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## Racial justice all over US hinges on Louisville case

by Gracie Lewis

The Congressional Black Caucus' 36th Annual Legislative Weekend featured a House Judiciary Committee Brain Trust discussion on "Diversity in Local Schools — Have We Reached the End of the Brown Era?"

The panel focused its attention on the most important cases in this country - one from Louisville.

Panel member Charles Ogletree, a professor at Harvard Law School, said the Louisville school case and a similar one in Seattle, both of which will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court in its 2006-2007 term, could mean the end of all voluntary school desegregation measures if the two school systems lose.

On June 5, the Supreme Court announced its plan to hear *Meredith v. Jefferson County Public Schools* and *Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District*.

These cases can turn us all the way back to *Plessy v. Ferguson*, an 1896 case which allowed the states to practice segregation.

The issues in this case can result in our living in a segregated society or a legal non-segregated society. We won't go back!

In December, oral arguments will be heard in the Louisville and Seattle school assignment cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Backers of desegregation are trying to draw 200,000 people to Washington, D.C. Decisions will be issued in both cases between January and June 2007, probably on the same day.

For information about going to Washington, call (502) 778-6408, (502) 214-0985 or (502) 641-1809.

At a time in which we here in Louisville are commemorating the 50th Anniversary of desegregation in education in our city, the *Meredith* case comes before the Supreme Court alleging that her son was denied entrance to an advanced program because he was white.

For more than 50 years, this nation has accepted and practiced with honor the principles of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Any chipping away at this landmark decision will directly affect African Ameri-

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## Steps to Peace

photos courtesy Interfaith Paths to Peace

Pilgrims for peace walk from the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani in Nelson County, Ky. 52 miles to downtown Louisville Sept. 7-11 to note the 9/11 attacks and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mohandas Gandhi unveiling his plan for nonviolence. The Gandhi-Merton Pilgrimage for Peace and Nonviolence also noted the life of Trappist monk Thomas Merton.



## Seven bypass leaders, take peace plea to Iran's people



photo by George Morrison

From left, David Owen, Ona Owen, Neville Blakemore, Emil Roy and Richard Humke tell the Third Thursday Lunch crowd of their peace mission to Iran in April.

by George Morrison  
FORsooth editor

Five Louisvillians who stood between the verbal fire of a unilateralist Bush administration and an Iranian president who has called for Israel to be destroyed spoke Sept. 21 of more friendly encounters between the nations on their FOR-organized peace mission to Iran.

Husband and wife David and Ona Owen, Neville Blakemore, Emil Roy and Richard Humke were five of seven people from the city who were on a 23-member FOR delegation to Iran in April. They spoke at the Louisville FOR's Third Thursday Lunch.

The mission of the delegation was to break through the enmity of the two governments and to learn about Iran and its people.

"I was struck by the youth, by the enthusiasm, the kindness, the curiosity of the people we met," said Roy, a retired English professor at the University of South Carolina.

The other two Louisvillians from the delegation, Gray Henry (who is Blakemore's wife), and Katherine Fulkerson, were unable to attend the lunch.

Roy said a New York Times column he read recently calling for President Bush to respond to a sharply worded letter from Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad by calling Tehran and offering to negotiate serves as perfect advice for Bush.

"The gap between that extremely reasonable suggestion (in the column) and the reality reminded me that for the last century and a half... Iran has been badly abused by outside powers — by the Russians and the British between the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, by our government in overthrowing an elected government of (premier Mohammad Mossadeq) in the '50s and then siding with Saddam for the long, extremely excruciating war between 1980 and '88."

Roy said half of Iran's 70 million people are under age 25 and 70 percent are under 30, a fact due in part to the mass deaths during the war with Iraq.

Yet, Iran is hardly a young nation; Roy said it is a more than 2,500 years old, which he contrasted with Iraq, which was created by the British after World War I

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# War, markets not answer to world’s ills, Soros said

by *Ike M. Thacker IV*  
and *Eustace Durrett*

“The war on terrorism cannot be won by waging war. We must, of course, protect our security; but we must also correct the grievances on which terrorism feeds.... Crime requires police work, not military action.”

So has the famed financial speculator, stock investor, liberal political activist, and philanthropist George Soros said. These words were reflected on September 12 at the Kentucky Center for the Arts when Soros responded to a question posed by his interviewer (and former Clinton chief of staff) John Podesta by saying, “We have to fight the terrorists, but war is not the way to do it.”

This is so, claims Soros, because there are always *consequences* of war, including “innocent victims” whose existence plays right into the terrorists’ hands and whose numbers are inevitably increased when fighting hard-to-find targets such as guerrilla warriors and terrorists.

Soros has some standing to comment on such issues for a variety of reasons, not least among which is the fact that his lifetime has seen him witness many wars.

George Soros was born Gyorgy Schwartz on August 12, 1930, in Budapest, Hungary. His father, who spent time during and after World War I as a prisoner of war in Siberia but escaped to return to his family in Hungary, was the Esperanto author Tivadar Soros.

Tivadar also spent some time elsewhere in Russia around the time of the Revolution (and was influenced by the advent of the Bolshevik regime); around a decade and a half later, in 1936, he changed the family’s name to Soros to avoid persecution in fascist/Nazi Hungary.

Eight more years on, when in 1944 Germany started exterminating Hungarian Jews, Tivadar had his children pose as children of Gentiles in order to survive. George survived the battle of Budapest, in which Soviet and Nazi troops fought building-to-building throughout the city; and he did his first currency trading during the Hungarian hyperinflation of 1945-1946.

He escaped to the West in the latter year by attending an Esperanto youth congress, moved to England in 1947, and graduated from the London School of Economics in 1952. At first he could find only unskilled jobs, but later worked for various investing and speculating firms in Europe and the U.S. (where he moved in 1956).

Soros has been active as a philanthropist since the 1970s, and has stated that his purpose in investing and speculating (through such entities as the Quantum Fund and Soros Fund Management) is to make enough money to support himself as an author and philosopher. The main thrust of his activism, philanthropy and philosophy has been to promote the advent of “open societies” in (especially) Eastern Europe and Africa, and their perpetuation in the West and North, with the goal of furthering the philosophical ideas of his mentor, Karl Popper.

Soros has set up many “institutes” to facilitate these goals; the largest and most prominent is the Open Society Institute (OSI), which currently spends about \$400 million a year.

At its root, it seems from Soros’s answers to questions posed by Podesta (whose “think tank” Soros supports) that all of this stems in part from the rather unique early life that Soros had, and from the epistemological principle that *no one* has a monopoly on ultimate truth. Most recently, perhaps, as far as major new initiatives are concerned, Soros spent some \$26 million in an ill-fated attempt to defeat George W. Bush and the Republicans in the 2004 U.S. elections. On 9/11/2001, says Soros, the U.S. was dominant everywhere, and even now only our own misconceptions can harm us — but, under Bush, there are many of these, these days, starting with the proposition that “democracy” and capitalism have a joint monopoly on absolute truth.

Soros begs to differ, believing that markets do *not* necessarily tend to equilibrium, but rather

toward booms, busts, and bubbles; he has made many billions of dollars from his ability to predict how markets would in fact perform. Elsewhere, Soros has said: “Stock market bubbles don’t grow out of thin air. They have a solid basis in reality, but reality as distorted by a misconception.” He believes that the entire international economic system, even though he “plays” the existing one well, needs fundamental reform. Soros emphasizes that we must not confuse the idea of an “open society” with values that are uniquely “of” the United States or certain of its right-wing, religious citizens.

