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EVENTS TO: The MUPJ Calendar — e-mail: calendar@mupj.org, snail mail: Carol Solomon, 8111 McDonogh Rd, Baltimore 21208 410-363-3140 For **FEB CALENDAR**, send items before 1/18. FOR MUPJ MEMBERSHIP OR CALENDAR *# = **Items of Statewide Interest.** FOR ONGOING/REPEATING EVENTS, SEE END OF CALENDAR

MUPJ's website: www.mupj.org where the **MUPJ Calendar is now on line thanks to Bob Lewis.** Also online at www.dccofo.org, click on MD United Calendar. Thanks to DC Comm of Correspondence.

4/30/05 - 20th ANNUAL MARYLAND PEACE & JUSTICE CONFERENCE Sponsored by Maryland United for Peace & Justice probably in Frederick SAVE THE DATE

From RACHEL'S ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH NEWS #803 "The overarching principle that is of paramount importance (In environmental discussions concerning the implementation of the **Precautionary Principle** [PP] is: Is this action necessary? What is the potential to harm the environment or human health Info <http://www.rachel.org>

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Through 1/2 Haiti Photographs by Marshall Clarke is at The Fine Print, 7 West Allegheny Ave., **Towson**. The exhibit Tuesdays - Fridays, **10AM-10PM**, Sats, **10AM-6PM**, Sundays, **NOON-6PM**. Call 410 847 9774.

- 14 ANNE ARUNDEL PEACE ACTION CHAPTER MEETING **7:30PM** Info Mike Keller 410-263-7409 mjkeller@worldnet.att.net
- 16 MD UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACTION NETWORK meeting **7:15PM** for single payer universal health insurance Diocesan Center, N. Charles & University Pkwy. **Balto**. Info Rod 410-889-0329 rroyon@towson.edu
- 16 UNITED RELIGIOUS INITIATIVE for interfaith cooperation for world peace **7:30-9PM** Episcopal Cathedral, Charles & Univ. Pkwy. **Balto** Info 410-444-4784, David Cammack
- 17 *I WANT TO LIVE* [USA, 1958] The Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration Committee FILM & SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS VIDEO SERIES. **7:30PM** at the AFSC, 4806 York Road, Info 410 323-7200
- 18 **BALTIMORE** RISING CLUSTER MEETING **4-7PM** Seeking to mobilize the radical community The Progressive Action Center, 1443 Gorsuch Ave, Info baltimoreinaugural@yahoo.com
- 19 FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION **BALTIMORE** MEETING **2-4PM** Enoch Pratt Free Central Library, Poe Room, (2nd) floor, 400 Cathedral St. Info Heather Lindh 301-481-0823 or 443-923-5921
- 22 ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST ongoing in different churches in Md on the 22nd of each month. **7:30PM** St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 1108 Providence Road, **Towson** (Exit 28 North off the Beltway, First Church on the left)
- 27-30 FAITH & RESISTANCE FOR THE FEAST OF THE INNOCENTS 27) Sr Anne Montgomery on The Massacre 28) morning witness at Pentagon & later evaluation, evening Richard Heinberg, author of *The Party's Over: Oil, War & the Fate of the Industrial* & Kathy Boylan. 29) concluding liturgy Dorothy Day Catholic Worker **DC** & Jonah House from Baltimore Info disarmnow@erols.com
- 28 CRITICAL MASS BIKE RIDE party costumed in coordination with Reclaim The Streets **Baltimore**. Planning & Info www.reclaimthestreets.net <http://rts-dc.mahost.org/> (check date first)

