

## Reform trade to save lives, activists say

by Ken Nevitt

Patricia Cervantes stands on the stage, speaking in Spanish of her deceased daughter Neyra. Karina Barilles of the Center for Families and Children translates. Neyra was one of the 400-plus victims of the Juarez (and Chihuahua), Mexico femicides. She spoke in Louisville Oct. 25.

On July 14, 2003, a body was found at the foot of the hill near the police headquarters. Patricia was told the body was her daughter, who had been missing since May. When Cervantes' husband and nephew went to identify the mutilated body, they were detained and tortured, and her nephew was accused of being the perpetrator, even though he had been in Chiapas at the time of Neyra's disappearance. Since the discovery, doubt has been cast on the identification of the body.

Cervantes and other women are traveling across the United States from Canada to Mexico, with the International Caravan for Justice, raising consciousness concerning the femicides through their emotional testimonies. On October 25 at the Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church in Louisville, Tom Hansen explained that they were in the U. S. witnessing to the violence

because foreign pressure can affect change. Hansen is a representative of the Mexico Solidarity Network, a group dedicated to educating the world to the influence of globalization and neo-liberal economic policies on the femicides.

Hansen informed us that the Mexican women travel to Juarez to work in the maquiladoras, export sweat shops paying low wages, while the men attempt to travel to the U.S. to find employment. In Juarez, he said, the women face workplaces that are dangerous to their health and an unstable social environment filled with poverty and drugs, with no family connections nor any social safety networks. The drug trade causes corruption throughout the community, including in the judicial system and in law enforcement, Hansen said, adding that the missing women, many of whom were sexually and physically abused, are forgotten.

What can be done to change this nightmarish situation? Hansen mentioned several suggestions, including:

- Renegotiate NAFTA so that the trade agreement benefits the majority of the people, rather than the corporate few. Demand that companies meet environmental and safety standards.

- Require corporations to pay living wages and encourage unions.
- Decriminalize drugs in order to remove the corrupting influence of narco-dollars.
- Pressure the Mexican government to investigate the femicides.

Latino members of St. Rita Church attended the event, including Gioconda Gurrera, who also introduced the speakers. Prior to the testimony, those who attended shared a delicious pot luck dinner, thanks to the organizational efforts of Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church's members, including Debby Sublett. Kentucky State Representative Joni Jenkins of the 44th District spoke, lending her support for "The Clothesline Project," which promotes educational and therapeutic workshops on issues involving violence against women.

Nancy Jakubiak, one of the organizers of the event, was given a handmade Chiapas blouse for her continuing efforts for peace and justice.

*The writer is an attorney and a facilitator for the Louisville Peace Action Community.*

## Chamber gets 'honor' for fighting air cleanup

by Gracie Lewis

Members of Rubbertown Emergency Action (REACT) stormed the Greater Louisville, Inc. office Nov. 19 to charge the organization with genocide.

For some 30 years, residents have had to endure a disproportionate load of the hazardous chemicals emanating from chemical plants in the heart of the African-American Community.

This has resulted in hundreds of cancer deaths, increasing respiratory problems and security risks.

Mayor Jerry Abramson had submitted a Strategic Toxic Air Reduction program (STAR) in response to the growing concern of the residents and in response to the requirements of the Clean Air Act mandated by Congress.

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## Ricky Jones: local third party could boost black causes

by Eustace Durrett  
and Ike M. Thacker IV

African-Americans "have neutralized ourselves" by not acting and voting as a block, Ricky Jones said during a post-election program at the Yearlings Club in West Louisville.

Jones, a commentator and professor in the Pan-African Studies department at the University of Louisville, said blacks in the Louisville area should form a local third party, but stay aligned with the Democrats nationally.

He said a local third party could help pull the Democrats in a more progressive direction.

Jones acknowledged that Blacks don't get all that they should from Democrats, but said that doesn't mean they should vote Republican.

Noting that African-Americans are still at 60 percent of white median income, and are still arrested five-to-six times more often than whites, Jones told the club that no politicians are talking about the issues that actually affect the black community — not even U.S. Senator-elect Barak

Obama nationally or Metro Councilwoman Denise Bentley locally.

Blacks, Jones said, must play the political game better, by pressuring government. He said that voting alone is not enough.

Blacks (and others) are letting preachers have too much power politically, and consequently helping a conservative agenda, he added.

That is not what a group like blacks, 27 percent of whom are poor, should be doing, Jones said. Faith-based initiatives insidiously siphoned off black support, he added.

Blacks should not be swayed by the right's religious push, or by anti-gay rhetoric, Jones said, adding that they might be the next ones even more discriminated against if they help bring about more anti-gay discrimination.

Of Democratic hopefuls in 2004, only candidates Al Sharpton, Dennis Kucinich, and Howard Dean were really distinguishable from Bush, Jones said. Of them, only Dean was electable, and the Democrats themselves defeated him because he was not machine-controllable, Jones maintained.

He also said indifference by voters hurt the progressive cause, explaining that



— photo by Eddie Davis

**African-American activists were urged last month by a professor to be more independent.**

disinterest allows philosophies like Bushism to flourish. The people have to be numb for Bushism to succeed, Jones said. With the numbness comes a feeling of hopelessness, he added.

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# March 18 is deadline for rights hall nominations

Kentucky adults can nominate state residents living or deceased for the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is accepting nominations until March 18 for the hall. An independent panel of judges from throughout the state will select the 2005 inductees from the nominations, a commission news release said.

Induction will be held at a celebration planned for July 2005, the commission said, adding that this will be the fourth set of inductions since the commission established the Hall of Fame during the state government agency’s 40th anniversary.