For Soros believes that the current curbing of civil liberties in the U.S., justified by Bush as part of the “war on terror,” endangers the very existence of our nation as one of Popper’s “open societies.” Soros even went so far in the Podesta interview as to compare the U.S. to totalitarian governments of the recent past, and to say that we are living in a “feudal” society.

The U.S. and its few allies, Soros said, need to learn — the unrepresentative examples of Japan and Germany after World War II notwithstanding - that democracy simply cannot be imposed from outside. One *cannot* invade with the purpose of installing it. As Gandhi might say, we need to be the change we wish to see. On the subject of democracy, Soros also stresses that it is more than just elections, saying nations also need institutions such as courts to make sure that the first election is not also the last.

Soros has many provocative and thought-provoking insights, for example the statement that the “war on drugs” is worse than the drugs themselves and the suggestion that at bottom bin Laden, Al Qaeda, and the other terrorists are playing on the West’s fear of death. For all of that, though, neither he nor his presentation is perfect. He fails utterly to understand that the U.S. shouldn’t have invaded even Afghanistan in pursuit of bin Laden; also lost on him is the notion that the U.S. is the problem in Iraq, even as that country drifts toward civil war, and not part of the solution. At the same time, Soros *is* wise enough to point out that, even though Saddam was a “tyrant,” we need *international* rules on when and how to replace such leaders.

We also must be careful to keep in mind that Soros himself has not always been morally perfect (but then, who has?). He has been convicted of insider trading in France and once “broke the bank of England” with one of his currency-market moves. And Soros does not believe that *any* economic system based on the profit motive and free enterprise is inferior to socialism.

But Soros’s single most prominent focus in this interview is reflected in the title of his latest book: *The Age of Fallibility: Consequences of the War on Terror*. He says that one simply cannot effectively fight a war against an abstraction; the “war on terror” thus can never end if it is allowed to get too good a head start. He said *we must* act now to end it!

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# Peace ed hires 3rd trainer

The Peace Education Program training youth and adults in nonviolence and conflict resolution skills has hired a third trainer.

Isaac Burt, who has worked with youth and adults at the Bellewood Presbyterian Home for Children, the Luther Lockett Penitentiary in La Grange and an environmental school, will help the Peace Ed program reach youth with high levels of conflict and many natural conflict resolution skills, the program said in a news release.

Burt has masters degrees in public administration and public health counseling, the program said, adding: “Please join us in welcoming Isaac to the peace and justice community.”



Isaac Burt

# Letters, donations sought for imprisoned activist

Activists against racism are asking for letters and donations to help Louisvillian Daniel Cobble, who is imprisoned in Ft. Worth, Tex. after being charged with pouring tar on the steps of a federal courthouse as a protest.

Cobble has frequently been moved to prisons and jails in various states without his family being notified since he allegedly poured the tar on a Louisville courthouse steps in May to protest a justice system he called corrupt and non-supportive of “pro se litigants,” people filing their own suits.

The Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression has asked for letters and e-mails to media protesting Cobble’s treatment.

Cobble can be reached by writing Daniel Cobble 09961-033, SCI, P.O. Box 15330, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76119-5996, the alliance said.

The group said concerned people can make donations or learn about being a host of fundraising events for Cobble’s case by calling the Kentucky Alliance at (502) 778-8130 or e-mailing [KYAll@bellsouth.net](mailto:KYAll@bellsouth.net).



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# Nine of varying beliefs unite to back Nicaragua’s poor

I did not travel to la República de Nicaragua for its majestic flora and fauna, nor for its splendid beaches, lakes and volcanoes.

From September 10 to 17, I was in Nicaragua with Hand In Hand Ministries, a caring Louisville-based Christian group, on what they term an “immersion trip,” a visit to the second poorest nation in Latin America and the Caribbean (only Haiti is more destitute).

Among the nine of us were mostly Catholics, one member of the fundamentalist South-east Christian Church, and your correspondent, a secular Jew from a family of Orthodox Jewish stock. We, and the three dedicated Hand In Hand staff in Managua, came to develop a close bond, a shared mission and an appreciation for the dignity, amid dire circumstances, of the poor of Nicaragua, the vast majority of the populace.

We were there to paint walls and build cabinets at La Chureca Center, a pre-school and daycare mostly for children of parents who work at the La Chureca City Dump, a privately owned wretched, befouled and stinking area where people rummage through trash searching for recyclables alongside emaciated dogs, horses and cows (yes, cows) foraging for food.

“Chureca” comes from the word “chucher” which refers to cheap stuff, throwaway merchandise. Yes, throwaway human beings.

There are shacks located on the grounds of the dump. They are not near the dump — they are on the dump, if you please.

Our group was also there to visit, paint and do carpentry for Pan y Amor (Bread & Love), a school for boys with no families, or with families financially or otherwise unable to care for them. But to your humble scribe, the larger undertaking was to identify and interact with the Nicaragüenses, a huge majority poverty-stricken people whose collective daily life is one of survival and whose bearing is one of dignity.

We also passed through wealthy neighborhoods, walled communities. We drove by a for-profit hospital, built by the matron of the wealthiest Nicaraguan family, for the upper crust. We also ate, swam and sunbathed at Laguna Apoyo, a breathtakingly splendid lagoon surrounded by the lushness that showcases Nicaraguan trees, plants and flowers.

I was so much reminded of the Sarah Cleghorn poem (referring to 19th century British child labor):

*The Golf links lie so near the mill  
that almost every day  
The laboring children can look out  
and see the men at play.*

Surely Juanita was not one of those at play. Juanita (not her real name) gets up at the crack of dawn to get her three children ready for school. She walks them maybe a mile or so to where the bus will pick up two of her kids, and walks the third to a different school. She then goes to her job, working long hours as a domestic.

We met her because one of her kids is a scholarship student at a private elementary school. Juanita, a strikingly beautiful diminutive woman, is a victim of spouse abuse, and is raising her children alone. Her quiet dignity shields a struggle to survive.

She lives in a shack made of mostly tin and some wood. It rained the day we were there, and she had us move our car: the dirt road becomes so rain-soaked that it is impassable.

That same day, Juanita lost her electric power. Her neighbor had been kind enough to let her “use” his electricity. But he just got his first refrigerator, and needed his electricity back to run it. So, when we left, Juanita had no lights. Maybe the great Nicaraguan poet, Ruben Dárido foresaw our sister’s plight:

*The seeds of prayer that flowered  
in blasphemies,  
the bewilderment of a swan among  
the puddles,  
the false nocturnal blue of a sick Bohemia.  
Far-off harpsichord, silent and forgotten,  
that never gave my dreams the  
sublime sonata;*



*orphan skiff, heraldic tree, dark nest  
which the night made lovely with its  
silver light;  
Hope still aromatic with fresh herbs;  
the trill  
of the nightingale in the morning in  
the spring;  
the white lily cut down by a fatal destiny;  
the search for happiness, and evil’s  
persecutions —  
And the dismal amphora with its  
divine poison  
that causes the inner torments of this life;  
the fearful knowledge of our human mire;  
and the horror of knowing that we  
are transitory,  
the horror of walking blindly,  
among alarms,  
toward the unknowable, toward the  
inevitable;  
and the brute nightmares that rack our  
weeping sleep,  
from which no one but She can wake us up!*

When I signed up for the trip a couple of months ago, I verbalized my feelings as honestly as I knew how: Hand In Hand Ministries is a humanitarian group, and my perspective is political: the U.S., starting with the thief and exploiter for whom Vanderbilt University is named, to the megalomania and despotism of William Walker, to our backing of Somoza fascism, to our Contra surrogates backed by Ronald Reagan —our hands are dripping blood. And then there’s Plan Puebla Panama and CAFTA

Further, I told my friends at Hand In Hand that when the Sandinistas were in power, in 1986, Nicaragua won a historic case against the U.S. at the World Court, and the U.S. was ordered to pay Nicaragua \$12 billion in reparations for violating Nicaraguan sovereignty by engaging in attacks against it. The U.S. has never paid this debt, and maybe this is why Nicaragua cannot paint its own community center walls.

