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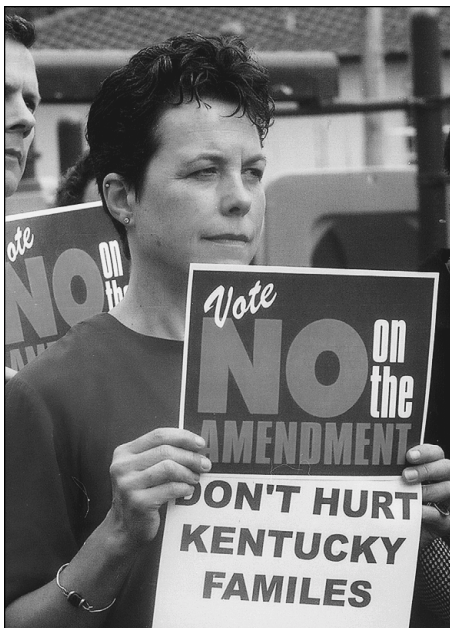
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Saying NO to injustice

Civil rights and peace activist K.A. Owens of Louisville (above) calls Sept. 8 for all who believe in justice to vote “no” on a state constitutional amendment Nov. 2 that would ban same-sex marriage, civil unions and domestic partner benefits by writing discrimination into the Kentucky constitution. Rights activist Carla Wallace (right) lends her support at the Central Park rally that kicked off the No on the Amendment campaign. To help, call the campaign at (502) 893-1330 or e-mail brenda@noamendmentky.com.



Ron Daniels to highlight December 9 Unity Dinner

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from Kentucky Alliance*

Ron Daniels, noted activist, political analyst and long-time organizer of grassroots political action built from the bottom up will be the featured speaker at the Kentucky Alliance Unity Dinner scheduled for Thursday, December 9 at The Gardens, Sixth Street and Muhammad Ali Boulevard in downtown Louisville.

No matter what happens on November 2, new organizing by justice and peace groups, must begin on November 3, and by early December the dust should have settled.

Daniels is sure to bring clear insights and inspiration, and the Alliance is urging people from groups throughout the city to attend and bring their friends.

The theme of the dinner is “After November 2: How Can We Organize a Winning Rainbow Coalition in the 21st Century?”

Daniels grew up in Ohio and for many years did community and political organizing there. Since the 1970s, he has led local and national campaigns to build independent Black political organizations, and has worked to build principled coalitions with other ethnic groups. In 1988, he was the lead organizer in the South for the Jesse Jackson campaign for President, and before and immediately after that campaign he led the effort to build the Rainbow Coalition as a national grassroots movement.

Today, Daniels continues his organizing while also serving as Executive Direc-

tor of the Center for Constitutional Rights. The Center, based in New York City, is a movement legal assistance group that grew out of the struggles of the 1960s and has grown as a major force for multiple people’s movements today.

The December 9 event is the eighth Unity Dinner the Alliance has sponsored since 1995. The gatherings have become major occasions for the justice and peace movements in Louisville. The dinners bring people from diverse groups and constituencies together for fellowship, inspiration and information

At each dinner, the Alliance honors two activists, one African American and one white, who have made outstanding contributions to struggles against white supremacy over a long period of time. This year, one honoree will be the late Roosevelt Roberts, who died prematurely and suddenly last June. For four decades he organized intensively in community, worker and union groups, developing many new activists, and serving as a model of good organizing. Veterans of the Black Workers Coalition, which Roberts launched in the 1960s, are organizing people to take part in the dinner and the organization will receive a special award for its pioneering role in fighting for rights for African American workers.

The second honoree at the dinner will be Carol Kraemer, who recently retired as main

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FOR conference gives glimpse at hope, fears in world

by Peggy Kidwell

“Organizing the Real Superpower: People of the World Choose Peace” was the theme that drew 500 delegates to the Fellowship of Reconciliation National Conference in August, which marked the 90th anniversary of the International FOR.

Two other Louisville FOR members attended the gathering at Occidental College in Los Angeles August 5 to 9. They were Michael Westmoreland-White and Sheila Whitlock. A member from nearby — Harriet Comer of Scottsburg, Ind. — was recognized when members who had been in the FOR fifty years or longer were honored.

The most important thing about the conference to me was the fear of the United States loudly voiced by participants from all over the world. European countries, Asiatic countries, and North American countries all stated their fear of being put on the U.S. “Axis of Evil” list! Canadians said they have been threatened by the U.S. “never again” to allow “draft dodgers” or

conscientious objectors into their country.

Some stated that they have stopped financing their own defense departments because the U.S. told them to do so. Cubans expressed concern that they will be the next to be attacked as a member of the U.S. “Axis of Evil” list.

The U.S. is seen by the rest of the world as the main “terrorist country” that will invade any country it chooses. This has been well demonstrated.

The “power” of the American people who oppose the U.S. invasion of other countries appears to be nonexistent to most other nations in our world today.

The 90th anniversary gave reason to recall the start of the International FOR in Europe in 1914 when an English Quaker and a German Lutheran pastor pledged to work together to end all war. One year later in 1915, the New York chapter was organized. There are more than a half million members in 40 countries, with 21,000 ac-

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— photo courtesy Peggy Kidwell

From left, Peggy Kidwell, Sheila Whitlock, Dorothy Cotton and Michael Westmoreland-White gather in Los Angeles for the 2004 FOR National Conference.

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Bush and the Bible: book probes an unholy alliance

by Eustace Durrett
and Ike M. Thacker IV

President George W. Bush likes to wear his religion on his sleeve (further from his skin, we assume, than what he has *up* his sleeve), but Dr. Joseph J. Martos, formerly of Spalding University, maintained at an FOR Third Thursday Lunch September 16 that Bush’s policies in several key areas are “unbiblical, unscriptural, unethical, and immoral.”

Martos, who went through six years of seminary study but did not end up being a preacher, is the author of a book released in June 2004 called *May God Bless America: George W. Bush and Biblical Morality*, which he wrote with the express purpose of influencing the upcoming November election rather than, as so many others have done, “preaching to the choir.”

Dr. Martos had originally called his book *George W. Bush and the Unreligious Right*, so it is perhaps not surprising that during his presentation he pointed out that Bush was a “C” student who seems to lack the capacity to truly understand complex issues (even though he is good at getting along with people and winning elections). According to Martos, Bush is “naively immoral,” and is “unethical and he doesn’t know it.” Bush *brags* about not reading the newspapers but rather relying on his White House staff for information, a process that the Third Thursday Lunch presenter said has left him “isolated and insulated.”

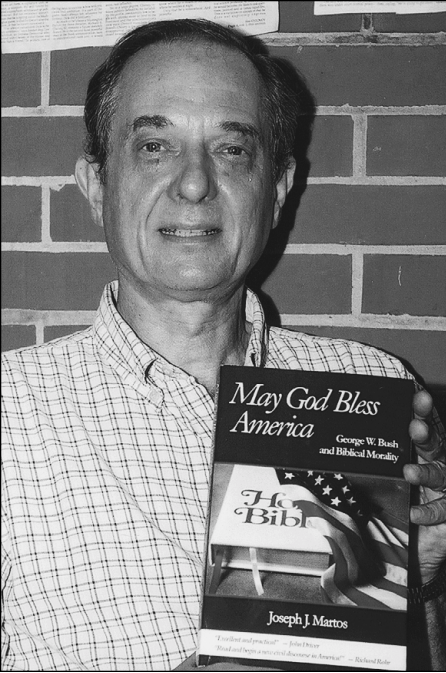
“C” students like Bush, says Martos, often don’t even know that they don’t know, which has led to disastrous consequences for the U.S.

