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Groups back officer who resists Iraq war

FORsooth staff report

The cause of Lieutenant Ehren Watada, the first commissioned U.S. Army officer to publicly refuse deployment in Iraq, gained support in Louisville July 10 as a crowd at Central Presbyterian Church heard two peace activists call for letters and protests on his behalf.

Clare Bayard, an organizer with Friends of Ehren Watada Support Committee, and Steve Theberge, the War Resisters League's national Youth and Counter-Militarism Program organizer, stopped at the church as part of national speaking tour about the Hawaii native's case.

They said they hope to use the case of Watada, who is confined to a military base in Washington state and prevented by a gag order from publicly speaking, as a way to strengthen opposition to the war.

"One of the most important aspects of our work is getting out there and talking to folks and figuring out together what it's going to take to end this war. So this is a step in that process," Theberge said.

Bayard said the tour's strategy, in one way, mirrors what the army is doing. She said the pentagon is making an example of Watada to deter others from refusing to fight.

"If they're going to make an example out of him, then we better make this an example of how much we're going to support soldiers who do this," she said.

Bayard said Watada became opposed to the war after reading about it, but he does not qualify for Conscientious Objector status because he has said he is not opposed to war in all hypothetical cases.

Watada has said in a written statement: "I hope that my example shows other soldiers that they too have the power to choose right over wrong and that freedom is something that can never be taken away."



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Lieutenant Ehren Watada, right picture, the first military officer to publicly refuse deployment to Iraq, gained support July 10 in Louisville and at rallies around the nation, left.

Bayard, who asked for letters to representatives and senators and to newspapers in support of Watada, also devoted a moment to the memory of someone who surely would have attended the program – Anne Braden, who died in March after more than 50 years of struggling against racism and militarism.

Bayard noted the diverse set of groups sponsoring the program – including the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, the Louisville FOR, the Feminist Peace Network, the Louisville Peace Action Community and Interfaith Paths to Peace.

Racism, she said, is a large barrier to social justice progress, adding: "Anti-racism is such a powerful catalyst for bringing us together and making our work actually effective."

Bayard said Watada will likely be court-martialed in October on seven charges, including contempt for superiors and the president for denouncing the war before the gag order.

She urged Watada's backers to be forceful in their support, saying if the Army pays a high price for its actions against him, it could hasten a U.S. pullout from Iraq.

"Our support has to be really visible and really as broad as we can make it, to be effective," she said. "We are the majority in the world, those of us who are opposed to this war, and we really are close to being a majority in this country. So I think we can do it."

For more information about Lieutenant Ehren Watada's case, visit www.thankyou.lt.org.

5-day walk to illustrate happy and sad 9/11s

The other anniversary on Sept. 11 - this one observed with joy - will inspire peace activists from around the nation to walk from Nelson County, Ky. to downtown Louisville.

The Gandhi-Merton Pilgrimage for Peace and Non-violence will end September 11 at Fourth Street and Muhammad Ali Blvd, the corner where celebrated Trappist monk Thomas Merton had a realization in the late 1950s of love for the whole human race, a moment that transformed him into a powerful vehicle for peace and justice.

One of the pilgrims will be former FOR national secretary Father John Dear, said organizer Terry Taylor, director of Interfaith Paths to Peace, which is organizing the pilgrimage.

The walk will start Sept 7 at Merton's hermitage at Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani in Trappist in southern Nelson County.

The date of the walk's conclusion was chosen not only for its being the fifth anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks, but because it marks the 100th anniversary of Mohandas Gandhi unveiling his plan to use nonviolence to free India from British rule, Taylor said.

"This 52-mile, five day pilgrimage is designed, in the manner of Gandhi and Merton, to draw attention to the importance of finding non-violent solutions to the world's most difficult problems," Interfaith Paths said.

For more information, contact Taylor at (502) 214-7322 or e-mail Terry@InterfaithPathsToPeace.org.

Much riding on high court case from city

by Gracie Lewis

Rev. Jesse Jackson came to Louisville June 28 to inform us about two cases currently before the U.S. Supreme Court that would turn back a century of struggle for equality.

Two years ago, the U.S. District Court upheld the Jefferson County Public Schools student assignment plan.

Crystal D. Meredith of Louisville wanted her son to go to Bloom Elementary, but — because of this plan — she said, he was denied because he is white.

There is a similar case in Seattle. Both cases will be heard when the Supreme Court is back in session in September.

The Kentucky Alliance will be setting forums to discuss the impact of these cases and the current situation in our schools. For

more information, contact me at the Kentucky Alliance at (502) 778-8130 or Nancy DeMarta at (502) 214-0985.

Rev. Jackson gave us a history lesson on the impact of Supreme Court cases on our nation, saying that any time a case is brought before the Supreme Court, it will have ramifications, adding there are no "narrowly applied Supreme Court decisions."

What is most disturbing about these cases is that they will impact on opportunities for minorities and women in education, employment, minority contracts and voting rights.

"Whenever the playing field is level, we're even," Jackson said.

In September, the NAACP will be the host of a conference on the implementing of the Brown versus Board decision of 1954. This would be a great opportunity

for us to discuss where we need to go from here and get in on the argument before the Supreme Court.

Now that Louisville is in the spotlight, it would be a great time for us to mobilize a grassroots movement. We have no problem with allowing Crystal Meredith's son to allow Bloom Elementary, but race matters and there is no change in the notion of white supremacy in Louisville. Discrimination still exists in our school system.

Jackson said we need to mobilize a 10,000-person rally to send a message to America that "we won't go back!"

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Julia Butterfly Hill asks crowd 'what is your tree?'

by Ken Nevitt

Julia Butterfly Hill was not at Bellarmine University, for the scheduled June 8 event titled "One Makes the Difference."

That is because on that day, she was one hundred feet up a walnut tree in Los Angeles. But the 200 or so who had been invited to listen to this activist and environmentalist were not disappointed.

They were treated with a phone call-in from Hill, actress Daryl Hannah, and activist John Quigley. These three, along with many others, were at a 14-acre urban garden, the South Central Farm, protesting the eviction of farmers and their supporters.

For many decades, about 350 mostly Hispanic farmers had tended produce and flowers on this inner-city area, surrounded by warehouses and train tracks. The property was purchased by the city in the 1980s to build a trash-to-energy incinerator. But when that plan did not work out, the city allowed the people to begin gardening the area. Hill explained that the farmers worked to remove asphalt from the property and brought in fertile soil. The urban farm, an oasis in the midst of industrialization, fed and supported the farmers and their families.

In 2003, however, the city sold the land back to the developer for \$4.8 million, without consulting the farmers, Hill said by phone. Now the owner wants to replace the farm with a warehouse — that is, assuming that the farmers and their supporters are unable to come up with his asking price of \$16.3 million.

