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## Whistling, drumming, chanting throng says no to war

by George Morrison  
FORsooth editor

Tired of the punditry and politicians saying you just couldn't hear the peace movement on the matter of Iraq, about 250 people turned out in the streets of Louisville Oct. 25 to protest president Bush's congressionally endorsed plan to attack the Mideast country.

They brought more than the customary signs and speeches, however. To make sure the nation indeed heard the peace movement, the protestors brought whistles, pots, pans, drumsticks, plastic tubs and party noisemakers, filling the area in front of the Romano Mazzoli Federal Building with a cacophony of pro-peace chaos.

"All across the country this week, the politicians were saying 'We are not hearing anything' " from the peace movement, said Michael Westmoreland-White, explaining the reason for the noisy demonstration. The protest came one day before a march in Washington drew perhaps 200,000 pro-peace demonstrators, including some from Louisville, and thousands more marched in cities throughout the world.

Even while 20 feet from the center of the noise along Chestnut Street, Westmoreland-White, a member of Jeff Street Baptist Church, had to speak up over the pots and pans being banged, the makeshift drums being pounded and the whistles and noisemakers sounding.

He said many Christian Peacemaker Teams in the Brethren and Friends churches



photo courtesy Ed Davis and Cathy Ford

**Protestors bang tubs and kitchen utensils in downtown Louisville Oct. 25 to declare their opposition to the U.S. plan to attack Iraq. Tabitha Boes, 8, (right) uses a noisemaker and sign to make the point to motorists. Her mother, Donnett Boes is behind.**

suggested such demonstrations around the nation. Messages on signs included: "Can You Hear Us Now?" and "Regime Change Starts at Home – Vote."

Other signs mourned the stunning death of progressive U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota in a plane crash that morning.

Life and death in a larger sense brought out the demonstrators, who reflected many



photo by George Morrison

generations, races, faiths and philosophies, from Baptists to communists. A handful of people one protestor said were anarchists twirled batons with flames occasionally shooting out several feet.

"People want to show that they don't want a lot of lives to be destroyed for no purpose," said protestor K.A. Owens of Louisville, a veteran activist who said he

had never seen a demonstration in Louisville resembling this one.

A few people in the crowd began singing the John Lennon song "Give Peace a Chance," struggling to adapt their rhythm to the semi-coordinated noise. Others chanted "We don't want this war, hey!"

Security workers at the federal building  
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## Inspectors, not war, proper, former team member says

FORsooth Staff Report

Weapons inspectors have drastically reduced Iraq's capacity for mass destruction and should be relied on instead of war to finish the job, a former U.S. marine who was part of a United Nations inspection team said in Louisville Oct. 27.

Scott Ritter, speaking at Church of the Epiphany, said President Bush has falsely portrayed inspectors as constrained and ineffective, one of several distortions of which he said the administration is guilty.

He said until inspectors were ordered out by the U.S. in 1998, they helped eliminate 90 to 95 percent of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and 100 percent of its weapons factories.

Ritter said Iraqi defector Hussein Kamal has told western intelligence that all of Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear capacity has been destroyed, but Bush has portrayed his information as proving inspectors' findings are unreliable.

"How dare the president of the United States get before the American public and use that man's defection as somehow justifying that Iraq has weapons of destruction and inspectors didn't work," Ritter said. "Ladies and Gentlemen, inspectors do work."

Ritter told the crowd another Iraqi defector who recently claimed Saddam Hussein is about two years away from developing a nuclear bomb

has been widely discredited by western intelligence organizations, including the CIA, as a fraud.

Although Ritter conceded Saddam Hussein could have restored some of his capacity since inspections were blocked in 1998, he noted that the dictator has agreed to a full resumption of inspections.

"I don't trust the Iraqis as far as I can throw them but I do trust inspectors," Ritter said. "I'd rather have 200 inspectors going back to Iraq and spinning their wheels for three years as an alternative to war... because at the end of the day, those inspectors come home. You send 100,000 Americans off to Iraq and at the end of the day a lot of those American boys aren't going to come home."

Ritter said the war drive is part the new strategy of "unilateralism" by hard-line conservatives who dominate the Bush foreign policy, who he said have "carried out what I call a hijacking of American policy" in favor of forcibly spreading U.S. domination in the manner of British imperialism of the early 1900s.

Ritter, a self-described republican and Bush voter, said the U.N. charter, which the U.S. Senate ratified — giving it the force of law in the U.S. — prohibits using military force to achieve regime changes.

"Yet the policy of the United States as stated by the President is regime change," Ritter said. "Does this disturb anybody here?"

## Alliance wins fight to keep Jay's at event with Conyers

The annual Unity Dinner of the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression, scheduled for Saturday, December 14, is always an event that brings together the diverse groups in Louisville's justice and peace movements. This year, the dinner is itself a victory for justice because of the African-American-owned business that will again cater it.

The dinner before the talk by main speaker U.S. Rep. John Conyers of Michigan will again be at Kentucky International Convention Center, and again Jay's Cafeteria will cater it.

The fact that Jay's will be the caterer is a major victory for the Alliance and for everyone seeking justice for African

American businesses. Last December, Convention Center representatives said the Alliance dinner in 2001 would be the last event Jay's or any other local caterer could handle at the facility. (For years, Jay's and others had subcontracted with the national concession corporation Service America to do catering jobs.)

Later Harold Workman, President and CEO of the Kentucky State Fair Board, which operates both the Convention Center and the Fairgrounds facilities, reiterated this new policy in a public statement. He said an exclusive contract had been made with Service America.

However, the Alliance then appealed  
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# Legislator says state bill would clean election process

by George Morrison  
FORsooth editor

A new way of funding political campaigns credited with making government more open and inclusive in two states where it has been tried is one law away in Kentucky. The Kentucky Clean Elections Act, which would establish partial public funding of state legislative races for candidates who raise a set number of small contributions on their own, has been heard by committee in the Kentucky House (where it is House bill 355) and Senate (where it is Senate bill 284). State Representative Jim Wayne of Louisville explained the act to diners at the Louisville FOR's Third Thursday Lunch Oct. 17. Although the taxpayers would pay for much of the cost of campaigning, Wayne said that method would be preferable to corporations and their lobbying groups funding races and winning special interest legislation in return. "This is a great bargain for the public," Wayne said. "The state takes charge of this

for the common good.... That principle of the common good is at the heart of this." As an example of how not publicly financing campaigns actually has run the cost of government up, he said one state senator received a contribution from a Washington, D.C.-based pharmaceutical interest group in return for getting a regulation through the legislature that requires the state Medicaid program to use a brand name drug instead of a generic drug. The brand name drug costs state taxpayers \$60 million more, Wayne said. Under Clean Elections, state legislative candidates would collect \$10 contributions, with the totals not exceeding \$1,500 for the state Senate hopefuls and \$500 for state House candidates, the state legislative research commission web site said. If they stay within those limits, they receive state funding through an intricate formula. If one candidate in a race exceeds the limits, their opponent is offered matching funds, the web site said. A video narrated by Bill Moyers said the system has worked well in Maine and Ari-

zona, states that adopted Clean Elections, with candidates spending more time meeting with voters instead of raising money. "The results in Arizona and Maine stunned the experts," Moyers said. "More people ran for office. More women and people of color ran for office. The candidates spent more time wooing the people." Wayne said the Clean Elections method, backed by Clean Money Kentucky, is better than the federal campaign finance reform that became law last year because that law, called the McCain-Feingold law, may not be upheld by the courts. "We want to own our government and the only way to do that under our constitution is the Clean Elections," he said. Wayne said some opponents have tarred the Clean Elections method "welfare for politicians," noting that taxpayer money goes to candidates.

