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## Democrats and Republicans Continue Soft Money Grab

**Christopher Fink, Fredericksburg Greens**

The ink is barely dry on the new McCain - Feingold Campaign Finance Reform law, and already a number of shadow organizations have been created by the Democratic and Republican parties in order to evade the intent of the law and continue the flow of corporate soft money.

The parties themselves, and their current leadership, are prohibited from registering these new entities directly, but former operatives are not so constrained, and in fact there is close cooperation

with the parties.

Monica Dixon, former director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, has recently filed the "Democratic Senate Majority PAC - Non-federal Account" with the IRS, using the address of Perkins Cole, the law firm which performs most of the legal work for Democratic campaign committees and their leaders. Two other new 527's, one for House Democrats and the other described as the "Democratic Issues Agenda", also share the Perkins Cole address.

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## Insider Trading and George Bush: Oily to Bed, Oily to Rise

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The role of oil and insider dealing in the Bush White House is nothing new, but it is always startling. In late 1990, Mobil Oil took out an ad in The N.Y. Times claiming that the company was doing nothing more than passing along to consumers increased costs imposed on it, and was not profiting at all from the US military build-up in Saudi Arabia. "On average, the price of crude oil has risen 24 cents a gallon," Mobil stated, "[while] gasoline

prices have also gone up an average of 24 cents a gallon." [Mobil Corp. Ad, NY Times, 1990.] The company said that the statistics "refute the ill-conceived notion that there has been any 'price gouging' on our part."

Shell Oil claimed that it, too, had exercised "restraint in passing through these cost increases to consumers." At one point, prices at the wellhead doubled to a high of \$41 per barrel (there are 42

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## Environmental Racism in Tidewater Virginia: The King William Reservoir Must Be Stopped

*Virginia's Native Americans Need All Environmentalists and Students to Stand with Them Now, to Battle Greedy Developers and Politicians and Stop the Reservoir*

**OPINION – Roger Clarke, Central VA Greens**

Twenty-five miles east of Richmond, The Mattaponi people live on their ancestral home, the Mattaponi River. Nearby, the Pamunkey tribe lives on its ancestral home, the Pamunkey River.

Perhaps you think it would be criminal to destroy these ancient cultures amid this pristine ecosystem, this gentle rural scene, by bringing in traffic jams,

strip malls, and sprawling, gated, golf-course bearing, lakefront retreats for the rich. But if you're a rich, conservative Virginia developer or politician, it's your preferred place for development, precisely because you believe poor people of color haven't the resources to put up a fight. You think: "hey, we'll drop a huge dam on top of them, develop the hell out of the 150 miles of finger-like shorelines

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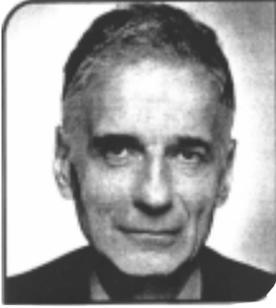
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## Holding Political Candidates' Feet to the Fire on Corporate Crime

by **Ralph Nader**  
October 1, 2002



When the revelations of crime and deception poured out of the executive suites of Enron, Tyco, WorldCom and other corporations earlier in 2002, politicians — particularly sitting members of the Senate and the House of Representatives — unleashed a blizzard of news releases to denounce corporate crime.

Never mind that many of these same politicians long had been neck-deep in schemes to weaken (if not outright eliminate) regulation and remove the regulatory cops needed to uncover and stop the kind of corporate shenanigans that destroyed the Enrons and left thousands of workers without jobs and pensions — and investors holding worthless stock of bankrupt companies.

The politicians were betting that some well-honed news releases and a few speeches expressing outrage back home would be enough to take voters' minds off the scandals and the human misery left in the wake of the corporate excesses.

Unfortunately, it is probably a good bet. Too often in the past, that has been the case — a quick outburst of anger and concern and then back to business as usual.

When hundreds of savings and loans failed in the 1980s followed by the greatest rash of bank collapses since the depression, there was a national uproar and a string of Congressional investigations. Some regulatory reforms did get through Congress, but less than a decade later the financial industry was back on Capitol Hill demanding deregulation once again. Despite the recent financial disasters, Congress agreed to the new deregulation in 1999 — and many of the financial combinations created by that deregulation are intertwined in the current corporate scandals.

Are we about to repeat this same sad cycle in dealing with the current corporate fraud and crime wave that has cost millions of Americans trillions of dollars? Will this year's headlines, a few limited reforms and a tap on the wrist be the end result — with no real protections in place for the public, investors, workers and the economy? We should not allow such a result. We need to prove that our political and economic system is better than that. We can make lasting-effective-change as citizens. This time, we need to keep the issues on the front burner until we have true reforms, not fake facsimiles that do nothing but lull the public into a false sense of security.

As part of that effort, I am asking candidates for the U. S. Senate and the House of Representatives to sign a 10-point pledge which contains provisions that will put teeth in the crackdown on corporate crime.

The pledge includes a promise that the candidate will support legislation which would give shareholders the right to democratically nominate and elect the board of directors and approve all major business decisions such as mergers and acquisitions above \$1 billion in value and the compensation packages of top executives. The pledge would also promise support for a ban on corporate criminals obtaining government contracts and banning government contracts for companies that relocate their headquarters offshore to avoid taxes. Signers would also pledge to strengthen pension reforms and rein in excessive pay for corporate chief executives as well as establishing a federally-chartered non-profit Financial Consumers Association joined by millions of American investors that would represent consumers before legislative and regulatory bodies.

The pledge also contains a promise to repeal the notorious Private Securities Litigation Reform Act (1995) which shields the aiders and abettors of corporate crime, such as accounting and law firms, from civil liability. The pledge also calls on signers to support the regulation of derivatives trading. Candidates would also pledge to support the establishment of a Congressional Commission on Corporate Power to explore various legal and economic proposals that would rein in unaccountable giant global corporations. The commission would seek ways to improve on the current state corporate chartering system and propose ways to correct the unfair legal status of corporations such as the doctrine of corporate personhood.

In addition to holding political candidates' feet to the fire on corporate crime, we need to continue to energize and enlist citizens in the effort to crack down on corporate crime. Citizens across the nation have the power to change corporate behavior if they will stick with the issue over the coming weeks and into the next Congress. We will be pushing forward with the "The Candidate's Pledge To Crackdown on Corporate Crime," but citizens should raise the issue of corporate crime directly with Congressional candidates in their hometowns and demand that they produce more than news releases and speeches. This time we need to get real reform before the issues fade and the politicians find another convenient rug under which the crimes can be swept.



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Dear Greens,

I know you will all join us in welcoming our newest local, the Virginia Beach Green Party, which was affiliated at the quarterly GPVA business meeting on March 8. The new local has been very active, particularly in opposition to the possible war in Iraq, and was well represented at the meeting by both their co-chairs and four other members. Welcome Virginia Beach!

GPVA had a very productive meeting with nearly 20 members in attendance. Minutes will be posted on the website: [vagreennparty.org](http://vagreennparty.org). We wish you all had been able to attend and hope to see you at a future meeting. The next GPVA business meeting will be in Richmond on Saturday, May 31, 2003. We will elect new officers then — male and female co-chairs, treasurer, and press secretary. Chris Fink would like to step down as press secretary and continue as editor of the newspaper. Chris would also like to become the archivist of the GPVA. Please consider the upcoming elections and who will best be able to serve the GPVA in these positions in the next year. Nominations can be sent to the co-chairs@vagreennparty.org.

