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Elections Are Just the Beginning **A Syracuse Peace Council Statement**

When election time rolls around, we hear the civics lessons about the importance of voting and the wonders of US democracy. Indeed, some changes can be made to improve life locally, nationally and internationally through the election process. The recent extension of the Voting Rights Act and protection of the Alaska Wildlife Refuge from oil exploitation are examples resulting from a few “less bad” politicians in office.

But overwhelmingly we get to choose from a very narrow range of candidates. The Syracuse Peace Council believes that democracy means much more than occasional voting, particularly when our political system is stacked so heavily in favor of candidates representing corporations and other affluent minorities.

As a grassroots organization working to empower our community, we see the dominant role money plays. Those with enough of it can literally buy the candidates and therefore the policies and legislation and regulation they desire. As a result, the US “democratic process” is grossly undemocratic. Many who stay home on Election Day are making a political statement: the choices offered by our two-party system simply aren’t meaningful.

The Peace Council believes that voting can *never* be the primary vehicle for social change. To suggest it can buys into the mythology designed to disempower us and force us to accept limited progress toward peace, social justice and genuine democracy.

Unfortunately, voting and democracy are synonyms in US culture, with the added dogma that democracy equals a free market economy. For SPC democracy is self-government: people shaping the decisions affecting our lives.

If democracy were functioning well, elected officials would roughly resemble the populations they “represent.” Currently, white men (about 37% of the population) hold over 70% of the seats in Congress. Women, over half the population, make up a measly 15% of Congress.

Real democracy requires a living wage, strong social networks, adequate healthcare, social service supports for all and more. People, overwhelmed by caring for children, paying the bills and coping with personal crises,

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SUNNY SIDE UP

A Peace Newsletter feature reporting on our successes and victories. Submissions are encouraged: pnl@peacecouncil.net

First GI Coffeehouse Since Viet Nam Opens in Watertown

Seeking to support anti-war soldiers and encourage their connection with the broader movement, the Different Drummer Café opened its doors near Fort Drum (Watertown, NY) late in October. Fort Drum is home to the Army's 10th Mountain Division where 15,000 combat troops and several thousand reservists are stationed. Many see duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Tod Ensign, director of the GI/veterans rights advocacy group Citizen Soldier, and originator of the project notes, "Many young soldiers today quest for intellectual, cultural and political fulfillment, as they always have. We hope that this coffeehouse, which combines an alternative bookstore with a lively mix of

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free musical performances, stand up comedy and poetry... with some political speechifying thrown in, will become highly popular with a significant minority of GIs."

The Different Drummer seeks to provide an oasis in the frigid environs of Watertown. Like the coffeehouses of the Viet Nam War era, it will be supporting those soldiers and veterans working to end the Iraq War.

While often overlooked, the GI anti-war movement played a vital role in ending the Viet Nam War. Coffeehouses, with the first opening outside Ft. Jackson, SC in late 1967, helped spur the growth of that movement. Over the next year, similar projects sprang up outside 20 other major US bases.

Organizers hope that a successful pilot project at Fort Drum will stimulate the creation of similar efforts at other key posts, hastening the end of this bloody war.

The Café opened with a news conference and kickoff Halloween Party on October 27. Upcoming events – always free – include, the film "Poison Dust" (depleted uranium) on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, 3 pm, followed by a gala featuring Syracuse's Los Blancos at 8 pm. "Sir, No Sir" will be shown on November 18, at 2 pm, with a Pre-Turkey Day Party that evening at 8 pm with "Rex and the Ripcords".

The Café is in the Paddock Arcade, 1 Public Square in Watertown. To learn more call (315) 782-0595 or visit www.differentdrummercafe.org.

SPC is supporting the Café. Join us for a benefit Poker Night on **Saturday, November 4** at 7:30 pm at 401 Scottholm Blvd. Syracuse. To RSVP and get directions, call 445-2840.

