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Australia Begins Healing *Government acts to end history of racism.*

Twelve years ago on May 26 1999, Australian activists initiated a national 'Sorry Day', calling on the country to acknowledge and apologize for mistreatment of Indigenous Australians. This year May 26, 2008 Australians celebrated the first 'Sorry Day' since Prime Minister Rudd's February apology on behalf of the Federal Government before Parliament.

On that day, February 13, 2008, Rudd opened a new healing chapter in his country's troubled history. Tears flowed as he delivered a moving and comprehensive apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples for the "indignity and degradation inflicted on a proud people and a proud culture". He resolved that these injustices must "never, never happen again".

After honoring the First Peoples, Rudd declared, "The time has come for the Nation to turn a page in Australia's history. We apologise for all the laws and policies of successive parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss. For all the pain and hurt of these stolen generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say 'sorry'. We, the Parliament of Australia, request that this apology be received in the spirit in which it is offered as part of the healing of the Nation.

"As of today, the time for denial has come to an end. Universal human decency demands that the nation steps forward to right a historical wrong.

"I know that in offering this apology on behalf of the Government and the Parliament, there is nothing I can say today that can take away the pain you have suffered personally. I cannot undo that. Words alone are not that powerful. Today's apology, however inadequate, is aimed at righting past wrongs.

"Let us seize the day and take this as a re-



conciliation between those who emerged from the Dreamtime a thousand generations ago and those who, like me, came across the seas only yesterday. As we begin a new chapter, we embrace with pride, admiration and awe these great and ancient cultures we are truly blessed to have among us."

Rudd's apology and speech received a standing ovation from those in the chamber, while the thousands who had gathered outside Parliament House, cheered, applauded, hugged and cried.

Professor Mick Dodson, a member of the Yawuru Peoples and director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies said: "The apology is an enormous moment for us - it is the rock to build the future upon. Australians will feel proud that their country has the maturity, the strength and political will to do this - it ought to ennoble all of us."

Aboriginal musician Jimmy Little says Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology sets an example for the rest of the world to follow. "We can never be too sorry about past sadness and madness," he said.

*For full speech: www.pm.gov.au/media/Speech/2008/speech_0073.cfm
Story from Positive News UK*



China Says 'No' to Plastic Bags

by Daleena Samara
Shanghai reporting by Beth Ronsick

In June, the steady flow of some three billion ultra thin shopping bags into landfills across China slowed down. This dramatic change was the result of new laws enacted to ban the practice of giving free plastic shopping bags to shoppers at supermarkets and stores in the country.

Instead, shoppers in China

have been asked to bring their own cloth bags or shopping baskets when shopping. The new law, which will come into effect on 1 June, also bans production of these bags.

The ban only affects bags under 0.025 mm thick. Thicker plastic bags, however, have dodged the axe and will be on sale. Customers who forget to bring their own bags can buy the thicker bags; shops have been instructed to clearly price-mark

them and not absorb the cost into the prices of other items.

Organizations caught handing out free plastic bags to shoppers will be fined and face possible forfeiture of goods and profits. Tax measures will also be considered to discourage plastic bag production and sales.

The bags will also be banished from public transportation including buses, trains, planes, and from public places such as airports and scenic locations.

Waste collectors were urged to improve recycling efforts to reduce the amount of bags burned or buried.

It is estimated that three billion of these ultra thin plastic bags are used daily, and most of them discarded after they are used just once. Further, the ban is expected to reduce the amount of crude oil used for plastic packaging, re-

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Progreso Verde

Reforestation and sustainable rural development are taking root in an agricultural area of extreme poverty in the foothills of the Western Andes in Ecuador. Founded in 1999, CRACYP (which stands for Rural Reforestation and Progress Network Corporation, in Spanish) includes over 200 communities in an area of approximately 1,000 square miles on the borders of the Cotopaxi, Bolivar and Los Rios provinces.

Their mission is "Progreso Verde" or "Green Progress" - that is, social and economic development in a way that protects the environment. The group builds environmental awareness and motivates and assists local communities to take practical conservation action. Sustainable development projects help increase incomes to the point where people are able to think further ahead than the next meal and can afford to care about the environment.

CRACYP's "Green Progress" projects are long-term. They train

people in techniques for sustainable agriculture and appropriate technology to add value to their crops by processing them locally rather than selling them as raw materials, and provide ongoing support. They also advise on and assist with the reforestation process. In this way the communities improve their quality of life and preserve the environment on which their future depends.

Reforestation is the aim of CRA-CYP's projects, so all include some tree planting. Usually the group "charges" the community a small percentage of the extra income generated by the project, then returns this to them in the form of seeds or seedlings which they plant in suitable areas. Advice is always available and reforestation often provides productive or useful plants (e.g. bamboo, balsa, or fruit trees such as mango) and other native forest species.

Some of their current projects include: eco-tourism holidays where visitors experience the local

way of life on a budget farm-stay holiday, explore forest paths and waterfalls with a community guide, enjoy the amazing variety of flowers, birds, insects and animals, and visit other sustainable projects:

- an organic sugar cane cooperative in which over 130 farming families in 7 communities grow sugarcane and produce aguardiente ('firewater' or potable alcohol). The consortium was established in 2003 and the farms now have organic certification and state registration for antiseptic alcohol.

- a project to replace invasive introduced species in the private farmland of the unique Galapagos Islands with sustainable organic crops and reforestation of native species.

- helping over 30 plantain farmers to get the best price for their crop through training, quality control and working together to sell on national and international markets.

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Creator of plastic bags: Alexander Parkes

Year plastic was created: 1862

World's annual production of plastic: 200 million tons

Estimated number of years it will take for plastic production to double: 20

Percentage of the world's plastic that is not recycled: 96

Percentage of world's oil used for plastic production: 8

Number of plastic bags that end up as litter annually: 4 billion

Number of times 4 billion plastic bags tied end to end would encircle the world: 63

Quantity of oil in gallons needed to produce 100 million non-degradable plastic bags: 430,000

Cost of processing and recycling 1 ton of plastic bags: US\$4,000

Cost of selling the above recycled product on the commodities market: US\$32

How long it takes for a plastic bag to disintegrate: approximately 1,000 years

Country in which supermarkets first offered plastic bags: USA

Estimated annual worldwide consumption of plastic bags: 500 billion-1.2 trillion

Main material used in manufacture of plastic bags: polyethylene

Belgium: 1,603

Percentage of plastic bags in debris washed up on US coastline: 10 percent

Percentage of plastic bags recycled in the US in 2000: 1 percent

South Asian countries in which ultra thin plastic bags are banned: Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka

African countries banning thin plastic bags: Rwanda, South Africa

Indian city in which plastic bags are banned: Mumbai

Reasons for banning ultra-thin plastic bags in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal: Clogging storm drains

Country in which distributing plastic bags can land you in jail: South Africa

Year Bangladesh imposed ban on plastic bags: 2002

Year Ireland imposed tax on use of plastic bags: 2002

Countries that may ban plastic bags this year: Israel and Australia

A country to which British plastic waste is exported: China

Tonnage of plastic waste imported by China annually (2004 figure) for recycling: 3 million

UN Environmental Programme estimate of amount of plastic in every square mile of ocean: 46,000 items.

Sources: Independent, BAN, China Daily, SEPA, UN Environment Programme, Greenpeace, Washington Post, Hong Kong Standard, South China Morning Post, The Independent, Algita Marine Research Foundation,



China Says ‘No’ to Plastic Bags

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portedly 5 million tons (35 million barrels) annually according to official figures.

Facing increasing levels of pollution caused by rapid economic growth, the government has been looking for ways to protect the environment. “Our country consumes a large amount of plastic bags. While convenient for consumers, the bags also lead to a severe waste of resources and environmental pollution because of their excessive use and low rate of recycling,” said a statement on the government website.

“The ultra-thin bags are the main source of ‘white’ pollution as they can easily get broken and end up as litter,” the statement added. The term ‘white pollution’ was born from the unsightly presence of thin white bags littering drains, flapping on branches of trees, and floating in the air.

It’s not the first time a ban on plastic bags has been applied in China. Last year, the southern city of Shenzhen unveiled draft regulations of a similar ban. The new law will apply nationwide and although country-wide application by China’s 1.3 billion population – a fifth of the world’s population -- may seem a daunting challenge, its enforcement would certainly be a blessing to a planet suffocating under the weight of plastic waste.

According to news reports, signs are afoot of an attitude change towards plastic shopping bags in the country. According to news reports, some shoppers in



Beijing are already favouring cloth bags to plastic bags for shopping, thanks to supermarket campaigns. Different regions have also been embracing no-plastic bag days. Some Beijing supermarkets are already using bio-degradable bags.

