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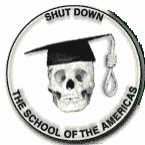
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NOT IN OUR NAME

PLEDGE OF RESISTANCE

We believe that as people living in the United States it is our responsibility to resist the injustices done by our government, in our names

Not in our name will you wage endless war; there can be no more deaths, no more transfusions of blood for oil

Not in our name will you invade countries, bomb civilians, kill more children, letting history take its course over the graves of the nameless.

Not in our name will you erode the very freedoms you have claimed to fight for.

Not by our hands will we supply weapons and funding for the annihilation of families on

foreign soil.

Not by our mouths will we let fear silence us.

Not by our hearts will we allow whole peoples or countries to be deemed evil.

Not by our will and Not in our name.

We pledge resistance.

We pledge alliance with those who have come under attack for voicing opposition to the war or for their religion or ethnicity.

We pledge to make common cause with the people of the world to bring about justice freedom and peace.

Another world is possible and we pledge to make it real.



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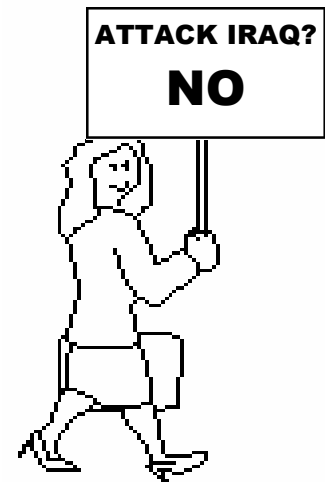
Richmond To Say NO! to War with Iraq

Saturday, November 9, at 2 PM in Festival Park is the time and the place for all members of the Richmond community to come out and say NO! to preemptive war against Iraq.

While a few of us have been gathering each Thursday at Noon at VCU to protest the proposed war and there was a large protest rally in DC on October 26, November 9 is the day for everyone here to let their opposition be seen and heard.

The rally at Festival Park will include speakers and music and will be followed by a march to the State Capitol. The rally will connect the tragedy of an Iraq war to local issues such as the restriction of civil liberties.

The event planning is being coordinated by Food Not Bombs, with the support of many community organizations. Festival Park is between the Coliseum and Seventh Street.



Just asking ...

When Congress listened to testimony about the wisdom of going to war with Iraq, why didn't they hear from people like Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi; Kofi Anan, Secretary General of the United Nations; Jimmy Carter, the latest Nobel Peace Prize recipient; and representatives of religious groups such as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the National Council of Churches, the American Friends Service Committee, or the Mennonite Central Committee?

Dave Depp

Next time: When Will We Learn



Little Flower's Big Move

by Sue Frankel-Streit



This morning as the fog over our creek still hung thick, I walked back to our hidden composting toilet (affectionately called "The Jenny"). The deep feeling of contentment, of being in the right place after a long search, reminded me of the way I'd felt 15 years before when I first woke up in the turret room of the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker in Washington, DC.

Our community, Little Flower Catholic Worker, has recently moved to a new spot and the spirit seems to be moving as well. It's been just two months since we received a letter saying we had thirty days to leave the land our community has called home since its inception 6 years ago. The woman who'd donated this land was ready to reclaim it. Thus started a month of frantic soul-searching, fund-raising and land-seeking. Then, in a series of small miracles, an anonymous donor offered us a large chunk of money, we discovered a beautiful old 17-acre farm in Louisa, we raised the rest of the money and were able to buy the new Little Flower on September 9th.

No one has cared for this house or land in many years, so there is much to be done. Many friends have put time into helping us tear down old walls, remove lead paint, and take many loads to the dump. After a month of living in one bedroom of the trailer in Goochland (while we took down our cabin), Bill, the kids and I moved into the one livable room in the Louisa farmhouse on October 1st, enabling us to spend most of our time working there. We still have one building to take down at the old place, and lots of plants to move.

I believe we are still somewhat in shock over the whole situation: being asked to leave the Goochland farm, grieving the loss of all we've grown and built there, the incredible financial and emotional support we've received from our extended community, the certainty we felt when we saw this place, and the enormous amount of work we've done over the last month. All this combined with Bill being acquitted (of trespassing at the Pentagon) by the same judge who sentenced him to five months last time she saw him, and the news that little Jose will soon get a complicated bone marrow transplant to hopefully cure his leukemia. Through stress and windfalls, through sickness and public witness, the hand of the spirit weaves.