Congratulations to Roger Clarke for his election as the Coordinator for GPVA support for Native American struggle against the King William Reservoir. The GPVA has been on record in opposition to the reservoir for a long while and it is included in our current platform. Roger has been active with the Mattoponi for a significant amount of time, and coordinated a presentation at UVA on this issue last year. Congratulations, Roger! Keep up the good work.

As Petra Kelly said, "If there is to be a future — it will be green." Now is the time to make your voice heard to ensure that there is a future.

For a greener tomorrow,  
Jana Cutlip & Mason Payne, GPVA Co-Chairs.

## Environmental Racism

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that we'll make, sell the water and the land, sell jet skis, get cheap labor out of the locals, and be filthy rich 'till hell freezes over."

The battle of the tribes of Tidewater Virginia against this injustice is raging now—an inspiring, committed struggle of a principled small band fighting against powerful, moneyed, establishment forces. There are heroes and villains. The villains are racist, greedy, ignorant of culture, and have a wanton disregard for the environment. The heroes are fighting for cultural survival, self-determination, cultural integrity, and environmental stewardship.

There are only two Native American Indian reservations in Virginia, situated side-by-side in an (increasingly rare) rural part of the Tidewater region. In the early 1990's, out of several viable alternatives, pro-development forces chose to plan a huge, unneeded dam and artificial "lake" directly between the two reservations.

Developmental sprawl would be greatly spurred by this proposed King William Reservoir (KWR), which is opposed by the residents of this rural, eastern Virginia county (King William), and is opposed by the neighboring tribes, and indeed, all Virginia's tribes. Distant, metropolitan investors seek to dam, siphon and pipeline this pristine, rural ecosystem's water fifty miles to Newport News, so that Newport News can then sell the spoils to fuel developers' sprawling plunder of disappearing countryside for their own profits. Thus the KWR project fuels rampant, uncontrolled growth for miles around, as well as on the ex-urban and suburban edges of the two sprawling megalopolises, greater Hampton Roads and greater Richmond, the lower belt of which Virginia developers hungrily refer to as 'the golden crescent'. In addition to the added sprawl, over one hundred documented Native American cultural, burial, religious and archaeological sites would be inundated. This dam and reservoir would destroy over four hundred acres of natural wetlands in the hyper-stressed, over-developed, Chesapeake Bay estuarial system.

In Virginia, developers are used to having their way, running roughshod over citizens' rights with the smug, complacent support of their state political cronies. Their cold unconcern for the rights of Native American tribes in this state may not be surprising, but it is nonetheless despicable. Sensing massive profits of tens and hundreds of millions of dollars, these developers and their politician cronies inked a secret agreement that — though there would later need to be a terribly bothersome public process comparing over twenty alternatives— determined that the King William County site, directly between the tribes, would be preferred (read: a sweet, done deal).

Then, prior to the charade of the later public process (which also—surprise— just happened to choose the exact same King William County site out of several equally good alternatives), secret land trusts were formed which, hiding their investors' names, snapped-up at a cheap price the land that would later just happen to lie along the 150 miles of "shoreline" of the planned, huge, secretly decided-upon reservoir.

Proponents of the reservoir have been forced to admit that the Tidewater metropolitan area has no need whatsoever for additional supplies of water until after 2015. Neutral planners and water professionals believe that the King William Reservoir (KWR) development consortium has distorted the numbers, presenting an exaggerated, ultimately false assessment of the cities' need for water -- revealing a true motivation based on water profiteering and ex-urban development.

Rabidly conservative southern Democrats, like Newport News mayor Joe Frank, no doubt wouldn't mind finishing the King William Reservoir Dam on the same day that the upcoming "Jamestown Quadricentennial Celebration" occurs, in 2007. Naturally, Native Americans in Virginia have quite a different view on the value of celebrating the English colonists' expropriation of the "New World". The Jamestown celebration would be morally bankrupt without a responsible and just treatment of Virginia's native peoples. Reasonable political centrists in Virginia cannot countenance the final cultural destruction of the native peoples of eastern Virginia at the hands of the developers of the reservoir, and at the same time dare to celebrate, in 2007, the "bright side" of Virginia's ignoble history — herding, harassing, raping, killing, ethnic cleansing, appropriating Indian lands, breaking treaties, and instituting racist policies — a history of centuries of genocide, wrought upon these very same tribes. This would simply be too grotesque, even for Virginia's phlegmatic exploiters, with the possible exception of ex-Governor and arch-conservative Gilmore, who went far out of his way to lead the ugly charge of the KWR developers.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers, having purview over dam proposals, decided not to permit the King William Reservoir project. This admirable decision was unshakably founded upon the twin, bedrock principles of environmental protection and environmental justice. Mounting an exemplary, exhaustive examination of the effects of the proposed reservoir, the Corps concluded that — given no demonstrated need, and many demonstrated alternatives — the King William Reservoir would unavoidably and adversely impact federally protected wetlands, and disproportionately impact a minority population of Native American Indians. Seeing no justification for the KWR project, the Corps justly denied the developers and politicians the needed Clean Water Act Section 404 permit.

Gov. Gilmore immediately challenged this decision, thus keeping the rejected dam plans from the shredders, and instead passing them upstream to a brigadier general, who overturned the denial, late in 2002, despite public comment running ten to one for upholding the denial.

Late winter of 2003 gave Virginia citizens the great gift of the General Assembly session. Dominated as never before by far-right Republicans, these gangster capitalists succeeded in grandfathering the KWR project, protecting it from the additional and more enlightened scrutiny that a gubernatorially-backed state water bill would provide. It should surprise no one that this 'fix' was put into the legislation by the Newport News delegate, Martin Williams.

Spring 2003 finds the Tribe, and their allied environmentalists, in the Newport News Circuit Court, trying to convince a conservative judge in Joe

Frank's town that the KWR should be denied a required state permit. The tribe's cultural argument, and the environmentalists' wetlands argument are now merged, and Judge Curran is capriciously limiting the evidence that the tribe and the environmentalists can present. Various appeals strategies are already being contemplated, though this case is still several months away from a very likely grim pronouncement. The EPA and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service have strenuously argued alongside the tribes and the Corps that the reservoir is culturally and environmentally damaging, is unnecessary, and thus completely unjustifiable.

The Mattaponi River is a beautiful, clean tidal river, named for the people who have lived on its banks into the furthest reaches of this land's history. The Mattaponi Tribe and the Pamunkey Tribe were the peoples who first met the Jamestown colonists in 1607. These two venerable tribes were allied within the great chief Powhatan's confederacy, and are allied again, now, in opposition to this unjust reservoir project, egregiously sited directly between their very modest reservations, twenty-five miles east of Richmond. Though centuries of racial, economic, legal and military oppression at the hands of the dominant Anglo-European culture has greatly limited the resources and political power available to these "First American" tribes, they are indomitable and courageous in the fight against this danger, insult and injustice to their cultural continuance.

The Mattaponi to this day evince a deep and abiding reverence for the environment that has been their home for countless generations. The river that bears their name, and the nearby river that bears the Pamunkey tribe's name, are felt to be a deep, seamless part of their very identity, their spirituality, their world view. The rivers still yield, under the careful, expert stewardship of the tribes, a yearly gift and natural bounty of shad fishing—an ancient practice that forms the foundation of their culture. The miles and miles of lowlands, wooded hills, marshes, creeks, and ravines—which would all be destroyed by the reservoir—are a vibrant, unique, living system of great blue herons, bald eagles, deer and fish. This fabric of life comprises the very meaning and ancestral heritage of the tribes. Their avoidable and unnecessary loss would be irretrievable, and the tribes could not in any way begin to be compensated. These direct descendants of Powhatan and Pocahontas exhort all of us of conscience and conviction—all moral Virginians—to take necessary actions now to stop this environmentally racist reservoir project, to stop this needless, corrupt, wanton, cultural genocide.

