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## Reform advocates assail city's police review plan

*FORsooth staff report*

Louisvillians trying to reform their newly merged police department called the civilian review process quickly created by the metro council and mayor Jerry Abramson in February inadequate to protect citizens from excessive force by officers.

K.A. Owens, an activist with Citizens Against Police Abuse, speaking to the FOR's Third Thursday Lunch Feb. 20, said the Citizens Commission on Police Accountability, which the metro council used emergency powers to create almost overnight, will only deal with killings, not with allegations of other forms of abuse.

Further, he told the lunch, the commission has no independent investigator or paid staff, which he said would be needed to adequately probe allegations of abuse.

"On paper, it may seem as if we're all poised for a great leap forward," Owens said. "But before we all take that great leap forward, let's look back."

Owens then detailed troubles on the Louisville police force, including the killing of six of men in police or jail custody

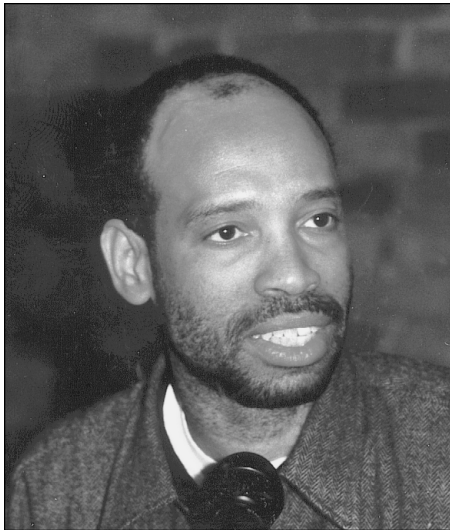
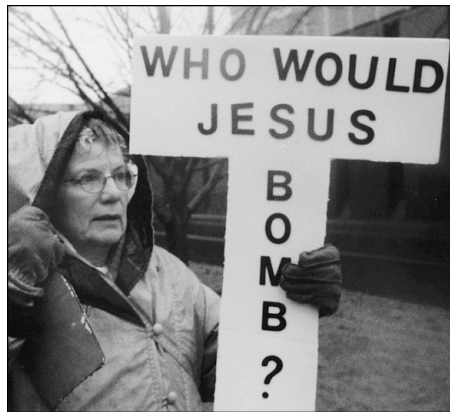


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### K.A. Owens

since the late 1990s and two detectives being charged with theft and repeatedly falsifying evidence.

He said these problems are part of the  
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## Voices for peace

One of about 500 protestors (left) against President Bush's planned attack on Iraq marches from Central Park to the Federal Building in downtown Louisville Feb. 15. Ralliers (below) call for peaceful ways of resolving the conflict. The Louisville Committee to Stop the War Against Iraq is planning more activities (see Jean's Journal, page six).

— photos by Eddie Davis



## Henry Wallace returns home after heart valve surgery

*by George Morrison  
FORsooth editor*

Acclaimed peace and justice activist Henry Wallace returned home Feb. 19 after heart surgery following his collapse more than a month earlier during an anti-war rally in downtown Louisville.

"I feel pretty good," Wallace, 87, said hours after returning from a stay in Frazier Rehab Center to his eastern Louisville home, which includes "Henry's Ark," a mini animal park which many area people have visited.

Wallace, a former journalist for national magazines and longtime activist for civil rights, said he hopes to be back on the front lines of protests soon, but isn't sure when he'll be able to return to the streets.

In the meantime, he is closely following news of the Iraq, police civilian review and other issues.

Wallace underwent replacement of a heart valve that was defective. The problem caused him to collapse twice at the rally, where hundreds protested President Bush's plan for a war with Iraq.

"He collapsed and had to be resuscitated because he wasn't getting enough blood pumped... because of a blocked valve," said Carla Wallace, his daughter and an activist on many issues.



photo by Eddie Davis

**Henry Wallace protests for police reforms days before collapsing Jan. 15 and undergoing surgery.**

"I fell down in the street and they called an ambulance," Henry Wallace said. "I talked them out of taking me away because I told them I was going to

Washington for a rally Saturday."

He signed papers agreeing not to be taken away, then the ambulance left, he recalled.

"I fell again and they called an ambulance and they took me away," Wallace said. "If I'd had any sense I'd have gone in the first place but I'm not known for having sense."

Carla Wallace said days before he returned home that her father stayed up-to-date on the many issues brewing in Louisville and the world.

"Every day he asks us what is the news on the coming war and what protests are planned," she said. "It has meant so much to him to have people from the community visit him."

Henry Wallace, called the "Radical of Rose Island Road" in a Courier-Journal profile in the early 1980s, has marched and

rallied for civil rights in Louisville for more than 50 years and often expressed admiration for the social policies enacted by Fidel Castro in Cuba.

Carla Wallace said he became familiar with Cuba and other Latin American nations as a journalist for *Life*, *Time* and a Cuban magazine called *Bohemia*.

"Being in Cuba as a reporter before the revolution and then afterward helped him understand that there could be a different kind of society," she said.

She said her father said during his final days at Frazier Rehab that the U.S. was the number one terrorist power and said she hoped he would soon be able to write that in letters to the editor.

Henry Wallace had one simple message for those concerned about him: "Tell them I hope to be back."