JAN

- 4-8 NO NAME-CALLING WEEK Info <http://www.nonamecallingweek.org>
- 4-11 PEACEMAKER TRAINING INST. For young adults 17-25 Kirkridge Center, **Bangor, PA** Info 610-588-1793 www.kirkridge.org
- 6 **DC** ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK BROWN BAG LUNCH **12-1:30PM** Friends of the Earth, 1717 Mass Avenue NW, Suite 600 (Dupont Circle Metro, South Exit) Info Chris Weiss (202) 222-0746 cweiss@foe.org - Bring Picture ID!
- 7 FIRST FRIDAY FEMINIST POTLUCK **7PM Baltimore** Info Eve 410-372-0848
- 8 GLOBAL COALITION FOR PEACE **1-3PM** East-West Highway, **Bethesda** lunch & then speaker open to all Info Victor 301-654-6759 gcfp@earthlink.net
- 8 EARTHSAVE VEGETARIAN DINNER **6PM Lutherville** (N Balto Co) "How to create new eating Habits" Info Ginny 410-252-2703 or 410-252-3043 (\$4 with dish or \$12 if no dish)
- 10 **BALTIMORE** COALITION TO END WAR & TERRORISM presents a post-mortem on the recent election results **7:30PM** Progressive Action Center, 1443 Gorsuch at Kirk Info peacenotwar@comcast.net or Bob 410-728-8611 (also 1/24)
- 11 ANNE ARUNDEL PEACE ACTION CHAPTER MEETING **7:30PM** Info Mike Keller 410-263-7409 mjkeller@worldnet.att.net MD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENING
- 13 CATOCTIN GROUP ANNUAL ISSUES FORUM **Evening** Marx Center Hood College Info 410-876-2182 lorax4@carr.org
- 13 PROTECTING CRABTREE CREEK OLD GROWTH FOREST LEGISLATIVE ISSUE FORUM **7:30PM** Calvary UMC, rowe Rd. **Annapolis** Info Mary MARSH 410-757-5913
- 14-6 "TRANSFORMING VIOLENCE INTO WHOLENESS" Nonviolence Training Retreat 1st & Franklin St. Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Madison St., Presbytery Peace & Justice in association with Fellowship of Reconciliation \$50 (6meals) send check & your info to Presbytery of **Baltimore**, to Alice McGee, Presytery of Baltimore, 5400 Loch Raven Blvd 21239(Space limited)
- 15-20 WEEK OF ACTION Info <http://www.counter-inaugural.org/>

- 16 SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS & THE ETHICS OF DISCRIMINATION Bash Pharoan, MD Chapter Pres. Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Comm. **Baltimore** Ethical Society, 306 W Franklin, **10:30PM** Info 410-581-2322
- 17 Join the Baltimore Coalition to End War & Terrorism in the 4th annual **Balto.** City MLK Day Parade. Volunteers needed to help carry large "Bring The Troops Home Now" banner. Gather **11:30AM** Eutaw St. north of MLK Blvd. Info Bob 410-728-8611 peacenotwar@comcast.net
- 17 ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT Miller **2PM-4:30PM** Registration begins at **1:30PM** Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. Senate Building, Presidents Conf. Center, **Annapolis** Info Laurel Imay 301-277-7111

*18 **CALENDAR DEADLINE** for announcements & events for February issue MUPJ calendar

- 20 COUNTER-INAUGURAL DEMO **DC**. Sponsors Int'l ANSWER & United for Peace and Justice www.turnyourbackonbush.org They are urging groups around the country to organize local protests & educational events. List activities at www.unitedforpeace.org/events
- 20 DRUMMERS FOR PEACE is organizing drum circles in every state as Bush starts his Oath of Office. Info upkentucky@yahoo.com & www.answercoalition.org
- 21 DELIVER A SPINE. **DC** Backbone Campaign to deliver a very large (70 foot) backbone to the DNC office to send a strong message Info Bill Moyer 206-463-4784 or bill@backbonecampaign.org or <http://www.backbonecampaign.org>
- 21 UNITED RELIGIOUS INITIATIVE for interfaith cooperation for world peace **7:30-9PM** Episcopal Cathedral, Charles & Univ. Pkwy. **Balto** Info 410-444-4784, David Cammack
- 22 PEOPLE'S SUMMIT 2005: BUILDING FOR PROGRESS **10AM-6PM** University of **Baltimore** free, day-long conference of individuals, activists and organizations intended to bring area progressives together to meet, learn, network and plan for the future. Workshop proposals may be submitted online at www.ubprogressives.org.
- 24 MONTGOMERY COUNTY GROUP ENVIRONMENTAL SEMINAR **7:30PM Bethesda** Library Info Anne Ambler 301- 946-5599
- 26 WORLD SOCIAL FORUM (WSF) **Porto Alegre, Brasil** Anti-War Assembly Info Gonzalo: secr.asc@cut.org.br Mary Lou: marylou@focusweb.org
- 26 MONTGOMERY CO. COALITION FOR ALTERNATIVES TO WAR (MCCAW) **7:30PM** Cedar Lane UU Church Rooms 1-2 **Bethesda** Info Megan 301-897-5389 mrenner22@yahoo.com www.montgomeryagainsthewar.org
- 27 UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACTION NETWORK meeting **7:15PM** for single payer universal health insurance Diocesan Center, N. Charles & University Pkwy. **Balto.** Info Rod 410-889-0329 rryan@towson.edu
- 29 "WORLD INDIGO DAY" when the movie will open Info www.indigothemovie.com
- 29-30 **BALTIMORE** FREE UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION for spring semester \$10 registration Info Bill 410-516-4777 btief@jhu.edu