Underlying all of this is the threat of imminent war, the rhetoric of good versus evil, and the lies of our government and media. And underlying all of that, the faithful witness of friends and comrades in jail for works of justice.

And we, it seems, have been given this moment in time to begin to create another community space where this cycle of life, death and rebirth, of suffering and rejoicing, and of planting and harvesting, can continue.

This week our friend Matthew is visiting from DC to help with the electrical work and raise our spirits with his radical music and doomsday political analysis. Brian Buckley, formerly of the LA worker, has biked down from northern Virginia to lend a hand and an open, deep spirit. Later in the week my mother will come, as will some students from UVA and a work crew from Twin Oaks.

This weekend we will join other faith-based activists at the Southern Life Gathering, which will culminate with an anti-war protest at Fort Bragg, NC.

And when I wake up tomorrow morning and walk back to the Jenny to create what will soon be tree fertilizer, the fog will hang over a creek-side ecosystem one step closer to its winter dormancy, emanating a contentment that seems to be catching.

Anyone interested in the new Little Flower, please call us at 540-967-5574. We've got lots of work to do. We're also looking for a gas stove. Our new address is: 16560 Louisa Road, Trevilians, VA 23170

SHUT DOWN THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS!

Come to Fort Benning, GA ~ November 15 - 17, 2002

by Jeff Winder



Indigo Girls

**"Rock is cool but the
struggle is better..."**



These days, the Bush administration is pulling out all the stops in the "war against terrorism." As civil liberties are curtailed, immigrants are detained and plans are made for a serious escalation of the ongoing war in Iraq, grassroots activists across the country are taking a different approach. From November 15th – 17th, thousands will gather for nonviolent direct action demanding the closure of the School of the Americas (SOA), the U.S.'s own terrorist training camp located at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Each year since 1990 folks have gathered at the site of this school whose graduates are implicated in nearly every coup and major human rights violation that has occurred in Latin America since the schools inception more than 50 years ago. Starting with a couple of dozen people on the first anniversary of the Jesuit massacre in El Salvador, the annual protest has grown to crowds of 10,000 and more.

This gathering has become the centerpiece of the movement to close the SOA. Students, religious people, veterans, anarchists, families and people from many different backgrounds and all parts of the country converge on Ft. Benning. Small local groups have the opportunity to visibly unite their voices with thousands of others and return to their own communities energized to continue the struggle for another year.

This year, as always will feature a rally at the main gate on Saturday with speakers and musicians including the Indigo Girls and 2002 Green Party Vice Presidential Candidate Winona LaDuke. Sunday morning will begin with a memorial service for those who have died at the hands of SOA graduates followed by a solemn funeral procession to the gates, which will be transformed into a memorial wall. Many will choose to continue past the fence and onto base property. A giant puppet and street theater pageant will conclude the event as autonomous affinity group actions continue.

There are a variety of options for participation. Dozens of families with small children have safely participated in the legal rally, where there is no risk of arrest. Others who have crossed the line onto base property have faced penalties ranging from a ban and bar letter to time in federal prison. Twenty-six people are currently serving sentences of three to six months for crossing the line last year, including RPEC member Nancy Gowen.

While our friends are imprisoned, we call on communities across this land to discern carefully and prepare to cross the line in their places on November 17th. In solidarity with those who have risked their freedom and with those in Latin America who risk so much more, organize now and come to Ft. Benning!

For more information: www.soaw.org (202) 234-3440

Reflections of a Mom on Arun Gandhi's Visit 9/24/02

By Ginnie Morrow

In his remarks at Randolph-Macon College, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi invited the standing room only audience of college students, families, and interested community members, to "become the change we wish to see in the world". As we reflect and contemplate the events of 9/11/01 to date, we were informed that on a much earlier 9/11, his grandfather launched a nonviolent movement in South Africa for racial equality.

Gandhi suggested we become aware of the "passive violence" we participate in all day every day by gross overconsumption and by wasting our human and earth's resources. "Every time we throw away something useful, we commit violence," he stated. This "passive violence" breeds anger, which can often result in acts of physical violence.

The soft-spoken, grandfatherly figure shared lessons he had learned from his own grandfather on understanding anger. He described anger as a "wonderful energy to use, like electricity." When electricity is used intelligently and constructively it "brings good things to life" (General Electric's claim). However, when used unwisely and destructively it can burn and destroy. He observed that humans are not naturally violent, but must be taught how to wage war in academics. Therefore, anything learned can be unlearned.