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# Man steps into firing line to stand for peace in Iraq

A member of the Louisville Committee to Stop the War Against Iraq has traveled to Iraq with Voices in the Wilderness to oppose the planned U.S. attack on that nation.

Doug Johnson left Louisville Feb. 16 to be part of an Iraq Peace Team organized by the Chicago-based Voices, which has opposed deadly sanctions and bombing of Iraq.

He is to remain in Iraq for the duration of the war and slightly longer, a Voices news release said.

"I am traveling to Iraq to stand in solidarity with the Iraqi civilian population against U.S. aggression," Johnson said in a written statement. "The people of Iraq are not our enemies, yet they have been the target of 12

years of brutal sanctions which have killed a half-million children. I do not think the U.S. Government plans to attack Iraq for issues of human rights or self-defense, but rather for oil interests and politics."

He said people in the communities from which delegates on the Iraq Peace Team come can support them by disseminating news the team reports back.

"While I'm in Iraq, your role will be as important as mine," he said in the statement.

Johnson added: "I do not support Iraqi president Saddam Hussein or excuse his atrocities. I love my country but feel it is my moral duty to oppose this war and the economic sanctions against the Iraqi people."

## Police review plan *(continued from page 1)*

"culture of the police department" which the new reforms won't address.

Rev. Louis Coleman, director of the Justice Resource Center, said the fatal flaw of the new commission is its lack of ability to issue subpoenas to officers accused of abuse.

"Where is the subpoena power?" he asked in an interview the day after the lunch. "This is a toothless piece of machinery."

Coleman also questioned why the ordinance was written in consultation with the Fraternal Order of Police and police officials, but with almost no input from the general public.

The council acted immediately on the ordinance because, officials said, it concerned an emergency situation.

"The citizens got their first look at it the night before it was introduced," Coleman said. "There was very little citizen input, very little citizen power in this review process.... I think the people have been had."

Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression member Tom Moffett, who spoke during question time after Owens' talk, agreed that the review plan is inadequate and said activists should broaden their focus from just the term civilian review and should insist on a process that covers all allegations of abuse, not just deadly force.

"We need to stop focusing on the homicides and focus on the day-to-day," he said. "We need to stop focusing on civilian review and we need to focus on independent investigation."

Owens said even the appointment of African-American metro police chief Robert White won't begin the get at the police culture issues.

"Chief White met with the board of the Kentucky Alliance," Owens said. "He seems like a decent guy. I'm sure his heart is in it. I'm sure he wants a professional police force. But the Louisville police department is a troubled police force. He would not be here if it were not a troubled police force."

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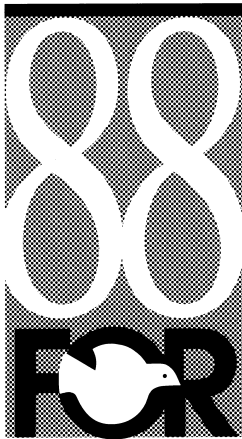
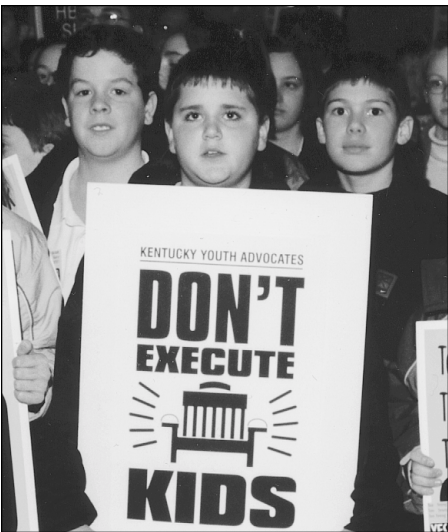
## About Labor Paeans

Ira Grupper's "Labor Paeans" column will not run this week because he is busy working on two discrimination cases. The column will resume next month.

## Youth speak for life

State Senator Gerald Neal (below), speaks to youth assembled in the Kentucky State Capitol February 5 to support state House Bill 180 and Senate Bill 15, which would ban executing offenders who were minors at the time of their crimes. Support for the bills can be conveyed to legislators by calling the legislative comment line at 1-800-372-7181, the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty web site said.

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# Friendship of 40 years shows way to grace

by Corrine McCann

Diana and I have been friends for more than 40 years. Diana's mother was Pentecostal and her father a Jew.

As a child this friend recalls only a few random visits to churches of several denominations. To this day, Diana is not attached to any worshipping community, doctrine or profession of faith. She will, occasionally, upon invitation, attend another's church or synagogue.

Even without a faith community, Diana is deeply conscious of the Divine. She has had a couple of breakthroughs or epiphanies and these awakenings have had a profound impact on her spiritual life. She has a childlike reliance on Divine Providence to lead her in life. Diana prays on her knees every night and throughout the day she offers prayers of petition, praise and gratitude to a God she longs to know more intimately. She reads spiritual books, studies the beliefs of many religions and her heart is open to those in need.

When I think of Diana, I am sometimes reminded of our ancient ancestors, pre-historic believers who felt the presence of Sacred Power. They weren't sure who God was (are any of us *really* sure?). Yet, our spiritual ancestors sought help in their daily lives with awe-like petitions to the sun, the stars, Mother Earth, animals, etc.