"This is not welfare for politicians," Wayne told the lunch. "This is public ownership of the electoral process." Clean Money Kentucky director Mike Finucane added: "This is health care for the political process." ... Lessons for modern environmentalists from opponents of entrenched powers of industry in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries will highlight the Third Thursday Lunch Nov. 21 at the Rudyard Kipling, 422 W. Oak St. in Louisville. University of Louisville history professor John Cumbler will discuss his recent book "Reasonable Use: the People, the Environment and the State, New England 1790-1930. To make required reservations or for more information, call Cathy Ford at 458-1223 or Jean Edwards at 458-8056 by Nov. 19.

## Alliance wins fight

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directly to Gov. Paul Patton to intervene, and to Lt. Gov. Steve Henry. They also communicated with State Finance Cabinet Secretary Kevin Flannery, who has been in negotiation with Rev. Louis Coleman on the entire matter of state contracts for African American firms. State Rep. Paul Bather also intervened. Shortly thereafter, Convention Center officials and the management of Service America agreed that Jay's could again subcontract to cater the Alliance dinner. They also agreed that this same arrangement could be made by any other organization engaging Jay's services, or that of some other African American caterer. And they also agreed that this policy would extend to caterers from eating establishments owned by other ethnic groups in the community. "This is certainly not everything we want," said Tony Watson, chair of the alliance. "But this is a beginning, and we are happy we can again offer our friends the excellent food and service of Jay's, which we have all come to love." Watson said the Alliance will continue to push for a total policy change because it believes any agency of the state should follow policies that build local businesses and thus encourage healthy economic development. Fair Board officials say they signed a four-year contract with Service America last year and say no change can be made until that contract expires. Watson also said that if Convention Center had not modified its position the alliance was prepared to pitch a huge tent if necessary to accommodate this year's dinner. "We were not going there without the African American caterer of our choice," he said. Representative Conyers, who will be featured at the December dinner, is widely considered by social justice advocates as the nation's "people's congressman-at-large." An Alliance spokesperson said: "He's the person you can always call on when you need attention from Washington to a local

struggle." He is the dean of the Black Congressional Caucus, for three decades has introduced all the best legislation, has been the point person in police brutality, and is now pushing legislation dealing with reparations for African Americans. Conyers will share the dinner program with this year's two local honorees. They are Raoul Cunningham, an activist for human rights since his high school days in the 1950s and now a leader of NMCP voter empowerment work, and Bill Allison, being honored not only for his courageous anti-racist stands as an alderman but for 30 years of service to the local social justice movement. "Unsung hero" awards will be given to Laquetta Shepard, the young woman who recently defied the Ku Klux Klan in Bowling Green, and to the Hate-Free Schools Coalition, in which youth of color and whites are working together to change the atmosphere in local classrooms. Also, a special posthumous award will be given to the late Sterling Neal, Sr., Louisville's outstanding labor organizer in the 1940s and 50s, who has never been properly recognized. For more information on the dinner, call the Alliance at (502) 778-8130.

## No to war

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and nearby Bell South telephone company building watched from a distance and many cars that passed honked and gave thumbs up signs. One honking driver, however, held a sign saying: "Give War a Chance." A man in a military uniform escorted a handful of youths, possibly new recruits, from the federal building through the crowd. One demonstrator said: "war is not the answer" to the youths as they passed.



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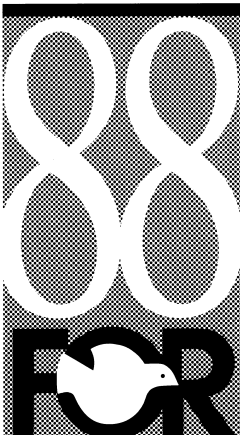
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# Are you reading, Louisville?

## Book about the low-wage life should be required literature

**Nickel and Dimed, On (Not) Getting By in America**

Metropolitan Books;  
Henry Holt and Company, 2001

*reviewed by Larry Hovekamp*

CAUTION: This book review and book should be mandatory reading for all members of the Louisville Board of Aldermen, Mayor Dave Armstrong, the future Metro Council, future Supermayor Jerry Abramson, Greater Louisville Red Ink (Sic), and fiscally-hallucinating Republicans, and all Democrats resembling them. Those listed above may be tested on the day on which the Living Wage ordinance is to be voted on, and your grade and worth as public citizens may depend on understanding the facts and realities in this book. You may be graded next Election Day.

### BOOK REVIEW

This book, "Nickel and Dimed, On (Not) Getting By in America", is as much about how the one half ignores and imagines on how the other half (the lower half, or statistically more than 30 percent) works and lives. Barbara Ehrenreich's in-person expose is about the many millions in the work force who are the *deliberate working poor*--those trapped in "service," menial, and absolutely dead-end industrial jobs who can't survive on their criminally low pay. She learned that too often these maligned workers ably perform the indispensable work for a functioning modern society.

"Nickel and Dimed" begins as Lewis Lapham, editor of Harper's magazine, urges Ehrenreich to write first-hand -- as one of the working poor -- about "welfare reform"

and its practical effect on the job market during the fleeting Clinton prosperity.

She said she would not be a good prospect for such reporting, no longer having close roots in the working class. Although her father was a copper miner and her husband a Teamster organizer, her connections with the constant struggles of the working poor were distant after a Ph.D. and career success.

In one aspect, she was correct -- she wasn't prepared. Like Thoreau living simply and close to nature by Walden Pond only by eating free at his mother's boarding house, Ehrenreich finds it almost impossible to go back to her working-class home again without the survival aid of her ATM card. "Survival" refers to the inevitable expenses not included in conventional cost-of-living indices -- housing, health care, heat, transportation, and the debt, frequently with high interest, to pay for all that. Still, even her card could not ease the pain and endurance when she

had to experience working-class heroism at its rawest.

Her cross-country journey in search of wage slavery begins in Florida, where she faced a 30-mile commute between an available \$500-a-month "efficiency" and waitressing and abuse for circa \$5 an hour plus meager tips in Key West. Actually, her situation was more fortunate compared to workmates living in shared flophouses, trailers, and motel rooms for \$175 to \$420 a week.