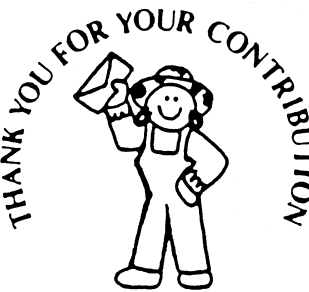
Any Kentucky resident age 18 or older may make a nomination, the news release said. The Hall of Fame, the commission said, is reserved for Kentuckians living or dead from any era who have:

- Provided exemplary leadership and achievement toward Kentucky’s progress in the areas of civil rights; Their efforts may pertain to civil rights regarding race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability, age and familial status — all of which are protected classes covered in the Kentucky Civil Rights Act.
- Advocated for civil rights through actions and deeds in Kentucky.
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“A past nominee who has not been inducted may be nominated again based on the above criteria,” the release said. “The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame serves as a high honor for brave men and women who have been leaders in the struggle for equality and justice on many battlegrounds and have made Kentucky a better place to live.”

Nomination forms are free and available to the public by calling the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights at (502) 595.4024 in Louisville or 1-800-292-5566 (Ask for Cynthia Fox).

To print out a nomination form or to see a list of inductees into the Hall of Fame from previous years, go to <http://kchr.ky.gov/crhfhhome.htm>. The commission said forms can be completed online.



# Mennonite ideals go long way in city

by George Morrison  
FORsooth editor

Susan Rhema, executive director of Louisville Urban Corps, asked the 30 people attending the FOR’s Third Thursday Lunch Nov. 18 to cross their hands into a sort of praying position.

Unconscious habit dictated that either the left or right thumb would be on top. When she asked all to cross their hands the other way, leading to some groans and giggling as the lunch crowd discovered the difficulty of going against one’s traditional way.

“It’s really hard. You really have to think about,” Rhema said while explaining how the Urban Corps has brought four Mennonites to serve an urban environment very different from the small towns they are from. “It’s kind of uncomfortable, isn’t it?”

“We all have things that are comfortable and natural to us and part of what this program does is it take folks and puts them in situations where they are little bit uncomfortable.”

The Louisville Urban Corps, modeled after a 10-year-old program in Pittsburgh, has brought four interns in its first year in Louisville to live by Mennonite principles of pacifism and social service. They help teach poor children, run arts programs and raise funds for not-for profit groups.

The agencies or schools where they work pay a fee for their service, the amount

of which is negotiated with the Urban Corps, Rhema said.

The four will serve in the city for one year, although Rhema said many in the Pittsburgh program have voluntarily stayed on after their year and helped social service agencies or ministries.

Next year, the Corps plans to expand to eight Mennonite interns, she said.

“Many of the young adults coming out of Mennonite backgrounds are mostly young adults who have grown up in small towns and rural areas. So the urban element that comes out of this... is very intentional. How do we take people who have been shaped by very grounded pacifist solid church backgrounds... and put them into an urban setting and explore what does it mean to be confronted by urban issues as a person of faith?”

Rhema said the four stay at a former convent operated today by the South Louisville Community Ministries and Americana Community Center in a neighborhood with large immigrant and refugee populations.

They live in separate bedrooms, but share many expenses, living on stipends, she said. They gather for seminar four hours a week, where they discuss their experiences.

She described a typical day for one, Lanny Holley, as starting about 9 a.m., when he rises, then rides two buses to Saint

Boniface Nativity Aacdemy near the Clarksdale housing project, where he tutors students, helps out in after-school sports and helps monitor the cafeteria at the private school for poor children.

Holley returns home about 6 p.m., she added.

Another intern, Rhema said, helps raise funds for an arts program and works in various parts of the city on different days.

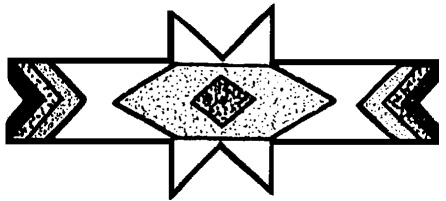
David Brown Kinloch, a member of Jeff Street Baptist Community at Liberty, one of three area churches which helped organize the Urban Corps (the others are Harvey Browne Presbyterian and the Paoli Mennonite Fellowship in Paoli, Ind.), predicted a bright future for the Louisville program, noting that many in Pittsburgh have stayed in that city for years.

“We’ll have sort of the religious answer to the Louisville brain drain,” he said, “having a corps of young people with all this energy moving to Louisville to be part of our vibrant community.”

*Louisville FOR steering committee member Erik Reinhart-Vidal will talk at the January 20 Third Thursday Lunch of his visit with the Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado in Colombia. Reservations are required by Jan. 18. Call Polly Johnson at (502) 473-8435 or Jean Edwards at (502) 458-8056 for more information.*

## About Jean’s Journal

Jean Edwards needed time to work on other material for this issue, so her Jean’s Journal will not run. It will resume in February.



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# Use caution W, a bucking bronco is under your saddle

The famous cowboy singer and professional sports team owner Gene Autry sang the following lyrics: "I'm back in the saddle again/Out where a friend is a friend.... Ridin' the range once more. Totin' my old .44." Then comes the chorus, music to the ears of the old Robber Barons and the current Fortune 500: "Whoopi-ty-aye-oh. Rockin' to and fro. Back in the saddle again. Whoopi-ty-aye-yay. I go my way. Back in the saddle again."

George W. Bush is back in the saddle again. We are now maybe one U.S. Supreme Court justice away from overturning Roe v. Wade and returning to back-alley abortions. We may soon witness private speculation of Social Security pensions, and corporate bankruptcies used to obliterate their retirees' pensions.

Not to mention a climate conducive to "gift cards," wherein retail stores whittle away gift certificates, not quickly used, into a fraction of their value. But don't complain too loudly — there's this-here thing called the USA Patriot Act.

This is the new climate, my friends: "Cops Taking 5th Amendment in Chicago Police Torture Lawsuit," the Associated Press reports.

"More than two dozen current and former police officials and homicide detectives have taken the 5th Amendment when questioned in a civil lawsuit alleging that Chicago police used torture when interrogating suspects, attorneys said Tuesday.

"Attorneys for two former death row



inmates told U.S. Magistrate Judge Geraldine Soat Brown that the former detectives and officials have refused to testify because they are covering up the use of torture by police."

Comes now Mr. Bush and nominates Alberto Gonzales to be Attorney General. Reports Christy Harvey, Judd Legum and Jonathan Baskin (The Progress Report November 10, 2004): "Alberto Gonzales, as White House Counsel...approved memo authorizing torture."