Worship of the sacred was not separate, it was integral. Soon they began asking the same questions asked by people of faith today. How did the world begin? Why are we here? Where are we going? What happens after we die? Rituals and worship styles related to cultural norms were formulated. God, with the passing of time was now named with a thousand different names.

As our human intelligence evolved, language helped with communication, rituals and worship. They became ties that bind. The Latin word for religion is "religare." It means "to tie." When a faith community agrees to worship in certain ways, to accept doctrinal or creedal statements, to practice traditional styles of worship, they are "tied together." They are a religion, in the broad sense of the word.

Belonging to a faith community or a church offers certain things in common to respective followers. Major religions have at least these aspects in common: they offer praise and gratitude for beauty and goodness; they are in awe of the divine; they seek peace; they express humility in their dependence on Ultimate Mystery; and they offer support and comfort to a community of believers on a Way or Path to the Sacred.

My friend Diana, even after 40 years, continues to look through the windows of grace of a few organized religions but she does not embrace any belief system wholeheartedly. She is not "tied to" a particular community. Diana is in good company, reminding me a little of ordinary people who became extraordinary.

Think of Siddhartha (Buddhism, Bodi tree), Mohammed, (Islam, desert, one God), Jesus (Christianity, Baptism by John), Mary Baker Eddy, (Christian Science, science and health) They kept seeking until they were found. Perhaps Diana reminds me even more of contemporaries like Anne Frank, Mother Theresa of Calcutta, Mahatma Gandhi — ordinary people inspired to do good, to seek the holy, to reach out to those in need.

Think of even more ordinary people who teach us about acceptance, non-judgment, forgiveness, and respect for differing opinions. Looking through their windows, what grace do they bestow on us?

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A 1963 *cum laude* graduate of Radcliffe, Goodman returned to Harvard in 1973-74 as a Nieman Fellow to study the dynamics of social change. In 1980, Goodman was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Commentary.

Goodman's books include *Turning Points* (about the effect of women's changing roles on family), five collections of her columns, and *I Know Just What You Mean: The Power of Friendship in Women's Lives*, co-authored with Patricia O'Brien (2000).

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# Kolko: US must become realistic to avert catastrophes

## Another Century of War?

by Gabriel Kolko, 2002,  
The New Press, 165 pp.

*reviewed by Tracy McLellan*

The war has come to American shores, and will remain there, says Kolko, in a slim, powerfully written volume of flawless prose.

Kolko draws together the threads of what he shows to be disastrously misguided attempts of the United States to intervene and meddle militarily in the affairs of nations around the globe in a world far more complex than it was even fifty years ago. The U.S. will have to become realistic in its ambitions, recognize the limitations of military power, and end the folly of thinking it necessary to micromanage the affairs of other countries. Helpful too he says would be addressing the breeding grounds of “terrorism,” especially poverty, despair, and illiteracy. The prognosis is not good, as the U.S. continues to pursue in spades policies similar to those that have produced catastrophe.

Kolko’s grasp of the very many inter-relationships, complexities, and intricacies of foreign policy is masterful. He covers whole histories of regions, and textbooks of history, in several sentences or paragraphs. His vision encompasses wide and disparate political domains that are nevertheless crucial to an understanding of how we got in the mess we’re in.

Political problems have political and social, not military, solutions, say Kolko. With the notable exceptions in Asia of Vietnam and Korea, the U.S. is quite capable of gaining military victories in its adventurist interventions. Unfortunately, these more often result in concomitant political catastrophe: U.S. “arms have not brought peace to the world even though Communism has virtually disappeared and can no longer explain the behavior of the U.S. and its allies...we now live in an era of growing insecurity that will very probably see more trauma like (September 11) as well as (similar) responses.”

Kolko points out the monstrous irony that the two nemeses the U.S. has most demonized over the last decade — Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein — it has previously supported with massive military and economic aid and treated as friends. Because of these and similar Machiavelian intrigues, and despite the fall of the Soviet Union, the world is a far more dangerous place. And what is new, especially for the American people.

The examples of military triumphs that have become political calamity is a long list and continues to grow; and will continue to grow under the unilateralist and militarist policies of the Bush administration. Worse, and far more ominous, is Kolko’s analysis of Bush foreign policy as being ad hoc, improvised, opportunist, and confused. He documents flip-flops in Bush policy, which show the conservative ideology to be as malleable as conservatives often lament of the liberal. Kolko is very edifyingly in and out of a complex and lucid history of the petrol- and geo-politics of the Middle East like a cold bath.