I told my friends that I had visited Nicaragua twice before: in the 1980s, when the Sandinistas were developing programs to bring the population to self-sufficiency and dignity, and around 1997, when the Chomorro regime was returning the people’s property to private exploitation and imperial design.

Still, Hand In Hand responded, it is not political. But Hand In Hand is full of love and commitment for the poor. Its immersion trip participants, even if seemingly totally and completely unread about Nicaraguan culture, history and politics, want a better world for all of its people. The learned and kindly director, even after my protestations, still wanted me to be part of the trip. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity.

At the Pan Y Amor School, I faced a difficult circumstance. The director of the school, a Brit who has lived many years in Nicaragua, and spent time in the U.S., seems totally dedicated to the well-being of the boys.

When we first met her, this is what she said: “The (school) staff is hopeless. They have social work certificates, but (inadequate) education. They’re communists. Give me, give me.” The latter remark referenced what she said was the staff’s demand to be paid for a holiday in advance, and to be paid double-time for working the day before the holiday.

Then she allowed as to how these children, who had not entered the school environment at an early-enough age, would not be college material, if even high school material.

Not very pleased with these gratuitous

criticisms, I sought out the facts. My Spanish is not at all proficient, but I can speak some. So I talked to a couple of teachers. Yes, they are all Sandinista supporters. The teachers are sensitive, perspicacious and knowledgeable.

They earn about \$100 (U.S.) per month, so I would say they are dedicated to the youngsters.

I also established a rapport with the boys. I can talk like Donald Duck (Pato Donald). So could one of the boys. We went back and forth, Spanish and English.

*The U.S. has never paid this (World Court-ordered) debt, and maybe  
this is why Nicaragua cannot paint its own community center walls.*

I made them an origami bird out of paper. They made me a cross, and a grasshopper (saltamontes) out of palm leaves.

I asked two of the boys if they knew about Nicaraguan poets and writers. One wrote down for me the names of four Nicaraguan writers. I am embarrassed to say that I only knew the works of one. The second young man recited, from memory, two poems by Ruben Dárido. He then showed

me his book of Dárido poems. Inside the book he had stored a photograph of himself at a graduation or award ceremony.

He said that he wanted me to have the picture. I was speechless, and starting to cry. How could I accept his precious possession, this boy who had so few possessions? How could I not accept it? Finally, I told him how much I appreciated his generosity, but that the picture is so lovely I want him to be able to show it to the next group from Hand In Hand Ministries which visits the school.

Maybe I am naive, but I think, contrary to the headmistress, that they have a good shot at successful futures, if only we “cultured” folk would get the hell out of their way. And I am most grateful to Hand In Hand Ministries for allowing me to see such saFintly souls in an atmosphere of love and hope. Muchas gracias.

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# Omissions hardly hurt critique of Bush acts

## Our Endangered Values America’s Moral Crisis

by President Jimmy Carter  
Simon & Schuster, 2005, 200 pp.

*reviewed by George Morrison*

Jimmy Carter’s advocacy of human rights as the 39<sup>th</sup> president was propelled by his religious faith, but often constrained by the tendency of Washington to resist change from established precedent, in this case uncritical support for despotic regimes if they were anti-Soviet.

Carter rejected an impassioned plea from Archbishop Oscar Romero to cut off military aid to the El Salvador government, which, fully fortified by U.S. aid and training, murdered the archbishop and tens

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of thousands of other innocent people. Carter also gave full support to the cold-blooded Khmer Rouge dictatorship in Cambodia, never invoking his stated belief in human rights in the face the slaughter of millions of Cambodians - all so that we could pull the pro-Khmer Rouge government of China into a more anti-Soviet orbit.

The fiascoes of El Salvador and Cambodia were failings of the ostensibly pro-human rights Carter presidency and his not mentioning Romero or the Khmer Rouge at all is a serious deficiency of the book that reflects a fault of the man.

However, *Our Endangered Values* puts the reader in a forgiving mood as Carter exposes with factual precision and thorough analysis of The Bible the excesses of the George W. Bush administration.

The book achieves its goal of showing how the Bush administration has radically and recklessly abandoned, not just altered, long standing practices in arms control, the environment, use of military force and separation of church and state.

Like the author himself, the book is simple yet intense, an excellent read that outrages yet frequently leaves the reader hopeful, particularly through descriptions of some very effective grass-roots anti-poverty initiatives of The Carter Center, which the president and First Lady Rosalynn Carter founded in the 1980s.

Jimmy Carter shows how the fundamentalist mindset, far from strengthening traditional religious values, has undercut the original intent of Christianity, which actually favored female-male equality during the life of Jesus, who — the book noted — never said a bad word about gays.

“There is one incontrovertible fact concerning the relationship between Jesus Christ and women: he treated them as equal to men,” Carter wrote.

Despite affirming that Jesus never condemned gays, Carter will disappoint some on that issue by saying he is “comfortable with” limiting legal marriage to heterosexuals as long as civil unions or equal domestic partner benefits are guaranteed to same-sex couples.

The book also said that Islamic teachings are also contravened by the actions of fundamentalists of that religion - from the 9/11 attacks to the holding of U.S. hostages by Iran, explaining that the Koran stresses compassion and peace and calls for benevolent treatment of diplomats and visitors from other nations.

The book’s main thrust is challenging the fundamentalist propensity for unilateral military force, again defining this as a drastic departure from precedent. Further-

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# I think, therefore I equivocate, or minimize US crimes

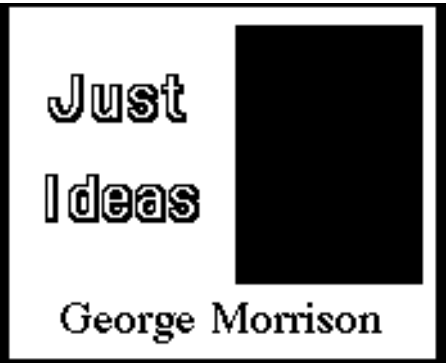
Dennis Wholey, the host of the PBS show “*This is America*,” sat across the table from a book-wielding guest with a perspective on our recent history that invited some in-depth questioning.

Admiral Stansfield Turner, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the late 1970s, was being interviewed in December just after he released a book, when Wholey delicately brought up a period which most who believe in the CIA would rather forget.

The U.S., Wholey asked, overthrew governments, didn’t we?

Turner answered: “Yes we did, I think.” I think?

The former director of the Central Intelligence Agency is allowed to equivocate over such an unarguably real chapter from recent history? Thirty years after hearings chaired by U.S. Senator Frank Church of Idaho verified — not suggested - that the U.S. abused its CIA resources to force brutal dictatorships on Guatemala



and Iran and at least open the way for the Pol Pot savagery in Cambodia, our leaders still use rhetorical trickery to sanitize our badly sullied foreign policy

Some may say I’m over-reacting to two little words that may have come out because of awkward parlance, rather than deception. Well, imagine, say, acclaimed presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin responding

“Yes he did, I think,” when asked if Richard Nixon resigned. Her very fitness to speak publicly would be questioned.