FEB is BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- 3-4/6 Facing History And Ourselves: HOLOCAUST & HUMAN BEHAVIOR, WebCourse www.facinghistory.org/spring05registration
- 10 14th ANNUAL CHOCOLATE AFFAIR **6PM** M&T Bank Stadium, N. Club Level Lounge \$60 in advance \$70 at door Info 410-366-0600 to benefit Center for Poverty Solutions
- 12 DARWIN DAY Events and activities in communities across the globe. Info info@darwinday.org Celebrate Darwin Day with Pres Am Humanist Association at the **Baltimore** Ethical Society, 306 W Franklin, **10:30PM** Info 410-581-2322
- 18-21 UNITED FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. **DC** Info <http://www.unitedforpeace.org> or Leslie Cagan lesliecagan@iqc.org
- 18-21 EMPOWERING FOR CHANGE: NONVIOLENCE TRAINING FOR PEACEMAKING Kirkridge Center, **Bangor, PA** Info 610-588-1793 www.kirkridge.org
- 21-2 2005 LOBBY DAY to close the SOA **DC** Info info@soaw.org
- 23 MONTGOMERY CO. COALITION FOR ALTERNATIVES TO WAR (MCCAW) **7:30PM** Cedar Lane UU Church Rooms 30-31 **Bethesda** | Info Megan 301-897-5389 mrenner22@yahoo.com www.montgomeryagainsthewar.org

MAR is WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH Info <http://www.nwhp.org>

- 8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
- 9-11 2005 CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE of America (CWLA) national conference "Children 2005: Crossing the Cultural Divide" **DC** workshops specifically on LGBTQ youth issues. info <http://www.cwla.org/conferences/2005nationalfrp.htm>
- 11-4 MAKE ALL THINGS NEW Advocacy Days for Global Peace with Justice, the third annual ecumenical gathering **DC** Info www.AdvocacyDays.org
- 20 MARCH TO CENTRAL PARK The whole world will be marching www.PeopleJudgeBush.org

APRIL

- 15 TAX DAY. Local activities linking foreign and domestic policy issues, ideas from the War Resisters League how to mark this special day, <http://www.warresisters.org/taxday>

30 **20th ANNUAL MARYLAND PEACE & JUSTICE CONFERENCE** Sponsored by Maryland United for Peace & Justice
SAVE THE DATE PLEASE SCHEDULE EVENTS ON A DIFFERENT DATE WORK With Us in Planning Probable Site
Frederick

ONGOING EVENTS

- Weekdays** Sudan Campaign **12NOON** at Sudanese Embassy, 2210 Mass. Ave. NW **DC** Info 202-498-8644 www.darfurgenocide.org
- Every Sun. anti-war vigils 5-6PM at the corners of Little Patuxent & Broken Land Pkwy's (across from the **Columbia** Mall Sponsored by the Howard Co Coalition for Peace and Justice. Info Leslie at 410-381-4899.
- Every Sunday THE PEACE CAFE at Mimi's American Bistro, 2120 P St., NW, **D.C.**, near the DuPont metro **9-11AM**. RSVP ashallal@cox.net.
- Every Sunday Food Not Bombs provides vegan food & info for the hungry 4PM War Memorial Plaza in front of **Balto** City Hall Fayette & Gay Sts. Info 410-243-4125 Free.