This is not the first time. Hill has been up a tree. In fact, she spent two years without coming down to touch the ground, in an enormous thousand-year-old redwood tree named "Luna" beginning in December, 1997, in Humboldt County, Ca. Hill undertook this act of non-violent civil disobedience to prevent loggers from cutting the tree down. Two years later, the Pacific Lumber Company agreed to preserve Luna and all trees within a three-acre buffer zone, and Julia finally touched ground.

The June 8 event in Louisville was sponsored by Cultivating Connections, the Cathedral Heritage Foundation, and the Thomas Merton Center, and many co-sponsors, including Louisville Peace Action Community, Central Presbyterian Church, Church of the Epiphany, EarthSave Louisville, and the FOR, set up booths, sharing information about their efforts for peace, justice, and for the environment.

Hill explained to the audience that it is not necessary for all to join her in tree-

sitting, but rather she asked all in attendance to consider their response to the question, "What is your tree?," meaning, what is it that you will commit yourself to, in order to improve our world. Hill has helped found the Circle of Life Foundation, whose mission statement said it is geared to "inspire, support, and network individuals, organizations, and communities, so together we can create environmental and societal solutions that are rooted deeply in love and respect for the interconnectedness of all life."

Hill spoke of the importance of listening closely to those with opposite viewpoints, explaining that she had learned much from talking with the developer at the farm and loggers in the forest. In response to a question from the audience, she indicated that the tree in California in which she sat for two years, Luna, had been, shortly after the settlement agreement, hacked at by a disgruntled logger. All who surveyed the damage agreed that Luna, which was over a thousand years old, would die from the mortal wounds. But Luna still lives! Hill said the support of the many concerned, and Luna's desire to live, have caused life to flourish.

Unfortunately, on June 13, 2006, sheriff's deputies descended on the urban farm in Los Angeles, evicting the farmers and arresting 40 of their supporters, including Hannah and Quigley (Hill had vacated the tree several days prior). The fences were cut and the sunflowers, avocados, and other produce were bull-dozed over. But the community has not given up. They have organized nightly candlelight vigils, increased their presence at the farm, and voiced their concerns to city hall.

Mark Steiner of Cultivating Connections (www.cultivatingconnections.org) moderated the event. Harry Pickens spoke to the gathering and invited the audience to take a few moments to talk with those around them about what it was that they were willing to commit to, in order to help create environmental solutions and connections between all life.

Hill is the subject of a documentary film titled *Butterfly*, is the author of the book *Legacy of Luna*, and co-author of *One Makes the Difference*. Those interested in Hill's work, and in supporting the farm, will want to view the websites www.circleoflife.org and www.southcentralfarmers.com.

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

Alternative budget sought

Following is a statement by the Coalition for the People's Agenda about the Louisville metro government budget:

In pursuit of our lofty goal of "healing, restoring, and transforming" our community, the Coalition for the People's Agenda has for some four years now been advocating for The People's Agenda, a collection of 24 moderately specific policy directions that must urgently be taken, three policies in each of eight issue groupings.

Last year we presented a People's Budget as an alternative to the Mayor's, and we here suggest some major changes to this year's proposed budget. One theme of our Agenda is that, as the old adage has it, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

To go from the very general to the very specific, the Coalition has looked at the Mayor's proposed fiscal 2006-2007 Louisville Metro Budget and found *many* areas where our priorities would be different from his. But we are basically going to focus on one major area that we believe is overfunded, namely the Metro Police, and propose that the increase in the police budget (approximately \$5.1 million) be reallocated, with the biggest portion going to the provision of affordable housing for low-income families.

While the police in the proposed budget would get this large increase in funding (section I(D)), Housing and Community Development actually has its funding (Section I(G)(4)) *cut* by about \$4.6 million, or 45 percent, because of the lack of carryover Community Development Block Grant funds this year. In keeping with our belief that the people of Louisville, especially in the West End, need housing and basic human services much more than attempts to make them "safer" by spending more on police — and mindful of the fact that more than 11,000 people used homelessness-relief services last year — we therefore propose that \$4.1 million of the police increase be redirected to Housing and Community Development (Section I (G)(4)) to make up for most of the lost CDBG funds, and that it be specifically earmarked for rental assistance for low-income households and assistance with home repairs for those who need it, so that they do not become homeless.

The remaining \$1 million of the proposed police increase, plus funds gotten from a \$1.75 million bond issue, should instead be spent on several projects helping to provide basic human services and prevent crime (housing assistance, we note, would

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Two activists in area die

Peace and justice advocates are mourning the loss of two Louisvillians, one who was blessed with a long life and another who died tragically young.

Ruth Weinstock, 99, died June 28. The Brooklyn, N.Y. native, retired registered nurse and nurse's union organizer was particularly active against nuclear weapons and had frequently protested the Vietnam War. She was married for 60 years to the late Marty Weinstock and is survived by daughters Frances Weinstock, M.D. and Mary Gilbert; grandchildren Jonathan Gilbert and Molly and Sam Kaviar; and a great-grandson, Nathan Gilbert.

She helped establish a day care center for farm workers in Florida and backed pro-civil rights candidates for office in that state. In recent years, she attended rallies in Louisville against police shootings and the Iraq war.

David C. Sauter, 34, formerly of Dahlonega, Ga. died July 4 at University of Louisville Hospital. He was married to Aleve Douglas, with whom he worked on many peace and justice initiatives. He was a founding member of Sapat, a musical group, and an employee of the University of Louisville.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Otis; his parents, Tom and Bonnie Sauter; a sister, Julie Benna (Michael); and his mother- and father-in-law, Roscoe and Gwen Douglas.



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CUBA Film Festival

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Friday, July 28
Saturday, July 29
Sunday, July 30

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Friday, July 28

7 pm – Bloqueo: Looking at the U.S. Embargo Against Cuba

(Directed by Heather Haddon and Rachel Dannefer, 2005, 45 minutes)

Featuring voices from the streets of Havana, the Cuban countryside and those involved in Cuba solidarity work, *Bloqueo* lets Cubans speak for themselves about how they have been affected by this policy and what it means to live in Cuba today. This documentary also features analysis from activists traveling with the Pastors for Peace Caravan—an annual journey calling attention to this controversial policy. *Bloqueo* looks at the successes that have made Cuba a model in healthcare, environmental stewardship, and other arenas that forge an alternative, and ultimately more sustainable, system.

9 pm – Inventos: Hip Hop Cubano

(Directed by Eli Jacobs-Fantauzzi, 2005, 50 minutes)

Provides unique insights into the Hip-Hop scene in Cuba and the reality of contemporary Cuban politics. The film follows the innovators of this musical movement to their homes, the stage, and as they travel abroad for the first time. *Inventos* has been seen as a 'social' film highlighting issues we're all focusing on these days: globalization, world politics, development, poverty, identity and of course the USA. But behind all this, is a film about a group of young people clued up and sure of themselves — artists with total faith in what they are doing and their potential to make change happen. *Inventos* embodies the true spirit of Hip Hop, which is to create something powerful and useful out of what is seemingly impossible.