But to this Native-Environmentalist alliance must be added a third part: it must be made much more vocal by bringing into the coalition thousands of Virginia's college, university, and high school students—and doing it now, without delay. Massive student support for the Native-Environmental coalition will ensure that the movement to stop the reservoir will no longer be an unfair battle waged before conservative judges in hushed courtrooms and paneled offices. Instead, university students can take the lead in making the issue a public issue, exposing the developers and their political cronies, and causing the politicians to fear losing their re-election margins at the ballot box. Reservoir developers' silent, political 'enablers' can be identified and bombarded with demands that they end their silence, and take action to stop the reservoir.

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## Insider Trading

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gallons of oil in a barrel) even though there had been no reciprocal decrease in the world's oil production. In fact, by all accounts there had been an oil GLUT. Saudi Arabia even expanded its output by two million barrels a day to more than offset the amount of oil "lost" to the invasions, sanctions and boycott. By the capitalist law of supply and demand, prices to consumers should have crashed. But they didn't.

Contrary to Mobil's claims that it was just "passing along" to consumers nothing more than what the company had to pay at the wellhead, in reality prices at the retail pump rose far faster than the increased costs to the company. But, just as today's press barely touches George Bush and the larger context in which his relationship to Harken Oil takes on profound significance beyond a little "insider trading," the oil companies' arrogant statements and outright lies twelve years ago similarly went unchallenged by the press.

In fact, petroleum companies oiled their slick propaganda machines and spent millions of dollars on ads portraying themselves as the biblical David fighting against Saddam Hussein's Goliath. They asserted that they were champions of the consumer demand for cheap oil, and yelped that it

was Saddam, not them, who was causing US consumers to get ripped off. To hear them, you'd think they were barely able to keep up with rising costs in their efforts to keep prices down; how could anyone possibly accuse "our" oil companies of exploiting our helplessness for their own profit?

So it was with great interest that I looked up the business reports for the final quarter of 1990. In the course of the military build-up, Mobil's profits increased by an astounding 46 percent. Far from simply limiting themselves to passing along additional costs to consumers, the giant corporation made \$651 million off of consumers in that single quarter.

Shell's profits jumped 69 percent to \$446 million.

Exxon's profits were up 21 percent in the last three months of 1990, for a quarterly profit of \$1.4 billion. (Its profits were actually up 220 percent, but Exxon used sleight of hand accounting, amortizing all sorts of debts. Here's another set of accounting procedures for the Enron-watchers to examine!)

Texaco's profits were up 35 percent.

Amoco's profits were up 46 percent.

Chevron made \$633 million.

All together, the top five oil companies made \$4.8 billion in profits in the last quarter of 1990 alone. Meanwhile, the average rate they paid in taxes was slightly less than 4 percent -- equal to the tax-rate for an individual earning under \$5,475 a year.

It is in this context that we have to look at George W. Bush's involvement with Harken Energy Corporation a context that the press has not covered.

The US military build-up in Saudi Arabia began in August of 1990. George Bush Sr. was the President, and he gave his famous speech calling for a New World Order on September 11th of that year. He said: "We have before us the opportunity to forge for ourselves and for future generations a New World Order, a world where the rule of law, not the law of the jungle, governs the conduct of nations."

How was it that George W. Bush could profit so handsomely from "the rule of law" while other investors in the company were forced to eat the \$150 million deficit? Who else was in the know?

Harken's Board of Directors included a who's who of the Bush administration, then and now. In addition to one of South Africa's wealthiest and most powerful industrialists, a number of people involved in the notorious Nugan Hand Bank conspiracy of 1982 -- one of the most important and yet hardly reported bank collapses in history with ties to the CIA, drug dealing and the Iran-Contra scandal -- sat on the Board. (George Bush Sr., as Vice-President, had done a remarkable job of covering it up. Shades of his involvement with the Carlyle Group today, its billion dollar dealings in Saudi Arabia and its involvement with the Unocal oil pipeline now slated for Afghanistan!) Among those on the Harken Board were principals in the \$1.4 trillion Savings & Loan bail-out. The lead attorney for Nugan Hand Bank was William Quasha, the father of Harken's CEO Alan G.

Quasha. One Nugan Hand launders the other.

In May of 1990, a classified U.S. State Department report warned of Saddam Hussein's growing frustration with Kuwait's undercutting of Iraq's oil pricing in violation of long-standing agreements. At the time, Saddam Hussein was an important ally of the United States; the CIA even had a hand in installing Saddam Hussein to power in Iraq. Iraq had just emerged from 9 years of bitter warfare against Iran at

the United States' behest, leaving more than 1 million people dead. But then Kuwait's emirocracy was discovered to be "slant drilling" into Iraqi territory and stealing Iraq's oil. Saddam openly discussed the pros and cons of an oil embargo and possible incursion into Kuwait as a means to rectify Iraq's legitimate grievances. Under instructions from the Bush White House, US State Department emissary April Glaspie met with Hussein in Baghdad and gave him the "green light" to go into Kuwait to protect Iraq's sovereignty.

In June 1990, George Bush Jr., who had borrowed almost \$200,000 from Harken Oil, suddenly sold most of his Harken stock for \$848,560. In August, Iraqi troops moved into Kuwait, Harken stock plummeted by 25 percent, and Junior saved himself \$212,140 by selling his shares just before the military operations began.

What luck! (And still nothing about any of this context in the press today other than an occasional query of whether Bush knew that his stocks would drop!)

"We SHELL not EXONERATE Saddam Hussein for his actions.  
We will Mobilize to meet this threat to our vital interests  
in the Persian GULF until an AMOCO ble solution is reached."

The "rule of law," as it turns out, was a boon to his son George Bush Jr., who was a director, large stockholder and \$120,000-a-year consultant to the Harken Energy Corp. until a month before the US troops arrived in the Persian Gulf. Harken "just happened" to hold a "rule of law" contract guaranteeing it "exclusive rights to develop, produce and market oil and gas off the shores of Bahrain." The contract had begun in January 1990. The company was actually \$150 million in debt by the time hundreds of thousands of US troops began arriving in the region. One Houston-based energy analyst, Charles Strain, told Forbes Magazine that such an exclusive contract was "an incredible deal, unbelievable for this small company."

None of this has appeared in the American press. One would think that the current President's economic investments, which were fostered by the US military build-up in Saudi Arabia and the subsequent bombardment of Iraq, would be a subject worth examining! As it was, the US bombardment killed 200,000 people outright and destroyed the countryside, drinking water, sanitation facilities for a generation.