Every Sunday the Bridges for Peace vigils in **Annapolis** and **Pasadena** continue from NOON-1PM Info www.peacebridges.org/ signs may not be on sticks or poles. If you are interested in standing on the Stoney Creek Bridge on Fort Smallwood Road in Pasadena [410-437-5379 or depauw@magicalgodmother.com] that you will be coming. Activists are mounting bridges around the country www.peacebridges.org/

3rd Sunday Grannies for Peace, **2pm** Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way **Columbia** Info grannies4peace@aol.org

1st & 3rd Sundays MEETING OF THE **FREDERICK** PEACE CENTER **7:30PM** 4E Church St, Info Gus Fahey 301-663-6617

1st, 3rd & 5th Sun. practice for the **Baltimore** Community Choir **5-7PM** at the Govans Methodist Church, 5828 York Rd. To create a space to make music together. Singers, pianists, and other musicians of all stripes and sizes are needed. Call Virginia at 410-908-7603
yrodino@towson.edu

Every Monday Eat & Talk potluck & discussion about the hungry, the homeless & refugees of the war on drugs. **3:30PM Balto** War Memorial Plaza 100 N Holliday St. Info Environmental Crisis Center 410-889-1555

Every Monday there is a Witness against the Death Penalty **5-6PM** Madison Ave & the Fallsway, **Balto**. Viva House, Citizens Against State Exec., Campaign to End the Death Pen. Info Terry Fitzgerald, 410-741-3436 TTFitz@pol.net

1st Monday Nonviolent Discussion at church office in **Ellicott City 7:30PM** also looking for someone in the Silver Spring/DC group! 410-992-5838.

2nd & 4th Mondays Marylanders for a Free Palestine and Secure Israel meet at Casey's Coffee, Dorsey Search (next to Giant), **Columbia, 5PM**. Info Ann at 410-465-3493.

3rd Mondays **Frederick** Peace Resource Center Bd Meeting **7:30-9PM** 4 E Church St Info 301-663-6117

Every Tuesday: "Building Peace for Israelis and Palestinians" **TV program. Howard County**.

Every Tues silent vigil to say "War is not the Answer" **5-6PM** American Friends Service Comm, 4806 York Rd. Info 410-323-7200 **Balto**

Every Tues AFSC/QUAKER SILENT VIGIL to "Seek peace & pursue it" **5:30-6:30PM** west lawn of capitol at & Independence Ave NW) **DC** Info Pat Elder elder@chesapeake.net Catherine 703-787-7595 catherine.farrel@verizon.net Please check for exact location.

Every Tues discuss peaceful alternatives to attacking Iraq **7-9PM** Wm Penn House, 515 E Capital St, SE **DC** Info Byron 202-543-5560 or Betty at AFSC/DC 202-299-1050

Every Tuesday **DC** Anti-War Network meets **7PM** AFSC Office, 2211 14th Street, NW Info www.dawndc.net info@dawndc.net

1st Tues PLEDGE OF RESISTANCE- **Baltimore 8PM** AFSC, 4806 York Rd Info 410-323-7200

2nd Tues Mordechai Vanunu Vigil **NOON-1PM** at the Embassy of Israel **DC** To protest restrictions on nuclear whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu & end the occupation of Palestine Van Ness Ave. at Int'l Dr. 202-882-9649.

3rd Tuesday **UNITED RELIGIOUS INTERFAITH INITIATIVE FOR PEACE** Episcopal Cathedral, Charles & University Prky, **Baltimore 7:30-9PM** Info David Commack 410-552-9475

2nd & 4th Tuesdays Coalition Against Global Exploitation meets at the Progressive Action Center, 1443 Gorsuch Ave. 7:30PM **Baltimore**

4th Tuesday Prince George Co Coalition for Peace, **7:30PM, Greenbelt** Community Center, Info Lucy Duff 301-577-2350

4th Tuesday Middle Patuxent Environmental Area **Howard Co** 9:30AM-Noon Educational & work Info Aylene Gard 410-992-9889 or rmhessey@umd.edu