Martos delineates four key areas, which form the four central chapters of his book, in which Bush’s policies described as unholy are: environmental policy, social justice, human rights, and military policy. Each chapter tries to present an objective overview of the Bush policies that even “Dubya’s” supporters would not object to and then looks at the related Biblical provisions and positions.

On the environment, Martos says that Bush is a very poor steward of the Earth over which people have been given dominion, adding that this dominion implies responsibility as well as power, and the environment is reacting to our failure to treat it in ways consistent with the Golden Rule, in ways (such as global warming) that make this a practical as well as a moral necessity.

And it is not only the Earth, says Dr. Martos, that both the Old and New Testaments require us to treat with justice and compassion, but also our fellow humans. This leads us to the second area of Bush’s “unbiblical” failures, social justice. The speaker pointed out that, in the U.S., the rich these days are getting richer and the poor, poorer; Bush’s tax policies (massive tax cuts for the rich) are aiding and abetting this division of our land into “two Americas.” Remember, says Martos, that when Jesus was asked what was the most important law, he gave two of them: love God with all your heart and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

As for human rights, Martos points out that even the *words* “human rights” don’t appear in Bush’s speeches (rather it is “freedom” and “liberty”), despite the fact that it is Judeo-Christianity that is the very *basis* for the Western notion of human rights. For example, he says, more than



— photo by Eddie Davis

Joseph Martos

70,000 people, mostly of Middle Eastern origin, were summarily rounded up after 9/11 and in many cases deported — and even refugees often cannot come into this country any longer: the number admitted has plummeted from 200,000 per year under Ronald Reagan to 20,000 now.

But it is in the area of military policy that Bush’s moral failings are probably most transparent and evident, Martos said. He noted the fact that Bush is the first president ever to get us into two wars in less than two years, and says that the Augustinian theory of a “just war” (never if you are attacked, but only to defend an innocent third party or to right a wrong) explicitly — as Pope John Paul II has also pointed out — does not include the idea of preemptive strikes. What ever happened, asks Martos, to Jesus’ admonition to “love your enemies?”

Besides, he says, neither the Old nor the New Testament can be used to justify our war on Iraq, which has killed at least twice as many innocent civilians as the roughly 3,000 who lost their lives as a result of 9/11 (some estimates put the figure at 13,500 or more innocent civilians killed in Iraq). The idea of “an eye for an eye” may allow, in Martos’ view, for a response to attack — had we not killed some 1,000 civilians in Afghanistan, maybe that war would have been justifiable, he said — but the “eye for an eye” idea also limits that response to being a *proportional* one, Martos said. “We” long ago passed that threshold, he said.

No wonder some Iraqis are now turning the Golden Rule on its head and doing unto “us” as we have done to them, Martos said.

Martos’ fluid presentation was perhaps a bit too accepting of Bush’s sincerity — during the question and answer session that followed, one audience member held that Bush was not naively immoral unless Halliburton and Enron are naïve — but Martos’ central notion is right on: God is *always* invoked by wartime combatants (even by Hitler’s troops); the question is not, “Whose side is God on?” but rather, “Are we on God’s side?”

Eustace Durrett is an advocate for rail transit and economic equality. Ike M. Thacker IV has taught history and computer science at the university level. Both live in Louisville.



— photo by Eddie Davis

Steps toward justice

Civil rights activist Shelby Lanier, left, and Jerry Bougges, stepfather of Michael Newby, march last month on West Broadway to protest killings by Louisville police. Days later, the trial of former Louisville police detective McKenzie Mattingly started. He is accused of murdering the 19-year-old Newby in January in an alleged drug deal. The Michael Newby network said after a prayer vigil attended by 50 people led by Rev. Louis Coleman just before the trial: “Our opposition always likes to give the impression that Reverend Coleman is by himself, protesting injustice. But it’s clear that a broad cross-section of people in this community is determined that what happened to Newby will not happen to anyone else.”

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Stand up for freedom by voting

by Gracie Lewis

On August 12, I attended the annual dinner sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union. (I brought a sign which said “Because Freedom Can’t Protect Itself.” This sign symbolized my primary purpose for attending.

All of us must stand up for freedom, which came with a price. At Calvary, Jesus paid it all. When our Lord and Savior was resurrected over 2000 years ago, God gave this world *freedom*. It is left up to us law-abiding citizens to keep our freedom.

We must remain “faithful even under fire.” And make no mistake about it, since 9/11 we are under fire. Both our resources and our lives are at stake. The cost of this war on Iraq is continuing to climb. We are spending close to \$200 billion and our soldiers are being killed almost daily.

Some 40 years ago, Black people stood up for *freedom*. They marched among vicious dogs, had their churches and houses fire-bombed, just to give us the right to vote. We must never forget the deaths that

Dr. Martin Luther King stood before over 250,000 people talking about his “dream” that one day we would achieve the “beloved community.” This is our calling 40 years later. So as we approach election 2004, we must register as many people as we can, educate them on the issues, and mobilize our communities to show up on election day.

occurred as committed folks of all races and colors stood up for freedom. In an attempt to organize the unorganized, they put their lives on the line.

They were bitten by vicious police dogs and battered by fire hoses. These brave soldiers marched on even after spending nights in jail cells of the segregated south. Those who dared stand up were confronted by white mob violence.

Negroes, in particular, must never forget the signs of segregation – “Colored” and “White,” reminders of our “separate and unequal” status. On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King stood before over 250,000 people talking about his “dream” that one day we would achieve the “beloved community.” This is our calling 40 years later.

So as we approach Election 2004, we must register as many people as we can, educate them on the issues, and mobilize our communities to show up on election day and vote. When you approach your voting site, remember the price that was paid for your right to exercise full citizenship. Remember the March on Washington that led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting rights Act of 1965. Both of these gains of the civil rights movement are under vicious attack.

Keeping your “Eyes on the Prize.” Remember *all* of those who died for your right to *vote*. When you fill out your ballot, start humming “Amazing Grace” and think about the slave ships bringing our people over to work from sunup to sundown without pay to build this land. This land is your land! This land is my land! Stand and Be Counted.

The writer is an activist with Rubbertown Emergency Action (REACT), a group fighting pollution in West Louisville.

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November 18

Susan Rhema

Susan Rhema, Executive Director of the **Louisville Urban Corps**, will discuss this **new service/learning program which is founded on Mennonite principles** and which emphasizes vocational development, urban living and spiritual reflection. The program begins this fall with eight young adults who will live in south Louisville and work at various agencies around the city.

January 20

Erik Reinhart-Vidal

Erik Reinhart-Vidal, a member of the Steering Committee of Louisville FOR and a former member of FOR’s National Council, will tell of his recent visit to the **FOR Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado in Colombia**.

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Many faiths conclude similarly: golden rule is crucial

by Eustace Durrett
and Ike M. Thacker IV

“Can compassion save our world?” was the topic addressed at the annual Interfaith Dinner Dialogue, sponsored by the Highlands Community Ministries September 9 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Louisville.

The subtopic was, “What is Between ‘Love thy neighbor’ and ‘Do not do unto others what is hateful to you.’”