"Gonzales said many Geneva Conventions provisions are obsolete."

Oh yeah, we are back in the saddle again. From the Middle East far away, to the travails at home, this last month has shown how interconnected and small our planet has become. The working class can ill afford to concentrate solely on wages, hours and working conditions when so many events and forces, affecting oil, supply and demand, etc. must be taken into

account. We'll start with the Middle East.

Yasir Arafat, the elected president of the Palestinian Authority and the chairman of the PLO, passed away November 11. About four years ago I was part of a small delegation that met with him and Hanan Ashrawi at Mr. Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah.

He spoke to us mostly in English. He was both erudite and nuanced. Messrs. Bush and Sharon vilified Yasir Arafat—"not a true partner for peace" and "irrelevant." His huge funeral, attended by so many international figures (but not Colin Powell), showed that not all leaders manifest anti-Arab racism.

Mr. Arafat led a people under conditions of continuing military occupation, humiliation and subjugation. Dominated by an occupying Israeli army funded with U.S. taxpayer money, wracked by ideological and religious factional disputes, he led his people with dignity.

It was Yasir Arafat, originally intent on a terror campaign against Israel, who got the PLO to accept the principle of two states for two peoples, and the creation of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel, within the borders of June 1967 (including East Jerusalem).

I recently attended a talk by Dennis Ross, U.S. negotiator under Bush-the-elder and Clinton. He was erudite, articulate, had just written an 800 page book—and did not once say Israel is an occupying power and the Palestinians are an occupied nation. This is consistent with his past,

where the harshest word he used about the relationship of forces was Israeli "control."

At this writing, the exact cause of Mr. Arafat's death is unknown. What we do know is that Israel had for years refused to allow him to leave the Muqata (presidential compound), even to get medical treatment. We also know Israel has refused to permit his body to be buried in Jerusalem, and continues to keep all West Bank and Gaza Palestinians prisoners, in effect, in their towns and villages.

We are painfully aware that the CIA has been responsible for the overthrow of governments (Iran, Guatemala), and the murder of elected leaders (Chile's Salvador Allende).

On a positive note, a chorus of teenagers from Israel, and a group of Palestinian teen-age musicians from the West Bank, appeared jointly at several venues here in Louisville. I heard them at the largest reform synagogue in town, where they played to a huge audience, Arab and Jewish and others. We elders certainly have a lot to learn from them.

One thing we might learn is that positive engagement and interaction remove stereotypes and, maybe, fear. If something good comes out of Arafat's death, maybe it is that now the U.S. and Israel can not use him as an excuse for refusal to negotiate a just peace. Maybe in death he will have re-started the peace talks.

The best tribute to Yasir Arafat, and the martyred Israeli leader Yitzhak Rabin, will be an end to the mutually destructive cycle of violence, delineation of a comprehensive endgame, and a true peace with justice for both Palestinians and Israelis.

The labor movement in the U.S. also needs a comprehensive endgame, and it must learn to play on a changing corporate field. The AFL-CIO has not been organizing the unorganized on a massive scale. Andy Stern, president of the 1.7 million member SEIU (Service Employees International Union) wants to consolidate all the unions into about twenty, and he threatens to pull out of the AFL-CIO if he doesn't get his way.

It was not that long ago that the Carpenters pulled out of the federation, so Brother Stern has certainly gotten the attention of John Sweeney (AFL-CIO president).

Though Stern is known for heavy-handedness, the fact is that labor is a shadow of its past, and change is needed. Stern wants a massive infusion of money to organize the unorganized. Although Sweeney has backed a plan to organize Wal-Mart workers, there is no major thrust as yet. The various union presidents meet again in February, and will discuss Stern's proposals in depth.

There is labor thrust in Louisville. The Indiana/Kentucky Regional Council of Carpenters is distributing leaflets urging the public not to patronize three of the city's largest hotels (Galt House, Executive Inn and Executive West Hotel). They are all owned by A.I.J. Schneider Co., which is employing a non-union company to do carpentry renovation. Good luck, union brothers and sisters.

The television commentators, of late, are talking about a U.S. economy on the rebound. I sure hope so, but wonder how this jibes with a report by outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas that "(P)lanned job cuts topped 100,000 for the second straight month in October" (Globe and Mail Update Nov. 2, 2004). "If announced job cuts come in around 86,920 in the next two months, then 2004 will be the fourth straight year in which job cuts would exceed 1 million."

There are, however, victories, if only small ones. KY Labor Voice's Work in Progress, Nov. 1, 2004, reports: "A majority of the 250 Forest Service workers at the Stanislaus National Forest in Northern California voted to join the National Federation of Federal Employees, an affiliate of the Machinists, earlier this year in two elections. Permanent and temporary

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# Life in uniform: some real stories show military perils

by Matt Evans

On any given night, there may be 300,000 homeless veterans throughout the U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs figures show. Local charities, government and the DVA can muster only 100,000 beds each night.

“We have to attempt to increase our funding level to offset the loss of funding at a local level,” said Anthony Principi, the Veterans Affairs secretary. “But what the local level has to do is get those community-based non-profits, those faith-based organizations to help fill the void.”

In other recent stories from life in uniform:

- A July 1 article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* claims that nearly one in five U.S. soldiers who served in Iraq in 2003 met the criteria for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). About 23-40 percent of those with PTSD symptoms sought mental-health care. Those with PTSD symptoms were two times more likely to report barriers to mental health treatment and stigmatization than those without any classified mental disorder. PTSD causes both psychological and biological symptoms, which may include nightmares, flashbacks, sleep difficulties, feelings of detachment, irritability, hyper-vigilance, substance abuse, disconnection from family or friends, poor concentration, depression, anxiety, headaches, gastrointestinal complaints, and immune system problems.
- Since March 2003, about 660 U.S. troops in Iraq have contracted the leishmaniasis parasite, according to Col. Naomi Arenson, who serves at Walter Reed Medical Center. The fly-borne parasite causes chronic, festering sores. If left untreated, simple sores

can spread to the nose and mouth, and could lead to secondary infections. Arenson believes cases will decrease because of education and air conditioned barracks meant to keep flies out.

