robert Plant, Roy Harper and the John Otway Big Band plus Whirl-y-gig big top, the Croissant Neuf circus stage, chill out tent and kids area. £70+ 01494 794887 www.canterburyfayre.com ** **22-24 Leeds Festival** - Usual selection of Top of the Pops bands, crap food, babylon and camping. Organised by those tossers at the Mean Fiddler (check out www.urban75.com/Rave/raverant.html to find out why) and sponsored by piss weak larger Carling. www.leedsfestival.com ** **22-24 Reading Festival** - Same crap as the Leeds Festival except in Reading. ** **22-24 Infest** Alternative electronic music embracing industrial, rhythmic noise, synth-pop, darkwave and goth. Bradford Uni. £30 www.infest.org.uk ** **23 Tribal Gathering** Relive those free party "aciid" house days with those tossers at the Mean Fiddler in a secret dirty warehouse in Manchester for just £30. Read the blurb and puke at www.tribalgathering.co.uk/warehouse ** **23 Creamfields** House wankers Cream, cream in your money then cream over their profits. £46 for one night. ** **23-25 Nottingham Carnival** One-time Afro-Caribbean event now branded and corporatised. But its still free. 020 8964 0544 www.rbkc.gov.uk/nottingham ** **23-25 Chelmsford Spectacular** Evening concerts by renowned artists. Must be good, features Elaine Page!!! 01245 606985

www.chelmsfordspectacular.org.uk ** **24 Deep Dale Jazz Festival**, Marsh Barn, Burnham Deepdale, Norfolk. Jazz and "nice" stuff! £7 advance/£10 on gate. 01485 210404 www.deepdalejazzfestival.co.uk ** **25 Carshalton Environmental Fair**. 020-8647 9201 www.thecei.org.uk/efair/ ** **28-3 Sept Samothraki Dance Festival** Trance, trance and more trance www.samothrakidancefestival.com ** **29-31 Eastern Green Gathering** near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk £45. 01359 271089 www.easterngreengathering.com ** **29-31 Off The Tracks Autumn Festival** Castle Donnington. Folk, Roots, Dance and Fusion. Cost: around £35 01332 384518 www.offthetracks.co.uk ** **29-31 Edinburgh Mela** Multicultural arts festival. Free. 0131 557 1400 www.edinburgh-mela.co.uk ** **29-31 Hull Sea Shanty Festival**. www.hullcc.gov.uk/events/seafever.php

Earth First Summer Gathering

If you fancy a week hanging out in a field talking about lock-on's, office occupations and tree houses then this may be just your thing - those involved or interested in getting involved in radical ecological direct action, get together to share ideas and find out what's going on. Everyone is expected to help in running the event, £10 on the gate. Food £3 per day. No dogs except by prior arrangement. 13-17 August. Venue in North Yorkshire to be announced. Info: EF! Summer Gathering c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds LS7 3HB. www.earthfirstgathering.org.uk

SEPTEMBER

5-7 Sowerby Bridge Rushbearing Festival, West Yorks. 01422 832197 ** **13-20 Home Educators Seaside Festival** Charmouth, Dorset. 020 7388 0559 www.hesfes.co.uk ** **20 Sex Maniac's Ball**, Club SeOne, Weston St., London. www.sex-maniacs-ball.com ** **20-22 Midge Death** Free festival, Scotland. memphisdog@hotmail.com ** **22 Car Free Day** Give up your car for a day, or better still forever. www.22september.org ** **23 Autumn Equinox**. 10.47am, six months of days shorter than nights.

OCTOBER

All the fun of the arms fair

DSEI (Defence Systems Equipment international) is Europe's largest trade fair, and it's happening right under our noses, from 6-12 September at London Docklands, arms dealers sponsored by our government will be selling guns, bombs, military planes, small arms, mines and tanks - to any dodgy country - like Syria and Iran who are both labelled "rogue states", or Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Turkey, all countries with massive human rights abuses. Info: Disarm DSEi, c/o 11 Goodwin Street, London N4 3HQ. 0781 7652029. www.dsei.org Fortnightly meetings to plan a day of action start 29th June 2pm at LARC, Fieldgate St., London. And another meeting to take action now - 1st July 7.30pm also at LARC. **Cardiff** planning meeting 2nd July, 6-7.45pm, Cathays Community Centre, Cathays Terrace, Cardiff. 07754 585856 **Manchester** 3rd July 7pm Friends Meeting House, Mount St.

25th October ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR

Moving again to a bigger venue, cos every year more and more people turn up and learn what anarchy really means. You can get the latest books, pamphlets, magazines and other stuff from a range of anarchist groups, there are continual meetings and discussions on all aspects of anarchist activity. With a professionally run creche, a bar and hot food. ULU, Malet Street, London. www.anarchistbookfair.org

PROTEST CAMPS

If you don't want your summer to be just one big festival and yer' passing any of the following areas then all of these camps welcome visitors.