Then, in Maine, she found that even very native, whitest working folks get shafted. As with Florida, cheap apartments are rapidly replaced with condos and her new agency maid job at a "residential facility" (Re: nursing home) breaks her back, mind, and budget.

Finally, in Minnesota, she found entry-level jobs at a more agreeable \$8 an hour and studio apartments at \$400 monthly or less (in the classifieds). That entry-level job she found was at Walmart, whose excessive scrutiny during her application to work for their anti-labor, dysfunctional "family" would make her a poster child for the UFCW.

Again, your hometown, cheaply paid "associates" are selling not-quite cheap goods made by even more cheaply paid foreign workers, for not-cheap housing.

Another journal paralleling "Nickel and Dimed" is "The Road to the Wigan Pier," in which George Orwell lives among desperate unemployed coal miners in Depression-era North England. While Ehrenreich's workers are working, the same mode of contempt and exploitation stunningly remains. (Orwell's miners are sold cheap tins of ersatz milk with warnings, "Unfit for children"; Ehrenreich's "associates" get emergency "charity" packages with nutritionally doubtful, junk-quality foodstuffs loaded with empty fat.)

When writing her book, the author never ventured into Kentucky and its job market, but there are job opportunities in local and state governments that reflect every circumstance in her account. Alderman Dan Johnson and other recalcitrant board members on the Living Wage ordinance should further consult library aides, certain laborers, city contractor employees, very many state employees, as well as so many of their wards' underpaid constituents about not-living wages. Better yet, do what Barbara Ehrenreich did one better -- exchange your present comfortable government position for a job with not-living wages. In lieu of that, read the book, act upon it, and vote for the Living Wage ordinance.

The reviewer, of Louisville, is an activist on many causes.

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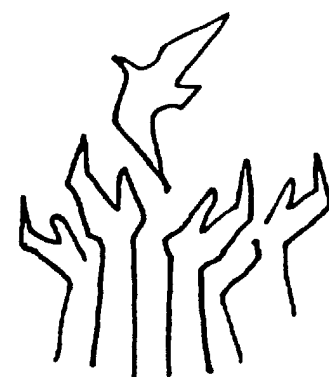
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# Nurses union posts a significant win against company

The Nurses Professional Organization (NPO) here in Louisville reports that the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) on Oct. 23 found Norton Healthcare guilty of violating labor law on three counts:

1) refusing to employ Wilma McCombs because of her union activity. In Feb. 1999 Norton had announced the subcontracting of housekeeping at all of its city hospitals, and stated that hundreds of workers would have to take a wage cut to \$7.00 an hour plus many benefit cuts. McCombs, a 19-year employee, publicly protested this to the press, and was rewarded by being denied comparable work at the pay she had been receiving, as had other employees.

2) advising Ann Hurst, a registered nurse (RN), that discussions regarding the union were prohibited during work time while other non-related discussions were permitted.

3) interrogating RN Maryann King regarding her union sympathies and those of other employees.

The NLRB order requires Norton Healthcare to post the following notice: “The National Labor Relations Board has found that we violated the National Labor Relations Act and has ordered us to post and abide by this notice. WE WILL NOT (emphasis theirs—IG) interrogate employees regarding their union sympathies and those of other employees.”

The NPO has valiantly struggled many years to unionize hospital workers in Louisville. There are other cases of firings and harassment that are up for judicial review, and Norton has dragged its feet in an atmosphere of NLRB anti-worker posture. This victory, then, is all the sweeter and, we hope, an indication that the nurses’ struggle for dignity and equity will prevail.

Not so fortunate are 10,000 employees of Lucent Technologies, the world’s largest manufacturer of telephone equipment. They are being laid off, which will mean that the figure of 123,000 employees in the year 2000 will diminish to a projected 35,000 by the end of 2003. Lucent is negotiating with its creditors, J.P. Morgan Chase, Citigroup and others. Ten thousand workers may soon be negotiating with their utility companies to try to keep them from turning off the heat and the lights.

Recently filed in the Kentucky legislature is the Kentucky Corporate Responsibility Act of 2003. It creates stiffer penalties for falsifying business records or financial statements, protects state investments, mandates that public pension funds divest in companies that move offshore to avoid taxes, and requires stockbrokers to provide their clients each year with a copy of Kentucky’s “Investor Bill of Rights.” This is to the good, but how do you really protect people from the erratic vagaries of the stock market and the shenanigans of companies that stay onshore?

As the economy continues to wreak havoc with the life savings of working folk, the artificial division of race becomes exacerbated and more intense. Indymedia in Chapel Hill reports on Oct. 10: “A judge has ruled that the parents of a man killed by Guilford County Sheriff’s Deputy Thomas Gordy must pay a \$500 fine (and Gordy’s legal expenses) for refusing to stop referring to the deputy as a ‘murderer’. Gil Barber was naked, unarmed, and severely injured when he was killed by Deputy Gordy last May.”

Louis Posner of Voter March carries an item about “Who Counts? Election Reform in America,” a humorous-and-serious look at the Florida presidential vote count, or rather the fleecing of the African American vote which might well have meant an elected Al Gore, as opposed to a U.S. Supreme Court selected George Bush, as U.S. president. Posner, noting that the Public Broadcasting Service will not air two documentaries, writes, “(It) represents PBS caving into the right wing propaganda machine. This is simply PBS’s excuse to not air (the expose documentaries “Counting on Democracy” and “Unprecedented: The 2000 Presi-



dential Election”).

Lest anyone think that the contention between capital and labor has abated in an era of technology, go no farther than our western shore.

Gordon Segal, CEO of Crate and Barrel, is the Chairman of the National Retail Federation (NRF), a member of the West Coast Waterfront Coalition (WCWC). Jobs With Justice reports that the WCWC has been colluding with the Bush administration to deny West Coast dockworkers, who are represented by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) the right to bargain with their employers.

“Instead of pressuring the PMA (the Pacific Maritime Association, the workers’ employer) to negotiate fairly... Crate and Barrel and the WCWC decided to ask the Bush administration to inter-

vene on the PMA’s behalf. When the PMA locked out their workers to create a false ‘crisis’, Bush invoked the Taft-Hartley Act to force an 80-day ‘cooling off period’...”

On the other side of the world, Gila Svirsky, who represents a coalition of women’s groups in Jerusalem, writes: “...Olives are central to the lives of Palestinian families in the West Bank. Almost half of all cultivated land is used to grow olives, and it is a critical source of income for hundreds of thousands of Palestinians.

“The olive crop is particularly important in a devastated economy. Just yesterday, Major General Amos Gilad, Israel’s coordinator in the territories, conceded that 60% of all Palestinians live in poverty—on less than \$2 a day!—although none, he added, are actually starving.

“The U.S. Agency for International Development tells a different story, reporting that the territories are ‘in the grip of a humanitarian crisis’, with a quarter of Palestinian children actually malnourished.