- A federal judge in Colorado ordered the military to stop forcing soldiers to be injected with the anthrax vaccine. Since March 1998, the military gave five million doses to 1.3 million people through a six-shot series of 18 months. Although approved by the Food and Drug Administration, doctors have documented vaccine-related autoimmune responses, such as lupus, multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis. Three thousand adverse reactions have been reported, and six deaths have been linked to the vaccine. Before August 15, 2000, nearly 600 people refused vaccine; of those, 441 received non-judiciary discipline (such as docked pay or reduced rank); others got less than honorable discharges. After August 15, 51 were court-martialed for refusing vaccination.
- The army began a hearing on the November 9 rape of Lt. Jennifer Dyer. The accused faces charges of rape, not revealing he had a sexually transmitted disease, and adultery. Capt. Harold James Felix, a professed friend of Dyer, testified that she could not stop crying, and she did not want to press charges because of what her regiment and fiancé might think of her. Several officers in adjacent rooms testified to not hearing anything that night. Defense attorneys claimed Dyer tried to resign her officer commission previously. The army initially charged Dyer with desertion, because she refused to return to her base after being granted a two-week

leave. The army eventually retracted the desertion charge and currently lists her as AWOL (Absent Without Leave).

- Jeremy Hinzman deserted the army last year and fled to Canada with his wife, Nga Nguyen, and two-and-a-half-year old child, Liam. The 25-year-old specialist in the 82nd Airborne Regiment applied for refugee status and is currently awaiting a ruling from the Canadian Immigration and Refugee Status Board. Hinzman voluntarily enlisted in the army to get money for college. After a year, his views of war changed and he applied for conscientious objector (C.O.) status. The army lost his initial application, so he submitted another application and he was deployed to Afghanistan as a noncombatant soldier.

The military refused his second application because he said if the base he served at were attacked he would “fire off a few rounds.” The army claimed this admission made him selective in the wars he would fight, not a universal declaration against war, but self defense remains a permissible activity as a C.O. After returning to the U.S., he fled to Canada, filing for refugee status on the basis of the illegality of the Iraq war. A war can only be legally fought in self defense or by the authorization of the United Nations Security Council, according to the U.N. Charter.

Many lawyers also believe the Iraq war is illegal, but the Canadian government claimed, in a preliminary hearing, that the illegality of the war was irrelevant. This in spite of the fact that a previous Canadian refugee case used the same argument. In 1995, a former Iraqi army member fled to Canada and received refugee status on the basis of the illegality of the 1991 Kuwait invasion

by Iraq. The case’s judge wrote: “There is a range of military activity which is simply never permissible in that it violates basic international standards. This includes non-defensive incursions into foreign territory.”

Hinzman’s lawyer, Jeffry House, represents two other American military men, David Sanders and Brandon Hughey, who fled the army to avoid service in Iraq; both never knew of or filed for C.O. status and are still awaiting refugee hearings. Sanders served in the navy; after hearing that he was being sent to Iraq, he got on a bus to Toronto. He stayed in various homeless shelters afraid of being sent back to the U.S. until hearing of Hinzman’s case. Hughey served in the army and sought a discharge; his superiors brushed him off. After searching the Internet, he came across peace activist Carl Rising-Moore who formed the Freedom underground, a transportation network that helps AWOL soldiers escape to Canada. Moore helped Hughey escape to Canada. Since the beginning of the Iraq war, the U.S. army said 96 people filed for C.O. status and it approved 48 of those applications.

*The writer is an activist with a new group called Aim Higher, which focuses on conscientious objection, the draft and counter-recruitment. He compiled these summaries from ABC News Online, Associated Press, Reuters News Service, Alternet, The Washington Post and The Denver Post.*

## Friends say sad goodbye to activist Bette Payne

by Gracie Lewis

Family and friends gathered Friday, November 19 at the First Congregational Church to celebrate the homegoing of Bette Jean Watson Payne.

With the Rev. Louis H. Coleman Jr., officiating, the choir sang soulfully, “I’ll Fly Away.”

On Monday, November 15, Bette Jean Watson Payne went home! Mattie Jones, Dorothy Benberry-Dryden and Bette grew up together and maintained their friendship throughout her life. A daughter, Debra Blair, and Cerry Nickles were there when she died. Pam McMichael, Carla Wallace and others were with her in the final stages of her illness. God’s mercies endureth *forever*.

Ms. Payne was a Jefferson County Public Schools Head Start teacher and political activist who loved to teach. This was echoed by one of the teachers who had worked with her. Bette retired from Shacklette Elementary School in 1999. She received the WAVE-TV Step Award and the Women of Distinction Award from the Center for Women and Families. She was a compassionate person who loved life and the journey she was on.

Despite her desire to help the little children develop the basic skills needed for “Success by Six,” she had time for the social justice movement.

Friends recalled at times of challenge and controversy, she marched against racism, marching along with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., helping to desegregate the Blue Boar cafeteria. She stood with workers in the Pittson Coal Miners Strike and was active on the issue of police brutality.

Bette was on the front line in the Fairness Campaign. Wherever there was an opportunity to “stand up for freedom,” she was there. As we looked at the many pictures of her life on display, listened to her closest friends and extended family, we realized that she lived, as Dr. King preached, “The Completed Life.”

Her granddaughter testified that Bette lived a “full life” and she “had her say.” But what she wanted her grandmother to do is to accept God as her personal Lord and Savior. She said that everyone needs to put God at the center of his or her life to live life at its best. Nearing her death, Bette had a premonition. Bette told Mattie Jones that “she saw some angels coming to help her cross over.”

Bette joined Rev. Coleman’s church accepting the Lord as her personal Savior. She was now “Free At Last”. Now Bette Jean is in the land of “no more.” No more pain, no more suffering, no more dying (Revelation 21:4).