Saturday, July 29

7 pm – Fidel: The Untold Story

(Directed by Estelle Bravo, 2001, 91 minutes)

Fidel offers a unique view of one of the most influential and controversial figures of our time through exclusive interviews with Fidel Castro himself, historians, public figures and close friends. The film also includes footage from the Cuban State archives. Alice Walker, Harry Belafonte, and Sydney Pollack discuss the personality of the man. Former and current US government figures including Arthur Schlesinger, Ramsey Clark, Congressman Charles Rangel and a former CIA agent offer political and historical perspectives on Castro and the long-standing US embargo against Cuba. Family members and close friends, including Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel Garcia Marquez, offer a window into the personal life of Fidel.

9 pm – Inventos: Hip Hop Cubano

Sunday, July 30

6 pm – Havana Nagila

(Written and directed by Laura Paull, 1995, 57 minutes)

A story of the Jewish community in Cuba, its history, and its survival through the many changes within Cuba. While most people in the U.S. have an image of Cuba as a place hostile to religion of any kind, Cuba is actually a country with several active synagogues and mosques, and hundreds of churches, as well as the dominant and most popular religious practice commonly known as Santeria or Yoruba. Come see this uplifting and surprising film. Discussion will follow.

7:30 pm – The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil

(Directed by Faith Morgan, 2006, 53 minutes)

In this documentary, ordinary Cubans talk about the immediate hardships they faced when the Soviet Union collapsed in the early 1990s, stopping all economic support. With the sudden loss of trade and over 50% of their oil imports, Cuba's Gross Domestic Product dropped by more than a third, transportation halted and food became scarce — on average Cubans lost 20 pounds during the first three years of the economic crisis. Yet Cubans triumphed over adversity through local solutions. The film visits urban gardens and organic farms, explains the relationship between food and fossil fuels, and shows how a society can change from an industrialized, global focus to a local, community based one. It is a rare view into this island culture, using firsthand reporting that focuses on what Cuban's have learned and can share about adapting to living with less.

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Festival includes Spanish language films with English subtitles. Wheelchair accessible venue.
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Taking a life in combat is wrong — no matter the term

by Eustace Durrett
and Ike M. Thacker IV

Gertrude Stein wrote, "A rose is a rose is a rose."

To paraphrase: "To kill and slaughter is to kill and slaughter is to kill and slaughter." A recent Associated Press story, headed "Military tries to draw a hard line between killing and murder," discussed how our military distinguishes between "killing" and "murder."

You might say by their standards that, "killing is not murder, killing is not murder, killing is not murder." And, supposedly, murder is not killing.

A National Guardsman come sniper in Iraq is quoted: "I understand my job. My job is to be ferocious in combat... to be a killer.... I don't apologize. I'm very proud of the confirmed kills I had."

Apparently, one of the military distinctions between killing and murder is "distance." Killing someone you judge to be an enemy with a rifle from 100 yards or so, or bombing from a mile up, is "killing" but not "murder."

Also, intention is important for the distinction. Killing an innocent citizen through your personal judgment that they were "enemy" is not murder. Nor is miscalculated bombing or collateral damage. In another publication another sniper from another part of the Middle East makes another distinction. "You don't shoot a child who is 12 or younger... Twelve and up is allowed. He's not a child any more, he's already after his bar mitzvah. Something like that."

Retired Army Col. Don Snider, a professor of political science, said that moral training is at the heart of the enterprise

at West Point. Philosophy, logic, and the history of war are tough. At the Naval Academy, a class called "The Code of the Warrior" studies "warrior" culture, looking at the ancient Greeks, the Vikings, the different Native Americans, the Japanese samurai, and others.

Shannon French, an associate professor of philosophy at the Naval Academy, aims to present warrior values and the reasons they matter so much.

"It's so vital. The rules are there to keep them from becoming monsters," French said. "Any time you take a human life, there is trauma, there is what we'd call moral, psychological or even spiritual damage. Nothing removes the trauma. But if, after the fact, you can understand the reason for the killing, and recognize how it fits in with the values you were raised with,

how it isn't an affront to those values, then you can integrate that into your identity in a way that is healing."

Her students refuse to use even the word, "killer," insisting it carries a judgment that doesn't fit a warrior. So, there you have it, an officer and a gentleman doesn't murder. But he does violently end human lives. This distinction is somewhat like what mainstream newspapers teach us about ending lives in the civilian arena, that the state doesn't "kill" killers, it "executes" them. Perhaps you could say dead is dead is dead.

Eustace Durrett is an advocate for economic equality and rail transit. Ike M. Thacker IV is an advocate for radical socioeconomic equity, focusing especially on housing issues. Both live in Louisville.

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Stress of war

The front page headline of July 10, 2006 which appeared in The Courier-Journal entitled "More in 101st face Iraq charges" should hold our attention regarding the continued presence of our military forces in Iraq.

This incident, involving 5 U.S. service personnel, reinforces my belief that we are all victims of this conflict, including our military. Steven Green, the primary suspect in the crimes of murder and rape, has been described as having a "personality disorder". One wonders where this disorder came about?

Is it possible that his participation in the war led to an unbalanced mental state? If so, one also wonders what affect the war is having on many other men and women who are engaged in the Iraqi conflict.

History will be our judge as to whether or not our country should ever have been engaged in this war. My own opinion is that it (the war) was a mistake, based upon infantile political motives.

Anthony P. Hasson, Louisville

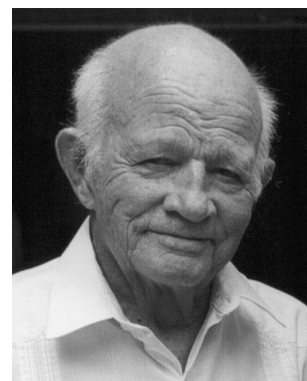


Letters to FORsooth

Memorial for Henry Wallace

July 26th, 6-9 pm

Mastersons, 1830 South Third Street in Louisville



Please join us in a community meal, and in hearing Henry's writings and Letters to the Editor, watching a video of Henry, song and remembrance, grief and celebration of our beloved father, grandfather, brother, comrade, and friend.

