Survivors Week.

The Army Experience Center (AEC) at the Franklin Mills shopping mall is the first of its kind recruiting tool, aimed at minor children. The Pentagon hopes to build more like this Northeast Philadelphia prototype, a $13 million, 14,500 square foot facility that boasts dozens of video game computers and X-Box video game consoles with various interactive, military-style shooting games, real guns and rifles to handle, as well as full size Apache helicopter and Humvee simulators that allow teens to kill virtual Arabs and Afghans.

Outraged denizens of the City of Brotherly Love formed a coalition of national and regional veterans, youth and peace groups which rallied on May 2 to shut down this unethical recruitment of teenagers.

The coalition made the point that it is not accept-
able for alcohol, cigarette, pornography, gun manu-
facturers and pharmaceutical companies to market to teens.

Despite two police warnings, hundreds of protesters continued to chant, while retired Army Col. Ann Wright spoke directly to the kids who had gathered to witness the protest. She told them not to “buy the recruiters’ stories” of patriotic glory, that there was “nothing glorious” about war.

Army recruiters had become noticeably agitated by the police move in and arrested seven people wearing death masks who stood silently in their refusal to leave. Forced out of the mall, people continued to vigil and listen to songs by the Granny Peace Brigade outside. Those arrested were held for six hours and released on a misdemeanor charge. They pled not guilty and will face trial November 1.

For more information, visit shutdownmarch.net or contact Peace Action Montgomery County at 202-210-3467.

June 25 is Torture Accountability Action Day, and in Washington, D.C., the church was gathered in support of torture survivors. Two hundred people marched on the Department of Justice, calling for the prosecution of some of Bush’s bureaucrats and cronies for war crimes. In May, the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance (NCNR) mailed a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder, asking that he meet them to discuss appointing a special prosecutor to investigate the crimes of the Bush administration. Having received no answer, they made their request in person.

Joy First of NCNR tells their story:

“When we arrived at the Department of Justice we were stopped at the door by the guards and they told us someone would be out to talk to us. The same low-level public relations staff that we talked to when we went to the DoJ last November came to speak to us. All he would say is that he would talk to his superior. We said then that we were there in November. In November he told us he would take the letter and someone would get back to us, but we never heard from anyone. When it became clear that we were not going to be heard, about 15 individuals were moved by conscience to engage in an act of nonviolent civil resistance and lay down on the sidewalk, covered with a poster depicting a victim of war or torture. The pictures were very graphic and moving. They clearly showed the crimes of the past administration. We lay there for an hour and were not arrested. After an hour we got up to continue our work for peace and justice.

On Saturday, June 27, the Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition hosted their 12th annual 24-hour vigil in Lafayette Park, the capstone of TASSC’s Torture Survivors Week.

First continues her report:

“In the program for the TASSC vigi I read, ‘Thou shalt not be a victim. Though shalt not be a perpetrator. Abide all, thou shalt not be a bystander.’

A group of a couple hundred people left Lafayette Park in a procession towards the White House.
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Washington, since his term of service ended in December, 2006.

AWOL soldier André Shepherd writes from Germany, where he is based, that the legality of the U.S. invasion and occupation or Iraq, may be under review for several more months. Military refusals in Germany should contact the Military Counseling Network, mc-network.de, for advice and support.

Kimberly Rivera, the first female American soldier to refuse after being deployed to Iraq, made her final appeal to the federal court in Canada on July 9, arguing that she be allowed to remain with her husband and three children. “I only do what the judge says I can do,” Rivera told the press after court. “But I shouldn’t have to destroy my family for deciding not to destroy somebody else’s family.” If deported, her attorney argued that Rivera would likely be court martialed and face a prison term because of her public opposition to the war. A decision from the Canadian court could be months away.

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The grannies explained, “Arrests at Ground Zero actions have been happening very quickly, so we decided to use our experience with window breaking. While some of the grannies needed those ambulatory aids, we all chose to use them to give us more time crossing and blocking the road. This turned out to be a really interesting action: half street theater to abolish nukes and half a nonverbal request. The event was part of Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action’s (GZ) Mother’s Day vigil and action honoring the intent of Julia Ward Howe’s 1870 Mother’s Day Proclamation, a passionate call for disarmament and peace. About 50 supporters lined Trigger Avenue holding a variety of disarmament signs. Another group held a banner from the nearby Clear Creek Dam overpass, where most traffic approaches the base on Trigger Avenue. It read: “Moms say, Use words, not weapons. Abolish Trident.”