Writing in the Houston Post, reporter Peter Brewton noted that Harken's "potentially lucrative drilling rights in the Persian Gulf are being protected by American troops" sent there, ostensibly, to face Iraq. [Guardian, Dec. 12, 1990.] It took a full two years after the end of the bombing of Iraq before Timothy Phelps, reporting for NY Newsday, broke the story that a former U.S. ambassador to Bahrain named Sam Zakhem -- a political associate of brewery magnate Joseph Coors -- and two leaders of the conservative movement in Washington were indicted on charges of promoting American intervention in the Persian Gulf while secretly paid millions of dollars by Kuwait between August 1990 and June 30, 1991. [Timothy Phelps, "Ex-Envoy Indicted in Gulf War Fraud," NY Newsday]

Brewton was investigating the CIA connection to the Savings & Loan scandal in which the Bush family figured heavily from both the CIA and the S&L ends. He wrote story after story for the Houston Post exposing the Bush family's sordid theft of billions of dollars from the people of the United States, but few other media wanted anything to do with it. One certainty: the war buildup did boot the Savings & Loan bail-out scandal off the front page just as today it is doing the same with Enron and the rest -- Ralph Nader calls the orchestrated war hysteria a "Weapon of mass distraction" -- saving the Bush offspring from public exposure and contempt. [e.g., Martin Tolchin, "Mildest Possible Penalty Is Imposed on Neil Bush," The NY Times, April 19, 1991.] While blue-blooded "dimwit" George Junior and his brothers Neil and Jeb raked in the cash, Papa Bush sent the blue collar sons and daughters of working class Americans to kill teenage Iraqi draftees, burying thousands alive beneath tons of desert sand.

Bush progeny, Neil, was also involved in an oil company with interests in the region. In fact, he was at the time running Houston-based Zapata Offshore Oil & Drilling Co., founded by his dad, George H. W. Bush Sr. Zapata Oil eventually evolved into the

giant Pennzoil company, based in Houston Texas, and owned nearly 9 percent of the stock of Chevron -- worth over \$2 billion. Chevron's Gulf Oil subsidiary has historically been the U.S.-based transnational oil company with the biggest special interest in Kuwaiti politics.

In a Nov. 13, 1990 Pennzoil Co. stock report, Standard & Poor's wrote the following: "Revenues and profits in the near term could be highly volatile owing to uncertainties following the Aug. 2, 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait."

***"If I could find a way to get him out of there, even putting out a contract on him, if the CIA still did that sort of thing, assuming it ever did, I would be for it."***

***- Richard Nixon,  
on Saddam Hussein***

George Bush always did his best to eliminate those "uncertainties" and certify his company's profits. He hired the lawfirm of Baker & Botts to represent the interests of Zapata Oil (and later, Pennzoil). This firm was headed by James Baker, a multi-millionaire oil corporation lawyer whose family held extensive investments in Exxon, Mobil, Atlantic Richfield, Standard Oil of California, Standard Oil of Indiana, and Kerr-McGee, the company exposed by worker-activist Karen Silkwood for its radiation poisoning of workers and which has been blamed for her murder. Around the time of the Gulf war, Papa George named Baker U.S. Secretary of State.

Corporate establishment figures sitting on the Board of the Baker family's Texas Commerce Bank

included former U.S. President Lyndon Johnson's wife, Ladybird, and former U.S. President Gerald Ford (who also sat on the LBJ-appointed Warren Commission which had preposterously attributed John F. Kennedy's murder to the work of a lone gunman). Gerald Ford, it turns out, was at the time of the Gulf War a director of the U.S. subsidiary of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation.

Also on Baker's bank's Board: Exxon Coal & Mineral Company director Terry Kirkley; Exxon Oil and Gas Company director Forrest Hoglund; Mosbacher Energy Company Chairman Robert Mosbacher (who doubled as Bush Sr.'s Secretary of Commerce); CONOCO's chief executive officer Constantine Nicandros; Tenneco director Kenneth Reese; Oil and Gas producers Richard Moncrief and Cynrial Wagner; and Scurlock Oil Company and Ashland Oil Company director Jack Blanton. [Bob Feldman, "The Bush/Baker Oil Connection," Downtown Weekly, New York City.] All of these oil men sat on the board of Baker's family bank and helped shape US government policy, despite the fact that several years earlier, in 1986, Texas Commerce had been fined \$1.9 million for not reporting cash transactions (money laundering). Then, as today, the corporate honchos who ripped off billions of dollars from small investors, trade union pension funds and retirement

accounts while sending the youth of America off to kill Iraqis (and to return with Gulf War Syndrome), faced little in the way legal charges. The Democrats, like the Republicans, just went on with business as usual, while the rest of us paid the price.

[For more on the Bush boys, see Stephen Pizzo, "Family Value\$: The inside story of how three of the Bush boys built private fortunes by trading on their father's name, running with con men, lining their own pockets, and leaving financial ruin in their wake," Mother Jones, Sept./Oct. 1992. Also, Tim Wheeler, "The Bahrain Connection: Live skeletons in the Bush family closet," People's Weekly World, April 6, 1991; and, Jonathan Kwitny, "The Crimes of Patriots -- A True Tale of Dope, Dirty Money, and the CIA."]

## GREEN PARTY POST-ELECTION STRATEGY SUMMIT IN D.C.

GPUS Press Release

November 14, 2002, WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Wasting no time after Election Day, the Green Party's national Steering Committee met at its downtown Washington office the weekend after the elections to build on the parties' seventy victories in 2002 and plan for and manage the party's fast growth. Green growth over the past two years (over 27%, according to Ballot Access News) has stressed the existing party infrastructure, and the membership has called for a fine-tuning.

"Media claims regarding the defeat of a progressive political agenda after last Tuesday's election got it all wrong," said national Co-Chair Ben Manski of Madison, Wisconsin. "Last Tuesday was a defeat for the Democrats, but not for the Green Party. We won more races in more states than ever before," he said.

The planning meeting was scheduled right after the election so that the party could get a jump on the

results. Topics discussed included a traveling campaign school in 2003, internal restructuring, fundraising, and expanding the headquarters, which opened last February.

"We're being flooded with messages from disaffected Democrats who now realize that the Democratic Party is not up to representing their point of view," said Dean Myerson, Green Party Political Coordinator. "The election proved that neither an extremist Republican Congress nor a Bill Clinton speaking tour will spark a progressive Democratic Party-based realignment in America."

"Voters want candidates they can believe in, who talk about substantive issues instead of buying attack ads," continued Myerson. "The Greens offer a transparent, open, grassroots political party, as opposed to the exclusive backroom, top-down system run by Democratic and Republican Party lobbyists. That's why we're growing."

37 Greens were elected last Tuesday, and 70 for the entire year, bringing the party's count of officeholders to 171. In Maine, John Eder was elected to the State House, the number of voters registered in Maine's Green Independent Party jumped 616% since June, 2000. Additional victories were David Segal's election to the Providence, RI City Council, Ward 1 (Rhode Island's first elected Green), 26 local election wins in California, and the first Greens elected in Texas, Nebraska and Iowa.

"We still face unfair hurdles to participation in elections in many states, but our candidates got more coverage and exposure in this election cycle than ever before, and more voters learned about the Green Party and what we stand for," said Green Party Treasurer Jake Schneider. "People from all parts of the political spectrum are calling now, and we're signing them up."

The Green Party of the United States  
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## NEWS BRIEFS & NOTICES

### GREENS, NVP TEAM ON ALEXANDRIA PEACE PROPOSAL

**Jim Lowenstern, NOVA Greens**

On March 11, members of the NOVA and Alexandria Greens teamed with Northern Virginians for Peace to push for Councilwoman Joyce Woodson's proposal that the city of Alexandria formally approve a resolution supporting a peaceful solution to conflict in the Middle East. With such support, Resolution 19 passed the city council and was forwarded to President Bush and congressional representatives.

NOVA Greens meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Tysons Pimmit Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043; Library Phone - 703-790-8088. We will continue to discuss what actions we should take as a group on the theme of commercialism in the schools and how it relates to corporate rule, as well as other current issues.