Henry Wallace
June 12, 1915 - April 19, 2006

Son of Tom Wallace, editor of the Louisville Times and an early conservationist, Henry was a photo journalist and correspondent for the Lexington Herald and Time/Life magazine. A long time supporter of the Cuban Revolution, he was also active against the Vietnam War. Wallace was arrested several times during Louisville's Open Housing struggles, and maintained a life time commitment to racial justice. He was an ardent supporter of the Fairness Campaign and recently joined thousands at the September 24th March on Washington against the War on Iraq. Wallace loved to canoe and kayak, and often took his children and grandchildren down Harrods Creek to admire snakes, turtles and other critters. As a devoted friend of the natural world, Wallace established a conservation easement forever protecting the family farm. He is also beloved for the creation of Henry's Ark, Prospect's reknown petting zoo.

Memorial to be held on July 26th, 2006 from 6-9 pm at Mastersons at 1830 South Third Street, Louisville. A community meal will be offered along with readings from Wallace's writings and Letters to the Editor, a short video, song and remembrance. Please attend. Donations will be accepted for a local delegation to Cuba in Wallace's honour and in his name.

Please call (502) 228-7123 for more information and to RSVP.

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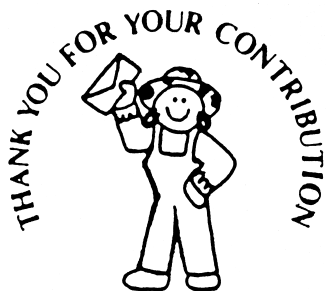
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Road to justice mapped by tenacious death penalty foe

Politics, Religion and Death: Memoirs of a Lobbyist

by Carl Wedekind
Kentucky Coalition to Abolish
the Death Penalty, 2006 (200 pp.)

reviewed by Doug Stern

First, change the title on the copy you buy. This is the memoir of an *amateur* lobbyist — amateur in the most literal sense of the word.

Wedekind's story relates how he stumbled into the issue of the death penalty and emerged as one of our nation's most sure-footed abolitionists. It's a tale that should be required reading for anyone interested in how our vaunted, lofty-appearing system of law making looks from the perspective of a small frog at the very bottom of a very murky pond.

The book covers about five years, beginning just before the July 1, 1997, execution of Harold McQueen in the state penitentiary at Eddyville, Ky. Wedekind, a retired corporate lawyer and businessman, was serving on an ACLU legal panel when McQueen's lead counsel recruited him to help that summer with last-ditch appeals.

As Wedekind put it, "Harold McQueen's journey ended, and my journey as an abolitionist began."

BOOK REVIEW

The book ends in the summer of 2002. That was when Wedekind and other Kentucky abolitionists saw their hopes fulfilled with the August 1 exoneration and release of a young death row inmate, Larry Osborne.

In between McQueen's alpha and Osborne's omega, Wedekind describes the birth of a social and political movement. It was a painful labor and delivery.

Wedekind, a nationally respected civil libertarian, describes, for example, the utter frustration of opposing the death penalty in Kentucky in 1997. "This taste of powerlessness lit a flame that became a fire in my belly."

He needed that fire to weather the chill he and other abolitionists found in Frankfort when they started organized lobbying in earnest. Wedekind describes Kentucky's capital city as the domain, with a few righteous exceptions, of imperious, arch-conservative religious zealots, sometimes all wrapped up in one.

There are many candidates, but the poster boy may have been a "pleasant,

intense-looking man in his early forties" named Stan Lee, a state representative from Lexington. Wedekind tells how he and Father Pat Delahanty (*the father of the abolition movement in Kentucky*) met this newly-elected lawmaker.

Wedekind wrote that the two were a few minutes into their routine briefing when Representative Lee suddenly stood. He raised his hands and delivered a lightning bolt from the Book of Revelations, telling the slack-jawed lobbyists that their concerns about this and all other worldly matters would soon be over. What was over was the briefing, the book said.

But State Representative Gross Lindsay clearly took the cake. As the all-powerful chair of the all-powerful House Judiciary Committee, Wedekind wrote, Lindsay deflected every question, cajole, challenge, strategy and datum that Wedekind and his crew threw at him.

Sometimes that deflection was delivered with aw-shucks charm, Wedekind wrote, while other times it felt like a sledgehammer.

The book noted that despite proof of Kentucky citizens' growing opposition to the death penalty, Lindsay bottled up death penalty bills in his committee session after session. Other state represen-

tatives, Wedekind added, were cowed by him or disagreed through the veil of old-school gentility.

Wedekind pushed Lindsay to the boiling point. The book described how when finally confronted, the chairman snapped. "Banging his fist on his desk, Lindsay announced, 'I don't have to tell you why I do anything. I don't owe you, or anyone else, any explanation for what I do.'"

So it goes when the lobbyist tries to go through the wall.

Wedekind's story, despite the frustrations, is ultimately a story of hope. That hope has often come in the form of the people who have fought the good fight alongside him.

He wraps up this way. "I continue to be amazed at the workings of this world, but I decided it is simply better to believe that if you keep after it, good things will eventually happen. I believe this, and off we go again."

Spoken like an amateur.

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*This poem is for the survivors of
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Hibakusha

Ninety thousand shadows
On the sidewalk,
Indelibly burned
Into all of our minds
In the moment that brief, unnatural sun
Shone over Hiroshima, leaving
Shadows, silence, sickness, shock
And the Hibakusha.

Hibakusha — those who survived
Would you have wanted to?
Yet they did, living testament
That even this grotesquerie
Of molten flesh, the unimaginable weight
Of memories, the enormity of knowing
What a human being can do to another,
Even all this
Cannot a soul unmake.

Hibakusha - like everyone else,
They never knew, that in nineteen-
Forty-three, when they
Tested the first one, they
Took bets, on whether the thing would
Ignite the very air and engulf
The whole world in flames, and the
Only reason it didn't was simply that
It didn't.
From that moment on, we were all
Hibakusha.

Hibakusha - those who saw
With their own eyes, that light, that
Shape
That haunts the nightmares
Of kids in every country of this world,
Hibakusha - their mangled forms express
The deformation of our own souls, and yet
Their survival is a beacon,
Their courage a reminder,
That we
Can give our children dreams of life
Instead of this,
And we
Are the only light
Against the darkness of our own making,
And we
Are all that we have.
Let's keep that.

— Steve Nance
August 1989

War and the working class tied by Mideast escalation

As this column is being submitted, Israel is imposing a full naval blockade on Lebanon and has bombed all runways of Beirut's international airport. Hizbollah, the Lebanese Shia Islamic group founded in 1982 to fight the Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon, sent rockets deep into northern Israel: Haifa, Tsfat, Carmiel, Nahariya and sixteen other towns. There are dead and wounded everywhere. Nobody is safe—not Israel, not Lebanon, and certainly not the occupied Palestinian territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israeli bomb shelters, Hizbollah's Katyushas and Palestinian homemade rockets won't prevent the carnage on either side.

