

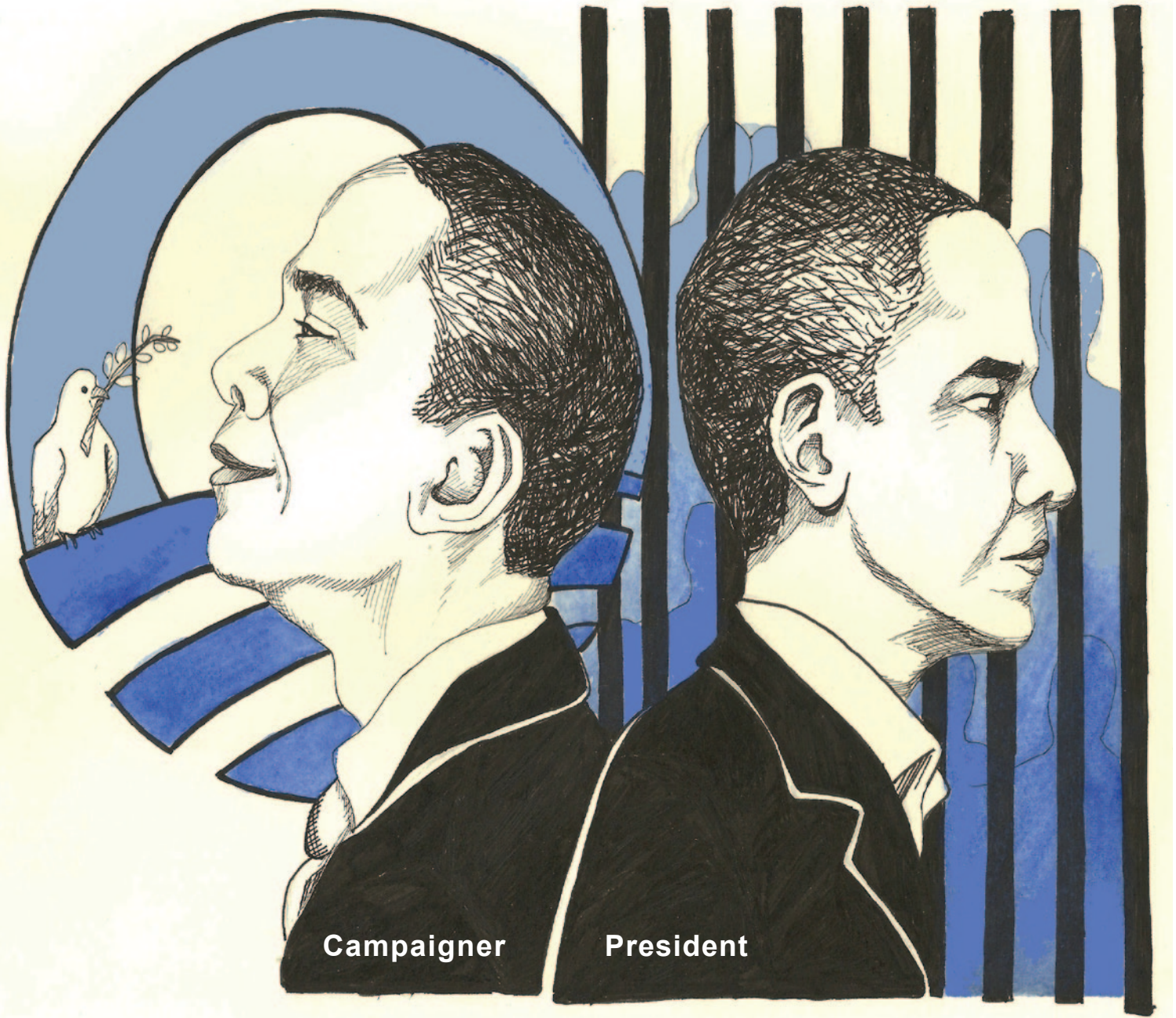
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Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of us all.

Educate, Agitate, Organize: SPC IN ACTION

compiled by Carol Baum

Anti-Drones Weekend: Medea Benjamin to Speak

The Upstate Coalition to Ground the Drones and End the Wars is organizing “Stop Drone War Crimes at Hancock Airfield: Say NO to the Global War Zone” **April 21-22** in Syracuse. Saturday, April 21 will feature workshops, dinner and speaker Medea Benjamin. Medea is co-founder of CodePink and author of the recently published *Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control*. Sunday, April 22 will be educational outreach and action.

Please join us. Details are being worked out—updates will be on peacecouncil.net and upstatedroneaction.org. All events are free.

Contact Carol. To offer hospitality, contact Ann Tiffany, 315-478-5471.



Paul Gunter of Beyond Nuclear speaks at a press conference organized by AGREE calling for the shut down of the Fitzpatrick nuclear reactor in Oswego. Photo: Alison Gates

Justice for Palestine

CNY Working for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel is organizing a demonstration for Land Day, **March 30**, at the intersection of Erie Blvd. E. and E. Genesee St. in DeWitt. Land Day, Yom al-Ard, commemorates the Israeli security forces' 1976 killing of six young Palestinians as they protested the Israeli government's seizure of Palestinian land. The day has since become a symbol of Palestinian resistance to land theft, colonization and occupation. Our third annual Nakba Commemoration, featuring a Skype discussion with Palestinian activist and scholar Mazin Qumsiyeh, is set for **Sunday, May 20 at 4 pm** at ArtRage. Contact Andy.

SPC and Iran

The partial US withdrawal from Iraq had barely commenced when Obama and other

public figures began escalating threats to take military action against Iran. SPC held a teach-in on February 28 on Iran and the dangers of the expanding US permanent war economy. With ArtRage Gallery, we co-sponsored a photo slide-show and documentary film viewing, organized by Rochester anti-war activist Judy Bello, who has traveled to Iran several times. In mid-March we signed onto a United for Peace and Justice statement opposing a US military strike on Iran.

If the threats and justifications coming from Obama sound familiar, it could be due to their similarity to Bush's 2008 declarations against Iran. For a review, look through the 2008 *PNL* archives online (peacecouncil.net/pnl), especially the June and October issues.

AGREE for a Safe Energy Future

SPC is a founding member of the Alliance for a Green Economy, a new statewide coalition promoting a safe energy future.

On March 11, the anniversary of the Fukushima disaster, AGREE hosted an educational event. The following day, we held a joint press conference in Syracuse with national nuclear watch-dog Beyond Nuclear (beyondnuclear.org), which was attended by all three local TV stations, the primary radio news stations and the *Post-Standard*, and was picked up by WBAI, the New York City Pacifica station. We announced our filing of a joint petition asking the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to shut down the Fitzpatrick reactor in Scriba, NY. A Mark I GE boiling water reactor, Fitzpatrick is one of 23 operating in the US that are of the same design as those that exploded and melted down in Japan (see the *PNL*, March 2012).

We are also seeking state funding for a comprehensive study on how to make New York carbon and nuclear free by 2050. For more information on AGREE or to get involved, visit agreenewyork.org or find us on Facebook.