Sue B. Turner, one of four presenters representing the Buddhist, Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths, emphasized that what she had to say was her thoughts rather than being the official views of the Soka Gakkai International, a Buddhist lay organization of which she is the regional public relations director

Turner said: “The Golden Rule is a universal law that conveys our equality, mutual respect, integrity and seeks impartial fairness regardless of our circumstances.... The Golden Rule finds expression in every religion. That alone unites us in our efforts, tonight to examine its universal merits.”

Turner discussed the following: the Buddhist concept of “dependent origination,” that all life is connected, with no life existing in isolation; that Buddhism’s spirit is developing compassion toward all people — toward any person; and that the Buddhist concept of compassion (jìhi) goes beyond mere empathy or pity. She pointed out that “jìhi” comprises two Chinese characters: *jì* is “to give happiness”; *hi* is “to remove suffering.”

“As Buddhists,” she said, “we believe true compassion requires concrete action.... It compels us to live the Golden Rule through our thoughts, words, and actions.... The Golden Rule is a universal truth rooted in compassion that, if practiced diligently and without exception, can light our path toward true and lasting peace.”

As with Turner and her comments, Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, the Head Rabbi of The Temple, a Louisville synagogue, said he was presenting his own thoughts, not official views of Judaism. He joked that if you put three Jews in the same room, you will get four or five points of view. Ariel-Joel pointed out that the quotation, “Love thy neighbor as yourself” comes from the Jewish sacred texts.

Noting that Leviticus says, “Love your neighbor as yourself” and “Love a stranger as yourself.” Ariel-Joel said: “We are commanded to love everyone as ourselves..... Every individual is as important as ourselves.”

The Rabbi repeated a first-century rabbi’s explanation to a convert to Judaism, that Judaism’s central focus was, “Do not do unto others what is hateful to you,” that everything else was commentary. Ariel-Joel went on to say that, since Jews consider their sacred texts to be God’s very words, why would that ancient rabbi change the wording? Ariel-Joel suggested that human beings cannot always follow the Commandments, that it is beyond human ability to truly love everyone. Since the sacred texts are also

meant to be lived by, he said, humans can at least honor them and, “Do not do unto others, what is hateful to you.”

The presenting Rabbi quoted another passage from Leviticus: “When you see the donkey of your enemy lying under its burden and you would refrain from raising it, you must nevertheless raise it with him.” The Hebrew version says more than “your enemy,” that it is a person you hate, not just your enemy, said Ariel-Joel, adding that it says you must realize he is a human being.

“Action is more important than feelings,” he said, adding that it’s okay not to like your enemy, but realize he is a human and treat him with dignity.

Reverend Tom Grieb, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Louisville, began his presentation with the following observation: “Certainly, just a casual glance at this morning’s newspaper tells us this is a rancorous time.

“We know that to be the case when we consider things worldwide. We know that to be the case when we consider things in our own country. We know that to be the case when we relate to things close to home. Much happens on this corner, Douglass Boulevard and Bardstown Road. It is always an opportunity to get an ice cream cone or a cup of coffee.

“But there’s a lot else that goes on, becoming a hub for this area of town. Last night as I was walking in, I saw a microcosm of these rancorous attitudes that go on in this community, and in other communities throughout the world. A young man was holding a handmade poster that said that 1,000 American troops had been killed in Iraq.... As the light turned green... a car honked and the driver made an obscene gesture.”

Grieb recalled the recent events in Russia, the slaughter of the school children, and said that it showed what humans are

capable of doing, by their hatred. He said both examples are the antithesis of the Golden Rule.

The pastor pointed out that the Golden Rule is stressed in the New Testament in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Christ’s admonition to “pray for those who persecute you” is a challenge in this rancorous time.

“We should remain hopeful and prayerful that compassion does make a difference and can make a difference, ultimately. We live with the hope that the Golden Rule will prevail,” Grieb said, adding that this could only happen with the power of God working through us.

The Islamic speaker. Dr. G.A. Shareef, educational committee chairman of the Louisville Islamic Center, said, “Can compassion save our world? Resoundingly, yes!” Shareef quoted the Koran: “The Creator says, ‘We created the human race from a single soul and a pair of male and female and then we multiplied you into tribes and nations, so that you recognize and respect each other and not despise and hate each other.’”

Shareef said the Golden Rule is simply that I, as a human being, recognize that every other human is my brother or sister. Therefore, he said, if I believe in God I have to reflect that, adding that the Koran says that I cannot ask any other human being to believe as I do.

Shareef quoted the Koran: “To you is your faith. To me is my faith.” He added that it is a believer’s job to share the knowledge.

The Dinner Dialogue was closed with a 1989 song by Michael Kessler, a teacher of German at Jefferson Community College, an authority on global government and a songwriter with his own folk music band. Lyrics of the song, called “See the Divine in Others,” follow:

Chorus: See the divine in others

Coda: See Allah in others

See in him what you see
See Buddha in others

In your mother
See Christ in others

See in her what you see
See Krishna in others

In your father
See Yahweh in others

See the divine in others
See ourselves in others

Unity Dinner

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staff person of the Fairness Campaign and who led that organization through a period of growth and development. Kraemer, through her work with Fairness, became one of the whites in Louisville speaking up firmly and consistently against all forms of racism. Whenever there is a picket line, a hearing, a delegation, or a meeting to deal with racist injustice, Carol has been there and still is, and she was a major force in bringing many other whites in Fairness to an understanding that un-doing racism is the essential step toward stopping their own oppression as lesbians and gay people.

An unsung hero award will also be given to one of the many young people who have come into activity in the past few years, and that selection will be announced later.

The social hour preceding the dinner starts at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. The dinner will be catered by Jay’s Cafeteria. The Alliance has tried hard to keep the ticket price

at \$35, the amount charged in the last few years. The organization seeks contributions to cover partial scholarships for people who cannot afford to attend otherwise. For further information, call the Alliance at (502) 778-8130. The mail address if P.O. Box 1543, Louisville, Ky. 40211.

The Alliance has moved its dinner from Convention Center to The Gardens this year because management at the Center reneged on a commitment made at the time of the last dinner to let groups in ethnic communities bring their own caterers. Everyone using the downtown Center, the State Fairgrounds and all other facilities run by the State Fair Board must use the catering services of a national out-of-town corporation. The Alliance considers this outrageous, since these are public facilities own and run by the state. It asks its friends to join in protesting to state officials and eventually get the policy reversed.

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Iatrogenic wound: teachers asked to bear severe costs

As we go to press, the Kentucky Education Association (KEA), spearheaded by its Louisville affiliate, the Jefferson County Teachers Association, is preparing for a strike. It appears that our medical-doctor-cum-governor, Ernie Fletcher, wants public school employees to bear the burden of devastating cost shifts and cuts to health insurance.

Now, class, your assignment is to look up the word “iatrogenic”.

The city bus system in Louisville is called “TARC” (Transit Authority of River City). TARC raised its fares on fixed route buses and on paratransit (“TARC 3”) buses for disabled who cannot use fixed route. It offers fixed route riders a per-ride discount if the rider buys a strip of tickets, and a larger discount to those who purchase a monthly pass.

It refuses to offer comparable discounts to its disabled riders who use TARC 3. Most of the latter, incidentally, are of low income. Further, it costs much more for a rider to use paratransit than regular route.

The Metro Disabilities Coalition (MDC) is outraged at this injustice. There was to have been a protest at the regularly-scheduled meeting of the TARC board in September.

