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500 protest yet another killing by police

FORsooth staff report

Bringing in seven hearses to stand for the seven deaths at the hands of Louisville police or jailers since 1999, about 500 people marched, sang and chanted downtown Jan. 6 to protest the latest killing, of 19-year-old Michael Newby three days earlier.

Preliminary investigations indicate Newby was shot by Metro Police in the back three times.

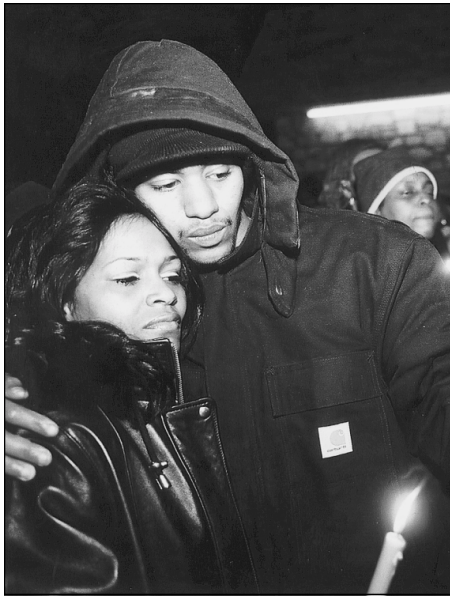
Newby was shot by officer McKenzie Mattingly while fleeing officers investigating an alleged drug deal.

“What do we want? Justice! When do we want it? Now!” hundreds shouted as they assembled on Seventh Street in front of Metro Police headquarters and walked on sidewalks around the block.

The organized protest was entirely peaceful, abiding by the nonviolent principles of the Justice Resource Center, which is organizing actions against police shootings. However, about 10 people, who may have arrived at the end of the protest, walked up a ramp to police headquarters and broke three windows.

As JRC director Rev. Louis Coleman and others tried fervently to get the violent demonstrators to cease and go home, scuffles broke out between some of the demonstrators and police, resulting in arrests. A few turned over trash cans.

Anger was apparent even during the actual march. A few people shouted “murderers” and “KKK” at police a few

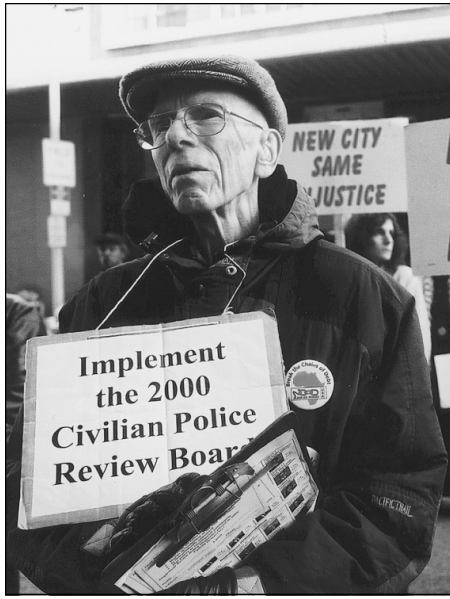


Using candles and signs, some of the 500 marchers Jan. 6 support the family of Michael Newby, who was killed in a police shooting, and call for reforms to prevent more such deaths.

feet away. At least one person used an obscenity shouting at police, but the crowd was overwhelmingly orderly.

“I’m out here to support the Newby family,” said protestor Yusef Ali of 34th and Market streets in Louisville. “But beyond that, I’m here because I have a brother who was killed by the Louisville police.”

His brother was Marshall Marbley,



— photos by Eddie Davis

one of the seven killed, who died in August, 2002.

None of the killings has resulted in an indictment, a point many protestors made. “No indictment, no peace,” some chanted.

“I’d like to see the killing of people stopped by police,” said Ted Belmont of Winrose St. in Louisville.

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Speech by Souljah not deserving of reaction

by Gracie Lewis

I have read with intense interest the controversy concerning Sister Souljah’s appearance at the University of Louisville late last year.

U of L student newspaper columnist Brian Yates, who wrote about Sister Souljah’s speech, compared her to former klan leader and Louisiana gubernatorial candidate David Duke.

WHAS radio talk show host Francene Cucinello even invited klansmen to speak on her show as a response to U of L’s inviting Sister Souljah, then refusing to invite the klan to the campus.

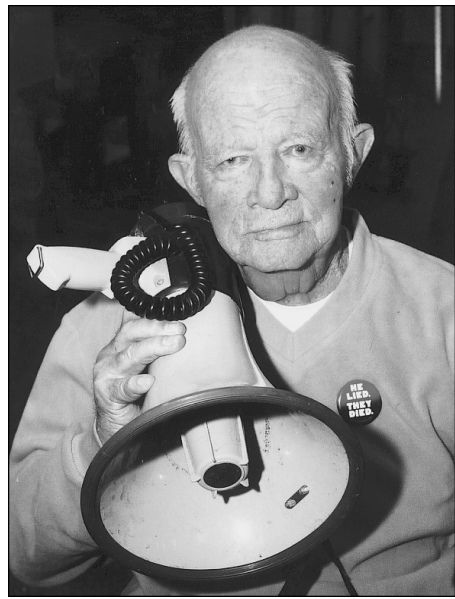
There is not even remotely a reason for comparison between her and David Duke. Sister Souljah never bombed nor murdered anyone, nor has she done anything to halt the movement for diversity.

I heard her speak about black empowerment.

When Sister Souljah speaks, she is speaking in a “hip hop” fashion, making her easy to be misunderstood if you are not a part of the black culture.

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For Henry Wallace, new year begins warmly at tribute



— photo by Eddie Davis

Veteran justice activist Henry Wallace holds a megaphone given him by Rev. Louis Coleman Jan. 1 during a tribute.

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

At times laughing and occasionally moved nearly to tears, family and friends of veteran peace and justice activist Henry Wallace gathered Jan. 1 to tell stories from the civil rights and peace struggles to which he has devoted his life.

The program at Central Presbyterian Church in Louisville, included testimonials about Wallace’s activism since the 1950s and what it was like to grow up in a family whose leftist views defied the conventions of mostly economically well-off Eastern Jefferson County.

Wallace, a former journalist for *Life*, *Time* and a Cuban magazine called *Bohemia*, often blasted racism and expressed admiration for some of the policies of the Cuban revolution – frequently in short letters to the Courier-Journal, speakers recalled.

His views sometimes resulted in people blowing up the mailbox at the family’s farm, daughter Carla Wallace recalled at the program.

“And he’d be back at the typewriter typing another letter to drive people crazy again,” she said to laughter.

In a more serious vein, Carla Wallace added: “I cherish my mother’s fierce passion and her unwavering insistence that when it comes to oppression we must take

many causes, including a peaceful settlement to the Mideast conflict and an end to the Israeli occupation.

Justice Resource Center founder Rev. Louis Coleman gave Henry Wallace a gift at the program that has become a symbol of the JRC’s activism.

“... when they made the mold for Henry Wallace, they didn’t make too many more.” — Mattie Jones

sides. And I cherish my father’s calm steady persistence in the face of ridicule, attacks, threats and setbacks.”

Her mother, Sonia DeVries, a Dutch native, was active in the anti-nazi resistance during World War II and still works on

“Your family has meant quite a bit to us in the struggle in this community,” Coleman said. “We’ve still got some mountains to climb, more struggles to fight and we certainly want you to still be out

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Activists: bills would help deserving immigrant labor

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

Two activists for the rights of immigrants in Kentucky called January 15 for support for bills in the state legislature and Congress to ease the lives they work to improve.