With Turner, however, Wholey let the issue die, shrinking into the role of servile spin artist, rather than probing journalist. No request that Turner delve more into what the U.S. did to Guatemala and other nations. No asking what on Earth he meant by “I think.”

It is through this brand of FUQ (Frequently Unasked Questions) that journalists often collaborate with the power structure, allowing our rulers to accomplish a form of censorship, despite the first amendment. They don’t outright censor. They minimize.

Now I know that people who feel as I do are not going to be sent to a labor camp for speaking of CIA coups that overthrew governments, often solely to benefit private companies, nor for asserting that Turner’s absurdly fuzzy knowledge of them was a sham.

We’re also, however, not going to be summoned to the set of “*This is America*” to talk straightforwardly about the crimes of U.S. foreign policy makers and the corporations that have too much influence over them.

One of the worst abuses of power this minimizing has effectively erased from the public mind happened in Guatemala, when a democratic government was overthrown in 1954 by the CIA - in the name of containment of the Soviet Union - and replaced with a frightful dictatorship considered the worst in this hemisphere (Kentuckian Sister Diana Ortiz is one of the best known victims of this regime’s terror).

Decades later, we learned that the United Fruit Co. spurred the CIA to overthrow the Guatemalan government of Jacobo Arbenz Guzman because it feared Arbenz’ announced land reforms would hurt its profits. More than one CIA official had vested interests in the company, as documented in the book *Bitter Fruit: The Story of the American Coup in Guatemala*.

Halfway around the world, another crime that Turner “thinks” happened was

the U.S. overthrow of the neutralist Cambodian government of Prince Sihanouk in 1970. Although this did not directly bring the Khmer Rouge to power, it created a vacuum that they filled. The Khmer Rouge regime then murdered 1.7 million Cambodians while enjoying - even though it was Marxist in name — the full support of the U.S., all because the U.S. was anxious to court China, an ally of the Khmer Rouge, to form a stronger front against the Soviets.

Iran - though not by any means entirely through the fault of the U.S. — hasn’t been democratically and benevolently ruled since 1953, when the CIA and British intelligence overthrew the government of premier Mohammad Mossadeq.

He wasn’t perfect, but the sole reason he was ousted was that his policies didn’t favor U.S. and British oil companies.

No wonder Hugo Chavez, the elected leftist president of oil-rich Venezuela, seems pre-occupied with accusing the U.S. of trying to overthrow him. History is on the side of those accusations.

U.S. media generally portray Chavez as a paranoid fanatic, an image made more believable by withholding information about the U.S. coups against Guatemala and Iran.

The sooner the U.S. power structure becomes accountable for these crimes and starts the process of fixing the damage they did, the sooner we can finally enjoy the international good will we say is essential to our nation.

If we continue to cover up or minimize our history of illegal intervention, more episodes U.S. foreign policy makers dread — like (sadly) 911, the Iranian hostage fiasco or (happily, so far) Chavez’s revolution in Venezuela, are inevitable.

The Stansfield Turners may not care what ordinary grass roots people have to say, but hear this: I don’t think this is true. I know it.

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## Iran’s people *(continued from page 1)*

Humke, a retired Episcopal priest, said he was not prepared for the high rise buildings and heavy traffic of many cities the delegation visited.

“I was surprised at how very, very modern it is. It is a very vital culture,” he told the lunch crowd. “I also was taken by the people we met. All of them were so bright, smart, intelligent, informed.”

Ona Owen, who lived in Iran in 1969 and 1970 as Canadian diplomatic corps worker, said the delegation encountered no hostility toward Americans, despite talk by the Bush administration of attacking Iran. This was made particularly clear during a farewell dinner in a restaurant, she said.

“The owner of the restaurant said in Farsi, the local language, that we want to welcome our American guests, and he was very flowery in his speech welcoming us,” she said. “And the whole restaurant was this huge, huge thunderous applause.

“So a lot of Iranians love Americans.... They have a lot of family and friends over here,” she added. “This was really a wonderful opportunity for me to return to this fabulous country and really explore what’s been happening in the past 27 years that we have not had relations with Iran.”

Many of the speakers recalled people wearing blue jeans, along with traditional scarfs on women, and saw shirts with emblems of U.S. sports teams (one saw a shirt advertising the Kentucky Horse Park near Lexington).

Blakemore said limited religious tolerance characterized the Iranian society he saw (he had last visited the country in 1962). He said Islam, Christianity and the Zoroastrianism are allowed and seemed to get along smoothly, but that the Bahai faith, which originated in Iran, is brutally repressed.

David Owen credited Louisville FOR chapter co-founder Jean Edwards with promoting the idea of joining the delegation, resulting in so many from Louisville going (seven of 23 members were from the city).

He also said the trip was consistent with the FOR’s history.

“FOR has been sponsoring trips like this for a long time, to Russia during the cold war, Vietnam... to Iraq for that war,” he said. “They did far more than send missions around. As you know, they do training and they do other kinds of activism for peace.”

Several speakers acknowledged the unjust actions by the Iranian regime, such as declaring the holocaust by the Nazis against the Jews never happened.

But Roy said violence to remove the regime is not morally acceptable.

“My conclusion from this was that peaceful means, as slow as they are, are the only way that we can hope for regime change in Iran.”

*Bread for the World regional organizer Larry Hollar will talk at the Oct. 19 Third Thursday lunch. For details, see an ad on page 6.*

## Racial justice *(continued from page 1)*

cans and others ethnic minorities in respect to housing, minority contracting, education and employment opportunities. On August 26, news came that the Bush administration issued its brief attacking the Jefferson County Public School System Assignment Plan. On that same day, the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression was holding a “Desegregation/Education Summit” to discuss the issues involved in both of these cases.

The Kentucky Alliance has gone on record in support of diversity and upholding the principles of Brown v. Board of Education. Both of these plans were implemented because of housing patterns within Louisville and Seattle and not for a particular child.

In Louisville, where there are majority white school districts, removal of Brown v. Board of Education would mean a return to segregated schools. All students have the right to be exposed to ethnically diverse communities. There are students here in Louisville from all over the world, with 14 languages spoken among them.

We cannot ignore the growing number of ethnic minorities in communities across this country. Thus, the emphasis should be clearly on how to provide a high quality education for all children. If our children are going to prepare to work in a global market, how can this be achieved if we go back to segregated neighborhoods and schools? Many of the panelists agreed that there is much more to both these cases than just school assignment plans, including an attempt to steal all of the gains we as a people have achieved.

These cases will impact on other areas of our life in employment, minority contracting, and housing opportunities. The walls of segregation will surely come back up again! We can’t let that happen. So, we are calling on the social justice movement to get involved.

In the University of Michigan cases, the Supreme Court held that the law school’s admission plan was appropriately limited in its use of race, but the undergraduate school’s use of race was too broad and constituted an unconstitutional quota. In the Meredith and Parents Involved cases, the central issue for the Supreme Court are likely to be (1) whether the requirement of “narrowly tailored” use of race should be applied differently in K-12 schools than in college and graduate schools, and (2) whether the Jefferson County Board’s 2001 plan and the Seattle Plan are “narrowly tailored” under the standard that the Supreme Court determines is applicable to K-12 schools.