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SPC Monthly Program

Liberation Learnings: Lessons for Today from African Anti-Colonial Struggles

May Day, Tuesday, May 1, 7 pm
ArtRage Gallery (505 Hawley Ave.)

Micere Mugo is a playwright, author, activist, instructor and poet from Kenya and teaches in the African American Studies Department at SU. Forced into exile in 1982 as a result of her activism, Micere has a long history of struggle and will share from her personal experiences and research.

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Jobs Not War

With high school seniors nearing the end of school, the poor economy can be a strong recruiting tool for the US military. Now more than ever it's important for us to staff informational tables in the local high schools to raise awareness about alternatives to military service. We have upcoming lunch-time tables scheduled for Fowler on April 4, Henninger on April 18, Nottingham on April 25 and Corcoran on April 26. The more people we have tabling, the more students we can reach. To join one of our core activists at a table from 10:45 am-12:40 pm, contact Andy or Jessica.



SPC on Social Media

Did you know that you can interact with the Peace Council community on social media through Facebook and Twitter? Visit our Facebook page to share interesting articles on peace, war and social justice issues and to get the most up-to-date info on upcoming events from SPC and our allies.

Consensus Workshop

As an organization, SPC is committed to democratic, non-hierarchical forms of decision making that maximize participation and cooperation. The Occupy movement raised the visibility of consensus decision making, but many activists still don't fully understand how consensus works. On **Wednesday, April 4 at 7pm**, SPC will host a workshop on consensus process. RSVP helpful. Contact Jessica.

Two Row Wampum

Outreach is extending beyond Syracuse for the planned Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign in 2013. Sue Eiholzer of NOON made the first presentation on the campaign on March 18 in Trumansburg. The first regional organizing meeting is

Sunday, April 15 in Albany. In the next few months we'll meet with the Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges and Universities and the Beacon Sloop Club. We'll also staff a booth at the Clearwater Festival.

Committees focused on education, outreach, fundraising and enactment planning are meeting regularly. More organizers are needed. Contact Andy.



A few of the great teams who bowled this year, from top: Citizen Action, J-D High School, Central Square Unitarians. Photos: Carol Baum and Diana Cramer

Bowlathon a Striking Success

This year's Bowlathon had 44 teams with 226 bowlers. The spirit was outstanding! Best team name awards went to *The 1199%ers* (from SEIU 1199) and *Emma Goldpins*; best team costume went to *We're the 1% and You're Not* and *Psychedelic Propaganda*; and *Team Salsa* and *Lynne's Team* won the team spirit awards. A highlight was when *Permie Madness* occupied the lane of *We're the 1% and You're Not*. To see photos, go to flickr.com (can access from SPC website).

Not only was it fun, but it was a money-maker too. Special thanks to people who collected pledges and to teams who joined

Weekly Peace Outreach

It's spring, so we're out at busy intersections *twice* a week. Join us!

Tuesdays: 4:15-5 pm

- Apr. 3** Hancock Air Base Entrance (E. Molloy Rd., b/w Thompson & Townline Rds., Mattydale)
- Apr. 10** Rte. 81 & Adams St. (Downtown).
- Apr. 17** Hancock Air Base Entrance
- Apr. 24** Rte. 81 & Adams St. (Downtown).
- May 1** Hancock Air Base Entrance

Starting April 9: Every Saturday 9-10 am on Park St. across from the Regional Market main entrance.

Contact Ed or Ann, 315-478-4571

the Team Pledging Hall of Fame.

Great thanks go to the organizing committee of Carol Baum, Jane Garlow, Nancy Hallock, Rae Kramer and Wendy Yost, and to all who helped make the Bowlathon great fun.

Activist Appreciation: Donna Tarbania

Donna Tarbania is an insightful, careful thinker who is a boon to any project she works on. She is an exacting and clear communicator, both with the spoken and written word, and we are grateful she has shared her gifts with SPC. She has done small scale, but challenging, projects, such as writing a shortened version of SPC's Statement of Purpose. She has also helped with time-consuming jobs, such as being an integral part of Plowshare's SPC Marketplace Committee.

For the last year and a half, she has been part of the committee organizing and editing a booklet soon to be published by SPC's Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation. Donna joined the committee at a particularly challenging time and helped get it restarted and refocused, offering much-needed expertise from her publishing background (she is the associate publisher at the Syracuse Cultural Workers).

Thank you so much, Donna, for quietly making so much happen!

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Honoring Audrey Shenandoah

On March 15, 2012, Onondaga clanmother and longtime friend of the Peace Council Audrey Shenandoah passed away peacefully at her home on the Onondaga Nation. Below are tributes from SPC members who had the honor of working with Audrey. SPC is honored that her family requested that donations in her memory be sent to "her good friends, Syracuse Peace Council."

Teaching Compassion and Seeking Justice

Audrey Shenandoah was a leader among women. Her way both commanding and humble, she showed us how to respect ourselves from the inside out, and in that, how to gain respect from others.

Audrey seemingly did this just by being herself. While she was a great teacher of the Longhouse traditions among her people, Audrey also was a messenger who brought the essence of those teachings to the rest of us.

The Onondaga people, like most traditional cultures, keep separate roles and responsibilities for women and men, and Audrey held for us the memory of how that can actually happen within a framework of equality and respect. Audrey's ability to remember the history of her people appeared to be flawless, as was her storytelling. She had the capacity to hold the space around her with love, no matter how serious the crisis or how dire her words.

In these days following Audrey's death, I realize not only how much I miss her but also how present she is in my awareness. It is almost as if I am trying to learn just a little bit more before she goes. But Audrey has already gone, and her departure calls on us to carry forward her work of compassionate teaching and seeking justice for all people.

—Carole Resnick

Falling in Love with Audrey

The last time Audrey spoke at a choir event was in June 2010 at the Nation School. It was a lovely, full afternoon, an ice cream social and concert. Audrey spoke of our friendship, of working together and of gratitude.

We introduced our final song "Can't Help Falling in Love with You" (Elvis Presley) with this thought: that falling in love with the earth and each other is what we need to do in order to do the hard work ahead.

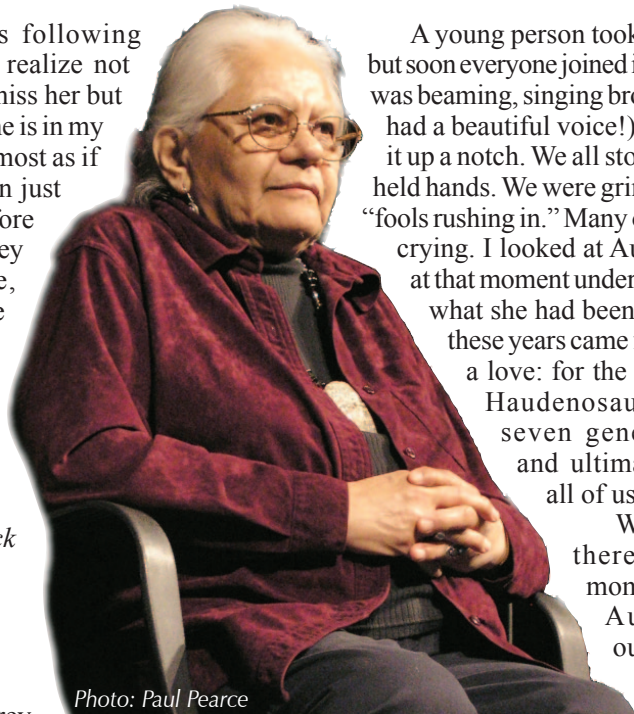


Photo: Paul Pearce

A young person took the lead, but soon everyone joined in. Audrey was beaming, singing broadly (she had a beautiful voice!). We took it up a notch. We all stood. Some held hands. We were grinning like "fools rushing in." Many of us were crying. I looked at Audrey and at that moment understood that what she had been doing all these years came from such a love: for the earth, the Haudenosaunee, the seven generations, and ultimately, for all of us.