Felix Garza, president of the Louisville Hispanic/Latino Coalition, and Juan Pena, Human rights field supervisor for the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, told the Louisville FOR's Third Thursday Lunch crowd that their backing of bills could help immigrants without legal status.

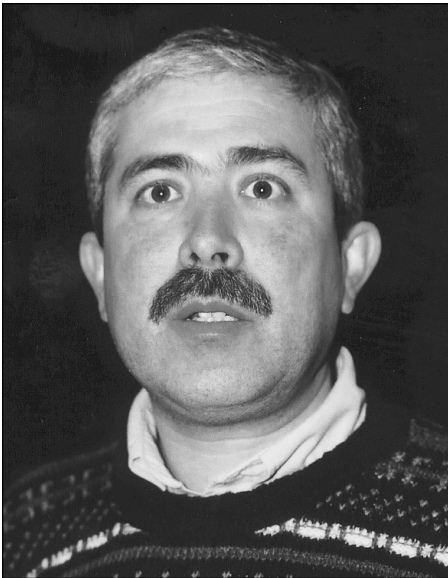
Garza said House Bill 235 in the Kentucky General Assembly would allow children who grew up in the state and graduated high school here or obtained a GED to pay in-state tuition in Kentucky universities and colleges.

He said that would help end the sad situation many non-legal residents face as they watch their friends go to colleges they can't afford to attend.

A more immediate benefit, Garza said, would come from a bill being drafted and without a number yet that would allow immigrants without legal status to obtain a driver's license.

"The lack of ability to obtain a driver's license is a big problem for our community," Garza said. "You can't get along in Kentucky without a car.

"A driver's license won't bring legal

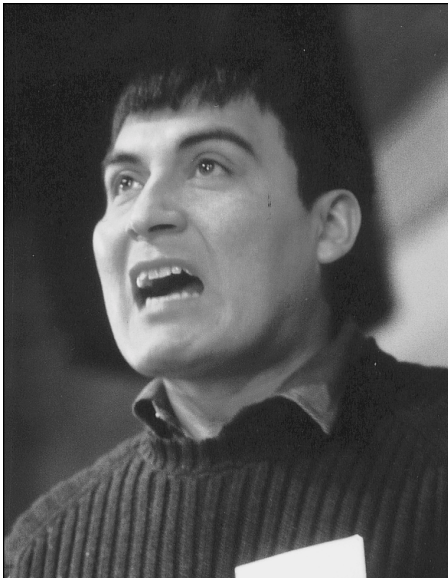


Felix Garza

status, but it will bring safety to Kentucky roads because we can test people to see if they understand how to drive."

Garza said President Bush's proposed guest worker status that would allow workers without legal status to work in the U.S. temporarily is encouraging but doesn't solve key problems facing such immigrants.

Garza said the Bush proposal gives legal working status only temporarily and doesn't help workers unite with their families in their countries of origin.



Juan Pena

"I'm glad to see that he is recognizing the contributions of our community, the Hispanic immigrant worker community, but his proposal... falls short of... truly being compassionate," he said. "It certainly helps the employers by providing workers. But in terms of the workers, after they're used for a few years, (they are) discarded back to the situation they were in before."

Garza instead called for a proposal that would create a mechanism for permanent legalization and family reunification.

"Immigrant workers also have the need to be with their families," he said. "What good can come to a family that has been separated for six years or so?"

On the broader subject of immigrant contributions to the nation, Garza and Pena said new arrivals help, rather than drain the economy, as is complained of by many Americans.

"A report from the National Academy of Sciences found that immigrants benefit the U.S. economy and may add as much as \$10 billion to the economy each year," Garza said.

He also cited a study by the Fannie Mae (FNMA) Foundation, a government-sponsored agency that helps make mortgage funds more accessible.

It found that immigrants take root in older neighborhoods and improve them and help attract industries by creating supplies of willing workers, Garza said.

Kate Cunningham, who recently visited Cuba with a Witness for Peace delegation, will speak at the Feb. 19 Third Thursday Lunch on the human impact of the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba. The lunch, which will be at the Rudyard Kipling restaurant, 422 W. Oak Street in Louisville, costs \$6 and starts at 11:30 a.m. The talk starts at noon. Reservations are required by Feb. 17. Call Cathy Ford at 458-1223 or Jean Edwards at 458-8056.

Day workshop to highlight 2004 faith center program

"Agents of the Awakening" a one-day workshop led by area jazz artist and peace activist Harry Pickens, will highlight the Center for Faith and Action's new series for 2004.

The center is a school for all people who wish to cultivate a deeper life of faith. The mission of the center is two-fold: to foster an inward journey of prayer, reflection, and study, and to nurture an outward journey that seeks justice and reconciliation.

"Agents of the Awakening" is a new workshop designed to help persons live more powerfully, passionately, and peacefully as a positive force for change in the world. It will be held March 13 and, like most of the center's offerings, will meet at the James Lees Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Avenue in Louisville.

"We are thrilled -to have someone of Harry Pickens' commitment, talent, and expertise to offer such a refreshing experience," said John Sonnenday, Director of the center for Faith and Action. "This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us who are devoted to peace and reconciliation to come together to support, nurture, and encourage one another."

Other offerings of the center are courses that run for six to ten weeks and will begin in February, including "Embracing God's Dream for Your Life," "Compassion Through Contemplation: Practicing Peace Through Being Peace," and a book study on "The Life You Save May be Your Own."

A course on "Poetry and Spirituality" will give participants the opportunity to study the poetry of others and write some of their own.

"The Artist's Way" will help persons explore the artist within each of us and will include a creative project.

Two Thursday lunch discussions will deal with the topics "Prescription for a Healthy Church" and "Being Church Today," a discussion of the impact of cultural changes on how we practice church in a changing world.

A spring workshop called "Bread For the Journey: Spiritual Practices for Growing in the Life of Faith" will climax the spring program on April 24.

For more information, contact the Center for Faith and Action at 896-0172 or on line at www.faith-action.org.



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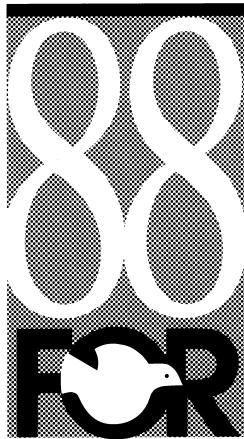
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88 Years on Peace Frontiers

Since 1915, the Fellowship of Reconciliation in the United States has led campaigns to obtain legal rights for conscientious objectors, win civil rights for all Americans, end the Vietnam War, oppose U.S. intervention in the Third World, and reverse the superpowers' arms race. An interfaith pacifist organization, the FOR has members from many religious and ethnic traditions. It is part of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, with affiliates in 40 countries.

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US should pay victims of the other terrorist bombings

by Anita Martin
contributing writer

Our leaders have decided to allow Iraq to govern itself sooner than planned. Could it be that they, along with most people throughout the world, are beginning to realize the war and occupation were a horrible mistake?

Saddam Hussein was a ruler to whom no one should be subjected, but our government has supported and even installed equally evil leaders. Have we forgotten the horrendous crimes of Chile's Pinochet, with whom the U.S. helped replace the widely admired Dr. Allende?

Now we face the stupendous task of replacing what our bombs destroyed throughout Iraq. But why should American companies profit from this enormous project? I believe we should respect Iraq's ability to rebuild while we pay the bill.