Environmentalists have welcomed the move. According to the China Environment Forum at the Woodrow Wilson Centre in Washington, USA, China’s waste is at ‘crisis level’ and her landfills will be brimming in 13 years. In news reports, Greenpeace described it as a perfect case to combine public participation and government policy guidance.

In Shanghai, the mood towards the ban is positive. Fong Xiao Juen, a 49 year old housekeeper, felt it was a good move; “The



Chinese don’t really understand what we can do to help. We know pollution is a problem. It’s a step to do something.

“We already have cloth bags and baskets at home; everybody has those. In China before, we never had these new things [plastic bags], we carried our own bags, so our habits are still really close to doing without.”

Fong Yao Tsao Male, an 18 year old highschool student, said: “It’s a good idea. Paper is better anyway. It’s very clean because it comes from wood.”

“The change won’t amount to anything in my life. When I go shopping, I’ll use a cloth bag or paper bag or a push cart instead.”

Liu Cheng, a 45 year old Public Relations professional had this view:

“It’s hard to change people’s behavior, but it’s a positive step. The biggest problem is to convince supermarkets how to implement it. They need to do two things to help implement it. They need to do massive surveillance. The reason China has never had a

that always did that anyway...they charge for bags.”

Liu says he will use a cotton bag: “I just need to take another five minutes. It’s not a big deal to go home and pick up a bag. I think it won’t be a big problem in Shanghai. Every neighborhood has many markets, so there is always a market 500 m from home, what’s the trouble with going home to pick up a bag?”

“The most common use is that the bag gets used as a garbage bag, and that is the worst case scenario. We have to convince people not to reuse bags for garbage bags. It’s the worst habit. If I don’t have a plastic bag, I still need to find an environmentally friendly garbage bag... You have to substitute... all people use shopping bags as garbage bags. I think they need to have a better strategy. We also need to find alternatives for environmentally friendly garbage bags that can decompose...the bags sold need to be more environmental.”

“At least I can do this much. I can do my part of it.”

“In China before, we never had these new things [plastic bags], we carried our own bags, so our habits are still really close to doing without.”

~ Fong Xiao Juen

good environmental record is that this country has not invested enough in environmental surveillance.

“They also need both the stick and the carrot. They need to give some carrots, like they need to give tax rebates or other incentives to encourage those who implement it...they need to invest in mass education to compensate...or to give cloth bags. There is a German supermarket store

“It’s not yet time to celebrate. We have a long way to go. We need stakeholders and NGO’s included in systems thinking... We need the will, but we also need a good plan, or one solution just creates a new problem.”

Hong Kong, which according to government statistics, uses up to 23 million plastic bags a day or 3 bags per person per day, has proposed a law to impose a 50 cent levy on every plastic bag at

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FAQ:

Do degradable plastics decompose when buried? Degradable bags are still made from plastic, so placing demands on oil resources. They contain a metal additive to make them degrade and tend to require sunlight to break down. If biodegradable bags end up in landfill, they will eventually produce methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

Are paper bags earth friendly? Paper bags have less capacity for being reused, and require more energy and resources in manufacture and transport than plastic alternatives.

What’s a better option? Bags made from recycled plastics, which are then reused or recycled, are considered by many a better option. It is estimated that if it is recycled one high grade plastic bag would replace 1000 thin bags.

No plastic bags in this town, please! The English town of Modbury has set the pace for clean earth-friendly living.

There’s not a plastic bag in sight in the charming little town of Modbury in Devon, thanks to the efforts of Rebecca Hoskins, the journalist daughter of a local farmer who returned from a 15-year stint in Hawaii, where she filmed a BBC documentary showing plastic pollution on its beaches.

On her return to Modbury, she began to change the minds and hearts of the townsfolk towards plastic shopping bags. She didn’t have to crusade too hard; for the documentary spelled out the threat of disaster across the beautiful beaches of Devons. In May last year, the town’s 43 traders united to stop issuing plastic bags to shoppers, with the aim of becoming the first town in Britain to be completely plastic shopping bag free. Shoppers were encouraged to bring their own bags, or use the environmentally friendly carrier bags offered by the shop. The local supermarket even donated a fair-trade reusable cotton carrier bag to every town household.

Today, the town is free of its plastic peril with its people using anything reusable from biodegradable corn-starch carrier bags or recyclable paper carrier bags to backpacks instead. To encourage people to use only reusable carrier bags, a small levy is placed on disposable bags. The efforts of the town to clean up its own act has brought it fame, not just nationwide, but internationally. It’s a proud story of a little town who turned its back not only on thin plastic bags, but the entire caboodle of plastics. It’s no longer socially acceptable to carry a plastic bag in Modbury; do it at the risk of being branded a pariah!

For more info:
www.plasticbagfree.com



The Power of Positive Walking

Supporting IVAW, Ending the War

by Alexis Alexander

The power of positive manifestation is sometimes forgotten during troubled times. Yet historically, positive, grassroots action has clearly changed the course of history: THINK – the Great Salt March led by Ghandi, or the march to Birmingham led by Martin Luther King Jr. In upstate New York, such inspiration led to another march of epic proportions, one that will reverberate in the hearts and minds of its residents and is sure to help more people garner the courage to speak out against the war in Iraq.

"I would like to see the war end and for a global community to be created, and I believe we can do that if we can get more people to do this in other places."

~ Travis Terry of IVAW

(IVAW), the Different Drummer Cafe and Citizen Soldier, passed through small towns and rural communities that have bared the brunt of the Iraq war, both economically and emotionally. According to Mike Totten, a member of IVAW who served in Iraq from April 2003 through April 2004, "The time has come that the American public knows what is really happening to our soldiers and to the people of Iraq in their name. We can no longer rely on the politicians and generals to accurately report. Our voices will reveal the truth."

Greeted mostly with honks of support, thumbs up and peace signs, the group marveled at the hospitality along the way – sharing a drink with veterans at an American Legion hall, being offered a free game of miniature golf , having a woman in

Watertown hand out glasses of water and a box of donuts from her car, along with a large number of friendly and appreciative people who offered their yards as resting places and opened their homes for marchers to use the bathroom facilities, something particularly appreciated by all!

Travis Terry, a 21 year old from North Syracuse , unexpectedly joined the march on its sixth day in Brewerton, NY . He had lunch that day with some friends, lamenting about the state of the world and wondering what they could do to make a difference. Shortly afterwards, when one of his friends called him upon seeing the marchers, Travis jumped at the chance to join the march and ended up staying with the group for the duration of the march. "I believe that love and unity under a positive cause can do a lot more

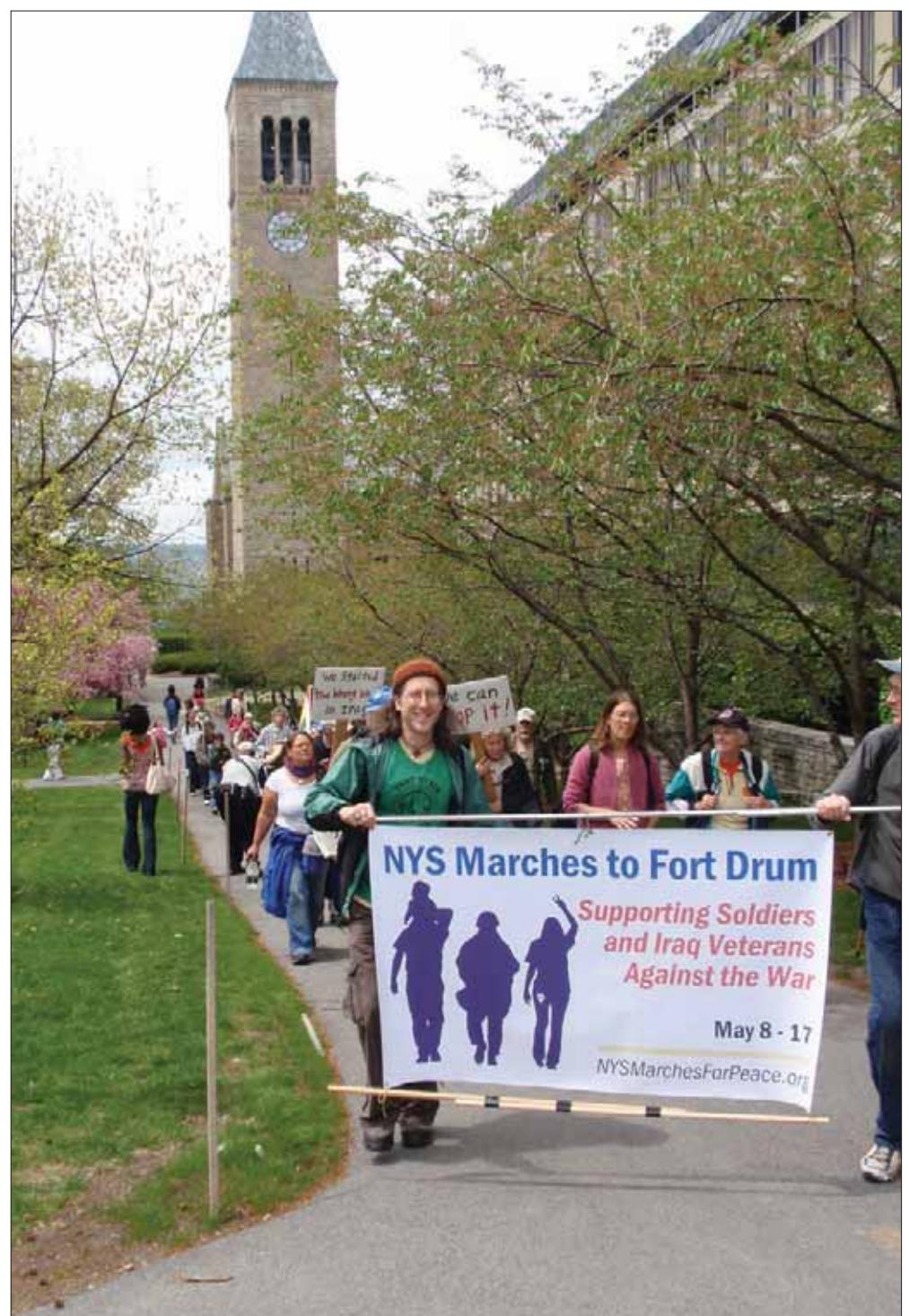
On May 8, over 100 marchers set out from the cities of Ithaca , Rochester and Utica to walk 120 miles to Fort Drum, in Watertown NY.