The American Civil Liberties Union said the Jefferson County Board of Education may use race to determine to which non-traditional, non-magnet school in the Jefferson County Public Schools system a student may be assigned. Use of race in the current JCPS student assignment plan with respect to non-traditional, non-magnet schools furthers educational diversity and voluntary maintenance of a desegregated school system, which are both compelling state interests under the current law.

The Board fashioned the current JCPS student assignment plan to prevent segregated housing patterns from defeating the school board’s goal of educational diversity and a desegregated school system while maximizing the choice of schools available to each student. Thus, the board’s assignment plan passes the constitutional tests.

On October 10, The Jefferson County Board of Education’s brief is due. It is time we who believe in diversity and equality stand up and defend Brown v. Board of Education. We won’t go back!

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

### Close the School of the Americas!

**We are in the process of organizing our annual delegation to protest at the School of the Americas, re-named the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC), at Ft. Benning, Georgia, on November 18 & 19, 2006. The school has trained Latin America soldiers in counter-insurgency techniques, psychological warfare, interrogation tactics, etc. and hundreds of thousands of Latin Americans have been tortured, raped, assassinated, "disappeared" and massacred by those trained at the SOA.**

**Many of you receiving this letter have gone on the bus with us in the past and will be receiving your registration form and letter in the mail in the next few weeks. For those of you who have never gone —**

### IS THIS THE YEAR YOU WILL JOIN US?

**Our buses will leave for Columbus, Ga. on Saturday, November 18. We recently took a survey of area folks who had traveled with us previously, and the overwhelming majority wanted to leave earlier so we could be in Columbus for Saturday's events, so this year we are considering leaving much earlier (around 1:00 AM) so we can arrive in time for the events held during the day on Saturday as well as the vigil on Sunday. We will spend Saturday night in Columbus, participate in the vigil at Ft. Benning on Sunday and then leave a little earlier (hopefully around 3:00 PM, after the vigil) and head back to Louisville, arriving home about 11:00 PM. Cost will be approximately \$75 for the bus and approximately \$27 per person for the room, if you are willing to share a room with four people. We may have some scholarship money available.**

**It's always a fun trip — Inspiring, educational, and the demonstration/march on Sunday is very spiritual and emotional. You won't be disappointed.**

**Please contact one of the following organizers if you are interested and want a registration form or just more information. The registration deadline is October 20.**

**Mary Ann Lambert 425-3844 [lambertmalcontent@msn.com](mailto:lambertmalcontent@msn.com)**

**Dotti Lockhart 897-9680 [dottianbob@aol.com](mailto:dottianbob@aol.com)**



# Health care funded by one payer supported

by S.R. Spanyer

The cost of health care in the U.S. is twice that of other developed nations, all of which have single payer health insurance, Dr. Steffie Woolhandler said in Louisville Sept. 14

Woolhandler, an associate professor of medicine at Harvard University, also said during her talk at the Louisville Free Public Library that the U.S. is behind Western Europe, Canada, and Japan in health care actually provided to its citizens.

The co-founder of Physicians for a National Health Program defined health care as services provided by physicians, nurses, technicians, orderlies, as well as drugs, hospitalization, and physical therapy.

And health coverage is necessary, Woolhandler said, explaining that studies following patients for three to five years with and without health care indicate that death rates are 25 percent higher for the uninsured and considerably higher for the underinsured.

Health service, hospitalization, drug treatment, and physical therapy are available in the U.S., but for many the money to pay for the care is not available, she noted. Further, a study following bankruptcies at court proceedings in the U.S. indicates that in over 50 percent of the cases underinsurance for health care is a contributing factor in going bankrupt, Woolhandler said.

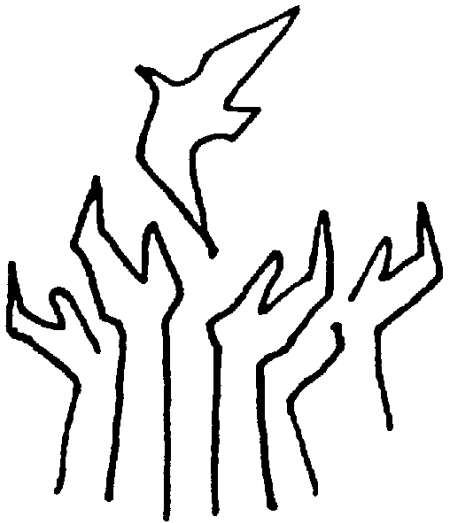
Common scenarios she described: a patient with a heart condition loses her teaching position, and with it her insurance, although the need for continued care does not stop; a family member quits her job to look after a spouse with a lung condition and outright loses her family's insurance coverage; a person with a bad knee injury continues work but must go into debt to pay for uninsured physical therapy for \$8,000 to be able ever to walk again.

Woolhandler said the U.S. for-profit health insurance industry takes from 10 to 22 cents of every dollar paid toward health care and uses it for paperwork and its own salaries. And each insurer's plan is different; this adds work to the paperwork of doctors, nurses and physicians' office staff, she added. By comparison, Canada's nationalized health program spends one-tenth of a cent of every dollar on paperwork, record-keeping and salaries, she said.

A former CEO of Aetna was paid nearly \$58 million (pay being defined as salary, bonuses, exercised options and vested stock grants) over 5 years ending in 2005, Forbes.com said.

American citizens, when polled, want universalized health coverage 2 to 1, Woolhandler said. And 49 percent of doctors, a plurality of those surveyed — some fearing lower incomes themselves, others disheartened to be turning patients away from treatments that are available, but available at a prohibitive cost — also want single payer health coverage, she said.

*The writer is an FOR member living in Louisville.*



# Swift story could have backed mediation

The September 2006 article on the conflict between Butchertown and Swift Co. must have been a difficult one to write. After all, FORsooth might have been expected to sympathize with a neighborhood group wanting to protect or improve conditions for its residents just as much as with a union company employing many minority workers.

It sounds as if the situation pits two potentially sympathetic interests against each other. It may be that the Butchertown group is in the wrong, or is using heavy-handed tactics or fear-mongering to propel an unjust campaign — but there is little evidence in the article to demonstrate this if true. Instead, the

article asks us to throw in completely with the employees, who, by virtue of being largely minority, are necessarily “oppressed,” their employer “beleaguered.”

A more responsibly written article might have suggested that this is a tricky situation with potentially serious outcomes for the Swift Co., their workers, and their neighbors. In the spirit of FOR, it might have suggested we give our attention to finding compromises or a mediated solution for the benefit of all, rather than assuming “justice” lies with one side alone.

Fred Otto, Louisville



Letters to FORsooth

## Critique of Bush acts *(continued from page 4)*

more, Carter describes a Bush administration that blithely scraps disarmament treaties and the Geneva Convention charter on treatment of prisoners, with no concern for consequences or for the bi-partisan consensus that for decades backed them.

Again, however, the former naval officer Carter clearly limits how far religious pacifism should shape policy.

“Even as a small boy, my ambition was to go to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, to become a naval officer and to devote my life’s career to the defense of my country and its principles around the world,” Carter wrote in a chapter where he also condemned the Iraq war as unnecessary.

“Although prepared to give my life if necessary as a submarine officer, I joined other officers and men in a common commitment that American’s obvious strength and steadfastness would be a deterrent to war - that we were the ones who were preserving peace. I never felt that my dedication to military service was a violation of my faith in Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace.”

Carter said even his very limited principle of using war only after peaceful means have been exhausted has been demolished by Bush’s unprovoked war on Iraq, resulting in a huge loss of the world’s good will toward the U.S.