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A panel addresses the contamination of Onondaga Lake and how to truly "clean" it. Ironically, the three environmental programs were held shortly after Honeywell's sham "clean up" plan for Onondaga Lake was announced. Right to left: Chief Bradley Powless, Jeanne Shenandoah, Emmanuel Carter, Richard Smardon, Ed Michalenko, Chris Amato and Jack Manno. Photo: Andy Mager

Onondaga Land Rights and Our Shared Environment

A broad range of environmental issues related to the Onondaga Land Rights Action were explored during two packed days of learning on October 16-17. Two evening programs and a day-long teach-in under the title "Reflections on the Journey from Environmental Reciprocity to Environmental Exploitation and Back" drew a total attendance of nearly 1,000 people.

We began with an exploration of the cultural ecology of Onondaga territory before European colonization. SUNY ESF Botany Professor Robin Kimmerer challenged us to debunk myths of "virgin" territory, pointing out the many ways the Onondagas and other Haudenosaunee people actively engaged with and altered their environment in a harmonious manner. Jeanne Shenandoah, an Onondaga, shared information about Onondaga names for many parts of the region, describing the deep spiritual and emotional connection of her people to the land.

Onondaga Lake and its watershed were the focus of the closing program. Environmental lawyer Chris Amato outlined the "cover-up" plan recently approved by the NYS DEC for the lake, informing us that the area would still qualify as a toxic Superfund Site **after the planned "clean-up."** A panel of scientists, activists and Onondagas discussed how we came to this point and how we might move forward to reclaim a **clean lake** as a central feature of our community. For more details and photos from the programs see www.peacecouncil.net/commonfuture.

The lack of both grassroots and political leadership to lead this process was highlighted. If you'd like to help fill this void, contact Andy.

Plowshares Craftsair & Winter Peace Festival

Join us at Nottingham High School on **Saturday, December 2** (10 am-5 pm) and **Sunday, December 3** (11 am-5 pm) for the 36th annual SPC winter gathering. You will find more than 100 booths of craftspeople and community groups eager to share their wares and info, along with wonderful food, entertainment and good cheer. In the spirit of half-full glasses, we are hopeful that we can also celebrate some significant political changes together.

The Plowshares Fair is our creative winter marketplace, an opportunity to value the work of local friends, and affirm our belief in economic exchange uncontrolled by corporate greed and arrogance. Amidst the suffering in the world, these two days are an oasis of connection and community; talking over lunch as enjoyable as the wonderful arts and crafts you can purchase.

Look for posters around town, make a plan to come with a friend and see how much fun it can be to do holiday shopping the grassroots way. Can't wait to see you there.

—Rae Kramer

P.S. Let us know if you have a service or an item that can be donated as a raffle prize. Our eclectic prize list is always open for that unusual lampshade from Aunt Sadie or magic brownie recipe you have perfected (call Rae 445-2840).

MAEP Shows Film November 1

The Military Alternatives Education Project (MAEP) is excited to be showing *Sir! No Sir* at 7 pm on **November 1** at The Palace Theater (2384 James St.), \$5-15 sliding scale (more if you can afford it, less if you can't). After the film representatives from Iraq Veterans Against the War will discuss their experiences speaking

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SPC MONTHLY PROGRAM

Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers

Thursday, Nov. 16, 7-8:30 pm

Westcott Community Center
(corner Euclid Ave. and Westcott St.)

Iraq for Sale uncovers the connections between private corporations making a killing in Iraq and the decision-makers who allow them to do so. By acclaimed director Robert Greenwald (*Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price*, *Outfoxed* and *Uncovered*), the film takes you inside the lives of soldiers, truck drivers, widows and children who have been changed forever as a result of profiteering in the reconstruction of Iraq. (75 minutes)

Followed by refreshments & discussion. FREE

out against the war and how this relates to the film.

MAEP has also been busy visiting the Syracuse City High Schools. We've been distributing "opt-out" forms so that kids know they have a choice about whether or not their information is passed onto the military. We also provide materials to counter what is provided by military recruiters.

We are looking for people to help with numerous tabling opportunities we have at area high schools. For more information contact Eric.