Two weeks ago, Israel invaded Gaza to retrieve a captured soldier. The European Union criticized Israel for "disproportionate use of force," notwithstanding Israel's claim it struck Lebanon's airport to stop the flow of Hizbollah supplies. And now there are two new captured Israeli soldiers.

But, as the Israeli group Rabbis for Human Rights states (July 17):

"The situation in the North and the South are not identical, but in both cases we are facing enemies who do not recognize our right to exist." Your correspondent tries never to forget this, even as he blames the Israeli Occupation and humiliation of its sister and brother Semites, the Palestinians, as the major obstacle to peace.

Put another way: Iran, which helps fund Hizbollah and Hamas, must be criticized for acting as a conduit for the transfer of arms and personnel, for advocating that Israel be wiped off the map, for denying the Holocaust. As the Left condemns this reactionary nationalism we can with clean hands simultaneously ask, as does Russian President Vladimir Putin, what more Israel really wants in Lebanon.

Then we can also ask if Bush was also a provocateur when, many months ago, he targeted Iran with verbal tirades minus a plan to sit down with Iran and try to find common ground.

Nor must we delude ourselves into thinking Israel is merely the victim of unprovoked assault. The New York Times reports (July 14): "...Israeli officials said there would be a long campaign to restore the country's security, both along its southern border with Gaza and its northern one with Lebanon. The Israelis want to restore their military credibility with the Palestinian militants, the Hamas government in Gaza and with Hizbollah, and say they intend to make the current campaign painful for both sets of antagonists.

"The Israelis say they want the message to get across to Syria and Iran, the countries widely considered to be the main sponsors of Hizbollah and Palestinian militancy." Truth be told, we in the U.S. need to get the message across to President Bush that in exchange for the billions of dollars we give Israel each year we demand Israel return to the 1967 borders, that the Occupation of Palestinian lands end—and Israel will comply.

The Israeli peace group, Gush Shalom, ran an ad in the Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz on July 14: "Those who refused to talk with the Palestinian government and declared a blockade on the Palestinian people got a conflagration in the Gaza Strip. Those who refused a prisoner exchange and sent tanks into Gaza got a conflagration both in the north and in the south. Those who refuse to talk even now may get a conflagration throughout the Middle East. And in the end, in spite of everything—they will talk."

Writes Gush Shalom's Adam Keller (July 13): "Considered in isolation, Hizbollah's attack on the Israeli patrol, the killing and capturing of soldiers would indeed constitute 'an unprovoked aggression'. But without the daily carnage in Gaza going on under the nose of an indifferent international community, it is highly unlikely that Hizbollah would have done anything of the kind. (And for that matter, the Gaza mess would not have started without the preceding months of daily killings in the West Bank and a totally one-sided international boycott on the elected Palestinian government, and the entire Palestin-



ian people). The only hope: that now the world will be a little bit wiser and not let the conflagration spread any further.

"...The considerable Palestinian death toll in the Gaza Strip (also including a whole family—father, mother and five children) was totally pushed to the background (by) yesterday's...bloodshed."

Keller plumbs for a reason: "...The latest events in Gaza and Lebanon are directly related to the Government of Israel's campaign against the elected leadership of the Palestinian people. This policy prevents any chance of creating a channel of communications and diplomatic negotiations with our neighbors, and leaves the arena to those who want endless fighting. The only true solution is negotiations for the end of the conflict."

Israeli intellectual and activist Reuven Kaminer, who spoke recently here in Louisville, Kentucky, also posts his analysis (July 13, "Poor Mr. Goliath"):

"The infrastructure for the recent, new escapades by Israel and the IDF is to be found, of course, in the 'special relationship' between the United States and Israel. This relationship provides the military wherewithal and the political 'cover' for any Israeli action and is the geo-political instrument through which the United States imposes its hegemony in the region. Both sides are obligated to a coordinated response when and if their interests are endangered. Though it is a firm and long standing alliance, each partner does have its own way of looking at things and can develop separate modes of operation.

"...By insisting that it will not distinguish between different levels and types of military actions against it, Israel paints itself into a corner. This fact is not lost on those interested in defying the present status quo."

Kaminer comments on the kidnapping of Israeli soldiers, referring to Israel: "...Responsible statesmen do not usually post a 'price list' of retribution and revenge in order to impress everybody that they

may throw restraint to the wind. It is precisely this kind of arrogance that ups the ante and promises rewards to those forces determined to prevent the consolidation of a new status quo. The disproportionate threats to launch a full scale offensive...does go down well with most of the citizenry, but it also creates a dynamic that can spin out of control."

But why are there all these provocations? To Kaminer, "...Israel's ultimatum demand for a quiet and undisturbed occupation is as unrealistic as it is immoral. Thus, Israel beats the drums and builds tension that sets the stage for wide scale military action.

"...It is indeed probable that Israel, carried away by an attack of self-righteousness, has forgotten its main task in the region: to maintain a modicum of calm and normality in order to block developments that could harm the basic interests of the United States or Israel. Israel's pretensions to maintain a 'quiet occupation' without any challenges has hurled the region into a new round of war and destruction. Israel, quite clearly guilty of serious crimes against humanity by creating a major humanitarian crisis in Gaza in the south has gone on a campaign of aggression against Lebanon in the north."

What does Israel want? Says Kaminer: "...Israel has made its move: it demands that the world recognize its right to a deluxe, resistance free occupation or it will go to war. The international community will have to take a stand on this issue,

4 Haiku

quick! read this poem
read all the poems you can
while it's still legal

hush! eat this poem
memorize it, tell it to
everyone you trust

rise! chant this poem
we don't have to whisper now
not with all these friends

hey! write a poem
celebrate the world we made
singing down the walls

— Steve Nance, July 2006

sooner than later. At the heart of this crisis: the refusal of the international community to fulfill its duty to establish a just peace based on the creation of an independent, viable Palestinian state. History will not bypass this requirement."

Your columnist feels very deeply for the three kidnapped Israeli soldiers and their anxious families. But, in addition to being a conscious Jew, I am also a conscious human being. And so I feel just as deeply for the thousands of Palestinians administratively and otherwise detained, including hundreds of women and children.

But maybe there is hope, maybe the humanity within us can shine thru. As reported by ICAHD, the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions: "For two weeks, Israelis and Palestinians will together resist the Occupation with over 30 international volunteers in the village of Anata (East Jerusalem) by rebuilding a demolished Palestinian home.

"Organized by (ICAHD), the Rebuilding Camp will begin on Sunday July 16, 2006, and conclude on July 29 with a dedication ceremony.

"For the fourth year in a row, ICAHD's rebuilding camp will productively resist the inhumane policies of the Occupation while building valuable partnerships between Palestinians, Israelis and internationals. This year participants will rebuild the home of Hassan Yussef and Nashia Imam Hamdan, which was demolished in November, 2005. ICAHD will provide the Hamdans, their three children, their two grandchildren and their two daughters-in-law with a home and assistance in resisting the policy of home demolitions, which is illegal under international law."