The goal of the 10 day march was to mobilize public support for active duty soldiers and Iraq veterans who oppose the ongoing war in the Middle East . Bob Nape, an organizer, commented "While public opinion has turned against the war, we feel it is increasingly important to support the U.S. troops and veterans who are making the difficult decision to publicly oppose, and in many cases actively resist, participating in the war. The IVAW is the leading edge of the peace movement today"

The march, organized by a coalition of peace groups in upstate New York in partnership with Iraq Veterans Against the War



Bringing up the rear in rural New York.



Frank Baldwin

Ithacans enjoy marching for peace.

than people think it can do," stated Terry. "A lot of Americans think the only way we can get somewhere is through negative actions like war, greed and control, but I think that positive things are a lot more powerful than that. I would like to see the war end and for a global community to be created, and I believe we can do that if we can get more people to do this in other places."

Added Daneilla Jacobs,18, a high school senior who joined the march in Adams , NY and participated for the final three days, "Seeing the marchers made [my friend] and I want to stop and find out what they were doing. The atmosphere is great. It's made a big difference in my life.

The positive sentiment was shared by IVAW soldiers and veterans. "I like being outside walking and having time to talk to people, enjoying the land and landscape rather than just talking through e-mails," stated Nathan Lewis, an IVAW member who currently attends college in Potsdam. "It's how we can build the grassroots antiwar movement in upstate New York ," concurred Mike Blake, an IVAW member who attained Conscientious Objector status after his service in Iraq .

On Friday, March 16, with emboldened hearts and sore feet, the marchers entered the Different Drummer Café, home to the Fort Drum Chapter of IVAW and were greeted by

supporters and additional members of IVAW. The next day, IVAW hosted a festival attended by over 250 people which featured live music and information booths set up by a number of veteran groups, peace organizations and PTSD counselors.

Roland Micklem, a 79 year old veteran from the World War II era, observed that the march strengthened political awareness of the IVAW, as well as building the spirit of community.

Overall, well over 180 people of all ages joined in the march, some marching only a few hours and others marching the full 10 days. "It was an unforgettable experience of building, caring, sharing, working together for the common good," stated Vicki Ross, an organizer from Buffalo . [The march] "was about an ever-changing community with people coming in and out, a community moving through and joining with other more stationary communities, all to the one goal of Peace for All, stopping this immoral and illegal war and yes, working for the common good."

For many, the march is just the beginning of a journey towards the end of pre-emptive war. A meeting is planned for June to determine how to continue building a strong grassroots antiwar effort both regionally and nationally.



“Liberation”.

Hannah Pitkin

Vets Find Healing, Hope in Combat Paper Project

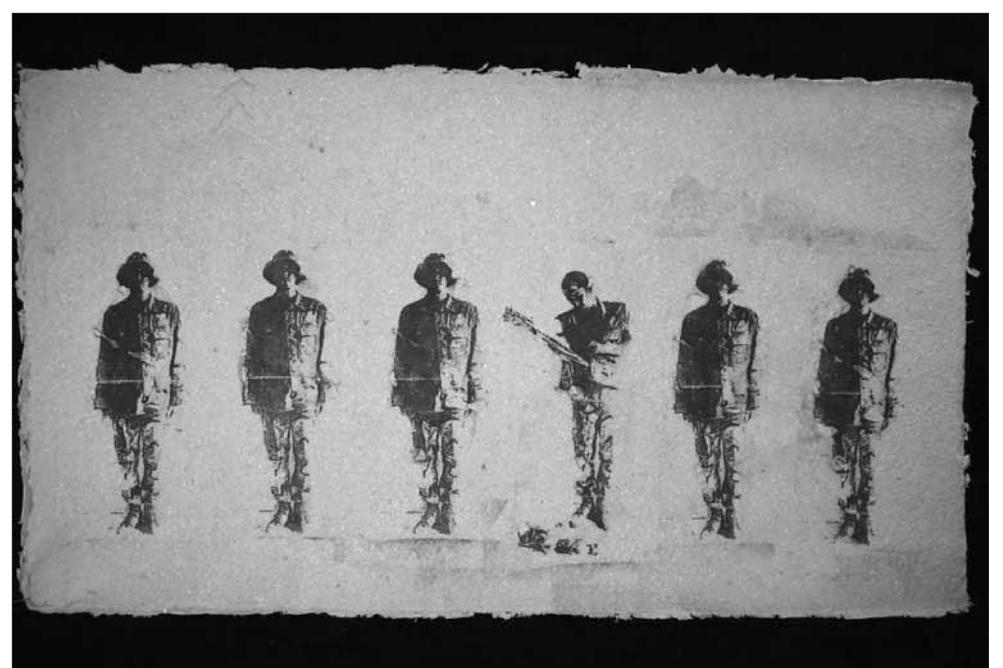
Drew Cameron and Drew Matott prove an organic pair when it comes to paper-making. Through their project, Combat Paper, they have been generating inspiration for war veterans the nation over. Drew C. is a member of Iraq Veterans Against the War, having served multiple tours abroad. Whether or not someone agrees with war resistance, the Combat Paper project focuses on encouraging all veterans of combat in their return to civilian life. The striking, if not shocking, part: the paper is made from shredded uniforms that have been in war conflict.

The project began in a paper-making studio in Burlington, VT. Green Door Studios has now grown into a haven for healing veterans. Drew C. and Drew M. took the project on tour earlier this year, in the form of paper-making workshops, to various supporting institutions such as St. Lawrence University in NY and UC Santa Barbara. The majority of the participants are Iraq vets, but many Vietnam War veterans came out for conversation. Not all bring their uniforms. Some just come to check it out, to find community. Drew M. says about the tour: “Most of the time the veterans have never met. It’s amazing to see how much they have in common.”

Combat Paper is art therapy that “utilizes paper as its medium” and dialogue as its process. The process is about “making something tactile that expresses [the vets’] transformative process,” Drew M. says. It transforms a uniform that has carried negative connotations into something hopeful, positive, artistic. The project “lays down a very open atmosphere for expression through dialogue, to find a common language so they don’t feel so alone”.

The hope that many Vets discover through Combat Paper is in the commonality found in shared experience through dialogue. They are affirmed in their respective struggles returning from Iraq, and encouraged in their lives.

www.greendoorstudio.net/combatpaper/combatpaper.html



“Breaking Rank”.

Drew Cameron

Show Benefits Retreat Center

The Barn Stormin’ Brothers showed their latest performance piece this past May. “Dance Made in a Country that Makes War” began as an inquiry into the lives of

people who serve to protect the U.S. Through interviews with domestic and foreign soldiers, as well as the FBI, Police Officers, and activists, the subject matter meanders

from the disconnect between civilians and the military, the muscle memory of violence, the effects of group mentality on the individual, and the questioning of the dancers’ personal roles in the actions of our military at home and abroad. They operate in some semblance of a military unit, relying on themselves to make lighting and sound happen, rather than having stagehands.

“I’ve been building toward this project the past few years,” says director Kate Shearman, “pretty much since the war began. Creating this piece has been about bringing people together to question how the war is a part of our community and everyday civilian life.”