### GPVA PASSES WATER PLAN RESOLUTION

The Green Party of Virginia's March 2003 Quarterly Meeting passed the following resolution:

The Green Party of Virginia calls upon the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to develop a just and innovative State Water Plan that:

Prioritizes conservation, water recycling, and urban-infill development;

Creates strong protections for fisheries, species, shorelines, Native American and other minority communities, archaeological sites, and historic rural areas;

Creates incentives for riparian buffers, and reduces agricultural, suburban, and urban run-off;

Creates strong penalties for loggers who log stream-sides, damaging and polluting streams;

Disallows grandfathering of any older water planning so that all water planning is subject to the higher standards of this State Plan;

Terminates the proposed King William Reservoir project, which severely threatens tribal cultures and destroys 400 acres of wetlands;

Redoubles the Commonwealth's commitment to work with other states and the nation to:  
-- restore the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries;  
-- reduce and end acid rain; and  
-- introduce cleaner automobile and truck emissions;

Increases public water testing and publishes results with transparency and accessibility;

Imposes serious, deterrent penalties upon corporate and other point-source polluters.

### TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF

Nearly 4 million miles of roads and 200 million vehicles keep Americans moving, but our mobility comes with a price. Highways are a major cause of public health and development problems. With shrinking budgets, massive traffic congestion, and a backlog of maintenance needs, most states are looking for ways to control spending. In 2000, New Jersey passed innovative transportation legislation with overwhelming bi-partisan support. The "Fix it First"

bill achieved the goals of cutting traffic congestion, protecting green space, and prioritizing repair. By increasing accountability and planning, New Jersey has gone a long way towards balancing the state's infrastructure needs with the public's need for safe, efficient and ecologically sound transportation. SERC's traffic congestion relief page at "<http://serconline.org/trafficcongestionrelief>" offers the tools you can use to bring transportation reform to Virginia.

### ARLINGTON / COURTHOUSE GREENS SAY, "PEACE AND A LIVING WAGE!"

**Kirit Mookerjee, Arlington/Courthouse Greens**

Arlington/Courthouse Greens have been involved in two major efforts in the first part of this year. First, in partnership with many local community groups including churches, unions, and residents, Arlington Greens have assisted the Living Wage Coalition in collecting thousands of petition signatures, lobbying the County Board, and speaking out at public hearings. At presstime, in large part because of these efforts, the County budget for next year includes a living wage for county, school system, and in-home assisted care employees. The expansion of the ordinance to include Arlington County's contractors is still being debated. Overall, this effort has allowed Greens to interact with key elected officials and many diverse community groups in the interest of

promoting social and economic justice.

Secondly, as the War marches on in Iraq, members of Arlington Greens have played key roles in the formation of Northern Virginians for Peace--an umbrella group of churches, synagogues, mosques, and residents networking in opposition to the War.

Larry Yates, a well-known activist and Arlington Green, has marshalled a weekly event every Saturday at the Clarendon Metro station. Other Arlington Greens have spoken out at Town Hall meetings and been quoted in local community newspapers. Northern Virginians for Peace continues to stress that the best way to support the troops is to bring them home!

### RICHMOND GREENS, LIBERTARIANS FIND COMMON GROUND

**Anne Thomas Soffee** [asoffee@attbi.com](mailto:asoffee@attbi.com)

Four Libertarians, five Greens and a Socialist walk into a bar....

No, it's not the start of a joke. Libertarians from Richmond and Henrico have joined forces with the Richmond Greens and Socialist activist/artist Silver Persinger to push for fiscal accountability and responsibility in Richmond, a city sorely lacking in both.

Local politics do indeed make for strange bedfellows. Members of the Richmond Greens are regular and vocal attendees at the Patrick Henry Supper Club, a monthly Libertarian gathering in Richmond which just celebrated its tenth anniversary. Richmond Libertarians have attended the Green Party's meetings and assisted the Greens in organizing forums for City Council candidates during the last election. While it seems on the surface that the fundamental differences in the parties' platforms would preclude any unified actions, the truth of the matter is that there are many points on which Libertarians and Greens can agree.

After the first brainstorming session, the group concluded that both parties would be best served if the main focus of action was Richmond's spending habits. Two loose committees were formed, one to look into the Richmond City Council budget and another to look into the spending of the Richmond Public School system. At this time The Richmond Public Schools greatly surpass those of the surrounding counties in spending per student while performance continues to lag behind. While the Greens and Libertarians may disagree on the final solution (Greens

oppose privatization and school choice), both parties agree that \$218 million of our tax dollars are being woefully misdirected in the Richmond Public School System.

Steve Johnson, the newly elected Vice Chair of the Richmond School Board, was scheduled to attend the most recent meeting but was rescheduled due to snow. Johnson has already shown himself to be receptive to the concepts of accountability and budget tightening -- radical concepts for the Richmond School Board.

Other topics of interest included the opening of the \$170 million Richmond Convention Center and other "revitalization" projects being funded by the Richmond Renaissance Foundation, a "public-private partnership" that procures tax money for high-dollar projects but is able to bypass public hearings and accountability due to its corporate status. Additionally, the group has been monitoring the city's decision to place surveillance cameras on public streets, and Persinger has been following ballot access issues for possible action on the local level.

While Richmond's Greens and Libertarians "agree to disagree" on a number of topics, the summit has proved that we are not alone on many key issues and there is strength -- and action -- in numbers. The meetings take place at Piccola's Pizza near the VCU campus and are absolutely unofficial, completely casual and highly productive. Contact the author of this article for information on the next meeting.

## NEWS BRIEFS & NOTICES

### JOIN THE PAUL REVERE PROJECT

While citizens all over the nation have formed Bill of Rights Defense Committees to protect our civil liberties from the excesses in the Orwellian-named Patriot Act, the "Justice" Department has been secretly preparing a bill that, if passed, would deliver a K.O. punch to our 200-year-old freedoms.

Named the Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003 (not to be confused with S. 22, the Justice Enhancement and Domestic Security Act of 2003), this draft piece of legislation was recently exposed by an unnamed modern-day Paul Revere who leaked it to the Center for Public Integrity. Bill Moyers, on the PBS program "NOW", helped the Center expose this secret plan to the nation.

### HELP KEEP "ORGANIC" ORGANIC

On February 13th Congress passed an Omnibus Appropriations Bill which overturned USDA regulations requiring all organic livestock to be fed 100% organic feed.

Bills have been introduced to repeal this rider in the Senate (S. 457) by Senators Leahy (D-VT) and Snowe (R-ME) and in the House by Representatives Farr (D-CA) and Kind (D-WI) (H.R. 955). Both of these bills are called the Organic Restoration Act.

One of the main bottlenecks for some Representatives to sign on to H. R. 955 seems to be the opposition of Virginia's Representative Bob Goodlatte, the Agriculture Committee Chair, and Rep for the 6th Congressional District, containing Roanoke, Lynchburg and Harrisonburg.

It is important that the Organic Restoration Acts pass swiftly and with much bipartisan support, to send a clear message to agribusiness that they cannot degrade the national organic standards to enhance their bottom line.

Please ring up Congressman Bob Goodlatte and tell him to sign onto the Organic Restoration Act, H.R. 955. Remind him that organics is the fastest growing sector or American Agriculture at about 20% a year for the past 10 years and is truly market-driven, requiring NO government subsidies.

Congressman Bob Goodlatte  
DC Office (202) 225-5431  
Harrisonburg Office (540) 4322391  
Roanoke Office (540) 8572672  
Lynchburg Office (434) 8458306  
Staunton Office (540) 8853861

Also let your local health food and grocery know what you are doing. Tell them to carry NO products by Fieldale Farms, the company in Georgia that instigated this move to gut the organic livestock feed standards. They also produce poultry under the Springer Mountain Farms and Redding labels.