Many Americans may object to the cost, but I feel we are morally obligated to do this. And what about the people, including women, children and male noncombatants we killed? Families of those lost during the World Trade Center bombings are being reimbursed. Perhaps we should do the same for those slaugh-

tered during our massive bombings of both Iraq and Afghanistan.

To this we might add the rather modest amount assessed, but apparently never paid, for the war crimes our nation committed against Viet Nam. (Given the massacres now being revealed as having been carried out by our troops against that small, poverty stricken country, the amount should probably be doubled or even tripled.)

This total bill will be quite large, but it would be greatly increased if we also reimbursed the mayhem perpetrated in various other nations, including several on our own continent. In spite of the cost, paying it could actually be beneficial in depriving our refund to our wealthiest citizens.

According to a leaflet published by the War Resisters League, projected military expenses for 2004 will consume 47 percent of our national budget! (This includes veteran's benefits and interest on the national debt, 80 percent of which is estimated to be created by military spending.)

As a supposedly Christian nation, said to promote democracy and human values, how can we justify devoting such an enormous part of our budget to weapons and

military exploits? Doing so not only contradicts our supposed values, it also deprives our citizens of such services as health care, provided by many other countries. In addition, it demonstrates disrespect for the United Nations, to which we are obligated to submit disputes. Kofi Annan's decision not to serve an additional term may reflect the disdain he feels our government demonstrates toward this organization.

Our country's intervention in the affairs of others may actually be a reflection of national arrogance rather than an expression of concern. I believe this lesson may have been presented by the humiliating defeat we suffered in the war against tiny, ill-equipped

Viet Nam. Apparently we failed to learn it. How many more losses will we need to endure prior to getting the message?

An excerpt from the writings of ancient Chinese philosopher Lao Tse seems to embody an important warning:

"What is more fluid, more yielding than water?

Yet it comes back, wearing down the rigid strength,

Which cannot yield to withstand it. So it is that the strong are overcome by the weak,

The haughty by the humble."

The writer is an FOR member in Memphis, Tenn.

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Friday, February 27, 2004

Schedule**

10:00 March assembly at Presbyterian Headquarters,
100 Witherspoon St. (to be confirmed) or
at the fountains at the Great Lawn in Waterfront Park

10:45 Prayer and official sendoff

11:00 March begins

12-12:30 Peaceful rally in vicinity of Taco Bell, 108 E. Broadway

3:00 After marching south on Baxter and Bardstown Road,
March will begin to converge at Yum! Brands at 1441 Gardiner Lane.

3:30-5:30 Rally at Yum! Brands

Join all or part of the day's events to show your support

Volunteers needed for food preparation, hospitality, logistics and march marshals, organize local speaking events, network, make phone calls, fund raise, donate, strategize, do media outreach or plan street theater. Contact Stephen Bartlett, local coordinator in Louisville
Telephone/fax: 502 894-9308, sbartlett@ag-missions.org

(**times and locations are approximate - see updated and complete route and time information at louisvillepeace.org or www.ciw-online.org or call number above)

Corporations’ frightening links to war become clearer

by Sister Rose Marie Cummins

When I was younger, I remember hearing someone say that war is necessary from time to time because it helps boost the economy. I couldn’t understand that statement at all at that time. But, as I grow older, the meaning of that line is becoming clearer, as well as more frightening.

Recently, some information was shared at a meeting in Louisville that helped me understand that line of reasoning even more. As a member of a Corporate Responsibility Committee with several other religious communities in Kentucky, I received information on companies such as Boeing and Lockheed Martin. What I am learning is that, indeed, this war in and with Iraq has another face, a face that I believe we all need to know and understand.

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there in these struggles. Because of that we’re going to donate to you a bullhorn.”

He then advised Wallace to “just speak up and speak out, all right?”

Mattie Jones, former national FOR director of racial and economic justice, said that like many veterans in the struggle, she draw inspiration from Wallace, 88, who refuses to quit despite heart surgery about a year ago.

“Every time I get tired and I want to sit down I think about Henry,” she said. “It’s something to see a white male helping and joining in and fighting the battle for my freedom. It doesn’t happen all the time. So I would like to let you know this afternoon that when they made the mold for Henry Wallace, they didn’t make too many more.”

Anne Braden said she first heard of Henry Wallace in the mid-1950s when he wrote one of his typically short and outspoken letters to the Courtier-Journal comparing the prosecution of Braden’s husband Carl on sedition charges to witch hunts.

She said the letter was the first indication that the Bradens were not friendless in Louisville, as they had seemed after a firebombing of a house occupied by a black family – an incident investigators blamed on the Bradens.

Wallace family members recalled such tensions surrounding activism, but also spoke of the pleasant side of their upbringings.

“We’d go looking for snakes,” daughter Sonja said. “That’s one of my favorite memories of being little.”

Love of animals came to mind when son Henry B. Wallace spoke.

We have heard so much about homeland security since 9/11. Companies such as Boeing and Lockheed Martin are securing huge contracts with the United States government involving homeland security and weapons. They are only two of the corporate giants doing so. Our President is pushing to deploy a \$22 billion missile defense system. Not so long ago, we learned that Halliburton and Bechtel Companies, private companies our Vice-president Dick Cheney has been involved in, have received huge contracts to rebuild water and electrical systems in Iraq.

Moreover, Lockheed Martin reports that 80 percent of its business is with the Department of Defense and the remainder of the U.S. Government. The company was awarded \$17 billion in defense contracts in 2002. In 2003, the same company landed a \$106.6 million contract for bomb kits as

“I have benefited greatly from his wisdom, what he’s taught me about people, nature, the outdoors, the farm,” he said. “The snake hunting trips on Harrods Creek were awesome. If you ever see a car stopped in the road it’s somebody helping a turtle across the road. It’s probably a Wallace.”

Daughter Sharon Wallace said close attention to the details of the family farm is closely tied to her father’s world views.

“What I learned from my father is his love and his respect and the connections he makes between the land, creatures and, especially, the people.... If we are to... truly love our children and our family members, there is no way we cannot love our brothers and sisters be they across the city or across the globe because they are also our children and also our brothers and sisters and that’s what I learned from my father – that his love for us is also a reflection of his love for people and humanity.”

The program also included a slide show of photographs of the Wallace family, many in protests, including two photos Carla Wallace said are her favorites. Those were of her at age three marching with her father to protest racial discrimination outside a Louisville theater and her and Henry Wallace’s mug shots after their arrests in 1995 for refusing to leave City Hall after the gay rights Fairness Amendment was voted down.

“Martin Luther King says that the universe bends toward justice,” Carla Wallace said. “And Daddy, I want to thank you for being part of doing whatever little we can to help bend things toward justice, and I love you.”

part of a \$281 million contract characterized by “indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity.”

The majority of the kits, known as smart bombs when fitted on warheads, were ordered to restock diminishing U.S. Navy inventories. This company also received a \$4 billion multi-year contract to deliver new C-130J Super Hercules Aircraft from 2003 to 2008.

The story is not so different from that of Boeing. Boeing is the Pentagon’s No.2 supplier of war materials that range from information technology to planes to bombs that drop from them.

In 2002, Boeing received \$16.6 billion in Pentagon contracts. More recently, they received a \$9.7 billion contract from the Department of Defense to build additional transport planes, a \$60.3 million contract for Standoff Land Attack Missiles and \$3.3 billion for the sale of aircraft and weapons support for the Republic of Korea.