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On the Road to No War

“On the Road to No War: A Walk for Disarmament from Camp Peary to Naval Station Norfolk” took place from June 22 thru June 26. The Norfolk Catholic Worker and Hampton Roads area peace groups organized a walk of horses and a banner-carrying women from Camp Peary to Naval Station Norfolk to protest nuclear weapons. Following prayers for peace and repentance at the National Mall, where public display of tanks and helicopters and big guns was underway. The women were mostly prevented from entering the fenced off display area, so the magnificent banner was displayed just outside for all to see. The Washington Post reported that a Florida woman was arrested for shoving a detective as park police tried to persuade CODEPINK to leave.

On May 9, the Saturday before Mother’s Day, CODEPINK hosted a 24-hour vigil for peace in Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House home of the First Mom. Among other activities, more than one hundred moms and kids stitched together some 6000 knitted squares sent to D.C. from knitters in 11 countries all around the world. Hundreds of shades of green and pink squares created a 4’ x 150’ banner spelling out Julia Ward Howe’s original Mothers Day declaration: WE WILL NOT RAISE OUR CHILDREN TO KILL ANOTHER MOTHER’S CHILD.

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Inside & Out

NATIONAL RESISTERS

Helen Woodson 03231-045 (106 months - out 9/9/11) FMC Carswell, Max Unit, POB 27137, Ft. Worth, TX 76127.
(Pardoned and paroled after protest against war at the federal courthouse, Kansas City, Missouri, 3/11/04)

Leonard Peltier 89637-132 (life) USP Lewisburg, POB 1000, Lewisburg, PA 17837.
(Native American political prisoner)

NUCLEAR RESISTERS OVERSEAS

Igor V. Sutyagin (15 years) 16 Frolov, Chelyabinsk; UL, Pirosoyva, d. 27; FGU IK-1, 5 otryad, Russia. (letters only, no parcels) (Imprisoned since 10/27/1999, now convicted of espionage for researching public nuclear weapons information - sentenced 4/7/04)

Public Military Refusers

Dustin Stevens B2nd Replacement Detachment Bldg., C-875 Lael Ave pending stop-A, Fort Bragg NC 28510.
(Continued to base pending court martial for AWOL/desertion)

Cliff Cornell (1 year - out 4/10) Bldg. 1041, PSC Box #20140, Camp Lejuene NC 28542.
(Pled guilty to desertion, 4/09)

Anthony Michael Henderson (14 months - out 1/09) P.O. Box 305, Fort Sill, OK 73503-3505.
(Pled guilty to desertion and disobeying an order, 11/08)

Previous Unlisted, Recently Released

Annika Spaldie (out 7/22), Pelle Strindberg, Laetus - OMR, Pelle Strindberg (out 8/09), Pelle Strindberg (out 7/22)

For more information, visit jonahouse.org

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This country lied when they said there was justice for all.

Leonard Peltier, June 26, 2009

Letters of support should be sent to Leonard Peltier 89637-132, USP Lewisburg, POB 1000, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

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AWOL ROUNDUPS, RESISTERS IN THE EAWS AND REFUGEES IN CANADA

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**Dustin Stevens** is one of the AWOL soldiers recently brought in and assigned to the Replacement Detachment of the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. Encouraged by attorney James Branum, Stevens took the rare step of going public when he contacted Courage to Resist. In an interview with the Courage to Resist Project in May, Stevens described the grueling barracks where 50 or more men in the unit live while confined to base, four to a small room. Most are probably not war resisters, and required for duty need medical and/or psychiatric care, not front lines or prisons to address their problems with the military.

Stevens left the army seven years ago because he did not want to fight in a war he had grown to hate. He had a background check with FedEix, got a car, had an apartment, paid taxes. During a routine traffic stop just a month ago, Stevens was told there was a warrant out for his arrest, and without warning he was taken into military custody.

He expects to be court martialed for desertion, but his Army contract was up at the end of June, but he actually thought about things, I knew I couldn’t kill anyone. And that’s what all the training was really about, killing. It just isn’t me.”

Daniel Marble is another soldier tracked down by the 82nd Airborne Division. At home on leave after para- drop last January, Stevens was told there was a warrant out for his arrest, and without warning he was taken into military custody.