Tom Taylor, tom@organicconsumers.org  
Field Organizer, Organic Consumers Association  
http://www.organicconsumers.org

The Bill of Rights Defense Committee has studied the proposed "Patriot Act II," as the plan has been dubbed, and have come to the conclusion that American citizens everywhere must mount an immediate national campaign to stop it before it can be introduced in Congress. Their "Paul Revere Project" is an attempt to contact all U.S. Senators and Representatives, to demand they state their position on this legislation and whether they will work to block Patriot II as it has been drafted by the Bush Administration. The project requests your assistance — if you haven't already, visit their website (<http://freedom.idahogreenparty.org>) and study ACLU and other reports on this proposed act. You will be appalled at what the Bush administration has been considering for our country.

### GPVA RESOLVES TO SUPPORT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

March 8, 2003, Virginia Beach -- The GPVA called upon the Supreme Court of the United States "to uphold civil rights and social justice in the United States by declaring the University of Michigan's affirmative action admissions policy constitutional, as it promotes the compelling State interest of diversity and pluralism reflective of the Constitution, promotes the robust exchange of ideas necessary to academic freedom consistent with the First Amendment, and, as race is used as one factor among many factors to evaluate each individual's contribution to the academic environment, it is therefore not a quota system."

### RICHMOND GREENS AND COALITION HOST CITY CANDIDATE FORUM

#### Mason Payne, GPVA Co-Chair

RICHMOND—In preparation for the recent elections, the Richmond Greens, in a coalition group that included Richmond Coalition for a Living Wage, Sierra Club Falls of the James Group, Virginia Center for a Public Press, the Richmond Libertarian party, and student organizations from Virginia Union University and Virginia Commonwealth University, organized a series of open forums featuring candidates for city elections.

The forums, which began in mid-August and continued on a monthly basis until the election in November, featured candidates for Richmond's city council and school board. The candidates were given an opportunity to deliver a brief speech and then asked to respond to questions from the audience posed through a moderator.

City council members Bill Pantele, Sa'ad El Amin, Rev. Gwen Hedgepeth, Jackie Jackson and Vice Mayor Delores McQuinn were among those in attendance. The forums gave candidates and citizens the opportunity to address issues such as land use and preservation, aid for the homeless, downtown development, mass transportation, and many other green issues.

Councilman Bill Pantele, who represents the city's 2<sup>nd</sup> district, commended the organizers for giving the participants a forum to discuss citywide issues with the community. "It was a great opportunity for everyone involved," he said. Pantele, who attended all three forums was re-elected by citizens of Carver, the fan and outlying areas.

School Board members in attendance included Chairman Dr. Larry Olanrewaju, Vice Chairman Steven Johnson, Carol Wolf, Joan Mimms, Reginald Malone, Charles Nance, and others. Attendees were

particularly interested in discussing the condition of schools and transportation issues. Concern over the incredible cost of education per student in the city as compared to outlying counties fueled discussion over long distance bussing, school closings and funding.

The first forum was held at the Pace Center in downtown Richmond. The event was standing room only and featured as moderator Mr. Alan Schintzius whose involvement with public radio made him familiar to many of the candidates. Mr. Schintzius is also very involved in revitalizing segments of Richmond.



*Richmond city officials and hopeful talk shop between sessions.*

The second forum was held at Virginia Union University under the leadership of the Student Government. Mr. Eric King, a noted writer and professor at VUU was the featured moderator. Mr. King moved to Richmond from Pennsylvania where he was the editor of *The State of Black Philadelphia*, a research journal published by the Urban League.

The final forum was held at the Randolph Community Center where VCU professor Dr. Njeri Jackson served as moderator. Dr. Jackson, also an accomplished writer on political and racial subjects serves as director of VCU's African American Studies Program. Her poetry can be seen engraved on the African American monument at the site of the Valentine Riverside Museum in Richmond.

These events gave those who now serve the public in Richmond an opportunity to discuss issues of importance to Greens and others who were in attendance. From preservation of green spaces to openness of government, from creation of bike paths to the fairness of standards of learning testing, the forums were successful at bringing forth Green issues and concerns.

Near the Viet Nam wall of vets, that ebony granite  
Engraved with names, together came a virtual Planet

Of standing people, with a sea of flags and banners  
And painted signs-under a sky so grey in manner

It could've rained. The stage is gained by Jesse Jackson,  
Cynthia McKinney, joined by imams urging action,

Preachers imploring no more war; while deafening clamor  
Of helicopters flown by cops just helps to hammer

The message in. But clouds begin to break, as fresh wind  
Blows in blue sky and bright sunshine, and waves of flesh, skin,

Fabric and signboard are aligned  
on Constitution  
With drums and chanting, offering  
answers, and solutions:

1-2-3-4, NO FUCKIN' WAR!  
(Because) REGIME CHANGE  
BEGINS AT HOME! WE ARE  
NOT ROME! (Repeat) REGIME  
CHANGE:

DROP BUSH, NOT BOMBS! All  
with a comic touch, though solemn  
In undertones, millions of bones  
march in broad column

Down the wide streets, marching in three-mile-long formation  
Like an encirclement-a circumambulation

Of the White House. Two hundred thousand folk surrounding  
The place like Jericho, like prayer for trumpets sounding

To bring down walls-unite in calling out for Justice,  
Walking for Peace-nor did police batter nor bust us

In this endeavor. Aging vets, union contingents,  
Greens, grannies, kids, punk types, religious types-in stringent

Agreement here, perfectly clear-there shall be NO WAR!

NOT IN OUR NAME! Because we came here to say NO WAR!!!

- L Raginhart

## Green Party Candidates for Congress Establish the Greens as America's Opposition Party

*Bipartisan consensus on major issues -- especially support for war powers for Bush -- leaves the Green Party as the only choice for clean elections, challenging corporate rule, and adherence to constitutional and international law.*

Monday, November 4, 2002, WASHINGTON, DC

"There's so much bipartisan agreement and overlap on many major issues of the day, that voters across the U.S. have begun to recognize Greens as a viable alternative -- often, the only viable alternative," said Rachel Treichler, Green Party candidate for the House of Representatives in New York's 29th Congressional District. "Our candidates for the U.S. House and Senate have established the Greens in 2002 as America's party of choice, of re-enfranchisement and giving people a reason to come out and vote. We're the alternative to the two major parties, which represent the interests of those funding their campaigns -- the large corporations, PACS, and wealthy donors."



*Picnics and protests*  
GPVA members go to D.C. to speak out against the war.

"Congressional Green candidates are talking about national health insurance and focus on prevention as the solution to the crisis in access to primary care and prescription drug prices for older Americans and others who need medicine the most," added B.J. Armstrong, Texas Green candidate for representative for the House in District 6. "Under the influence of the drug, HMO, and insurance lobbies, the Democratic leadership has abandoned the promise of national health insurance. And Greens are talking about concrete measures and international cooperation to stop global warming -- an urgent topic most Democrats have ignored, despite President Bush's withdrawal from the Kyoto accords in 2001. Where's Congress's push to convert to clean, safe energy sources and end our dependence on fossil fuels? Where are the Democrats?"

Green congressional candidates have shown leadership and distinguished themselves from the Democrats and Republicans on two other issues in the headlines:

### ALTERNATIVES TO WAR:

Democrats put the vote over the top to surrender Congress's constitutional power to declare war over to President Bush. Green congressional candidates have vigorously criticized the Bush Administration's anti-constitutional plans to invade Iraq, its use of threats against national security as an excuse to attack basic constitutional rights and protections, and the timidity of Democrats. Democratic votes, with one exception in the Senate, voted to pass the USA PATRIOT Act last year.