I don’t mean to overwhelm you with statistics, but I think it is important to let the enormity of such information sink into our psyches. But, even without all this information, we continue to see new faces of the war in Iraq each day. We see that the media is controlled by those who don’t want us to see the heartbreaking, destructive side of war. Yet, we are seeing bodybags and coffins of fallen soldiers on TV and hearing news of the deaths of some of our allies. At the same time, we seldom hear of the death of Iraqis, unless it is to tell us that another Saddam Hussein terrorist has been taken down.

Slowly, we are coming to understand that the reasons we heard several months ago for the United States entering into war with Iraq are filled with untruth and

deception, and the cost in lives, the loss of respect by other countries, and in our ability to confront our own social issues at home increases each day.

A couple of weeks ago, *The Courier Journal* of Louisville carried an article about the U.S.’ fear of other countries developing nuclear bombs. Nowhere did it mention that the United States has been developing thermonuclear components for the bomb for many years. Our country has been performing “life extension upgrades” on missile warheads at the Y12 plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to extend their life for another 100-120 years. In addition, the Department of Energy has targeted the southeastern United States as the new nuclear weapons heartland as it continues putting in place all the necessary elements for producing nuclear bombs. Why is it all right for the United States to produce weapons of mass destruction, but evil for other countries? A sobering reminder to us should be that the United States is the only country, I repeat, the only country that has used an atomic bomb against another country.

This information can be overwhelming and make us wonder if we are powerless in the face of it. It is crucial that we realize that we are not powerless and that our leaders are elected to serve us and our country. Do we really want our country to make these kinds of decisions in our name?

What will wake us up and cause us to act for our children and the earth?

The writer is the director of the Dominican Earth Center in St. Catharine, Ky. Contact her at (859) 336-7778, or by e-mail at rosieop@kyol.net.

A chance to help newcomers to our community

The Iroquois Library will be offering an English Conversation Club beginning in February 2004. We are currently seeking volunteers who would be willing to commit to an hour every other week to speak one-on-one with an immigrant or refugee. Snacks and merriment will be provided along with the opportunity to learn about people from other cultures that have decided to make Louisville their home.

The commitment will be for two months with an open invitation for those who can just join us for one or two sessions. It is imperative, though, that we have people commit for the entire two month period in order for us to be able to offer the program.

Most of the participants will be Latino and Vietnamese. We also hope to attract our Somali, Arabic, and French patrons along with many other nationalities that are now found in our beautifully diverse community.

Please call Sophie Hurle Maier at 574-1720 to sign up, or email sophie@LFPL.org.

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She addressed issues of concern to every young African-American woman, especially those who are on predominately white campuses.

Sister Souljah said that African-American college students should not forget their roots and that they are to prepare themselves for a responsible, productive role in the development of their education and careers.

She said black college students should spend their time on campus striving for academic excellence, and that not only should they focus on a career, but on the possibilities of going into business for themselves (she shared her experiences about running her own business with her husband).

Sister Souljah went on to say that Blacks should respect our communities and do what we can to work for social, racial and economic justice.

On predominately white campuses, she added, we should support and participate in campus activities that are geared toward bringing about the “unity, survival and progress of Black people.”

She added that we should confront racism and prejudice that impact public policy. What’s wrong with that — when I went to college in Washington, D.C., I

spent time working on issues pertaining to D.C. statehood and world peace.

Sista Souljah spoke the truth. The fact that the Ku Klux Klan put in a request to speak at U of L after her talk is indicative that racism is alive and well.

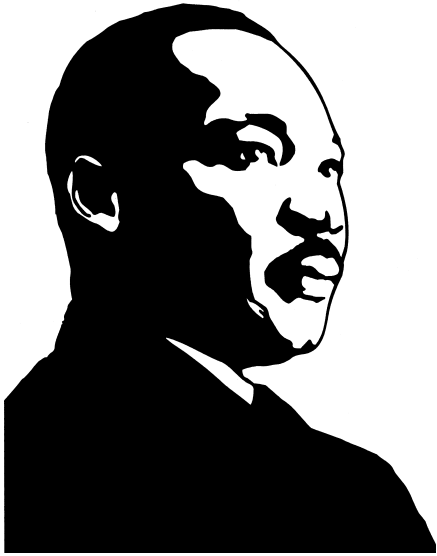
Klan members have a bloody history of intimidation, harassment and violence. They bombed homes and churches; lynched black folks.

All whites on college campuses should take time out and watch documentaries such as *Four Little Girls* and movies such as *Mississippi Burning* and *Rosewood*.

Read how James Meredith had to be accompanied by federal marshals to enroll at the University of Mississippi and research what happened to Emmett Till and others.

We should never forget the blacks and whites who lost their lives in the struggle for freedom during the civil rights movement from 1954 to 1963 about which Sister Souljah was speaking. Then look at the ongoing bias by city officials, the judicial system and the police department.

The writer, of Louisville, is a member of the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression and REACT, a group fighting toxic pollution.



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Amid death and demolitions, two unions settle dispute

On Jan. 3, 19-year-old Michael Newby, an African American, was shot three times in the back by Louisville Police Officer McKenzie Mattingly, a caucasian. The press reported it as a drug buy/sting gone bad.

Officer Mattingly, while on the police force in Bardstown, Ky., was involved in another police shooting, in 1997. He used to pass out business cards referring to himself as “Mad Dog” Mattingly. The protests that have resulted reflect not just this incident, but also the refusal of a grand jury to indict two officers in the slaying of James Taylor, shot

Multiple times while handcuffed, as well as a number of other killings of black men by white officers in the recent past.

This shooting came so close to Martin Luther King’s birthday. President Bush, at the last moment, decided to lay a wreath at Dr. King’s memorial and gravesite in Atlanta. He was to be in Atlanta that day for a \$2,000-per-head reelection fundraiser, the expenses for which he would have had to cover out of his own pocket.

By his going to the King site, all expenses — Air Force One, and so much more — were then paid from the public trough. The several hundred protesters who showed up to greet the president somehow felt that something was rotten.

Labor unity, so necessary in this time of attack on poor and working class people, shone through in California recently. The nation’s largest union, Service Employees International Union, and the California Nurses Association (CNA) recently signed a document saying they would work together to push health care issues in Sacramento as well as Washington, D.C.

These two unions have been at each other’s throats for years. Although they have not merged, this new cooperative spirit bodes well. We will have to wait to see if more unorganized get organized, and if the organized get more politicized and engaged.

The U.S. labor movement is pretty much unified in its desire to make George Bush a one-term president, like his daddy. But different unions are backing different candidates. Dennis Kucinich and Al Sharpton, the most rogressive candidates, are not getting much union support.

But Howard Dean, Dick Gephardt and John Kerry are getting support. Dean, arguably the most progressive of this bunch, is good on universal health insurance and in opposition to US jingoism in Iraq, although he might not phrase it that way.

Gephardt, whose father was a truck driver and member of the Teamsters Union, is mostly good on labor issues but fully supported our Iraq misadventure. I haven’t followed Kerry that closely. Let’s hope labor can unify around a candidate, and then keep the candidate’s feet to a progressive agenda, to include opposition to unfair trade agreements.



I lived in Israel for six months almost four years ago. On a number of occasions I would arise very early in the morning and wait to be picked up by Rabbi Arik Ascherman, the executive director of Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR).

We would then meet up with more folk, from the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions and other groups. We would then drive to a site where we learned the Israel military would be bulldozing Palestinian homes.

As this newspaper column is being put to bed, Rabbi Ascherman and two others are on trial in Jerusalem for trying to prevent the demolition of two Palestinian homes.