The show is a work-in-progress, with its next performance scheduled for the Grassroots Festival in Trumansburg, NY in July. The Brothers are looking for venues for performing future adaptations. 40% of ticket sales go to support



photos by Colin Polnitsky

the Veterans’ Retreat Center near Ithaca, NY. www.barnstorminbrothers.blogspot.com



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minute...



Canadian Schools Cultivate Peace

by Donna Beckwith

PORTS PROTEST for Peace
On May 1st, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) shut down all 29 ports on the West Coast for 8 hours to protest the war in Iraq. By overwhelming majority, the union adopted a 'No Peace No Work Holiday' resolution demanding 'an immediate end to the war and occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan and the withdrawal of US troops from the Middle East'.

British Columbia Adopts California Tailpipe Standards

B.C. Environment Minister has introduced legislation adopting California tailpipe standards, designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30% relative to current vehicle models. California vehicle standards are in the process of adoption by 17 other states, and 12 of 13 Canadian provinces and territories have also endorsed them. B.C. is the first province to translate the pledge into legislation, as part of a climate change package aimed at eliminating one-third of human-generated greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.

(Good News Bulletin)

Fresh Food in Elementary School

Students at Beverly J. Martin Elementary School in Ithaca, NY are enjoying a new fresh food snack program. Twice a day, volunteers prepare fruits or vegetables, as part of the program organized by The New York Coalition for Healthy School Food. It introduces a healthy snack ritual of fruits and vegetables to the kids while expanding their food horizons. It had a successful and enthusiastic response in the spring, and will resume again this fall.

Hawaii Passes Landmark Solar Roofs Bill

The Hawaii state legislature passed a landmark measure on May 1 that would make the state the first in the nation to require solar water heaters as a standard feature on all new homes.

(Good News Bulletin)

Could This Be an Answer?

The Kiri tree (*P. tomentosa*), native to China, is one of the hardest trees in the world. It thrives in poor and even toxic soil, and is said to reduce carbon dioxide emissions 10 times more than other trees. In China, it is widely used for reforestation, roadside planting, as an ornamental plant, and to make soundboards of stringed musical instruments such as the gugin, guzheng, pipa, koto and karagum.

The Canadian Cultivating Peace project was born as an alternative to the use of force to resolve conflict. Developed by Classroom Connections in 2002, Cultivating Peace provides classroom-ready resources free to secondary schools throughout Canada.

Understanding that long term solutions require a substantial cultural shift, and believing that the strongest force available is education, Cultivating Peace supplies curriculum materials designed to be part of a science, social studies or history course. Students are asked to seek deeper understanding of the forces that bring about tragedy, and to consider ways each of them can personally contribute to an ongoing search for peace. These young people are encouraged to examine their own beliefs: How must I change? What is my personal responsibility? Students do this work by studying such topics as sustainable development, economic disparity, fair trade not consumerism. And as a result students have made sure that their uniforms are produced in No-Sweat shops, where employees are treated fairly and humanely. Four students, aged 11 years old, went to Peace Camp in Cairo, Egypt. They met and worked with students from eight European, two South American, one Asian and two African countries.

Cultivating Peace believes education is the fundamental core of change. In 2004 they came out with ad-



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ditional resources, and are continuing to spread peace education across the country.

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Only Good Surprises from Elderhostel

by Ruth Robertson

If you've ever gone on a vacation to find that unexpected costs put a damper on your enjoyment, then you know that bad surprises can spoil the fun of travel. Be prepared for surprises of only the positive kind if you take advantage of Elderhostel's organized educational trips next time you plan a vacation.

Recently Positive News talked to two California women, one an octogenarian, the other in her 90's who have traveled worldwide and find Elderhostel to be the best buy and most exciting time for their money.

Arloa Kelsen is a sports fan who likes hot air ballooning, golfing and hiking. She's made many trips on her own and compares Elderhostel organized trips to nearby Arizona favorably with vacations she's planned herself. "Really," says Arloa, "there is nothing like knowing that your day is organized, yet with optional activities, that all costs of accommodations, entertainment and most food are included, and that you'll meet like-minded people from many places when you go on an Elderhostel trip".

On one such vacation she coincidentally met up with an old high school classmate she hadn't seen since they graduated, and during an

impromptu talent show that very evening, they sang some old football cheers to the delight of their trip-mates. "You know, come to think of it we were the only people who decided to take the stage at the show after dinner. The others sang along, and there was no pressure to perform, it was all just a lot of fun," she reminisced. "We did get Marian to play the piano for us, however!"

Marian Bush is 91 and going strong. She prefers the cooking lessons, gardening tips, and educational lectures that Elderhostel makes a part of many trips. When she and Arloa recently drove to Dunlap, California, leaving their homes on the San Francisco peninsula at nine in the morning, they felt as if they had entered another world when they arrived at the conference center booked by Elderhostel in the early afternoon. "What a surprise," Marian exclaimed, "to turn the corner as we approached our destination and see a beautiful Greek Monastery set against the mountains rise above us!"

Elderhostel advisors had prepared Marian and Arloa for this adventure, given them tips on weather appropriate clothing (swimsuits for the pool!) and reminding the women in the group that custom dictated hats or other head coverings for participation in the monastery's reli-

gious ceremonies for those who wished to attend. With lots of options for walks in nearby Sequoia National Park where they gazed at ancient oaks and bold rock formations, the two women still found the energy to try out Greek dancing in the evening. "Not everyone can or wants to do everything," explained Marian, "but there is so MUCH to do on an Elderhostel vacation that you can always find something that tickles your fancy." This trip included lessons in preparing Greek cuisine and lectures on Greek iconography with a slide show prepared by a historian with special expertise in the topic. "I felt like I'd gone to Greece without the huge cost in money, time, or environmental impact of a long trip," Marian added.

This reporter was pleasantly pleased to find out that not-for-profit Elderhostel also has a scholarship program for deserving people who can't afford the full cost of one of their trips. Elderhostel is America's first and the world's largest educational travel organization for adults 55 and older and pledges NO hidden costs will ruin your trip. No bad surprises from this organization...only good ones!

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Women Bridging Borders

NEW YORK - Women's rights advocates in the United States have launched a novel global initiative aiming to help millions of women across the world who face violence at the hands of men.

"Women know that if there is to be peace in the world we need to connect directly with women from other cultures," said Alda Kauffeld, manager of the Women's Global Roundtable, in a statement.

The Roundtable is the brainchild of the U.S.-based women's organization Peace X Peace and the United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Its main purpose is to connect U.S. women to their counterparts abroad who are leading the fight against gender violence.

The campaign involves a series of live weekly Web casts and telephone conversations with women activists who have benefited from the UN Trust Fund. Grants from the Trust, established in 1996 by the UN General Assembly, are used to support local initiatives against gender violence.

UNIFEM says it has about \$15 million to support local and regional initiatives on women's empowerment.

In Argentina, for example, campaigners used Trust grants to promote safer streets and media coverage of women's issues in the town of Rosario. Women are now able to walk through the streets and parks without fear because the authorities have improved signage, constructed bus shelters, and improved visibility.

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Pangea Day

On May 10th, a groundbreaking global broadcast united millions around the world to watch 24 films highlighting our common humanity.

Jehane Noujaim was the inspiration behind the day. In 2006 she received the TED Prize, winning 100,000 dollars and a chance to make one wish come true. She chose to create an event in which the world came together through film.

Pangea is the name given to the one continent that existed on Earth before being split into the five we know today. Queen Noor of Jordan was at the event, and invited us to imagine a modern Pangea, where we all live in harmony. "Our borders are our own creation," she said. "The lines we draw on maps are not drawn on the Earth. If we are to understand one another, we must listen and learn from each other's stories."

www.pangeaday.org



AFLAC A Candle Burning Bright

One man's vision has brought light to lives across Sri Lanka

by Daleena Samara

Elmo Jayawardene is on a mission. The author and former airline captain hopes to alleviate poverty in his homeland, Sri Lanka.

In 1995, he formed AFLAC, a charity in Sri Lanka modelled on the belief that every person can do something to help others. AFLAC stands for Association for Lighting a Candle, and is based on the maxim: "It is better by far to light one solitary candle than to curse the darkness".

"I travelled a hard road as a young person, and left school at 17 to become the breadwinner," said Mr Jayawardene. "I made it somewhere in life. Now it's [time to give back]. I cannot finish my days on this planet and say I flew big jet aeroplanes and wrote books. There has to be something more meaningful – AFLAC is that."

For the past 13 years AFLAC has brought light into the hearts and homes of thousands of poor people across Sri Lanka. It acts as an intermediary between donors and the needy, soliciting and channelling funds into education, health, housing, food and clothing. It has built up a significant donor network around the world.