The CIA assassinated the much more moderate but nationalist President Mossadegh in 1954 and installed in Iran the extremist Shah. He instituted policies supposedly ben-

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eficial to U.S. interests, which are to say oil corporations. A military victory. In 1979 in the face of the Iranian Revolution however, the Shah went into exile and Khomeini came to power. A political catastrophe. Iran became far more influential in the region, and as a counter the U.S. supported

It is often mentioned as proof of Saddam being a thug and a tyrant that he launched chemical attacks on the Kurds. Conveniently ignored is that the U.S. continued to support him as staunchly after he did as before. Or that Hussein launched chemical attacks during his war with Iran, but rarely that he did so with help of U.S. intelligence and western corporation-supplied technology for WMD. This is the rule rather than the anomaly in U.S. foreign policy, and makes Kolko’s formulation

extends beyond the domains of the U.S. itself and its troops, to a wide variety of shifting and changing alliances and coalitions, says Kolko. A political complication which often seeks, in the final analysis folly, military solution. While U.S. power, largely unchallenged by a countervailing threat since the demise of the Soviet Union, often guarantees military victory against the Taliban and elsewhere, political solutions are much more elusive. The U.S. reluctantly supported the Northern Alliance, which is not a far cry from the Taliban. The military action largely completed, the area now suffers the same neglect which is sure to exacerbate the poverty and political chaos that gave rise to three decades of war. Worse, and Kolko examines this in terse detail, the war in Afghanistan has brought increased destabilization to all of South Asia, and especially to Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, with ramifications and consequences of far more significance to American “interests” and security. Add in the increasing destructiveness of modern weaponry — and its proliferation — and U.S. adventurism and unilateralism, and what do you have? Nostalgia for the simpler and more secure political times of the Cold War.

*The reviewer, a former Louisville resident, lives in Madison, Wisc.*

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Saddam Hussein and Iraq in its war with Iran from 1980 to 1988. Indeed the U.S. helped both sides against the other in that war because, as Henry Kissinger so eloquently put it, we hope they both lose. There were millions of casualties in the war, another military victory for the U.S. war machine. But when Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, the U.S. had another major political calamity on its hands, which has festered into today’s crisis.

and insistence that political problems have political and social, not military, solutions, all the more urgent.

Turning his attention to Afghanistan, Kolko says despite the idealistic protestations, the U.S. went to war out of revenge and to maintain its military “credibility.” Because the U.S. always needs help from other nations in its military adventures (and almost as often makes promises it doesn’t keep to get it) the maintaining of this “credibility” now

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# A sense of loss and a loss of sense regarding the Earth

by Sister Rose Marie Cummins

So many world events and so many articles coming into our office these days tell me that we are losing our sense of understanding about the Earth. This, I believe, will also create a deep sense of loss because we are losing something precious that gives us life and nourishes us each day of our lives.

Many of you probably know that the happenings in our world that I refer to are about war. But, it is more than that. This war is being brought about over greed for oil and about commerce in and competition for oil.

Tricia Sullivan, a writer who lives on the shores of Liberty Bay in Puget Sound suggests that water can be the next cause of war. Why? Because although our planet is covered with water, 97 percent of the water is salt-laden. Another two percent is drinkable, but is now frozen in glaciers,

snow and ice caps. What that leaves is one percent of the Earth's water to meet the needs of six billion people.

Vandana Shiva, a world-renowned environmental thinker and activist, has said that every peacemaker needs to care about water. In her book *Water Wars: Privatization, Pollution, and Profit*, she suggests that any resource that is scarce is vulnerable to control and, that inevitably this leads to conflict. All of this is not so far away from us. There has already been a lot of discussion about the privatization of water here in our own state—in Lexington.

We are seeing that privatization is becoming more a part of everyday language. Control of NASA's space programs has already been effectively privatized. Many prison and health care systems have been privatized. There has been talk about the privatization of Social Security. Last summer, we learned that the control of energy in many states has already been privatized.

As we dig in deeper and deeper into this talk about war, and as we acquiesce to the inevitability of war, we will give up more and more control of the earth's resources and those parts of our lives that are important to us to privatization. We already hear in our own state that monies for our children's education, the homeless, the mentally ill, the vulnerable in our society will be lessened. And, we must know deep down in our hearts that this is a natural consequence of war. The investment we have given to human needs in the past will now go into the military and into maintaining control. Our politicians, we'd like to believe, are really looking out for us by not raising taxes. But, in the meantime, the signs of trouble are as close as our children are to our hearts.

President Bush announced a few weeks ago that America is ready to use nuclear weapons in retaliation against any use of

chemical or biological weapons by Saddam Hussein. James Carroll, in a recent Boston Globe article says that by raising the specter of using nuclear weapons, "the United States will join Iraq in crossing the threshold into the ethical abyss of mass destruction." We have seen in recent weeks and months how other countries have boldly followed the United States' lead on this path. We know from our history with Hiroshima and Nagasaki the horrible and lasting legacy of nuclear bombs.

We cannot hand over the deed to our natural resources, our freedoms and our sense of what is right just to prove to the world that we are so powerful. It is not too late for us to awaken.

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WHO IS MAKING THE DECISION TO GO TO WAR?

Philip Lloyd-Sidle, pastor of James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church in Louisville made the following observation in an editorial printed in the Louisville Courier-Journal last October entitled “Becoming the ‘Evil’ We Denounce.”