Every **Wed Baltimore** Food not Bombs Vegan food & info for the hungry **11AM-4PM** City Hall, Fayette & Gay Sts Info 410-243-4125 free

3rd Wed **Frederick** Women in Black Vigil . **6:30-7PM** Market & Patrick Sts, Info wibfrederick@earthlink.net 301-834-7581

3rd Wed. Interfaith Fairness Coalition **7:30PM** Faith Presbyterian Church, 4500 Loch Raven Blvd., **Baltimore** Info info@ifcm.org www.ifcmd.org

3rd Wed. 1st & 3rd Thur. The Baltimore Independent Media Center at The Progressive Action Center, 1443 Gorsuch in Waverly, **Baltimore**. Info www.baltimore.indymedia.org

Every Thurs. WOMEN IN BLACK PEACE STAND **NOON-1PM Towson** N. Balto Co NW on Washington & Chesapeake Aves. mbrain@aol.com

2nd Thurs Pledge of Resistance protests the war & occupation in Mt. Vernon at Centre & Charles Sts. **5-6:30PM** Info Max 410-323-7200

Every Thursday peace prayers & discussion on peace issues St. Mark's Lutheran 1900 St. Paul St. **Balto 5:45-6:30PM** Info john19@unidial.com

Every Thursday Grass Roots Political Meeting on current issues **7PM** All People's Congress, 426 E. 31st St., **Baltimore** Info 410-235-0135

Every Friday Peace Vigil **Noon-1PM** near White House, 1600 Penn. Ave. NW **DC** Info Catholic Worker 202-882-9649

Every Friday: Women in Black vigils Inner Harbor, **Noon**, Pratt and Light streets & Roland Park Place, **noon** unless bad weather

Every Friday Peace Vigil **12NOON** War Memorial Plaza, **Frederick** sponsored by Women in Black

Every Fri vigil to negotiate Peace in the Middle East **5-6PM** Homewood Friends Info 410-323-7200 **Balto**

For Info on Women in Black PEACE STANDS in **Baltimore** www.peacepath911.com

Every Friday **Takoma Park** Peace Vigil @ Takoma Junction 5:30PM

Every Friday WOMEN IN BLACK vigil **5:30-6:30PM DC** at Farragut Square Park, 17th & K Sts. NW Info 202-550-5881 or womeninblackdc@yahoo.com

First Friday **Frederick** WIB peace stand at **NOON-12:30PM** at the War Memorial Plaza. W. 2nd & N Bentz Sts. Info 301-834-7581 (Dress in black)

1st & 3rd Friday Marylanders for a Free Palestine & Secure Israel, **10AM**, Blue Cow Café, Thunder Hill Rd., **Columbia** Info 410-465-3493

Last Friday of month cyclists meet at Charles and Redwood Sts **Balto 5:45PM**. Critical Mass is a slow bicycle protest through downtown Baltimore. Critical Mass a response to what many call the "car-culture"-dependence on the private auto. Scottl44@yahoo.com

Last Sat of month Women in Black peace stand **2-4PM** Main St., **Westminster**

Sats DRIVING VOTES (coordinated trips to register voters in nearby swing states) Info Margie Roswell 410-467-3727 <http://www.drivingvotes.org>

Saturdays peace vigil weekly on Capitol Hill. **NOON-1:00PM** on the south side (the side facing the National Mall, just up hill from the Botanical Garden).

Last Sat: **Westminster, 2 PM**, Front of Library on Main St., Westminster, MD

1st Sat. Invasive Plant Removal **Greenbelt** National Park Info Tom Crone tomnjan@erols.com 301-864-1959

1st Sat. Global Coalition for Peace, **1-3PM**, East-West Highway, **Bethesda**, starts with lunch & then speaker, open to all, Info Victor 301-654-6759

3rd Sat. invasive plant removal **St Mary's Co** Myrtle Point Park 8-11:30AM Info Bill Burruss billymilkweed@starpower.net

1st Sat even months WORLD FEDERALIST NATIONWIDE TELECONFERENCE **1-2:30** Groups at Fairhaven, 7200 3rd Ave., **Sykesville** Info 410-552-9475 Dr Palmer Futchner, 13801 York Rd, Broadmead #D11 (**Balto Co** North) 410-785-1041

Every Sat. Patapsco Friends Meeting vigil, **Columbia 4-5PM** Broken Land Pkwy & Little Patuxent Pkwy, diagonal from Mall Info 410-465-6554

NUCLEAR NEWS

Keep your eye open concerning the shipping of nuclear waste to Hanford, WA.