For those among us who pray, pray for peace, for a negotiated prisoner exchange, for an end to war, for an end to the Israeli Occupation, an end to Palestinian suicide bombings. But whether or not we pray, let us learn from that great union organizer, Mother Jones: "Pray for the dead, and fight like hell for the living."

Contact Ira Grupper: irag@iglou.com

windfall tomatoes:
a rabbit zigzags
the garden row

— S.R. Spanyer, 31 October 2005

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American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)/Kentucky Chapter (502.893.9828)
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BODIES FLOOD BAGHDAD MORGUE

Baghdad's central morgue received 1,595 bodies last month — the highest number since the bombing of the revered Golden Mosque in Samarra on February 22 which sparked a wave of sectarian killings, pushing the country towards all-out civil war. According to the morgue official, there were 1,375 bodies in May and 1,155 in April. The level of violence increased despite the killing on June 7 of the al-Qaeda in Iraq leader **Abu Musab al-Zarqawi** in a US air strike. He was blamed for a campaign of car bombs and suicide attacks that US and Iraqi officials said was aimed at sparking a civil war among Shi'ites and once-dominant Sunnis. (news24.com)

In the wake of such massive car bombings, suicide bombings and air strikes, **CINDY SHEEHAN is moving the peace camp to DC**. The camp on the National Mall (September 8-21) will carry the name **CAMP DEMOCRACY at Fort Fed Up**. Organizers intend to bring together peace activists along with social justice activists united in demanding a shift of public resources from war to the needs of people. Participants will lobby Congress to end all funding of the occupation of Iraq, and will demand that Congress hold the Bush Administration accountable for the falsehoods that launched the war and the abuses of power here at home that have accompanied it.

Participating organizations and guest experts and celebrities will provide workshops and training sessions on a wide range of issues, as well as on communications, voter registration, nonviolent civil disobedience, lobbying, organizing, media production, and performance arts.

Learn more by going to the website: <http://www.campdemocracy.org>

HAMAS BRINGS NO IMPROVEMENT TO PALESTINIAN LIFE

As the Palestinian Islamic Movement (**HAMAS**) gained control with an overwhelming surprise victory in the recent election, the repressive life inflicted upon Palestinians continues. As Adam Keller wrote in the newsletter *The Other Israel* (5/06), "Palestinian lawmakers and cabinet ministers cannot secure to their constituents so much as the right to move freely from one village to its neighbour, or safeguard any of them from being lifted from their beds at late night raids and taken off to detention and interrogation by the Israeli security services.

"The Palestinian Authority is not able to mint its own currency. Nor can it collect its own taxation, since it is not in control of its own borders. Rather, for the payment of salaries, it is dependent on Israel to levy customs duties and VAT on its behalf — moneys which Israel is treaty-bound to pass over.

"In addition, the Palestinian Authority is highly dependent on aid from the international community, especially the Europeans — aid which in the hey-day of Oslo was supposed to build up the Palestinian infrastructure, and which in recent years barely suffices to prevent the PA's collapse."

In this article, Adam Keller reminds us that when the Fatah leadership signed the Oslo accords in 1993, they recognized Israel and abolished the PLO's "National Covenants." In exchange they expected to get an end to the occupation. This was supposed to happen in 1999, at the end of the "interim period" envisaged in Oslo.



"But in 2006 the occupation is all too much still there. Israeli settlements have grown substantially since 1993, to which was added the **Wall/Fence/Barrier** cutting through Palestinian lands, and the numerous checkpoints and road-blocks and roads reserved to Israelis only."

To contact Adam Keller: P.O.B. 2542, Holon 58125, Israel. e-mail: otherisr@actcom.co.il

PASTORS FOR PEACE CARAVAN CROSSES US BORDER

"We are writing this press release (7/6/06) from the Customs dock in Reynosa, Mexico. Our caravan of nine brightly painted vehicles arrived at the international border at 6:15am escorted by local police, and continued on into Mexico. One of the toll collectors flashed a "V" sign — for victory and for peace — as we passed through the toll booth and headed across the Pharr International Bridge, carrying more than 100 tons of humanitarian aid for Cuba. The aid was collected in 127 communities around the US and Canada.

We were briefed by local police on the day prior to our crossing. We understand that there were high level meetings involving US attorneys, Customs officials and local police to determine how they would handle the challenge from Pastors for Peace this year. We remember last year's action in which US Customs, under orders from the US Commerce Department, selectively inspected and confiscated items of humanitarian aid including computers destined for disabled Cuban children.

Rev. Lucius Walker, executive director of IFCO/Pastors for Peace, said, "The US is calling for regime change in Cuba; but we are here today calling for regime change in the US. It's time that our government turned toward peace, toward reconciliation, toward respect for the sovereignty of Cuba and of all our neighbors. We are here today to show it can be done." (Contact Ellen Bernstein or Lucia Bruno at IFCO/Pastors for Peace, 418 W 145th St, NY, NY 10031. E-mail: ifco@igc.org photos and more information on the website, www.pastorsforpeace.org

NATIONAL CALL TO ACTION: THE WORLD REMEMBERS HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI

Confront Those Who Build Weapons of Mass Destruction and Profit from Death

August 5-6, 2006 at the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Plant, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Imagination and creativity are the central themes of the peace action in Oak Ridge this year, where the enriched uranium for the Little Boy bomb was created.

"This year's format is slightly different. The nice green fields where we usually gather have been fenced and bulldozed. So the peace rally on Saturday will take place in Bissell Park beginning at 10:00am. We will enjoy the fruits of creativity — music, drama, giant puppets, community — as we celebrate life and say "NO" to the promise of death by nuclear weapons. From Bissell Park participants will march to the gates of Y12.

On Sunday we will gather at Y12 for the remembrance ceremony at 6:15am. We will read the names of those who died along with first-hand accounts of the devastation and other readings, followed by the tying of peace cranes on the fence. The remembrance concludes at 8:30am.

On Wednesday, August 9, the destruction of Nagasaki will be marked by a peace lantern ceremony in Knoxville, at Sequoyah Hills Park beginning at 8:15pm and ending with the launching of peace lanterns in the Tennessee River."

Stay in touch with **OREPA** (Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance), 865.483.8202. E-mail: orep@earthlink.net

Court case

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The Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression has decided to come onboard; we need to continue to fight until all vestiges of inequality are eliminated. The Kentucky Alliance has always supported desegregation, even though many leaders in our community have disagreed.

Tom Moffett, an alliance board member, said: "Eliminating the racial factor in student assignment would close the door on the most visible tool our society has recognized as a valid way to keep schools working toward overcoming centuries of slavery and discrimination.