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BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN! As a result of the 2002 elections, we have a Congress heavily influenced by the same extreme right-wing ideologues that disgraced our nation during the Contra War in the 1980s. They have the ear of the White House and the Justice Department. The gathering of such fearful powers into the hands of such reckless men is without precedent in all of human history. On close examination we find:

**OLLIE NORTH, an expert at staying out of the limelight, now a heavy weight behind the scenes in the National Security Council. There was nothing ethical about his actions in the Contra War in Nicaragua, spreading anti-communist fever throughout Central America under the Reagan administration and certainly there is nothing ethical about his position now to drag us into the Iraq war. Disgraced and discredited in the public eye, he is once again back at the helm.**

**JOHN POINDEXTER – FORMER REAGAN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL WHO DECEIVED CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC DURING THE IRAN-CONTRA SCANDAL.** He now directs the assault on our right to privacy at the Pentagon in the name of “security” with a new system of cyber-snooping that will link a huge number of governmental and commercial databases into one giant effort to track every American’s activities, including yours and mine. Poindexter has bragged that his “Total Information Awareness” program will be the most extensive electronic surveillance system in history. (ACLU letter, Jan 2003)

**ELLIOT ABRAMS – SPENT TIME IN JAIL FOR HIS ACTIVITIES IN IRAN-CONTRA. HE WAS PARDONED BY BUSH I .** He now serves on Bush II’s National Security Council.

**OTTO REICH – DURING IRAN-CONTRA HE WORKED FOR ELLIOT ABRAMS SERVING IN THE “OFFICE OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY” OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HE WAS STRONGLY IMPLICATED IN ILLEGAL PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES.** Now he is Deputy Secretary of State for Western Hemispheric Affairs. A hard-line right wing Cuban American ideologue, he is in charge of US policy toward Latin America. His appointment must be re-confirmed in the new Congress. Spread the word that this bad apple needs to go. Send a letter to the editor, or write an Op-Ed, the second most read part of the paper. (WFP, Summer/Fall 2002)

A REVITALIZED PEACE MOVEMENT

This time around the American people have wised up. Think for a moment about what took place on February 15, as reported by William Rivers Pitt, best selling New York Times author and high school teacher in Boston. “The USA saw protests from coast to coast in over 100 cities. New York City was paralyzed by over a million marchers. San Francisco was taken over by well over 200,000 protesters, and Los Angeles saw over 100,000 people take to the streets. Thousands upon thousands joined them in Chicago, Philadelphia, Miami and Seattle.” Overseas the numbers and the locations were staggering – 100,000 in Sydney, Australia. In Spain, several *million* protesters took over Madrid, Barcelona and 55 other cities. Over a million marched in Rome, as well as in Britain, **the largest demonstration in that nation’s history.** One hundred thousand were marching in the Netherlands, in Belgium and in Ireland. There were tens of thousands in Sweden, Switzerland, Scotland, Denmark, Austria, Canada, South Africa, Mexico, Greece, Russia and Japan.

“500,000 protesters demonstrated in Germany, joined by three members of Schroeder’s cabinet who defied their Chancellor by being there. It was the largest demonstration ever in post-war Germany. Another 500,000 people marched in Paris and 60 other French cities.”

This response by ordinary citizens who came together in an organized event “has no precedent in all of human history. It was accomplished by a global word-of-mouth activism rooted entirely in the Internet.” In Louisville the growth of the peace movement has been phenomenal. Starting out about two years ago with a handfull of individuals concerned about Iraq, there are now about 75



organized and dedicated participants of all ages showing up at the meetings every two weeks. Numerous committees are at work in between times.

When some 500 people turned out for the march on February 15 — *in the pouring rain*, the media finally took notice. To keep abreast of what is being planned, click on [pcunity@yahoo.com](mailto:pcunity@yahoo.com). Also check out the web site at [louisvillepeace.org](http://louisvillepeace.org). If you do not have e-mail, team up with someone who does and who is willing to keep you updated.

HOW YOU CAN PLUG IN – IDEAS FROM THE WEB SITE

1) Groups of twos or threes can *stand with a sign* at a busy intersection during rush hour, or at the fairgrounds before an event , or near a mall. Use big bold letters that can be read quickly, such as **No War, No Oil War, Peace Now**. Add the web site, [louisvillepeace.org](http://louisvillepeace.org). Most passerbys will signal approval or disapproval in some way, but nearly everyone admires the strength of conviction.

2) Spread the word about plans for an *immediate response* once the bombing starts. We will go to the park at Sixth and Jefferson at 4:30 pm on the day following for a rally to last 30-60 minutes. This will be followed by a march to the Mazzoli Federal Building on Chestnut Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Drums and puppets will be needed. The rally there in the Martin Luther King park will be a time of mourning for the victims of the attack, ending with a die-in ritual.

3) Find a piece of green cloth to use for a *car streamer* expressing a desire for peace and opposition to war. The color GREEN represents peace in many Middle Eastern cultures. Hang this cloth or ribbon from your car antenna, door handle or bumper. Or display a bumper sticker on your car.