"The Green Party is the party of adherence to the Constitution and to international law," said Elizabeth Shanklin, Green candidate in New York's 17th District.

"We're the party that urges international negotiation -- not to bribe and threaten other countries into supporting Bush's illegal invasion plans, but to find nonviolent solutions and save human lives."

### DISMANTLING CORPORATE RULE AND CORRUPTION:

"The dirty little secret of the Democratic Party during the past year is that Democrats, like their Republican rivals, assisted Enron and received extensive campaign checks from companies riddled with corruption," said Dick Kaiser, Green candidate for Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District. "Democrats even helped pass the bill limiting auditor liability [the 1995 Private Securities Litigation Reform Act], despite the lessons of the savings and loan debacle."

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But Greens insist that corporate abuse doesn't just mean swindled investors, financial raids by CEOs, and multimillion-dollar bonuses. "The influence of corporate boardrooms over Democrats and Republicans in Congress has ensured the passage of the greatest legislated threat to the health of the environment and the rights of working people in our lifetime," said Rachel Treichler. "Under secretive international financial authorities and pacts like the WTO, NAFTA, FTAA, World Bank, IMF, etc., our precious environmental and human rights protections are in jeopardy. Secrecy, privatization of public resources and services, disappearance of American jobs, sweatshop labor here and abroad, and taxpayer-funded payoffs to companies to compensate for their adherence to environmental laws -- these are all forms of corruption."

Charles Pillsbury, Green candidate for the House in Connecticut's 3rd District, agreed and added, "All of these depend on the continued corrupting influence of campaign money accepted every election cycle by both Democrats and Republicans. This is why Green congressional candidates have signed on to the Corporate Reform Candidates Pledge.

"Democrats and Republicans in Congress have been scrambling like maniacs to grab as much soft money as possible before McCain-Feingold kicks in, and they've started to look under every rock for loopholes, many of which have been proposed by the FEC," noted Steve Greenfield, Green candidate in the 22nd District of New York. "Meanwhile, we Greens continue to refuse corporate money, and we're calling for the next level of reform to make elections clean and candidates accountable to the voting public -- measures such as public financing of campaigns and opening the airwaves to candidates for discussion and debate over issues affecting voters' lives."

"We're working for globalization -- for globalized democracy, globalized justice, and the responsible stewardship of nature," said Jonathan Farley, congressional candidate from Tennessee. "We'll win seats in Congress soon, as more and more voters find out what the Greens really stand for: the defense and freedom of earth's most precious resource, the human spirit."

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Additionally, former Clinton aide Harold Ickes will take the reigns of a new "Presidential Media" soft money committee, according to a recent Washington Post article.

The Republicans have been busy as well. Former representative Bill Paxson of New York and Susan Hirschmann, former aide to House Majority Whip Tom DeLay (TX), have filed with the IRS a new entity called the "Leadership Forum" to launder soft money donations to House Republicans. Paxson, who ran the National Republican Congressional Committee from 1993 to 1996, is now a lobbyist with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, and serves as vice president of the Leadership Forum. Hirschmann is a lobbyist with Williams & Jensen, and the

## RESERVOIR

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By organizing to help the Indians stop the reservoir, students in Virginia will gain a working knowledge of environmental justice and environmental racism, ideas which will gain real and immediate currency in academic and civic discourse, and even in the wider press. These concepts will be clearly understood to combine social justice with issues of environmental responsibility. Light shed by students upon the gross abuses of power in this crystal-clear example of environmental racism will expose patterns of environmental abuse commonly perpetrated against the poor and people of color by brutal, steamroller capitalism. Students' action in solidarity with the Mattaponi Tribe and their environmental allies will not only render justice by stopping the KWR project, but will also create a potent, tripartite, Native-Environmentalist-Student coalition that can begin to effectively target and win progressive changes, broadly, in Virginia.

Every harvest season since 1646, the Mattaponi tribe have honored their treaty with Virginia by offering a tribute of game to Virginia's Governor. Virginia's Governors, however, continue to be solidly in developers' back pockets, and their ducking and inaction, as with Warner, or vituperative, racist, gangster capitalism, in the case of Gilmore, have both served to threaten to consign the venerable and steadfast Mattaponi and Pamunkey tribes to cultural oblivion through this massive, unjust, imposed reservoir development. Governor Gilmore had no regard for the tribes' way of life, their cultural integrity, or their right to self-determination. Governor Warner sits mutely and noncommittally, hoping to be able later to claim that if the reservoir gets built, it wasn't particularly his fault. In their disgraceful advocacy of or tolerance for the King William Reservoir, Governors Gilmore and Warner have shown gross contempt for federal environmental and environmental justice law, not to mention the human rights of Virginia's indigenous peoples.

All morally sensible Virginians, all committed Greens, and all socially conscious university students must join these Native Americans and environmentalists to thwart these entrenched, corrupt, immoral, Virginia mainstream politicians, and their repulsive developer cronies -- by doing whatever is necessary to stop this awful reservoir.

two are joined by Atlanta lawyer J. Randolph Evans and NRCC former deputy finance director Julie Wadler.

With these new back-door soft money channels in place, the only remaining hurdle is finding the big donors to start the flow of cash, and participation in this activity is apparently not restricted to ex-party officials. A recent New York Times article reported that Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe has been making good use of his Rolodex toward a \$40 million goal for the "Democratic State Party Organization", another 527. Leadership Forum top dogs Hirschmann and Paxson both represent long lists of lobbying clients, spanning the chemical and waste disposal industries, drug companies, and Japanese banking interests, according to the Washington Post, all of whom are eager to elect "friendly" representation.

Many of these new groups are filed under

## IMPORTANT ACTION INFORMATION

Write Gov. Warner and urge him to oppose the King William Reservoir: Gov. Mark Warner, State Capital, 3rd Floor, Richmond, VA, 23219.

Contact the Alliance to Save the Mattaponi to keep informed of current developments in the campaign against the KWR. Tyla Matteson with the Sierra Club, 804-275-6476, [tmatteson1@mindspring.com](mailto:tmatteson1@mindspring.com); Tom Rubino 804-769-0464, [trubino@inna.net](mailto:trubino@inna.net), or Leslie Fellows, both with the Alliance: 804-769-0285. For more information, please visit the Alliance at [www.savethemattaponi.org](http://www.savethemattaponi.org).

Help fund legal challenges to the King William Reservoir, which threatens the culture of the Mattaponi tribe. Make your check payable to: The Mattaponi Heritage Foundation. Send your check to MHF, 1467 Mattaponi Reservation Circle, West Point, VA, 23181. Your tax-deductible contribution to the MHF, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, goes to support the Mattaponi people in their fight for justice and the defeat of the King William Reservoir.

If you can, please also send a tax-deductible contribution to support the Alliance to Save the Mattaponi. Please make your check payable to the Sierra Club Foundation, the fiscal agent for the Alliance. Send your check to the Alliance to Save the Mattaponi, P.O. Box 150, Mattaponi, VA, 23110-0150.

The March 2003 GPVA Quarterly created a GPVA coordinator to facilitate the GPVA membership's opposition to the planned King William Reservoir. Contact Roger Clarke at [synergcr@hotmail.com](mailto:synergcr@hotmail.com).

The Corps' decision rejected the KWR as culturally and environmentally unsound: <http://www.nad.usace.army.mil/kwr>. Click on "Main Document." Maps of the impacted area are also available at this site.