Faslane Peace Camp Now 21 years old. Outside Faslane Naval Base, 30 miles west of Glasgow, home to Britain's 4 trident nuclear submarines 01436 820901 www.faslanepeacecamp.org.uk

Nine Ladies Anti Quarry Camp Set up to help stop the destruction by quarrying of Stanton Moor hillside in the Peak District National Park. The camp may be threatened with eviction again soon. Camp residents have vowed to stay until the quarry plans are shelved. 07974 049369/0787 6311709 www.nineladies.uklinux.net

Bilston Wood Anti Bypass Protest Camp - Set up to stop the construction of a privately financed road at Bilston 8 miles south of Edinburgh which will destroy a local woodland. 07986 632429 info@bilstonglen-abs.org.uk

Fylingdales Star Peace Camp Fylingdales in North Yorkshire is a US space command centre providing early warning for ballistic missiles aimed at the USA. There is camp often outside the base, phone 01287 660067 to confirm when its there. www.freefylingdalesnetwork.co.uk

Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp Monthly women only peace camp, second weekend of each month. At Falcon Gate, AWE Aldermaston, Berkshire where Britain's nuclear weapons are produced. 07904 450307 www.aldermastonwpc.gn.apc.org.

D'Hoppe Forest, Belgium - Nearly a third of the forests surrounding D'Hoppe (La Houppé), are threatened with destruction to make way for money making developments. The forest has been squatted by a group calling themselves Patdagach 0032 497630312 www.foert.org There's an Action Week happening 28 June- 5 July.

SHAC ATTACK

The Protection from Harassment Act was introduced in 1997 to give women protection against domestic violence and stalking by strangers. But now poor Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), that nasty pharmaceutical testing company, are feeling so harassed by protestors that they want to hijack the Act to issue a temporary injunction against animal rights activists which will allow them to continue torturing and murdering animals undisturbed.

At present the temporary injunction permits only one demo every 30 days in exclusion zones around the company's sites and a 50-metre exclusion zone has been set up around the home of every employee. SHAC (Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty) told SchNEWS that this makes no difference to their campaign of targeting people who do business with Huntingdon.

The injunction also states that the use of hooters and klaxons could be deemed 'harassment'! But it wasn't harassment that killed baboon W201m who died of a stroke after two days of suffering from limb spasms and paralysis, or baboon W205m who had to be 'sacrificed' after 21 days. A genetically modified pig's heart had been welded to the vital arteries within its neck. Researchers noted the heart was swelling way beyond its natural size. Strange yellow fluid was seen seeping from the organ.

But this 're-application' of the Protection from Harassment Act goes far beyond the death labs of HLS and the homes of its corporate slaves – their 30 day injunction is yet another shiny nail in the 'right to demonstrate' coffin. The decision on whether HLS are granted their extension is due next week. As women's rights campaigner Rahila Gupta, commented: "The central irony of the Huntingdon case is that a law which was, in part, the product of political activism is being used to clamp down on political activism." Now there's a surprise.

For more on the campaign to close down Huntingdon Tel: 0845 458 0630 www.shac.net

For more on shockingly sick science and government collusion www.xenodiaries.org * Antivivisection campaigners Uncaged are holding a London-wide street collection on 19th July and help is needed. Tel: 0114 272 2220 max@uncaged.co.uk

Twyford Downer

10 years ago Twyford Down in Hampshire became the battleground that spawned the anti-roads movement. The extension of the M3 through Twyford was eventually built but as some sort of compensation former Tory Transport Minister Malcom Rifkind promised that the old Winchester by-pass would be allowed to return to fields. This area now supports over 200 flowering plant species, is easily accessible, particularly to children and people with limited mobility, and is well used by the local community. But now Neo-Labour has given permission for Hampshire County Council to redevelop part of the land for a park and ride. Attempts to fight this proposal in court have so far been unsuccessful, a footpath across the land is due to close on 23 June, and work on the car park needs to start by October otherwise planning permission lapses.

A meeting is being held at the site on Sunday from 11am to 1pm to discuss what else might be done. It's off Bar End Road, (an extension of Chesil Street) about a mile and half from the railway station. Call Keith Story on 01962 854 880 if you need a lift. Or, leave the M3 at junction 10 and head for St Catherine's park and ride site, which is next to the proposed new site.