4) Join the **candlelight vigil for peace** every second and fourth Sunday, 7:00-8:00. This is a silent vigil We stand for all those suffering in conflicts in the Middle East and for peace in Iraq, rain or shine, at:

- Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd
- Bardstown Road at Longest
- Lexington Road in front of the Ursuline Motherhouse, every Sunday
- St. John Vianney Church, 4839 Southside Drive
- St. Margaret-Mary Church on Shelbyville Rd across from Oxmoor Mall
- Central Park, 4<sup>th</sup> & Magnolia, 8:00-9:00 pm.
- Springfield, Ky, in front of the courthouse, every Friday, 3:00-4:00

5) Louisville *progressive peace march*, a series of marches along major streets between established **PLACES OF PEACE**. The first leg of this march took place on Feb. 22 (in the **pouring rain**) from Sixth & Broadway to Douglass Blvd Christian Church, a designated Place of Peace. The next segment is scheduled for 3:00 on Sunday afternoon, March 2, from Douglass Blvd Christian Church to the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, a designated Place of Peace. If you or your organization is interested in becoming a Place of Peace to host the march, please contact Sam Avery, 741-6944. [Aversam8@cs.com](mailto:Aversam8@cs.com)

6) Display a **yard sign**. Beautiful new preprinted signs are available that can withstand the weather. One side says “Peace Salaam Shalom” and the other says “Peace is Patriotic.” The suggested price is \$5.00. Funds over cost (\$2) will go to support our peace work. They are available at all the vigils. Or send a note to [<pcunity@yahoo.com>](mailto:pcunity@yahoo.com).

Third Thursday Lunches

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February to April 2003

March 20

Frederic Hicks

In January 2003, retired UofL anthropology professor Fred Hicks attended the **third World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil**. Under the theme, **"Another World is Possible,"** thousands of activists from around the world met to develop alternatives to the present global economic and political system and find ways to make it benefit all people, not just a few. Fred will share his experience.

April 17

Doug Hostetter

Doug Hostetter is cofounder and coordinator of the new Chicago-based **U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation** and is a former executive director and interfaith secretary of the national office of the FOR. In March 2003, Doug led an FOR delegation to Palestine/Israel. His topic will be **"Children of Abraham: Palestinian and Israeli Peacemakers in a Land of Conflict."** (Watch FORsooth for details about Doug's April 16 presentation regarding his recent trips to Afghanistan.)

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~ Alice Walker**

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Louisville Chapter of EarthSave: <http://louisville.earthsave.org>



# Calendar for peacemakers

- Mar 2 (Sun) **WITNESS FOR JUSTICE: PROTEST POLICE BRUTALITY, *every Sunday***, at the Louisville Police Department, 7<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson, 2:30 pm. Call Louis Coleman, 412-2369.
- Mar 2 (Sun) **PROGRESSIVE MARCH FOR PEACE**, sponsored by the Louisville Committee to Stop the War Against Iraq. The first leg was on Feb. 22 from Sixth and Jefferson to Douglass Loop. The second leg will begin at Douglass Loop at 3:00 pm on March 2 and proceed to 1044 Alta Vista Road to be hosted by the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. For details about the next leg after that, call Sam Avery, 741-6944.
- Mar 3 (Mon) **PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE FOR THE HEALING OF OUR HEARTS AND WORLD, *every week day at 12:15***. Twenty minute prayer service followed by vegetarian soup, James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave (at William Street). Call 896-0172.
- Mar 7 (Fri) **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**, sponsored by **Church Women United**. Program written by women from Catholic, Evangelical and Orthodox families of Lebanon. Theme: **“Holy Spirit, Fill Us.”** Call Mary Agnes Robinson to learn where a service will be in a church near you, 449-2223.
- Mar 7 (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. The vigil is sponsored by the Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.
- Mar 8 (Sat) **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY. March in DC is planned.**
- Mar 8 (Sat) **“UNDERSTANDING THE PALESTINIAN/ISRAELI CONFLICT: Historic and Current Realities,”** featuring ***TEDDY CRUM*** of the Middle East Research and Information Project with the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries in Washington, DC. He has served as a missionary in the Occupied Territories with the Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center in Bethlehem. Last summer he led a United Methodist delegation on a fact-finding and solidarity mission to Palestine. Break-out groups will follow the presentation. Middletown United Methodist Church, 11902 Old Shelbyville Rd, 10:00-2:00. (Registration at 9:30) \$10 includes box lunch and packet. Call by March 3 for reservations, 245-8839.
- Mar 9 (Sun) **CANDLE LIGHT VIGILS FOR PEACE**. Silent vigils for all those suffering in conflicts in the Middle East and to stand for peace in Iraq. Bring a candle and some friends. 7:00-8:00 pm. Rain or shine. Spread out east and west from **Douglass Loop**, Bardstown Rd at Douglass Blvd. Call Julie Driscoll, SCN, 905-4703, AnneWalter, 635-6307, or Beverly Moore, 473-1114. [www.louisvillepeace.org](http://www.louisvillepeace.org) People of all faiths are urged to come. (Note: Simultaneous vigils on Bardstown Rd at Longest; St. Vianney Church, 4839 Southside Drive; St. Margaret-Mary on Shelbyville Rd across from Oxmoor Mall; Ursuline Motherhouse, 3115 Lexington Road, *every Sunday*; and at Central Park, 4<sup>th</sup> & Magnolia (8:00 pm). (Also Springfield, Ky, in front of the courthouse, every Friday, 3:00-4:00)
- March 11 (Tue) **GETTING TO THE HEART OF PEACE & JUSTICE, Book discussion moderated by Terry Taylor: *Palestine and the Politics of Land* by Eugene March**. Hawley-Cooke Bookstore, Shelbyville Road Plaza, 7:00 pm. (25% discount on purchase of the book.) Sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace. Call Pam Yenawine, 386-5341, or Terry Taylor, 412-7591.
- Mar 12(Wed) **“DO WE NEED A REGIONAL HOUSING AGENDA?”** noon discussion sponsored by the Metropolitan Housing Coalition. Panel featuring **Kevin Flanery**, director of the Regional Leadership Coalition, former mayor **David Armstrong**, and **Barbara Anderson** of the Southern Indiana Housing Initiative. Urban League, 1535 West Broadway. For details, call 584-6858.
- Mar 12 (Wed) **KITLAC (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean)**. Presbyterian Seminary, Nelson Hall, Room 119. 7:30 pm. Call David Horvath, 583-4670 or Pat Geier, 456-6586.
- March 13-16 (TFSS) **THE BLACK FAMILY AND THE 3 R’s: “Reparations, Restitution and Restoration.”** 30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on the Black Family in America, with special focus on **“Reparations.”** Conference begins at 10:00 am on Thursday and ends at 11:30 am on Sunday. Call Dr. Joseph McMillan, 852-6656 or 2272-2272. [www.louisville.edu/edu/bfa](http://www.louisville.edu/edu/bfa)
- March 14 (Fri) **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2003 KENTUCKY CIVIL RIGHTS HALL OF FAME**. Any adult Kentucky resident may nominate someone to be honored for important contributions to civil rights in Kentucky. For nomination forms, contact the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame, 1/ 800/292-5566, and ask for Cynthia. You may also visit the website at [www.state.ky.us/agencies2/kchr](http://www.state.ky.us/agencies2/kchr).
- Mar 16 (Sun) **LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES**, meeting every third Sunday, First Unitarian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> and York Sts, 3:00 pm. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658. Elections will take place at the March meeting.