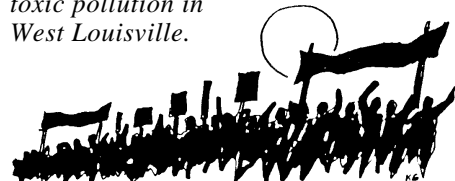
"Now that the challenge to use race in student assignment is coming from whites, it is much easier to focus on the fundamental need for continuing to recognize that historical and present injustice can never be overcome if school districts are no longer allowed even to consider race in matters of student assignment."

We cannot allow this landmark decision that would reverse the gains we have achieved in education, employment, minority contracts and voting.

Dr. Joseph Lowery once said: "We have bled too profusely to turn back now!"

We are urging our brothers and sisters in the social justice movement to rise up and be counted!

The writer is an activist with **REACT**, a group fighting toxic pollution in West Louisville.



People Aren't The Enemy

By Robert Kenney

You can't kill the devil with a bomb

If you try he just smiles as others die

If you see him beside an Israeli soldier and launch a suicide attack or if you see him in a Palestinian terrorist hideout and blow it up with planes and tanks he smiles more broadly.

If you try to get rid of him by raining bombs on an entire country he smiles as much as he did in the smoke coming from the world trade center

If you were to launch multiple hydrogen bombs he would smile the biggest smile of all.

You can't kill the devil with a bomb.

Alternative budget (continued from page 2)

have this same effect). We believe that the mayor and Metro Council must provide funding for youth delinquency and violence prevention (not just detention), drug and alcohol rehabilitation, and recidivism prevention, to be placed mostly under budget sections I(E)(6), I(H), and I(E)(5)(a), respectively. Specifically, we propose the founding and funding of the following programs. We believe that the full and prompt adoption of these measures would go a long way toward healing, restoring, and transforming Metro Louisville, and making it the beacon light of humanity and effective government that it has always had the capability to be.

These measures include the following:

- \$200,000 for training in conflict resolution and practical living, and to study the effects of uprooting families from their homes due to urban renewal, which we believe is a factor in increased violence in the metro area;

- \$100,000 for a program under which all juvenile and adult offenders would be required to attend weekly sessions upon release focusing upon making appropriate choices;
- \$700,000 for drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs for inmates and other citizens;
- \$500,000 in additional funding for low-income medical assistance, to include inmates — since many in our jails and prisons and "on the outside" need this due to lack of funds and health insurance; at least \$50,000 of this expenditure should be targeted specifically at adult males;
- \$150,000 to provide assistance for inmates with deficiencies in reading, math, and employment skills;
- \$75,000 additional allocation for summer jobs for youth.

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Calendar for peacemakers

July 24 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE** (every 4th Monday). Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, #10, 7:30pm. Visitors welcome. Call cochairs, Phil Schervish, 451-6638 or Dennis Bricking, 895-8516.

July 25-27 (TWT) **TRAINING OF EDUCATORS in Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation**, for school personnel interested in creating a student mediation program in their schools. Sponsored by the Peace Education Program. \$350 (\$650 for two-person team). Continental breakfast and box lunch included. Register by July 10. (Only 40 seats). Call 502/589-6583. peaceeducation@iglou.com

July 26 (Wed) **MEMORIAL SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF HENRY FRENCH WALLACE**. Community meal, music, readings of Henry's letters to the editor, a short video and remembrance. Masterson's Banquet Hall, 1830 South 3rd Street, 6:00 - 9:00pm Suggested contribution \$12 — \$25. For reservations call 502/228-7123. On this 47th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution, donations will be accepted for a local delegation to visit Cuba in honor of Henry Wallace..

July 27 (Thu) **COMMUNITY CHOIR REUNION & Kick-off for the Sept 10 Concert. 6:30-8:00pm**. Sponsored by the Peace Education Program. Practice dates will be Sept. 8 & 9. To be added to the choir list call 589-6583 or e-mail: peaceeducation@iglou.com Watch for updates: www.PeaceEducationProgram.org

Aug 4 (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 Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI OBSERVANCES August 4-11, 2006

August 4 (Friday)

Leafletting and readings from John Hersey's book *Hiroshima*. 4th & Muhammad Ali. 11:00 — 2:00.

August 5 (Saturday)

Film: "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes." Children especially invited. 10:00am. Details tba.

August 6 (Sunday)

Candle Floating Ceremony at the lake, Grinstead Dr and Lexington Rd, 8:00 pm.

August 9 (Wednesday)

Tolling of the Bell, in the garden, Christ Church Cathedral, 421 S 2nd St, noon.

August 11 (Friday)

Film: "Dr. Strangelove," with pizza, James Lees Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave.

Contact Terry Taylor, 299-7591. tatduende2@yahoo.com

Aug 5 Sat) **SOUND & SILENCE: A SUMMER DAY OF CONTEMPLATION**, featuring Glenda Hodges-Cook, Director of the Center for Faith & Action, and Harry Pickens, internationally renowned jazz pianist. An opportunity for reflection and deep rest experiencing alternating periods of music, chant, and silence. 9:30 — 4:00. Sliding scale \$30-\$50. Please bring a sack lunch. James Lees Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave. Call 896-0172.

Aug 6 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE** every first Sunday evening remembering all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a sign. Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. 7:00-8:00 pm Sponsored by LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community). Call Ken Nevitt, 558-9124. E-mail: pcunity@yahoo.com www.louisvillepeace.org

Aug 9 (Wed) **KITLAC (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean)**. Every second Wednesday, Presbyterian Seminary, Nelson Hall, Room 10, 7:30 pm. Call David Horvath, 479-9262, or Pat Geier, 456-6586.

Aug 10 (Thu) **APPAP (American Palestine Public Affairs Program)**. Every second Thursday, League of Women Voters Building, 115 S. Ewing (off Frankfort Ave). 7:30 pm. Call Bashar Masri, 773-1836.

Aug 13 (Sun) **"AIM HIGHER"** focusing on military counter recruitment. Every 2nd Sunday at 7:00 pm, 2236 Kaelin Avenue at the FOR office. This group would welcome invitations to speak about conscientious objection, military recruitment, and the possibility for highschool students to "opt out" of having their names given to recruiters. Call Chris Harmer, 893-2334. charmer@ch2m.com

Aug 17 (Thu) **SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE**. Monthly meeting, every third Thursday, 5:30 pm. Public Library, 4th and York Sts., Room A downstairs. Call Kay Tillow, 636-1551.

Aug 17 (Thu) **LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community)**. Monthly meeting every Third Thursday evening. Douglass Blvd Christian Church, 7:00 pm. Call Judy Munro-Leighton, 456-6914; Ellen Schagene, 451-6392; or Ken Nevitt, 558-9124. www.louisvillepeace.org Your help is needed at the State Fair booth. Call now!