They never had time to think during training. But once the war we were in, and they were spoken by Jesus himself. Could I really deploy again, and compromise myself that threatened to burst out of me at any moment, unnerved; anxious. I felt as if I had a big secret inside me, but I couldn’t keep it to myself. I was a veteran of a foreign war, hailed as a hero, and yet I felt… unnerved; anxious. I felt as if I had a big secret inside me that threatened to burst out of me at any moment, exposing what I really was to the rest of the world… but I couldn’t figure out what the secret was. Not for a long, long time.”

Robin Long was released from the navy brig in San Diego on July 9, after completing a 15 month sentence for desertion. Long was deported from Canada in 2008 after Canadian authorities denied refuge to the war resister. Lt. Ehren Watada, the first commissioned officer to refuse orders to Iraq because the war and occupation there are illegal, will not face a second court martial for his act of conscience.

Watada’s first court martial ended in a mistrial in February, 2007. When the Army prepared for a second court martial, Watada’s attorneys appealed and a federal court agreed that any new trial would be unconstitutional double jeopardy.

The Bush administration announced it would appeal the decision, but delayed filing for over a year.

Late last April, supporters learned that the new Solicitor General would decide whether to continue the appeal. They kicked off an internet Ad Hoc Campaign to Free Ehren Watada, which drew hundreds of calls to write the Justice Department. Days later, the government backed down and withdrew, letting the federal court decision stand. Still, Watada’s future remains uncertain, because the appeal did not affect other charges of conduct unbecoming an officer. These were added on after the more serious offenses, and were based on public statements Watada made about the “deception” of the Bush administration, which had “planned to invade Iraq.”

Now, the Army must either initiate a court martial or drop the charges and let the Lieutenant get on with his life. Pending the outcome of his prosecution, Watada has been retained in the army at a desk job in Fort Lewis, continued on page 2

G.I. RESISTER UPDATES

Cliff cornell has been moved to the military prison at Camp Lejune, North Carolina to serve his one year sentence for desertion. Supporters are invited to visit, as they do not have to be on a special list, they do not have to be on a special list: just show up with ID and sign in. Visiting hours at Lejuene are on Sat- urdays, Sundays and holidays, noon to 3 PM. To avoid scheduling conflicts and for more information, potential visitors should contact Chuck Fager at Quaker House, a haven for military refusers a few hours down the road in Fayeteville. E-mail chuckfager@aol.com or phone 910-323-3912.

Tony Anderson is reported to be well and very appreciative of letters he receives at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.
Several hundred people attending a Mayday party at the Peace House in Brighton, England, paraded from there through the city center and on to the gate of EDO MBM/ITT. The demonstration May 4 was a larger-than-usual edition of the noisy weekly demos that have demanded the closure of a arms merchant shut down and get out of town since the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

On this day, a small number of demonstrators clashed with police along the way and three were arrested and jailed overnight on charges of “causing a public display of distress.” Police condemned demonstrators who pelted them with rocks, the latest in long-running conflict between Sussex police and demonstrators. One month later, a peace protester was found not guilty of assault on grounds that he acted in self defense when he admitted punching a police officer at the Smash EDO Carnival Against Arms on June 4. The court found police had used unlawful and excessive force by beating Chris Bluemel with batons at the protest.

On June 29, demonstrators chained themselves to crowd barriers outside the gates of EDO MBM/ITT, preventing access to the factory. EDO director Paul Hills was forced to cut a hole in the fence around the factory to allow cars in.

The demonstration was timed to coincide with the end of the No Borders Camp in Calais, held to protest the increasingly repressive immigration policy of France and the U.K., and the building of a U.K. detention center on the Calais port.

**Korea? Faslane!**

A woman was arrested at the Faslane submarine base north of Glasgow May 28, as she tried to speak with workers at the home of Britain’s nuclear arsenal. Juliet Fenton and Esmirne (whom she said was “sick of pocryis”) of the British Prime Minister and U.S. President condemning North Korea’s recent nuclear tests, had been picked up by police in their cars holding signs saying “-testing for freedom” and “recklessly challenging the international community,” and “A danger to the world” and their return: “Korea? Faslane!”

Fenton stood in the road so that workers could see her sign and then police moved her to the sidewalk and took away the sign. When she began approaching workers waiting in their cars to speak with them, she was arrested.