“The olive harvest in Palestine runs from early October to late November. In ordinary times, this is a period of bustling activity, when everyone sets aside other pursuits, returns to the family home, and works together to harvest the crop.

“These days, however, the harvest cannot take place in many villages, especially those in proximity to (illegal Jewish) settlements. Beyond the deliberate destruction of trees that has happened over recent years and the ongoing

constraints of closure, curfew, and gouged-out roads to prevent free movement, this year’s harvest has been marked by numerous attacks by settlers.

Shooting incidents are rife, leaving Palestinians fearful of entering their orchards. Many have been wounded in these attacks, and one man was killed last week. In other cases, settlers simply enter the orchards and systematically pick all the fruit from the trees. No one stops them, not even the soldiers watching from the hilltops, whose only job is to ‘protect the settlers’.”

Last Dec. and Jan. I was privileged to be one of a delegation of ten U.S. Jews on a peace mission to Israel and the Occupied Territories. We, also, joined with the International Solidarity Movement (ISM) to protest the Israeli incursions. We went to a field near the village of Aboud to assist local Palestinians in planting olive trees. I was honored to be among this group.

Maimonides, the revered Jewish philosopher of the 12th century, wrote that the very highest form of charity is making it possible for someone to earn a living. Please write President Bush and ask him, in the tradition of Maimonides, to pressure Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to allow the Palestinians to plant their olive and fig trees and to harvest their crops.

Next month’s column will focus on organized labor and the impending Iraq war.

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## 2002 Louisville Film and Video Festival-Baxter Theatres Thursday November 14 Special Screenings for KITLAC, Latin American Activists!

9:00 p.m. SCREEN 2

**PLAN COLOMBIA: CASHING IN ON THE DRUG-WAR FAILURE**, directed by Gerard Ungerman  
WORLD PREMEIRE. What is left of the initial anti-drug purpose of the U. S. "Plan Colombia" military aid package, as cocaine imports to the U. S. increased twofold in the last decade alone? How effective is it to focus on spraying fields in rebel-held parts of the country, when coca is grown all over Colombia? And what has been the environmental impact of the spraying? Interviews with Noam Chomsky, Ramsey Clark, Colombian Presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt (now a hostage of the rebels), U. S. government officials, a World Wildlife Federation scientist, and Colombians from all walks of life, help cast light on what's really at stake. 60 min.  
Sponsor: Kentucky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean

7:00 p.m. SCREEN 2

**FATHER ROY: INSIDE THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS**, directed by Robert Richter, 1998  
Acclaimed activist director Richter documents the struggle to expose the truth behind the U. S. Army's School of the Americas, and the extraordinary life and daring actions of Father Roy Bourgeois, a Vietnam War hero and leading activist against the school. Three men who never met, each from a different Latin American country, link the school to torture training. SOA continues under a new name; so does the growing international drive to close it down. 60 min.

**THE NEW PATRIOTS**, directed by Robert Richter, 2002  
Five U. S. military veterans, including a Congressional Medal of Honor winner and a woman West Point graduate, speak out about terrorism, patriotism, and their transformation from warriors to peace activists. They also describe the School of the Americas as a school for terrorism. 18 min.  
Robert Richter has garnered two Academy Award nominations, three Dupont Columbia Broadcast Journalism awards, National Emmys, Peabody Awards, and many film festival prizes.

**Also, on November 13 at 7:00, HIDDEN WARS OF DESERT STORM**, also by Director Gerard Ungerman 2000. If you haven’t seen it, you must! 63 min. A discussion follows the film.  
Sponsor: Louisville Committee to Stop the War Against Iraq.

THESE SCREENINGS WILL ALSO BE A FUNDRAISER FOR KITLAC. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FESTIVAL SEE THEIR WEB SITE AT <http://www.louisvillefilmfest.org> OR EMAIL [JPBEGLEY@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:JPBEGLEY@BELLSOUTH.NET)

METAL FIELDS

Arms and legs  
embrace a once  
friendly soil.

Monarchs of power  
plant metal seeds of ultimate destruction,  
given birth-broken bodies.

Tears water fields once  
producing life.  
A young girl lies legless  
staring at the Cambodian sky  
while a Bosnian boy gazes where  
a hand once was,  
waiting for an answer.

Bragging rights stand  
with hands on hips,  
overseeing a field of metal,  
asserting manhood,  
while a child explores a distant field.

Monuments to power  
Landmined, mangled frames of children,  
Widows and orphans, lifeless bodies,  
metal fields.

Judy Morris, OP

Sister Judy Morris said  
the following inspired  
the above poem:

ISAIAH 59: 2-3; 6-8

*It is their crimes that separate them  
from their God. For their hands are stained  
with blood, their fingers with guilt. Their  
lips speak falsehood.*  
*Their works are evil works, and deeds  
of violence come from their hands. Their  
feet run to evil, and they are quick to shed  
innocent blood. Their thoughts are  
destructive thoughts; plunder and ruin are  
on their highways. The way of peace they  
know not, and there is nothing that is right  
in their paths.*  
*Their ways they have made crooked;  
whoever treads them knows no peace.*

REFLECTION

Isaiah’s words serve as an indictment  
of those who create metal fields around the  
world. Those fields, desecrated by  
landmines, kill and maim approximately  
20,000 civilians in the poorest countries of  
the world each year. In a visit to Angola in  
1997, the late Princess Diana reported that  
a country of ten million people walked  
fearfully on the land containing an estimated  
15 million landmines.  
A young Cambodian girl walks in a  
field and is now listed among 813 landmine  
casualties in this desperately poor country.  
Long after wars end, innocent civilians  
continue to pay a price with deaths and  
injuries that never make the headlines in  
newspapers of powerful countries that sow  
the seeds of destruction. They continue to  
serve as monuments to power and greed. In  
the words of Isaiah, powers’ “hands are  
stained with blood.”  
The voices of men, women and  
children cry out around the world for an  
end to mindless death and destruction,  
fueling hatred and revenge for generations  
to come. A total of 140 countries have  
heard their cry and signed the Mine Ban  
Treaty in 2001. Still, three of the most  
powerful countries in the world, the United  
States, Russia and China ignore the cries of  
the poor of our world, the cries for justice  
and peace. Instead, they listen to gods of  
metal, not the God of peace. “They have  
ears but hear not.”



Third Thursday Lunches

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November 21

John Cumbler

UofL History Professor and longtime social justice activist John Cumbler will discuss his recent book, **Reasonable Use: The People, the Environment and the State, New England 1790-1930**. John offers insightful lessons for today’s environmentalists from the successes and failures of those who opposed the entrenched powers of industry in 19th and early 20th Century America.

January 16

Wal-Mart’s War on Workers

The list of grievances against Wal-Mart is extensive: selling products made in sweatshops, destroying local economies, and abusing workers. **Two former Wal-Mart managers will speak about their experiences from the inside.** Now with the **United Food & Commercial Workers Union**, the presenters will explain the ways the company cheats workers, breaks the law on a daily basis, and how the world’s largest employer can afford to do better.