A petition signed by over 400 U.S. rabbis, including one Louisville rabbi, is

very clear: “We fear that the decision to prosecute him is an attempt to silence his voice. For us and for many Jews in our communities the work of Rabbis for Human Rights represents the Jewish moral conscience. We express our love and commitment for Israel by supporting that work.

“The homes that were demolished were not demolished for any security reason. None of the people in these homes engaged

obtained, the bulldozers came, rendering homeless an entire family — Sufian Maswadeh, his wife, children and sick grandmother, as well as his brother’s entire family — within a matter of minutes.

“I am proud to report that the RHR board made the bold decision not to plea bargain, but, rather, in the best tradition of civil disobedience, to put the very policy of home demolitions on trial.”

“...let us work to see that the sacred right of a family to a roof over its head is inviolate. Meanwhile, let us keep in our thoughts the more than 16,000 Palestinians who have been made homeless...”

in violence or harboring terrorists. They were demolished because of a violation of zoning regulations (where) it is almost impossible for Palestinian families in those parts of the West Bank under Israeli civilian control or in Jerusalem to legally obtain building permits.”

Listen to the words of Rabbi Ascherman: “The Maswadeh family sought to build a home to accommodate their growing family. Despite a letter from the municipality stating that the home was in a location for which a permit could be

In the spirit of Martin Luther King’s words — injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere — let us work to see that the sacred right of a family to a roof over its head is inviolate. Meanwhile, let us keep in our thoughts the more than 16,000 Palestinians who have been made homeless through these bulldozings, begun in 1987, to the courageous Palestinian populace and to non-Palestinians, Jews and non-Jews, who stand in solidarity with them.

Contact Ira Grupper at Irag@iglou.com.

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February 19

Kate Cunningham

Although the stated US policy toward Cuba is to "encourage a rapid, peaceful transition to a democratic government," the 40-year blockade simply hasn't worked. Kate Cunningham, retired attorney and local community volunteer, **visited Cuba recently with Witness for Peace**, to look at the human impact of the US blockade. After her presentation, Kate will entertain your questions about this socialist island that has been a thorn in Uncle Sam's side for so long.

March 18

Julie Driscoll, SCN

Sister Julie is Vice President of the international community of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. In January, she attended the **2004 World Social Forum in India**, where 75,000 delegates gathered to express their belief that **“Another World is Possible.”** This year’s conference focused on neo-liberal globalization; patriarchy; militarism and peace; religious sectarianism and fundamentalism; and racism and casteism. Julie will report on conference highlights and on the work of her religious order in India.

April 15

Philip Schervish

Phil Schervish, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the School of Social Work at Spalding University and member of the Steering Committee of the local chapter of the FOR, will use **Tax Day** as an opportunity to explore **Federal budget alternatives based on principles of social justice** leading to a set of “Ordinary Human Rights”. Of particular concern will be issues of poverty, education and social services

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As parish plan read, it was ‘like I was hearing an echo’

by Tom Louderback

Father John Coleman, SI of Marymount University in Los Angeles has spoken extensively to conferences and workshops about a vision of Catholic parish social ministry he calls “Communities of Moral Deliberation.” It’s based on two practical strategies, which appear to relate to religious congregations and communities of all faiths

First, create an environment that encourages, even challenges, individual members of your congregation to make their own connections between faith, politics, and issues of social justice Urge them make specific personal connections between faith and issues such as money, materialism, greed, work, and economic justice

Second, directly address religious themes such as love, compassion, equality, responsibility, self-initiative, individual conscience, and salvation. These are legitimate religious themes, which are consistently raised by people of faith in conversations about social justice

There are several advantages to concentrating on these themes instead of the substantive issues, Coleman says To begin with, these themes are not as emotionally laden as the substantive issues They can be more easily addressed without causing division And, there are more obvious theological components

These two strategies also recognize two apparent facts of life about congrega-

tions One is that sermonizing on social justice usually does not work and is frequently counterproductive. The other is that congregations are usually as politically diverse as the communities in which they are located

Coleman notes that many people who are already engaged in social justice say that they were motivated to get involved by social justice support groups with whom they prayed and talked about work and money Thus, it appears that these two kinds of social justice activities are the most effective:

Outreach programs — Just by bringing middle-class people into contact with the people in need, service programs help to reinforce the idea that poor and disadvantaged people should be helped. They help to reverse moralist stereotypes about the poor, too.

Systematic Stewardship programs — This involves specific instruction not so much about the poor and disadvantaged but about our responsibility as people of faith to use our own money, time, and personal influence. Congregations need to find some forums, such as small groups, adult education programs, or a sermon series, where there can be meaningful discussion about spirituality and work of the world — its stresses, challenges, and financial binds.

Coleman also notes that churchgoers are more likely than others to care about

and think about the situations of the poor and oppressed. But ironically, we are burdened with antithetical attitudes that isolate us from reality.

- When we think about the poor, we think instinctively about charity more than structural justice.
- We make a distinction between two categories – the “deserving poor” we think are entitled to help and the “undeserving poor” we think are not.
- Most of us think the American economic system is either morally excellent or just in need of slight structural reform
- Most of us say that we do not really understand how the American economic system works. We say that only experts can truly understand it.
- Our culture encourages us to view economic and social problems as matters of personal morality. Thus, we remain individualists, meaning we don’t connect to other people.
- When asked how the poor can be helped, we tend to point to four economic factors: economic growth, hard work, better business, and active service involvement by religious and community groups.

Antithetical attitudes such as these cause us to compartmentalize our faith, Coleman says. Our challenge, as communities of moral deliberation, is to overcome them. We can begin by personally experiencing through our worship and prayers that we belong to a universal family.

Reading a transcript of Coleman’s remarks to a symposium on social ministry for the first time a few months ago, I felt like I was hearing an echo. His vision of Communities of Moral Deliberation sounds exactly like what I’d heard in the Just Faith program the year before.

Just Faith is a very inspiring social justice formation program offered for area group study by Catholic Charities, USA. The curriculum includes books, videos, lectures, discussion, “hands-on experiences,” retreats and prayer. Its basic purpose is to open our eyes to the real world and to our responsibilities, and it succeeds. See www.iustfaith.org

As for me, I was inspired so much by Just Faith that I that began searching books and the internet for practical ideas on social action. Exactly how a can a fairly small group of religious folks make a difference? I wanted to know.

That search led me to compile a social ministry manual that is available online and free. Interested people can read and download it by calling up www.slu.edu/departments/church. Then select ”Social Ministry” and call up the Social Justice Manual from the list of documents.

The writer is an alumnus of the Just Faith program and volunteer for social justice organizations, including Refugee Service of Catholic Charities. Contact him at tlouderback11@hotmail.com.

Event’s focus — fighting cancer and backing inclusion

by Gracie Lewis

Miss America Erica Dunlap, was in our town at The Rudd Heart & Lung Center January 9 to help celebrate the Kentucky African Americans Against Cancer 13th Annual Awards Celebration. The Theme: “Volunteers in the Heart of the Community.”

Oh, what a night! As we celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us not forget what he said concerning a “purpose driven life!” The night before Dr. King was killed he said, “if any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don’t want a long funeral.... Tell them I tried to give my

life serving others. I’d like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to love somebody. I want you to say that day, that I tried to be on the right side on the war question.... I tried to serve humanity.”

This is the very essence of the remarks Erica Dunlap made as she spoke before the Kentucky African Americans Against Cancer.

Miss America began her presentation by talking about her platform, the theme of which was “United We Stand. Divided We Fall Behind: Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion.”

