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LETTERS

Peace Keeping

Thank you for the Feb. 22 lead story "Fits Like a Dove" and the thought-provoking graphic by Michael John Heagerty. The depiction of the dove as composed of various assault weapons makes a powerful statement of our society today. The solitary presence of the peace symbol in the heart of the dove gives a reason for hope.

It is the reminder of the biblical ideal of turning swords into plowshares (Isaiah 2; Micah 4). Turning these weapons into farm implements could allow the debt of every developing country to be canceled and to more than feed our hungry world.

—Frank Woolever
Syracuse

Dakota Banning

The banning of abortions in South Dakota is an act of discrimination and political persecution which must be heard by all and fought against. I don't know what this world, let alone this country, is coming to but clearly we have surpassed any possibility of drawing upon our technology for necessity or to keep our environment or relations at peace.

—M. Salowitz
Oswego

Artistic Anarchy

I just heard about the passing of Syracuse artist Jeff Davies. Not only were Jeff's paintings colorful, but so was he—in a city he felt needed more color. He was wonderfully eccentric but could be just plain contrary. He liked good smoke, good drink, beautiful women, good art and sometimes little else. He was outrageous and unreasonable at times,

always seeking the appreciation he deserved.

We can remember his hilarious paintings at the bar at Pastabilities, the murals at the Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, the crazy art openings with all the vodka. We can remember the large bearded man walking down Westcott Street. See ya, Jeff. Thanks.

—Danny Wren
Syracuse

Spy vs. Spy

Well, our morally corrupt Congress has caved again and voted against investigating the Bush-whackers' and National Security Agency's spying-on-Americans program. Ever wonder what they are so afraid of exposing? Terrorist communications? Baloney! Any arrests, convictions or even investigations since Sept. 11?

Just as sure as Tricky Dick Nixon and his posse of criminals used our intelligence community to spy on opposing candidates, dis-senters, black leaders and anyone else who stood in the way of their twisted agenda, you can bet the farm that Karl Rove and Co. have followed suit. You can also make book that this program was in effect long before 9/11. The only difference now is that we have a bought-and-paid-for press that wouldn't dream of exposing such traitorous activities.

—Bruce Tetley
Syracuse

Garden Variety

The studies published this week indicating that a low-fat diet has negligible effect on the risk of chronic diseases validate what leading health authorities have been saying for the past decade: It's not just fat, it's the saturated fat in meat, eggs and dairy products. The studies found that those women who cut down on saturated fat had a lower