The Rudyard Kipling • 422 West Oak Street • Louisville  
Buffet Lunch at 11:30 • Presentations at Noon  
\$6.00 • **Reservations required**



For reservations, call Cathy Ford (458-1223)  
or Jean Edwards (458-8056) by Tuesday before the Lunch

Louisville Committee For Israeli/Palestinian States

FALL 2002 FILM PROGRAM

On the following **Sundays** at 3:00 pm \* Admission-Free

November 10

**People and the Land** by Tom Hayes, 1997. The widely acclaimed documentary on Palestine looks at the worsening conditions for Palestinians following the Oslo Peace Agreements of 1993.

November 24

**Gaza Strip** by James Longley, 2002. Focusing on ordinary Palestinians in Gaza, this film examines a series of events in the aftermath of the election of Ariel Sharon.

December 8

**Beyond the Mirage** by David Neunuebel 2002. Discusses some of the major daily realities Palestinians face: roadblocks, house destructions, by-pass roads. Interviews with Alex Alwad, Jeff Halper, Jessica Montell, and Allegra Pacheco.

Central Presbyterian Church parish hall - 4<sup>th</sup> and Kentucky Sts. - Louisville  
There is parking in the lot behind the church or on the streets. Enter from the parking lot side. For further information, call (502) 634-0468.

IRAQ PEACE TEAMS BEGIN ONGOING PRESENCE

Sponsored by “Voices in the Wilderness,” waves of Iraq Peace Team volunteers began in October. They are monitoring the remorseless economic sanctions and the plight of Iraqi civilians if the US launches new, massive assaults.

Compelling reports are coming back of how the anticipated war already affects Iraqi families. In the weeks to come, they will stand in solidarity with the Iraqi people and send eye-witness accounts to the rest of the world should the war against Iraq be intensified.

Teams are organized in affinity groups and will stay for a longer time than the usual delegations. Some will become involved in daily volunteer work with UN and other humanitarian efforts. Each person has a support team at home and will be available for speaking engagements upon returning.

Team members are financing their trips themselves, but Voices needs funds to cover numerous office expenses including phone bills, mailings, web hosting, airfare for coordinators, training participants and providing communications equipment, arranging logistics for long-term presence in Iraq.

You can contribute online at [www.iraqpeaceteam.org](http://www.iraqpeaceteam.org). Or send a check to “Voices in the Wilderness,” 1460 W. Carmen Ave., Chicago, IL 60640. Tel: 773-784-8065. Fax: 773-784-8837. Email: [info@vitw.org](mailto:info@vitw.org)

LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Many thanks to Alderman Bill Allison for cosponsoring and contining to push for this Living Wage Ordinance. It is a crucial step in fighting poverty and ending the income gap in our area.

This legislation is now under consideration and the vote may come soon after the election. Please express your support by calling the Board of Alders, 574-3521. Ask to speak to your alder or leave a message. If you are not sure who your alder is, the receptionist can tell you. (Jobs With Justice, 625-3724)

ISRAELI TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM JENIN

Withdrawal sounds favorable until we read further and learn that the troops dug a six-foot trench around part of this West Bank town in order to keep “would-be bombers” from slipping through in cars on back roads. So states an article in the Louisville Courier-Journal. (10/19/02)

In Louisville at a potluck dinner on October 22 we heard and saw eye witness accounts of the brutal attacks on Jenin. Newly released footage was shown of unprovoked violence being inflicted on Palestinians. *Rebecca Murray*, just returned from volunteer work helping with ambulance service in the Jenin refugee camp, described the difficulty in trying to attend the wounded and get them to hospitals because of long delays at check points, sometimes for several hours. Vivid scenes of bulldozers crushing people’s homes were terrifying.

Israel has come under international criticism for the sweeping restrictions that have made normal life impossible in the main Palestinian cities of the West Bank, according to the article cited above. The military curfew has been eased a bit recently in cities where troops remain so that people may attend school or work during daylight hours.

However, as we go to press with this issue of FORsooth, we hear that Israeli troops have again taken over the town of Jenin in one of the largest raids ever, in response to the deadly bus bombing on Monday, October 14, by two teen-age residents of Jenin, killing themselves and 14 Israelis.

DIVESTMENT PETITION CIRCULATING

At our Friday vigil two weeks ago, Dr. Zahi Masri, MD reported that a group of faculty members at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have signed a divestment petition asking the US government and our universities to make future aid to and investment in Israel subject to four conditions: Israel must 1) return to its internationally recognized, pre-1967 borders, 2) vacate all settlements in the occupied territories, 3) renounce its policies of deportation, targeted assassination, and collective punishment of its perceived enemies, and 4) compensate Palestinian refugees.

The petition has raised a firestorm of criticism and has been characterized as anti-Semitic by Harvard’s president and others. But the petition organizers say such claims are false and divert attention from the central question of how to bring peace and security to all people in the Middle East.

The divestment petition calls for unilateral actions by Israel to address a dangerous imbalance in the Middle East. Palestinians live under Israeli occupation, not the reverse. Palestinians are killed by the Israeli military



acting under orders from the government. Israelis are killed by individuals with no sovereign government to represent or restrain them.

(Note: This is a condensed version of a story that appeared on page A19 of the Boston Globe, 10/4/02.)

VIGILS AROUND

In conjunction with the weekly Friday noon vigil in Louisville at Sixth and Broadway to end Israel’s illegal occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in Palestine, a special program is planned for *NOVEMBER 8* to mark the two year anniversary of this Friday gathering coordinated by the Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Under the theme “WHO WILL SAVE THE CHILDREN?” we will remember and mourn the senseless loss of those shildren slain in this conflict since September 2000. Please join us for a program of speeches, puppets, the reading of the names of the children (338 Palestinian and 75 Israeli) and the delivery of a special message to Senator McConnell.

In Springfield, Kentucky, vigils are now being held each Friday at 3:00 pm to witness silently against the possible war in Iraq. The gathering in front of the courthouse is sponsored by the Dominican Earth Center of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine. Anyone is invited to join the vigil. Contact Sister Rose Marie Cummins.

A silent peace vigil in Louisville on October 20 drew about 500 adults and children to pray for peace and to oppose the war against Iraq. The candlelight vigil was organized by St. William parish. Special thanks to Sister Julie Driscoll and Anne Walter. Many local peace and justice groups participated.

On Friday October 24, a *noisy* rally took place at the Martin Luther King park on Chestnut Street in Louisville during the afternoon rush hour in solidarity with the national march on Saturday in DC to protest the war against Iraq. Despite the drizzly weather, a large diverse group gathered to send a message with pots and pans banging, drums beating, horns blowing and loud shouting in order to make sure that President Bush hears our message. Marches were also planned for San Francisco and in many cities across the nation as well as in other nations.

WHO REMEMBERS BHOPAL? WHO CARES?

A letter from GREENPEACE brings the Bhopal disaster in India to mind again. A tragic situation still exists there.