Rev. Louis Coleman speaking from Matthew 20 told us what the Kingdom of Heaven

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**1,3-BUTADIENE:** In June 2004, air monitors detected this toxic chemical at levels almost 9 times higher than considered safe to breathe. **This chemical causes cancer in humans.** It comes from American Synthetic Rubber (the worst polluter of this chemical), Zeon Chemicals and Rohm & Haas. These chemical plants are in Rubbertown.

**ACRYLONITRILE:** In July 2004, an air monitor at an elementary school detected this chemical at levels twice the limit considered safe to breathe. **This chemical can reasonably be anticipated to cause cancer in humans.** It comes from American Synthetic Rubber, Zeon Chemicals and Rohm & Haas. These chemical plants are in Rubbertown.

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# Is Iraq trap closing on our nation?

by Anita Martin

“The nations fall into the pitfalls they have dug for others; the trap they set has snapped on them.” That is from *The Living Bible*, Psalms 8:15.

Could our nation have fallen into a trap in Iraq, just as apparently happened in Vietnam? These two small countries seemed to pose no threat for our powerful military. Yet our government lost the war in Vietnam and appears to be losing the one in Iraq.

In both wars, horrendous atrocities occurred with enormous loss of lives, property, and beautiful landscapes. A lovely Vietnamese woman I met in Paris returned to France after viewing the enormous destruction in her country. Vu Thi told me she could not bear to see the bombs sticking out of lakes that were once so clear they reflected the surrounding forests. The trees now shorn of leaves due to defoliants also provoked great sadness.

The poem “Condemnation” by Thich Nhat Hanh, published in *Peace Prayers* in 1992, tells how every person in his Vietnamese village was killed after six Vietcong walked through it. His grief is increased by seeing the lovely pagoda with “neither roof nor alter.”

The war with Iraq has been condemned by government and religious leaders around the world. The Pope pronounced it “not a just war,” the Pax Christi newsletter said. The Reverend James Forbes, African-American pastor of Riverside Church in New York City, deplores the waste of money on war instead of fighting poverty, which he describes as a “weapon of mass destruction.”

Forbes, speaking to Bill Moyers on NOW in late 2003, said he believes it is not unpatriotic to “love your nation enough to tell the truth about it.” He describes everything in his spirit as being “in revolt against the empire building” in Iraq. He sees what is happening there as an example of prideful arrogance” rather than an expression of God’s will.

In “The View From Missile Street, Iraq” published in *Nonviolent Activist* in late 2003, Kathy Kelly, founder of Voices in the Wildemess, said if we want to help other countries move toward more democratic governments, we should strengthen their education and social services. Instead, the U.S. is said to have dropped a thousand laser-guided missiles, “at a cost of \$1 million each” in a single day. Since many of these weapons were described as “covered with depleted uranium” one can only imagine the tremendous suffering as well as the enormous cost of treatment for the large number of victims. Kelly, who remained in Iraq during the bombing, may have also been exposed.

Saddam Hussein will probably not be missed, but how can our government have used him as a pretext for war, when it has installed almost equally evil men in other countries? Pinochet, with whom Nixon and Kissinger replaced the widely admired Dr. Allende in Chile, killed large numbers of his fellow citizens. Yet our country seems to have prevented his trial at the World Court by claiming he was too ill to withstand this.

Many think they were afraid the U.S. might be implicated in Pinochet’s crimes!

A Guatemalan woman doing post-doctoral work in Paris while I was there told me Jacobo Arbenz, whom our government replaced with a military dictator, had probably been the best leader in her country’s history. Lucinda described how he had used the military to construct schools in areas that had none and even to provide lunches for the children. The authors of *Bitter Fruit: The Untold Story of the American Coup in Guatemala*, confirmed this and much more in a speech I heard them give at New York University several years ago.

Hans Blix, the former director of the U.N. weapons inspection team, seems to think war with Iraq was unnecessary. In his 2004 book, *Disarming Iraq*, Blix demonstrates the respect with which his group treated the Iraqi people.

“We wanted revelation, not humiliation,” he said. “I think a Rambo-style attitude on the part of inspectors antagonizes more than it intimidates. Inspection is not the pursuit of war by other means. Inspectors are not occupiers and should neither shoot nor shout their way in.”

What must Blix have thought of the Americans who kicked doors down while shrieking loudly, as depicted on news broadcasts!

When it seemed the U.S. was attempting to use him “in effecting defections that U.S. intelligence thought desirable” Blix pointed out that his organization was “neither an abduc-

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dear mr. morrison

it was with great sadness that i read of the demise of A. rodent in your november forsooth column. you see, i too am a rodent and work hard to improve rodent/human relations. fortunately i have a wonderful human who lets me, my mate and our three children live with her, but i understand that humans do not always want us living in their houses.

i just wanted to let you know that we are really quite harmless and can even be friendly when not scared. nevertheless, if you feel you must evict us, i would suggest you use a havahart live animal trap. then you can remove the furry little squatter without any of that nasty d-con, without violating your peta principles, and without having participated in a needless murder. you can buy a havahart trap at many hardware or home improvement stores. just put one of our favorite treats inside it (we are not really hard to please. we usually love cheese, nuts, raisins, cheerios, sunflower seeds, etc.) and leave it out over-night. when you get up in the morning you will probably find the lovely little rodent in the cage.

one human I know provides additional treats and water, and lets the rodent run around on a little wheel before setting it free, but you can skip that step if you insist. Then just take the darling critter a good



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distance from your home (a nice park setting would be lovely) and let him or her go off to start a new life.

i hope this will help should any more rodents take up residence in your house.

sincerely,  
marilyn monrodent

p.s. I have attached a photo so you can see what i look like. i don't have any recent photos of myself, but this is one of my relatives and people say we look very much alike.



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# Am I more hostile or is it today’s culture of polemics?

I grew up in the 1960s and early 70s, but one aspect of family life during that era was missing from our home – there was absolutely no generation gap.

Our single parent mother was as liberal as her two children on civil rights, intellectual freedom and opposition to the war, and although she set loving limits with us, she had no inordinate fear of the sexual revolution, long hair or pop music.