We were there, at that moment, with Audrey as our bridge, putting our minds

and hearts together, deepening a connection, building a foundation, falling in love. My heart was filled with her.

My condolences to her remarkable family, to the good people of Onondaga and to the Nations of the Haudenosaunee.

May we carry on together, in the manner of the Two Row Wampum, remembering her instructions and actions.

—Karen Mihalyi, Syracuse Community Choir Director

In 1992 Audrey Shenandoah was recognized by SANE/FREEZE (now Peace Action) and awarded their Peace Award. Jack Manno composed blessings for her to be rendered in calligraphy and framed.

Let us give thanks for the Life and Work of

~Audrey Shenandoah~

and ask of the Creator Blessings for her and all peacemakers.

This We Ask

May your grandchildren honor you as mother who named the passing of the time of persecution.

May all land-use planners, land developers, agents of real estate, lawyers of land holdings and insurers of titles come to know the Treaties in word and intent by heart.

May all your grandchildren know that your instructions are not that hard to hear. May they have their hills and hearths where they listen often.

May each hello you receive in this world be hallowed, holy, grand with the understanding that every greeting is a blessing.

May that day arrive when the knowledge passing through

your breath, walking with your toes, held in your touch and passed on in your birthing is known to all to be brilliance and rewarded in memorials everywhere.

May the grandchildren's grandchildren study their stories in belts of woven beads, and may their science books have chapters writ in the languages of the wolf, the turtle, the snipe, the beaver, the hawk, the deer, the eel and the bear.

May the people gain the wisdom to recognize peace, the liberty to insist on peace, the wherewithal to pursue peace, and power to secure such happiness.

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Standing with the People of Bahrain

Brian Terrell

On the long flight to the Gulf Kingdom of Bahrain on February 10, I studied the *Lonely Planet* guide to the region in order to be able to explain at the airport, if needed, that I had come as a tourist. While most passengers on our plane sailed through passport control, my travel companion Linda Sartor and I were pulled from the line and subjected to closer examination. My sketchy knowledge of Bahrain's historic and cultural sights passed official scrutiny. We were granted tourist visas and sent on our way.

Though we came as tourists, we neglected to mention that we had been invited to Bahrain to monitor the government's response to demonstrations marking the one year anniversary of Bahrain's "Arab Spring" pro-democracy uprising on February 14. This demand for basic rights was brutally suppressed by Bahrain's police and military, backed by the Saudi army.

We would have been barred entry to the country had our full intent been told—but, as Daniel Berrigan once mused, "How much truth do we owe them?" In fact, our invitation from Nabeel Rajab, president of the Bahrain Center for Human Rights, came because the government had stated that observers from established human rights organizations would not be granted visas until the next month and that access to the country by the international media was to be severely limited during that period. The regime's resolve that there be no witnesses to the anniversary events made our presence all the more crucial.

Demonstrations Suppressed

The morning after our arrival, we met with local activists and the small group of US citizens who had come before us. Before long we were in the streets of the capital city Manama accompanying a march to the Pearl Roundabout, the focal point of last year's demonstration. This peaceful march of men, women and children was quickly set upon by police in full riot gear

Brian, an activist with Voices for Creative Nonviolence, came to Syracuse to protest the drones at Hancock Field. This article is condensed from the original published at wagingnonviolence.org.



In Bahrain, tear gas is used not for crowd control but as collective punishment. It doesn't stop those working for democracy and freedom. Photo: Wafa Alnoaimi

and dispersed with tear gas and percussion grenades. Our first encounter with the Bahraini police appeared to be vicious, but our local friends assured us that our presence was a restraining factor. Two of the Americans we had just met, Huwaida Arraf and Radhika Sainath, were taken into custody at this march and deported later that evening for activities "not consistent with their status as tourists."

Our small group, called Witness Bahrain, grew over the next days, even as several who traveled to join us were turned away at the airport by a regime made even more hyper-vigilant after deporting Huwaida and Radhika. While being careful to remain at large at least until the events of the 14th, we toured Manama and the villages over the next couple of days, hearing testimony of government abuses and accompanying demonstrations and marches.

On February 13, Tighe Barry and Medea Benjamin of Code Pink joined us. In the afternoon we witnessed a march of tens of thousands through the main thoroughfares of Manama. This march was tolerated by the authorities until a large group split off to walk to the Pearl Roundabout. The police response was immediate and appalling. Tear gas in Bahrain is used not for crowd control but as collective punishment—crowds dispersed by gas are pursued, cornered and gassed again. Many are injured by

direct hits from gas canisters and percussion grenades. We witnessed beatings and heard reports of injuries by birdshot and rubber bullets.

On the actual anniversary, the police locked down the country. Patrols of armored cars sped through the streets of Manama and rural roads were blocked by tanks. Many hundreds still made it to the streets, many were injured, many arrested. Six more of us were taken by the authorities.

My detention by the Bahraini police was anticlimactic. Four of us from the US, with a Bahraini friend, were walking along a quiet street to catch up with others attempting to reach the roundabout. A passing police patrol asked for identification. We again explained that we were tourists. "If you are tourists," we were asked, "why do you have gas masks?"

A few hours later we were in a police station where we met two more from our group who had been captured under more dramatic circumstances. One by one, we were summoned to talk with representatives from the Ministry of Information and told we would be deported. Our claim to be tourists was regarded as a deception by the authorities. My protestations to the contrary were to no avail.

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Obama's Crackdown on Dissent

Christina Sterbenz

Obama first broke his campaign promises by refusing to close Guantanamo Bay. But now his administration has begun to employ practices of imprisonment and torture even outside those walls. In the past four years, Obama has used the Department of Justice to prosecute six people under the Espionage Act—more than all other presidents combined since the act's passage in 1917. By jailing anyone who threatens to expose the country's secrets, he has sent a clear message: his powers as Commander-in-Chief trump upholding the First Amendment and individual rights.