Aug 20 (Sun) **COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES**. (Every Third Sunday) First Unitarian Church, 4th & York Sts.. 3:00 pm. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Aug 21 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF FORsooth**. Contact George Morrison, editor, 944-6460, E-mail: klm86@netzero.com Note: For calendar listings, contact Jean Edwards, 458-8056. E-mail: edwardsfor@bellsouth.net

Aug 28 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE** (every 4th Monday). Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, #10, 7:30pm. Visitors welcome. Call cochairs, Phil Schervish, 451-6638, or Dennis Bricking, 895-8516.

Aug 29 (Tue) **KCADP (Ky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty)** every last Tuesday. Highland Presbyterian Church. 1011 Cherokee Rd, 6:30pm. Call Mark Meade, 541-9998. mmeade@bellarmine.edu or Kaye Gallagher, 721-8885, kcadp@earthlink.net

Aug 31 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING at Beverley's. Put your fingers to work to keep this important news flowing. We need you for one hour.** Call Beverley at 451-5658.

Sept 1-2 (FS) **WORLDFEST ON THE BELVEDERE**. 11:00 to 11:00 both days, ushering in "International Heritage Month." Multicultural events and festivals are planned for every weekend in September including the Americana World Festival, Festa Italiana, Oktoberfest, German Heritage Festival, myriad activities at the Louisville Free Public Library. Contact Omar Ayyash, Director, Office for International Affairs. Omar.Ayyash@louisvilleky.gov

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

Sept 6-8 (WTF) **SCHOOL INTEGRATION: Past, Present and Future**. A Conference commemorating the struggles and victories during 50 years of integration in the Public Schools. Sponsored by NAACP, Louisville branch. Call 502/776-7608.

Sept 8 (Fri) **FREEDOM FUND BANQUET, sponsored by NAACP, Louisville Branch**. Call 502/776-7608.

Sept 8/9 (FS) **SING-OUT and RAISE FUNDS** for the work of the Peace Education Program. Practice with the Community Choir and Harry Pickens on Friday night, 7:00—9:00, and again on Saturday, 10:00—12:00 and 1:00—3:00 with lunch provided. Central Presbyterian Church, 4th & Ky. Call 589-6583.

Sept 10 (Sun) **CELEBRATE! Bring family and friends to the "BE THE CHANGE" Community Choir and Concert directed by internationally renowned jazz pianist HARRY PICKENS**. Benefit for the Peace Education Program, with Dawne Gee of WAVE 3-TV as concert emcee. First Unitarian Church, 809 S. 4th St., 4:00 — 5:30pm. Call 589-6583.

Sept 12 (Tue) **GEORGE SOROS, novelist, international financier and philanthropist**, will speak at 6:00pm at the Kentucky Center for the Arts, sponsored by the Kentucky Author Forum. In his novel, *The Age of Fallibility: Consequences of the War on Terror*, he addresses the threats of nuclear proliferation, global warming, terrorism, and the breakdown of international cooperation.

Sept 21 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH: "EYEWITNESS REPORT FROM IRAN."** Louisvillians who were part of FOR's mission to Iran in May will relate their experiences and bring us up to date on peace efforts in Iran. Call Ona Owen, 897-5831.

Sept 22/23 (FS) **KENTUCKY WOMEN'S BOOK FESTIVAL**, honoring and celebrating the outstanding accomplishments of women writers in and from Kentucky, featuring noted authors Sallie Bingham, bell hooks, and Sena Jeter Naslund. Their books will be available for browsing and purchase at the festival bookstore. Festival activities include numerous workshops, book signings, a luncheon and an awards program recognizing Women Who Write Poetry and Short Prose. Spalding Egan Center, 851 S 4th St. Friday, 8:30-7:00. Saturday, 9:00-6:00. Call Carridder M. Jones, chair, 502/426-9158. cmjone01@louisville.edu www.kwbf.info

Oct 1 (Sun) **DARE TO CARE, Food Bank Festival on the Great Lawn at Waterfront Park**, presented by Kroger. A fun family event. Watch for details.

Oct 6-8 (SS) **ST. JAMES COURT ART SHOW**

Oct 28 (Sat) **2006 HEALTHY FOODS, LOCAL FARMS CONFERENCE, featuring Barbara Kingsolver**. Bellarmine University. Watch for details.

Oct 31/Nov 1,2 (TWT) **COMMUNITY INSTITUTE WORKSHOP**. Hands on training in: 1) interpersonal conflict resolution, the mediation process and prejudice reduction skills, 2) conflict resolution skills to work with youth, 3) opportunities to share triumphs & concerns. Register before Oct 20. Only 40 seats. \$350. Call the Peace Education Program for registration form, 589-6583.

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

Oct 20-22 (FSS) **NATIONAL WEEKEND OF FAITH IN ACTION ON THE DEATH PENALTY**, sponsored by Amnesty International. Kristin Houle, Coordinator. Phone: 202/544-0200, ext.496. Fax: 202/546.7142. E-mail: khoule@aiusa.org. www.amnestyusa.org/abolish/sdpac

Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) — (568-1918)

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

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

AMERICA 2000 DEMOCRATIC CLUB — 4th Tuesday (459-0616)

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL — 1st Saturday (637-8951)

APPAP (American Palestine Public Affairs Program) — 2nd Thursday (895-8155)

BREAD FOR THE WORLD — 1st 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)

CLARK & FLOYD COUNTIES AIDS COALITION — (288-2706)

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

COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST — 2nd Monday (456-6586)

COMMON CAUSE — 1st Tuesday, every other month (454-7797)

COMMUNIST PARTY USA — Sunday evenings (473-2659)

CONVERSATION CAFE — Wednesday evenings (454-4820)

COUNTER RECRUITMENT, "Aim Higher" — Second Sunday (893-2334)

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

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

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION — 4th Monday (451-6638 or 895-8516)

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY — Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays (637-6265)

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

INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE — 1st Tuesday (214-7322)

JOBS WITH JUSTICE KENTUCKY (625-3724)

JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER — 3rd Saturday (562-6737)

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 (541-9998)

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

KY RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION — (774-4000)

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

LOUISVILLE MEDIA REFORM COMMUNITY — 3rd Wednesday (584-4811)

LPAC (LOUISVILLE PEACE ACTION COMMUNITY) — 3rd Thursday (558-9124)

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

LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP — Friday nights (893-0788), www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org

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

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

MUHAMMAD ALI INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, at UL (852-6372)

NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) — 3rd Monday (776-7608)

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

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

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

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

RCRC [Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice] — (866-606-0988)

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

SHADHULIYYAH SUFI SPIRITUALITY GROUP — (637-5010)

SINGLE WOMEN'S GROUP — 3rd Sunday (812-866-1667)

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.