However, for the first time in its history (other than for inclement weather), and soon after they learned of the impending protest, the meeting was called off! Seems the executive director and board chair both had to go out of town.

People from various labor unions and civil rights organizations have expressed support for MDC on this issue, and there will be ongoing protest until TARC ends its discriminatory ways.

The governor of Kentucky, the bane of teacher medical insurance, is a Republican. The mayor of Louisville, so sensitive to the needs of the disabled, is a Democrat. This, in



microcosm, may well reflect the dilemma of Bush versus Kerry.

The Kerry strategists think they have the labor, African American and enlightened female vote in the bag. They (the Democratic Leadership Council) feel these folk have nowhere else to go. So they have directed the Kerry thrust toward reaching Bush-leaning Democrats and Kerry-leaning Republicans.

This is not a new strategy. It has meant, in the past, that would-be Democratic voters simply stayed home. Last time around in the presidential sweepstakes, Bush won our state by 253,000 votes. 563,000 Kentucky Democrats did not bother to vote.

The Democratic Party in Kentucky is morally bankrupt, another similarity with the Republican Party. Liberal insurgents who ran and won lower Democratic Party positions were disqualified by the local hierarchy, and had to appeal to the state Democratic Party for justice.

Stand Up and Be Counted is a wonderful voter-registration group that has given some resuscitation to the Democratic Party. But it does not challenge the staid party make-up, a necessary

component for change. Nationally, Rev. Jesse Jackson, who for the most part played a low-key role in supporting Kerry, delivered a blistering attack on Kerry’s lackluster campaign and wishy-washy political positions.

Word has it that Kentucky labor leaders and others met last month with Kerry operatives, trying to get them to pay more attention to Kentucky. Judging by the 2000 Bush landslide, and projected 2004 Bush sweep, is it any wonder the Kerry campaign relegates us to the priority backwater?

A September 4 posting on the Portside website by one Sy Weller puts it so well: “It looks like Bush may win this election, and once again the Democrats will have been outfoxed by their own caution. The only thing that can get through the shameless lies and macho theater is serious class consciousness. The Democrats can’t use that, though, because that would endanger their class interests....”

In fairness, Kerry has recently hired on more sensible advisers and has begun attacking Bush’s record on domestic issues: the economy, jobs, the environment, global warming, unemployment. But his refusal to unequivocally distance himself from U.S. atrocities and involvement in Iraq puts him in the same position as Lyndon Johnson in the 1960s.

President Johnson pushed successfully in 1964 and 1965 for groundbreaking civil rights legislation, initiated a War on Poverty (more like a skirmish but important nonetheless). But he became more and more the warrior against the Vietnamese people, and that became his legacy. Shakespeare must have had Johnson, and maybe Kerry, in mind when he wrote, in Julius Caesar: “The evil that men do lives after them. The good is oft interred with their bones.”

The Democrats could, if they want, attack the racism in the Republican Party. Gary Younge

reports in the Guardian (London), September 6: “General Colin Powell is missing in action. At the Republican convention in 2000 he led from the front. Of the three co-chairs in 2000 one was black and another Hispanic; national security adviser Condoleezza Rice kicked off prime-time coverage one night while Chaka Khan serenaded George Bush....”

“Powell, the secretary of state, was absent last week - not just from the podium but from the entire convention. The White House says his absence was a matter of ‘custom and tradition’ that prevents the national security team from attending. This must have been news to Bush’s father, who had secretary of state James Baker at his side at the 1992 convention. Powell did not come either because, given his misgivings on the war, the party did not want him there or because, given his misgivings about the party, he did not want to be there.”

Let us hope that groups like Stand Up And Be Counted can bring some sense to the Democratic Party. Those in organized labor who put all their eggs in the Democratic Party basket need the fresh approach Stand Up represents. If Bush represents a potential fascist threat to organized labor, civil libertarians, advocates of affirmative action, and more — then the best way to vote him out of office is to distinguish his Republican politics from a liberal social and political Democratic agenda.

Don Cantor, Executive Director of the Working Families Party in New York City, is much more optimistic: “Kerry is going to win because (1) there isn’t a Gore voter in the country who is moving to Bush; (2) there are Bush voters who in the privacy of the booth are going to swing to Kerry; (3) the polls do not capture the intensity of anti-Bush feeling and the increase in turnout from ‘irregular’ or new voters, and (4) Americans are not in the end an indecent people, and they will reject the politics of death that the Republicans are promoting.”

There is still hope for Bush as a one-term president, like his papa, but that depends on a large Democratic Party vote.

PARC is the acronym for city of Louisville-owned parking garages. Most PARC workers earn less than \$8 per hour. So they organized a union and affiliated with SEIU (Service Employees International Union).

On July 2nd these workers voted by a margin of 84 percent to organize and bargain collectively with their employer. The City (PARC) took away the contract and gave it to a new company, effective September 1, and now at least 13 workers find themselves without jobs. They were fired, many with less than ten hours notice.

For those of us worried that the job market looks bleak for young people, help is on the way. It is called The Draft, forced induction into the military, and it is the first time it is being pushed in decades. There are bills in the U.S. House of Representatives (HR 163) and Senate (S 89).

Men and women 18 to 26 will be affected if it passes, beginning June 15, 2005. This plan, among other things, eliminates higher education as a shelter. Thank goodness for equal opportunity.

Reports Ted Schlechter in his newsletter “The Bridge”: “One disagreement (between organized labor and management) is over the firings of several state park employees, including three laborers in Somerset for violating dress codes. The three have sued the state, seeking at least \$16.4 million in damages and the return of their jobs.

“The state also terminated Kentucky Dam Village park manager Brian Roy, a past vice chairman of the state Democratic Party, for allegedly misusing state property and abus(ing) employees. He has denied the allegations and is appealing to the Kentucky Personnel Board. Another employee was fired for helping access park records.”

Internationally, things don’t look completely rosy for U.S. hegemony. Panama’s new president, Martin Torrijos, vows to establish good relations with Cuba and Venezuela, and investigate atrocities committed during his father’s (Omar Torrijos’s) military regime. What a predicament: it’s getting harder and harder to sell weapons and launder drug money.

The war in Iraq is also bugging some labor unions. The Communication Workers of America (CWA) last Aug. passed a resolution condemning U.S. unilateral military action and preemptive war. Unfortunately, it did not call for bringing our troops home.

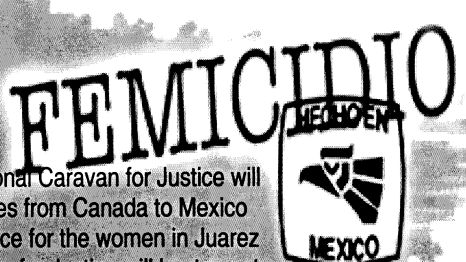
In Israel, five Israeli soldiers who refused to pick up arms against their Palestinian cousins were discharged from the army (Israeli Defense Forces). Best wishes to Haggaï Matar, Noam Bahat, Adam Maor, Shimri Zameret and Matan Kaminer.

Their release from the IDF comes after an epoch-making court battle and after the five young men had spent close to two years in confinement. The campaign against the imprisonment of the five, for having resisted mobilization to the IDF, as long as it is an army of occupation, has received wide international attention and evoked strong expressions of solidarity the world over.