Carter isn’t by any means strictly partisan in this book, noting failures of administrations of both parties. He traces the surge in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank to a decision in 1993 by President Clinton to give “almost blanket approval to settlement expansion,” a trend which he notes is favored by fundamentalist Christians.

Israeli plans to retain many such settlements and expand a large enclave called Ma’aleh Adumim, Carter wrote, likely will doom Bush’s “road map for peace,” adding: “This will be a tragedy for the Israelis and the Palestinians.”

*The reviewer is the editor of FORsooth.*

## Third Thursday Lunches

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October 19

#### Advocacy for Development: The Peace Connection

Larry Hollar, Bread for the World regional organizer, will discuss grassroots efforts to increase U.S. funding to meet the Millennium Development Goals to reduce hunger, poverty and disease and enhance education and the environment. Kentuckians are being mobilized to support BFW’s approach to justice advocacy

November 16

#### Single Payer: The Best Medicine for a Sick Health Care System

Garrett Adams, MD, Physicians for a National Health Program-KY and Kay Tillow, Kentuckians for Single Payer Healthcare, will explain how non-profit, publicly funded and privately delivered health care can solve the health care crisis in the U.S.

January 18

#### Blacks and Labor: Building a Movement Together

Attica Scott, Coordinator, Kentucky Jobs with Justice, will give a brief history of the subject, then explore some of the opportunities and tensions that exist as these groups support a progressive social justice movement and finally, suggest opportunities for action by identifying ways in which both groups can work more collaboratively

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Buffet Lunch at 11:30 • Presentations at Noon  
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GAZA:  
UNBELIEVABLE RAGE

There is horror taking place in Gaza, described by Gideon Levy in Tikkun as “Gaza’s darkness.” The article came to us on 9/5/06. One reads in disbelief.

The Israel Defense Forces have been on a rampage through Gaza — killing and demolishing, bombing and shelling, indiscriminately. The pretext for this full-scale invasion was a Palestinian attack to incapacitate an Israeli tank emplacement near the border which was shelling Gaza, and the capture of an Israeli soldier (Gilad Shalit).

The only power station was bombed. Thus in large parts of Gaza there is no electricity, and more than half the electricity supply will be cut off for at least another year. Without electricity, supplying homes with water is nearly impossible. Gaza is filthier and smellier than ever. Because of the embargo, no salaries are being paid and the street cleaners have been on strike. Piles of garbage and obnoxious clouds of stink strangle the coastal strip.

Gaza is like a prison. The main crossings, including the Rafah crossing, have been open only a few days in the last two months. Some 15,000 people waited for two months to enter Egypt; some are still waiting, including many ailing and wounded people.

“One must see the scenes at Rafah to understand how profound a human tragedy is taking place. A crossing that was not supposed to have an Israeli presence continues to be Israel’s means to pressure 1.5 million inhabitants. This is disgraceful and shocking collective punishment.”

In the last two months Israel has bombed and assassinated, destroyed and shelled, and no one stopped it. Many innocent civilians were killed — homes and entire families wiped out. Hospitals are collapsing with more than 900 people undergoing treatment. At Shifa Hospital (the only such facility in Gaza that might be worthy of being called a hospital) the writer saw heartrending scenes — children who lost limbs, on respirators, paralyzed, crippled for the rest of their lives.

Families have been killed in their sleep, while riding on donkeys or working in fields. Frightened children, traumatized by what they have seen, huddle in their homes, with horror in their eyes. Sewage systems, roads, bridges, schools were all destroyed in this massive “kill and destroy” campaign which continued for 34 days.

“Gaza is also poorer and hungrier than ever before. There is nearly no merchandise moving in and out, fishing is banned, the tens of thousands of PA workers receive no salaries, and the possibility of working in Israel is out of the question.”

Now, as we go to press, the Palestinian President, Mahmoud Abbas, announces that Israel will receive Palestinian recognition in the newly planned national unity government. Yes,...BUT after paying such a dreadful price! We now must ask if Israel will recognize Palestine.

*Note: Some information taken also from James Petras (9/7/06) in “Israeli-US Strategy: Lebanon and Iran.” [www.dissidentvoice.org](http://www.dissidentvoice.org)*

CAN WE PREVENT  
AN ARMS RACE IN  
OUTER SPACE?

This is an uphill struggle all the way. The Pentagon plans to deploy anti-satellite (ASAT) and other offensive space-based weapons as soon as the Bush administration gives the military the green light. This information comes from **Bruce Gagnon**, Coordinator of *Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space*. (We remember so well his presentation in Louisville in 2003 at our Hiroshima/Nagasaki event.)

However there has been a shift by NASA in its once-ambitious space **nuclear power plans** which have been put on a slow track as developments in **solar power** generation are studied. “NASA is already planning a solar-powered mission to study the atmosphere of Jupiter, and has looked at sending probes as deep into space as Neptune using only the sun’s energy for spacecraft and instrument power,” according to a recent letter from Bruce Gagnon.

This is a major victory for the Global Network, Bruce states, “as we have maintained since 1989, when we organized against the launch of NASA’s plutonium mission Galileo, that solar could be used instead of nuclear power in deep space.” While recognizing that plans for nuclear power in space still live, **including efforts to power WEAPONS in space**, we know that persistent opposition helped push NASA into doing something they long



resisted — using solar power for deep space exploration.

Bruce gives a glowing report on the work of Global Network at the **World Peace Forum** last June in Vancouver. Many key leaders were able to come and the space workshops were well attended by people from all around the world.

Also in his letter Bruce calls us to speak out for **conversion of the military-industrial complex**.

Weapons are our nation’s #1 industrial export product, and **ENDLESS WAR** is our global marketing strategy. He asks, “Why can’t we build public rail systems, solar power, and windmills with our tax dollars instead of weapons for endless war?” He refers to an article by Seymour Hersh in The New Yorker (8/21/06) explaining how the recent attacks by the US in Lebanon will probably be the prelude to an attack on Iran.

To learn more, visit the web site [www.space4peace.org](http://www.space4peace.org) or call 1/207/729-0517. Send \$75 and receive the new video filmed at the World Peace Forum in Vancouver. P.O. Box 652, Brunswick, Maine 04011.

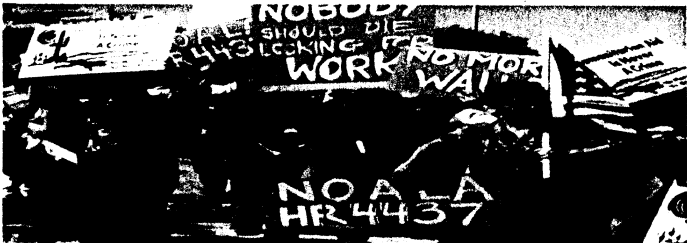
HANG UP ON THE TELEPHONE TAX

The phone tax has been laid to rest at age 108. The abolition of the federal excise tax on long-distance phone calls became effective on July 31, 2006. “It’s time to disconnect this tax and put it on the permanent do-not-call list,” said Treasury Secretary John W. Snow. This decision, he continued, “marks the beginning of the end of an outdated, antiquated tax that has survived a century beyond its original purpose, and by now should have been ancient history.” It was first imposed to help pay for the Spanish-American War and has continued through all of the US wars since then.

In a New York Times article (5/26/06) Ken Belson writes that the Treasury Department is bowing to changes in technology and pressure from taxpayers and phone companies. We are prompted to acknowledge the many members of our local peace community who have faithfully refused to pay this “war” tax every month. Certainly we can say, “**we won**” — **sort of!**

Though the tax will still be imposed on local phone service, the government will reimburse three years’ worth of taxes on long-distance calls, including any plans that combine local and long-distance calling. Consumers typically pay about \$18 a year in excise taxes if they have a long-distance service and a cellphone. They will be able to file for a refund on their 2006 federal income tax returns.