Along with political and cultural liberalism, we all agreed on another thing – that the best way to track the many swirling political and social controversies we followed closely was to read that hopelessly cynical publication MAD magazine. Its monthly arrival prompted disagreement only in that we argued over who would get to read it first.

MAD — for those unfamiliar with it — spoofed every facet of American life from Nixon (a constant target) to status seeking to trite television shows (a parody of Marcus Welby M.D. called “Makeus Sickbe M.D.” was the first MAD article I recall reading and I was instantly hooked).

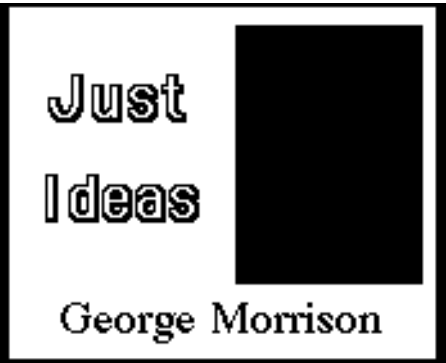
So imagine how our liberal family reacted to a MAD piece called “MAD Looks at a Liberal Family.”

In it, William F. Buckley examined the life of a household in “New Leftschester.”

This family was rich. Ours was barely getting by.

There were other stereotypes that did not at all match our real-life example The MAD family sent their kids to an all-white private school. We were public-schooled from grades one to 12.

The fictitious liberal clan didn’t nearly live out its values. The father, when asked by Buckley his opinion of the police, immediately blurted our: “Cops? Corrupt, every one of them. If they’re not on the take, they’re beating some poor minority kid.”



The diatribe ended when he noticed that his Ferrari was missing, then shouted “Help Police! I paid ten grand for that car and now some punk kid has stolen it!”

So how did I take this parade of hackneyed images of liberals? I loved it. It was MAD at its best.

That was around 1970. Today, I concede, things would be different. I’d fire off e-mails protesting these defamatory stereotypes. Might even boycott the advertisers (which would be difficult, since MAD carries no ads, but you get the idea).

So why did I see something as innocent fun 35 years ago that I would view suspiciously today? Have I changed, or has the political culture changed? Or is it, as I suspect, some symbiotic relationship—that we’ve grown more hostile together?

Today, indignation over a spoof like the one MAD did of liberals would by no means be entirely unjustified because such a piece likely would no longer be meant all in fun, as we were certain MAD intended it. Today, when you see a spoof like that, it usually comes to us via some group using it to push its agenda.

Very little is just all in fun anymore. The hostility factor has overtaken electronic media too. Consider that my

favorite public television show of that era was Firing Line, where the real Buckley calmly exchanged views with some of the staunchest liberals, like his friend John Kenneth Galbraith.

They’d disagree agreeably about every aspect of modern life, then give the impression they were about to leave the studio together and go for coffee.

Today, if a liberal and a conservative share a television stage, it’s to yell at one another.

“Shut up!” – That’s an actual quote from Bill O’Reilly speaking to a liberal guest.

Liberal activist Al Franken’s way of countering that is to call O’Reilly “O’lie-ly” while painting him as chronically dishonest (which he may be).

Franken’s first commentary book was *Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot*. I will admit that it was a needed bulwark against Limbaugh – it helped to break and reverse the right wing’s momentum.

The ascendancy of Franken and the even more vehement Michael Moore shows that the left is effectively fighting back, but it also represents the end of a civil and measured style of advocacy.

My two favorite books of commentary – both of which adhered to that style — are Barry Goldwater’s *The Conscience of a Conservative*, written in the late 1950s and Tony Brown’s *No White Lies, No Black Lies*, written about 40 years later by the moderate, GOP-leaning African-American activist.

They methodically if passionately presented the authors’ visions of a free America. Delightfully missing is any demonizing of the other side — the “I am right and if you disagree with me you are wrong” mantra that characterizes today’s excuses for advocacy books.

I can read and enjoy Goldwater’s and Brown’s books, even though I can

quickly produce a long list of proposals in their pages with which I sharply disagree – like Goldwater’s assertion that we should have invaded Hungary during that nation’s 1956 uprising against the Soviet Union, even, are you ready for this, if it led to a nuclear exchange.

Still, Goldwater, one of my favorite personalities from politics, stated his case in a way that steered clear of arrogance or super-patriotism or that awful trend of late of Republicans declaring “Our party is America. Their party is not.” (GOP strategist Rich Bond in 1992)

Those of us who were left of center were Americans, too, in Goldwater’s book. We were just misguided.

Liberals of that era also overwhelmingly eschewed moral supremacy, typified by George McGovern repeatedly referring to the other side as “our conservative friends.” I loved that.

By today’s rules of engagement, Franken, presumably, would write a counter-book called *Barry Goldwater is a Tall, Frosty-haired Four Eyes*.

Today, those newly in Washington would seldom use “friends” to describe the other side. They reportedly don’t play golf anymore with the other party’s representatives.

Political argumentation has become a war zone, characterized by polemics, absolutism and non-fraternizing with the enemy.

It is too much for a peace activist to ask that some measure of peace return to our political culture?

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## Chamber

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Greater Louisville Inc., the city’s chamber of commerce, has aggressively tried to kill the STAR plan, saying it would be so costly that it would drive businesses out of metro Louisville.

The Environmental Protection Agency, the agency that is responsible for implementing the act, has outlined the 18 hazardous chemicals which have exceeded the levels considered safe. Among them are 1,3-Butadiene and Acrylonitrile.

For weeks REACT members sat at the table with these same chemical plants, including Rohm and Haas Co., Borden Chemicals Inc., Zeon Chemicals, DuPont, Noveon and Oxy Vinyls. Residents have had to endure the stench of foul, infectious air. We are sick and tired of being sick and tired. Greater Louisville Inc.’s primary concern is the dollar sign, but yet they are entirely unwilling to pick up the tab to pay for the mounting medical bills and suffering of the residents living in the area.

In order to spread out the increasing risk of hazardous air pollution in and around our neighborhood and schools, we have awarded Greater Louisville Inc. the “Turkey of the Year” award.