With the recent merger of Dow Chemical and Union Carbide, Dow not only bought the company’s assets but also its liability for the Bhopal disaster and the legacy of contamination that is continuing there today.

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Who Will Save the Children?

Join us on Friday, November 8th, as we mark the 2nd Anniversary of our weekly vigil to

END THE OCCUPATION

We call upon the U. S. government to live up to its moral responsibility as the sole mediator in the peace negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinians and to use its immense power and influence to bring about a fair resolution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, an end to Israel's illegal occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a just peace in the region and an end to the killing of children.

We will remember and mourn the the senseless loss of those children - 338 Palestinians and 75 Israelis-slain in this conflict since September 30, 2000, with a program of speeches, puppets, the reading of the children's names and the delivery of a special message to Senator McConnell.

VIGIL  
Noon - 1:00 PM, each Friday  
Corner of 6th Street & Broadway  
Louisville, Kentucky

Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States 502-451-5658  
Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR)/Louisville Chapter 502-458-8056  
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)/Kentucky Chapter 502 -893-9828



# Survey: voters care about hunger at home and abroad

by Tom Louderback

The conventional wisdom among politicians has held for a long time that fighting hunger is a noble idea, but there are not any votes in it. However, a history making opinion poll conducted last summer found that 93 percent of voters considered “fighting the hunger problem” important when deciding who to choose in House or Senate elections. News of this and other findings was widely reported in newspapers around the country including The Washington Post and USA Today.

“Voters are really ready to reward politicians who provide leadership on hunger,” said David Bechmann, president of Bread for the World, one the poll’s sponsors. The poll was conducted by a bipartisan team of Republican and Democrat pollsters under the aegis of the Alliance to End Hunger, an umbrella group of advocacy organizations.

The reason for the poll’s results, the pollsters say, had a lot to do with September 11<sup>th</sup>. Seventy percent of the respondents said they had become more interested in helping to reduce hunger since the terrorist attacks. One of the pollsters explained it this way: “the terrorist attacks provided a chilling lesson in how a decimated, poverty-racked country such as Afghanistan can become the breeding ground for terrorism that affects average Americans.” Other important findings included the following:

- 56 percent of voters feel the U.S. Government spends too little on fighting hunger at home while 35 percent say not enough is spent worldwide.
- Voters support more federal funds for anti-hunger programs if the money doesn’t go to corrupt regimes.
- Voters say foreign aid should go to self-help programs rather than new trade and economic development programs.

- Almost one in four voters say they are worried that a member of their own family could go hungry in the near future.
- 69 percent of voters say they are more likely to vote for a candidate who says fighting hunger is a priority and against a candidate who says that enough is already being done.
- Voters say they would reject candidates who proposed cuts to school lunch and food stamp programs.
- Voters in both of the major political parties have about the same attitudes.

In spite of these encouraging indications of voter support, only 4 percent of voters picked hunger as one of their top priority concerns. One pollster says that particular finding is not a surprise. It reflects that hunger is “not part of the na-

tional discussion” today, he reasoned. For example, health care was picked as top priority by only 4 percent of voters in most opinion polls conducted in 1992. The poll of 1,000 likely voters taken July 10 and 11 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. Summing it up, the bipartisan team of pollsters says that the voters strongly support programs which are bipartisan, produce long-term solutions and demand responsibility from the recipients. “What voters want is for the government to teach someone to fish, rather than giving them fish,” they explained.

*The writer is a participant in the Just Faith Program and a volunteer for Common Cause/Kentucky, Bread for the World (Louisville chapter), and the Council for Mental Retardation. E-mail him at tlouderback@hotmail.com.*

## God mandates nonviolence

I would be willing to bet an original copy of the Gutenberg Bible that many recent letters and opinion pieces in the Courier-Journal supporting war on Iraq were written by good, sincere, committed Christians. I find it interesting, however, that not one of my brothers and sisters in the faith has asked the most popular Christian question of the day: What Would Jesus Do?

How might Jesus respond to the drums of war? If he is “the same today, tomorrow and forever,” his response to the threat of war in the twenty-first century, I would argue, would mirror his response in the first century. Jesus responded to the violence of the dictators of his day - imperial Rome and its client kings and temple lackeys - by counseling forbearance: turn the other cheek, go the second mile, love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you. (For those who argue that such strategies are naïvete at its best and stupidity at its worst, look at what 2,000 years of almost continuous warfare has wrought.)

This is not to say that the Church’s traditional corporate acts of mercy are unimportant: God wants us to promote the cause of widows and orphans, the poor and the outcast, the alienated and the victims of discrimination. But above all, God wants us to forego violence as a means of resistance to or retribution against those who harm or threaten to harm us.

Christians call themselves Christian because they promise to follow in the footsteps of the man-who-reveals-God: to love as he loved, to forgive as he forgave, and to speak out against and non-violently resist the exploitative, imperial powers of our day (multinational corporations and other global robber barons as well as our own government when it places itself on the Throne rightly occupied only by God).

In one of his many essays, Emmanuel Charles McCarthy wrote, “There are just some activities that there are no Christ-like ways of doing. A house of prostitution can be filled with statues, icons, incense, bells, Bach cantatas, a theological library and a chapel but that does not make prostitution an act in conformity with the teachings of Jesus Christ.... The ultimate norm of Christian life has to be Jesus, his words and deeds — and if he is not the standard.... who or what is?”

This Christian (albeit only one among millions) suggests that Jesus would respond to potential threats by Iraq as he did to Rome, nonviolently. He would find nonviolent alternatives which, of course, are limited only by the breadth of the faith and imaginations of His followers. Knowing what Our Lord would do must inform what we should do.



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## Jean’s Journal (continued from page 6)

Union Carbide’s operation in Bhopal led to thousands of deaths, and people in Bhopal continue to die today as a direct result of the gas leak from the Union Carbide plant. The toxic waste left behind at the plant has contaminated the ground water, and we are witnessing a generation of Bhopal residents who continue to be poisoned by Union Carbide’s carelessness in India.

Our concern needs to be expressed to Dow Chemical that they must take responsibility for Bhopal with adequate and immediate measures to meet the requests of Bhopal survivors.

Please send this message to: Mr. Michael Parker, CEO, Dow Chemical Company, 2030 Dow Center, Midland, MI 48671.

### U.S. STUDENTS STUDY MEDICINE IN CUBA

Twenty-four students from all over the USA have recently arrived in Havana to begin studies at the Latin American School of Medicine. This brings the number of US students studying medicine there to 60. They are joining more than 6,000 students now in Cuba from 27 countries all learning to be doctors.

All are committed to returning home to provide medical care to undeserved communities in their own countries.