KAAAC is a very diverse group and it

does its work by reaching out to the many organizations and people that help the public access cancer services in the community. Dunlap talked about her grandmother and how she had to press her to continue getting regular checkups. This is extremely important in the treatment of cancer. Many of our survivors are alive because they sought treatment in the early stages.

The leading cause of cancer deaths in the African American community is lung cancer. KAAAC’s goals are to provide information on cancer to the community, to coordinate educational screening programs for the prevention and early detection of cancer, to

help the public access cancer services and to monitor cancer incidence.

Miss America brought her message of early detection and treatment to everyone in attendance. What a wonderful platform in 2004 — celebrating “diversity and inclusion.”

It was surely evident in that room where people of all classes, races, ethnicities and abilities have stood together in reducing the incidence of cancer. To invite KAAAC to participate in your next event call (502) 852-6318.

Someone there will respond “Here I am — send me.”



Police killing

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Belmont said he absolutely believes such protests can work, as evidenced by recent history.

“I am a man who was raised up in this city and was denied service at the counter,” he said. “Martin Luther King came in and changed that. There are always changes that can be made.”

Protestors came back five days later for their weekly Sunday rally outside police headquarters. No violence happened.

The Justice Resource Center and other groups are organizing Sunday protests at police headquarters at Seventh and Jefferson Streets. They start at 2:30 p.m. and last about an hour.

The center is also continuing its boycott of Louisville malls to prompt city action on the police shootings. Shoppers are invited to shop in Indiana and bring receipts to the Justice Resource Center at 1321 Cecil Ave. Call (502) 774-1116 for more information.

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FOR gets early start in promoting more peaceful April

by Chris Harmer

endorse and help, once again, build a group of organizations opposed to the militarization of the Thunder Over Louisville celebration in April 2004, which marks the beginning of Kentucky Derby festivities. The committee agreed with a statement from the Louisville Friends Meeting, that is part of a sign-on letter to the Derby Festival committee:

“The Louisville Friends Meeting (Quakers) urges the Kentucky Derby Festival Committee to eliminate the military flyover and displays in the Thunder over Louisville air show. Thunder is the opening of a community celebration, and the weapons of war should not be celebrated or glorified. We urge the Festival committee to respect the diversity of people and opinion in the community. Keep Derby a celebration of friendly

competition, not a reminder of the strife and killing in our world.”

Just a few years ago, the festival committee was short of money and sponsors for Thunder. They were asked by a similar group of organizations to drop the military flyovers and static displays (at the airport). The Quaker who raised this from the floor of a public Derby Festival committee meeting was escorted out of the meeting. The Festival committee did a quick straw poll and many opposed to the military portion, particularly if it put the entire Thunder at financial risk. Nonetheless, they went with the simple majority of their straw poll and included it.

Derby is about friendly competition, and bombers are not. Those “weapons platforms” may or may not be necessary in today’s world — that isn’t the point here. They are just for killing, and not something

to celebrate. It turns our May celebration into the saber-rattling May Day celebrations of Cold-War era Red Square in Moscow.

Another aspect is the need for our sensitivity to our new immigrant populations settling in Louisville. Many churches in the Louisville area have sponsored families recently from the Sudan and Somalia.

One of the Lost Boys of Sudan shuddered last year when he went down to the riverfront. It was a day later he told me that the police helicopter — let alone the fighter planes — reminded him of the army’s pursuit of the Lost Boys. He himself had a long scar on his forearm from helicopter fire.

Bosnian refugees have seen our warplanes fly over their heads and bomb their cities. How would we react if we had to look up and worry about those planes on the riverfront dropping bombs, as the Bosnians have? Do we want to make our

new citizens relive that? Maybe that is the message we will need to carry to the people on the Great Lawn.

This sign-on letter was sent to the Derby Festival committee in mid-January, but people can still add their names to a later version. We will request a meeting with the executive director and make our case. Please ask your church and other organizations to which you belong to endorse this campaign. If you can do this or will support this in other ways, contact Chris Harmer at (502) 893-2334 for more information.

If you want to tell the Derby Festival Committee how you feel, contact them at www.kdf.org . Send FOR a copy of your comments.

The writer is a member of the Louisville FOR steering committee.

KATHY KELLY TARGETED AT FORT BENNING

Kathy Kelly, global peace activist and a founder of “Voices in the Wilderness,” was roughed up and brutalized after being arrested last November at the School of the Americas along with 34 others who “crossed the line” in acts of nonviolent civil disobedience at Fort Benning, Georgia.

In her written account she described what happened. “Shortly after more than two dozen of us entered Fort Benning and were arrested, U.S. Military Police took us to a warehouse for ‘processing.’” I was directed to a station for an initial search where a woman soldier began shouting at me to look straight ahead and spread my legs. She then began an aggressive body search that I decided I couldn’t go along with.”

After her refusal, Kelly was pushed to the floor. Her wrists were handcuffed and her ankles bound. Another soldier then leaned on her, his knee in her back, making it impossible for her to breathe. She was further threatened with pepper spray because she was “combative.” (Kelly is 5’1” and weighs less than 100 lbs)

Kathy faces fines and six months in prison, but at present she is back in Iraq on her 22nd visit. Also arrested with her were three Jesuit priests who carried some of the blood of the six Jesuit priests and two women who were martyred in San Salvador in 1989, and whose deaths sparked the SOA demonstrations that have taken place each year since then. Kathy Kelly was one of the first thirteen protestors.

Kathy is co-coordinator of Voices in the Wilderness. E-mail: kathy@vitw.org. www.vitw.org (Information taken from the Jan/Feb 2004 newsletter of the Peace and Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas. (www.WichitaPeace.org))

FREE MORDECHAI VANUNU – The Time Is Now

Our efforts to free Mordecai must move into high gear in the next few weeks. The end of his 18 year prison sentence for publicly revealing Israel’s secret nuclear weapons program is scheduled for April 22, 2004.

To learn more, visit www.nonviolence.org/vanunu, and also sign the petition and see his photos of Israel’s nuclear weapons factory. Actually, this is *our US factory* since we are paying for it.

Vanunu was born into a Moroccan Jewish family that emigrated to Israel in 1963 when he was nine years old. He served in the Israeli army and then found work in the Dimona nuclear “research center” in the Negev Desert near his home at Beersheba. The facility harbored an underground plutonium separation plant operated in strictest secrecy.

Vanunu is honored throughout the world for his courage and integrity in telling the truth to the London Sunday Times in 1986. He first made his way to Sydney, Australia, where he was befriended by an Anglican church social justice community. He told his story, revealing that Israel had material for as many as 200 nuclear warheads of advanced design. It was there also that he converted to Christianity and was baptized.

After arriving in London where his story was released, he was immediately approached by Israeli agents who lured him from Britain to Italy

Jean's Journal

An update on area events by Jean Edwards

where he was abducted, drugged, and dumped onto an Israeli cargo ship. Back in Israel, he was imprisoned, charged with espionage and treason, convicted at a closed-door trial, and sentenced to 18 years in prison.

For the next 11 1/2 years he was kept in solitary confinement. In 1998 he was allowed to enter the prison population but with many restrictions: no contact with Palestinian prisoners, no phone use, his mail censored. It was in 1997 that he was adopted by Nicholas and Mary Eoloff of St. Paul , Minnesota. They have visited him several times and will be on hand at his release to bring him to the United States.

The American campaign to free Vanunu was founded and coordinated by veteran peace activist **Sam Day** with the help of Felice Cohen-Joppa until he died in January 2001.