After WWI, President Woodrow Wilson birthed the Espionage Act to protect the US against enemy countries. He specifically asked Congress for a legal method of prosecuting those who seek "to debase our politics to the uses of foreign intrigue." In fact, the etymology of espionage stems from the Old Italian *epsione* meaning "to spy." The government most famously convicted Aldrich Ames, the CIA official who sold sensitive information to the KGB in the 80s and 90s. That case fell much more in line with the law's original intent than imprisoning whistleblowers—well intentioned disseminators of truth.

Former dean of the Newhouse School at SU and current communication law professor David Rubin believes whistleblowers do indeed strengthen our democracy. "People who are

willing to risk their careers to talk to journalists ... are providing information that we, the public, need to know. National security will improve when the government is embarrassed into making changes," he said. All opinions aside, the Obama administration has pushed the Espionage Act far beyond its original purpose, which severely damages both civil liberties and democracy as a whole.

Protecting US Malfeasance

The Obama administration first prosecuted Shamai Leibowitz under the Espionage Act. A contract Hebrew translator for the FBI, he gave secret transcripts of conversations from the Israeli Embassy in Washington to a blogger. The conversations alluded to Israel's plans to aggressively influence Congress in its favor and potentially attack Iran. This illegal transfer of information occurred in 2002, but the government didn't charge and sentence Liebowitz to 20 months in jail until 2010.

Not only did the Obama administration extend the arm of the law back through time, it did so outside the scope of national security. To justify limiting free speech, the leaked information must do immediate and irreversible damage to the country. In fact, according to a *New York Times* article, the judge who sentenced Liebowitz admitted he didn't even know

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the exact information or how it compromised the nation.

Also in 2010, the government charged Thomas Drake, a former National Security Agency (NSA) official, with violating the Espionage Act. According to a 2011 *New Yorker* article, the indictment accused Drake of sneaking top-secret defense documents out of Fort Meade and taking them home with the intent of "unauthorized disclosure." The journalist to whom he gave the information, Siobahn Gorman of the *Baltimore Sun*, wrote a prize-winning series about legal wrongdoings and financial malpractice within NSA. Even though none of the information Drake leaked to Gorman could logically fall under national security, the main scope of the Espionage Act, Drake still faces a 35-year prison sentence.

Stephen Kim, a foreign policy analyst with the State Department, leaked supposedly classified information to an unidentified national news journalist in 2009. In reality, he simply gave his expert opinion on North Korea's response to US sanctions. Anyone who reads the *New York Times* on a regular basis could have done the same. In fact, according to a statement from Abbe D. Lowell, Kim's lawyer and a UCLA professor, "The government leaks far more sensitive information to the media every day as part of its normal business." Regardless, Kim faces up to 15 years in prison.

More Unlawful Prosecutions

The media has had a heyday reporting on all angles of the Bradley Manning, Wikileaks, Julian Assange hullabaloo. Most know that Manning was arrested in 2010 on suspicion of having leaked restricted material about a host of topics ranging from the war in Iraq to politicians in Iceland. If we do allow the government to protect their secrets in the interest of national security,

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Manning's actions would admittedly fall under that umbrella. The lightning strikes with Manning's treatment—isolation for 23 hours a day for 11 months in inhuman conditions. According to *The Guardian*, the UN special rapporteur on torture has formally accused the US of torture.



Image: unknown artist

Jeffrey Sterling, a former CIA official charged with espionage, exposed the Clinton administration's Operation Merlin. Under this ultra-covert operation, the US planned to give Iran a flawed nuclear weapons design to delay the country's alleged nuclear weapons program. Between 2002 and 2004, the government intercepted e-mails and phone calls between Sterling and James Risen, a *New York Times* correspondent and author of *State of War*. Once again, the government waited seven years, until 2011, to arrest and indict Sterling.

In 2007, John Kiriakou, yet another ex-CIA official and aide to Democrat Senator John Kerry, openly admitted the US used waterboarding to extract information from a man accused of aiding Osama bin Laden. Although President Obama has condemned this practice, in January his Department of Justice charged Kiriakou with disclosing classified information to journalists—the modern day form of espionage. He has yet to go to trial.

Obama's Overreach

In his Presidential campaign, Obama harshly criticized the Bush administration's attacks on civil liberties. In his acceptance speech, he said, "To those who cling to power through corruption and deceit and the silencing of dissent, know that you are on the wrong side of history." But now Obama looks less like a protector of civil liberties and more like a two-faced tyrant. "When you have an administration like Obama's that is very concerned about protecting secrets and national security, what they want to do is shut off that avenue of information to the press," Rubin said. Not only has Obama lied and kept secrets from the citizenry, he has prosecuted truth-tellers through an overbroad misapplication of a law intended to punish spies.

We should only allow the keeping of secrets when the information would, in actuality, negatively affect the country's safety as a whole—not just when the information embarrasses the government. The Obama administration has used the Espionage Act to bully journalists and their sources—a function far outside the scope of the law's original intent. Much of the information leaked in these cases doesn't even logically apply to national security.

While the government does have the right and responsibility to protect the country's safety, Obama has overextended the Espionage Act only to protect the government's self-interest. As citizens concerned about peace and social justice, we owe these brave leakers our support. And that means holding Obama accountable for his near Orwellian crackdown on dissent. ♣

Community Broadband Coming to Syracuse?

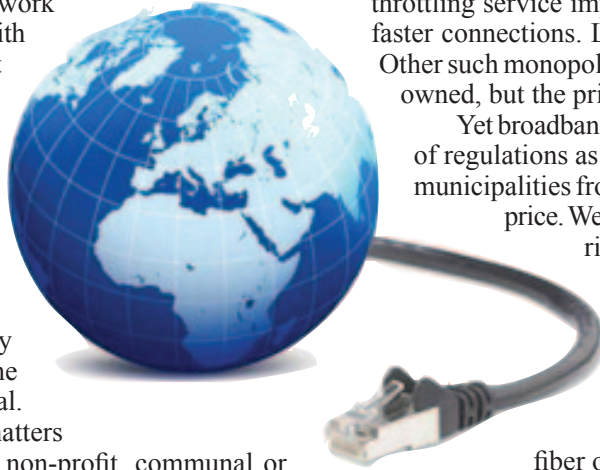
Seth Rutledge

The Syracuse Community Broadband Initiative just received a \$15,000 grant to determine the viability of a non-profit, community-owned broadband network for Syracuse. The network would provide residents and institutions with cable, Internet, and phone. The network would operate like a public utility, with a commitment to the best service at the least cost, and rely on subscriber revenue independent of taxpayer subsidies.

Access to high speed Internet, phone and television is a need in today's society. The social, political, and economic benefits of a well connected community are too great to ignore. Yet affordable quality connectivity in Syracuse, and in the US in general, is far from universal. Some communities have taken matters into their own hands by building non-profit, communal or municipal networks to provide universal service.

The incumbent Internet Service Providers (ISPs) will never provide the quality of service and low price that current technology could bring. Fiber optic networks are extremely expensive to build, and once built, they are very cheap to maintain. It is a natural monopoly because the barriers to entry for competition are so high. When the service being monopolized is a necessity, common sense suggests that it must be heavily regulated or operated as a public utility.