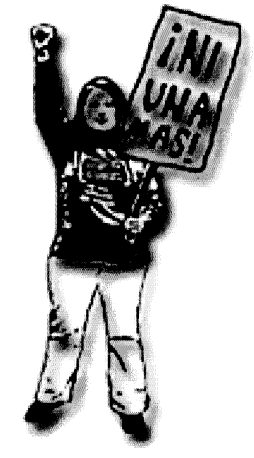
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International Caravan for Justice

in Juarez and Chihuahua
October 18th - 30th



On October 20, the International Caravan for Justice will travel across the United States from Canada to Mexico on five routes to fight for justice for the women in Juarez and Chihuahua. The Caravan for Justice will host events in cities across North America to raise consciousness about the horrific murders and disappearances along the US-Mexico border. Violence against women continues as young women who work in the maquiladoras continue to disappear. Murder is rampant as long as impunity prevails. Join us as we demand action by authorities on both sides of the border. Get involved!



Meet the Caravan in Louisville On October 25th!!

What: A testimony by Patricia Cervantes, mother of Neyra Azucena Cervantes, victim of the Juarez femicides. Tom Hansen, representative of the Mexico Solidarity Network will discuss the influence of globalization and neoliberal economic policies on the femicides.

When: **October 25, 2004**
6:30-8:30 p.m. Pot Luck and Presentation

Where: **Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church**
4936 Brownsboro Rd. Louisville

For More Information:
Nancy (502)280-9034 or Debby 241-6859
<http://www.mexicosolidarity.org/caravan/juarezcaravans.html>

Organized by: Social Responsibilities Committee of Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church * Kentucky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean * Comision Mexicana de Defensa y promocion de los Derechos Humanos * Centro de studios y Taller Laboral * Casa Amiga * Justicia Para Nuestras Hijas * Amigos de las Mujeres de Juarez * Mexico Solidarity Network

FAREWELL DIET
DRINKS! GOOD-BYE
NUTRASWEET

Makers of the Neurotoxic Synthetic Sweetener NutraSweet are finally getting sued. What is the sordid history behind its approval by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), and what part did Donald Rumsfeld play?

On April 6th, 2004 lawsuits were filed in three separate California courts against twelve companies who either produce or use the artificial sweetener ASPARTAME as a sugar substitute in their products. The suits were filed in Shasta, Sonoma and Butte County, California.

The suits allege that the food companies committed fraud and breach of warranty by marketing products to the public such as diet Coke, diet Pepsi, sugar free gum, Flintstone’s vitamins, yogurt and children’s aspirin with the full knowledge that aspartame, the sweetener in them, is neurotoxic.

Defendants in the lawsuits include Coca-cola, PepsiCo, Bayer Corp., the Dannon Company, William Wrigley, Jr. Company, ConAgra Foods, Wyeth, Inc., The NutraSweet Company, and Altria Corp. (parent company of Kraft Foods and Philip Morris).

Aspartame causes headache, memory loss, seizures, vision loss, coma and cancer, to mention only a few. Sudden death can occur from aspartame use because it damages the cardiac conduction system. This may have happened in cases of athletes and other healthy consumers of aspartame.

Dr. Woodrow Monte wrote in the peer reviewed journal, *Aspartame: Methanol and the Public Health*: “When diet sodas and soft drinks, sweetened with aspartame, are used to replace fluid loss during exercise and physical exertion in hot climates, the intake of methanol can exceed 250 mg/day or 32 times the Environmental Protection Agency’s recommended limit of consumption for this cumulative poison.”

Since its discovery in 1965, controversy has raged over the health risks associated with this sugar substitute. From laboratory testing on rats, researchers discovered that the drug induces brain tumors, and in 1980 the Board of Inquiry of the FDA denied the petition for approval. In 1981, the newly appointed FDA Commissioner, Arthur Hull Hayes, ignored the negative ruling and approved aspartame for dry goods. This happened when Donald Rumsfeld was CEO of Searle Laboratories.

According to the Congressional Record (1985) Rumsfeld said that he would call in his markers to get aspartame approved. Rumsfeld was on President Reagan’s transition team, and a day after taking office he appointed Hayes. No FDA Commissioner in the previous sixteen years had allowed aspartame on the market.

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tive members in the U.S. FOR’s mission is to replace violence, war, racism and injustice with nonviolence, peace and justice.

Kathy Kelly gave the keynote speech at the beginning. She is a three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee (in 2000, 2001, and 2003) and cofounder of “Voices in the Wilderness,” for which she is recognized all over the world. This organization, based in Chicago, has been working to end the sanctions on Iraq and has opposed the invasions of Iraq by the U.S. government.

Kelly has been threatened with a \$163,000 penalty and 12 years in prison for having delivered medicine and toys to Iraq. Her group coordinated medical relief convoys from 1996 to 2003. Seventy delegations organized by “Voices in the Wilderness” have gone to Iraq – many of these people staying throughout the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

Kelly was just recently released from prison after serving three months for protesting at the “School of the Americas.” In 1988 she spent nine months in prison for planting corn on nuclear missile sites.

Kelly has been active with the Catholic Worker and is a war tax refuser — having refused to pay any federal income tax for 23 years. In the 1970s she taught high school and college in Chicago, having received a master’s degree in religious education.

Donzaleigh Abernathy, another speaker and the youngest daughter of the late Rev. Ralph Abernathy, gave an excellent presentation of the lives of Rev. Abernathy and her “Uncle” Martin Luther King. She presented these two men as fathers, husbands, and friends.

Abernathy’s book published in 2003, *Partners to History, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ralph David Abernathy, and the Civil Rights Movement*, tells the story of the modern civil rights movement. Many copies were sold at the conference.

“People don’t know daddy and Uncle Martin,” Abernathy said. “They know the legends. They don’t know the fathers, the husbands, the men, the human beings. I felt obliged to tell the stories of these beautiful men I lived with and loved.”

Her memories give personal insight from someone who lived through the tumult and the lifelong friendship of Ralph Abernathy and Martin Luther King Jr. The



personal photographs in the book convey the fears, frustrations, and pain of the long days spent planning the many crusades of the civil rights movement.

Abernathy is an accomplished actress and founding member of “New Road Schools,” which promote cultural, racial and economic diversity.

Another dynamic speaker was Dorothy Cotton, the only female who was part of the inner circle of King and Ralph Abernathy. She was with Dr. King in 1963 when he delivered his most famous speech during the historic march on Washington. She created songs for the “movement” and is a powerful speaker, organizer, teacher, lecturer, singer, peacemaker and visionary.

From 1960 to 1972, Dorothy Cotton was education director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. She was vice-president for field operations for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolence and Social Change. She served in President Carter’s administration (1978-81) as southeastern regional director of ACTION – a federal volunteer program.

Conference speakers Craig and Cindy Corrie gave an engrossing presentation of the life of their late daughter, Rachel Corrie who, at age 23, was killed by an Israeli bulldozer in Palestine last year. Rachel was trying to prevent the destruction of the home of a Palestinian family. The presentation included pictures, slides and videos from the time of Rachel Corrie’s birth.

At age 10, Rachel was a peace activist! A video showed her as a young child giving a speech before the public on “World Hunger” explaining that she was going to help people all over the world! Another video showed the last press conference interview that Rachel gave in Iraq.