Now Felice is the coordinator, assisted by Art Laffin and Jack Cohen-Joppa with the office in Tucson, Arizona. (520/323-8697) e-mail: freevanunu@mindspring.com They are urgently seeking donations to carry through this last intricate part of the campaign. Send your gift to: **U.S. Campaign to Free Mordechai Vanunu, PO Box 43384, Tucson, AZ 85733** (Note that donations of \$50 or more are tax deductible if made out to The Progressive Foundation and designated for the Vanunu campaign.)

POSITION AVAILABLE

Christian Peacemaker Teams is seeking two people to fill positions as co-directors of the organization for three-year terms starting in the summer of 2004. The positions require a commitment to Biblical perspectives of peacemaking and social change. Apply by February 1. For more information, see www.cpt.org or call 740-965-5118.

PETITION SEEKS PARDON FOR THREE NUNS

In the interest of justice, the Kalamazoo Nonviolent Opponents to War has posted a petition for presidential pardon of three Grand Rapids Dominican Nuns: Sisters Ardeth Platte, Carol Gilbert and Jackqueline Hudson. They have already served almost a year of their prison sentences which range from 30 to 41 months. Their “crime”, exposing a nuclear weapon of mass destruction installed and ready to launch on a Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile located in an underground silo near Greeley, Colorado.

We write asking those who share this concern to access the website at petitiononline.com/know0001 and click on the link shown to bring up the petition letter, the names of those who have already signed and instructions to add your name to it.

Please ask your family and friends to join this effort to free these three nonviolent peacemakers. Thank you. God’s Peace be with you. Jean & Joe Gump, (269-521-3895)

IRANIAN ACTIVIST WINS NOBEL PRIZE

On Human Rights Day, December 10, 2004, **Shirin Ebadi**, feminist Iranian campaigner for human rights, **received the Nobel Peace Prize**. In her acceptance speech she noted: “I’m a Muslim, so you can be a Muslim and support democracy. It’s very good for human rights in Iran, especially for children’s rights in Iran. I hope I can be useful.”

TIME FOR THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE TO WAKE UP

At the end of the Kentucky legislature last year, disappointment and frustration swept over many of us. So little was accomplished to correct the many ills in our state. Will this be the case again this year?

Every day in our newspaper we read of more cutbacks resulting in more suffering. It is heart breaking. In a letter last November to his constituency, Representative Jim Wayne described the situation as follows:

“Kentucky’s fiscal crisis has already hurt our Medicaid services to the elderly and disabled. This year no public school in the Commonwealth could purchase a single new textbook for any student. Tuition in our public universities, community colleges and technical colleges has skyrocketed to make up for what Frankfort did not provide. Education programs for state prisoners have been cut in half. Monitoring of environmental laws is threatened by cutbacks. The nursing scholarship money has been depleted. Over 400 working class families are still waiting for state help to relocate from under the noise and air pollution of UPS cargo jets at the Louisville airport. The list goes on.”

The crisis in our state is of gigantic proportions. Unless intervention appears from some unknown source, the depression of the early thirties will look like a birthday party as compared to what is shaping up in Kentucky at this time. The least we can do is to talk to our state representatives and senators. To find out who represents you, call the Board of Elections, 574-6100. To leave a message in Frankfort, call 1/502/564-6543.

F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE NEWS

In accordance with our constitution, a committee is appointed at this time each year to fill vacancies and restructure our steering committee, to take effect in March. Please help in this process by volunteering yourself or suggesting someone. Nominees must be members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Each person on the committee assumes some responsibility for the ongoing work. To offer suggestions, please call Pat Geier, 456-6586, Mary Horvath, 479-9262, Dennis Bricking, 895-8516, or Jean Edwards, 458-8056 e-mail: edwardsfor@aol.com

Calendar for peacemakers

Jan 29 (Thu) **EIGHTH ANNUAL RACE RELATIONS CONFERENCE: “Reflection on Human Rights,”** sponsored by the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Human Relations Commission. Hyatt Regency, 320 W. Jefferson, 9:00-4:00. Luncheon Keynote: **Deborah Mathis**, national correspondent for Gannett News Service, veteran political reporter covering all news stories dealing with the White House and the Bush administration, and a regular commentator on the weekly talk show, “America’s Black Forum.” Registration \$75 (includes lunch). Luncheon only \$45. Call 502/574-3631.

Jan 30 (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.

Jan 31 (Sat) **EXPLODING DIETARY MYTHS** with **Brenda Davis**, registered dietician and author of *Becoming Vegetarian and Becoming Vegan*, and also **Anthony Marr**, world-renowned tiger preservationist, reflecting on his last three trips to India. For time and place call Jennifer Beaird, 458-8515, or e-mail: louisville@earthsave.org

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Feb 1 (Sun) **PROTEST AGAINST POLICE ABUSE**, 2:30 pm *Every Sunday* at Seventh & Jefferson. Call the Justice Resource Center, 774-71116.

Feb 1 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE**, every first Sunday, remembering all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a sign to express yourself. Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Sponsored by **LPAC** (Louisville Peace Action Community). Call Ken Nevitt, 558-9124. www.louisvillepeace.org

Feb 2 (Mon) **PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE**, every **Monday at 12:15**. A 15-20 minute prayer service followed by a simple lunch. All welcome. James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave at William St. Call 896-0172.

Feb 3 (Tue) **“AMERICA BEHIND THE COLOR LINE: DIALOGUES WITH AFRICAN AMERICANS,”** a PBS documentary by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., who is the W.E.B. Du Bois professor of Humanities at Harvard and chair of African American Studies. Check local listings for exact time. The book by the same title was published by Warner Books. (25.95) Professor Gates was interviewed recently in Louisville as the guest of the Kentucky Author Forum.

Feb 4 (Wed) **INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE**, monthly meeting every first Wednesday. Call Pam Yenawine for details, 214-7322.

Feb 5 (Thu) **CENTER FOR FAITH & ACTION BEGINS SPRING SERIES**. Tuesday evening classes at James Lees Church (1741 Frankfort Ave) will begin with dinner at 6:00 pm. For a brochure describing the classes, please call 896-0172. Visit www.faith-action.org

Feb 8 (Sun) **INTERFAITH DIALOGUE, “Democracy and Faith.”** Sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace, Central Presbyterian Church, 4th & Ky Sts, 9:30-10:30 am. Call Pam Yenawine, 214-7322.

Feb 9 (Mon) **INTERFAITH DIALOGUE, “Democracy and Faith.”** Sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace, Baha’i and Keneseth Israel. Keneseth Israel Temple, 2531 Taylorsville Rd, 7:00 pm. Call Pam Yenawine, 214-7322.

Feb 11 (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.

Feb 12 (Thu) **CITIZENS AGAINST POLICE ABUSE (CAPA)**, meetings every 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:00pm. Braden Ctr, 3208 W Broadway. Call K. A. Owens, 896-0684.