50 public policy organizations called on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to halt plans to dramatically **weaken requirements for cleaning up radioactive contamination from a terrorist radiological or nuclear explosive**. Info Diane D'Arrigo, NIRS (202) 328-0002 x16 Nuclear Info & Resource Service www.nirs.org

We especially encourage you to download and distribute in your community the new Petition for a Sustainable Energy Future download at www.nirs.org

Contact the EPA Today to **STOP Radioactive Waste** from going to regular Landfills. Keep up the pressure. We don't want the gov. to find an easy way to dispose of their waste. Email to: a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov Attn: Docket OAR-2003-0095 More information about this issue is available on the ANA webpage www.ananuclear.org, the Natural Resources Defense Council webpage: www.nrdc.org or NIRS 202-328-0002 X16 dianed@nirs.org

For info on Gulf war syndrome & depleted uranium effects www.fromthewilderness.com/free/ww3/091003_gw2_syndrome.html

To stop funding for **Yucca Mountain** license application, call your senators to oppose any funding at 202-224-3121.

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation list of **nuclear bills** & their position S(support) O(oppose) HR3828-O, HR3921-S, HCon441-O, S2457-S, HR4627-S, 2310-S, HR2647-S, SRes77-S, HConRes392-S Info <<http://www.wagingpeace.org/menu/action/index.htm>

Contact your Reps concerning an energy bill laden with pork for the nuclear, coal and oil industries will be pushed in Congress. It will be like last year's bill, but more so. Expect taxpayer funding of new commercial atomic reactors, oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, reauthorization of the Price-Anderson limited liability scheme for nuclear utilities—maybe even a new effort to establish Yucca Mountain as an "interim" radioactive waste storage site, and more. Let's face it, the energy interests already are lining up to line their pockets.(NIRS) Info on **nuclear energy** situation NIRS 202-462-0002 www.nirs.org

Info on Global Network Against **Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space** 352-337-9274 or www.space4peace.org or globalnet@mindspring.com

OTHER NOTES

Residents in a cable company's area can produce programs for its public access channel. Many cable companies allow residents to bring their programs for possible airing on the public access channel. Call your cable company & ask to speak to the person in charge of public access tv. Identify yourself & where you live (so the person knows that you get or could get their cable service. This is very important). Ask this person if he/she would like a program to air on the public access station. For example, Bob Krasnansky, 410-461-2040, (who sends these suggestions as "**Building Peace** for Israelis and Palestinians" a program promoting reconciliation & peace in the Middle East. Get a copy of the show to bring to the station person to preview.

The Pentagon says more than 5,500 servicemen have deserted the war in Iraq.

The US Defense Department released a report by the Defense Science Bd. that is highly critical of the administration's efforts in the war on terror and in the wars in Iraq & Afghanistan. Info http://www.truthout.org/docs_04/120104V.shtml

What weapons are being used in Fallujah?. Info www.truthout.org/docs_04/112804X.shtml

Microwave weapons that cause pain without lasting injury are to be issued to US troops in Iraq. Info [HTTP://WWW.STOPNATO.ORG.UK](http://WWW.STOPNATO.ORG.UK)

Several countries have started to have improved relations with Cuba. Let's hope more start including the US.

The compromise **intelligence(?) bill** watered down an independent review board designed to protect civil liberties. Lawmakers want to vastly increase the government's power, but to diminish oversight. The final bill also lays the foundation for a de facto national ID card. Opposition for the intrusive measure came from the ACLU & numerous groups across the political spectrum, including the American Conservative Union & the Free Congress Foundation. It expands upon law enforcement powers to wiretap erasing a key constitutional safeguard & expanding the "guilt by association" material support law, including making mere membership in a designated terrorist organization a criminal offense for the first time. The 9/11 Commission did not call for any of these provisions in its report.