Since her tragic death, these parents have been touring the country and the world, speaking out. Along with other organizations, the Corries have urged the U.S. Congress to conduct a fully independent investigation of their daughter’s death. They are raising public awareness of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. They want the U.S. Government to work sincerely for a stable, just peace in Palestine/Israel.

The writer serves on the steering committee of the Louisville FOR.

The effects of aspartame are documented by the FDA’s own data. In 1995, under the Freedom of Information Act, the agency was forced to release a list of ninety-two aspartame symptoms reported by thousands of victims.

(Note: The above excerpts are from a longer article by Roberta Bellon, Public Relations, National Justice League. Fax or phone: 530/248-3483. Appreciation is expressed to Gary Kohls who forwarded this to us.)

DEPLETED URANIUM –
WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT

In an article released by the American Free Press prior to the week of August 22, 2004, entitled “Depleted Uranium: Dirty Bombs, Dirty Missiles, Dirty Bullets,” Leuren Moret explains that depleted uranium weapons are a death sentence both abroad and at home. Excerpts from the article are given here.

Eight out of 20 men who served in one unit in the 2003 U.S. military offensive in Iraq now have malignancies. That means that 40 percent of the soldiers in that unit have developed malignancies in just 16 months.

Since these soldiers were exposed to vaccines and depleted uranium (DU) *only*, this is strong evidence for researchers and scientists working on this issue, that DU is the definitive cause of Gulf War Syndrome. Vaccines are not known to cause cancer. In this war soldiers were not exposed to chemicals, pesticides, bioagents or other suspect causes that have confused the issue in the past.

This powerful new evidence is blowing holes in the cover-up perpetrated by the Pentagon and three presidential administrations ever since DU was first used in 1991 in the Persian Gulf War. Fourteen years after the introduction of DU on the battlefield in 1991, the long-term effects have revealed that DU is a death sentence and very nasty stuff. Moreover, it targets the DNA.

Marion Fulk, a nuclear physical chemist retired from the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab and formerly involved with the Manhattan Project, interprets the new and rapid malignancies in soldiers from the 2003 war as “spectacular, and a matter of concern.”

This evidence shows that of the three effects which DU has on biological systems - radiation, chemical and particulate - the particulate effect from nano-size particles is the most dominant one immediately after exposure and targets the Master Code in the DNA. This explains why DU causes a myriad of diseases which are difficult to define.

In simple words, DU “trashes the body,” Fulk said. “I would say that it is the perfect weapon for killing lots of people.”

The U.S. has used more DU since 1991 than the atomicity equivalent of 400,000 Nagasaki bombs. No wonder our soldiers, their families and the people of the Middle East, Yugoslavia and Central Asia are sick. But as Henry Kissinger said after Vietnam when our soldiers came home ill from Agent Orange, “Military men are just dumb stupid animals to be used for foreign policy.”

Not only were soldiers exposed to DU on and off the battlefields, but they brought it home. These are weapons that keep killing. DU in the semen of soldiers internally contaminated their wives, partners and girl friends.

In a group of 251 soldiers from a study group in Mississippi who had all had normal babies before the Gulf War, 67 percent of their post-war babies were born with severe birth defects. They were born with missing legs, arms, organs or eyes or had immune system and blood diseases. Depleted uranium is a death sentence.

About the author: Leuren Moret is a geoscientist who has worked around the world on radiation issues, educating citizens, the media, members of parliaments and Congress and other officials. She became a whistleblower in 1991 at the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab after experiencing major science fraud on the Yucca Mountain Project. An environmental commissioner in the city of Berkeley, she can be reached at leurenmoret@yahoo.com

Learn more by consulting American Free Press, four-part series on DU by Christopher Bollyn. Part I: “Depleted Uranium: U.S. Commits War Crime Against Iraq, Humanity.” Part II: “Cancer Epidemic Caused by U.S. WMD: MD says Depleted Uranium Definitively Linked.”

The Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression and
Witness for Peace are pleased to present

Afro-Colombians: Our Continued Struggle for Justice



Zulia Mena
Saturday, October 16, 2004
Kentucky Alliance Against Racist
and Political Repression
At The Braden Center
3208 West Broadway
From 6:00-8:00pm

Pot luck,
presentation and discussion

About the speaker:

Zulia Mena is the first Afro-Colombian woman elected to the Colombian Congress. Zulia currently works in Quibdo, Choco with people displaced by the ongoing war. She is a leader of the Black Women's Network and is the international contact for the organization 'Coordination of Afro-Colombians'.

Colombia has 3 million displaced people, many of them Afro-Colombians. This is the largest population of displaced people outside of the Sudan. Currently the US has over 500 Special Forces in Colombia as well as hundreds of "civilian contractors" who are there supporting the war."

For more information contact:
Angelyn Rudd (502) 649-7833
David Horvath (502) 479-9262

Calendar for peacemakers

Oct 3 (Sun) **CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR PEACE** every first Sunday evening remembering all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a sign or a candle. Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. 7:00-8:00 pm. Sponsored by **LPAC** (Louisville Peace Action Community). Call Ken Nevitt, 558-9124. E-mail: pcunity@yahoo.com www.louisvillepeace.org

Oct 3 (Sun) **VENCEREMOS BRIGADE, REPORT FROM CUBA**. Sumshee's Coffee Shop/Art Gallery, 202-204 Preston St. 7:00–11:00 pm. (589-2018) www.venceremosbrigade.org

Oct 4 (Mon) **LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE**. Volunteers needed for voter identification walks, phone banking, data base entry. Call **“NO on the Amendment,”** 893-1330. Info@noamendmentky.com

Oct 4 (Mon) **HARRY PICKENS CONCERT for Contemplation**, Fundraiser cosponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace and Calvin Presbyterian Church, at the church, 2501 Rudy Lane, 7:00 pm. Tickets \$10 (\$5 for seniors/students) available from IPP and Calvin Church. Call Pam Yenawine, 214-7322.

Oct 6 (Wed) **“UNCONSTITUTIONAL,”** film by Robert Greenwald repeated. Reveals how paranoia, fear, and profiling have led to the subjugation of our constitutional rights. Main library, 4th & York, Centennial Room, 7:00 pm. Free, but make reservation. Call ACLU, 581-9746.

Oct 8 (Fri) **NOON VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**, including a news update. **EVERY FRIDAY AT SIXTH AND BROADWAY**, in front of the Federal Court House (where Senator McConnell's office is located). We vigil in solidarity with the **“Women in Black”** who vigil every Friday at noon in Israel. Sponsored by the Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Oct 8 (Fri) **NEWBY NETWORK. EVERY FRIDAY**. West Broadway United Methodist Church, 3620 West Broadway, at Sutcliffe. 5:00 pm In support of the Newby family in the death of their son during the McKenzie Mattingly trial. Call 778-8130.

Oct 9 (Sat) **KCADP** (KY Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty) **ANNUAL MEETING, Owensboro, 10:00-2:00**, with lunch at the Moonlite Bar-B-Q Inn, 2804 W. Parrish Ave. \$12 covers buffet, tip and drink. Guest speakers will include the lawyers for Ralph Baze and Thomas Bowling, two men on death row in Kentucky who have exhausted all appeals and may soon be executed. Reserve your place by calling Coordinator Kaye Gallagher (636-1330) or e-mail: kcadp@earthlink.net. Make checks payable to KCADP (Note that Owensboro is on Central time.)