In the spirit of his grandfather, he advocated educating ourselves in "reformation, not revenge". By keeping an anger journal to pour out angry feelings and thoughts with an intention of finding a solution to the problem, one can create a textbook of change and a way to channel anger into positive action. He shared one of his favorite quotes from Mohandas Gandhi:

"Keep your thoughts positive because they become your words.

Keep your words positive because they become your behaviors.

Keep your behaviors positive because they become your habits.

Keep your habits positive because they become your values.

Keep your values positive because they become your destiny."

One gentleman asked how his grandfather's assassination had shaped him with regard to nonviolence. Arun responded that his father, the second son of M. K. Gandhi, raised him to be nonviolent by example, and had spent 14 years of his life in jail for nonviolent principles.

Our speaker shared a lesson from his father about truth, which he learned when he was 16 and given the privilege and responsibility of driving the family car for a day. He was to pick up his father at 5 PM after getting the car from the shop. However, he had picked up the car and gone to a John Wayne double feature, which ended at 5:30 PM. When he arrived to pick up his father at 6:00 PM, the elder Gandhi was pacing and wondering if his son was alright. When asked what happened, the boy lied and told his father he had to wait on the car at the shop, not realizing that his father had already phoned the shop and knew that was not the case. Father looked at his son and refused to get in the car, saying he had decided to walk home (18 miles on a dark road, about the distance from Randolph Macon College to Richmond City) to figure out what he had done wrong as a parent, that his son didn't have the courage to tell him the truth. The son, not sure what else to do, slowly followed his father in the car for 5 hours.

How many of us as parents, would take the stance that Arun's father did and willingly take on suffering to try to understand and learn how to teach our child? The way we often feel we must discipline our children is to have them experience (or better yet, suffer) consequences. How many of us may have taken the boy's privilege of driving away or made him walk 18 miles on a dark road or endure an 18 mile lecture on being on time and telling the truth. What a powerful lesson about relationship and the creative strength of nonviolence, to teach us that violence fails. Truth prevails.

In closing, Arun Gandhi encouraged the audience to believe that no one is born evil, and that "life is the pursuit of truth, not the possession of truth." He asked us to plant a seed in this culture of violence, a seed of nonviolence in all our relationships, respect,

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Disarming Iraq: Non-military Strategies and Options

David Cortright and George A. Lopez (Arms Control Today, September, 2002)

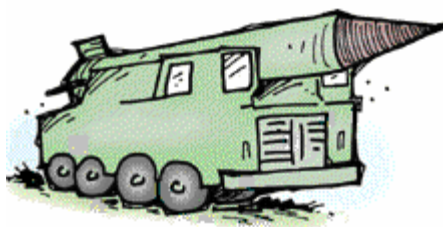
The uncertainty regarding Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, which has increased since United Nations weapons inspectors left Iraq almost four years ago, appears to be approaching a crisis point. Concerned that Baghdad is rebuilding its programs to produce nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons, the Bush administration has strengthened its call for regime change in Iraq and spurred an increasingly vocal debate about the possibility of forcibly overthrowing the Iraqi dictator.

Whatever the merits of regime change in Iraq, discourse in Washington has focused on military options for dealing with Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction without due consideration for the progress that UN weapons inspectors could make if they were readmitted to the country. In a world where the war on terrorism may take on new contours at any moment and challenges to U.S. policy mount daily in the Middle East, it is essential to explore scenarios that do not carry the diplomatic and strategic risks of military action... Policy-makers must understand that there are alternative, viable options for achieving U.S. nonproliferation objectives...

UN inspectors were remarkably successful in their efforts to disarm Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction, and although Saddam Hussein is likely reconstituting certain programs, evidence suggests that he does not pose an immediate

In late September, I heard David Cortright talk about options to the Bush administration's rush to war. The following excerpts from an article from 9/02 Arms Control Today captures the essence of his talk.

- John Gallini



threat to the United States. The past success of inspectors indicates that a high level of confidence in Iraq's disarmament could be achieved if they were allowed to resume their work. The United States should push for the resumption of inspections in Iraq and also establish an "enhanced containment" system to monitor Iraq's borders and prevent illicit materiel from entering the country.