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SchNEWS in brief

Last month Poland saw it's largest ever critical mass bike ride, when over 1,000 people took to the streets of Warsaw. Critical mass is becoming increasingly popular in Poland www.fz.eco.pl/2002/masa.htm. For a full list of critical masses in the UK see the party and protest section of our website** For a history of critical mass check out 'Critical Mass- Bicycling's Defiant Celebration' by Chris Carlsson, available from AK Press, PO Box 12766, Edinburgh, Scotland. EH8 9YE www.akuk.com ** The Italian Minister for Reform, Umberto Bossi, this week voiced his opinion on how to deal with "the problem of illegal immigrants" – let the Italian navy open fire on boats carrying them! And he may soon be able to get away with it if the Italian Parliament approves a law being pushed through by dodgy Prime Minister Berlusconi (who's currently facing corruption charges) which will ensure that the five most senior members of the Italian government will be immune from prosecution as long as they hold their posts ** 'The Trials of Arthur' by CJ Stone is a new book all about the adventures of the new King Arthur Pendragon at Stonehenge, Newbury and elsewhere. Published by Element Books. ** Next Wednesday (25) George Monbiot will be appearing at the Odeon in Brighton. The night includes a screening of Bowling for Columbine. Tickets £5 from Borders, Churchill Square ** Keep up to date with the protests at the Greece EU Summit taking place this weekend at www.thessaloniki.indymedia.org/ ** Check out the new look UK indymedia website at its new location <http://www.indymedia.org.uk/> ** Brighton's Alliance of Sound Systems (BASS) are holding their annual Solstice Burning of the Rigs this Sunday (22) 7.30pm on Brighton Beach, just past the Concorde 2. Followed by a party at the Concorde 2 at 10pm-2am £3 ** Problems at work? Regular free, confidential advice on pay, health & safety, redundancy, harassment or anything work-related. Every Tuesday at the Cowley Club 5-7pm. www.iww.org.uk/ brightoniww@yahoo.co.uk ** Brighton ISM in solidarity with the Palestinian people is campaigning to force Caterpillar to withdraw from its involvement with the Israeli army. Make potential customers aware of their profitable involvement in ethnic cleansing at Hillhead 2003, the biggest UK exhibition of earthmoving equipment. Transport from Brighton on June 25th. Contact Chris on 07977 204334.

Party Line

Keep up to date with what's happening with our **Party and Protest guide** on the web. www.schnews.org.uk/pap/guide.htm and submit your events. And here's some more useful resources...

* **Festival Eye**. £3.50 (postal order/cheque to Festival Eye) plus an A4 addressed envelope from BCM 2002, London, WC1N 3XX. www.festivaleye.com

* **Free parties** happen up and down the country despite the best efforts of the authorities. Track them down at www.headfuk.org www.guilfin.net and <http://bass23.org>

World Turned Over

The World Trade Organisation (WTO – SchNEWS 240 / 327) is gearing up for its next ministerial meeting, taking place in Cancun, Mexico from September 10th - 14th, and SchNEWS predicts massive protests along the lines of those seen in Seattle in 1999. To keep up to date with developments leading up to Cancun, check out www.investmentwatch.org Or read WDM's report www.wdm.org.uk and this month's Ecologist

Positive SchNEWS

The Sambhavna Trust is planting an organic Ayurvedic herbal medicine garden at its new clinic in Bhopal – the place where thousands were killed by poisonous gas from a nearby chemical factory 19 years ago. The garden project will produce the fresh herbs needed to make Ayurvedic medicines dispensed by the clinic, train people in organic gardening techniques, educate community members about growing and using medicinal herbs, and demonstrate a home-grown alternative to expensive, often harmful drug-store variety health care. They are keen to make contact with organic seed suppliers in India and could definitely do with a hand. Contact them at sambavna@sancharnet.in and take a look at www.bhopal.org.

Alcoa-Licks

Alcoa, the US-owned transnational aluminium giant has got the go-ahead from the Conservative Icelandic government to trash one of Europe's largest remaining areas of natural wilderness. The profit hungry vandals will flood large swathes of the Icelandic highlands – currently a centre of eco-tourism with loads of fantastic waterfalls, glaciers, geothermal springs, unique plants and animals – to build a massive dam to provide electricity for the giant aluminium smelter they intend to build smack bang in the middle of one of the country's most beautiful fjords.

Icelanders are totally baffled as to why their government ignored the advice of their own planning agency - which rejected Alcoa's plans out of hand on ecological grounds - and the desperate protests of national and international environmental campaigners, just to line the pockets of corporate fat cats from another planet.

Preliminary work has already begun but Icelandic campaigners say it's still not too late to join in the direct action protests. www.inca.is

Inside SchNEWS

It's really important for people who are imprisoned for acts of resistance to be kept informed about what's happening on the outside. It can be scary writing to somebody you don't know, but a short letter and a magazine can do a lot to cheer up an otherwise dull day.

In March this year Trident Ploughshares peace activist Ulla Roder was arrested and charged with causing £25 million of damage to a tornado plane at RAF Leuchars, Scotland. Tornados from the base were involved in the bombing of Iraq. She has been on remand ever since. Her trial was due to start on the 30th June but has now been adjourned until at least the end of July. Letters of support can be sent to her - Ulla Roder, HMP Cornton Vale, Cornton Road, Stirling, FK9 5NY www.free-ulla.org/

In February this year 5 Pitstop Ploughshares Activists disarmed a US Warplane docked at Shannon Airport, Ireland. They're appearing in court on 24th June (see party&protest on the website). For a full list of people serving time for their beliefs and who'd appreciate support see www.brightonabc.org.uk/

...and finally...

An anti-war protester has been fined £170 in Bosnia for decorating a statue of Jesus with three multi-coloured condoms and a plate inscribed 'Peace'. Fedja Stukan placed the condoms over three fingers on the Sarajevo statue's right hand and was astonished when he was arrested and fined. The judge at the Sarajevo court said his protest had deeply offended the country's Catholic Church but Stukan says he stands by his message: "Make love not war"

Weapon of Disclaimer Massive

SchNEWS warns all readers we're off to digest chemicals and go nuclear with dirty puns about biological weapons. Honest!