Oct 10 (Sun) **PRAYER VIGIL TO END POLICE ABUSE**, 2:30 pm. *Every Sunday* at Seventh & Jefferson. Call the Justice Resource Center, 562-6737.

Oct 10 (Sun) **COMMUNITY HUNGER WALK**. Waterfront Park, Harbor Lawn (between 1st and 2nd Streets. Sponsored by the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community, 1:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit Dare to Care Food Banks, 14 Kids Cafes, 16 area Community Ministries as well as world hunger through a program designed to reduce child malnutrition in Gambia, Africa. The walk will be joined this year by the Louisville **Crop Walk** team to show support for the refugee ministries operated by Church World Service. Packets available. Call Ann Gibbs, 366-9921.

Oct 10 (Sun) **MILITARY RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE – “Aim Higher.”** Every second Sunday at the Fairness Office, 2263 Frankfort Ave, 6:00 pm. Call Mike Slaton, 636-5848. E-mail: cheslaton@hotmail.com or call Ken Nevitt at LPAC, 558-9124

Oct 10 (Sun) **THE ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN CONFLICT and A TWO STATE SOLUTION** featuring *Yossi Alpher*, a former Oslo negotiator, and *Ghassan Khatib*, Minister of Labor for the Palestinian Authority and former Madrid Peace Conference negotiator. Dinner at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 3707 St. Michael Church Drive, 6:30 pm. \$15.00. Paid RSVP due by Monday, Oct 4. Contact Peter Anik, Jewish Community Federation, 451-8840, or e-mail: petera@jcfl.com

Oct 11 (Mon) The speakers mentioned above will also present at the UL Ekstrom Library Auditorium on Monday at 7:00 pm. Free and open. See bitterlemons.org

Oct 12, Oct 19, Oct 26 **LECTURE SERIES ON THE HISTORY OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS**, presented by *Carl Wedekind* on three Tuesday evenings. Main library, 4th & York, 7:00 pm in the Centennial Room. Sponsored by ACLU of Ky and the UL Center for Political Leadership. Free, but reservations requested. Call 581-9746.

Oct 13 (Wed) **KITLAC (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean)**. Presbyterian Seminary. 7:30 pm. Call David Horvath, 479-9262, or Pat Geier, 456-6586.

Oct 14 (Thu) **HEALTH CARE SPEAK OUT**, sponsored by Jobs with Justice, presenting “the face of the health care crisis.” Central High School, 1130 W. Chestnut, 7:00 pm. Call Ann Walsh, 637-6599.

Oct 16 (Sat) **AFRO*COLOMBIANS: “Our Continued Struggle for Justice,” with ZULIA MENA**. Sponsored by the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. Pot luck dinner at the Braden Center, 3208 W Broadway, 6:00 pm. Call Angelyn Rudd, 649-7833, or David Horvath, 479-9262

Oct 17 (Sun) **COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES. Every Third Sunday**. First Unitarian Church, 4th & York, 3:00 pm. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Oct 18 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF FORsooth**. Contact George Morrison, editor, 944-6460. E-mail: klm86@netzero.com For calendar listings, contact Jean Edwards, 458-8056. E-mail: edwardsfor@aol.com

Oct 19-21 (TWT) **COMMUNITY INSTITUTE**, for adults who work with young people. Basic skills in conflict resolution, communication and prejudice reduction. \$150. (Twenty scholarships available for folks who work in faith based communities provided by the Browinski Fund). Sponsored by the Peace Education Program. Call 589-6583.

Oct 21 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH**, sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, featuring a team from **REACT (Rubbertown Emergency Action)** presented by **Tom Duncan**. Discussion of REACT's environmental work challenging the discharge of toxic pollutants into Louisville's air by chemical plants in the Rubvbertown neighborhood. Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 W Oak St, 11:30 am buffet, \$6. Reservations required. **RSVP** to Polly Johnson, 473-8435, or Jean Edwards, 458-8056 by Tuesday beforehand.

Oct 21 (Thu) **KENTUCKIANS FOR SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE**, Central Presbyterian Church, 4th and Kentucky, 5:30 pm. Call Kay Tillow, 459-3393.

Oct 21 (Thu) **LPAC** (Louisville Peace Action Community) *every third Thursday*. Douglass Blvd Christian Church, 7:00 pm. Call Judy Munro-Leighton, 456-6914; Ellen Schagene, 456-5288; or Ken Nevitt, 558-9124. Pcunity@yahoo.com

Oct 22 (Fri) **FAMILY: A CHILD'S SMALL GROUP MINISTRY** sponsored by the Center for Congregations and Family Ministries at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Rd, 40205, 9:00-4:00. Registration (\$35) begins at 8:30 am. (895-3411) E-mail: lmarch@lpts.edu Register on-line: www.lpts.edu/Families

Oct 24 (Sun) **“WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CHRISTIAN IN A PLURALISTIC DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.”** Presentation by *Gregory A. Kalscheur, S.J.*, Assistant Professor of Law at Boston College Law School. An opportunity for enriching our faith, sponsored by St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church and the Thomas Merton Foundation. Clifton Center Theater, 2117 Payne St., 3:00 pm. Call 896-8401.

Oct 24 (Sun) **“PEACEMAKING IN A DANGEROUS TIME.” Report Back & Return Celebration**. Potluck Dinner. Presentations by Doug Johnson, Stephon Barbour, Lorena Wallace, Luca Vanunu Wallace. Central Presbyterian Church, 4th & Ky, 6:00 pm. Sponsored by the Peace & Justice Community in Louisville. Call Pat Geier, 456-6586.

Oct 25 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE** (Every 4th Monday). Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, #10, 7:30 pm. Visitors are welcome. Call cochairs, Pat Geier, 456-6586, or Mary Horvath, 479-9262.

Oct 25 (Mon) **TESTIMONY BY PATRICIA CERVANTES** (mother of Neyra Azucena Cervantes, victim of the Juarez femicides).and **TOM HANSEN** representing the Mexico Solidarity Network: **“The Influence of Globalization and Neoliberal Economic policies on the Femicides.”** Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Rd, 6:30 pm. Call Nancy Jakubiak, 280-9034, or Debby, 241-6859.

Oct 26 (Tue) **LUNCHEON & silent auction to benefit PROJECT WOMEN** (assisting single mothers who experience homelessness to obtain baccalaureate degrees). **Keynote: Dianne Aprile**, reporter, columnist and free lance writer. First recipient of a newly established award honoring women who greatly value higher education will be **Eugenia Powers** who went to college after bringing up eight children and earned two degrees. (She was also a long-time **F.O.R.** member!) 11:00 to 1:00 at the Galt House. \$50. Call 584-8090.

Oct 26 (Tue) **KCADP** (Ky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty), monthly meeting every last Tuesday. Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Rd, 6:30pm. Call Tony Benningfield, 560-4710, or Kaye Gallagher, 721-8885.

Oct 27 (Wed) **CUSTOMER APPRECIATION PARTY AT JUST CREATIONS**. 2722 Frankfort Ave, 6:00-8:00 pm. Free gift and food provided by the Board of Directors. (897-7319)

Oct 28 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING** at Beverley Marmion's house. We need you for one hour! Great therapy! 6:30 pm. Call 451-5658.

Oct 31 (Sun) **TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF** (United Nations International Children's Fund). Encourage children to collect on Oct 31 or before. (Oct 24 is United Nations Day.) Funds will provide clean water, health care, nutrition, education, protection and emergency relief for children around the world. Pick up collection boxes at Pier 1 Imports, or call 1-800-4-UNICEF.