Feb 15 (Sun) **COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES**. First Unitarian Church, 4th & York, 3:00 pm. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Feb 15 (Sun) **EDWARDS PEACEMAKING LECTURE**, sponsored by Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Hundley Hall, 7:00 pm. Free. **Dr. Nancy J. Ramsay** will lead the program entitled, **“Created as Neighbors: A Vision for Honoring Racial and Cultural Differences.”** We will explore the sin of racism as it affects those who accept its privileges and those who experience its barriers. We will pursue ways to practice being neighbors in the midst of racial and cultural differences. This annual lectureship honors Dr. George Edwards and his wife, Jean., who have long been active in efforts for peace and social justice. Dr. Edwards served the seminary for 27 years as Professor of New Testament. He retired in 1985. There is no charge; however **your registration will be appreciated**. Call 800.264.1839, ext. 450 or 372. E-mail: dsawyer@lpts.edu

Feb 15 (Sun) **CANDLELIGHT PEACE VIGILS AROUND THE WORLD, MARKING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC DAY WHEN TEN MILLION PEOPLE DEMONSTRATED WORLD-WIDE AGAINST THE PLAN TO INVADE IRAQ.** This is also the 13th anniversary of the U.S. bombing of the Al-Amariyah bomb shelter in Baghdad killing over 400 women and children trapped inside.

<p>Feb 18 (Wed) DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OFFORSooth. Contact George Morrison, editor, 944-6460. E-mail: klm86@netzero.com For calendar listings, contact Jean Edwards, 458-8056. E-mail: edwardsfor@aol.com</p>
<p>Feb 19 (Thu) THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH, sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, featuring Kate Cunningham who recently visited Cuba as part of a Witness for Peace delegation. Kate, a retired attorney and local community volunteer, will discuss “The Human Impact of the U.S. Blockade.” Kate will entertain your questions about this socialist island which for generations has been the brunt of U.S. hostility. 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.</p>

Feb 19 (Thu) **LPAC** (Louisville Peace Action Community) General Meeting. Douglass Blvd Christian Church, 7:30 pm. Call Judy Munro-Leighton, 456-6914, Ellen Schagene, 456-5288, or Ken Nevitt, 558-9124. www.louisvillepeace.org

Feb 22 (Sun) **POTLUCK DINNER**, sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace, featuring **Gerry Stribling, new board member of IPP**, describing how he has found humanity and spirituality everywhere in his summer travels teaching English. Christ Church Cathedral, 425 S. Second St , 5:00 pm. Please RSVP by Feb 18. Call 214-7322.

Feb 23 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE** (Every 4th Monday). Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, #10, 7:30 pm. Visitors are welcome. Call cochairs, Pat Geier, 456-6586, or Mary Horvath, 479-9262.

Feb 24 (Tue) **KCADP (Ky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty)**, monthly meeting every last Tuesday. Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Rd, 6:30 pm. Call Chris Coyle, 412-5288 or Kaye Gallagher, 721-8885. Planning underway to pass legislation in the current session of the legislature.

Feb 24 (Tue) **DINING OUT WITH EARTHSAVE**, at the Third Avenue Café, 1164 S Third St, 7:00 pm. (No potluck during February). Please **RSVP** by e-mail: louisville@earthsave.org or call Jennifer Beaird, 458-8515.

Feb 26 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING at Beverley Marmion’s house**. Mark your calendar. Lend your hands for one hour; enjoy the conversation. 6:30 pm. Call 451-5658.

Feb 27 (Fri) **MARCH AND RALLY FOR FARMWORKERS JUSTICE, in support of the Immokalee Florida workers who pick tomatoes for Taco Bell**. 10:00 March begins. 12:00 Rally at Taco Bell, 110 E Broadway. 3:30 Rally at **Yum Brands**, 1441 Gardiner Lane. Call Steve Bartlett, 894-9308

MARCH IS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH. To receive the UL calendar of events, call 852-8976 or email: womenctr@louisville.edu

Mar 18 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH**, sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, featuring **Julie Driscoll, SCN**. She will share highlights from the January **2004 World Social Forum meeting in India** under the theme **“Another World Is Possible,”** focusing on neo-liberal globalization; patriarchy; militarism and peace; religious sectarianism and fundamentalism; racism and casteism. Sister Julie is vice president of the international community of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. The lunch will be at the 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.

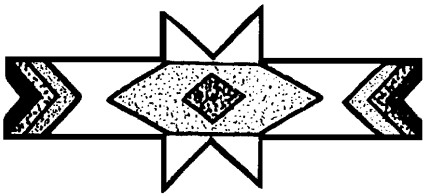
Mar 24 (Wed) **ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO**, in El Salvador at the altar during mass, 1980. “May it be that my blood serve as the seed of freedom.”

Mar 31 (Wed) **GRAWEMEYER AWARD LECTURE** by **Rabbi Jonathan Sacks**, London’s chief rabbi, honored for his book *The Dignity of Difference: How to Avoid the Clash of Civilizations*, expressing his thesis that “in our connected world, we must learn to feel enlarged, not threatened, by difference.” The \$200,000 Grawemeyer Award in Religion honors and recognizes creative works and constructive insights into the relationship between human beings and the divine. The free lecture will be presented at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, in Caldwell Chapel at 7:00 pm. Call 895-3411.

APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH. Contact Metropolitan Housing Coalition, P.O. Box 4533, 40204. (584-6858)

Apr 2 (Fri) **HALL OF FAME, Induction Ceremony & Awards Dinner**, sponsored by the Presbyterian Community Center, at the Brown & Williamson Club, 6:00 pm. Featuring the 2nd Annual William H. Sheppard Art Auction. Tickets \$50. Call 584-0201, ext. 112.

Apr 15 (Thu) **TAX DAY**. All U.S. citizens are required to pay for war through their taxes. However, the Peace Tax Fund legislation would allow people opposed to war because of deeply-held moral or religious beliefs to stop paying for it. Instead they could pay their full taxes into a fund that would be used for non-military purposes only. Contact the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund: 202/483-3751 or toll free: 888.PEACETAX. E-mail: info@peacetaxfund.org



OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

Feb 9 (Mon) **STOP SPACE NUKES, PROTEST VIGIL**, Albuquerque, NM, 10:00 am at the **21st Annual Symposium on Space Nuclear Power & Propulsion**, Hyatt Regency. Contact Bruce Gagnon , PO Box 652, Brunswick, Maine 04011 207/729-0517) Globalnet@mindspring.com www.space4peace.org

Mar 5-8 (FSSM) **ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS FOR GLOBAL PEACE WITH JUSTICE**, in DC. Speakers, issue briefings & workshops will prepare participants for effective visits with Senators and Representatives. **Emphasis on Africa, Korea, Latin America and the Middle East.** Sponsored by numerous churches, church agencies, and church-related organizations. Registration and information, call 1/202/547-7503. www.advocacydays.org

Mar 20, (Sat) **PROTESTS AROUND THE WORLD ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. BOMBING AND INVASION OF IRAQ.** “END THE OCCUPATION OF IRAQ AND BRING OUR TROOPS HOME.” Contact the International Action Center (Ramsey Clark), 212/633-6646. E-mail: iacenter@iacenter.org

Apr 24-25 (SS) **SPRING MEETINGS OF THE IMF/WORLD BANK**. Mark your calendar to be in DC for special Jubilee events on the 60th anniversary of the founding of the IMF/World Bank. Contact the Jubilee USA Network, 222 E. Capitol St, NE in DC, 20003. (1/202/783-3566) www.jubileeusa.org

Aug 29, 2004 (Sun) **REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTION, NYC.** Mass Worldwide Protest planned. E-mail: info@unitedforpeace.org

Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

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

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

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

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (637-8951)

BIONEERS / SUSTAINABLE LOUISVILLE – Tuesdays (336-9440)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNIST PARTY USA – Sunday evenings (648-8197 or 473-2659)

CONVERSATION CAFE – Wednesday evenings (454-4820)

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

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 – 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 – 1st Wednesday (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)

L.I.F.E. – Sunday evenings (473-2659)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAX CHRISTI – Last Wednesday (456-9342)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.