Study Group Looks at Power and Health Care

The SPC Study Group will be reading Paul Farmer's riveting book, *Pathologies of Power*. This highly praised work is filled with as much passion as it is with detailed scholarship. An international human rights activist and physician, Farmer makes a radical critique of market-based health care and its inherent injustices. He makes an eloquent case that health care should be a human right, not a privilege. *The New England Journal of Medicine's* glowing review states that "*Pathologies of Power* is a profound work; it deserves the widest possible audience."

The Study Group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at the Friends Meeting House (821 Euclid Ave). All are welcome. Please join us as we learn from each other. Contact Aly.

Fall Clean-up and Winterizing

Please join us **Saturday, November 4** as we transform SPC's house from its spring/summer look to its fall/winter look. From 10-3 pm we'll clean inside, do last minute yardwork, and put plastic over the windows. Come for the entire time or part. Lunch is provided, so please RSVP to Aly.

Activist Appreciation – Roger Cunningham

He spends untold hours scanning old *Peace Newsletters* to make them accessible to the world, brings the signs to Peace Outreach every week and fetches the *Peace Newsletter* from the printer each month, then trims 5,000 copies for mailing and distribution. Those are only the regular contributions Roger Cunningham makes at SPC.

His dependability and willingness to take on mundane tasks with good humor take a huge burden off SPC staff. We often turn to Roger when we can't find someone to assist with a needed task. At our Thursday house lunches Roger often regales us with stories from his time in Asia or growing up in the Midwest.

During heated moments at demonstrations one can see Roger's social work skills swing into gear as he calmly engages counter-demonstrators or angry passersby. Roger plays a vital role in maintaining the foundation that allows other things to happen.



Roger out in the cold, calling on Jim Walsh to Starve the War and Feed the Furnace (for poor folks). February 18, 2006. Photo: Ray Trudell

WEEKLY PEACE OUTREACH

After Halloween (don't forget your costume), Peace Outreach will move to lunchtime on Thursdays, noon-12:45 pm. Show your anti-war spirit in the aftermath of the Congressional elections. *Carpooling available from SPC.*

Last time Tuesday, 4:45-5:30 pm

- **October 31** Geddes St. and W. Genesee St. (Westside)

Thursdays, noon-12:45 pm

- **November 9** E. Genesee St. and Erie Blvd. (Dewitt)
- **November 16** Rt. 257 (Fayette St.) and Rt. 173 (E. Seneca Tpk.), Manlius
- **Friday, November 24, noon-12:45 pm - the busiest shopping day of the year!** Carousel Center, Hiawatha Blvd. entrance

Back to Thursday, noon-12:45 pm

- **November 30** Rt. 11 (in front of Northern Lights Shopping Center, Mattydale)

World Can't Wait Outreach

People across the US observed this past October 5 as the *World Can't Wait* national peace outreach day. Here in CNY over 20 SPC folks gathered from noon-1 pm at one of Syracuse's busiest intersections – that vehicular vortex where Adams St. goes under Rt. 81 between downtown and the university.

We deployed ourselves at the various corners facing the noon traffic and held aloft our signs. Thousands of motorists and their passengers couldn't escape reading our messages:

- War Will Not Make Us Safer
- Bring Our Troops Home ... Now
- War is Terrorism with a Bigger Budget
- Bush Lies and People Die

And so on.

A handful of folks stood in a line on the northwest corner with placards spelling out: I M P E A C H.

Does it make a difference? We think it does. All those folks giving us the peace sign and the thumbs up and honking their horns seem to think so too.

Let's keep keeping this rotten war on everyone's radar screen. Join us every Tuesday reaching out at other busy intersections around Syracuse. (See schedule above). Use one of our signs or bring your own.

Breaking the Ramadan Fast

This year the fasting month of Ramadan began September 23. The Islamic Society of CNY continued the tradition started in 2001 of inviting people connected with SPC to join them in the *iftar*, the evening meal breaking the day's fast. As usual the food and generosity of spirit warmed us all. We appreciated our hosts' graciousness in sharing their culture and religion, and answering our many questions. We truly are all part of one community.

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can't participate meaningfully. Our current economic and social system relegates too many to the electoral sidelines.