This concept is commonly recognized among economists. Say that a company is given a monopoly on bridges. The company, wanting to maximize profit, builds one or two bridges




and raises rates as high as possible. There is no competition to force it to lower its price, and it has no incentive to build more bridges.

The situation with broadband networks is the same: the ISPs have no incentive to improve service (lay more wires) because they have a virtual monopoly and can make more money by throttling service improvements and charging a premium for faster connections. Lack of competition ensures high prices. Other such monopolies, like electric service, may be privately owned, but the prices are regulated.

Yet broadband and cable are not subject to the same type of regulations as power companies. Federal law prohibits municipalities from regulating quality of service (speed) or price. We are forced to grant ISPs access to the public rights of way with minimal compensation.

If we want better service and cheaper prices there is only one option: to create our own network. The savings to residents would be considerable (up to 30%) and the quality of service will be amazing. A state-of-the-art, high speed, fiber optic network could bring high definition video conferencing; virtually endless on-demand channels; unlimited public access stations; and ten times the speeds currently offered. These capabilities would revolutionize the way that people watch TV and communicate.

By storing all of the available content on its servers for on-demand viewing, the need to sit through commercials, choose from a limited channel selection, or to watch things on a broadcast schedule would be eliminated. We would be able to download what we want to watch anytime, like universal TiVo. The network could provide thousands of additional channels on-demand, along with any content that subscribers upload.

It is time for Syracuse to step into the future and take back her communications infrastructure. This preliminary feasibility study is just the first step. To succeed we will need a concerted effort from many activists. To find out more and get involved visit SyracuseBroadband.org. 

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Standing with the People of Bahrain / from page 7


Bahrain Basics

Bahrain is a tiny island kingdom that is home to about a million people—half of whom are not citizens—and is visited by eight million tourists a year. Many of these, we were told, are Saudis drawn to the night life and legal alcohol. Others visit the museums and beaches. In the government brochures tourists are encouraged to meet the friendly people of Bahrain. This is what we did, for which we were deported.

We were privileged to tour this beautiful and afflicted country and to live the reality of its people, if only briefly. We met emergency room doctors who, after treating victims of last year's crackdown, were themselves tortured and charged with sedition. We met with mothers mourning their children who were killed or imprisoned, and workers barred from practicing their professions for supporting freedom.

Tourists of the People

We were in Bahrain as tourists, not of the malls, golf courses and museums but of the streets and villages where real people live and struggle. Anyone who visits Bahrain and never gets a whiff of tear gas is a poor tourist, indeed. To the police, a tourist with a gas mask is a hopeless contradiction and proof of culpability. For the tourist who wants to learn the present reality of Bahrain, a gas mask is more indispensable than sunscreen.

The faithfulness and solidarity of the people of Bahrain will prevail over the perfidity and cruelty of its backward and crude monarchy, supported by the brute force of its US and Saudi sponsors. "*Sumoud*," meaning be strong, hold fast, is the Arabic word by which the resisters in Bahrain greet and encourage one another. Their peaceful strength is a challenge and an inspiration as we continue our common struggle on the far ends of the globe. *Sumoud*. 

Manifesto for Economic Democracy and Ecological Sanity

David Van Arsdale, Michael McCabe, Costas Panayotakis, Jan Rehmann, Sohnya Sayres and Richard D. Wolff

A new historical vista is opening before us in this time of change. Capitalism as a system has spawned deepening economic crises alongside its bought-and-paid-for political establishment. Neither serves the needs of our society. Whether it is secure, well-paid and meaningful jobs, or a sustainable relationship with the natural environment that we depend on, our society is not delivering the results people need and deserve. One key cause for this intolerable state of affairs is the lack of genuine democracy in our economy and our politics. One strategy involves the institution of genuine economic democracy as the basis for genuine political democracy. We propose below that this means transforming the workplace in our society.

Capitalism and “delivering the goods”

Capitalism today abuses people, the environment, politics and culture equally. It has fostered new extremes of wealth and poverty inside most countries. These extremes always undermine or prevent democratic politics. Capitalist production for profit likewise endangers us by worsening global warming, widening pollution, and failing to address the energy crisis in a sustainable manner. And now capitalism’s recurrent instability (what others call the “business cycle”) has plunged the world into the second biggest global economic crisis in the last 75 years.

Yet both Republican and Democratic governments have failed to bring relief to ordinary people. We continue to face high

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unemployment and home foreclosures alongside shrinking real wages, benefits and job security. Thus, increasing personal debt is required to secure basic needs. The government uses our taxes to rescue banks, stock markets, and major corporations. We have waited for bailouts of the corporate rich to trickle down to the rest of us; it never happened. To pay for their recovery we are told now to submit to cuts in public



services, public employment, and even our Social Security and Medicare benefits. The budget deficits and national debts incurred to save capitalism from its own contradictions are now used to justify shifting the cost of recovery onto everyone else. We should not pay for capitalism’s crisis and for the government’s unjust response to that crisis. It is time to take a different path, to make long-overdue economic, social and political changes.

We begin by drawing lessons from previous efforts to go beyond capitalism. Traditional socialism – as in the USSR – emphasized public instead of private ownership of means of production, and government economic planning instead of markets. But that concentrated too much power in the government and thereby corrupted the socialist project. Yet the recent reversions back to capitalism neither overcame nor rectified the failures of Soviet-style socialism.

We have also learned from the last great capitalist crisis in the US during the 1930s.

Back then an unprecedented upsurge of union organizing by the CIO and political mobilizations by Socialist and Communist parties won major reforms: establishing Social Security and unemployment insurance, and creating and filling 11 million federal jobs. Very expensive reforms in the middle of a depression were paid for in part by heavily taxing corporations and the rich (who were also then heavily regulated).

However, New Deal reforms were evaded, weakened or abolished in the decades after 1945. To increase their profits, major corporate shareholders and their boards of directors had every incentive to dismantle reforms. They used their profits to undo the New Deal. Reforms won will always remain insecure until workers who benefit from the reforms are in the position of receiving the profits of their enterprises and using them to extend,

not undermine, those reforms.

The task facing us goes well beyond choosing between private and public ownership and between markets and planning. Nor can we be content to re-enact reforms that capitalist enterprises can and will undermine. These are not our only alternatives. The strategy we propose to establish is a genuinely democratic basis – by means of reorganizing our productive enterprises – to support those reforms and that combination of property ownership and distribution of resources and products that best serve our social, cultural and ecological needs.

Economic Democracy at the Workplace and in Society

The change we propose – as a new and major addition to the agenda for social change – would occur in production: inside the enterprises and other institutions

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(households, the state, schools, and so on) that produce and distribute the goods and services upon which society depends. Wherever production occurs, the workers must become collectively their own bosses, their own board of directors. Everyone's job description would change: in addition to your specific task, you would be required to participate fully in designing and running the enterprise. Decisions once made by private corporate boards of directors or state officials (what, how, and where to produce, and how to use the revenues received) would instead be made collectively and democratically by the workers themselves. Education would be redesigned to train all persons in the leadership and control functions now reserved for elites.