REACT is very clear on the question of passage of STAR and we do not want the mayor’s plan to control toxic air pollution compromised in any way. It is a good plan and it should be implemented as it is currently outlined after the changes that we all agreed to at the table.

Greater Louisville, Inc., with its back stabbing gestures, met with Art Williams and his staff at the Air Pollution Control Board on November 2, election day — a day on which they knew most REACT members and the community would be at the polls. So, if anybody wants to know why we awarded them with the “Turkey of the Year” award, call on the families of the deceased who died from cancer and the workers who have been injured on the job. You will conclude that something must be done, and it must be done immediately.

The African-American is bearing the total load with deaths and sickness. A change has got to come!

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workers are included in the unit, which is made up of firefighters, wildlife biologists, forestry technicians, maintenance workers, office staff and other workers.

“The majority of 90 paralegals, transportation aides and litigation aides at Children’s Aid and Family Services offices throughout New Jersey voted to join Communications Workers of America Local 1037 Oct. 14.”

Well, at least we know our democracy is strong — our right to vote is intact. Or is it? Reports my Chicago colleague, Ted Pearson: “Guess what: (Florida) voter tapes, signed by precinct officials, (were found) in the garbage, and unsigned ‘copies’ (were found) in the official tabulation. And guess what else: GWB got more votes on the ‘copies.’

“This reads like a novel. The Florida election officials in Volusia County are the crooks. The conspiracy continues to un-

ravel.” The NAACP, which challenged the vote-count in Florida and elsewhere, now fears its tax-exempt status is under attack.

Unfortunately, John Kerry demonstrated the same timidity in the recent election as Al Gore did four years earlier re: challenging the results. We’ll have to wait and see if legal challenges in Ohio and elsewhere will alter the outcome of the presidential election. Don’t hold your breath.

All these are but little quibbles, truth be told, mere diversions from that big worry called economic uncertainty. Too many people on the Left defame our president; it aint nice to call your president stupid.

Mr. Bush has indeed used his brain to come up with a solution for economic uncertainty. He calls it war.

Iran looks enticing. Then there’s a whole slew of potential targets, detractors from Pax Americana, down Latin America

way. Problem is, they were elected: Uruguay’s Tabare Vazquez (a month ago), Argentina’s Nestor Kirchner (2003), Brazil’s Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (2002), Ecuador’s Lucio Gutierrez (2002), Chile’s Ricardo Lagos (2000) and Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez (1998). Come to think of it, Salvador Allende was also elected.

The saddle Mr. Bush is back in wraps around a bucking bronco economy fed and bathed by an increasingly stressed working class. I dare the geldings in the Project for a New American century to corral this bronco.

Not to worry. With the biggest economy, and most potent and lethal military, the U.S. reigns supreme. As they say, and please excuse lack of gender neutrality: Where does a lion sleep at night? Anywhere he wants.

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## Bette Payne Iraq trap (continued from page 5)

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is like, saying that while we are here on earth, we are like workers in a vineyard and the Savior promised us that when we accept the Lord as our personal Savior, we will get paid.

Following the Eulogy and shouts of joy, there was a selection symbolizing her journey on this earth. Carol Kramer, Laura Shine and Phyllis Free sung “Peace and Harmony.”

The services concluded with Taffey Jones singing, “I Surrender All.”

Surely Bette Jean Watson Payne surrendered all when she reached out to God. This symbolized, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said in his sermon, “The Completed Life.”

A scholarship fund has been established in her memory.

The writer is an activist with REACT, a group fighting toxic pollution.

tion nor a defection agency.” The U.S. “expert” is said to have commented that “most of these guys have devoted themselves to production of weapons of mass destruction anyway.”

A similar attitude was conveyed in speeches Vice President Cheney made in August 2002, when he opposed the return of inspectors to Iraq and “was clearly advocating preemptive invasion....”

A document called *The National Security Strategy of the United States*, released in September 2002, is said to have “supported the concept of preemptive action.”

By contrast, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan seemed to welcome a September 16 letter assuring him Iraq would “allow the return of the United Nations weapons inspectors to Iraq without conditions.”

This was viewed as an indispensable “first step towards an assurance that Iraq no longer possesses weapons of mass destruction. The letter is said to have referred to appeals by the secretary generals of the United Nations, the League of Arab States and others.

While Blix appears to consider Kofi Annan a very honorable and fair-minded person, he

seemed to believe that David Kay, the chief U.S. inspector in Iraq, was determined to prepare a “tripwire” for Iraq. This appeared evident in his “requiring extensive information and giving Iraq little time to prepare it.”

He also claimed items found (but not hidden) should have been declared. According to Blix, Kay even attempted to accuse Iraq of a violation “for having failed to declare some equipment that had dual use.” Blix felt this created “a wild circus” plus resentment. It probably also helped to provide excuses for starting a war that an increasing number of people seem to question.

I recall a wonderful statement from *Fellowship* magazine: “You can bomb the world to pieces, but you can’t bomb it to peace.” My prayer is that our government will find a better way of resolving problems than killing people and destroying their countries.

Having spent many hours at the United Nations, I believe it could become a viable instrument for conflict resolution if our government supported it and respected its decisions.

The writer is an FOR member living in Memphis, Tenn.

# Calendar for peacemakers

Dec 12 (Sun) **JAZZ FOR THE HOLIDAYS** with **Jerry Tolson**, part of a new monthly series, “U of L at the Yearling’s Club,” featuring discussions of issues affecting African Americans. Every second Sunday through April. Yearlings Club, 4309 W. Broadway, 4 to 6 pm. Call Blaine Hudson, UL professor of Pan-African Studies, 852-5985.

Dec 12 (Sun) **THE ROOTS OF PEACE: A CONTEMPLATIVE DIALOGUE between Father Michael Baxter and Father George Kilcourse**, commemorating the 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Thomas Merton’s Death. Clifton Center, 2117 Payne St, 7:00 pm. Speakers will be **Father Michael Baxter**, director of the Catholic Peace Fellowship and theology professor at Univ of Notre Dame, and **Father George Kilcourse**, theology professor at Bellarmine University. Facilitated by Dr. Donald Troyer of Portage, Mich. Sponsored by the Thomas Merton Foundation and St. Frances of Rome Church. \$10 contribution requested. Call 899-1991.