"We started AFLAC with 6,000 Sri Lankan rupees [HK\$435] in 1995. Now it has 20 branches in 20 cities around the world," he said. "We have more than 700 volunteers working from all walks of life."

The organisation has helped to educate young people, feed and clothe families, provide treatment and beds for cancer patients, provided education for the hearing impaired, built libraries and replaced mud huts with brick houses. It has helped more than 860 young people finish high school or university.



Sri Lankan children at the pool.

said. "In Sri Lanka, more than 90 percent of people do not know how to swim. The reason is there are no public swimming pools available to the poor, and they cannot afford to pay for swimming classes. The children who come to learn to swim cannot even afford a swimsuit – but now they know to swim."

Last year, Swim for Safety was initiated at schools in the coastal towns of Moratuwa and Kalutara. Not only did 1,200 students learn to swim 25 metres and face challenging situations in the water, but

people suffering from cancer. Although Sri Lanka has many hospitals, only one of them, the Maharagama Cancer Hospital, is dedicated to treating cancer.

"Cancer patients from remote areas have to travel from far to get treatment there and if they are poor, they find it difficult to pay for transport and to get a place to stay in the city," Mr Jayawardene said.

Based on recommendations from the hospital, 10 cancer patients were chosen for financial assistance from donors who contribute US\$15 a month for one year. AFLAC provided the medical and nutritional supplements which the patients need to the value of the donation. To date, 350 patients have been helped in this way.

In 2000, AFLAC took over and refurbished the Maharagama Cancer Hospital 45-bed women's surgical ward. The gesture attracted help from many sources, including newlyweds who donated curtaining, and a group of poor women from rural Sri Lanka who sewed the bed sheets and pillow cases. AFLAC continues to maintain this ward.

A scheme was also set up to help pregnant women suspected of developing gestational trophoblastic tumours, a condition which requires expensive tests and treatment.

Mr Jayawardene said he had more plans to help cancer patients. "AFLAC is starting a project to build a shelter next to the cancer hospital so that the patients and the people who come with them can come and stay the night. It would cost about 9 million Sri Lankan ru-

pees [to build the facility]. I do not know how to raise the money, but I do know it will come," he said.

Since AFLAC does not use donations for its administration, finding money for this cost has been one of its biggest challenges. Of those working at AFLAC, 99 percent are volunteers, but there is still an office to run with 14 staff members and administrative expenses.

"For the past 13 years the total AFLAC administrative expenditure has been less than 4 percent," said Mr Jayawardene. "We did this by printing and selling greeting cards every year and my writing books and articles and using that money for administrative expenses. Each branch president and those associated with AFLAC also cover their own expenses."

In creating AFLAC, Mr Jayawardene's family has rallied around him in support. His wife Dil, who is director and executive secretary of AFLAC, plays a pivotal role in the organisation. "She handles everything – she does the mopping operation," said Mr Jayawardene.

His son Mevan, who works for Goldman Sachs in Melbourne, Australia, is AFLAC's Australasia president. After the tsunami struck Sri Lanka, Mevan took nine months off from his job (then at an IT firm) to lead AFLAC's tsunami work in Sri Lanka. His wife Abirami is AFLAC's Melbourne branch president. Mr Jayawardene's daughter Dineli and her husband Roshan run the St Joseph's Home for Hearing Impaired Children, an AFLAC

project in Kuliyapitiya in Sri Lanka.

AFLAC's success is grounded on good management and transparency. Since 1995, it has spent more than 140 million Sri Lankan rupees on projects in contrast to 3.68 million Sri Lankan rupees on administration. This model of sound management made it a feature of Forbes magazine.

Mr Jayawardene, a former Singapore Airlines captain, keeps up his flying skills by occasionally mentoring young pilots. He is the author of numerous titles, and his latest book is called Rainbows in Braille, a collection of short stories. A family man, he works closely with his wife and children. He takes care of his health by jogging almost every day, and taking walks with his wife.

On balancing his many commitments, Mr Jayawardene said: "I am very good at time management. One thing I never do is postpone. I also am quite good at allocating tasks to the right people and clearly defining their responsibilities and making sure that they live up to them. I also think I am blessed with excellent health and a 'die hard' commitment to anything I do."

His perseverance has kept AFLAC's candle burning bright, illuminating the lives of those in need and attracting goodwill around the world.

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Swimming in hope.

After the 2004 tsunami, which affected a substantial section of the country's coastal regions, AFLAC set up a Swim for Safety programme to teach school children to swim, ease their fears about water and provide them with a means to handle future disasters.

"Many children died in the tsunami because they didn't know how to swim," Mr Jayawardene

AFLAC also built a swimming pool at a school in Moratuwa. The Hong Kong-based non-profit foundation Crossroads Foundation donated 800 swimsuits to the project and is expected to provide more this year. The swimming programme is earmarked to spread to other areas.

In 1999, AFLAC initiated a cancer patient programme to help poor

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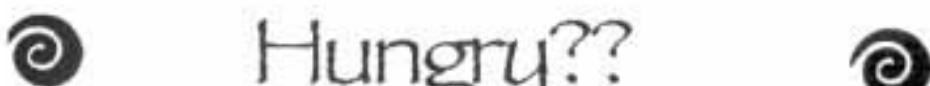


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Award for HELP Founder

Aliette Jamart's untiring commitment to return orphaned chimpanzees back to the wild in Africa, has led to one of the most successful reintroduction programmes in conservation history. As a result, she has been awarded the Legion of Honour and ranked as a Chevalier – or Knight – by the Government of France.

Aliette is the founder of HELP-Congo, the Habitat Ecologique et Liberte des Primates sanctuary in the Republic of Congo, which began rescuing orphaned chimpanzees in 1989.

"We are extremely proud of Madame Jamart," said Doug Cress of PASA, the Pan African

Sanctuary Alliance. "Not only did she create a sanctuary in Congo at a time when few existed, she also took the work one step further and proved that chimpanzee reintroductions could work. Today, more than half of our sanctuaries are committed to these programmes and HELP-Congo is still the model we use."

The Legion of Honour was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 and it is the highest decoration awarded in France. Aliette Jamart receives it for more than four decades of conservation work.

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President HELP-Congo, Aliette Jamart.

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International Coastal Cleanup day in Brazil.

Sea Change Grows Out of Single Effort

A woman walking on the beach of South Padre Island, in the tropical tip of Texas, was appalled at the rubbish lying around and felt compelled to do something about it. She organised a beach cleanup day and in just two hours 2,800 volunteers had bagged 124 tonnes of waste.

That was in 1986. Today, a worldwide movement has grown out of that single event, attracting more than six million volunteers from 127 countries, over the last 23 years. Now, Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup is a year-round effort, keeping our seas free from debris and making them safer for everyone concerned. Their flagship day, held every September, is a celebration of this very effort and it has since become the largest volunteer event in the world.

During the day, participants are asked to record each piece of rubbish picked up at sites around every single major body of water across the globe. Co-ordinators

then collect the raw data and the information is compiled to produce a global snapshot of all the debris that has found its way into our seas.

The result is a Cleanup Data Report that contains important details, which are crucial in understanding the hazards of litter, what type is mostly discarded and where it comes from. It also reinforces how vital it is for every single person to take responsibility and keep our beaches and waterways clean all year-round, all round the world.

"It isn't just about pollution cleanup. It's also about pollution prevention," says Ocean Conservancy. "The event focuses on educating and empowering people to be a part of the marine debris solution."

The 2008 International Coastal Cleanup flagship event will be on September 20th.

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Empowering the Next Generation



Planting a greener future.

Roni Krouzman

by Roni Krouzman

When I asked the 400 young people at Edna Maguire elementary school in Mill Valley what they are doing to help our planet, nearly every hand in the auditorium shot up.

"I recycle!" "I pick up litter!" "I bike to school!" "I donate my old clothes to other kids, so they can be reused!"

As the Founding Director of an organization that helps young people work for peace and our environment, it is my pleasure to help organize assemblies like these with kids across Marin County, CA. Since 2002, Next Generation has engaged 10,000 children, youth and young adults to learn about and act on pressing issues like climate change and the war on Iraq.

Next Generation engages young people through in-class lessons and assemblies in local schools, field trips to eco-friendly

homes, schools and businesses, and mentorship of student environmental leaders. We also help connect students, teachers and schools with community organizations, green businesses and pro-environment government agencies.

We know young people care, and we also know they can make a difference today, and for years to come. Next Generation projects like our Green Schools Program help young people gain the information, the inspiration, and the connections they need to make a difference.

We also help young people connect with the reasons why they work for peace and the planet. Teens have shared with me that they are driven by feelings of great love, a sense of timelessness, a deep care, a great personal power, a profound concern for all life, a deep connection to all that is, and a nearly endless well of determination to act on behalf of the web of life we all love and we are

all part of.