To learn more, contact NWTRCC (National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee), PO Box 150553, Brooklyn, NY 11215 (1/800/269-7464)



Border Issues and Immigrant Rights Tour

MEXICO SOLIDARITY NETWORK AND  
COALITION OF IMMOKALEE WORKERS!  
OCTOBER 15TH-16TH LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

***“BEHOLD, THE WAGES OF THE FARM LABORERS, WHICH YOU KEPT BACK BY FRAUD, CRY OUT; AND THE CRIES OF THE HARVESTERS HAVE REACHED THE EARS OF THE LORD OF HOSTS... YOU HAVE FATTENED YOUR HEARTS IN A TIME OF SLAUGHTER.” JAMES 5: 4-5***

Today there are about 12 million undocumented workers in the US, constituting almost 10% of the workforce, performing vital functions in our economy ranging from food production and processing, to sanitation, construction and manufacturing. **The worst economic and political policies of the US and Mexico are played out at the border and against the undocumented underclass among us.** In continued consciousness-raising and mobilizing against criminalization of immigrants and militarization of the border, organized Louisvillians welcome spokespersons for **human rights and justice at the border, for the well-being and dignity of domestic workers in NYC and for a fair food economy from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW).** Come connect the dots with us in solidarity!

**IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AND BORDER STRUGGLE DIALOGS:** Sunday, October 15, 3:00 p.m., St. Rita Catholic Church (8709 Preston Highway). Contact Gio Guerra for details: [giomonalisa@yahoo.com](mailto:giomonalisa@yahoo.com) 852-7714 (Open to general public)

**McEXPLOITATION RALLY:** Sunday, October 15, 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. McDonalds at corner of Bardstown and Taylorsville Roads. Converge as CIW takes the fight from Taco Bell/Yum! Brands to McDonalds to end Sweatshops in the Fields. Connect the dots with border and labor rights speakers linking economic marginalization, abuse of migrant workers and low wages. (Parking off Trevillian or in area business parking lots, plan to walk 5-10 minutes to rally).

**JUSTICE FOR MIGRANTS AT THE BORDER!:** Monday, October 16, 7:00 p.m., St. Philip Church at 236 Woodbine in Old Lvl. Come one and all to learn what is happening at the border and how we can act in solidarity with immigrant workers and forced migrants.

To find out more about these events, contact Stephen (Esteban) Bartlett (502 894 9308/ [sbartlett@ag-missions.org](mailto:sbartlett@ag-missions.org) or Aramie Bloom [aramie@sfalliance.org](mailto:aramie@sfalliance.org) (502) 544 1933



# Calendar for peacemakers

- Oct 1 (Sun) **FOCUS ON COLOMBIA.** The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Colombia, the Rev. **VILMA YANEZ**, will be featured at a community potluck supper at Central Presbyterian Church, 4th & Kentucky Streets, 6:00pm. Her remarks will cover the political climate, the death threats, the “drug war” and more. Everyone cordially invited. Learn more by visiting [www.PCUSA.org/peacemaking/intl/international.htm](http://www.PCUSA.org/peacemaking/intl/international.htm)
- Oct 1 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE** every first Sunday evening remembering all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a sign or candle. Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. 7:00-8:00 pm Sponsored by **LPAC** (Louisville Peace Action Community). Call Ken Nevitt, 558-9124. E-mail: [pcunity@yahoo.com](mailto:pcunity@yahoo.com) [www.louisvillepeace.org](http://www.louisvillepeace.org)
- Oct 4-25 (Four Wednesdays) **INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY** for those seeking to deepen their covenant relationship with God and to sustain this relationship, presented by **Dr. E. Glenn Hinson**, Professor Emeritus at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va. Center for Faith & Action, James Lees Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave, 7:00-9:00pm, \$50. Call 896-0172.
- Oct 6 (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.
- Oct 7 (Sat ff) **SATURDAY ACADEMY.** (High school students and adults) First & Third Saturdays at Shawnee Community Center, 607 S. 37th St. Second & Fourth Saturdays at Duvalle Education Center, 3610 Bohne Ave. 11am to 2pm. Each program begins with a 90 minute African world seminar led by **Professor Blaine Hudson**, Dean of UL College of Arts and Sciences, and a Pan-African Studies faculty member. The next 90 minutes feature workshops, speakers and special events presented by UL faculty, students and community partners. Contact Linda Wilson, 502/852-0271. [llwils01@louisville.edu](mailto:llwils01@louisville.edu) or Bani-Hines-Hudson, [banihineshudson@yahoo.com](mailto:banihineshudson@yahoo.com)
- Oct 8 (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. [ch2m.com](http://ch2m.com)
- Oct 10 (Tue) **DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE. Contact the Jefferson County Board of Elections, 502/574-6100.**
- Oct 10 (Tue) **“THE OPEN HOUSING MOVEMENT OF 1966-67: The Role of Faith Organizations.”** Forum sponsored by Metropolitan Housing Coalition featuring **Rev. Charles Elliott, Rev. Tom Moffett, Suzy Post** and moderated by **Dr. Tracy K’Meyer**. First Unitarian Church, 4th & York Sts, 12:00pm. Call 584-6858. [www.metropolitanhousing.org](http://www.metropolitanhousing.org)
- Oct 11 (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.
- Oct 12 (Thu) **STOPPING THE MADNESS - HEALING THE TRAUMA OF VIOLENCE.** Learn how violence impacts all those in its wake and how people around the world are learning to heal from the life-destroying trauma that it creates. Brown Bag Lunch (drinks and dessert provided). 12:00 noon. Ali Institute, 2nd Floor, Ekstrom Library, UL. Call 852-6372. [www.aliinstitute.louisville.edu](http://www.aliinstitute.louisville.edu)
- Oct 12 (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.
- Oct 13 (Fri) **PIZZA & A MOVIE** (Every second Friday): **“Paradise Now.”** Sponsored by Interfaith Paths to Peace. 6:00pm. Free. Donation for pizza suggested. Call Terry Taylor, 214-7322. [tatduende2@yahoo.com](mailto:tatduende2@yahoo.com)
- Oct 15 (Sun) **HOLD THE DATE!** Convergence of spokespersons for immigrant rights and border demilitarization, domestic worker rights and farmworker rights coming together for a **RALLY AT McDONALD’S**. Bardstown Rd at Taylorsville Rd, 6:00pm. Join the preliminary discussion at the **KITLAC** meeting on Oct 11, Room 10, LPTS. Call David Horvath, 479-9262 or Pat Geier, 456-6586. [sbartlett@ag-missions.org](mailto:sbartlett@ag-missions.org)

Oct 19 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH** sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation: **“ADVOCACY FOR DEVELOPMENT: The Peace Connection.”** Presentation by **Larry Hollar**, Bread for the World regional organizer, discussing grassroots efforts to increase U.S. funding to meet the Millennium Development Goals to reduce hunger, poverty and disease, and to enhance education and the environment. Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 W Oak St. Buffet lunch, \$6, begins at 11:30. Presentation at noon. Reservations required. Call Polly Johnson, 473-8435 or Mary Ann Lambert, 425-3844.