Dec 16 (Thu) **FAIR HOUSING COALITION** at the Louisville Urban League, 1535 W. Broadway. 1:00 pm. For details call the Metropolitan Housing Coalition, 584-6858. In its Nov/Dec newsletter, MHC sounds an alarm with information released by the Economic Policy Institute about current economic trends: increasing poverty rates, widening income gap, declining real wages for middle and low-paying jobs, high underemployment and unemployment ... dramatic rise in health care and education costs ... with disparities in income borne disproportionately by people of color, especially single mothers with children.

Dec 17 (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.

Dec 17 (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, especially during the McKenzie Mattingly trial. Call 778-8130.

Jan 2 (Sun)) **CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR PEACE** every first Sunday evening remembering all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring 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](mailto:pcunity@yahoo.com) [www.louisvillepeace.org](http://www.louisvillepeace.org)

Jan 3 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE** (Every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday). **Note change in date for this month only.** Potluck supper at Central Presbyterian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & Ky, 6:00 pm. Visitors are welcome. Call cochairs, Pat Geier, 456-6586, or Mary Horvath, 479-9262.

Jan 7 (Fri) **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, general meeting.** An ecumenical gathering striving for a just, peaceful and caring society. First Lutheran Church, 417 E Broadway. 9:45 am. Call 893-3352.

Jan 9 (Sun) “**AIM HIGHER**” : **Counter Recruitment Committee.** Every second Sunday at the Fairness Office, 2263 Frankfort Ave, 6:00 pm. Call Mike Slaton, 636-5848. E-mail: [cheslaton@hotmail.com](mailto:cheslaton@hotmail.com) or call Ken Nevitt at LPAC, 558-9124.

Jan (?) **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING , JR LEGACY CELEBRATION**, sponsored by the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, and cosponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Louisville Chapter. The Annual Youth Leadership Award will be presented. The Louisville **FOR** Chapter has nominated Sam Kaviar for this award. Call Adrienne Henderson, 595-4024, Ext.47.

Jan 10 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF FORsooth.** Contact George Morrison, editor, 944-6460. E-mail: [klm86@netzero.com](mailto:klm86@netzero.com) For calendar listings, contact Jean Edwards, 458-8056. E-mail: [edwardsfor@bellsouth.net](mailto:edwardsfor@bellsouth.net)

Jan 12 (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.

Jan 15 (Sat) **MARTIN LUTHER KING AWARDS CELEBRATION** hosted by the Justice Resource Center. Noon. First Congregational Methodist Church,

3810 Garland Ave. Representative **JOHN LEWIS** has been invited as the keynote speaker. Confirmation pending. Call 562-6737 for details.

Jan 16 (Sun) **COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES. Every Third Sunday.** First Unitarian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & York, 3:00 pm. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Jan 16 (Sun) **GREAT BOOKS TO READ: Local Black Authors.** Part of a new monthly series, “U of L at the Yearlings Club,” every second Sunday through April. Yearlings Club, 4309 W. Broadway, 4-6 pm. Call Professor Blaine Hudson, 852-5985.

Jan 17 (Mon) **THIRD MONDAY DIALOGUE ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND HIS IDEAS, presented by people who knew him.** Sponsored by the Kentucky Alliance, 3208 W. Broadway, For details, call Nancy DeMartra, 776-8241.

Jan 20 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH**, sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, slide presentation by **Erik Reinhart-Vidal** reporting on his July trip to **Colombia** to visit the **FOR Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado** which refuses to take sides in the current war. 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.

Jan 20 (Thu) **LPAC** (Louisville Peace Action Community) *every third Thursday evening.* Douglass Blvd Christian Church, 7:00 pm. Call Judy Munro-Leighton, 456-6914; Ellen Schagene, 451-6392; or Ken Nevitt, 558-9124.

Jan 20 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING** at Beverley Marmion’s house, 6:30 pm. We need you for one hour. Great therapy! Call 451-5658.

Jan 22 (Sat) **CONFERENCE FOR A PEOPLES BUDGET**, Building a United Front of neighborhood, social justice and service/advocacy organizations to fight for a Metro budget that puts human needs first! A project of the **Coalition for The Peoples Agenda. Four hour meeting, 9-1.** West Broadway United Methodist Church, 3620 West Broadway. Call 778-8130 or 456-9540. [www.peoplesagenda.org](http://www.peoplesagenda.org)

Jan 25 (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.

January 27 (Thu) **NINTH ANNUAL RACE RELATIONS CONFERENCE: “Navigating through Challenging Times,”** Sponsored by the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Human Relations Commission. Galt House East, 140 N. Fourth. 8:30-4:00. Luncheon Keynote: **Juanita Jones Abernathy** who was pivotally involved with her husband (the late Rev. Ralph Abernathy) in the civil rights movement at its inception in 1955. She has traveled around the world working for justice and equality and world peace. She is President of the Ralph David Abernathy Foundation. Register now for \$60. Lunch only \$35. Cost increases after December 31. Call (502) 574-3631.

July 4-8 (MTWT) **YOUTH THEATER from the AIDA CAMP BETHLEHEM** presented by **Abed Abu Srour**, accompanied by their teachers/directors. Watch for details.

## OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

Jan 21-Feb 2 **WORLD SOCIAL FORUM V**, in Brazil.

Feb 18-21 **CONSULTATION ON CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION**, at FOR headquarters, Nyack, NY, for concerned organizations and people. Bills have cleared House and Senate committees authorizing draft inductions by Spring 2005. Call 845/358-4601. [FOR@forusa.org](mailto:FOR@forusa.org)



## Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

AD HOC COALITION FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION – (778-8130)  
ADDICTION RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF KENTUCKIANA – 2nd Thursday (585-3375)  
AIM HIGHER – 2nd Sunday evening (458-8056)  
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](http://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](mailto: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.*