When I concluded our Eco-Assembly at the Edna Maguire School, I concluded with the same question for the 7 and 8 year olds. The kids got still and quiet. You could see them seriously considering why we need to save the earth, and connecting with their answer.

A few hands bravely went up. I called on one girl.

She looked at me thoughtfully, and slowly responded, "Because we only have one planet."

That's right. And we need to save it for her, and for her children, and for every being that lives on this planet or will one day inhabit it. That is, on some level, I believe, our deepest calling. And we can gain tremendous inspiration to act on this calling when we listen to our children.

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Roni Krouzman

Roars Not Whispers

"Young people in Scotland aren't the leaders of tomorrow, they are the leaders of today! Make a roar not a whisper!" says Hilary Lynn, Vice-Chair, Scottish Youth Parliament. Roars Not Whispers is an exciting and inspiring project open to young people in Scotland – a fantastic opportunity for any 16-25 year old to create change.

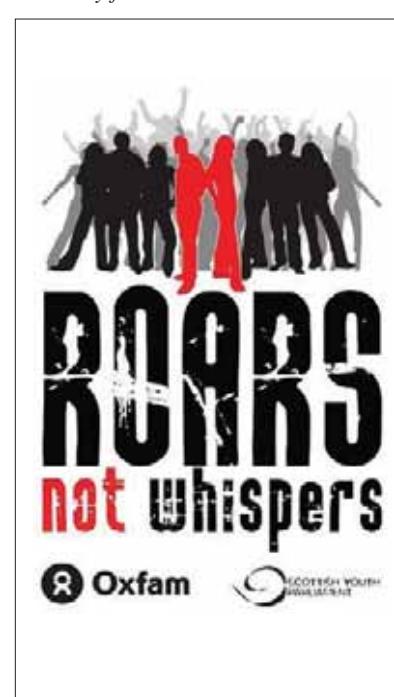
The venture, jointly run by Oxfam and the Scottish Youth Parliament, is looking to increase the number of youngsters who want to learn how to promote and actively lobby for the onset of change within their communities.

"All you need is enthusiasm and a real willingness to commit time regularly. We will give you the help and support to start working with others through three interactive weekends and connect you up with other young people in your area," explains Hilary Lynn, Vice-Chair of the Scottish Youth Parliament. "If you want to make change happen and get others to hear about the things that concern you, we will give you the information, tools and links to turn your voice into action."

If you 'know where it's at', join

Roars Not Whispers and help maintain a strong and effective youth voice within Scotland and across the World.

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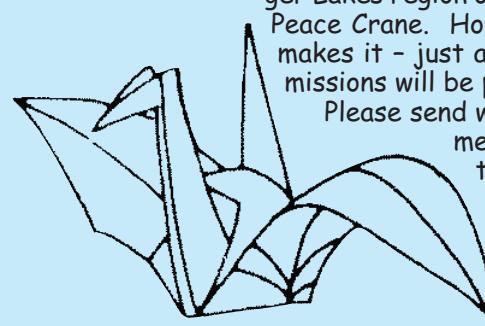
The next generation gets engaged.

The young people of the Perry City Friends Meeting, a small Quaker meeting in the Finger Lakes region of New York, are going to fold a very large Origami Peace Crane. How large? As large as the number of submissions makes it – just a few submissions means a small crane, many submissions will be part of a huge crane.

Please send works of peace art, on paper, or letters, or statements of conscience. Please keep the pieces smaller than 11"x16", and use one side of the paper only.

Send to Perry City Friends, PO Box 291, Trumansburg, NY 14886 before September 30.

The Peace Crane will be displayed in front of the meeting house prior to the upcoming elections to inspire thoughts of peace.



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Natural Happiness for All

by Ashlee Martinez

TOMPKINS COUNTY, NY - As the staff looked up at the stage, they saw not only an animated and nervous young man about to sing in front of a crowd for the first time, but bravery at its best, and a friend. This man had extreme stage fright, but pushed it aside to successfully perform at the talent show, while everyone watching rooted for him. This story is one of the many moving stories that the dedicated staff at Recreation Support Services (RSS), of the Ithaca Youth Bureau, had to tell.

RSS has been in operation since 1977. Originally the program was geared toward

adults, but in 1982 grew to include children. RSS is a year-round program that serves residents of Tompkins County. All participants in the program have developmental disabilities and, as a result, face unique challenges. As of this year, RSS is serving 200 children and 250 adults. The youngest participant is 2 while the oldest is 72. The goal of the program is to create leisure opportunities for active participation, making friends and fostering independence.

One participant, who has been involved for three years, stated that one of the best parts of RSS is being able to "meet new friends and be out in the community doing things" and "to feel comfortable." Her favorite programs include choir, gardening,



Ithaca Youth Bureau

Reaching for new heights.

girl's night out, movie night, monthly dances, and time at the City Health Club. The staff were very helpful to her, and it was clear that she felt supported and accepted by them in many important ways. This sense of "community within a community" makes this program unique. Individuals have a chance to be themselves in a group environment, one that encourages understanding, fosters self-confidence, and the learning of new skills.

Although there are frustrations in running an extensive program such as this (not being able to serve more people or being

able to take participants everywhere due to lack of handicap accessibility), RSS provides an amazing opportunity for people to meet others and experience freedom when so much of community life is usually restricted to them. All this, in an environment that fosters natural happiness (without the use of drugs and alcohol), inclusion, and compassion. The larger community could take a lesson from RSS.



RSS group on course.

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Ashlee is a recent high grad in Ithaca, NY.
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Jammin' For a Better World

by Lauren Frederick

YES!--Helping visionary young leaders build a better world. The non-for-profit organization, YES! "connects, inspires and empowers young change-makers to join forces for a sustainable way of life for all." The organization came to life in 1990 with the passion of two inspired teenagers. YES! has now spoken to more than 650,000 students and the alumni from the programs have been inspired and cultivated more than 400 new non-profit groups.

Members of all ages of the group are able to connect with other activists by attending inspirational programs around the world. The three programs are, Global Leadership Jams, Leveraging Privilege for social change, and Supporting Aligned Movements. The visionary leaders that attend these events find themselves transformed through music jam sessions, sharing circles, artistic expression, yoga, etc. All of

these activities reach for "individual and shared reflection, inquiry, and connection."

The aim of the group is to create social change that allows people to step to a different drum. Through a personal transformation in an open dialogue space, that moves through the "internal, the interpersonal and the global" levels.

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Solar Stage

by Donna Beckwith

"It's a solar sound stage. When we call it the Solar Stage, people expect to see a platform."

And what people really see is an enclosed trailer sporting three solar panels, bearing speakers, amplifiers, microphones, a 16 channel mixing board.

Having spent most of his adult life living off the grid, Crow Weaver appreciated acoustic music. But as a musician, and member of The Native Earthling Band, sometimes he just wanted to rock. Loud.

Crow's girlfriend, Joey Gates, coordinates the local Earth Day celebration. Last year, while preparing for the fest, she wondered if Crow could use one solar panels he had to create a sound stage. Crow found an enclosed pull behind trailer with roof racks that were perfect for mounting the panels. The Solar Stage was born.

So far, this year, the Stage has been at two Earth Day events, and provided the sound for the Earth Huggers Ball. This summer and autumn look for it at around central New York, including Ithaca Fest, Owego's Solar Jam, the Muse Fest held in Tompkins County, and the Onondaga Lake Peace Festival.

Crow knows solar power is important. "It puts power back into people's hands. We become producers rather than consumers. This makes us sustainable. And if we really want to change the paradigm, we need to find new and innovative ways to do the things we like."

What's next? Maybe finding a car or truck that run on vegetable oil to pull the stage.

"We have been invited to go to Vermont. And you know,



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The Native Earthling Band and the Solar Stage - which is carbon free! There are no emissions! Zero! - Earth Day Ithaca Celebration, April 2008. From right: Crow Weaver, Frank Giambrone, Paul Kimball.

we can take the stage anywhere. We can go to the highest mountain top and rock them out."

For more information about the Native Earthling Band, their spiritually minded eco-rock or the Solar Stage:
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Kite Powered Cargo Ship



A giant kite-like sail billowed out in front of the MS Beluga SkySails, as she set out on her maiden voyage from Germany to Venezuela. Following routes traditionally used by sailing ships, the kite-sail cuts fuel costs for the cargo ship by roughly 1,500 Dollars a day.

The sail floats between 350 to 1,000 feet in the air, tapping into stronger and more stable winds than those found at sea level. Throughout the pilot voyage, which took the Beluga from Bremen to South and North America, then back to Germany via Norway, engineers onboard studied the SkySails System. The results will soon be published.

The technology can be retrofitted onto nearly all types of cargo ships, making huge savings in fuel, while also cutting carbon emissions by up to 35 per cent.