Although a program of inspections and enhanced containment would not effect regime change and might not achieve the level of certainty of weapons control that would come with U.S. troops occupying Baghdad, it also is free of the costs and uncertainties that accompany those scenarios. Instead, a combination of resumed weapons inspections and enhanced containment addresses U.S. nonproliferation objectives and provides a viable, robust option for preventing Iraq from developing

weapons of mass destruction...

The IAEA concluded in 1998 that "there is no indication that Iraq possesses nuclear weapons or any meaningful amounts of weapon-useable nuclear material." According to UN reports, UNSCOM achieved "significant progress" in destroying Iraq's chemical weapons stockpiles and production facilities. UNSCOM was able to account for all but two of the 819 Scud missiles known to have existed at the start of the Gulf War. There is no evidence of successful long-range missile development since then. Former UNSCOM inspector Scott Ritter concluded in a June 2000 article in *Arms Control Today*:

"It was possible as early as 1997 to determine that, from a qualitative standpoint, Iraq had been disarmed. Iraq no longer possessed any meaningful quantities of chemical or biological agent...and the industrial means to produce these agents had either been eliminated or were subject to stringent monitoring. The same was true of Iraq's nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities."

Sanctions constrained Iraq's ability to rebuild its conventional forces and further handicapped its nuclear, chemical, biological, and missile programs. Sanctions have loosened considerably in the past year, but the most important restriction, UN control over Iraq's oil revenues, remains firmly in place. Because of

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these continuing financial restrictions, the Baghdad government has been denied control over more than \$150 billion in oil revenues. As a result, Iraq has been unable to rebuild and modernize its armed forces. Iraq's annual military expenditures dropped from an average of nearly \$19 billion in the 1980s to an estimated \$1.4 billion annually since the imposition of sanctions. Thus, UN financial controls have curtailed Iraq's conventional rearmament and its ability to produce weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them.

Whether or not Baghdad permits the resumption of effective UN weapons inspections, it will be necessary to create an externally based, vigorously enforced system of enhanced military containment to restrict the flow of weapons-related goods into Iraq. Morton Halperin, former director of policy planning at the State Department, described such a system as "containment plus" during July testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. According to Halperin, such a system would build upon the new sanctions regime established by Resolution 1409. "Its goal would be to tighten the economic embargo of material that would assist Iraq in its weapons of mass destruction and

other military programs as well as reducing Iraq's receipt of hard currency outside the UN sanctions regime."

The UN restrictions on Iraqi imports have not been 100 percent effective because there is presently little or no international monitoring of commercial crossings into Iraq. Shippers of approved humanitarian goods stop at the border to have documents authenticated so that they can receive payment from the UN escrow account, but their cargoes are not inspected...

The chief component of enhanced containment would be a significant strengthening of border monitoring in Jordan, Syria, Turkey, and other states surrounding Iraq. To date, such states have not supported proposals for border monitoring, in part because of political and economic pressures from Baghdad. They do not want to disturb the growing commercial trade with Iraq that has developed in recent years. The challenge is to create an effective system for inspecting sensitive cargoes, while avoiding disruption to the thriving civilian commerce that is vitally important to local economies. Technology can help in this effort. The use of advanced scanning equipment would enable trained monitors to detect the shipment of nuclear materials and other prohibited weapons-related goods without major disruption to commercial traffic.

The "smart border" concept now being developed by the governments of the United States, Canada, and Mexico could serve as a model for the kind of system that would be needed on Iraq's borders.

Newly developed X-ray scanning machines are now available that can quickly inspect trucks and containers for contraband. The smart border concept also employs an electronic pass system of the kind being used on toll bridges and tunnels in the United States.

Technology alone will not do the job. Enhanced border monitoring will also require the deployment of UN-approved international monitoring experts to work alongside officials from host countries. These international customs officials would help host countries in maintaining and operating the detection equipment and upgrading customs controls. A model for such a system can be found in the Sanctions Assistance Missions that were established by European nations during the UN sanctions in Yugoslavia from 1993 through 1995. Such customs assistance missions would substantially upgrade and improve border-monitoring capabilities in the countries neighboring Iraq.

The proposals outlined here present viable strategies for the continued denial of Iraq's weapons ambitions, while offering the prospect of greater regional cooperation and stability. They offer realistic alternatives to the military scenarios currently being discussed in Washington. In light of the dangers and uncertainties associated with what could be a large-scale and destructive war in the region, the nonmilitary options outlined here deserve immediate and thorough consideration.