Voting is a fixture of various governments, including totalitarian ones. Voting and democracy are hardly Siamese twins. As Josef Stalin said, "Those who cast the votes decide nothing. Those who count the votes decide everything." This quote has gained increasing relevance with the push for computerized – and hackable – voting machines.

While we do not endorse candidates, there are three primary ways SPC relates to the electoral process:

(1) We seek to broaden and even reframe peace and social justice issues as they are presented – or ignored – during election campaigns. We use campaign season as an opportunity to **provide information and analysis**, recognizing that with all the hype, people are paying more attention.

(2) We encourage people to get involved in other forms of activism beyond voting so we can **build the power base necessary to create more fundamental change**. Indeed, without powerful grassroots social movements, voting would still be limited to white men who own property.

(3) SPC **calls for an overhaul of our electoral system**. Despite the vast change brought about by activists in the 20th century, access to the ballot remains restricted. The power of

This statement is the product of extensive discussion and input among the Peace Council Steering Committee and other core activists. This is draft number eight.

the peoples' vote remains severely limited as well. (See sidebar for specific suggestions.)

Creating peace and social justice, establishing true democracy and building a fair economic system require many different kinds of actions, from voting to nonviolent direct action, from workplace organizing to consumer boycotts, from marches and demonstrations to vigils and civil disobedience. Voting is just the beginning. ♻️

Components of an Electoral Overhaul

- create publicly-financed elections to minimize the power of monied and corporate interests to choose candidates, purchase access and determine policy;
- use voting technology which is transparent and includes a voter-verified paper trail;
- use proportional representation, instant run-off voting and other tools to promote the inclusion of more diverse perspectives in governing bodies;
- eliminate the need for advanced registration of voters;
- restore voting rights for citizens with felony convictions;
- guarantee equal access for smaller parties;
- provide paid leave time for people to vote (or holding elections on Saturday – not on a weekday);
- establish sensible Congressional districts rather than the current incumbent-protecting system;
- abolish the electoral college.



Credit Repair Workshop

Wednesday, November 8
6:00 - 8:00 PM

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A new center for peace and social justice organizations to share space, collaborate and expand efforts to build a more peaceful and just city, nation and world.

The Alliance For Peace and Social Justice is a new organization dedicated to promoting nonviolence and the elimination of all forms of social oppression at local, regional and national levels. The Alliance, which is seeking tax exempt status, plans to purchase and operate the Syracuse Center for Peace and Social Justice, to be the home of the Syracuse Peace Council, the American Friends Service Committee, Peace Action and other progressive organizations.

\$350,000 Needed



A capital campaign has recently begun to raise the approximately \$320,000 needed to purchase and renovate 2013 E. Genesee St. The early response to the campaign has been very positive. Over \$115,000 is already committed. Our dream is to create a fully "green" building. We expect to complete fundraising for the project by March 15, 2007.

Please consider a donation to support this groundbreaking project for our community. Tax deductible contributions (over \$100), can be sent to Alliance, c/o 340 Midland Ave., Syracuse, NY 13202. More information at www.alliance4peace.org or call 478-4571.



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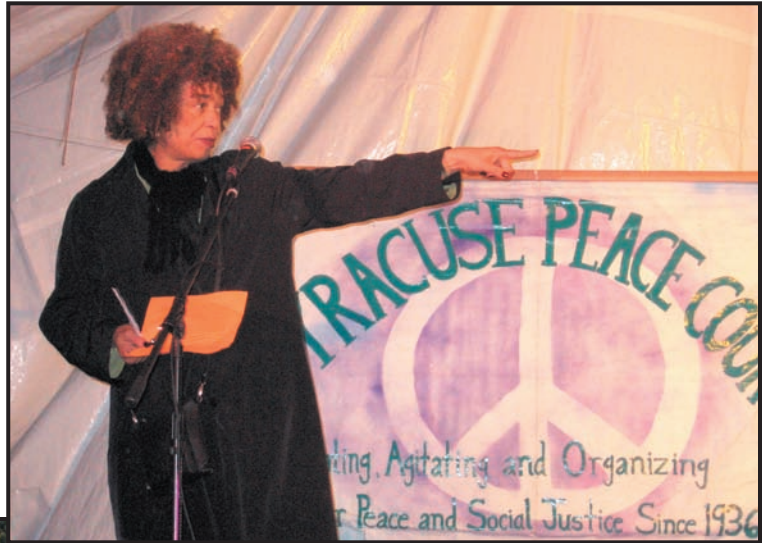
M-F 9-9 pm SAT 9:30-5 pm