Such a reorganization of production would genuinely subordinate the state to the people. The state's revenues (taxes, etc.) would depend on what the workers gave the state from their enterprises' income. Instead of a small minority of capitalists funding and controlling the state, the majority—workers—would occupy that crucial social position.

Benefits of Workplace Democracy

When workforce and residential communities decide together how the economy evolves, the results will differ sharply from

capitalism's results. Workplace democracy would not, for example, move production to other countries as capitalist corporations have done. Workers' self-directed enterprises would not pay a few top managers' huge salaries and bonuses while stagnating workers' paychecks. Worker-run enterprises sharing democratic decision-making with surrounding communities would not install toxic and dangerous technologies as for-profit enterprises often do. They would, however, be far more likely to provide daycare, elder care and other supportive services. For the first time in human history, societies would democratically re-organize the time devoted to work, play, relationships, and cultural activities. Instead of complaining that we lack time for the most meaningful parts of our lives, we could decide to reduce labor time, concentrate on essential consumer goods, and thereby allow more space for the important relationships in our lives. Thus, we might overcome the divisions and tensions (often defined in racial, gender, ethnic, religious, and other terms) that capitalism imposes on populations by splitting them into fully employed, partly employed, contingent laborers, and those excluded from the labor market.

An Immediate, Realistic Project

There are practical and popular steps we can take now toward realizing economic democracy. Against massive, wasteful and

cruel unemployment and poverty, we propose a new kind of public works program. It would differ from New Deal-style federal employment programs in two ways. First, it would focus on a "green" and "support service" agenda. By "green," we mean massively improving the sustainability of workplace and residential communities by, for example, building energy-saving mass transportation systems; restoring waterways, forests, etc.; weatherizing residential and workplace structures; and establishing systematic anti-pollution programs. "Support service" implies new programs of children's day-care and elder-care to help all families coping with the conditions of work in the US today. Second, instead of paying a weekly dole to the unemployed, our public works program would emphasize providing the unemployed with the funds to begin and build their own cooperative, self-directed democratic enterprises.

The gains from this project include ecological benefits which alone would make this the most massive environmental program in US history. Economic benefits would be huge as millions of citizens restore self-esteem damaged by unemployment and earn incomes enabling them to keep their homes and, by their purchases, provide jobs to others. ♻️

This article has been shortened. Read the full article at <http://davidvanarsdale.org>.



Dear SPC:

Thank you for inspiring this pacifist with your stand on important issues and your courage.

I was already a frail oldster when moving here in the mid-80s (and again in '97), so, although I quickly "joined" SPC, I have not been able to be active except for some vigiling a couple of decades ago.

Your history impresses me, and you have my sincere congratulations on your endurance.

My own journey began after World War II, having witnessed some of the horrendous devastation and hardship it caused – in Europe alone. A bright spot was the meeting of Quakers in the Le Havre, France area where they were already helping people

rebuild their homes and their lives. Great people! I was very active in WWII as a pilot of military craft for the Air Transport Command and later in Europe working for the Red Cross. I didn't become a true pacifist until 1945-46 when the horrors and stupidity of war itself were revealed to me.

Back in the States I became deeply involved in the federalist movement, promoting the concept of a democratic world federal government—from NY State to Alaska. The paranoia of the Joe McCarthy era, plus our country's plunge into another war, the Korean tragedy, all but killed the movement in this country, although it remained alive in a number of other countries. [We are one world in so many ways. But, as you know, on the international

level where law is yet to rule, chaos, very dangerous chaos, remains.]

May there be a world parliament and a framework for peace between nations in your lifetimes. Peace is possible!

Joy in your vital work and strength to carry on.

—Virginia Meloney, Syracuse
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Book Recommendation:

I Witness: Perspectives on Policing in the Near Westside

Susan Hamilton

The Gifford Street Community Press likes to launch its publications at events that bring together people in the Near Westside community that it serves. Its first book, *Home: Journeys into the Westside*, drew a small crowd to the community center at 601 Tully Street on August 17. It's a feel-good book, and the vibe at this event was laid-back and celebratory. The Press' second offering has an even edgier subject: fraught relationships between Westside residents and the police that were laid bare in the fall and winter of 2010. The city announced that surveillance cameras would be mounted in the neighborhood because its shots-fired calls were the highest in the city. Some residents welcomed the technology, while others decried the lack of real community policing that made the high-powered cameras seem necessary. Grievances about police mistreatment were aired in public meetings, and competing petitions circulated through the neighborhood. A delegation of residents, members of civic organizations, and the police began meeting to discuss improving the strained relationship. *I Witness* grew out of this cauldron, and when the book-launch party was held on February 16 at La Casita, no one knew quite what to expect.

At the book-launch party about a dozen uniformed police stood in a tight cluster, reluctant to speak in the presence of their deputy chief. Then they joined residents at the tables to share reactions to skits and readings (in English and Spanish) from the book. Conversations were animated. An officer now working the day shift told of his surprise to find that people wave to him on the street. (At night he had only encountered hostility—or perceived

hostility—to his presence.) An SU student from Burma expressed amazement at seeing police and citizens talking together, something he had never seen in his own country. So, as intended, the book is beginning to provoke reflection and discussion, but that will need to be sustained through more community events.

The book features interviews with Westsiders, folks who work there, and former and current officers. Some excerpts (pp. 1-2) are presented below.



“[The book] reminds us that seeing reality requires looking at it from many perspectives, some contradictory. Like the surveillance cameras looking down from on high, police who answer calls from in the neighborhood see residents from a distance. The film from those cameras is only viewed in case of a crime, and likewise the police confront Westsiders when a disturbance occurs. Cops may be unable to distinguish between victims

and perpetrators and bystanders. Residents have varying experiences with the police, sometimes positive but often tinged with mistrust or outright antagonism. And the police are outsiders, not living in the neighborhood nor wanting to. So it would be easy to fall into a categorization of Us vs. Them.

“But these stories help refract that. Lori Billy reminds us that some cops did grow up here and experienced the Westside as both police beat and home turf. Gary's historical perspective shows that gangs and disputes ending in fights are nothing new. Isaac tells us that even past transgressors can change their lives, so labeling someone as a criminal or a transient or a rebellious youth is too simplistic.

“Nearly all the stories evoke a sense of danger. Residents may fear depredations of the “shitheads” (to borrow Lori's term) but they also are at risk from police cars blasting down their streets with neither lights nor siren. Residents hesitate to report crimes because they fear both retaliation from wrongdoers and sneering attitudes by the cops who might respond. The police fear attack from all sides, clinging to the safety of their cars and even fearing to park out in the open.

“Is the perception of danger largely a function of ignorance? Maarten learned that patrol officers know almost nothing about the cultural life of the neighborhood. Police interactions are with the crackheads and the gang members, the domestic violence victims who don't respond to their advice. Cops may not speak the languages of

residents they are confronting. The deputy police chief does not even know which officers were raised on the Westside and thus might feel less vulnerable.