Oct 31 (Sun) **HARRY PICKENS CONCERT for Contemplation**, fundraiser cosponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace and Westwood Presbyterian Church, at the church, 4432 Greenwood Ave, 5:00 pm. Tickets \$10 (\$5 for seniors/students) available from IPP and Westwood Church. Call Pam Yenawine, 214-7322.

Nov 6 (Sat) **HARRY PICKENS CONCERT for Contemplation**, fundraiser cosponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace and West Broadway United Methodist Church, at the church, 3620 W. Broadway (at Sutcliffe), 6:00 pm. Tickets \$10 (\$5 for seniors/students) available from IPP and the church. Call Pam Yenawine, 214-7322.

Nov 6 (Sat) **WORLD COMMUNITY DAY**, sponsored by **Church Women United** at Christ United Methodist Church, 4614 Brownsboro Rd, at 10:00 am. Theme: **“In Faith, Women Shape the Future for Peace.”** Speaker will be *EILEEN BLANTON*, Director of the Peace Education Program. Light lunch included. Call Frankie Turner, Chair, 425-2058. For child care call Adina Cook at 893-2201, ext. 241.

Nov 7 (Sun) **HARRY PICKENS CONCERT**, fundraiser cosponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace and Church of Our Merciful Savior, at the church, 473 South 11th, 5:30 pm. Tickets \$10 (\$5 for seniors/students) available from IPP and the church. Call Pam Yenawine, 214-7322.

Nov 7-13 **FESTIVAL OF FAITHS**. Theme: **“Faith and Cooperation.”** Nov. 9, 5:30 pm., “An Evening of Prayer and Song” at Cathedral of the Assumption, 443 S. 5th. Nov. 11, 7:30 am, “Prayer Breakfast with **Diana Eck**, Hyatt Regency, 320 W. Jefferson. Nov. 11, 5:30 pm, Address by **Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald**, an expert in Islam. For details, call Cathy Moser, 366-6117.

Nov 8 (Mon) Bonhoeffer film, Speed Museum.

Nov 19-21 (FSS) **CLOSE THE SOA! Nonviolent Vigil and Direct Action**. Annual protest at the School of the Americas (WHISC), Fort Benning, Georgia, remembering the martyrs, especially the assassination of 6 Salvadoran Jesuit priests and two of their staff in 1989 in El Salvador. For information about buses, call Dottie Lockhart, 897-9680, or David Horvath, 479-9262.

Dec 1 (Wed) **DINING OUT FOR LIFE**, coinciding with **WORLD AIDS DAY**. Call Herve of Ruth, 587-5009. www.houseofruth.net

Dec 3 (Fri) **HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**, sponsored by **Church Women United**,

Dec 9 (Thu) **UNITY DINNER, sponsored by the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression, featuring RON DANIELS, Director of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York**, leader of Jesse Jackson's 1988 campaign for President and main organizer of the Rainbow Coalition. Honorees will be the late **Roosevelt Roberts**, shining example of grassroots organizing, and **Carol Kraemer**, superb organizer for the Fairness Campaign. Special award will be given to veterans of the **Black Workers Coalition**. Dinner at The Gardens, Sixth and Muhammad Ali, catered by Jay's afeteria. To order tickets or tables, call 778-8130.

Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

AD HOC COALITION FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION – (778-8130)

ADDICTION RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF KENTUCKIANA – 2nd Thursday (585-3375)

AMERICA 2000 DEMOCRATIC CLUB – 3rd Tuesday (451-2155)

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (637-8951)

BIONEERS / SUSTAINABLE LOUISVILLE – Tuesdays (336-9440)

BREAD FOR THE WORLD – 2nd Tuesday (239-4317)

CAPA (Citizens Against Police Abuse) – 2nd Thursday (778-8130)

C.E.A.S.E. [Citizens for Equitable Assignment to School Environments] – (778-9427)

C-SAW (Citizens Standing Against War) – (548-6845 or 636-5848)

CLARK & FLOYD COUNTIES AIDS COALITION – 3rd Thursday (288-2706)

CLOUT [Citizens of Louisville Organized and Working Together] -(583-1267)

COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES – 3rd Sunday (451-5658)

COMMON CAUSE – 1st Tuesday, every other month (228-1534)

COMMUNIST PARTY USA – Sunday evenings (473-2659)

CONVERSATION CAFE – Wednesday evenings (454-4820)

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD – Books by Neale Donald Walsch. 1st Monday (468-2305)

COUNTER RECRUITMENT, “Aim Higher” – Second Sunday (636-5848)

EARTH SAVE LOUISVILLE – 2nd Sunday (569-1876)

FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN – Quarterly community dialogues and volunteer opportunities (893-0788)

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION – 4th Monday (456-6586 or 479-9262)

GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB – 3rd Tuesday (897-3335)

GREEN PARTY – 1st Tuesday (456-9540)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays (583-6599)

HATE FREE SCHOOLS COALITION – 3rd Thursday (454-3300)

INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE – (214-7322)

JEFFERSON COUNTY WELFARE REFORM COALITION – 2nd Friday (585-3556)

JOBS WITH JUSTICE KENTUCKY (625-3724)

JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER – 3rd Saturday (774-1116)

KENTUCKIANA FOR KUCINICH – 1st Thursday (454-4820 or 459-6361)

KENTUCKIANA NATIVE AMERICAN SUPPORT GROUP (635-2817)

KFTC [KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH] – 2nd Monday, jointly with POWER (589-3188)

KY AIDS LIFE ALLIANCE (KALA) – Every Thursday (479-7884)

KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION – 3rd Monday (778-8130)

KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY – Last Tuesday (721-8885)

KITLAC (KY INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN) – 2nd Wednesday (479-9262)

KY RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION – (774-4000)

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP – 2nd and 4th Thursdays (587-6225)

LPAC (LOUISVILLE PEACE ACTION COMMUNITY) – (558-9124)

LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH – Meditation 1st & 3rd Sundays (473-8435)

LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP – Friday nights (454-3300), www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org

LOUISVILLIANS IN FAVOR OF EQUALITY (L.I.F.E.) – Sunday evenings (473-2659)

METRO SWEEP FOR ACCESS – 3rd Tuesday (895-0866 or 899-9261)

METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION – 4th Wednesday (584-6858)

NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) – 3rd Monday (634-1804)

NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) – 2nd Monday (245-5287)

PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG) – 3rd Sunday (329-0229)

PAX CHRISTI – Last Wednesday (456-9342)

PEACE & COMPASSION BUDDHA CIRCLE/CML – (451-2193, brozier@bellsouth.net)

PEOPLE'S AGENDA – 2nd Tuesday (778-8130)

POWER [PEOPLE ORGANIZED AND WORKING FOR ENERGY REFORM] – 2nd Monday, jointly with KFTC (778-2687)

PROGRESSIVE STUDENTS LEAGUE AT UL – Every Tuesday (635-1292)

RCRC [Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice] – (585-3050)

RESULTS (a hunger lobby) – 2nd Saturday (451-4907)

SHADHULIYYAH SUFI SPIRITUALITY GROUP – Thursday nights (893-6122)

VISION FOR EDUCATION – 1st Friday (931-3124)

Note: If your group would like to be added to this list or if information needs to be updated, please let us know by calling 458-8056.