TOOLS FOR CHANGE

The Peace Majority Speaks Out – October 20, 2006

On Friday, October 20, some 200 people braved cold wet evening weather to raise their voices in opposition to the occupation of Iraq at SPC's "Voices Against the War Rally." Held in conjunction with SU's "Feminism and War" conference, the rally featured longtime activist for peace, social justice and Black liberation Angela Davis, and United for Peace and Justice coordinator Leslie Cagan, along with local speakers and performers.

SPC's Local Cost of the War Committee continues working to end the ongoing US occupation. If you're interested in getting involved or participating in upcoming actions, contact Carol or Jess, or see www.peacecouncil.net/sharedtimes.



Angela Davis spoke of the dire threats to democracy in our nation today, calling upon us to link together the struggles for peace, human rights and economic justice for all people. Photo: Andy Mager



The rally is part of ongoing efforts to end the Iraq War, efforts which may shift in the aftermath of the Congressional elections. Other speakers at the event included activists Cynthia Banas, Magda Bayoumi, Robin Miller, Louise Poindexter and Dave Lester. In addition to the speeches, the crowd was inspired and entertained by poet Jackie Warren-Moore and musicians Colleen Kattau and the Raging Grannies. Photo: Giuseppe Alcoff








Gertrude Danzy, a food service worker at Syracuse University and member of SEIU Local 200 United, spoke about the connection between the war and lack of affordable healthcare, decent jobs and other needed services right here in our community. Photo: Andy Mager