After being cited and released, Fenton spoke about North Korea’s nuclear weapons: “A deterrent terri- tory: that is its purpose. We are utterly saddened by the development of more of these weapons, albeit on a much smaller scale than anything in the arsenals of the U.S. or France. A jail is a jail is a jail, but nevertheless Smith appealed of his incarceration before returning to remand status. A jail is a jail is a jail, but nevertheless Smith appealed of his incarceration before returning to remand status.

**WRITINGS FROM ALL~from Vikbolandet, Sweden**

**Strategy Behind Swedish Disarmament**

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Coast to Coast, Australia Rejects Talisman Sabre

Activists converged in central Queensland, Australia in protest against the military's involvement in the U.S. escalation of war in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Their immediate focus was on Operation Talisman Sabre, a joint Rockhampton war game involving up to 25,000 U.S. and Australian military personnel. A large Christian nonviolence practitioners set up the Martin Luther King House of Christian Nonviolence as a nonviolent action operations/training center in Yeppoon.

In Cairns, a citizen weapons inspector was arrested June 29 as he tried to get aboard the USS Tortuga to look for ammunition and bombs. Terry Spackman of Peace by Peace, a local group, was apprised when he was told the ladder against the dockside fence and tried to climb over. The Tortuga and USS Essex had docked the day before for a little R&R for 5,000 sailors before the Operation Talisman Sabre (OTS) military exercises. When the ships arrived, Peace by Peace announced their plan to inspect. Spackman said then that he was in London during the 1940-41 Blitz of Nazi aerial bombs, and that if the ship was involved with bombing civilian populations in Afghanistan or elsewhere, it should be kicked out of Cairns. Instead, for his efforts Spackman was cited and released.

Across the Australian continent, Freemantle Anti-Nuclear Group rallied at their local wharf north of Perth on Sunday, June 28. About a hundred people demonstrated where the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS George Washington and guided missile cruiser USS Cowpens were docked prior to their participation in OTS. Police was heavy and former Australian senator Jo Vallentine and the others were told not to interfere with the "comfort" of the visiting sailors by speaking to them about peace and nuclear issues.

Police arrested her for breach of the peace when she refused an order to move on.

She was taken to jail and released later in the day on condition she not visit the wharf area nor speak with U.S. sailors by speaking to them about peace and nuclear issues. Police arrested her for breach of the peace when she refused an order to move on.

On the morning of July 9, several activists stopped a shipment of more than a dozen U.S. Marine jeeps north of Yeppoon, where the major access road leads off to the remote Oliversват Air Training Area, the onshore command center for OTS.

In front of a banner imploring "In the Name of God, Stop the Wars," and holding signs that read "Resist the War on Afghanistan" and "War is Terror, War," long-time Catholic Workers Jim Dowling and Ciaran O'Reilly were arrested when they refused to leave. The group had held up war traffic for an hour and a half. The men were charged with blocking access to a military facility and deployed to prosecute this war. We will enter this exercise in solidarity with all the civil victims of the U.S and Australian military. We enter the exercise with the intention of shutting down the exercises.

For more information, visit peaceconvergence.com.au and talismanSabre.wordpress.com.

Loyal Arrow, a Royal Error

NATO's largest aerial war practice of 2009, "Loyal Arrow" is the target of a series of bombing-range occupations and other actions by the Swedish anti-war network Ofog (Swedish for mischief).

As the eight-day exercise began on June 8, Ofog announced that peace activists from Germany, Finland, and Great Britain would join them to disrupt the exercises near Luleå, on the Arctic Circle. Sweden is not a member of NATO, and the government invited NATO without even first informing the Defense Committee of the Swedish parliament.

On the night of Wednesday, June 10, four women entered the Vidsel live fire area, hoping their presence would vex the war game's organizers and place the people responsible for security at the base were made aware of the civilians inside the area.

"NATO cannot be allowed to practice bombing in Sweden," the list of the NATO's war crimes is a long one and now I have the opportunity to do something," said Ellen Bergstrom, one of the first group on the range. "NATO functions as a constant threat of war around the world, not for peace," said another, Elsa Berglund. "It is the West's tool to maintain an unfair "world order"."

The military detected the vehicle that dropped off five hours later on the same suspicion of violating "places important to society," and released the same day. None who were detained have yet been charged.

Later, six more people in two different groups entered the Vidsel range. The military again searched for them but gave up after a while.

NATO first denied anyone was on the range, despite photos transmitted from inside and posted on the Ofog website. After the third group was released from prison on speaker shrug and shirked any responsibility, telling Swedish television, "We have not been given any restrictions on continuing the exercise from FMV, who are responsible for the firing range."