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

- Mar 20 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH** sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation featuring **FREDERIC HICKS**, UL anthropology professor emeritus, sharing his experiences at the third **World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil**, January 18-30 under the theme **“Another World Is Possible.”** Come join in the discussion about this important conference. Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 W. Oak St, 11:30 am buffet, \$6.00. Reservations required. **RSVP** to Cathy Ford, 458-1223 or Jean Edwards, 458-8056.
- Mar 24 ( Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE**, Presbyterian Seminary, Nelson Hall, #10, 7:30 pm. Visitors welcome. Call Pat Geier, 456-6586, or Mary Horvath, 583-4670.
- Mar 25 (Tue) **KCADP (Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty)**. Regular monthly meeting at Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Rd, 6:30 pm.. Call our new chair, Chris Coyle, 412-5288.
- Mar 26 (Wed) **DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL 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@aol.com](mailto:edwardsfor@aol.com)
- Mar 30 (Sun) **TASTE OF HEALTH, Healthy Food Festival**. Tasting fair with over 12 area restaurants, sponsored by **EarthSave**. Keynote speaker: **Ingrid Newkirk**, director of PETA. Bellarmine University, 2001 Newburg Rd, 11:00-5:00. Call 458-8515. <http://louisville.earthsave.org>
- Apr 3 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING**. Lend your hands for a few minutes. Beverley Marmion’s house, 6:30 pm. Call 451-5658. **Super news: Last month we labeled 1400 copies in one hour!**
- Apr 4 (Fri) **LABOR RIGHTS/CIVIL RIGHTS CELEBRATION, marking the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s assassination**. He died in Memphis while supporting the striking sanitation workers. Call Jobs with Justice, 625-3724.
- Apr 8 (Tue) **WE PRAY WITH OPEN HANDS: THE EXPERIENCE OF CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ. *Sheila Provencher*** sharing her experiences with the recent Pax Christi delegation to Iraq. Spalding Univ. Egan Leadership Ctr, 4<sup>th</sup> & Breckinridge, 7:30 pm.
- April 12 (Sat) **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**, Annual Assembly featuring **Eleanor Jordan**, ombudsman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Women and Children. Masterson’s Restaurant , \$15. Call Else Bown, 425-7516.
- April 12 (Sat) **WORKSHOP IN NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION FOR ECO-JUSTICE**, a production of Whippoorwill Holler Ynstitute – WHY. A one-day workshop for environmentally concerned activists. At St Catharine College, Springfield, Ky, affiliated with the Dominican Sisters, colocated with the Dominican Earth Center and an 800 acre sustainable agriculture farm. 8:30 am to 9:30 pm. Fee \$49 includes two meals, drinks, snacks, work materials, reference book(s). Contact Dick Shore, 205 Catalpa Rd, Lexington, Ky 40502. 1/888/44J-muir. E-mail: [dickshore@earthlink.net](mailto:dickshore@earthlink.net)
- April 16 (Wed) **DOUG HOSTETTER: “ CASUALTIES OF WAR: A BRIEF LOOK AT AFGHANISTAN AFTER THE AMERICAN WAR.”** We rejoice in the opportunity to renew our ties with Doug Hostetter who was in Louisville several times while serving on the national F.O.R. staff. He will speak of his experiences in Afghanistan during the past two years. Everyone is invited to hear him at a potluck dinner on Wednesday evening at Central Presbyterian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & Kentucky, at 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Louisville Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Call Jean Edwards, 458-8056.
- April 17 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH** sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, featuring **DOUG HOSTETTER, cofounder and coordinator of the new Chicago-based U.S. CAMPAIGN TO END THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION: “Children of Abraham: Palestinian and Israeli Peacemakers in a Land of Conflict.”** For details, call Cathy Ford, 458-1223, or Jean Edwards, 458-8056.
- April 18 (Fri) **GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE**, “The Way of the Cross.” Call Ann Walter, 583-6419.
- Apr 27 (Sun) **JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN**, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies, DePaul Univ, Chicago and codirector of the Jesus Seminar of the Society of Biblical Literature. Sponsored by the **Episcopal Peace Fellowship**. St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 330 N. Hubbards Lane. Three presentations as follows: 1:45 pm, **“Method and Historical Research.”** 3:15 pm, **“Meaning and the Historical Jesus.”** 7:00 pm, **“Jesus and Judaism.”** Crossan is the author of many best selling books including, *The Historical Jesus*, *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography*, *The Essential Jesus*, and *Who Killed Jesus?: Exposing the Roots of Anti-Semitism in the Gospel Story of the Death of Jesus*. For more information, call David Banks, 583-2300.
- Oct 12 (Sun) **HUNGER WALK**
- June 18-July 1, **WITNESS FOR PEACE HISTORIC DELEGATION OF 100 PERSONS TO NICARAGUA-MEXICO- CUBA-COLOMBIA, celebratin twenty years of transforming people and policy**. To challenge the cycles of military and economic violence in Latin America perpetuated by US policy and corporate practices. Call 202/ 588-1471, or [delegations@witness](mailto:delegations@witness) for peace.org
- Aug 28 (Thu) **FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING’S “I HAVE A DREAM” SPEECH. EVENT PLANNED IN DC**. Stay tuned.

## OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

## Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

- AD HOC COALITION FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION – (778-8130)
- ADDICTION RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF KENTUCKIANA – 2nd Wednesday (585-3375)
- AMERICA 2000 DEMOCRATIC CLUB – 3rd Tuesday (451-2155)
- AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (637-8951)
- BREAD FOR THE WORLD – 2nd Tuesday (239-4317)
- CAPA (Citizens Against Police Abuse) – 2nd Thursday (778-8130)
- C.E.A.S.E. [Citizens for Equitable Assignment to School Environments] – 3rd Saturday (778-9427)
- CLARK & FLOYD COUNTIES AIDS COALITION – 3rd Thursday (288-2706)
- CLOUT [Citizens of Louisville Organized and Working Together] -(583-1267)
- COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES – 3rd Sunday (451-5658)
- COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR AGAINST IRAQ – (456-6586)
- COMMON CAUSE – 1st Tuesday, every other month (228-1534)
- COMMUNIST PARTY USA – Saturday evenings (648-8197 or 473-2659)
- CONVERSATION CAFE – Wednesday evenings (454-4820)
- EARTH SAVE LOUISVILLE – 2nd Sunday (569-1876)
- FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN – Quarterly community dialogues and volunteer opportunities (893-0788)
- FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION – 4th Monday (456-6586 or 583-4670)
- GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB – 3rd Tuesday (897-3335)
- GREEN PARTY – 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 (584-1444)
- JEFFERSON COUNTY WELFARE REFORM COALITION – 2nd Friday (585-3556)
- JUBILEE NETWORK – (583-4670)
- JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER – 3rd Saturday (774-1116)
- KENTUCKIANA NATIVE AMERICAN SUPPORT GROUP – 1st & 3rd Thursdays (635-2817)
- KENTUCKY JOBS WITH JUSTICE (582-3508, ext. 124)
- KFTC [KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH] – 2nd Monday, jointly with POWER (589-3188)
- KY AIDS LIFE ALLIANCE (KALA) – Every Thursday (479-7884)
- KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION – 3rd Monday (778-8130)
- KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY – 4th Tuesday (585-2895)
- KY INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN (KITLAC) – 2nd Wednesday (583-4670)
- KY RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION – (774-4000)
- LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP – 2nd and 4th Thursdays (587-6225)
- LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH – 2nd Sunday (456-5261)
- LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP – Friday nights (454-3300), [www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org](http://www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org)
- METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION – 4th Wednesday (584-6858)
- NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) – 3rd Monday (634-1804)
- NAGASAKI/HIROSHIMA COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE – 1st Sunday (458-8056)
- NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) – 2nd Monday (245-5287)
- PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG) – 3rd Sunday (329-0229)
- PAX CHRISTI – Last Wednesday (456-9342)
- PEACE & COMPASSION BUDDHA CIRCLE/CML – (451-2193, [brozier@bellsouth.net](mailto:brozier@bellsouth.net))
- POWER [PEOPLE ORGANIZED AND WORKING FOR ENERGY REFORM] – 2nd Monday, jointly with KFTC (778-2687)
- PROGRESSIVE STUDENTS LEAGUE AT UL – 2nd & 4th Mondays (638-1021)
- RCRC [Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice] – (585-3050)
- RESULTS (a hunger lobby) – 2nd Saturday (451-4907)
- SHADHULIYYAH SUFI SPIRITUALITY GROUP – Thursday nights (893-6122)
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- 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.**