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of Iraqis believe that the US forces have had a positive impact on the Iraqi situation. 78% of Iraqis believe the US presence is provoking more conflict than it is preventing.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p align="center">Syracuse Peace Council Community Calendar November 2006</p>		<p>Oct 31</p> <p>Weekly Peace Outreach: 4:45-5:30pm. Geddes St. and W. Genesee St. (Westside) 472-5478.</p> <p>EVERY OTHER TUES: Partnership for Onondaga Creek Mtg. 6pm. Brady Faith, Aggie 478-4571. Call to confirm time & place.</p> <p>Ray McGovern: Prospects for a Moral US Policy in the Middle East. Panasci Chapel, LeMoyne College. 8pm. Free. 422-4689.</p>	<p>Nov 1</p> <p>Sir! No Sir! Screening. See the suppressed story of the important role played by anti-war soldiers in ending the Viet Nam War. Palace Theatre, 2384 James St. 7pm. \$5-15 sliding scale. 472-5478. See page 3.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Film: Flag Wars. Storer Auditorium, OCC, 2 and 7pm. Free.</p> <p>SUN SW Action Committee. 7 pm, Brady Faith, 404 South Ave.</p> <p>University Lecture Series: Syracuse School Superintendent Daniel Lowengard, WCC, 7:30 pm. \$10, \$5 students.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Alternatives to Violence Workshop: Basic Level. Through Nov 5. Ed Stabler 317-2599 estable@twcny.rr.com. Info www.avpusa.org</p> <p>Syracuse Cultural Workers OPEN HOUSE: 4-7pm, 400 Lodi Street. 24% off everything all day.</p> <p>A Folkus Project/May Memorial concert: Roy Book Binder, 3800 East Genesee St. 8pm. \$15. tickets@folkus.org. 440-7444.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>SPC Fall Clean Up. 924 Burnet Ave. 10am-4pm. Help clean & prepare the SPC office for winter. Lunch provided. See page 4. 472-5478.</p> <p>Open Hand Theater. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. 11am. 518 Prospect Ave. Fee. 476-0466.</p> <p>Syracuse Africa Bound Open House & Registration 1-4pm. Beauchamp Lib. 211 S. Salina St. Vanessa Johnson, 516-2216.</p> <p>CNY NOW: 27th Annual Unsung Heroine Awards Dinner. The Empire Room, NYS Fairgrounds, Syr. 1pm. \$45. RSVP by Nov. 1.</p> <p>SPC Poker Night to Benefit Different Drummer Cafe. 401 Scottholm Blvd. 7:30 pm. See page 2. Rae, 445-2840.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>CNY SOA Abolitionists and Caribbean Latin America Coalition. Monthly potluck meeting. 4-7pm. Slocum House, 209 Slocum Ave. 478-4571.</p> <p>EVERY SUN: People's 60 Minutes. Time Warner Cable Channel 98. 8pm. Produced by SPC. Tape it, share it!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>SUN Southside Coalition. 7pm, Payton Temple. 476-7475.</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>VOTE FOR PEACE and then take action through the year—see cover.</p> <p>EVERY TUES: Rough Times Live. T.V. by, for & about teens. 8pm. TW Cable Channel 98. 478-UNIT.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>EVERY WED: Military & Draft Counseling. 1-3pm. SPC, 924 Burnet Ave. 472-5478.</p> <p>Credit Repair Workshop by Syracuse Coop Fed Credit Union. SUN, 1540 S. Salina St. 6-8pm. RSVP: Nick, 471-1116 x223.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Weekly Peace Outreach. noon-12:45pm. E. Genesee St. and Erie Blvd. 472-5478.</p> <p>SPC Steering Comm Meeting. 7-9pm. Call for location. 472-5478. Open to SPC supporters</p> <p>Joy Harjo, Native Am. activist/musician. 8pm. Setnor Aud. SU. Free.</p> <p>Active Solidarity: Join us for a discussion on racism. Women's Info Center, 6pm. 472-5478.</p>	<p>10</p> 	
<p>12</p> <p>Peace Action Peace Award Dinner. 5 pm. Drumlins Country Club. \$50. RSVP by Nov. 3: 478-7442, info@peaceactionny.org</p> <p>Syracuse Gay/Lesbian Catholics & Friends Mass. St. Andrew's Ch., 124 Alden St. 5pm. 636-7726.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>SPC Study Group. 7-8:30 pm, Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave. Aly, 472-5478.</p> <p>Syracuse United Neighbors/Westside Coalition Mtg. 7pm, Brown Memorial, 228 Davis St. 476-7475.</p> <p>Syr. Real Food Coop: Fall Membership Mtg. Westcott Cinema. 6pm. Movie "Black Gold" follows meeting.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Film: No Direction Home: Bob Dylan. Storer Auditorium, OCC, 2 and 7 pm. Free.</p> <p>Khaled About El Fadl. "Can We Be Beautiful in an Ugly World? The Great Theft and the Muslim Imperative." Islamic Jurist and Scholar. Hendricks Chapel, SU. 7:30 pm. Free.