The students have received scholarships and are being fully hosted by the Cuban Ministry of Public Health. They were accompanied on the trip by the Rev. Lucius Walker, Executive Director of IFCO (Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization) in New York, who took on the responsibility of identifying the students to go. Learn how you can help with medical textbooks and study aids in English. Web site: [www.ifconews.org](http://www.ifconews.org)

### URGENT! EXECUTION FOR KEVIN STANFORD MUST BE PROTESTED

We were saddened to learn that the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Stanford’s last appeal by a very close vote (5 to 4). We must flood the governor’s office with letters urging him to commute this death sentence. An execution date may be set as we go to press.

Write Governor Paul E. Patton, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502)564-2611. Fax: (502)564-2517. Email: [governor@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:governor@mail.state.ky.us)

## Getting through to Bush

While President Bush was in Louisville (Sept. 5), I walked and stood with a group of people gathered downtown at the Seelbach Hotel. Bush was downtown to raise money for Republican candidates. We were downtown to protest his policy of “regime change” in Iraq through military force. I carried my own poster, holding it aloft for two hours. I had made it the previous evening from styroboard cut in the form of a T for ease of handling and messaged with stick-on letters - “No to war in Iraq,” it read on one side and “Yes to peace” on the other. I am a grandmother. I have never held a poster in my life. I had actually been given tickets to be inside the Seelbach, but outside was the only choice I knew I had. I could not not be there. The president of my country is wrong. It is sad for me to know this. I wish it were only a matter of opinion.

This was a clear crisp autumn day. There was a ribbon of blue sky running the length of Fourth Street above the tall buildings where I walked and stood sentinel on my cobbled square of sidewalk. Behind the orange and white barricade sawhorses, a row of policemen and women stood facing the crowd of a hundred folks who had come to say, “We do not agree with America’s president.” Four of the police were in the gray and black uniforms of urban camouflage with strings of plastic handcuffs hanging from their belts. Two of the police were sitting astride horses which pushed against the crowd that would have moved close enough to allow the President to read our protests. That was not to be. The secret service came and went in their dark suits, white shirts and... ties carefully observing the scene where we were assembled to say, “The president’s war is not our war.” All we were able to see of the president was his motorcade a half block away as it crossed the intersection of 4th and Mohammed Ali. As a young monk Thomas Merton had stood at this same intersection and suddenly recognized all the hurrying people around him as brothers and sisters — at one with himself and with each other and with God. Many people all over the world know Merton and understand the love that he encountered on this spot. I did not think Bush would be one of them.

The President was spirited into and out of the hotel’s backdoor. He did not see our signs, nor hear our chant of: “No attack on Iraq” made to a persistent drumbeat on the bottom of a five gallon bucket. Did anyone tell him we were there? Does he consider it important that the drumbeat will continue?

M.K. Wilson  
Finchville, Ky.



# Calendar for peacemakers

Nov 5 (Tue) **ELECTION DAY.** Support Kentucky’s Family Courts. **VOTE YES FOR FAMILY COURT.** To learn about where to vote or who represents you, call Board of Elections, 574-6100.

Nov 6 (Wed) **METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION.** General Membership Meeting. Hear the story of how tenant organizing changed public policy. Panel featuring Amanda Kreps Long (Louisville Tenants Association), Commissioner Dolores Delahanty, former resident Kimm Little, and Bill Schreck, (former Director Louisville Dept of Inspections, Licenses & Permits). Noon, House of Ruth, 607 E. St Catherine St. Call Jane Walsh, 5 84-6858.

Nov 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 Building (where Senator McConnell’s office is located). We vigil in solidarity with the **“Women in Black”** who vigil every Friday at noon in Israel. **SPECIAL OBSERVANCE ON NOVEMBER 8, “Who Will Save the Children?” MARKING THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF OUR VIGIL ON THIS CORNER.** The vigil is sponsored by the Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658. (See flier in this issue of **FORsooth**).

Nov 10 (Sun) **“PEOPLE AND THE LAND,”** widely acclaimed documentary on Palestine by Tom Hayes, 1997. Looks at the occupation and worsening conditions for Palestinians following the Oslo Peace Agreements of 1993. Central Presbyterian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & Ky streets, 3:00 pm. Enter from the parking lot side. (Note: this film is the first in a series to be presented by the Louisville Committee for Israeli/ Palestinian States. See entries for Nov 24 and Dec 8.) Call 634-0468. Free, and open to all.

Nov 10-17 **SEVENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF FAITHS: “Faith & Sacred Texts,”** beginning Sunday with two presentations by **Deepak Chopra, M.D.**, a world leader in the field of mind body medicine. The afternoon program from 2:30 to 5:30 at the Brown Theatre, 315 W Broadway will include a book signing by Chopra. A brief evening presentation on Sacred Texts will take place at 7:30 pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 S. Fifth. **The Children of Abraham Dinner and Thanksgiving Service** on Wednesday will be at James Lees Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave. The concluding event will be lunch on Friday with **Dr. Martin Marty** at noon at the Presbyterian Seminary Garden Court, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Tickets and more information are available by calling the Cathedral Heritage Foundation, 583-3100. (See flier in this issue of **FORsooth**) [www.cathedral-heritage.org](http://www.cathedral-heritage.org)

Nov 13 (Wed) **KITLAC (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean).** Presbyterian Seminary, Nelson Hall, Room 10. 7:30 pm. Final plans will be made for the trip to Fort Benning to demonstrate against the School of the Americas. Call David Horvath, 583-4670 or Pat Geier, 456-6586.

Nov 13 (Wed) **FILM FESTIVAL BEGINS AT BAXTER THEATRES** with **“Hidden Wars of Desert Storm” and discussion following, 7:00 pm.** Sponsored by Louisville Committee to Stop the War Against Iraq. 63 min. (Pat Geier, 456-6586)

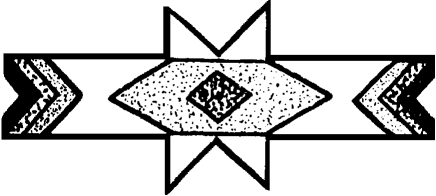
Nov 14 (Thu) **FILM FESTIVAL CONTINUES, A FUNDRAISER FOR KITLAC** (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America & the Caribbean). 7:00 pm – **“FATHER ROY: INSIDE THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS”.** Documents the struggle to expose the school at Ft Benning and the extraordinary life and daring actions of Father Roy Bourgeois. 60 min. Followed by **“THE NEW PATRIOTS.”** ...Five US military veterans speak out about terrorism, patriotism, and their transformation from warriors to peace activists. 18 minutes. **“PLAN COLOMBIA: Cashing in on the Drug-War Failure”** begins at 9:00 pm. What’s really at stake? Interviews with **Noam Chomsky, Ramsey Clark, Ingrid Betancourt** (Colombian Presidential candidate, now a hostage of the rebels), **US government officials, a World Wildlife Federation scientist, and Colombians from all walks of life.** 60 minutes. (David Horvath, 583-4670)

Nov 16 (Sat) **BUSES LEAVE TO PROTEST THE SCHOOL OF ASSASSINS AT FORT BENNING, GA. Reserve your seat now!** Call Janet Mann, 245-6830 or Pat Geier, 456-6586.