Join the American Indian Student Network to start working to defeat the King William reservoir. Just send a blank email to: [aisnetwork-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:aisnetwork-subscribe@yahoo.com)

Also visit [www.savethemattaponi.org](http://www.savethemattaponi.org)

designations which do not require disclosure of funding sources or a breakdown of expenditures, and the filers themselves are loath to speak openly on the specifics, fearing legal challenges from campaign finance reform supporters such as Common Cause and Democracy 21. Yet, as Susan Crabtree of Roll Call points out, this fear is balanced by a decided confidence that with the right lawyers (and the right judges), they will find ample room for interpretation in what the McCain - Feingold law prohibits, and there is currently a scramble to find legal loopholes. In the meantime, Crabtree reports, the major players are familiar enough with the traditional "wink and nod" approach by which committee leaders wordlessly promise political favors for campaign cash. As evidence of this confidence, the NRCC has already, albeit clandestinely, thrown in their own million dollar contribution to the Leadership Forum as a way of preserving some of the newly-outlawed soft money.

Issue	Green Party	Republicans	Democrats
<b>Pro-Choice</b>	<b>Support</b> Greens support <b>full access to abortion</b> , with funding, for all women in the U.S. and around the world.	<b>Oppose</b> Republicans: Bush opposes abortion, ordered a ban on US funds for overseas agencies that offer abortion.	<b>Support?</b> Democrats: Support abortion rights -- but <b>Clinton signed the same ban in November, 1999. Gore favored outlawing late-term abortion in the US.</b>
<b>Strict Standards on GMOs (Genetically Modified Organisms)</b>	<b>Support</b> Greens support thorough testing and strict controls of all GMOs.	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
<b>Corporate Agriculture</b>	<b>Oppose</b> Greens support family-scale farms, diversified, sustainable agriculture that emphasizes organic growing methods.	<b>Support</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>Increase Automobile fuel Efficiency</b>	<b>Increase Standards.</b> Advocate vastly increased fuel efficiency standards, a "gas guzzler" tax on new inefficient vehicles, and a "gas sipper" rebate on efficient vehicles.	<b>Maintain Inadequate Standards</b>	<b>Maintain Inadequate Standards</b>
<b>Drug War</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>Labor Unions and a Living Wage</b>	<b>Support</b> A living wage, democratic workplaces, and strong unions. <b>Urge repeal of Taft-Hartley Act .</b>	<b>Oppose</b> Republicans oppose raising minimum wages and have worked to weaken unions.	<b>Lip Service Only</b> Democrats undermined NLRB under Clinton, exported US jobs, supported NAFTA, WTO. They claim to support unions but <b>refuse to overturn Taft-Hartley Act restrictions on union organizing.</b>
<b>WTO</b>	<b>Oppose</b> Greens oppose the WTO because of their anti-democratic power to overturn labor, environmental, and human rights protections.	<b>Support</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>NAFTA</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>Fast Track</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>Handouts to Wealthy.</b>	<b>Oppose</b> Greens support progressive taxes (relief for low-income and working people); would <b>move funding from military spending to environmental and social needs, including assistance for the poor.</b>	<b>Support</b> Bush's tax cuts will give the richest 1% over \$470 billion (36% of \$1.3 trillion in cuts) over the next 10 years. Passed the <b>Bankruptcy Bill</b> favoring credit card businesses over consumers.	<b>Support</b> Democrats proposed a \$1.35 trillion tax cut, compromising with Bush, and helped pass the <b>Bankruptcy Bill</b> . Clinton signed the Welfare Reform Act, <b>cutting aid to the poorest Americans.</b>
<b>Death Penalty</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>Military spending</b>	<b>Decrease</b> Call for sharp reductions in military spending with funds redirected into social and environmental needs.	<b>Increase</b> Pushed for increases and enactment of "Star Wars" National Missile Defense. The Bush administration is full of people with direct ties to military industry.	<b>Increase</b> <b>Gore proposed even greater increases</b> in military spending and he supported Star Wars
<b>Increased Accounting Oversight .</b>	<b>Always Supported</b> Supports fundamental changes in the way publicly traded companies' financial records are audited	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Opposed until the Enron scandal broke.</b>

Issue	Green Party	Republicans	Democrats
<b>Patriot Act</b>	<b>Oppose</b> Law gives too much power to President and undermines civil liberties. Law will NOT help prevent terrorism.	<b>Support</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>War with Iraq</b>	<b>Oppose</b> Opposed to removing a foreign leader with violent means that will endanger the lives of civilians and threaten to destabilize the entire Middle East region.	<b>Support</b> Most Republicans in congress support a full scale invasion of Iraq.	<b>Support</b> Less than a handful of Democrats have openly criticized George Bush's calls for an invasion.
<b>Kyoto Treaty - Global Warming</b>	<b>Support</b> Support rapid reduction of global Greenhouse gas emissions. Support <b>Kyoto Treaty</b> ; higher efficiency standards; conversion to renewable energy sources.	<b>Oppose</b> Oppose any reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Bush withdrew the U.S. from the Kyoto Treaty to reduce greenhouse gases and fossil fuel use (oil, coal).	<b>Oppose and Failed to Act.</b> Failed to act on global warming in 1990s. <b>Clinton and Gore sabotaged the Kyoto Treaty</b> in November, 2000, demanding higher US greenhouse gas emissions.
<b>National Health Insurance</b>	<b>Support</b> <b>Single-payer national health insurance</b> , with guaranteed treatment and medicine, and with choice of doctors and hospitals.	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Oppose</b> <b>Clinton and Gore deleted plans for universal health care from the Democratic platform.</b>
<b>100% Publicly Financed Elections - Real Campaign Finance Reform</b>	<b>Support</b> Greens will not accept corporate PAC contributions. Propose comprehensive campaign finance reform, with <b>full public financing of elections</b> to remove the influence of big money .	<b>Oppose</b> Accept big checks from corporations, including defense contractors, oil companies, insurance and drug firms, etc.	<b>Oppose</b> Democrats say they support campaign finance reform but they do not advocate for 100% publicly financed elections - while <b>they continue to accept big checks from corporate PACs.</b>
<b>Telecommunications Deregulation</b> - Giveaway of public broadcast spectrum to private companies.	<b>Opposed to Deregulation</b> Supports the creation of substantial public space for non-profit use of airwaves.	<b>Supported</b> Supported the giveaway of public airwaves to private companies.	<b>Supported</b> Supported the giveaway of public airwaves to private companies.
<b>Bank Deregulation and Banking Reform</b>	<b>Opposed to bank deregulation.</b>	<b>Supported bank deregulation.</b>	<b>Supported bank deregulation.</b>
<b>Enron Contributions</b> to Party National Committees (2001)	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$114,752</b>	<b>\$102,050</b>
<b>Enron Contributions</b> to Current Members of Congress, 1989-2001	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$761,000</b> 158 Members	<b>\$368,000</b> 98 members
<b>Financial Sector and Credit Card Industry Donations</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$440,119</b>	<b>\$287,000</b>
<b>Election Reforms</b>	<b>Support</b> Greens support proposals to provide <b>free air-time</b> to all legitimate candidates, enact <b>instant run-off voting</b> ; and establish independent monitoring of elections.	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
<b>Reform the Presidential Debate Commission</b>	<b>Support</b> A new <b>citizen-controlled debate commission</b> should be formed to handle all future Presidential debates.	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Oppose</b> Did everything they could to <b>keep Ralph Nader out of the Presidential debates</b> in 2000.

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