David Cortright is president of the Fourth Freedom Forum. George A. Lopez is director of policy studies

Consumers Corner

Where to Take Special Items to be Recycled

By John Gallini

I have been meaning to do the research so that I could write this column for some months now, and am finally doing it because of several bits of information that have been sent to me recently. Fortunately, communities in our area make the recycling of aluminum, steel, glass and Nos. 1 & 2 plastics very easy, with curbside recycling available to most. But there are still many items that go into the landfill that can be recycled with a little effort. This column will summarize some of those opportunities.

Usable Clothing and Household Items – These can be readily recycled by taking them to one of a number of Thrift Stores. Often profits from these stores are used for good causes. Both Diversity



Thrift (353-8890) in the Fan and the Thrifty Quaker (794-7178) in Midlothian have contributed funds to RPEC. When I moved two years ago to a smaller house, I was able to take many, many items to the Thrifty Quaker. I suggest calling before you go with a carload. Or save them for an RPEC (or other favorite group) yard sale.

Appliances – Thrift shops will usually not take large appliances. Two local places that do accept these are:

Gene's Appliances, 10519 Hull Street, 804-271-6333, and Peck Recycling, 3220 Deepwater Terminal Road, 804-232-5601

Richmond Goodwill Industries, Inc does not take large appliances.

Cell Phones – You can donate used cell phones to CollectiveGood



International, which recycles 80% of the phones they collect for use in the developing world. To obtain a form that includes a merchandise return label go to: http://www.collectivegood.com/donate_phone.htm This label lets you send your phone to CollectiveGood without cost to you. If you do not have Internet access, call me at 272-8141 and I will send you a form.

Other electronic waste including computers, monitors, televisions, audio equipment, printers and other home electronic devices –

The city and counties periodically provide the opportunity to recycle these items (but not microwave ovens) at local collection points (most recently on October 19). I could not get a “next collection

date” at this time, but will keep my ears open and try to give some notice next time.

Batteries – Rechargeable and watch batteries can be taken to many retail stores to be recycled, including Batteries Plus, Best Buy, Circuit City, Home Depot, Radio Shack and Sears. They do not take alkaline batteries, however (eg.



Flashlight batteries). You can recycle alkaline batteries by mailing them to Battery Solutions, Inc. There is a charge plus the cost of shipping. For details go to: www.batteryrecycling.com

Compact Discs – You can also recycle compact disks by mailing them to GreenDisk Services. There is a charge plus the cost of shipping. Details at www.greendisk.com/

Auto Batteries and Used Motor Oil – Auto Zone and Advanced Auto Parts will accept used car batteries and up to 5 gallons of used motor oil. There are a dozen locations in the Richmond area.

Packing “Peanuts” and Bubble Wrap – The following locations will accept plastic packing materials:

- Parcel Plus, 18 South

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Nonviolent Responses to War

By John Gallini

The threat of a war, which Richard Falk describes as “a preemptive war against Iraq that is contrary to international law and morality, constitutionally dubious and strategically imprudent, risking catastrophic side-effects”, has led me to reflect on the range of nonviolent ways one might respond.