"We know that NATO bombs civilians, but this is the first time they have threatened to bomb civilians in Sweden," said an Ofog spokesperson.

These six people stayed on the bombing range for about 40 hours. On the night of June 12 they heard three bombs being dropped by airplanes and exploding somewhere in the center of the range.

The activists left the area because Ofog did not trust NATO for their security. The six were not arrested and will not be charged.

During the rest of the week Ofog was present outside of the military base in Luleå, organizing protests and blockades as well as street theater in the center of town. The military base was heavily guarded, but no one was arrested in the blockades.

Swedish Disarmers

Getting Out of Jail

While this action was underway in Lapland, the first of the group to be released at noon on June 11. Pelle Strindlund served 80 days of a four month sentence for the March 22 Arrasta! (Disarm!) action at Sah Abraspace in Linkoping. Along with An- nike Spalde and Martin Smedjeback, he entered the plant intending to damage flight and electronics for export. The three were convicted of attempted sabotage with prison charges. Smedjeback, sentenced to five months, was released from prison on July 2, and Spalde, serving a six month sentence, is due out July 22.

For more information, some in English, visit ofog.org/ introduction.
ft. mccoy

A Walk for Peace begins August 7 at Camp Williams National Guard base in Camp Douglas, Wisconsin, and will conclude with a rally and nonviolent civil resistance at the main gate of Ft. McCoy. Sponsored by Nukewatch, Michigan People’s Alliance for Peace and Justice and Voices for Creative Nonviolence, the walk brings five demands to the National Guard base: End US wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, ban depleted uraniummunitions, keep National Guard troops home, abolish nuclear weapons, and compensate victims of war. To reserve limited camping space along the walk, contact Nukewatch at 48 lake land, ws, 715-472-4185.

nevada test site

The August Desert Witness at the Nevada Test Site this year celebrates "Stop attacking civilians, from Hiroshima to Pakistan," and will include a few hours early in the mornings. On August 6, the Hiroshima Day memorial vigil will take place at the Test Site Gate, 6:30 a.m., and August 7, a memorial vigil at the main gate of Creech Air Force Base in Indian Springs. Carpool at 5:30 a.m. both days from Nevada Desert Experience (NDE), 1420 West Bartlett Avenue, Las Vegas, NV. Both venues will provide opportunity for nonviolent civil resistance. Sunday's Nagasaki Day remembrance will be a film screening in Las Vegas of The Original Child Bomb. For more information, contact NDE at 702-646-4814 or info@nevadadesertexperience.org.

büchel

The annual Peace Camp at the nuclear arms base in Büchel (Rhineland-Palatine/Germany) opened July 13th with a large welcome to the NABC delegation and "guaid" nonviolent direct action calling for the removal of US nuclear weapons from Büchel on August 9. Creativity is encouraged February 1st to contact the Nonviolent Campaign for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons (GAAH) at bomb@bombsite.org or visit www.byu-byu-nuclear-bombs.gaa.org.

coupolt

The Trident Ploughshares International Disarmament Gather will sail through August 23 in Coulport, Scotland, focused on direct disarmament work at the Faslane and Coulport bases. During the camp there will be plenty of affinity group-based actions and workshops. Come along and join one of the ad hoc affinity groups which will form to accommodate all tastes, ages and abilities! Camp will be set up to fit the number of people attending, please let them know if you're planning to come and for how long. For more information, email coupolt@tridentploughshares.org or check www.tridentploughshares.org.

creech a/fbpace e bene 20th

Join Peace E Bene’s cofounders and Dr. Vincent Harding to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the nonviolent education and action organization. The event begins in Las Vegas on Friday evening, September 25 and concludes in Washington, D.C. in the direct and nonviolent witness at Creech Air Force Base, home of the U.S. drones fleet. Registration of $150 includes all events, and meals Saturday. Scholarships are available. Limited housing and sleeping bag space may be available. Register on-line via pacee Bene.org or contact pacee Bene@paceebene.org, 702-648-2281.

white house

The eighth anniversary of the U.S. war in Afghanistan in October will be marked by a series of protests in Wash- ington, D.C., including mass nonviolent direct action at the White House on Monday, October 5, organized by the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance. A petition calling on President Obama and the Cap- itation of Afghanistan, Restore our Reputation in the Global Community" is open for signing at www.iglide.org, and the signers and names will be delivered to the White House on Monday. For more information, please contact Joy First at jfirst@tds.net or Malachy Kilibeide at malachykilibeide@yahoo.com.