</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Weekly Peace Outreach. noon-12:45pm. Rt. 257 and Rt. 173 (E. Seneca Tpk.), 472-5478.</p> <p>PNL Mailing Party. 4pm. SPC, 924 Burnet Ave., 472-5478. Free Pizza!</p> <p>SPC Monthly Program Showing Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers. 7pm. WCC. See page 3. 472-5478. Free.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Annual Weekend SOA Protest. Fort Benning, GA. Through 11/19. For CNY involvement 478-4571. Nationally: www.soaw.org.</p> <p>Conference and Symposium on Native Water, Law, Sovereignty, and Cultural Survival. http://www.aip.cornell.edu/tiwp/ Free. Cornell University. Kathy Halbig. 607.255.5991</p>	
<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>SPC Orientation for New Activists/Volunteers. 7-8:30pm, SPC Office, 924 Burnet Ave. 472-5478. Come Get Involved!</p> <p>27</p> <p>Progressive Coalition Meeting. 5:30-7pm, CNY Labor Fed., 404 Oak St. Andy, 472-5478.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>PFLAG Monthly Meeting. First UU Church, 250 Waring Rd. 7:30pm, 446-5940. Help line 635-9230.</p> <p>EVERY WED: Open Figure Drawing. 7-10pm. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. Fee. 478-8634.</p> <p>EVERY WED: Choir rehearsals at the Westcott Community Center. 7:30pm. Childcare and transportation provided. Karen 428-8151, kmihalji@a-znet.com or Mardea, 479-5757.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>EVERY WED: Open Figure Drawing. 7-10pm. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. Fee. 478-8634.</p> <p>EVERY WED: Choir rehearsals at the Westcott Community Center. 7:30pm. Childcare and transportation provided. Karen 428-8151, kmihalji@a-znet.com or Mardea, 479-5757.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>THANKSGIVING. Can we learn from our Onondaga neighbors and give thanks daily?</p> <p>EVERYTHURS (except Thanksgiving): Talk to a Lawyer. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 6-8pm. Steve, 478-8634. Free.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Weekly Peace Outreach. noon-12:45pm. Carousel Center, Hiawatha Blvd. entrance. 472-5478.</p>	
<p>26</p> <p>Syracuse Gay/Lesbian Catholics & Friends Mass. St. Andrew's Ch., 124 Alden St. 5pm. 636-7726.</p>	<p>Why Native American Sovereignty Makes Sense for Us All. Speakers: Tonya Gonella Frichner, Richard Loder and Scott Lyons. Part of Onondaga Land Rights & Our Common Future. Syracuse Stage. 7pm Free. 472-5478.</p> <p>SPC Study Group. 7-8:30pm, Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave. Aly, 472-5478.</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Friends of Dorothy Benefit Dinner. 5:30-7pm. St. Vincent's Parish Ctr - enter on Winton St. friends ofdorothy@twcny.rr.com. Fee.</p> <p>To list your group's event or meeting, call 472-5478 or send the info to SPC at pn1@peacecouncil.net</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Weekly Peace Outreach. noon-12:45pm. Rt. 11 (in front of Northern Lights Shopping Center, Mattydale) 472-5478.</p> <p>Vigil Against the Death Penalty: Columbus Circle, noon-12:30pm. Bill Cuddy, 474-7437.</p> <p>EVERY THURS: Womens' Voices Radio. WAER - 88 FM. 8pm.</p>	<p>Dec. 1 / 2-3</p> <p>Plowshares Craftsfair & Winter Peace Festival</p> <p><i>Over 100 craftspeople, hearty food, lively entertainment - all a major fundraiser for SPC.</i></p> <p>Saturday, December 2 10am-5pm Sunday, December 3 11am-5pm Nottingham High School, 3100 E. Genesee St. 472-5478. \$2.</p>	
						<p>11</p> <p>Canandaigua Treaty Commemoration. Parade 1:30pm Canandaigua Primary School, 96 W Gibson St. Canandaigua. Ceremony 2 pm County Courthouse. Dinner and social after. Carpooling from Syracuse, 472-5478. canandaigua-treaty.org</p> <p>Expressing Our Nature Mtg. St. Andrew's Ch., 124 Alden St., 7-9pm. www.eonsyr.net. Also 11/25.</p> <p>The Folkus Project: finger style blues guitarist Paul Geremia. WCC. 8 pm. \$15.</p> <p>18</p> <p>EVERY SAT: Democracy Now! w/Amy Goodman. Time Warner Cable Channel 98, 9-11am.</p> <p>CNY Peace Studies Conference—The Language of Violence: Critical Thinking about War and Peace. Corey Union, SUNY Cortland. (607) 753 2016, www.peaceconsortium.org.</p> <p>One The Movie. The Redhouse, 201 S. West St. 7:30pm. 425-0405. \$7.</p> <p>25</p> <p>Pax Christi, 9:30am. Slocum House, 208 Slocum Ave. Frank Woollever, 446-1693.</p> <p>EVERY SAT: Sharing the Earth. 10pm. TW Ch. 98. People for Animal Rights.</p>

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