Provisions to allow federal regulators to decide where **liquefied natural gas terminals** are built are tucked away in the year-end spending bill. Of course state officials are fuming.

An appeals court ruled that educational institutions have a right to keep military recruiters off their campuses to protest the exclusions of homosexuals from military service.

An aid agency has said Over **1,000 Congolese** civilians **a day** are **dying**, nearly all from disease & malnutrition, due to a festering conflict that has killed 3.8 million people

Augusto Pinochet has been stripped of his immunity. Too bad!!

The Corcoran Museum has been forced to call off a cultural event called "An Evening at the Cuban Interests Section" with Dagoberto Rodriguez, the chief of the Interests Section, who was to speak about U.S.-Cuba policy, at an evening that was also to feature a movie, music, and discussion with the audience after receiving pressure from the U.S. State Dept & the Treasury Dept's Office of Foreign Assets Control. The Bush Administration does not want Americans to hear the views of Cubans, & we need to battle back, because our First Amendment rights are at stake.

12/3 was the 20th Anniversary of the accident at **Bhopal, India**. Hundreds of thousands are still suffering & have had no justice.

89.3 WPFW-FM **Pacifica Radio** Recommended listening: **Amy Goodman**, Democracy Now 8-10AM, news & other good programming 6-7PM; Mondays & Fridays 10-11AM **Ambrose Lane**. Station may be difficult to receive at home, but you can usually get it in your car.

The Nat. Labor Relations Board has reversed a Clinton-era precedent that **bargaining units** combining temporary & permanent employees were permissible, discouraging organization among temporary workers. Info www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A20828-2004Nov29.html

Learn more about Unitarian Univ. Service Comm's STOP (Stop Torture Permanently) Campaign. Interview with STOP director Jennifer Harbury at www.uusc.org/info/article113004.html.

Donate securely online to a fund to assist those living in Fallujah: <http://codepink.kintera.org/helpiraqis>. Send checks made out to 'Help Iraqis/Global Exchange' to 2017 Mission St. #303 San Francisco, CA 94110.

There us a move to **protect the safety of workers at Coca-Cola** bottling plants in Columbia Info WWW.KILLERCOKE.ORG Also the Supreme Court of India dismissed two petitions filed by soft drink giants, Pepsi & Coca-Cola, challenging a Rajasthan high court order asking them to print on containers the extent of pesticide residues in their products.

South End Press, a 27-year-old independent book publisher, has learned that any ads promoting Mumia Abu-Jamal have been banned on Chicago's public transit system. Info southend@southendpress.org

To get info on **Wildlife and Forest Coalition** of Md. (WFC of Maryland) to pursue legislation to improve wildlife habitat & the prospects of survival for all species of plants & animals. Info Bob DeGroot at 301-340-8348 or Julie Janovsky at 202-955-3661.

Israel has released plans for the upgrade of roads and construction of 16 tunnels which would create an **'apartheid' road network** for Palestinians in the West Bank.

Burma's second most prominent **political prisoner** after Aung San Suu Kyi, a student leader named Min Ko Naing, has been released!
On the net live www.nyc.indymedia.org/wbix/ 202-588-0893 Another Pacifica affiliate with a different viewpoint on national & int'l news & events, WMNF, 88.5 FM in Tampa, Florida. It's available on the web at www.wmnf.org. Live streaming of Air America Radio shows, along with show archives, will be available on www.airamericaradio.com

Look for public hearings on the Intercounty Connector. Please testify against it—too many environmental consequences.
THE PEACE ALLIANCE (formerly N Amer. Peace Alliance) a newly formed 501(c)4 lobbying arm for the campaign to create a U.S. **Department of Peace**. <http://www.DoPcampaign.org> & also the Peace Alliance Foundation (501c3), dedicated to the realization of a culture of peace with nonviolence <http://www.peacealliancefound.org>

Info www.ivaw.net **Iraq Veterans against the War** Info www.veteransforcommonsense.org/discussion/viewforum.php?f=7
For info on the **Maryland Bill of Rights Coalition** meetings at 7:30PM at the Paint Branch Unitarian Church in Adelphi, Meredith Curtis, ACLU of Md, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 350, Baltimore, MD 21211 curtis@aclu-md.org 410-889-8550 ext. 115

The Christian Solidarity International (CSI) **demonstrations** and arrests continue at **Sudan Embassy** Info www.darfurgenocide.org. 202-498-8644.