“Karaline's account of the community/police brunch sponsored by the Westside delegation rings a note of hope. It was a step toward the type of dialogue among residents and police that is needed to break down mistrust. Rather than speaking truth to power, this book speaks truth to fear.”

Susan lives on the Near Westside and is a member of the Gifford Street Community Press' editorial board and of the Westside Residents' Coalition.



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NYS Frack Ban Coalition

Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation has signed on as an initial member of New Yorkers Against Fracking, a new coalition working for a permanent ban on hydrofracking in New York State. News from Albany is mixed on the No Frack front. While there is some support for a ban bill, it is unlikely to pass in this legislative session. However, a hazardous waste bill has passed the Assembly and may make it to the floor of the Senate for a vote. Please call your state Senator to support this. Contact Jack Ramsden, 315-424-1454.

Radical Study Group

In April, the Radical Study Group will continue reading *The S Word: A History of an American Tradition...Socialism*. Join us on **April 4 at 7:30 pm** to discuss the book through chapter 4 and on **April 18** for the second half of the book. Contact Ursula.

Spring Into Action with SPC!

Step up and get involved with SPC. There are many ways to be part of our work, from joining an organizing committee to helping with ongoing tasks (like posting fliers or staffing a table)—and more.

We're always happy to meet with you to discuss ways you can get involved. Contact Ursula.

Bikes Rule

It's time for Bikes 4 Peace, SPC's summer youth bike repair project. This year, we're starting bike repair activities early with an open "Bike Kitchen" for youth and adults on two Tuesdays, **April 10** and **April 24**, from 5-7 pm on the ground floor of the Center (2013 E. Genesee St.—enter in rear). This will be a space to learn, practice and share bicycle repair skills on your own bike or a donated Bikes 4 Peace bike. It's also a place for us bike lovers to plan for a collective bicycle repair space. In May, we will have a Bikes 4 Peace orientation and planning meeting to prepare for summer repair clinics. Contact Jessica or Ursula.

Tax Day

SPC is once again organizing the Penny Poll the week before tax day, in which passersby are asked to "vote" on where their tax dollars should go. They are given

pennies to place into jars corresponding to federal budget categories; we then create a People's Budget and compare it to the federal budget.

We plan to conduct the poll in local colleges—contact Carol to help.



PeaceSongsCNY CD Release

Join us on **Sunday, May 6**, from 5-8 pm at Metro Lounge, 505 Westcott St., for a family-friendly musical celebration of peace and social justice at the *PeaceSongsCNY* CD release party. Many of the 19 musicians on the CD will perform their selections. Performers range from full-time musicians like Sophistafunk and Jamie Notarthomas, to part-timers like Colleen Kattau and Laura Wilansky, to at home strummers like Van Cleary-Hammarstedt. Tickets are \$5-10 sliding scale and CDs will be available for only \$10 at the show and afterward at SPC's office.

Hancock 38: Court is Over

On February 29, the final five members of the Hancock 38 were sentenced. Each was given a one year conditional discharge and fined \$375. In addition, previously sentenced defendants returned to court. Some of them chose to redirect their fines to Voices for Creative Nonviolence for the benefit of youths working for peace in Afghanistan. A giant check for \$5300 to Voices was presented at a news conference preceding court.

Retired Col. Ann Wright and Kathy Kelly (Voices for Creative Nonviolence) had come earlier to Syracuse to speak—at several colleges, a *Post-Standard* Editorial Board meeting, the Thursday Morning Roundtable, St. Lucy's Church, two high schools and *The Campbell Conversations* radio show. SPC organized a well-attended event the night before the sentencing; one highlight was Skyping with friends in

Afghanistan to ask what they would like us to say to the judge.

To view the Hancock 38's news conference, Ann and Kathy's talks and sentencing statements, visit SPC's YouTube channel.

SummerCrafts at JazzFest

We're excited about Syracuse JazzFest moving from the windy hills of OCC to the shore of Jamesville Reservoir, and SPC expects to coordinate our third SummerCrafts there the weekend of **June 23-24**. Spread the word among craftspeople who may be interested. SummerCrafts is both a summer fundraiser for SPC and a great outreach opportunity for our work. Consider lending a hand. Contact Ursula.

ACTS Dinner Coming Up

The Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse is holding its spring banquet, "Celebrating a Decade of Diversity in Action" on Thursday, **April 19**. SPC, as an ACTS member organization, is hoping to have a small table. Tickets are \$50—contact Carol if you can make a donation to help someone go or would like to go yourself.

We Are New York

SPC continues to network with other progressive organizations through the We Are New York coalition. Plans this spring include the Spring 99% Training on **April 14** (a hands-on training about direct action—see *PNL* calendar for details) and Tax Day events. Check SPC's website for details as they evolve.

News from the Center

The Syracuse Center for Peace and Social Justice, home to SPC and other groups, is excited to be 95% occupied (we have one small office available). We continue to develop the building as a well-functioning, accessible, green facility.

Current projects include modernizing our ground floor community room (available for outside groups, too), paving our parking lot with porous pavement and strengthening our already dedicated Board, committees and staff. Accessibility continues to be a major priority.

If you would like to coordinate landscaping or are willing to donate your construction skills for small jobs, please contact Brent Bleier at 315-701-1580.