In the past, inventor Stephan Wrage, has been labelled an 'eco-freak' but now his time has come and his company is receiving inquiries from all around the world. "Of course, I'm happy about this development," he said. "Who wouldn't be? The broad approval for SkySails that we are experiencing right now helps us in spreading our idea."

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Maiden flight of the SkySails on the MS Beluga SkySails.

Rising Gas Prices Boost Bicycle Coalitions

by Ruth Robertson

At first Tian Harter worked solo from his home in Mountain View, California on his "Don't Be Fuelish!" campaign to promote bicycle commuting. Retired from a hi-tech job, he came up with a simple drawing of a car and bicycle sharing the road with his favorite slogan as the key message. Tian withdrew money from his personal savings and turned that now well-known sketch into a green and white bumper sticker that he passes out to nearly everyone he meets.

"I just wouldn't have predicted a few years ago when I started producing my bumper stickers that I'd be seeing \$4/gallon gas so soon," he said recently.

This spring during National Bike Month Tian found another way to help the environment and reduce national dependence on oil. He joined up with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition to promote "Bike to Work Day".

Every year, this group of bike enthusiasts

San Francisco on how to participate in proper road conduct.

"Thanks to our efforts with the City to ensure that cyclists feel safe and welcome on the streets, more people are making the switch to biking," said Leah Shahum, Executive Director of the San Francisco Coalition, whose members have been busy handing out "Give Respect/Get Respect" fliers to motorists and bicyclists alike. They also promote car-free days in Golden Gate Park and encourage commuters to travel by bicycle to work and shop whenever possible.

"Bike to Work Day" started fourteen years ago in the San Francisco Bay area and has spread across the US since then. This year bicycle-friendly cities from Juneau, Alaska to Orlando, Florida celebrated the day with a range of activities, and public service announcements reminded folks, "Whether you drive or ride, please remember...share the road!"

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Left: New location of Recycle Ithaca's Bicycles.



sets up nearly 50 "Energizer Stations" to provide free refreshments, give-aways, bicycling information, and encouragement to thousands of bicyclists on their way to work in California's Santa Clara County.

Tian explains that, "the idea is to make everybody that rides their bike to work on this day feel special by giving them something. For months the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition had been working to get local businesses to donate items for the occasion. A local health food restaurant donated coupons for a good meal, and a sports equipment store donated 20% off coupons. A lot of local organizations wanted fliers for their upcoming events to go in the bags. To stuff give-away bags, our local bike coalition needed about two dozen people to put in a day's work assembling them for other volunteers to give out in the few seconds they had as bicyclists were cruising by."

Tian and his newfound friends from the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition also work with companies like Google and Yahoo to foster ties between bicyclists and employers. Meanwhile 35 miles north activists in the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition have formed partnerships with major government and community agencies to improve the overall transportation network. It is now common to see bicyclists commuting from home to work, moving from train cars designated for bikes to bike lanes to bicycle parking spaces as they make their way in and around the city. This 9,000-member coalition of bike lovers also co-sponsors the "Co-Exist Campaign" with the city's Department of Parking and Traffic to educate motorists and bicyclists in



Smiling commuter.

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West Coast bicycle coalition gathers on Bike to Work day.

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Students Help Empower Ghana Residents to Prevent Malaria

by Tom Fredericks

Shoshana Aleinikoff decided that relaxing at the beach during winter break from Cornell wouldn't be all that effective in preventing malaria, the world's children's deadliest disease. So, she decided to do something else that would. Shoshana and a small group of friends formed an organization called 'Cover Africa', a student-run group that would work to make a positive difference in the effort to combat malaria in Africa. "We defined three goals," she said. "Working to increase malaria awareness on campus and in Ithaca, strategizing to help prevent malaria, and distributing bed nets to those most in need." She teamed with Cornell faculty to write the curriculum for a credited course titled "Service Learning: Malaria Intervention in Ghana" which would consist of a semester of preparation followed by a month in the village of Humjibre, Ghana to work with local residents.

Ten students signed up and raised funds to purchase bed nets and bed net treatment kits that they would distribute to the residents of Humjibre free of charge. "Handing out bed nets is charitable. However, teaching community members that malaria is caused by a mosquito bite, and that when they insist that their children sleep under bed nets they are protecting them from both mosquitoes and malaria, is empowering," Shoshana said.

During their semester-long preparation, students attended lectures given by a series of guest lecturers. They did extensive reading and participated in discussions on topics that included the biology of malaria, history and politics of Ghana, economics of malaria, and Ghanaian attitudes toward health, to develop a broad context in which to place their work.

During their stay in Ghana, students worked closely with residents and held a village 'Malaria Day' education event that included music, an educational booth explaining malaria and the lifecycle of mos-



Tom Fredericks

Cover Africa students in Ghana.

quitoes, and a mosquito play put on by local children. On other days they distributed life-saving insecticide-treated bed nets, held bed net re-treatment days, and conducted research in the community to monitor and evaluate the success of their interventions. Even though English is the official language of Ghana, it's not the primary language spoken in rural villages like Humjibre, so a team of adult and youth peer educators from the village provided translation, playing a critical role in making Cover Africa's efforts successful.

Cover Africa partnered with the Ghana Health and Education Initiative (GHEI), a non-governmental organization that directs all its efforts on Humjibre. The village was selected by GHEI because of its manageable size (about 5000) and somewhat accessible location so their efforts could be focused and

effective. GHEI is about empowering the residents of Humjibre to 'do it themselves', with village residents getting training to implement each organizational effort on their own.

GHEI's director, Clement Donkor is himself a lifelong resident of the village. "The Cover Africa intervention from Cornell has hastened the pace at which we are going to supply the community with bed nets. It is our hope that this partnership should continue to enable us to save families within the community of Humjibre," Donkor said. Another group of Cover Africa students will return next winter to continue their malaria prevention work with the people of Humjibre.

www.rso.cornell.edu/coverafrica/index.html
<http://www.ghei.org/>

Dare to Hope

by Lee Riddell

Positive News asks, "What do You find hopeful in the world today?" We welcome your contributions.

That I am beginning to see ordinary people care about the down trodden and destitute of this world.



~ Steady Moono, Dean of Student Success, Montgomery County Community College (from Zambia)

My faith in God. My belief that peace will come. We have to know we are responsible for the next generation and to bring them up in a peaceful atmosphere.



~ Jehan Sadat, Political Activist & Egypt's First Lady of the World
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I am hopeful that if we are able to see people as bodhisattvas*, then everybody is able to be a bodhisattva and we can enjoy experiencing each other.



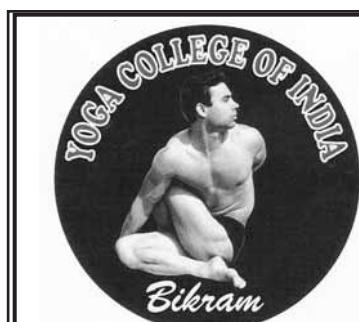
~ Joanna Macy, women's empowerment & environmental movement
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I find it most hopeful when citizens act to take control of their destiny. So the shift to more progressive

governments in South America (for all that some have flaws) is hopeful, because they're all getting citizens actively involved.

~ Paul Loeb, author *Soul of a Citizen* and *The Impossible Will Take a Little While*
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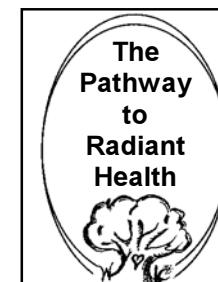
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Changing the World One Dinner at a time

by Lee Riddell

In Brazil the chances of a child surviving increase 20 percent if the money is in the hands of the mother rather than the father. Marsha Wallace created Dining For Women (DFW) in 2003 to make sure those hands are full. On her forty-second birthday, Marsha invited twenty women to her house for dinner. "We raised seven hundred dollars that night," says Marsha, "and the first chapter was born."

DFW is a dinner giving circle. Women across North America "dine in" once a month, each bringing a dish to share, and giving their "dining out" dollars to women across the globe, to empower and liberate them from their impoverished lives. Each month the DFW board chooses a project to receive their collective gift.

Dining for Women is committed to making a profound difference through the power of collective giving. Their grass roots educational dinner is the key. "I can't help but feel that if people know more, they will be moved to do more," says Marsha. "That's it in a nutshell, the DFW philosophy: know more—do more—and the power of collective giving to change the world."

Mawjoon Nisha participated in the bamboo project (part of the Village Enterprise Fund), where Din-

ing for Women was able to provide the start up funds. "I never thought that I could stand on my feet. God gave me the strength and courage to join the work force and Matrichaya showed me the way," said Mawjoon Nisha of the NGO Matrichaya.