Nov 16-17 (SS) **NATIONAL WAR TAX RESISTANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NWTRCC)**, biannual meeting in Columbus, GA to participate in the **SOA PROTEST.** Contact Mary Loehr, 1/800/269-7464. [www.nwtrcc.org](http://www.nwtrcc.org)

Nov 17(Sun) **COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES**, meeting every third Sunday. First Unitarian Church, 3:00 pm. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Nov 17 (Sun) **WALK TOGETHER TOWARD PEACE.** Labyrinth experience led by Clarice O’Bryan. Church of the Epiphany, 914 Old Harrods Creek Road, 2:30 pm. Call Interfaith Paths to Peace, 584-1444.



**WARNING: DATES IN THIS CALENDAR ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR.**

(Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH** sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, featuring **John Cumbler**, professor of labor history at the University of Louisville. He will discuss his recent book *Reasonable Use: The People, the Environment and the State, New England, 1790-1930*. He will present insightful lessons for today’s environmentalists from the successes and failures of those who opposed the entrenched powers of industry in 19th and early 20<sup>th</sup> century America. Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 W. Oak St, 11:30 am buffet, \$6. Reservations required. **RSVP** to Cathy Ford, 458-1223 or Jean Edwards, 458-8056.

Nov 23 (Sat) **“THE STATE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AFTER SEPTEMBER 11” – Town Forum sponsored by the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.** Hyatt Regency Hotel. Call 502/595-4024, 800/292-5566. Email: [kchr.mail@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:kchr.mail@mail.state.ky.us)

Nov 24 (Sun) **“GAZA STRIP,”** film by James Longley, 2002. Focuses on ordinary Palestinians in Gaza. Examines events in the aftermath of the election of Ariel Sharon. Central Presbyterian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & Ky streets , 3:00 pm. Enter from the parking lot side. (Note: this film is the second in a series being presented by the Louisville Committee for Israeli/ Palestinian States. See also Dec. 8.) Call 634-0468. Free and open to all.

Nov 25 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE.** Presbyterian Seminary, Nelson Hall, Room 10, 7:30 pm. Visitors encouraged. Call Pat Geier, 456-6586, or Mary Horvath, 583-4670.

Nov 26 (Tue) **KCADP (Ky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty).** Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Rd, 6:30 pm. (upstairs). Call Joe Hardesty, 562-6893.

Nov 27 (Wed) **DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER-JANUARY ISSUE OF FORsooth. Contact George Morrison, editor, 944-6460. e-mail: [klm86@netzero.com](mailto:klm86@netzero.com)** (For calendar listings, call Jean Edwards, 458-8056).

Dec 4 (Wed) **DINING OUT FOR LIFE.** Proceeds to benefit House of Ruth for Glade House. Call 587-5080 for list of participating restaurants.

Dec 5 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING. Join in the holiday spirit by lending your hands for a few minutes. Beverley Marmion’s house, 6:30 pm. Call 451-5658.**

Dec 7 (Sat) **HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**, sponsored by Church Women United *“Kwanzaa”* at Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1901 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd, Call Else Brown, 425-7516.

Dec 8 (Sun) **“ BEYOND THE MIRAGE,”** film by David Neunuebel, 2002. Presents some of the major daily realities experienced by Palestinians: *roadblocks, house destructions, by-pass roads*. Shows interviews with Alex Alwad, Jeff Halper, Jessica Montell, and Allegra Pacheco. Central Presbyterian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & Ky streets, 3:00 pm. Enter from the parking lot side. (Note: this film is the last in a series sponsored by the Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States. Call 634-0468. Free and open to all.

Dec 9 (Mon) **VINCENT HARDING: “Spirituality and Civil Rights.”** Clifton Center Auditorium, 2117 Clifton Avenue, 7:00 pm. Sponsored by the Thomas Merton Foundation. (899-1991)

Dec 14 (Sat) **ANNUAL UNITY DINNER, sponsored by the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression**, featuring *Representative John Conyers of Michigan*, dean of the Congressional Black Caucus.. Honorees will be **Raoul Cunningham** for his NAACP voter drive advocacy, and Alderman **Bill Allison** for his anti-racist/justice work. Unsung hero awards will go to **LaQuetta Shepherd** who defied the Klan in Bowling Green, and the **Hate-Free Schools Coalition**. A special posthumous award will go to **Sterling Neal, Sr** for his outstanding labor organizing in the 1940s-1950s. The dinner at the International Convention Center will be catered by Jay’s Cafeteria. For details and to order tickets, call 778-8130.

## OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

Nov 13 (Wed) **RENOWNED BRITISH JOURNALIST ROBERT FISK**, will speak in St. Louis at Washington University’s Graham Chapel at 11:00 am. His talk, **“Reports from the Middle East: The Politics of War, Foreign Policy and the Media Since 9/11,”** is free and open to the public. If you are able to go to hear Fisk speak, please call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Nov 15-17 **MOBILIZATION AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA, TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS**, i.e. Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, (WHISC). For information about buses from Louisville, call Janet Mann, 245-6830.

Nov 23 (Sat) **“ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN KENTUCKY: NEW VISIONS, NEW VOICES.”** Morehead State University. Sponsored by the Kentucky Economic Justice Alliance (**KEJA**) **working to evaluate and improve economic development in Kentucky.** The Alliance includes Appalshop, Community Farm Alliance, Democracy Resource Center, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, and Kentucky Youth Advocates.

## Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

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

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

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (637-8951)

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

CAPA (Citizens Against Police Abuse) – 2nd & 4th Thursdays (778-8130)

C.E.A.S.E. [Citizens for Equitable Assignment to School Environments] – 3rd Saturday (778-9427)

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)

COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR AGAINST IRAQ – (456-6586)

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

COMMUNIST PARTY USA – Sunday evenings (648-8197 or 550-4558)

CONVERSATION CAFE – Wednesday evenings (454-4820)

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 583-4670)

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

GREEN PARTY – Every other Saturday (635-5978)

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

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

INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE – 1st Wednesday (584-1444)

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

JUBILEE NETWORK – (583-4670)

KENTUCKIANA NATIVE AMERICAN SUPPORT GROUP – 1st & 3rd Thursdays (635-2817)

KENTUCKY JOBS WITH JUSTICE (582-3508, ext. 124)

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 – 4th Tuesday (585-2895)

KY INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN (KITLAC) – 2nd Wednesday (583-4670)

KY RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION – (774-4000)

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

LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH – 2nd Sunday (456-5261)

LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP – Friday nights (454-3300), [www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org](http://www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org)

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

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

NAGASAKI/HIROSHIMA COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE – 1st Sunday (458-8056)

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](mailto:brozier@bellsouth.net))

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

PROGRESSIVE STUDENTS LEAGUE AT UL – 2nd & 4th Mondays (638-1021)

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

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

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

**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.**