peaceable assembly campaign

Voices for Creative Nonviolence is initiating a national- wide campaign which seeks an end to the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and support for the continued Israeli occupation of the Palestinian ter- ritories. The Peaceable Assembly Campaign will include building local foundations in September, targeting the progress in the fall, and Days of Nonviolent Resistance at the White House January 19 - February 2, 2010. For a full campaign outline and other nonviolent direct action, visit www.vcnv.org or call 773-878-3815.

nuclear arms base

Nebraskans For Peace and the Catholic Worker commu- nities of Omaha and Lincoln will host the annual 3 1/2 day "shake and bake" vigil and opportunity for civil resistance at the gates of Offutt Air Force Base, in Bellevue, Nebraska (www.nfpn.org) and the U.S. Military Space Command. “Come stand, pray, and do peace with us. Join us for the evening program’ and please bring a photo of someone you love for peace as we commemorate the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.” Plenty of floor space is available for sleeping at St. John’s Church in Creighton University in Omaha from the evening of August 5 through August 9. For special accommodation or more information, contact Frank Cordano in Des Moines (frank. palindsay@gmail.com, 515-282-4781) or Jerry Eburn in Omaha (jerryebner@hotmail.com, 402-502-5887).

lockheed martin

The Brandywine Peace Community will host a vigil for peace from 8 a.m. - noon, Thursday, August 6, Hiro- shima Day at Lockheed Martin, Mall & Goddard Bou- levard, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania (behind the King of Prussia Mall). At noon, a Hiroshima Day ceremony and nonviolent action will include civil disobedience. Those interested in participating in the civil disobedience, call the Brandywine Peace Community at 610-544-1818 by July 25 for preparation and planning information.

washington, d.c.

The annual Faith and Resistance Retreat will gather August 5 for supper at St. Stephen and the Incarnation, 16 Newton St., NW, Washington, D.C. and continue through the morning of August 6. The retreat will focus on the use of reflection, action, reflection. During this retreat, special attention will be given to two films - Original Child Bomb and On Paper Wings, while planning, enacting, and evalu- ating acts of peace witness and resistance together. To RSVP, contact Dorothy Day Catholic Worker, 202-882- 9632, bartfill@hotmail.com; or Jonah House, 410-365- 6238, disarmnow@jnahouse.org.

banger

Nuclear Abolition: Yes We Can! will be the theme for the observance of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nag- asi on Ground Zero for Nonviolent Action. Action August 8 to 10, at Bangor, Washington. In addition to dedicating the new Center building, participants will learn a variety of ways to act for nuclear abolition. Featured will be a panel of experts, films, music, discussions, and welcoming the Trinity to Interfaith Peace Walk (Las Alamos, NM, to Ground Zero, Bangor), culminating with a traditional vigil and nonviolent direct action at Trident Submarine Base Bangor. For more information: www. gczenter.org, email info@gczenter.org, or call 206-545- 3562 or 360-377-2886.

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WHIPOI SPY BASE: Lawyers for the three men who defied the dome protecting a giant satellite dish integral to U.S. global war fighting capability in April, 2008, have successfully petitioned to have their trial held before a jury in Wellington. A date has not yet been set but is likely to be about six months away.

LINDS PERCY: The American bases accountability advocate and public footpath protagonist was released from prison in England on May 1 due to a scheme addressin- dressing prison overcrowding, after serving only 10 days on a 45-day sentence...

BERKELEY: Weeks after a series of February, 2008 protests and several arrests at the Marine recruiting station in Berkeley, Stephanie Tang was charged with obstructing/ resisting a police officer during a February 22 demonstra- tion. Police that day charged a World Can't Wait sponsored rally. Two others were arrested, but not Tang, a World Can’t Wait organizer who instead was clubbed by an officer and sent flying head first into a brick wall. Supporters are asked to pack the courtroom at her next pre-trial hearing on Friday, October 9, at 9 a.m. at the Wi- ley W. Manuel Courthouse, 661 Washington St., Oakland, California (Note: Come 30 min. early to go thru courtroom security - check in lobby for assigned courtroom)...