- Oct 19 (Thu) **SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE**, every third Thursday, 5:30pm. Main library, 4th & York Sts, Board Room, Mezzanine. Call Kay Tillow, 636-1551.
- Oct 19 (Thu) **LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community)**, every third Thursday evening. Douglass Blvd Christian Church, 7:00pm. Call Judy Munro-Leighton, 456-6914; Ellen Schagene, 451-6392; or Ken Nevitt, 558-9124. [www.louisvillepeace.org](http://www.louisvillepeace.org)
- Oct 20 (Fri) **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR THE BUS TRIP TO COLUMBUS, GA** (Nov 18/19) to join in the protest at the School of the Americas. We lost the vote in Congress in June by only 30 votes. Now we must push hard for HR 1217 that will suspend operations at the school and call for an investigation into the use of torture manuals. Reserve your seat now. Call Mary Ann Lambert, 425-3844, [lambertmalcontent@msn.com](mailto:lambertmalcontent@msn.com) or Dotti Lockhart, 897-9680, [dottianbob@aol.com](mailto:dottianbob@aol.com)
- Oct 22 (Sun) **SPIRITUAL DETOX, breaking free from addiction to a toxic way of life.** Examining the deadly lure of status, our eating habits, our relationship to housing and community, our use of energy, and our spending habits. Focus on living our core values and living nonviolently. Presented

by **TERRY TAYLOR**, Director of Interfaith Paths to Peace. Bishop’s Hall, Christ Church Cathedral, 425 S 2nd St. 1-5pm. Call 896-0172. [www.faith-action.org](http://www.faith-action.org)

Oct 23 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE** (every 4th Monday). Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, #10, 7:30pm. Visitors welcome. Call Phil Schervish, 451-6638 or Dennis Bricking, 895-8516.

Oct 23 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF FORsooth.** Contact **George Morrison, editor**, 944-6460, E-mail: [klm86@netzero.com](mailto:klm86@netzero.com) **Note: For calendar listings**, contact Jean Edwards, 458-8056. E-mail: [edwardsfor@bellsouth.net](mailto:edwardsfor@bellsouth.net)

- Oct 24 (Tue) **KCADP** (Ky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty) every last Tuesday. Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Road. 6:30pm. Call Kaye Gallagher, 721-8885 or Mark Meade, 541-9998. [kcadp@earthlink.net](mailto:kcadp@earthlink.net)
- Oct 25 (Wed) **PRESLER LECTURE** at the Presbyterian Seminary featuring **DR. DANA L. ROBERT** from the University of Boston School of Theology where she is **Professor of World Christianity and History of Mission**. Caldwell Chapel, 1044 Alta Vista Rd, 10:00am. Free. Call 895-3411 [www.lpts.edu](http://www.lpts.edu)
- Oct 26 (Thu) **2006 STATE OF METROPOLITAN HOUSING REPORT, Press Conference and Presentation.** The report this year will add information on the Hispanic community to Measurement 2: **Housing Segregation by Race, Income, Gender and Ethnicity.** The report helps us understand our changing community and how we welcome or isolate growing demographic groups. It also looks at the poverty of the elderly, a growing part of our community. Noon, Louisville Urban League, 1535 W Broadway. Call Erica Licourt, Administrative Assistant, 584-6858.
- Oct 26 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING at Beverley Marmion’s. 6:30pm.** Please share your expertise and enjoy the conversation. We need you for one hour. Call Beverley, 451-5658.
- Oct 26 (Thu) **EDWARDS LECTURE** at the Presbyterian Seminary featuring **DR. DELORES WILLIAMS, womanist theologian** and **Paul Tillich Professor Emerita of Theology and Culture** at Union Theological Seminary, NYC. Free. 7:00pm. Gardencourt on the Seminary campus, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Call 502/895-3411 [www.lpts.edu](http://www.lpts.edu)
- Oct 26 (Thu) **“A NATION AT WAR: Understanding the Impact of War on America.”** Discussion sponsored by the Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice, UofL, to examine the social, emotional, economic and moral impact of war on our lives. A challenge to take responsibility for our government/s actions at home and abroad. 7:00pm. Location TBA. Call 852-6372. [www.aliinstitute.louisville.edu](http://www.aliinstitute.louisville.edu)
- Oct 28 (Sat) **2006 HEALTHY FOODS, LOCAL FARMS CONFERENCE, featuring Barbara Kingsolver**, Author and Environmentalist. Bellarmine University. 8:00-5:30. Registration \$40 includes meals, snacks, conference materials. Food served will be locally and sustainably grown. Scholarships available. Call 270-685-2034. E-mail: [aloma.dew@sierraclub.org](mailto:aloma.dew@sierraclub.org)
- 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.
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- Nov 3-5 (FSS) **ENGAGING OUR WORLD, A Social Justice Leadership Conference for the Southern United States.** University of Louisville. Designed to bring the student population of the South together for a weekend of immersion in social justice issues as well as the organizations that focus on these issues. To work toward solving the problems that plague our cities, nation and world. For more details, contact Jennifer L. Wallin. [jwall06gwise.louisville.edu](mailto:jwall06gwise.louisville.edu)
- Nov 5 (Sun) **28th ANNUAL HUNGER WALK**, sponsored by the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community (K.I.C.). Waterfront Park, Festival Plaza. Register at 1:00pm. Walk/Run/Bike at 2:00pm. Benefits local Community Ministries as well as Women’s Agricultural Project in Western Africa, Kentucky Harvest’s Blessings in a Backpack, and Dare to Care’s Backpack Program. Contact Rosemary Cavanaugh 451-3860x15, Evelyn Vaughn 239-4317 or Doug Fowler 468-0438.
- Nov 5-11 **FESTIVAL OF FAITHS 2006**, including signature events: Community Thanksgiving Celebration, Children of Abraham Dinner, and Interfaith Breakfast. New this year will be the **“Festival Scholars” program**, providing a public forum for local scholars of religion to share/discuss topical information in relation to the Festival. Also new will be the **“How to Be a Perfect Stranger”** series complementing the goal of better knowing our neighbor’s religious practice when dealing with death. The theme of this year’s Festival will be “Death and Dying Through the Eyes of Faith.” Most Festival activities will be at the Louisville Gardens, 525 W Muhammad Ali Blvd. Call 583-3100. [info@cathedralheritage.org](mailto:info@cathedralheritage.org)
- Nov 7 (Tue) **COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING**, sponsored by “Festival of Faiths” at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 443 S. 5th St.
- Nov 7 (Tue) **ELECTION DAY! Vote for progressive candidates.** A list of endorsed candidates is available from the Committee for Fairness and Individual Rights (CFAIR). Call 502/893-0788.
- Nov 7-28 (Four Tuesdays) **CREATION SPIRITUALITY as articulated by Matthew Fox, Joanna Macy, Thomas Berry.** Presented by **Mark Steiner** of Cultivating Connections. Sponsored by the Center for Faith & Action, James Lees Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave, 7:00pm, \$40. Call 896-0172. [www.faith-action.org](http://www.faith-action.org)
- Nov 11 (Sat) **AWAKE DREAMERS, and ACT!** By befriending our dreams we can begom to hear the messages of love and wisdom that come from within us. Presented by **Lois Luckett**, licensed clinical social worker with 28 years of experience in counseling, leading retreats for religious groups, and directing dream workshops. Center for Faith & Action, James Lees Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave, 7:00pm, \$40 (includes lunch).

## 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)
- FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF LOUISVILLE – 2nd Tuesday (893-8436)
- 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](http://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](mailto: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)
- 911 TRUTH LOUISVILLE (502-609-6022)

*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.*