1. Educate yourself about the issue. Recent issues of rpecNEWS have focused on the coming war with Iraq and nonviolent alternatives, as well as local actions related to the war. The Nation magazine and Sojourners have had a number of excellent articles on the issues. If you have e-mail and Internet access, you can get regular reminders about Richmond actions (send me an e-mail at gallinjb@aol.com to get on this list). The Nonviolent Alternative section of the RPEC web page <http://www.rpec.org/issues-8.html#Iraq> war has links to a large number of articles, as does www.commondreams.org and <http://www.sojo.net/action/index.cfm/action/educate.html>.
2. Share your views with others, starting with your family and friends. Take copies of one of the many articles to groups you participate in, and get them to talk about it.
3. Pray for peace. Organize a prayer service in your local place of worship, or participate in one set up by others.
4. Call your representatives in Congress and the Executive. It is still helpful to call the White House Comment Line at 202-456-1111 and let the President know that you are opposed to a preemptive war with Iraq. And those in Bobby Scott’s district should call his office and thank him for his vote against the war (local – 644-4845).
5. Take a public stand. You can participate in one of the legal protest demonstrations, including the weekly Anti-war protests on Thursdays at Noon at VCU and the Nov 9 rally and march starting at 2 PM at Festival Park. Or put an anti-war bumper sticker on your car (available through RPEC). I have recently had some good discussions about how this can be an important first step in saying NO! to war, and how it can be a difficult first step.
6. Vote on November 5. Make opposition to this war your primary basis for choosing among candidates (Warner, Cantor and Forbes voted for a war resolution giving President Bush authorization to use force against Iraq; Bobby Scott voted against it).
7. Legal non-cooperation – We can choose not to spend our money in ways that fuel this war. Glenn Fiscella, in “The Peace Advocate” from PPEC, proposes a one-day boycott of US produced goods for every Iraqi child killed in a war. More info at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BoycottUS/>
8. Tax resistance – There is a long history of opposing war by refusing to pay taxes for the war. Some of the approaches are legal; others are not. RPEC can connect you to folks who have explored this approach.
9. Civil disobedience (or Divine Obedience, as the Berrigans were quick to point out) can be an expensive step, but raises the level of the protest and tends to get more extensive press coverage. In the past, some types of civil disobedience were fairly risk-free, such as “crossing the line at Fort Benning” for the first time. But last November, fifteen first-time offenders were sentenced to 3 to 6 months in federal prison for trespassing. People thinking about taking such steps should understand the possible consequences, go through nonviolence training, and connect to an affinity group. Again, RPEC can put you in touch with folks who can provide much of this.

I do not believe the people of this country really want to go to war with Iraq. We need to find ways to say that loudly (and nonviolently), because I still

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understanding, acceptance, appreciation. We are interdependent and interrelated and we are challenged to find our correct role in creation, to do what is right for the world, not just what is right for U.S. When asked how to bring up children nonviolently, he responded that we must "live what we want our children to learn."

What do we want our children to learn? What did we want our almost 10 year old son, (who was allowed to stay up past his bedtime on a school night and who chose a front row, center seat) to learn from being in Arun Gandhi's presence? We wanted him to listen to a different voice in the din of debate on war, to see college students, and other children his age listening.

We want him to be able to consider for himself what choosing nonviolence might mean in daily life and to have some stories to inspire these choices. We wanted to plant a seed, among the many violent influences in our daily culture, which will grow in our family so that in our humble way, we may "be the change we wish to see in the world."

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In the July/August, 2002 issue of rpecNEWS the name of the author of the article "The Selective Service System and Conscientious Objection", Barbara Williamson, was inadvertently omitted. We sincerely regret this omission. The



**Richmond Peace Education Essay
Contest Winners – 2002
What did 9-11 Teach us About Peace and
Justice?**



Grades K-3

- First Place **Suzanne Leah**, Holy Cross School, Forest, Va.
- Second Place **Annie Banton**, Washington Henry Elem., Hanover County, Va.
- Third Place (tie) **Daniel Brooker**, Holy Cross School, Lynchburg, Va.
- Third Place (tie) **Samantha Kese**, Holy Cross School, Goode, Va.
- Honorable Mentions:
 - Maggie Matson**, St. Anne's Catholic School, Bristol, Tn.
 - Katelyn Merrill**, St. Anne's Catholic School, Abingdon, Va.
 - Catherine Miller**, Goochland County Center for the Gifted, Manakin-Sabot, Va.
 - Elizabeth Main**, Holy Cross Catholic School, Lynchburg, Va.

Grades 4-5

- First Place **Michelle Charis Deadwyler**, William Fox Elem., Richmond
- Second Place **Samantha Lin**, Charlottesville Catholic School, Charlottesville
- Third Place **Kenny Clarke**, Holy Trinity School, Portsmouth, Va.
- Honorable Mentions:
 - Jessie Colleen Cappello**, Battlefield Park Elementary School Mechanicsville, Va.
 - Jamie Ebert**, Battlefield Park Elementary School, Mechanicsville, Va.
 - Megan DuLong**, Randolph Elementary School, Maidens, Va.
 - Bryce Pauley**, William Fox Elementary School, Richmond, Va.
 - Mary Blizzard**, Holy Trinity School, Norfolk, Va.