— Walter Putter ♣

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>1 Syr. Community Choir: Singing for Peace and Justice. Talk. 1-3pm. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 478-8634. \$10 public, \$5 choir members.</p> <p>Syr. Community Choir teens rehearsal. 4-6pm. 601 Allen St. Karen, 428-8151.</p> <p>EVERY SUN: Occupy Syracuse General Assembly. 4:30pm. Freedom of Espresso, Amory Square, occupy@syracuse.org.</p> <p>Gay and Lesbian Catholics. 5pm. All Saints Church, 1304 Lancaster Ave. 770-2155.</p>	<p>2 EVERY MON: GED classes. 9am-12pm. Westcott Community Center. RSVP to Paul Harvey at 247-4420 or WCC at 478-8634.</p> <p>EVERY MON: Meditation class. 12-1pm. Hendricks Chapel, SU campus. 443-4526.</p> <p>EVERY MON: Westside Residents Coalition. 6:30-8pm. Spanish Action League, 700 Oswego St. facebook.com/westsideresidentscoalition</p> <p>Wild Chimps! Local photographer's talk. 7pm. AirRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711, airragegallery.org.</p>	<p>3 Ground the Drones Peace Outreach. 4:15-5pm. Hancock Air Base entrance (E. Molloy Rd., Matydale). 478-4571.</p> <p>Syr. Community Choir Parent Meeting. 5:30pm. 601 Allen St. Karen, 428-8151, syracusecommunitychoir.org</p> <p>Partnership for Onondaga Creek Mfg. 6pm. Brady Faith Center, 404 South Ave. Aggie 478-4571. Call to confirm.</p> <p>EVERY TUES: Rough Times Live (Media Unit), 8pm. Time Warner 98. 478-UNIT.</p>	<p>4 Military Alternatives Table. 10:45am. Fowler High School. Jessica, 472-5478.</p> <p>TRUST: Second Acts in Young Lives. Film 5:30pm. AirRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711, airragegallery.org. Free.</p> <p>Consensus Workshop. 6:45-9pm. Jessica, 472-5478. See p.4.</p> <p>Syr. Community Choir Dessert Party. 7pm. Westcott Comm. Ctr. 826 Euclid Ave. Karen, 428-8151. www.choir@syracuse.com</p>	<p>5 CNY Working for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel meeting. Noon. SPC office, 2nd Floor, Andy, 472-5478.</p> <p>Barbie Nation An Unauthorized Tour. 6pm. Community Folk Art Center, 805 E. Genesee St. 442-2230. Film, \$8.</p> <p>Public Power Coalition. 7:30pm. 2013 E. Genesee St., 1st Fl., Jessica, 472-5478.</p>	<p>6 First Friday Vigil for Jobs. 12:30pm. Federal Bldg. Corner of Washington & Clinton Sts.</p> <p>FolkusProject: John Rossbach & Chestnut Grove. Music. 8pm. May Memorial UU, 3800 E. Genesee St. Folkus.org. \$15.</p>	<p>7 EVERY SAT: Peace Outreach. 9-10am. Regional Market (Park St. entrance), Am or Ed. 478-4571.</p> <p>EVERY SAT: Democracy Now! 9-11am. Time Warner Cable Ch. 98.</p> <p>EVERY SAT: Sharing the Earth (PAR). 10pm. Time Warner 98.</p>
<p>8 don't be a fossil fool</p> <p>EVERY SUN: "Top of the World" music. 10pm-12am. 88.3 FM.</p> <p>15 Two Row Wampum Regional Organizing Mtg. 11am-5pm. Albany, Andy, 472-5478. See p.4.</p> <p>Gay and Lesbian Catholics. 5pm. All Saints Church, 1304 Lancaster Ave. 770-2155.</p> <p>I work and pay taxes so wealthy people don't have to</p>	<p>9 Syracuse Greens monthly meeting. 7pm. 2013 E. Genesee St., 1st Floor. Ursula, 472-5478.</p> <p>Abolishing Slavery in Lincoln's Time and Ours. 4-6pm. Maxwell Auditorium, SU. Carol, 443-2594.</p>	<p>10 Peace Outreach. 4:15-5pm. E. Adams St. and Rte. 81. 478-4571. See p.4.</p> <p>Bikes4Peace Bike Kitchen. 5-7pm. 2013 E. Genesee St. Ursula, 472-5478.</p> <p>SUN Southside Coal. 6:30pm. Beau-champ Library, 2111 S. Salina St. 478-7475.</p> <p>NOON Steering Comm. Mtg. 7pm. 2013 E. Genesee St. Andy, 472-5478.</p> <p>Historians Against Slavery. 7:30pm. Griewen Auditorium, Lemoynre. 445-4477.</p>	<p>11 Syr. Community Choir Leaders Mtg. 7-9pm. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. Karen, 428-8151.</p> <p>Fundacion Semilla Ambiental: Dinner Auction. 6pm. Auction, 7pm. Dinner. Hewitt Union Ballroom, SUNY Oswego. hillman@oswego.edu</p>	<p>12 EVERY THURS: Moving for Better Balance. Exercise for seniors. 11-11:45am. Westcott Community Center. Transportation available. 478-8634.</p> <p>EVERY THURS: Talk to a lawyer. 6-9pm. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. Steve, 478-8634. Free.</p>	<p>14 Spring 99% Direct Action Training. 12-4pm. Most Holy Rosary Church, 111 Roberts Ave. Phil, 476-7475.</p> <p>Impunity Watch: Sexual Violence as a Weapon of War and Crim Against Humanity. 1-5pm. Maxwell/Aud., SU campus.</p> <p>Bird Houses for Fair Houses. Auction. 6:30-8:30pm. Community Folk Art Gallery, 805 E. Genesee St. Fair Housing Council.</p> <p>A Matter of Degrees and When You Need Them. Film. 8pm. AirRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711. \$5.</p> <p>Dan Duggan and Peggy Lynn. Music. 8pm. Westcott Community Center. Fee.</p>	<p>21 Stop Drone War Crimes at Hancock. Workshops, dinner. Carol, 472-5478. See p.3.</p> <p>Syracuse Grows Resource Drive. All Day. Various locations. syracusegrows.org.</p> <p>Media Benjamin: Stop the Drones. Talk. Carol, 472-5478. See p.3.</p>
<p>16 SUN Westside Coalition. 7pm. Brown Memorial, 228 Davis St. 476-7475.</p> <p>TRUST: Second Acts in Young Lives. Film. 7pm. AirRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711, airragegallery.org. Free.</p>	<p>17 Ground the Drones Peace Outreach. 4:15-5pm. Hancock Air Base entrance (E. Molloy Rd., Matydale). 478-4571.</p> <p>Syr. Comm. Choir Children/Tweens Rehearsal. 3:30-5pm. 601 Allen St. 428-8151.</p> <p>SPC Steering Committee Meeting. 6:30-9pm. Jessica, 472-5478.</p>	<p>18 Military Alternatives Table. 10:45am. Henninger High School. Jessica, 472-5478.</p> <p>Shaleshock CNY Meeting. 6pm. Onondaga Free Library, 4840 W. Seneca Tpk. Jack, 424-1454 or ramskides2go@aol.com.</p> <p>Skunk City Nighthd. Assoc. 6:30pm. Mundy Library, 1204 S. Geddes St. 476-7475.</p> <p>EVERY WED. (begins 4/18): Syr. Community Choir Rehearsals. 7pm. Westcott Comm. Center. Karen, 428-8151.</p>	<p>19 Women Without Men. Film. 4pm. 060 Eggers Hall. SU. Nicholas, 443-9248.</p> <p>ACTS Spring Banquet. 6-9pm. Holiday Inn, Liverpool. See p.15.</p> <p>Southwest Action Committee. 7pm. Brady Faith, 404 South Ave. 476-7475.</p> <p>Syracuse SaltCity Poetry Slam. 7pm. AirRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711, airragegallery.org. Free.</p>	<p>20 National Day of Silence Rally. 4-4:55pm. Hendricks Chapel steps. SU. Lauren, 443-3983.</p> <p>IF A TREE FALLS: A Story of the Earth Liberation Front. Film. 7pm. AirRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711. \$5.</p> <p>Patty Larkin. Music. 8pm. May Memorial House, 201 S. West St. therehouse.org.</p> <p>In Retrospect by LOCO7. 8pm. Red Puppet theatre. \$20. Also 4/21.</p>	<p>22 Earth Day Celebration. Noon-5pm. Thornden Park Amphitheater. Info, speakers, music.</p> <p>Stop Drone War Crimes at Hancock. Carol, 472-5478. Various events, see p.3.</p>	<p>23 Ecosocialism Teach-In. 7pm. Green Party, AirRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711, www.airragegallery.org.</p>
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<p>3 UPCOMING EVENTS May 6: PeaceSongsNY CD Release Party! 5-8pm. Metro Lounge, 505 Westcott St. See p.15.</p>						
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