The Village Enterprise Fund in Matrichaya provides primary adult literacy education; vocational training in Stitching & Embroidery, Handicraft, Herbal Cosmetology, Beauty Culture, Creative arts & First Aid; and health awareness through a health clinic, family welfare program, promotion of good hygiene, and a tobacco cessation and alcohol detoxification program. The results of the Village Enterprise Fund have been:

*32% increase in food consumption, meals up 1.9 to 2.5 per day
40% increase in children in school, enrollment up 68% to 95%
84% of women report improvement in sense of empowerment
161%, increase in the value of owned livestock*

Why women? Why International?

Marsha desperately wants women to have an increased awareness of what women's lives are like, what challenges they face, how devalued they are and how studies are showing that the best way to impact world poverty is to empower women. "Women do

more with the money they are given for their families and communities," says Marsha. "Women in giving circles see the impact of their giving, see the difference they make with their actions."

An average individual 'dining out' donation is thirty dollars, which becomes part of the larger donation of from \$14,000 or \$15,000 when combined with the one hundred existing chapters.

There is accountability, education about the program and follow up reports. There is connection with other women at dinner which enhances the experience and the power of giving. And there is knowing that the actual impact of the dollar gift multiplied.

"We can continue to grow," says Marsha. "DFW as it is now is just the tip of the iceberg. I want to see us achieve many more times the

number of chapters and progress." Their goal for next five years is to have 1500 chapters and to be raising 2 million a year.

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Operation: Moss Graffiti

Andrea Bellamy is a community garden activist, guerilla gardener, writer, and blogger in British Columbia. On her website "Heavy Petal: Gardening from a west coast urban organic perspective", Andrea gives the following recipe to make your own moss "paint".

To make a quick moss starter, you'll need:
One or two clumps (about a small handful) of moss

2 cups of buttermilk
2 cups of water (or beer)
1/2 tsp. sugar
a blender
container with lid
paintbrush

How to:

Crumble the moss into the blender - try to remove any pebbles or insects you find.

2. Add the sugar, buttermilk, water or beer, and blend at the lowest speed until it has the consistency of a milkshake (add more water if necessary).

Paint the mixture onto rocks, logs, pots or statuary, or simply pour it on the ground wherever you'd like your moss to grow.

OR: Create some living graffiti. Paint your chosen design on any shaded, damp vertical or horizontal surface. Porous, moisture-retentive surfaces work best (brick, wood, coarse concrete).

The moss starter method works best if it is kept moist until well established. A twice weekly misting with a spray bottle is ideal.

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Kids Save Apes

by Haley Stern

Well, it all started over the course of a few weeks. My cousin was coming - and for her birthday she wanted to go to the zoo - so we went to the Bronx Zoo for a celebration. One of the places we wanted to see was the "Congo Gorilla Forest", so we walked and walked, and - love at first sight. Deep in my heart something told me that these gentle creatures needed me.

I went to school being called "H-Gorilla", or "Gorilla Girl" for the next while. One day, my parents rented "Gorillas in the Mist" for me to watch, but during the poaching scenes, I couldn't believe that was ACTUALLY happening!? I was so terrified, my parents and I adopted "Kubana", an infant mountain gorilla. But, I had a feeling I had more of a part to play, being an animal lover in all.

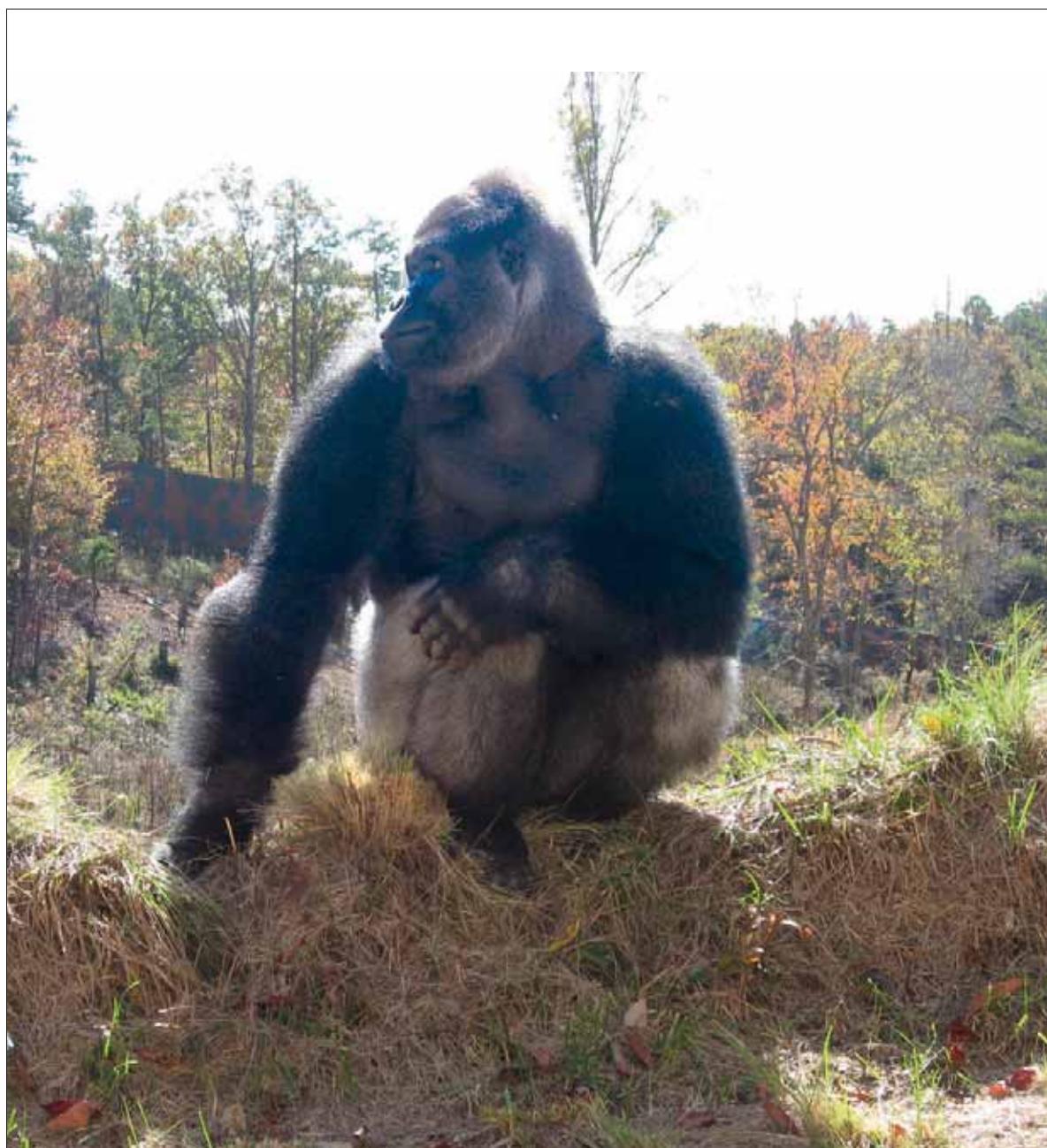
I decided to start a school club "Kids Save Apes" that would include a small group (3 to 5 members!) of close friends that would

go around raising awareness. We all had our favorite types of apes (gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, bonobos, or gibbons), so we researched them and decided to put our work on a website (www.freewebs.com/kidssaveapes). And boy, word spread.

It all happened so fast, but now, we have 20+ members, from all over the world. We have KSA-UK (our United Kingdom Branch), KSA-CA (Canadian Branch), KSA Tanzania (our Tanzania, Africa, branch) and we have USA members in Vermont, New York, Florida, California, and Massachusetts. So far we have raised \$1000 (with credit from our partners, Ape Aware and G.O.P.G.).

On May 3rd we had a fundraiser, and we hoped to raise \$800 to adopt 14 apes and make a generous donation of \$100 to the Great Ape Trust (www.iowagreatapes.org).

During the rest of the year, we will be presenting at a Roots and Shoots (rootsandshoots.org) fair, and meeting Dr. Jane Goodall PhD-a great hero in the activist world.



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We have also been discussing projects we can do with our Tanzanian Branch, such as tree planting in Tanzania. We also hope to fully update our website. One thing we hope to do is touch a poacher's life, so he'll put down his knife - even just one poacher. Our main goal is to save the apes from extinction - maybe even from being endangered.

Fast Facts (KSA=Kids Save Apes)

- The President of KSA is Haley Stern
- The V. President is James Brooks (apeaware.org)
- KSA was founded in Summer of 2007
- The motto of KSA is Educate the People: Save The Apes
- KSA has a link from Kids Saving Earth: <http://www.kidsforsavingearth.org/inaction.htm> and Gorilla Haven <http://www.gorilla-haven.org/> under Updates, April 14th, New Links.
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