Grades 6-8

- First Place **Susie Brock**, St. Benedict School, Richmond, Va.
- Second Place **Alexandra Porter**, Holy Trinity School, Norfolk, Va.
- Third Place **Jessica Lee Martin**, St. Benedict School, Sandston, Va.
- Honorable Mentions:
 - Colleen Coyne**, Sacred Heart School, Danville, Va.
 - William Ford**, St. Anne's Catholic School, Bristol, Tn.
 - Carrie Haaser**, St. Anne's Catholic School, Bristol, Tn.
 - Jeffrey Dixon**, Sacred Heart School, Danville, Va.
 - Ashley Tabor**, St. Anne's Catholic School, Bristol, Va.

Grades 9-12

- First Place **Kendra Moses**, Kennedy High School, Richmond, Va.
- Second Place **Sarah Keeton**, Powhatan High School, Powhatan, Va.

Only 2 awards were given for grades 9-12 due to the small number of entries for those grades.

CALENDAR**NOVEMBER 2002****Meetings of Local Groups**

- Every Sunday** **Food Not Bombs, Richmond <Meal Sharing**, 4:00 P.M. in Monroe Park. Hotline # 359-4880 for details
- Every 3rd Wed.** **Amnesty International**, 7:00 PM at Friends Meeting. 4500 Kensington Ave. Call 320-9488
- Every 2nd Thurs.** **Virginians Against Handgun Violence**, 7:15 PM., Jewish Community Center, B. Phillips-Taylor, 737-2975
- Every 3rd Friday** **Sufi Dancing: Dances of Universal Peace**, 7:30-9:30 PM except Oct. Round House, Byrd Park. 353-4901
- Every Thurs.** **Richmond Organization for Sexual Minority Youth (ROSMY)**, 7:00-9:00 PM. Call support line: 353-2077 for more information; 353-1699 for the administrative line.
- Every 3rd Sat.** **Virginians for Justice**, 12:00 noon at the office. A political advocacy group working towards equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens of Virginia. Open to the public. Contact number is 643-4816.
- Every 3rd Sun.** **Richmond Community for Ethics and Meaning**, at First Unitarian. 1000 Blanton Ave., 5-8 PM, Susan at 784-4069.
- Every 4th Sat.** **Pax Christi Peace Community** - Call Elaine Ogburn for details - 320-4514.
- Every 1st Mon.** **Virginia People of Faith for Alternatives to the Death Penalty**, 4:45 PM
Catholic Diocese Conference Room, Floyd and Cherry, Kathleen Kenney, 359-5661

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 3-7** **The Names Project** - Remembering victims of lynching. For information contact RPEC at 358-1958 or the Center for Congressional Ministry at 358-8306 (toll free 888-241-5132).
- November 9** **Say NO! to War with Iraq Rally** - Saturday at 2 PM in Festival Park
- November 14** **Fill the Field for the execution of Mir Aimal Kasi** - at Greensville CC, Jarratt, VA - gather around 8:15 PM. For information contact Tim Stanton at: loistim@erols.com or Kathleen Kenney at: kkenney@richmonddiocese.org
- November 15-17** **Massive Rally and nonviolent direct action to shut down the SOA** - Fort Benning, Georgia. Call J. Gallini for information at 272-8141
- Every Thursday** **Rally Against War With Iraq** - at VCU - 12:00 noon.



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Thompson St., 355-8805

- Mailbox and Packaging Center, 7003 Mechanicsville Tpke, 730-2006
- Parcel Plus, 13618 Hull St., 739-0502

Your neighborhood mailing center may also accept these packing materials. I called the Mail Boxes Etc on Buford Road and they said they would take clean packing

materials (plus knew what I was talking about!). So call and check.

If you want to recycle something that is not included above Earth 911 has a website that lists many other items and places where they can be located. Go to: <http://virginia.earth911.org/usa/master.asp?s=ls&a=Recycle&cat=1&serviceid=>

Finally, recycling is the third leg

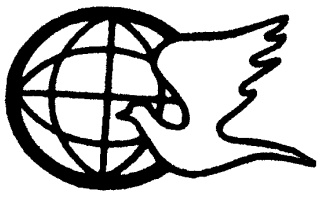
Remembering Adelaide Folensbee

Adelaide Folensbee, a long time member of RPEC and a good friend of many in the RPEC community, died on October 7 at Winchester Medical Center. Adelaide served on the RPEC Board of Directors, the Program Committee and took on the task of interim Executive Director for a year in 1994-95. She was a woman of strong faith who had an enduring commitment to peace. We are grateful for her many

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