Progressive Democrats of America PDA info <http://dfa.meetup.com>
For info on the **Maryland Juvenile Justice Coalition** concerned for the children locked in MD's juvenile jails Cameron Miles at 410-547-9200 X 3002

The **Chesapeake Bay Foundation** has released its 2004 State of the Bay Report grading the Bay a "D," with a health index rating of 27, the same as last year's score. www.cbf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=sotb_2004_index

Contact your Representative to sponsor **HR 1673** legislation to create a **Dept. of Peace**. Info www.dopcampaign.org
Volunteers needed to help carry large "Bring The Troops Home Now" banner with the Baltimore Coalition to End War & Terrorism at the 4th annual MLK DAY PARADE, downtown **BALTIMORE, 11:30AM** Info Bob 410-728-8611 peacenotwar@comcast.net

For info on a **Nonviolent Communication group** in the Columbia/DC/Mont. County area Info groups.yahoo.com/group/NVCMMD/
For info on DEMOCRACY FOR HOWARD CO MEETUP 410-313-5077 RSVP <http://dfa.meetup.com/138/events/?eventId=3287307&action=detail>
For info Future Voters Against Bush group for youth <http://www.futurevotersagainstbush.org>

For info on The Human Rights Network Eliane Drakopoulos 678-371-6291 www.ushrn.org.

For a list of humanitarian websites see http://uk.geocities.com/p_rance/Humanitarian.htm

See action alerts from FOR at www.forusa.org or send info to iraq@forusa.org
Classes of all types SALSA from Inst. For Policy Studies, 733 15th St., NW, DC Suite 1020 Info 202-234-9382 x229 fax 387-7915

Learn more about **Radio LabourStart** a new labor station www.radio.labourstart.org
For info on the **BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD** Patricia Mitchell 443-824-3273 info@nlq-md.org patricia@nlq-md.org
Info on **CAR FREE SUNDAY** www.earthministry.org/carfree.htm

Info on **Howard Co. Coalition for Peace & Justice** (formerly Howard Co. Coalition Against War), The Coalition meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia MD 21045 Info Scott Hagaman at 410-746-7695 or Leslie Salgado at 410-381-4899. **Howard County Friends of Latin Am.** meets to plan activities on the last Wed. of the month. 7:30PM Info 301-596-7877 or 410-381-4899. **BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE AGAINST WAR** events in Mont. & PG Counties Info Pat Elder 301-229-8317 elder@chesapeake.net

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For info on **gun legislation CeaseFire** Md, The Mill Center, 3000 Chestnut Avenue, Ste 203, Baltimore, MD 21211, 410- 889 1477; 301-652 4494 (home); CeaseFireMD@aol.com; leahqbarrett@aol.com

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The Whistleblower's Switchboard www.angelfire.com/extreme/harassment
Info on **Leonard Peltier** www.freepeltier.org Info on **Mumia Abu-Jamal** www.mumia2000.org.
Info on **Washington Peace Center** www.washingtonpeacecenter.org/; ANSWER www.internationalANSWER.org/; MOVE-ON www.moveon.org/winwithoutwar/

For info on "Women in Black" group in Takoma Park Info Ann ablyberg@iie.org
For info on INTERFAITH GLOBAL WARMING ALLIANCE 410-730-1770
Vegetarian Resource Group has guide to Natural Foods Restaurants. Info www.vrg.org/test/restaurant.htm
Info on **Maryland Interfaith Legislative Committee** Beryl Smith 410-647-0316.

AMNESTY INT'L. To learn about Balto. locals, call 410-358-4840. (1st Mon. of month 7:30PM)

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Peace PAC (nuclear arms news) (202) 543-0006
PEACE ACTION Legislative HOTLINE (202) 862-9760
Quixote Center.....(301)699-0042
*Senate/House Switchboard(202) 224-3121

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