VERMONT YORKANTE: Disorderly conduct charges have been dismissed against four people who stood quietly holding homemade signs with an anti-nuclear message directed at Vermont’s governor, as he spoke at a public rally. Two others were arrested, but not Tang, who was released on a personal recognizance bond.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION 2008/ ST. PAUL: After pleading guilty June 8, Jason Sparks, 27, directed at Vermont’s governor, as he spoke at a public rally. Two others were arrested, but not Tang, who was released on a personal recognizance bond.

HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING: Four people who greeted the new Congress with the March of the Dead last January - Pete Perry, Laurie Arbeiter, Robert Dyesu and Michelle Grise - had their charges of disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly thrown out on June 22. Contributing to the judge’s decision to dismiss with prejudice was the prosecution’s failure to secure all evidence in the case. A police videotape of the action was destroyed and the arresting officer testified that his notes about the arrest “went away.” Two other defendants from the case had earlier been ordered to stay away from the Capitol area for nine months...

WHITE HOUSE: Yet another dismissal came in the case of 63 people arrested in the orange jumpsuits of Guantanamo prison car last April 30. They showed up in court June 22 only to get the run-around, and in the end, learn that their cases had already been dismissed...

PENTAGON: Another dismissed case from across the river in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, left seven members of the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resist- tance (NCNR) wondering about the depth of police surveillance of their D.C.-area organizing. They were arrested last March 17 after they arrived via the Metro to press for a meeting they sought with War Secretary Robert Gates. During their brief dialogue with police before they were arrested, they overheard one officer say to another, “When is the other group coming?” Since their initial plan had been to arrive at the Pentagon in two waves, they wondered how police knew. Shortly after the activists filed a motion for additional discovery, the prosecutor dis- missed the charges. Last year, NCNR activists discovered that private email proposing the Senate Gallery action that led to their arrest in March, 2008, was in the hands of prosecutors. Also last year, in a separate incident, Maryland State police admitted to spying on dozens of peace and justice activists and entering their names into a terrorist database, including some active in the NCNR. Five people arrested on Good Friday at the Pentagon were tried, convicted, and sentenced to fines and probation in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Virginia on June 16. During the trial for disobeying a lawful order, each of the five gave compelling testimony and statements about the purpose of the witness, and why they were morally and legally justified to take nonviolent action to stop U.S. warmaking, to abolish nuclear weapons and all weap- ons of mass destruction, and to prevent crimes against humanity from occurring. Brian Hynes was fined $200; St. Margaret McKenna, Susan Crane, and Art Laffin were fined $300; and Bill Frankel-Street was given six months unsupervised probation and a six month ban from the Pentagon. Good Friday co-defendants Nancy Gowen and Molly Brechtel had charges dismissed because it was their first Pentagon arrest. Codefendant David Ryle’s trial was continued until July 10.

REP. RICK LARSEN: Through the services of a dispute resolution center, Bellingham, Washington has agreed to settle an emotional distress and illegal arrest claim by Ellen Murphy for damages due to her having been permanently barred by police from entering the downtown federal building. The lifetime ban was requested by the Democrat’s office after they called the police to arrest the septugenarian peace activist in October, 2006. She and six others were charged with trespass while waiting for Larsen to meet with them about cutting off money for the Iraq war. When police arrived, they were reading the names of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq, as part of the nationwide Occupation Project. The extraordinary pre-conviction ban was subsequently vacated by her judge. Both parties desired mediation, but Larsen’s office refused to take part. The agreement includes improve- ment of trespass forms and procedures, joint coordination of a community forum on activism and law enforcement, the city’s support for Murphy to return to Larsen’s office and conclude the reading of the names of the dead, and $10,500 for Murphy...

RAYTHEON/BRISBANE: Jim Dowling and Bernie Meloney were convicted May 15 of trespass and fined $500, although both men said they won’t pay. Police witnesses were obliged to view a succession of photos of confirmed civilian victims of Raytheon’s weapons, and appeared quite disturbed to be defending such a corpora- tion. The Christian anti-war activists were arrested at the Australian offices of the international war profiteer last November, where they sought to exercise demons...

FORT McCOY: Three Wisconsin women were convict- ed on June 4 of trespass at the National Guard base last December. Federal Magistrate Stephen Crocker in Madi- son listened patiently to the pleas for peace and was even reminded that the congressional authorization for sending the National Guard to Iraq, including 3,000 Wisconsin Guard members, the 2009 has expired. He found Cassandra Dixon, Bonnie Uerfer and Gail Vaughn guilty and fined them $75 each...

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